

## CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 2/08/08

### TOPICS COVERED:

- News of the Day
- Pop Quiz - Chinese New Year
- Tennessee Tornado
- School Hospital

JESSICA: HEY EVERYONE, IT'S FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH. I'M JESSICA KUMARI AND I'M AT CATHERINE MCAULEY HIGH SCHOOL IN BROOKLYN NEW YORK AND

(SOT: ) "Channel One News starts right now."

TONY: REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE MITT ROMNEY SUSPENDED HIS CAMPAIGN YESTERDAY, TWO DAYS AFTER SUPER TUESDAY.

(SOT: Mitt Romney) "This is not an easy decision for me. I hate to lose."

TONY: ROMNEY'S WITHDRAWAL LEAVES JUST THREE REPUBLICANS IN THE RACE FRONTRUNNER JOHN MCCAIN, MIKE HUCKABEE AND RON PAUL.

ANNOUNCER: VIOLENT WEATHER CONTINUES TO BATTER THE U.S. HEARTLAND. JUST A DAY AFTER TORNADOS TORE THROUGH THE SOUTH; A SEVERE SNOWSTORM IS DEVASTATING THE MIDWEST, STRANDING TRAVELERS AND FORCING SCHOOLS AND BUSINESSES TO CLOSE.

ANNOUNCER: FLIGHTS WERE CANCELED AT AIRPORTS ACROSS THE REGION, INCLUDING A THOUSAND AT CHICAGO'S O'HARE AIRPORT.

(SOT: Stephen Clabots) "We had our first try at a bus. I said no no no we will wait for a flight. Now I'm kicking myself in the butt because the first bus went and the second one got canceled."

ANNOUNCER: TRAFFIC STOOD STILL FOR 19 MILES IN WISCONSIN ON WEDNESDAY AFTER SNOW CAUSED TRUCKS TO GET STUCK ON A HILL. THE NATIONAL GUARD WAS CALLED IN TO BRING FOOD, WATER AND GAS TO THE 500 STRANDED DRIVERS.

ANNOUNCER: FLOOD WARNINGS WERE ISSUED IN ILLINOIS, INDIANA, OHIO AND NEW YORK AFTER DAYS OF HEAVY RAIN.

ANNOUNCER: THE TOWN OF FINDLAY, OHIO STILL RECOVERING FROM LAST SUMMER'S DEVASTATING FLOODS WAS HIT ESPECIALLY HARD.

TONY: THE ITALIAN MOB TOOK A BIG HIT YESTERDAY. AUTHORITIES ARRESTED MORE THAN 90 ORGANIZED CRIME SUSPECTS IN NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY AND PALERMO, ITALY. IN WHAT THE FBI IS CALLING THE BIGGEST MAFIA ROUNDUP IN HISTORY.

TONY: THE AMERICAN SUSPECTS ARE MEMBERS OF THE GAMBINO FAMILY, LONG CONSIDERED ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL ORGANIZED CRIME FAMILIES IN THE U.S.

TONY: OFFICIALS SAY THE ARRESTS INCLUDE THE THREE HIGHEST RANKING MEMBERS OF THE GAMBINO FAMILY NOT ALREADY IN PRISON.

TONY: FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TEAMS WERE ALL INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION. THE SUSPECTS FACE CHARGES FOR A RANGE OF CRIMES INCLUDING MURDER, EXTORTION AND ROBBERY.

ANNOUNCER: ACTRESS AND HUMANITARIAN ANGELINA JOLIE MADE A SURPRISE VISIT TO IRAQ YESTERDAY. SHE VISITED A U.S. MILITARY BASE IN BAGHDAD'S HEAVILY GUARDED GREEN ZONE, AND SHE ATE LUNCH WITH TROOPS.

ANNOUNCER: JOLIE MADE THE TRIP IN HER OFFICIAL ROLE AS A UNITED NATIONS GOODWILL AMBASSADOR. THE UN SAYS HER VISIT IS AN EFFORT TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE PLIGHT OF IRAQI REFUGEES.

