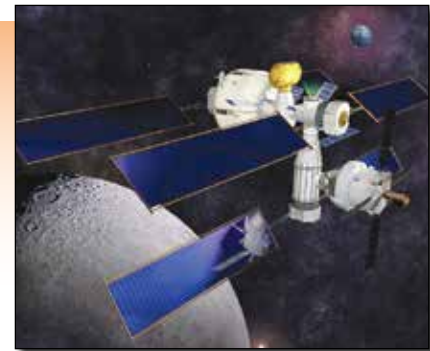




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## Help Kids Learn to Read

*Volunteers Age 50+ Needed by United Way*



A volunteer works with a child on reading as part of AARP Foundation's Experience Corps, which is partnering with United Way in the Sacramento area. Photo by Matt Roth

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Local residents ages 50 and up are needed by September to help kids read, as part of United Way California Capital Region's partnership with AARP Foundation's Experience Corps. Volunteers will be placed in Sacramento-area schools and will partner with small groups of students in kindergarten through third grade to help them improve their reading. For more information, visit [www.yourlocalunitedway.org/experiencecorps](http://www.yourlocalunitedway.org/experiencecorps) to sign up for an upcoming information session.

"We know that improving children's early literacy has a direct impact on their success in higher education, and we know that higher education is the equalizer that breaks the cycle of poverty," said Stephanie Bray, president and CEO, United Way California Capital Region. "As adults, we can give back by helping many more children grow up prepared for success."

The program will take place in Center Joint Unified, Elk Grove Unified, Robla and Washington Unified school districts.

Volunteers will spend two to three hours a day in the classroom two days a week helping students read at grade level and beyond, and providing consistent support to the same teacher and students over the course of the school year. Volunteers receive 25 hours of training in literacy and classroom management.

United Way California Capital Region is leading the program in the Sacramento region through a four-year grant from AARP Foundation, a grantee of the Social Innovation Fund (SIF). In August 2015, AARP Foundation received \$3 million from SIF, a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the federal agency for volunteering and service programs. The SIF fosters public and private collaborations to evaluate and grow innovative community-based solutions that work. In just five years, the SIF and its private-sector partners have invested more than \$876 million in compelling community solutions. As a result of \$295 million in federal

grants and more than \$581 million in non-federal match commitments, the SIF has made grants to 39 institutions and 353 nonprofits working in 40 states and the District of Columbia. This subgrant award is the result of an open competition held by AARP Foundation to identify and select promising organizations in high need communities to implement and rigorously evaluate the Experience Corps model.

The local program is part of United Way California Capital Region's Square One Project, a 20-year promise to significantly increase the number of local students who graduate from high school ready for success in college and beyond. Through nine decades of work and research across Amador, El Dorado, Sacramento, Placer and Yolo counties, the local United Way now believes ending poverty starts in school and is working to ensure kids meet important milestones for success in college. To donate or volunteer, visit [www.yourlocalunitedway.org](http://www.yourlocalunitedway.org).

Source: Kristin Thébaud Communications ★

**Sacramento County Seeks Poll Workers for Election**

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG)** - Sacramento County's Office of Voter Registration and Elections is calling upon civic-minded citizens to work at polling places for the upcoming November election.

No prior experience is necessary, and training will be provided. Workers will be provided a stipend for their training and service on Election Day.

Citizens that are fluent in Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Hindi, Korean and Japanese are strongly encouraged to apply as poll workers.

"We are grateful for the poll workers who serve their communities on Election Day," said Sacramento County Registrar of Voters Jill LaVine. "It's a rewarding experience, and the work they do is vital to the integrity of the election process."

**Poll workers must meet the following criteria:**

- Be at least 18 years of age or be a high school student that is at least 16 years of age and in good academic standing
- A resident of the State of California
- Be able to read and write in fluent English
- Available to work on Election Day from 6:00 a.m. until all duties are completed (approximately 10:00 p.m.)
- Attend a mandatory training class prior to each election (approximately 2½ hours)
- Have transportation to and from the training class and to the polling place on Election Day

With their supervisors' permission, County and State employees can work on Election Day while still earning their regular salary, plus earn the stipend from volunteering at the polling place.

Poll worker applications, stipend information and more are available at the Voter Registration and Elections Poll Workers website.

Source: Sacramento County ★

## First 5 California: Summer Reading at Your Local Library

**By Diane Levin, Chief Deputy Director, First 5 California**

During the long hot days of summer, it can be challenging to find new activities for your young children. A great option to consider is the local library. Libraries offer

many free resources and activities for parents with young children.

From the moment children are born, their brains are developing at an incredible speed. By talking, reading, and singing to a child during these critical early years, a parent can help to develop crucial neural synapses,

increase a child's vocabulary, and establish a love for books helping that child to be successful in school and throughout life.

The neighborhood library has a wide selection of books for children of all ages to explore and discover. Every day, parents and their children can check out

a stack of books, read through them together, and then do it all over again, all at no cost.

The children's librarian can help guide the search and make recommendations on books that can lead to surprising new discoveries. There are also compact discs available to be borrowed for

sing-along time at home.

Additionally, libraries offer a wide variety of free and low-cost activities and programs, such as story time, readings by children authors, arts and crafts classes, puppet shows, musical performances, science labs, book clubs,

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# Assemblyman Cooley Honors Local Non-Profit CEO as Veteran of the Year

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Assemblyman Ken Cooley (D-Rancho Cordova) honored Kevin Cameron as the 8th Assembly District's 2016 Veteran of the Year. Each year, the Assembly Veterans Committee hosts the Veteran of the Year Awards to recognize veterans with distinguished military careers or those who have continued to serve making significant contributions to their communities.

"Following his distinguished service in the U.S. Army, Kevin founded a one-of-a-kind non-profit that honorably serves the nation," said Cooley. "He uses his expertise in dog training, as well as military ethical standards, to provide for Americans in need" continued Cooley.

Cameron served in the United States Army from 1997 until his honorable discharge in 2011, after receiving a Purple Heart. As a Military Working Dog Trainer, Cameron designed numerous programs that produced Working Dog Teams successful in many explosive and narcotic finds. Using his experience in the Army, Cameron founded Alpha K9, a non-profit organization that provides service dogs to veterans, people living with PTSD, domestic and sexual abuse victims, and children.

"It is a great honor to be recognized as the Veteran of the Year," said honoree, Kevin Cameron. "I am able to receive this honor



"It is a great honor to be recognized as the Veteran of the Year," said honoree, Kevin Cameron, shown at left with Assemblyman Ken Cooley (D-Rancho Cordova). Photo courtesy Ken Cooley

because of Alpha K9 and the Service Dogs we have been able to provide to our wonderful veterans. Without the generous support for our program providing service dogs to our veterans would not be possible," continued Cameron.

Assemblyman Ken Cooley

represents the 8th Assembly District which includes the communities of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael, Citrus Heights, Rancho Cordova, Rancho Murieta, Rosemont, Wilton and other portions of unincorporated Sacramento County.

Source: Office of Ken Cooley ★

# Bera Meets with Business Leaders on Impact of Health Insurance Tax



The HIT (health insurance tax) is not adding value - it is just adding cost. It impacts small businesses more than anyone, and it hits working families especially hard.

RANCHO CORDOVA, CA (MPG) - On Friday, August 5, Congressman Ami Bera met with key business leaders at Mailing Systems Inc. in Rancho Cordova to discuss the costly new financial burden imposed on businesses by the health insurance tax, or HIT, included in the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

This new tax amounts to at least \$130 billion in new costs, which is almost entirely passed on to small businesses and the self-employed who purchase coverage in the fully insured marketplace.

According to Congressman Bera, "The HIT is not adding value - it is just adding cost. It impacts small businesses more than anyone, and it hits working families especially

hard. That's why I worked with a bipartisan majority in Congress that voted to suspend the tax for 2017 and continue to push for delaying its implementation."

Kasey Cotulla, of River City Printers talked about the impact that implementing the HIT would have on his business of more than 50 employees: "Health care costs are right up there with paper and payroll in terms of their impact on our costs. The health insurance tax adds to our costs without adding any value. It just impacts what we are able to do for our employees in terms of payroll and benefits."

The Health Insurance Tax is one of the largest tax increases included in the Patient

Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), which is projected to raise \$159 billion in the first 10 years.

The Stop The HIT Coalition represents the nation's small business owners, their employees and the self-employed who are actively working to repeal the Health Insurance Tax. Since the Coalition's formation in 2011, it has grown to include more than 35 national organizations, representing millions of small business owners across the country.

