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## The Markets

It was a short week, but it wasn't quiet.

Oil prices moved higher, according to The Wall Street Journal, after the U.S. Energy Information Administration reported crude-oil inventories fell unexpectedly last year. Analysts had predicted oil supplies would rise.



One expert cited by The Wall Street Journal suggested the stockpile decline and subsequent oil price rally owed much to Gulf Coast refiners reducing inventories "to mitigate state ad valorem taxes on year-end crude stocks." If that's the case, the oil price increase may not be sustained.

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## 5 Things to Watch on the Economic Calendar

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The week between the Christmas and New Year's holidays produces a sharp deceleration in the number of economic reports. Still, those who look up from their eggnog will find two fresh readings on the housing market and a gauge of consumers' feelings heading into 2016.

### 1. Casing House Prices

The October S&P/Case-Shiller home-price index, released Tuesday, will give a new indication of whether home values are increasing more rapidly. The September reading showed a 4.9% gain from a year earlier. Rising home prices threaten to slow sales because they could put properties out of reach, especially for first-time buyers.

### 2. A Happy New Year for Consumers?

The Conference Board's consumer confidence reading, also out Tuesday, will show how Americans are feeling heading into the New Year. The measure has weakened the past two months, but a combination of steady hiring, rising incomes and low gasoline prices should have shoppers feeling good as the ball drops.

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## 50 New Year's Resolution Ideas and How to Achieve Each of Them

The New Year is slowly nearing, and us many people are indulging in retrospection and reevaluating some of their life choices. New Year's resolutions are the perfect opportunity for all those who have failed to start making the changes that they said they would make next week, next month, or perhaps when winter starts. with the holiday season already



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Well, now's your chance to sit down and prepare a list of important lifestyle changes you want to make, and being the charitable and caring bunch that we are here at Lifehack, we've decided to give you a bit of help - because since the majority of people fail to stick to their resolution, you'll need all the help you can get.

What follows is a list of 50 common New Year's resolutions with a piece of advice and plenty of links to useful articles that deal with the issue in greater detail. If you are looking for effective ways of changing your life for the better, then you'll be sure to find tons of useful information here.

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