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EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

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Senator John McCain officially accepts the nomination of the Republican Party in the United States presidential election, 2008.

- Former United States political lobbyist Jack Abramoff is sentenced to four years in prison for his role in the Jack Abramoff scandals.
- The death toll from flooding in Haiti caused by Tropical Storm Hanna rises to 61.
- The Government of Thailand agrees to hold a referendum to

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resolve the 2008 Thai political crisis.

- Tata Motors suspends work at its Tata Nano plant at Singur, West Bengal, due to continued agitations from the Trinamul Congress.
- Physicists at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory report the discovery of the Omega baryon, a "doubly-strange" baryon containing two strange quarks and a bottom quark.

Dow falls 340 points amid unemployment and retail sales rates news

The Dow Jones Industrial Average, a stock market index used to gauge the performance of American stock exchanges, fell 344.65 at the close of trading Thursday.

The exact reason for the drop is unknown, with different news agencies pointing to different causes. The New York Times cites a rise in unemployment numbers released Thursday by the U.S. Department of Labor and a fall in retail sales released by several large corporations.

According to the Associated Press, the number of people claiming weekly unemployment benefits rose 15,000 last week to 444,000, which, according to The New York Times is near a five-year high.

"This morning's employment numbers continue to indicate that

the labor sector remains soft at best and looks to continue to shed jobs throughout the remainder of the year," Joseph Brusuelas, chief economist at Merk Investments, said in a statement to The New York Times.

One major corporation that posted a gain in sales was Wal-Mart, with a 3 percent boost, which resulted in a one penny loss in their stock. Fellow retailer Target posted a sales loss. Shares of energy companies ExxonMobil and Chevron fell by 1.5 and 3 percent, respectively.

The other two major American stock indices fell too. The S&P 500 fell 2.99 percent while the Nasdaq composite index fell 3.20 percent. The Dow's 344.65-point fall left the index at 11,188.23, a 2.99 percent decrease from the close of trading Wednesday.

According to the The New York Times, the drop is the largest since June of this year, but an expected announcement Friday of August unemployment data could cause the index to rise.

The New York Times and the Associated Press both report that the number of jobs in the service sector rose in August according to research done by the Institute for Supply Management. This is the first rise in the number of jobs in several months.

CNNMoney.com points to the rise in the price of Treasury bonds as a reaction to data released Wednesday that the American economy would continue to be slow in 2009.

Pre-election call, Conservatives start ads, including during kids TV

Canadian Prime Minister Stephen

Harper may not have dropped the writ for an election yet, but his party is airing advertisements on both television and radio.

Because the election is not yet official — though it is scheduled for October 19, 2009 and could be held as soon as October of this year — the ads do not count against the Conservative Party's campaign spending limit. They have been airing since Thursday.

Political communication expert Jonathan Rose told the Canadian Press: "By relying on typical Canadians in the ads, the Conservatives are hoping that the voter will find the connection powerful. Unfortunately, these kind of ads are based on assertions, not arguments. There is no evidence given to support the claims made in them."

Rose is a political scientist at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario.

The advertisement includes various Canadians making statements about Harper, as opposed to the Conservative platform. One woman shown in a parking lot says that she likes "the idea that he's a family man with young children."

The Canadian Press notes that all four major party leaders are married and have children.

Other statements include "[h]e's doing a good job," "I've never been so proud to be Canadian," "[h]e's on the right track" and "I like him."

A writer for the The Montreal Gazette says that "at the end, it's hard to tell whether Stephen Harper is trying to smile or grimacing with the effort to convey

warmth."

The ads are airing during children's programming, presumed to be an attempt to reach parents.

About 41 percent of YTV's audience is above the age of majority, and 68 percent of its reach composition, according to fall 2007 statistics by BBM Nielsen Media Research. When asked what programs they watch with their child, 24 percent of parents cited SpongeBob SquarePants, the program a Gazette writer mentioned them airing during.

The move drew criticism from that Gazette writer, who found her daughter repeating the ad claims "matter-of-factly" to her.

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After being removed, a new notice was added that says that "you retain copyright and any other rights that you already hold in Content that you submit, post or display on or through the Services."

A spokesperson for Google has said that the claim was originally

there due to a mistake. The spokesperson said that, in order to keep the license agreements simple for users, they regularly copy license agreements between different pieces of software.

"Sometimes, as in the case of Google Chrome, this means that the legal terms for a specific product may include terms that don't apply well to the use of that product," said the spokesperson, when describing the effect of copying EULAs.

