

***Guest Lecture on Economic and Industrial Impact of GPA on the Region
Speaker: Stacy B. Watson, General Manager, Economic and Industrial Development
at Georgia Ports Authority
Date: Oct 30th, 2018 in the Howard Jordan Auditorium at 12pm***

[Chinese Firms Snap Up U.S. Sites to Process Scrap](#)

Chinese companies are settling up shop in the U.S. to obtain the scrap paper and plastic their government has deemed too dirty to import. U.S. shipments to China of old cardboard, newspaper and discarded plastic slowed after China this year implemented more-stringent standards on the purity of imported scrap. That change has left Chinese packaging companies and plastics manufacturers short on materials.

Source: Wall Street Journal Oct 27 2018

[Grocers Enlist Robots to Chase E-Commerce](#)

Grocers are stocking their warehouses with robots and artificial intelligence to increase efficiency as competition for consumer spending on food picks up. Robots are relatively new to the food industry, where customer interaction is common and many goods like fruit are fragile and perishable. Startups are vying to sell supermarkets an array of robots that perform different tasks.

Source: Wall Street Journal Oct 29 2018

[Jet.com Strikes Deal with Blue Apron to Become the First Retailer to Sell its Meal Kits Online](#)

Walmart's Jet.com is now selling meal kits by Blue Apron, as the e-commerce company tries to build out its platform and grocery assortment to compete with Amazon and Whole Foods. Starting Monday, shoppers in the New York area will be able to purchase four different meal kits for same- or next-day delivery via Jet.com.

Source: CNBC Oct 29 2018

[Intel Says More Women, African-Americans in Workforce After Diversity Push](#)

Intel has increased the ratio of women and African-Americans in its workforce after three years of a high-profile effort to improve diversity, the U.S. microchip makers said in a report released on Monday.

Source: Reuters Oct 29 2018

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