World Economic Growth

IMF says "global recession is ending"

GDP in Recession & Recovery

Bad recessions usually lead to strong recoveries, but not this time

Auto & Light Truck Sales

Cash for clunkers was a flash in the pan.

Existing Home Sales

But the first-time home buyer program is moving people from renters to owners.

source: National Assn. of Realtors®
The Fed is easing off the gas (appropriately).

Growth of World Trade

source: IMF

 IMF is too cautious, exports & imports will be much stronger next year.

Value of U.S. Dollar

With global confidence rising, less demand for greenbacks.

Stock Market

A nice bounce (if only we could forget 2008).
Oregon Home Price

Now a little improvement.

Washington Home Price

At least it's not getting any worse.

Oregon Employment Forecast

Oregon at the turning point, but recovery will be mild.

Washington Employment

A little uptick as harbingers.