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Summer Mixers for New Aggie Moms - 2011

The Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club will be hosting "Summer Mixers" for new Aggie Moms throughout the northwest Harris County region. The NWHC Aggie Mom's organization provides an opportunity to meet other Aggie Moms, provides valuable information about Texas A&M University, and funds scholarships for Aggie students and on campus student organizations at Texas A&M. If you are a new or current Aggie Mom, we welcome you to join us at one of the following locations in your area. Please RSVP to Judy Thompson at 281.798.4312 or Tish Otten at 832.722.5983 so our hostesses know how many people to expect. We look forward to meeting you!

Monday, June 21, 2011 – 7 pm (Lakewood Oaks Estate Area)
Alicia Collins, Hostess
13510 Cahill Lane, Cypress 77429

Saturday, June 25, 2011 – 2 pm (Lakewood Forest Area)
Tish Otten, Hostess
13114 Chriswood, Cypress 77429

Sunday, June 26th, 2011 – 2 pm (Spring Area)
Mary Holub, Hostess
18419 Falling Oak Way, Spring 77379

Thursday, July 7th, 2011 – 7 pm (Tomball Area)
Jo Miller King, Hostess
11918 Mariposa Canyon Drive, Tomball 77377

Sunday, July 10th, 2011 – 2 pm (Copperfield Area)
Judy Thompson, Hostess
7519 Wisteria Ridge Ct., Houston 77095

Thursday, July 14th, 2011 – 7 pm (Jersey Village Area)
Denise Jungels, Hostess
8529 Wyndham Village Drive, Houston 77040

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Recipe of the Month CHILI CON QUESO

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- 2 lbs. Velveeta cheese, cubed
- 1 - 13 oz. can evaporated milk
- ¼ lb. margarine
- 2 onions, chopped fine
- 2 or 3 garlic buds, minced
- 12 or 14 whole green chilies, seeded & mashed
- 1 large jar pimentos, chopped
- 1 large can taco sauce

- Melt cheese in double boiler with milk. Saute onions, garlic in margarine until soft but not brown.
- Add green chilies, pimentos and taco sauce.
- Cook about 10 minutes covered.
- Add cheese mixture.
- Blend well, but do not boil. Serve hot or cold. - Keeps well in a glass jar in refrigerator.
- Reheat in double boiler or microwave.
- Can be used as a dip, or a sauce on broccoli, cauliflower, or green beans; or a spread for toast or stuffing for celery. All 1 T to scrambled egg for "eggs Espanole".

CY-RANCH HIGH SCHOOL

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THE LINCOLN LAWYER

Matthew McConaughey stars as street-smart attorney Mickey Haller in "The Lincoln Lawyer."



STARRING:

**Matthew McConaughey,
Marisa Tomei, Ryan Phillippe**

DIRECTED BY: Brad Furman ("The Take")

WRITTEN BY:

John Romano ("Nights in Rodanthe")

As far as courtroom dramas are concerned, you'd be hard-pressed to find something as generic as "The Lincoln Lawyer." Forget about the excitement brewing because Matthew McConaughey ("Ghosts of Girlfriends Past") is actually starring in a film that doesn't require him to remove his shirt or offer up his rugged good looks for an insulting rom com role opposite Kate Hudson or Sarah Jessica Parker – as much as everyone would like it to be, this is not a sequel to 1996's "A Time to Kill." Instead, "Lawyer" is an overrated, underwritten crime schlock that plays like an irritating Dick Wolf-produced legal TV show. Call it "Law & Order: Luxury Sedan."

That title might even be a stretch, since

the titular vehicle doesn't make much of an impact in the film besides serving as a shiny prop for the laid-back soundtrack featuring blues, R&B, and old-school hip-hop from artists including Bobby "Blue" Bland, Erick Sermon, and Marlena Shaw. As a suave, street-smart criminal defense attorney practicing in Beverly Hills, Mickey Haller (McConaughey) is chauffeured around town in style inside his vintage Lincoln Town Car.

