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IRS reissuing unclaimed tax refunds

■ **MONEY:** The post office has returned \$300,000 in undeliverable checks

By Sherry Rainey
Community Editor

The IRS is looking for several people in Eugene and Springfield.

But don't panic; they want to give them money.

More than \$300,000 in unclaimed federal income tax refunds are waiting to be claimed by their proper owners, said a spokesman for the Internal Revenue Service.

Dale Potts, IRS public affairs spokesman, said most of the checks were returned because taxpayers have moved and failed to notify the IRS. The post office returned 516 refund checks that had turned out to be "undeliverable."

The average Oregon unclaimed

refund amounts to \$596. The total amount is \$307,561.32, according to a news release.

The following list, arranged by zip code, includes those people who have a refund check waiting for them:

- **97402**
Chen, William
Coggins, Laurin K.
Cooke, Andrew W.H.
Del Carmen Vergara, Maria
Gibbs, Deborah L.
Grager, Roger W.
Groer, Tim A. & Dorothea M.
Hayes, Brian L.
Kerkvliet, Kit W.
Mazzel, Alexis J.
Nguyen, Phuong H.
Perotto, Stephen C.
Rhoads, Charlene M.
Shaw, Clifford William
Vorachuck, Theo P.
Walker, Adam J.J.
Wilson, Bobbie D.
- **97404**
Hicks, Erin
Schweild, Ronald L.
St. Clair, Randy L. & Angela D.
- **97405**
Dillbern, Kristen

Drandakis, Benjamin T.
Ennion, Jeremy O.
Giovannini, Daniele & T. Overlund
Kirsch, Betty A.
McCary, Marta
Sequeira, Karen E.
Shanks, Hunter
Smith, Shelly N.
Stachowiak, Marcia H. & Daniel
Stone, Lonnie S.
Wilkinson, Gordon F. Jr. & Mary S.
Zimmer, Joseph M.

• **97477**
Holmquist, Lynn M.
Kohlerman, Ruth M.
Torres, Michelle M.

• **97478**
Archey, Ellen K.
Burton, John H.
Garcia, Primitivo T.
Gibson, Tamara Kay
Green, Michael J.
Nichols, Sonia Y.
Swanton, R. Ernest S.

To claim a refund check, write to the Ogden Service Center at: Internal Revenue Service Refund Inquiry Unit P. O. Box 9941, MS 6733 Ogden, UT 84409

Republicans say budget truce only temporary

■ **MONEY:** Congress leans away from Clinton's new balancing act

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans rejected President Clinton's plan for a balanced budget Sunday and warned that they will close government programs they don't like if there's no agreement on a budget plan in the next few weeks.

"We are going to fund only those programs we want to fund," said House Republican Whip Tom DeLay of Texas. Spending bills must originate in the House, he said. "We're in charge. We don't have to negotiate with the Senate, we don't have to negotiate with the Democrats."

Clinton ended a three-week shutdown of federal programs Saturday when he acceded to Republican demands and offered a new seven-year balanced budget plan.

That announcement kicked in congressional action to fund all government programs, but only through Jan. 26. If there's no budget agreement by then, federal offices could close for the third time this fiscal year.

At that point, DeLay said on NBC's "Meet the Press," if House Republicans don't want to fund programs they don't like, such as the National Endowment for the Arts or the Legal Services Corporation, "we just won't bring it up on the floor

and fund it."

The Clinton proposal provided far less savings in Medicare, Medicaid and welfare than the seven-year plan that emerged from Congress last year, and would cut taxes over seven years by \$87 billion, well below the \$241 billion sought by the Republicans.

"It shows us that Bill Clinton is the big spending liberal Democrat we always thought he was," said Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, on CBS' "Face the Nation." "We are a long and far way apart."

"We're very concerned about whether there are two snow jobs going on here in Washington," said Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., speaking of the snowstorm that shut down the capital and led to cancellation of further budget talks Sunday.

Clinton, asked as he left church what he would do about Republican criticisms of his budget, replied, "Keep working for it."

The Republican response was not all negative. Lott, also on CBS, said the Clinton budget was "a positive step. He finally gave in to submitting a real budget."

Lott and Boehner also agreed the two sides could split the difference over the amount of Medicare savings — Congress has proposed \$201 billion over seven years, the president \$102 billion. "It's realistic and doable," Boehner said.

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