

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 5/23/08

TOPICS COVERED:

- News of the Day
- Summer Travel
- Indy 500

TONY: HEY GUYS, IT'S FRIDAY, MAY 23RD. I'M TONY ANDERSON AND COMING UP WE'LL TELL YOU WHY SOME PEOPLE ARE STAYING HOME THIS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND. BUT FIRST HERE ARE YOUR HEADLINES FROM CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

JESSICA: WE RECENTLY TOLD YOU THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO LIST POLAR BEARS AS A THREATENED SPECIES.

JESSICA: WELL NOW, THE GOVERNOR OF ALASKA SAYS HER STATE WILL SUE TO CHALLENGE THAT DECISION. SHE ARGUES THERE'S NOT ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THAT LISTING.

JESSICA: PLUS, ALASKAN LAWMAKERS ARE WORRIED THE LISTING WILL MAKE OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT MORE DIFFICULT BECAUSE IT OFTEN OCCURS IN POLAR BEAR HABITATS.

JESSICA: THE U.S. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR SAYS HE HAS ALREADY CONSIDERED AND REJECTED ALASKA'S CLAIMS.

ANNOUNCER: AFTER ALMOST THREE YEARS AND 22 MILLION DOLLARS IN REPAIRS, ENGINEERS SAY ONE OF NEW ORLEANS' LEVEES IS LEAKING AGAIN.

ANNOUNCER: THE 17TH STREET CANAL FLOODWALL COLLAPSED ON THE DAY HURRICANE KATRINA HIT NEW ORLEANS IN 2005. THE CITY'S LEVEE SYSTEM DESIGNED TO PROTECT AGAINST FLOODS FAILED DURING THE DEVASTATING HURRICANE AND PARTS OF NEW ORLEANS WERE DESTROYED.

ANNOUNCER: REPAIRING THE 17TH STREET CANAL HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST EXPENSIVE POST KATRINA PROJECTS.

JESSICA: IT WAS CALLED ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHILD WELFARE OPERATIONS IN THE TEXAS HISTORY BUT IT COULD UNRAVEL BECAUSE OF A RULING BY AN APPEALS COURT ON THURSDAY.

JESSICA: MORE THAN A MONTH AGO AUTHORITIES RAIDED A RELIGIOUS COMPOUND IN THE SMALL TOWN OF ELDORADO. THEY TOOK MORE THAN 400 CHILDREN INTO PROTECTIVE CUSTODY.

JESSICA: AUTHORITIES SAY THEY RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM A 16 YEAR OLD GIRL WHO LIVED IN THE COMPOUND WHO SAID SHE WAS BEING ABUSED.

JESSICA: BUT THE COURT SAID THE STATE SHOULD NOT HAVE TAKEN THE CHILDREN BECAUSE IT NEVER PROVIDED EVIDENCE THAT THE CHILDREN WERE IN ANY IMMEDIATE DANGER.

JESSICA: IT'S NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE CHILDREN, NOW IN FOSTER CARE, WILL BE REUNITED WITH PARENTS.

JESSICA: THE RELIGIOUS GROUP PRACTICES POLYGAMY OR MARRYING MORE THAN ONE PERSON. IT BROKE AWAY FROM THE MORMON CHURCH MORE THAN A CENTURY AGO AFTER THE MORMON CHURCH BANNED THE PRACTICE.

ANNOUNCER: ON WEDNESDAY, PRESIDENT BUSH VETOED A 300 BILLION DOLLAR "FARM BILL" THE CONTROVERSIAL BILL WHICH WOULD PROVIDE SUBSIDIES OR GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS, AND FUNDING FOR FOOD STAMPS. BUT THE LEGISLATION WASN'T DEAD YET.

ANNOUNCER: THE HOUSE AND SENATE HAD ENOUGH VOTES TO OVERRIDE THE PRESIDENTS' VETO A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY. AN OVERRIDE HAS ONLY HAPPENED ONE OTHER TIME DURING MR. BUSH'S PRESIDENCY.

ANNOUNCER: BUT, DUE TO A PRINTING ERROR, THE VERSION OF THE BILL THAT PRESIDENT BUSH VETOED WAS MISSING 34 PAGES. THAT'S A BIG PROBLEM, SINCE THE VERSION OF THE BILL CONGRESS PASSED IS DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE THE PRESIDENT VETOED.

ANNOUNCER: NOW, AFTER THE HOUSE AND SENATE PASS THE BILL AGAIN, IT WILL THEN HAVE TO GO TO PRESIDENT BUSH AGAIN, WHO MAY VETO THE LEGISLATION AGAIN.

JESSICA: THE RESULTS ARE IN! WITH A RECORD 97 AND A HALF-MILLION VOTES IN THIS SEASON'S AMERICAN IDOL FINALE ROCKER DAVID COOK WAS CROWNED THE WINNER ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

JESSICA: COOK BEAT OUT HIS COMPETITION 17 YEAR OLD DAVID ARCHULETA BY A LANDSLIDE 12-MILLION VOTES. 'IDOL' IS THE MOST POPULAR SHOW ON TV THE TWO-HOUR FINALE PULLED IN AN AVERAGE OF 32 MILLION VIEWERS.

JESSICA: AS THE NEW AMERICAN IDOL, COOK GETS TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE RECORDING COMPANY "19 ENTERTAINMENT".

(SOT:) "Hi we're the softball team from Bayside High School and you're watching Channel One News."

TONY: DO YOU WANT TO GIVE YOUR SCHOOL SOME CHANNEL ONE LOVE? WELL, IF SO, SEND US YOUR ONE SHOUTS! HEAD TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM TO FIND OUT HOW TO UPLOAD A VIDEO, OR SEND US YOUR TAPE.

COMMERCIAL

TONY: MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND IS THE UNOFFICIAL START TO SUMMER. AND FOR MANY IT'S TIME FOR A FUN GETAWAY BUT THAT MAY NOT BE THE CASE THIS YEAR. JESSICA KUMARI TELLS US WHY SOME PEOPLE ARE SWITCHING GEARS.

(SOT: Amy Kim) "I usually go home for weekend, visit family and friends but I'll most likely stay up here, it's just too expensive I can't paying rent and having to pay for gas is just too much!"

(SOT: Anthony Castillo) "Stay local I guess because we cant go as far because college students don't have that much money."

JESSICA: NOT JUST COLLEGE STUDENTS FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE NINE ELEVEN FEWER AMERICANS WILL BE DRIVING THIS HOLIDAY WEEKEND

(SOT: Mark Brown) "Are American consumers changing their driving habits? The answer is yes."

JESSICA: NOT SURPRISING GIVEN THE HIGH COST OF GAS COAST TO COAST, FOUR DOLLARS A GALLON IN SOME AREAS.

JESSICA: THIS WEEK CONGRESS GRILLED TOP OIL EXECES, BUT DESPITE THAT SOME PREDICT THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING.

(SOT: Robert Hirsch) "The prices that we're paying at the pump today are, I think, going to be 'the good old days,' because others who watch this very closely forecast that we're going to be hitting \$12 and \$15 dollars per gallon."

JESSICA: A NUMBER THAT NO ONE IS PREPARED FOR INCLUDING SOME OF THE OLD STYLE MECHANICAL PUMPS THAT CAN'T REGISTER FOUR-DOLLAR GAS.

JESSICA: AND IF YOU THINK THAT'S BAD, TRY FILLING UP AN AIRPLANE!

(SOT: Jim May) "A 4-7 sitting on the tarmac at JFK burns about 60 dollars worth of fuel a minute."

JESSICA: AND NOW BECAUSE OF THE COST OF FUEL AMERICAN AIRLINES WILL START CHARGING 15 DOLLARS TO CHECK A BAG NOT AN EXTRA BAG OR A HEAVY BAG, JUST A REGULAR ONE!

JESSICA: THE AIRLINE INDUSTRY SAYS EXPECT CROWDED PLANES AND HIGH FARES THIS SUMMER AS AIRLINES TRY TO COMPENSATE WITH ALMOST THREE MILLION FEWER PASSENGERS BUYING TICKETS.

JESSICA: ALL OF THIS IS CAUSING SOME TEENS TO RETHINK SUMMER PLANS.

(SOT: Chris Waye) "I had to limit the number of camps I went to because of the cost of some of them."

JESSICA: AND CHRIS'S FAMILY VACATION? CANCELED!

(SOT:) "We were going to go on a cruise but it was too much so we just canceled it."

JESSICA: LOLA COHAN IS STILL PLANNING A TRIP TO COSTA RICA BUT

(SOT: Lola Cohen) "I know that like when I'm hanging out with my friends we're going to have to budget ourselves more."

JESSICA: SO WILL THESE PRICES MEAN A RETURN TO THE HORSE AND BUGGY LIKE THIS FUEL FREE NEWSPAPER DELIVERY SERVICE IN WEST VIRGINIA?

JESSICA: OK PROBABLY NOT, BUT AMERICANS MAY START TO RETHINK THE WAY THEY GET AROUND.

JESSICA: JESSICA KUMARI CHANNEL ONE NEWS

TONY: IT'S YOUR TURN AGAIN. NOW YESTERDAY WE TOLD YOU THE STORY OF JOANNA, A TEEN WHO GOT HER FIRST JOB. SO WE ASKED YOU ARE YOU PLANNING TO GET A SUMMER JOB? YES OR NO?

TONY: 83 PERCENT OF YOU SAID YES, AND 17 PERCENT SAID NO, YOU WEREN'T PLANNING TO GET A SUMMER JOB. SOME OF YOU HAVE CALLED OUR NEW TOLL FREE NUMBER 1-877-CH1-VOTE TO LEAVE US A VOICEMAIL. TAKE A LISTEN TO THIS VOICEMAIL LEFT BY JAMES FROM NORTH CAROLINA.

(SOT:) "I do plan on getting a summer job, mainly in retail. To me making people feel better and putting a smile on their face, is without a doubt the best thing you could do."

TONY: A FEW OF YOU ALSO WENT ONLINE TO WEIGH IN. RACHAEL FROM INDIANA WROTE, I DIDN'T WANT A SUMMER JOB, BUT WITH RISING GAS PRICES I REALLY DON'T HAVE MUCH OF A CHOICE IF I WANT TO KEEP DRIVING!

TONY: WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND. SO HEAD TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND CLICK ON YOUR TURN TO WEIGH IN ON THIS STORY OR ANY OTHER STORY YOU SEE ON CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

COMMERCIAL

TONY: WELCOME BACK! NOW THE INDY 500 IS THIS WEEKEND, AND I YOU'RE YOUR READY CAUSE JESSICA KUMARI IS ABOUT TO TEST YOUR RACING IQ. DON'T CRASH!

JESSICA: HEY EVERYONE! I'M AT THE INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY HALL OF FAME IN INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

JESSICA: NOW EVERY SPRING, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FLOCK HERE FOR THE INDY 500. AND RIGHT BEHIND ME, YOU CAN SEE THE CAR THAT WON IT 1967.

JESSICA: SO FOR YOUR POP QUIZ QUESTION I'M GOING TO TEST HOW MUCH YOU KNOW ABOUT "THE GREATEST SPECTACLE IN RACING".

JESSICA: HOW MANY LAPS IS THE INDY 500?

- A. 100
- B. 200
- C. 500
- OR D. 1,000

JESSICA: YOU'VE GOT TEN.

JESSICA: THIS WAS A TRICKY ONE, THE ANSWER IS B - 200.

JESSICA: THE "500" IN INDY 500 REFERS TO THE NUMBER OF MILES IN THE RACE. 500 MILES EQUALS 200 LAPS ON A 2 AND A HALF MILE LONG TRACK.

JESSICA: CONSTRUCTION ON THE INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY WAS COMPLETED IN 1909. TO THIS DAY, THE TRACK IS NICKNAMED "THE BRICKYARD" BECAUSE IT WAS ORIGINALLY PAVED WITH BRICKS.

JESSICA: THE SPEEDWAY HAS SINCE GROWN INTO THE LARGEST SPECTATOR SPORTING FACILITY IN THE WORLD, WITH 250 THOUSAND PERMANENT SEATS.

TONY: HEY FRIENDS, IT'S FRIDAY AND HERE'S YOUR CULTURECAST! STUDENTS AT DENISON HIGH SCHOOL IN DENISON, TEXAS WROTE IN TO TELL US ABOUT THEIR "ADIOS DANCE" TONIGHT. IT'S THE LAST BIG DANCE OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!

TONY: TOMORROW, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN HIGH SCHOOL IN FISHERS, INDIANA WILL HAVE THEIR "KICK JUVENILE DIABETES KICKBALL TOURNAMENT." THEY'LL RAISE MONEY TO HELP DIABETES RESEARCH!

TONY: AND ALSO ON SATURDAY, HEAD TO LYNWOOD, WASHINGTON FOR "BATTLE OF THE PADDLES!" STUDENTS AT LYNWOOD HIGH SAID SOME OF THE BEST IN THE STATE WILL COMPETE IN THIS HUGE PING-PONG TOURNAMENT!

TONY: WANT YOUR SCHOOL'S EVENTS ON CULTURE CAST? HEAD TO CHANNELONE DOT COM, AND TELL US ABOUT IT!

TONY: ALRIGHT GUYS, THAT IS OUR SHOW FOR TODAY. I'M TONY ANDERSON FOR CHANNEL ONE NEWS, HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND AND WE LEAVE YOU WITH ONE MORE THING BEFORE WE GO. TAKE CARE!

TONY: THE INDY 500 IS COMING UP THIS WEEKEND, BUT ANOTHER RACE AT THE INDIANAPOLIS ZOO ALSO CAPTURED A LOT OF ATTENTION.

TONY: THE ZOOPOLIS 500 IS A RACE WEEK TRADITION. TWO CONTENDERS THIS YEAR WERE AJ, AND LYN ST. JAMES.

TONY: TORTOISES NAMED AFTER FAMOUS INDY 500 DRIVERS WHO BOTH HAVE LOTS OF MILES ON THEM. AJ IS IN HIS 70S, AND LYN IS THOUGHT TO BE BETWEEN 80 AND 100.

TONY: WHILE SOME ROOKIES HAD A STRONG SHOWING, IT WAS THE MORE ESTABLISHED LYN ST. JAMES WHO CAME OUT ON TOP.