THE MONTH IN BRIEF

June brought some definite headwinds to Wall Street, but the broad stock market still advanced. The S&P 500 added 0.48% across the month, even with tech shares selling off. As anticipated, the Federal Reserve raised the federal funds rate by another quarter point. Last month was a trying one for European stocks as well as oil and many other commodities. The latest round of U.S. economic indicators contained some disappointments; though, manufacturing and home sales surprised to the upside. All in all, increased volatility, terrorist incidents, and political happenings did not have much of an effect on investor confidence.\(^1\)

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[www.storywealth.com/blog](http://www.storywealth.com/blog)

The Standard and Poor’s 500 (S&P 500) is an unmanaged group of securities considered to be representative of the stock market in general. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

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Quote of the Month:

“When it is obvious that the goals cannot be reached, don’t adjust the goals, adjust the action steps.”

- Confucius

Our Annual Client Survey Winner will be announced next week on website and social media!

Thank you for participating in our Client Survey. Client feedback is extremely important to our office. We value our clients’ input and are currently reviewing all the surveys that we have received. We are excited to service our clients with a smile and look forward to learning more about what makes our clients happy!
LIFE HACKS

Use a razor to remove paint from clothes.

Use your hairdryer to remove water rings from wooden surfaces and refresh them with olive oil.

Use some Coca Cola to clean oil stains off your garage floors.

Lipstick stains can be removed by spraying them with hairspray, rubbing them with a damp cloth and then washing them.

As we look toward the second half of the year, we continue to find reasons for optimism, but also for increased scrutiny of risks. Similar to the heightened expectations of the U.S. economic outlook at the beginning of the year, the equity market entered 2017 amid widespread investor optimism and some of the largest equity inflows since the beginning of the bull market in 2009. However, in contrast to some disappointing domestic economic data in recent months, the stock market has rewarded optimism with steady gains in the first two quarters of the year. Signs of late-cycle excesses are beginning to emerge, including hyperbolic moves in highly speculative assets, tight risk premiums, record high margin debt, and growing corporate leverage. Yet, few signs of deteriorating credit market health are evident and global growth momentum continues to improve. As a result, a moderately bullish outlook remains justified until some convincing evidence emerges that the recent uptick in the global growth outlook is reversing. In our view, the long and growing list of potential risks we will outline in this outlook warrants close monitoring in the coming months, but the odds still favor the bull market remaining intact at least into 2018.

Read the full article here.

AS MARKETS RISE, SO DO RISKS

AMERICA’S 100 GREATEST GOLF COURSES

Since 1966, Golf Digest’s biennial ranking of America’s 100 Greatest Golf Courses has been considered the gold standard in the golf community. For our newsletter, we’re highlighting the first 20... Feel free to read the full article at Golf Digest.

1. Pine Valley G.C.
2. Augusta National G.C.
3. Cypress Point Club
4. Shinnecock Hills G.C.
5. Oakmont C.C.
6. Merion G.C. (East)
7. Pebble Beach G. Links
8. National G. Links of America
9. Sand Hills G.C.
10. Winged Foot G.C. (West)
11. Fishers Island Club
12. Crystal Downs C.C.
13. Seminole G.C.
14. Chicago G.C.
15. Muirfield Village G.C.
16. The Country Club (Clyde/Squirrel)
17. Oakland Hills C.C.
18. Pacific Dunes
19. Friar’s Head G.C.
20. Oak Hill C.C.
It is no secret that gnats are annoying. The buzzing alone is enough to drive you crazy. When it comes to pest control, many people instantly turn to harsh chemicals. Why? People usually purchase chemical bug repellants because it is easily available, and it’s what everyone else uses. But if you have concerns about harmful ingredients such as DEET around your pets and children, you should explore some more natural methods of gnat repellant. Few people realize how effective these natural remedies can be at ridding your yard of those pesky gnats.

Vinegar Soap: This is a great trick that attracts and then eliminates gnats. Fill a small dish with vinegar and then add a little dish soap. Because gnats are naturally attracted to the smell of vinegar they will be pulled right in. The residue of the soap will trap them into your dish, ending their days of annoying you. If you are hosting a party, or having over guests, make sure to replace the bowl often with fresh solution.

Lavender Plant: Lavender is a beautiful, aromatic plant with a myriad of uses. Humans love it, gnats, not so much. The added bonus is that not only will you repel the gnats in your yard, but you can use lavender for cooking, decorating and aromatherapy uses.

Lemon Oil: Often indoor gnats are attracted to sources of moisture. This really becomes a problem if you have indoor plants. When you water your plants you are basically inviting the gnats in for a visit. You can kick them right back out again with lemon oil. Gnats despise the scent of lemon. To use the oil, simply rub a good amount around the lip of each of your indoor planters. Alternatively, diffuse the oil in an oil diffuser to both repel gnats and also add a delightful citrusy freshness to your home.

A fun, hydrating beverage:

**Cucumber Lime Refresher**

Serve this thirst-quenching drink at your next gathering!

**Ingredients:**
- 1 pitcher of water
- 1 cucumber, sliced thinly
- The juice of 4-5 limes

**Directions:**
Add lime juice and cucumber slices to the pitcher of water. Stir to mix well. Refrigerate to chill or serve over ice.

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**WATERMELON TIP:** Want a great tasting watermelon? Slap it to determine ripeness. Good ones sound hollow; unripe ones sound like you’re hitting solid wood.

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**Recipe of the Month: Yummy Lemon Salmon Burgers**

*(Courtesy of allrecipes.com)*

**Total Time:** 20 mins | 6 servings | 209 cals

**Ingredients:** (Burger)

- 1 (16 oz) can salmon, drained and flaked, 2 eggs, 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley, 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion, 1/4 cup Italian seasoned dry bread crumbs, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, 1/2 tablespoon dried basil, 1 pinch red pepper flakes, 1 tablespoon vegetable oil

**Ingredients:** (Dressing)

- 2 tablespoons light mayonnaise, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, 1 pinch dried basil,

**Directions:**

In a medium bowl, mix together the salmon, eggs, parsley, onion, bread crumbs, 2 tablespoons of lemon juice, 1/2 tablespoon of basil, and red pepper flakes. Form into 6 firmly packed patties, about 1/2 inch thick.

Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. When the oil is hot, add the patties, and cook for 4 minutes per side, or until nicely browned.

In a small bowl, mix together the mayonnaise, 1 tablespoon of lemon juice and pinch of basil. Use as as sauce for your patties.

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**July is SUN SAFETY MONTH...**

Find out how much you know!

Click on the photo to take a short Sun Safety test provided by the American Cancer Society.

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JULY 2017: STORY WEALTH MANAGEMENT EVENTS

Monday: Jul 3: Office Closed
Tuesday, July 4: INDEPENDENCE DAY (Office Closed)
Tuesday, July 11: PERRY SEMINAR
Tuesday, July 18: MOSIAC WEBINAR
Tuesday, July 25: ST. SIMON ISLAND SEMINAR

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR MONTHLY EVENTS PLEASE VISIT OUR EVENTS PAGE. FROM OUR EVENTS PAGE YOU WILL HAVE OPTIONS TO REGISTER FOR ATTENDANCE, SHARE TO PEOPLE YOU KNOW, AND EVEN VIEW UPCOMING EVENTS NOT YET POSTED ON THE NEWSLETTER!

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY

The 2018 Stephen R. (Russ) Story & Julie M. Story Educational Scholarship
Open to high school seniors of Atkinson, Bacon, Coffee, Jeff Davis, Irwin, and Lanier counties.

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Fourth Annual Douglas Badges for Life Blood Drive

Monday, July 10, 2017
12:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Coffee Regional Medical Center
1101 Ocilla Road, Douglas, GA 31533

All donors will receive:
• FREE Badges for Life T-shirt*.
• Free wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, pulse, iron count and cholesterol screening.

For more information or to make an appointment please visit oneblood.org or call 1.888.9.DONATE (1.888.936.6283).

ID required. Donors must be at least 16 years old. Those who are 16 years old need parental permission. See website for more details. *One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Non-transferable. While supplies last. T-shirt may vary from image shown. If you have recently donated, thank you. Please visit us when you are eligible to donate again.