

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 2/26/08

TOPICS COVERED:

- News of the Day
- Youtube Pakistan
- Submarine School

CHRIS: HEY GUYS, IT'S FEBRUARY 26TH, I'M CHRIS BROWNE AND COMING UP YOU'LL MEET SOME TEENS WHO ARE BUILDING SUBMARINES FROM SCRATCH BUT FIRST, HERE ARE YOUR HEADLINES FROM CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

ANNOUNCER: THERE IS MORE FIGHTING ON THE BORDER BETWEEN TURKEY AND IRAQ. ON THURSDAY, FORCES FROM TURKEY ENTERED NORTHERN IRAQ TO BATTLE KURDISH FIGHTERS LIVING IN THE REGION.

ANNOUNCER: THE TURKISH MILITARY IS TRYING TO PREVENT KURDISH REBELS FROM LAUNCHING ATTACKS FROM HIDEOUTS IN NORTHERN IRAQ.

ANNOUNCER: KURDS ARE AN ETHNIC GROUP OF ABOUT 15 TO 20 MILLION PEOPLE. MOST ARE SUNNI MUSLIMS THAT LIVE IN TURKEY, IRAQ, IRAN AND SYRIA.

ANNOUNCER: THE KURDS ARE ONE OF THE LARGEST ETHNIC GROUP WITHOUT ITS OWN STATE. THEY'VE BEEN FIGHTING FOR A KURDISH HOMELAND SINCE THE MID-1980S. SO FAR MORE THAN 30 THOUSAND PEOPLE HAVE DIED IN THE FIGHTING.

ANNOUNCER: ACCORDING TO THE TURKISH MILITARY, MORE THAN 150 KURDISH REBELS HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE LATEST MILITARY ACTION.

TONY: THEY'RE CALLING IT THE DOOMSDAY VAULT. NORWEGIAN SCIENTISTS ARE TAKING STEPS TO MAKE SURE THE WORLD HAS A BACKUP PLAN IN THE EVENT WAR, OR A BIG NATURAL CATASTROPHE DESTROYS THE FOOD SUPPLY.

TONY: THE SCIENTISTS ARE COLLECTING SEEDS FROM AROUND THE WORLD, WHICH THEY WILL STORE IN A VAULT ON A REMOTE ARCTIC ISLAND.

TONY: ORGANIZERS SAY IF A DISASTER OCCURS AND WIPES OUT IMPORTANT PLANT LIFE, THE SEEDS IN THE BANK WOULD ALLOW IMPORTANT CROPS TO BE RE-GROWN.

ANNOUNCER: GOVERNORS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY MET WITH PRESIDENT BUSH YESTERDAY. SOME OF THEM, INCLUDING ELIOT SPITZER OF NEW YORK AND ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER OF CALIFORNIA, WANT THE PRESIDENT TO SPEND MORE FEDERAL MONEY TO FIX THE NATION'S ROADS, WATER SYSTEMS AND BRIDGES.

ANNOUNCER: THEY SAY THE MONEY COULD BE PART OF A SECOND ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE. BUT THE WHITE HOUSE REJECTED THE IDEA, AND SAID IT MIGHT CONSIDER MORE FUNDS FOR SUCH PROJECTS, BUT NOT AS PART OF A PLAN TO AVOID AN ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN.

TONY: THE NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, ONE OF THE UNITED STATES' GREATEST CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS, IS ON AN HISTORIC VISIT TO NORTH KOREA.

TONY: MEMBERS OF THE ORCHESTRA ARRIVED IN NORTH KOREA'S CAPITAL OF PYONGYANG YESTERDAY. THEY WERE WELCOMED WITH NORTH KOREAN ENTERTAINMENT LOCAL ARTISTS PERFORMING THE TRADITIONAL FAN AND DRUM DANCES.

TONY: NORTH KOREA IS RUN BY AN EXTREMELY SECRETIVE GOVERNMENT, WHICH EXERCISES A GREAT DEAL OF CONTROL OVER ITS PEOPLE'S LIVES. TRAVEL TO THE COUNTRY IS VERY RESTRICTED, ESPECIALLY FOR AMERICANS.

TONY: BUT LAST YEAR, THE NORTH KOREANS EXTENDED AN INVITATION FOR THE PHILHARMONIC TO COME AND PERFORM, AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGED THE ORCHESTRA TO ACCEPT.

TONY: THE PHILHARMONIC WILL PERFORM A CONCERT TODAY, WHICH WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON NORTH KOREA'S STATE RUN TV STATION.

ANNOUNCER: GETTING A DRIVER'S LICENSE IS A MAJOR EVENT IN MANY TEENS' LIVES. SO YOU MAY BE SURPRISED TO HEAR THAT THE PERCENTAGE OF 16-YEAR-OLDS WITH DRIVER'S LICENSES HAS DROPPED SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THE LAST DECADE.

ANNOUNCER: IN 1998 MORE THAN 43 PERCENT OF 16 YEAR OLDS WERE LICENSED DRIVERS, ACCORDING TO THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION. BY 2006, THAT NUMBER WAS DOWN TO JUST 29 PERCENT.

