

Progress Overseas Sends Markets Higher

NEW YORK (AP) — Signs of progress in Europe's debt crisis and an unexpected drop in unemployment claims pushed stocks higher Thursday, a day after the stock market took its worst fall since the summer.

Greece named a new prime minister Thursday and Italy borrowed \$6.8 billion at lower interest rates than analysts expected. Italy's benchmark rate dropped below 7 percent after spiking above that level Wednesday.

Investors were also relieved by talk that the economist Mario Monti is likely to replace Premier Silvio Berlusconi, who was seen as an obstacle to meaningful economic reforms. Italy's president pledged that Berlusconi will step down soon.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 112.92 points, or 1 percent, to close at 11,893.86. It plunged 389 points Wednesday after Italy's borrowing rates soared and talks in Greece to name a new prime minister broke down. Traders have been concerned that debt troubles in Italy and Greece could spread to the U.S. and lead to a global financial crisis.

Peter Cardillo, chief market economist at Rockwell Global Capital, called the drop in unemployment claims and the news from Europe encouraging. "It's got the markets on the cheerful side," he said.

Bachmann's Foreign Policy Speech Interrupted

MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. (AP) — Occupy Wall Street protesters on Thursday disrupted a foreign policy speech by Republican presidential candidate Michele Bachmann in which she said she would make Iraq pay back billions of dollars the U.S. spent to liberate the country and never let Iran get its hands on a nuclear weapon.

Bachmann was about five minutes into the speech aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Yorktown* in Charleston Harbor when about 30 protesters rose from the audience of about 100 people and began shouting "Mike Check!" They then chanted a variety of complaints as police escorted the Minnesota congresswoman from the podium. She later said she never felt threatened by the mostly college-age protesters.

"You cater to the 1 percent!" they shouted. "You oppose paying hardworking Americans a living wage and refuse to promote realistic solutions to economic problems." After several minutes, the group walked together off the aircraft carrier shouting, "We are the 99 percent!"

Bachmann was then escorted back to the podium and finished the speech. "Don't you love the First Amendment?" she asked the crowd.

Afterward, she told reporters that the protesters showed a lack of respect on a historic ship in front of veterans on the day before a national holiday honoring their service to the country.

Astronomers Shed Light On Early Stars

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — After decades of scouring the universe, astronomers finally have found two immense clouds of gas that are pristine — free of the metals fired out into the cosmos by stars.

The findings, published in Thursday's Science journal, provide the first solid detection of primitive, uncontaminated gas and support the long-standing theory as to how the chemical elements were formed in the early universe. It is these types of pure gas clouds that formed the first stars.

The research also suggests that stars have not succeeded at distributing metals throughout the entire cosmos; astronomers consider metals to be heavier elements like carbon, silicon, iron, even oxygen.

A separate study in the same issue of Science concludes the early stars were much smaller than thought — tens of times bigger than our sun, versus hundreds of times bigger.

Venezuela Vows All-out Hunt For Ramos

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — The government sent top investigators Thursday to hunt for Washington Nationals catcher Wilson Ramos, whose abduction has shaken Venezuela's elite athletes and focused attention on the nation's sharp rise in kidnappings for ransom.

The 24-year-old player, who had returned to Venezuela after his rookie season, was just outside the front door at his home in the town of Santa Ines on Wednesday night when an SUV approached, armed men got out "and they took him away," said Ramos' agent, Gustavo Marciano.

It was the first known kidnapping of a Major League Baseball player in Venezuela, though the relatives of some ballplayers have previously been held captive for ransom.

Police found the kidnappers' vehicle abandoned in the nearby town of Bejuma on Thursday morning, Justice Minister Tareck El Aissami said. He said anti-kidnapping units led by "the best investigators we have" were dispatched to the area in central Carabobo state.

U.S. Demands Sudan Halt Bombing

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. is demanding the government of Sudan immediately stop bombing South Sudan, saying the aggression greatly increases the potential for direct confrontation between the two countries.

It comes after military aircraft from Sudan crossed the new international border with South Sudan and dropped bombs Thursday in and around a camp filled with refugees.

White House press secretary Jay Carney called the bombings "provocative" and an "outrageous act" and said those responsible must be held accountable. In a statement, he called on Sudan to "halt aerial bombardments immediately" and said negotiations between the two countries must immediately resume on ceasing the hostilities.

Romney Could Face New Challenger

As Cain, Perry Scramble, Gingrich Seeks Opening

BY CHARLES BABINGTON
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WASHINGTON — Mitt Romney chugged ahead Thursday as the conservative-fueled drive to deny him the Republican presidential nomination reached a difficult new phase: Once-surging rivals Rick Perry and Herman Cain scrambled to control serious damage, while an old face sought new ways to exploit their problems.

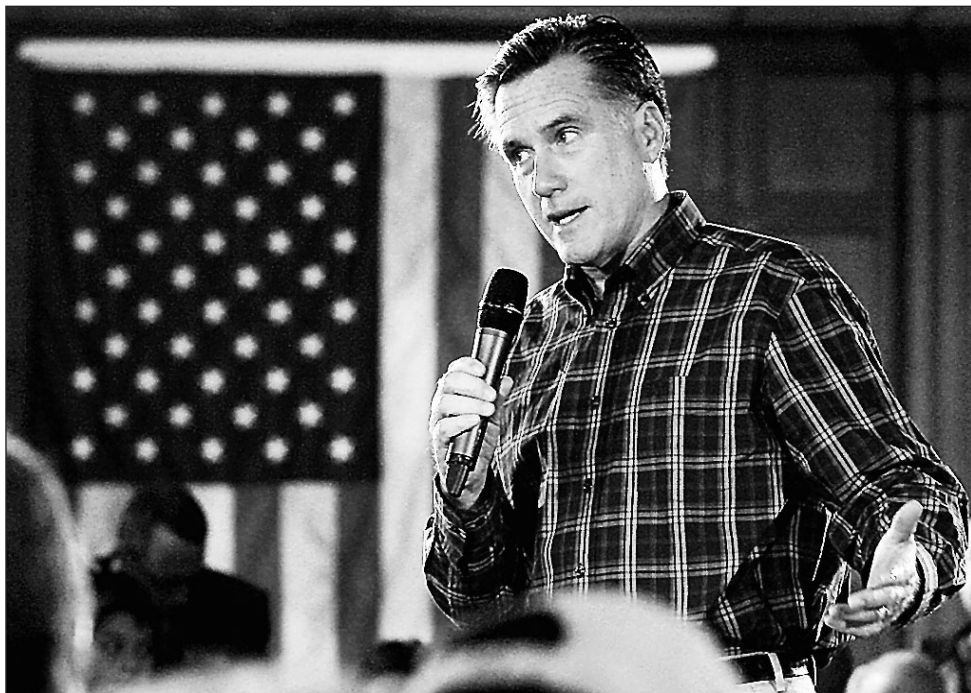
Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich could emerge as the newest hope for conservative activists who doubt Romney's commitment to their priorities. But Gingrich trails Romney and others in organizing in key states such as Iowa. And he will have to prove that his long and sometimes troubled political history can withstand closer scrutiny.

Meanwhile, Texas Gov. Perry rearranged his schedule Thursday to try to mitigate a disastrous debate moment, in which he could not remember the third federal agency he has vowed to abolish. Perry canceled a Tennessee fundraiser to appear on several TV networks and the David Letterman show, pledging to stay in the race.

He repeatedly said he "stepped in it" at the Wednesday night debate but declared in an interview, "This ain't a day for quitting nothing."

For Cain, the former pizza company executive, it was day 11 of trying to get beyond sexual harassment accusations leveled against him by four women, two of whom received cash settlements from a trade association Cain once headed.

Facing voters for the first time since the allegations emerged, Cain met with tea party groups in Michigan, hoping the friendly settings would preserve the lofty perch he enjoyed in GOP polls



ROB WIDDIS/MCT
Mitt Romney speaks during a rally at the Polish American Cultural Center in Troy, Michigan on Thursday, November 10, 2011.

two weeks ago.

"How you beat Obama? Beat him with a Cain!" he told one supporter at a crowded diner in Ypsilanti. The crowd cheered.

He is airing his first TV ad in Iowa, and he has hired a new lawyer who is warning women they will be scrutinized for any charges made against the candidate.

Romney, the former Massachusetts governor who recently filmed a TV ad in Iowa, blasted President Barack Obama's Iran policy in a Wall Street Journal opinion piece Thursday. His supporters quietly reveled in the good fortune of

Perry's and Cain's woes.

With the Iowa caucus set for Jan. 3, and the New Hampshire primary a week after that, Romney is looking strong, but he's hardly home free. Many conservatives still resent his past support of legalized abortion and gay rights, and his requirement that all Massachusetts residents obtain health insurance.

But they have failed to coalesce around a single alternative. Rep. Michele Bachmann briefly topped the polls, followed by Perry and then Cain. It's unclear whether Cain can hold his position.

Unemployment Aid Hits 7-month Low

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WASHINGTON — The outlook for American jobs and trade looked a little brighter Thursday, despite growing uncertainty overseas.

The number of people who applied for unemployment benefits last week fell to a seasonally adjusted 390,000, the Labor Department said Thursday. That's the fewest since April.

The U.S. trade deficit narrowed to \$43.1 billion in September, its lowest point of the year, the Commerce Department said. Foreign sales of American-made autos, airplanes and heavy machinery pushed exports to an all-time high.

The data suggest layoffs are easing and the economy grew slightly better over the summer than the government had estimated a month ago.

Stocks rose sharply Thursday, one day after the market tumbled nearly 400 points over concerns that Europe's debt crisis could worsen.

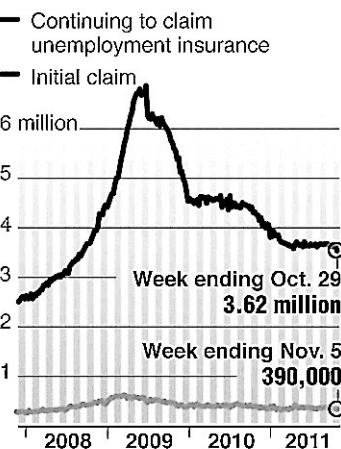
The Dow Jones industrial average gained 113 points, or 1 percent, to close at 11,894.

The reports "are modestly strong relative to expectations — encouraging confidence that the economy is gaining a bit of momentum," said Pierre Ellis, an analyst at Decision Economics.

Weekly applications for unemployment benefits have declined in three of the past four weeks, the Labor Department said. The four-

Out of work

First-time claims for unemployment insurance dropped to their lowest level since mid-April.



NOTE: Report on continuing claims lags initial claims by one week
Source: U.S. Department of Labor © 2011 MCT

week average, a less volatile measure, fell to 400,000, also the lowest point since April.

The downward trend in applications suggests businesses are laying off fewer workers. Still, applications need to consistently drop below 375,000 to signal sustained job gains. They haven't been at that level since February.

"The labor market is still weak and quite stagnant but there are hopeful signs of some modest improvement," said Steve Wood, chief economist at Insight Economics.

Senate Approves Jobs Benefits For Veterans

BY ALAN FRAM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — On Veterans Day eve, an uncharacteristically unified Senate emphatically passed a bill to help unemployed veterans and government contractors that includes the first, small slivers of President Barack Obama's jobs agenda that he is likely to sign into law.

Thursday's 95-0 vote gave lawmakers the opportunity to fly home to holiday events and boast about helping veterans and protecting jobs. But it did little to help close the scorching partisan divide over how to revive the gasping economy, an issue that seems sure to decide next year's presidential and congressional elections.

"We deal with a lot of contentious issues here, but this should not be one of them," said Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., a leading sponsor of the veterans' provisions.

The legislation would award tax credits of up to \$9,600 to companies that hire disabled veterans who have been job-

hunting for at least half a year and strengthen employment counseling and training programs for vets and troops about to leave the military.

It also would erase a law, yet to take effect, requiring federal, state and local government agencies to withhold 3 percent of their payments to companies with which they conduct business. That law was enacted under President George W. Bush to nudge companies to fully pay their taxes, but lawmakers now say it would fence off money those firms could better use to hire more workers.

The House is expected to approve the bill resoundingly next week, which would send it to Obama.

The president's signature would make the veterans tax credits the first fragment of his \$447 billion jobs package to be enacted. Those tax credits would cost \$90 million over the next decade, according to White House estimates. Obama also has supported annulling the withholding requirement on contractors' payments.

Holiday Craft & Gifts Show

Fri., Nov. 11 thru Sun., Nov. 13
Friday 10-9, Saturday 10-5:30- Sunday 12-5
(Exhibits on the north side of theatre gate)
For vendor space call Kathy 402-669-6774
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Veterans Day

November 11

VFW POST 791 will observe
Veteran's Day
Friday, Nov. 11th

Social Hour – 6 p.m. • Dinner – 7 p.m.

Dinner is free to all paid Ernst Boyer Post 791 members, auxiliary members & invited guests.

209 Cedar Street, Yankton

IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH & EVELYN NEDVED

Mom and Dad

*I lost you both in November
Just five short years apart
Thinking, reliving, remembering
Still deeply saddens my heart.*

*You were my only family
You were always all that I had
Still now there is this emptiness
A constant ache for times that were glad.*

*Now, all I have are my memories
They bring peace, and a smile to my face
Just sharing these times with friends today
Seems to make where you are, a heavenly place.*

*Till we meet again
I'll miss you every day
Happy Birthday, too, Mom.*

*Love,
Judie Shull*

Cihak-Storgaard

Mary Cihak and Brian Storgaard were married June 17, 2011, at St. Martins Chapel in Sturgis, SD, with Father Arnold Kari Officiating.

Parents of the couple are Bob & Dianna Bauman of Bradenton, Fla., and the late Roy & Rita Farrell, and Jim & Gloria Storgaard of Irene, SD.

The bride is a graduate of Sturgis High School. She is a paralegal at the Lynn Jackson, Schulte and Lebrun Law Firm of Rapid City, SD.

The groom is a graduate of Irene High School and Black Hills State University. He is currently employed at the US Postal Service as supervisor in Rapid City, SD.

The couple is living in Sturgis, SD.

Matron of honor was Kayleigh Cihak, daughter of the bride. Bridesmaids were Krista & Kitty Cihak, daughters of the bride. Best man was Scott Storgaard, brother of the groom, and Jhett Cihak, son of the bride.

A reception was held in the back yard of the bride and groom.

Thank You

The family of Iden "Buddy" Myers would like to thank everyone for ALL your generous gifts, flowers, thoughts, words and prayers during this difficult time.

Also thank you to everyone that paid their respects at the prayer service and funeral. We all know that Buddy, Dad, Grandpa was special but having all of you there proved you felt the same way and meant so much to us.

We will NEVER forget your kindness!

Joan Myers
Doug & Cathy Myers & family
Gary Myers & family
Glenda Bohlmann & family
Cheryl Liddeke & family

Hanson-Wuestewald

Staci Christine Hanson and Joby James Wuestewald were united in marriage on June 25, 2011, at the United Church of Christ in Vermillion, South Dakota. The bride is the daughter of Douglas Hanson and Nadyne Zimmerman. The groom is the son of John Wuestewald and Kari Anderson. Pastor Steve Miller presided at the double ring ceremony.

Shelby Hanson, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Shandra Hanson, Heidi Johnston, Nicki Zimmerman-Manero, and Bailey Zimmerman.

Justin Wuestewald, brother of the groom, was the best man. Groomsmen were Joshua Wuestewald, Kyler Wuestewald, Jason Wuestewald and Samuel Hanson.

Ushers were Paul Johnston, Rick Manero, Eric Anderson and Joey Wuestewald. Flower girls were Savannah and Shayla Wuestewald. Ring bearers were Keegan Johnston and Jordan Wuestewald.

Pianist Anthony Burbach, and soloists Gretchen Burbach and Thor Gastelend provided the music.

A reception was held in the Eagles Club Room in Vermillion.

The bride works for Sanford Medical Center in Vermillion. The groom works for L&M Radiator in Yankton. The couple resides in Gayville, South Dakota