

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 5/02/08

TOPICS COVERED:

- Football Prayer
- News of the Day
- Holocaust Remembrance
- Genetic Testing

CHRIS: I'M CHRIS BROWNE AND CHANNEL ONE NEWS STARTS RIGHT NOW.

CHRIS: IT'S A COMMON SIGHT IN AMERICAN SPORTS, FOOTBALL PLAYERS DOWN ON ONE KNEE PRAYING BEFORE THE BIG GAME. BUT FOR ONE HIGH SCHOOL COACH AND HIS PLAYERS IN NEW JERSEY THAT TRADITION WAS CHALLENGED.

CHRIS: PITTING THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH AGAINST THE FREEDOM OF RELIGION BOTH RIGHTS GUARANTEED BY THE FIRST AMENDMENT. NOW, CONTRIBUTING REPORTER KIM FERDINANDO HAS THE STORY IN TODAY'S ONE VOICE SEGMENT.

(SOT: Bart) "I never felt uncomfortable at all during team prayer, it was always a sports thing. It was never about religion. It was just like tradition."

KIM: THE TRADITION? TO START OFF EVERY FOOTBALL GAME WITH A TEAM PRAYER AND FOR 23 YEARS HEAD COACH MARCUS BORDEN PRAYED WITH HIS STUDENTS.

(SOT: Borden) "Football coaches and players across the country ask for some type of protection before they step out on the field. Football is a violent game and there are people hurt all the time."

KIM: BUT IN 2005, SCHOOL OFFICIALS ASKED COACH BORDEN TO STOP PARTICIPATING IN TEAM PRAYER BECAUSE THEY SAY THERE WERE COMPLAINTS.

(SOT: Stewart) "Initially the complaints were by some of the cheerleaders. The school board said they received some calls from very upset parents about what was going on with the prayers going on before the games."

KIM: BORDEN SUED THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND WENT FROM THE SIDELINES INTO THE COURT ROOM, TAKING HIS TEAM WITH HIM INTO THE SPOTLIGHT.

KIM: BART FRALEY WAS A SENIOR OFFENSIVE LINEMAN WHEN THE CONTROVERSY BEGAN.

(SOT: Bart) "There was a few games that we had extensive media coverage at and that's not something high school football players are prepared for necessarily."

(SOT: Borden) "I was asking simply to bow my head and take a knee out of respect when my team was involved in student initiated prayer. I

have led prayer in the past, but I said I would not do that any longer."

KIM: THE COURT AGREED AND RULED THAT BORDEN COULD BOW AND KNEEL WHILE THE STUDENTS PRAYED.

KIM: DO YOU THINK IT IS RESPECTFUL OF HIM TO BOW HIS HEAD AND TAKE A KNEE, OR IS THAT ENDORSING RELIGION?

(SOT: Bart) "Just because he is bowing his head doesn't mean he is condoning anything."

KIM: EARLIER THIS MONTH A FEDERAL APPEALS COURT OVERTURNED THE RULING AND FOUND THAT BORDEN'S ACTIONS VIOLATED THE FIRST AMENDMENT ESTABLISHMENT CLAUSE.

KIM: AMERICANS UNITED FOR SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE REPRESENTED THE SCHOOL BOARD.

(SOT: Stewart) "You have a few people who are going to be feeling out of place and intimidated by the whole thing and these laws are set up to protect people like that."

KIM: THE DEBATE? BORDEN SAYS THE RULING VIOLATES HIS FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH. BUT THE SCHOOL SAYS THE RULING UPHOLDS THE FIRST AMENDMENT, WHICH SAYS CONGRESS SHOULD MAKE NO LAW RESPECTING AN ESTABLISHMENT OF RELIGION.

(SOT: Stewart) "Praying before a game may be comforting personally, but we feel it has no place and there are other ways to get the team ready to go."

KIM: THE RECENT RULING IS SPARKING CONVERSATION ABOUT HOW TO INTERPRET THE FIRST AMENDMENT.

(SOT: JON EKER) "It's important because this is America and it's supposed to be free and that's what the country was built on so it shouldn't be taken away."

KIM: EAST BRUNSWICK HIGH SCHOOL OFFICIALS DECLINED TO SPEAK WITH ME ON CAMERA, BUT THEY'VE ISSUED A STATEMENT SAYING THEY'RE PLEASED WITH THE RULING WHICH THEY SAY UPHOLDS SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY AGAINST EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATING IN PRAYER.

KIM: COACH BORDEN SAYS HE'LL OBEY THE RULING, BUT HE'LL ALSO ASK THE U.S. SUPREME COURT TO REVIEW THE CASE.

