

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 4/07/08

TOPICS COVERED:

- College Admissions
- News of the Day
- Soapboxes

TONY: HEY GUYS, IT IS MONDAY, APRIL 7TH. I'M TONY ANDERSON AND CHANNEL ONE NEWS STARTS RIGHT NOW.

TONY: EVERYBODY IS TALKING ABOUT IT LATELY, WHO'S GOING WHERE. THIS YEAR WAS HARDER THAN EVER TO GET INTO COLLEGE. CHRIS BROWNE TAKES A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS WHEN IT COMES TO THE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS GAME.

CHRIS: ITS SPRINGTIME. WHICH MEANS FLOWERS ARE BLOOMING AND BIRDS ARE CHIRPING. IT'S ALSO THE SEASON FOR COLLEGE ADMISSIONS AND THIS YEAR THINGS HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY DRY.

(SOT:) "I applied to four colleges and it was pretty hard to apply to each one with all the essays I had to write. But overall I think it's a pretty hard process."

CHRIS: NOW THAT THE DECISIONS ARE OUT, THERE'S NO DENYING, THE NATION'S BEST SCHOOLS ARE TOUGHER TO GET INTO THAN EVER.

(SOT: Dr. Bari Norman) "It's sort of this perfect storm. You have more students applying to college and you have this relatively new pressure as to where you go."

CHRIS: REALLY, IT'S A NUMBERS GAME. THIS YEAR'S SENIOR CLASS IS THE LARGEST EVER, WITH AN ESTIMATED 3 POINT 3 MILLION MEMBERS. AND WHILE YOUR PARENTS MAY HAVE ONLY APPLIED TO JUST A FEW COLLEGES, STUDENTS THESE DAYS ARE APPLYING TO SIX, EIGHT, TEN, EVEN FOURTEEN SCHOOLS.

(SOT:) "It was very stressful because there's like the deadlines and you worry if your essay is good enough and filling out everything."

CHRIS: TEN YEARS AGO, HARVARD RECEIVED NEARLY 17 THOUSAND APPLICATIONS, TODAY ITS MORE THAN 27 THOUSAND. YALE GOT MORE THAN 12 THOUSAND THEN, A NUMBER THAT'S SINCE ALMOST DOUBLED.

CHRIS: AND WITH THE NUMBER OF OPENINGS UNCHANGED, THE PERCENTAGES OF ACCEPTED APPLICATIONS, BARELY 7 PERCENT AT HARVARD AND 8.3 PERCENT AT YALE, ARE AT RECORD LOWS.

CHRIS: ALL OF WHICH IS VERY DISCOURAGING FOR JUNIORS LIKE CHELSEA SEGAL, WHO'S STARTING THE APPLICATION PROCESS EARLY.

(SOT: Chelsea Segal) "You just gotta keep trying, making yourself stand out compared to the rest of the pool."

CHRIS: BUT WITH MORE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUTS TRYING TO GET IN, GETTING INTO THE COLLEGE OF YOUR DREAMS HAS NEVER BEEN HARDER.

CHRIS: CHRIS BROWNE, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

TONY: WITH ALL OF THAT COMPETITION, IT'S NOT UNCOMMON FOR VALEDICTORIANS, CLASS PRESIDENTS AND EVEN STUDENTS WITH PERFECT SAT SCORES TO GET THAT DREADED SMALL ENVELOPE.

TONY: TO GET AN EDGE ON THE COMPETITION HEAD TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM. TO FIND OUT WHAT SCHOOL IS RIGHT FOR YOU AND TIPS ON ADMISSION, HEAD TO THE COLLEGE GUIDE.

COMMERCIAL

TONY: WHAT ARE AUSTRALIANS PLANNING TO BURY IN AN EFFORT TO GO GREEN? CHECK IT OUT IN YOUR HEADLINES.

ANNOUNCER: THE OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY PASSED THROUGH LONDON, ENGLAND YESTERDAY, WHERE IT WAS AGAIN MET WITH ANTI-CHINA PROTESTS.

