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"While March's numbers aren't as robust as we've seen over the last year, overall trends remain solid, and there is every reason to be optimistic about our economic trajectory going forward," writes Secretary Perez.

- [Chris Sommers: Boost Business By Raising Minimum Wage](#)
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&&&http://blog.dol.gov/2015/04/07/chris-sommers-boost-business-by-raising-minimum-wage/>: "As a restaurant owner operating in four states and looking to

expand, I'm happy to see the minimum wage going up in 21 states to kick off the new year," writes Chris Sommers, co-founder of Pi Pizzerias and Gringo Mexican Restaurant based in St. Louis, Missouri.

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Partnering For Opportunity

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First Lady Michelle Obama welcomed representatives from philanthropy, business, and Native American nations to the White House on April 8 to discuss challenges facing Native American youth. The group explored expanding public-private partnerships to create more opportunities for Native American people, more than 40 percent of whom are under the age of 24. Deputy Secretary of Labor Christopher P. Lu participated on a panel about jobs and economic development with Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Small Business Administrator Maria Contreras-Sweet. Lu highlighted the department's programs for, and investments in, native youth, including the Employment and Training Administration's Indian and Native American Programs. He also discussed new provisions of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act that target out-of-school youth and offers programs related to entrepreneurial skills training and financial literacy.

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Lead on Leave Tour Hits Chicago

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"The Lead on Leave — Empowering Working Families Across America" tour is making stops around the country to amplify the call for paid leave. It stopped at the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business on April 9. With the help of outreach by the department's Women's Bureau, a crowd of more than 130 students and community members gathered to talk about the need for policies that support workplace flexibility with Valerie Jarrett, senior advisor to President Obama. "Paid leave is what businesses need to compete for the best and brightest employees," said Jarrett. "We shouldn't be leaving half of our talent on the sidelines. This isn't just about women. It is an entire family issue."

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An alliance between the Airline Ground Safety Panel and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to address multiple aspects of airline ground personnel safety was renewed on April 8 in Washington, D.C. The alliance provides information and training resources to members, ground crew unions and contract firms, and workers. "OSHA and members of the airline industry have worked together in recent years to address safety issues among ground personnel," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Dr. David Michaels. "The efforts of our continued alliance with AGSP will go a long way toward keeping workers across the country safe and healthy at the end of every workday."

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Mistreatment Gives Way to Gratitude

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While in New Mexico recently, Wage and Hour Division Administrator Dr. David

Weil met with Albuquerque workers helped by Wage and Hour investigations. Carlos Peña and Theresa Quezada worked an average of 54 hours each week in a donut shop but were paid no overtime. They told Weil of their unfair treatment, but did not realize how serious it was until a federal investigation took place. "We were scared to say anything," said Quezada. "We are now more aware of our rights, and we tell others that they have rights, too." Both workers expressed gratitude that their workplace had improved. Weil also spoke with restaurant server Brandon Larlee, who was paid a salary but did not receive all wages owed him. Larlee believed he was mistreated but felt worse for his coworkers who had families and were paid less. Weil responded, "We are grateful that you came in and told us your stories, as it helps us in our work. It is important to get the knowledge of their rights to working people and ensure they get the wages that they deserve."

Mining For Life-Saving Answers

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Industry stakeholders in California, Washington, Nevada and Idaho gathered in Sacramento on March 31 for a roundtable discussion on reducing mining fatalities and increasing opportunities for mine safety trainers. Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health Joseph Main led the discussion with approximately 20 mine operators and state association members. Later that day, Main and other MSHA officials toured a Teichert Aggregates plant in Esparto, Calif., and Granite Construction sand and gravel facility in Capay. Both are producers of sand and gravel for general construction and road building that boast strong safety and compliance records. They attribute their success to employee involvement and effective training programs. The day wrapped up with a visit to the Cache Creek Conservancy Nature Preserve, a reclaimed mine site in Woodland.

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