

Maryland Public Television hosts on-air panel exploring common spending and saving habits

Thinking Money: Practical Solutions *airs July 31*

OWINGS MILLS –Most Americans struggle with overspending, instead of saving their money for the future. Studies show the majority of Americans have less than three months savings, and one-fourth of the population has no savings at all. Experts suggest that between debt-ridden Baby Boomers and millennials who are under-educated about financial literacy, the United States is on the brink of a retirement crisis. *Thinking Money: Practical Solutions* is a panel featuring local experts who share tips and tricks for creating a financial safety net and building a strong portfolio. The program airs on Friday, July 31 at 10 p.m.

The half-hour panel discussion *Thinking Money: Practical Solutions* was produced as a follow-up to the one-hour documentary *Thinking Money: The Psychology Behind Our Best and Worst Financial Decisions*, which explores how the market and our brains affect our financial decision making. *Practical Solutions* offers real-life answers to the questions and challenges presented in the original documentary. Viewers can watch both programs on July 31, with the documentary beginning at 9 p.m. and the panel discussion following at 10 p.m.

Thinking Money: Practical Solutions is moderated by veteran business television anchor and correspondent Karen Gibbs and features the following guests:

- Gerri Walsh, president of FINRA Foundation and senior vice president of Investor Education
- Dr. Allen Cox, managing director of the Maryland Coalition for Financial Literacy, a division of the Maryland Council on Economic Education
- Tisa Silver, associate director of financial education and wellness for the University of Maryland, Baltimore

Thinking Money: Practical Solutions airs on MPT-HD July 31 at 10 p.m. and again on Saturday, August 1 at 2 a.m. *Thinking Money* is produced by Rocket Media Group in association with FINRA Investor Education Foundation and Maryland Public Television.

About MPT

Launched in 1969 and headquartered in Owings Mills, MD, Maryland Public Television is a nonprofit, state-licensed public television network and member of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS). MPT's six transmitters cover Maryland plus portions of contiguous states and the District of Columbia. Frequent winner of regional Emmy® awards, MPT creates local, regional, and national television shows. Beyond broadcast, MPT's commitment to professional educators, parents, caregivers, and learners of all ages is manifest in its year-round instructional events and super-website *Thinkport* which garners in excess of 1.4 million visits annually.

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