

Tax help available locally

There will be a variety of places that Sandy area residents can go to get help preparing their income tax returns this year.

The Sandy Senior Center will again sponsor its Tax Assistance Program for Seniors with a Jan. 28 kickoff date. Chalmers Thorner will offer help each Wednesday morning from 9 a.m. to 12 noon to area senior citizens until the April 15 filing date.

He will offer free assistance filling out the necessary forms to take advantage of the renter's assistance program (HAARP) and a tax relief program open to senior citizens. Appointments are a must and may be obtained by calling 668-5569.

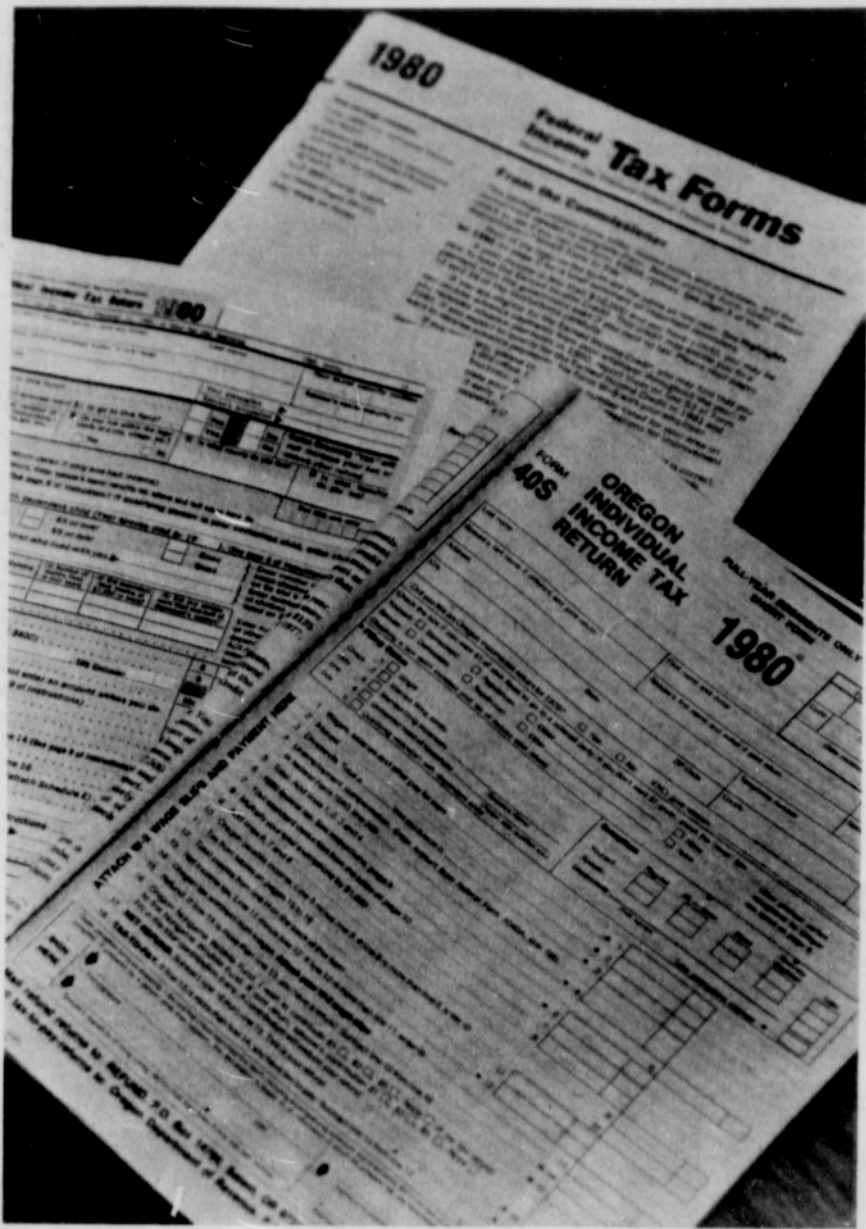
For other area residents there is help in preparing Oregon income tax returns available in two nearby locations beginning this month.

Oregon Department of Revenue personnel are available to help people with questions regarding their tax returns and property tax relief claims. There is no charge.

Help is available in Portland every weekday, except holidays, at the Federal Building, 1220 S.W. Third, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

In Oregon City, tax information can be obtained at 501 Pleasant Ave. on Mondays and Tuesdays, except when Monday is a holiday. Hours are the same, but the office is closed between noon and 1 p.m. for lunch.

Taxpayers needing assistance should bring copies of completed federal tax returns, 1980 W-2 wage



slips and records of other income, and information about any deductions or credits they wish to claim.

