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Unemployment: Initial jobless claims were little changed last week, coming in at 215K, up from 212K the prior week.



Consumer Goods & Materials: Factory orders jumped in March, rising 1.9%. Retail Sales fell .2% in April, when a .2% increase was expected.



Non-Defense Capital Goods: Core durable goods orders (long lasting manufactured goods stripping out transportation) were unchanged for April.



Building Permits & Housing Starts: New home sales fell 6.9% after a strong March that showed a 8.1% increase. House price index increased 4.9% in March.



Yield Curve: 2's & 10's narrowed last week. 2-year yields fell to 1.95% from 2.16%, & 10-year yields fell to 2.14% from 2.32%. Prices & rates move in opposite directions.



M2 Money Supply: The money supply, including time deposits, rose by appx. \$20B to \$14.541T in April, likely on market advances.



Manufacturing & Services: Services PMI fell to a dangerous level of 50.9 from 53.0. 50 marks the line of contraction and expansion.



S&P 500: The S&P 500 fell last week, 74 points, ending at 2,752.06, up 9.78% year to date. VIX, the CBOE measure of volatility rose to 19.1 from 15.8 this week.



U. of Michigan Consumer Sentiment: Consumer sentiment fell to 100.0 from 102.4 in May. CB Consumer Confidence increased to 134.1 in May.

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