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Tax Deadline Wednesday

WASHINGTON (AP) — The clock is ticking away for millions of American taxpayers who have not yet filed their federal income tax returns with the internal revenue Service.

The deadline for filing 1980 individual income tax returns is midnight Wednesday.

And, judging by IRS statistics, good many Americans put off their tasks until the last few weeks.

As of April 3, the IRS had only received 58.5 million of the 94 million returns it is expecting this year. The number of filings was slightly down — by about 2 percent — from last year's level, says IRS spokeswoman Ellen Murphy.

About one-quarter of the returns are usually filed in the last 10 weeks, with almost 13 million flooding in during the last week, she says.

Historically, about 70 percent of 75 percent of the tax returns are due refunds, says Ms. Murphy. Refunds are averaging \$35 this year, compared with \$90 last year, according to April figures, the most recent available.

How much will Uncle Sam get in income taxes?

The agency is projecting \$325 billion in individual income taxes in the 1981 fiscal year, up from \$288 billion last year.

The IRS says simple errors continue cropping up on completed forms. Mistakes, says the tax agency, can delay processing a return by about a week.

Some common mistakes the IRS finds on the tax forms are:

- Errors in arithmetic in computing taxes;
- Using the wrong table to compute taxes;
- Miscalculating medical deductions;
- Failing to attach W-2 forms to tax returns;
- Failing to copy correctly the numbers from the W-2 forms onto tax returns;
- Leaving blank a section for a residential energy credit that asks whether a taxpayer's principal residence was substantially completed before April 20, 1977.
- Not computing correctly the earned income credit for low-income workers with dependent children.

Local Man at Shuttle Launch . . .

Clay Whitehead, of Columbus, saw the space shuttle launch as a guest of his son Tom and other of Hughes Aircraft Corporation and NASA at Cocoa Beach and Cape Canaveral, Fla.

The Hughes group stopped at the Joplin airport at 5:30 last Thursday evening to pick Clay up and proceeded on to the Titusville, Fla., airport in a twin engine company owned jet aircraft.

The return trip was made yesterday after the successful shuttle launch. "It was spectacular," Clay said.

CUHS Concert and Jazz Bands In Performance Tuesday Night

The CUHS Concert and Jazz bands will present a concert Tuesday, April 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the CUHS Auditorium under the direction of Mike Flanagan, music director.

The concert band will present five numbers:

- "The Rambler," (Concert March);
- "Novena," (Rhapsody for Band); Soloists are Kelley Mogle, Clarinet, Ellen Harrington, flute, Gae Kelley, alto sax;
- "Serenade For A Picket Fence," (Mallet Percussion Feature). Soloists are JoAnn Pa-

five numbers:

- "Bossa Roma," Peterson, solos by Kevin Edwards, bass, Ellen Harrington, flute, Tammy Bell, piano, Rod Watson, percussion;
- "A Little Happiness," (Nestico), solos by Kevin Edwards, bass, Jeff Royster, trumpet, Myles Pierce, tenor sax, Kelli McDaniels, percussion;
- "Aztec," (McDougall), solos by Kevin Edwards, bass, Steve Siebuhr, trombone, Gae Kelley, alto sax, Missy Dill, percussion;
- "Summer of '42," Tommy Newsum, Ed Foxall of PSU.

Columbia's Landing Scheduled Tomorrow

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space shuttle Columbia shot straight for the heavens on a tower of white hot flame yesterday and sailed a perfect course around earth; a spectacular beginning to an American era of making space a workplace for mankind.

Everything worked.

Flight One of the winged space freighter got off on time, soared smoothly into orbit, and flawlessly exercised its cargo bay doors during a critical early-flight test. Between 13 and 15 troublesome tiles shook off, but officials weren't alarmed.

At the start of their third orbit, Shuttle Control told the astronauts, "You guys did so good, we're going to let you stay up there for a couple of days." That meant a dramatic wheels-down Tuesday at Edwards Air Force Base in California. Target time for the first runway landing of the space age—12:30 p.m. CST.

For the first time since 1975,

Americans were in space. They were not alone. Two Soviet cosmonauts have been in orbit since March.

The third decade of manned space flight began, precisely 7:00:03.983 a.m. EST, with launch of the first ship designed to go into space again and again. It was 20 years ago Sunday that Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first to orbit the planet.

Robert Crippen, 43, was the enthusiastic newcomer to space. John Young, 50, the veteran, happy to be back, saying, "It's delightful up here in zero gravity."

As Columbia began her 21st orbit of the earth approaching the coast of California today, NASA attempted a communications link so that both Young and Crippen could talk with Vice President George Bush.

It's been a great flight so far despite sticky valves and the loss of some heat resistant tiles.