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**Unemployment:** Continuing Jobless claims reached higher, rising to 1,428k from 1,420k. Initial Jobless Claims rose to 262k from 248k.



**Consumer Goods & Materials:** The CPI Index (YoY) (Jul) declined from 9.1% to 8.5%. The cooler reading on inflation drove markets higher for the week. Core CPI (Jul) held at 5.9%



**Durable Goods Orders:** Durable Goods (excluding defense) orders rose .5% (MoM)(Jun) while Factory Orders (MoM)(Jun) rose 2%, exceeding estimates.



**Housing and Building:** New Home Sales fell -8.1% (Jun) and Pending Home Sales fell -8.6% (Jun). Each category has been negative 5 out the 6 months so far this year.



**Yield Curve:** 2's & 10's both increased this week. 2-year yields rose to 3.25% from 3.24% & 10-year yields rose to 2.84% from 2.83%. Prices & rates move in opposite directions.



**M2 Money Stock:** The money supply, including time deposits, fell by \$87B to \$21.667T (June). Money supply is currently running 87% of current GDP.



**Manufacturing & Services:** ISM Manufacturing PMI (Jul) fell to 52.8 from 53 but beat forecasts. ISM Non-Manufacturing PMI surprised and rose to 56.7 from 55.3 (Jul) 50 marks contraction vs expansion



**S&P 500:** The S&P 500 rose 134.96 points, ending at 4,280.15 and is down 10.20% YTD. This was a 2.99% increase for the week. The VIX (CBOE Volatility Index) fell to 19.2 from 21.6



**U. of Michigan Consumer Sentiment:** Preliminary Michigan Consumer Sentiment (Aug) rose to 55.1 from 51.5 (Jul) which coincided with falling energy prices.

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