ANNOUNCER: THERE ARE SEVERAL REASONS GIVEN FOR THE DECREASE IN TEEN DRIVERS. THEY INCLUDE NEW RESTRICTIONS ON WHEN TEENS ARE ALLOWED TO DRIVE, HIGHER INSURANCE COSTS, AND A MOVEMENT AWAY FROM DRIVER'S ED CLASSES RUN BY SCHOOLS TO EXPENSIVE, PRIVATE COURSES.

ANNOUNCER: COMING UP, JESSICA KUMARI LOOKS AT AN INTERNATIONAL CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING FREE SPEECH AND YOUTUBE.

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CHRIS: HAVE YOU EVER BEEN OFFENDED BY SOMETHING YOU'VE SEEN ON YOUTUBE? WELL, SOME COUNTRIES HAVE AND NOW THEY'RE CRACKING DOWN ON THE VIDEOSHARING SITE.

CHRIS: TODAY, AS PART OF OUR CONTINUING ONE VOICE SERIES ON THE FIRST AMENDMENT, JESSICA KUMARI TAKES A LOOK AT YOUTUBE AND FREE SPEECH.

JESSICA: DID YOUR YOUTUBE CRASH RECENTLY? WELL, TRAFFIC ON THE WEBSITE WHICH ALLOWS ANYONE TO UPLOAD VIDEOS ONLINE WAS DISRUPTED FOR USERS AROUND THE WORLD FOR ABOUT TWO HOURS ON SUNDAY.

JESSICA: IT WAS ALL BECAUSE OF A COUNTRY ABOUT 7,000 MILES AWAY PAKISTAN. THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT TRIED TO BLOCK YOUTUBE FROM ITS CITIZENS AND IN DOING SO, CAUSED THE WORLDWIDE OUTAGE.

JESSICA: THE REST OF THE WORLD WAS BACK UP A FEW HOURS LATER, BUT THE SITE IS STILL DOWN IN PAKISTAN, PERMANENTLY.

JESSICA: SOME GROUPS SAY THE OUTAGE BLOCKS FREE SPEECH AND NOW THE ORGANIZATION REPORTERS WITHOUT BORDERS IS CONDEMNING THE ACT SAYING IT VIOLATES LAWS PROTECTING FREE SPEECH AND FREE PRESS.

JESSICA: HOW IS THIS A VIOLATION OF FREEDOM OF THE PRESS?

(SOT: Tala Dowlatshahi) "It's very important for youth in particular in Pakistan at this time with new body taking over to be able to voice their opinions about the way that they would like to see the government go ahead and move forward. To feel that they have access to the world outside and not feel so isolated."

JESSICA: WHY DID PAKISTAN BLOCK ACCESS TO YOUTUBE?

(SOT: Tala Dowlatshahi) "Postings on Youtube that are deemed to be criticizing, making fun of, mocking Islamic books, Islamic jurisprudence, Islamic laws, Islamic way of being in principles tend to get met with a very critical eye."

JESSICA: ONE VIDEO IN PARTICULAR CRITICIZING THE PRINCIPLES OF ISLAM IS WHAT SOME PAKISTANI BLOGGERS SAY PROMPTED THE GOVERNMENT'S CENSORSHIP.

JESSICA: BUT IF YOU TRY TO GET TO THAT LINK ON YOUTUBE THE WEBSITE SAYS, "THIS VIDEO HAS BEEN REMOVED DUE TO TERMS OF USE VIOLATION."

JESSICA: WHAT EXACTLY WAS IT VIOLATING? THE WEBSITE SAYS IT DOESN'T COMMENT ON REASONS FOR REMOVING SPECIFIC VIDEOS BUT SOME PEOPLE IN PAKISTAN FEARED THAT VIDEO WOULD INSPIRE RIOTS LIKE THIS.

JESSICA: IN PAKISTAN'S CAPITAL OF ISLAMABAD THIS WEEK STUDENTS PROTESTED THE PUBLICATION OF CARTOONS IN DANISH NEWSPAPERS DEPICTING THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD.

JESSICA: IT'S CONSIDERED A SIN IN ISLAM TO SHOW IMAGES OF THE PROPHET AND DOING SO IS SEEN AS INSULTING.

JESSICA: TALA SAYS PAKISTAN ISN'T THE ONLY COUNTRY TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS OTHER COUNTRIES THAT CENSOR THE INTERNET INCLUDE CHINA.

(SOT:) "If we both went to Beijing and went to a café and typed in Google we would not be able to get access to words such as democracy, Dali Lama, free Tibet. These words have been filtered and you will get a prompt from the Chinese government saying that these words or these phrases are deemed to threaten the national security."

