

## CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 2/11/08

### TOPICS COVERED:

- News of the Day
- Euros vs. Dollars
- Homeboy Industries
- One More Thing

JESSICA: IT'S MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH. I'M JESSICA KUMARI AND COMING UP; THE DOLLAR GETS THE BLUES. WHY YOU NEED TO KNOW WHAT A EURO IS, AND WHAT IT'S WORTH. BUT FIRST, HERE ARE YOUR HEADLINES FROM CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

TONY: NEW FEDERAL LEGISLATION COULD HELP MAKE COLLEGE MORE AFFORDABLE FOR YOU.

TONY: ON FRIDAY, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES APPROVED A PLAN FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE 20 BILLION DOLLARS OF NEW FINANCIAL AID TO HELP OFFSET THE COST OF COLLEGE FOR STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY.

TONY: IT'S THE BIGGEST INCREASE IN FINANCIAL AID SINCE 1944. THE BILL ALSO REQUIRES UNIVERSITIES WITH RAPIDLY RISING TUITIONS TO REPORT WHAT'S DRIVING UP THEIR PRICES.

TONY: ANOTHER PART OF THE PLAN, LOWERING THE PRICE OF COLLEGE TEXTBOOKS, WHICH OFTEN COST STUDENTS SEVERAL HUNDRED DOLLARS A SEMESTER.

TONY: THE SENATE HAS ALREADY PASSED A SIMILAR BILL, AND NOW THE TWO PIECES OF LEGISLATION WILL BE COMPARED AND COMBINED.

ANNOUNCER: ANOTHER BIG WEEKEND IN PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS. VOTERS IN FIVE STATES HEADED TO THE POLLS.

ANNOUNCER: REPUBLICAN MIKE HUCKABEE PICKED UP A LITTLE SPEED, BEATING OUT FRONTRUNNER JOHN MCCAIN IN KANSAS AND LOUISIANA.

ANNOUNCER: BARACK OBAMA SWEEPED FOUR OF THE CONTESTS ON THE DEMOCRATIC SIDE, WINNING THE CAUCUSES IN NEBRASKA, WASHINGTON, AND MAINE, AND THE LOUISIANA PRIMARY.

ANNOUNCER: BRINGING THE ALREADY TIGHT RACE FOR DELEGATES BETWEEN OBAMA AND HILLARY CLINTON EVEN CLOSER.

ANNOUNCER: BUT CLINTON HAS A LEG UP ON OBAMA IN ANOTHER IMPORTANT COUNT. THE SUPPORT OF SUPERDELEGATES.

ANNOUNCER: SO WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A REGULAR DELEGATE AND A SUPERDELEGATE? PLEDGED DELEGATES GO TO THE NATIONAL NOMINATING

CONVENTION WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY'LL VOTE FOR A PARTICULAR CANDIDATE.

ANNOUNCER: SUPERDELEGATES ARE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND PARTY LEADERS. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, THEY'RE FREE TO VOTE FOR WHOMEVER THEY WANT AT THE NATIONAL NOMINATING CONVENTION.

ANNOUNCER: THOUGH THERE'S STILL A LOT OF TIME LEFT IN PRIMARY AND CAUCUS SEASON, IT'S POSSIBLE THAT WHEN CONVENTION TIME ROLLS AROUND, THE DEMOCRATS WILL STILL BE DEADLOCKED.

ANNOUNCER: IN THAT CASE, THE 796 SUPERDELEGATES WILL BE INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT AND COULD BE THE TIEBREAKERS THAT DECIDE THE RACE.

TONY: HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE GATHERED IN VENEZUELA'S CAPITAL OF CARACAS ON SATURDAY TO PROTEST PRESIDENT HUGO CHAVEZ'S ATTEMPTS TO SHUT DOWN A POPULAR TELEVISION NETWORK.

TONY: GLOBOVISION IS THE ONLY REMAINING VENEZUELAN TV STATION THAT OPENLY CRITICIZES CHAVEZ AND HIS GOVERNMENT.

