Net New Jobs

Pundits are agonizing over last month's data, but stronger trend will return soon.

Consumer Credit
Growth of $ Outstanding

New debt slowing down

Capital Goods Orders
non-defense

Aircraft orders are very strong

Existing Home Sales

Housing market just beginning to soften

source: National Assn. of Realtors®
Oil Price

Oil probably past its peak, but a short-term spike up is always a possibility.

Value of U.S. Dollar

Dollar has shown a little bit of strength, due to foreign interest in U.S. investments.

Real Fed Funds

Fed funds minus core inflation

Neutral now. Look for a percentage point of hikes this year.

Stock Market

Should improve in 2006.
Oregon Job Growth: Decelerating but not disappointing as state nears full recovery from the recession.

Washington Job Growth: Boeing will provide some bounce in '06.
