

## CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 4/11/08

### TOPICS COVERED:

- News of the Day
- Airline Problems
- Moonbuggy

JESSICA: IT'S FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH. I'M JESSICA KUMARI AND COMING UP CHRIS BROWNE TAKES US ON A SPACE RACE. BUT FIRST, HERE ARE YOUR HEADLINES FROM CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

CHRIS: HURRICANE SEASON IS NOW JUST TWO MONTHS AWAY AND EXPERTS ARE WEIGHING IN ON WHAT TO EXPECT.

CHRIS: A TEAM OF NOTED FORECASTERS AT COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY HAS PREDICTED THAT THE COMING SEASON WILL BE A VERY ACTIVE ONE.

(SOT: Phil Klotzbach) "We're calling for a total of 15 named storms, eight hurricanes, and four major or intense category 3, 4 or 5 hurricanes."

CHRIS: THE TEAM CAME UP WITH THEIR PREDICTIONS BY EXAMINING CONDITIONS LIKE OCEAN WATER TEMPERATURES.

CHRIS: ON AVERAGE FIVE POINT NINE HURRICANES HIT THE UNITED STATES EACH SEASON. BUT SINCE 2005'S EXTREMELY ACTIVE SEASON, ONLY ONE HURRICANE HAS MADE LANDFALL IN THE U.S.

JESSICA: BIG NEWS FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN AND THEIR FAMILIES.

JESSICA: PRESIDENT BUSH ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT BEGINNING IN AUGUST, TROOPS SENT TO IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN WILL SERVE YEAR LONG TOURS, INSTEAD OF THE CURRENT 15 MONTHS. THE MOVE IS MEANT TO REDUCE THE HEAVY STRAIN ON THE ARMY.

JESSICA: PRESIDENT BUSH AGAIN STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF SUCCEEDING IN IRAQ. HE ALSO EXPRESSED HIS SUPPORT FOR POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS MADE THIS WEEK BY GENERAL DAVID PETRAEUS, THE TOP U.S. COMMANDER IN IRAQ.

CHRIS: SPANISH SCIENTISTS HAVE DISCOVERED THE SMALLEST PLANET EVER FOUND OUTSIDE OF OUR SOLAR SYSTEM. THE ROCKY PLANET KNOWN AS GJR36C HAS A MASS ABOUT FIVE TIMES GREATER THAN EARTHS.

CHRIS: IT ORBITS A SMALL COOL STAR CALLED A RED DWARF, WHICH IS 30 LIGHT YEARS AWAY IN THE CONSTELLATION LEO.

CHRIS: THE SCIENTISTS SAY THEY EXPECT TO FIND A PLANET WITH CONDITIONS SIMILAR TO EARTHS IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

TONY: GOODDAY MATES. MAKE SURE YOU TUNE IN NEXT WEEK WHEN I, TONY ANDERSON WILL TAKE YOU ON A JOURNEY ALL THROUGH AUSTRALIA. WE ARE GOING TO SEE SOME OF THE NATIVE ANIMALS OF AUSTRALIA, AND SACRED LANDMARKS LIKE ULURU AND THE SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE.

TONY: WE ALSO FOLLOW AROUND A TEEN WHO IS TRYING TO CONNECT WITH HIS ROOTS AND HIS MOTHER WHO IS A PART OF SOMETHING CALLED THE STOLEN GENERATION.

TONY: I'LL BRING YOU A SPECIAL SERIES FROM THE PEOPLE FROM DOWN UNDER AND THEIR CULTURE. MAKE SURE YOU TUNE IN.

COMMERCIAL

JESSICA: DO YOU HAVE ANY FUN TRAVEL PLANS COMING UP? WELL IF YOU'RE FLYING THE NATION'S LARGEST CARRIER YOU BETTER CHECK YOUR FLIGHT IT COULD BE CANCELED. TONY ANDERSON TELLS US WHY

TONY: IF YOU PLAN ON TAKING A FLIGHT YOU BETTER MAKE SURE YOUR IPOD IS FILLED TO CAPACITY.

TONY: ALMOST A QUARTER MILLION TRAVELERS HAD THEIR TRAVEL PLANS DISRUPTED THIS WEEK AS AMERICAN AIRLINES CANCELED THOUSANDS OF FLIGHTS TO INSPECT PLANE WIRING TO MEET THE STANDARD.

TONY: MORE CANCELLATIONS ARE EXPECTED TODAY. IT'S NOT JUST AMERICAN AIRLINES RECENTLY UNITED AIRLINES AND DELTA ALL HAD TO CANCEL FLIGHTS TO MAKE SURE THEY WERE UP TO DATE ON FEDERAL INSPECTIONS TOO.

