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U.S. Economy Added 136,000 Jobs in September

The U.S. employers added jobs at a steady pace last month, and the unemployment rate hit a 50-year low. The labor market continues to provide more opportunities for Americans in search of work despite a broader economic slowdown. Manufacturing has already entered a decline and consumer spending, is also appearing after more than a year of strength.

Is important to mention that the U.S economy added 136,000 jobs in September, and the jobless rate dropped to 3.5% in September from 3.7% in August, marking the lowest jobless rate since December 1969, when it also logged in at 3.5%.



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Supreme Court agrees to rule on abortion restrictions, setting up contentious election year debate

The abortion topic is returning to the Supreme Court, after three years striking down restrictions on Texas clinics and doctors that had created burdens for thousands of women. This puts one of the nation's most divisive issues front and center as the 2020 presidential election approaches. A ruling in favor of Louisiana would give the opportunity to President Donald Trump to show for his 2016 pledge to appoint the pro-life justices.

The abortion cases are the most controversial to come before the court, that's why they don't usually get there very often. Between 2000 and 2007, the court struck down a state law banning the late term abortions. Also, the abortion restrictions are headed the high courts way.



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D.C.-area gas station shuts off the pumps and goes all-electric

On Thursday, according to Maryland officials, the RS Automotive became the first service station in the nation that completely convert all the equipment from offering gasoline to electric powers. This is a sustainable stuff that many see as the heart of America's decarbonized future.

One important detail remained, is that nobody, and including the station's longtime owner or the Electric Vehicle Institute was entirely sure what to call a gas station that doesn't offer gas anymore. The charging station is as much a social experimentation as it is economic, but if it gets successful it could provide a model for replication elsewhere.



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Trump to tell Pelosi that White House won't cooperate on impeachment until the full House votes

President Donald Trump and aides plan to tell House Speaker Nancy Pelosi that they won't cooperate with the ongoing impeachment inquiry until the full House votes to authorize it. The White House, is also preparing a letter of objection to Pelosi that could be sent.

Democrats have said that Trump's refusal to answer subpoenas and provide documents could constitute an impeachable offense in, and of itself as they investigate the president's dealings.



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The government doesn't want Facebook to encrypt your messages: Here's why

The U.S. Justice Department doesn't want Facebook to encrypt messages on WhatsApp and its other messaging services, without giving a law enforcement backdoor access to such conversations. The goal of this, is to stop child pornographers, terrorist and foreign adversaries looking to disrupt U.S. institutions.

are in the world. They also mentioned that the encryption already protects the messages of over a billion people every day, and the oppose government attempts to build backdoors because they would undermine the privacy and security of people everywhere.

The Facebook opposes Barr's request was that, the people have the right to have a private conversation online, wherever they