

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 2/18/08

TOPICS COVERED:

- News of the Day
- Pop Quiz - President's Day
- Kosovo
- Texas Teen Hair

JESSICA: IT'S MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, I'M JESSICA KUMARI AND CHANNEL ONE NEWS STARTS NOW.

ANNOUNCER: PRESIDENT BUSH IS THE MIDDLE OF A FIVE NATION, SIX-DAY TRIP TO AFRICA.

ANNOUNCER: IT'S THE PRESIDENT'S SECOND VISIT TO AFRICA. THE TRIP IS MEANT TO HIGHLIGHT A NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES INCLUDING THE ETHNIC VIOLENCE IN THE DARFUR REGION OF SUDAN AND TREATMENT FOR PEOPLE WITH HIV/AIDS.

ANNOUNCER: SPEAKING IN TANZANIA, HE CALLED ON CONGRESS TO RENEW HIS GLOBAL AIDS PROGRAM. THE PRESIDENT HAS ALREADY MADE STOPS IN BENIN AND TANZANIA. HE'LL ALSO TRAVEL TO RWANDA, GHANA AND LIBERIA.

ANNOUNCER: U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE CONDOLEEZZA RICE TRAVELED WITH THE PRESIDENT FOR THE FIRST PART OF THE TRIP, BUT TODAY SHE IS HEADING TO KENYA ON HER OWN, WHERE SHE'LL MEET WITH LEADERS TO DISCUSS THE ETHNIC VIOLENCE PLAGUING THE COUNTRY.

JESSICA: SNIFFLY NOSES, HACKING COUGHS, COLD WEATHER OFTEN MEANS FEELING UNDER THE WEATHER.

JESSICA: THIS YEAR'S FLU SEASON HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY STRONG, AND IT'S GOTTEN WORSE OVER THE LAST WEEK.

JESSICA: THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL REPORTS WIDESPREAD FLU ACTIVITY IN 44 STATES. THAT'S UP FROM 31 LAST WEEK. THE NUMBER OF VISITS TO HOSPITALS AND DOCTORS FOR FLU SYMPTOMS HAS JUMPED SINCE JANUARY.

JESSICA: U.S. HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY ONE OF THE BIGGEST PROBLEMS IS THAT THIS YEAR'S FLU VACCINE IS ONLY WORKING ON 40 PERCENT OF THIS SEASON'S VIRAL STRAINS. THIS MEANS THAT EVEN IF YOU GOT VACCINATED, YOU MAY STILL BE SUSCEPTIBLE TO A FLU VIRUS.

ANNOUNCER: A DANGEROUS EARLY MORNING ILLEGAL DRAG RACE LED TO THE DEATHS OF EIGHT PEOPLE IN MARYLAND ON SATURDAY.

ANNOUNCER: POLICE SAY A CROWD GATHERED TO WATCH TWO CARS RACING ON A DARK HIGHWAY. THE CARS SPUN THEIR TIRES, RAISING A CLOUD OF SMOKE.

ANNOUNCER: THAT SMOKE OBSTRUCTED THE VIEW OF ANOTHER DRIVER, WHO WASN'T INVOLVED IN THE RACE. THE DRIVER DIDN'T SEE A GROUP OF SPECTATORS STANDING IN THE ROAD, AND PLOWED RIGHT INTO THE CROWD, HITTING 12 PEOPLE. THE VICTIMS RANGED IN AGE FROM EARLY THE 20'S TO 61.

JESSICA: VOTERS IN PAKISTAN HEAD TO THE POLLS TODAY IN A TENSE ATMOSPHERE OF VIOLENCE AND UNCERTAINTY.

JESSICA: ON SATURDAY, A SUICIDE BOMBER DROVE A CAR FILLED WITH EXPLOSIVES INTO A CROWD LEAVING AN OPPOSITION PARTY RALLY.

JESSICA: AT LEAST 37 PEOPLE WERE KILLED, MOST OF THEM MEMBERS OF THE PAKISTANI PEOPLE'S PARTY, WHICH WAS LED BY BENAZIR BHUTTO UNTIL HER ASSASSINATION IN DECEMBER.

