

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 4/09/08

TOPICS COVERED:

- Petraeus On Capitol Hill
- News of the Day
- Green Majors
- Glory Road - Alonzo Mourning

CHRIS: HEY GUYS, IT'S WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9TH. I'M CHRIS BROWNE AND CHANNEL ONE NEWS STARTS RIGHT NOW.

CHRIS: THE TOP U.S. MILITARY COMMANDER IN IRAQ FACED CONGRESS YESTERDAY TO TALK ABOUT THE WAR, AND THE WAY FORWARD.

CHRIS: HE'S THE MAN IN CHARGE OF THE IRAQ WAR GENERAL DAVID PETRAEUS. AND YESTERDAY HE SPOKE TO THE SENATE, AND THE THREE CANDIDATES CAMPAIGNING TO BE HIS BOSS ABOUT HIS PLANS TO BRING TROOPS HOME FROM IRAQ.

CHRIS: LAST JANUARY, THE U.S. BEGAN SENDING OVER 30 THOUSAND MORE TROOPS, A TEMPORARY SURGE, TO HELP SECURE THE COUNTRY.

CHRIS: PETRAEUS SAYS 20 THOUSAND OF THOSE EXTRA TROOPS WILL BE WITHDRAWN BY JULY AND THEN HE'LL WAIT 45 DAYS TO SEE IF IT'S SAFE TO BRING EVEN MORE TROOPS HOME.

(SOT:) "The process will be continuous, with recommendations for further reductions made as conditions permit. This approach does not allow establishment of a set withdrawal timetable."

CHRIS: NO SET TIMETABLE TO BRING HOME ALL 160 THOUSAND U.S. TROOPS WHICH CRITICS SAY MEANS THERE'S NO END IN SIGHT FOR THE WAR.

CHRIS: BUT PETRAEUS SAYS THINGS ARE IMPROVING IN IRAQ THE SITUATION IS BECOMING MORE SECURE, EVEN IF IT'S FRAGILE.

(SOT:) "While security has improved in many areas and the Iraqi Security Forces are shouldering more of the load, the situation in Iraq remains exceedingly complex and challenging."

(SOT:) "Bring them home."

CHRIS: THE HEARING WAS INTERRUPTED A FEW TIMES BY ANTI-WAR PROTESTERS

CHRIS: AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR THE WAR, WHICH BEGAN IN 2003, HAS DECLINED OVER THE YEARS AND IT'S NOW ONE OF THE KEY ISSUES IN THE ONGOING PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.

CHRIS: ALL THREE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES TOOK SOME TIME OFF THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL AND HEADED TO CAPITOL HILL TO ADDRESS PETRAEUS.

(SOT: Hillary Clinton) "What conditions would have to exist for you to recommend to the President that the current strategy is not working?"

(SOT: John McCain) "I do not want to keep our troops in Iraq a minutes longer than necessary."

(SOT: Obama) "I'm trying to get to an end point, that's what all of us have been trying to get to."

CHRIS: OF COURSE GENERAL PETRAEUS ISN'T THE ONLY PERSON MAKING NEWS TODAY. HERE ARE THE REST OF YOUR HEADLINES.

ANNOUNCER: IT'S BEEN ELEVEN DAYS SINCE ZIMBABWE HELD ITS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, AND STILL THERE'S NO WORD ON WHO WON.

ANNOUNCER: THE CONTEST IS BETWEEN CURRENT PRESIDENT ROBERT MUGABE AND OPPOSITION LEADER MORGAN TSVANGIRAI.

ANNOUNCER: ACCORDING TO ZIMBABWE LAW, A CANDIDATE MUST RECEIVE 50 PERCENT PLUS ONE VOTE TO WIN. MUGABE SAYS TSVANGIRAI DIDN'T REACH THE NECESSARY AMOUNT AND HE'S CALLING FOR A RUNOFF.

ANNOUNCER: WHICH IS KIND OF LIKE A DO-OVER ELECTION. TSVANGIRAI INSISTS HE WON AND SAYS THERE'S NO NEED FOR A RUNOFF.

(SOT: Morgan Tsvangirai) "A runoff will polarize and traumatize this country, this country does not need another war."

ANNOUNCER: ACCUSATIONS OF FRAUD CONTINUE ON BOTH SIDES. ZIMBABWEAN POLICE, WHO ARE CONTROLLED BY PRESIDENT MUGABE, ARRESTED FIVE ELECTORAL OFFICIALS THIS WEEK AND CHARGED THEM WITH TAMPERING.

ANNOUNCER: THE OFFICIALS ARE SAID TO HAVE WITHHELD FIVE THOUSAND VOTES FROM PRESIDENT MUGABE.

ANNOUNCER: THE TENNESSEE LADY VOLS BEAT OUT THE STANFORD CARDINAL FOR THE NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP LAST NIGHT.

ANNOUNCER: THE TENNESSEE WOMEN'S TEAM ALSO WON THE TITLE LAST YEAR. THE SCHOOL HAS WON A TOTAL OF SEVEN NATIONAL TITLES.

ANNOUNCER: TEXAS POLICE ARE CALLING IT THE BIGGEST CHILD WELFARE OPERATION IN THE STATE'S HISTORY. A DAYS LONG RAID OF A POLYGAMIST RELIGIOUS COMPOUND IN THE SMALL TOWN OF ELDORADO.

ANNOUNCER: AUTHORITIES ENTERED THE COMPOUND OF A FUNDAMENTALIST CHURCH LATE SATURDAY, AFTER THEY RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM A 16 YEAR OLD GIRL WHO LIVED THERE.

ANNOUNCER: SHE SAID SHE WAS BEING ABUSED AND HAD BEEN FORCED TO MARRY A 50 YEAR OLD MAN. MORE THAN 400 CHILDREN WERE TAKEN INTO PROTECTIVE CUSTODY. THEY ARE NOW BEING HELD HERE AT A STATE FACILITY IN SAN ANGELO.

(SOT: Marleigh Meisner) "This is not about numbers. This is about children who are at imminent risk of harm children that we believe had been abused or neglected."

ANNOUNCER: FOR MANY OF THE CHILDREN, IT WAS THEIR FIRST TRIP OFF THE COMPOUND. THE RELIGIOUS GROUP INVOLVED BROKE AWAY FROM THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS OR MORMONS MORE THAN A CENTURY AGO.

ANNOUNCER: THE SPLIT CAME AFTER THE MORMON CHURCH BANNED POLYGAMY, THE PRACTICE OF BEING MARRIED TO MORE THAN ONE PERSON.

ANNOUNCER: ABOUT 700 MILES OFF THE COAST OF FLORIDA, ON THE CARIBBEAN ISLAND OF HAITI, THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TOOK TO THE STREETS FOR TWO DAYS OF PROTESTS AGAINST THE HIGH COST OF FOOD.

ANNOUNCER: AT LEAST ONE PERSON WAS KILLED DURING THE UNREST, WHICH ALSO FORCED MANY SCHOOLS AND BUSINESSES TO CLOSE.

ANNOUNCER: SIMILAR PROTESTS TOOK PLACE IN SOUTHERN HAITI LAST WEEK WHICH LEFT FOUR PEOPLE DEAD.

ANNOUNCER: WITHIN THE LAST YEAR, THE COST OF BASIC FOODS LIKE RICE, BEANS AND FRUIT HAVE RISEN 50 PERCENT. THE MAJORITY OF HAITIANS SURVIVE ON LESS THAN TWO DOLLARS A DAY.

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CHRIS: ALRIGHT RISING SENIORS, GET READY BECAUSE AS SOON AS YOU GET TO COLLEGE, THE QUESTION EVERYONE WILL BE ASKING IS, "WHAT'S YOUR MAJOR?"

CHRIS: NOW, JESSICA KUMARI TELLS US THE ANSWER FOR SOME STUDENTS, IS QUICKLY BECOMING GREEN.

JESSICA: ON NEW YORK'S LONG ISLAND, COLLEGE CAN BE A DAY AT THE BEACH.

(SOT:) "Looks good. All right bring it up nice and slow."

JESSICA: BUT FOR THESE STUDENTS THE PURPOSE IS SERIOUS. IT'S THEIR COLLEGE MAJOR! INSTEAD OF ENGLISH OR POLI-SCI, SOUTHAMPTON COLLEGE, PART OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, IS OFFERING A MAJOR IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES.

(SOT: Tara) "I feel the need to protect our environment and what we have, it's limited. And the way we're living is not going to allow for us to continue much longer I don't believe."

JESSICA: THESE STUDENTS ARE DETERMINED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

(SOT:) "We do need to be aware of our affect on the planet and where we're going in the future, hopefully it will change the world somehow or another."

JESSICA: TO DO THAT, SCHOOLS ARE MOVING BEYOND SCIENCE, CREATING A NEW MAJOR CALLED SUSTAINABILITY.

JESSICA: BRINGING TOGETHER EVERYTHING FROM ARCHITECTURE TO ENGINEERING TO URBAN PLANNING IN AN EFFORT TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

JESSICA: ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY HAS THE NATION'S FIRST SCHOOL OF SUSTAINABILITY.

(SOT:) "Sustainability school focuses on the health and wellbeing of the planet."

JESSICA: USING CUTTING EDGE TECHNOLOGY TO FIGURE OUT THINGS LIKE WHY THE NIGHT TEMPERATURE HERE IN PHOENIX ARIZONA HAS JUMPED 15 DEGREES IN THE LAST 30 YEARS.

JESSICA: SO STUDENTS ARE STUDYING BUILDING MATERIALS AND TRYING TO CREATE NEW ONES USING INFRARED CAMERAS TO SEE WHAT MUST CHANGE.

