

FAITH & FAMILY – THE TRUTH ABOUT SAVING MONEY

Do you believe in God? Are you Chinese? If you have answered yes to one (or both) of these questions, you are more likely to save money than someone who responded with a “no”. Everyone from our parents to our governments encourage us to reap the benefits of saving, but some groups are more culturally pre-disposed to the habit than others.

A special report on the website of leading business publication **INTHEBLACK** profiles the types of people who tick the boxes when it comes to saving money. [See the report here](#)

As it turns out, religion and ethnicity prove to be significant influencers in laying the behavioural foundations for saving money.

Certainly, there are many factors which impact on an individual’s ability to save and then capitalise on their nest egg, but an innovative cross-nation survey (which includes Australia) shows there are lessons to be learned from those who are better at parking their money than others.

THE BEST WAYS TO GET PARENTS BACK TO WORK

Paid parental leave has been a hot political topic in recent times, but less attention has been given to the real-world issues confronting individuals, families and businesses when those parents look to go back to work. Reshaped job arrangements and added pressures on expanded young families require planning and flexibility from all concerned.

The latest issue of **INTHEBLACK** magazine carries expert advice on the best ways workplaces can accommodate parents re-entering the workforce. At the very least, their own world has changed dramatically and the job they left may no longer best suit their needs – or that of their employer.

THE PAPER TRAIL – HOW AUSTRALIA IS CATCHING THE BAD GUYS

Al Capone didn’t go to jail for murder, bootlegging or extortion. He got caught out on income tax. Fast-forward to 2017, and stopping terrorists, tax evaders, money launderers and organised crime gangs is not always about a pre-dawn raid. It’s about making it incredibly difficult for them to do business.

A report in the latest issue of CPA Australia’s **INTHEBLACK** magazine details how the Fintel Alliance is putting the squeeze on serious crime, by identifying the funds and money trails of dubious individuals and organisations.

Led by the Australian Transaction Records of Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC), the alliance is a collaboration of 19 major financial and government bodies (and counting). The new organisation has global connections and will hopefully prove to be organised crime’s worst nightmare.

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IT'S TRUE – BATTLERS BEAR THE BRUNT OF THE TAX BURDEN

Australians have often been accused of tall poppy syndrome. But when it comes to the tax burden, it seems our prejudice may be justified. Australia's tax burden is not being borne by the wealthiest. In fact, it's those with the least to give, who are being hit the hardest.

A special report in leading business publication **INTHEBLACK** reveals how low-income earners in Australia can double their pay and still have nothing extra to show for it. The sliding scale of rising taxes and reducing benefits is hitting battlers the hardest.

THE RETAIL RAIDERS – GOOD OR DANGEROUS?

We shop differently than we've ever shopped before. From embracing new players like ALDI to jumping onto Amazon to buy anything from clothes to computers, traditional shops (and the important jobs they provide) are under serious pressure. Is all this competition a good thing, or undermining our collective future?

The latest **INTHEBLACK** magazine carries a special report on the rise of international retailers in Australia, and examines the impact they're having. Change, it seems, is here to stay, but what that means for the big picture is uncertain.

THE SUPER SCAMS – DON'T LOSE YOUR RETIREMENT

Billions of dollars are pouring into superannuation schemes and are proving irresistible to scammers. In most instances self-managed super funds are targeted, allowing the scammers to get direct access to other people's nest eggs through bogus investment opportunities.

A special report on the **INTHEBLACK** website details the scams to watch out for, as Aussie accountants often find they are the last line of defence. [See the report here](#)

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