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China and U.S. Considering Delaying Trump-Xi Meeting to at least April

China and the U.S. are looking to push an earlier scheduled meeting between President Donald Trump and President Xi Jinping to at least April.

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Slowing Economy Keeping U.S. Inflation Under Wraps

U.S. consumer prices rose for the first time in four months in February, but the pace of the increase was modest resulting in the smallest annual gain in nearly two-and-a-half years.

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Trump Issues First Veto After Congress Rejects Border Emergency

President Trump issued his first veto, rejecting legislation to overturn his declaration of a national emergency to fund a wall along the southwestern border.

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NFIB Optimism Index Inches Higher in February

The National Federation of Independent

Business said its small-business optimism index inched higher in February after in January recording the worst levels since the 2016 presidential election.

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IEA: U.S. Energy Sector Will Lead World with 'Second Wave of Shale'

The U.S. energy sector will dominate the global oil and gas industry in the coming years as the "second wave" of shale growth takes hold, the International Energy Agency said.

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Help Wanted: Nearly 500,000 Manufacturing Jobs Currently Unfilled

The manufacturing industry today lacks about half a million of the skilled workers it needs, and within a decade the number of unfilled jobs in manufacturing could rise into the millions.

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Lockheed Martin Camden Facility Part of \$1 Billion Saudi Missile Deal

Lockheed Martin Missiles & Fire Control of Camden, an AIA Pinnacle Crown member, is likely to receive significant work from the Pentagon's contract to provide THAAD missiles to Saudi Arabia.

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Slew of CEOs Charged in College Entrance Cheating Scam

A slew of business executives and two high-profile actresses were among 50 people charged in a \$25 million cheating scheme to help wealthy students gain admission to top colleges.

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CoorsTek Breaks Ground on \$26 Million Expansion in Benton

CoorstTek recently held a groundbreaking ceremony at its Benton location for a \$26 million, 50,000-square-foot expansion for the production of ceramic body armor used by military personnel.

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Global Manufacturing PMI Hits 32-Month Low in February

The J.P. Morgan Global Manufacturing PMI™ registered 50.6 in February, the slowest growth rate since June 2016.

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Durable Goods Orders Rise in January for Third Straight Month

Orders for long-lasting durable goods rose in January for the third month in a row and business investment posted the biggest increase since last summer.

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U.S. Retail Sales Edge Up in January

U.S. retail sales unexpectedly rose in January, lifted by an increase in purchases of building materials and discretionary spending.

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Gender Balanced Business Is Good for Economy

Research from Catalyst has shown that companies with a higher percentage of women in executive positions have a 34 percent higher total return to shareholders than those that do not.

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Cyber Command Recruiting U.S. Energy Companies

Leaders of U.S. Cyber Command are preparing for digital combat against state-backed hackers targeting critical energy infrastructure by recruiting U.S. energy companies as partners.

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