Net New Jobs

OK but not great.

Consumer Confidence
People feel good after the election.

Business Confidence
Small biz feels good, too, but not big biz.

Retail Sales
December data not yet in but trend seems OK.
Apartment Tightness Index
National Multi Housing Council

Values above 50 show a tighter market.

 Nationwide, the apartment construction boom helped renters.

Wage Inflation
private sector

Labor market is tightening. Be good to your staff.

Interest Rates

Fed raised rates in December, and one more rate hike coming.

Stock Market

I'm not convinced recent gains are justified by economic outlook.
Consulting

Free Assessment: How Flexible Is Your Business? Determine your strengths and weaknesses in dealing with the unexpected at www.TheFlexibleStance.com/Assessment

Are You Ready For Expansion?: Dr. Bill Conerly can coach your team to plan for the challenges they would face with strongly better demand for your products. Call him to get started.

Free Resources

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Data: Links to many data sources are at www.ConerlyConsulting.com/links.php


Speeches

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"Prepare for Perpetual Change—Capture Opportunities and Avoid Risk in an Uncertain World." Dr. Conerly's speech on change management presents key concepts from The Flexible Stance in a vivid and humorous presentation.

The Flexible Stance: Thriving in a Boom/Bust Economy

Visualize a baseball game. A fast runner is on first base, looking to steal second. The runner takes a lead, then plants himself in a flexible stance. He's ready to run in either direction: to second base if he gets a chance to steal, or back to first base if the pitcher tries to pick him off. Using that stance in business is the subject of Dr. Bill Conerly's latest book, The Flexible Stance: Thriving in a Boom/Bust Economy.

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