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Much of UK placed on flood alert by Met Office

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Sony recalls 440,000 laptops due to wiring faults

Technology company Sony has recalled 440,000 Vaio laptops due to a fault in the wiring which could result in overheating. The recall involves some laptops in the VAIO VGN-TZ100 series, VGN-TZ200 series, VGN-TZ300 series and VGN-TZ2000.

Google removes ownership claim from Chrome EULA

Following complaints by users, Google has removed the section of Google Chrome's end-user license agreement which claims that Google has the right to use any content submitted through its browser in virtually any way it wants. The agreement said that "by submitting, posting or displaying the content you give Google a perpetual, irrevocable, worldwide, royalty-free, and non-exclusive license to reproduce, adapt, modify, translate, publish, publicly perform, publicly display and distribute any Content which you submit, post or display on or

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through, the Services."

SPECIAL REPORT

Frank McEnulty continues White House run for New American, Reform parties, independently; talks to Wikinews

Throughout the 2008 United States Presidential election campaign, Wikinews reporters have been talking to candidates of all political stripes, looking for their vision of America and campaign stories. This series continues now with Frank McEnulty.



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Wikipedia Current Events

the US economy loses 84,000 jobs in August 2008.

- La Princesse, a giant mechanical spider, starts to roam the streets of Liverpool, England, as part of the 2008 European City of Culture celebrations.
- The European Union's Rosetta spacecraft performs a flyby of the asteroid 2867 Steins.
- Quentin Bryce is sworn in as the first female Governor-General of Australia.
- Morris Iemma resigns as Premier of New South Wales following a loss of support in the Australian Labor Party caucus, and is replaced by Nathan Rees.

Wikipedia Current Events

Five hundred people have died in the Haitian town of Gonaïves as a result of flooding caused by Tropical Storm Hanna.

- According to several news reports, the US government plans to take control of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in a takeover plan.
- Estimates of sea-level rise due to global warming are scaled back.
- Condoleezza Rice becomes the first United States Secretary of State to visit Libya since 1953.
- Pakistan reinstates Supreme Court judges ousted by former President Pervez Musharraf.
- The unemployment rate in the United States rises to its highest level since December 2003 after

Record number of viewers watched McCain's acceptance speech

According to numbers released Friday by the Nielsen Media Research company, a record 38.9 million Americans watched John McCain accept the nomination for President of the United States from the Republican Party on Thursday at the 2008 Republican National Convention.

The previous record for American viewership during a political convention was set last month when Barack Obama accepted the Democratic Party nomination. About 38.4 million people watched Obama. On Wednesday, 37 million people tuned in to see vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin speak.

Thursday's audience was 41 percent larger than the fourth day of the 2004 Republican National Convention, when 27.5 million people watched George W. Bush accept the nomination of his party for a second time.

According to the Los Angeles Times, the demographics of the viewers differed from Obama on Friday to McCain on Thursday. McCain's speech drew 19.2 million men, while Obama drew 17.9 million. Obama's speech drew 19.9 million women, while McCain drew 19.2. Among white viewers, 32.2 million watched McCain, while 27 million watched Obama. Among African American viewers, 7.5 million watched Obama, while 3.1 million watched McCain.

According to Reuters, the format by which Nielsen conducts its research — known as the Nielsen Ratings — has changed since 2004, adding two networks and factoring in people who watched the speech via a digital video recorder. According to the Los Angeles Times, people who watched coverage of the conventions on PBS were not counted. PBS estimates about 4 million people watch their coverage nightly during the convention.

ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, FOX News, MSNBC, Univision, Telemundo broadcast on day four of the GOP convention. Univision and Telemundo, which broadcast in Spanish, were not included in 2004. In addition, BET and TV One, which covered day four of the Democratic convention did not cover the Republican convention.

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weather agency, the Met Office, has put much of the UK on flood alert with severe weather warnings for the majority of England and Wales and much of Northern Ireland.

The office has said that a total of ten regions have a greater than eighty percent chance of "severe or extreme weather." These regions are Southwest Scotland, Lothian and Borders, Northern Ireland, Wales, Northwest England, Northeast England, Yorkshire and Humber, the West Midlands, the East Midlands, Southwest England and London and Southeast England.

It is possible that Southeast Scotland may also be affected by the severe weather. The Met Office report that "there is a moderate risk of a severe weather event affecting south-eastern Scotland. Rain, heavy at times, will continue during Saturday, giving further accumulations of 20 to 25 mm in places."

A total of 63 flood watches and 25 flood warnings have also been issued, in addition to the severe weather warnings.

According to a spokesperson for the Environment Agency, "the threat of flooding is likely to increase, we cannot say how serious it might be until the rain has stopped falling."

A person experiencing the floods in Wales said that "it is absolute mayhem. The rain has been unbelievable all day. The roads are flooded and it has just been terrible traffic everywhere."

Françoise Demulder, French war photographer, dies age 61

Françoise Demulder, the French war photographer who was the

first woman to win the World Press Photo of the Year award has died at the age of 61. The death was caused by a heart attack.

The World Press Photo website says that "Demulder stated at the time that she hated war, but felt compelled to document how it's always the innocent who suffer, while the powerful get richer and richer." This is why the organization presented her with the award in 1976.

During her career Demulder reported on wars in Vietnam, Palestine, Cambodia and Lebanon. Her photograph of refugees in Beirut won her the press photography award.

Jonathan Randall, a Washington Post correspondent who knew Demulder, paid his tributes to the photographer. "This was a time when there were beginning to be women correspondents but there were relatively few women photographers," he said. "When she won the prize it was really quite something. It showed that women were capable of doing what had hitherto been a man's occupation."

Christine Albanel, the French culture minister, described Françoise Demulder as "an artist and witness of our time."

Today in History

- 394 – Forces of the Eastern Roman Emperor Theodosius I defeated Eugenius, the usurper of the Western Roman Empire, at the Battle of the Frigidus near modern-day Vipava, Slovenia.
- 1885 – Eastern Rumelia declared its union with Bulgaria.
- 1955 – An overwhelming Turkish mob attacked ethnic Greeks in Istanbul, killing over 13 people, wounding over thirty others, and

damaging over 5,000 Greek-owned homes and businesses.
 1970 – Members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine hijacked four jet aircraft en route from Europe to New York City, landing two of them at Dawson's Field in Zerqa, Jordan, and one plane in Beirut, Lebanon. The fourth hijacking was successfully foiled.
 2000 – The Millennium Summit, a meeting of world leaders to discuss the role of the United Nations in the turn of the 21st century, opened.
 September 06 is Independence Day in Swaziland (1968); Defence Day in Pakistan; Unification Day in Bulgaria

Quote of the Day

When a shepherd goes to kill a wolf, and takes his dog to see the sport, he should take care to avoid mistakes. The dog has certain relationships to the wolf the shepherd may have forgotten.
 ~ Robert M. Pirsig

Word of the Day

debacle n

1. An event or enterprise that ends suddenly and disastrously.
2. (ecology) A breaking up of a natural dam by a river and the ensuing rush of water.

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