

## CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 4/30/08

### TOPICS COVERED:

- News of the Day
- Afghanistan
- Peer Counseling

CHRIS: HEY GUYS, IT'S WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30TH, I'M CHRIS BROWNE AND COMING UP WE'LL TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF SOME FORMERLY MYTHICAL SEA CREATURES. BUT FIRST, HERE ARE YOUR HEADLINES FROM CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

ANNOUNCER: PRESIDENT BUSH SPOKE YESTERDAY ABOUT THE ISSUES FACING THE U.S. ECONOMY, INCLUDING THE PROBLEMS WITH STUDENT LOANS.

(SOT: President Bush) "Americans are concerned about the availability of student loans. The recent credit crunch makes it uncertain that some students will be able to get the loans they need."

ANNOUNCER: THE PRESIDENT CALLED ON CONGRESS TO PASS LEGISLATION TO MAKE MORE STUDENT LOANS AVAILABLE.

ANNOUNCER: MR. BUSH ALSO CRITICIZED CONGRESS FOR MOVING TOO SLOWLY ON HIS PROPOSALS TO HELP THE SLUGGISH ECONOMY.

(SOT: ) "They're looking to their elected leaders in Congress for action. Unfortunately on many of these issues all they're getting is delay."

ANNOUNCER: DEMOCRATS SAY CONGRESS ISN'T THE PROBLEM

(SOT:) "He says he's concerned with high gas prices and high food prices and student and home loan problems but the truth is the president has closed his eyes and put his hands over his ears as these crisis have grown."

TONY: THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE WORLD BANK ARE TEAMING UP TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO COMBAT THE GLOBAL FOOD CRISIS. FOOD PRICES AROUND THE WORLD ARE SOARING.

TONY: THE PRICE OF ONE FOOD STAPLE RICE HAS ALREADY JUMPED 70 PERCENT THIS YEAR. CONCERNS ABOUT FOOD COSTS HAVE SPARKED RIOTS IN AFRICA AND LED TO THE TOPPLE OF THE GOVERNMENT IN HAITI.

TONY: UN SECRETARY GENERAL BAN KI-MOON WILL HEAD UP THE TASK FORCE.

(SOT: Ban Ki-moon) "The first and immediate priority issue that we all agreed was that we must feed the hungry."

TONY: THE UN IS URGING COUNTRIES TO CONTINUE EXPORTING FOOD, WARNING THAT HOARDING WILL ONLY MAKE THINGS WORSE.

ANNOUNCER: RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE PROBABLY THINKING MORE ABOUT ENTERING COLLEGE THAN LEAVING IT. BUT THERE'S SOME GOOD NEWS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS GRADUATING THIS SPRING.

ANNOUNCER: THE AVERAGE STARTING SALARY FOR 2008 COLLEGE GRADUATES IS FOUR PERCENT HIGHER THAN IT WAS FOR STUDENTS WHO GRADUATED LAST YEAR.

ANNOUNCER: FROM ENGINEERING TO FINANCE TO MARKETING, STUDENTS ENTERING THE WORK FORCE FOR THE FIRST TIME SAW SALARY INCREASES.

ANNOUNCER: AMONG THE BIGGEST INCREASES, STUDENTS GRADUATING WITH LIBERAL ARTS DEGREES WHICH ARE UP NINE PERCENT AND GRADUATES WITH TECHNICAL DEGREES, SUCH AS COMPUTER SCIENCE, SAW AVERAGE OFFERS RISE ALMOST 8 PERCENT.

TONY: VIRGINIA RESIDENTS HAVE BEGUN THE DIFFICULT PROCESS OF CLEANING UP AND MOVING ON FOLLOWING MONDAY'S SEVERE WEATHER.

TONY: THREE TORNADOES SWEEP THROUGH SOUTHEASTERN VIRGINIA, FLIPPING OVER CARS AND KNOCKING DOWN POWER LINES. THE MOST DEVASTATING OF THE THREE TWISTERS LEFT A 25-MILE TRAIL OF DESTRUCTION FROM SUFFOLK TO NORFOLK AND AT LEAST 200 PEOPLE INJURED.

(SOT: Reginald King) "It wiped a whole house completely off the surface, all you could see is the driveway."

TONY: FOR THE HARDEST HIT AREAS, VIRGINIA GOVERNOR TIMOTHY Kaine DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY, WHICH ALLOWS THE GOVERNMENT TO ALLOCATE RESOURCES DURING A DISASTER.

ANNOUNCER: THE TRIAL OF TARIQ AZIZ. ONCE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF IRAQ AND A MEMBER OF SADDAM HUSSEIN'S INNER CIRCLE BEGAN YESTERDAY.

ANNOUNCER: AZIZ IS FACING CHARGES CONNECTED TO A 1992 INCIDENT IN WHICH THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT EXECUTED DOZENS OF MERCHANTS.

