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July 2019

Strong Job Growth Returns: Payrolls Jump in June Above Expectations

Payroll growth rebounded sharply in June as the U.S. economy added 224,000 jobs, the best gain since January.

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Trump Signs \$4.6 Billion Border Aid Bill Following House Passage

President Trump signed a bill providing \$4.6 billion in funding to the U.S.-Mexico border after the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Senate-originated bill.

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Supreme Court Says Federal Courts Can't Strike Down Partisan Gerrymandering

A deeply divided Supreme Court ruled recently that federal courts may not intervene to block even the most partisan election maps drawn by state lawmakers.

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Trump, Xi Agree to Proceed with Negotiations on Trade

President Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping agreed to proceed with negotiations on

trade between the two nations during a meeting at the Group of 20 summit.

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Huawei Personnel Worked with China's Military on Research Projects

Huawei employees collaborated on research projects with Chinese armed forces, with closer ties to the country's military than previously known.

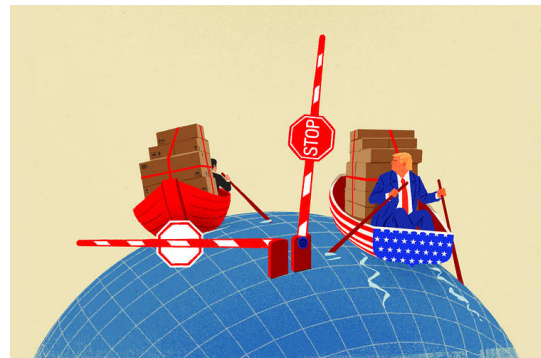
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U.S.-China Trade War Produces Four Winners

Vietnam, Taiwan, Bangladesh and South Korea are coming out as victors in the U.S.-China trade war.

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EPA Proposes Hike in 2020 Biofuel Mandate, But Waiver Volumes Raise Ire

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently proposed that refiners increase the volume of biofuels blended into their annual fuel output, but did not reallocate the waived amounts.

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U.S. Consumer Confidence Hits Lowest Level Since September 2017

The Conference Board's consumer confidence index fell to 121.5 in June after rising in April and

May, the lowest reading since September 2017.

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Gas Taxes Increase in Numerous States

While gas prices in the U.S. have been declining recently, several states raised their gas taxes effective July 1.

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Trade Truce Sends Oil Prices Higher

Oil prices jumped, pushed by an OPEC extension deal and the ceasefire between President Trump and President Xi Jinping.

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Supreme Court Leaves Agency Deference Doctrine in Place – with Limits

A divided Supreme Court recently declined to overrule a long line of cases instructing courts to defer to an agency's interpretation of its own regulations.

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U.S. Shale's Growth Rate Peaked in 2018, Slower Gains Ahead

The U.S. shale industry's sizzling growth rate likely peaked last year, according to a survey of major forecasters.

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Fifty Percent of Manufacturers

Experienced Data Breaches in Past Year

The rate of data breaches continues to rise as half of companies surveyed reported being a victim of at least one data breach during the past 12 months.

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