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Transatlantic commercial telephone service began, New York to London, January 7, 1927.

Congress authorized purchase of Thomas Jefferson's library as nucleus of the Library of Congress, January 30, 1815.

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## Lottery Bankruptcy

With the recent huge Powerball winning balance I was talking to a client regarding the bankruptcy rate of lottery winners. She was aware of the statistics but could not understand the concept.

I had to ask her out of the twenty employees in the office, who were financially savvy? Who had a tax professional assist with their tax preparation? How many had a relationship with a financial advisor? How many contributed to the 403B? Who wasn't living paycheck to paycheck? Now give one on them a huge fortune, what do you expect to happen?

This is the beginning of a financial disaster. Not having a relationship with certain professionals, how do you develop the necessary level of trust when you need help immediately and people are crawling out of the woodwork with their hand out?

Also, how many have the mental control not to go crazy with a spending and gifting spree? In an earlier blog entry I have my recommendations on how to deal with lottery winnings.

But without the necessary help and guidance, it would be easy for the winners to get in over their heads and lose everything.

## Dates to Remember

- Fourth Quarter Estimated payments due
- Fourth Quarter 941's due
- Fourth Quarter IDES Reporting due
- Federal 940 due
- W-2's and 1099's need to be mailed to individuals

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## This Month's Featured Service

### Payroll Services

We prepare payroll, weekly, biweekly, semi monthly or monthly. At the employer's direction we will process the payroll tax payment to the government agencies. We also prepare the quarterly and annual tax reports; 941, 941 IL, UI-3/40, 940, W-3, W-2's and 1099's.

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## Filing Delayed...

Are you one of those people who like to file early and get your hands on your refund? Well you may have some difficulties this tax season. Since Congress continued delaying the finalizing of the 2012 tax rules will cause additional delays with the filing season.

Because the taxwriters are not expected to act until mid-December at the earliest; we will have to wait for them to reinstate a set of tax provisions that expired after 2011. The IRS expects it will have to delay accepting some returns until mid-February.

These delays will affect itemizers and anyone deducting teachers' supplies or college tuition.

Refunds obviously will be delayed for millions of filers as well.

There is also the possibility of additional delays for identity fraud prevention.

## Postal Increases

Looks like it is time to stock up on "Forever Stamps", at least the postal increase will be implemented after the holiday season. On January 27, 2013 postal rates will go up again for first-class mail, catalogs, and other mail.

The U.S. Postal Service continues to generate losses in an attempt to stem the flow of red ink. The planned increase will not cover the projected expenses. Postal officials fear that steeper hikes would bring a sharp drop in volume.

### Planned changes:

Catalogs, circulars, magazines and packages will rise at least 2.5%.

Priority Mail (two-day delivery) is going up 6.3%

Express Mail (overnight and holiday delivery) will increase 5.8%

First-class stamp will increase to 46¢

Each additional ounce of mail will remain unchanged at 20¢.

## Featured Client



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