

Corzine Speaks To Congress, Says Little

WASHINGTON (AP) — Summoned by Congress, Jon Corzine embraced a bold strategy Thursday to distance himself from MF Global's fall and \$1.2 billion in missing clients' money: Answer each question. Be courteous. And don't huddle with your lawyer before replying.

He said very little. Nevertheless, it was a risky strategy, even for a risk-taking financial executive. Anything Corzine might say could be used against him in a courtroom, should he ever be charged in the MF Global case.

Yet the former CEO of the securities firm never declined to answer questions by invoking his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination.

The one-time senator and New Jersey governor was subpoenaed by his former colleagues to explain how MF Global collapsed just over a month ago in the eighth-largest bankruptcy in U.S. history. It's the first time in more than 100 years that Congress has subpoenaed a former senator to testify, according to Senate historian Don Ritchie.

French TV Shows Surveillance Of Strauss-Kahn

PARIS (AP) — Surveillance videos publicly aired for the first time Thursday show Dominique Strauss-Kahn leisurely checking out of a New York hotel where he was accused of committing sexual assault and show his accuser appearing to act out the alleged attack.

It was not immediately clear how France's BFM television acquired the minutes-long segments. The clips were the basis of recent news reports suggesting Strauss-Kahn might have been the target of a political plot but had not previously been publicly broadcast.

Strauss-Kahn was initially charged with attempted rape after a hotel maid, Nafissatou Diallo, alleged he attacked her and forced her to perform oral sex. New York prosecutors dropped the charges after they said they lost confidence in Diallo, who has filed a civil case.

In the clips, Strauss-Kahn — the former head of the International Monetary Fund — exits an elevator, pays his bill and gets in a cab. BFM said those images were filmed about 20 minutes after the alleged May 14 assault. Strauss-Kahn, wearing a dark coat and wheeling a suitcase, does not appear hurried or nervous.

A separate segment BFM said was filmed about 40 minutes after the alleged attack shows Diallo slumped against a wall in a corridor reserved for hotel staff. The images are heavily pixelated, and it's impossible to make out the expression on her face.

Romney Opens Stronger Attack On Gingrich

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Republican Mitt Romney opened a broad and newly abrasive assault on rival Newt Gingrich on Thursday, dispatching surrogates and staff to cast him as unworthy of the GOP nomination and unfit to be president. Romney's allies also readied a blistering new ad in Iowa that says Gingrich has spent "30 years in Washington flip-flopping on issues."

The former Massachusetts governor is aiming to undermine his rising rival on both personal and professional fronts ahead of the 2012 campaign's opening contest Jan. 3 in Iowa — a reversal by the one-time front-runner who had previously all but ignored his Republican foes.

"He's not a reliable and trusted conservative leader because he's not a reliable or trustworthy leader," former Missouri Sen. Jim Talent, a Romney supporter, said of Gingrich, offering a preview of the attacks Romney's team promised would continue in the next few weeks.

Romney allies, for their part, announced a \$3.1 million TV ad campaign in Iowa beginning Friday that includes the new commercial assailing Gingrich on a host of fronts.

House Votes To Ban Drugs That Mimic Pot

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House voted Thursday to ban synthetic drugs nicknamed "bath salts" and other compounds that mimic marijuana, cocaine and methamphetamines.

Rep. Charlie Dent, R-Pa., said his legislation identifies chemical compounds that affect the brain in ways similar to THC, the active ingredient in marijuana. They would be added to the highly restrictive Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act.

The bill also bans chemical compounds in synthetic drugs marketed as "bath salts" or "plant food" and under brand names such as K2 and Spice that have been used as substitutes for cocaine and other narcotics. They are now sold legally in some states.

Dent said that in the past year "there's been a sharp increase in the number of new reports detailing horrific stories of individuals high on synthetic drugs." He cited a case in Scranton, Pa., where a man high on bath salts stabbed a priest and another incident where someone jumped out of a three-story window after using them.

Dent's bill also expands from one-and-a-half to three years the authority of the Drug Enforcement Administration to temporarily ban a drug while it investigates its potential danger to public health. The Senate has yet to take up a similar bill.

Iranian Video Shows Lost U.S. Drone

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WASHINGTON — Tehran's capture of a largely intact, top secret U.S. drone, which it displayed on state television, not only lays bare America's surveillance program over Iran, but it also puts sensitive, advanced technology in hostile hands.

A former U.S. official confirmed to The Associated Press that the beige-colored drone featured in the more than two-minute video aired Thursday was indeed an RQ-170 Sentinel that is used for surveillance of Tehran's nuclear facilities. The U.S. military said it lost control of a drone earlier this week.

Iranian officials quickly claimed their military forces had downed the Sentinel with an electronic attack. But U.S. officials on Thursday flatly rejected the claim that any cyber or other electronic related activity was responsible for the loss of the drone.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the drone mission is classified.

