

IT'S ABOUT TIME

BY DAVID WAGNER

The turn of the calendar year comes, not coincidentally, at the turn of the solar year. It would be appropriate to celebrate New Year's Day the day after winter solstice. The solstices are milestones in the cycle of nature, not end and starting points.

The peak of gray whale southward migration that began last month continues for a week or two in January. The mosses that began their new growth with October rains are developing reproductive branches. Spring flowering plants have leaves emerging from the ground and buds swelling on tips of twigs. Cold, rainy days give us reason to move slowly and contemplate.

Now is a good time to ponder that a century ago Einstein was polishing up his relativity theories of

the cosmos that bracket the universe, from infinitesimally small to unimaginably expansive.

Just over a century and a half ago Darwin published the theory of evolution by natural selection. These are the fundamental theories of science that give us our deepest understanding of the real world. Natural history — recording direct observation of nature around us — remains, in my view, at the core of our common science experience.

Personal knowledge of nature being transmitted from one generation to the next by learning about the real, natural world is a wonderful thing.

Even as new subatomic particles are discovered and gravitational waves detected from across the universe, we can all participate in the practice of science by learning the birds and flowers and passing this knowledge to our children.

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Oregon Attorney General Settlement Notice

The Attorney General's Settlement Could Benefit You!
Did You Buy a TV, Monitor, or Laptop Computer That Contained an LCD Flat Panel Screen, During the Years 2002 to 2006?

Or Did You Buy a TV or Computer Monitor That Contained a Cathode Ray Tube ("CRT"), During the Years 1995 through 2007?

You May be Entitled to Compensation.

Please read this notice carefully as your legal rights are affected whether you act or do not act.

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Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum has resolved two lawsuits she brought on behalf of Oregon natural persons against certain manufacturers of liquid crystal display ("LCD") flat panels and cathode ray tubes ("CRTs"). The lawsuits allege the manufacturers illegally agreed upon the pricing of LCD flat panels and CRTs.

Oregon has settled with all defendants for a total of \$36,900,000 ("Settlement Fund"), and you may be entitled to a portion of the Settlement Fund.

Who Is Included?

Natural persons who indirectly purchased at any time during the years 2002 to 2006, for their own use and not for resale, LCD panels incorporated into flat panel TVs, computer monitors or laptop computers; or who indirectly purchased at any time during the years 1995 to 2007, for their own use and not for resale, CRTs incorporated into TVs or computer monitors. A purchaser must have been an Oregon resident at the time of the purchase. An indirect purchaser is someone that purchased products containing LCD flat panels or CRTs from someone other than the company that manufactured the LCD flat panel or CRT component, such as from an electronics retailer or a device manufacturer other than one of the Defendants. "Natural persons" means a human, not a business.

How Do I Get Settlement Funds?

File a claim: Consumers need to file a claim to obtain benefits in this settlement. Claims can be completed online at www.OregonScreenSettlement.com or by mailing the claim form, available for download, to the Settlement Administrator. The deadline for filing claims is April 2, 2018.

How Do I Get More Information?

More information about the lawsuits, settlements, and the claims process can be found at www.OregonScreenSettlement.com, by calling 1-877-940-7791, or writing to: Oregon Screen Settlement, c/o GCG, P.O. Box 10240, Dublin, Ohio 43017-5740.

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City of Eugene Cultural Services invites artists to apply for exciting paid opportunities



EUGfun! Community Events

Seeking 50+ artists from all genres of performing and fine arts. We welcome applications from artists and performers of all cultures, races, genders, orientations and abilities to represent the entire spectrum of our diverse population in Eugene.

Downtown Program Fund

Is there an event or artistic installation you have been wanting to grow downtown? Funding is available to produce artistic and cultural programming during summer 2018.

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