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Are You Using the Right Accounting Method for Your Business?

Your company's current method of accounting may no longer be appropriate due to changes in market conditions or within your company. This article highlights two popular accounting methods — cash vs. accrual — and lists factors to consider when deciding how to report your company's financial performance to lenders, investors and Uncle Sam.

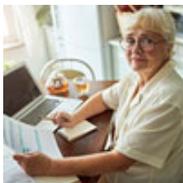
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Rising Rates Add to the Appeal of CRTs

There may be a silver lining in the recent uptick in interest rates: Higher rates allow people who set up charitable remainder trusts (CRTs) to take larger charitable contribution deductions than they could have taken when rates were lower. Here's what you should know about using these split-interest trusts to achieve your financial, estate planning and philanthropic goals.

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Are Your Social Security Benefits Taxable?

Many people are surprised to learn that more than half of Social Security recipients owe taxes on some of their benefits. The percentage of your benefits that could be taxable varies depending on your income level. Here's an overview of how "combined income" is calculated and possible strategies to help reduce it and, in turn, your overall tax obligation.

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Estimating the Value of Your Business Today

You should always operate your business as if it's up for sale, because you never know when you'll receive an offer that's too good to refuse. Plus, sales of some business interests may not be planned. Part of operating in a sale-ready state is knowing the current value of your company. Here's an overview of the fundamentals of valuing a private business, including key value drivers.

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Leasing a Location for Your Business

Where your company is situated can make all the difference in the world to its bottom line. If you're looking for the perfect site, be sure to check out local parking, traffic and amenities. In addition, negotiate the lease carefully and make certain you understand all the terms. This article provides a list of considerations to take into account.

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Some People Really DO Find Money

Although discovering that a long-lost relative has left you a fortune is mostly a fantasy of films and novels, it's fairly common for family members who have passed away to leave unidentified funds or property. This could involve a bank account or valuables in a safe deposit box. Here are the steps you can take to identify lost funds and to prevent your own assets — big or small — from being missed in your estate.

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