Persons seeking help with property tax claims should bring copies of 1980-81 property tax bills and

1980 rent receipts.

State income tax packets, including forms and instructions, have been mailed to Oregon residences. Delivery should be completed by mid-January. Taxpayers who do

not receive packets can get copies at the Sandy post office, revenue department offices and at many banks.

The state revenue department and the federal Internal Revenue Service will offer assistance jointly.

Feline facts or fables?

Allergic cat doctor reveals his secrets

by BARBARA WATERHOUSE For The Post

"There is something humorous in the idea of a veterinarian being allergic to cats and dogs, but here I am, an allergic cat doctor."

Dr. Louis J. Camuti has written his memoirs as a cat doctor for the past 60 years in a lively book, "All My Patients Are Under the Bed."

Siamese cats seem to have had the most bizarre behavior. There was Holly who loved to have herself vacuumed all over. Bunker only ate Japanese crab meat. Chiula was an exceptional patient, a very passionate husband and an affectionate father. He was in "flagrant delicto" with his sixth wife when he just toppled over... an appropriate ending to his action-packed life.

Mr. Cat, a non-Siamese, was the original cat burglar. He'd come and go through the bedroom window. He often came back with a souvenir of his travels—a

glove, a hat, even a toupee. His owner never knew where Mr. Cat went, so he could never return the loot.

Tailless Tom was the pet of the 102nd Medical Regiment. Mess hall inspection was his job. It was a big job, because there were 11 mess halls for the enlisted men and two for the officers.

He had his favorite kitchens. Those he ignored tried desperately to lure him over, as though he was in charge of the Duncan Hines Seal of Approval. When he died, he was placed in a small casket and buried in the front yard of the armory while a military salute was fired in his honor and "Taps" was sounded. He was a great cat and a good soldier.

Balaban had a mad crush on Gregory Peck. He liked to watch Gregory Peck films, but only the scenes with Peck

in them. Frederico was a cat that had an aversion to Art Linkletter. Whenever he heard Linkletter's voice, he pushed the button that shut off the set.

Frederico also would search the house for cigarette butts. When he found one, he'd lounge on his side in the window, the butt hanging from his mouth.

There are many interesting stories collected by Camuti, but the following shows how bonkers a pet owner can get.

"I might have broken all records for mileage covered by a veterinarian if I had answered a wire I received from Charlotte and Joseph Kesslering—he wrote the play 'Arsenic and Old Lace.'"

"They requested that I fly to Italy to treat their sick cat. 'Fiddle' was an ordinary cat,

one of many they had, but their favorite. She went everywhere with them.

"I called Charlotte in Italy and suggested a course of treatment. I told her that I was recovering from a heart attack and I doubted that my doctor would let me take the trip. Charlotte said, 'Have your doctor come too. We'll pay for him as well.'"

"I called my cardiologist, but he said it was too risky for me. He didn't change his mind when I told him that he was invited too, but we did figure out what our time and all the expenses of a 48-hour trip to treat Fiddle would have cost them. It came to approximately \$7,000.

"The next day I received a cablegram from Naples. My suggested course of treatment had worked. Fiddle had buried my European trip in her kitty litter."

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Finding a job or looking for a change of employment can be a bewildering experience. Newspaper advertisements more often than not lead to blind alleys. And when you land a job, where do you go from there?

A class that begins next Monday may ease your fears about going out into the competitive job marketplace.

Called simply "Finding Yourself A Job," the class is sponsored by the Mount Hood Community College Office of Community Education in cooperation with the Sandy Elementary School District.

According to class leader Arty Trost, the four-week session will help area residents effectively prepare themselves for getting a job

and will offer tips about what to do the first day on the job.

Cost of the course is \$15. It will be held four consecutive Mondays, beginning Jan. 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the library at Cedar Ridge School and registration is available at the door. However, Trost said she would like an idea of the number of possible registrants. To place your name on the list, call Sandy Community School, 668-5744.

The focus of the class will be to make its participants comfortable with marketing themselves when they enter the job-hunting world, Trost said.

Trost said she will explore work opportunities and discuss where you go looking in the "hidden job market" beyond the classified ads and

unemployment offices. She will talk about writing an effective resume, prepare the participants for job interviews and explain how to use follow-ups to those interviews with prospective employers.

Finally, the class will cover preparation for the first day on the new job and continuing factors for

success. Trost, a Sandy resident, is a management consultant who travels throughout the country helping groups become more effective in career training and more effective on the job.

She said the class will be very participative. No college credit will be available.

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