

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 1/25/08

TOPICS COVERED:

- News of the Day
- Amazon Rainforest
- Chamber Music

CHRIS: IT'S FRIDAY, JANUARY 25TH, I'M CHRIS BROWNE AND TODAY WE'LL SHOW YOU HOW THE DEFORESTATION OF THE AMAZON RAIN FOREST ACTUALLY IMPACTS YOU, BUT FIRST CHECK OUT THE RUNDOWN FROM CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

CHRIS: FORMER UN SECRETARY GENERAL KOFI ANNAN WAS IN NAIROBI YESTERDAY, WHERE HE ACTED AS MEDIATOR AND BROUGHT TOGETHER KENYAN PRESIDENT MWAI KIBAKI AND OPPOSITION LEADER RAILA ODINGA.

CHRIS: ETHNIC VIOLENCE HAS CLAIMED THE LIVES OF MORE THAN 600 PEOPLE SINCE DECEMBER, WHEN PRESIDENT KIBAKI WON ANOTHER TERM IN AN ELECTION THAT OPPOSITION GROUPS SAY WAS A FRAUD.

CHRIS: YESTERDAY MARKED THE FIRST TIME KIBAKI AND ODINGA HAVE MET SINCE THE VIOLENCE BEGAN. AT THE END OF THE SESSION, THE TWO MEN SHOOK HANDS.

ANNOUNCER: A STEP TOWARDS SPACE TOURISM THAT COULD SOON LEAD TO SOME OUT OF THIS WORLD VACATIONS.

ANNOUNCER: YESTERDAY, VIRGIN GALACTIC WHICH CALLS ITSELF THE WORLD'S FIRST SPACELINE UNVEILED TWO SPACECRAFTS DESIGNED TO TAKE NONPROFESSIONAL ASTRONAUTS TO SPACE WHITE KNIGHT TWO AND SPACE SHIP TWO.

ANNOUNCER: VIRGIN GALACTIC IS OWNED BY BRITISH BUSINESSMAN SIR RICHARD BRANSON, THE FOUNDER OF VIRGIN AIRLINES AND VIRGIN RECORDS.

ANNOUNCER: THE COMPANY SAYS IT PLANS TO BEGIN SPACE FLIGHTS IN 2009. BUT SPACE TOURISM COMES WITH A HEFTY PRICE TAG, FLIGHTS WILL COST 200 THOUSAND DOLLARS A PERSON.

CHRIS: U.S. TROOPS MAY SOON BE ON THEIR WAY TO PAKISTAN.

CHRIS: ACCORDING TO A SENIOR DEFENSE OFFICIAL, PLANS ARE IN THE WORKS FOR U.S. TROOPS TO TRAIN PAKISTANI FORCES TO HELP FIGHT THE GROWING INSURGENCY THERE.

CHRIS: THE OFFICIAL SAID THE PLAN WOULD NOT GO THROUGH WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT.

CHRIS: THERE ARE CURRENTLY ABOUT 28 THOUSAND U.S. TROOPS IN NEIGHBORING AFGHANISTAN.

ANNOUNCER: EGYPTIAN RIOT POLICE HAVE STARTED TO CRACK DOWN ON PALESTINIANS FLOODING INTO EGYPT FROM THE GAZA STRIP.

ANNOUNCER: ON TUESDAY NIGHT, GUNMEN USED EXPLOSIVES TO TEAR DOWN THE FENCE ALONG THE GAZA-EGYPT BORDER, ALLOWING THE PALESTINIANS TO ENTER.

ANNOUNCER: UP TILL NOW THE EGYPTIANS HAVE PERMITTED THE PALESTINIANS TO ENTER TO BUY MUCH NEEDED FUEL AND FOOD.

ANNOUNCER: BUT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED THAT SOME PALESTINIANS MAY BE BRINGING WEAPONS BACK TO GAZA THAT COULD BE USED AGAINST ISRAEL.

ANNOUNCER: SO FAR THE EGYPTIANS ARE CONTINUING TO ALLOW THE PALESTINIANS TO CROSS THE BORDER, BUT POLICE HAVE BEGUN TO RESTRICT HOW FAR INTO EGYPT THEY CAN TRAVEL.

ANNOUNCER: EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD THE U.S. THAT THEY WILL RESEAL THE BORDER SOON.

CHRIS: YESTERDAY, CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS AGREED ON TENTATIVE PLANS TO BOOST THE ECONOMY. THE GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE OUT REBATES OR REFUNDS TO TAXPAYERS.

CHRIS: THE PLAN CALLS FOR REBATES TO GO TO PEOPLE WHO MAKE MORE THAN 3 THOUSAND BUT LESS THAN 75 THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR. HOUSEHOLDS WILL RECEIVE CHECKS OF 300 TO 12 HUNDRED DOLLARS.

CHRIS: THE HOPE IS THAT PEOPLE WILL SPEND THE REBATES QUICKLY AND PUMP MORE MONEY INTO THE ECONOMY.

CHRIS: HOUSE SPEAKER NANCY PELOSI SPOKE ABOUT THE PLAN YESTERDAY.

(SOT: Nancy Pelosi) "First and foremost the stimulus package will put money in the hands of hard working Americans, this is a middle class initiative to strengthen the middle class and to those who aspire to be in the middle class."

CHRIS: SOME CRITICS ARE DISAPPOINTED THE PLAN DOESN'T INCLUDE INCREASES IN UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE OR THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM.

ANNOUNCER: DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFUL DENNIS KUCINICH DROPPED OUT OF THE RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE YESTERDAY.

ANNOUNCER: HIS WITHDRAWAL LEAVES JUST FOUR DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES HILLARY CLINTON, BARACK OBAMA, JOHN EDWARDS AND MIKE GRAVEL.

ANNOUNCER: WANT TO TRAVEL THE GALAXY AND STILL KEEP YOUR FEET ON PLANET EARTH? HEAD TO SPACE EXPLORER AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM FOR GAMES, QUIZZES AND GADGETS THAT ARE OUT OF THIS WORLD.

(SOT: Michael Stahl-David) "Hey, I'm Michael Stahl-David from the new movie Cloverfield. Just wanted to give a shout out to Lincoln Park High School in Chicago and my old drama teacher Miss. Robinson and keep watching Channel One!"

COMMERCIAL

CHRIS: THE LUNGS OF THE WORLD, THAT'S WHAT MANY SCIENTISTS CALL THE AMAZON RAIN FOREST, BECAUSE OF IT'S ABILITY TO SUCK UP GREENHOUSE GASSES FROM THE ATMOSPHERE AND BREATHE OUT CLEAN OXYGEN.

CHRIS: FOR YEARS, THE RAIN FOREST HAS BEEN UNDER THREAT AND NOW THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT IS SAYING IT'S BEING DESTROYED AT A RECORD PACE. TONY ANDERSON HAS THE STORY.

TONY: THE AMAZON RAINFOREST IN BRAZIL IS THE LARGEST ON THE PLANET HOME TO ONE-THIRD OF THE WORLD'S PLANT AND ANIMAL SPECIES AND ONE-FIFTH OF THE WORLD'S FRESH WATER.

TONY: BUT NOW DEFORESTATION, OR CUTTING DOWN THE TREES, IS CAUSING THIS AREA TO SHRINK AT A SCARY PACE.

TONY: A SATELLITE PHOTO RELEASED BY THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SPACE RESEARCH, SIMILAR TO THIS ONE, SHOWS A LARGE SLAB OF CUT-DOWN FOREST IN BRAZIL.

TONY: THREE AREAS, PARA, RONDONIA AND MATO GROSSO ARE THE MOST AFFECTED. IN JUST THREE MONTHS, THE AMAZON LOST ABOUT TWELVE HUNDRED SQUARE MILES OF LAND, ROUGHLY THE SIZE OF RHODE ISLAND.

TONY: THE REPORT PROMPTED AN EMERGENCY MEETING IN BRAZIL. YESTERDAY, ENVIRONMENT OFFICIALS MET WITH PRESIDENT LULA DE SILVA TO DISCUSS THE DIRE SITUATION IN THE AMAZON. THE CURRENT RATE OF DEFORESTATION IS THE FASTEST EVER.

TONY: SO WHY ARE THE TREES BEING CUT DOWN? LAND IN BRAZIL IS LESS EXPENSIVE SO FARMERS CUT DOWN THE FOREST AND USE THAT LAND TO GROW THEIR CROPS AND FOR CATTLE RANCHING.

TONY: BEEF IS A MAJOR EXPORT OF BRAZIL, MOSTLY TO EUROPE AND ASIA. AND THE LUMBER FROM THE HARVESTED TREES IS ALSO USED FOR BUILDING PROJECTS.

TONY: THE SITUATION COULD BE WORSE THAN EXPECTED. AS THE SATELLITE IMAGES ARE ANALYZED, EXPERTS SAY THE AMOUNT OF FOREST CLEARED COULD BE DOUBLE WHAT WAS INITIALLY REPORTED.

TONY: RAINFORESTS, LIKE THIS SIMULATED FOREST IN THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDENS IN THE BRONX PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE EARTH'S ECOSYSTEM.

TONY: WITHOUT LUSH PLANTS AND TREES THE EARTH IS LOSING A NATURAL FILTER FOR CARBON DIOXIDE AND WE ARE ALSO LOSING PRECIOUS OXYGEN TO BREATHE.

TONY: RAINFORESTS WORK LIKE A LUNG IN REVERSE. PLANTS BREATHE IN CARBON DIOXIDE AND EXPEL OXYGEN, ONLY RAINFORESTS DO IT ON A MASSIVE SCALE. THE FORESTS ALSO CONSUME GREENHOUSE GASES, A LEADING CAUSE OF CLIMATE CHANGE.

TONY: LOSING THE RAINFORESTS COULD HAVE SERIOUS EFFECTS.

(SOT:) "We're also likely to loose enough of the forest that the local climate will change, mush of the rainfall in the Amazon Basin is because of water that evaporates from the trees and is constantly

recycled. If you clear enough trees, they will stop recycling, rainfall will drop and the Amazon won't be a rainforest it will be a dry forest."

TONY: THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT IS HOPING TO INCREASE MEASURES TO CURB DEFORESTATION IN THE AMAZON. TONY ANDERSON, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

COMMERCIAL

CHRIS: HERE'S A FACT YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW, STUDIES SHOW A MUSIC EDUCATION CAN ACTUALLY INCREASE YOUR IQ.

CHRIS: AND HERE IN NEW YORK, A GROUP OF SHARP TEENAGERS PRODUCING THEIR OWN PERFORMANCES AT THE WORLD FAMOUS LINCOLN CENTER.

CHRIS: THE ONLY CATCH IS, TO SCORE TICKETS TO ONE OF THESE CONCERTS, YOU HAVE TO BE UNDER 18.

CHRIS: IT'S FRIDAY NIGHT AND THE HALLS OF LINCOLN CENTER ARE CROWDED WITH TEENAGERS. THEY'RE HERE TO SEE A CONCERT AND ITS NOT JUSTIN TOWERBLAKE PERFORMING. IT'S THROAT SINGERS?

CHRIS: THIS SHOW'S PART OF THE UNCONVENTIONAL CONCERT SERIES, PUT TOGETHER BY THE STUDENT PRODUCERS GROUP IN NEW YORK CITY.

(SOT: Halleh Balch) "The student producers are a group of ten or so high school students. We learn how to run concerts, you know, doing everything from marketing, to press releases, we speak to potential donors, we give presentations."

CHRIS: AND PACK FULL HOUSE CONCERTS IN THE HEART OF NEW YORK CITY. BUT THERE'S ONE RULE NO ADULTS ALLOWED.

CHRIS: THE SHOWS ARE PRODUCED FOR TEENS BY TEENS. THEY SELL TICKETS, GET A HEAD COUNT AND EVEN CHOOSE THE PERFORMERS.

(SOT:) "The purpose is to try to get more people our age to listen to chamber music."

CHRIS: YES, IT'S ALL ABOUT CHAMBER MUSIC. THAT'S MUSIC THAT'S PLAYED IN A SMALL VENUE WITH FEW INSTRUMENTS, USUALLY IN THE CLASSICAL GENRE.

CHRIS: BUT THE STUDENT PRODUCERS LIKE TO SHAKE IT UP AND CHOOSE PERFORMERS THAT DON'T ALWAYS FIT THE STANDARD DEFINITION.

CHRIS: LIKE THESE INDIGENOUS THROAT SINGERS FROM TUVA. A SMALL REPUBLIC ON THE BORDER OF RUSSIA AND MONGOLIA.

(SOT: Matthew Whitaker) "I knew that when we chose Alash to perform that it would be something really different, and I guess I'm really excited to see the reactions of our audience."

(SOT:) "The concert was amazing, I thought it was phenomenal. I didn't know anybody that could actually do that."

CHRIS: OF COURSE ITS NOT ALWAYS EASY TO GET TEENAGERS OUT TO A CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT.

(SOT:) "Students don't have you know, subscriptions to the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal, so you have to kind of think of alternative ways."

CHRIS: LIKE ADVERTISING THEIR SHOWS ON MYSPACE AND FACEBOOK. BUT MOSTLY, IT'S WORD OF MOUTH THAT BRINGS THE CROWD.

(SOT:) "I know Anteo and he invited me and I brought them with me."

CHRIS: FOR THE STUDENT PRODUCERS, GETTING THEIR FRIENDS INVOLVED IS THE MOST CHALLENGING PART BUT ALSO THE MOST REWARDING.

(SOT:) "Kids are really going to enjoy these concerts as much as they'd enjoy a Friday night basketball game or a rock concert, because the set up of the concert is completely different. We've got couches. We've got tables in there with candles. It's more of a club-like setting."

CHRIS: THE STUDENT PRODUCERS' MISSION IS TO KEEP TEENS IN THE SEATS AND EXPOSE THEM TO NEW KINDS OF MUSIC.

(SOT:) "As our generation gets older, if people aren't interested in it whether or not they play music, its gonna be hard to keep the art form there and alive."

CHRIS: CHRIS BROWNE, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

CHRIS: THINK YOU CAN CARRY A TUNE? HEAD TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND CLICK ON LEARN TO SING TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE HITTING ALL THE RIGHT NOTES.

CHRIS: HEY GUYS, IT'S TIME FOR CULTURE CAST!

CHRIS: TONIGHT, KENNEDY HIGH AND FARMINDALE HIGH WILL FACEOFF IN A ROLLER HOCKEY BATTLE IN BETHPAGE, NEW YORK.

CHRIS: TOMORROW, THE BAY AREA ENVIROMENTAL EDUCATION RESOURCE FAIR IS TAKING PLACE IN SAN RAFAEL, CALIFORNIA FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS.

CHRIS: AND IN MICHIGAN, CHECK OUT THE NEWS HERALD CHEERLEADING INVITATIONAL COMPETITION AT GROSSE ILE HIGH SCHOOL.

CHRIS: WANT YOUR SCHOOL'S EVENTS ON CULTURE CAST? HEAD TO CHANNELONE DOT COM, AND TELL US ABOUT IT!

CHRIS: THAT'S IT FOR CHANNEL ONE NEWS TODAY, I'M CHRIS BROWNE HERE'S ONE MORE THING BEFORE WE TAKE OFF.

CHRIS: BEIJING, CHINA WILL PLAY HOST TO THIS YEAR'S SUMMER OLYMPICS. BUT THE CITY IS GEARING UP FOR THE GAMES IN A VERY WINTRY WAY, WITH AN ICE FAIR.

CHRIS: THERE ARE SCULPTURES REPRESENTING MEMORABLE MOMENTS FROM PAST OLYMPICS AND THERE'S EVEN A CARVING OF THE LOGO FOR THIS YEAR'S GAMES. THE BEIJING OLYMPICS WILL KICK OFF ON AUGUST EIGHTH.