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Submitted by Nancy Mooney, Stop the Hit ★

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# Deep-Space Habitation System Envisioned

*Aerojet Rocketdyne Teams with Sierra Nevada Corporation to Conduct an Architectural Design Study*

**SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG)** - Aerojet Rocketdyne, a subsidiary of Aerojet Rocketdyne Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: AJRD), is working with Sierra Nevada Corporation (SNC), a leader in aerospace and defense systems, to conduct an architectural design study for a habitation system that would enable NASA astronauts to live for long durations beyond low-Earth orbit. SNC is serving as the prime contractor under NASA's Next Space Technologies for Exploration Partnership-2 (NextSTEP-2), which seeks commercial development of deep-space exploration capabilities to support more extensive human spaceflight missions.

"We look forward to working with our industry partners on an architectural study for a habitat system that will allow humans to live in space farther from Earth and for longer durations than ever before," said Aerojet Rocketdyne CEO and President Eileen Drake. "It's an especially unique opportunity to help stimulate the commercial space industry while leveraging existing and emerging technologies, furthering our nation's ability to explore the frontiers and expand our knowledge of space."

As part of that study, Aerojet Rocketdyne has proposed to build a fully-functional prototype PowerTrain™ Solar Electric Propulsion (SEP) system designed to deliver power from the solar arrays to the thrusters on the spacecraft. The PowerTrain™ SEP system uses a peak-power tracking capability and is compatible with current and future advanced Hall-effect thruster propulsion systems. Last year, the company successfully built and tested a prototype system in a simulated mission



Under the 18-month architectural design study, Aerojet Rocketdyne and SNC will devise concepts that include standards, common interfaces and testing approaches for the habitation system.

environment to show that it could achieve improved system efficiency over current Power Management and Distribution approaches used on satellites. The prototype was tested at Aerojet Rocketdyne's Los Angeles facility, where most of the International Space Station power-system hardware was developed.

Under the 18-month architectural design study, Aerojet Rocketdyne and SNC will devise concepts that include standards, common interfaces and testing approaches for the habitation system. It will also include the development and integrated testing of the full-size ground prototypes by 2018. The project details will depend on final contract negotiations.

According to NASA, the prototypes will demonstrate critical aspects of the engineering processes involved in the development of the operational

unit. The engineering test units will closely resemble final hardware and software products, and will be built and tested in order to establish confidence that the designs will function as expected in the harsh environments of space.

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By David Dickstein, Gold River resident

# 'Fool's Gold'

## Sounding Like a Cranky Old Man

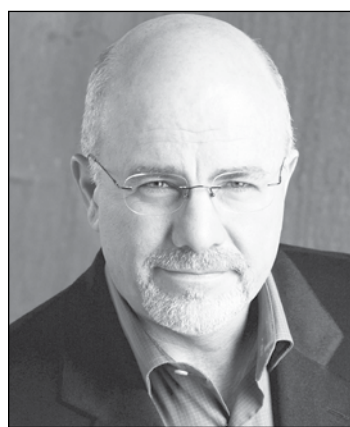
and souls into their jobs, oftentimes spending their own money on supplies and working for free on nights and weekends, and with little or no gratitude across the board. So like hell I'm going to put money in a stupid tip jar for a part-time worker who spends all of three minutes making my Chinese chicken salad or turkey ciabatta sandwich.

- Speaking of tip seekers, c'mon IHOP. The last thing I want to come between me and my Rooty Tooty Fresh 'N Fruity is some annoying dude in suspenders blowing up stupid balloon animals.
- If I was going to open a small business, it would be a Mongolian BBQ restaurant in Gold River Town Center. Can you say "gold mine?"
- Won't take long for Golden 1 Arena to lose its new-building smell after the same old Kings stink it up next month.
- Almost fainted when I saw that the Gold River Racquet Club was getting new exercise equipment. This rare upgrade had better not come with a fee increase.
- Get out of my backyard, you \$#@%& squirrels!
- I'm surprised the fundraiser-happy Gold River Discovery Center PTO doesn't run a fireworks stand.
- Whoever is setting off explosions on the nature trail after midnight, stop it because I'm sure my neighbors think it's me!
- The Rite-Aid storefront still touts "1-hour photo," but does anyone do that anymore?
- The Sunday Sacramento Bee has gotten so thin!
- For the sake of our property values and quality of life, stop giving money to panhandlers.
- Just bulldoze the 24-Hour Fitness center across Sunrise and start over. That property is sorely outdated and practically dead.
- If more Gold River parents

coached in Rancho Cordova Youth Soccer and the Rancho Cordova Little League I'm sure their kids would see more playing time. The politics and other ugliness I remember off the field would probably be improved, too.