JESSICA: BUT TALA SAYS WHAT'S REALLY BEING THREATENED IS THE RIGHT TO EXCHANGE IDEAS AND SPEAK WITHOUT GOVERNMENT CENSORSHIP. JESSICA KUMARI CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

ANNOUNCER: WHAT SHOULD YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS VIDEO SHARING SITE? TO FIND OUT, LOOK FOR THE TRUTH ABOUT YOUTUBE ON CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

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CHRIS: DID YOU EVER READ THAT JULES VERNE NOVEL, TWENTY THOUSAND LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA?

CHRIS: WELL, IT WAS PUBLISHED IN 1870, AND BACK THEN, THE IDEA OF DEEP SEA SUBMARINE TRAVEL WAS PURE SCIENCE FICTION BUT NOT ANYMORE. AND AS TONY ANDERSON TELLS US, NOW A DAYS EVEN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE GETTING A CRACK AT SUBMARINE TRAVEL.

TONY: IMAGINE EXPLORING UNDERWATER IN YOUR OWN PERSONAL SUBMARINE. SOUND LIKE A FANTASY?

(SOT: Chelsea) "We go 20 feet down in this."

TONY: IT'S REALITY FOR STUDENTS AT NEW JERSEY'S SUSSEX COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL. THEY BUILT THIS HUMAN POWERED SUB FROM SCRATCH TO BE ENTERED AND RACED IN AN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION.

(SOT: Chelsea Shupe) "I went so fast that we came up, breached the surface, so you could actually, it looked like a scene from jaws."

TONY: BUT WHEN YOU'RE DIVING UNDERWATER, YOU HAVE TO GET IT RIGHT ON THE FIRST TRY, NOT AN EASY TASK.

TONY: HOW MUCH SELF CONFIDENCE DID YOU HAVE BECAUSE YOU KNOW YOU WERE REALLY IN THERE CHURNING IT OUT, HOW MUCH DID IT TAKE FOR YOU TO DO THAT?

(SOT: Chelsea Shupe) "Well, I think it took, I don't know, I don't feel like bragging."

TONY: GO ON

(SOT: Chelsea Shupe) "I think it did take some courage because to, first to get down there just in the water at 20 feet, it's dark, I've never been scuba diving where it's really that dark and it was cold water."

TONY: BUT THAT COURAGE PAID OFF, THE CLASS WON FIRST PRIZE FOR INNOVATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL SUBMARINE RACES.

TONY: COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES USUALLY WIN, SO A HIGH SCHOOL TEAM TAKING TOP HONORS IS BIG NEWS.

TONY: SENIOR ALEX POLLARA SHOWED US HOW THE JOB OF PILOT IS NOT FOR THE CLAUSTROPHOBIC.

(SOT: Alex Pollara) "It's a lot easier when you're in the water because you're floating."

TONY: THE SUSSEX TEAM'S BRIGHT IDEA? USING THE VERSA-CLIMBER, LIKE YOU SEE IN THE GYM, AS THE PROPULSION SYSTEM.

TONY: SO BASICALLY WHEN YOU'RE LAYING FACE DOWN IN THE SUBMARINE, YOU'RE KINDA DOING THIS, BUT YA KNOW HORIZONTALLY. WHICH IS KIND OF REVOLUTIONARY BECAUSE IT WAS ORIGINALLY DONE WITH LIKE A PEDAL AND A BIKE RIGHT? AND THIS IS YOUR TECHNIQUE. WHAT MADE YOU THINK OF THIS?

(SOT: Senior Frank Porter) "Well, we had some influence from our athletic trainer because he said that one of the things that you could

do to burn the most calories, which is like your power output, is using the versa climber type motion."

TONY: IT'S THAT KIND OF INGENUITY THAT CHRIS LAND TRIES TO BRING OUT IN HIS STUDENTS.

(SOT: Mr. Land) "How do you grade enthusiasm? How do you grade hard work? How do you put too much grade on the final product? I gotta tell ya, this thing could sink like a rock, go to the bottom and they could all get A's."

TONY: FOR THE TEAM, IT'S ABOUT SO MUCH MORE THAN GRADES.

(SOT: Dan Nuzzetti) "You have to have an interest in math and science. You don't have to be the best at it, but you have to be interested in it because if you're someone who doesn't want to deal with it, you're not going to make it to the fun stuff."

(SOT: Chelsea) "And now I'm taking physics this year for real and it's just helped tremendously, I have my friends saying "oh I don't understand this and I can explain it in two sentences and they say 'oh ok!'"

TONY: TONY ANDERSON, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

TONY: HERE'S ONE FACT YOU MAY NOT KNOW, THE 1ST AMERICAN SUBMARINE USED IN BATTLE WAS NICKNAMED "TURTLE." BUILT IN 1776, IT WAS DESIGNED TO BE A WEAPON IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

ANNOUNCER: DO YOU HAVE A GREAT IDEA THAT COULD TAKE AN ORDINARY PRODUCT AND MAKE IT EXTRA-ORDINARY? WELL THEN, YOU GOT TO CHECK OUT HOW TO BE AN INVENTOR AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

CHRIS: THAT DOES IT FOR CHANNEL ONE NEWS, I'M CHRIS BROWNE, HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT DAY.