Leading Indicator Watch

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Unemployment: Continuing Jobless claims fell to 1,309k from 1,343k and initial jobless claims fell to 200k from 211k. JOLTs Job Openings (Apr) fell to 11.400M from 11.855M in March.

Consumer Goods & Materials: Personal spending remained steady even with cost pressures, rising .9% for the month of

Non-Defense Capital Goods: Durable Goods Orders (Apr) rose















.3% while Factory Orders (Apr) rose only .3% compared to expectations of .7%.
Housing and Building: House Price Index (YoY)(Mar) remained elevated at 19% showing little sign of falling even with higher interest rates.
Yield Curve: 2's & 10's expanded this week. 2-year yields rose to 2.66% from 2.47% & 10-year yields rose to 2.96% from 2.74%. Prices & rates move in opposite directions.
M2 Money Stock: The money supply, including time deposits, fell by \$81B to \$21.728T (April). Money supply is currently running 89% of current GDP.
Manufacturing & Services: ISM Manufacturing PMI (May) rose to 56.1 from 55.4 (Apr) while ISM Services fell to 55.9

rose to 56.1 from 55.4 (Apr) while ISM Services fell to 55.9 (May) from 57.1 (Apr) 50 marks contraction vs expansion **S&P 500:** The S&P 500 fell 48.74 points for the week, ending at 4,109.50 and is down 13.78% YTD. The VIX (CBOE Volatility Index) fell to 25.6 from 27.

U. of Michigan Consumer Sentiment: Michigan Consumer Sentiment (May) fell to 58.4 from 65.2 (April) showing that sentiment is falling but spending is only slightly subdued.

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