JESSICA: IN DOING SO, HELPING THE FUTURE OF THE PLANET AND ALSO PREPARING FOR THEIR OWN FUTURES.

(SOT: Chris Samilia) "The people that are working in green collar jobs per say, passionate and you can't outsource them and they have a passion for what they're doing. So they work harder than the usual employee would."

(SOT: Terra Ganem) "There's millions and millions of green jobs that will be listed in the next few years and we have more opportunity probably in this industry than ever before. And so, us having the knowledge about it out of college, we'll be able to go work for them and already have kind of a leg up on what's going on."

JESSICA: JESSICA KUMARI CHANNEL ONE NEWS

CHRIS: WANT TO GET ON BOARD WITH THE GREEN MOVEMENT? CHECK OUT THE TWISTED TIMELINE ON OUR GOING GREEN FEATURE AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

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CHRIS: WITH THE NBA PLAYOFFS STARTING IN LESS THAN TWO WEEKS, ONE TRADITIONAL EASTERN CONFERENCE POWER HOUSE, THE MIAMI HEAT, WILL BE SITTING THIS ONE OUT.

CHRIS: IT'S BEEN A REBUILDING YEAR FOR THE 2006 CHAMPIONS AND FOR THEIR STAR CENTER, ALONZO MOURNING WHOSE SEASON HAS BEEN PLAGUED BY INJURIES.

CHRIS: BUT IN TODAY'S GLORY ROAD REPORT, YOU'LL SEE WHY NOBODY'S IS COUNTING THIS BIG MAN OUT.

CHRIS: A SEVEN TIME ALL STAR, TWO TIME DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR, SIX FOOT TEN INCHES, TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY POUNDS OF MUSCLE. AND AN INTENSITY FEW IN THE NBA HAVE EVER SEEN. HE'S MIAMI HEAT CENTER ALONZO MOURNING.

CHRIS: AND WHEN HE'S NOT GOING ONE ON ONE ON THE COURT HE'S ONE ON ONE WITH KIDS IN HIS SOUTH FLORIDA COMMUNITY.

CHRIS: ALONZO, or "ZO" TO HIS TEAMMATES AND FANS FOUNDED ALONZO MOURNING CHARITIES IN 1997, AND HAS SINCE RAISED MORE THAN SIX MILLION DOLLARS FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE IN TOUGH SITUATIONS STAY OUT OF TROUBLE.

CHRIS: WHAT IS IT PERSONALLY THAT MAKES YOU REALLY INTO THE SERVICE ASPECT OF THIS LIFE?

(SOT: Alonzo) "Well, first and foremost, our young people, each and every one of our young people rely on the support and encouragement and the direction of adults. I know for a fact that I wouldn't be in the position that I am in today if it wasn't for someone else taking the time out to give me a chance. I think giving is contagious, very contagious and when you give in the long run you'll receive."

CHRIS: GETTING BACK WHEN YOU GIVE IT'S A PHILOSOPHY MOURNING NEVER EXPECTED WOULD ONE DAY SAVE HIS LIFE.

(SOT:) "Alonzo Mourning will not be playing professional basketball this season and we are totally convinced that the only thing that should be on his mind and our mind is to get him healthy."

CHRIS: IN 2000, ALONZO WAS DIAGNOSED WITH A DEGENERATIVE KIDNEY DISEASE WHICH FORCED HIM TO STEP AWAY FROM THE GAME HE LOVED.

CHRIS: BUT THE LIFE THREATENING ILLNESS NEVER STOPPED MOURNING FROM GIVING BACK. THEN IN 2003, AFTER YEARS OF GIVING BACK MOURNING RECEIVED A GIFT THAT TRULY CHANGED HIS LIFE.

(SOT:) "I'm a living testament that transplantation saves lives. I wouldn't be able to do the things I'm able to do on the court if it wasn't for someone giving of themselves and providing an opportunity for me, and I love them for their act of kindness."

CHRIS: AN ACT OF KINDNESS THAT ALLOWED MOURNING TO RETURN TO THE CITY HE CALLS HOME AND TO THE GAME HE LOVES.

CHRIS: AND IN 2006, MOURNING GAVE TO THE COMMUNITY YET AGAIN. THIS TIME, IN THE FORM OF AN NBA CHAMPIONSHIP. STILL, MOURNING HOPES THE GREATEST GIFT HE'S GIVEN TO KIDS IN THE MIAMI AREA, IS HIS TIME.

(sot:) "You should want a peaceful and pleasant, and uplifting community, you should want that and the only way to create that is you got to do the right things to help your community."

ANNOUNCER: FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ALONZO MOURNING'S CHARITY, AND TO SEE STORIES OF OTHER ATHLETES MAKING A DIFFERENCE CLICK ON GLORY ROAD AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

ANNOUNCER: HEY, THAT'S IT FOR CHANNEL ONE NEWS, I'M CHRIS BROWNE AND I HOPE YOU GUYS HAVE A GREAT DAY.