

# CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 11/06/07

## TOPICS COVERED:

- News of the Day
- Bees
- Pop Quiz
- Writers Strike

JESSICA: HEY EVERYBODY, IT IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2007. I'M JESSICA KUMARI AND CHANNEL ONE NEWS STARTS NOW.

TONY: LEARNING TO DRIVE IS HARD ENOUGH, BUT SOME RESEARCHERS ARE TRYING TO TEACH CARS TO DRIVE WITHOUT ANYONE BEHIND THE WHEEL. AT AN EVENT SPONSORED BY THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, ELEVEN ROBOT CARS COMPETED FOR A TWO MILLION DOLLAR PRIZE.

TONY: THE OBJECTIVE? FOR THE CARS TO DRIVE WITHOUT HUMAN INTERVENTION AND TO OBEY NORMAL TRAFFIC LAWS. THAT MEANS THE CARS HAD TO DEAL WITH MERGING, TRAFFIC CIRCLES, AND OTHER OBSTACLES, ALL WITHOUT ANYONE BEHIND THE WHEEL.

TONY: THE WINNING CAR WAS A SOUPED-UP CHEVY TAHOE, WAS CREATED BY RESEARCHERS AT CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY - IN PENNSYLVANIA.

ANNOUNCER: VIOLENT PROTESTS CONTINUED IN PAKISTAN OVER PRESIDENT PERVEZ MUSHARRAF'S DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY OVER THE WEEKEND.

ANNOUNCER: MORE THAN 15-HUNDRED MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN THE LAST TWO DAYS, INCLUDING MANY LAWYERS AND HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS.

ANNOUNCER: POLICE HAVE BEEN USING TEAR GAS AND BATONS TO CONTROL CROWDS OF PROTESTORS.

ANNOUNCER: THE IMAGES YOU'RE SEEING HERE -- THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY FROM PAKISTAN -- WERE NOT SEEN BY THE PAKISTANI PEOPLE THEMSELVES. THAT'S BECAUSE PRESIDENT MUSHARRAF HAS TAKEN LOCAL T-V STATION OFF THE AIR AS PART OF THE NEW SECURITY MEASURES.

ANNOUNCER: SECRETARY OF STATE CONDOLEEZZA RICE HAD STRONG WORDS FOR THE PAKISTANI GOVERNMENT MONDAY, CALLING ON PRESIDENT MUSHARRAF TO RESTORE ORDER IN HIS COUNTRY.

(SOT: Condoleezza Rice / Secretary of State) "We believe that the best path for Pakistan is to quickly return to a constitutional path and then to hold elections."

TONY: IF YOU'RE A TEENAGER IN JAPAN, COMPUTERS ARE LIKE, SO TOTALLY YESTERDAY! THAT'S RIGHT, MANY JAPANESE TECHNOLOGY USERS ARE DITCHING

THEIR P-C'S IN FAVOR OF SMALLER AND FLASHIER DEVICES LIKE IPODS AND SMART PHONES.

TONY: IN THE PAST YEAR, SALES OF BOTH LAPTOPS AND DESKTOPS IN JAPAN HAVE STEADILY DECLINED. JAPAN HAS LONG BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT OF TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION, AND THE SHIFT COULD BE A SIGN OF THINGS TO COME.

ANNOUNCER: ATTICUS FINCH AND BOO RADLEY, THE 'TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD' CHARACTERS, ARE STUDIED IN ENGLISH CLASSROOMS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

ANNOUNCER: ON MONDAY, PRESIDENT BUSH RECOGNIZED THEIR CREATOR, HARPER LEE, FOR HER CONTRIBUTION TO AMERICAN LITERATURE.

ANNOUNCER: MR. BUSH AWARDED LEE -- ALONG WITH SEVEN OTHERS -- THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM.

ANNOUNCER: THE MEDAL IS THE HIGHEST GOVERNMENT AWARD THAT CAN BE GIVEN TO A CIVILIAN. IT'S PRESENTED TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE MADE EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO CULTURE, WORLD PEACE, OR THE NATIONAL INTERESTS OF THE U-S.

TONY: IF YOU GO TO A PRIVATE SCHOOL, SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT GIVE YOU MONEY?

TONY: THAT'S THE QUESTION UTAH VOTERS WILL ANSWER WHEN THEY HEAD TO THE POLLS TODAY.

TONY: VOTERS ARE WEIGHING IN ON A PROGRAM WHICH WOULD PROVIDE CASH VOUCHERS -- OR GRANTS -- TO ANY FAMILY WITH A CHILD IN PRIVATE SCHOOL. THE MONEY WOULD COME FROM TAXES.

