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Compensation benefits up

Workers injured prior to July 1 of this year, and receiving time-loss benefits, will soon have increased workers' compensation benefits.

The new benefits, effective July 1, will amount to a 9.8 percent increase, according to Roy Green, director of the Oregon Workers' Compensation Department.

"Injured workers' maximum benefits in this state are provided by law and governed by the Oregon average weekly wage," Green said. "The Employ-

ment Division of the Department of Human Resources advises (that) the new average weekly wage for Oregon is \$286.88. This figure becomes the maximum weekly limit used for the calculation of time-loss benefits by workers' compensation insurers."

Green added that benefits will also increase for most permanently and totally disabled workers and spouses of fatally injured workers. Those workers and spouses who received increases last July will receive

an 18.7 percent increase in their August benefit check.

All other permanently and totally disabled workers who presently receive less than \$998 a month will have some increase in benefits. Spouses who did not receive an increase in their benefits last year will receive a 9.8 percent increase with this July's check.

These increases come from a special fund which is financed by contributions from Oregon workers and their employers.



Photo by Gwen Bogh

Thirteen-year-old Marty Fadness and his Lego toys, which helped him create a design which a corporation is going to patent.

Boring youth's invention may benefit corporation

by GWEN BOGH
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Lego toys and a young boy's imagination may aid a company in solving a problem.

The clever mind of 13-year-old Marty Fadness of Boring created a mechanical device which a Minnesota construction company plans to patent.

Rights to Marty's invention were turned over to the large corporation. And since the processing of the patent is taking place, details must remain confidential until everything is signed, sealed and delivered.

It all began when Marty's father, Quinton Fadness, was in Minnesota on a business trip. He talked to a corporate official about his son's creation, which he made from Legos. At the time, the firm was confronted with a mechanical

problem which could be solved by Marty's concept, according to Fadness.

"Marty's device displays a unique quality," Fadness said, adding that the company should benefit from the invention. The company plans to make a working model from the toy for study.

Marty Fadness has long been fascinated by mechanics. For several years he pieced together cars, trucks, tanks, trailers and tractors, using Lego toys collected from friends and family as gifts.

When asked how much time he devotes to his creations, he turned to his mother and asked, "How many times have you asked me to do something when I was working on my Legos?"

The time was considerable. Marty's fascination with mechanical things began as a young boy. His father said

that Marty would be underfoot constantly as he worked around the house. He recalled a time when his son crawled onto the car Fadness was repairing and hung from the hood to peer into the engine to watch.

"He's always been inquisitive," Fadness said. Marty's mother would give him shoe boxes and other throw-aways and he would turn them into useful items.

"Working as a mechanical engineer in town, Fadness would take his son to work with him on occasion. Not only did he watch his father at work, but Marty spent many hours reading trade and technical magazines.

Builders must register

There are 5,409 homebuilders and contractors in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties registered with the State Builders Board. As of June 1, 15,363 builders were registered throughout the state.

New construction as well as home remodeling and repair reaches its peak in Oregon during the summer months. A homeowner who is having work done on a home should first be sure the

builder is registered by calling the Builders Board toll-free at 1-800-452-7813.

Builders who are registered with the Builders Board are bonded and insured for the homeowner's protection.

Homeowners who deal with nonregistered builders do not have a bond to rely upon should problems develop. In addition, the builder could be fined up to \$1,000 for working while not registered.



Signs of the Last Days

11. INCREASING LAWLESSNESS, BLOODY CRIMES AND VIOLENCE. Matt. 24:12, 2 Tim. 3:13, Eze. 7:23

It is all too obvious that this sign is fulfilled. Crime and lawlessness are increasing with shocking rapidity - at a rate four times greater than that of population growth. The wisest statesmen of our time are concerned for the survival of civilization, because crime sweeps forward seemingly beyond control.

12. SCOFFERS AND RELIGIOUS SCEPTICS WHO RUN AWAY FROM BIBLE TRUTH. 2 Peter 3:3, 2 Tim. 4:3, 4.

It is not difficult to find scoffers today in fulfillment of this prophecy. Even religious leaders are denying the plain Bible teachings of creation, the flood, the divinity of Christ, the second coming of Christ, and many other vital Bible truths. Psychiatry and the traditions of pseudo-intellectuals have replaced the Bible in most religious circles. Educators teach our youth to scoff at the Bible record of these great truths and substitute evolution and other man-made false teachings for the plain simple facts of GOD'S HOLY WORD.

13. A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THE WORLD IN THE VERY LAST DAYS. Matt. 24:14, Rev. 14:6-9

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