TONY: SINCE TAKING OFFICE IN 1999, CHAVEZ HAS REPEATEDLY CLASHED WITH PRIVATELY OWNED MEDIA OUTLETS.

TONY: CHAVEZ SPARKED MASSIVE PROTESTS LAST SPRING WHEN HE REFUSED TO RENEW THE BROADCAST LICENSE OF RADIO CARACAS TELEVISION, WHICH WAS KNOWN FOR BEING EXTREMELY CRITICAL OF CHAVEZ'S GOVERNMENT AND WAS THE COUNTRY'S MOST WATCHED NETWORK BEFORE IT WAS TAKEN OFF THE AIR.

ANNOUNCER: LIFE ON MARS. IS IT A REAL POSSIBILITY OR JUST THE DREAM OF SCIENCE FICTION FANATICS?

ANNOUNCER: A EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY SATELLITE HAS FOUND SUBSTANTIAL DEPOSITS OF WATER BELOW THE SURFACE OF MARS AND TRACES OF METHANE GAS IN THE PLANET'S ATMOSPHERE.

ANNOUNCER: SCIENTISTS ARE EXCITED ABOUT THIS NEW INFORMATION BECAUSE IT MAY MEAN THAT MARS HAS CONDITIONS NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN LIFE.

TONY: AFTER MORE THAN THREE MONTHS ON THE PICKET LINES, HOLLYWOOD WRITERS COULD HEAD BACK TO WORK THIS WEEK.

TONY: THE WRITERS GUILD OF AMERICA REACHED A NEW DEAL ON SUNDAY WITH HOLLYWOOD'S MAJOR STUDIOS.

(SOT: ) "I feel like we won, I feel like we won the strike."

TONY: THE GUILD WILL PRESENT IT TO THEIR TEN THOUSAND MEMBERS FOR A VOTE ON TUESDAY. IF APPROVED, WRITERS COULD BE BACK TO WORK AS EARLY AS WEDNESDAY.

COMMERCIAL

JESSICA: HISTORICALLY IT'S BEEN THE CURRENCY OF CHOICE FOR TOURISTS THE U.S. DOLLAR.

JESSICA: BUT NOW, THAT'S CHANGING AS THE VALUE OF THE DOLLAR IS DROPPING AROUND THE WORLD. SOME U.S. STORES ARE NOW ACCEPTING FOREIGN MONEY AND FOR EUROPEANS WE TALKED TO A VACATION HERE ALSO MEANS SHOPPING SPREE!

(SOT: Hank Vamwaming) "Shopping is cheaper."

(SOT: Harriet Pearsey) "I like the toy stores a lot and the clothes shopping."

(SOT: Paul Roche) "We paid about half what we would in Ireland."

JESSICA: EUROPEANS HAVE A WHOLE NEW REASON TO VISIT AMERICA, SHOPPING.

(SOT: Hank Vamwaming) "It's in the papers, you can read it's anywhere. The dollar is low so go to New York or other cities in America."

JESSICA: THE DOLLAR'S VALUE IS DROPPING, ATTRACTING CROWDS OF EUROPEAN BARGAIN HUNTERS TO RETAIL HOT SPOTS LIKE MANHATTAN'S FIFTH AVENUE.

JESSICA: THAT'S BECAUSE THE EURO, A CURRENCY USED IN 15 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, IS NOW WORTH SIGNIFICANTLY MORE THAN THE U.S. DOLLAR. THAT MEANS EUROPEAN TOURISTS EXCHANGING MONEY IN THE STATES WILL GET MORE BANG FOR THEIR BUCK.

JESSICA: AT THIS CURRENCY EXCHANGE COUNTER IN MIDTOWN MANHATTAN EIGHT US DOLLARS GOT US, 5 EUROS. WITH A RATE LIKE THIS, LOCAL RETAILERS ARE TRYING TO CASH IN TOO.

(SOT: BILLY LEROY) "Everything is negotiable and I accept the Euros."