JESSICA: YESTERDAY'S BOMBING RAISES THE WEEK'S DEATH TOLL FROM SUICIDE ATTACKS AT OPPOSITION RALLIES TO AT LEAST 90.

JESSICA: TODAY'S PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ARE THE FIRST IN FIVE YEARS. THEY'RE CONSIDERED CRUCIAL TO RESTORING DEMOCRACY IN PAKISTAN AFTER EIGHT YEARS OF MILITARY RULE.

ANNOUNCER: WE RECENTLY TOLD YOU HOW THE PENTAGON LOST CONTROL OF A U.S. SPY SATELLITE. NOW, THEY ARE PLANNING ON SHOOTING IT DOWN TO PREVENT IT FROM CRASH LANDING ON THE EARTH.

JESSICA: THE U.S. SAYS IT WILL USE A MISSILE TO SHATTER THE SATELLITE, AND ITS TANK OF HIGHLY TOXIC FUEL, BEFORE IT HITS THE EARTH.

JESSICA: BUT, THE PLAN HAS LEFT SOME COUNTRIES LIKE RUSSIA CONCERNED THAT THE REAL GOAL OF THE U.S. ISN'T SAFETY AT ALL BUT RATHER AN OPPORTUNITY TO TEST OUT NEW MISSILE TECHNOLOGIES. U.S. OFFICIALS HAVE DENIED THAT THIS IS THE CASE.

JESSICA: THIS IS A HISTORIC RACE TO THE WHITE HOUSE BECAUSE AN AFRICAN AMERICAN, BARACK OBAMA, HAS A CHANCE OF PICKING UP THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION.

JESSICA: BUT HE'S NOT THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT. IN CELEBRATION OF PRESIDENTS DAY AND BLACK HISTORY MONTH, HERE'S YOUR POP QUIZ QUESTION.

JESSICA: WHO WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO SEEK A MAJOR PARTY'S NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES?

- A. SHIRLEY CHISHOLM
- B. JESSE JACKSON
- C. CONDOLEEZZA RICE
- D. COLIN POWELL

JESSICA: TAKE TEN.

JESSICA: TIME'S UP. THE ANSWER IS A, SHIRLEY CHISHOLM. SHIRLEY CHISHOLM RAN FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION IN 1972, A CAMPAIGN THAT WAS VIEWED AS MORE SYMBOLIC THAN PRACTICAL.

JESSICA: AN ADVOCATE FOR MINORITY RIGHTS, CHISHOLM BECAME THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN ELECTED TO CONGRESS. SHE TOOK HER SEAT IN THE U.S. HOUSE IN 1969 WHERE SHE SPENT SEVEN TERMS. SHE DIED IN 2005.

COMMERCIAL

JESSICA: WE CELEBRATE IT EVERY FOURTH OF JULY. THE DAY THE U.S. DECLARED INDEPENDENCE FROM BRITAIN, AS YOU KNOW, A BLOODY REVOLUTIONARY WAR FOLLOWED.

JESSICA: YESTERDAY, A TERRITORY IN EASTERN EUROPE ALSO DECLARED ITS INDEPENDENCE AND SOME WORRY THAT MOVE WILL LEAD TO BLOODSHED.

JESSICA: TONY ANDERSON HAS THE STORY.

TONY: IT'S A CELEBRATION FOR WHAT SOME SAY COULD BE EUROPE'S NEWEST COUNTRY.

TONY: YESTERDAY THE TERRITORY OF KOSOVO OFFICIALLY DECLARED ITS INDEPENDENCE FROM THE COUNTRY OF SERBIA.

(SOT:) "Kosovo is a republic, an independent, democratic state."

TONY: IT'S THIS DECLARATION THAT IGNITED CELEBRATIONS, LIKE HERE IN NEW YORK. HOW EXCITED ARE YOU GUYS FOR KOSOVO TO HAVE ITS INDEPENDENCE?

