

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 2/15/08

TOPICS COVERED:

- News of the Day
- Political Wrap
- Florida Evolution
- Pop Quiz - Arthur Ashe
- Culturecast

CHRIS: HEY GUYS, IT'S FRIDAY! FEBRUARY 15TH, I'M CHRIS BROWNE AND CHANNEL ONE NEWS STARTS RIGHT NOW.

JESSICA: THERE'S A BIG BREAKTHROUGH IN THE PEACE TALKS UNDERWAY IN THE AFRICAN COUNTRY OF KENYA. AFTER WEEKS OF DISCUSSIONS, POLITICAL RIVALS MWAI KIBAKI AND RAILA ODINGA SIGNED AN AGREEMENT AND DECIDED TO WRITE A NEW CONSTITUTION YESTERDAY.

JESSICA: THE TALKS WERE MEDIATED BY FORMER UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL KOFI ANNAN. THE DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT WON'T BE RELEASED UNTIL LATER TODAY.

JESSICA: PRESIDENT BUSH ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT HE'S SENDING U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE CONDOLEEZZA RICE TO KENYA TO SUPPORT ANNAN AND HIS EFFORTS TO END THE VIOLENCE.

JESSICA: ETHNIC CLASHES IN THE AFRICAN COUNTRY HAVE CLAIMED THE LIVES OF MORE THAN A THOUSAND PEOPLE SINCE DECEMBER. THE VIOLENCE ERUPTED AFTER KIBAKI WON ANOTHER TERM IN AN ELECTION THAT HIS OPPONENTS SAY WAS UNFAIR.

JESSICA: A SAD DAY ON THE CAMPUS OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY YESTERDAY. A SHOOTING AT THE LECTURE HALL LEFT AT LEAST 16 STUDENTS INJURED AND 6 DEAD INCLUDING THE GUNMAN, AT OUR DEADLINE.

JESSICA: IT WAS THE FOURTH SHOOTING AT A U.S. SCHOOL WITHIN A WEEK. THURSDAY'S SHOOTING TOOK PLACE IN COLE HALL, IN THE CENTER OF THE 25,000 STUDENT CAMPUS ABOUT AN HOUR WEST OF CHICAGO.

JESSICA: AT 3:20 PM THE SCHOOLS WEBSITE WARNED STUDENTS, "THERE HAS BEEN A REPORT OF A POSSIBLE GUNMAN ON CAMPUS" AND "GET TO A SAFE AREA AND TAKE PRECAUTIONS".

JESSICA: BY 4:14 PM CAMPUS POLICE REPORTED THAT THE IMMEDIATE DANGER HAD PASSED. THE GUNMAN IS NO LONGER A THREAT.

JESSICA: CLASSES WERE CANCELLED FOR TODAY AND OFFICIALS OFFERED STUDENTS COUNSELING AT ANY RESIDENCE HALL.

CHRIS: YESTERDAY, RUSSIAN PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN RENEWED HIS THREAT TO AIM ROCKETS AT ANY PROPOSED U.S. MISSILE FACILITIES IN EASTERN EUROPE.

CHRIS: PUTIN IS ANGRY ABOUT PLANS TO PUT U.S. MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEMS IN COUNTRIES NEAR RUSSIA POLAND, THE CZECH REPUBLIC AND THE UKRAINE.

CHRIS: PUTIN SAID THAT IF UKRAINE GOES FORWARD WITH PLANS TO HOST A U.S. MISSILE DEFENSE FACILITY, HE MAY AIM WEAPONS AT THAT COUNTRY, WHICH IS RUSSIA'S NEIGHBOR TO THE WEST.

CHRIS: PUTIN SAYS THE PRESENCE OF U.S. MISSILES IN THE REGION WOULD THREATEN RUSSIA'S NATIONAL SECURITY.

JESSICA: U.S. HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY VICTIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA STILL LIVING IN GOVERNMENT PROVIDED TRAILERS NEED TO MOVE OUT IMMEDIATELY.

JESSICA: GOVERNMENT TESTS HAVE FOUND TOXIC LEVELS OF THE COLORLESS GAS FORMALDEHYDE IN HUNDREDS OF THE TRAILERS. FORMALDEHYDE CAN CAUSE SERIOUS RESPIRATORY PROBLEMS AND SO THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL IS URGING PEOPLE TO LEAVE THE TRAILERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

JESSICA: THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY OR FEMA PROVIDED ABOUT 120 THOUSAND TRAILERS TO VICTIMS OF 2005'S HURRICANE KATRINA AND RITA.

CHRIS: THE RACE TO THE WHITE HOUSE IS STILL IN FULL SWING AS CANDIDATES ON BOTH SIDES BATTLE FOR THEIR PARTY'S NOMINATION.

CHRIS: WE'RE FOLLOWING ALL THE ACTION AND WILL BRING IT TO YOU IN OUR ONEVOTE ELECTION RECAP. HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK.

CHRIS: VOTERS IN MARYLAND, VIRGINIA AND WASHINGTON, DC HEADED TO THE POLLS ON TUESDAY A TRIO OF ELECTIONS THAT WERE DUBBED 'THE POTOMAC PRIMARIES.'

CHRIS: BARACK OBAMA DECISIVELY SWEEPED THE CONTESTS ON THE DEMOCRATIC SIDE, BEATING HILLARY CLINTON BY AT LEAST 20 PERCENT IN EACH RACE.

CHRIS: OBAMA NOW LEADS CLINTON BY MORE THAN 100 TOTAL CONVENTION DELEGATES.

CHRIS: REPUBLICANS ALSO VOTED IN THOSE TUESDAY CONTESTS AND JOHN MCCAIN WON ALL THREE. HE EXPANDED HIS DELEGATE LEAD OVER MIKE HUCKABEE AND NOW HAS 801 DELEGATES TO HUCKABEE'S 240.

CHRIS: MCCAIN GOT ANOTHER BIG BOOST YESTERDAY, WHEN MITT ROMNEY WHO DROPPED OUT OF THE RACE LAST WEEK ANNOUNCED HE WOULD BACK THE ARIZONA SENATOR'S CAMPAIGN.

(SOT: Mitt Romney) "Today I'm asking my delegates to vote for senator McCain at the convention."

CHRIS: THE NEXT ROUND OF VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY IN HAWAII, AND WISCONSIN.

COMMERCIAL

CHRIS: NEXT WEEK FLORIDA'S STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL VOTE ON WHETHER OR NOT TO CHANGE THE SCIENCE STANDARDS.

CHRIS: THE QUESTION, WILL THE WORD EVOLUTION BE USED FOR THE FIRST TIME. JESSICA KUMARI TELLS US WHY THIS ONE WORD HAS STIRRED UP SO MUCH DEBATE AND CONTROVERSY.

JESSICA: AP BIOLOGY CLASS AT MATER ACADEMY CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL IN HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA.

(SOT:) "What Darwin saw on the islands off of the Galapagos?"

JESSICA: TODAY'S TOPIC, THE ORIGIN OF LIFE ON EARTH.

(SOT:) "Through natural selection those turtles actually survived."

(SOT: Leonardo Haddad) "I believe in evolution because that's what was taught to me throughout the years indirectly through it, not actually using the term evolution it's more referred to as Darwinism."

JESSICA: INDIRECT NO MORE, NEXT WEEK FLORIDA WILL VOTE ON WHETHER OR NOT TO INCLUDE THE WORD "EVOLUTION" IN ITS STATE SCIENCE STANDARDS.

JESSICA: CURRENTLY THE STANDARDS USE PHRASES SUCH AS "EARTH'S SYSTEMS AND ORGANISMS ARE THE RESULT OF A LONG, CONTINUOUS CHANGE OVER TIME". THEY IMPLY EVOLUTION BUT DON'T SAY IT.

JESSICA: THE STATE WANTS TO CHANGE AND USE DIRECT STATEMENTS LIKE "EVOLUTION IS THE FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPT UNDERLYING ALL OF BIOLOGY AND IS SUPPORTED BY MULTIPLE FORMS OF SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE."

JESSICA: UPSETTING FOR SOME LIKE 16 YEAR OLD LUISA DE SOUSA BECAUSE OF WHAT THE TEXTBOOKS MIGHT BE LEAVING OUT

(SOT: Luisa de Sousa) "My family members were ones who told me that there was something called an Intelligent Design, although the only theory out there was evolution but mainly in school they teach you about evolution."

JESSICA: SO WHAT TO TEACH AND WHAT NOT TO TEACH HAS TURNED INTO A FULL OUT BATTLE. ON ONE SIDE, THOSE LIKE THE CURATOR IN CHARGE AT NEW YORK'S MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY.

JESSICA: HE, LIKE THE MAJORITY OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY, SUPPORT DARWIN'S THEORY OF EVOLUTION WHICH SAYS OVER MILLIONS OF YEARS, ORGANISMS SLOWLY ADAPTED TO THE DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENTS AROUND THEM EVENTUALLY EVOLVING FROM ONE SPECIES TO ANOTHER, INCLUDING HUMANS.

JESSICA: DOES EVOLUTION EXPLAIN THE EXISTENCE OF MAN ON THIS PLANET?

(SOT:) "Oh sure, every organism is related to one another and we've known that for a long time."

JESSICA: ON THE OTHER SIDE, THOSE LIKE REVEREND JOHN RANKIN WHO SAY EVOLUTION IS JUST A THEORY NOT FACT AND THAT IF IT'S TAUGHT IN SCHOOLS, THEN ALTERNATIVE THEORIES SHOULD BE GIVEN EQUAL WEIGHT. LIKE THE THEORY OF INTELLIGENT DESIGN

JESSICA: WHAT IS INTELLIGENT DESIGN?

(SOT:) "Intelligent Design believes that we are intelligent people, universe shows design and so we ask the question, is there an intelligence that preceded the universe?"

JESSICA: INTELLIGENT DESIGN SAYS THAT THE UNIVERSE IS SO COMPLEX THAT IT MUST HAVE BEEN CREATED BY A HIGHER INTELLIGENCE OR "DESIGNER".

JESSICA: CRITICS SAY THE INTELLIGENT DESIGNER THIS THEORY IS TALKING ABOUT REFERS TO A GOD. IN 2005, A FEDERAL JUDGE AGREED.

JESSICA: THE JUDGE HE BARRED A PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM TEACHING INTELLIGENT DESIGN. HE SAID INSERTING IT INTO THE CURRICULUM VIOLATES THE CONSTITUTIONAL SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE.

JESSICA: SHOULD INTELLIGENT DESIGN BE TAUGHT IN SCHOOLS?

(SOT:) "people should be able to argue in minority position, no matter what that position is. So a level playing field always says any idea is welcome to the table."

JESSICA: AND SUPPORTERS OF INTELLIGENT DESIGN SAY YOU SHOULDN'T DISCOUNT A THEORY JUST BECAUSE IT HAS RELIGIOUS ROOTS.

(SOT:) "You can have a philosophy of science that says that all that can be knowable is only in the material universe, therefore we can't go beyond it, well the probably is, we always go beyond it." If you look at all 42 branches of the modern sciences, they're all found within a Christian context."

(SOT:) "This is not an argument of science vs. religion this is an argument of people who want to use religious ideas and make them sound as if they're science ideas."

JESSICA: THE DEBATE IN FLORIDA COULD AFFECT STATES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.

JESSICA: TEXAS IS SET TO REVISE ITS SCIENCE STANDARDS THIS YEAR. SINCE FLORIDA AND TEXAS ARE TWO OF THE BIGGEST TEXTBOOK MARKETS IN THE NATION, MANY SAY WHATEVER THEY CHOOSE TO DO COULD SET A PRECEDENT FOR THE REST OF THE NATION. JESSICA KUMARI CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

CHRIS: AND NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO TELL US WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THIS CONTROVERSIAL TOPIC? WHICH OF THESE SHOULD BE TAUGHT IN SCHOOL?

- A. EVOLUTION ONLY
 - B. INTELLIGENT DESIGN ONLY
 - C. EVOLUTION AND INTELLIGENT DESIGN
- OR NONE OF THESE

CHRIS: GO TO CHANNELONE.COM AND CLICK ON YOUR TURN TO WEIGH IN.

COMMERCIAL

CHRIS: OK GUYS, AS YOU KNOW FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH, A TIME TO COMMEMORATE AFRICAN AMERICANS WHO HAVE MADE THEIR MARK ON HISTORY.

CHRIS: SO HERE'S A TEST TO SEE HOW MUCH YOU KNOW ABOUT ONE INFLUENTIAL AND INSPIRATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN. HERE'S YOUR QUESTION:

CHRIS: WHO WAS THE FIRST AND ONLY BLACK MAN TO WIN WIMBLEDON?

CHRIS: WAS IT

- A. ARTHUR ASHE
- B. OSCAR JOHNSON
- C. MAL WASHINGTON
- OR D. RODNEY HARMON

CHRIS: YOU'VE GOT TEN SECONDS

CHRIS: TIMES UP! THE ANSWER IS A - ARTHUR ASHE.

CHRIS: IN 1975, ARTHUR ASHE TOOK HOME THE WIN AT WIMBLEDON BEATING OUT FAVORITE JIMMY CONNORS. IT WAS A MONUMENTAL FIRST FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS IN SPORTS.

CHRIS: A MAJOR SUPPORTER OF CIVIL RIGHTS, ASHE USED HIS CELEBRITY STATUS TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST INEQUALITIES IN THE U.S. AND AROUND THE WORLD, PROTESTING APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA.

CHRIS: IN 1988, ARTHUR ASHE DISCOVERED HE HAD CONTRACTED HIV MOST LIKELY THROUGH A BLOOD TRANSFUSION YEARS EARLIER. IT WAS A CAUSE HE WORKED TO RAISE AWARENESS AND KNOWLEDGE OF UNTIL HIS DEATH AT THE AGE OF 49.

CHRIS: DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MAGIC AND MICHAEL OR VENUS AND SERENA? TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE ATHLETES, AND OTHER IMPORTANT AFRICAN AMERICAN ICONS, GO TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND TAKE THE QUIZ.

CHRIS: HEY GUYS, IT'S FINALLY FRIDAY SO HERE'S YOUR CULTURE CAST! TODAY IN ORIENT, WASHINGTON THE ORIENT ARTS CONSORTIUM PRESENTS A "SWEETHEART DANCE" FROM 7-10 PM, FEATURING THE LATAH CREEK DRUM BAND.

CHRIS: ALSO THIS EVENING IN MONTANA, THE CULBERTSON HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM HOPES TO BEAT OUT THE COMPETITION IN A DISTRICT TOURNAMENT IN SIDNEY.

CHRIS: AND TO WRAP UP YOUR WEEKEND, HEAD TO THE NEWPORT WINTER FESTIVAL IN RHODE ISLAND. ENJOY VIKING TOURS, ICE SKATING, AND EVEN A FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT!

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. I'M CHRIS BROWNE, AND I HOPE YOU GUYS HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND.