

ALABAMA BUSINESS

BBVA gives Seedco grant for small business lending

Seedco Financial Services Inc. said the BBVA Compass Foundation has given it a \$25,000 grant to support its small business lending and community development efforts in Alabama.

"We are committed to building financially strong and healthy businesses in the communities where we work and live," said Rey Ocanas, director of corporate responsibility and reputation for Birmingham-based BBVA Compass. "Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and we are focused on helping business owners and underserved neighborhoods thrive. Seedco Financial is vital to accomplishing this."

Seedco Financial provides small business lending and affordable housing development to communities across greater Birmingham with a targeted focus on rural "Black Belt" communities.

School funded for mine training

Bevill State Community College in Jasper will receive an \$81,000 federal grant to develop more video training programs for coal mine emergencies, the Mine Safety and Health Administration said today.

The college will use the money to develop short safety training videos to be shown at mine entrances and over the Internet communication, MSHA said.

"The ability to keep up with technological advances will not only lead to increased safety, but also

to use new and innovative methods to train mine rescue responders and educate the mining community on safety, and that will save lives."

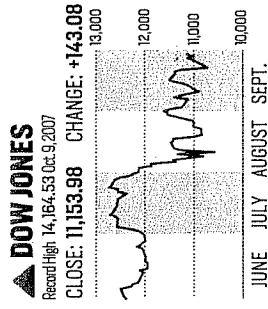
Bevill State operates a comprehensive miner training curriculum, complete with mock-ups of underground mines equipped with realistic special effects to simulate the air quality, lighting conditions and working environment of an underground coal mine.

The grant is part of \$1 million MSHA passed out Thursday to organizations nationwide. The Brookwood-Sazo grants are

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THE MARKET REPORT

ECONOMIC INDICATORS



KEY MOVERS
Bank of America
▲ **+2.7%** +17 cents
Close: \$6.33

Travelers Cos. Insurance
▲ **+2.6%** +\$1.28
Close: \$49.45

US stocks rise

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks rose Thursday, rebounding from a 1 percent decline in the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, as lower-than-estimated claims for unemployment benefits helped offset losses by consumer and technology shares.

The S&P 500 advanced 0.8 percent to close at 1,160.15, according to preliminary closing levels, after rallying as much as 2.2 percent earlier. The Dow Jones Industrial Average added 141.80, or 1.3 percent, to close at 11,152.70, also boosted by a report showing U.S. gross domestic product expanded at a faster rate than economists projected.

"We got two excellent numbers," said Philip Orlando of Federated Investors Inc. "It suggests that we are coming out of the soft patch and not spiraling into a double-dip recession."

A four-day rout last week erased \$1 trillion from U.S. equities amid concern Greek insolvency is inevitable and Europe can't contain the damage.

From wire reports

BLOOMBERG ALABAMA INDEX

BEST PERFORMER
Infinity Property & Casualty
▲ **+5.7%** +\$2.85
Close: \$52.78

WORST PERFORMER
Books-A-Million
▼ **-5.3%** -13 cents
Close: \$2.33

ALABAMA STOCKS

COMPANY	LAST	CHG	52WK HI	52WK LO	VOL(00)	DIV	PE
ADTRAN Inc	27.30	-0.52	47.70	26.62	10090	0.36	14
AT&T Inc	28.84	0.29	31.94	27.20	262013	1.72	13
Banco Bilbao	8.52	0.48	13.36	7.02	20110	0.55	na
BankTrust Financial	2.30	0.00	3.30	2.15	703	na	115
BB&T Corp	22.08	0.81	29.59	18.92	61167	0.64	16
BioCryst Pharm	2.84	0.04	5.86	2.30	2036	na	na
Boeing	62.37	0.45	80.65	56.01	60901	1.68	15
Books-A-Million	2.33	-0.13	6.94	2.31	281	0.20	na
Colonial Properties	18.74	0.56	22.00	15.90	12147	0.60	na
Comp Programs & Sys	66.35	0.80	79.06	41.28	626	1.44	30
El Paso Corp	17.72	0.02	21.54	12.00	112248	0.04	20
Energen Corp	43.17	0.91	65.44	38.84	9494	0.54	11
Genuine Parts Co	52.39	1.28	57.66	44.13	15176	1.80	16
Golden Enterprises	3.35	-0.06	3.93	2.91	3	0.13	15
Healthsouth Corp	15.12	0.31	28.50	14.07	13208	na	9
Hibbett Sports Inc	34.73	0.13	43.00	24.27	4208	na	19
Infinity Property	52.78	2.85	64.60	43.64	409	0.72	11
Int'l Shipholding	18.66	0.41	29.49	16.54	166	1.50	4
Medical Properties	9.26	0.21	12.65	8.76	15721	0.80	29
Mueller Water	2.63	0.02	4.80	1.94	48481	0.07	na
Nucor Corp	32.46	0.55	49.24	30.72	42106	1.45	22
ProAssurance Corp	72.19	1.75	73.95	56.51	1910	1.00	10
Protective Life	16.16	0.72	29.54	14.92	5727	0.64	6
Regions Financial	3.55	0.12	8.09	3.35	216459	0.04	na
RoyalBankofCanada	46.69	0.70	63.59	43.05	8768	2.17	12
Southern Co	42.87	0.60	43.09	35.73	65779	1.89	18
Synovus Financial	1.14	0.05	2.99	1.07	151823	0.04	na
Torchmark Corp	35.78	1.23	45.37	32.77	14764	0.48	9
US Steel	23.07	0.60	64.03	21.73	141243	0.20	na
Vulcan Materials	28.95	-0.47	48.26	28.13	18260	1.00	na
Walter Energy Inc	60.45	-2.66	143.76	58.45	30052	0.50	7
Wells Fargo	24.99	0.54	34.17	22.58	405618	0.48	9