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pals last year? If so, consider the following: income,	re married and your spouse does not have earned explore spousal IRA options.	
snapshot of where you are today to last year and/or a prior time.  Inventory your recent accomplishments to identify what  strategies worked well.  your goals you fully fu other goals	ed to confirm that you are adequately saving toward? If so, review your target savings and funding rates. If nd some goals early in the year, continue saving toward.	? If so, review your target savings and funding rates. If nd some goals early in the year, continue saving toward
co accign a priority and time herizon, and incorporate them into	<b>funds left in your FSA from last year?</b> If so, consider funds before the expiration of any grace period.	
Are you subject there any life events that are likely to occur for yourself or older)? If so, continuous are characteristic and the subject of the subject o	to taking RMDs (inherited IRA or age 72 or onsider the following: aritably inclined and age 70½ or older, you can do a yyour RMD. Note the "first dollars out" rule.	onsider the following: oritably inclined and age 70½ or older, you can do a y your RMD. Note the "first dollars out" rule.
ill reach a milestone age this year? If so, reference the	your withholdings.  nnual gifts? If so, make a plan to fund strategically,	your withholdings.
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	djust or replenish your emergency fund?	djust or replenish your emergency fund?
you need to review your cash flow plan? If so, evaluate your 🔲 🔲 property this year	to buy or sell business, personal, or real r?	
tual income and expenses, and adjust your spending plan as ecessary.  Do you need to rev	riew your investment risk tolerance?	riew your investment risk tolerance?
	view the performance of your investment	view the performance of your investment
Insider maxing out annual contributions to any retirement counts, Health Savings Account, Flexible Spending Account, ad/or Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account.  Do you need to respond to respond to the wise adjust following:	ebalance your investment portfolio or your asset allocation? If so, consider the	your asset allocation? If so, consider the
Fund a Roth IRA, make deductible contributions to a traditional (e.g., due to tax)	der the tax consequences and trade strategically. trades last year that were meant to be short-term loss harvesting or to avoid capital gain	trades last year that were meant to be short-term

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ASSET & DEBT ISSUES (CONTINUED)	YES	NO	INSURANCE ISSUES	YES
> Do you need to review your asset location across the accounts in your portfolio? If so, consider holding tax-efficient investments in taxable accounts, and tax-inefficient investments in tax-preferred accounts.			Do you expect any changes with regard to your health or medical treatments? If so, consider reviewing your health insurance coverage and alternate options.	
> If you have a mortgage, should you explore refinancing?			<ul> <li>Do you need to review your life insurance coverage?</li> <li>Do you need new or increased disability insurance coverage?</li> </ul>	
Are there debts that you would like to eliminate this year? If so, strategically target debts with the least favorable terms first.			Is it time to explore (or review existing) LTC insurance?	
Are you a co-signer/guarantor on any loans/agreements? If so, check in with the other interested parties to confirm the terms, payment history, current status, etc.			Have you made any improvements to your property or acquired new valuables? If so, consider reviewing your property insurance (homeowners, renters, etc.), increasing coverage and/or adding riders as appropriate.	
> Will you potentially need to borrow funds this year?				
Do you need to review your credit report/score?			LEGAL ISSUES	YES
Do you need to freeze your credit?				
			Do you need to review your estate plan?	
TAX ISSUES	YES	NO	Do you need to review the titling/ownership of your assets?	
Do you need to collect tax forms and organize other documents in preparation for filing income tax returns for last year? If so, use last year's filings and/or a tax organizer to begin to gather all information necessary for filing Form 1040 and any state returns.			<ul> <li>Are you, or will you be, serving as a fiduciary? If so, consider the following:</li> <li>Review your duties and your performance to ensure that you are upholding applicable standards.</li> <li>If you are an Executor or Trustee of an irrevocable trust, consider whether a distribution and election under the 65-Day Rule would</li> </ul>	
> Did you make taxable gifts, or do you want to split gifts for last year? If so, collect documentation necessary for filing Form 709.			be prudent.	
> Would Roth conversions be beneficial this year?			Have any new laws gone into effect that might impact your financial plan? If so, consider how your saving strategies, income	
Did you fail to make an IRA contribution for the prior tax year, but would you like to do so? If so, you have until Tax Day			tax situation, estate plan, etc. might have been affected and what steps might be necessary.	
(excluding extensions) this year to make a contribution for last year.  Do you own investments in taxable accounts that are likely to			Are you subject to any new contracts/agreements, or did any such arrangements expire?	
make capital gains or income distributions (e.g., certain mutual funds and ETFs)? If so, consider your cost basis and whether it might be advantageous to sell in advance of such distributions.			If you own a business, are there any changes on the horizon this year?	
> Do you need to review your unrealized gains and losses and create a harvesting strategy?			Are there any state-specific issues to consider?	



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