ANNOUNCER: MORE THAN FOUR MILLION IRAQIS HAVE FLED THEIR HOMES BECAUSE OF THE VIOLENCE IN IRAQ.

ANNOUNCER: THIS ISN'T JOLIE'S FIRST TRIP TO THE COUNTRY. SHE TRAVELED TO IRAQ IN AUGUST AND VISITED WITH REFUGEES TRAPPED AT A CAMP ON THE IRAQI SYRIAN BORDER.

TONY: PAKISTANI OFFICIALS ARRESTED TWO SUSPECTS YESTERDAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF OPPOSITION LEADER BENAZIR BHUTTO. SHE WAS KILLED IN DECEMBER IN A COMBINED SHOOTING SUICIDE BOMB ATTACK DURING A RALLY IN RAWALPINDI.

TONY: THE ARRESTS CAME HOURS AFTER BRITISH DETECTIVES MET WITH PAKISTAN OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS THE CONCLUSIONS OF THEIR INVESTIGATION INTO BHUTTO'S DEATH.

TONY: PAKISTANI OFFICIALS ARRESTED TWO SUSPECTS IN BHUTTO'S ASSASSINATION LAST MONTH, INCLUDING A 15 YEAR OLD BOY.

TONY: TENS OF THOUSANDS OF SUPPORTERS GATHERED AT BHUTTO'S TOMB YESTERDAY TO MARK THE END OF THE OFFICIAL 40 DAY MOURNING PERIOD FOR HER DEATH.

ANNOUNCER: AFTER TWO MONTHS OF TECHNICAL DELAYS, SHUTTLE ATLANTIS BLASTED OFF THURSDAY FROM KENNEDY SPACE CENTER IN FLORIDA ON BOARD WAS EUROPE'S GIFT TO THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION, A \$2 BILLION DOLLAR SCIENCE LAB NAMED COLUMBUS.

ANNOUNCER: OVER THE NEXT 11 DAYS, THE ASTRONAUTS WILL CONNECT THE LAB TO THE EXISTING SPACE STATION.

JESSICA: EARLIER THIS WEEK, WE TESTED YOUR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT MARDI GRAS. NOW LET'S SEE HOW MUCH YOU KNOW ABOUT ANOTHER IMPORTANT HOLLIDAY THAT STARTED YESTERDAY, THE CHINESE NEW YEAR. SO HERE'S YOUR POP QUIZ QUESTION FOR TODAY.

JESSICA: EACH CHINESE YEAR IS NAMED FOR AN ANIMAL. WHICH ANIMAL IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE UPCOMING YEAR?

JESSICA: IS IT:

- A. THE RAT
- B. THE DOG
- C. THE PIG
- OR D. THE MONKEY

JESSICA: YOU'VE GOT TEN!

JESSICA: ALRIGHT, TIME'S UP. THE ANSWER IS A. IT'S THE YEAR OF THE RAT!

JESSICA: MORE THAN A BILLION PEOPLE RANG IN THE YEAR OF THE RAT IN CHINA THIS WEEK. LUNAR NEW YEAR IS THE OLDEST AND MOST IMPORTANT FESTIVAL IN THE CHINESE CALENDAR.

JESSICA: IN THE U.S., WE CELEBRATE NEW YEARS ON THE SAME DAY EVERY YEAR JANUARY FIRST. BUT IN CHINA, THE DATE OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR CHANGES DEPENDING ON THE CYCLE OF THE MOON.

JESSICA: THE FESTIVAL STARTS ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE FIRST LUNAR MONTH. THAT'S THE DAY WHEN THE MOON IS THE DARKEST. THE FESTIVAL CELEBRATES THE START OF NEW LIFE AND THE COMING OF SPRING.

JESSICA: CHINA WASN'T THE ONLY PLACE PEOPLE RANG IN THE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS WERE HELD AROUND THE WORLD, FROM INDONESIA TO CUBA.

