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Unemployment: Initial jobless claims fell to 187k, the lowest figure in over 52 years. Continuing claims continued its downward trend, falling to 1,350k from 1,417k.



Consumer Goods & Materials: Retail Sales (MoM)(Feb) increased .3%. Core PPI (YoY)(Feb) retracted down to 8.4% after over a full year of producer price increases.



Non-Defense Capital Goods: Durable Goods Orders (MoM)(Feb) fell 2.2% and Durable Goods (excluding defense) fell 2.7%



Housing and Building: New Home Sales (MoM) (Feb) fell for a 2nd straight month by 2%. Pending Home Sales (MoM)(Feb) fell 4.1% which marks the 4th consecutive month of decline.



Yield Curve: 2's & 10's expanded this week. 2-year yields rose to 2.30% from 1.97% & 10-year yields rose to 2.48% from 2.14%. Prices & rates move in opposite directions.



M2 Money Stock: The money supply, including time deposits, fell by \$29B to \$21.811T (Feb). Money supply is currently running 91% of current GDP.



Manufacturing & Services: Preliminary Manufacturing PMI (March) is forecasted to rise to 58.5 from 57.36. Preliminary Services PMI (March) is forecasted to rise to 58.9 from 56.5.



S&P 500: The S&P 500 rose 79.94 points for the week, ending at 4,463.12 and is down 6.68% YTD. The VIX (CBOE Volatility Index) fell to 20.81 from 23.87 .



U. of Michigan Consumer Sentiment: Michigan Consumer Sentiment (March) was less than enthusiastic, falling to 59.4 from 62.8 which was last seen in 2011.

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