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## Trump Threatens Higher Tariffs If China Does Not Make a Trade Deal

President Trump has threatened higher tariffs on Chinese goods effective Dec. 15 if the U.S. and China are not able to make a trade deal.

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## U.S. Industrial Production Falls in October, the Largest Decline Since May 2018

The Federal Reserve reported that U.S. industrial production dropped 0.8 percent in October, the largest decline since May 2018.

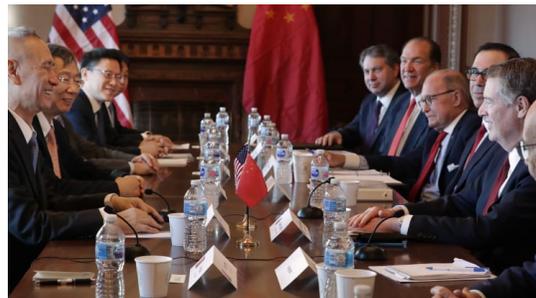
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## China Invites U.S. Negotiators to Beijing for Another Round of Trade Talks

China's top trade official has invited U.S. negotiators to Beijing to take part in a fresh round of face-to-face talks.

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## U.S. Retail Sales Rebound, But Big-Ticket Purchases Decline

U.S. retail sales rebounded in October, but consumers cut back on purchases of big-ticket household items and clothing.

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## Fed Officials See Little Need for Further Rate Cuts

Federal Reserve officials generally agreed that they likely won't need to cut interest rates again unless economic conditions change significantly.

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## Trump Signs Bill Funding Government Through December 20

President Trump signed a short-term spending bill into law with little time to spare before the government shut down.

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## House Democrats, Trump Administration Fail to Reach USMCA Trade Deal

House Democrats and the Trump administration were not able to come to an agreement on moving forward with President Trump's new North American trade deal.

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## Lower Mortgage Rates Boost U.S. Housing Starts, Building Permits

U.S. home building rebounded in October and permits for future home construction jumped to a more than 12-year high, pointing to strength in the housing market.

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## House Sends Bill Supporting Hong Kong Protesters to Trump

The House overwhelmingly passed legislation aimed at protecting human rights in Hong Kong after a unanimous vote in the Senate drew condemnation from China.

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## Is U.S. Shale Boom Going Bust as Oil Prices Drop and Money Dries Up?

The shale oil boom that catapulted the U.S. into being the world's largest oil producer may be going bust.

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## America's Small Manufacturers Talk About Their Challenges and Opportunities

Participants at a recent NAM meeting focused on subjects of top importance to manufacturers of all sizes nationwide.

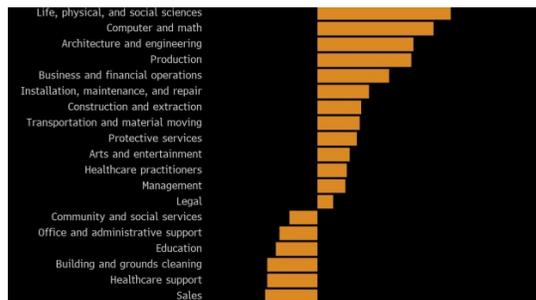
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## Artificial Intelligence Poised to Impact High-Skill U.S. Jobs

Artificial intelligence is coming for America's high-paid professions as it creates winners and losers across the labor market like never before.

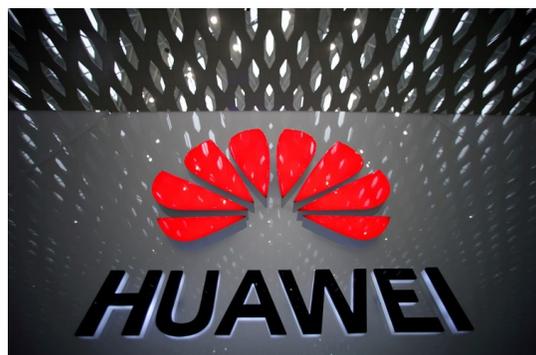
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## Some Huawei Suppliers Get U.S. Approval to Restart Sales to Blacklisted Firm

The Trump administration gave Huawei its second reprieve, allowing some suppliers to restart sales to the blacklisted Chinese telecommunications giant.

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## New Trends in Tools Can Help Alleviate Shortage of Skilled Workers

The skilled worker shortage in manufacturing has highlighted the importance of well-made, reliable tools that can save workers time and get jobs done faster.

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## Cross-Generational Workplaces Face Challenges

The modern workforce now spans five generations, a situation that is causing tension and disconnect among some workers.

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