

## CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 5/07/08

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- News of the Day
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TONY: HEY GUYS, IT'S WEDNESDAY, MAY 7TH. I'M TONY ANDERSON AND COMING UP FOR YOU WE HAVE THE LATEST ON THE WAR IN IRAQ, POLITICS AND YOUR RIGHT TO HANG OUT WITH WHOMEVER YOU WANT. BUT FIRST HERE ARE YOUR HEADLINES FROM CHANNEL ONE NEWS

ANNOUNCER: THE DEATH TOLL FROM SATURDAY'S CYCLONE IN MYANMAR CONTINUES TO SOAR.

ANNOUNCER: ACCORDING TO MYANMAR STATE RADIO, THE STORM LEFT MORE THAN 22 THOUSAND PEOPLE DEAD AND THOUSANDS MORE MISSING. UP TO ONE MILLION PEOPLE ARE NOW HOMELESS.

ANNOUNCER: MYANMAR IS RUN BY A MILITARY GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAS RESTRICTED SOME FOREIGN AID WORKERS FROM ENTERING THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING THOSE FROM THE UNITED STATES.

ANNOUNCER: YESTERDAY, PRESIDENT BUSH SIGNED LEGISLATION TO AWARD A CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR TO AUNG SAN SUU KYI A DEMOCRACY ADVOCATE FROM MYANMAR. MR. BUSH SAID THE U.S. STANDS READY TO AID THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRY.

(SOT: ) "Our message is to the military rulers. Let the United States come in and help you, help the people."

JESSICA: THE UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA SIGNED A SYMBOLIC NUCLEAR COOPERATION PACT YESTERDAY IN MOSCOW.

(SOT: ) "This agreement provides a framework within which we can work together to develop nuclear energy for peaceful purposes."

JESSICA: THE AGREEMENT CALLS FOR THE U.S. AND RUSSIA TO COOPERATE ON NUCLEAR ISSUES. IT'S A SHIFT IN U.S. POLICY. FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, THERE'S BEEN LITTLE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES BECAUSE OF RUSSIA'S ASSOCIATION WITH IRAN, WHICH IS BELIEVED TO BE DEVELOPING A NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM.

JESSICA: THE PACT CAME ON THE LAST DAY OF VLADIMIR PUTIN'S PRESIDENCY. DMITRY MEDVEDEV WILL TAKE OVER AS PRESIDENT TODAY.

ANNOUNCER: THE CHAITEN VOLCANO IN SOUTHERN CHILE CONTINUED TO ERUPT YESTERDAY, PROMPTING OFFICIALS TO ORDER THE EVACUATION OF TWO NEARBY TOWNS.

ANNOUNCER: THE VOLCANO BEGAN ERUPTING LATE LAST WEEK FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THOUSANDS OF YEARS. YESTERDAY, LAVA AND ASH FROM THE VOLCANO SPEWED MORE THAN 12 MILES INTO THE SKY.

ANNOUNCER: CHILE HAS MORE THAN 100 ACTIVE VOLCANOES. IT'S ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST VOLCANIC COUNTRIES.

JESSICA: THE WINNERS OF THE ANNUAL WEBBY AWARDS WERE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY. THEY'RE THE ANNUAL AWARDS GIVEN OUT FOR ONLINE ACHIEVEMENTS. COMEDY CENTRAL HOST STEPHEN COLBERT TOOK HOME THE "WEBBY PERSON OF THE YEAR" AWARD FOR HIS CREATIVE USE OF THE INTERNET.

JESSICA: AMONG COLBERT'S INTERNET STUNTS CONVINCING HIS FANS TO POST COMMENTS ON WEBSITES REFERRING TO HIM AS THE "GREATEST LIVING AMERICAN." THAT WAY, A GOOGLE SEARCH FOR "GREATEST LIVING AMERICAN" WOULD COME BACK WITH HIS NAME.

JESSICA: THE AWARD FOR WEBBY ARTISTS OF THE YEAR WENT TO BLACK EYED PEAS FRONTMAN WILL.I.AM. HE WON FOR HIS WELL KNOWN "YES WE CAN" VIDEO SUPPORTING BARACK OBAMA.

TONY: YESTERDAY WAS ANOTHER BIG PRIMARY DAY AS THE RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE CONTINUES. HERE'S THE LOWDOWN ON WHAT HAPPENED IN OUR ONE VOTE ELECTION RECAP.

TONY: DEMOCRATS HILLARY CLINTON AND BARACK OBAMA FACED OFF IN PRIMARIES IN INDIANA AND NORTH CAROLINA YESTERDAY. CLINTON WON IN INDIANA, OBAMA WON IN NORTH CAROLINA.

(SOT: Obama) "There are those who are saying that North Carolina would be a game changer in this election, but today what North Carolina decided is that the only game that needs changing is the one in Washington D.C."

(SOT: Clinton) "Not too long ago my opponent made a prediction, he said I would probably win Pennsylvania, he would win North Carolina, and Indiana would be the tie breaker."

TONY: OBAMA WON SATURDAY'S CAUCUSES IN THE U.S. TERRITORY GUAM, BUT BY JUST SEVEN VOTES.

TONY: BEFORE YESTERDAY'S PRIMARIES, OBAMA WAS LEADING CLINTON IN DELEGATES. OBAMA HAD A TOTAL OF 1,748 DELEGATES TO CLINTON'S 1,610 AND A HALF. A CANDIDATE NEEDS 2025 DELEGATES TO LOCK UP THE NOMINATION.

TONY: SIX STATES HAVE YET TO HOLD DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES. NEXT UP, NEBRASKA AND WEST VIRGINIA, WHERE VOTERS WILL HEAD TO THE POLLS NEXT TUESDAY.

TONY: KEEP TRACK OF ALL THE PRIMARY RESULTS STATE BY STATE. CHECK OUT THE SCORE AT THE ONE VOTE 2008 FEATURE, AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

COMMERCIAL

TONY: IN IRAQ, AMERICANS ARE ON A MISSION IN ONE OF THE POOREST AND MOST DANGEROUS AREAS IN BAGHDAD. THEY ARE TRYING TO BUILD A MASSIVE CONCRETE WALL TO HELP SECURE THE GREEN ZONE. HERE'S CHRIS BROWNE.

CHRIS: IT SOUNDS LIKE A SIMPLE MISSION BUILD A WALL OF CONCRETE SLABS ACROSS THIS BAGHDAD NEIGHBORHOOD.

CHRIS: BUT THIS IS SADR CITY ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS, AND DEADLY AREAS IN IRAQ WHERE ANTI-AMERICAN FORCES TRADE MACHINE GUN AND ROCKET FIRE WITH SOLDIERS.

CHRIS: THIS WALL IS MEANT TO BLOCK AWAY THOSE ATTACKS AND CONTAIN THE MILITIA MEN WHO LIVE IN SADR CITY.

CHRIS: MOST OF THE FIGHTING TAKES PLACE WITHIN HUNDREDS OF FEET OF THE WALL WHICH U.S. FORCES, LIKE THE SOLDIERS OF CHARLIE COMPANY MUST BUILD BLOCK BY BLOCK.

CHRIS: IT'S A DANGEROUS MISSION. ALMOST FIFTEEN PERCENT OF CHARLIE COMPANY HAS BEEN INJURED HERE AND TWO WERE KILLED LAST MONTH.

(SOT: ) "I have not personally seen anything like this, we've seen each of these individual threats before but none of them in tandem with each other."

CHRIS: THE GOAL IS TO ISOLATE THE MILITIA MEN WHO BREAK THROUGH THE SADR CITY NEIGHBORHOOD TO GET TO THE INTERNATIONAL ZONE OR GREEN ZONE A HEAVILY GUARDED AREA IN CENTRAL BAGHDAD.

CHRIS: THE GREEN ZONE IS SUPPOSED TO BE A SAFE HAVEN AND IT'S WHERE THE NEW IRAQI GOVERNMENT HAS SET-UP OFFICE. IT'S ALSO WHERE MOST AMERICANS AND FOREIGNERS LIVE.

CHRIS: THESE KINDS OF BARRIERS HAVE WORKED BEFORE, PREVENTING MILITANTS FROM FIRING ROCKETS INTO THE AREA WHERE AMERICAN PERSONNEL IN IRAQ LIVE AND WORK.

CHRIS: BUT THE WALL WILL ALSO DIVIDE THIS HEAVILY POPULATED NEIGHBORHOOD IN HALF MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR FAMILIES AND STUDENTS TO GET FROM ONE SIDE TO THE OTHER.

(SOT: ) "Roger, looking for dismounted personnel."

CHRIS: SO, CHARLIE COMPANY FIGHTS THROUGH AMBUSHES AND SNIPER FIRE TO PUT UP THIS TWELVE-FOOT WALL.

CHRIS: THE WORST JOB CLIMBING A LADDER TO UNHOOK THE CONCRETE SLABS FROM A CRANE. THE BUILDING IS A TEST OF WILLS ON BOTH SIDES.

(SOT: ) "Insurgents can literally go to lunch, come back and we've only moved about 30 meters."

CHRIS: IT'S SLOW, DANGEROUS WORK AND THERE'S PLENTY MORE AHEAD. AS OF YESTERDAY, THE SADR CITY WALL WAS LESS THAN HALFWAY DONE.

CHRIS BROWNE, CHANNEL ONE NEWS

COMMERCIAL

TONY: YOUR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHT TO PEACEABLY ASSEMBLE GIVES YOU FREEDOM TO HANG OUT WITH A GROUP OF FRIENDS, PROTEST OR EVEN PICNIC IN PUBLIC. CONTRIBUTING REPORTER, KIM FERDINANDO HAS TODAY'S ONE VOICE

REPORT ABOUT A NEW YORK ARTIST WHO IS TESTING THE LIMITS OF THIS FREEDOM.

KIM: IF YOU'VE EVER SEEN SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING IN A FOUNTAIN, SHOPPERS MOVING IN SLOW MOTION, OR FOOD COURT EMPLOYEES BURSTING OUT INTO SONG AND DANCE, THEN YOU MAY HAVE WITNESSED AN IMPROV EVERYWHERE MISSION.

(SOT: ) "The goal of Improv Everywhere is to cause scenes of chaos and joy in public places."

KIM: CHARLIE TODD MOVED TO NEW YORK CITY WITH DREAMS OF BECOMING AN ACTOR, BUT HE SOON REALIZED THAT HIS LARGEST AUDIENCE WOULD BE UNSUSPECTING PEOPLE GOING ABOUT THEIR DAILY ROUTINES.

KIM: HE BEGAN ORGANIZING IMPROV PERFORMANCES IN PUBLIC PLACES WITH THE HELP OF UNDERCOVER VOLUNTEERS.

KIM: WHAT IS IT ABOUT THESE LARGE GROUP MISSIONS THAT MAKES IT REALLY EXCITING TO PARTICIPATE IN THEM?

(SOT: ) "It feels like I'm in on a secret because other people don't know what's going on and I do."

KIM: ARTHUR WEI HAS COMPLETED THREE IMPROV MISSIONS, INCLUDING A "NO PANTS" SUBWAY RIDE.

(SOT: ) "At a certain stop we took off our pants, we left the train, and when another train came we walked in without pants."

(SOT: ) "It's maybe 20 degrees outside and I tell everyone just say that you forgot your pants and don't know anyone else on the train. Because to us that's what funny about it."

KIM: AS YOU CAN SEE, IT'S NOT ILLEGAL TO WALK AROUND NEW YORK CITY IN YOUR UNDERWEAR. BUT THE GUYS AT IMPROV EVERYWHERE ARE BREAKING THE RULES OF EVERYDAY LIFE AND ONE POLICE OFFICER WASN'T A FAN.

(SOT: ) "He stopped the train. He made everyone get off, 150 of us, plus another few hundred people who were just regular people riding the train. Before we knew it there were 30 cops on the platform and 8 people that got taken in a police van down to a holding cell, they got a ticket for disorderly conduct."

KIM: TODD SAYS MOST OF HIS MISSIONS ARE IN LINE WITH THE LAW, BUT THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES AND PARTICIPANTS SOMETIMES END UP IN FRONT OF A JUDGE.

(SOT: ) "Those 8 people ended up having to go to court to try to fight their ticket and the judge threw out the charges. We never try to break the law. Every now and then we might break a rule or a regulation or a store policy. And there have been a couple of times were we had to go to court to prove that."

KIM: TODD SAYS THE MISSIONS ARE REALLY ABOUT EXPRESSION BREAKING THE ROUTINE OF SOMEONE ELSE'S LIFE AND SEEING THEM WALK AWAY WITH A SMILE.  
KIM: AND DID YOU FEEL LIKE BY PARTICIPATING IN AN EVENT LIKE THIS YOU WERE REALLY EXERCISING THE RIGHTS YOU HAVE AS AN AMERICAN?

(SOT: ) "Being an American lets us exercise our First Amendment rights our freedom of speech, freedom of assembly and in other countries it's hard to do such things without police interfering, so in America we really get to take it to the max and have fun."

KIM: KIM FERDINANDO, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

TONY: BUT BEFORE YOU START WALKING AROUND IN YOUR UNDERWEAR, BEWARE. THE FIRST AMENDMENT DOES HAVE ITS LIMITS. FOR EXAMPLE, SCHOOLS DO HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE POLICIES THAT LIMIT FREE SPEECH AND FREE EXPRESSION LIKE DRESS CODES AND CODES OF CONDUCT.

ANNOUNCER: TO SEE MORE OF IMPROV EVERYWHERE'S PERFORMANCES. HEAD TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND CLICK ON ONE VOICE FEATURE.

TONY: ALRIGHT GUYS, THAT IS OUR SHOW FOR TODAY, I'M TONY ANDERSON WITH CHANNEL ONE NEWS. WE'LL SEE YOU HERE SAME TIME, SAME PLACE TOMORROW. TAKE CARE.