

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 3/27/08

TOPICS COVERED:

- News of the Day
- Border Patrol
- Border Explorers

(SOT:) "We're from Upper Sandusky High School in Ohio. Today is Thursday, March 27th and channel one news starts right now."

JESSICA: FRANCE'S PUBLIC TV COMPANY THREATENED THIS WEEK TO BOYCOTT COVERAGE OF THIS SUMMER'S OLYMPIC GAMES IN BEIJING, CHINA.

JESSICA: FRENCH TV OFFICIALS SAY CHINA WANTS TO REQUIRE THE GAMES TO BE BROADCAST ON A TEN TO 20 SECOND DELAY. THE FRENCH SAY THAT POLICY IS A WAY FOR THE CHINESE TO CONTROL ALL OF THE IMAGES COMING OUT OF THE COUNTRY.

JESSICA: CHINA HAS A LONG HISTORY OF CENSORING THE MEDIA, AND THAT'S BECOME A BIG CONCERN AS COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD GEAR UP FOR THIS SUMMER'S GAMES.

CHRIS: THE FRENCH TV OFFICIALS SAY THEY WON'T COVER THE GAMES IF CHINA DECIDES TO REQUIRE A DELAY, AND THEY EXPECT OTHER COUNTRIES TO FOLLOW SUIT.

CHRIS: A MASSIVE ICE CHUNK IN ANTARCTICA TWICE THE SIZE OF CHICAGO HAS COLLAPSED, ACCORDING TO SCIENTISTS. AND NOW, ANOTHER CHUNK OF ICE THE SIZE OF CONNECTICUT IS AT RISK OF BREAKING OFF FROM THE CONTINENT.

CHRIS: THIS VIDEO, SHOT EARLIER THIS MONTH, SHOWS ICE SPLITTING OFF FROM ANTARCTICA.

CHRIS: SCIENTISTS SAY CRACKS IN THE ICE FILLED WITH WATER, AND OVER TIME, THAT CAUSED THE MASSIVE PIECE OF ICE TO BREAK OFF INTO THE OCEAN. SUCH A COLLAPSE IS UNUSUAL AND SCIENTISTS SAY IT'S A SIGN OF GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE.

JESSICA: THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY, IT'S ABOUT AS AMERICAN AS APPLE PIE, BUT THIS WEEK, FORD ANNOUNCED ITS SELLING OFF TWO OF ITS LUXURY BRANDS TO AN INDIAN COMPANY.

JESSICA: FORD HAS AGREED TO SELL JAGUAR AND LAND ROVER TO INDIA BASED TATA MOTORS FOR MORE THAN TWO BILLION DOLLARS.

JESSICA: TATA IS A RELATIVELY UNKNOWN BRAND HERE IN THE U.S., BUT IT'S INDIA'S NUMBER THREE CAR MAKER. THE DEAL WILL ALLOW TATA TO EXPAND TO THE GLOBAL MARKET.

JESSICA: EARLIER THIS YEAR, TATA INTRODUCED THE NANO MODEL, WHICH IS BEING ADVERTISED AS 'THE WORLD'S CHEAPEST CAR.'

CHRIS: THERE MAY BE NEW EVIDENCE IN ONE OF THE MOST PERPLEXING UNSOLVED CRIMES EVER.

CHRIS: A GROUP OF CHILDREN PLAYING NEAR THEIR HOME IN WASHINGTON STATE FOUND A TANGLED PARACHUTE THAT AUTHORITIES BELIEVE COULD BELONG TO INFAMOUS PLANE HIJACKER DB COOPER.

CHRIS: IN 1971, COOPER HIJACKED A PLANE FLYING FROM PORTLAND, OREGON TO SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, TELLING FLIGHT ATTENDANTS ON BOARD THAT HE HAD A BOMB.

CHRIS: WHEN THE PLANE LANDED, HE LET ALL OF THE PASSENGERS GO IN EXCHANGE FOR 200 THOUSAND DOLLARS AND FOUR PARACHUTES, PROVIDED BY THE FBI. HE ALSO DEMANDED TO BE FLOWN TO MEXICO CITY.

CHRIS: BUT ON THE WAY THERE, SOMEWHERE NEAR THE OREGON BORDER, HE TOOK THE MONEY AND PARACHUTED OUT OF THE BACK OF THE PLANE, NEVER TO BE SEEN AGAIN.

CHRIS: SOME OF THE MONEY WAS DISCOVERED IN 1980, BUT FEW OTHER CLUES HAVE SURFACED. THE FBI IS ANALYZING THE RECENTLY DISCOVERED PARACHUTE TO SEE IF IT COULD BE THE ONE COOPER USED.

(SOT: Larry Carr) "I decided to bring the chute back and try to make a determination of whether or not this could have been D.B. Cooper's parachute. If it is, then we need to go back and do some more digging."

TONY: LATER IN THE SHOW, WE'LL RIDE ALONG THE MEXICAN BORDER AND ANSWER THE QUESTION, WHO DOES THAT?