(SOT:) "I can't, I don't know how to explain to you it's like thousands and thousands of years we wait for this day. All my family wait for this day, I don't know how to explain to you."

TONY: BUT NOT EVERYONE IS CHEERING. IN SERBIA TODAY, UP TO 2,000 PROTESTORS HURLED ROCKS AT THE US EMBASSY. GRENADES WERE THROWN AT A UN BUILDING IN NORTHERN KOSOVO.

TONY: SERBIA AND RUSSIA SAY KOSOVO'S DECLARATION BREAKS INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ARE CONCERNED ABOUT INSTABILITY IN EUROPE ACCORDING TO THE SERBIAN AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE.

(SOT: Predrag Simic) "I am afraid that the victim is going to be Serbia, Serbian people around us, it's the stability in Europe is going to suffer."

TONY: SUFFER BECAUSE IT'S A REGION THAT HAS A LONG AND BLOODY PAST AND SOME WORRY THE DECLARATION COULD SPARK MORE VIOLENCE.

TONY: KOSOVO AND SERBIA ARE PART OF THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA. SINCE THE FALL OF COMMUNISM IN THE 1990'S, TERRITORIES HAVE BROKEN OFF FROM YUGOSLAVIA TO BECOME THEIR OWN COUNTRIES.

TONY: ABOUT 10 THOUSAND PEOPLE DIED IN THE KOSOVO WAR FROM 1998 TO 1999. THE U.S. AND COUNTRIES IN WESTERN EUROPE TEAMED UP TO HELP END THE CONFLICT, AND KOSOVO HAS SINCE BEEN UNDER UNITED NATIONS RULE.

TONY: 16,000 NATO TROOPS STILL PATROL KOSOVO'S STREETS WHERE 90% OF THE POPULATION IS ALBANIAN AND JUST OVER 5% IS SERBIAN. VIOLENCE BETWEEN THE TWO ETHNIC GROUPS IS STILL A PROBLEM.

TONY: THE U.S., ALONG WITH KEY EUROPEAN ALLIES, SUPPORT KOSOVO'S INDEPENDENCE AND FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FROM KOSOVO, LIVING IN THE U.S., TODAY IS INDEPENDENCE DAY.

TONY: WHY IS THIS SUCH A BIG DEAL FOR KOSOVO TO HAVE ITS INDEPENDENCE?

(SOT:) "We've been waiting for this for like a thousand years and it finally came."

TONY: WHAT'S GOING ON IN KOSOVO RIGHT NOW? HOW IS EVERYBODY?

(SOT: Nosh Gjeka) "Tomorrow we are going to have to think about building a constitution, building the institutions and having the democratic state."

TONY: AS YOU SEE PEOPLE'S CARS THEY HAVE FLAGS ON THE BACK OF THEIR CARS CELEBRATING KOSOVO'S INDEPENDENCE FROM SERBIA. AND WHAT SOME ARE CALLING KOSOVO'S INDEPENDENCE DAY. TONY ANDERSON, CHANNEL ONE NEWS

ANNOUNCER: NOW THAT YOU KNOW WHERE KOSOVO IS, HEAD TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND PLAY GEO MASTER TO PINPOINT OTHER GLOBAL HOTSPOTS.

JESSICA: A TEXAS TEEN DECIDES TO CHANGE HER HAIR BY ADDING A LITTLE COLOR. NOW SHE'S BEING FORCED TO CHANGE IT BACK OR ELSE. SEE HOW THIS STYLE SHOWDOWN ENDS NEXT ON CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

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JESSICA: FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, IT'S NOT SPELLED OUT IN THE FIRST AMENDMENT, BUT FREEDOM OF SPEECH HAS BEEN EXPANDED TO INCLUDE THE IDEA OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION.

JESSICA: THIS COULD BE EXPRESSING YOURSELF IN ART OR MUSIC OR EVEN THE COLOR OF YOUR HAIR. IN OUR ONEVOICE SERIES ON THE FIRST AMENDMENT, WE TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN PERSONAL EXPRESSION CONFLICTS WITH THE SCHOOL DRESS CODE.

(SOT: Monique Sanders) "It takes eight hours."

JESSICA: SENIOR MONIQUE SAMUELS IS FACING SUSPENSION IF SHE DOESN'T DYE HER HAIR DARK.

(SOT: Monique Sanders) "But I just got to color it so it looks good on me."

JESSICA: MONIQUE IS THE SECOND BLACK STUDENT DISCIPLINED AT WILEY HIGH SCHOOL IN WILEY, TEXAS FOR HAVING PLUMB COLOR HAIR. CLASSMATE LEQUIA WATKINS WAS THE FIRST.

(SOT: Lequia Watkins) "Me personally, I like it, it's cute."

JESSICA: BUT SCHOOL OFFICIALS CONSIDER THE PLUMB COLOR A VIOLATION OF THEIR DRESS CODE.

(SOT: Principal) "The dress code is in place to help discipline, it's to focus the students on academics."

JESSICA: AND ACCORDING TO THE DRESS CODE UNNATURAL COLORING IS PROHIBITED.

(SOT: Principal) "We have to be even handed across the board. We can't show favoritism toward plumb color hair or blue color hair or whatever color hair. We have to be very even handed."

JESSICA: BUT FAVORITISM IS EXACTLY WHAT THESE BLACK STUDENTS FEEL THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS SHOWING.

(SOT: Monique) "We see the white girls walking around the school all the time with different color hairs and we know it's not their natural hair color but they don't say nothing to them."

JESSICA: LAQUIA IS HOPING TO SAY SOMETHING BY CHANGING SCHOOLS, MONIQUE ON THE OTHER HAND IS OPEN TO CHANGING HER LOOK.

(SOT: Monique) "If they give me my money back I'll take it out, if they give me my 108 dollars back I'll take it out."

JESSICA: MONIQUE'S MOTHER SAYS SHE PLANS TO APPEAL THE SCHOOLS DECISION.

ANNOUNCER: TO MAKE SURE YOU KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AT SCHOOL HEAD TO THE ONE VOICE FEATURE AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

JESSICA: IT'S MONDAY AND THAT MEANS ITS PLAY OF THE WEEK TIME. TONY ANDERSON HAS THE HIGHLIGHTS.

TONY: HEY GUYS, CHECK OUT THIS PLAY COMING FROM MARCUS HIGH SCHOOL, IN FLOWER MOUND, TEXAS. MICHAEL BOESCHENSTIEN LAUNCHES A HAIL MARY FROM MORE THAN HALF COURT. HE BEATS THE BUZZER, THE CROWD GOES WILD, THE GAME IS OVER. WELL THE GAME REALLY ISN'T OVER ITS JUST THE END OF THE FIRST QUARTER, BUT NEVERTHELESS STILL A GREAT SHOT.

TONY: AND YOU CAN ALSO UPLOAD YOUR VIDEO TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM. WE COULD SHOW YOU MAKING A PLAY OF THE WEEK.

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

JESSICA: FINDING A LOST CITY IN INDIA. IT SEEMS TO BE STRAIGHT OUT OF THE SCRIPT OF A POPULAR INDIANA JONES MOVIE BUT THIS IS FOR REAL.

JESSICA: ARCHAEOLOGISTS DUG UP THE REMAINS OF A 25 HUNDRED-YEAR-OLD FORTIFIED CITY IN INDIA'S EASTERN ORISSA STATE. IT'S BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN BIGGER THAN ATHENS, GREECE. THE LARGEST KNOWN CITY AT THAT TIME!

JESSICA: RESEARCHERS FOUND A NUMBER OF ARTIFACTS AND STRUCTURES THAT ARE PROVIDING NEW INFORMATION ABOUT LIFE IN A FLOURISHING CITY DURING THAT PERIOD.

JESSICA: ARCHAEOLOGISTS SAY THE CITY HAD FOUR GATEWAYS AND COULD HAVE HOUSED UP TO 20 THOUSAND PEOPLE. CLASSICAL ATHENS ONLY HELD ABOUT TEN THOUSAND.