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## Iran Offers Mixed Message After Backing Away from Conflict with U.S.

Iranian officials vowed revenge for the killing of a top general, but also noted their missile strikes had not been intended to kill.

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## U.S., China to Sign Trade Deal in Washington

China's Vice Premier Liu He will sign a "Phase 1" deal in Washington on Jan. 15 at the White House.

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## Deloitte Survey: Top Executives Pessimistic about 2020 Economy

CFO's are bracing for an economic slowdown, according to Deloitte's quarterly survey of nearly 150 executives at top North American companies.

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## Cybersecurity Experts Warn of Potential Iranian Cyberattacks on U.S. Infrastructure

Cybersecurity experts are warning of potential Iranian cyberattacks on U.S. infrastructure.

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## White House Issues Sweeping Changes to National Environmental Policy Act

The White House has issued sweeping changes to the 50-year-old National Environmental Policy Act governing pipelines, highways and oil and gas development.

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## EPA Considering Regulations to Reduce Heavy-Duty Truck Pollution

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has announced it is eyeing new federal regulations to further tighten heavy-duty truck emissions.

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## Timmons Urges Leaders to Support Values That Unite All Americans

NAM President and CEO Jay Timmons urged business and manufacturing leaders to support values that unite all Americans.

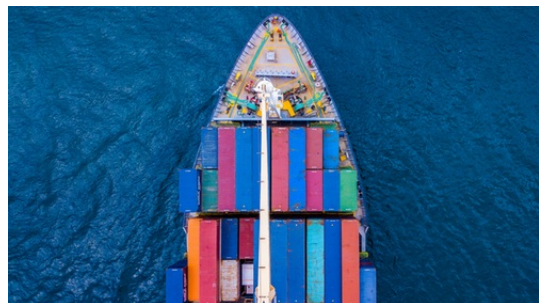
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## U.S. Trade Deficit Falls 8.2 Percent to \$43.1 Billion

The U.S. trade deficit fell to the lowest level in more than three years as U.S. exports rose while imports declined.

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## Iran-U.S. Tensions Stoke Fears of Spike in Gasoline Prices

Recently escalating Iran-U.S. tensions have raised the prospect of a spike in gasoline prices, though the effects so far have been minimal.

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## New Law Helps Businesses Offer Retirement Plans

A new law expanding retirement plan options for small businesses may encourage more companies to offer the benefits to their workers.

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## Oil, Natural Gas Going in Different Directions

U.S. oil and natural gas are diverging in the markets, where the oil-to-gas price ratio has surged to its highest level in six years.

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## White House Proposes Regulatory Principles to Govern AI Use

The White House has proposed regulatory principles to govern the development and use of artificial intelligence.

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## Boeing's List of Max Problems Grows

During an audit, Boeing discovered a problem with electrical wiring used for the plane's controls.

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## Low-Cost Shale Gas Driving U.S.

## Job Growth, Economic Investments

Ample access to low-cost shale gas continues to drive job growth and attract foreign companies to the U.S.

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## U.S. Cancer Death Rate Sees Largest-Ever Single-Year Drop

The death rate from cancer in the U.S. saw the largest every single-year decline since rates began declining in 1992.

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