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Unemployment: Initial jobless claims rose to 206k after a prior week report of 188k. Continuing jobless claims decreased to 1,845k from 1,999k.



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. Factory Orders (MoM) (Oct) increased 1% from a .5% increase in September. Forecasts estimated a .5% increase for October.



Housing and Building: Housing starts jumped by 11.8% (MoM)(Nov) for the first positive week in 3 months and building permits rose by 3.6% (MoM)(Nov).



Yield Curve: 2's & 10's narrowed last week. 2-year yields fell to .66% from .67% & 10-year yields dropped to 1.41% from 1.48%. Prices & rates move in opposite directions.



M2 Money Stock: The money supply, including time deposits, rose by \$205B to \$21.187 (Sept). Money supply is currently running 91.37% of current GDP.



Manufacturing & Services: ISM Manufacturing PMI (Nov) rose to 61.1 from 60.8 (Oct). Services PMI (Nov) came in at 58 from 58.7 (Oct). 50 marks the contraction and expansion line.



S&P 500: The S&P 500 fell 91.38 points for the week, ending at 4,620.64 and is up 23.02% YTD. The VIX (CBOE Volatility Index) rose to 21.1 from 20.1



U. of Michigan Consumer Sentiment: Preliminary figures for Michigan Consumer Sentiment (December) rose to 70.4 from 67.4 in the month of November.

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