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through the pipe. But the cut, more jagged than originally planned, now makes it "a bit more challenging" to put a seal and a containment cap on top, he said.

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## BP cuts pipe, plans to lower cap over gulf spill

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- Crews working to cap a gushing oil well deep in the Gulf of Mexico used giant shears operated by a robotic submarine to cut a damaged pipe, a senior Coast Guard official said Thursday.
- He said a containment cap is already in position to be lowered over the leak and that crews of the oil giant BP, which owns the well, will be working over the coming hours to fit a rubber seal around the pipe and place the cap for the best possible fit.

## American killed on Gaza flotilla

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- JERUSALEM -- A U.S. citizen of Turkish origin was among the nine people killed in a botched Israeli effort to stop a Turkish aid ship from reaching the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip, a Turkish official said Thursday.
- The nine bodies were flown home from Israel to Turkey on Wednesday, along with hundreds of activists, aboard a Turkish plane.
- Israel's diplomatic isolation continued to grow on Thursday as South Africa and Ecuador announced they were recalling their ambassadors to Israel for consultations, following the lead of Turkey, which

## Gibbs: Candidate sought job

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- The White House confirmed Thursday that it contacted Colorado politician Andrew Romanoff to gauge his interest in an administration job last fall as Romanoff was preparing to launch a Senate bid, but also said Romanoff had sought a job with the Obama government months earlier.
- Nine months later, deputy White House chief of staff Jim Messinac called and e-mailed Romanoff, according to the White House, because administration officials had heard he was entering the Democratic primary race for a Colorado Senate seat.

## Long and winding road to the White House

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- Hope may have gotten him elected, but in President Obama's White House on Wednesday evening, it was all love.
- Stevie Wonder, Dave Grohl, Faith Hill, the Jonas Brothers, Jack White, Elvis Costello, Emmylou Harris, Herbie Hancock, Corinne Bailey Rae and classical pianist Lang Lang each offered thoughtful reads on the McCartney songbook.
- Wonder and McCartney would duet later in the program with Ebony and Ivory, but first came Rae

## A terrible, awesome gift from BP

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- This year she received a terrible, awesome gift from BP, and -- like 100 other scientists gathered at Louisiana State University on Thursday -- is now playing mediator between the brain and the heart.
- Early Thursday morning the scientists and federal officials wolfed down danishes, mini doughnuts and coffee before engaging in a day-long mind meld.
- What they know: The oil will be a matter of

## For Kagan, lesson in compromise

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- John McCain (Ariz.), Orrin G. Hatch (Utah) and Bill Frist (Tenn.) Kagan rushed to apologize, eager to repair any damage to the compromise she had spent months to craft, which would have regulated tobacco for the first time.
- The senators accepted the apology, but just weeks later, the legislation collapsed, felled in a political showdown that overwhelmed Kagan's painstaking efforts to find a middle ground.
- In forging a deal that could satisfy Congress,





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- Korean leader rules out war South Korea's leader ruled out going to war with North Korea on Saturday, hours after his government asked the United Nations to punish the communist nation over the sinking of a warship.
- There is absolutely no possibility of a full-scale war on the Korean peninsula, President Lee Myung-bak told a group of businesspeople in Singapore.
- Schoolchildren throughout the country are doing the Diski dance ( means in township slang), with steps based on soccer moves and performed to South African rhythms.
- It was the first time since the ship sinking that Lee has categorically ruled out war with North Korea.
- The North, however, has warned that any move to punish it over the sinking could lead to war.

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