

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 4/18/08

TOPICS COVERED:

- College Costs
- News of the Day
- Glory Road - Volleyball

JESSICA: IT'S FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH. I'M JESSICA KUMARI AND CHANNEL ONE NEWS STARTS RIGHT NOW.

JESSICA: THE COST OF COLLEGE IS GOING UP. BUT WHAT'S GOING DOWN IS YOUR CHANCE OF GETTING A PRIVATE LOAN TO PAY FOR SCHOOL, ACCORDING TO SOME FINANCIAL EXPERTS.

JESSICA: IT'S SO TROUBLESOME THE WHITE HOUSE IS STEPPING IN TO SUPPORT A BILL THAT WOULD GUARANTEE MORE FEDERAL LOANS. FOR SOME STUDENTS IT COULDN'T HAPPEN SOON ENOUGH.

JESSICA: AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, IT'S MORE THAN JUST THE SCHOOL COLOR. IN THE RED IS WHERE THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS FIND THEMSELVES OR THEIR PARENTS, DEEPER IN DEBT AS TUITION SKYROCKETS.

JESSICA: EVEN WITH A PART-TIME JOB, LANGUAGE MAJOR TALLEY JOHNSON HAS HAD TO BORROW 12 THOUSAND DOLLARS.

(SOT:) "It's very stressful, you're always thinking about how am I gonna pay these off, is my job gonna make enough money for me to do this."

JESSICA: A FEELING SHARED BY 19-YEAR-OLD COURTNEY MCCARRICK. SHE'S TAKEN OUT A 20 THOUSAND DOLLAR STUDENT LOAN TO COVER ONE YEAR OF COLLEGE.

(SOT: Courtney McCarrick) "I put everything into it. My housing, my food, my tuition everything just goes into that loan and I just pull it out pay for it as I need it."

JESSICA: LIKE THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS, COURTNEY'S LOAN IS FEDERALLY GUARANTEED, AND OFFERS FIXED RATES THAT ARE LOWER THAN MOST LOANS.

JESSICA: BUT THAT'S CHANGING BECAUSE OF THE MORTGAGE CRISIS. DOZENS OF LENDERS HAVE RAISED THEIR FEES OR HAVE STOPPED GIVING OUT THESE TYPES OF LOANS ALTOGETHER.

(SOT: Jevita de Frietas) "As the economy changes and interest rates go up there are definitely some crunches that families will face."

JESSICA: FEWER LOANS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS, AT A TIME WHEN TUITION COSTS ARE RISING FASTER THAN FOOD OR GAS.

JESSICA: NATIONALLY IN STATE TUITION HAS JUMPED MORE THAN 6 PERCENT THIS SCHOOL YEAR. ACCORDING TO THE COLLEGE BOARD, SOME STUDENTS ARE ANGRY.

JESSICA: PROTESTING TUITION HIKES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE, WHERE MANY BELIEVE COLLEGE IS NOW UNAFFORDABLE, SCHOOLS RECOGNIZE THE SQUEEZE.

(SOT:) "We're mindful of the fact that the cost of college is now a challenge for many families and the students and we try to take very concrete steps in order to help make college affordable."

JESSICA: SO WHAT CAN YOU DO? EXPERTS SAY START SHOPPING FOR LOANS EARLY. LOOK FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND KNOW YOUR LENDER. AND APPLY FOR ALL FINANCIAL AID YOU THINK YOU QUALIFY FOR.

(SOT: Jevita de Frietas) "The key to life is just applying for financial aid and then seeing what you qualify for."

JESSICA: FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO LEAVE COLLEGE WITH A LIFETIME OF MEMORIES, WITHOUT DECADES OF DEBT.

COMMERCIAL

JESSICA: THERE'S A LOT GOING ON AROUND THE COUNTRY AND WE'VE GOT IT COVERED IN YOUR HEADLINES.

