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Personal Finance Webinar links

Here's the link from NYT on how to pack a carry-on:

<http://www.nytimes.com/slideshow/2010/05/06/business/businessspecial/20100506-pack-ss.html?src=me&ref=homepage>

Here's Melissa's post on local angles from the oil spill: <http://bit.ly/cdANiE>

Here's the Detroit News story on landscapers:

<http://detnews.com/article/20100510/BIZ/5100335/Landscapers-find-workers-choosing-jobless-pay>

Here are more tips from Melissa on unemployment stories: <http://bit.ly/cpiCA7>

There's a bit in here on the euro and the dollar in this post on localizing the stock market's freefall last week: <http://bit.ly/asdxav>

Here are more ideas from Melissa on food recalls:

<http://businessjournalism.org/2010/03/09/help-readers-make-sense-of-food-recalls/>

Here are more tips on covering travel disruptions from Melissa:

<http://bit.ly/clU4dT>

Here's the post on down year for hiring for teen workers: <http://bit.ly/90tcUR>

In addition to teens, you can take a look at the job woes of older workers, too, many of whom are starting businesses targeted at others their age, according to the WSJ:

<http://bit.ly/8WwLlv>

Here's more on localizing green cars: <http://bit.ly/cTlSpL>

Here's more from Melissa on localizing disasters: <http://bit.ly/aTlt33>

Here's Melissa's prom story: <http://businessjournalism.org/2010/03/30/prepping-for-prom-stories/>

Here's more on job outlook for college grads this year: <http://bit.ly/dyhWzG>

Remodeling Projects: <http://www.remodeling.hw.net/remodeling-market-data/about-the-200910-cost-vs-value-report.aspx>

Here's more from Melissa on remodeling trends: <http://bit.ly/9BKgg6>

We have real estate agents who specialize in short sales here, and the NYT had a story recently about agents specializing in evictions: <http://bit.ly/c2Cdxo>

Here are more real estate ideas from Melissa: <http://bit.ly/asDZFc>

More from Melissa on spotting trends in cottage sales and rentals: <http://businessjournalism.org/2010/03/22/spotting-trends-in-cottage-sales-and-rentals/>

Here's a primer on how to value your house in a down market from The Arizona Republic: <http://bit.ly/aroHkx>

Here is more from Melissa on appliance rebates: <http://bit.ly/agOTNi>

Here's more on the St. Joseph statue angle: <http://bit.ly/90sy77>

Here's a Melissa post on writing about where the jobs are: <http://bit.ly/c673ty>

The guy who makes a living by picking up the uncashed tickets at race tracks -- enough are winners: <http://bit.ly/dtp1nA>

Here's a Melissa post on how to mine the classifieds for stories: <http://bit.ly/adg9Vn>

Here's the Melissa post on recalls: <http://bit.ly/9qwZOX>

Here's more on recalls from Melissa: <http://bit.ly/aOsK3w>

Here's a Melissa post on localizing green cars: <http://bit.ly/cTlSpL>

Here's a Melissa post on spinning stories off airline baggage fees: <http://bit.ly/bPgocV>

Car loans at record low rates: <http://www.autoobserver.com/2010/04/car-loan-rates-fall-to-record-lows-edmundscom-reports.html>

Here's the Energy Information Administration page on what goes into cost of gallon of gas: <http://bit.ly/cNz2Ri>

Here's more on tracking gas prices from Melissa: <http://bit.ly/bkIYuS>

Here's more on covering airline mergers from Melissa: <http://bit.ly/9odHaP>

And a post on mining airline financial reports: <http://bit.ly/al84U4>

More on RVs and boats from Melissa: <http://bit.ly/cm5bI2>

Here are some tips on covering health-care reform from veteran biz journalist John Wasik, who is writing a book on the topic: <http://bit.ly/abKcYX>

And here's more from Wasik: <http://bit.ly/bRDco1>

Here's a Melissa post on finding stories in drug stores and urgent-care centers: <http://bit.ly/bPWchu>

Melissa did a post on how to track nursing home ratings: <http://bit.ly/dw3KJa>

More from Melissa on humanizing health-care reform: <http://bit.ly/9ZFt3C>

<http://health.usnews.com/health-news/managing-your-healthcare/healthcare/articles/2009/08/31/retail-medical-clinics-offer-quality-care-study.html>

Here's Melissa on COBRA extension for long-term unemployed: <http://bit.ly/aXp460>

Kaiser Family Foundation provides stats by state on a variety of health topics: <http://www.statehealthfacts.org/>

And here's Kaiser's nonpartisan take on health-care reform: <http://bit.ly/9xmtvb>

And the drug companies run a site, too: <http://www.rxassist.org/>

Medicare also has a link to drug-assistance programs: <http://www.medicare.gov/pap/index.asp>

Here's the NYT piece on scams: <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/25/health/policy/25scam.html>

Hope you guys will be back in July for Jimmy Gentry's "Unlocking Financial Statements" Webinar July 19-23: <http://bit.ly/cXJkfU>

And here's the place to get RSS feeds of Melissa and Rosland's daily tips:
<http://bit.ly/7AR2nI>

More on Senate vote on debit-card transaction fees: <http://bit.ly/dCaj1G>

Here's a post from Reynolds Biz J Chair Pam Luecke at Washington & Lee U on how to cover interest rates when they start to inch up. Retirees are one angle:
<http://bit.ly/cIOa6C>

Here's more from Melissa on recent credit-card reform: <http://bit.ly/a27nCp>

Here's more from Melissa on the 0 percent interest offers: <http://bit.ly/aZXfyj>

NYTimes and Frontline have collaborated on a great project on credit and debit cards called The Card Game: <http://nyti.ms/9190Cs>

Here's the USA Today article on showing readers what checking accounts cost:
http://www.usatoday.com/money/industries/banking/2009-09-30-checking-account-fees-rise_N.htm

NYT had an A1 story recently on how big bucks are now being made overseas in microlending by banks: <http://bit.ly/9gkwuZ>

Here's the lending to a neighbor story:
<http://articles.moneycentral.msn.com/Banking/BetterBanking/BetterBankingDyn.aspx?cp-documentid=23492948>

Here's how to check out your stock broker or brokerage firm:
http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/cic_text/money/stockbroker/broker.htm

USA Today has interesting story today on group-buying sites such as www.groupon.com: <http://bit.ly/cAFb7i>

And don't overlook freecycling, or giving stuff away you don't want instead of tossing it: <http://www.freecycle.org/>

Weekly column matching people who had stuff to give away (bricks, piano, freezer) with people who wanted it, called "Come and Get It:" <http://bit.ly/bL0ARq>

Jumpstart Coalition: www.jumpstart.org

Senior Brigade: www.seniorbrigade.com

Here's more on gold from Melissa: <http://bit.ly/cVHYM0>
And <http://businessjournalism.org/2009/09/03/explaining-gold-1000-to-your-readers/>

This is a piece by The Consumerist blog on Cash4Gold, one of the scrap-gold buyers. Used mystery shoppers to compare prices for the same piece of jewelry at several outlets: <http://consumerist.com/2009/09/the-article-cash4gold-doesnt-want-you-to-read.html>

Calculate-your-home's-value worksheet:

<http://www.azcentral.com/business/realestate/articles/2010/04/21/20100421arizona-home-calculator.html>

Upcoming free training from the Reynolds Center:

<http://businessjournalism.org/category/workshops/>