TONY: THE PROGRAM'S SUPPORTERS SAY IT'S A GOOD WAY TO REDUCE OVERCROWDING IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. ITS OPPONENTS SAY MONEY SHOULD, INSTEAD, BE SPENT ON IMPROVING PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

TONY: SOME STATES ALREADY HAVE PROGRAMS, WHICH PROVIDE VOUCHERS TO LOW-INCOME FAMILIES WITH KIDS IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS. BUT THE UTAH PROGRAM WOULD BE THE FIRST TO MAKE ALL FAMILIES ELIGIBLE FOR MONEY.

JESSICA: COMING UP - WHY BEES ARE DISAPPEARING WITHOUT A TRACE. PLUS, THOUSANDS OF WRITERS FOR T-V AND MOVIES ARE ON STRIKE. WHAT THAT MEANS FOR YOUR FAVORITE SHOWS.

[COMMERCIAL]

JESSICA: SO HERE'S A STORY THAT'S GENERATING A LOT OF BUZZ. CHRIS BROWNE HAS THIS REAL LIFE MYSTERY THAT'S BAFFLING SCIENTISTS AND COULD HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE FOODS YOU EAT EVERY DAY.

JESSICA: 15-YEAR-OLD ALEX LESNIAK HAS AN UNUSUAL HOBBY.

JESSICA: ALEX IS A BEE KEEPER. AFTER SCHOOL AND DRAMA PRACTICE, SHE LOOKS AFTER HER HIVE, COLLECTS AWARD-WINNING HONEY AND LEARNS ALOT ABOUT TAKING CARE OF BEES.

(SOT: Alex Lesniak, 15, South Bend, Indiana) "You don't have to feed them everyday or anything. It's a little bit easier than a dog, except when it comes to extracting the honey, cause then it gets really messy."

(SOT: Alex Lesniak, 15, South Bend, Indiana) "They have to go around and collect pollen and nectar and basically they mix it with bee spit inside the cells. I mean, it sounds kind of gross but honey is bee spit and flower nectar."

JESSICA: KEEPING BEES IS A FUN HOBBY FOR ALEX BUT SHE SAYS BEES MEAN ALOT MORE TO HUMANS THAN WE REALIZE.

(SOT: Alex Lesniak, 15, South Bend, Indiana) "A third of what we eat would actually not exist without the bees. And a lot of people think well its just honey, well its more, way more than that."

JESSICA: BEES POLLINATE MANY CROPS ON FARMS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. EVERY YEAR, IT TAKES 2 MILLION BEE COLONIES TO POLLINATE OVER 50 CROPS, LIKE BLUEBERRIES, LEMONS AND ALFALFA. BUT RECENTLY, THE MILLIONS OF BEES WE DEPEND ON BEGAN DISAPPEARING AND NO ONE IS SURE WHY.

(SOT: Greg Hunt, Bee Specialist, Purdue University) "So the beekeeper visits his hive and everything looks ok, he goes back in two weeks opens the lid and no bees, hardly any bees, no dead bees. So it's a situation where apparently the bees flew off and didn't come back."

JESSICA: IT'S CALLED COLONY COLLAPSE DISORDER - HIVES ARE DYING OFF AND EVEN MORE MYSTERIOUS. BEES ARE FLYING AWAY AND NOT COMING BACK. THERE'S NO SHORTAGE YET, BUT IF IT GETS WORSE, FARMERS AND BEEKEEPERS COULD LOSE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS. GREG HUNT IS A BEE EXPERT AND IS LOOKING INTO THE ISSUE. HE SAYS THERE ARE MANY FACTORS INVOLVED.

(SOT: Greg Hunt, Bee Specialist, Purdue University) "They're trucking large amounts, large numbers of bee hives around, which in itself is stressful, because you're putting them into an area, there may be pesticides or there may not be food for the bees there. there's been some indication that a disease is present, we don't know if its a virus- parasitic mites."

JESSICA: SCIENTISTS ARE RESEARCHING ALL THESE THEORIES IN AN EFFORT TO SOLVE THE MISSING BEE MYSTERY, BUT SO FAR ITS A QUESTION THAT REMAINS UNANSWERED. REGARDLESS OF WHAT'S CAUSING THE MISSING BEES, ALEX DOESN'T WANT HER BEES GOING ANYWHERE- EVEN WHEN SHE FLIES AWAY TO COLLEGE.

(SOT: Alex Lesniak, 15, South Bend, Indiana) "I still want to work with them but as far as career wise I want to be a vet. I want to try and keep a hive at home. I mean you can't really keep one in a dorm."

JESSICA: THE MISSING BEES MYSTERY HAS ALSO GOT THE ATTENTION OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT - ONE MEASURE IN CONGRESS PROPOSES SPENDING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS TO FURTHER RESEARCH COLONY COLLAPSE DISORDER.

JESSICA: SO HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT BEES? BUZZ OVER TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND TAKE THE QUIZ.

