

Portland Public Schools

Public Meeting Notices

The Board's Education Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, January 8, 1991, at 2:00 p.m., in the L-1 classroom at the Robert Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street. The purpose of the meeting is a discussion on graduation standard, school improvement plans, star and language arts. This notice is provided in accordance with provisions of the Oregon open meeting law.

The Board's Building Use and Management Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, January 9, 1991, at 10:00 A.M., in the L-1 classroom at the Robert Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N. Dixon Street. The purpose of the meeting is to review the district's educational computer hardware and software acquisition policy. This notice is provided in accordance with provision of the Oregon open meeting law.

Singles On Parade: Operation Desert Shield

Singles On Parade is taping a special hour long video, titled, Singles On Parade: Operation Desert Shield. The video will introduce single men and women, and address their interests and hobbies. The purpose of this video is to provide new, interesting, and desirable single pen pals for those single individuals assigned to the Desert Shield project. So the show is specially seeking those individuals who are interested in meeting someone new through letter writing and who have a desire to help keep up the morale of the single men and women overseas.

The show will be taped on Saturday February 2, 1991. Interested singles can call 775-9218 and leave their name, address, and phone number. They will be sent an application. Completed applications must be received by January 23, so we can evaluate, select, and make final arrangements by taping time.

The Singles On Parade television show has been a live, call-in show that has successfully fostered weddings, and many long term friendships and relationships. (The Desert Shield special will not be in our usual live, call-in format.)

Where Do We Go From Here

Commissioner Gladys McCoy, Chairperson of the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners, and the Oregon Commission on Black Affairs cordially invites you to join in a reception welcoming Joseph Watkins to Oregon. Mr. Watkins is the Associate Director of the Office of Public Liaison at the White House. The reception will be held: Wednesday, January 9, 1991, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Portland Hilton Hotel, International Club, 921 SW 6th Avenue, Portland.

Mr. Watkins is in Oregon at the request of the Portland Federal Executive Board, Black Employment Subcommittee, who will be co-sponsoring a luncheon with the Oregon Commission on Black Affairs on January 10th at the Oregon Convention Center. Classical and contemporary musical selections will be provided by Karen St. James and Misagh Pakzad of Portland.

Tax Information Mailed to Oregonians

Almost a million tax packets are being mailed to Oregonians who filed state income tax returns last year. The packets include an instruction booklet and forms to fill out.

The 400,000 Oregonians whose 1989 income tax returns were done by a professional tax return preparer may receive a postcard instead of a tax booklet. Each postcard will have two mailing labels attached that should be used when filing 1990 tax forms to speed processing returns.

If you receive a postcard, but plan to prepare your own return for 1990, you can pick up a tax booklet at your local post office, bank or library.

When filing returns, everyone should use the preprinted labels, whether they are attached to a tax booklet or to a postcard. According to Don O'Meara of the Department of revenue, "You should put the labels on each form you file. Using these labels will allow us to process your returns faster." Packets and postcards should all be delivered by the middle of January.

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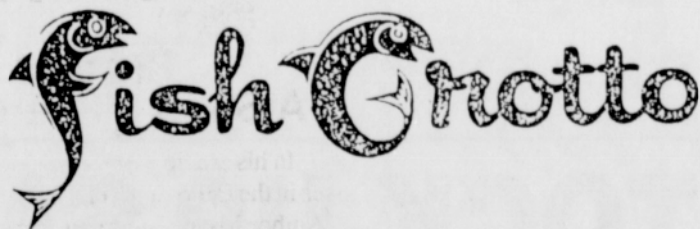
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The Tax Form You've Been Waiting For

(From the AARP Volunteer Newsletter)

"Every time the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tries to make things easier, things seem to get more complicated," muses Rose Novnty, Tax-Aide District Coordinator for Oregon. But fear not! One change this year may actually make things easier for people who have only Social Security and pension income to report. These people may now use the 1040A form, as many have long wanted to do. As Novnty notes, "By allowing people who just have retirement income to use the 1040A form, we're going to relieve people from using the 1040 which is more complicated and has smaller print."

Tax-Aide volunteers, who are trained in cooperation with the IRS and must pass an IRS test to be certified, will spend extra time learning about the 1040A. If you need assistance with your taxes: Plan to get help between February 1 and April 15. Call the local IRS office and ask for the location of Tax Counseling for the elderly sites. Bring: copies of last year's federal, state, and local tax returns; all income records, including W-2 forms from employers, W-2P pension forms, and 1099 forms for income, including SSA-1099; verifications for special deductions and credits; and, current federal, state, and local tax forms if available.

Write for a free Tax Record Envelope (stock #D12225) that lets you keep all your tax information in one handy packet that doubles as a check-off list. You can also order free Stock Records (stock #D14158). Get one of each of your stocks or mutual funds and track their activity throughout the year. Note that Tax-Aide counselors are trained to assist you with basic tax forms and questions. Individuals with complex tax assistance needs may be referred to professional tax preparers.

Worldwide End to Polio Possible By the 21st Century



Polio, the disease which once crippled thousands of American children, has been nearly eradicated in the United States and in many countries worldwide. Yet in some parts of the developing world, polio continues to pose a threat to young lives.

"By the end of this century," says Philip Johnston, president of CARE, the international relief and development organization, "worldwide immunization efforts may very well eradicate paralytic polio. But we have a lot to do to achieve this goal."

During the early 1950's, more than 100,000 American children were afflicted with the crippling and, in five percent of all cases, fatal disease. In 1954, medical pioneer Dr. Jonas Salk introduced his breakthrough polio vaccine. The subsequent school immunization program worked so well that by 1989, only 10 cases were reported in the United States. Instances are equally low in Colombia and Mexico. In the People's Republic of China, 95 percent of all children have been immunized against the disease.

Despite success in Latin America and Asia, the incidence of paralytic polio in African—the world's poorest conti-

nent—remains high. According to CARE, each year more than 200,000 African children suffer from the disease which attacks growing nervous systems. "But Johnston explains, "we have reason to be optimistic."

Johnston says that the last decade has seen immunizations reach nearly 60 percent of all African children. Just 10 years ago less than 10 percent were immunized.

Aside from physical problems, victims of polio may face an enormous stigma. In Africa and other parts of the developing world, daily survival requires hours of grueling labor. In these countries, physically disabled people are often perceived as a burden on desperately poor families whose financial resources already strained to the breaking point.

According to health experts, once contracted, paralytic polio is not curable. "The best—and only—treatment," says Johnston, "is early prevention. It's exciting to realize that it's possible to halt polio as well as other diseases such as tetanus, measles and whooping cough, which takes the lives of more than three million children each year."

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Announcement

The Black Leadership Conference Reception is meeting to share the 1991 Legislative Agenda of the Black Leadership Conference with other organizations. The meeting will take place Thursday, January 10, 1991 at 5:30 pm, at the Oregon Convention Center.

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