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TONY: THE U.S. HAS THE LARGEST SHARED BORDER IN THE WORLD WITH CANADA, AND THEN ANOTHER LONG BORDER WITH MEXICO. WITH SO MANY MILES OF TO COVER, IT CAN BE A TOUGH JOB PROTECTING OUR BORDER.

TONY: WELL, IN OUR "WHO DOES THAT" SEGMENT JESSICA KUMARI INTRODUCES US TO THE AGENTS FROM EL PASO, TEXAS, WHO ARE PROTECTING THAT LINE.

JESSICA: IMAGINE HAVING TO GUARD AN INVISIBLE BOUNDARY, TWO THOUSAND MILES LONG, IN OVER 100 DEGREE HEAT. THAT'S ESSENTIALLY THE JOB OF THE U.S. BORDER PATROL.

(SOT: Joe Romero) "Its just an imaginary line in the desert so literally just stepping on the other side of that sign you're in Mexico."

JESSICA: IN THIS AREA, THAT IMAGINARY LINE DIVIDES TWO LARGE CITIES.

(SOT: Romero) "El Paso, Juarez the Metroplex, is actually the largest border town in the world."

JESSICA: THE BORDER PATROL IS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND IT'S THEIR JOB TO KEEP AN EYE ON WHO IS ENTERING THE U.S., AND MAKE SURE NO ONE IS SNEAKING IN ILLEGALLY.

(SOT: Romero) "If they see the foot impressions along the sand, then they know that somebody's been there recently, and that's when they start following the sign out to see which way it went and hopefully catch up to them."

JESSICA: AGENTS ALSO LOOK FOR HOLES CUT IN THE FENCE ON THE BORDER AND CHECK DRAINAGE TUNNELS WHERE PEOPLE CAN CRAWL THROUGH.

JESSICA: IT CAN BE A VERY DANGEROUS. SOME DON'T SURVIVE THE JOURNEY ACROSS. AGENTS SEE FIRST HAND THE CONSEQUENCES OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING. WHEN PEOPLE PAY SOMEONE TO SMUGGLE THEM ACROSS THE BORDER. HELPING THESE PEOPLE CAN BE A DEFINING MOMENT IN AN AGENT'S CAREER.

(SOT:) "Maybe you find a group of people that were abandoned and half dead and you were able to save them."

JESSICA: IT TAKES TRAINING SIMILAR TO A POLICE FORCE. AGENTS MUST GRADUATE FROM A SEVENTEEN-WEEK ACADEMY IN NEW MEXICO.

(SOT: Victor Hernandez) "You study law, you learn Spanish if you don't already know it, you do physical training. Its fun, you know, it's challenging at times but it can be a lot of fun."

JESSICA: CURRENTLY, THERE ARE ABOUT FOURTEEN THOUSAND AGENTS NATIONWIDE COVERING TWO THOUSAND MILES OF BORDER. BUT THAT'S EXPECTED TO CHANGE.

(SOT: Romero) "The goal is to reach 18,000 agents a little over 18,000 agents by the end of December 2008."

JESSICA: JESSICA KUMARI, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

ANNOUNCER: HEAD TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND CLICK ON CROSSING THE BORDER TO CHECK OUT OUR INTERACTIVE GALLERY ON WHAT IT'S LIKE TO MAKE THE TREK FROM MEXICO INTO THE UNITED STATES.

CHRIS: ALONG THE BORDER BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO, YOU'LL FIND HUNDREDS OF MILES OF FENCES, WALLS, CHECKPOINTS, AND MOUNTAIN RANGES THAT MAKE UP THE INVISIBLE BOUNDARY YOU JUST HEARD ABOUT.

CHRIS: BUT ON THE BORDER BETWEEN MEXICO AND THE STATE OF TEXAS, THAT LINE IS DEFINED BY A NATURAL BOUNDARY. A 1900-MILE LONG BODY OF WATER THAT FLOWS FROM THE SAN JUAN MOUNTAINS IN COLORADO, FORMS THE BORDER BETWEEN MEXICO AND TEXAS, AND EMPTIES OUT INTO THE GULF OF MEXICO.

CHRIS: SO HERE'S YOUR POP QUIZ QUESTION. WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE RIVER THAT FORMS MUCH OF THE U.S. - MEXICO BORDER?

CHRIS: IS IT:

- A. THE ORINOCO RIVER
- B. THE AMAZON RIVER
- C. THE RIO GRANDE

OR

D. THE RIO DE LA PLATA

CHRIS: YOU KNOW THE DRILL, YOU'VE GOT TEN SECONDS.

CHRIS: ALRIGHT, TIME'S UP. THE ANSWER, IS C, THE RIO GRANDE.

CHRIS: THE RIO GRANDE, WHICH IS SPANISH FOR BIG RIVER, IS ONE OF THE LARGEST RIVERS IN NORTH AMERICA. AND IN MEXICO, THE RIVER IS ACTUALLY CALLED THE RIO BRAVO, OR FIERCE RIVER.

