

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 9/19/07

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BROWNE: IT'S WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2007. I'M CHRIS BROWNE AND TODAY WE'LL BE HANGING OUT WITH PHILADELPHIA EAGLES LINEBACKER TAKEO SPIKES. BUT FIRST HERE ARE THE HEADLINES FROM CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

BROWNE: TYPHOON WIPHA TARGETTED CHINA'S FINANCIAL HUB IN SHANGHAI TUESDAY, PROMPTING THE EVACUATION OF 1 MILLION PEOPLE. SOME 30,000 SHIPS AND BOATS ALSO WERE CALLED BACK TO PORT. WINDS WERE EXPECTED TO REACH 180 MILES PER HOUR. TYPHOONS ARE LARGE STORMS THAT FORM IN THE WARM WATERS OF THE PACIFIC, SIMILAR TO HURRICANES IN THE WEST.

SOME PEOPLE ARE COMPLAINING ABOUT THOSE COLORFUL PLASTIC CLOGS THAT HAVE BECOME THE LATEST TREND IN FOOTWEAR. THE BOTTOM TREADS FOR SOME ARE GETTING STUCK IN ESCALATORS. THE COMPANY THAT MAKES CROCS HAS REPORTED VERY FEW ESCALATOR ACCIDENTS, AND IN THE PAST, HAS SAID IT BELIEVES THE CROCS ARE COMPLETELY SAFE. THE COMPANY BLAMES THE ACCIDENTS ON FAULTY ESCALATORS OR IMPROPER USE.

DOLE IS RECALLING THOUSANDS OF BAGS OF "HEART'S DELIGHT" SALAD MIX. SOLD IN THE U.S. AND CANADA, A BAG RECENTLY TESTED POSITIVE FOR E-COLI. THE RECALLED PACKAGES HAVE A "BEST IF USED BY" DATE OF SEPTEMBER 19TH. E-COLI, A BACTERIA NORMALLY FOUND IN HUMAN OR ANIMAL WASTE, CAN CAUSE SEVERE ILLNESS WHEN INGESTED, EVEN DEATH IN SOME CASES. AS OUR NATIONAL FOOD SUPPLY BECOMES MORE CENTRALIZED, BACTERIA OUTBREAKS CAN AFFECT THOUSANDS.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SMILEY FACE! CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR SCOTT E. FAHLMAN SAYS HE WAS THE FIRST TO USE THREE KEYSTROKES--A COLON FOLLOWED BY A HYPHEN AND THEN A PARENTHESIS--AS A HORIZONTAL SMILEY FACE TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY. IT WAS THE FIRST OF DOZENS OF SO-CALLED "EMOTICONS" THAT GIVE PEOPLE A HANDY WAY TO EXPRESS FEELINGS WITH KEYPADS.

VENEZUELAN LEADER HUGO CHAVEZ WARNED HE'LL CLOSE PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE SOUTH AMERICAN NATION IF THEY DON'T BEGIN TEACHING A SOCIALIST CURRICULUM. SCHOOLS WILL HAVE UNTIL 2010 TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW LESSON PLANS, WHICH WILL INCLUDE NEW TEXTBOOKS THAT FOCUS MORE ON THE COUNTRY'S INDIGENOUS HISTORY AND LESS ON ITS EUROPEAN CONQUEST. VENEZUELA IS THE FOURTH-BIGGEST SUPPLIER OF CRUDE OIL TO THE UNITED STATES.

DO YOU ALWAYS WASH YOUR HANDS AFTER USING THE BATHROOM? IN TELEPHONE INTERVIEWS, 92-PERCENT OF ADULTS SAID THEY LATHER UP AFTER A TRIP TO THE JOHN. BUT OBSERVATION OF REAL-WORLD SINK USAGE FOUND JUST OVER THREE-QUARTERS ACTUALLY WASHED THEIR HANDS. 88 PERCENT OF WOMEN SOAPED UP, COMPARED WITH JUST 66 PERCENT OF GUYS.

BROWNE: FOR MORE ON THE NEWS THAT MATTERS TO YOU, HEAD TO CHANNELONE.COM.

[COMMERCIAL BREAK]

BROWNE: THESE DAYS, SCHOOL VENDING MACHINES ARE STOCKED WITH FEWER SODAS, AND MORE JUICES AND SPORTS DRINKS. THAT'S BECAUSE IN 2006, THE BEVERAGE INDUSTRY AGREED TO PULL ALL NON-DIET SODAS FROM PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS. HERE'S A LOOK AT HOW THAT EFFORT IS GOING, AND A QUESTION: WHO SHOULD DECIDE WHAT YOU GET TO DRINK AT SCHOOL?

BROWNE: A YEAR AGO, THE ALLIANCE FOR A HEALTHIER GENERATION AND THE AMERICAN BEVERAGE ASSOCIATION PROMISED TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF HIGH-CALORIE DRINKS IN SCHOOL VENDING MACHINES AND AT SCHOOL EVENTS. THE BEVERAGE INDUSTRY CLAIMS THE SODA SWITCH IS WORKING. HIGH-CALORIE, SUGARY DRINKS ARE NOW HARDER TO FIND AT MOST PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS. TEENS SAY, THEY ARE GETTING PLENTY OF ALTERNATIVES.

SARAH KIRSCH: "I do have to admit, I get a Gatorade practically every day."

BROWNE: BUT STUDENTS AT SOUTH LAKES HIGH IN RESTON, VIRGINIA, SAY THEY MISS HAVING SODA ON THE MENU.

SHRUTI KUPPA: "Soda for sure, hands down."

BROWNE: AND NICK'S FAVORITE SOFT DRINK?

NICK HUNT: "Water - and by water I mean soda."

BROWNE: CADBURY SCHWEPPES, COKE, PEPSI, AND THE AMERICAN BEVERAGE ASSOCIATION ARE ALL ON BOARD WITH THE MOVE. TOGETHER, THEY REPRESENT ABOUT 87% OF THE SOFT DRINK INDUSTRY, AND THEY SAY, THEY'RE SELLING TWICE AS MUCH BOTTLED WATER AS TWO YEARS AGO, AND A LOT LESS SODA.

SUSAN NEELY, AMERICAN BEVERAGE ASSOCIATION: "What's the right thing for them at a particular time of day? Is it a bottle of water? Is it a diet soft drink for fun? Is it a sports drink? THEY need to learn how to make those choices, as part of being young adults."

BROWNE: CRITICS AND SUPPORTERS AGREE. THE INDUSTRY'S INITIATIVES, COMBINED WITH LOCAL AND STATE POLICIES, SEEM TO BE CUTTING THE AMOUNT OF SODA STUDENTS DRINK. STILL, SOME SAY THERE'S EVEN MORE WORK TO BE DONE.

MARGARET WOOTAN, CENTER FOR SCIENCE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST: "The industry's voluntary efforts and this patchwork of state and local policies that have been passed are not doing the trick. The time has come for Congress to help parents."

BROWNE: BUT THE QUESTION REMAINS, WHO GETS TO DECIDE WHAT YOU DRINK AT SCHOOL?

JUSTIN WILSON, SENIOR RESEARCH ANALYST, CENTER FOR CONSUMER FREEDOM: "We're kind of concerned that there's this creeping movement to have the government basically raise our kids for us. And eventually they're

going to have to make their own choices. Do we really want them to be going through their entire high school career without ever being able to have the option of having a soda?"

BROWNE: CHRIS BROWNE, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

JESSICA: REMEMBER WHEN YOU WERE IN GRADE SCHOOL? HOW HARD IT ALL WAS, LEARNING MATH, SPELLING, GEOGRAPHY? WELL, IMAGINE ALL OF THAT, AND NOT EVEN HAVING A HOME TO LIVE IN. HERE'S HOW SOME KIDS IN PHOENIX ARIZONA ARE DEALING WITH THAT PROBLEM.

JESSICA: IT LOOKS LIKE A NORMAL CLASSROOM, BUT FOR MANY STUDENTS HERE AT THE THOMAS J. PAPPAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...

TAYLOR: "This school is the most stable thing in my life at this moment."

JESSICA: THAT'S BECAUSE FIFTH GRADER TAYLOR RAINEY AND ALL OF THE 300 STUDENTS HERE ARE HOMELESS.

TAYLOR: "Sometimes I think I want to be in a house and everything, but it's not bad, living in a shelter. Well, it's ok."

YAHZMIN: "When I went to my class, my teacher was nicest in the whole school."

JESSICA: FIFTH GRADER YAHZMIN PERRYMAN, OR YAYA AS SHE LIKES TO BE CALLED, HAS MOVED 7 TIMES IN THE LAST 5 YEARS WITH HER FAMILY. SHE'S ONE OF THE ESTIMATED ONE POINT THREE MILLION HOMELESS CHILDREN IN THE U.S. FOR YEARS, YAYA HAS SHUTTLED BACK AND FORTH FROM FRIENDS' HOMES TO MOTELS AND SHELTERS.

YAHZMIN: "Couldn't play in there, couldn't go outside, unless my mom and dad were there, it was horrible."

