

## CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 3/25/08

### TOPICS COVERED:

- News of the Day
- Geo - Pop Quiz
- Political Cartoons
- Hookah

TONY: HEY GUYS IT'S TUESDAY, MARCH 25TH, I'M TONY ANDERSON AND TODAY, WE TELL YOU ABOUT A NEW TREND THAT MAY BE WORSE FOR YOU THAN SMOKING CIGARETTES BUT FIRST HERE ARE YOUR HEADLINES FROM CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

JESSICA: ARE THE PRESSURES OF SCHOOL CUTTING INTO YOUR BEAUTY SLEEP? RESEARCHERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS CONDUCTED INTERVIEWS WITH MORE THAN 3 THOUSAND TEENS IN THE HOUSTON AREA AND FOUND THAT MORE THAN A QUARTER HAD ONE OR MORE SYMPTOMS OF INSOMNIA.

JESSICA: AND NEARLY HALF OF THEM HAD CHRONIC CONDITIONS MEANING THEY HAD INSOMNIA ON A REGULAR BASIS.

JESSICA: RESEARCHERS SAY TEENS WITH CHRONIC INSOMNIA WERE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO HAVE PROBLEMS WITH DRUG USE, DEPRESSION, SCHOOL WORK, JOBS AND HAD NEGATIVE THOUGHTS ABOUT THEIR OWN HEALTH.

CHRIS: A STAR HALFWAY ACROSS THE UNIVERSE CAUSED AN EXPLOSION SO HUGE IT SET A RECORD FOR THE MOST DISTANT OBJECT THAT COULD BE SEEN ON EARTH BY THE NAKED EYE.

CHRIS: THE STAR WAS 7.5 BILLION LIGHT YEARS AWAY IN AN UNKNOWN GALAXY ONE LIGHT YEAR IS ABOUT 5.9 TRILLION MILES.

CHRIS: BEFORE IT EXPLODED THE STAR WAS ABOUT 40 TIMES LARGER THAN OUR SUN. THE EXPLOSION VAPORIZED ANY PLANET NEARBY THE IMAGES WERE RECORDED BY NASA LAST WEEK

JESSICA: THE SEVEN ASTRONAUTS ABOARD NASA'S SHUTTLE ENDEAVOUR SET OFF FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION LATE MONDAY

JESSICA: THEY'RE DUE TO LAND WEDNESDAY AT KENNEDY SPACE CENTER IN FLORIDA

JESSICA: WHILE UP IN ZERO-G OR ZERO GRAVITY, ASTRONAUTS PERFORMED FIVE SPACEWALKS, A NEW RECORD FOR A SINGLE SHUTTLE VISIT. THEY BUILT A CANADIAN ROBOT ARM AND INSTALLED THE FIRST PART OF A JAPANESE SPACE LAB.

CHRIS: THE OLYMPIC TORCH WAS LIT YESTERDAY IN GREECE AND BEGAN ITS 85 THOUSAND MILE JOURNEY ACROSS 20 COUNTRIES AND FIVE CONTINENTS IT WILL FINISH IN BEIJING TO OPEN THE SUMMER GAMES ON AUGUST EIGHTH.

CHRIS: THE CEREMONY WAS BRIEFLY DISTURBED BY A SMALL GROUP OF DEMONSTRATORS PROTESTING AGAINST CHINA'S RULE IN TIBET.

CHRIS: SOME RAN ONTO THE FIELD AND INTERRUPTED A SPEECH BY THE HEAD OF THE CHINESE OLYMPICS COMMITTEE. THE THREE PROTESTERS WERE LATER TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

(SOT: JACQUES ROGGE) "I am saying to our Chinese friends and to everyone that the Games cannot be held in an atmosphere of violence."

CHRIS: PROTESTS BEGAN IN TIBET'S CAPITAL MARCH 10TH AND CHINESE AUTHORITIES SAY 22 PEOPLE WERE KILLED, TIBETAN ESTIMATES MEANWHILE ARE FIVE TIMES THAT NUMBER.

JESSICA: A GRIM MILESTONE IN THE WAR IN IRAQ COMING JUST DAYS AFTER THE FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. INVASION.

JESSICA: THE DEATH TOLL OF U.S. TROOPS IN IRAQ HIT 4 THOUSAND. THAT NUMBER REACHED SUNDAY AFTER THE DEATHS OF FOUR U.S. SOLDIERS KILLED IN A ROADSIDE BOMBING IN BAGHDAD.

(SOT: Col. Dominic Caraccilo) "It is a tough thing to see soldiers lives lost, but I'm also impressed and happy that our nation is spending the funds and properly training the soldiers and giving us the equipment we need to survive."

JESSICA: MORE THAN 29 THOUSAND AMERICAN TROOPS HAVE BEEN WOUNDED. THE LARGEST GROUP OF U.S. SOLDIERS IN IRAQ, ARE BETWEEN 20 AND 24 YEARS OLD.

JESSICA: TO DATE, THE WAR HAS COST AN ESTIMATED 600 BILLION DOLLARS.

JESSICA: ALTHOUGH ESTIMATES ON DEATHS OF IRAQI CIVILIANS VARY WIDELY, ONE RESPECTED TALLY, BY IRAQ BODY COUNT, SAYS THAT MORE THAN 80,000 IRAQI CIVILIANS HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES

TONY: WE'VE BEEN TALKING A LOT ABOUT IRAQ LATELY BUT U.S. TROOPS ARE ALSO FIGHTING A WAR IN ANOTHER COUNTRY AFGHANISTAN LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN FIND IT ON A MAP.

TONY: MORE THAN 7,000 MILES AWAY, LOCATED ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PLANET, WHICH OF THESE COUNTRIES IS AFGHANISTAN?

TONY: IS IT:

- A.
- B.
- C.
- OR
- D.

TONY: TAKE TEN.

TONY: TIME'S UP! THE ANSWER IS C!

TONY: MOUNTAINOUS AFGHANISTAN HAS A STRATEGIC POSITION LANDLOCKED BETWEEN IRAN, PAKISTAN, CHINA, AND OTHER COUNTRIES THAT BROKE AWAY FROM RUSSIA.

TONY: BUT THE COUNTRY SUFFERS FROM INSTABILITY AND CONFLICT. SO MUCH SO, THAT ITS ECONOMY AND INFRASTRUCTURE ARE IN RUINS AND MANY OF ITS NATIVES ARE REFUGEES.

TONY: AFGHANISTAN WON INDEPENDENCE FROM BRITISH CONTROL IN 1919. IT FAMOUSLY FOUGHT OFF THE SOVIET UNION DURING A 10-YEAR WAR, WHICH ENDED IN 1989.

TONY: BUT AFTER A SERIES OF CIVIL WARS AFGHANISTAN WAS TAKEN OVER BY THE TALIBAN IN 1996. THE TALIBAN, A HARDLINE ISLAMIC MOVEMENT, PROMISED TO END THE COUNTRY'S CIVIL WAR AND ANARCHY.

TONY: FOLLOWING THE SEPTEMBER 11TH ATTACKS THE U.S. LED AN INVASION INTO AFGHANISTAN AND TOPPLED THE TALIBAN BECAUSE THE U.S. SAYS THE TALIBAN WAS PROTECTING OSAMA BIN LADEN.

TONY: A FEW YEARS LATER, A NEW CONSTITUTION WAS ADOPTED, AND ELECTIONS WERE HELD FOR PRESIDENT AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BUT STILL THE COUNTRY REMAINS UNSTABLE.

TONY: THE PENTAGON SAYS THAT BY LATE SUMMER, THERE WILL BE ABOUT 31,000 U.S. TROOPS IN AFGHANISTAN UP FROM ABOUT 28,000 NOW.

COMMERCIAL

TONY: SCOOPY DOO? BUGS BUNNY? DRAGON BALL Z? THESE MAY BE THE NAMES THAT COME TO MIND WHEN YOU THINK OF CARTOONS, BUT WHAT ABOUT JOHN MCCAIN, BARACK OBAMA AND HILLARY CLINTON?

TONY: WELL, EDITORIAL CARTOONS ARE PROTECTED AS FREE SPEECH, ONE OF THE FIVE FREEDOMS IN THE FIRST AMENDMENT.

TONY: WELL, AS JESSICA KUMARI EXPLAINS HOW THESE DRAWINGS HAVE PLAYED A PART IN POLITICS THROUGHOUT U.S. HISTORY.

(SOT: ) "I get such a great feeling when I do a cartoon that I know exposes a politician, exposes their hypocrisy."

JESSICA: FOR POLITICAL CARTOONIST MIKE LUCKOVICH, THE PEN REALLY IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD.

(SOT: ) "There's a lot of spin and so I really feel like my job is to cut through that."

JESSICA: A SINGLE DRAWING CAN DO JUST THAT, CAPTURING COMPLEX ISSUES AND EVEN POKING FUN AT POLITICIANS.

(SOT: ) "Hillary comes with Bill and you know Bill is like a big hound dog. You just know he's going to jump the fence. Obama would be great. He's got big ears, big smile, long face."

JESSICA: AS FOR MCCAIN?

(SOT: ) "He's got a very bad, bad temper. To me he's like the cranky old guy."

JESSICA: BUT POLITICAL CARTOONS DO MORE THAN MAKE PEOPLE LAUGH, THEY'VE LONG BEEN USED TO INFLUENCE AND EVEN FORESHADOW PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS.

JESSICA: TAKE A LOOK AT THIS CARTOON FROM 1905. THEN SECRETARY OF WAR WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT TOLD PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT HE DID NOT WANT TO BE ROOSEVELT'S SUCCESSOR AND INSTEAD LOOKING FOR A NOMINATION TO THE SUPREME COURT.

JESSICA: BUT WITH ROOSEVELT'S ENCOURAGEMENT, TAFT BEGAN TO CONSIDER THE OPTION. IN THIS CARTOON TAFT BLOCKS THE BUZZ OF A POTENTIAL SUPREME COURT NOMINATION TO BETTER HEAR THE ENTICING BUZZ OF THE PRESIDENTIAL BEE. TAFT EVENTUALLY BECAME THE 27TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

(SOT: ) "Kerry voted for the Iraq war, opposed it, supported it."

JESSICA: YOU MAY REMEMBER DURING THE 2004 CONTEST, A BUSH ADVERTISEMENT LABELED JOHN KERRY AS A FLIP FLOPPER? THAT'S THE SAME ARGUMENT SEEN IN THIS CARTOON FROM 1948 SHOWING THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE HENRY WALLACE FLIP FLOPPING ON DEFENSE POLICY.

JESSICA: POLITICAL CARTOONS MAY HAVE BEEN THE ONLY PICTURES VOTERS HAD OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES DURING THE 19TH CENTURY, BUT WITH THE ADVENT OF PHOTOGRAPHY AND EVENTUALLY TELEVISION CARTOONISTS HAVE HAD TO COMPETE FOR ATTENTION AND INFLUENCE, AND SOME HAVE DONE THAT BY BECOMING MORE OUTSPOKEN.

JESSICA: PULITZER PRIZE WINNING CARTOONIST HERBERT BLOCK FIRST USED THE WORD MCCARTHYISM IN HIS CARTOONS WHICH CRITICIZED SENATOR JOSEPH MCCARTHY'S SEARCH FOR COMMUNISTS WITHIN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

JESSICA: YOU PROBABLY KNOW DR. SEUSS FOR HIS CHILDREN'S BOOKS. BUT HE ALSO MADE HUNDREDS OF CARTOONS CRITICIZING ADOLF HITLER AND ALL THOSE OPPOSED TO THE UNITED STATES GOING TO WAR AGAINST GERMANY.

(SOT: ) "The best cartoons have this sense of self righteous indignation and they want the reader to do something."

JESSICA: DOING SOMETHING LIKE VOTING AND FOR CARTOONIST MIKE LUCKOVICH THAT MAKES CAMPAIGN SEASON AN EXCITING AND IMPORTANT TIME OF YEAR. JESSICA KUMARI CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

TONY: HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE FIRST AMENDMENT AND THE FREEDOMS IT GUARANTEES? TO FIND OUT, HEAD TO THE ONE VOICE FEATURE AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM. THEN TAKE THE POLL TO LET US KNOW WHICH FREEDOM IS MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU.

COMMERCIAL

TONY: IT HAS BEEN AROUND FOR CENTURIES IN AFRICA AND ASIA AND NOW, FLAVORED TOBACCO, OR HOOKAH, IS GAINING POPULARITY RIGHT HERE IN THE U.S. AND THAT HAS MANY HEALTH EXPERTS CONCERNED. CHRIS BROWNE SHOWS US SOME OF THE REAL DANGERS OF SMOKING HOOKAH.

CHRIS: IT'S A NEW TREND, SMOKING FLAVORED TOBACCO, OR HOOKAH,

AND SOME BELIEVE THAT BECAUSE THE SMOKE FIRST PASSES THROUGH A WATER CHAMBER BEFORE BEING INHALED, IT'S NOT DANGEROUS.

(SOT: Valentina Mencini) "It's not overwhelming, tobacco."

CHRIS: BUT ACCORDING TO RECENT STUDIES. HOOKAH SMOKING CARRIES RISKS SIMILAR TO CIGARETTE SMOKING.

(SOT: Paul Billings) "Hookah smoking causes the wide range of health effects associated with all smoking, lung cancer, emphysema, heart disease, and really should be avoided."

CHRIS: IN FACT, IT COULD BE WORSE BECAUSE HOOKAH SMOKERS ARE OFTEN EXPOSED TO DEADLY CARCINOGENS SUCH AS NICOTINE AND TAR OVER A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME.

(SOT: Paul Billings) "We're very concerned because of the long duration of exposure through a hookah smoking experience."

(SOT: Cynthia Lopez) "I usually smoke for probably an hour or more."

CHRIS: BUT ACCORDING TO THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, AN HOUR OF HOOKAH IS THE EQUIVALENT OF ABOUT ONE HUNDRED CIGARETTES. HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY HOOKAH SMOKE CONTAINS CARBON MONOXIDE, NICOTINE, AND LEAD.

CHRIS: LIKE ANY OTHER TOBACCO, IT'S ILLEGAL FOR THOSE UNDER 18, BUT THAT'S NOT STOPPING SOME TEENAGERS. 18 TO 24 YEAR OLDS ARE THE FASTEST GROWING GROUP OF HOOKAH USERS ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION. SOME SMOKE IT EVEN THOUGH THEY KNOW IT'S DANGEROUS.

(SOT: Cynthia Lopez) "It's tobacco, any tobacco is bad for you. So it really doesn't matter which one you smoke. I mean, they're all bad."

CHRIS: SINCE 2000, AT LEAST 200 TO 300 NEW HOOKAH CAFES HAVE OPENED FOR BUSINESS ACCORDING TO THE TRADE JOURNAL SMOKESHOP. AS HOOKAH LOUNGES EXPAND, CONCERNS ABOUT THE DEADLY CONSEQUENCES OF TOBACCO CONTINUES. CHRIS BROWNE, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

TONY: HERE'S ONE FACT YOU MAY NOT KNOW. THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION ESTIMATES THAT 5 MILLION PEOPLE WORLDWIDE DIE EACH YEAR FROM TOBACCO USE.

TONY: TO UNCOVER THE HIGH PRICE OF TOBACCO TO YOUR HEALTH AND YOUR WALLET, LOOK FOR THE SMOKING COST CALCULATOR ON CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

TONY: ALRIGHT GUYS, THAT IS OUR SHOW FOR TODAY. I'M TONY ANDERSON FOR CHANNEL ONE NEWS WE'LL SEE YOU HERE SAME TIME, SAME PLACE TOMORROW. TAKE CARE.