Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance

Fewer layoffs, last month might be an anomaly.

Business Confidence

sources: Business Roundtable & NFIB

Manufacturing Production

World Economic Growth

FocusEconomics consensus

Outlook is a hair better.

Optimism on the rise, and I hear this from my audiences.

Finally turning up, computer & electronics a big part of the gain.
Health Care Expenditures

- Estimated increase of 6%
- The real issue is cost-shifting.

Corporate Cash Holdings
- High level
- B\&I not seeing good investment opportunities

Fed's Interest Rate Projections
- Federal Funds Rate
- Number of members predicting a value indicated by line thickness and label
- Two more hikes expected, but I doubt even one.

Stock Market
- Bold hopes for the future.
Consulting

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