The video, which showed Iranian officials examining the drone, provided the first real evidence of the Sentinel's capture. More importantly, it revealed the aircraft to be nearly in one piece.

That fact alone confirmed experts' contention that the classified aircraft can be programmed to land safely if its communications link is lost.

Robotics expert Peter Singer, who has written about the use of drones in war, said the Sentinel is programmed to circle in the air or land if its communications link is lost. Until the video came out, U.S. officials and other experts were suggesting the drone may have crashed, leaving Iran with only scattered pieces.

Pentagon officials on Thursday refused to comment on the drone, saying they do not talk about classified surveillance programs.

The episode, however, could be a serious setback for what has been an escalating surveillance program, aimed largely at Iran's nuclear facilities, that has gone on for years from a U.S. air base in Afghanistan and other

bases in the region. It gives the Iranians the opportunity to share or sell the drone to others, such as the Chinese and Russians, who might be better able to exploit any technological information gleaned from examining it.

U.S. officials are concerned that others may be able to reverse-engineer the chemical composition of the drone's radar-deflecting paint or the aircraft's sophisticated optics technology that allows operators to positively identify terror suspects from tens of thousands of feet in the air.

Adversaries also might be able to hack into the drone's database, although it is not clear whether they would be able to recover any data. Some surveillance technologies allow video to stream through to operators on the ground but do not store much collected data. If they do, it is encrypted.

Singer, of the Brookings Institution, said that while some of the mechanics of the aircraft are well known, some aspects — especially its sensors — would be important to countries like China.

OBSERVING ASHURA



CAROLYN COLE/LOS ANGELES TIMES/MCT
Shiite Muslims celebrate the religious holiday Ashura in Baghdad, Iraq.

European Union Weighs Greater Unity To Save Euro

BY GABRIELE STEINHAUSER AND DON MELVIN
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BRUSSELS — European leaders are wrestling over how much of their sovereignty they are willing to give up in a desperate attempt to save the ambitious project of continental unity that grew from the ashes of World War II.

At stake at the summit in Brussels, which began Thursday evening, is not only the future of the euro, but also the stability of the global financial system and the balance of power in Europe.

To convince financial markets that Europe's economy-crushing debt crisis is a one-time event, countries will have to give up significant powers, such as some decisions on borrowing and spending, to a central authority.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy and German Chancellor Angela Merkel want to convince the other 15 eurozone leaders to

agree to a plan that would require their governments to balance their budgets and accept automatic sanctions if they don't.

At the same time, the currency bloc's largest economies are being pushed to commit more money to boost the eurozone's firewalls as the crisis threatens to pull down Italy and Spain.

The overall plan must be good enough to convince the European Central Bank to intervene in the government bond markets in a manner large enough to stop the panic there, said Paul De Grauwe, an economics professor and EU expert at the Catholic University of Leuven, in Belgium.

The president of the ECB said the bank currently has no plan to increase the scale of its bond interventions, which could keep down the borrowing costs of weak countries like Italy and Spain, as markets had been hoping. Stocks and the euro fell, while the borrowing rates for Italy and Spain skyrocketed.

Obama: No Vacation Till Payroll Tax Cut Extended

BY DAVID ESPO
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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama vowed to delay Congress' year-end vacation as well as his own Thursday for "as long as it takes" to extend Social Security payroll tax cuts and long-term jobless benefits, his second challenge in as many days to conservative Republicans.

Obama stated his position as the House GOP leadership put the finishing touches on legislation that meets White House specifications in important areas but also contains at least one provision the president has pledged to veto.

A vote in the House is likely early next week, and party officials said the president's threatened veto, which relates to a proposed oil pipeline from Canada to Texas, had made it easier to round up support from conservatives eager to be seen defying Obama.

"Frankly, the fact that the president doesn't like it makes me like it even more," said Ohio Rep. Jim Jordan, a leader of House conservatives, who added he had supported an earlier version, as well.

Separately, the two parties skirmished inconclusively in the Senate — each side blocking action on the other's payroll tax alternative — in a showdown that dramatized the partisan nature of the struggle nearly a full year in advance of the 2012 elections.

Given the slow economic recovery and the political appeal of renewing tax cuts and unemployment benefits, it seems likely compromise legislation will reach the president's desk in the next two weeks. And while there were signs of an emerging consensus on key points, the day's events made it clear both sides had decided there was still time to bicker.

"Get it done. If not, maybe we'll have a white Christmas here in



Obama

Washington," the president said in an appearance before reporters in which he accused GOP leaders in Congress of "wanting to dicker, wanting to see what they can extract from us in order to get this done."

But House Speaker John Boehner said the item that drew Obama's opposition on Wednesday, the proposed Keystone XL oil pipeline from Canada to Texas, "will create tens of thousands of jobs immediately. It has bipartisan support in the House and Senate. It's pretty clear that the president has decided to push this decision off for a year, conveniently until after his next election."

While the item unifies Republicans, it may be hard for Democrats to finesse, with environmental groups generally opposed to the project and some labor unions in favor.

At its core, the emerging House bill would extend the existing Social Security payroll tax cut at the heart of Obama's jobs program, through 2012.

It also would renew an expiring benefit program for the long-term unemployed the president also favors, although at a reduced level from current law.

In addition, Republicans are proposing to avert a 27 percent cut in payments to doctors serving Medicare patients, a provision that Democrats have said privately they are receptive to.

Obama drew a somewhat indistinct line on Wednesday when he said, "efforts to tie a whole bunch of other issues to what's something that they should be doing anyway will be rejected by me." Apart from the pipeline, he did not elaborate.

OBITUARIES

Carol (Jorgensen) Pullin

Carol (Jorgensen) Pullin, age 87, of Winchester, formerly of Yarmouthport, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully after a brief illness on December 2, 2011. Carol was preceded in death by her beloved husband Rex L. Pullin.

Carol was born and raised in Yankton County, South Dakota. She was a devoted and exquisite mother to four children, Diana Pullin of Lexington, Massachusetts, Deborah Pullin and her husband Robert Spottswood of Norwich, Vermont, Robert Pullin and his wife Colleen McNulty of Jersey City, New Jersey, and Melissa Pullin and her spouse Michelle Conroy of Winchester, Massachusetts. She was proud

grandmother of eight. She is survived also by her brother Ronald Jorgensen and his wife Donna of Stillwater MN and by many nieces and nephews across the country.

Interment at Mount Auburn Cemetery will be private.

Memorial donations can be made to the P.E.O. Foundation, 3700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50312 (P.E.O. is a philanthropic sisterhood promoting educational opportunities for women around the world) or to Friends of Mount Auburn Cemetery, 580 Mount Auburn Street, Cambridge, MA 02138. (Mt. Auburn is a National Historical Landmark, the nation's first garden cemetery.)

Arrangements under the care of Concord Funeral Home, Concord, MA. To share a memory or

offer a condolence, visit www.concordfuneral.com.

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Donna Newman-Hackl

September 9, 1931-December 2, 2011

WYNOT, Neb. — Donna Jean Newman-Hackl passed away at the Hospice House - The Josie Harper Residence in Omaha, NE after a very brief illness.

She was born on September 9, 1931 to Irene (Mallett) & Hugo Schroeder on a farm east of Wynot, NE. She lived in Wayne, NE and Sioux City, IA before moving to Wynot in 1945 where her mother Irene taught school. Donna graduated from Wynot High School in 1948. She married

Don Newman in 1948 and she and Don owned and operated Newman's Bar in Wynot from 1961 until their retirement in 1993. Her husband Don passed away in October 1998. In 2001 Donna married Howard Hackl. They lived in Wynot, California and Arizona. Howard passed away in Arizona in January 2010.

Donna was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church, Wynot, NE and the Wynot American Legion Auxiliary.

She is survived by her five children: Tom Newman, Sutton, NE; Jane Newman, Sioux Falls, SD; Bob (Trixie) Newman, Eagan, MN; Nancee (Roman) Sudbeck, Hartington, NE; Kelly (Tom) LeBlanc, Omaha, NE. Five grandchildren: Ryan (Mollie) Newman, Sartell, MN; Nichole (Dave) Janssen,

Hastings, MN; Ross (Betsy) Sudbeck, Kearney, NE; Rory (Becca) Sudbeck, Omaha, NE; Kirby LeBlanc, Omaha, NE, step grandchildren: Andy (Wendy) LeBlanc, Plattsmouth, NE; Laura (John) Zucchelli, Omaha, NE. Five great grandchildren: Anna & Josie Sudbeck; Dylan & Rylie Newman; Brody Sudbeck. Step great grandchildren: Brady & Samantha LeBlanc; Rylee Zucchelli. One brother Don (Doral) Schroeder Wynot; brother-in-law Earl (Marilyn) Newman, Primgahr, IA; two nephews; a niece, and many, many friends throughout the Wynot community.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands, and grandson Miles Sudbeck (March 19, 2010). At Donna's request (like her mother Irene), her

body was donated to the Anatomical Board of the State of Nebraska, Nebraska Medical Center for medical research.

A Memorial Mass will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church in Wynot on Saturday, December 10 at 10:30 a.m. The family will also receive friends one hour prior to the service. At a later date, her remains will be interred in the Wynot Public Cemetery along side her first husband Don Newman.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested in Donna's honor to Holy Family Catholic Church, Wynot, NE; Wynot High School Booster Club, Wynot, NE; Hospice House -The Josie Harper Residence, Omaha, NE.

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