#### **Teaching Jobs Saved**

The U.S. House on Tuesday pushed through an emergency \$26 billion jobs bill that estimated to save 300,000 teachers, police and others from layoffs, including teachers in Portland and other Oregon towns. President Barack Obama immediately signed it into law.

#### **Ex-Senator Dies in Crash**

A plane carrying former Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens and ex-NASA chief Sean O'Keefe crashed into a remote mountainside in the state, killing the longtime senator and at least



four others, authorities said Tuesday. O'Keefe and his teenage son survived the crash with broken bones and other injuries.

#### Island of Ice Poses Threat

An island of ice more than four times the size of Manhattan is drifting across the Arctic Ocean after breaking off from a glacier in

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Greenland. Potentially in the path of this unstoppable giant are oil platforms and shipping lanes — and any collision could do untold damage

#### Storms Delay Well Plug

Approaching storms forced crews to suspend drilling the final stretch of a relief well aimed at shooting a permanent underground plug into BP's busted oil well in the Gulf of Mexico, the government's point man for the disaster said Tuesday.

#### Second 'Loo' Installed

Portland's newest solar-powered restroom will open on Wednesday. City Commissioner Randy Leonard will make the inaugural flush of the city's second public loo at Southwest Taylor and Naito Parkway. The first loo was installed in 2008 in Old Town and two more

will open later this year.

#### Fantasia in Hospital



"American Idol" winner Fantasia Barrino was hospitalized Monday night for a medication overdose, a source tells a Charlotte, N.C. television station. The source says doctors at the Carolinas Medical Center-Pineville

noted that Barrino's condition was not lifethreatening. The source did not know what type of medication was involved.

#### **Gas Prices Top \$3**

The average price for a gallon of gas in Oregon has topped \$3 to reach the highest level in nearly two years. The statewide average for regular gas gained four cents this week to move to \$3.04, according to AAA.

# Justice Kagan Takes Oath

### Becomes 4th woman on high court

(AP) – Elena Kagan has become only the fourth woman to win confirmation as Supreme Court justice, giving Democrats a welcome election year boost. But the court's conservative make-up is unlikely to change.

Senators voted 63-37 Thursday to confirm Kagan as one of the nine justices who act as final arbiters of the Constitution, set precedent for lower courts, and decide the nation's toughest moral and legal dilemmas.

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