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## Standard Financial Topics

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### Moves to Make Before Year's End

Before you close the book on 2025, give yourself a head start on 2026. A year-end review of your portfolio and insurance policies can help ensure your investments are in line with your goals and your risks are properly covered for the new year.

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### Empty Nest Investing

If your kids are grown and have grabbed control of their financial lives, now is a good time to refocus on your financial prospects and strategies for achieving your goals. Pay attention to the areas that can most affect your retirement readiness:

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## Retirement Planning

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### Saving for Retirement in a Job-hopping World

You might change jobs for a variety of reasons—more responsibility, better pay and benefits, or relocation. When you change jobs, you'll have to decide what to do with your retirement funds, including money you contributed and vested company contributions. Vesting refers to the portion of any employer matching funds that you own. Leaving a job before you're vested in your employer's retirement plan can deprive you of contributions your employer made to your account.

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### Moving the Starting Line

As you near retirement, you'll need to make some financial decisions that will affect the rest of your life. We say will because even inaction is a decision. Foremost among these decisions is when you begin drawing retirement income, from Social Security and a Health Savings Account to an IRA and 401(k) plan. Everyone's situation is different, but the following diverse scenarios may ring a bell with you.

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## Small Business Needs

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### Your Year-end Business Plan

If you own a small business, reducing your 2025 tax bill and planning for a successful new year should be on your radar as the current year draws to a close.

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### Integrate Personal with Business Financial Planning

As a business owner, you may be caught up in end-of-year planning for your business. But personal financial planning is equally important. As you work with your financial and tax professionals to plan for your business, consider what you need to do to stay on track with your personal finances, too.

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## Legacy/Insurance Planning

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### Smart Financial Moves at Year's End

Looking to make some smart money decisions as 2025 draws to a close? Start by reviewing whether you've taken full advantage of your insurance benefits.

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### Think About Charitable Giving at Year's End

Supporting a cause or charitable organization that's important to you may be high on your year-end to-do list. Before the ball drops and you bring out the hats and noisemakers, take time to identify charities that you want to receive your donations.

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## Inside Articles

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### Surprise – It's Taxable!

It's almost that time of year when you and the IRS must settle what you owe — or what the government owes you. Before you prepare your tax return, consider whether you'll need to include any of the taxable items listed.

### Smart Budgeting Tips After the Holidays

The holiday season often leads to overspending, leaving many feeling financially strained afterward. To get your finances back on track, start by reviewing your expenses and creating a realistic budget.

### Preparing Financially for Winter

Severe winter weather can create havoc both personally and

financially, so it makes sense to prepare for the season by looking at ways to keep ice, snow and extreme cold at bay and save some money in the process.

### Ways to Curb Holiday Spending

Although the winter holidays aren't here yet now is a great time to prepare financially for them. For many people, this means starting with a plan, creating a budget and sticking to it. Here are a few ways you might accomplish this.

### Successful Grocery Budgeting

Holiday grocery shopping can destroy your food budget in the blink of an eye. Save at the supermarket with these timely tips.

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## High Net Worth Topics

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### Using Stop Orders in Uncertain Times

Investors may face heightened risks during periods of market volatility. One strategy for safeguarding your investments during these turbulent times is the use of stop orders. Stop orders aren't just tools for selling off underperforming assets.

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### A Time For Giving

Year-end is a time for giving, not only to family and friends but also to charity. If you're among our readers who are passionate about philanthropy, year-end giving can offer the satisfaction of making a difference as well as significant financial advantages.

## Inside Articles

### Is Santa Claus Coming to Town?

Not the jolly old man in red, but the Santa Claus rally. This phenomenon refers to the tendency of stock prices to rise during the final week of December through the first two trading days of January. Historical data shows that dating to the 19th century, the markets have most often experienced positive returns during this period.

### Protect Your Home From Deed Theft

Your property isn't just a piece of real estate—it's a significant investment and a crucial part of your financial portfolio. Unfortunately, with the rise of digital documentation and online transactions, deed theft has become a growing concern you can't ignore.

### Manage Your Debt Portfolio

Like most people, you probably have a debt portfolio in addition to your investment portfolio. To make the most of your finances, you need to evaluate your debts regularly, just as you evaluate your investment performance.

### Introducing The Green Impact Stock Exchange (GIX)

Set to launch in early 2026, the GIX\* is being hailed as the first stock market in the U.S. solely dedicated to the burgeoning \$35 trillion sustainability economy. The sustainability economy encompasses a wide range of sectors, including renewable energy, waste management, sustainable agriculture, and more.

