

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 2/05/08

TOPICS COVERED:

- News of the Day
- Mardi Gras - Pop Quiz
- 18 in 08
- One More Thing

CHRIS: HEY GUYS, IT'S TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH. I'M CHRIS BROWNE AND COMING UP, JESSICA KUMARI WILL TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF ALL THINGS MARDI GRAS. BUT FIRST, CHANNEL ONE NEWS STARTS RIGHT NOW.

TONY: THE U.S. PARK POLICE MAY NOT BE DOING A GOOD ENOUGH JOB PROTECTING NATIONAL LANDMARKS.

TONY: ACCORDING TO A FEDERAL REPORT RELEASED YESTERDAY, SITES LIKE THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL, STATUE OF LIBERTY AND WASHINGTON MONUMENT ARE NOT ADEQUATELY GUARDED AND ARE VULNERABLE TO TERRORIST ATTACKS.

TONY: THE REPORT BLAMES POOR LEADERSHIP AND BAD ORGANIZATION FOR THE INADEQUATE PROTECTION.

TONY: A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE SAID OFFICIALS WOULD REVIEW THE REPORT AND CONSIDER ITS RECOMMENDATIONS.

JESSICA: ABERCROMBIE AND FITCH. IT'S THE STORE THAT'S AS WELL KNOWN FOR ITS RACY ADVERTISING AS IT IS FOR ITS CLOTHING. ONE TOWN IN VIRGINIA HAS DECIDED SOME OF THE STORE'S ADS ARE JUST TOO RISQUÉ FOR DISPLAY.

JESSICA: OVER THE WEEKEND, POLICE REMOVED TWO LARGE BLACK AND WHITE ADS FROM AN ABERCROMBIE AND FITCH STORE IN VIRGINIA BEACH.

JESSICA: POLICE SAY THE ADS, WHICH SHOW MODELS IN SUGGESTIVE POSES WEARING ABERCROMBIE AND FITCH CLOTHING VIOLATE A CITY CODE PROHIBITING THE DISPLAY OF QUOTE, 'OBSCENE MATERIALS IN A BUSINESS THAT IS OPEN TO JUVENILES.' THE STORE MANAGER WAS CHARGED WITH OBSCENITY.

JESSICA: POLICE SAY THEY WARNED THE STORE ABOUT THE RACY PICTURES, BUT MANAGERS REFUSED TO TAKE THEM DOWN.

JESSICA: SIMILAR ADS ARE ON DISPLAY IN STORES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SO FAR THERE'S NO COMMENT FROM ABERCROMBIE AND FITCH.

TONY: PRESIDENT BUSH PROPOSED HIS FINAL FEDERAL BUDGET TO CONGRESS YESTERDAY. HOW MUCH DOES HE WANT TO SPEND NEXT YEAR? MORE THAN 3 TRILLION DOLLARS. UP SIX PERCENT FROM THIS YEAR'S BUDGET.

TONY: IF PASSED, IT WILL BE THE LARGEST FEDERAL BUDGET EVER. THE BUDGET YEAR BEGINS ON OCTOBER FIRST, SO THE NEW BUDGET WOULD TAKE EFFECT THEN.

TONY: IT INCLUDES BIG INCREASES IN MILITARY SPENDING TO FUND THE WARS IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN. IT ALSO PROTECTS MR. BUSH'S TAX CUTS.

TONY: NOW THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS REQUESTED A BUDGET, CONGRESS GETS TO REVIEW IT, AND ALMOST CERTAINLY ARGUE OVER ITS PRIORITIES.

TONY: PRESIDENT BUSH FOUND ONE WAY TO CUT COSTS. INSTEAD OF GIVING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS PAPER COPIES OF THE BUDGET, THE DOCUMENT WAS POSTED ONLINE.

(SOT: President Bush) "It's a good solid budget. It's not only an innovative budget, and that is coming to Congress over the Internet, it's a budget that's balanced, gets balanced in 2012, and saves taxpayers money."

JESSICA: SERBIA'S PRO-WESTERN PRESIDENT BORIS TADIC WON ANOTHER TERM IN OFFICE ON SUNDAY.

JESSICA: THE ELECTION WAS CLOSE. TADIC TOOK ABOUT 51 PERCENT OF THE VOTE, AND HIS CHALLENGER, NATIONALIST TOMISLAV NIKOLIC WAS CLOSE BEHIND WITH 47 PERCENT.

JESSICA: TADIC IS A LIFELONG POLITICAL ACTIVIST AND BECAME PRESIDENT IN 2004. HIS SUPPORTERS CELEBRATED HIS REELECTION ON THE STREETS OF THE SERBIAN CAPITAL, BELGRADE ON SUNDAY NIGHT.

TONY: IRAN TOOK A STEP TOWARDS LAUNCHING ITS FIRST HOMEMADE RESEARCH SATELLITE YESTERDAY. LAUNCHING A ROCKET DESIGNED TO CARRY THE SATELLITE INTO SPACE.

TONY: EXPERTS SAY THE ROCKET LAUNCH COULD SIGNAL AN ADVANCE IN IRAN'S MISSILE TECHNOLOGY AND MAY RAISE CONCERNS ABOUT THE COUNTRY'S NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES.

ANNOUNCER: WANT TO SEE WHAT NATIONAL PARKS ARE CLOSE TO YOU? HEAD TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND LOOK FOR NATIONAL PARKS.

COMMERCIAL

CHRIS: IT'S SUPER TUESDAY AND THAT MEANS THAT IN 24 STATES ACROSS THE COUNTRY VOTERS WILL BE LINING UP AT THE POLES TO DECIDE WHO WILL REPRESENT THE REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES IN THE GENERAL ELECTION.

CHRIS: BUT WHAT ABOUT YOUNG VOTERS? DO YOU EVER GET SICK AND TIRED OF HEARING THAT YOUR GENERATION DOESN'T CARE ABOUT POLITICS? THAT YOU'RE APATHETIC? THAT YOU DON'T VOTE?

CHRIS: WE'LL MEET ONE TEEN WHO DECIDED TO TAKE ON THESE STEREOTYPES AND SEE HOW YOUNG PEOPLE REALLY CAN IMPACT THE PROCESS OF PICKING THE PRESIDENT.

(SOT:) "Did you vote in the last election?"

(SOT:) "No."

(SOT:) "Are you registered to vote?"

(SOT:) "No, I'm actually not."

(SOT:) "I just did it when I renewed my driver's license, but I haven't actually voted."

CHRIS: WHY DON'T MORE YOUNG PEOPLE VOTE? IT'S A QUESTION THAT SEEMS TO COME UP EVERY FOUR YEARS.

CHRIS: AND IN 2004, IN THE MIDDLE OF A TIGHT PRESIDENTIAL RACE, DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKER DAVID BURSTEIN JUST COULDN'T FIGURE OUT WHY SO FEW OF HIS FRIENDS SEEMED TO CARE.

(SOT:) "I had a bunch of friends over for election night and I said, why is it that there are only 20 people? Why couldn't this be a really hot ticket party that the whole school would want in on?"

CHRIS: SO HE PICKED UP A CAMERA, AND SET OUT TO ANSWER THAT VERY QUESTION. THE FILM IS CALLED 18 IN 08, AND IT'S AIMED AT YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE, MANY FOR THE FIRST TIME, IN THIS YEAR'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

(SOT: Christopher Shays) "I think the participation of the young is pathetic."

(SOT: Sam Donaldson) "I'm talking about young people, who in many ways are the future of the country, they don't seem to think it matters to them."

(SOT: John Kerry) "They don't think that it is effective, they don't think it's going to do anything for them."

(SOT: Richard Dreyfus) "Well, that's because you're addicted to instant gratification."

CHRIS: THE DOCUMENTARY LOOKS AT THE REASONS WHY YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN 18 AND 30 HAVE THE LOWEST VOTER TURNOUT OF ANY AGE GROUP. ACCORDING TO THE FILM, IT'S NOT BECAUSE YOUNG PEOPLE DON'T CARE, IT'S THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY BELIEVE IN THE SYSTEM.

(SOT:) "We don't understand how the government affects us."

(SOT:) "I feel like it's out of our control."

CHRIS: BUT IN 2008, THINGS SEEM TO BE CHANGING. CANDIDATES ARE MAKING A BIG EFFORT TO GET OUT AND TALK TO YOUNG VOTERS, AND DAVID SAYS THE EXCITEMENT AROUND THIS HISTORIC ELECTION IS ATTRACTING YOUNG PEOPLE TO THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL.

(SOT:) "I think there are a lot of people, on both sides of the aisle, that people really believe in. They believe in their message and their ideals and I think that is something that can really get young people to go volunteer for their campaigns."

CHRIS: AND KIDS AREN'T JUST TURNING OUT TO VOLUNTEER. IN JANUARY, RECORD NUMBERS OF YOUNG, FIRST-TIME VOTERS HELPED SWING THE IOWA

CAUCUSES, AND MANY ARE EXPECTING RECORD TURNOUTS AMONG THE "18 IN 08" CROWD.

CHRIS: SO IT SEEMS THAT EVERY POLITICAL PUNDIT IN THE COUNTRY SEEMS TO AGREE THAT THE YOUTH VOTE WILL PLAY A MAJOR PART IN THIS ELECTION.

(SOT:) "Saw it in Iowa, we saw it in New Hampshire. Young people are feeling like they are a part of something."

CHRIS: DAVID BELIEVES YOUNG PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO BE ENGAGED IN '08, AND COME NOVEMBER, HE HOPES THAT INVOLVEMENT CHANGES THE WAY POLITICAL PUNDITS THINK ABOUT HIS GENERATION.

CHRIS: IF YOU PLAN ON CASTING YOUR FIRST BALLOT THIS FALL? GO TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND CLICK ON WHY VOTE FOR SOME VOTING TIPS.

CHRIS: LAST WEEK WE TOLD YOU HOW MORE AND MORE TEENS ARE STRESSED OUT AND SCHOOLS ARE OFFERING THINGS LIKE YOGA CLASSES TO HELP EASE THE PRESSURE.

CHRIS: BUT WE WANT TO KNOW, ARE YOU STRESSED OUT, TOO. SO, WE ASKED YOU, WHEN IT COMES TO SCHOOL, WHAT STRESSES YOU OUT THE MOST? YOUR PARENTS? YOUR PEERS? OR SOCIETY?

CHRIS: 50 PERCENT OF YOU SAID YOUR PARENTS STRESS YOU OUT THE MOST, WHILE 22 PERCENT SAID YOUR PEERS, AND 28 PERCENT SAID SOCIETY.

CHRIS: AND HERE ARE SOME OF YOUR WRITTEN RESPONSES, COLE FROM MICHIGAN WROTE, "I THINK PARENTS CAUSE THE MOST STRESS BECAUSE THEY ALWAYS BUG YOU ABOUT HOMEWORK, FRIENDS AND SCHOOL."

CHRIS: KRISTA FROM CALIFORNIA SAYS, "MY PEERS DEFINITELY STRESS ME OUT THE MOST. I'M ALWAYS SO CAUTIOUS ABOUT WHAT THEY'LL THINK AND SAY."

CHRIS: KATIE FROM MICHIGAN WROTE, "I GET STRESSED OUT FROM TRYING TO BALANCE MY LIFE AT HOME AND MY LIFE AT SCHOOL."

CHRIS: AND AARON FROM INDIANA SAID, "SOCIETY STRESSES ME OUT THE MOST. PEOPLE IN THE REAL WORLD JUST WANT YOU TO BE PERFECT, NO ROOM FOR ERRORS."

CHRIS: THANKS TO EVERYONE THAT WROTE IN. WE ALWAYS WANT TO HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY. SO GO TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND CLICK ON YOUR TURN TO WEIGH IN ON THIS OR ANY OTHER STORY YOU SEE ON THE AIR.

COMMERCIAL

CHRIS: FROM VENICE ITALY TO RIO DE JANEIRO IN BRAZIL, PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD WILL BE CELEBRATING MARDI GRAS TONIGHT. JESS HAS MORE ON ONE OF THE BIGGEST PARTIES IN THE WORLD IN TODAY'S POP QUIZ.

JESSICA: MARDI GRAS MARKS THE END OF CARNIVAL, A FESTIVAL SEASON CELEBRATED BY MANY CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD.

JESSICA: IT BEGINS ON JANUARY SIXTH, THE 12TH DAY OF CHRISTMAS. CITIES SUCH AS NEW ORLEANS ARE FAMOUS FOR THEIR PARADES AND CELEBRATIONS. SO HERE'S YOUR QUESTION.

JESSICA: WHAT DOES MARDI GRAS MEAN IN FRENCH?

- A. GRAND MARCH
- B. FAT TUESDAY
- C. FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
- OR D. GRAND FEAST

JESSICA: YOU'VE GOT TEN.

JESSICA: THE ANSWER IS B - FAT TUESDAY

JESSICA: IT'S THE DAY OF FEASTING THAT OCCURS BEFORE ASH WEDNESDAY, WHICH MARKS THE BEGINNING OF LENT.

JESSICA: THE 40 DAY PERIOD OBSERVED BY SOME CHRISTIANS LEADING UP TO EASTER. IT'S A TIME DEVOTED TO FASTING AND PRAYER.

JESSICA: FRENCH EXPLORERS BROUGHT THE TRADITION TO THE U.S. IN THE 1700S AND IT TOOK ROOT IN NEW ORLEANS. BUT ONE OF THE BEST KNOWN AND OLDEST CELEBRATIONS IS HELD IN VENICE, ITALY WHERE MASKS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE.

JESSICA: THAT'S BECAUSE CENTURIES AGO VENETIANS WERE SEPARATED INTO DIFFERENT ECONOMIC GROUPS. PARTY GOERS WORE MASKS BACK THEN SO THEY COULD DO AS THEY PLEASE AND NO ONE WOULD KNOW WHETHER THEY WERE RICH OR POOR.

JESSICA: CARNIVAL IS CELEBRATED IN CITIES AROUND THE WORLD. SOME OF THE MOST FAMOUS FESTIVALS ARE IN RIO DE JANEIRO AND OF COURSE, NEW ORLEANS. THIS YEAR NEW ORLEANS EXPECTS THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TO LINE THE STREETS AND ENJOY THE PARADES, COSTUMES AND OTHER MARDI GRAS GOODIES.

JESSICA: THE FIRST MARDI GRAS PARADE IN THE UNITED STATES WAS ACTUALLY HELD IN MOBILE, ALABAMA IN THE EARLY 1700S, NOT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

CHRIS: ALRIGHT GUYS, THAT DOES IT FOR CHANNEL ONE NEWS, THANKS SO MUCH FOR WATCHING. AND BEFORE WE TAKE OFF, HERE'S ONE MORE THING.

CHRIS: THESE EGGS FROM A SMALL MEXICAN TOWN CLOSELY RESEMBLE A STORY OUT OF A POPULAR CHILDREN'S BOOK.

CHRIS: WHILE RABANITA THE CHICKEN LOOKS LIKE THE OTHER HENS IN HER YARD, THE PROOF IS IN HER EGGS.

CHRIS: RABANITA'S OWNER SAYS THE CHICKEN STARTED LAYING THE GREEN COLORED EGGS BACK IN DECEMBER. SHE RECEIVED THE HEN AS PART OF A GOVERNMENT AID PACKAGE TO HELP VILLAGERS.

CHRIS: SCIENTISTS BELIEVE THE EGGS' SHELL IS DETERMINED BY GENES, AND THAT BLUE OR GREEN SHELL COLORS ARE FREQUENTLY FOUND IN THIS CHICKEN STRAIN.

CHRIS: HOWEVER, THE EGGS ARE BELIEVED TO BE SAFE TO EAT. IN THIS CASE, DR. SUESS WOULD BE PROUD. THEY DO LIKE GREEN EGGS AND HAM, THEY DO LIKE THEM, SAM I AM.