U.S. Very Optimistic About Reaching Trade Deal with China Soon

The White House is “very optimistic” it will reach a so-called phase one trade pact with China before the end of the year.

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Supreme Court Weighs Fate of DACA, 700,000 Young Immigrants

The Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in a case challenging President Trump’s 2017 decision to end Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

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Worker Productivity Falls for First Time in Nearly Four Years

American workers were less efficient in the July-September quarter, pushing down productivity for the first time since late 2015.

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U.S. Raked in Record $7.1 Billion in Tariffs in September

Americans shelled out a record $7.1 billion in tariffs in September, according to recently released data.
U.S. Consumer Confidence Dips in October, Misses Expectations

U.S. consumer confidence dipped slightly in October as worries over business conditions and employment prospects ticked up.

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Rollback of China Tariffs Faces Fierce Opposition in the White House

An agreement between the U.S. and China to roll back existing tariffs as part of a “phase one” trade deal faces fierce internal opposition in the White House.

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Mike Bloomberg Preparing to Enter Democratic Presidential Primary

Mike Bloomberg, the billionaire former mayor of New York, is preparing to enter the Democratic presidential primary.

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U.S., China, Japan and Korea Predicted to Dominate 5G Mobile Networks

The U.S. China, Japan and Korea will account for more than half of the world’s subscribers to super-fast 5G mobile networks by 2025, leaving Europe lagging.

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**U.S. Shale Seen Eating into OPEC’s Market Share for Years to Come**

OPEC expects that demand for its oil will slide by approximately seven percent over the next four years.

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**China's Fentanyl Firms Back Crackdown on Synthetic Opioid**

The biggest legal producer of fentanyl in China has welcomed the country's commitment to clamp down on the synthetic opioid to help stop the flow of the drug to the U.S.

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**Trump to Confront Erdogan on Purchase of Russian Air Defense System**

President Trump plans to confront Turkey's President Erdogan about his country's decision to defy NATO and buy a Russian air defense system.

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**Southwest Unable to Verify That Dozens of Jets Meet Safety Standards**

Southwest Airlines is operating dozens of commercial passenger aircraft that have not undergone comprehensive inspections.

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**Report Says Thousands Face Life-Threatening Floods from Aging Dams**

Many of the nation’s dams are more than 50 years old and bedeviled by leaks, erosion, burrowing animals and overgrown vegetation.

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Trump Plans Meeting with Vaping Industry to Consider Flavor Ban

President Trump plans to meet with e-cigarette industry representatives as he considers a ban on the sale of flavored vaping products.

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