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Markets await details of promises

Local advisers: Investors have come 'unhinged from reality'

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The last time the stock market panicked like this, it was 1907 and legendary banker J.P. Morgan had to step in to save the day.

Still, the century-old Bankers' Panic — caused by a credit crunch reminiscent of the one federal regulators are currently trying to avoid — left the New York Stock Exchange stocks worth 50 cents on the dollar.

Heading into today's market session, after another sell-off of 128 points on Wall Street Friday, the stock exchange's Dow Jones Industrial Average was off

more than 40 percent from highs recorded earlier in the year.

"The stage we're at now is just pure panic," said Tom McGuigan, principal in the Burns Advisory Group of Old Lyme. "This is a time for the history books. I tell my kids this is something you're going to read about."

Stock swings are common, economic downturns periodic and market crashes occasional. But stock-market panics — defined as a relatively short period of precipitously falling prices in a broad range of markets — are much more rare.

"People are nervous — and justifiably so," said Josh Lyons, principal in Lyons Asset Management of Stonington. "They

really don't know how to react. They call me up and say 'What do I do?,' 'Are the banks safe?,' 'Should I pull all my money out of the market and put it under my mattress?'"

"We're clearly unhinged from reality," said Bill Middleton, an investment adviser at Sound Portfolio Advisors in Mystic. "The fundamentals have been thrown out the window, and we're operating purely on emotion."

For financial analysts, the periods in recent memory that come closest to the current panic are the stock market crashes of 1974 and 1987.

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European leaders vow to back banks

By **MARK LANDLER**
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New York Times News Service

Washington — After a whirl of emergency meetings, government leaders on both sides of the Atlantic produced bold promises to rescue the global financial system but were still racing to work out the details to calm battered stock markets before they opened this morning.

In the wake of the carnage in last week's markets, European countries pledged to inject capital into ailing banks and guarantee lending between

banks — a step that analysts said was critical to easing a crisis of confidence and shaking loose the credit markets.

Europe's action throws the spotlight back to the United States, where officials said Treasury Secretary Henry M. Paulson Jr. was studying the feasibility of backing up loans between banks here. Lending between banks is considered vital to the smooth operation of the financial system and the broader economy, but it has slowed considerably because banks are concerned about being repaid should the other bank run into financial trouble.

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100 YEARS OF WORSHIP



The Solomon Schechter Academy Choir of New London sings during Congregation Sarah Zedek's centennial celebration Sunday in Westerly. Story and other photos, B1.

EL school plugging into the sun

By **MICHAEL NAUGHTON**
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East Lyme — School officials in East Lyme are looking toward the sun to save money.

Beginning this week, crews will start to unload and install nearly 2,800 photovoltaic solar panels atop the high school roof. The school is not paying for the installation and could potentially save \$1.2 million in energy costs over 20 years, said Don Meltabarger, the school system's business manager. In its first year of use, the anticipated electricity cost savings are about \$12,000.

Meltabarger, who is spearheading the system's alternative energy efforts, said the installation bill is being covered by a \$1.8 million grant from the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund and the rest from Constellation Energy.

Constellation is a Baltimore-based energy company that will provide cleaning and maintenance, a 20-year warranty and annual performance reports. In turn the company, will receive the federal and state tax benefits as well as the renewable energy credits.

"We build, develop, own and operate the project through a 20-year power purchase agreement," said Marc Aronson, a business development manager for Constellation. "We pay the entire cost of the installation and sell the electricity back to the user."

The school will purchase electricity from the company at \$0.12 per kilowatt hours, a price that's locked in for the next 20 years, officials said.

The panels will be installed over the next few months and the project is scheduled to be completed in mid-December.

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A love story born out of holocaust

By **MATT SEDENSKY**
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North Miami Beach, Fla. — In the beginning, there was a boy, a girl and an apple.

He was a teenager in a concentration camp in Nazi-controlled Germany. She was a bit younger, living free in the village, her family posing as Christians. Their eyes met through a barbed-wire fence and she wondered what she could do for this handsome young man.

She was carrying apples, and decided to throw one over the fence. He caught it and ran away toward the barracks. And so it began.

As they tell it, they returned the following day and she tossed an apple again. And each day after that, for months, the routine continued. She threw, he caught, and both scurried away.

They never knew one another's name, never uttered a single word, so fearful they would be

spotted by a guard. Until one day he came to the fence and told her he wouldn't be back.

"I won't see you anymore," she said. "Right, right. Don't come around anymore," he answered.

And so their brief and innocent tryst came to an end. Or so they thought.

Before he was shipped off to a death camp, before the girl with the apples appeared, Herman Rosenblat's life had already changed forever.

His family had been forced from their home into a ghetto. His father fell ill with typhus. They smuggled in a doctor, but there was little he could do to help. The man knew what was coming. He summoned his youngest son. "If you ever get out of this war," Rosenblat remembers him saying, "don't carry a grudge in your heart and tolerate everybody."

Two days later, the father was dead. Her-

man was just 12.

The family was moved again, this time to a ghetto where he shared a single room with his mother, three brothers, uncle, aunt and four cousins. He and his brothers got working papers and he got a factory job painting stretchers for the Germans.

Eventually, the ghetto was dissolved. As the Poles were ushered out, two lines formed. In one, those with working papers, including Rosenblat and his brothers. In the other, everyone else, including the boys' mother.

Rosenblat went over to his mother. "I want to be with you," he cried. She spoke harshly to him and one of his brothers pulled him away. His heart was broken.

"I was destroyed," Rosenblat remembers. It was the last time he would ever see her.

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East Lyme High School's solar project by the numbers:

\$4 million

Cost of materials, installation

\$1.2 million

Electricity savings over 20 years

2,800

Photovoltaic panels installed on roof

WEATHER

Mix of sun and clouds today. High 69. Mild tonight. Low 53. Sunny and pleasant Tuesday. High 67.

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WEALTH DOESN'T EQUAL HEALTH

Connecticut may be one of the richest states in the country, but kids from high-income families here aren't the healthiest.

A report by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation ranks Connecticut 18th among states based on the gap between the overall rate of unhealthy children, 12.7 percent, and the rate among higher-income families, 6.9 percent.

But even Connecticut's higher-income families reported a higher rate of sick children than the "national benchmark" of 3.5 percent. The benchmark refers to the lowest rate of unhealthy kids from high-income families in any state. Colorado holds that distinction. Higher-income households are defined as a family of four with an income of at least \$82,500.

"This is not just a problem for the poor or minorities," said one of the researchers. "As a society, we are not doing as well on health as we could."

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STOCKS SOARING IN IRAQ AS FAITH IN SECURITY GAINS GROWS

While the rest of the world is facing a financial meltdown, the Iraq Stock Exchange is booming.

The ISX index soared nearly 40 percent during September, boosted by increasing confidence in security gains.

The ISX is only open two hours a day, three days a week, and brokers track trading activity on the floor with colored markers and white bulletin boards instead of computers. But investors are seeing gains, especially in the hotel sector, even as markets elsewhere are taking a tumble.

"I don't think that the current financial crisis will hurt our economy and especially this market because we are not connected to any of the global markets and we have very few foreign investors," said Omar Mouwafak, a 73-year-old trader resting on a bench along the wall. Story, **A2**.

Hawks, galore



Birding columnist Robert Tougas writes: "For hawk enthusiasts there are still many more good days to enjoy the migration. ... Broad-winged hawks are plentiful, but less obvious species such as sharp-shinned, red-tailed and northern harrier will continue to sail south in the next few weeks." See **DAYBREAK**

