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Midas Launches Innovative Child Car Seat Program In Northwest

If Midas has its way, auto accidents will soon be less of a threat to children in northwest Oregon and southwest Washington.

Midas franchisees from Salem to Longview launched Project Safe Baby, a multi-faceted effort to help increase the correct use of car seats. The Oregon Association of Hospitals, the Oregon Medical Association and the Oregon Department of Transportation assisted with the program launch.

"Automotive safety has always been at the top of our agenda," said Shirley McBride of Midas. "Consequently, we're very concerned about the fact that there are so many tragedies involving children simply because parents allowed children to ride unrestrained or incorrectly restrained."

"We believe that by making the car seats available through our retail outlets and spreading the word about how to use them, we can help prevent some of these senseless tragedies," she added.

Through Project Safe Baby, Midas makes Century STE 1000 convertible car seats available at wholesale cost for \$42 at Midas Muffler and Brake

Shops in Portland, Vancouver, Salem and Longview. In addition, consumers who purchase their car seats at a Midas shop can return the seats when they are no longer needed and receive free Midas services worth \$42. The used seats will be donated to the Multnomah County Health Clinic.

"Project Safe Baby provides an incentive for consumers to use car seats," added McBride. "Essentially, the car seats are free, so there's no excuse for not using one to help protect our children."

In 1991, 13 children under the age of four died in Oregon car crashes—10 of these children were not secured in car seats. In Washington, five of nine children under the age of four who died in car crashes in 1991 were not in car seats.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates that one-third of children under the age of four who are placed in car seats are not buckled in correctly. That can be almost as dangerous as no car seat at all, according to Dr. Tongue of the Oregon Medical Association.

"Education is a critical component to any traffic safety program,"

explained Dr. Tongue. "It's important that parents recognize that beginning with the very first car ride home from the hospital, every child should be buckled up in a car seat."

Legislation pending in Oregon would require that children under the age of four be secured in car seats. In Washington, legislators are considering a law requiring that children age two and younger be secured in car seats. Currently in both states, car seats are required only for children under the age of one.

With the help of NHTSA, Midas also has developed educational materials for parents and guardians, health professionals and youths. A 10-minute instructional video and brochure, titled "Tips for Safer Travel With Children," are available in both English and Spanish to illustrate the correct use of car seats.

"This is an issue for everyone—kids, parents, grandparents, babysitters, friends. Simply put, car seats help protect young lives," McBride said. "When we say we're serious about your safety, we mean it."

A subsidiary of Whitman Corporation, Midas International Corporation has been providing customers with convenient, quality, under-the-car services through a network of more than 2,300 shops worldwide since 1956.



The Black United Fund of Oregon Sisterhood Luncheon

Due to an unfortunate automobile accident that damaged Cleo's, the Sisterhood Luncheon will be canceled for this month. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

Please watch your mail for notice of where the next luncheon will be held, if you have any suggestions, please feel to call Jo Ann Allen @ 282-7973.

University Of Portland Summer School Registration Deadline

Registration for the University of Portland Summer Session will continue through the opening day of each class offered, according to Lee Golden, director of the University's Summer Session.

The 1993 Summer Session is made up of seven different terms, Golden said, including three four-week terms, two six-week terms, and two eight-week terms.

The first four-, six- and eight-week terms begin May 17. The second four-week term starting June 14.

The University will offer more than 480 courses for undergraduate and graduate students in the College of Arts & Sciences, Business Administration, Education, Engineering and Nursing. The Summer Session will include more than 40 workshops and symposiums for public school teachers throughout the Northwest. The School of Nursing will also host its annual graduate research forum.

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NBC Affiliate KGW-TV And KKRZ/Z100-Radio Team Up For "Cheers Last Call" Episode Party

The countdown continues to what could be the biggest event in television history—the final episode of one of network television's most successful series. On Thursday, May 20 (8-10pm, ET), America will say goodbye to current and former members of the CHEERS cast. To build excitement of this historic broadcast, NBC affiliate KGW-TV, (Channel 8) and KKRZ (Z-100 Radio) in Portland, have teamed up to celebrate the final broadcast with a "CHEERS Last Call Party" at the Refectory (122nd and Northeast Halsey) in Portland from 6 to 11pm. CHEERS enthusiasts will be able to view the historic final episode on large screen TV's and have a chance to win special, limited-edition "CHEERS Last Call" mugs and T-shirts. Tickets to the event can be won on KKRZ-Radio's on-air trivia and call-in contests. Complimentary tickets are also available at incredible Universe.

Party attendees are invited to enter a "CHEERS Look-A-Like" contest for a chance to win additional prizes including a commemorative replica of "Norm's Bar Stool" and tickets to see Jerry Seinfeld's upcoming comedy performance at Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall on June 24.

Special guest appearances will be made by on-air personalities and staff from KGW-TV and KKRZ-Radio.

Beatty Celebrates Twenty Five Years Of Music

Jim Beatty, Portland's premier jazz clarinetist, is capping twenty-five years of entertaining west coast jazz aficionados with a gala record release party at Hobo's, 120 NW Third, on May 20th at 7:00 PM.

KGW-TV will also be reporting live from the event on its 6:30 and 11:00pm broadcast.

Other surprises, guest personalities and live television activities are still being formulated, so stay tuned to KGW-TV and KKRZ-Radio for details of the viewing party and how to win prizes.

One of the most successful series ever, "CHEERS" is the only program in television history to have ranked among the top five network programs in its tenth season on the air. The series has won a total of 26 Emmy Awards and has received the most Emmy nominations of any network program.

Legal Aid Part Seven: Child Support Enforcement

Ending a marriage is tough enough without having to cope with the maze of laws covering child support. But for many parents, the bureaucratic struggle to get that support can cause more pain than the breakup itself. The state can help you get child support from your ex-spouse, but the process is long and complicated. The sooner you learn the buzz words and agency rules, the sooner your kids get the financial support they deserve.

First, you should know the person paying child support is called the obligor, and the person getting paid is the obligee. The obligee is usually the parent who has the children. But paying child support does not automatically end if the kids move in with the obligor. If this happens, the obligor must continue paying the obligee, until he or she goes back to court or the administrative agency changes the child support order. Such an order sets the terms and amount of child support paid. A court may issue this order as part of a divorce (dissolution of marriage), a legal separation or a paternity case.

But if you don't have a child support order, the Support Enforcement Division (SED) or the District Attorney (DA) will get and enforce it for you. SED must help if your family

or children are now getting, or have gotten in the past, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (ADC), Medical Assistance, CSD or foster care payments. The DA will help in all other cases. SED or the DA will also establish paternity, if the father has not been legally named. They can also seek spousal support in some situations. But if the obligor gets public assistance benefits such as ADC, General Assistance, Oregon Supplemental Income Program (OSIP) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI), he or she is excused from paying child support under a bill passed by the Oregon legislature in 1991.

Like any large bureaucracy, things don't always run smoothly, or fairly. If you have a complaint about how SED or the DA is handling your case, you can go through the chain of command by calling your case worker's supervisor, then the branch manager for SED, or the District Attorney if the DA's office is handling your case. If still unsatisfied, you can ask for a hearing by sending a written request to the SED office. You have a right to representation by a lawyer at these hearings. If you don't want a hearing, you can file a complaint with the SED. You may also request a hearing from Adult and Family Services (AFS) based

on its failure to make sure SED and the DA are doing their job. To do that, fill out a Request for Hearing form and send it to AFS Recovery Services Section, 260 Liberty St. NE, Salem, OR 97310.

You may not be getting any of the public assistance benefits mentioned above, but still need help with a child support order. If so, go to the DA, who will pursue the order, as long as you're willing to let the Department of Human Services (DHR) handle payments. It's important to note that neither SED nor the DA represent you as the obligor or obligee, but are only looking out for the interests of the state.

Families receiving ADC automatically give the state the right to overdue child support payments, known as arrearages, and current support. Out of the amount the state collects, it keeps enough to cover the amount of ADC paid to your family. If and when your family goes off ADC, then all current child support will go to the family.

If already on ADC, you are not disqualified by getting child support. You'll get a monthly support payment of \$50, known as a pass through, for each month child support is paid on time. The pass through will not be deducted

from your ADC, and DHR will mail it within four days of receiving the child support payment. If the obligor's wages are being withheld to pay child support, payments are considered on time if wages are withheld in the month the support is due.

If you're the obligor, and your child support order was issued after Oct. 1, 1989, the state makes sure you pay up by automatically taking a chunk of your wages. You can only get around this if there are no child support arrearages, you have provided two months worth of support and have arranged for electronic fund transfers. You can also avoid it if you and the obligee have agreed in writing to handle it some other way. If you owe any back child support, the state will take 25 to 65 percent of your wages after taxes along with an employer fee, or the amount of the support order, plus \$1 and an employer fee, whichever is greater. Once your back payments are cleared up, only the support order amount plus the employer fee will be taken.

The state can go after more than hour wages if you owe back child support payments. The DHR automatically sends a list of cases involving unpaid child support to both the

community organizing for the last 20 years. Whether as a legislator or as co-chair of our Rainbow Coalition, Bev has fought for and involved the grassroots people, the left-out, the women, the people of color, the working people," said Jan Mihara, who succeeded Stein as Rainbow Coalition co-chair.

The Rainbow expects Stein to use her consensus-building skills and vast network of community and government allies to bring new confidence and people-power to County government.

The Rainbow Coalition is a community-based social justice organization born out of the presidential campaigns of Rev. Jesse Jackson in 1984 and 1988.

ence encourages mentally ill consumers to "speak-up"—educate the general public about mental illness, dispel the myths and falsehoods, to demand respect, and remind society that they too are people with feelings.

Getting the state to help with child support is complex. If you have questions about any part of the process, call the Legal Aid Welfare Rights hotline at 241-4111.

Multnomah County Legal Aid Services provides legal advice and representation to low-income people living in Multnomah County having problems with child support. Appointments may be made by calling our downtown office at 224-4086 or our North/Northeast Community Law Office (on the Portland Community College Cascade Campus) at 295-9494.

1993 "Say No to Drugs" March

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of meeting with peers who share their values. This positive peer pressure helps them maintain their commitment.

Following opening ceremonies, at the Oregon Convention Center, students marched across the Burnside Bridge to Waterfront Park for a full afternoon of entertainment and prevention-related displays and activities. Among the many highlights on the waterfront was participation by several United States Coast Guard vessels including the USCGC Mellon, Orcas and Sapelo. The Portland Fire Bureau's Fire boat spouted out "Greetings" as the students marched across

the Burnside Bridge.

What does a gathering of 5,000 school children look like? Large and impressive. Five thousand, (5,000) youth who share a commitment to a drug-free lifestyle from all over Oregon. In its 8th year, the Oregon Say No To Drugs March is sponsored by the state of Oregon Prevention Resource Center. Other major sponsors include First Interstate Bank, US Bank, the US Coast Guard and US Navy. Chuck Long, senior vice president with US Bank, says, "We hope that such a large demonstration by school children will influence the adults in the community

as well."

Another 1000 students attended a companion march the same day in Klamath Falls with students from Medford, Roseburg and Ashland.

Say No To Drugs Marches demonstrate the breadth and depth of public commitment to a cause and can be a vehicle for social change. In the years to come, the Say No To Drugs March will demonstrate continued public concern about drug abuse and support for drug-free lifestyles. Just as drug-free children are the key to tomorrow's drug-free community, so are these children key to the Say No To Drugs March.

Coalition Endorses Beverly Stein

After careful consideration, the Portland Rainbow Coalition has endorsed and plans to work actively for the election of Beverly Stein to Multnomah County Chair.

Following interviews with six of the seven current candidates, the Rainbow steering committee overwhelmingly picked Stein.

"Beverly has lived and breathed Consumers United for Fundraising Q...

Consumers United will host a fundraising barbecue on Friday, June 18. Delicious chicken dinners can be purchased from Noon until 3:00 p.m. at Garlington Center 4950 N.E. Martin Luther King Boulevard.

Consumers United is made up of citizens with mental illness. The group is known for its advocacy efforts for people with mental illness.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to send two members to the National Consumers United Conference in Columbus, Ohio. the confer-