

## CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 9/13/07

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TONY: WELCOME TO THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2007. I'M TONY ANDERSON, AND COMING UP WE'RE GOING TO MEET SOME HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THAT ARE ALREADY FEELING THE PRESSURE OF COLLEGE RIGHT IN THEIR OWN CLASSROOMS. BUT FIRST A LOOK AT WHAT'S MAKING HEADLINES HERE ON CHANNEL ONE NEWS TODAY.

THE OUTLOOK FOR BUFFALO BILLS' TIGHT END KEVIN EVERETT WAS GRIM AFTER INJURING HIS SPINAL CORD SUNDAY. DOCTORS SAID THE 25-YEAR-OLD MIGHT NEVER WALK AGAIN. BUT AFTER MOVING HIS ARMS AND LEGS TUESDAY, DOCTORS AT MILLARD FILLMORE GATES HOSPITAL IN BUFFALO ARE MORE OPTIMISTIC AND NOW SAY THEY THINK HE COULD WALK AGAIN.

DR. ANDY CAPPUCCHINO/ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON, BUFFALO SPINE SURGERY: "This examination, about six hours after surgery did show voluntary movement of his legs in his adductors, the muscles that pull his legs together."

GOVERNMENT FIGURES SHOW THAT AROUND 11,000 AMERICANS -- MORE THAN HALF OF THEM YOUNG PEOPLE -- SUFFER SPINAL CORD INJURIES EACH YEAR. ALMOST A FIFTH OF THEM ARE RELATED TO SPORTS OR RECREATION.

IN BRITAIN, A SIX-YEAR STUDY SHOWS THERE IS NO SHORT-TERM CANCER RISK FOR CELL PHONE USERS. BUT RESEARCHERS WOULD NOT RULE OUT POSSIBLE LONG TERM RISKS SINCE THEY ONLY LOOKED AT PEOPLE USING HANDHELDS FOR 10 YEARS OR LESS. THEY SAID THERE WAS A QUOTE HINT OF CANCER RISK FOR LONG-TERM USERS. THE STUDY WAS SPONSORED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND THE CELL PHONE INDUSTRY. MOBILE PHONES USE RADIO WAVES TO COMMUNICATE -- SIMILAR TO WHAT'S USED IN YOUR MICROWAVE OVEN -- BUT AT MUCH LOWER STRENGTH. STILL, PEOPLE WORRY ABOUT HAVING A RADIO TRANSMITTER SO CLOSE TO THEIR HEADS.

A RECORD NUMBER OF HOMES AND OTHER REAL ESTATE ARE IN DANGER THIS YEAR BECAUSE SO MANY PEOPLE CAN'T PAY THEIR BANK LOANS. BANKS ARE NOW TRYING TO TAKE OVER MORE THAN HALF A MILLION PROPERTIES -- THAT'S UP 50 PERCENT FROM THE SAME TIME LAST YEAR. THE TREND WORRIES EXPERTS, WHO FEAR A GROWING CREDIT CRISIS AFTER YEARS OF RISKY LENDING. MOST HOMES IN THE UNITED STATES ARE PAID FOR WITH MONEY BORROWED FROM BANKS: MORTGAGE LOANS THAT ARE GENERALLY REPAYED IN MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS OVER 15 YEARS OR MORE. IF HOMEOWNERS FALL TOO FAR BEHIND ON THOSE REPAYMENTS, THE LENDER CAN TAKE OVER THE HOUSE BY FORECLOSING ON THE LOAN.

JAY BRINKMANN, MORTGAGE BANKERS ASSOCIATION: "Far more houses were built in these areas than the market could sustain. We're having pressure on home prices."

FACEBOOK USERS BEWARE. NAMES AND THE PICTURES YOU POST ONLINE WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE TO ANYONE WHO SEARCHES THE INTERNET. THE WEB SITE SAYS IT

WILL OPEN ITS 40-MILLION USERS' INFORMATION TO SEARCH ENGINES SUCH AS GOOGLE, YAHOO, AND MICROSOFT. UNLESS MEMBERS ADJUST THEIR OWN PRIVACY SETTINGS, FACEBOOK THEIR LISTINGS WILL START SHOWING UP IN SEARCHES IN EARLY OCTOBER.

STAY IN SCHOOL. IT MAY HELP YOU BEAT CANCER. LESS EDUCATED PEOPLE IN THE U.S. ARE MORE THAN TWICE AS LIKELY TO DIE FROM CANCER AS THEIR BETTER-EDUCATED COUNTERPARTS, ACCORDING TO A STUDY ABOUT TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE JOURNAL OF THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE. THE STUDY OF PEOPLE BETWEEN 25 AND 64 FOUND THAT DEATH FROM ALL CANCERS IN 2001 WAS ROUGHLY ONE-AND-A-HALF TO TWO TIMES AS MUCH IN PEOPLE WHO HAD A HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION OR LESS, WHEN COMPARED TO THOSE WITH MORE THAN A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.

**[COMMERCIAL BREAK]**

CHRIS: BLACK AMERICANS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN EVERY MAJOR U.S. WAR, AND FOR DECADES, BLACK MEN AND WOMEN HAVE BEEN A MAINSTAY OF THE U.S. MILITARY, ENLISTING AT RATES WELL ABOVE THEIR SHARE OF THE POPULATION. BUT ACCORDING TO A RECENT PENTAGON REPORT, ALL THAT MAY BE CHANGING.

CHRIS: JUST OUTSIDE WASHINGTON D.C., RETIRED MARINE MAJOR MAYNARD HENRY AND HIS WIFE SANDY ARE TELLING THEIR SONS NOT TO FOLLOW IN DAD'S FOOTSTEPS.

SANDY HENRY: "I would go before I would send my children. I would die before I would let my children get hurt."

MAYNARD HENRY: "Right now if my boys said I wanted to sign up, I would say absolutely not."

CHRIS: BUT HENRY'S 19 AND 20-YEAR OLD SONS AREN'T THE ONLY ONES BEING TOLD NOT TO ENLIST. THESE DAYS, MORE AND MORE BLACK TEENS ARE STEERING CLEAR OF MILITARY SERVICE.

REV. GRAYLAND HAGGLER: "The fact is that military service right now is not a moral service for young women and men to engage in."

CHRIS: THE DOWNWARD TREND IN BLACK RECRUITS HAS REALLY AFFECTED THE U.S. ARMY AND ARMY RESERVE, WHERE THE PERCENTAGE OF ACTIVE-DUTY BLACKS HAS DROPPED BY A THIRD SINCE 2000.

CHRIS: THE DROP IS CAUSING THE ARMY TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THE WAY IT RECRUITS BLACK TEENS.

**[U.S. Army recruiting ad]**

CHRIS: LAST SPRING, THE ARMY RAISED THE MAXIMUM BONUS FOR A THREE-YEAR COMMITMENT TO \$25,000: A NUMBER IT'S HOPING WILL HELP CATCH BLACK TEENS' ATTENTION. BUT WHY HAS THE NUMBER OF BLACK VOLUNTEERS DROPPED SO DRAMATICALLY? MANY ARE QUICK TO BLAME THE WAR IN IRAQ, BUT THE DECLINE ACTUALLY BEGAN IN 2000, THREE YEARS BEFORE THE U.S. INVASION. OR IT COULD BE THAT IN AN INCREASINGLY EQUAL-OPPORTUNITY JOB MARKET, THE MILITARY, A TRADITIONAL STEPPING STONE FOR BLACK TEENS, DOESN'T HAVE THE SAME APPEAL IT ONCE DID.

CHRIS: BUT NOT EVERYONE IS BACKING AWAY FROM LIFE IN THE SERVICE.

CHRIS: RECRUITERS LIKE MARINE GUNNERY SGT. BRIAN BENSON MAKE A STRONG CASE...

SGT. BENSON: "I'm not selling something that I don't drive home every night. I mean, I'm selling something that I believe in."

CHRIS: AND SO FAR, HE'S GOT 17-YEAR-OLD COLLUS SMITH ON BOARD.

COLLUS SMITH: "I've been thinking about it deeply the past two months, and I still want to do it."

CHRIS: BUT AT 17, COLLUS CAN'T ENLIST WITHOUT HIS FATHER'S PERMISSION. AND HE WON'T GET IT BECAUSE OF THE WAR IN IRAQ.

COLLUS' DAD: "I still have that hope that in a year from now, he may change his mind."

CHRIS: ONE TEEN WHO HASN'T CHANGED HIS MIND IS MARSHELLO KNIGHT. AT 17, MARSHELLO ENLISTED, WITH HIS MOTHER'S APPROVAL, AND HAS ALREADY BEEN THROUGH THE ARMY'S BASIC TRAINING COURSE.

MARSHELLO KNIGHT: "I don't have a problem with going into the military at such a young age, because I feel like I'm old enough to make the decision of what I wanted to do with my life."

CHRIS: MARSHELLO KNOWS HE WILL MOST LIKELY BE SENT TO IRAQ ONCE HE FINISHES HIS SPECIALIZED TRAINING NEXT SUMMER, BUT FEELS THERE'S MORE TO LIFE IN THE ARMY THAN JUST THE WAR.

MARSHELLO KNIGHT: "Yes. Most of my friends say, why are you doing this? They're going to send you to Iraq and you're going to die. But I tell them, it's not all about going to Iraq. There are other things you can do in the army, other places you can go other than Iraq."

CHRIS: BUT MORE AND MORE, THE FIRST BATTLE SOME WOULD-BE VOLUNTEERS HAVE TO FIGHT IS WITH THEIR PARENTS, WHO OPPOSE THEIR KIDS JOINING THE MILITARY IN A TIME OF WAR.

CHRIS BROWNE, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

JESSICA: ONE OF THE HOLIEST JEWISH HOLIDAYS STARTED AT SUNSET SEPTEMBER 12 AND WILL END AT NIGHTFALL ON SEPTEMBER 14TH. COMMONLY THIS HOLIDAY IS KNOWN AS THE JEWISH NEW YEAR.

WHAT IS THE NAME OF THIS HOLIDAY?

- A. ROSH CHODESH
- B. YOM KIPPUR
- C. ROSH HASHANAH
- D. SHABBAT

YOU HAVE TEN SECONDS.

THE ANSWER IS: C: ROSH HASHANAH.

IN HEBREW, ROSH HASANAH LITERALLY MEANS "THE HEAD OF THE YEAR". ON THIS DAY THE WORLD'S APPROXIMATELY 14-MILLION JEWS LOOK BACK ON THE MISTAKES OF THE PAST YEAR AND PLAN FOR A BETTER ONE. BY THE WAY, THIS IS YEAR FIFTY-SEVEN-SIXTY-EIGHT ON THE JEWISH CALENDAR.

**[COMMERCIAL BREAK]**

9th GRADE TEACHER: "You're the first class to ever have this at Dwight Morrow. Famous for it."

JESSICA: THE HALLS OF DWIGHT MORROW HIGH SCHOOL IN ENGLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY ARE ABUZZ WITH NEWS OF A 'MAJOR' CHANGE. A CHANGE THAT SETS THIS HIGH SCHOOL APART FROM ALL OTHERS.

STUDENT INDEE JONES: "Dwight Morrow is different because you get to major into something that you like in 9th grade."

JESSICA: YOU HEARD CORRECTLY. 9TH GRADERS HERE HAVE ALL DECLARED MAJORS THAT THEY WILL FOCUS ON FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

INDEE JONES: "My major is theatre."

AMBER CARSON: "I chose communications."

SHAQUILLE: "I applied for international studies."

BRITTANY: "My major is allied health."

ASST. SUPERINTENDENT MIKE POLIZZI: "The purpose of the program is to provide them with a very cool experience over a 4-year period. For example, students in the international studies program have sessions set up at the UN, at the Nigerian Embassy."

PRINCIPAL SMITH: "This is just to broaden the experience that kids have to allow them opportunities that they might not have in a standard 8-2:30 high school."

JESSICA: BUT NOT EVERYONE BELIEVES THIS IS A BENEFICIAL PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS.

DEBRA HUMPHREYS: "I don't think it's a good idea for high school students to narrow their focus so early in their academic careers."

JESSICA: BUT PRINCIPAL SMITH SAYS CHOOSING A MAJOR DOESN'T MEAN A STUDENT HAS MADE A LIFE-LONG COMMITMENT.

PRINCIPAL SMITH: "We all know that you go to school you go to college. And you may start off wanting to be an engineer and before you leave you're now a jazz musician but the idea for doing this is to give them a focus, a special reason to be in school."

JESSICA: SO, WHAT DO DWIGHT MORROW'S NEWEST STUDENTS THINK OF THE CHANGE?

AMBER CARSON: "I do think it's a good idea. This major program means to me that the school is letting children have more responsibility and

more freedom in things that we would like to do instead of people choosing things for us."

SHAQUILLE FRECKLETON: "My father said the future is now, so I have to start making choices now. So this, to me, is really great because I can pick my own classes."

INDEE JONES: "I think it is a good idea, because you get a feel of what you're going to be doing when you're older."

Principal Smith: "Ultimately, I'm just hoping that the kids enjoy it, that they come to school every day excited about doing what they're doing."

ANNOUNCER: SEE WHERE YOUR STUDIES MAY BE TAKING YOU. HEAD TO CHANNELONE.COM AND CHECK OUT THE CAREER FINDER QUIZ.

TONY: NOW YOU'RE UP-TO-DATE. I'M TONY ANDERSON, AND HERE'S YOUR THE SHOT FOR TODAY.

TODAY'S SHOT TO END THE SHOW...WITH FALL RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER, WE THOUGHT WE'D GIVE YOU A LOOK AT HOW SOME IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WILL BE ENJOYING THE SEASON IN AN "A-MAZE-ING" WAY... DIXON IS HOME TO THE WORLD'S LARGEST CORN MAZE COVERING 40 ACRES. TAKE A BIKE OR HAY RIDE THROUGH THE MAZE AND CHECK OUT SOME SCULPTURES WHILE YOU'RE THERE. THE MAZE OPENS TO THE PUBLIC LATER THIS MONTH AND RUNS THROUGH HALLOWEEN.

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