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OK, here we go! Welcome to tax season 2019.

My 18yo daughter is in college in Rocklin. I have "inherited" an 10yo (Phoebe) for whom I am effectively the parent. She'll be around...

Soccer was dreadful this year. Don't even ask about it. A roster of 17 players and (on one occasion) only three showed up to play. Actual text received a few minutes before a match - "sorry coach can't play today just got waxed".

The web site is 100% COMPLETELY NEW.  
Last time I did this I was running Windows 3.1.

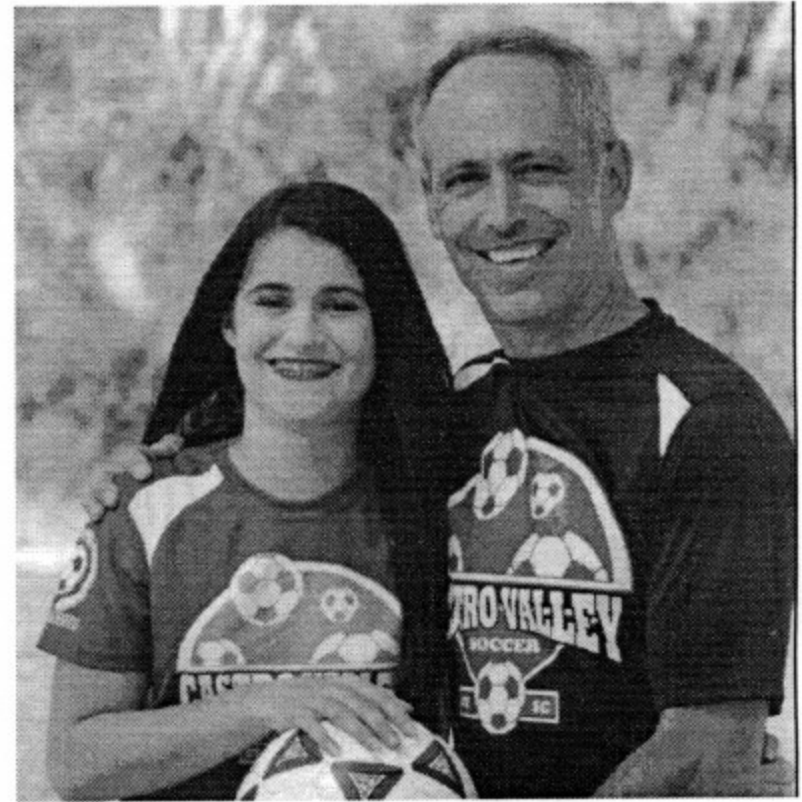
I had to learn how to code all over again. Anyway, a LOT more info on the site. I recommend using a real computer, not a phone ☺. If you really want to understand everything I do and why, it's there. And if you want me to add something tell me...

The tax code is (almost) completely new as well. If your return was going to be substantially impacted I did my best to recommend what changes I thought you should make. It's like trying to hit a moving target. Anyway, this year (2018) will be a "benchmark" for everyone and we'll be able to make accurate projections for 2019.

If you want to run through the list of everything you need to furnish, go to the "Before We Meet" tab and look under "Detailed Instructions". If you follow the directions listed you will NEVER miss anything I need. I would hope everyone would do this...

1) Annual Client Worksheet is now 2 pages for everyone and 3 pages for long-form filers. More pages but (actually) trying to make it easier for everyone. And more space to write as well ☺

2) I won't ask you for info I already have. If it's on the worksheet and it applies to you, fill it out. If you leave it blank you will miss out on something. I will charge extra \$\$\$ if (a) your worksheets are incomplete and I have to spend extra time getting info or (b) we call you more than 3 times, can't reach you, and can't leave a message because your voice mail greeting does not identify you. Please set up an outgoing announcement so we know who we are calling.





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- 3) Want to drop your tax forms off to us? Please just do it - do NOT call ahead. If the door is open, hand the paper to us. If it's closed, leave them in the lock box (the bottom one) on the front steps.
- 4) When using e-mail send your tax documents as attachments, do NOT integrate them into the body of the e-mail. Super-Hard to print out if you do that.
- 5) I have set up the "Fee Collect" service as usual, they charge \$25 and I get paid from your refund. I don't recommend this service but it is available (again).
- 6) Feel free to park in the driveway or the street, whatever is easier for you. If you need to wait, please wait inside and do NOT use the benches. No kidding, I had a neighbor complain about this. Want to keep the natives happy.☺
- 7) Please send only ONE tax return per fax or e-mail. A joint return is one return. If you are sending me three returns, send three separate e-mails or three faxes. I don't want to mix up your documents with the rest of your family.
- 8) If you enrolled in Obamacare you need to give me the form 1095-A. If I have to re-do the return because you forgot this form it's \$50 to re-do it. The IRS also announced that due to the Tax Cuts and Jobs act, you do NOT need to include forms 1095-B or 1095-C (evidence of regular health insurance coverage), so please do NOT send me those forms. Waste of paper...
- 9) Full disclosure - I will be charging \$5 more for returns this year and \$5 more for Schedule "A" (long forms). I think I last raised my rates five years ago.
- 10) Please just give us your tax forms, not the envelopes they come in. I'm a good tax preparer but a poor secretary. Please open your own mail.
- 11) If you live outside the immediate area, please consider letting us interviewing you over the phone and mailing you the completed tax return. Saves time and gas!

OK, you're ready to go.....Katya and I will see you soon!

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