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## Weekly Economic Update

Attached you will find this week's Economic Update:

**Stocks and Commodities:** This summer's record heat is not making it to Wall Street as more bad economic news pushed stock and equity indexes down again last week. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped another 0.9% and is now down 2% for the year. However, the price of Gold was still hot as its price gained another 1% to \$1,228.80 an ounce (12% higher than at the beginning of the year). The price of Crude Oil dropped another \$1.50 to settle just below \$74 a barrel.

**Bond, Mortgage and Deposit Rates:** The Treasury yield curve continued to flatten last week as the 30-year bond sank 20bp while the 2-year bond fell only 3bp. It was the same result in LIBOR and Swap rates as LIBOR rates fell 5bp, but the longer term Swaps 14bp. National mortgage rates were steady, but local mortgage rates were up a few basis points from last week. Freddie Mac's 30- and 15-year mortgage rates dropped another 2bp. Rates on state and local Money Market and CD accounts trickled down a couple basis points last week, especially the longer term rates.

**To Pay, Or Not to Pay, that is a WI-FI Question?** For first time free Wi-Fi hotspots have outpaced those that charge. 55.1% of US locations now offer free Wi-Fi, while 44.9% have a paid model. Some high-profile retailers (including Starbucks and McDonald's) have switched to free Wi-Fi. Interestingly, the move toward free Wi-Fi remains a US trend. According to the same recent report, only 27% of locations worldwide offer free Wi-Fi.

Thanks for reading,



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