KIM: KIM FERDINANDO, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

CHRIS: SO STUDENTS, TO FIND OUT IF YOUR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS ARE PROTECTED AT SCHOOL, CHECK OUT THE ONE VOICE FEATURE AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM. AND TEACHERS TO HELP YOU TEACH THE FIRST AMENDMENT, WE HAVE AN EXCLUSIVE OF LIVEWIRE VIDEOS. JUST CLICK ON TEACHING TOOLS AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

COMMERCIAL

CHRIS: WELCOME BACK, NOW HERE'S A LOOK AT WHAT'S MAKING NEWS IN YOUR HEADLINES.

JESSICA: FORMER SOUTH AFRICAN LEADER NELSON MANDELA IS A NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER AND AN INTERNATIONAL SYMBOL OF FREEDOM.

JESSICA: HE SPENT 27 YEARS OF HIS LIFE IN JAIL FOR FIGHTING THE REPRESSIVE REGIME IN SOUTH AFRICA, WHICH ENFORCED APARTHEID OR LEGALIZED RACIAL SEGREGATION. SO JUST WHY IS HE ON THE U.S. TERROR WATCH LIST?

JESSICA: THAT'S WHAT SOME U.S. LEADERS ARE ASKING. AND THIS WEEK THEY PROPOSED A BILL TO REMOVE HIS NAME FROM THE LIST.

JESSICA: IT DATES BACK TO THE 1970S AND 80S, WHEN MANDELA LED THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS, AN ANTI-APARTHEID ORGANIZATION. SOUTH AFRICA'S RULING WHITE MINORITY DESIGNATED THE ANC A TERRORIST GROUP AND OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES FOLLOWED THEIR LEAD.

JESSICA: BECAUSE MANDELA IS ON THE U.S. TERROR WATCH LIST, IT MEANS HE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ANC HAVE TO GET SPECIAL PERMISSION TO TRAVEL TO THE U.S.

JESSICA: U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE CONDOLEEZZA RICE CALLED THE SITUATION EMBARRASSING.

ANNOUNCER: COULD THE TIME YOU SPEND BLOGGING ALSO IMPROVE YOUR WRITING SKILLS?

ANNOUNCER: WELL, ACCORDING TO A NEW SURVEY, BLOGGING MAY HELP STUDENTS BECOME BETTER WRITERS. TEEN BLOGGERS REPORTED THAT WRITING FOR AN AUDIENCE HELPS THEM TO WRITE BETTER AND MORE FREQUENTLY.

ANNOUNCER: THE SURVEY ALSO FOUND TEEN BLOGGERS WRITE MORE OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL THAN TEENS WITHOUT BLOGS. AND 65 PERCENT OF TEEN BLOGGERS SAID THEY BELIEVE WRITING IS ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESS LATER IN LIFE, COMPARED TO 53 PERCENT OF TEENS WITHOUT BLOGS.

JESSICA: A GROUP OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN PROTESTORS TOOK OVER THIS POPULAR TOURIST SPOT IN HONOLULU, THE HISTORIC IOLANI PALACE ON WEDNESDAY.

JESSICA: THE GROUP CALLS ITSELF THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM GOVERNMENT, AND IT DOESN'T CONSIDER HAWAII TO BE A U.S. STATE. IN FACT, THE GROUP BELIEVES IT IS THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF HAWAII.

JESSICA: THE GROUP LOCKED THE PALACE GATES AND PUT UP "NO TRESPASSING" SIGNS. NO ONE WAS ALLOWED IN EXCEPT THOSE WITH HAWAIIAN BLOOD. THE DEMONSTRATION ENDED PEACEFULLY.

JESSICA: AND OFFICIALS SAY SINCE THE PALACE IS ON PUBLIC LAND, THE GROUP WILL BE ALLOWED TO RETURN WHENEVER THEY WANT.

CHRIS: TODAY IS HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY HERE IN THE U.S., A TIME TO REFLECT AND REMEMBER THE 11 MILLION PEOPLE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES DURING THE HOLOCAUST.

CHRIS: STUDENTS AT RUSSELL MIDDLE SCHOOL IN RUSSELL KENTUCKY WANTED TO SHARE THEIR CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE OF ACTUALLY MEETING TWO HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS, SO THEY SENT US A VIDEO. CHECK IT OUT.

(SOT: Jordan Gross) "Hello Channel One viewers, I'm Jordan Gross an eighth grade student here at Russell Middle School. Just recently we were lucky enough to be visited by two of the remaining Holocaust survivors, Mr. John Rosenberg and Mrs. Ann Klein."

(SOT: Rosenberg) "My story begins in Germany, I was born in 1931. That seems a long time ago."

(SOT: Klein) "I was in Birkenau for 4 weeks. After that they took us to another part of Auschwitz that everybody got a tattoo number."

(SOT: Rosenberg) "The storm troopers came in, they knocked on our door, my mother asked one of the storm troopers whether we were going to be killed and he said he really did not know."

(SOT: Klein) "We get to the so-called doctor and he pointed to the right, pointed to the left. I went to the right and I looked back, I wanted to say something to my mother and she was not behind me anymore and I never, ever, ever saw her again. Because those people had to go to the left, left meant to the gas chambers."

(SOT: Rosenberg) "One of the reasons that Ann and I are speaking to you today is so that you will know that these things really did happen."

CHRIS: TAKE A LOOK BACK IN TIME AT THE STORY OF A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR AND THE MAN WHO RESCUED HER, HER HUSBAND. GO TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND CLICK ON WORLD WAR TWO DECLASSIFIED.

COMMERCIAL

CHRIS: WE ALL KNOW THAT, IN SOME CASES, IT'S AGAINST THE LAW TO TREAT SOMEONE DIFFERENTLY BECAUSE OF THEIR AGE, THEIR RELIGION OR THEIR GENDER. BUT WHAT ABOUT TREATING SOMEONE DIFFERENTLY, BECAUSE OF THEIR GENES?

CHRIS: WELL ON THURSDAY, CONGRESS MOVED TOWARD PASSING A BILL THAT WOULD PROTECT PEOPLE AGAINST SO CALLED GENETIC DISCRIMINATION. HERE'S JESSICA KUMARI.

(SOT: Kate Barasz) "My mom had breast cancer when I was 9 and she was 31, um, her mother had breast cancer when she was 35, my great grandmother died of ovarian cancer."

JESSICA: IT WAS THIS FAMILY HISTORY OF CANCER THAT LED KATE BARASZ TO HAVE A GENETIC TEST AT AGE 18

JESSICA: FOR KATE THE TEST SHOWED SHE CARRIES A BREAST CANCER GENE, BRCA-1. IT MEANS SHE HAS AN 80 PERCENT CHANCE OF GETTING BREAST CANCER SOME DAY, AND THE POSSIBILITY OF OVARIAN CANCER.

JESSICA: UNTIL NOW, SHE KEPT IT A SECRET.

JESSICA: KATE'S FEAR, GENETIC DISCRIMINATION. MANY PEOPLE ARE AFRAID THE RESULTS WILL MEAN AN INSURANCE COMPANY WILL REFUSE MEDICAL COVERAGE, AND EMPLOYERS, WHO OFTEN PAY FOR INSURANCE FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES, MAY NOT HIRE SOMEONE WHO'S AT A GREATER RISK OF BECOMING SICK.

(SOT: Andy Faucett) "That fear I think often stops people from using testing that would actually be very beneficial to them."

(SOT: Edward Kennedy) "No American should be denied health insurance or be fired from a job because of genetic testing."

JESSICA: NOW, AFTER 10 YEARS, CONGRESS IS LOOKING TO PASS A LAW MAKING IT ILLEGAL FOR INSURANCE COMPANIES TO REFUSE COVERAGE OR RAISE PRICES, BASED ON GENETIC TEST RESULTS.

JESSICA: THE LAW WOULD ALSO PROHIBIT INSURANCE COMPANIES OR EMPLOYERS FROM SEEKING GENETIC INFORMATION ABOUT A PERSON.

JESSICA: BUT SOME BUSINESS GROUPS ARE OPPOSED.

(SOT: Michael Eastman) "I think the bill does lack a common sense approach to understanding how employers collect and use health care information in normal, routine human resource functions."

JESSICA: STILL, FOR KATE THE LAW WOULD BE A WELCOME RELIEF.

(SOT: Kate Barasz) "Just like you wouldn't turn me away because I'm a woman, you can't turn me away because I have BRCA-1."

JESSICA: JESSICA KUMARI, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

ANNOUNCER: HEY GUYS, THE WEEKEND'S HERE, AND SO IS YOUR CULTURECAST!

ANNOUNCER: JOHN AT ST. PAUL'S HIGH SCHOOL IN COVINGTON, LOUISIANA, WROTE IN TO TELL US ABOUT THEIR "WOLF JAM" TODAY. IT'S A BATTLE OF THE BANDS BETWEEN STUDENTS, AND FUNDRAISER FOR SAN MIGUEL HIGH SCHOOL IN TUSCON, ARIZONA.

ANNOUNCER: TIMBERLINE MIDDLE SCHOOL IN ALPINE, UTAH, PRESENTS "JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT." THE PLAY RUNS THROUGH MONDAY EVENING, STARTING AT 7 P.M. EACH NIGHT.

ANNOUNCER: WANT YOUR SCHOOL'S EVENT ON CULTURECAST? WE'RE ONLY A CLICK AWAY! HEAD TO CHANNELONE DOT COM AND TELL US ABOUT IT!

CHRIS: THAT'S IT FOR CHANNEL ONE NEWS FOR TODAY. I'M CHRIS BROWNE, HOPE YOU GUYS HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND.