



STIMULUS: Congress may have to return for a special session after election

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A couple of hours later, Mr. Bush seconded Ms. Perino's remarks, but he also said in a more optimistic tone: "I have heard that people's attitudes are beginning to change from a period of intense concerns — I would call it near panic — to being more relaxed." He commented after a closed meeting with business leaders in Alexandria, La.

If congressional leaders and Mr. Bush — who has been cool to more federal stimulus spending given already exploding budget deficits — were to hash out an acceptable package, it would require a special session after the Nov. 4 elections.

If an agreement can't be

worked out, the effort probably would be taken up by the next Congress and the next president. Democrat Barack Obama has strongly advocated more government stimulus, while Republican John McCain is keeping his options open.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California and fellow congressional Democrats are pushing a package that could cost as much as \$150 billion. Some economists, however, have advised them in recent days that to have a real impact, the total would have to be far larger, as much as \$300 billion.

As part of that package, Democrats want to resurrect a \$61 billion House-passed measure that included about \$37

billion in public works spending, \$6 billion to extend jobless benefits, \$15 billion to help states to pay their Medicaid bills and \$3 billion in food stamp assistance for the poor.

The Democrats also are considering a second round of tax rebates to follow the \$600 to \$1,200 checks most individuals and couples got earlier this year.

That money, going directly to consumers in hopes they would spend it, could push the price tag much higher.

Unemployment — now at 6.1 percent — is expected to hit 7.5 percent or higher next year. And millions of Americans have been watching their retirement nest eggs and home

values shrivel.

One-third of Americans are worried about losing their jobs, half fret they will be unable to keep up with mortgage and credit card payments, and seven in 10 are anxious that their stocks and retirement investments are losing value, according to an Associated Press-Yahoo News poll of likely voters released Monday.

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., a member of the Democratic leadership, predicted Congress would return in November. "We couldn't have gotten a better supporter for a stimulus package than Ben Bernanke," Mr. Schumer said. "His support will change the stimulus from a possibility to a reality."

Mrs. Pelosi said, "I call on President Bush and congressional Republicans to once again heed Chairman Bernanke's advice and as they did in January, work with Democrats in Congress to enact a targeted, timely and fiscally responsible economic recovery and job-creation package."

However, in an interview with The Associated Press last Friday, Mrs. Pelosi had said Congress is unlikely to approve a tax rebate before Mr. Bush leaves office, and she signaled that prospects were dim that Democrats would be able to strike a deal with the president on an economic aid package during a post-election session. In February, Congress enacted

a \$168 billion stimulus package that included tax rebates for people and tax breaks for businesses.

The rebate checks did help to lift economic growth in the spring. After that, though, consumers cut back sharply and businesses have retrenched in turn.

"With the economy likely to be weak for several quarters, and with some risk of a protracted slowdown, consideration of a fiscal package by the Congress at this juncture seems appropriate," Mr. Bernanke told the House Budget Committee.

It marked the first time Mr. Bernanke endorsed the need for another round of economic stimulus.



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Gregory K. Hunt, special assistant to the provost, talks about how the former gymnasium in the Health and Physical Education building will be used in the new school during a tour Monday.

MARYWOOD: Bachelor's, master's degrees planned

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Students will be given their own spaces in the commons to accommodate a laptop computer, drawing board, pin-up space and a storage area.

A woodshop, plaster-casting room, computer-aided design lab, reference library and classroom space will also be added.

In keeping with green design, much of the current building will be reused or recycled. The painted lines on the gym floor will stay — to show how an old structure can be rejuvenated, said Gregory Hunt, an architect and former dean of the architecture school at the Catholic University of America, and who for the past year has led development efforts.

Part of the building will feature a green roof — one with vegetation growing on it. Another part of the roof will be white to reflect the sun and reduce cooling costs. Rainwater will be used to flush toilets.

"It will be a building that teaches," Mr. Hunt said.

Phase I, which will allow the school to open, will cost about \$4 million. Phase II, which will open in five to 10 years, will allow enrollment in the school to increase to 300 from 200.

Faculty will soon be recruited, Mr. Hunt said.

Degrees to be offered are:

■ A bachelor of environmental design in architecture, a four-year, pre-professional degree, that will prepare students to pursue a professional degree or be a nonlicensed practitioner. Stu-

dents could also be prepared to enter related careers, including construction management, real estate development or urban planning.

■ A bachelor of architecture, a five-year program that builds on the four-year degree with classes in professional practice and environmental law. Students will be required to pass the LEED exam prior to graduation.

