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Taking care of business – retirement planning

With the day-to-day challenges of growing a business, many entrepreneurs and owner-managers have little time for personal retirement planning. It's easy to put off the future when the present is so busy — and so promising! But it is possible — and important — to grow both your business and your retirement assets.

So, why aren't you using

an RRSP? I'm building my assets within my business. A successful business will guarantee a comfortable retirement, right? Maybe, but what happens if a change in economic circumstances brings about a financial change for your business? Your personal liability would be limited (if you were incorporated), but your retirement plan would also be wiped out.

Using an RRSP outside your business, and tax sheltering assets inside your business makes more sense than an all or nothing approach.

I don't draw enough income to make an RRSP contribution. Many small business owners choose to take little or no salary from their business in an effort to minimize their taxes. When they do take money, it's often in

the form of a dividend (which doesn't qualify as earned income for RRSP purposes). However, almost everyone has some income that will qualify for an RRSP deduction. While the \$13,500 maximum contribution may be out of your reach, every contribution counts. With as little as \$50 or \$100 a month, contributed regularly and in-

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Monthly In	nvestments of S	100 compoun	ded to age 65
If you		Amount Accumulated	
Start	Total	If you earn	
At Age	Investment	9%	12%
30	\$42,000	\$296,385	\$649,527
35	36,000	184,447	352,991
40	30,000	112,953	189,764
45	24,000	67,290	99,915
50	18,000	38,124	50,458
55	12,000	19,497	23,234

Figure 1

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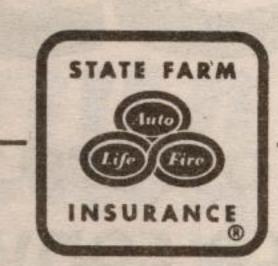
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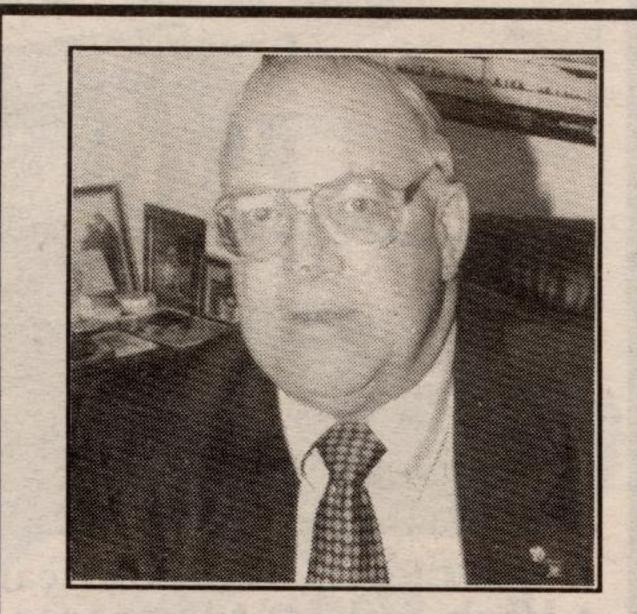
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