JESSICA: BILLY LEROY, A MANHATTAN ANTIQUE SHOP OWNER IS ACCEPTING BOTH U.S. AND EUROPEAN CURRENCIES TO ATTRACT FOREIGN CUSTOMERS.

JESSICA: BUT THE DECLINING DOLLAR ISN'T JUST ON THE MINDS OF AMERICAN RETAILERS.

JESSICA: OUR CURRENCY IS NO LONGER ACCEPTED WHEN TOURING INDIA'S TAJ MAHAL, AND GISELE BUNDCHEN, THE WORLD'S RICHEST MODEL IS NOW DEMANDING PAYMENT IN EUROS. EVEN RAPPER JAY Z FLASHES EUROS INSTEAD OF DOLLARS IN THIS MUSIC VIDEO.

JESSICA: DESPITE THE DOLLAR'S POOR PERFORMANCE LATELY, SOME ECONOMISTS PREDICT THE CURRENCY WILL MAKE A COMEBACK.

(SOT: MARC CHANDLER) "I suspect that when everything's said and done the dollar's going to finish higher this year than it's trading currently."

JESSICA: IN THE MEAN TIME, THESE EUROPEAN TOURISTS WILL ENJOY THEIR DOLLAR DISCOUNT FOR AS LONG AS IT LASTS.

(SOT: Carla Humphreys) "In the UK these are like 40 quid for us and if we buy them here they're like forty dollars so that's like 20 pounds instead."

JESSICA: SO EVERYTHING'S HALF OFF?

(SOT: ) "Yeah basically, yeah."

JESSICA: NOW IT'S TIME FOR OUR PLAY OF THE WEEK WITH TONY ANDERSON.

TONY: ALRIGHT GUYS, CHECK OUT THIS PLAY. THIS ONE COMES FROM PERRY MERIDIAN SCHOOL IN INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA. SENT IN BY COACH DOUG BRADBURN.

TONY: THE QUARTERBACK, ADAM WIESE NUMBER 17, LINES UP IN THE RED ZONE AND THE DEFENSE IS THINKING "RUN PLAY."

TONY: CHECK OUT ADAMS ACTING SKILLS AS HE LULLS THE DEFENSIVE END TO SLEEP AND TAKES IT IN FOR A TOUCHDOWN. A BOOTLEG PLAY EXECUTED TO PERFECTION.

JESSICA: GO TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND UPLOAD YOUR GREAT PLAY. NEXT WEEK, WE MIGHT PICK YOUR VIDEO AND PLAY IT ON THE SHOW.

COMMERCIAL

JESSICA: THE FBI ESTIMATES AT LEAST 30 THOUSAND GANGS ARE ACTIVE IN THE U.S. WITH ABOUT 800 THOUSAND MEMBERS. AND ONCE IN A GANG GETTING OUT MAY BE TOUGH, BUT IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE.

JESSICA: TONY ANDERSON SHOWS US ONE ORGANIZATION IN LOS ANGELES WHICH IS HELPING GIVE FORMER GANG MEMBERS A SECOND CHANCE.

TONY: WE'RE AT TWIN TOWERS CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. A PLACE WHERE A LOT OF GANG MEMBERS CAN END UP.

TONY: WELL, RIGHT DOWN THE STREET THERE'S A PLACE CALLED HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES. THEY'RE TRYING TO KEEP YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN OUT OF PLACES LIKE THIS.

TONY: L.A. IS KNOWN FOR ITS UGLY GANG VIOLENCE. AND NO ONE KNOWS IT MORE THAN FABIAN. IT WAS ALL AROUND HIM GROWING UP, AND HE COULDN'T ESCAPE IT.

(SOT: Fabian) "It's hard to keep running so if you cant beat them join them so at the age of 14 I ended up getting involved with one of the gangs in the projects."

TONY: BUT FABIAN SOON REALIZED THAT STAYING IN GANG LIFE WAS GOING TO COST HIM HIS ACTUAL LIFE.

(SOT: Fabian) "I had four near death experiences. Three when I was in gangs and this last one when I ran across the freeway over the delusions of crystal methamphetamines. I don't know how but I made it and that was when I told my mother you know what I think I need help."

TONY: FABIAN TURNED HIS LIFE AROUND THANKS TO HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES, WHICH HE CALLS THE REHAB FOR GANG BANGERS.

TONY: TODAY, HE IS A SUCCESSFUL ARTIST AND IN SCHOOL TO BECOME A STATE CERTIFIED DRUG COUNSELOR. HE GAVE US A PERSONAL TOUR OF THE FACILITY THAT HE SAYS SAVED HIS LIFE.

TONY: HOMEBOY OFFERS COUNSELING, LEGAL SERVICES AND EVEN TATTOO REMOVAL WHICH IS OFTEN THE FIRST STEP TO LEAVING GANG LIFE BEHIND. THEY ALSO HAVE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES TO HELP PEOPLE WITH LONG ARREST RECORDS FIND HONEST JOBS. LIKE MICHAEL NUNEZ.

(SOT: Michael Nunez) "This is my first job ever in my whole life, so it give me that, it give me the opportunity to know what it feels like to work for your money, not to go out there and rob somebody or do this or do that for money. Sell drugs, I mean, I'm legit."

TONY: HOMEBOY IS MOSTLY FUNDED BY DONATIONS, BUT KNOW HOPES TO BECOME MORE INDEPENDENT BY GROWING ITS SMALL BUSINESSES INCLUDING A BAKERY, A CLOTHING AND GIFT LINE AND A CAFÉ.

(SOT: Fabian) "HOMEGIRL CAFÉ WAS BUILT JUST FOR THE HOMEGIRLS BECAUSE AT ONE POINT IT WAS LIKE HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES, HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES, WHAT ABOUT THE HOMEGIRLS?"

(SOT: ) "We're having a meeting for to provide the people for better service, we need to be appropriate and be on time so that why we all are having a meeting here."

(SOT: ) "Anything we write in this class, stays in this class."

TONY: HOMEBOYS IS ALSO GIVING TEENS AN ESCAPE FROM CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. THEY EVEN HAVE CREATIVE WRITING CLASSES WHERE STUDENTS ARE LEARNING TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES CONSTRUCTIVELY.

(SOT: ) "I never realized until now why I was out there in the street but now that I come here and I get all that support and all that love from my coworkers I realize it wasn't really worth it."

(SOT: ) "I didn't work or go to school for like almost a year. I just got my act together, do positive things and kind of like stay away from trouble."

TONY: WHILE THE TRANSITION FROM GANG BANGER TO CIVILIAN LIFE MIGHT NOT BE GLAMOROUS, IT'S A START. HOMEBOY'S SLOGAN? "NOTHING STOPS A BULLET LIKE A JOB".

TONY: TONY ANDERSON CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

TONY: YOU CAN GO TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND WATCH TONY ANDERSON'S TOUR OF HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES.

JESSICA: THAT DOES IT FOR CHANNEL ONE NEWS, I'M JESSICA KUMARI, BUT BEFORE WE TAKE OFF HERE'S ONE MORE THING.

JESSICA: SOME OF THE RECORDING INDUSTRY'S BRIGHTEST STARS TURNED OUT LAST NIGHT FOR THE 50TH ANNUAL GRAMMY AWARDS IN LOS ANGELES.

JESSICA: SO WHO WERE LAST NIGHT'S BIG WINNERS? AMY WINEHOUSE'S 'REHAB' WON FOR SONG OF THE YEAR. AMY WINEHOUSE ALSO TOOK HOME THE AWARD FOR BEST NEW ARTIST. ALBUM OF THE YEAR WENT TO HERBIE HANCOCK FOR 'RIVER: THE JONI LETTERS.'

JESSICA: THE SHOW FEATURED A STAR STUDDED LINEUP OF PERFORMERS,  
INLCUDING BEYONCE, WHO PERFORMED ALONGSIDE TINA TURNER AND ALICIA KEYS,  
WHO TOOK THE STAGE WITH JOHN MAYER.