

**White House Daily Briefing
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Three Articles to Read

S&P 500, Dow close at all-time highs

A wave of buying sent U.S. stocks solidly higher on Wall Street Thursday, pushing the Dow Jones Industrial Average above the all-time high it closed at in January. The S&P 500, the benchmark for many index funds, was also above the peak it reached last month.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/s-p-500-dow-jones-close-today-record-all-time-high-today-2018-09-20/>

There's No Reason to Delay the Kavanaugh Vote Any Further

There's No Reason to Delay the Kavanaugh Vote Any Further"Guess who's perpetuating all of these kinds of actions?" Sen. Mazie Hirono explained, boiling down the Senate Democrats' position on Brett Kavanaugh. "It's the men in this country. I just want to say to the men in this country, just shut up. And step up. Do the right thing for a change." Demanding an entire gender "just shut up" because it shares in a collective guilt borne of the actions perpetrated by a few people who share their biological features is a pretty ugly notion for anyone to be voicing, much less someone charged with defending the Constitution. Then again, arguing that the "right thing" for all men to do is surrender their right to due process or any kind of genuine defense isn't much better.

https://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2018/09/21/theres_no_reason_to_delay_the_kavanaugh_vote_any_further_138131.html

For Kavanaugh fight, news media toss their standards in the trash

When the New York Times launched an ad campaign after Trump's inauguration proclaiming truth is “ more important now than ever,” we rolled our eyes. The truth is always important. No White House resident changes that. <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/for-kavanaugh-fight-news-media-toss-their-standards-in-the-trash>

Things to Know

America's first cyber strategy in 15 years

- America and its allies are under attack every day in cyberspace. Malicious actors try to undermine our safety and security by damaging our national infrastructure and upending the lives of ordinary Americans.

- In response to this growing threat, President Donald J. Trump has unveiled America's first comprehensive cyber strategy since 2003. The plan builds on the four priorities outlined in the Administration's broader National Security Strategy:
 1. Protect the American People, the Homeland, and the American Way of Life by securing our information systems and combatting cybercrime
 2. Promote American Prosperity by pursuing cyberspace as an engine of economic growth, innovation, and efficiency
 3. Preserve Peace through Strength by identifying, countering, disrupting, degrading, and deterring bad behavior in cyberspace
 4. Advance American Influence by preserving the long-term openness, security, and reliability of the Internet
- The United States is engaged in a continuous competition against strategic adversaries, rogue states, and terrorist and criminal networks. These new threats demand a new response. The Administration's answer to these risks is anchored by enduring American values—a belief in the power of individual liberty, free expression, free markets, and privacy.
- [President Trump unveils America's first cybersecurity strategy in 15 years.](#)

Video of the day

- Yesterday, President Trump visited the Carolinas, getting a firsthand look at communities impacted by Hurricane Florence. Meeting with local leaders and first responders, the President had a message: "The Federal Government is behind you."
- [Watch President Trump visit families affected by Hurricane Florence](#)

Unemployment claims just keep falling

- Positive economic news is becoming a near-daily staple during the Trump Boom. Gone are the days when "secular stagnation" and endless talk of permanent slow growth were the dominant themes of American economic commentary.
- Weekly jobless claims fell again last week, reaching a near half-century low. Reuters had this to say: "The labor market is viewed as being near or at full employment. It continues to strengthen, with nonfarm payrolls increasing by 201,000 jobs in August and annual wage growth notching its biggest gain in more than nine years."
- The U.S. stock market roared this week, as well, with both the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500 setting record highs. Today's news is "a sign of investors' conviction in a booming U.S. economy," Michael Wursthorn reports for [The Wall Street Journal](#).

- “S&P 500 HITS ALL-TIME HIGH,” the President tweeted. “Congratulations USA!”
- [Reuters: The number of Americans filing for unemployment benefits falls](#)