Leading Indicator Watch

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Unemployment: Initial jobless claims rose to 207k; continuing jobless claims rose to 1,754k. Nonfarm Payrolls (Dec) added totaled only 199k but the unemployment rate fell to 3.9%

Consumer Goods & Materials: Producer Price Index (PPI) rose















9.6% (YoY) (Nov), the highest since 2011 when tracking began. Retail Sales rose .3% (MoM)(Nov) but were below forecasts.
Non-Defense Capital Goods: U.S. Durable Goods orders rose 2% in November while the U.S Factory orders (MoM) (Nov) rose 1.6%.
Housing and Building: The Housing Price Index (YoY) (Oct)

came in at 17.4%, continuing its downward trend while Pending Home Sales dropped 2.2% (MoM) (Nov).

Yield Curve: 2's & 10's expanded last week. 2-year yields rose to .87% from .73% & 10-year yields rose to 1.76% from 1.52%. Prices & rates move in opposite directions.

M2 Money Stock: The money supply, including time deposits, rose by \$249B to \$21.436T (Nov). Money supply is currently running 92.39% of current GDP.

Manufacturing & Services: ISM Manufacturing PMI (Dec) fell to 58.7 from 61.1 (Nov). 50 marks the contraction/expansion line.

S&P 500: The S&P 500 fell 89.15 points for the week, ending at 4,677.03 and is down 1.87% YTD. The VIX (CBOE Volatility Index) rose to 19.6 from 17.7.

U. of Michigan Consumer Sentiment: Michigan Consumer Sentiment (December) rose to 70.6 from 67.4.

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