

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 9/18/07

Topics covered:

- News of the Day
- President Bush's new Attorney General nominee
- Pop Quiz
- Constitution Day, Part 2
- 17-year-old football girl

TONY: HEY GUYS, IT'S TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2007, I'M TONY ANDERSON. TODAY WE'RE GOING TO LOOK AT PRESIDENT BUSH'S NOMINEE FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL AND WHAT THAT JOB IS ALL ABOUT. BUT FIRST, WE'RE GOING TO CHECK OUT THE HEADLINES OF THE DAY. CHANNEL ONE NEWS STARTS IN 3, 2, 1.

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH: "The Attorney General has an especially vital role to play in a time of war."

BROWNE: PRESIDENT BUSH HAS PICKED A RETIRED FEDERAL JUDGE AS THE NEXT ATTORNEY GENERAL. 66-YEAR-OLD MICHAEL MUKASEY IS A PARTNER AT A NEW YORK CITY LAW FIRM. HE WAS NOMINATED TO THE BENCH IN 1987 BY PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN, AND WAS A JUDGE FOR 18 YEARS. HE PRESIDED OVER NUMEROUS HIGH-PROFILE CASES, INCLUDING A 1993 CASE WHERE ISLAMIC RADICALS PLOTTED TO BLOW UP NEW YORK CITY LANDMARKS. IF CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE, HE'LL SUCCEED ALBERTO GONZALES AND SERVE AS PRESIDENT BUSH'S THIRD ATTORNEY GENERAL.

CRASH SURVIVOR: "We look up and there's flames coming from where the cabin used to be, flames came shooting down and then I saw some people in front of us burning..."

BROWNE: OFFICIALS IN THAILAND THINK WIND SHEAR MAY BE TO BLAME FOR A DEADLY PLANE CRASH ON SUNDAY. AT LEAST 89 PEOPLE WERE KILLED WHEN THE PLANE SKIDDED OFF THE RUNWAY AND BURST INTO FLAMES. FOUR AMERICANS ARE AMONG THE DEAD, AND ABOUT 40 PEOPLE SURVIVED.

THE CARPET WAS STILL RED, BUT THE 59TH PRIMETIME EMMY AWARDS WENT GREEN THIS YEAR. ORGANIZERS TIPPED THEIR HAT TO THE ENVIRONMENT THIS YEAR WITH EVERYTHING FROM RECYCLED MATERIALS, HYBRID FUEL VEHICLES, ORGANIC FOODS, AND SOLAR ENERGY. AS FOR THE AWARDS, AMERICA FERRARA TOOK HOME BEST ACTRESS IN A COMEDY SERIES FOR HER ROLE IN "UGLY BETTY," "THE DAILY SHOW WITH JON STEWART" WON ITS FIFTH PRIZE AS BEST VARIETY, MUSIC OR COMEDY SERIES, AND "THE AMAZING RACE" BEAT OUT "AMERICAN IDOL" FOR THE REALITY TV SLOT.

MCLAREN MERCEDES, THE LEADING TEAM IN THE FORMULA ONE CHAMPIONSHIP, HAS BEEN FINED \$100 MILLION IN A SPYING SCANDAL THAT HAS ROCKED THE SPORT OF CAR RACING. WHILE SMALL IN THE UNITED STATES, FORMULA ONE RACING IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST SPORTS IN EUROPE, WITH TEAMS SPENDING HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS EACH YEAR TO COMPETE. THE SPORTS GOVERNING BODY SAID IT IS PUNISHING MCLAREN FOR ALLEGEDLY USING A RIVAL'S LEAKED SECRET DOCUMENTS TO IMPROVE ITS OWN CAR.

ON MONDAY, THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT MONDAY SUSPENDED BLACKWATER U.S.A.'S LICENSE TO OPERATE IN THAT COUNTRY. BLACKWATER IS THE MOST PROMINENT OF

DOZENS OF AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN SECURITY FIRMS THAT WORK IN BAGHDAD AND THROUGHOUT IRAQ PROTECTING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, PRIVATE CONTRACTORS AND WESTERN JOURNALISTS. THE SUSPENSION IS A RESULT OF AN INCIDENT WHICH TOOK PLACE IN WESTERN BAGHDAD ON SUNDAY WHEN BLACKWATER GUARDS ALLEGEDLY FIRED ON A CROWD. AT LEAST ELEVEN PEOPLE WERE KILLED. U.S. OFFICIALS ARE LOOKING INTO THE INCIDENT. BLACKWATER SAID ITS EMPLOYEES BELIEVED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THEY WERE PROTECTING WERE COMING UNDER FIRE. BLACKWATER AND OTHER PRIVATE SECURITY CONTRACTORS IN IRAQ HAVE BEEN CONTROVERSIAL BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE SAME OVERSIGHT AS AMERICAN TROOPS, YET CAN STILL USE DEADLY FORCE.

[COMMERCIAL BREAK]

TONY: MICHAEL MUKASEY IS PRESIDENT BUSH'S NOMINEE TO BE ATTORNEY GENERAL. IF CONFIRMED BY THE US SENATE, MUKASEY WOULD SUCCEED CURRENT ATTORNEY GENERAL ALBERTO GONZALEZ AND BECOME THE NATION'S TOP LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. SO JUST WHO IS MICHAEL MUKASEY, AND WHAT EXACTLY DOES THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DO, ANYWAYS? LET'S TAKE A LOOK.

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH: "With Mukasey, the Justice Department will be in the hands of a great lawyer and an accomplished public servant."

TONY: MICHAEL MUKASEY IS A FORMER FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT JUDGE. THOSE ARE THE COURTS WHERE FEDERAL CASE ARE TRIED.

MICHAEL MUKASEY: "I am of course deeply honored to be selected as the nominee for Attorney General of the United States."

TONY: IN THAT JOB, MUKASEY MADE A NAME FOR HIMSELF PRESIDING OVER SEVERAL HIGH-PROFILE TERROR TRIALS, INCLUDING THE CASE OF THE SO-CALLED "BLIND SHEIK," WHO MUKASEY SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR PLANNING ATTACKS ON NEW YORK LANDMARKS AND TUNNELS.

JAY NEWTON SMALL, TIME MAGAZINE: "These kinds of cases are what he dealt, what Mukasey dealt with when he was serving as a federal judge, and what gives him such a good amount of credentials to deal with a lot of today's contemporary issues."

TONY: INDEED, IT WAS MUKASEY'S EXPERIENCE IN TRYING THESE TERROR CASES THAT APPEARS TO HAVE ATTRACTED PRESIDENT BUSH'S INTEREST. BORN IN NEW YORK CITY, MUKASEY IS 66 YEARS OLD. HE WORKED AS A FEDERAL PROSECUTOR, AND THEN WAS APPOINTED TO BE A FEDERAL JUDGE, A JOB HE RETIRED FROM LAST YEAR. MUKASEY IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO KIDS; HIS SON IS ALSO A LAWYER.

MUKASEY'S EXPERIENCE WITH THE WAR ON TERROR WILL COME IN HANDY IF HE BECOMES ATTORNEY GENERAL. THE A.G. IS THE NATION'S TOP LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. THAT MEANS HE USES THE FBI, U.S. MARSHALLS AND OTHER FEDERAL AGENTS TO ENFORCE NATIONAL LAWS--THINGS LIKE TERRORISM CASES, COUNTERFEITING, AND CRIMES THAT CROSS STATE LINES. CRIMES LIKE MURDER, ROBBERY AND OTHER OFFENSES ARE GENERALLY HANDLED BY STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES, NOT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ALSO RUNS THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND REPRESENTS THE PRESIDENT AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BEFORE THE U.S. SUPREME COURT IN THE MOST IMPORTANT CASES.

JAY NEWTON SMALL, TIME MAGAZINE: "There's a lot of different units within the Department of Justice, it's a huge department that deals with enormously important workload for the U.S. government."

TONY: MUKASEY MUST NOW BE CONFIRMED BY THE US SENATE. ALREADY HE IS GETTING POSITIVE REVIEWS FROM THE DEMOCRATS WHO CONTROL CONGRESS.

JAY NEWTON SMALL, TIME MAGAZINE: "Bush decided to go with the compromise candidate, and that is Mukasey. He's someone that everyone can live with."

TONY: BUT WHILE DEMOCRATS MAY LIKE MUKASEY, SOME CONSERVATIVES THINK HE IS TOO LIBERAL BECAUSE HE HAS RULED AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT IN SOME CASES. IF CONFIRMED, MUKASEY WILL BE PRESIDENT BUSH'S THIRD ATTORNEY GENERAL. TONY ANDERSON, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

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BROWNE: THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL IS ONE OF 15 MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENT'S CABINET -- THAT GROUP OF PRESIDENTIALLY APPOINTED FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT HEADS WHO RUN THE GOVERNMENT.

WHICH PRESIDENT APPOINTED HIS BROTHER TO BE HIS ATTORNEY GENERAL?

- A. JOHN ADAMS
- B. WARREN HARDING
- C. JOHN KENNEDY
- D. RICHARD NIXON

THE CORRECT ANSWER IS "C," JOHN KENNEDY, WHO APPOINTED HIS BROTHER ROBERT KENNEDY TO THE JOB. ROBERT KENEDY WENT ON TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT, BEFORE HE WAS ASSASSINATED ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL IN 1968.

BY THE WAY, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS THE ONLY MEMBER OF THE CABINET WHO DOES NOT HAVE THE TITLE OF "SECRETARY."

[COMMERCIAL BREAK]

BROWNE: NOW YOU ALREADY KNOW THAT THE FIRST AMENDMENT GUARANTEES FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. AS PART OF OUR CONTINUING "ONE VOICE" SERIES, WE ASKED NBC NEWS WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT KEVIN CORKE HOW THE MEDIA IS GOING TO COVER WHAT'S SHAPING UP TO BE THE BIGGEST STORY OF THE YEAR.

CORKE: THE MEDIA REALLY TRIES TO FOCUS ON EXPOSING THE PERSON WHO'S RUNNING, TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE NOT ONLY KNOW WHO THEY ARE, BUT ALSO KNOW IN SOME DETAIL THEIR POSITIONS ON IMPORTANT ISSUES. IF YOU THINK OF IT THIS WAY, THE POPULATION OUT THERE IS SORT OF LIKE THIS BIG BUCKET OF WATER, AND WE'RE JUST A TINY LITTLE FUNNEL. AND YET, FROM THAT FUNNEL WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE BOIL DOWN JUST THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS THAT YOU THE AUDIENCE MIGHT HAVE FOR A PARTICULAR CANDIDATE. WE TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE NOT ONLY KNOW WHO THESE CANDIDATES ARE, BUT WE ALSO TRY TO HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE TO WHAT THEY SAY. WE ALSO TRY TO LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE, THE OVERALL PICTURE, WHICH IS TO SAY, WHAT IS THE ELECTORATE MOST CONCERNED WITH? WE WORRY ABOUT SOME OF THE SAME THINGS THAT YOU WORRY ABOUT AS A VIEWER. AND SO, WE TRY TO MAKE OUR

COVERAGE FIT NOT ONLY WHAT YOU'RE THINKING BUT ALSO WHAT WE'RE THINKING IN OUR SMALL GROUP AS WELL.

REPORTER TO JOHN EDWARDS: "You come across as a very positive person."

CORKE: THE BEST PART ABOUT THIS JOB IS THE FACT THAT YOU'RE A WITNESS TO HISTORY. I DON'T HAVE TO READ ABOUT THIS 25 YEARS FROM NOW, I CAN SAY I WAS THERE. AND I WAS A PART OF IT, AND I GOT TO SEE IT DAY-TO-DAY.

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JESSICA: FOOTBALL'S A SPORT DOMINATED BY BOYS AND LOTS OF PEOPLE THINK IT SHOULD STAY THAT WAY. HERE'S THE STORY OF ONE 17 YEAR OLD GIRL FROM DAYTON OHIO WHO'S CHANGING THAT PERCEPTION--PLAYING AS A VARSITY FOOTBALL OFFENSIVE LINEWOMAN.

BROWNE: HERE IN DAYTON, OHIO, THOUSANDS OF FANS GATHER TOGETHER FOR A GAME BETWEEN TWO ARCHRIVALS. AND LIKE A LOT OF GUYS ANXIOUS TO GET INTO THE GAME, 17-YEAR-OLD HOLLEY MANGOLD CAN'T WAIT FOR THE OPENING KICK-OFF.

HOLLEY: "I don't understand why it is so amazing that I do this, why is it so different?"

BROWNE: HOLLEY IS A 315-POUND OFFENSIVE LINEMAN PLAYING A SERIOUS CONTACT SPORT. AT FIRST HER COACH AND DAD WEREN'T THRILLED.

COACH: "Was I real comfortable at first? No, I wasn't."

DAD: "Football is contact, it's body collision."

BROWNE: HOLLEY TEAMMATES SAID THAT IS SOMETHING THAT SHE HAS BECOME PRETTY GOOD AT.

Teammate: "If you get hit by Holley, you feel it."

BROWNE: BUT ACCORDING TO HER PARENTS, SHE STILL HAS A GIRLY SIDE OFF THE FIELD.

MOM AND DAD: "She just loves twirly dresses, she absolutely loves them."

BROWNE: HOLLEY'S PASSION FOR FOOTBALL DATES BACK TO PEE WEE. HER INTEREST INFLUENCES BY HER BIG BROTHER NICK'S SUCCESS ON THE FIELD.

HOLLEY: "When you are younger, your brother is your biggest role model."

BROWNE: NICK'S CAREER LED HIM TO THE NFL WHERE HE NOWS PLAYS CENTER FOR THE NEW YORK JETS. WHILE IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY HOLLEY WILL FOLLOW IN HER FAMOUS BROTHER'S FOOTSTEPS, SOME SAY THAT THERE SOME SIMILARITIES IN THE WAY THAT THEY PLAY.

COACH ED DOMSITZ, ARCHBISHOP ALTER HIGH SCHOOL: "I would say there is some of the same fire there, some of the tenacity the perseverance the dedication."

BROWNE: SO FAR IT IS THAT DEDICATION THAT HELPED LEAD THE ALTER KNIGHTS TO A 2 AND 0 RECORD THIS YEAR. CHRIS BROWNE, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

TONY: THANKS FOR WATCHING CHANNEL ONE NEWS. I'M TONY ANDERSON. AND WE'LL LEAVE YOU NOW WITH THE SHOT...

BROWNE: THE SHOT TODAY COMES FROM CHINA, WHERE THE TOP EIGHT MEN'S TENNIS PLAYERS HAVE BEEN CAST TO BECOME TERRA COTTA WARRIORS. THE SCULPTURES WILL BE UNVEILED AT THE CIRCUIT ENDING CHAMPIONSHIP IN SHANGHAI, CHINA. AMERICAN ANDY RODDICK AND U.S. OPEN CHAMPION ROGER FEDERER WERE AMONG THE CHOSEN FEW. TERRACOTTA WARRIORS ARE SYMBOLIC OF CHINA'S HISTORY AND RECOGNIZED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THE BEST KNOWN-- THIS LIFE SIZE TERRACOTTA ARMY DISCOVERED BY CHINESE FARMERS IN 1974.