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Optimism Rising About Prospects of U.S.-Mexico-Canada Trade Agreement

After a recent visit to the White House and Capitol Hill, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said he is optimistic about the prospects of the United States-Mexico-Canada trade agreement.

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Fed Holds Rates Steady, But Opens Door for Rate Cut in Future

A divided Federal Reserve held the line on interest rates and indicated formally that no cuts are coming in 2019, but loosening could still happen before the end of the year.

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EPA Replaces Obama-Era Clean Energy Rule

The Environmental Protection Agency recently rolled back Obama-era clean energy standards, while giving the coal industry a lifeline.

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Oil Prices Spike After Iran Drone Attack

Oil prices spiked following the recent downing of

a U.S. military drone by Iran.

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China's Premier Tells Foreign CEOs China Will Commit to Reform, Opening Up

China will maintain its long-standing commitment to reform and opening up, Premier Li Keqiang told a group of visiting foreign chief executives recently.

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Hundreds of U.S. Organizations Urge Trump To End China Trade War

As many as 661 companies and trade associations recently signed a letter asking the Trump administration to resume talks with China in order to resolve the trade dispute.

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Lockheed Martin Announces \$142 Million Expansion of Camden Facility

State Chamber/AIA member Lockheed Martin said it will spend \$142 million and hire 326 new workers over the next few years as it expands its southern Arkansas facility in Camden.

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U.S. Home Construction Slips 0.9 Percent in May

U.S. home construction slipped a bit in May as a sharp drop in single-family construction was only partially offset by a rise in apartment building.

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McConnell Ups Pressure on White House for Budget Deal

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell brought together Senate Republicans, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and White House Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney to push for a two-year spending deal.

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One in Six Emergency Room Visits or Hospital Stays Triggers 'Surprise' Bill

Roughly one in every six times someone is taken to an emergency room or checks into the hospital, the treatment is followed by a "surprise" medical bill.

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Census Bureau Data Shows U.S. Median Age Has Risen by a Year

Data recently released by the U.S. Census Bureau shows the median age in the U.S. increased by a year to 38.2 years from 2010 to 2018.

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Manufacturing Institute's Heroes MAKE America Program Success Story

As an area manager at the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company in Topeka, Kansas, Jason Gustine is making use of the people skills and processes he learned in the military.

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Is Carbon Capture the Answer to the World's Climate Woes?

Occidental Petroleum Corp. is developing a plant capable of pulling 500,000 tons of carbon dioxide annually from the atmosphere.

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