

## SC: Senate approves Kagan

WASHINGTON - Pushing toward an election-year Supreme Court confirmation vote, a polarized Senate Judiciary Committee Tuesday approved Elena Kagan to be the fourth female justice.

Just one Republican joined Democrats to approve Kagan's nomination and send it to the full Senate, where she's expected to win confirmation within weeks.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., broke with his party to cast the sole GOP "yes" vote on President Obama's nominee to succeed retiring Justice John Paul Stevens. The vote was 13-6.

"What's in Elena Kagan's heart is that of a good person who adopts a philosophy I disagree with," Graham said. "She will serve this nation honorably, and it would not have been someone I would have chosen, but the person who did choose, President Obama, I think chose wisely."

A few more Republicans are expected likely

to back Kagan in the full Senate, where Democrats have more than enough votes to confirm her.

But most GOP senators are against her, arguing that she would put her political views ahead of the law. They point to what they call her liberal agenda and on such issues as abortion and gun rights, and have chastised her for the decision as dean of Harvard Law School to bar military recruiters from the campus career services office because of the policy against openly gay soldiers.

"Ms. Kagan's record shows that she supports an activist judicial philosophy, and that her personal and political views drive her legal views," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah.

Democrats praised Kagan, the 50-year-old who has served as the Obama administration's solicitor general, calling her a highly qualified glass ceiling-shattering nominee who could bring consensus to an ideologically divided court.

## BP: Scientists analyze ocean floor data

NEW ORLEANS - Scientists huddled Tuesday to analyze data from the ocean floor as they weigh whether a leaking well cap is a sign BP's broken oil well is buckling.

Oil and gas started seeping into the Gulf of Mexico again Sunday night, but this time more slowly, and scientists aren't sure whether the leaks mean the cap that stopped the flow last week is making things worse.

The government's point man on the disaster, retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, will decide again later Tuesday whether to continue the test of the experimental cap - meaning the oil would stay blocked in.

He said Monday the amount of oil leaking was so far inconsequential. But ever since the flow of oil was closed off Thursday, engineers have been glued to underwater cameras and pressure and seismic readings, trying to determine whether the cap is

displacing pressure and causing leaks underground, which could make the sea bed unstable and cause the well to collapse.

"As a condition of moving forward with the well-integrity test, BP has to report to us any anomalies and act on those within four hours," Allen said Monday.

Seepage from the sea floor also was detected over the weekend less than two miles away, but Allen said it probably has nothing to do with the well. Oil and gas are known to ooze naturally from fissures in the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico.

At a Monday afternoon briefing in Washington, Allen said BP could keep the cap closed at least another 24 hours, as long as the company remained alert for leaks.

Since the cap was closed Thursday, beachgoers have reported less oil fouling the shore.



### WORLD NEWS

#### KARZAI REAFFIRMS 2014 GOAL

KABUL - President Hamid Karzai Tuesday reaffirmed his commitment for Afghan police and soldiers to take charge of security nationwide by 2014 and urged his international backers to distribute more of their development aid through the government.

Karzai spoke at a one-day international conference on Afghanistan's future that comes at a critical juncture: NATO and Afghan forces have launched a major operation to drive the Taliban out of their strongholds, and the insurgents are pushing back.

Rockets fired at the Kabul airport Tuesday forced the diversion of a plane carrying U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and Sweden's foreign minister.

#### CHINA SURPASSES US AS WORLD'S TOP ENERGY CONSUMER

PARIS - China has overtaken the United States as the world's largest energy consumer, the International Energy Agency said Tuesday. China immediately questioned the report, claiming its calculations were "unreliable."

The Paris-based agency said China's 2009 consumption of energy sources ranging from oil and coal to wind and solar power was equal to 2.265 billion tons of oil, compared to 2.169 billion tons used that year by the United States.

#### EX-M15 SPY CHIEF: NO LINK BETWEEN IRAQ AND 9-11

LONDON - British and U.S. intelligence had no credible evidence of a link between Saddam Hussein and the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the United States before the 2003 Iraq invasion, the ex-head of Britain's domestic spy agency told the country's inquiry into the war Tuesday.

Eliza Manningham-Buller, director of the MI5 between 2002 and 2007, said that nothing to connect the attacks to Baghdad was discovered ahead of the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

The ex-spy chief also said the war caused allies to lose focus on the al-Qaida threat in Afghanistan, emboldened Osama bin Laden and led to the radicalization of a generation of homegrown British extremists.

## Senate to vote again on jobless benefits

WASHINGTON - Millions of people stuck on the jobless rolls would receive an extension of unemployment benefits averaging \$309 a week under a Senate bill that appears set to break free of a Republican filibuster.

Democrats have stripped the unemployment insurance measure down to the bare essentials for Tuesday's vote, which is a do-over of a tally taken late last month.

With West Virginia Democrat Carte Goodwin poised to claim the seat of the late Robert Byrd, two Republicans will be needed to vault the measure over the filibuster hurdle. Maine GOP moderates Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins are expected to provide the key votes to create a filibuster-breaking tally on a key procedural test.

## SEC chief points to stepped-up enforcement

WASHINGTON - The head of the Securities and Exchange Commission said Tuesday the agency has revamped itself and stepped up enforcement in the wake of the financial crisis. It is also ready to write numerous new rules for the sweeping financial legislation that is about to become law, she told House lawmakers.

SEC Chairman Mary Schapiro appeared at a House subcommittee hearing, in her first public testimony since passage of the financial overhaul legislation that gives the agency new powers.

Her comments also came after the agency agreed to let Wall Street giant Goldman Sachs Group Inc. pay \$550 million to settle civil fraud charges.

## Blagojevich may testify after brother

CHICAGO - Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich may finally step into the witness box at his corruption trial Tuesday, but not before his brother and co-defendant emerges from a withering cross-examination in which he got combative and appealed to the judge for help.

Under repeated questions about whether he tried to use his brother's power as governor to pressure people into offering donations, Robert Blagojevich sounded indignant as he repeatedly denied it, and occasionally hit his folded hands against the jury box table as he responded, "No!"

## CELEBRITY NEWS

### BULLOCK RENEWS RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST STALKER

Sandra Bullock obtained a temporary restraining order Monday against a 41-year-old man accused of stalking the Oscar-winning actress since 2003.

Bullock's attorney obtained the protective order on her behalf against Thomas James Weldon, who has been the subject of previous court orders to stay away from the 45-year-old actress.

A hearing for a three-year order against Weldon was scheduled for Aug. 6.

Bullock first obtained a restraining order in California against Weldon in 2003, but that order expired in 2009. He voluntarily entered a mental institution in Tennessee, and the actress sued the state in 2006 to require them to notify her of his release.

Robert Blagojevich acknowledged that he sent the resume of a woman to the governor's chief of staff. But he says it wasn't a reward for her uncle's \$10,000 campaign contribution.

### Intelligence nominee faces a grilling

WASHINGTON - Tough questions and blunt answers are likely Tuesday when retired Air Force Gen. James T. Clapper goes before the Senate Intelligence Committee seeking confirmation as the next director of national intelligence.

Clapper is expected to explain how he would streamline the massive flow of information from the intelligence community's 16 agencies. He has already answered more than 80 questions from the Intelligence Committee, providing some 90 pages in responses that will be posted to the committee's website at the start of the hearing.

### BP stealing thunder from Cameron's US visit

WASHINGTON - British Prime Minister David Cameron sought to diffuse U.S. outrage at BP as he met with President Obama at the White House Tuesday. But the issue kept coming up.

Cameron's first trip to Washington as prime minister began Tuesday and is being overshadowed by anger in the United States over BP's spill in the Gulf of Mexico, and the British oil giant's alleged involvement in the decision to free Lockerbie bomber Abdel Baset al-Megrahi from jail last year and send him home to Libya.

### Tea party group blasts NAACP expulsion

JUNEAU, Alaska - An official with the Tea Party Express on Monday blasted its expulsion from a national coalition over its refusal to oust a former chairman who satirized the NAACP in a controversial blog posting.

The political action committee that raises money for Republican candidates was booted from the National Tea Party Federation for refusing to rebuke spokesman Mark Williams, whose posting referred to NAACP president Benjamin Jealous as "Tom's nephew and NAACP head colored person."

Tea Party Express coordinator Joe Wierzbicki said it was "arrogant and preposterous" for the federation to expel his group.

### Guard troops heading to border next month

WASHINGTON - National Guard troops will head to the U.S.-Mexico border Aug. 1 for a yearlong deployment to keep a lookout for illegal border crossers and smugglers and help in criminal investigations, federal officials said Monday.

The troops will be armed but can use their weapons only to protect themselves, Gen. Craig McKinley, chief of the National Guard Bureau, told a Pentagon news conference. The troops will undergo initial training and be fully deployed along the nearly 2,000-mile southern border by September.

### Lindsay Lohan arrives at jail

LYNWOOD, California - Lindsay Lohan has arrived at a Los Angeles County women's jail to begin serving a 90-day sentence for a probation violation that is likely to be whittled down to a few weeks.

Her arrival in an unmarked Sheriff's Department car on Tuesday morning at the Century Regional Detention Facility in the industrial suburb of Lynwood, California, came about an hour after she surrendered and was handcuffed across town in a Beverly Hills courtroom.

## MONDAY'S SCOREBOARD

### MLB: AMERICAN LEAGUE

Tampa Bay 8, Baltimore 1  
 Texas 8, Detroit 6, 14 innings  
 Cleveland 10, Minnesota 4  
 Kansas City 5, Toronto 4, 10 innings  
 Boston 2, Oakland 1  
 Chicago White Sox 6, Seattle 1

### MLB: NATIONAL LEAGUE

Milwaukee 3, Pittsburgh 1  
 St. Louis 8, Philadelphia 4  
 Florida 9, Colorado 8  
 Cincinnati 7, Washington 2  
 Houston 11, Chicago Cubs 5  
 Arizona 13, N.Y. Mets 2  
 San Francisco 5, L.A. Dodgers 2

## MARKET DATA

### 60 MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

Prices as of	Tue Jul 20	12:08:23	
AT&T Inc	NY	24.56	-0.32
AMD	NY	7.41	-0.03
Alcoa	NY	10.78	+0.20
Apple Inc	NA	247.00	+1.42
ApldMatl	NA	12.10	-0.28
ArenaPhm	NA	5.24	-0.02
BP PLC	NY	35.53	-0.22
BkofAm	NY	13.57	-0.05
Cisco	NA	22.37	-0.32
Citigrp	NY	4.01	+0.03
Comcast	NA	18.69	-0.32
Corning	NY	16.51	-0.47
Dell Inc	NA	13.14	-0.30
DirFNBear	NY	15.93	+0.11
DrxFBull s	NY	19.97	-0.14
eBay	NA	20.38	-0.02
EMC Cp	NY	19.92	-0.54
FifthThird	NA	11.48	-0.42
FordM	NY	11.58	+0.10
GenElec	NY	14.68	+0.06
GoldStr g	AM	4.01	+0.09
Goldmans	NY	146.33	+0.65
Hallibrtn	NY	30.26	+1.09
HuntBnk	NA	5.57	-0.21
IshChina25	NY	39.64	+0.57
IshKts	NY	19.16	+0.40
IshRZK	NY	61.11	-0.22
Intel	NA	21.38	-0.22
JPMorgCh	NY	39.13	+0.09
JohnJn	NY	58.11	-1.46
LVSands	NY	24.27	+0.54
MGIC	NY	8.25	+0.43
MicronT	NA	8.20	-0.23
Microsoft	NA	24.93	-0.31
Motorola	NY	8.04	+0.12
NwGold g	AM	4.88	+0.16
NokiaCp	NY	8.93	+0.11
NovaGld g	AM	6.34	+0.12
Nvidia	NA	10.59	+0.13
Oracle	NA	23.25	-0.34
Pfizer	NY	14.50	-0.23
PWSHsQQ	NA	34.36	+0.24
PRUSHsQP	NA	34.77	+0.24
S&P500ETF	NY	106.98	-0.31
SamsQ&G	AM	1.15	+0.09
Sandisk	NA	40.68	-1.11
SemiHTR	NY	27.54	-0.62
SiriusXM	NA	.94	+0.02
SprintNex	NY	4.68	+0.06
SPDR FncI	NY	14.07	-0.05
Synovus	NY	2.39	-0.09
TexInst	NY	24.44	-1.11
US NGSFd	NY	7.65	+0.05
Vale SA	NY	25.99	+1.22
VantageDr1	AM	1.09	-0.01
weathrIntl	NY	15.92	+0.86
WellsFargo	NY	21.64	-0.38
YRC wwd n	NA	.21	-0.01
Yahoo	NA	15.02	-0.08
ZionBcp	NA	19.53	-1.89

(NY=NYSE; AM=AMEX; NA=NASDAQ)

### CLOSING WORLD STOCK INDEXES

	Jul 20	Jul 19
Hong Kong H-S	20264.59	20090.95
Singapore STI	2948.61	2945.42
Sydney All Ord	4418.68	4372.66
Tokyo Nikkei	9300.46	holiday
	Jul 19	Jul 16
Amsterdam AEX	322.00	323.99
Brussels Bel-15	2431.56	2442.75
Frankfurt DAX	6009.11	6040.27
London FT-100	6148.28	6158.35
Mexico IPC	31845.88	31783.39
Milan MIB	20117.54	20161.02
New York DJ	10154.43	10097.90
Paris CAC-40	3486.33	3500.16
Toronto TSE-300	11543.47	11569.65
Zurich SMI	6156.64	6184.37

## NEW YORK EXCHANGE RATES

	Tuesday	Previous
Australia (Dollar)	1.1429	1.1485
Britain (Pound)	\$1.5216	\$1.5237
Canada (Dollar)	1.0561	1.0549
China (Yuan)	6.7843	6.7797
Euro	\$1.2885	\$1.2960
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7760	7.7760
India (Rupee)	47.393	47.170
Japan (Yen)	86.87	86.77
Mexico (Peso)	12.8810	12.8950
Norway (Krone)	6.3211	6.2933
Russia (Ruble)	30.5810	30.5810
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3753	1.3772
So. Africa (Rand)	7.6104	7.6453
Switzerland (Franc)	1.0494	1.0529

A judge determined two weeks ago that the "Mean Girls" star violated her probation by missing seven alcohol education classes since December.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Florida, SC face NCAA probes

GAINESVILLE, Fla. - ESPN is reporting that Florida and the NCAA are investigating allegations that former Gators offensive lineman Maurkice Pouncey received \$100,000 from a representative of a sports agent before last season ended.

Florida athletic director Jeremy Foley said in a statement Monday that the school was aware of "some information in early June that we reported to law enforcement." He says Florida also shared the information with the NCAA and the Southeastern Conference.

The report says the school and the NCAA were investigating allegations that Pouncey received the money between Florida's loss to Alabama in the SEC title game and its Sugar Bowl win over Cincinnati. The alleged representative was not named.

Also Monday, South Carolina athletic director Eric Hyman revealed that the NCAA is investigating a possible rules violation of one of its athletic programs.

### Johnson agrees revised deal

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Chris Johnson's agent says the running back and the Tennessee Titans have agreed on a revised deal that will ensure he reports with the rest of the team for training camp.

Agent Joel Segal confirmed the deal Monday to The Associated Press.

Segal would not say how much of a raise Johnson is getting, but did say the running will get a pay increase. Johnson will reportedly earn \$2.5 million this season under the revised deal.

It's not the minimum \$30 million in guaranteed money the AP 2009 Offensive Player of the Year had been saying he wanted after becoming just the sixth back to run for at least 2,000 yards.

## Rangers win epic in 14th

DETROIT - Nelson Cruz kept the Texas Rangers in Monday night's game by pretending to make a play. Three innings later, he ended it with a real one.

After his outfield deke prevented Detroit's Johnny Damon from scoring the winning run in the 11th inning, Cruz's two-run homer in the 14th gave the Rangers an 8-6 victory in a game marred by injuries.

The game had a scary moment in the sixth inning when Rangers reliever Dustin Nippert was hit in the head by Austin Jackson's line drive.

The ball landed in left field for a double as Texas players, coaches and trainers raced toward the mound. Nippert quickly sat up and walked off the field under his own power, and after a precautionary check at a nearby hospital, he was back in the team hotel before the game ended.

Detroit lost third baseman Brandon Inge for 4-6 weeks after he broke his left hand when he was hit by a pitch from Scott Feldman in the third inning. The Tigers are expected to make a roster move on Tuesday.

## Marlins chase Jimenez

MIAMI - Ubaldo Jimenez couldn't hold a lead. Neither could the Florida Marlins. And neither could the Colorado Rockies' bullpen.

Pinch-hitter Donnie Murphy hit a two-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning Monday night, and the Marlins won a seesaw game against the Rockies, 9-8.

It was the fifth lead change. All-Star starter Jimenez departed trailing after his shortest outing of the season, but Jonathan Herrera's first career homer put the Rockies ahead 8-7 in the eighth inning.

After Colorado closer Huston Street (1-2) retired the first two batters in the ninth, Dan Uggla walked. Murphy - batting for only the fourth time this season - then hit an opposite-field homer on a 1-0 fastball.

## Kovalchuk agrees to 17-year deal with Devils

NEWARK, N.J. - Unlike the NBA's LeBron James, the biggest prize on the NHL free agent market isn't moving.

Ilya Kovalchuk is staying with the New Jersey Devils, agreeing to a staggering 17-year, \$102 million deal with the team.

Kovalchuk's agent and the team announced on Monday that the high-scoring left wing has agreed to stay with New Jersey, ending weeks of speculation where the league's leading goal scorer since 2001 would be skating next season.

 **WEATHER**

**INTERNATIONAL WEATHER**

	Lo	Hi	Pcldy
Amsterdam	50	81	Pcldy
Athens	73	91	Clear
Auckland	46	59	Rain
Berlin	52	88	Clear
Brussels	50	91	Pcldy
Buenos Aires	43	55	Clear
Cairo	75	93	Clear
Copenhagen	63	77	Clear
Dublin	48	66	Rain
Hong Kong	79	91	Rain
Istanbul	72	86	Rain
Jerusalem	70	91	Clear
Johannesburg	32	64	Clear
London	61	82	Pcldy
Madrid	52	97	Clear
Manila	77	93	Rain
Mexico City	54	75	Rain
Moscow	43	88	Rain
New Delhi	77	91	Rain
Paris	63	88	Pcldy
Rome	66	93	Rain
Sao Paulo	59	75	Rain
Singapore	77	90	Rain
Stockholm	63	77	Pcldy
Sydney	45	63	Rain
Tokyo	70	91	Clear
Toronto	63	79	Rain
Zurich	52	86	Clear

**U.S. WEATHER**

	Hi	Lo	Outlook
Anchorage	59	54	Rain
Atlanta	90	75	Pcldy
Boston	87	73	Cloudy
Chicago	84	68	Cloudy
Dallas/Ft worth	97	78	Pcldy
Denver	94	60	Cloudy
Great Falls	76	45	Pcldy
Houston	84	77	Cloudy
Kansas City	93	75	Pcldy
Las Vegas	112	93	Pcldy
Los Angeles	86	68	Cloudy
Miami Beach	91	83	Pcldy
Mpls/St Paul	80	65	Cloudy
New Orleans	91	77	Cloudy
New York City	92	74	Pcldy
Phoenix	110	87	Clear
Salt Lake City	94	65	Pcldy
San Francisco	65	55	Cloudy
Seattle	68	53	Cloudy
Washington, D.C.	92	75	Pcldy

National Temperature Extremes:  
 High Monday 123 at Death Valley, Calif.  
 Low Tuesday 29 at Stanley, Idaho

"This was a long arduous process that has taken frankly a little longer than I thought," agent Jay Grossman said.

"But you know what, nothing is worth anything unless you work for it. I can tell you he is very happy to be with the New Jersey Devils."

**Fedriigo denies Armstrong Tour de France stage win**

PAU, France - Pierrick Fedriigo denied Lance Armstrong a stage win in his final Tour de France Tuesday. The Frenchman won a sprint finish in a group of nine that included Armstrong, who had attacked repeatedly from the beginning of Tuesday's 16th stage. Both finished the 124 miles from Bagnères-de-Luchon to Pau in 5 hours, 31 minutes, 43 seconds.

Armstrong finished sixth in the stage and acknowledged that his career was close to coming to an end. He had announced this month that it would be his final Tour de France.

Fedriigo finished ahead of Frenchman Sandy Casar, with Ruben Plaza of Spain in third place. It was the third straight French victory in this year's race.

 **FINANCIAL NEWS**

**Home construction sinks to lowest level since Oct.**

WASHINGTON - Home construction plunged last month to the lowest level since October as the economy remained weak and demand for housing plummeted.

But driving the June decline was a more than 20 percent drop in condominium and apartment construction, which makes up a small but volatile portion of the housing market. Construction of single-family homes, the largest part of the market, was down slightly. It dropped 0.7 percent.

Overall, construction of new homes and apartments in June fell 5 percent from a month earlier to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 549,000, the Commerce Department said Tuesday. May's figure was revised downward to 578,000.

**Wall Street slumps**

NEW YORK - Stocks retreated Tuesday after IBM and Johnson & Johnson reported revenue that was lower than expected and that raised questions about the strength of the economic recovery.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell almost 80 points in midday trading, recovering some of its earlier losses. Other indexes also dropped.

The Dow fell 78.86, or 0.8 percent, to 10,075.57. The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 5.65, or 0.5 percent, to 1,065.60 and the Nasdaq composite index fell 19.48, or 0.9 percent, to 2,178.75.

Losing stocks narrowly outpaced advancers on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 386 million shares.

**Unemployment rate falls in 39 states in June**

WASHINGTON - The unemployment rate fell in most states in June, mainly because more people gave up searching for work and were no longer counted.

Fewer states saw job increases, the latest evidence that the economic recovery is slowing.

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The jobless rate declined in 39 states and Washington, D.C. last month, the Labor Department said Tuesday. That's a slight improvement from May, when 37 states saw their rates decline. But only 21 states saw net job gains in June, the government said. That compared to 41 the previous month and is the fewest this year.

**Obama pushes anew on fair, equitable pay for women**

WASHINGTON - President Obama is calling on Congress to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, which he calls a common sense bill to ensure that women get as well as men for equal work.

The legislation would make it easier for women to sue employers who pay them less than men. The House passed the bill in 2009, but it failed to clear the Senate. Some Republican lawmakers have argued that the bill could aid trial lawyers more than it would help women.

The administration's Equal Pay Enforcement Task Force also recommended Tuesday that the federal government collect better data from businesses so it can more effectively track wage discrimination in the workplace.

**More than 40 pct. leave Obama mortgage-aid program**

WASHINGTON - The number of people dropping out of the Obama administration's program main program to help those at risk of losing their homes outstripped those who received aid for the second-straight month.

About 530,000 borrowers have fallen out of the program as of last month, the Treasury Department said Tuesday. That's more than 40 percent of the nearly 1.3 million enrolled since March 2009. It's a sign that foreclosures could rise and weaken an ailing housing market.

Treasury officials say few of these borrowers will wind up in foreclosure. But many analysts still fear a new wave of foreclosures will weaken the housing market.