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Fed Expects Growth Surge, Inflation Jump in 2021, But No Rate Hike Planned

The U.S. economy is heading for its strongest growth in nearly 40 years and the Federal Reserve is pledging to keep its foot on the gas despite an expected surge in inflation.

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Winter Storms Fuel U.S. Industrial Production Drop of 2.2 Percent in February

U.S. industrial production fell 2.2 percent in February, the Federal Reserve said, a worse-than-expected figure caused by winter storms that knocked factories offline in parts of the country.

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IRS Postpones April 15th U.S. Tax Deadline to May 17

The IRS and Treasury Department have announced that the April 15 tax-filing deadline has been postponed to May 17.

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Another 770,000 Americans Filed for Unemployment Benefits Last Week

The number of Americans filing for first-time

unemployment benefits rose last week, despite some signs the U.S. economy is strengthening.

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Biden Administration Sued over Keystone XL Pipeline Cancellation

Several states, including Arkansas, have sued the Biden administration over its decision to revoke a key permit for the Keystone XL pipeline.

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Winter Storms Hammer U.S. Manufacturing Production

Output at U.S. factories plunged in February, depressed by winter storms in Texas, temporarily idling some petroleum refineries, petrochemical facilities and plastic resin plants.

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February Winter Weather Causes Decline in U.S. Retail Sales

U.S. retail sales fell by 3 percent in February as a result of the bitterly cold weather that occurred across the country.

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Planning Begins on Biden's Push for Infrastructure Initiative

President Biden's next push is on the horizon – repairing the nation's ailing bridges, roads and airports and investing billions in new projects like broadband internet.

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Business Groups Seek PPP

Extension as March Deadline Looms

The March 31 application deadline for the Paycheck Protection Program has trade groups pressing for swift action from lawmakers to extend the popular small-business program.

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New OSHA Program Centers on Protecting High-Risk Workers

OSHA has launched a national emphasis program focusing enforcement efforts on companies that put the largest number of workers at serious risk of contracting COVID-19.

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Truck Driver Shortages Vary by Sector, Report Finds

Less-than-truckload, local heavy-duty and light trucking have an easier time finding drivers than long-haul trucking, according to a report by 3PL Coyote Logistics and Emsi.

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Labor Movement Targets Amazon as a Foothold in the South

The South has never been hospitable to organized labor. But that may be changing.

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Working from Home May Outlast Pandemic

Corporations are considering extending the work-from-home practices that became necessary during the pandemic.

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Policymakers Face Questionable

Climate Models

As corporations and federal agencies work to reduce their climate impact, they are confronting difficulties in the form of spotty data.

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