TONY: IT ALL STARTED WITH SOUTHWEST AIRLINES IN MARCH. IT WAS FINED A RECORD \$10 MILLION FOR FLYING PLANES THAT WERE OVERDUE FOR INSPECTION.

TONY: THERE HASN'T BEEN A SINGLE DEATH WITH A LARGE COMMERCIAL PLANE IN SIX YEARS. BUT BECAUSE OF THAT RECORD, SOME SAY ENFORCING SAFETY STANDARDS HAS BECOME TOO RELAXED.

TONY: AND THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, OR FAA, WHO OVERSEES AIRLINE SAFETY, HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF BEING TOO BUDDY-BUDDY WITH THE AIRLINES IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE KEEPING IN CHECK.

(SOT: Rep. James Oberstar) "The most serious lapse in safety I have observed at FAA in 23 years."

TONY: SO THE FAA HAS BEEN FLEXING ITS MUSCLE AND COMING DOWN ON ALL THE AIRLINES.

TONY: AMERICAN OFFERED AN APOLOGY TO CUSTOMERS AND SAYS THE FAA IS SUDDENLY ENFORCING STANDARDS TO THE LETTER. OFFICIALS ALSO DEFENDED SAFETY CONCERNS.

(SOT: Gerard Arpey) "I think we have in good faith done the best we can but I acknowledge that we have significantly inconvenienced thousands of people."

TONY: TONY ANDERSON, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

JESSICA: THIS YEAR IS NASA'S 50TH BIRTHDAY AND IT WILL BE CELEBRATING ACCOMPLISHMENTS LIKE LANDING A MAN ON THE MOON. SO HOW DO THEY GET AROUND ONCE THEY'RE UP THERE?

JESSICA: ON THIS TWO PERSON, FOUR WHEELED ROVER IT CARRIED ASTRONAUTS OVER THE MOON DURING THE APOLLO 15, 16 AND 17 MISSIONS. SO YOUR POP QUIZ QUESTION IS.

JESSICA: WHAT IS THIS VEHICLE CALLED?

JESSICA: IS IT  
A. COSMIC ROVER  
B. MOONBUGGY  
C. ANTI-GRAVITY VEHICLE  
OR D. SPACE CART

JESSICA: YOU'VE GOT TEN.

JESSICA: IF YOU SAID B -- MOONBUGGY, YOU GOT IT.

JESSICA: IT'S BEEN CALLED THE FIRST INTERPLANETARY SUV, BUT MOST KNOW IT AS SIMPLY THE MOONBUGGY. THE VEHICLE ALLOWED ASTRONAUTS TO EXPLORE THE MOON AND COLLECT ROCKS MORE EFFECTIVELY.

JESSICA: IT HAD TO BE SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO DEAL WITH THE CHALLENGES OF DRIVING ON THE MOON, LIKE THE LOW GRAVITY AIRLESS ENVIRONMENT AND DUSTY TERRAIN. IT WEIGHS IN AT 460 POUNDS WHEN ON THE EARTH'S SURFACE AND ITS TOP SPEED? JUST EIGHT MILES AN HOUR.

JESSICA: IN ONE MINUTE, WE'RE GOING TAKE YOU TO THE ANNUAL MODEL MOON BUGGY RACE WHERE HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD BUILD SPACE INSPIRED VEHICLES AND TEST THEM OUT ON A MOCK COURSE FILLED WITH LUNAR OBSTACLES AND CRATERS.

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JESSICA: THEY'RE SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO TACKLE THE MOON'S SURFACE, YET SMALL ENOUGH TO FIT IN A 4 BY 4 FOOT BOX CARRIED, AND POWERED, BY HUMANS.

JESSICA: STUDENTS COMPETING IN THE ANNUAL GREAT MOON BUGGY RACE, PUT THEIR ENGINEERING, PHYSICS AND ATHLETIC SKILLS TO THE TEST. AND THE WINNER OF THE RACE, GETS BRAGGING RIGHTS AND A WEEK AT A NASA SPACE CAMP.

JESSICA: NO CHRIS BROWNE TAKES US TO THE MIDDLE OF THE ACTION, MOONBUGGY STYLE!

CHRIS: HEY IT'S CHRIS BROWNE AT THE U.S. SPACE AND ROCKET CENTER IN HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA. AND WE'RE AT NASA'S 15 ANNUAL GREAT MOONBUGGY RACE. JOIN US AS WE TAKE A LOOK INSIDE ONE OF THE FIERCEST MOONBUGGY COMPETITIONS IN THE GALAXY.

