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Is Fed cut in time to stave off recession?

Analysts split over effect on economy

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WASHINGTON • Wall Street rallied for a second consecutive day Wednesday, still buoyant over the Federal Reserve's surprise half-point cut in interest rates, but several leading analysts warn that odds remain high for the nation to fall into recession by next year.

After posting their largest one-day gain in nearly five years Tuesday, stocks kept climbing a day later. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up Wednesday by 76.17 points at 13,815.56, for a 3.1 percent gain in two days. The S&P 500 closed up 9.25 points at 1529.03, up 3.5 percent over two days.

While the immediate market reaction to the Fed's dramatic action is encouraging, some analysts fear that problems rooted in shaky housing finance still could squeeze consumer spending and drag the economy down.

Others think that the Fed

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GOP's worst fears realized; state budget \$600M in red

By **HOWARD FISCHER**  
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The state budget is running close to \$600 million in the red.

Gov. Janet Napolitano admitted Wednesday what Republican legislators have been saying for months: Arizona's \$10.6 billion spending plan exceeds revenue coming in. And that is exacerbated by the state starting the fiscal year July 1 with \$225 million less left over from last year than anticipated.

The governor wants to bridge the gap by directing agencies to cut \$100 million by not filling vacancies, cutting travel and even delaying the purchase of new supplies.

She also wants to take \$200 million out of the state's "rainy day fund," a savings account of about \$700 million earmarked for emergencies.

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**Mesa Riverview tests city's police presence**



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**ON PATROL:** Alex Langsford, a security officer with International Protection Corp., patrols in the Mesa Riverview complex.

No plans made for officers to patrol growing complex

By **JASON MASSAD**  
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Mesa's police chief says the city didn't plan to patrol the burgeoning retail complex at Mesa Riverview, and the fallout has led officers to be diverted from other high-crime areas in west Mesa.

Chief George Gascón said the development at Riverview turned what was once vacant land into one of the city's largest retail centers right next to two freeways, making it a ripe target for criminals looking to steal cars and

burglarize stores. Now, the department can't have a round-the-clock presence without pulling officers from other areas of west Mesa.

"There was no planning at Riverview. The police had no input into the process," Gascón said. "We want to make sure that we protect the economic viability of the project. If it's heavily impacted by crime — if they start to get hit disproportionately by theft — that prevents people coming to their businesses."

Mesa Riverview is just one of the booming areas affected by a fast-grow-

ing city, few police officers and a lack of planning about how to patrol hot spots for crime.

Police officials at Williams Gateway Airport see the need to bulk up its force as new passenger carriers are expected to send more than 100,000 passengers through its terminal this year.

Currently, police have 14 officers and one sergeant protecting the airport, along with the federal Transportation Security Administration. That number will need to increase dramatically in the

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**Developers' funding of official's move dropped**

Mesa still seeking other contributions for new economic director's relocation

By **DENNIS WELCH**  
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Mesa has trashed a plan to raise money from private developers to relocate its incoming economic development director from the East Coast.

At least three real estate developers pledged thousands of dollars to move William

said Wednesday.

The decision was made to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest, said Steve Wright, a spokesman for the city. As the economic development chief, Jabjiniak would hold significant influence over deals that affect developers which had committed funds to help him move.

"I'm glad the decision not to take money from private developers was made. It's cleaner

that way," Councilman Mike Whalen said. "I understand what the city manager (Chris Brady) was trying to do, but it just doesn't pass the smell test."

Jabjiniak, who is scheduled to become the city's first permanent economic development director in two years, negotiated a deal with the city that will pay him \$142,000 per year.

In a separate agreement, the East Valley Partnership

had said it would collect money from local businesses to make his monthly mortgage payments on his \$500,000 home in Richmond if he was unable to sell it quickly.

The group had secured pledges of from six business groups — three of which were from private development firms — and would only confirm two of the donors. The Mesa Cham-

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No texting while driving in Phoenix

The Phoenix City Council approves a ban on text-messaging while driving, becoming the first city in Arizona and among the first in the nation to ban the practice, officials say.

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Life Teen lawsuit

A former executive of the Catholic youth organization Life Teen in Mesa files a civil complaint against the group, claiming he was wrongfully terminated after reporting illegal accounting practices.

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Iraq bill blocked

Democrats' efforts to challenge President Bush's Iraq policies are dealt a demoralizing blow in the Senate after they fail to secure enough support to guarantee troops more layover time.

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Cancer virus vaccine

New data shows a vaccine against the virus that causes cervical cancer partially blocks infection by 10 strains of the virus on top of the four types it targets.

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No assigned seats

Southwest Airlines decides to stick with its 36-year-old policy of not assigning seats and instead will add numbers to boarding passes to keep passenger lines to a minimum.

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Green acquisition

ECotality, a Scottsdale-based alternative energy company, said Wednesday it will acquire a San Diego solar firm, adding to the local company's portfolio of renewable energy technologies.

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VOICES

**AUSTIN HILL:** The historic Williams Gateway Airport is going to be renamed about a month from now. Some people aren't going to like this, but overall it is a good thing.

• "It's interesting that ASU students walk around saying 'We're adults, we're adults, treat us like adults.' But then they act like children and, all of sudden, 'You can't treat us like that. We're just kids,'" a Venter says.

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