

## ***NEWS FROM THE N.D. SECURITIES DEPARTMENT***

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### **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS NAMED FOR INVEST NORTH DAKOTA TEACHER SEMINAR**

**Bismarck, ND** - More than 20 speakers will participate in the Seventh Annual Invest North Dakota Teachers' Seminar, July 15-19, 2002 at the University of Mary in Bismarck. The seminar is available to 150 elementary and secondary teachers with the purpose of the seminar aimed at assisting teachers in presenting financial topics to their students. Teachers attending the seminar can earn two graduate credits of continuing education.

Nationally recognized speakers from around the country will participate in the seminar, along with many North Dakota professionals. Dr. Debra Peppers of St. Louis, MO will be featured on Thursday, July 18 with her presentation of "Money is NOT the Root of all Evil". Dr. Peppers is a retired English teacher and was inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame in 1999. Peppers hosts a daily 3-hour radio talk show, "Talk from the Heart" and has a featured segment, "Shakin' the Salt with Dr. Peppers" on a weekly television program. Her personal story of a 100-pound weight loss and having been a former high school dropout is featured in the latest edition of "Chicken Soup for the Teacher's Soul".

Keynoting the opening session on Friday morning, July 19 will be Selena Maranjian, senior writer with The Motley Fool in Alexandria, VA. Maranjian

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writes The Motley Fool's nationally syndicated weekly newspaper feature and has written several books including most recently, "The Motley Fool's Investing Guide for Teens". She was born in Saudi Arabia and is a former high school history teacher. Maranjian's presentation is entitled, "Things I Should have Learned in High School."

Returning for his sixth appearance at INVEST NORTH DAKOTA is Dr. John Hail, Associate Professor of the School of Teacher Education at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, MO. Dr. Hail has specialized in creative methods to teach economics to children and will share his ideas and much more in his 3-hour opening day workshop on Monday, July 15 entitled, "Economics: An Elementary Investment."

"We are so excited about the caliber of speakers participating in our seminar this year," said Diane Kambeitz, Investor Education Coordinator with the North Dakota Securities Department, the sponsor of the seminar. "There is still time for teachers to register for this incredible experience. The program is limited to 150 teachers and we will accept registrations until July 3, 2002."

For more information and a registration form, contact the North Dakota Securities Department at (701) 328-2910 or ND Toll Free 1-800-297-5124. An application is also available on their web site at [www.state.nd.us/securities](http://www.state.nd.us/securities) through the education link.