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IRS-CI releases FY2022 annual report highlighting more than 2,550 investigations, 90% conviction rate; enforcement actions focused on tax fraud, money laundering, cybercrimes

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In fiscal year 2022, IRS Criminal Investigation initiated more than 2,550 criminal investigations, identified over \$31 billion from tax and financial crimes, and obtained a 90.6% conviction rate on cases accepted for prosecution. The [IRS-CI FY22 Annual Report](#), released Thursday, details these statistics, as well as important partnerships and significant criminal enforcement actions from the past fiscal year, which began Oct. 1, 2021, and ended Sept. 30, 2022.

“The cases the IRS-CI team investigated over the past fiscal year touch multiple continents and require cooperation with partners around the globe. This is why IRS-CI continues to cement itself as the preeminent law enforcement agency investigating financial crimes on a global scale,” said IRS Commissioner Chuck Rettig.

“Our team follows the money,” said IRS-CI Chief Jim Lee. “We’ve been doing it for more than 100 years, and we’ve followed criminals into the dark web and now into the metaverse. Tax and other financial crimes know no borders. In FY22, IRS-CI expanded partnerships with foreign counterparts to help combat tax and financial crimes on a global level. IRS-CI special agents delivered trainings in countries like Argentina, Germany, Colombia, and Palau on topics ranging from cybercrime to human trafficking. IRS-CI Mexico City, after changes to Mexico law that enabled the extradition of tax fugitives, launched an initiative to identify fugitives who had absconded to Mexico and nearby countries. This initiative resulted in the location of 79 criminal fugitives and the apprehension of eight during the first year.

IRS-CI joined Taskforce Kleptocapture in March 2022 to target Russian oligarchs and other sanctions-evaders. It also worked with the Chiefs of Global Tax Enforcement (J5) to identify potential sanction evaders or sanctioned assets as part of a global strategy to deter Russia’s aggression. As of September 2022, the agency had identified nearly 50 individuals and entities for potential sanctions-related enforcement.

IRS-CI’s 2,077 special agents spent about 70% of their time investigating tax-related crimes like tax evasion and tax fraud during FY22, while nearly 30% of their time was spent on money laundering and drug trafficking cases. Special agents identified over \$31 billion from tax and financial crimes, and the agency seized assets valued at approximately \$7 billion in FY22. IRS-CI is the only U.S. federal law enforcement agency that focuses 100% on financial investigations.

Through the summer and fall I have communicated how the business of filing income taxes is changing. Both the IRS and State governments are HIGHLY encouraging tax payers to file electronically. (This will be mandatory in a few years.) It's quicker, easier, and in most cases - where a refund is involved, your refund will get to you faster than by filing by paper. If you owe, you can choose the date to have the money withdrawn from your bank, pay by check, or set up a payment plan.

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If you are a **current** client and you don't need to speak with me or have questions for me - and would like to save yourself a trip to our office, you can submit your tax information to me by email at **corinnejthompson@sedillolllc.com**. Please make sure all of your information is scanned, clear and legible. Please always follow up with a phone call to make sure we received your email. 602-241-0712

Texting pictures to my phone will not be accepted.

If you have questions that can be answered online, please email them to **corinnejthompson@sedillolllc.com**. If you need to meet with me, please call the office to set up an appointment, 602-241-0712.

As always, I will call you with your final numbers, before filing. At this point, you can let me know if you'd like me to mail your final tax copy to you (additional \$5 mailing fee) or if you'd like to come in to pick it up. **Payment will be due at this point.**

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Wishing you and yours blessings this holiday season!

Facts about December

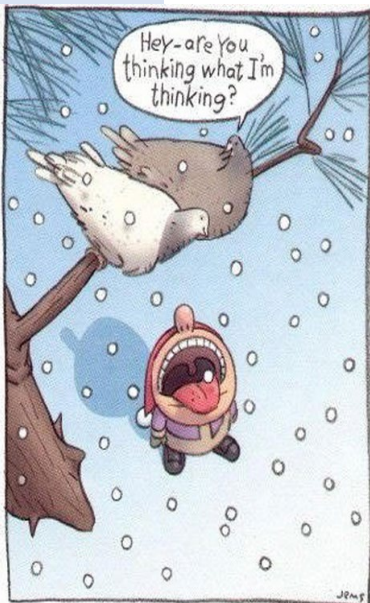
December 10, 1896, saw the death of the Nobel Prize's namesake, Alfred Nobel. In Nobel's will, he declared that his accumulated wealth be used to give awards to members of society who show great achievement in the advancement of humanity. Some of the most famous Nobel prize recipients include Albert Einstein, Marie Curie, and Martin Luther King Jr.

The Bill of Rights came into effect on December 15, 1791. The Bill of Rights included the first ten amendments to the US constitution, rights which are said to be the pillars of modern US society and government.

On December 30, 1803, the United States of America essentially doubled in size when it formally took control of Louisiana. The US acquired the territory of Louisiana, some 885,000 square miles (2292,000 square kilometers) from France through the Louisiana Purchase, costing the US government \$15 million.

The first ever date of Christmas being celebrated was in 336AD to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

The first Christmas card was created by Sir Henry Cole in 1843.





Grinch Brownies

Grinch Brownies are anything but "grinchy." They're a mix of rich chocolate and mint that are guaranteed to make any Grinch's heart grow at least three sizes.

Prep Time: 25 mins Cook Time: 35 mins Chilling Time: 1 hr
Total Time: 2 hrs Servings: 12 <https://kitchenfunwithmy3sons.com/>

Ingredients:

- 1 9x13 box of brownie mix
- 26 Mint Oreo cookies chopped
- 2 C white chocolate chips
- 1/2 C heavy cream
- 1/4 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 4 drops of leaf green food coloring
- red hots candies

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Line a 9x13 baking dish with parchment paper. Set aside.
- Prepare the brownie mix according to the directions on the package.
- Chop 16 Oreo cookies into quarters and mix them into the brownie batter.
- Chop the remaining Oreo cookies into quarters putting them into another bowl. Set aside.
- Spread the batter evenly in the pan.
- Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes.
- Check the brownies to see if they are completely cooked.
- Once baked, put the baking pan on a wire rack allowing the brownies to cool.
- Bring a saucepan filled with water to simmering.
- Put a heat-safe bowl on top of the pot of simmering water.
- Pour the white chocolate and heavy cream in the bowl. Stir constantly until melted. Take white chocolate chips and heavy cream mixture in the bowl off the heat.
- Stir in the peppermint extract.
- Now add a few drops of green food coloring. Stir well to combine. (You can add more mint extract, up to 1/2 teaspoon.)
- Quickly pour the ganache on top of the brownies.
- Sprinkle the remaining chopped Oreos on top of the ganache. Sprinkle on the red candies.
- Chill the brownies, allowing the ganache to set for at least an hour.
- Cut the brownies into bars.

Calories: 322kcal | Carbohydrates: 37g | Protein: 3g | Fat: 19g | Trans Fat: 1g | Cholesterol: 20mg | Sodium: 153mg | Fiber: 1g | Sugar: 29g

December

Dec 1

Rosa Parks Day

Dec 2

National Bartender Day

Dec 8

National Brownie Day

Dec 12

Poinsettia Day



Dec 13

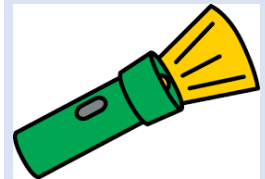
National Guard Birthday

Dec 19

National Hard Candy Day

Dec 21

National Flashlight Day



Dec 24

National Egg Nog Day

Dec 28

Pledge of Allegiance Day

Dec 31

National Champagne Day

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