The “What Ifs” of Economic Changes

Economic events, such as decreased income, job loss, debt forgiveness, or early retirement fund distributions, can impact your tax situation. Please discuss your situation with us to determine if there are steps you can take to ease the burden. You should always file a tax return, even if you cannot pay your tax bill, to avoid additional penalties. If you are unable to pay, please contact us immediately.

Additional information is available from the IRS at: http://www.irs.gov/newsroom; Look for the “What Ifs” of an Economic Downturn.
Congratulations to Jona Goldrich who was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the new Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust in Pan Pacific Park. A long-time client of the firm, Mr. Goldrich is a founding Board Member of the new museum, and the creator of the Los Angeles Holocaust Monument. He is a tireless advocate for Holocaust education, working to ensure that the Holocaust will never be forgotten. He is one of the founders of Goldrich & Kest Industries, LLC, and a champion for more affordable housing in America.

Luc Leestemaker, artist/landscape painter, recently wrote The Intentional Artist: Stories from My Life, published by Skylark Press. It is a compilation of stories and visual impressions by someone who has lived an unconventional artist’s life, with a varied background in art, theater and the corporate world. The book is for anyone seeking to find or renew their creative way. A must-read for executives, artists and students alike. More info about Luc can be found at www.theintentionalartist.com and www.lucleestemaker.com.

Amy Andelson and Emily Meyer co-wrote the screenplay for the feature film, Step Up 3D, from Touchstone Pictures (Disney). It is about a tight-knit group of New York City street dancers who team up with an NYU freshman, and find themselves pitted against the world’s best hip hop dancers in a high-stakes showdown that will change their lives forever.

Romy Rosemont just completed a successful run on stage in Los Angeles, at the Geffen Playhouse, in Love, Loss, and What I Wore. Her recent TV credits include playing Carole Hudson (Finn’s mom) on Glee. Jackie on Private Practice, and Jo Ellen Paxton on Hawthorne. She also starred as Carrie–Ann in the feature film Please Give.

Congrats to Miguel Marin for his appointment to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) as Technical Officer, Operations, Flight Safety Section. ICAO, a United Nations Specialized Agency, is the global forum for the safe, secure and sustainable development of civil aviation.

Michael Pasternak, aka DJ “Emperor Rosko” broadcasts around the world from his studio in California. He can be heard nightly on “The LA Connection” and “Coast to Coast Country” radio shows aired on the Big L 1395am in the UK (www.bigl.co.uk). He is a past recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Radio Academy in London and has won top DJ awards from many organizations. For more info go to www.empdj.com.

Sandra Ilkoff and Macky Alston are the Executive Producers of the acclaimed documentary film, Off and Running, which recently premiered as part of PBS’s 2010 POV Season. Directed by Nicole Opper, the film had an exciting year, winning top prizes around the world. Off and Running tells the story of Brooklyn teenager Avery, a track star with a bright future. She is the adopted African–American child of white Jewish lesbians, who struggles over her “true” identity, with inspiring results.

Stephen Root is currently appearing on stage in Los Angeles, at the Kirk Douglas Theatre, as Don John in William Shakespeare’s Much Ado About Nothing. He also recently starred as Charlie Thompson in the film Unthinkable and will play the role of John Lloyd in the upcoming film The Conspirator. He has appeared in the TV series 24, as Bill Prady, and The Defenders pilot as Judge Taylor. His credits include providing the voice of Penguin in Batman: The Brave and the Bold, and Bill Dauterive on King of the Hill.

Rocky Lang’s first novel, The Big Nasty, was published earlier this year by Cable Publishing. It is a fast-paced, unforgettable tale that includes a suspicious death and a whirlwind romance that takes the characters from Palm Springs to Washington, DC and Las Vegas. A veteran of Hollywood, Rocky has written, produced and directed feature films and television programs. More info about Rocky can be found at www.rockylang.com.

Cobblestone Vineyards whose inaugural Pinot Noir was named New Zealand’s #1 wine, winning trophies for both Champion Pinot Noir as well as overall Champion Wine of the Show, at the 2010 Romeo Bragato Wine Awards in New Zealand. “It is incredibly gratifying to receive this prestigious recognition,” says Cobblestone owner Saul Levine.

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