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TRENDS IN THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SECTOR – (Brookings)

The U.S. leads the global landscape in technology innovation. The country's competitive edge, according to the World Economic Forum's 2018 Global Competitive Index, is due to its business dynamism, strong institutional pillars, financing mechanisms, and vibrant innovation ecosystem. [More.](#)

A BRIEF HISTORY OF RETAIL AND MIXED-USE – (CNU)

From the decimation of downtowns to the "retail apocalypse," massively changing retail has been the norm for the last seven decades. Urban retail may benefit from the current transformation. A retail reckoning is long due, and many chains suffer from too much Wall Street debt. [More.](#)

HOW TO ADDRESS NEW PRIVACY ISSUES RAISED BY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING – (Brookings)

For generations, companies have collected large amounts of information about consumers and have used it for marketing, advertising, and other business purposes. They regularly infer details about some customers based on what others have revealed. Machine learning increases the capacity to make these inferences. [More.](#)

THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF CLOSING THE RACIAL WEALTH GAP – (McKinsey & Company)

In wealth, black individuals, families, and communities tend to lag behind their white counterparts. Indeed, the median white family had more than ten times the wealth of the median black family in 2016. In fact, the racial wealth gap between black and white families grew from about \$100,000 in 1992 to \$154,000 in 2016. [More.](#)

HAPPENINGS

SAVE THE DATE:

On the evening of Wednesday, October 30, 2019 the Hourglass will host a fun and exciting forum: **"The Future Ain't What It Used To Be"**. This forum will feature a wide variety of future-making presenters providing fresh insights into the dramatic effects change will have on lives in Lancaster County, from medicine to agriculture to schools to the workplace.

Be on the lookout for more information!



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