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**Unemployment:** Initial Jobless claims rose to 198k from 191k. Continuing jobless claims rose to 1,689k from 1,685k. Both data points will be watched closely in a tighter job market.



**Consumer Goods & Materials:** Headline Consumer Price Index (CPI)(YoY)(Feb) came in at expectations of 6%. Core CPI(MoM)(Feb) rose by .5% compared to a forecasted .4%.



**Durable Goods:** Core PCE Price Index (MoM)(Feb) beat expectations, falling by .3% compared to .4%. Markets celebrated the news as prices continue to retreat.



**Housing and Building:** U.S. House Price Index (MoM)(Jan) rose by .2% following 6 months of flat or negative changes in house prices. Pending Home sales rose by .8% in February.



**Yield Curve:** 2's & 10's remain inverted. 2-year yields rose to 4.06% from 3.76% and 10-year yields rose to 3.48% from 3.38%. Prices & rates move in opposite directions.



**M2 Money Stock:** The money supply, including time deposits, fell \$205B to \$21.062T (Feb). Money supply is running 81% of current GDP.



**Manufacturing & Services:** ISM Manufacturing PMI rose to 47.7 (Feb) from 47.4 (Jan). ISM Services fell to 55.1 (Feb) from 55.2 (Jan). 50 marks contraction/expansion territory



**S&P 500:** The S&P 500 rose 138.32 points, closing at 4,109.31 which is up 7.03% YTD. The VIX (CBOE Volatility Index) fell to 19 from 23 after two weeks of higher volatility.



**U. of Michigan Consumer Sentiment:** Michigan Consumer Sentiment (Mar) fell to 62 from 63.4 (Feb). Michigan Inflation Expectations (Mar), which is how consumers expect prices to change in the next 12 months, fell to 3.6% from 4.1% (Feb).

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