A similar controversy occurred last year with Google Docs, which originally gave Google similar rights.

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It is currently too early to make precise predictions on the areas of land that will be hit by the hurricane, but the NHC reports that the hurricane may strike in the Southeastern Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos islands may be affected.

All individuals who may be impacted by this storm are urged to track its progress as it develops over the next few days.

The NHC has said that "Ike is an extremely dangerous category four hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson hurricane scale." The organization also said that "some weakening is forecast during the next day or so

but Ike is expected to remain a powerful hurricane for the next several days."

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McEnulty has an interesting campaign. On July 21, he wrote on his site, explaining his multiple campaigns:

"At the Reform Party Convention, held recently in Dallas, TX, I was selected to be their Vice Presidential Candidate to run on the ticket with Ted Weill, the Presidential candidate. I am honored to accept this nomination and see this as an important step in uniting the various third party groups around the country into a stronger, more effective voice.

To that end, I am continuing my independent run for president in the other states in which the Reform Party does not have ballot access. I firmly believe the answer for a better America is in a strong, viable third party that will address the views and needs of the Moderate Majority Americans being ignored by the Democrats and Republicans.

I want to reiterate that I am still the New American Independent Party Presidential candidate for the 2008 election and have discussed this strategy at length with Michael Thompson the Chairman of the NAIP. We are continuing our ballot access efforts and hope that this

latest development will help our message to be heard in more states. Thank you for your continued support."

Why should Americans vote for you, your party, and your campaign's platform?

Independent candidates: Why should Americans vote for you and your campaign's platform?

Since I am running as both an affiliated and non-affiliated candidate, depending on the state, I believe my answer applies to both questions. Americans should vote for me or the campaign platform if and only if, they truly believe that it is the right thing for all Americans and offers the best road map for moving forward. Very few people will agree with everything that someone has to say, but if there is enough common ground and they truly believe the person will do what he/she says, then that is who they should vote for.

I do not believe that anyone should ever blindly vote for a party. A party does not get elected to office and the fact that parties have been allowed to come to rule politics as they have versus the individual is what is responsible for the terribly bad situation we find our politics in today.

The election is nearing, and campaigns for all parties are reaching their final leg. What are your plans for the remaining weeks of the campaign? How will you continue to build on the awareness and momentum of your campaign?

I will continue to work on building awareness for the campaign by reaching out through the internet, with email blasts and through radio appearances.

If you aren't elected President in this election, can we expect to see

your return to the ballot in 2012? That is being explored at this time. Now that I truly understand what it takes to run a truly effective, nationwide campaign I will be involved when a proper plan can be implemented and developed.

If readers are interested in your campaign, in what ways can they get involved?

Visit my website at www.frankforpresident.org. If you like what you see, tell everyone you know. A true independent can only gather the necessary momentum to get a campaign off the ground through word-of-mouth.

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The recall affects 48 countries, with 373,000 of the recalled laptops being sold in countries other than Japan. 67,000 of the laptops were sold in Japan. Sony has received 209 reports of overheating worldwide, and one customer has reported receiving minor burns.

One of the countries not effected by the recall is the United Kingdom. A spokesperson for Sony UK said that there has "been no reported incidents of this potential issue in products sold in the UK to date, and a product recall is not required."

Today in History

1774 – In response to the British Parliament enacting the Intolerable Acts, representatives from twelve of Britain's North American colonies convened the First Continental Congress at Carpenters' Hall in Philadelphia.
1793 – French Revolution: The National Convention began "The Reign of Terror", a ten-month period of systematic repression and mass executions by guillotine of perceived enemies within the country.

1905 – Under the mediation of U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt, the Russo-Japanese War officially ended with the signing of the Treaty of Portsmouth at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard near Portsmouth, New Hampshire, USA.

1914 – World War I: The First Battle of the Marne began with French forces engaging the advancing German army at the Marne River near Paris.

1972 – A Palestinian terrorist group called "Black September" took hostage eleven Israeli athletes and coaches at the Olympic Summer Games in Munich, West Germany; all of the hostages were killed less than 24 hours later.

September 05 is Teachers' Day (Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan's Birthday) in India

Quote of the Day

A planet is the cradle of mind, but one cannot live in a cradle forever. ~ Konstantin Eduardovich Tsiolkovsky

Word of the Day

sempiternal adj

1. Seemingly everlasting or eternal.

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