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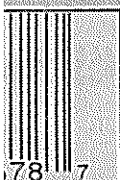
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More than 130 million American households will begin receiving Internal Revenue Service letters reminding them to file a 2007 tax return in order to receive a 2008 economic stimulus payment.

The mailings by the IRS will continue throughout the month of March. The informational notice, titled Economic Stimulus Payment Notice, alerts people that they may be eligible for a one-time stimulus payment of up to \$600 (\$1,200 married filing jointly) starting in May. There also is a \$300 per child payment for qualifying children younger than 17.

"These special letters remind people that they won't need to do anything more than file a 2007 tax return in order to put the stimulus payment process in motion," Acting IRS Commissioner Linda Stiff said.

The notice is informational and does not seek any financial information. The main mailings, which will take place in three weekly batches, will go to taxpayers who filed a tax return last year.

"To receive a payment in 2008, individuals who qualify will not have to do anything more than file a 2007 tax return. The IRS will determine eligibility, figure the amount and send the payment," the notice states. "This payment should not be confused with any 2007 income tax refund that is owed to you by the federal government. Income tax refunds for 2007 will be made separately from this one-time payment."

However, some people must take an extra step this year to receive a stimulus payment. In late March, the IRS will send a special
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"THE BARN" IN GRUETLI-LAAGER BURNS

Gruetli-Laager residents awoke last Wednesday morning to find "The Barn," formerly known as the "Pizza Barn," located on Highway 108 and 51st Street, in smoldering ruin. Owners Rick and Rochelle Whiting wish to thank everyone in the community for the concern and support of their business. They are making plans to re-open as soon as possible. The cause of the fire is still under investigation at this time.

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THE GRUNDY COUNTY HERALD JOURNEYS TO ROME AND TURKEY

Skylar Curtis, the great niece of Tracy City resident Hershel Curtis featured in the October 18, 2007 edition of the Grundy County Herald, graduated from the College of Charleston last May. She is currently working a term for the French government teaching English at a French high school and lives in a small town called Sarrebourg, France about 2.5 hours east of Paris. The French have a lot of time off from work, which has allowed Skylar to travel all over Europe including Amsterdam, the Netherlands, Brussels, Belgium, and several other cities. She also plans to visit some of the World War II battlegrounds, where her great uncle Hershel may have fought during the war. Skylar plans to attend law school next fall. Pictured (left): Skylar at the Blue Mosque in Istanbul, Turkey, arriving just after a twelve inch snow; (right) Skylar with the statue of D... where she also spent time in Florence.

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