CHRIS: AS YOU CAN SEE BY THIS MAP, THE RIVER BECAME PART OF THE OFFICIAL BORDER BETWEEN THE U.S. AND MEXICO IN 1845; THAT'S WHEN TEXAS BECAME A U.S. STATE.

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TONY: SO YOU'VE JUST SEEN THE BORDER PATROL AGENTS IN ACTION. NOW, CHRIS BROWNE INTRODUCES US TO SOME YOUNG PEOPLE FROM SAN DIEGO CALIFORNIA WHO ARE HOPING TO FOLLOW IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS. CHECK IT OUT.

(SOT:) "U.S. Border Patrol put your hands out the window!"

CHRIS: NO, THE GUN ISN'T REAL.

(SOT:) "Get down on one knee."

CHRIS: BUT THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT A HOTSTOP ON THE U.S. - MEXICO BORDER COULD LOOK LIKE. A POTENTIALLY DEADLY SITUATION FOR U.S. BORDER PATROL AGENTS WHEN THEY PULL OVER A KNOWN SUSPECT.

(SOT:) "On the ground."

CHRIS: BUT THESE TEENS AREN'T AGENTS, AT LEAST NOT YET. THEY'RE PART OF THE U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION EXPLORER PROGRAM.

CHRIS: IT'S SATURDAY, YOU COULD BE AT HOME SLEEPING IN, WATCHING CARTOONS. WHAT MAKES YOU WANT TO COME OUT HERE AND DRILL?

(SOT: Rudy) "It's the drive, it's the need. I need to be here and it's fun. I love it. If it wasn't fun, if I didn't like it, I wouldn't be here every Saturday."

(SOT:) "Put your hands on your head."

CHRIS: ALL OF THE TRAINING EXERCISES DONE BY THE BORDER PATROL EXPLORERS ARE BASED ON SITUATIONS THE REAL BORDER PATROL AGENTS SEE IN THE FIELD.

CHRIS: BEHIND ME IS A SIMULATED MARIJUANA FIELD RAID. BUT JUST WHEN YOU THINK THAT EVERYTHING IS A SIMULATION YOU REALIZE THAT JUST FORTY YARDS TO THE SOUTH IS THE REAL BORDER BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO.

CHRIS: THE PEW HISPANIC CENTER ESTIMATES THAT AS MANY AS TWELVE MILLION PEOPLE ARE LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION. OF THAT NUMBER, SIX TO SEVEN MILLION IMMIGRANTS ARE THOUGHT TO HAVE CROSSED ILLEGALLY THROUGH THE BORDER.

(SOT: Rudy) "It's bad for us, because you know they need to come legally, not illegally. I know it must be hard for them to get the paperwork, but still it's bad for our economy, it's bad for our country and it's taking jobs away."

CHRIS: LIKE RUDY, THE MAJORITY OF THE EXPLORERS HERE ARE OF MEXICAN DESCENT, AND THEY UNDERSTAND THE JOB MEANS PREVENTING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, DRUGS, AND WEAPONS FROM ENTERING THE COUNTRY.

CHRIS: HOWEVER, MANY OF THEM ARE ALSO SYMPATHETIC TO THE PLIGHT OF THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

CHRIS: HOW DO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TALK ABOUT PEOPLE WHO ENTER THE U.S. ILLEGALLY?

(SOT: Allen) "Well they're not criminals, we see them as equal but we want them to get their papers. They are people who just want to work."

(SOT: April McKee) "They don't see it as a Mexican issue or an American issue. They're American citizens and they're interested in a career with the border patrol. They don't care. They want to serve their country and they want to do it through the border patrol."

(SOT:) "Stay down!"

CHRIS: BUT FOR MANY OF THESE EXPLORERS, BORDER SECURITY ISN'T JUST A POLITICAL ISSUE, IT'S A CAREER.

CHRIS: DOES THIS STUFF SEEM NATURAL TO YOU BECAUSE NOT A LOT OF 17 YEAR OLDS ARE WORRIED ABOUT, YOU KNOW, NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING.

(SOT: Rudy) "At first it didn't, but now it's like second nature. I'm so used to it and it just comes to be like natural."

CHRIS: IT DOESN'T STRIKE YOU AS HEAVY, THE FACT THAT YOU'RE TRAINING ON ALL THIS STUFF?

(SOT: Rudy) "Not really, not as much as it used to be. It's fun we look forward to it."

CHRIS: AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY LOOKS FORWARD TO THESE YOUNG PEOPLE BECOMING THE FUTURE OF THE BORDER PROTECTION PROGRAM.

(SOT: Agent McKee) "They're certainly looking at these kids in a different light now. They're really focusing on these kids, getting them interested, getting them involved."

(SOT:) "Move! Yah!"

CHRIS: REPORTING FROM BROWN FIELD STATION ON THE U.S. MEXICO BORDER
CHRIS BROWNE, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

TONY: WATCH CHRIS BROWNE WORK OUT WITH SOME OF THE TEENS FROM THE CALIFORNIA BORDER EXPLORER PROGRAM. GO TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND CLICK ON REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK.

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