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HELP WANTED: TOO MANY JOBS AND NOT ENOUGH WORKERS IN MOST STATES – (Pew)

A labor shortage is jeopardizing economic expansion in almost every state, putting pressure on lawmakers to find ways to attract more residents and coax people who have dropped out of the workforce to rejoin it. In 39 states, there are more jobs than people looking for them. Nationally the number of job openings in August was 7.1 million, compared with 6 million unemployed people looking for work. [More.](#)

BLACK HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS RISING ACROSS THE UNITED STATES – (Brookings)

Black households have made economic progress in recent years. Black household income has just exceeded their pre-recession high in 2007 and continues to climb. This comes at a time when income inequality is the highest it has been in the 50 years economists have measured it. [More.](#)

BUYING YOUR FIRST HOME? A LOOK AT 20-YEAR TRENDS – (CITYLAB)

There are fewer people buying a first-home these days, but of those entering the real estate market, more are unmarried, Asian, or Hispanic. This means that first-time homebuyers in the U.S. look significantly different from 20 years ago. Today, a larger share of new homeowners buy before marriage and form new households at the time of purchase. [More.](#)

IN DEFENSE OF PUBLIC SPACES – (Strong Towns)

Public spaces have a way of telling the story of our neighborhoods. They do this, in part, by revealing not only the people but also the values, needs and hopes that exist in our localities. Even though our city budgets don't always reflect it, we need these spaces more than we might think. [More.](#)

HAPPENINGS

SAVE THE DATE:

On Wednesday, October 30, 2019 from 5:30 - 8:30pm 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.

Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased by calling 717-295-0755.



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