

Wall Street tumbles amid global sell-off

Dow drops below 10,000 for first time since 2004

DOW JONES
369.88
CLOSE: 9,955.50

NASDAQ
84.43
CLOSE: 1,862.96

S&P 500
42.34
CLOSE: 1,056.89

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BLOOMBERG**
3.90
CLOSE: 111.89

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NEW YORK — Wall Street suffered through another extraordinary and traumatic session Monday, with the Dow Jones industrials plunging as much as 800 points — their largest one-day point drop — before recovering to close with a loss of 370. The catalyst for the selling, which also took the Dow below 10,000 for the first time in four years, was investors' growing despair that the spreading credit crisis will take a heavy toll around the world.

Investors have come to the realization that the Bush administration's \$700 billion rescue plan and steps taken by other governments won't work quickly to unfreeze the credit markets.

That sent stocks spiraling downward in the U.S., Europe and Asia, and drove investors to sink money into the relative safety of U.S. government debt. Fears about a global recession also caused oil to drop below \$90 a barrel.

"The fact is, people are scared and the only thing they're doing is selling," said Ryan Detrick, senior technical strategist at Schaeffer's Investment Research. "Investors are cleaning out portfolios and getting rid of everything because nothing seems to be working."

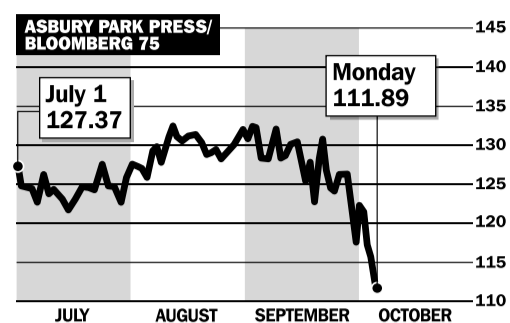
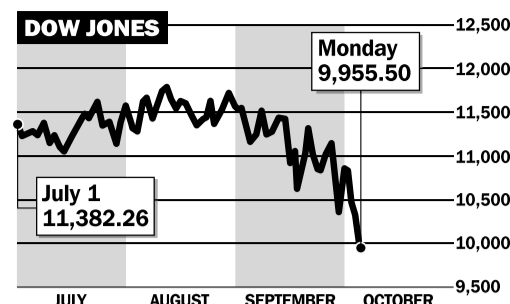
The selling was so extreme that only 264 stocks rose on the NYSE — and 2,986 dropped. That's a telling sign considering the stock

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Joseph Ryan watches the markets Monday at the CME Group in Chicago. (AP PHOTO)



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BUSINESS

MOVERS

BANK OF AMERICA CORP. (BAC) dropped 6.6 percent to \$32.22. JPMorgan Chase & Co. (JPM) lost 4.1 percent to \$44. Citigroup Inc. (C) retreated 5.1 percent to \$17.41.

BOEING CO. (BA) fell 4.7 percent to \$51.29. Goldman Sachs Group Inc. cut the airplane maker's profit estimate for 2008 because of a machinists' strike.

EBAY INC. (EBAY) lost 5.5 percent to \$17.89. The online auctioneer said it will cut 10 percent of its work force and agreed to buy two payment and classified advertising companies for \$1.34 billion as sales growth slows at its Internet marketplace unit.

MYLAN INC. (MYL) fell 12 percent to \$9. The biggest U.S. maker of generic drugs had its share-price target and earnings estimates cut by UBS AG on concern the company won't be able to repay its debt.

NETFLIX INC. (NFLX) dropped 8.6 percent to \$26.49. The largest U.S. mail-order movie service said it signed up fewer subscribers in the third quarter than it expected due to an "unusually weak" August.

PRG-SCHULTZ INTERNATIONAL INC. (PRGX US) plunged 48 percent to \$4.39. The recovery audit firm did not get a contract with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as part of the Medicare Recovery Auditing Contractor Program, according to a statement distributed by Business Wire.

SALIX PHARMACEUTICALS LTD. (SLXP) rose 24 percent to \$7.06. The company said rifaximin, its antibiotic for irritable bowel syndrome, improved patients' quality of life more than a placebo in a study.

Bloomberg News Service

Home foreclosures rising in New Jersey

Some 50,000 expected in '08, up from 34,457 in '07

By **TOM BALDWIN**
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TRENTON — Home foreclosures are rising in New Jersey, from 23,000 two years ago to 34,457 last year — and they are on pace to hit 50,000 this year, lawmakers were told Monday.

"That's far more than double in two years," Banking and Insurance Commissioner Steven

Goldman told a joint meeting of the Assembly financial institutions and housing committees.

Goldman and others addressed the committees, which were searching for ways for the state to deal with the Wall Street crisis that began, many say, with too many borrowers trying to pay off home mortgages they could not afford.

Assembly Speaker Jo-

seph J. Roberts Jr., D-Camden, told the committee he hopes for "a full-court press ... though there are clearly limitations to what we can do as a state."

Goldman said, "I am pleased to report that our state-chartered banks are doing relatively well. ... Our state banks here have steered clear of the risky, exotic loan products."

Goldman said foreclosures and past-due loans in New Jersey are below the national average, noting that sub-prime mortgage loans — considered a root of the global illness — "represent about 10.5 percent of all loans in New Jersey. ... Nationally, sub-prime loans represent about 12.2 percent of all loans."

Goldman said the most foreclosures occur in Atlantic, Cape May, Essex,

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— *Banking and Insurance Commissioner Steven Goldman*

Hunterdon, Passaic and Union counties.

"I know the federal government is on this, but the state has to set the table," said Assemblyman Gerald Green, D-Union, the chair-

man of the Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee.

"The problem of foreclosures is still a significant problem in New Jersey," said Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Joseph Doria Jr.

Goldman at one point recalled a recent meeting among financial-services executives, where a federal regulator told bank

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At left: Jacquelyn Flynn poses with her two dogs, Bella Riley (left) and Jozee Prancer, at the Canine Pet Resort in Jackson, whose sign, at right, boasts the business as "Your Doggie's Home Away From Home." Below: Pet resort "guests" head outside for some fun and sun. (STAFF PHOTOS: SHAWN HUBER)



A cageless canine retreat

Canine Pet Resort, Jackson, offers boarding, day care

By **AMANDA OGLESBY**
STAFF WRITER

JACKSON — When Pat Mulholland of Jackson picked up her 9-month-old fawn-colored puggle, Sunny, from the new Canine Pet Resort on Whitesville Road, she was afraid she brought home the wrong pooch.

After returning from a vacation to North Carolina, Mulholland, 45, came back to a newly house-broken, calmer pup than the one she had left 14 days earlier.

"She was a wild animal when we left her," Mulholland said. "She is a completely different dog in only the best way."

Mulholland attributes the change to Sunny's stay at Jacquelyn Flynn's Ca-

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— *Jackson resident Pat Mulholland, describing her dog, Sunny*

nine Pet Resort, which celebrated its official opening Sept. 6.

Next to Flynn's log cabin, the resort has a communal air-conditioned room with dog beds and cots. A rowdy pack of puggles, labs and retrievers runs to the window to greet Flynn and her business partner, Jill Rowland.

Through a plastic doggy door, the dogs run outside to a 4,000-square-foot enclosed lawn with pool.

"This has been in my brain for five years," Flynn said.

After a series of life-changing events that included a painful breakup and being laid off from her former job as a business developer, Flynn was introduced to an 8-week-old tan boxer, Jozee Prancer, she said.

"My heart was like cement, and that dog came into my life and showed me how to love again," she said. "It was great, it was really great. At that point,

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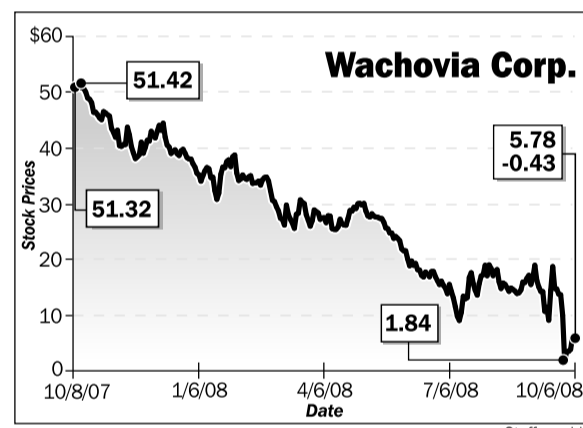


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CORPORATE SPOTLIGHT



Wachovia parties agree to standstill until Wed.

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NEW YORK — Wachovia, Citigroup and Wells Fargo, in consultation with the Federal Reserve, have agreed to a standstill of all formal litigation activity.

The agreement is scheduled to end at noon on Wednesday.

Federal Reserve officials have been in talks with Wells Fargo and Citigroup in the hope of getting the parties to come to some sort of agreement, according to a person with knowledge of the talks. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the matter.

Early last week, Citigroup agreed to buy Wachovia's banking assets for \$2.1 billion in a deal brokered by the FDIC. On Friday, Wells Fargo said it agreed to buy the bank for \$15.1 billion without any government support.

The battle for Charlotte, N.C.-based Wachovia moved to the courts over the weekend.

Wachovia Corp. was sued for \$140 million by bankrupt tax-deferral company 1031 Tax Group LLC over claims it ignored fraud that sunk the firm.

Wachovia allegedly assisted 1031 Tax Group founder and former Chief Executive Officer Edward Okun by transferring \$240 million to "inappropriate" accounts before the tax firm collapsed and Okun was arrested, according to a complaint filed Oct. 3 in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New York. The claims include unjust enrichment and breach of contract.

Five Wachovia units knew "Okun was misappropriating funds from the 1031 debtors," the company's bankruptcy trustee, Gerard McHale, alleged in the complaint. "Nonetheless, they continued to carry on business as usual with Okun."

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Doctor certified in pain-relief method

Steven J. Pollack, a chiropractor, has become board certified to perform manipulation under anesthesia (MUA), a non-invasive pain-relief procedure, through the American Academy of Manual and

Physical Medicine. He is also certified in applied kinesiology.

Pollack, director of the Pollack Health and Wellness Center in Beachwood, has been in practice for more than 27 years and recommends MUA for the patients suffering from various chronic conditions that include fibrous adhesions, herniated discs, fibromyalgia, frozen joints and plantar fasciitis.

Man promoted to marketing chief

Michael Mattia, has been promoted to partner in charge of marketing for Amper, Politziner & Mattia, Certified Public Accountants and Consultants, Wall. He is responsible for the overall direction of the company's marketing programs, including new services lines and product developments, corporate communications, new business devel-

opment and advertising/public relations programs.

He is a member of the Association of Accounting Marketing and the New Jersey Professional Services Marketing Group.

Zebu aims to open in Freehold in Jan.

Zebu Forno, headquartered in Red Bank, has signed a lease for the site of the former Cornerstone Cafe at West Main Street and South Street, Freehold.

The franchise chain expects to open the new restaurant in January 2009 following an extensive remodeling of the 2,300 square foot store.

Zebu Forno also has restaurants in Holmdel and Hoboken.

PR firm reopens Speakers Bureau

Phyllis Kessel of Phyllis Kessel Relations and Marketing, Long Branch, announced the re-

opening of the Speakers Bureau.

Membership is open to those in the medical, legal, financial, real estate, retail and other fields who seek to convey their message to strategically targeted audiences. Contact Kessel at pka4pr@aol.com.

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