

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 10/18/07

TOPICS COVERED:

- Dalai Lama
- Pop Quiz
- News of the Day
- Going Green

CHRIS: HEY GUYS, IT'S THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, AND YOU'RE WATCHING CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

CHRIS: AS WE FIRST TOLD YOU YESTERDAY, THE DALAI LAMA WAS just PRESENTED WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL. AWARDED BY CONGRESS --IT'S THE NATION'S HIGHEST HONOR A CIVILIAN CAN WIN IN THE UNITED STATES.

CHRIS: BUT ONE COUNTRY SAYS IT'S A SIGN OF THE U.S. MEDDLING IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

CHRIS: ON WEDNESDAY, PRESIDENT BUSH AND OTHER CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS GATHERED IN THE CAPITOL ROTUNDA TO PRAISE THE DALAI LAMA OF TIBET.

(SOT: PRESIDENT BUSH) "Today we honor him as a universal symbol of peace and tolerance, a shepherd for the faithful, and a keeper of the flame for his people."

CHRIS: THIS WAS THE PRIZE--THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL. IT'S SPECIALLY DESIGNED BY THE U-S MINT FOR EACH WINNER AND WAS IMPRINTED WITH THE SPIRITUAL LEADER'S SIGNATURE SMILE.

(SOT: DALAI LAMA) "This recognition will bring tremendous joy and encouragement to the Tibetan people, for whom I have a special responsibility."

CHRIS: THE 72-YEAR OLD BUDDHIST MONK IS HAILED BY MUCH OF THE WORLD AS A FIGURE OF MORAL AUTHORITY AND A SYMBOL OF PEACE AND TOLERANCE. BUT NOT EVERYONE WILL HURRY TO CONTRATULATE THE BELOVED MONK ON HIS RECENT HONOR.

CHRIS: CHINA, THE COUNTRY THAT LAYS CLAIM TO TIBET, REGARDS THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER AS A SEPARATIST AND A TRAITOR.

CHRIS: A TEENAGER WHEN THE CHINESE INVADED TIBET IN 1950, THE DALAI LAMA LED AN UPRISING AGAINST THE CHINESE NINE YEARS LATER. WHEN IT FAILED, HE ESCAPED TO DHARAMSALA, INDIA, WHERE HE REMAINS IN EXILE.

CHRIS: THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT CLAIMS THE BUDDHIST MONK'S CONTINUED EFFORTS TO PUSH FOR TIBET'S INDEPENDENCE ARE AN ATTEMPT TO DIVIDE THE COUNTRY.

CHRIS: THEY WARNED THAT THE U-S SHOULD NOT GET INVOLVED AND THAT HONORING THE DALAI LAMA COULD DAMAGE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. CHINA ALREADY PULLED OUT OF A MEETING THIS WEEK AT WHICH WORLD POWERS WERE TO DISCUSS IRAN.

CHRIS: SENSITIVE TO THE CONTROVERSY, FOR YEARS, THE PRESIDENT'S MEETINGS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND DALAI LAMA HAVE BEEN KEPT LOW-PROFILE. AND ON TUESDAY, THE WHITE HOUSE DID NOT RELEASE A PHOTO AS THEY TYPICALLY DO.

CHRIS: BUT ON WEDNESDAY, THERE WAS NO SHUNNING THE SPOTLIGHT. FOR THE FIRST TIME A SITTING UNITED STATES PRESIDENT APPEARED IN PUBLIC WITH THE DALAI LAMA, LEAVING SOME TO WONDER WHETHER THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION IS NOW TAKING SIDES OR JUST PRAISING THE EFFORTS OF A RENOWN ACTIVIST? CHRIS BROWNE, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

JESSICA: ALRIGHT, EVERYBODY. IT'S POP QUIZ TIME. YESTERDAY THE DALAI LAMA WAS AWARDED WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL FOR HIS WORK IN TIBET.

JESSICA: AND HE'S NOT THE ONLY BIG NAME WHO HAS RECEIVED THIS HONOR. SINCE 17-76, THE AWARD HAS BEEN GIVEN TO INDIVIDUALS WHO PERFORM EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE.

JESSICA: SO HERE'S YOUR QUESTION.

JESSICA: WHO WAS A RECIPIENT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL?

- A. GEORGE WASHINGTON
- B. WALT DISNEY
- C. JACKIE ROBINSON
- D. ALL OF THE ABOVE

JESSICA: YOU HAVE TEN SECONDS.

JESSICA: THE ANSWER IS D- ALL OF THE ABOVE.

JESSICA: GEORGE WASHINGTON WAS THE FIRST RECIPIENT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL IN 1776.

JESSICA: WALT DISNEY - A DEDICATED PHILANTHROPIST WON THE AWARD IN 1968.

JESSICA: AND JACKIE ROBINSON WAS HONORED WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL IN 2003, THIRTY YEARS AFTER HIS DEATH. OTHER WINNERS? MOTHER TERESA, NELSON MANDELA AND TONY BLAIR.

TONY: FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE HISTORY OF RELATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND TIBET. CLICK ON "BATTLE FOR TIBET" AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

[COMMERCIAL]

JESSICA: 21 SCHOOLS IN VIRGINIA WERE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY AFTER A 17-YEAR OLD STUDENT DIED FROM A STAPH INFECTION.

JESSICA: STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS (STAFF-uh-lo-kock-us AW-ree-us) - OR STAPH - ARE COMMON BACTERIA THAT LIVE ON YOUR SKIN. THE BACTERIA CAN CAUSE INFECTION IF THEY ENTER YOUR BODY THROUGH CUTS, SORES OR OTHER MEANS. IF THE BACTERIA GETS INTO THE BLOODSTREAM, THE INFECTION CAN BECOME DEADLY. STAPH INFECTIONS ARE CONTAGIOUS AND CAN BE SPREAD BY SKIN-TO-SKIN CONTACT.

JESSICA: IN RECENT WEEKS, THE SERIOUS M-S-R-A STRAIN OF STAPH BACTERIA HAS SPREAD TO SCHOOLS ACROSS THE U-S. THE STRAIN IS RESISTANT TO PENICILLIN AND OTHER ANTIBIOTICS, THOUGH IT CAN BE TREATED WITH OTHER DRUGS.

JESSICA: THE GOOD NEWS? THERE ARE SOME EASY STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PREVENT STAPH INFECTIONS. DOCTORS SAY THE BEST PREVENTION IS FREQUENTLY WASHING YOUR HANDS. OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS - DON'T SHARE PERSONAL ITEMS LIKE RAZORS, COVER ALL CUTS WITH BANDAGES AND CAREFULLY CLEAN YOUR SPORTS EQUIPMENT.

TONY: TODAY, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WILL VOTE ON WHETHER TO OVERTURN PRESIDENT BUSH'S VETO OF A CHILDREN'S HEALTH BILL.

TONY: THE BILL - KNOWN AS S-CHIP - WOULD GIVE 35-BILLION DOLLARS TO A PROGRAM TO FUND HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN FROM LOW-INCOME FAMILIES.

TONY: THE HOUSE PASSED THE BILL LAST MONTH, BUT PRESIDENT BUSH VETOED IT. HE SAID THE SPENDING INCREASE WAS TOO MUCH.

TONY: TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE MUST VOTE FOR A BILL IN ORDER TO OVERTURN A PRESIDENTIAL VETO.

(SOT: President Bush) "I made clear that if putting poor children first requires more than the 20 percent increase in funding I proposed, we'll work with Congress to find the money we need. I'm confident we can work out our differences and reauthorize S-CHIP."

JESSICA: SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE HEARINGS TO CONFIRM MICHAEL MUKASEY AS THE NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL HAVE BEGUN.

JESSICA: THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS THE HEAD OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND THE CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE U-S.

JESSICA: MUKASEY (myoo-kay-zee) GAVE A PREPARED STATEMENT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE HEARING AND THEN FACED QUESTIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

JESSICA: MUKASEY - WHO IS A FORMER JUDGE - WILL BECOME PRESIDENT BUSH'S THIRD ATTORNEY GENERAL IF HE'S CONFIRMED. THE SENATE IS EXPECTED TO CONFIRM HIM, BUT A FORMAL VOTE WON'T HAPPEN FOR A FEW WEEKS.

(SOT: Michael Mukasey / US Attorney General Nominee) "Protecting civil liberties and people's confidence that those liberties are protected is a part of protecting national security."

TONY: A DELTA TWO ROCKET WAS LAUNCHED FROM CAPE CANAVERAL IN FLORIDA YESTERDAY.

TONY: THE ROCKET WILL PUT A GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM SATELLITE INTO ORBIT.

TONY: THE SATELLITE WILL BE USED BY CONSUMER NAVIGATION SYSTEMS, LIKE THE G-P-S DEVICES IN CARS THAT KEEP YOU FROM GETTING LOST. THE SATELLITE WILL ALSO BE USED BY THE MILITARY.

JESSICA: DINOSAURS HAVE BEEN EXTINCT FOR 65-MILLION YEARS, BUT THIS WEEK, PALEONTOLOGISTS IN PATAGONIA DISCOVERED A NEW DINOSAUR SPECIES.

JESSICA: BRAZILIAN AND ARGENTINEAN PALEONTOLOGISTS UNEARTHED AN 80-MILLION YEAR OLD FOSSIL. THEY BELIEVE THE NEWLY-DISCOVERED DINOSAUR WAS UP TO 112 FEET LONG AND AN HERBIVORE.

JESSICA: IT'S EXPECTED TO TAKE MONTHS TO COMPLETELY EXCAVATE THE FOSSIL.

JESSICA: IT'S YOUR TURN AGAIN, AND THIS TIME, THE TOPIC IS SCHOOL SAFETY. NEXT WEEK IS SCHOOL SAFETY WEEK, AND WE WANT TO KNOW IF YOU THINK YOUR SCHOOL IS DOING ENOUGH TO KEEP IT SAFE. SO CLICK ON YOUR TURN AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM, AND YOU NEVER KNOW— WE MAY READ WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY ON OUR SHOW.

[COMMERCIAL]

TONY: ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY SHOPS ARE POPPING UP ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. BUT FEW ARE SUSPECTING AUTO-REPAIR SHOPS TO FOLLOW THE TREND.

TONY: HERE'S A STORY OF ONE CALIFORNIA MAN AND HIS SON WHO ARE AHEAD OF THE CURVE—GOING GREEN.

TONY: THE WORLD OF AUTO REPAIR IS NOT NORMALLY KNOWN FOR BEING CLEAN AND GREEN.

TONY: IT'S A MECHANIC'S JOB TO GET DOWN AND DIRTY, BUT FOR DAVID ECK— HE TAKES PRIDE IN RUNNING A CLEAN AND ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY GARAGE.

(SOT: David Eck, Auto Mechanic) "People dumping oil into streets and gutters, those days are gone."

TONY: ECK'S SHOP IN HALF MOON BAY, CALIFORNIA HAS HELD THE DISTINCTION OF A CERTIFIED POLLUTION PREVENTION SHOP FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS.

(SOT David Eck, Auto Mechanic) "We went through with flying colors, because we were doing it prior to that."

TONY: ECK SEES A GREEN GARAGE AS THE FUTURE, WHICH HE'S PASSING ON TO THE NEXT GENERATION— HIS SON, DAVID JR.

(SOT David Eck, Jr., Auto Mechanic) "Anything I can do to prevent spills or pollution or better emissions in the atmosphere, I'm all for it. And it has a big part to do with my dad's influence on me."

TONY: AND IT GOES BEYOND JUST THEIR SHOP.

(SOT David Eck, Jr., Auto Mechanic) "As far as the truck knows, it's still running on diesel."

TONY: LOOKING AT THIS HUGE DODGE TRUCK, YOU WOULD THINK IT'S A GAS GUZZLER.

TONY: (SOT David Eck, Jr., Auto Mechanic) "100 percent pure vegetable oil. And you can see how clean it is by the golden yellow color."

TONY: YES THAT'S RIGHT. THIS 10-THOUSAND POUND TRUCK RUNS ON 95 PERCENT VEGETABLE OIL. ONE CATCH, THOUGH, IS THAT ONLY CARS WITH DIESEL ENGINES CAN BE CONVERTED TO SWITCH BETWEEN DIESEL FUEL AND VEGGIE OIL CREATING A HYBRID OF SORTS. THEY USE THE DIESEL FUEL FIRST TO WARM UP THE VEGGIE OIL. THIS IS A DANGEROUS CONVERSION SO PLEASE LEAVE IT TO THE PROFESSIONALS.

(SOT David Eck, Jr., Auto Mechanic) "It's a lot better for the atmosphere. I get the same horsepower, it's a lot cheaper for myself to run the fuel- the only problem is that it smells like French-fries a little bit."

TONY: BUT HE'LL TAKE THE SMELL OF FRENCH FRIES OVER THE PRICE OF REGULAR DIESEL. IT COSTS ECK JUST 18 CENTS A GALLON FOR THE VEGETABLE OIL.

TONY: ECK SENIOR'S HUMMER ALSO RUNS ON VEGETABLE OIL. IT'S SOMETHING YOU COULD CALL A FAMILY AFFAIR. TONY ANDERSON, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

CHRIS: HEY GUYS, THAT'S IT FOR CHANNEL ONE NEWS. THANKS FOR WATCHING. I'M CHRIS BROWNE, AND I HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT DAY.

CHRIS: 80 THOUSAND CANS OF SILLY STRING WILL SOON BE ON THEIR WAY TO IRAQ. SILLY STRING HELPS U-S SOLDIERS DETECT TRIP WIRES ON HIDDEN BOMBS.

CHRIS: WE TOLD YOU ABOUT ONE NEW JERSEY WOMAN, MARCELLE SHRIVER, WHO COLLECTED SILLY STRING TO SEND TO THE TROOPS BUT SHE COULDN'T SEND IT RIGHT AWAY.

CHRIS: THAT'S BECAUSE SILLY STRING IS PACKED IN AEROSOL CONTAINERS AND CONSIDERED A 'HAZARDOUS MATERIAL. NOW A COMPANY HAS STEPPED IN AND WILL HELP SHIP IT OVERSEAS.