

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 10/17/07

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- News of the Day
- Tucker's Team
- Hip-Hop Congress
- The Shot

JESSICA: HEY EVERYBODY, YOU'RE HALFWAY THROUGH THE WEEK. IT IS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2007. I'M JESSICA KUMARI, AND YOU'RE WATCHING CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

ANNOUNCER: TODAY THE DALAI LAMA RECEIVES THE HIGHEST HONOR THAT THE U-S CAN BESTOW ON A CIVILIAN--THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.

ANNOUNCER: THE DALAI LAMA IS A REVERED, BUDDHIST SPIRITUAL LEADER AND CONSIDERED A GOD-KING IN TIBET. BUT NOT ALL ARE CELEBRATING THE AWARD.

ANNOUNCER: CHINA DOES NOT LIKE THE BUDDHIST LEADER'S OUTSPOKEN PUSH FOR TIBET'S INDEPENDENCE AND OPPOSES HIM RECEIVING THE MEDAL.

ANNOUNCER: WITH SUCH CONTROVERSY, WHEN THE DALAI LAMA MET WITH PRESIDENT BUSH YESTERDAY, THE WHITE HOUSE DID NOT RELEASE A PHOTO OF THE MEETING AS THEY TYPICALLY DO. WE'LL HAVE MORE ON THE AWARD CEREMONY AND THE DALAI LAMA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA TOMORROW.

CHRIS: RUSSIAN PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN ARRIVED IN THE IRANIAN CAPITAL, TEHRAN, ON TUESDAY.

CHRIS: PUTIN IS THERE FOR A SUMMIT, BUT HE ALSO MET WITH IRANIAN PRESIDENT MAHMOUD AHMADINEJAD TO DISCUSS IRAN'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM. HE INVITED THE LEADER TO MOSCOW FOR FURTHER TALKS.

CHRIS: RUSSIA AND IRAN HAVE CLOSE TIES. RUSSIA IS BUILDING IRAN'S FIRST NUCLEAR POWER PLANT, WHICH THE COUNTRIES SAY WILL BE USED TO DEVELOP PEACEFUL NUCLEAR ENERGY.

CHRIS: DURING HIS VISIT, PRESIDENT PUTIN ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT RUSSIA WOULD NOT ACCEPT ANY MILITARY ACTION AGAINST IRAN.

CHRIS: PUTIN'S TRIP MARKS THE FIRST TIME A RUSSIAN LEADER HAS VISITED IRAN SINCE JOSEF STALIN IN 19-43.

ANNOUNCER: VIDEO-SHARING WEBSITE YOUTUBE HAS INTRODUCED NEW FILTERS THAT WILL ALLOW COPYRIGHTED CLIPS TO BE AUTOMATICALLY REMOVED FROM THE SITE.

ANNOUNCER: YOUTUBE HAS LONG BEEN UNDER FIRE FOR NOT DOING ENOUGH TO PREVENT USERS FROM SHARING COPYRIGHTED CLIPS. THE SITE PUT SOME PROTECTIONS IN PLACE, BUT TELEVISION NETWORKS AND MOVIE STUDIOS SAID IT WASN'T ENOUGH.

ANNOUNCER: UNTIL NOW, YOUTUBE WOULD REMOVE CLIPS IF A COPYRIGHT HOLDER COMPLAINED ITS RIGHTS WERE VIOLATED. THAT'S WHEN YOU WOULD GET THIS

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ANNOUCER: BUT IF THE NEW FILTERS WORK, COPYRIGHTED MATERIAL WILL NEVER EVEN APPEAR ON THE SITE.

CHRIS: THE SOUTHEAST IS EXPERIENCING ONE OF THE WORST DROUGHTS IN U-S HISTORY.

CHRIS: LESS RAIN HAS FALLEN IN ALABAMA, TENNESSEE, NORTH CAROLINA AND FLORIDA THAN IN ANY YEAR SINCE THE STATES BEGAN KEEPING RECORDS OF RAINFALL.

CHRIS: AND NOW, CLIMATOLOGISTS ARE WARNING THE WATER SUPPLY FOR THREE MILLION SOUTHEASTERNS COULD RUN DRY IN A MATTER OF 90 DAYS.

CHRIS: OFFICIALS IN THE SOUTH ARE RESTRICTING WATER USE. THE GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA DECLARED OCTOBER "SHORTER SHOWER MONTH." AND NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR MIKE EASLEY HAS SUGGESTED RESTAURANTS STOP SERVING WATER UNLESS CUSTOMERS ASK FOR IT.

(SOT: Gov. Mike Easley / (D) North Carolina) "I need every single community and every single citizen in North Carolina now doing everything they can to save every drop of water they can."

ANNOUCER: IN WASHINGTON, CONGRESS HELD A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE JENA SIX CASE.

ANNOUCER: THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ALSO CONSIDERED HOW THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD INTERVENE IN HATE CRIMES AND RACIALLY-MOTIVATED VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS.

ANNOUCER: RACIAL TENSIONS ESCALATED IN JENA, LOUISIANA LAST YEAR WHEN THREE NOOSES WERE HUNG FROM A TREE AT A HIGH SCHOOL. A WHITE STUDENT WAS LATER BEATEN- ALLEGEDLY BY SIX BLACK STUDENTS.

ANNOUCER: BOTH RACE RELATIONS EXPERTS AND PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE JENA CASE TESTIFIED BEFORE THE COMMITTEE. REVEREND AL SHARPTON CALLED FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO EXPAND HATE CRIMES LAWS IN THE U-S.

STUDENT SHOUTOUT: "Reporting live from ----- high school in Washington, DC. You're watching Channel One News!"

[COMMERCIAL]

CHRIS: IN YORK, PENNSYLVANIA, TUCKER HAAS IS BATTLING CANCER, BUT HE'S NOT FIGHTING IT ALONE.

CHRIS: THAT'S BECAUSE THE LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM HAS TAKEN THIS LITTLE BOY UNDER THEIR WING AND ONTO THE FIELD. THEY CALL THEMSELVES TUCKER'S TEAM. AND THESE PLAYERS SAY ITS TUCK'S STRENGTH THAT INSPIRES THEM TO GIVE IT THEIR ALL EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT.

(SOT:) "It's an inspiration playing for the little guy. He's just been through so much. Tucker's Team just means anyone that supports Tucker and is following him. Its basically our team is like Tucker's Team."

(SOT: Lisa Haas, Tucker's mother) "Our son was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer when he was two and the Central York Panther Football Team kind of adopted him and call themselves Tucker's Team."

(SOT: Adam Dise, 17) "We all figured we'd try and help them and do as much as we could for the family cause of his relapses and everything. It's a lot of money going into hospital bills and things like that so we really want to help out the family."

(SOT:) "These shirts are basically a black t-shirt or an orange t-shirt and they have lettering, 'Tucker's Team' on them. And they sold them at the game for five dollars and they helped raise money for like a medical fund for Tucker."

(SOT: Drew Horn, 17) "We were out on the field and Coach Baker, that's his uncle, called us all in and told us a story about him and half of us were in tears afterwards and from there on it sort of just clicked."

(SOT:) "He just stands along the sidelines and supports us and he usually breaks us out before the game. He always says, 'just win baby.' That's his favorite quote."

(SOT: James English, Senior) "Like one game we let him run a play with us out on the field..."

(SOT: ANNOUNCER) "...And Tucker has the ball. He's across the 25 to the 20, down to the 15, he's down to the 10-yard line, he's crossing the 5. Tucker to the end zone. Touchdown!"

(SOT: Brandon Workinger, 16) "It means a lot. He's the main reason why I come out here and play. It's for Tucker."

(SOT:) "When you're tired and you're out there and you're tired and you feel like you can't go on anymore. You think about Tuck and he's still fighting."

(SOT:) "You kind of put yourself second. Like, its not all about you, its for a bigger cause. And the bigger cause is winning for Tucker."

(SOT: COACH) "...And let's get win number four. Tucker- any words of advice for this team?"

(SOT: TUCKER) "Just win baby!"

(SOT: ENTIRE TEAM) "Yeah!"

CHRIS: TO SEE STORIES OF OTHER TEENS MAKING A DIFFERENCE, OR TO TELL US ABOUT SOMEONE YOU KNOW WHO IS HELPING OTHERS, CLICK ON FINDING STRENGTH AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

ANNOUNCER: FINDING STRENGTH WAS PRESENTED BY THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

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[COMMERCIAL]

TONY: THE FIRST AMENDMENT GUARANTEES US FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION THROUGH THE WAY WE DRESS, OUR HAIR AND EVEN THE MUSIC WE LISTEN TO. BUT DOES FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION HAVE ITS LIMITS IF IT OFFENDS OTHERS? WELL, NOW HIP-HOP IS THE TOPIC OF DEBATE FOR ITS ALLEGED VIOLENT AND OFFENSIVE LYRICS. THE DEBATE HAS MADE ITS WAY ALL THE WAY TO CONGRESS. TAKE A LISTEN TO IT.

(SOT:) "One of the problems is that in most cases you guys don't listen to our music, so you don't know what I have actually done."

TONY: RECENTLY, CONTROVERSIAL RAPPER DAVID BANNER WAS ONE OF THE ARTISTS THAT TESTIFIED ON THE HIP HOP CONGRESSIONAL HEARING AT CAPITOL HILL, IN WASHINGTON DC.

TONY: CRITICS ASK WHY THE MUSIC IS SO AGGRESSIVE. BUT MYCHAEL ERIC DYSON, PROFESSOR AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY DEFENDS THE RAW LYRICS AS TYPICAL OF WHAT ART DOES.

(SOT:) "All art should not make you feel good, some art should get in your face."

TONY: SOME OF THE MUSIC INDUSTRIES MOST POWERFUL EXECUTIVES WERE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE HEARING. I MET WITH TWO HEADS OF BLACK ENTERTAINMENT TELEVISION AT A RECENT AWARD SHOW IN ATLANTA. THEY DEFENDED ARTIST FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS.

(SOT:) "Sometimes they are trying to tell the story and I respect that, but as parents, we have to be careful about what our young kids listen to."

(SOT:) "What people have to think about is, is something genuinely artistic or is it cliché? Is it hacky? I think that if you judge music- not in terms of just its social effect, but also in terms of its artistry."

TONY: WE ALSO CAUGHT UP WITH HIP-HOP ARTIST NE-YO AND LL COOL J.

(SOT:) "If you don't like what's being said in hip-hop, change the radio station, don't buy the CD's, change the channel, don't listen to it."

(SOT:) "Hip-hop is about self expression, about being who you are, it's about freedom of speech."

(SOT:) "I understand the sentiment behind it, you know, people want to protect their kids and protect their minds and make sure they have an opportunity not to be negatively influenced by music, but that's the wrong approach. I think it's more about promoting education. Banning words is not going to do anything; they'll just create new words." Some rappers think that we should watch what we say in our music.

(SOT:) "... us as rappers we need to clean our act up on some things, because kids do listen to our music all day- everyday. And we have to be conscience of that."

TONY: WE WENT TO SPELMAN COLLEGE IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA AND TALKED TO SOME STUDENTS ABOUT HIP-HOP LYRICS AND HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT THE CONTROVERSY.

(SOT:) "Everyone is watching hip-hop, and so with that in mind, why do we continue to put up negative images. I just think that we need to re-evaluate that."

(SOT:) "I don't think that the way to solve the problem is by banning it, I think that it starts in the home, in the community and in the schools."

(SOT:) "The way you view entertainment should be just that- as entertainment."

TONY: TONY ANDERSON, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

ANNOUNCER: BRUSH UP ON YOUR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS. CHECK OUT 1 VOICE AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

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JESSICA: HOPE YOU LIKED OUR SHOW EVERYONE. I'M JESSICA KUMAIR, AND WE'LL SEE YOU RIGHT BACK HERE TOMORROW.

CHRIS: IN BOLIVIA, ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISTS ARE TURNING THOSE OLD BOTTLES LYING AROUND THIS HOUSE INTO, WELL, THE HOUSE.

CHRIS: IT'S A "GOING GREEN" APPROACH TO HELPING NEEDY FAMILIES. MORE THAN 25-THOUSAND PLASTIC BOTTLES WERE FILLED WITH SAND AND USED TO BUILD THE FIRST "BOTTLE-HOUSE" IN AN IMPOVERISHED NEIGHBORHOOD IN EASTERN BOLIVIA.

CHRIS: NOW, VOLUNTEERS ARE COLLECTING TENS-OF-THOUSANDS OF MORE BOTTLES TO HELP BUILD MORE HOMES FOR THOSE IN NEED.

CHRIS: ORGANIZERS SAY THE PROJECT IS NOT ONLY HELPING THOSE WHO CAN'T AFFORD ADEQUATE HOUSING, BUT IT ALSO HELPS THE ENVIRONMENT BY REUSING THE NON-BIODEGRADABLE PLASTIC BOTTLES.