JESSICA: HERE YAYA AND THE OTHERS CAN EAT MORE OF THE FOODS THEY WANT, SHOWER IF THEY NEED TO, GET FULL MEDICAL CHECKUPS. AND THEN THERE'S THE CLOSET.

JESSICA: THIS CLOSET IS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY THOMAS J. PAPPAS IS SO DIFFERENT FROM MOST SCHOOLS ACROSS THE NATION. THE STUDENTS CALL IT "THE GAP," AND IT'S WHERE THEY GET TO COME AND PICK OUT WHATEVER CLOTHES THEY NEED.

STUDENT: "That pink one, right there."

JESSICA: ALL A STUDENT HAS TO DO IS POINT AND CHOOSE. ANOTHER FAVORITE--THE BIRTHDAY ROOM.

REXANNE MERIDITH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: "Many students don't celebrate birthdays. Parents do not have that on the priority list because it's something they can't afford."

JESSICA: THOMAS J. PAPPAS IS A TEMPORARY SCHOOL--A TYPICAL STAY IS 6 MONTHS. THAT MAKES IT HARD TO FORM FRIENDSHIPS.

TAYLOR: "I'll have a best friend and then they'll leave and then I have nobody to talk to, to share my feelings with. My family is not rich. To afford my college. And if I get a scholarship I won't have to pay for that stuff and it's making me more determined to get there."

JESSICA: YOU MAY BE WONDERING HOW THE KIDS GET TO SCHOOL. WELL SPECIAL BUSES PICK THEM UP FROM WHEREEVER THEY'RE STAYING. AND EVEN IF THEY MOVES FAR AWAY TEMPORARILY, THEY TRY TO MAKE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO MAKE SURE THAT CHILD CAN GET TO SCHOOL.

ANNOUNCER: TO GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHOOL JESSICA JUST PROFILED, HEAD TO CHANNELONE.COM AND CLICK ON THE "WITHOUT A HOME" SECTION.

[COMMERCIAL BREAK]

TONY: HEY, THIS IS TONY ANDERSON, AND WE ARE IN PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA AT THE LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD, HOME OF THE PHILADELPHIA EAGLES. I GOT MY MAIN MAN, SWOOP, AND WE'RE GETTING READY TO INTERVIEW TAKEO SPIKES OF THE PHILADELPHIA EAGLES. LET'S FLY, BABY. LET'S FLY.

TONY: NOW TAKEO, WE NEED TO KNOW. WHAT KIND OF GUY WERE YOU IN HIGH SCHOOL. YOU KNOW YOU GOT KIND OF BIG, WERE YOU THE BULLY, BUSTIN HEADS?

TAKEO: "Believe it or not, a lot of people think that when I was born I was just this size right here. But I had to work to get to this size. I used to be a jokester, but if you go back and ask my teachers, they would always tell you that I was always quiet. So you know it mostly happened probably when they were turning around, writing on the green board, you know and I would joke around, but when they turn around, I'm back focused."

TONY: NOW, YOU HAVE A CHARITY SET UP. TELL US ABOUT THE CHARITY.

TAKEO: "Yeah, 51 Ways."

TONY: 51 WAYS?

TAKEO: "It comes from my jersey number, a good friend of mine Carlos Simmons who used to play for the Philadelphia Eagles several years back, and we started it because both of us have people in our families who have passed on now, because of blood disorders, we go to hospitals, bring a lot of athletes in the hospitals, with blood disorders, sickle cell, HIV, even kids with cancer. And we just wanted to give back, and that was a way for us to give back because a lot of these kids they don't have the opportunity to even step outside the hospital room door, just because they're in so much pain."

TONY: SO EVERYBODY WHO WANTS TO BE THE FUTURE TAKEO SPIKES, AND WANTS TO LINE UP, WHAT'S THE GOOD WAY, HOW WOULD I LINE UP, LIKE WHAT'S MY LINEBACKER STANCE?

TAKEO: "Your legs, shoulder-width apart, get down in the get-low stance, a lot of your, have most of your weight on your toes, head up. So that way, if the running back goes this way, your first step...boom."

TONY: OK GUYS, YOU'VE JUST SEEN TAKEO SPIKES FOR GLORY ROAD, I'M TONY ANDERSON FOR CHANNEL ONE NEWS, AND ME AND MY MAN SWOOPS IS GONNA DO WORK. HIT IT, SWOOPS!

ANNOUNCER: TO SEE STORIES OF OTHER AMAZING ATHLETES, CHECK OUT THE GLORY ROAD SECTION OF CHANNELONE.COM.

BROWNE: THANKS FOR WATCHING CHANNEL ONE NEWS.