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China's Xinhua focuses more on progress, less on a pending U.S. trade deal

U.S. farmers cheered by apparent trade truce, hope shipments to follow

"I think we have a fundamental understanding on the key issues. We've gone through a significant amount of paper, but there is more work to do," U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said as the two sides gathered with Trump at the White House. "We will not sign an agreement unless we get and can tell the president that this is on paper."

With Chinese Vice Premier Liu He sitting across a

desk from him in the Oval Office after two days of talks between negotiators, the president told reporters that the two sides were very close to ending their trade dispute.

"There was a lot of friction between the United States and China, and now it's a lovefest. That's a good thing," he said.

Liu took a different tone in his remarks, however. "We have made substantial progress in many fields. We are happy about it. We'll continue to make efforts," Liu said.

China's official state-owned news organization Xinhua said that both sides "agreed to make the efforts towards a final agreement."

In an editorial published online by the state-run People's Daily newspaper on Saturday, China called the latest round of talks constructive, frank and efficient and noted that while the two sides were moving toward a resolution, "it is impossible to resolve the problem by putting arbitrary pressure on the Chinese side."

Trump, who is eager to show farmers in political swing states that he has their backs, lauded China for agreeing to buy as much as \$50 billion in agricultural products. But he left tariffs on hundreds of billions of dollars of Chinese products in place.

His announcement, while seen as progress, drew some scepticism.

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer talks to China's Vice Premier Liu He during a meeting with U.S. President Donald Trump in the Oval Office at the White House after two days of trade negotiations in Washington, U.S., October 11, 2019. REUTERS/Yuri Gripas "I'm unsure that calling what was announced by President Trump an



agreement is justified," said Scott Kennedy, a China trade expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

"If they couldn't agree on a text, that must mean they're not done. Wishing an agreement does not one make. This isn't a skinny deal. It's an invisible one."

Mnuchin said the president had agreed not to proceed witha hike in tariffs to 30% from 25% on about \$250 billion in Chinese goods that was supposed to have gone into effect on Tuesday.

But U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer said Trump had not made a decision about tariffs that were subject to go into effect in December.

"I think that we're going to have a deal that's a great deal that's beyond tariffs," Trump said PHASED APPROACH

The world's two largest economies have made progress in their trade dispute before without sealing a deal. In May U.S. officials accused China of walking away from a sweeping agreement that was nearly finished over a refusal to make changes to Chinese laws that would have ensured

Trump had said previously he would not be satisfied with a partial deal to resolve his effort to change China's trade, intellectual property and industrial policy practices, which he argues cost millions of U.S. jobs. On Friday he said he had decided that a phased approach was appropriate. U.S. stocks ended more than 1% higher on Friday but well off the day's highs after the announcement, with the S&P 500 .SPX up 1.09% after rising as much as 1.7% earlier on

hopes of an agreement.

Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping are both scheduled to attend a Nov. 16 summit of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation countries in Santiago, Chile, and Trump hinted that a written agreement could be signed there.

China's securities regulator on Friday unveiled a firm timetable for scrapping foreign ownership limits in futures, securities and mutual fund companies for the first time. Increasing foreign access to the sector is among the U.S. demands at the trade talks.

Beijing previously said it would further open up its financial sector on its own terms and at its own pace.

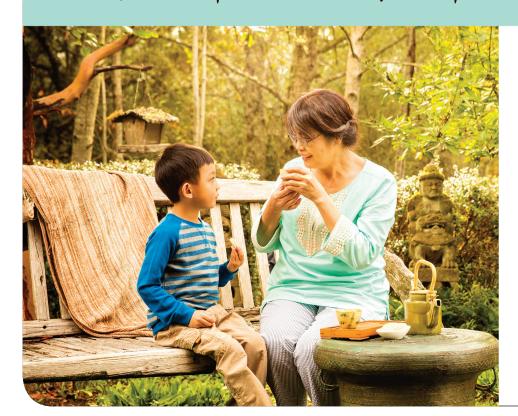
On Thursday, the U.S. Department of Agriculture confirmed net sales of 142,172 tonnes of U.S. pork to China in the week ended Oct. 3, the largest weekly sale to the world's top pork market on record.

The president said China had agreed to make purchases of \$40 billion to \$50 billion in U.S. agricultural goods. Mnuchin said the purchases would be scaled up to that amount annually.

A person briefed on the talks said that the proposed intellectual property provisions were largely centered on strengthening "20th century" IP protections such as those involving copyrights, trademarks and piracy. Not addressed were more difficult technology transfer issues involving data flows, cybersecurity, product standards reviews and a new social credit system that evaluates company behavior.

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# **WORLD NEWS**

# Kipchoge's sub-two hour marathon like landing on the moon

VIENNA (Reuters) - Kenyan Eliud Kipchoge made athletics history on Saturday when he became the first person to run a marathon in under two hours, stretching the limits of human endeavor and passing a milestone few thought could be reached for decades if at all.

Kenya's Eliud Kipchoge, the marathon world record holder, celebrates after a successful attempt to run a marathon in under two hours in Vienna. Austria, October 12, 2019, REUTERS/Leonhard

Guided by green laser beams shone onto the road and helped by 41 world class athletes choreographed into rotating teams of pacemakers, the Olympic champion and world record holder smashed the barrier by 20 seconds, finishing in one hour 59.40 minutes.

It was regarded as the biggest achievement in athletics since Briton Roger Bannister broke the four-minute mile in 1954 and was likened by Kipchoge himself to landing on the moon.

"Today we went to the moon and came back to earth! I am at a loss for words for all the support I have received from all over the world," he said.

However, it was not recognized as a world record by the sport's governing International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) as it was not in open competition and used rotating pacemak-

Factbox on Eliud Kipchoge

As the pacemakers peeled away for the last kilometer, Kipchoge accelerated down the final straight, smiled and pointed at people in the crowd who gave him a rousing reception.

Barely sweating, the 34-year-old looked as if he had completed a quiet morning run as he reflected on his unique achievement.

"From the first kilometer, I was really comfortable," he said after before being mobbed by his team mates.

"I have been training for this for four and a half months, I have been putting my heart and mind to run under two hours for a marathon and make history.

"I am feeling good. After Roger Bannister it took another 65 years to make history," he added. "Now I've gone under two hours to inspire other people and show the world nobody is

Although the IAAF did not recognize the run, its president, Sebastian Coe, had said he was in favor of such events and argued that it was not a huge issue if they were not recognized by the sport's governing body.

There was unbridled joy in Kipchoge's homeland as thousands of people celebrated on the streets. "We don't even have the words to explain it, it is such a proud moment. We are super, super proud to be Kenyan," said one.

In Nairobi, traffic stopped with people gathering in bars and anywhere with television screens as national hero Kipchoge closed in on completing the stunning achievement.

#### SECOND ATTEMPT

The run, organized and funded by the British chemical company INEOS and dubbed the INEOS 1.59 challenge, was Kipchoge's second attempt to break the barrier, having missed out by 26 seconds in Monza two years ago.

The 9.6 kilometer course, a long straight with two loops at the end, was designed with slightly steeped banks and had been partially resurfaced



FILE PHOTO: Striking union workers walk the picket line outside the General Motors Flint Truck Assembly in Flint, Michigan, U.S., October 9, 2019. REUTERS/Brian Snyder/File Photo

to help Kipchoge keep pace and avoid injury.

The venue and time were carefully chosen by organizers to provide the best-possible conditions — cool and windless — although it was slightly more humid than expected and there were a few spots of rain.

The pacemakers were divided into teams of seven, with five forming an inverted arrowhead in front of Kipchoge and two more behind him and running in stints of 4.8 kilometers.

The transitions between pacemaking teams proved to be one of the most challenging aspects of the run and Kipchoge seemed to trip during one exchange.

They were preceded by an electric car which shone green laser beams onto the road to show the right pace and keep the runners on the right lines.

Throughout the run, Kipchoge ran at a remarkably steady pace which varied between 2.48 and 2.52 minutes per kilometer and was consistently around 10 seconds under the target.



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A woman walks in the rain at a pedestrian crossing near Osaka Station as Typhoon Hagibis approaches Osaka



Leader of Canada's Conservatives Andrew Scheer campaigns for the upcoming election in Langley, British Columbia, Canada October 11, 2019. REUTERS/Carlos Osorio TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



A Turkey-backed Syrian rebel fighter holds the Syrian opposition flag near the border town of Tel Abyad



A couple are reflected in a glass wall as they walk beside CaixaForum cultural centre in Madrid



Democratic 2020 U.S. presidential candidate Beto O'Rourke greets a person while arriving to address the nation in El Paso



Swedish teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg waves from a yacht as she starts her trans-Atlantic boat trip to New York, in Plymouth



Enguerrand David of Belgium and Leonardo Ugolini of Italy work on their fairytale sand sculptures as they prepare before the opening of an International Sand Sculpture Festival in Ashkelon, Israel August 7, 2019. Picture taken August 7, 2019. REUTERS/Amir Cohen TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



# COMMUNITY

The class of 2018 graduated with a record average of \$29,200 in loans to help pay for a bachelor's degree, reports USA Today.

Why it matters: It was unusual to graduate with a high amount of debt a few decades ago, but "we have depressed ourselves into a mindset in which \$30,000 in debt is acceptable for a degree," Mark Huelsman, an associate director at the left-leaning think tank Demos, told the newspaper.

The big picture: Some schools are trying to address affordability and debt concerns for the cost of an education, but students often use loan money to cover the cost of living expenses.

•The University of Michigan and the University of Virginia introduced aid programs to help some students pay for classes.

•New York offers free tuition at some public colleges for residents whose families earn up to \$125,000.

•New Mexico announced a free tuition plan this week for any state resident who attends a public school.

These plans, like many of the free college proposals floated by 2020 Democrats, are geared toward public institutions meaning that those attending private universities across the country still have to shoulder the burden themselves.

•Worth noting: The richest and most prestigious private universities often offer extensive financial aid packages of their own. For example, Harvard and Stanford both expect families that make up to \$65,000 to contribute nothing and Stanford offers no tuition charges for families making up to \$125,000.

### By the numbers:

•Two out of three of last year's college grads owe more than 2017's.

•Students who attended college in the Northeast have the highest average debt. •Students in Connecticut had the highest average at \$38,650, and students in Utah had the lowest at \$19,750.

•"Black students and those from low-income backgrounds were more likely to have debt at graduation," per USA Today.

### Average U.S. Student Debt Hits Record



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Debt-free college: Where the Democratic 2020 presidential candidates stand



Sen. Amy Klobuchar, Beto O'Rourke, Rep. Tulsi Gabbard and Sen. Cory **Booker.** (Photo/ Getty Images)

A clear divide exists among 2020 Democrats who are rolling out plans to tackle the student debt crisis, whether tuition-free or debt-free policies are the way to win voter support.

By the numbers: Student debt in the United States has reached \$1.5 trillion, and it is responsible for much of millennials and Generation X's anguish.

### In Congress

committees Congressional have launched hearings to reauthorize the Higher Education Act, which aim to promote more affordability in college costs, student loan programs and more. Sen. Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii) and Rep. Mark Pocan (D-Wisc.) reintroduced legislation to help students eliminate debt within 5 years of graduating.

### **Tuition-free**

These programs provide students 2 years of free tuition at participating state community colleges, associate-degree programs and vocational schools. The majority fall into the category of "last dollar" scholarships, indicating the program pays the difference in tuition after financial aid and grants have kicked in, per CNBC.



•Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) is still running on his 2016 campaign promise to make college tuition free and debt free. In 2016, Sanders introduced a bill called the "College for All Act," making public college tuition-free to students through a partnership with the federal government. In June, he revealed plans to eliminate all \$1.6 trillion of student debt and pay for it by raising taxes on Wall Street.

•Former HUD Secretary Julián Castro released a plan to end tuition at public colleges and universities, community colleges and technical and vocational programs. It would be paid for by sharing "the financing of tuition costs with state governments and provide incentives to reduce the cost of college programs." Castro also wants to defer loan repayments until graduates are earning above 2.5 times the federal poverty level, or \$64,375 for a 4-person household.



•Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-Hawaii) wants to eliminate tuition and fees at 4-year public colleges and universities. She also supports free community college tuition for everyone.

•Author Marianne Williamson supports universal preschool and free college.

•Former Vice President Joe Biden proposed a \$750 billion free tuition for community and technical college only — with the federal government picking up 75% of the cost and allowing states to cover the rest.

#### **Debt-free and Refinancing** of student loans

The debt-free policy idea aims to cover the costs associated with attending public college without requiring students to take out loans, establishing federal matches for state spending on higher ed and using those funds to fill unmet needs for people pursuing degrees. Former Maryland Rep. John Delanev has called for reforming bankruptcy laws so student loan debt can be discharged like all other debt, as well as refinancing. (Courtesy

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what they want." (Courtesy axkios.com)

tricts and states than they are. "

serves my loyalty, thick and thin."

Trump wagon":

Public support for President Trump's impeachment is higher than it was for Richard Nixon and Bill Clinton when the House launched impeachment inquiries against them.

Why it matters: Support for impeachment of Trump is still less than half the country — 44% in the Monmouth University poll shown here; 47% in a CNN poll. And the polling reflects a 50-50 country. But the Ukraine scandal is pushing the numbers up.

Per CNN: "The change since May has largely come among independents and Republicans. ... [S]upport for impeachment and removal has risen 11 points to 46% among independents and 8 points to 14% among Republicans."

**Keep in mind**: A majority of the public didn't support impeaching Nixon until a few weeks before he resigned.

But as the WashPost's Philip Bump pointed out, "Trump doesn't look like Nixon"— Trump's approval rating is still in the low 40% range, while Nixon fell to 25% at the height of Watergate.



#### **Democrats On Impeachment**

The big picture: For nearly a month, the White House has refused to comply with House investigations into whether Trump jeopardized national security by allegedly pressing Ukraine to interfere in the 2020 presidential election, and by withholding security assistance provided by Congress to help Ukraine.

1) "Secondhand information often has severe legal consequences," writes former public defender Sarah Lustbader:

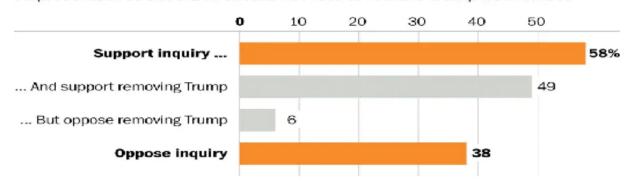
"Law enforcement is expected to use hearsay to lead to more direct sources

### **Trump's Impeachment Poll Warnings**

POLL Washington Post-Schar School Poll

### Most Americans support impeachment inquiry, but just under half support removing Trump from office

Q: Do you think Congress should or should not have begun an impeachment inquiry of Trump? (IF SUPPORT INQUIRY) Do you think the House of Representatives should or should not vote to remove Trump from office?



Note: No opinion not shown.

Source: Oct. 1-6, 2019, Washington Post-Schar School poll of 1,007 U.S. adults with an error margin of +/- 3.5 percentage points. EMILY GUSKIN/THE WASHINGTON POST

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of information. ... That's pretty much what happened with the whistleblower complaint: It prompted officials to seek the rough transcript ... And ... the House deposed the former special U.S. envoy to Ukraine, Kurt Volker, who provided in-

2) "I classified presidential calls. The White House is abusing the system," writes former National Security Council staffer Kelly Magsamen, who served under Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama:

criminating text messages..."



•"I have ... spent hundreds, if not thousands, of hours in the White House Situation Room. It is difficult to overstate just how abnormal and suspicious" the handling of the Ukraine call appears.

•"The apparent abuse of the classification system offers reason enough for congressional review."

•"What national security reason was offered for moving the record ... to the code word system? Which NSC lawyers made that decision? Was the national security adviser involved?"

### **Republicans on Impeachment**

The big picture: Only a few Republicans in Congress — namely, Ben Sasse and Mitt Romney — have criticized Trump for asking Ukraine or China to investigate Joe Biden, one of Trump's top political rivals, and his son.

1) David Brooks channels a Trump voter "Flyover Man" talking to "Urban Guy":

erything worse: Open the border! Socialism! More power to Washington! You could have paid attention to the forces



The majority of Americans support opening impeachment proceedings.



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"I think we have a fundamental understanding on the key issues. We've gone through a significant amount of paper, but there is more work to do," U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said as the two sides gathered with Trump at the White House. "We will not sign an agreement unless we get and can tell the president that this is on paper."

With Chinese Vice Premier Liu He sitting across a

desk from him in the Oval Office after two days of talks between negotiators, the president told reporters that the two sides were very close to ending their trade dispute.

"There was a lot of friction between the United States and China, and now it's a lovefest. That's a good thing," he said.

Liu took a different tone in his remarks, however. "We have made substantial progress in many fields. We are happy about it. We'll continue to make efforts," Liu said.

China's official state-owned news organization Xinhua said that both sides "agreed to make the efforts towards a final agreement."

In an editorial published online by the state-run People's Daily newspaper on Saturday, China called the latest round of talks constructive, frank and efficient and noted that while the two sides were moving toward a resolution, "it is impossible to resolve the problem by putting arbitrary pressure on the Chinese side."

Trump, who is eager to show farmers in political swing states that he has their backs, lauded China for agreeing to buy as much as \$50 billion in agricultural products. But he left tariffs on hundreds of billions of dollars of Chinese products in place.

His announcement, while seen as progress, drew some scepticism.

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer talks to China's Vice Premier Liu He during a meeting with U.S. President Donald Trump in the Oval Office at the White House after two days of trade negotiations in Washington, U.S., October 11, 2019. REUTERS/Yuri Gripas "I'm unsure that calling what was announced by President Trump an



agreement is justified," said Scott Kennedy, a China trade expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

"If they couldn't agree on a text, that must mean they're not done. Wishing an agreement does not one make. This isn't a skinny deal. It's an invisible one."

Mnuchin said the president had agreed not to proceed witha hike in tariffs to 30% from 25% on about \$250 billion in Chinese goods that was supposed to have gone into effect on Tuesday.

But U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer said Trump had not made a decision about tariffs that were subject to go into effect in December.

"I think that we're going to have a deal that's a great deal that's beyond tariffs," Trump said PHASED APPROACH

The world's two largest economies have made progress in their trade dispute before without sealing a deal. In May U.S. officials accused China of walking away from a sweeping agreement that was nearly finished over a refusal to make changes to Chinese laws that would have ensured

Trump had said previously he would not be satisfied with a partial deal to resolve his effort to change China's trade, intellectual property and industrial policy practices, which he argues cost millions of U.S. jobs. On Friday he said he had decided that a phased approach was appropriate. U.S. stocks ended more than 1% higher on Friday but well off the day's highs after the announcement, with the S&P 500 .SPX up 1.09% after rising as much as 1.7% earlier on

hopes of an agreement.

Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping are both scheduled to attend a Nov. 16 summit of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation countries in Santiago, Chile, and Trump hinted that a written agreement could be signed there.

China's securities regulator on Friday unveiled a firm timetable for scrapping foreign ownership limits in futures, securities and mutual fund companies for the first time. Increasing foreign access to the sector is among the U.S. demands at the trade talks.

Beijing previously said it would further open up its financial sector on its own terms and at its own pace.

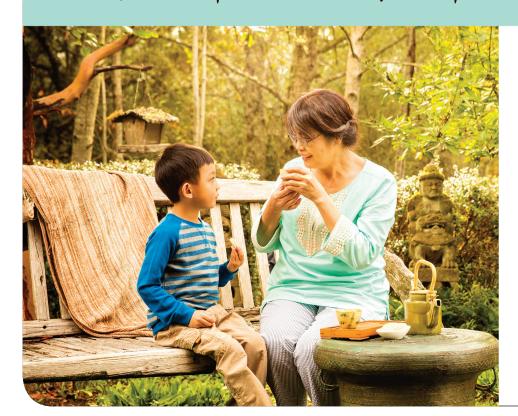
On Thursday, the U.S. Department of Agriculture confirmed net sales of 142,172 tonnes of U.S. pork to China in the week ended Oct. 3, the largest weekly sale to the world's top pork market on record.

The president said China had agreed to make purchases of \$40 billion to \$50 billion in U.S. agricultural goods. Mnuchin said the purchases would be scaled up to that amount annually.

A person briefed on the talks said that the proposed intellectual property provisions were largely centered on strengthening "20th century" IP protections such as those involving copyrights, trademarks and piracy. Not addressed were more difficult technology transfer issues involving data flows, cybersecurity, product standards reviews and a new social credit system that evaluates company behavior.

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# **WORLD NEWS**

# Kipchoge's sub-two hour marathon like landing on the moon

VIENNA (Reuters) - Kenyan Eliud Kipchoge made athletics history on Saturday when he became the first person to run a marathon in under two hours, stretching the limits of human endeavor and passing a milestone few thought could be reached for decades if at all.

Kenya's Eliud Kipchoge, the marathon world record holder, celebrates after a successful attempt to run a marathon in under two hours in Vienna. Austria, October 12, 2019, REUTERS/Leonhard

Guided by green laser beams shone onto the road and helped by 41 world class athletes choreographed into rotating teams of pacemakers, the Olympic champion and world record holder smashed the barrier by 20 seconds, finishing in one hour 59.40 minutes.

It was regarded as the biggest achievement in athletics since Briton Roger Bannister broke the four-minute mile in 1954 and was likened by Kipchoge himself to landing on the moon.

"Today we went to the moon and came back to earth! I am at a loss for words for all the support I have received from all over the world," he said.

However, it was not recognized as a world record by the sport's governing International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) as it was not in open competition and used rotating pacemak-

Factbox on Eliud Kipchoge

As the pacemakers peeled away for the last kilometer, Kipchoge accelerated down the final straight, smiled and pointed at people in the crowd who gave him a rousing reception.

Barely sweating, the 34-year-old looked as if he had completed a quiet morning run as he reflected on his unique achievement.

"From the first kilometer, I was really comfortable," he said after before being mobbed by his team mates.

"I have been training for this for four and a half months, I have been putting my heart and mind to run under two hours for a marathon and make history.

"I am feeling good. After Roger Bannister it took another 65 years to make history," he added. "Now I've gone under two hours to inspire other people and show the world nobody is

Although the IAAF did not recognize the run, its president, Sebastian Coe, had said he was in favor of such events and argued that it was not a huge issue if they were not recognized by the sport's governing body.

There was unbridled joy in Kipchoge's homeland as thousands of people celebrated on the streets. "We don't even have the words to explain it, it is such a proud moment. We are super, super proud to be Kenyan," said one.

In Nairobi, traffic stopped with people gathering in bars and anywhere with television screens as national hero Kipchoge closed in on completing the stunning achievement.

#### SECOND ATTEMPT

The run, organized and funded by the British chemical company INEOS and dubbed the INEOS 1.59 challenge, was Kipchoge's second attempt to break the barrier, having missed out by 26 seconds in Monza two years ago.

The 9.6 kilometer course, a long straight with two loops at the end, was designed with slightly steeped banks and had been partially resurfaced



FILE PHOTO: Striking union workers walk the picket line outside the General Motors Flint Truck Assembly in Flint, Michigan, U.S., October 9, 2019. REUTERS/Brian Snyder/File Photo

to help Kipchoge keep pace and avoid injury.

The venue and time were carefully chosen by organizers to provide the best-possible conditions — cool and windless — although it was slightly more humid than expected and there were a few spots of rain.

The pacemakers were divided into teams of seven, with five forming an inverted arrowhead in front of Kipchoge and two more behind him and running in stints of 4.8 kilometers.

The transitions between pacemaking teams proved to be one of the most challenging aspects of the run and Kipchoge seemed to trip during one exchange.

They were preceded by an electric car which shone green laser beams onto the road to show the right pace and keep the runners on the right lines.

Throughout the run, Kipchoge ran at a remarkably steady pace which varied between 2.48 and 2.52 minutes per kilometer and was consistently around 10 seconds under the target.



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A couple are reflected in a glass wall as they walk beside CaixaForum cultural centre in Madrid



Democratic 2020 U.S. presidential candidate Beto O'Rourke greets a person while arriving to address the nation in El Paso



Swedish teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg waves from a yacht as she starts her trans-Atlantic boat trip to New York, in Plymouth



Enguerrand David of Belgium and Leonardo Ugolini of Italy work on their fairytale sand sculptures as they prepare before the opening of an International Sand Sculpture Festival in Ashkelon, Israel August 7, 2019. Picture taken August 7, 2019. REUTERS/Amir Cohen TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



# COMMUNITY

The class of 2018 graduated with a record average of \$29,200 in loans to help pay for a bachelor's degree, reports USA Today.

Why it matters: It was unusual to graduate with a high amount of debt a few decades ago, but "we have depressed ourselves into a mindset in which \$30,000 in debt is acceptable for a degree," Mark Huelsman, an associate director at the left-leaning think tank Demos, told the newspaper.

The big picture: Some schools are trying to address affordability and debt concerns for the cost of an education, but students often use loan money to cover the cost of living expenses.

•The University of Michigan and the University of Virginia introduced aid programs to help some students pay for classes.

•New York offers free tuition at some public colleges for residents whose families earn up to \$125,000.

•New Mexico announced a free tuition plan this week for any state resident who attends a public school.

These plans, like many of the free college proposals floated by 2020 Democrats, are geared toward public institutions meaning that those attending private universities across the country still have to shoulder the burden themselves.

•Worth noting: The richest and most prestigious private universities often offer extensive financial aid packages of their own. For example, Harvard and Stanford both expect families that make up to \$65,000 to contribute nothing and Stanford offers no tuition charges for families making up to \$125,000.

### By the numbers:

•Two out of three of last year's college grads owe more than 2017's.

•Students who attended college in the Northeast have the highest average debt. •Students in Connecticut had the highest average at \$38,650, and students in Utah had the lowest at \$19,750.

•"Black students and those from low-income backgrounds were more likely to have debt at graduation," per USA Today.

### Average U.S. Student Debt Hits Record



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Debt-free college: Where the Democratic 2020 presidential candidates stand



Sen. Amy Klobuchar, Beto O'Rourke, Rep. Tulsi Gabbard and Sen. Cory **Booker.** (Photo/ Getty Images)

A clear divide exists among 2020 Democrats who are rolling out plans to tackle the student debt crisis, whether tuition-free or debt-free policies are the way to win voter support.

By the numbers: Student debt in the United States has reached \$1.5 trillion, and it is responsible for much of millennials and Generation X's anguish.

### In Congress

committees Congressional have launched hearings to reauthorize the Higher Education Act, which aim to promote more affordability in college costs, student loan programs and more. Sen. Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii) and Rep. Mark Pocan (D-Wisc.) reintroduced legislation to help students eliminate debt within 5 years of graduating.

### **Tuition-free**

These programs provide students 2 years of free tuition at participating state community colleges, associate-degree programs and vocational schools. The majority fall into the category of "last dollar" scholarships, indicating the program pays the difference in tuition after financial aid and grants have kicked in, per CNBC.



•Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) is still running on his 2016 campaign promise to make college tuition free and debt free. In 2016, Sanders introduced a bill called the "College for All Act," making public college tuition-free to students through a partnership with the federal government. In June, he revealed plans to eliminate all \$1.6 trillion of student debt and pay for it by raising taxes on Wall Street.

•Former HUD Secretary Julián Castro released a plan to end tuition at public colleges and universities, community colleges and technical and vocational programs. It would be paid for by sharing "the financing of tuition costs with state governments and provide incentives to reduce the cost of college programs." Castro also wants to defer loan repayments until graduates are earning above 2.5 times the federal poverty level, or \$64,375 for a 4-person household.



•Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-Hawaii) wants to eliminate tuition and fees at 4-year public colleges and universities. She also supports free community college tuition for everyone.

•Author Marianne Williamson supports universal preschool and free college.

•Former Vice President Joe Biden proposed a \$750 billion free tuition for community and technical college only — with the federal government picking up 75% of the cost and allowing states to cover the rest.

#### **Debt-free and Refinancing** of student loans

The debt-free policy idea aims to cover the costs associated with attending public college without requiring students to take out loans, establishing federal matches for state spending on higher ed and using those funds to fill unmet needs for people pursuing degrees. Former Maryland Rep. John Delanev has called for reforming bankruptcy laws so student loan debt can be discharged like all other debt, as well as refinancing. (Courtesy

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him, you're just giving the other side

what they want." (Courtesy axkios.com)

tricts and states than they are. "

serves my loyalty, thick and thin."

Trump wagon":

Public support for President Trump's impeachment is higher than it was for Richard Nixon and Bill Clinton when the House launched impeachment inquiries against them.

Why it matters: Support for impeachment of Trump is still less than half the country — 44% in the Monmouth University poll shown here; 47% in a CNN poll. And the polling reflects a 50-50 country. But the Ukraine scandal is pushing the numbers up.

Per CNN: "The change since May has largely come among independents and Republicans. ... [S]upport for impeachment and removal has risen 11 points to 46% among independents and 8 points to 14% among Republicans."

**Keep in mind**: A majority of the public didn't support impeaching Nixon until a few weeks before he resigned.

But as the WashPost's Philip Bump pointed out, "Trump doesn't look like Nixon"— Trump's approval rating is still in the low 40% range, while Nixon fell to 25% at the height of Watergate.



#### **Democrats On Impeachment**

The big picture: For nearly a month, the White House has refused to comply with House investigations into whether Trump jeopardized national security by allegedly pressing Ukraine to interfere in the 2020 presidential election, and by withholding security assistance provided by Congress to help Ukraine.

1) "Secondhand information often has severe legal consequences," writes former public defender Sarah Lustbader:

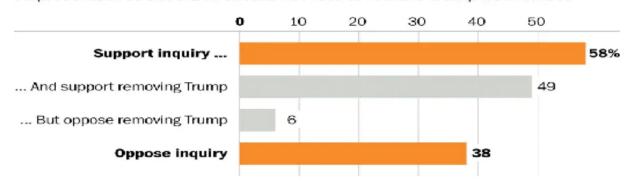
"Law enforcement is expected to use hearsay to lead to more direct sources

### **Trump's Impeachment Poll Warnings**

POLL Washington Post-Schar School Poll

### Most Americans support impeachment inquiry, but just under half support removing Trump from office

Q: Do you think Congress should or should not have begun an impeachment inquiry of Trump? (IF SUPPORT INQUIRY) Do you think the House of Representatives should or should not vote to remove Trump from office?



Note: No opinion not shown.

Source: Oct. 1-6, 2019, Washington Post-Schar School poll of 1,007 U.S. adults with an error margin of +/- 3.5 percentage points. EMILY GUSKIN/THE WASHINGTON POST

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of information. ... That's pretty much what happened with the whistleblower complaint: It prompted officials to seek the rough transcript ... And ... the House deposed the former special U.S. envoy to Ukraine, Kurt Volker, who provided in-

2) "I classified presidential calls. The White House is abusing the system," writes former National Security Council staffer Kelly Magsamen, who served under Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama:

criminating text messages..."



•"I have ... spent hundreds, if not thousands, of hours in the White House Situation Room. It is difficult to overstate just how abnormal and suspicious" the handling of the Ukraine call appears.

•"The apparent abuse of the classification system offers reason enough for congressional review."

•"What national security reason was offered for moving the record ... to the code word system? Which NSC lawyers made that decision? Was the national security adviser involved?"

### **Republicans on Impeachment**

The big picture: Only a few Republicans in Congress — namely, Ben Sasse and Mitt Romney — have criticized Trump for asking Ukraine or China to investigate Joe Biden, one of Trump's top political rivals, and his son.

1) David Brooks channels a Trump voter "Flyover Man" talking to "Urban Guy":

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