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Controversy spreads over Libertarian U.S. presidential candidate Bob Barr

Libertarian U.S. presidential nominee and former congressman Bob Barr is the subject of controversy today after his last minute refusal to attend former Republican presidential hopeful Congressman Ron Paul's third party unity conference at the National Press Club in Washington, DC on Wednesday.



Large earthquakes reported in Indonesia and Japan

Two powerful earthquakes occurred on Thursday morning just after midnight UTC, one in Indonesia and one in Japan. There are no initial reports of casualties or damage. Both Japan and Indonesia issued Tsunami alerts.

Kim Jong Il reported to have suffered 'serious' stroke

Unnamed officials from the United States and have stated that the leader of North Korea, Kim Jong Il may have suffered a "serious"



stroke. Officials state that the rumors of his illness began to spread Tuesday after he failed to make an appearance at the nation's 60th anniversary lent credence, an annual military parade.

Norwegian airline opens new domestic destinations from Moss Airport, Rygge

The airline company Norwegian Air Shuttle is opening four new domestic destinations from Moss Airport. The new destinations are Stavanger Airport, Trondheim Airport, Bodø Airport and Tromsø Airport.

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Four people die in Chatsworth in the San Fernando Valley outside Los Angeles, California following a crash between a Metrolink passenger train and a Union Pacific freight train.

- Honduran President Manuel Zelaya tells the incoming U.S. ambassador not to present his credentials in a show of solidarity with Bolivia and Venezuela.
- A car bomb in the mainly Shiite town of Dujail in Iraq kills at least 32 people and injures another 43.
- The Thai People's Power Party agrees not to renominate ousted Prime Minister of Thailand Samak Sundaravej for the position following objections from the other members of the coalition.
- The Pakistan Army claims that at least 30 militants and 2 soldiers have been killed in fighting in the Bajaur region of the Federally Administered Tribal Areas.
- The Malaysian government arrests the editor and prominent blogger activist Raja Petra Kamarudin of the Malaysia Today website, a journalist from Sin

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Chew Jit Poh and opposition politician Teresa Kok under the Internal Security Act.

- The United States-led coalition kills at least 10 militants in fighting in Afghanistan.
- The Prime Minister of New Zealand Helen Clark calls an election for November 8.
- North Korean leader Kim Jong-Il is said by Chinese authorities to be suffering irregular convulsions following a stroke which kept him from attending the country's 60th anniversary celebration. Chinese authorities believe his long-term ability to govern will be impeded.
- The Constitutional Court of Spain rules that the Government of the Basque Country could not call a planned referendum on working towards self-determination as only the Government of Spain could call such a vote; the Basque Government said it would appeal to the European Court of Human Rights.

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his last minute refusal to attend former Republican presidential hopeful Congressman Ron Paul's third party unity conference at the National Press Club in Washington, DC on Wednesday.

Barr instead decided to hold a press conference of his own two hours after Paul's at the same location. "I'm not interested in

third parties getting the most possible votes," he told reporters. "I'm interested in Bob Barr as the nominee for the Libertarian Party getting the most possible votes."

Several of Barr's supporters were furious, some even going so far as to retract their endorsements of him. Bloggers quickly picked up on the story and by Thursday evening there was an Internet frenzy.

"Bob Barr's presidential campaign is effectively over," Libertarian Party co-founder David Nolan said. "His no-show at Ron Paul's...news conference — followed by an insulting suggestion that Ron should join Barr on the LP ticket in the VP slot — demonstrated just how out-of-touch the Barr campaign is, and how poor Barr's vote total is likely to be."

A number of former Barr supporters have since rallied around Constitution Party presidential nominee Chuck Baldwin, who has been climbing in the polls over the past few months. Others have joined independent Ralph Nader in his presidential campaign.

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Flying commences on 30 October. Tickets for the new destinations will be put up for sale today. The Tromsø flight has a stopover at Bodø, while the two other destinations have direct flights. There will be daily flights to Stavanger and Bodø–Tromsø, and

two daily flights to Trondheim. The ticket price for the new destinations starts at 359 NOK (approx. 45 EUR) for Stavanger and Trondheim, and 499 NOK (approx. 62 EUR).

Norwegian also announced that their flights from Moss to Antalya, Valencia, Athens and Istanbul will be closing for the winter season (previously they were all-year destinations).

Up until now the only domestic destination from Moss has been Bergen. Norwegian has had several foreign destinations though, including Gran Canaria, Barcelona, Berlin and Szczecin. There are also charter flights from other companies to Rhodes, Mallorca and Antalya.

Moss Airport, Rygge was previously a military airport, and is still owned by the Norwegian Armed Forces (Forsvaret). It opened for civil aviation in 2007.

Today in History

533 – Belisarius and his legions defeated Gelimer and the Vandals at the Battle of Ad Decimum near Carthage, and began the "Reconquest of the West" under Eastern Roman Emperor Justinian I.

1808 – Finnish War: Swedish forces under Lieutenant General Georg Carl von Döbeln defeated the Russians at the Battle of Jutas.

1956 – IBM unveiled the 305 RAMAC (Random Access Method of Accounting and Control), the first commercial computer that used magnetic disk storage.

1987 – Goiânia accident: A radioactive item was stolen from an abandoned hospital in Goiânia, Brazil, contaminating hundreds of people.

1993 – After rounds of secret negotiations in Norway, PLO leader

Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin formally signed the Oslo Peace Accords.

September 13 is Feast Day of Saint John Chrysostom (Western Christianity)

Quote of the Day

Above all, watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places. Those who don't believe in magic will never find it. ~ Roald Dahl

Word of the Day

discus n

1. A round plate-like object that is thrown for sport.
2. The athletics sport of discus throwing.
3. A discus fish.

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