

SCOTUS nomination hearings commence; Trump administration official writes anonymous NYT op-ed

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- The Senate held the first day of confirmation hearings for Trump's Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh.
 - Arizona Governor Doug Ducey named former Senator Jon Kyl to succeed the late Senator John McCain.
 - Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced that he will not seek reelection.
 - White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said the administration is "closely monitoring" an imminent major Syrian regime attack on rebel holdouts.

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- The New York Times published an anonymous op-ed in which a senior official in the Trump administration claims that there is a "resistance" within the administration, and that many Trump appointees have vowed to thwart the president's "more misguided impulses."
 - During the second day of his hearing, Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh stressed the importance of judicial independence and declined to answer whether a sitting president could be subpoenaed.
 - Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey and Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg testified before the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

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- Twitter announced that it has permanently banned conspiracy theorist Alex Jones and his website, Infowars.
 - The Trump administration said it plans to withdraw from a federal court agreement that limits how long children can be held in immigration detention.
 - The New York attorney general's office has subpoenaed every Catholic diocese in the state as part of an investigation into how the Church reviewed and possibly covered up allegations of sexual abuse.

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- President Trump said that the Justice Department should investigate the identity of the anonymous writer of the New York Times op-ed claiming to be part of the "resistance" within his administration.
 - GOP leaders said Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ) may be subject to an ethics review for releasing "committee confidential" documents related to Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh's past work at the White House.