CHRIS: BEHIND ME IS THE MOONBUGGY THAT BELONGS TO THE GERMAN TEAM. THIS IS A REALLY IMPRESSIVE MOONBUGGY, THEY ACTUALLY HAVE IT LINKED UP TO A GPS DEVICE SO THEY CAN FOLLOW THE MOONBUGGY'S PROGRESS THROUGH THE RACE.

CHRIS: THEY JUST DOMINATED THAT CURB.

CHRIS: YOU'RE NOT WORRIED ABOUT THE GERMAN TEAM? THEY GOT A LOT OF SPONSORS AND PRETTY NICE UNIFORMS.

(SOT: ) "It's not about the uniforms."

CHRIS: SO, ERIE HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE'S THAT?

(SOT: Jordan McKinney) "It's southeast Kansas, it's pretty close to Missouri and Oklahoma."

CHRIS: OK, SO THAT'S A PRETTY LONG WAY?

(SOT: Jordan McKinney) "Yeah, about eleven hours."

CHRIS: NOT QUITE GERMANY OR INDIA.

(SOT: Jordan McKinney) "No, not quite Germany or India. No not that far, but we had a nice drive."

CHRIS: WHAT'S THE SCIENCE TERM FOR THIS MATERIAL RIGHT HERE?

(SOT: ) "The best thing ever invented. This is a secret adhesive from NASA."

(SOT: Robbie Bonds) "That's made out of extremely nice material. 60-61 T-6 aircraft aluminum. So it's light."

CHRIS: WAIT HOLD ON, SAY THAT ONE MORE TIME.

(SOT: Robbie Bonds) "60-61 T-6 aircraft aluminum."

CHRIS: HERE WE HAVE THE NILES HOME SCHOOL HUB MOONBUGGY TEAM. THERE COMING UP ON THE FIRST OBSTACLE, THE FIRST LUNAR OBSTACLE. IT SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE TAKING IT WITH RELATIVE EASE.

CHRIS: THEY'RE HAVING A LITTLE BIT OF A HARD TIME GETTING OVER THIS HUMP RIGHT HERE. THEY'RE USING THE ROCKING BACK AND FORTH METHOD.

CHRIS: WE'RE GOING TO TRY AND GET SOME COVER OUT OF THIS RAIN UNDERNEATH THIS SPACE SHUTTLE HERE. ONE THING THE ASTRONAUTS ON THE LUNAR SURFACE DON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH, RAIN.

(SOT: ) "Hey guys!"

CHRIS: AT LEAST THE WEATHER'S NICE.

(SOT: ) "I'm wet and I'm cold."

CHRIS: TEAM 25, THAT'S OUR EAST LIMESTONE TEAM. THEY'RE HITTING THE FIRST OBSTACLE RIGHT NOW. THEY JUST STARTED THE RACE.

(SOT: ) "There ain't no way that wheel is going anywhere else."

(SOT: ) "That wheel is done with."

CHRIS: THIS IS THE EAST LIMESTONE TEAM, THEIR BUGGY UNFORTUNATELY DIDN'T MAKE IT THROUGH THE RACE. THEY BENT A TIRE AT SOME POINT, WHILE THEY WERE TRYING TO CROSS THE LUNAR CRATER.

(SOT: ) "And they're off!"

CHRIS: TEAM GERMANY HAS RESORTED TO PUSHING THEIR BUGGY AROUND THE COURSE. YET ANOTHER TEAM MEETS ITS END AT THE LUNAR CRATER.

CHRIS: WE'RE FOLLOWING THE FASTEST TEAM WE'VE SEEN ALL DAY FROM KANSAS, THEY'RE UNBELIEVABLE!

(SOT: Matthew LaRue) "The words can't describe how difficult this thing is on your body. We train five days a week on old buggies and our new ones when they're done. And this, there's nothing you can do to prepare yourself for this course."

CHRIS: THIS IS ME IN THE BACK OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP MOONBUGGY, HAVING A GREAT TIME. REPORTING FROM THE MOONBUGGY RACES IN HUNTSVILLE ALABAMA. CHRIS BROWNE CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

JESSICA: GO ONLINE TO CHECK OUT CHRIS BROWNE'S INTERVIEW WITH COSMA, THE YOUNGEST MEMBER OF TEAM GERMANY.

CHRIS: DO YOU THINK TEAM GERMANY WILL WIN TODAY?

JESSICA: GO TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM CLICK AND CLICK ON REPORTERS NOTEBOOK AND WHILE YOU'RE THERE, CHECK OUT WHAT ITS LIKE TO RIDE A MOONBUGGY WITH CHRIS BROWNE'S HELMET CAM VIDEO!

CHRIS: MOONBUGGY!

JESSICA; THAT DOES IT FOR CHANNEL ONE NEWS. I'M JESSICA KUMARI, I HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND.