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KEEPING IN TOUCH

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Your Financial Well-Being:

The 2nd estimate (first revision) of 1Q17 GDP growth was stronger than expected, but well within the normal range for such revisions. Underlying domestic demand (consumer spending, business investment, residential homebuilding) was stronger than estimated earlier, while inventories rose more slowly, providing a greater drag on the headline growth figure. Raymond James analysts believe the equity markets are making a short-term peak. However, we are not looking for much downside traction, but rather more of an upside stall for the next few weeks while the stock market's internal energy is rebuilt. If there is a downside, headline induced, shock, we believe it will be short-lived with stocks quickly rallying back.

That said, we believe that staying invested in your chosen strategy is the best choice long term. We stay in touch regularly to review changing conditions. Please feel free to call us if you have any questions about this news or your specific financial plan. We look forward to speaking with you.)

Office News:

Social Media: Love it or hate it, it's here to stay. Stevens Advisors has entered the modern world by creating a presence on social media through Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Please find us by searching Facebook for "WF Stevens Financial Advisors LLC," Twitter for "@WFS_Financial," and for each of us by name on LinkedIn.

We've also modernized our company website, www.StevensAdvisors.com. We would welcome your constructive feedback on all of these electronic platforms. If you like what you see, please "like" us and share with others who should learn what we do at Stevens Advisors.

Team News: Emily Glabe is now our full time Branch Administrator. Many of you have had a chance to interact with her as she "owns" my calendar and handles all incoming phone calls. We are very pleased she's with us, and she says she's glad to be here. Honest! Emily has interest in deepening her professional knowledge by studying for her securities licenses.

Summer Travel & time away news: June is a great time to get out of the "dry heat" of southern Arizona. So that's what the Stevens family is doing. I will be going to Boy Scout camp Emerald Bay on Catalina Island, CA with Jake the first full week of June. The second week I'll be in Newport Beach, CA at a special due diligence meeting at a mutual fund company headquarters. The last week of June the whole family heads back to California to visit my mother-in-law in Santa Barbara. Then we get to stick around Green Valley to enjoy the monsoon season.

In my absence from the office there is a top-notch team in place to handle just about anything.

Personal news:

Stevens Family update: Tammi & I enjoyed our FamilyLife "Love Like You Mean It" 20th anniversary cruise, immensely. We spent some high quality time together, without our cell phones, computers, or social media! Sure enough, the food was better on the cruise ship than on the USS Curts (my last "cruise").

Emma decided to attend Arizona Christian University (ACU) this fall. She has both academic and athletic scholarships. She will swim on the ACU team. Can you believe we'll have a collegiate athlete in our brood? Emma was named Most Valuable Player on the Walden Grove High School swim team for the past season. At the recent athletic awards banquet her coach had some truly touching words about Emma, her dedication, and her team-first attitude. Added bonus for me: the banquet was catered by Texas Roadhouse - ribs for dinner and dessert! Grace and Emma both hold several records on the Walden Grove swim team wall of fame. Thank God for their mother's athletic genes.

Grace turned 16 on May 1st and passed her driver's test on the same day. She saved diligently and bought her first car. She's a very responsible driver and helps with family errands and kid transport. Grace just started her first dual-enrollment college class online through Grand Canyon University. Her goal is to graduate high school with an associate's degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management, then attend Northern Arizona University to complete her bachelor's degree in the same subject. I admire Grace's grit and determination.

Jacob will turn 14 in June. He was elected Senior Patrol Leader of Boy Scout Troop 365. That's a huge opportunity for Jake to develop leadership skills and grow personally in many dimensions. We are very proud of him. He recently hiked Mount Wrightson in the nearby

Santa Rita Mountains, making it to the top in 2 hours and 20 minutes. His dad has never done better than 3 hours. Jake looks forward to joining Grace on the Walden Grove High School swim team in the coming school year. Holly and Jake both ran on the Continental School track team in the spring.

Holly, 11, continues to do gymnastics every week. She loves it. She also loves baking and doing crafts at home. The most recent craft is called, I guess, "slime." We sure go through a lot of Borax and Elmer's glue.

Michael, 3 1/2, has been getting speech therapy to help his communication skills. He's making progress by leaps and bounds. He has amazing manual dexterity for a child his age. He loves, among other things, to make chain reactions with long lines of dominos.

Meanwhile **Zachary**, 2, is HIGHLY verbal, a little clumsy, and extremely cute. His favorite activity is getting into things he shouldn't.

Tammi just wrapped up another year of Loving To Learn, the home school coop she created and runs. She is amazingly hard-working and creative.

I, Bill, have continued to keep my weight under control with intermittent fasting. I ran in my 4th Tough Mudder obstacle event in Mesa in April. I've already signed up for the 2018 Arizona event. Ask me if you'd like to be on my team. Remember, "Life begins at the end of your comfort zone!"

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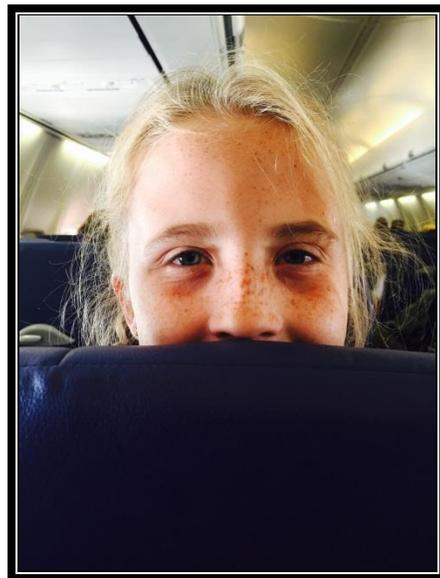
Emma - Walden Grove Swim MVP



Jake selling donuts to cops



Trip to Florida



Holly on a plane



Zach with a green smoothie moustache



Michael the tiger