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Unemployment: Continuing Jobless claims rose to 1,523k while initial jobless claims continued its downward trend, dropping to 166k which was below expectations.



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 2.6% which is the second consecutive month in decline and Factory Orders (MoM)(Feb) fell .5%.



Housing and Building: The House Price Index (YoY)(Jan) rose 18.2% and (MoM)(Jan) rose 1.6%, both of which exceeded expectations with continued appreciation in real estate values



Yield Curve: 2's & 10's expanded this week. 2-year yields rose to 2.53% from 2.44% & 10-year yields rose to 2.72% from 2.39%. 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: ISM Services PMI (March) rose to 58.3 from 56.5. 50 marks the contraction/expansion line.



S&P 500: The S&P 500 fell 57.58 points for the week, ending at 4,488.28 and is down 5.83% YTD. The VIX (CBOE Volatility Index) rose to 21.8 from 20.1.



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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