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FINANCIAL FALLOUT

## U.S. weighs options on Wall Street

Pelosi to Pelosi: Congress ready to work past Sept. 26, if necessary

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is weighing several options to ease Wall Street's worst financial crisis in decades, according to a person with knowledge of the talks. But taking over banks' bad debt, an idea that rallied the stock market on Thursday, is no certainty.



NANCY PELOSI

"We stand ready to work with you and your administration to consider constructive solutions that stabilize our financial markets and balance accountability to the U.S. taxpayer with protecting American families from the crisis' fallout."

Stocks surged late in the afternoon after a report that the administration was considering creating a government entity patterned after the Resolution Trust Corp. created in the 1980s in the aftermath of the savings and loan crisis.

But the official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the discussions, said the talks have not narrowed to a single option.

President Bush canceled a trip Thursday to stay in Washington and meet with his top economic advisers.

Bush held a 40-minute meeting with Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Securities and Exchange Commission chief Christopher Cox along with White House and Treasury Department aides.

Paulson, Cox and Bernanke were briefing congressional leaders in House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office Thursday evening.

At the top of the meeting, Pelosi, D-Calif., made clear that any potential action must protect taxpayers who are already on the hook for potentially billions of dollars in bailouts to financial firms taken down by the financial crisis. "We are here to work together for solutions ... in a way that insulates taxpayers, consumers, Main Street from the crisis on Wall Street," she said.

Pelosi wrote to Bush on Thursday saying Congress would meet beyond its planned Sept. 26 adjournment, if necessary, "to consider legislative proposals and conduct necessary investigations" related to the financial crisis.

"We stand ready to work with you and

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## RISING FROM THE RUINS



MARLIN MILLER | Special to the Daily News

Marlin Miller sculpts dolphins from a dead tree in Mississippi. He will be named an honorary citizen of Biloxi, Miss., tonight at a high school football game.

### FWB's Marlin Miller transforms dead trees into animal carvings along the Mississippi coast

By ROBBYN BROOKS

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Marlin Miller starts most of his weekends by climbing a tree in Mississippi before many people climb out of bed.

He works with a chainsaw, grinders and chisels, and when the sun begins to erase shadows from the Gulf Coast, a new life is already emerg-

VIDEO ON THE NET

To watch a video of Marlin Miller working in his shop and to see a photo gallery, go to [nwfdailynews.com](http://nwfdailynews.com).



ing from a tree that perished during Hurricane Katrina.

"All day long, people pull their cars over and are out taking

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 Navarre resident David Jeffers is seen with a photo and story by his son, Army Sgt. Eddie Jeffers. The story was published on the Web site New Media Journal.

## Optimism to draw a crowd

Banquet to be held Saturday to honor the late Eddie Jeffers, the Army sergeant who penned 'Hope Rides Alone'

By MONA MOORE

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Before joining the Army, Sgt. Eddie Jeffers wanted to be a writer. His father, David Jeffers, said he had planned to enroll at the University of West Florida, but Sept. 11, 2001, changed all that.

David said he will always remember the words his son said to him: "Dad, this is my generation's fight."

As a member of the 1st Division of the 9th Infantry Battalion, 2nd Brigade out of Fort Carson, Colo., Eddie participated in his generation's fight. He was killed in a vehicle rollover in Iraq on Sept. 19, 2007.

Eddie left a legacy behind that will be celebrated Saturday with a banquet. A portion of the banquet's proceeds will benefit the Fisher House of the Emerald Coast, a charity Eddie supported.

"We're really looking forward to it, just to get together and have some fellowship and celebrate his life. He would like that, he would like that," said David, his voice trailing off.

David, who lives in Navarre, could see Eddie's talents in e-mails from Iraq.

"He had the uncanny ability to view things and apply common sense to a subject and yet state it with an amazingly simple eloquence."

Eddie just called them "rants" and was surprised by the response he got after David submitted one to an online publication.

Within weeks of publishing "Hope Rides

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### WANT TO ATTEND?

For tickets to the benefit, call David Jeffers at 565-0993 or e-mail him at [jeffers221@bellsouth.net](mailto:jeffers221@bellsouth.net).

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To learn more about the banquet, read Eddie Jeffers' articles or read "Hope Rides Alone," go to [nwfdailynews.com](http://nwfdailynews.com).

Veterinarian Dr. Jenny Fortune tends to Cooter the Boston terrier. Cooter was found shot on Eglin Air Force Base's reservation Tuesday.

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## Dog shot, left for dead fighting for life

By WENDY VICTORA

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NICEVILLE — A dog shot, paralyzed and left to die in a creek on the Eglin Air Force Base reservation is fighting for his life at a veterinary clinic.

Cooter, a Boston terrier, was rescued by five young men who were at a creek off Ranger Camp

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Road on Tuesday afternoon after they saw the injured dog lying in the water under a low-hanging bush.

"He was shaking really

badly," said 20-year-old Scott Fish of Shalimar. "Just from looking at him, the big hole in his side, we already knew he'd been shot."

The men wrapped the dog in a towel, placed him in a truck and took him to Niceville Animal Clinic. Veterinarian Jenny Fortune X-rayed the dog and found his spine had been crushed

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Injured dog found

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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Lost money found, returned to Niceville woman. Thank you, Sheri Cube, for increasing my faith in people.

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WEATHER

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