



January 2019

## Stocks Rally on Trade Hopes; Dollar Has First Weekly Gain of 2019

World stock indexes jumped, with Wall Street posting a fourth straight week of gains, and the dollar had its first positive week since mid-December as optimism increased that an end is in sight to the U.S.-China trade conflict.

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## Trump-Pelosi Feud Clouds Prospects for Breakthrough on Shutdown

President Trump and House Speaker Pelosi are engaged in the bitter opposite of negotiations of the partial government shutdown as they seek to cow one another into an embarrassing capitulation.

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## Shutdown's Economic Damage Starts to Pile Up, Threatening an End to Growth

The partial government shutdown is inflicting far greater damage on the U.S. economy than previously estimated as economists doubled projections of how much economic growth is being lost each week the standoff continues.

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## Trump's Polls Sag Amid Wall Fight

A raft of polling including surveys by the Washington Post-ABC News, Rasmussen and Drudge Report have suggested President Trump is losing the battle for public opinion with Democrats over his demand for a border wall.

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## Trump Reportedly Meets with Cabinet Officials To Revive Infrastructure Push

Reuters reported that President Trump is reviving efforts to win approval for a significant infrastructure plan lasting up to 13 years.

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## China Says Economy Czar To Visit Washington for Trade Talks

The top U.S. and Chinese trade envoys will hold talks Jan. 30-31 in Washington in a possible sign of progress toward ending a costly tariff battle over Beijing's technology ambitions.

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## Afterglow Airport Solutions To Expand at Little Rock Airport, Grow to 60 Jobs

Afterglow Airport Solutions, an Arkansas-based company offering aircraft interior and paint refurbishments and detailing, will locate operations at the Little Rock Airport.

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## IRS To Waive 2018 Penalties for Under-Withheld Taxpayers

The IRS announced it would not impose penalties on many taxpayers who had too little federal income tax withheld from their pay last year, or who paid less than their estimated tax liabilities.

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## Crafton Tull and Associates Planning Chaffee Crossing Office in Fort Smith

Crafton Tull and Associates, an Arkansas State Chamber member, will open an office in Fort Smith this spring.

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## Student Debt Is a Driver of Low Millennial Home Ownership

American home ownership has been on the decline and Federal Reserve researchers point to the high cost of college as one of the culprits.

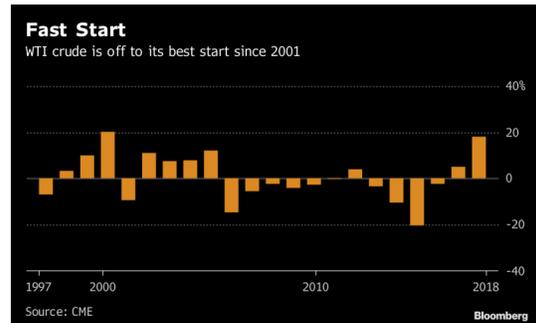
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## Oil Continues Climb as U.S.-China Trade Tensions Ease

Crude oil reached its highest level in two months, having its best start of the year since 2001 amid signs that US-China trade relations may improve.

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## Fed: Manufacturing Production Was Up 1.1% in December

U.S. manufacturing production grew by 1.1% last month and an upwardly revised 0.1% for November, according to Federal Reserve data. Automotive production was up 4.7% for December.

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## U.S. Wholesale Prices Fell 0.2 Percent in December

U.S. wholesale prices fell last month, dragged down by a steep drop in gas costs, suggesting that inflation will remain tame in the coming months.

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## U.S. Automakers Push for Deal on

## Fuel Efficiency Rules

Executives at the major U.S. automakers are pressing the Trump administration and California to agree on standards for fuel efficiency and carbon emissions through 2025.

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