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Yields and Weekly Changes:						
3 Mo. T-Bill:	0.02 (unch)	GNMA (30 Yr) 6% Coupon:	110-01/32 (2.57%)			
6 Mo. T-Bill:	0.06 (-01 bps)	Duration:	3.68 years			
1 Yr. T-Bill:	0.11 (+01 bps)	30-Year Insured Revs:	145.3% of 30 Yr. T-Bond			
2 Yr. T-Note:	0.32 (+02 bps)	Bond Buyer 40 Yield:	5.08 (+06 bps)			
3 Yr. T-Note:	0.59 (+01bps)	Crude Oil Futures:	104.69 (-3.78)			
5 Yr. T-Note:	1.37 (+07 bps)	Gold Futures:	1332.60 (+37.00)			
10 Yr. T-Note:	2.56 (+07 bps)	Merrill Lynch High Yield Indices	S:			
30 Yr. T-Bond:	3.62 (+06 bps)	U.S. High Yield: BB:	6.61% (+12bps) 5.23% (+11 bps)			
		B:	6.66% (+9 bps)			

Treasuries little changed during the week on mixed economic reports. On Monday, existing domestic home sales unexpectedly recorded a decline but Wednesday domestic new home sales rose to the highest they have been since May 2008. This was offset by weekly jobless claims increasing more than anticipated. Following this, the US Durable Good New Orders came in better than expected (4.2% vs 1.4% expected) from rising demand in automobiles and equipment/machinery orders. This is the fourth consecutive increase for capital goods orders which signals increased business investment. Finally, on Friday, the Michigan consumer confidence sentiment report showed consumer sentiment climbing to a six year high in July. Oil was down during the week, from its recent 16 month high, because of continued worries about Chinese industrial demand and domestic earning reports which have been worse than expected. Next week has frequent important major economic reports being released (and related consensus forecasts) including: Tuesday: Consumer Confidence Index (81,+.4) Wednesday: MBA Mortgage Applications, GDP Annualized QoQ (1.0%, -.8%) and FOMC Rate Decision (unch); Thursday: Initial Jobless Claims (344K, +1K) and ISM Manufacturing data (52, +1.1); Friday: Change in Nonfarm Payroll (185K, -10K), Unemployment Rate (7.5%, -.1%), Personal Income (.4%, +.1%) and Personal Spending (.5%, +.2%).

US Equities						
Weekly Index Performance:		Market Indicators:				
DJIA:	15558.83 (+0.10%)	Strong Sectors:	Health Care, Info Tech, Telecom Services			
S&P 500:	1,691.65 (-0.02%)	Weak Sectors:				
S&P MidCap:	1,228.27 (-0.48%)		Industrials, Energy, Consumer Staples			
S&P Small Cap:	588.67 (-0.25%)	NYSE Advance/Decline: NYSE New Highs/New Lows:	1,424/ 1,757			
NASDAQ Comp:	3,613.17 (+0.71%)		, ,			
Russell 2000:	1,048.51 (-0.18%)	AAII Bulls/Bears:	45.1% / 22.6%			

Early last week the S&P 500 Index hit an all-time high closing price, but the index trailed off the remainder of the week and closed flat with a -0.02% return. Stocks are having a great year with July currently adding another 5.43% to the 13.82% for the first half of 2013 ending in June. Monday opened mixed with disappointing existing home sales and negative earnings news from companies such as McDonald's Corp, Southern Copper Corp, Hasbro Inc. and Six Flags Entertainment Corp. The day finished up 0.21% for an all-time closing high of 1695.53. Tuesday opened higher almost breaking through 1700, but fell quickly after the open giving back 0.19% from the prior day's close. Earnings news was mixed with 61 companies reporting. Wednesday opened higher again almost breaking through 1700, but fell quickly after the open giving back 0.38% from the prior day's close. Again, mixed earnings news came from the 79 companies that reported on Wednesday with companies such as PepsiCo Inc., Facebook Inc. and Ford Motor Co. beating expectations. Thursday the index was up 0.26% with 92 companies reporting mixed results. Companies such as General Motors Co., Biogen Idec Inc. and Raytheon Co. beat earnings expectations. US initial jobless claims came in at 343K. This was an increase from the previous week's number of 334K and close to the consensus of 340K. Friday's performance increased slightly helping the index get back to even for the week. Four of the ten economic sectors had positive performance for the week. The health care sector was the best performing sector with a 1.12% return. Information technology and telecom services' sectors followed with 0.88% and 0.26% returns, respectively. Industrials' -0.94% return was the worst performance of all the sectors and was followed by energy and consumer staples which returned -0.77% and -0.63%, respectively. TripAdvisor Inc., an online travel research company, turned in the best performance in the S&P 500 Index with a 21.99% gain. The next two best performers were **ONEOK Inc.** and Boston Scientific Corp. with returns of 19.77% and 13.34% respectively. This week will bring earnings news from Exxon Mobil Corp., Berkshire Hathaway Inc., Chevron Corp., The Procter & Gamble Co., Pfizer Inc., Comcast Corp. and over 200 more companies.