- It stinks that this lifelong Dodger fan has had to root against the River Cats since they became the Giants' Triple-A farm club.
- Sadly, I'll probably never see my village get gates in my lifetime.
- Jiminy Christmas, if you're eventually going to take the U.S. 50 West onramp don't use the most left of the three turning lanes at Sunrise and Coloma.
- Fifteen years ago I bet a neighbor's kid that I'd beat him in air hockey and the dude moved out of the neighborhood without ever making good on the In-N-Out burger I won in his garage. So, Matt S., interest is accruing, and if I ever see you again, it's now a burger, an order of fries and a chocolate shake. No, make it two shakes.
- And while we're at it, a certain now-8th grader still owes me a medium-sized cup of froyo at Yogurt Monkey because her beloved Giants finished the regular season behind my Dodgers. That bet was made three years ago and her dad was even a witness. Well, sweetie, the cup is a large now, and those toppings get heavier every month that goes by.
- The youth of Gold River needs a place to go after school instead of hanging out at God knows where, so I say move the Gold River Community Association office to one of those near-empty business parks on Coloma, and from 3-6 p.m. turn the Community Center into a teen center. Heck, I'll even volunteer to supervise. This cranky old man loves kids. Except those who renege on bets, of course.

Glad I got all that off the old chest. Time for a nap. ★



# Dave Says

## Paying cash doesn't make it smart

Dear Dave,  
What is your opinion on paying cash for a "tiny house"?  
- Wes

Dear Wes,  
This may be a really un-hip or un-cool thing to say, but I wouldn't buy a tiny house at all. Paying cash for something like that might make the mover smarter, but that still doesn't mean it's a smart choice.

Now, don't take what I'm saying the wrong way. I don't have a problem with people who build tiny houses or buy them. My problem with these things is that there's no track record on them. There's also a pretty good chance they're going to be just a fad. Another problem is that you'd have a really small market when it comes time to sell your tiny house. In other words, they probably won't go up in value like a traditional home. They may actually lose value over the years.

There's a thing in economics called the supply-demand curve, and from what I've seen tiny houses also have a tiny demand and pretty narrow market appeal. Their appeal seems to be mostly for early adopters and people who think they'll never be able to afford

a house. That means they're not going to have broad appeal when you get ready to sell them, either. And that creates a problem.

I could be wrong, though. I mean, if enough people buy tiny houses and they become a real part of our culture, then maybe they'll do okay. But right now it's an unproven product line and an unproven concept. So I wouldn't buy a tiny house. Honestly, I wouldn't even buy one at half of its current value because I'd be afraid it would drop to a fourth of its value. There's just no proven record at this point of these things going up in value.  
—Dave

## Did dad do her wrong?

Dear Dave,  
My father loaned my husband and I money 20 years ago to help us start a business. The business eventually failed, and it forced us into bankruptcy. After this, we never seemed to get around to paying him back. He died earlier this year, and when we got together with my brother and sister for the reading of the will, we realized he had deducted the amount of the loan from my inheritance. Everything was equal between us before that. I think that's wrong. What's your opinion?  
- Karen

Dear Karen,  
I'm really sorry about your dad. I'm also sorry this was never taken care of or discussed while he was

still alive.  
There are a lot of emotions at play, so I don't want to beat you up too much. But legally, he didn't have to leave you anything in his estate. The stuff we're talking about, money included, was his to do with as he saw fit. It was a little odd that he didn't address this with you beforehand, but there are lots of instances where kids get nothing from an estate or not as much as others. It's not uncommon.

In my mind, and, from the sound of it, his too, he left you an equal share minus what you still owed. He loaned you the money, and he had the right to set terms on that. I understand your frustration. You feel like he took something away that was yours. My point is it was never yours; it was his.

I know it still hurts though. This is one of the reasons I advise never borrowing money from, or loaning it to, relatives. The best of intentions can end up in places like this.  
—Dave

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# Game Plots

## No Man's Sky and the Danger of Hype

By Noah Howard

You walk through a forest of towering blood-red mushrooms. As you scout out the resources to make your next leap into space, you encounter a lumbering beast the size of a building. It's bug-eyed head and vestigial wings are unlike anything you've ever seen, and unlike anything you ever will see. It seems to ignore you, and continues on its way. The sky turns a calm green as the sun begins to set, and the glare of a dark blue monolith marks the Heredium needed to power your starship. As your newly recharged engines lift you into the sky, you see the beast continuing its aimless journey, likely never to encounter another player again.

This type of poetic, epic adventure is what people expected from *No Man's Sky*, a game recently released by Hello Games, a small 15-person studio. Announced in 2013, *No Man's Sky* has been revealed to the public over the past three years trickle by trickle. Boasting a randomly generated universe of 18 quintillion planets (yes, you read that correctly), gamers were enchanted by the fantasy of discovering vibrant worlds inspired by old sci-fi book covers that no other player would ever see. *No Man's Sky* was frequently listed as the most anticipated game of 2016, and its central concept of a seemingly infinite universe garnered attention from mainstream media all over the country.

And now *No Man's Sky* is out. Now, gamers can finally experience for themselves what they've craved for all these years. But now, *No Man's Sky* holds a meager 64/100 critic score on review



*No Man's Sky* represents the danger of hype. When a game (or anything else for that matter) garners up enough excitement, people tend to forget that the people who created it are mere mortals like anybody else.

aggregating site Metacritic, accompanied by a user score of 29/100.

People are mad, furious, that the game didn't live up to their lofty expectations. They're mad that despite the beautifully rendered world, *No Man's Sky* can quickly turn into a dull slog through planet after planet, system after solar system.

*No Man's Sky* represents the danger of hype. When a game (or anything else for that matter) garners up enough excitement, people tend to forget that the people who created it are mere mortals like anybody else. In this case, rigorous marketing by Sony and the obvious passion of Hello Games lead designer Sean Murray (who acted as the spokesperson for the game) made some people believe that this would be the "ultimate game." They (or more accurately, we) all forgot that this wasn't some big-budget extravaganza. It was an indie game created by a tiny, tiny studio of 15 employees.

Some people have been quick to blame Murray, who frequently promised enormous features that didn't make it into the

main game. But it feels hard to criticize someone for being passionate and ambitious about their art; Murray was as excited for his game as we were and, like us, he had unrealistic expectations about what it could become.

Really, the only people we have to blame are ourselves. This pattern of hype and letdown has been rampant not only throughout the history of games, but through the history of every popular art form. By creating mental images of what something could be, we fail to accept it for what it actually is.

*No Man's Sky* isn't a bad game. Numerous editorials have been released defending its strengths; namely, its ability to convey a meditative sense of solitude. Yet at this point, the overzealousness of the gaming community has stained *No Man's Sky's* reputation and likely its legacy. We can only hope that, this time, we learn from our mistake and prevent hype from sending other games into the depths of disappointment.

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By Kay Burton

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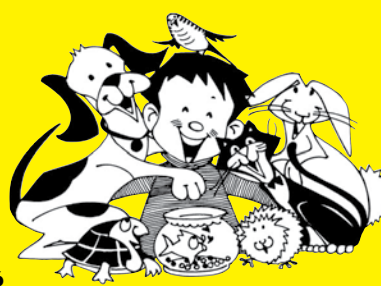
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# Meet An Adorable Rescue Dog



By Kay Burton



Parker Charlie

Parker was found on the streets of Modesto, very thin and not taken care of at all. If he had a home, he escaped from it. It's not known how long he had been roaming the streets before he was put into a Kill Shelter. The day he was to be put down, rescuers took him out and put him in a foster care, where he was for two months.

Sherry & Ray Stults found him on Adopt a Pet.com. They fell in love with his beautiful face at first sight. His coat and

teeth were a mess. They had him groomed the very next day, and had his teeth cleaned one month later.

Parker is a Havanese mix who is a fabulous companion who travels well, loves everyone and is very affectionate.

The Havanese is the National Dog of Cuba and is an ideal

family pet. This breed is very smart and can be trained faster than most small dogs.

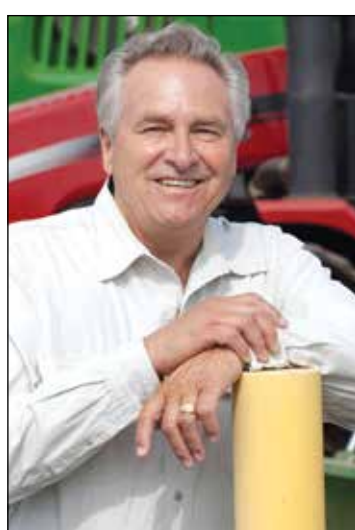
The Havanese does not do well in a household where it will be left alone all day. Exercise is necessary for this breed to be healthy and happy. Think about a companion pet for your dog. ★

# SB 32 Not Good for Californians, Economy

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Legislature voted to extend greenhouse gas mandates today by passing Senate Bill 32. The measure, if signed by the Governor, would require the California Air Resources Board to impose regulations to ensure statewide greenhouse gas emissions are reduced to 40% (or higher) below the 1990 levels by December 31, 2030. Vice Chair of the Senate Budget Committee, Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Gerber) issued the following statement:

"The government will now have license to dictate the types of ovens, stoves and cars the public can buy.

"Not everybody can afford to drive an electric car. Our priorities are to put food on the table,



Senator Jim Nielsen (R-Gerber)

and a roof over our heads and maybe, if there's anything left, to save for our family's future. ★

"Who can say what economic and social impacts this sweeping law will have on Californians? This government agency has failed to study the effects of their regulations on our daily lives. To grant them this extraordinary extension of authority for 14 more years will further damage our economy and destroy jobs."

Senator Jim Nielsen represents the Fourth Senate District, which includes all or portions of Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Tehama and Yuba Counties. To contact Senator Nielsen, please call him at (916) 651-4004, or via email at senator.nielsen@senate.ca.gov.

Source: Office of Senator Nielsen ★



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# IRS Warns of Back-to-School Scams

WASHINGTON, DC (MPG) - The Internal Revenue Service recently warned taxpayers against telephone scammers targeting students and parents during the back-to-school season and demanding payments for non-existent taxes, such as the "Federal Student Tax."

People should be on the lookout for IRS impersonators calling students and demanding that they wire money immediately to pay a fake "federal student tax." If the person does not comply, the scammer becomes aggressive and threatens to report the student to the police to be arrested. As schools around the nation prepare to re-open, it is important for taxpayers to be particularly aware of this scheme going after students and parents.

"Although variations of the IRS impersonation scam continue year-round, they tend to peak when scammers find prime opportunities to strike", said IRS Commissioner John Koskinen. "As students and parents enter the new school year, they should remain alert to bogus calls, including those demanding fake tax payments from students."



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The IRS encourages college and school communities to share this information so that students, parents and their families are aware of these scams.

Scammers are constantly identifying new tactics to carry out their crimes in new and unsuspecting ways. This year, the IRS has seen scammers use a variety of schemes

to fool taxpayers into paying money or giving up personal information. Some of these include: Altering the caller ID on incoming phone calls in a "spoofing" attempt to make it seem like the IRS, the local police or another agency is calling; Imitating software providers to trick tax professionals--IR-2016-103; Demanding fake tax payments using iTunes gift cards--IR-2016-99; Soliciting W-2 information from payroll and human resources professionals--IR-2016-34; "Verifying" tax return information over the phone--IR-2016-40; Pretending to be from the tax preparation industry--IR-2016-28

If you receive an unexpected call from someone claiming to be from the IRS, here are some of the telltale signs to help protect yourself.

**The IRS Will Never:**

- Call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer. Generally, the IRS will first mail you a bill if you owe any taxes.
- Threaten to immediately bring in

local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

- Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

If you get a suspicious phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and asking for money, here's what you should do: 1) Do not give out any information. Hang up immediately. 2) Search the web for telephone numbers scammers leave in your voicemail asking you to call back. Some of the phone numbers may be published online and linked to criminal activity. 3) Contact TIGTA to report the call. Use their "IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting" web page or call 800-366-4484. 4) Report it to the Federal Trade Commission. Use the "FTC Complaint Assistant" on FTC.gov. Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" in the notes. 5) If you think you might owe taxes, call the IRS directly at 800-829-1040.

Source: IRS Media



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