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WEEKLY SUMMARY

The South Carolina results of the GOP nomination process, means that 3 different candidates have won the last 3 ballots. It will not be a clean, nor decisive nomination for the Republicans for some time to come even as the November election starts to loom much closer and the candidates run out of runway, while bruising each other and making taking on an incumbent President much more difficult.

The budget battle in Congress starts to heat up as the February deadline for the FICA reduction temporary reduction has to be resolved.

In addition the situation in Syria seems to be building to a conclusion. It is unlikely Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad will make it through the next 3 months. Rising tensions in the middle-east point to rising gas prices in the US.

It does seem that the US is slowing starting to shrug off the effects of a tough 4 years. It will not be a fast fix, nor will any growth be at a rapid pace, nor will there be robust job growth – look for slowly improving financial data with two steps forward and one back.

Greece put more pressure on its lenders with more ultimatums to take a greater “haircut” on their investments. Europe is still some months away from resolving its economic problems – but it looks like the Euro will remain intact.

Information you need to know about Identity Theft - I

Identity theft often starts outside of the tax administration system when someone’s personal information is unfortunately stolen or lost. Identity thieves may then use a taxpayer’s identity to fraudulently file a tax return and claim a refund. In other cases, the identity thief uses the taxpayer’s personal information in order to get a job. The legitimate taxpayer may be unaware that anything has happened until they file their return later in the filing season and it is discovered that two returns have been filed using the same Social Security number.

Here are the top things the IRS wants you to know about identity theft:

1. The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email to request personal or financial information. The IRS does not send emails stating you are being electronically audited or that you are getting a refund.
2. If you receive a scam e-mail claiming to be from the IRS, forward it to the IRS at phishing@irs.gov.
3. Identity thieves get your personal information by many different means including: Stealing your wallet or purse, posing as someone who needs information about you through a phone call or e-mail. Looking through your trash for personal information, accessing information you provide to an unsecured Internet site.
4. If you discover a website that claims to be the IRS but does not begin with ‘www.irs.gov,’ forward that link to the IRS at phishing@irs.gov.
5. To learn how to identify a secure website, visit the Federal Trade Commission at www.onguardonline.gov/tools/recognize-secure-site-using-ssl.aspx.

6. If your Social Security number is stolen, another individual may use it to get a job. That person’s employer may report income earned by them to the IRS using your Social Security number, thus making it appear that you did not report all of your income on your tax return. When this occurs, you should contact the IRS to show that the income is not yours. Your record will be updated to reflect only your information. You will also be asked to submit substantiating documentation to authenticate yourself. That information will be used to minimize this occurrence in future years.

7. Your identity may have been stolen if a letter from the IRS indicates more than one tax return was filed for you or the letter states you received wages from an employer you don’t know. If you receive such a letter from the IRS, leading you to believe your identity has been stolen, respond immediately to the name, address or phone number on the IRS notice.

8. If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft, but you believe you may be at risk due to a lost wallet, questionable credit card activity, or credit report, you need to provide the IRS with proof of your identity. You should submit a copy of your valid government-issued identification – such as a Social Security card, driver’s license, or passport – along with a copy of a police report and/or a completed IRS Form 14039, Identity Theft Affidavit, which should be faxed to the IRS at 978-684-4542. Please be sure to write clearly. As an option, you can also contact the IRS Identity Protection Specialized Unit, toll-free at 800-908-4490. You should also follow FTC guidance for reporting identity theft at www.ftc.gov/idtheft.

	Last Week	End of Week	Next Week	12/31/2012
Gold	\$1,635.50	\$1,671.10	\$1,700.00	\$1,950.00
Oil	\$98.70	\$97.93	\$100.00	\$120.00
Dow Jones	12,422.06	12,720.48	12,800.00	12,000.00
Prime Rate	3.25 %	3.25 %	3.25 %	3.25 %
Unemployment	8.60 %	8.60 %	8.60 %	8.30 %



Services that we provide:

- Tax preparation, individuals, corporations, LLC's, partnerships, overseas residents, non resident aliens, prior year returns
- Annual minutes for your company
- Ability to use QuickBooks and Quicken files, Online QuickBooks
- Certified QuickBooks Pro Advisor
- Monthly accounting – we will prepare your financial statements, bank reconciliations and depreciation calculations
- Payroll preparation and filing – we offer turnkey payroll solutions
- Human Resource Management – we can prepare an employee handbook for your particular situation
- Entity selection and compliance with various State and Federal regulations
- Efficient tax strategies – we can **recommend** the most appropriate strategy for your particular situation
- Financial planning - we can give you appropriate financial planning and budgeting information
- Forensic accounting – we can investigate “white collar” crime committed against you, or your business
- Valuation services – we can assist with the valuation of your business and investment assets for specific applications, estate planning, divorce, buy and sell agreements

New for 2010 tax year in 2011:

- You will be able to check on the status of your refunds www.irs.gov
- We will store your source documents online in a PDF file format for easy access in future years
- Electronic filing of Sub S and C Corporations and Partnerships
- We will be able to file multiple state returns this year – in the past we were limited to the number of state returns we could file for you
- Medical records – we are giving you the opportunity to have all your medical records in one secure location – www.allmymedicalrecords.com
- Charitable donations. Maintain your charitable deductions during the year at www.allmydeductions.com. In that way whether you use cash, credit card, debit card, checks, or donation of clothes etc you won't miss any deductions. Use our convenient list of accepted valuations to value your donated goods to Goodwill, Salvation Army, church, etc
- Entity selection – we have extensive information on company formation, whether it is an LLC, S Corporations, or C Corporations. Once you are incorporated we will walk you through the setup process
- Federal Identification applications – we can file and receive federal identification numbers – all on line for your convenience
- On line legal forms – we have the ability to prepare basic legal forms online
- Payroll preparation – we offer a comprehensive, competitively priced online payroll preparation service



Payroll Processing Services

You provide:

- Hours worked and employment information and forms for the staff. You can email, (Karen@psspaysroll.com) fax (580) 286 5818 or call toll free (800) 937 8868 to give us this information

We will provide the following services:

- No long term contract
- Payroll preparation for your employees and direct deposit of payroll checks and ACH transfer of payroll amount
- Payroll calculation within 24 hours
- Compliance with all government and state withholdings requirements
- Detailed invoice for all payroll related costs

Each Pay Period you will get:

- Payroll stubs for employees
- Management report detailing cost breakdown but only one amount to pay for all federal and state taxes
- Direct deposit of net payroll

Each Quarter

- We will file all required state and federal quarterly reports

What we need to get started:

- W4's for each employee
- I-9's for each employee
- Direct deposit information for the employees
- Bank details for the company's payroll account
- Your Federal ID number for the business