ANNOUNCER: SEVERAL PEOPLE PROTESTING CHINA'S POLICIES ON TIBET AND HUMAN RIGHTS TRIED TO PUT OUT THE FLAME. ONE PERSON WAS ABLE TO BREAK THROUGH SECURITY AND GRAB ONTO THE TORCH AND ANOTHER USED A FIRE EXTINGUISHER TO TRY TO PUT OUT THE FLAME.

ANNOUNCER: A TOTAL OF THIRTY PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED, TWO FOR TRYING TO GRAB THE TORCH.

ANNOUNCER: THE TORCH IS ON AN 85 THOUSAND MILE RELAY AHEAD ON THIS SUMMER'S OLYMPIC GAMES IN BEIJING, CHINA. IT'S EXPECTED TO PASS THROUGH PARIS, FRANCE TODAY AND SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA ON WEDNESDAY. PROTESTS ARE EXPECTED IN BOTH CITIES.

ANNOUNCER: SOON, THERE WILL BE FOUR LESS ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS TO SHARPEN YOUR NUMBER TWO PENCILS FOR.

ANNOUNCER: THE COLLEGE BOARD, WHICH OVERSEES AP TESTS, SAYS AFTER THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR, IT WILL NO LONGER OFFER EXAMS IN ITALIAN, LATIN LITERATURE, FRENCH LITERATURE AND COMPUTER SCIENCE AB.

ANNOUNCER: NOT ENOUGH STUDENTS WERE SIGNING UP FOR TESTS IN THOSE SUBJECTS.

ANNOUNCER: MORE THAN 12 THOUSAND STUDENTS AND 25 HUNDRED TEACHERS WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE CHANGE.

ANNOUNCER: AUSTRALIA HAS BEGUN USING AN EXPERIMENTAL TECHNOLOGY TO TRY AND CUT DOWN ON GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.

ANNOUNCER: IT'S A PROCESS CALLED "GEOSEQUESTRATION" AND HERE'S HOW IT WORKS. CARBON DIOXIDE IS CAPTURED AND CHANGED INTO A LIQUID FORM. THEN IT'S PUMPED UNDERGROUND AND STORED IN A NATURAL GAS RESERVOIR.

(SOT: Dr. Peter Cook) "What we'll have is probably the most comprehensive monitoring program for stored carbon dioxide anywhere in the world."

ANNOUNCER: THE TECHNOLOGY IS USED AT 144 SITES HERE IN THE U.S., BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IT'S BEING TRIED OUT IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE.

ANNOUNCER: SOME ENVIRONMENTALISTS ARE NERVOUS ABOUT USING THE TECHNOLOGY, WHICH THEY SAY STILL HAS TOO MANY UNKNOWNNS.

ANNOUNCER: ACADEMY AWARD WINNING ACTOR AND FORMER NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT CHARLTON HESTON PASSED AWAY ON SATURDAY NIGHT,

ANNOUNCER: DURING HIS 60-YEAR ACTING CAREER, HESTON STARRED IN SUCH FILMS AS "THE TEN COMMANDMENTS", "BEN HUR" AND "PLANET OF THE APES."

ANNOUNCER: IN THE 1960'S HESTON WAS AN OUTSPOKEN LIBERAL AND WAS ACTIVE IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. BUT LATER IN LIFE HE ATTRACTED CONTROVERSY WHEN HE BECAME A REPUBLICAN AND AN ADVOCATE FOR GUN RIGHTS. HESTON SERVED FOUR TERMS AS NATIONAL RIFFLE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT. HE WAS 84-YEARS-OLD.

ANNOUNCER: ANOTHER STEP TOWARD LOOSENING RESTRICTIONS IN CUBA SINCE THE SHIFT IN POWER FROM FIDEL CASTRO TO HIS BROTHER RAUL IN FEBRUARY.

ANNOUNCER: THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEGUN TO LEND UNUSED LAND TO PRIVATE FARMERS WITH THE HOPES OF BOOSTING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.

ANNOUNCER: IT'S A MOVE AWAY FROM COMMUNIST PRINCIPLE OF COMMON OWNERSHIP. IN COMMUNIST STATES, EVERYTHING IS CONSIDERED TO BE OWNED BY THE GROUP, NOT BY INDIVIDUALS.

ANNOUNCER: SO WHEN FIDEL CASTRO CAME TO POWER IN 1959, HIS REVOLUTIONARIES TOOK ALL OF THE COUNTRY'S LARGE FARMS FROM INDIVIDUAL CUBANS AND TURNED THEM OVER TO THE STATE.

ANNOUNCER: INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION HAS BEEN A PRIORITY FOR THE NEW PRESIDENT CASTRO. FARMERS WILL STILL FACE RULES ABOUT WHAT AND HOW MUCH THEY CAN PLANT.

TONY: LAST WEEK, WE TOLD YOU ABOUT A NEW EXCAVATION PROJECT AT STONEHENGE, THE PREHISTORIC RUIN IN WILTSHIRE, ENGLAND.

TONY: WELL THERE WAS A MISTAKE IN OUR STORY. WE TOLD YOU THAT STONEHENGE WAS 35 THOUSAND YEARS OLD, THAT WAS INCORRECT.

TONY: THANK YOU GUYS FOR WRITING IN AND FOR SETTING US STRAIGHT. NOW WE WANT TO KNOW IF YOU KNOW THE CORRECT ANSWER.

TONY: WHEN DID CONSTRUCTION BEGIN?

- A. 3100 B.C.
- B. 5000 B.C.
- C. 200 A.D
- OR D. 1200 B.C.

TONY: TAKE FIVE.

TONY: THE ANSWER IS A. 3100 B.C.

TONY: SCIENTISTS BELIEVE STONEHENGE WAS CONSTRUCTED IN THREE PHASES REQUIRING MORE THAN 30 MILLION HOURS OF LABOR.

TONY: CONSTRUCTION BEGAN IN 3100 B.C. BUT ITS THOUGHT THAT THE STONEHENGE WE SEE TODAY WAS COMPLETED AROUND 1500 B.C.

TONY: MAKING IT BETWEEN 3,500 AND 5,000 YEARS OLD.

COMMERCIAL

TONY: HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THE TERM "GET OFF OF YOUR SOAPBOX OR "HE'S ON HIS SOAPBOX?"

TONY: WELL THAT TERM ORIGINATES FROM WHEN PEOPLE USED TO STAND ON A SOAPBOX AND GIVE AN IMPROMPTU SPEECH ABOUT ANY TOPIC THEY WANTED TO. SORT OF LIKE TODAY'S BLOG.

TONY: WELL, THIS WEEKEND I WAS ABLE TO CATCH UP WITH SOME YOUNG PEOPLE IN NEW YORK CITY WHO ARE USING THEIR FREEDOM OF SPEECH, ONE OF THE FIVE FREEDOMS PROTECTED BY THE FIRST AMENDMENT, TO LET YOU KNOW WHAT'S ON THEIR MIND.

(SOT:) "Free speech! Today only! Federal Hall! Come exercise your first amendment rights"

TONY: THE RULES WERE SIMPLE. SHOW UP, SIGN UP, STAND UP.

(SOT:) "I want to speak out against the no child left behind policy."

(SOT:) "I want to talk about my living in America."

(SOT:) "We're here to talk about American Idol."

TONY: AND ONCE THAT WHISTLE BLOWS, 60 SECONDS YOUR TIME'S UP.

TONY: SOUNDS SIMPLE ENOUGH, THOSE WERE THE RULES AT THIS SOAPBOX EVENT, HELD AT FEDERAL HALL IN NEW YORK CITY. IT WAS ORGANIZED TO CREATE A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE COULD STAND UP AND SPEAK OUT.

TONY: BEFORE THE INTERNET OR TELEVISION, CONCERNED CITIZENS USED TO STAND-UP ON A SOAPBOX IN THE CENTER OF THEIR TOWN AND TALK ABOUT ISSUES FACING THEIR COMMUNITIES.

TONY: IT PICKED UP SPEED IN THE 18 HUNDREDS, AND THE TERM "SOAPBOX" CAME ABOUT BECAUSE THEY USED TO LITERALLY STAND ON THE WOODEN CARTONS THAT SOAP WAS SHIPPED IN TO GAIN SOME HEIGHT OVER THE CROWD.

TONY: ONE OF THE BEST THINGS ABOUT THESE SOAP BOX EVENTS IS THAT THERE'S NO CENSORSHIP. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE THE FOREMOST EXPERT ON ANY PARTICULAR TOPIC.

TONY: YOU JUST GET UP ON YOUR SOAPBOX AND YOU TELL PEOPLE ABOUT THE ISSUES THAT CONCERN YOU, AND THAT'S A MAJOR PART OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT.

(SOT: Ben) "I'm a designer and artist, so the first amendment is very important you know, we gotta be able to speak our minds and talk about whatever we feel."

TONY: AND THIS FORM OF EXPRESSION WAS A CHEAP AND EASY WAY FOR PEOPLE TO GET THEIR WORD OUT. BUT WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY, THINGS HAVE CHANGED.

TONY: ORGANIZERS HERE SAY SOMETIMES STANDING UP AND SPEAKING OUT THE OLD FASHIONED WAY GETS THE MOST ATTENTION.

TONY: HOW IMPORTANT IS THIS SOAP BOX EVENT?

(SOT: James Gaymer) "It gives people the opportunity to speak out who may not otherwise be heard."

TONY: AND JUST BEING HEARD CAN SOMETIMES BE ENOUGH.

(SOT:) "Thank you very much."

TONY: IT'S MONDAY! AND YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS. YOUR PLAY OF THE WEEK TIME. NOW TODAY KANSAS IS PLAYING AGAINST MEMPHIS IN THE MENS NCAA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS. SO WE HAVE SOME MORE HOOP ACTION COMING FROM ARLINGTON ILLINOIS. CHECK IT OUT.

TONY: THE ARLINGTON SOUTH CARDINALS ARE UP AGAINST THIER RIVAL THOMAS TIMBERWOLVES WHEN 7TH GRADER GAVIN WHITE THROWS UP A FULL COURT ONE ARMED SHOT TO END THE SECOND QUARTER WITH A BANG.

TONY: HAVE YOU CAUGHT ANY NICE MOVES ON TAPE LATELY? MAYBE A KILLER CROSSOVER, A VICIOUS STIFF-ARM OR A HOMERUN? WELL IF SO, SEND US YOUR VIDEO OR UPLOAD IT TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM. WE MAY FEATURE YOUR HIGHLIGHT ON PLAY OF THE WEEK.

TONY: AND THAT'S OUR SHOW FOR TODAY GUYS, I'M TONY ANDERSON FOR CHANNEL ONE NEWS, WE'LL SEE YOU HERE SAME PLACE, SAME TIME TOMORROW AND WE'LL LEAVE YOU WITH ONE MORE THING BEFORE WE GO. TAKE CARE.

TONY: YOU COULD SAY THESE INDIAN DANCERS HAVE A SPECIAL SPRING IN THEIR STEP.

TONY: EVERY SPRING, PEOPLE IN INDIA BRING IN THE NEW SEASON IN A FESTIVE WAY. PAINTING THEIR BODIES IN BRIGHT COLORS TO BE REBORN FOR SPRING, AND DANCING INTO THE NIGHT TO SAY GOODBYE TO WINTER.

TONY: HUNDREDS OF INDIANS OF ALL AGES PARTICIPATE, AND THE FESTIVAL LASTS FOR SEVEN DAYS.