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Presidential Advisory Board To Direct the Future of Workforce Policy

The U.S. Department of Commerce recently announced the creation of a Presidential Advisory Board to direct the future of workforce policy.

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Trump: China Trade Talks Going 'Very Well' Before High-Level Parley

President Trump said trade talks with China were "going along very well" as the world's two largest economies try to resolve their seven-month tariff war ahead of a March 1 deadline for a deal.

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U.S.-China Trade Talks Face Big Obstacle: Ensuring That Promises Are Kept

A top priority for U.S. trade representatives engaged in trade talks with China is to ensure that any deal they strike has teeth if Beijing does not live up to its obligations.

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Trump Loves the New NAFTA Deal, but Congress Does Not

The new NAFTA deal, which President Trump

lauded in his State of the Union address, is currently imperiled in Congress and has little chance of passing without significant changes.

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Lower Gasoline Prices Restrain U.S. Consumer Inflation

U.S. consumer prices were unchanged for a third straight month in January, leading to the smallest annual increase in inflation in more than one-and-a-half years.

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U.S. Job Openings Jump to Record High of 7.3 Million

U.S. employers posted the most open jobs in December in the nearly two decades that records have been kept, evidence that the job market is strong.

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Americans' Confidence in Their Finances Keeps Growing

Americans' optimism about their personal finances has climbed to levels not seen in more than 16 years, according to the results of a new Gallup poll.

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The Immigration Plan America Needs

NAM President & CEO Jay Timmons recently announced manufacturers' sweeping vision for immigration reform in America.

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New Report Shows How Worker Turnover Costs the Manufacturing Industry

High turnover is bad for morale, can push top performers to leave and can increase costs in terms of recruiting, training and productivity losses, according to a Tooling U-SME study.

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GOP Sen. Marco Rubio Takes Aim at Stock Buybacks

GOP Sen. Marco Rubio has taken aim at stock buybacks, an issue under attack by Democrats.

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Artificial Intelligence Shows Promise Assisting Physicians

Artificial intelligence (AI) may soon change health care in new and interesting ways. An AI system built by Chinese and American scientists has shown a high level of accuracy.

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U.S. Predicted To Reach New Oil Production Records This Year and Next

The Energy Information Administration predicts that U.S. crude oil production will surge by 1.45 million barrels per day to a record 12.41 million bpd in 2019 and break through the 13 million-bpd mark in 2020.

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Simple Strategies Can Offer Protection for Complex Cybersecurity Issues

Businesses must be more vigilant than ever when it comes to cybersecurity, but many are failing to take the most important steps to ensure a more secure network.

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Women Take the Factory Floor

In competitive times, companies need an edge. For some, that edge takes the shape of the diversity of its workforce.

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Five Ways Work Culture Will Change by 2030

Technology, a talent shortage and trust are just a few of the issues that will challenge the workplace culture over the next decade.

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