ANNOUNCER: YOUR PARENTS MAY HAVE TOLD YOU THAT COLLEGE WILL BE THE BEST FOUR YEARS OF YOUR LIFE. BUT ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY, PEOPLE ACTUALLY GROW HAPPIER AS THEY GROW OLDER.

ANNOUNCER: FOR 30 YEARS RESEARCHERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO SURVEYED THE HAPPINESS OF PEOPLE AT DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS.

ANNOUNCER: BETWEEN 15 AND 33 PERCENT OF 18 YEARS OLDS REPORTED BEING VERY HAPPY. COMPARE THAT TO MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF PEOPLE IN THEIR EIGHTIES WHO SAID THEY WERE VERY HAPPY.

ANNOUNCER: RESEARCHERS SAY SELF ESTEEM TENDS TO IMPROVE WITH AGE, WHICH LIKELY CONTRIBUTES TO HAPPINESS.

ANNOUNCER: ON WEDNESDAY PRESIDENT BUSH UPDATED HIS POSITION ON CLIMATE CHANGE. HE ANNOUNCED SPECIFIC GOALS FOR CUTTING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.

(SOT:) "The growth in emissions will slow over the next decade, stop at 2025, and begin to reverse thereafter."

ANNOUNCER: WHEN ACCUMULATED IN THE ATMOSPHERE, GREENHOUSE GASES CAN TRAP HEAT FROM THE SUN AND COULD BE CONTRIBUTING TO THE EARTH'S RISING TEMPERATURE AND GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE.

ANNOUNCER: GREENHOUSE GASES CAN ENTER THE ATMOSPHERE NATURALLY AND THROUGH HUMAN ACTIVITIES, LIKE BURNING FOSSIL FUELS.

ANNOUNCER: THE PRESIDENT DID NOT LAY OUT A PLAN FOR HOW EMISSIONS SHOULD BE CUT, SOMETHING DEMOCRATS IMMEDIATELY CRITICIZED.

ANNOUNCER: IT MAY BE THE LARGEST CUSTODY HEARING IN U.S. HISTORY BUT IT CAME TO A HALT ALMOST AS SOON AS IT BEGAN.

ANNOUNCER: YESTERDAY, A JUDGE IN SAN ANGELO, TEXAS WAS SUPPOSED TO HEAR ARGUMENTS REGARDING THE FUTURES OF THE 416 CHILDREN REMOVED TWO WEEKS AGO FROM A COMPOUND IN ELDORADO, TEXAS.

ANNOUNCER: THE COMPOUND IS RUN BY THE FUNDAMENTALIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS. UNDERAGE MARRIAGE AND POLYGAMY OR THE TAKING OF MULTIPLE WIVES ARE COMMON ON THE RANCH.

ANNOUNCER: POLICE RAIDED THE COMPOUND AFTER RECEIVING A CALL FROM A 16 YEAR OLD GIRL WHO SAID SHE'D BEEN ABUSED AND FORCED TO MARRY A MAN MORE THAN THREE TIMES HER AGE.

ANNOUNCER: ONLY 40 MINUTES INTO THE HEARING, THE JUDGE CALLED A RECESS AFTER HUNDREDS OF LAWYERS DEMANDED TO STUDY THE FIRST PIECE OF EVIDENCE BEFORE IT COULD BE INTRODUCED.

ANNOUNCER: THE JUDGE WILL BE DECIDING WHETHER THE CHILDREN SHOULD BE PLACED IN PERMANENT FOSTER CARE OR RETURNED TO THE RANCH.

JESSICA: THAT'S WHAT'S MAKING HEADLINES TODAY, BUT IT'S ALSO BEEN A BUSY FEW WEEKS ON THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN TRAIL. WE'VE GOT OUR ONEVOTE WRAP-UP TO KEEP YOU UP IN THE LOOP.

JESSICA: SENATORS HILLARY CLINTON AND BARACK OBAMA FACED OFF IN A DEBATE WEDNESDAY NIGHT IN PHILADELPHIA, LESS THAN A WEEK BEFORE VOTERS IN PENNSYLVANIA GO TO THE POLLS.

JESSICA: MUCH OF THE DEBATE FOCUSED ON CHARACTER ISSUES RATHER THAN POLITICAL ONES. THAT'S BECAUSE RECENTLY CLINTON AND OBAMA HAVE MADE SEVERAL POLITICAL GAFFES OR VERBAL MISTAKES.

JESSICA: OBAMA SAID VOTERS IN SMALL TOWNS ARE "BITTER" AND CLING TO GUNS AND RELIGION TO FIND COMFORT. THIS PROMPTED CLINTON TO LABEL HIM AS ELITIST OR OUT OF TOUCH WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

JESSICA: AND IT'S A WORD CHOICE THAT OBAMA HAS SINCE ADMITTED WAS POOR.

(SOT: Obama) "I can see how people were offended."

JESSICA: CLINTON ALSO HAD TO APOLOGIZE, IN HER CASE FOR A SLIP-UP SHE MADE ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL. WHEN SPEAKING OF A TRIP SHE MADE TO BOSNIA AS FIRST LADY, CLINTON SAID SHE CAME UNDER SNIPER FIRE, WHICH IS NOT TRUE.

(SOT: Clinton) "You know, I'm embarrassed by it."

JESSICA: BOTH DEMOCRATS SAID THEY WERE THE BEST CANDIDATE TO FACE REPUBLICAN JOHN MCCAIN IN THE GENERAL ELECTION.

(SOT: Clinton) "Obviously I believe I would be the best president."

(SOT: Obama) "I am doing just as well, if not better in pulling together the coalition to defeat John McCain."

JESSICA: REPUBLICAN SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN, MEANWHILE, HAS LARGELY STAYED OUT OF THE SPARRING BETWEEN THE DEMOCRATS. AND RECENT POLLS SHOW MCCAIN GAINING SUPPORT AMONG INDEPENDENTS AND MODERATE DEMOCRATS.

ANNOUNCER: CAMPAIGN COVERAGE CONTINUES AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM. CHECK OUT ONE VOTE 2008.

COMMERCIAL

JESSICA: SHE'S THE YIN TO HER YANG AND TOGETHER THEY MAKE AN ALMOST UNSTOPPABLE TEAM. TONY ANDERSON TALKS WITH MISTY MAY TREANOR AND KERRI WALSH, AN OLYMPIC DUO THAT'S MAKING HISTORY.

TONY: BUMP, SET, SPIKE. WOMEN'S BEACH VOLLEYBALL IS ALL ABOUT PARTNERSHIP AND MISTY MAY TRAINER AND KERRI WALSH HAVE FOUND THEIR PERFECT MATCH.

(SOT:) "My partner and I have something so special. So, our legacy as a team, if we could be the best that has ever played I'd be happy with that."

TONY: IT WAS AFTER THEY COMBINED FORCES IN 2001 WHEN MISTY AND KERRI REALLY BEGAN TO DOMINATE.

TONY: THE DUO WENT ON TO WIN AN UNHEARD OF 15 CONSECUTIVE TOURNAMENT TITLES AND 90 CONSECUTIVE MATCHES.

TONY: TOGETHER THE TANDEM CLIMBED TO THE TOP AND ACHIEVED OLYMPIC GLORY TAKING HOME THE GOLD IN 2004.

TONY: NOW YOU TALKED ABOUT REPRESENTING THE U.S. IN SYDNEY, HOW WAS THAT? WAS IT JUST LIKE A SURREAL EXPERIENCE?

(SOT:) "It was! The same thing for Athens as well. It's different every time and it is so special every single time and you get this sense of patriotism and pride in your country. Sydney was awesome, but obviously Athens was better because we won the Gold medal and hopefully Beijing would be the best of all you know if we win and do well and I come home happy."

TONY: WHEN YOU WIN THE GOLD MEDAL, THAT MEANS YOU'RE THE BEST IN THE WORLD.

(SOT:) "It does, how crazy is that?"

TONY: THINK ITS CRAZY? WELL, IN BEACH VOLLEYBALL, MISTY MAY IS THE NUMBER ONE RANKED PLAYER IN THE WORLD AND THEY MAKE UP THE NUMBER ONE TEAM IN THE WORLD.

TONY: YOU ALREADY HAVE A GOLD MEDAL. YOU AND YOUR PARTNER KERRI ARE ALREADY TOUTED AS TWO OF THE BEST TO EVER PLAY THE SPORT. WHEN EVERYTHING IS SAID AND DONE, WHAT DO YOU WANT YOUR LEGACY TO BE?

(SOT:) "I think that when people talk about beach volleyball, if not volleyball itself that we are as recognizable as Karch Kiraly because when you mention volleyball, beach volleyball Karch Kiraly for the male side is the one name everybody recognizes. Hopefully, Kerri and I ya know, we go down in history as the best that ever was."

TONY: AND THEY'RE NOT JUST LEAVING BEHIND A LEGACY ON THE SAND.

(SOT:) "I have a charity that's called Chase The Stars, that we give back to underprivileged kids. I was so blessed growing up to have everything I ever wanted and more and there's so many kids out there who don't. And so I just really want to give back to them and make sure they have opportunities in all facets of life."

TONY: GROWING UP, WHO WERE YOUR GREATEST INFLUENCES?

(SOT:) "My father always instilled in me that when you're working out and you're playing you play for the people who can't, you know the handicapped, the terminally ill because the one time that I don't want to go to practice, they would love to switch places with you for one day."

TONY: WE TALKED TO A LOT OF PEOPLE AND THEY SAID THEY HAD TO SACRIFICE SO MUCH, SOME PEOPLE ARE BORN WITH TREMENDOUS HEIGHT AND ABILITY, BUT I'M SURE YOU HAD TO SACRIFICE. WHAT WERE SOME OF THE THINGS YOU HAD TO GIVE UP?

(SOT:) "I don't even know if I'd call them sacrifices, its just something you have to do, its part of the job. It's so worth it, whatever I put on hold or kind of put off it's been so worth it because dreams have come true and my life is really wonderful."

TONY: TONY ANDERSON, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

ANNOUNCER: GO ONLINE TO WATCH AN EXCLUSIVE VIDEO OF KERRI WALSH AS SHE TEACHES TONY ANDERSON TO BE A VOLLEYBALL PRO. JUST CLICK ON REPORTERS NOTEBOOK AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

ANNOUNCER: HEY GUYS, IT'S FRIDAY CULTURECAST TIME!

ANNOUNCER: STUDENTS AT SALUDA HIGH SCHOOL IN SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA WROTE IN TO TELL US ABOUT THEIR PROM TONIGHT! THE THEME WILL BE "WE'LL ALWAYS HAVE PARIS." IT'LL BE FUN AND A GREAT MEMORY FOR SALUDA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

ANNOUNCER: TOMORROW, THE MINNESOTA DESTINATION IMAGINATION STATE TOURNAMENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN CHASKA. DESTINATION IMAGINATION IS AN ACTIVITY WHERE STUDENTS SOLVE CHALLENGING PROBLEMS CREATIVELY IN TEAMS OF 2 TO 7 PEOPLE. SO PUT ON YOUR THINKING CAPS!

ANNOUNCER: AND ALSO TOMORROW, FR3SH DANCE COMPANY PRESENTS THE "PRELUDE EC DANCE COMPETITION" IN RAHWAY, NEW JERSEY. COME SEE OVER 400 DANCERS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY SHOW OFF THEIR MOVES!

ANNOUNCER: WANT YOUR SCHOOL'S EVENTS ON CULTURE CAST? YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO HEAD TO CHANNELONE DOT COM, AND TELL US ALL ABOUT IT!

JESSICA: THANKS FOR WATCHING CHANNEL ONE NEWS, I'M JESSICA KUMARI, I
HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND.