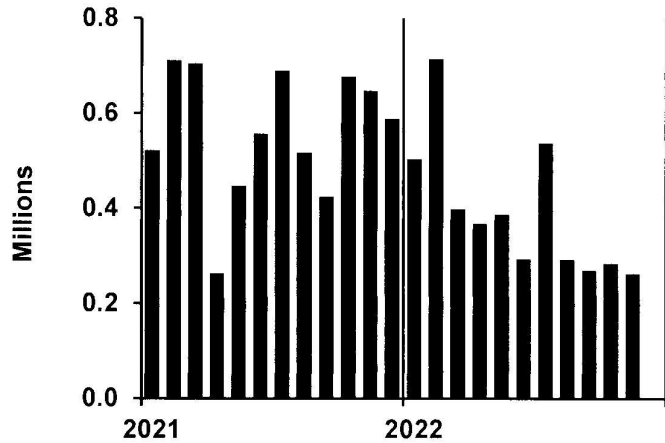
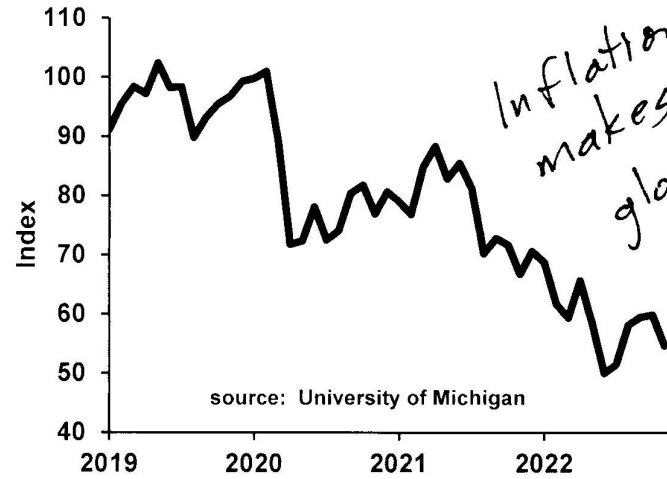


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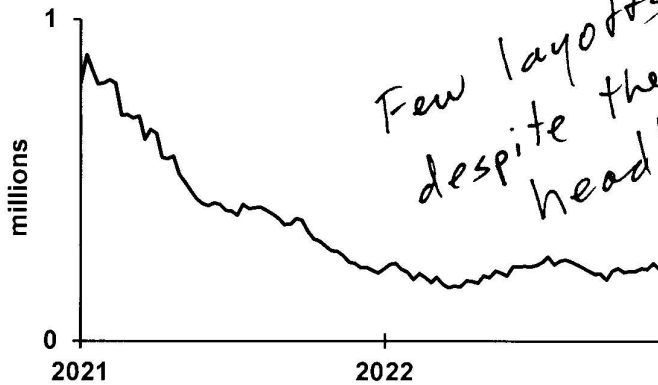
*Still growing, but slower gains*

Consumer Sentiment



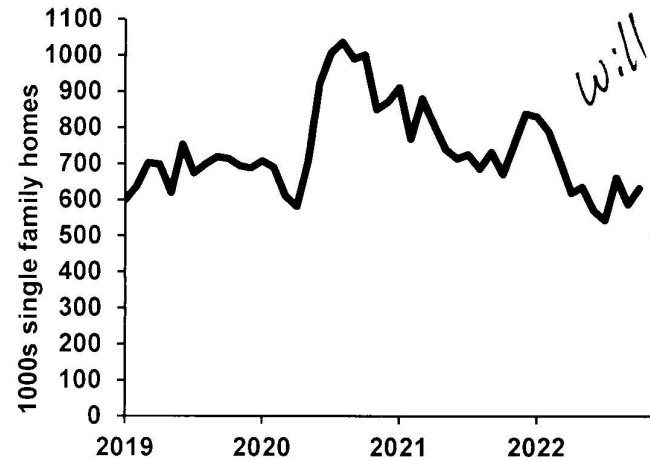
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Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance

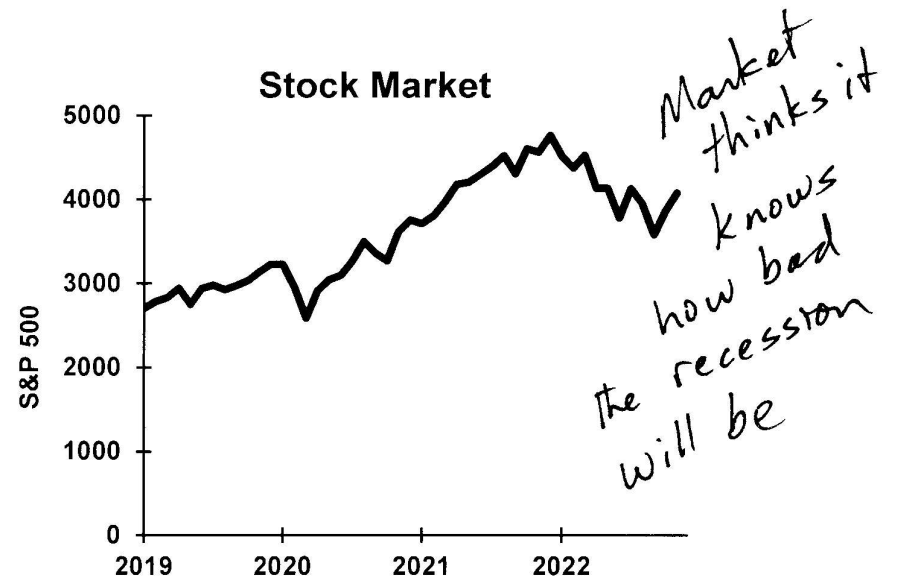
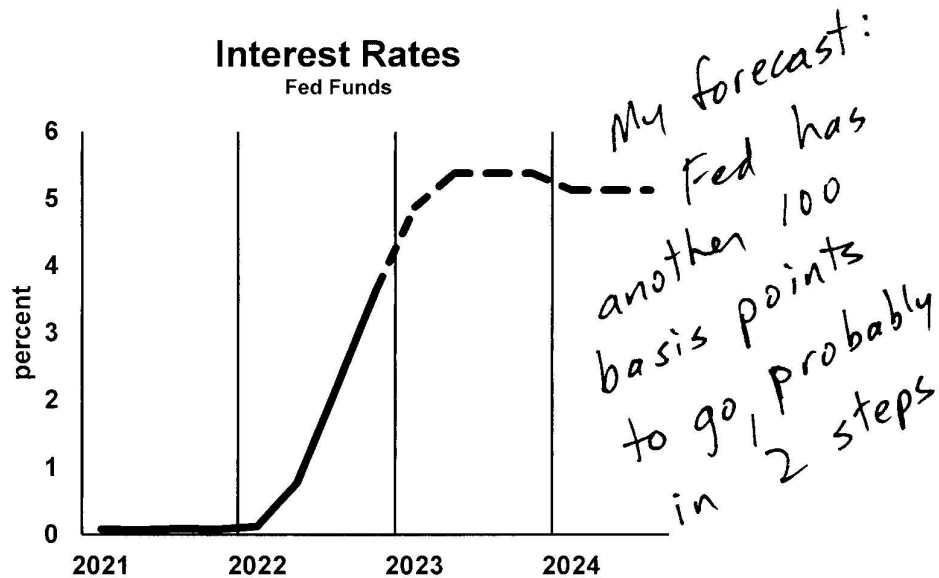
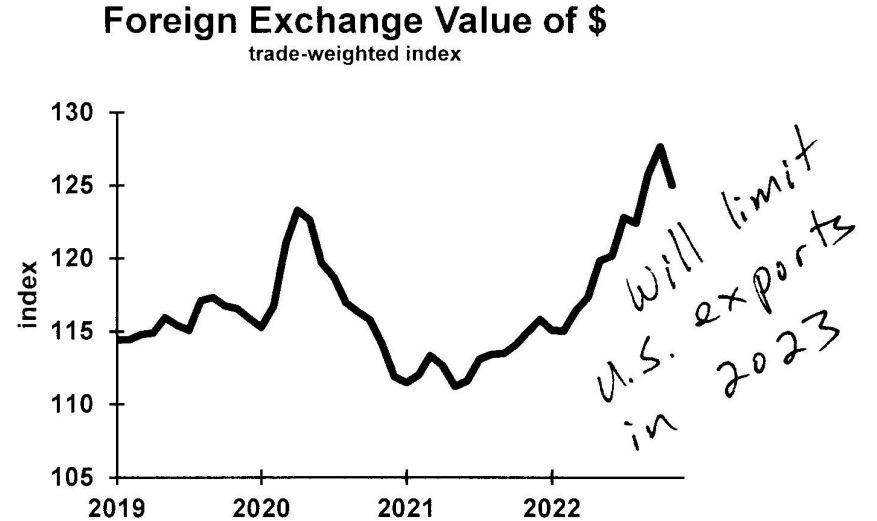


*Few layoffs despite the headlines*

Sales of New Homes



*will continue down*



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