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WALL STREET: DOW REGAINS WEDNESDAY LOSSES

↓ 504.48

↑ 141.51

↓ 449.36

↑ 410.03

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Feds crafting rescue plan

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson says the government is crafting a plan to rescue banks from bad debts that are at the heart of Wall Street's worst financial crisis in decades. Paulson said late Thursday the plan will need congressional approval. He and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke briefed congressional leaders on the options they are considering. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said he expected the proposal to be given to lawmakers in a matter of hours, rather than days.

— The Associated Press

Banks investing globally

The Federal Reserve and central banks in other countries pumped billions of dollars into the world's banking system in an urgent bid to stop further damage. The Fed plowed as much as \$180 billion into money markets overseas. At home, the New York Federal Reserve acted to ease a spike in overnight lending rates by injecting \$55 billion into the banking system. European stocks halted three days of losses Thursday, rising slightly.

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AP PHOTO

Local bank will record Fannie Mae write-down

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Officials of Bank of the James said Thursday that the Lynchburg-based bank will write down more than \$1.5 million worth of stock it owns in Fannie Mae, one of two mortgage giants taken over by the federal government Sept. 7. The write-down represents the lost value of Fannie Mae stocks the bank holds. The investment represented 4 percent of the bank's investment portfolio, and only about 1 percent of its assets.

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Poll shows Obama with a slim lead

LOS ANGELES TIMES

With fewer than seven weeks to go, the presidential campaign has essentially returned to where it was before the national conventions, with Democrat Barack Obama regaining a slim lead over Republican John McCain, according to a national poll released Thursday. The poll, conducted this month by Quinnipiac University in Connecticut, shows Obama leading McCain 49 percent to 45 percent, according to the university's Web site. The four percentage point spread is slightly narrower than the August poll, which had Obama up 47 percent to 42 percent. The poll is based on 987 likely voters questioned from Sept. 11 to Sept. 16 and has a

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63 years after he was a prisoner of war during World War II, SML resident **Dick Brock** will speak about the ordeal



In the den of his Smith Mountain Lake home, World War II prisoner of war Dick Brock gets emotional as he recounts a story about the death of one of the soldiers in his squad. Brock was held captive for a month during the war, but managed to escape with a B-17 gunner.

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MEMORIES OF A POW

'When you have experienced so much unnecessary death, it takes a piece out of you you never get back.'

- Dick Brock

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SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE — It was getting dark that day in March 1945 when the order came down that the 66th Armored Infantry Battalion was to take one more town. "We had no intelligence of what was in that town or anything," Dick Brock said more than 63 years later from the den of his Smith

Mountain Lake home. "I just had a real bad feeling about it." That feeling was well founded. After five days of rolling through western Germany virtually nonstop, Brock and his men ran into a German convoy backed up by Nazi tanks. They soon were out-gunned and outnumbered. With the end of the war in Europe just months away, Brock became a prisoner of war. Brock and U.S. Rep. Virgil Goode, R-5th District, are

scheduled to speak at Saturday's "Never Forget" POW/MIA tribute at the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford. In 1943, Brock was 19 and fresh out of high school in Lancaster, N.Y., when he was drafted. At first, it meant a free education at Texas A&M University. But, as the D-Day invasion neared in 1944, all but those in their last quarter of college were pulled for combat duty.

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AP PHOTO

Minnesota bridge reopens to honks

Motorists in hundreds of cars, motorcycles, trucks and buses honked their horns and waved American flags as they crossed the rebuilt I-35 bridge just 14 months after it collapsed.

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