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## Coronavirus Could Impact More Than 5 Million Companies Worldwide

The coronavirus outbreak and subsequent shutdown of huge portions of China could impact more than 5 million businesses worldwide.

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## Fracking Ban Would Take Heavy Toll on Jobs, API Says

Banning hydraulic fracturing in the U.S. could cost millions of jobs, according to the American Petroleum Institute.

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## Producer Prices Jump in January

The Labor Department reported that its producer price index jumped 0.5 percent in January, the largest gain since October 2018.

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## Environmental Coalition Planning Lawsuit Against Rollback of Water Rule

A coalition of environmental groups plans to sue the Trump administration over its decision to roll back the Waters of the U.S. rule.

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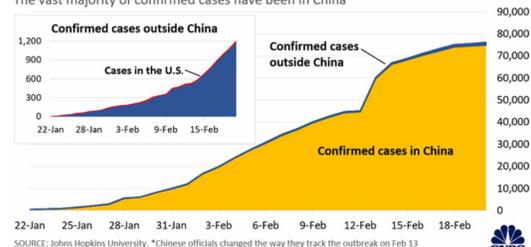
## U.S. Hospitals Prepare for Coronavirus Outbreak to Become Global Pandemic

U.S. officials are increasingly sounding the alarm of a possible pandemic outbreak of the deadly new coronavirus which originated in China.

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### Global spread of coronavirus

The vast majority of confirmed cases have been in China



## Department of Labor Awards \$100 Million in Grants to Help Close Skills Gap

The U.S. Department of Labor has announced the awarding of nearly \$100 million in grants to 28 public-private apprenticeship partnerships.

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## U.S. Small Businesses Getting Upbeat News on the Economy

January's economic reports showed that more consumers are working, which is a good omen for higher retail sales in the coming months.

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## Healthcare Spending Higher over 5 Years Due to Rise in Prices, Report Says

A new report confirms concerns about healthcare costs showing per-person spending is increasing faster than per-capita gross domestic product.

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## Artificial Intelligence Competing with Humans to Flag Disease Outbreaks

In the final days of 2019, an AI system in Boston

sent out the first global alert about the coronavirus outbreak in China.

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## Fed Officials Planning to Keep Interest Rates Steady

The Federal Reserve released minutes from its most recent meeting indicating it plans to maintain the current level of interest rates.

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## Walmart's Live Better U Graduates First Class

Walmart's Live Better U, an initiative aimed at helping employees earn bachelor's or associate degrees, has graduated its first class of 30 workers.

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## Small Businesses Embrace Wellness to Help Retain Staffers

Many small business owners are starting wellness programs to help employees be healthier, happier and more likely to stay.

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## Trump Administration Faces Outcry Over Plans to Expand Arctic Drilling

Democratic senators sent a letter to Interior Secretary David Bernhardt condemning proposed changes to expand Arctic drilling.

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## First Reported Cyberattack on an American Pipeline

A gas company shut down a pipeline for two days due to a ransomware attack, according to the Department of Homeland Security.

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## U.S. Recycling Generates \$110 Billion in Economic Benefits, ISRI Report Says

Recycling in the U.S. employs more than 531,000 people and contributes almost \$110 billion to the economy.

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