■ A master of architecture, a six-year program, or two years with a prior degree, will increase student knowledge in selected interest areas.

The school will apply for National Architectural Accrediting Board status in fall 2009.

Local architects at Monday's announcement said the school will benefit the community, and professionals could bene-

fit from continuing education options.

The school will be the "first local pathway to licensure," said Avery Gretton, an architect with Highland Associates, and president of the Northeast Pennsylvania chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

University officials said they are excited to start enrolling architecture students.

"This is in keeping with the I.H.M. mission, the Marywood mission," Sister Munley said. "It's another way (students) will really be better equipped to make a substantial difference in the community."

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SERIES: Phils have had no shortage of talent

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Yet for all that talent, thrilling September pennant chases and a recent string of winning seasons, the Phillies have but one World Series title — and that was back in 1980.

Tampa Bay tried to rely on other team's fading stars to build a fan base.

Jose Canseco, Fred McGriff and Vinny Castilla were "Past-Their-Prime-Time Players" and all busts with Tampa Bay. Manager Lou Piniella dyed his hair blond after a three-game win streak in 2003, but couldn't win much else in a failed return to his hometown. Even the original "Devil" in the nickname was a flop, and got pitchforked out.

Tampa Bay's highlight reel before this season consisted of Wade Boggs' 3,000th hit in 1999 and Sammy Sosa's corked bat exploding against Devil Rays pitcher Jeremi Gonzalez in 2003.

Ahh, but at least Tampa Bay knows the thrill of kicking Philly down in other sports.

Again, the men from the Sunshine State are standing in the way of a Philadelphia championship.

The blood of Eagles fans still curdles like the cheese on their steaks at the thought of the 2003 NFC championship game. Philadelphia was favored to send since-demolished Veterans Stadium out with a championship in its final game, and the frigid temperatures and wind chill were going to intimidate those warm-weather Bucs.

Ronde Barber and Joe Jurevicius instead helped Tampa Bay win for only the second time in franchise history with the temperatures under 40 and the Buccaneers stunned the Eagles 27-10. The Bucs would go on to beat Oakland and win the Super Bowl.

Fifteen months later, the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Flyers 2-1 in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals. Tampa Bay then won a seven-game series against the Calgary Flames to celebrate with the Stanley Cup.

For those keeping a championship tally at home, that's Tampa Bay 2, Philadelphia 0.

If the Phillies, Eagles, 76ers and Flyers didn't need another punch in the gut, rocker Jon Bon Jovi bought the Arena Football League's Philadelphia Soul and won ArenaBowl in July after only five seasons in the wacky indoor league.

"I think there is some sort of jinx," said 40-year-old Philly sports fan Mark Kozinski. "And maybe with the Philadel-

phia Soul winning the championship, that broke the jinx. Maybe things will start going in the right direction."

It's not like Philadelphia fans can't recall winning a big one, or at least reading about winning the big one. There once was a run of four championships (Flyers 1974, '75; Phillies 1980, 76ers '83) in 10 years, a period some fans call the golden era of Philly sports.

But this is a city known more for heartache than delirious celebrations.

There was the collapse in 1964 when the Phillies held a 6½-game lead with 12 to play only to blow the National League pennant by losing 10 straight.

They won the NL pennant, but lost the series to Baltimore in 1983. And in 1993, Mitch Williams surrendered the game-ending homer to Joe Carter that gave the Toronto Blue Jays their second consecutive World Series title.

"I never worried about it," Williams said. "I knew I gave everything I had that night."

Today's Phillies have much the same attitude. Focusing on Philly's history of failure, to them, is kind of like of worrying about who's going to smack that crack in the Liberty Bell.

Rollins, Howard and Chase Utley bristled at questions about 10,000 losses — and they haven't greatly added to the ignominious loss total, now at 10,098.

The Phillies have just two losing records this decade, but none since they went 80-81 in 2002 under Larry Bowa. Rollins, Pat Burrell and Brett Myers were on that team, promising prospects who would soon become stars for the back-to-back NL East title teams.

A walk downtown last weekend showed fans had traded those green-and-white Donovan McNabb and Brian Westbrook Eagles jerseys for the red pinstripes of Howard, Utley and Rollins. It was impossible to go to a restaurant, a bar, the grocery store, and not see fans of all ages decked out in Phillies merchandise.

The Phillies are going to the World Series, and they're bringing thousands of die-hards along for the ride.

"We can feel the energy level, and the energy level is very good," said Pat Pedicini, who works at Philly Sports Shop at the Shops at Liberty Place. "People are starting to show they are deep fans. The old fan base is waking up and the new ones are starting to understand what it is like to be a Phillies fan."

RESEARCH: ESPN covering study at university

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cooler story," said Yaron Deska, an associate producer for "E:60," ESPN's new investigative and feature news show. "Here's a whole different use for a drug you see advertised

all the time; even cyclists are using it."

A 2004 German study of mountain climbers and 2006 Stanford University research using cyclists already determined Viagra — prescribed as Revatio for pulmonary hyper-

tension — bolsters athletic performances at higher elevations.

Dr. Rundell hopes to finish the research by the fall. The currently untitled "E:60" piece will run well before then. The segment will last about eight to 12 minutes, and ESPN plans air it Oct. 28 at 7 p.m.

Maria Montoro-Edwards, Marywood's director of sponsorship projects, touted Dr.

Rundell as a top-flight researcher who attracts international media attention, but the professor humbly dismissed all the hubbub.

"This is just getting all the attention because of the study drug," he said with a wry smile.

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Phillies: a century-plus of frustration
 Phillies season records from 1883 through the present

2008 — 92-70	1984 — 81-81	1961 — 47-107	1936 — 54-100	1911 — 79-73
(NL champs)	1983 — 90-72	1960 — 59-95	1935 — 64-89	1910 — 78-75
2007 — 89-73	(NL champs)	1959 — 64-90	1934 — 56-93	1909 — 74-79
2006 — 85-77	lost to Orioles in	1958 — 69-85	1933 — 60-92	1908 — 83-71
2005 — 88-74	World Series)	1957 — 77-77	1932 — 78-76	1907 — 83-64
2004 — 86-76	1982 — 89-73	1956 — 71-83	1931 — 66-88	1906 — 71-82
2003 — 86-76	1981 — 59-48	1955 — 77-77	1930 — 52-102	1905 — 83-69
2002 — 80-81	1980 — 91-71	1954 — 75-79	1929 — 71-82	1904 — 52-100
2001 — 86-76	(World Series	1953 — 83-71	1928 — 43-109	1903 — 49-86
2000 — 65-97	champions)	1952 — 86-67	1927 — 51-103	1902 — 56-81
1999 — 77-85	1979 — 84-78	1951 — 73-81	1926 — 58-93	1901 — 63-57
1998 — 75-87	1978 — 90-72	1950 — 91-63	1925 — 68-85	1900 — 75-63
1997 — 68-94	1977 — 101-61	(NL champs; lost	1924 — 55-96	1899 — 94-58
1996 — 67-95	1976 — 101-61	to Yankees in	1923 — 50-104	1898 — 78-71
1995 — 69-75	1975 — 86-76	World Series)	1922 — 57-96	1897 — 55-77
1994 — 54-61	1974 — 80-82	1949 — 81-73	1921 — 51-103	1896 — 62-68
1993 — 97-65	1973 — 71-91	1948 — 66-88	1920 — 62-91	1895 — 78-53
(NL champs; lost	1972 — 59-97	1947 — 62-92	1919 — 47-90	1894 — 71-57
to Blue Jays in	1971 — 67-95	1946 — 69-85	1918 — 55-68	1893 — 72-57
World Series)	1970 — 73-88	1945 — 46-108	1917 — 87-65	1892 — 87-66
1992 — 70-92	1969 — 63-99	1944 — 61-92	1916 — 91-61	1891 — 68-69
1991 — 78-84	1968 — 76-86	1943 — 64-90	1915 — 90-62	1890 — 78-53
1990 — 77-85	1967 — 82-80	1942 — 42-109	(NL champs; lost	1889 — 63-64
1989 — 67-95	1966 — 87-75	1941 — 43-111	to Red Sox in	1888 — 69-61
1988 — 65-96	1965 — 85-76	1940 — 50-103	World Series)	1887 — 75-48
1987 — 80-82	1964 — 92-70	1939 — 45-106	1914 — 74-80	1886 — 71-43
1986 — 86-75	1963 — 87-75	1938 — 45-105	1913 — 88-63	1885 — 56-54
1985 — 75-87	1962 — 81-80	1937 — 61-92	1912 — 73-79	1884 — 39-73

Rays: much less time to be disappointed

2008 — 97-65	2006 — 61-101	2003 — 63-99	2000 — 69-92
(AL champs)	2005 — 67-95	2002 — 55-106	1999 — 69-93
2007 — 66-96	2004 — 70-91	2001 — 62-100	1998 — 63-99