Adapted from the novel of the same name by crime-fiction writer Michael Connelly (this is the first of four books in the Haller series), Lawyer struggles to find its footing within a cliché storyline reworked by screenwriter John Romano

("Nights in Rodanthe") and helmed by novice director Brad Furman, whose only other film is the straight-to-DVD armored-truck thriller "The Take."

In "Lawyer," Mickey lands the case of his career when he is hired to defend Louis Roulet (Ryan Phillippe), a spoiled, rich socialite charged with the brutal assault of a prostitute who propositions him at a nightclub. While Louis maintains his innocence (he cries "Set up!" on more than one occasion), Mickey and his investigator friend Frank Levin (William H. Macy) figure out a way to get their client off the hook even after indispensable evidence seems to mount against them.

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From here, "Lawyer" becomes part morality thriller, part courtroom drama with Mickey caught in the middle wondering if he's fighting for a scumbag's exoneration. Despite McConaughey's satisfying performance, none of it is very original. The pool of shallow characters (Marisa Tomei as the ex-wife prosecutor; John Leguizamo as a shady bail bondsman; Michael Peña as an ex-client who is now in San Quentin) don't help us sympathize with our conflicted lawyer, whose character is never fully explored past his slicked-back hair, dog-tired eyes, and vulnerability to the bottle

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Stability of loving relationships and predictability in a safe environment are essential elements to help each child reach their potential. Finding a "Forever Family" for a child like Nathan is critical to his continued growth and development. As long as kids like Nathan remain in the foster care system, they always have the mindset that tomorrow may mean another foster home, another school, another set of parents to adjust to. Could you help Nathan or other children like him to gain the trust and security that comes with having a permanent family?

Adopting a child from the foster care system requires little or no cost to the adoptive family and funding may be available to help the adoptive family support the child or sibling group.

For more information, please contact Stephanie Berka, Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiter, Adoption Coalition of Texas at



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Let's look at the most common types of risk related to investing, along with some suggestions on helping to reduce these risks:

Losing principal — This type of risk is most closely associated with investing. For example, when you purchase a stock, you know that its value could go up or down. If it drops below your purchase price, and you then sell your shares, you will lose some of your principal.

Your response — You can't eliminate the risk of losing principal, but by owning a mix of stocks, bonds, government securities and other types of investments, you can help reduce the impact of volatility on your portfolio. Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can't guarantee a profit or protect against loss.

Losing value when interest rates change — This type of risk primarily affects fixed-income investments, such as bonds. If you purchase a bond that pays, say, a 4% interest rate, and the market rate goes up to 5%, then the value of your bond will drop because

no one will be willing to pay you the full price for it when newer, higher-yielding bonds are available.

Your response — You can combat, or even ignore, interest rate risk by holding your bonds until they mature. By doing so, you'll get your full principal back, provided the issuer doesn't default, and you'll continue to receive regular interest payments unless the bonds are "called," or repurchased by the issuer. (You can help protect against this by purchasing bonds that have some degree of "call protection" and by owning bonds with different maturities.)

Losing purchasing power — This risk largely applies to fixed-rate investments such as certificates of deposit (CDs). To illustrate: If you purchase a CD that pays 2%, and the inflation rate is 3%, you are actually losing purchasing power.

Your response — Despite their vulnerability to inflation, CDs can offer you some valuable benefits, such as preservation of principal. Yet if you are concerned about fighting inflation, you may want to look for investments that have the potential to offer rising income, such as dividend-paying stocks. In fact, you can find stocks that have increased their dividends for many consecutive years. (Be aware,

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though, that companies can reduce or eliminate dividends at any time. Also, an investment in stocks fluctuates, and you could lose your principal.)

Apart from these individual techniques to reduce investment-related risk, you should also save early and save often — because the more money you accumulate, the greater your ability to follow a long-term strategy that reflects your personal risk tolerance. That's why it's a good idea to contribute as much as possible over the years to your IRA and 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

By understanding the different types of investment risk, and by acting to help lessen them, you can reduce much of the stress sometimes associated with investing — while you increase your prospects for achieving your objectives.



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- 16—GALVESTON:** Underground Railroad Program Students ages 8 to 12 years old, accompanied by an adult, are invited to attend this educational program in conjunction with the celebration of Juneteenth. Register by e-mail to education@galvestonhistory.org. Garten Verein, 2704 Avenue O. www.galveston.com 888/939-8680
- 17—PORT ARANSAS:** Texas Game Warden Association Fishing Tournament Robert's Point Park, 301 J. C. Barr Blvd. <http://tgwa.justgofishin.com> 361/815-5752
- 17-18—PORT ARANSAS:** Powderpuff Tournament Fishing event is open to women only. Registration is Friday and fishing day is Saturday. Woody's Sport Center, 136 W. Cotter Ave. www.gulfcoastfishing.com 361/749-5252
- 18—EDNA:** Klint Shaw Memorial Roping Brackenridge Recreation Complex Main Event Center, 284 Brackenridge Parkway. E-mail: mec@lnra.org 361/782-7272
- 18—GALVESTON:** Neighborhood Walking Tour: UTMB's Historic Buildings The Galveston Historical Association leads walking tours highlighting historic neighborhoods. See how Galveston's neighborhoods were shaped and view structures built from the 1850s to the 1950s. Hours are 9-10:30 a.m. Old Red, 301 University Blvd. www.galvestonhistory.org 888/939-8680
- 18—HOUSTON:** Buffalo Bayou Kayak Trips Join the Buffalo Bayou Partnership for a kayak adventure through Houston's stunning urban wilderness. Starts at boat launch at Woodway Drive at Post Oak Lane. www.buffalobayou.org 713/752-0314 ext. 3
- 18—LAKE JACKSON:** Bird Banding The public is invited to join workers collecting data on bird populations at the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory. Hours are 8 a.m. to noon. www.gcbo.org 979/480-0999
- 18—PORT ARTHUR:** Cayman Night in Port Arthur Island-style party complete with reggae music, limbo dancing and more. Carl Parker Multipurpose Center at Lamar State College. www.caymannight.com 409/963-1107
- 18—ROSENBERG:** Czech Heritage Day Features polka dancing and live entertainment from Cary Oswald and the Lazy Farmers Band, plus a kolache baking contest, sausage samples, Czech goods for sale, art displays and more. Historic Downtown District, 800 Third St. www.rosenbergevents.com
- 18—VICTORIA:** Market Day DeLeon Plaza, 100 W. Constitution. www.victoriatx.org 361/485-3200
- 18—WEST COLUMBIA:** Juneteenth Celebration Includes a ceremony at 10 a.m. and guided tours from noon to 3 p.m. focusing on the lives of slaves living on the Patton Plantation. Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site. 979/345-4656
- 18—WHARTON:** Juneteenth Celebration Includes live entertainment, a parade, carnival and festival on Monterey Square in downtown Wharton. Performers include the Superior Band, Lenny Williams, Clarence Cater, Lee Williams, Rue Davis, the Missouri City Temptations and J Paul Zydeco. E-mail: finance@whartonchamber.com 979/532-1862
- 19—PASADENA:** Nature Sunday Series The Armand Bayou Nature Center presents this program designed to help people understand the natural world around them through speakers and activities for children and adults. Hours are 1-3 p.m. 8500 Bay Area Blvd. www.abnc.org 281/474-2551
- 19—PORT ARANSAS:** Father and Son U.S. Open Golf Tournament Newport Dunes Golf Club, 265 Palm Island Drive. www.newportdunesgolf.com 361/749-4653
- 19—PORT ARTHUR:** Juneteenth Celebration Downtown. 409/985-5513
- 19—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND:** Surfrider Children's Surf Clinic Learn to surf in honor of International Surfing Day. Isla Blanca Park. www.surfrider.org/southtexas
- 24-25—FULTON:** Salty Dog Fishing Tournament Paws & Taws Fulton Convention Center, 402 N. Fulton Beach Road. 361/729-2388

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24-25—WHARTON: Wharton County Freedom Fest Features live music, a barbecue cook-off, farmers' market, car and motorcycle show, antique tractors, helicopter rides, a salute to veterans, booths and fireworks. Riverfront Park. E-mail: finance@whartonchamber.com 979/532-1862

25—SANTA FE: Buffet Magic The Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce hosts a buffet dinner with gourmet food tasting, auctions and entertainment. Dinner tickets include chefs' recipes and featured dishes. Santa Fe High School, 16000 Texas 6. www.santafetexaschamber.com 409/925-8558

29-July 3—FREEPORT: Fishing Fiesta This 63rd annual event includes prizes for both inshore and offshore categories, live entertainment, carnival and food. Freeport Municipal Park. www.fishinfiesta.com 979/233-5137 or 979/236-8189

30-Aug. 28—BEAUMONT: Artwork by Michael Lee Art Museum of Southeast Texas, 500 Main St. www.amset.org 409/832-3432

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Wednesday, June 15, 2011

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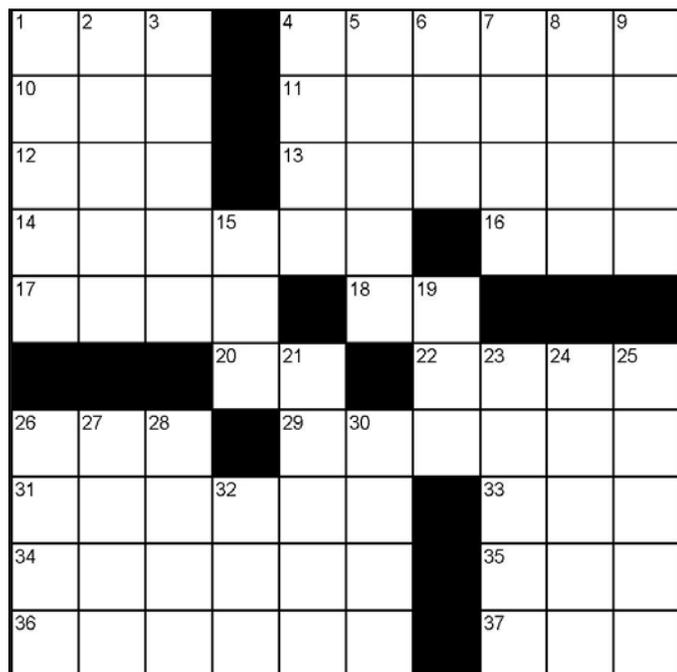
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ACROSS

1. Beg
4. Lizard
10. Licensed practical nurse
11. Uneven
12. Lavatory
13. No longer asea
14. Downright
16. Not (refix)
17. Possessive pronoun
18. Beast of burden
20. Gym
22. Small particle
26. Tear
29. National capital
31. Refrigerator
33. Abdominal muscles (abbr.)
34. Ring around the sun
35. Downwind
36. Pseudonym
37. Undergarment

DOWN

1. Muslim's God
2. Fern seed
3. Seasoner makers
4. Persia
5. Enthusiasm
6. Expression
7. Competition at the Greek games
8. Roman emperor
9. City in Yemen
15. Viper
19. Roman twelve
21. Type of wood
23. Toothbrush brand
24. Stem
25. Afloat (2 wds.)
26. Costa __
27. Computer "button"
28. Brand of coffee alternative
30. Student's dread
32. __ voyage

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\$351,000--\$450,999	2	2	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	0
\$276,000--\$350,999	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1
\$231,000--\$275,999	1	3	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	1
\$201,000--\$230,999	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0
\$200,999 and below	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	1
Total	86	7	2	2	5	6	2	2	5	3
Highest \$/sq ft	\$95.31	\$122.78	\$76.83	\$78.46	\$104.92	\$101.85	\$104.40	\$80.88	\$81.81	\$82.12

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