ANNOUNCER: AZIZ SURRENDERED TO AMERICAN FORCES IN APRIL 2003. HE'S BEEN IN U.S. CUSTODY EVER SINCE.

ANNOUNCER: AZIZ HAS SERVED AS A WITNESS IN THE TRIALS OF OTHER FORMER MEMBERS OF THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING SADDAM HUSSEIN. BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME HE'S BEING TRIED.

CHRIS: IT WAS ONE OF THE MOST TERRIFYING SEA MONSTERS IN OLD LEGENDS TOLD BY SAILORS. THE KRAKEN, A HUGE CREATURE THAT WOULD RISE OUT OF THE OCEAN AND TAKE DOWN SHIPS.

CHRIS: IT WAS ONCE BELIEVED TO BE ONLY A MYTH, BUT LATER SCIENTISTS DISCOVERED THAT THOSE OLD STORIES MAY HAVE BEEN BASED ON A REAL ANIMAL.

CHRIS: SO WHICH OCEAN ANIMAL WAS ONCE THOUGHT TO BE JUST A LEGEND?

CHRIS: IS IT  
A. GREAT WHITE SHARK

B. PORTUGUESE MAN OF WAR  
C. KOMODO DRAGON  
OR D. COLOSSAL SQUID

CHRIS: YOU KNOW HOW THIS WORKS. YOU'VE GOT TEN SECONDS.

CHRIS: TIME'S UP. THE ANSWER IS D - THE COLOSSAL SQUID

CHRIS: THOUGH SCIENTISTS DOUBT THAT A GIANT SQUID EVER ROSE UP OUT OF THE SEA TO SWALLOW A SHIP, THEY DO BELIEVE THAT SAILORS MAY HAVE SEEN A GIANT SQUID IN THE WATER AND LATER EMBELLISHED THE STORY.

CHRIS: THIS WEEK SCIENTISTS IN NEW ZEALAND HAVE STARTED THAWING THE CORPSE OF THE BIGGEST SQUID EVER CAUGHT.

CHRIS: IT MEASURES 26 FEET LONG AND WEIGHS NEARLY 11 HUNDRED POUNDS.

CHRIS: THAT'S TALLER AND HEAVIER THAN 3 SHAQUILLE O'NEALS. THE COLOSSAL SQUID WAS TAKEN OUT OF ITS FREEZER ON MONDAY AND PUT INTO A TANK FILLED WITH ICE AND SALINE SOLUTION.

CHRIS: THE SQUID WAS ACCIDENTALLY CAUGHT BY FISHERMEN LAST FEBRUARY OFF ANTARCTICA'S NORTHERN COAST AND WAS QUICKLY FROZEN TO PRESERVE IT.

CHRIS: AN EXPERT SAID THAT IF IT WAS CUT UP, THE SQUID COULD HAVE BEEN USED TO MAKE CALAMARI RINGS THE SIZE OF TRACTOR TIRES.

COMMERCIAL

CHRIS: OVERSHADOWED BY IRAQ, IT'S BEEN CALLED THE FORGOTTEN WAR BUT EACH SPRING IN AFGHANISTAN, THE FIGHTING HEATS UP. AND THIS TIME, U.S. MARINES ARE GOING IN TO TAKE ON THE TALIBAN IN THEIR OWN TERRITORY. HERE'S JESSICA KUMARI.

JESSICA: SOUTHERN AFGHANISTAN, THIS IS TALIBAN TURF

JESSICA: THE TALIBAN, AN ISLAMIC EXTREMIST MILITANT GROUP HAS BEEN HIDING OUT HERE SINCE THE U.S. KNOCKED THEM OUT OF POWER IN 2001.

JESSICA: AND EACH SPRING, WHEN TEMPERATURES RISE, SO DO ACTS OF VIOLENCE. AMONG THE TALIBAN'S GOALS, TO OUST THE CURRENT PRESIDENT AND GET WESTERN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES OUT OF AFGHANISTAN.

JESSICA: IN PREPARATION OF THAT, EVERY YEAR THE U.S. BEEFS UP ITS FORCES BUT THIS YEAR THEY'RE GOING IN DEEPER.

JESSICA: IN MARCH U.S. MARINES FLOODED SOUTHERN AFGHANISTAN AND ON TUESDAY THEY LAUNCHED THE FIRST MAJOR AMERICAN OPERATION IN THIS PART OF THE COUNTRY IN 6 YEARS.

JESSICA: BUT CRITICS WARN THIS MOVE BY THE U.S. MILITARY MAY BE SEEN AS AN EXPANSION AND IN THE LONG RUN RECRUIT MORE ANGRY AFGHANS TO THE TALIBAN'S SIDE.

JESSICA: U.S. TROOPS ARE USUALLY BASED IN THE EASTERN PART OF AFGHANISTAN ALONG THE BORDER WITH PAKISTAN.

JESSICA: BUT NOW THEY'RE REJOINING TROOPS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES LIKE BRITAIN WHO'VE BEEN BASED IN THE AREA. TO HELP THEM FIGHT GUERILLA STYLE ATTACKS WHICH KILLED OVER 8,000 PEOPLE LAST YEAR.

JESSICA: SO IN SEVERAL REMOTE BASES, THE MARINES ARE BUILDING UP SUPPLIES, MOUNTING WEAPONS AND LOADING AMMO, ONE BULLET AT A TIME. READY TO FIGHT THE TALIBAN IN THEIR OWN BACKYARD.

(SOT: Jason White) "If they want to come face to face, I'm sure we'll be ready and if they want to launch IED's, and indirects at us, we'll be ready for that too."

JESSICA: U.S. COMMANDERS SAY THE TALIBAN ARE EXPECTING THEM. SO AS THE MARINES PUSH INTO TALIBAN COUNTRY, THIS MOBILE, FULLY EQUIPPED SURGICAL UNIT IS RUNNING DAILY DRILLS, TO SAVE LIVES AND LIMBS EVEN IN THE MOST REMOTE FRONT LINES.

(SOT: Commander Rob Catania) "We need to bring our medical capability farther and farther south as well."

JESSICA: THIS WILL BE THE SEVENTH SPRING OFFENSIVE SINCE THIS LONG, SOMETIMES FORGOTTEN WAR BEGAN. NOW IT'S HOPED THAT WITH THESE ADDITIONAL AMERICAN TROOPS, IT WILL BE THE LAST.

JESSICA: JESSICA KUMARI CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

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CHRIS: IT'S A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO GET STUDENTS TALKING ABOUT A VERY TOUGH TOPIC, EATING DISORDERS. AND AS TONY ANDERSON TELLS US, THE GOAL IS TO CHANGE ATTITUDES ABOUT BODY IMAGE.

TONY: IT'S NOT A TOPIC YOU'D PROBABLY WANT TO TALK ABOUT.

(SOT: ) "And then I didn't do it in third grade or fourth grade."

TONY: LET ALONE IN FRONT OF A CLASS OF YOUR PEERS. BUT HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR NORA BUCK ISN'T AFRAID TO SPEAK UP ABOUT HER STRUGGLE WITH AN EATING DISORDER.

(SOT: ) "And we'd either go to lunch and eat a lot and then go to the bathroom and throw it all up together. And then once I got under 90 pounds, once I hit like 89, 87 I realized that it's really getting a problem and I could really hurt myself from doing this."

TONY: NORA'S PART OF A SPECIAL CLUB OF STUDENTS.

(SOT: ) "My name is Melissa and I'm a junior at Methacton."

TONY: TACKLING THE TOUGH ISSUES OF APPEARANCE AND EATING DISORDERS HEAD ON.

(SOT: ) "Not all of you like will deal with an eating disorder but we feel that everybody has issues with body image."

TONY: THE IDEA IS OLDER STUDENTS SHARING WHAT THEY KNOW WITH YOUNGER STUDENTS. CLUB MEMBERS PREPARE FOR WEEKS AND ARE TRAINED BY COUNSELORS ON HOW TO APPROACH THE SENSITIVE SUBJECT MATTER.

(SOT: ) "She's a runway model. She died in August from heart failure because she was surviving on diet soda and vegetables for months."

TONY: WHETHER IT'S THROUGH POWER POINT SLIDES OR PERSONAL STORIES, NORA HOPES TO KEEP OTHER TEENS FROM MAKING THE SAME CHOICES SHE DID.

(SOT: Nora Buck) "It's important that they understand how to help a friend and how devastating this disease can be."

TONY: ADVICE FROM ONE STUDENT BEING HEARD BY ANOTHER.

(SOT: Jessica McCrane) "It's a lot more relatable. It's not like a news story that you are hearing. It's real girls talking about their issues."

CHRIS: IF YOU THINK YOU OR SOME ONE YOU KNOW IS SUFFERING FROM AN EATING DISORDER AND YOU WANT TO FIND OUT THE WARNING SIGNS. HEAD TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND CLICK ON EATING DISORDERS EXPLAINED.

CHRIS: THAT'S IT FOR CHANNEL ONE NEWS FOR TODAY, I'M CHRIS BROWNE AND HERE'S ONE MORE THING BEFORE WE GO.

TONY: TALK ABOUT RACING TO BED. TEAMS TOOK TO THE TRACK IN THEIR BEDS IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY AS PART OF THE KENTUCKY DERBY FESTIVAL GREAT BED RACES.

TONY: 50 TEAMS WERE EXPECTED TO TRY THEIR LUCK AT BROADBENT ARENA. IT'S PART OF THE EXCITEMENT LEADING UP TO SATURDAY'S KENTUCKY DERBY AT CHURCHILL DOWNS.

TONY: LOOK AT THOSE BEDS GO!