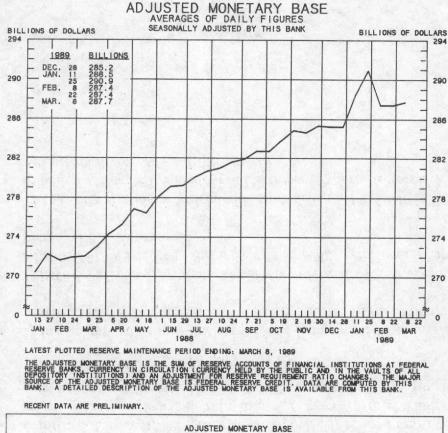


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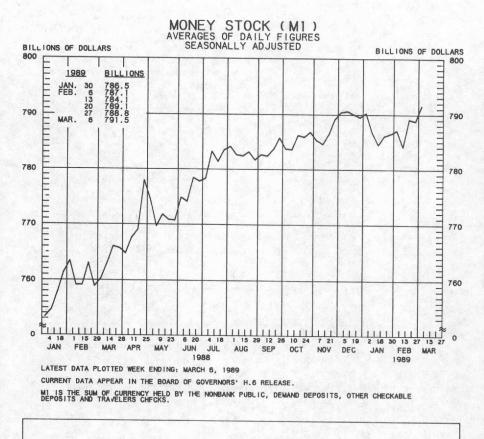
- ✓ The civilian unemployment rate in February fell 0.3 of a percentage point to 5.1 percent, the lowest since May 1974. Since a year ago, when the unemployment rate was 5.7 percent, total civilian employment has increased by 2,580,000 persons while the civilian labor force has increased by 2,016,000 persons.
- Industrial production was unchanged from January to February. The January level of production was 5 percent above a year earlier.
- Retail sales fell at a 4.7 percent annual rate in February to a seasonally adjusted \$139.5 billion. Since February 1988, retail sales have increased 5.8 percent.
- The seasonally adjusted merchandise trade deficit fell to \$9.49 billion in January, from \$10.99 billion in December. Exports decreased 4.3 percent while imports fell 6.9 percent.



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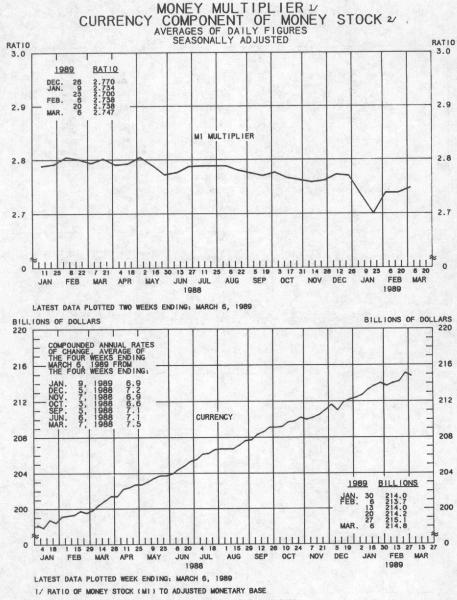


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11/ 2/88 12/14/88 1/11/89	7.0 6.4 6.5	6.1 5.4 5.7	5.4 4.6 5.1	5.9 4.7 5.3	4.9	4.8		
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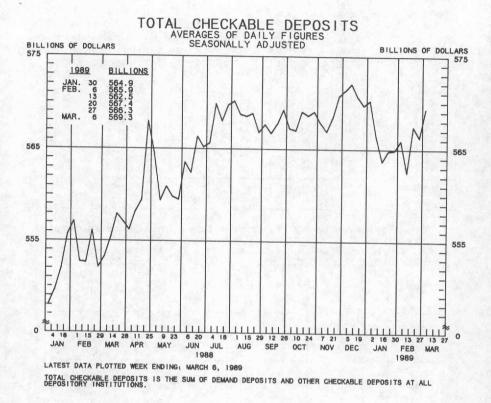
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OF FOUR	WEEKS							
ENDING:								
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9/ 5/8		5.6						
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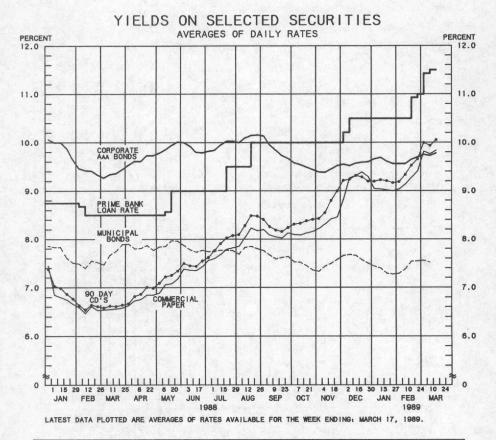


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1989	90 DAY CD*S	30-DAY COMMERCIAL PAPER	90-DAY BANKERS" ACCEPTANCES	CORPORATE AMA BONDS	CORPORATE BAA BONDS	MUNICIPAL BONDS 3888
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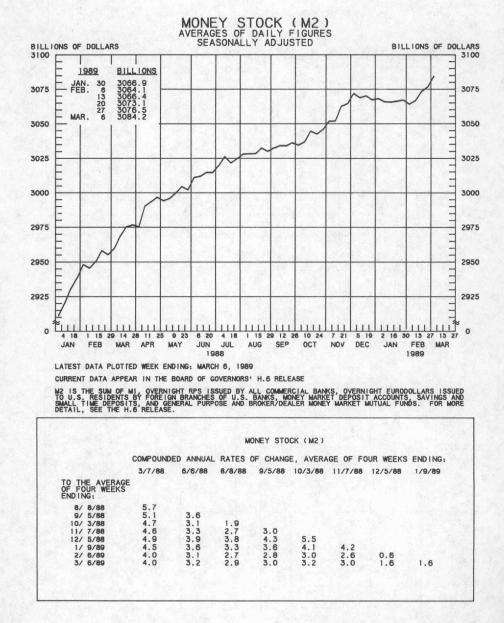
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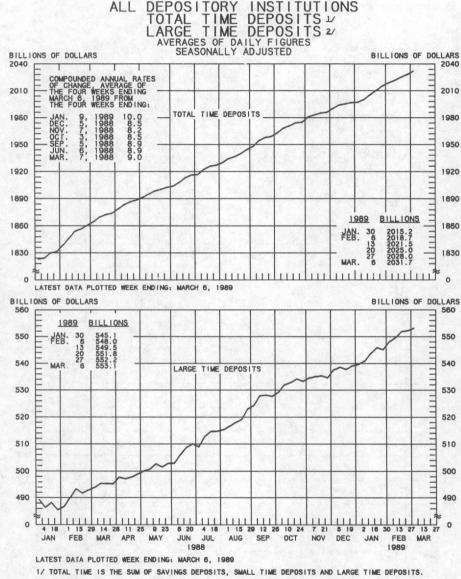
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1989	FEDERAL FUNDS ###	3-MONTH TREASURY BILL	6-MONTH TREASURY BILL WHEN	1-YEAR TREASURY BILL	5-YEAR TREASURY SECURITIES	LONG-TERM TREASURY SECURITIES
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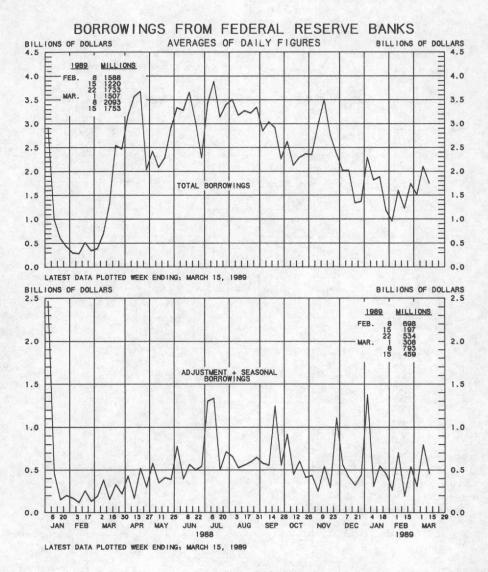
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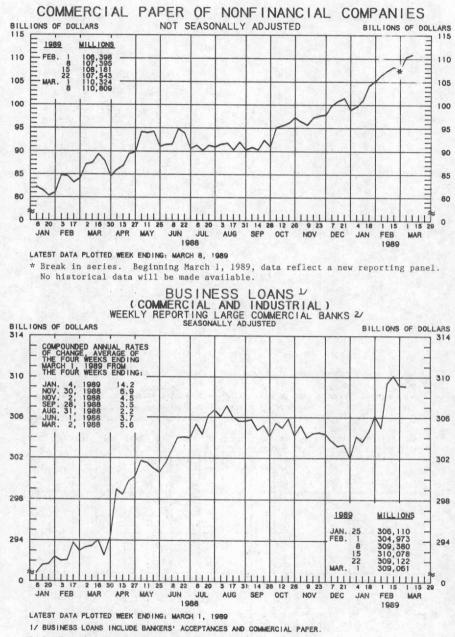




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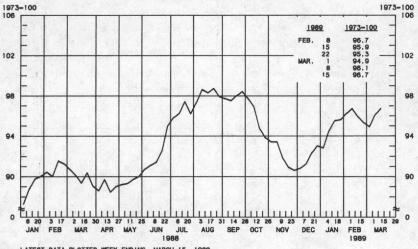




2/ BANKS WITH DOMESTIC ASSETS GREATER THAN \$1.4 BILLION

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DOLLAR'S TRADE-WEIGHTED EXCHANGE INDEX



LATEST DATA PLOTTED WEEK ENDING: MARCH 15, 1989

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