JESSICA: WERE YOU BORN IN THE YEAR OF THE RAT, ROOSTER, MONKEY OR CHICKEN? GO TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND CLICK ON CHINESE HOROSCOPE TO FIND OUT.

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JESSICA: THE TOLL KEEPS RISING ON THE DEADLIEST TORNADOES TO HIT THE SOUTH IN ALMOST A QUARTER CENTURY. AT LEAST 57 PEOPLE DEAD. MORE THAN 150 INJURED, AND A TRAIL OF DESTRUCTION 400 MILES LONG.

JESSICA: TONY ANDERSON REPORTS ON HOW SOME STUDENTS MANAGED TO SURVIVE THESE TERRIFYING TORNADOS.

TONY: THIS IS THE DORMITORY WHERE NATALIE WEST THOUGHT HER LIFE WAS ABOUT TO END.

(SOT: Natalie West) "The wall came in and we all dodged for the bathroom and part of that caved in too and I was trying to get over to the bathroom."

TONY: NATALIE WASN'T TRAPPED FOR LONG, BUT SEVERAL OTHER STUDENTS WERE STUCK IN DEBRIS FOR HOURS. THE DRAMATIC RESCUES CAPTURED IN THESE STILL PHOTOS.

TONY: DEADLY TORNADOES SWEEP ACROSS FIVE STATES DESTROYING EVERYTHING IN THEIR PATH FROM TENNESSEE TO ARKANSAS.

TONY: BUILDINGS, BUSINESSES AND IN SOME CASES ENTIRE BLOCKS WERE VIRTUALLY ERASED FROM THE MAP.

(SOT: Blake Martin) "Just like a big roar."

TONY: BLAKE MARTIN SAYS THAT BIG ROAR GAVE HIM AND FRIEND BOB HARDY JUST ENOUGH WARNING TO ESCAPE THIS HOUSE.

(SOT: Blake Martin) "It only lasted a few seconds, but it seemed like forever."

TONY: THOUGH SOMEWHAT RARE IN WINTER, THE TORNADOS HAD BEEN PREDICTED.

(SOT: ) "A new tornado warning actually has just been issued."

TONY: THE WEATHER SERVICE ISSUED MORE THAN A THOUSAND TORNADO WARNINGS BETWEEN TUESDAY AFTERNOON AND WEDNESDAY MORNING.

TONY: THOSE WARNINGS LIKELY SAVED HUNDREDS OF LIVES. INCLUDING THE STUDENTS WHO LIVED IN THESE DORMS, AND KNEW TO SEEK SHELTER IN INTERIOR BATHROOMS.

(SOT: Jerry Gist) "Just shake your head in amazement of how those students got out of there with all that debris on top of them with simple minor injuries."

TONY: THE SURVIVAL OF THE STUDENTS WAS SO AMAZING SOME OF THEM GOT TO TELL THEIR STORIES ON NBC'S TODAY SHOW.

TONY: DANNY SONG, A RESIDENT ASSISTANT AT ONE OF THE DEMOLISHED DORMS, WAS BURIED UNDER A COUCH FOR TWO HOURS UNTIL HE WAS RESCUED AND SARAH LOGAN, DANNY'S GIRLFRIEND; LIVED IN ONE OF THE DORMS ACROSS CAMPUS.

(SOT: Danny Song) "There was couch beside me that rammed up against me and I just felt debris fall on top of me and the ceiling fell on top of me."

(SOT: ) "I went back yesterday and looked at the very spot that I was stuck in and that couch was really like the wedge that uh held up a concrete slab that would have completely squished me."

(SOT: Sarah Logan) "When you look at the desolation and destruction on our campus and realize that there were 1200 students here and not one single fatality, I mean you can't help but say that a miracle."

TONY: A MIRACLE FOR THESE STUDENTS WHO ARE NOW LEFT TO PICK UP THE PIECES.

TONY: TONY ANDERSON, CHANNEL ONE NEWS

JESSICA: FOR WAYS YOU CAN HELP THOSE AFFECTED BY THESE TORNADOES GO TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND CLICK ON THE HELPING HANDS GUIDE.

JESSICA: HERE'S ONE FACT YOU MAY NOT KNOW: THE FUJITA SCALE ESTIMATES THE WIND SPEED OF A TORNADO BASED ON THE DAMAGE IT PRODUCES.

COMMERCIAL

JESSICA: THIS WINTER, YOU MAY HAVE TAKEN A SICK DAY AND MAYBE YOU EVEN ENJOYED THE BREAK A LITTLE BUT IF THAT ONE DAY TURNED INTO WEEKS OR MONTHS YOU'D PROBABLY START MISSING YOUR FRIENDS, LUNCH, EVEN CLASSES.

JESSICA: TONY ANDERSON HAS MORE ON HOW ONE PROGRAM IS HELPING PATIENTS FEEL MORE LIKE STUDENTS AGAIN.

TONY: A MORNING BIKE RIDE CHANGED 18 YEAR OLD QUEMEL ARROYO'S LIFE FOREVER.

(SOT: Quemuel Arroyo) "I was going downhill into the woods, hit a ditch, was going too fast, fell off the bike. I fractured two vertebrae in my spine and that caused me to become a paraplegic. So I'm here, trying to recover."

TONY: TRYING TO RECOVER AT NYU'S RUSK INSTITUTE AND DIGGING INTO "GREAT EXPECTATIONS" BY CHARLES DICKENS. QUEMEL REFUSES TO LET HIS ACCIDENT GET IN THE WAY OF KEEPING UP WITH HIS SCHOOL WORK.

TONY: HE'S A STUDENT IN THE CITY'S HOSPITAL SCHOOLS. YOUNG PEOPLE UNABLE TO GO TO SCHOOL, HAVE SCHOOL COME TO THEM.

(SOT: Mary Maher, Hospital Schools Program) "We have such amazing students. They are just the most resilient people you could ever meet in your life."

TONY: PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS WORK WITH 4-5 THOUSAND STUDENTS A YEAR IN 42 NEW YORK CITY HOSPITAL SITES. WHILE THEY'RE HERE, THEY ARE STUDENTS AND THEIR EDUCATION IS PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE.

(SOT: Robbi Mintz) "They know school. So I think it's one thing that they can latch on to and say, this is familiar."

TONY: FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE MISSING OUT ON SCHOOL LIFE, EVEN HOMEWORK AND TESTS ARE SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO. THEY REPRESENT A LIFE BEYOND THE HOSPITAL.

(SOT: Quemuel Arroyo) "I don't see this as the end of my life. There is so much more beyond this. You just need to cope and come to terms with it."

TONY: TONY ANDERSON CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

JESSICA: HEY GUYS, THE WEEKEND'S HERE! TIME FOR CULTURE CAST!

JESSICA: TODAY IN ATLANTA, THE GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING AND DIVING STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.

JESSICA: TOMORROW, BERKLEE COLLEGE OF MUSIC IN BOSTON WILL HOLD IT'S ANNUAL "HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ FESTIVAL." IT'S THE OLDEST AND LARGEST HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ COMPETITION OF IT'S KIND IN THE U.S., CELEBRATING IT'S 40th ANNIVERSARY.

JESSICA: ALSO ON SATURDAY, FREDERICK, COLORADO WILL HOST ITS "TEEN BASH!" PLANNED BY THE FREDERICK YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION. ACTIVITIES INCLUDE VIDEOGAMES, DANCING, MOVIES AND MORE!

JESSICA: AND ON SUNDAY, HEAD TO THE MET ART MUSEUM IN NEW YORK CITY FOR MUSEUM CLASSES. THIS WEEK, IT'S "THE PAINTING ACADEMY." A CHANCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO UNDERSTAND DIFFERENT TYPES OF ART.

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

JESSICA: THAT DOES IT FOR CHANNEL ONE NEWS. I'M JESSICA KUMARI, HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND.