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Trump Aid Plan for U.S. Farmers Seen Mirroring 2018 Package

The Trump Administration's second package of aid for U.S. farmers hit by the trade war with China is expected to total \$15 billion to \$20 billion and involve direct payments.

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U.S. Consumer Sentiment Jumps to 15-Year High

U.S. consumer sentiment jumped to its strongest level since 2004 on a surge in economic expectations amid unexpectedly strong growth, highlighting what's at risk in a growing trade war with China.

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Housing Starts Up Almost 6 Percent in April, But Construction Lags Last Year's Pace

Construction on new houses rose almost 6 percent in April, but builders still lagged behind last year's pace despite a big drop in mortgage rates.

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U.S. Factory Output Falls for Third Time in Four Months

U.S. factory production fell in April for a third time in four months with a broad decline led by weakness in machinery and motor vehicles, adding to signs of manufacturing sector weakness.

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Retail Sales Declined in April as Americans Cut Back on Spending

U.S. retail sales declined in April, as Americans cut back their spending on clothes, appliances and home and garden supplies.

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Trump Administration Will Delay Auto Tariffs for Up to Six Months

The Trump Administration will delay tariffs on cars and auto part imports for up to six months as it negotiates trade deals with the European Union and Japan.

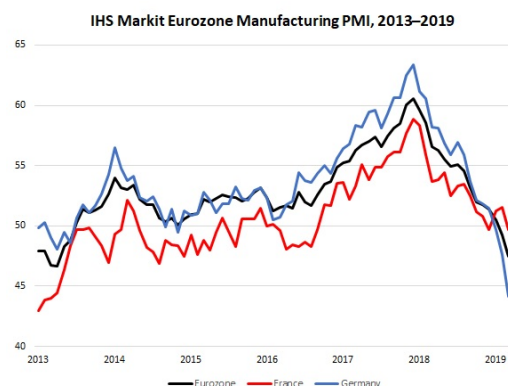
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Global Manufacturing Activity Grew at Slowest Rate Since June 2016

Global manufacturing declined from 50.5 in March to 50.3 in April, the slowest growth rates since June 2016.

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After Huawei Blow, China Says U.S. Must Show Sincerity for Trade Talks

The U.S. must show sincerity if it is to hold meaningful trade talks, China said, after U.S. President Donald Trump dramatically raised the stakes with a potentially devastating blow to Chinese tech giant Huawei.

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Trump Pitches Overhaul of U.S. Immigration System

President Donald Trump recently proposed overhauling the U.S. immigration system to favor young, educated English-speaking applicants instead of people with family ties to Americans.

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Mexico Close to Resolving Dispute with U.S. over Steel and Aluminum Tariffs

Mexico is close to resolving its dispute with the U.S. over steel and aluminum tariffs without quotas but hopes Canada can reach a similar agreement before completing it.

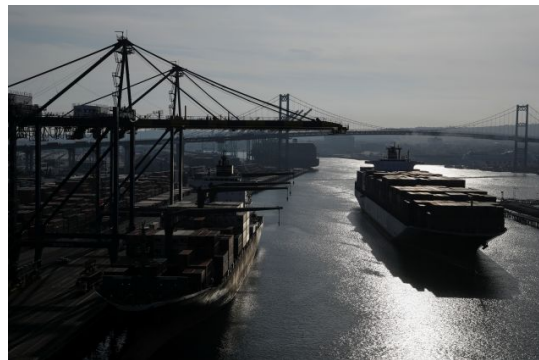
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U.S. Trade Deficit Widens to \$50 Billion in March

The U.S. goods and services deficit with its global trading partners widened slightly in March as demand for foreign goods buoyed imports, the Commerce Department reported.

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TSA Under Scrutiny for Pipeline Security Failures

From foreign security agencies to hacking collectives, the more than 2.7 million miles of oil and natural gas pipelines crisscrossing the U.S. make an alluring target.

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Feds Take Down Cybercrime Group That Stole \$100 Million

An international cybercrime network that used malware to steal an estimated \$100 million from victims in the U.S. and Europe has been dismantled.

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U.S. LNG Exporters Face Headwinds Due to Trade War with China

The U.S. trade war with China has dozens of developers of liquefied natural gas export terminals scrambling to find other buyers, now that the fastest-growing market for the fuel is out of reach.

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