

Oregonians to Receive IRS Checks Starting July 23

The Internal Revenue Service and the Treasury Department will begin sending out advance payments later this summer under a new tax law passed by Congress and signed by President Bush. Approximately 1.121 million of these advance payment checks will be mailed to Oregon addresses. The Oregon checks will total

an estimated \$482 million. The first checks will go out the week of July 23, and most of the mailings will be completed by the end of September.

Single taxpayers who paid federal income taxes for 2000 could receive up to \$300. Heads of households could get up to \$500, and married couples could receive up to \$600.

Nonresident aliens and those who could have been claimed as a dependent on another person's 2000 tax return are not eligible for a check.

Taxpayers will learn by mid-July how much they will receive. The IRS will send taxpayers a letter describing the check amount and the week it will be sent. The agency will also

send a letter of explanation for taxpayers not eligible for the advance payment. The IRS emphasized that taxpayers don't need to call, fill out special forms or do anything else to receive the check.

Generally, the last two digits of the taxpayer's Social Security number will determine when the checks are mailed,

so people may get a check at different times than neighbors or even other family members.

The IRS reminds taxpayers of several key points on the payments:

Taxpayers don't need to do anything to receive the checks;

Taxpayers should keep a copy of the letter sent in advance of the

check for their records;

Individuals who have not yet filed a tax return for 2000 will not get any advance payment check until the IRS processes that return;

Taxpayers who have moved should file a change of address form with the U.S. Postal Service to ensure the checks go to the correct address.



Seven Siblings Reunite

The seven brothers and sisters of the Knauls family met recently for a reunion in Portland. All of the members are over 60 years old. From left: Evelyn Hammonds of San Jose; Nell Wade of Las Vegas; Gertrude Jones of Seattle; Paul Knauls of Portland; Gladine Gray of Seattle; Miss Lillie Knauls of Alta Loma, CA. and Loretta McCarty of Seattle.

Black Cartoon Character Breaks Barrier

The recent release of the film "Atlantis" will mark an important date for the Walt Disney Company; the film includes the first African-American human character to grace an animated feature film in the company's 78-year history.

The character, Dr. Joshua Sweet, is the heroic medic of a team searching for the undersea world of Atlantis. Phil Morris, known for portraying the motormouth attorney Jackie Chiles on "Seinfeld", supplies the voice of Sweet.

Although African Americans, including Eddie Murphy, Samuel E. Wright and James Earl Jones

have provided voices and musical renditions for Disney characters in the past, no human African-American character has ever been featured in an animated Disney film.

Richard Husband, an African-American animator who drew Sweet, said, "We didn't want to have a minority character just to say we'd done it. If he didn't have a strong personality, he would just become a token character."

Sweet's background in attending Howard University, a Historically Black College and University, is touched upon in the film. Husband pointed out

that African-American doctors like Sweet did exist in 1914, the year in which the film takes place.

Husband said the character "maybe would not have been as readily acceptable to audiences until recently. People these days are more aware of the contributions of people of color."

Disney has had issues with the African-American community. In 1986, Disney discontinued the release of "Songs of the South", a mixed live action and animation film that sparked criticism for what many called its racist depiction of African Americans.

Hip Hop Music at Dawson Park

Hiphop and a 1957 firetruck are the highlight for the fifth concert at the Dawson Park summer festival series, which will be held on Saturday, June 30. Ethos, the local nonprofit agency that provides music lessons for the community will present their works atop a renovated firetruck specially buffed up for the occasion.

The concert will take place between 2 and 6 p.m. across from Emanuel Hospital on North Williams Avenue.

Seeking African American Families with ADHD Children for a Research Study

ADHD, Ethnicity, and Family Environment

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What is the study about?

This study is about gaining an understanding of what it is like for a family to live with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Virtually no research exists on how African American and Hispanic families experience and manage ADHD, what health needs they may have, and what opportunities they have for receiving these services. The study will involve two meetings, about 2 hours each, at your home or place convenient for you.

Which families are eligible?

- Families with at least one child (age 6-19) with a diagnosis of ADHD.
- Families with at least two people (the ADHD child and one parent). Hopefully both parents and siblings will participate as well.
- Families that are willing to participate in one interview and complete a series of questionnaires.
- Families that speak English or are willing to work through an interpreter.
- Parents that are able to read and write at the 5th grade level or are willing to have the questions read to them.

All information will be held **strictly confidential**.

There will be **no cost** to you for participating in the research.

In appreciation of your time and contribution, **Each family will receive \$50 after each meeting for a possible total of \$100.**

If interested please call 503-494-4122.

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Tri-Met Summer Youth Passes a Bargain

For the first time this summer, Tri-Met will offer two great ways for kids to get around the region: they can buy individuals month-long Summer Youth Passes or a single pass that lasts all summer long.

"Offering youth passes on both a monthly basis and summer-long basis gives families more choices," said Fred Hansen, Tri-Met General Manager. "They can opt for the convenience of buying one pass for the whole summer, or the flexibility of buying each month."

A single three-month pass costs just \$46 and is good for unlimited rides

during June, July and August that's less than half the regular monthly fee.

Each one-month pass costs just \$16 and can be used for a single month in June, July or August.

Pass holders don't just get unlimited rides on MAX and buses, they also get special deals while the pass is valid. Area sponsors include McDonald's, Wherehouse Music, Oaks Park, and many Gresham Station stores. Purchase a Summer Youth Pass at the usual Tri-Met outlets, including Fred Meyer, Safeway and most Albertson's stores. To qualify, you must be 18 or younger.

June is Adopt-a-Cat-Month

June is the beginning of what animal shelters call "kitten season" when a literal flood of cats and kittens arrive at shelters. Cats make up the largest population of unwanted and abandoned pets in this country.

That is why June is national "Adopt-a-Cat Month."

Everyday, the Oregon Humane Society has over 70 cats waiting for loving homes.

But during June, the Oregon Humane Society (OHS) can receive over 1,100 cats and kittens in one month, according to Susan Mentley, OHS operations director.

"Raising the awareness of cats as great pets who need love and attention is what Adopt-a-Cat Month is all about," Mentley says.

Feline fanciers can visit the Oregon Humane Society at 1076 NE Columbia Blvd. or call 503-285-7722. Find a listing of pets available for adoption at www.oregonhumane.org.

Let's do the bright thing.



We all need to be superheroes now.

A lot of things, from the growth in high-tech industries to increased population, tell us the energy crunch our region is facing right now will continue for awhile. Dealing with it means that each of us has to change the way we use energy. And we have to start now.

Here are some changes and tips that will make a difference now and in the future:

- Switch to compact fluorescent bulbs in lights that remain on three or more hours per day. **They use one quarter the energy.**
- Set air conditioner thermostats to 78°F or higher.
- Wait 'til late to use electricity. Avoid using your dishwasher and washer/dryer during **summer peak hours of 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.** Run only full loads.
- Keep doors, windows and window coverings closed during the hottest part of the day.
- Open windows to allow in cool air during the morning and evening.
- Turn off one 60-watt light that would normally be on during the peak summer hours of 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. **If every one of our 1.5 million customers did, the energy saved could power about 45,000 homes.**
- Use microwaves or outdoor grills instead of ovens.
- Turn computers and monitors off at night and whenever they're not in use.
- Be a hero and make saving energy a habit.

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and ask for a copy of our
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