JESSICA: NOW WE JUST TOLD YOU A LOT OF QUESTIONS REMAIN ABOUT WHY BEES ARE GOING MISSING. LET'S SEE IF YOU HAVE AN ANSWER FOR OUR POP QUIZ TOPIC ON THE TOPIC.

JESSICA: HOW MANY FLOWERS DO BEES HAVE TO VISIT TO MAKE ONE POUND OF HONEY?

- A. 1,000 FLOWERS
- B. 10,000 FLOWERS
- C. 1 MILLION FLOWERS
- D. 2 MILLION FLOWERS

JESSICA: TAKE TEN SECONDS.

JESSICA: YOUR TIME'S UP. THE ANSWER IS D. HONEYBEES HAVE TO TAP ABOUT 2 MILLION FLOWERS TO MAKE 1 POUND OF HONEY.

JESSICA: A HONEYBEE TRAVELS FROM FLOWER TO FLOWER COLLECTING NECTAR. BASICALLY, PLANTS PRODUCE NECTAR TO ATTRACT POLLINATING INSECTS AND BIRDS. IT'S A SUGARY FLUID THAT INCLUDES THE AROMATIC OILS THAT GIVE FLOWERS THEIR SCENT.

JESSICA: BEES COLLECT THE NECTAR IN TINY AMOUNTS, STORE IT IN THEIR STOMACHS AND CARRY IT BACK TO THEIR HIVES. THERE, "WORKER" BEES THEN TRANSFORM IT INTO HONEY BY SUCKING THE WATER OUT OF THE NECTAR.

JESSICA: DURING THIS PROCESS, THE HONEYBEE ACTS AS A POLLINATOR TRANSFERRING POLLEN GRAINS WHICH HELP SOME PLANTS REPRODUCE.

ANNOUNCER: TODAY'S POP QUIZ WAS PRESENTED BY THE U-S MARINE CORPS.

[COMMERCIAL]

JESSICA: LIKE THE RE-RUNS OF YOUR FAVORITE T-V SHOWS? WELL YOU JUST MIGHT HAVE TO GET USED TO WATCHING THEM. TELEVISION AND MOVIE WRITERS WENT ON STRIKE. CHRIS BROWNE TELLS US WHY AND WHICH SHOWS MIGHT BE AFFECTED.

CHRIS: THE PICKET SIGNS CAME OUT MONDAY MORNING, AS UP TO TWELVE-THOUSAND TELEVISION AND FILM WRITERS WENT ON STRIKE IN NEW YORK AND LOS ANGELES.

CHRIS: THE STRIKE, WHICH WAS ORGANIZED BY WRITERS' GUILD OF AMERICA, THE WRITERS UNION, IS EXPECTED TO DELAY THE PRODUCTION OF MOVIES, DAYTIME, AND PRIMETIME TV.

CHRIS: SO WHAT IS A UNION? AND WHY ARE THEY STRIKING? WELL A UNION IS AN ORGANIZED GROUP OF WORKERS WHO COME TOGETHER TO TRY TO CONTROL THE CONDITIONS OF THEIR WORK. AND IN THIS CASE, THE WRITERS' UNION SAYS THEY DESERVE MORE MONEY FROM INTERNET SALES OF TV SHOWS AND MOVIES.

CHRIS: SETH MYERS, A CAST MEMBER AND WRITER ON NBC'S SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE, WAS AMONG THE STRIKERS OUTSIDE OF NBC UNIVERSAL IN NEW YORK, THE COMPANY THAT PRODUCES CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

(SOT: SETH MEYERS, SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE) "TV has changed a lot in the last few years, people can download stuff, buy it on iTunes, and in the

current contract, there's no sense of how writers get compensated for that. So, if that's the future of television, then we need to work out something fair for the next twenty years."

CHRIS: REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TV AND FILM INDUSTRY MEANWHILE, SAID THEY WERE DISSAPOINTED BY THE UNION'S DECISION TO STRIKE, SAYING QUOTE "We made an attempt at meeting them in a number of their key areas including Internet streaming and jurisdiction in New Media. Ultimately, the guild was unwilling to compromise on most of their major demands.

CHRIS: BUT HOW DOES THE STRIKE AFFECT YOU? WELL IF YOU LIKE LATE-NIGHT TV LIKE THE TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO, OR THE DAILY SHOW WITH JON STEWART, YOU'RE OUT OF LUCK. THOSE SHOWS ARE EXPECTED TO GO TO RE-RUNS IMMEDIATELY.

(SOT: Paul Gomez, 18) "Personally I think it's horrible kinda. Because when I go home tonight and I watch TV, I have to watch re-runs. It's not fair to me."

(SOT:) "I think they have a good reason to do it because if they're writing for the shows on TV, then they should also get paid for the shows that they're doing on the internet."

(SOT: Calvin Gonzalez, 18) "But what do we get? You're getting money for what you're doing. Why not enjoy what you're doing. If you like writing, then write. If you like writing, and you're getting paid for what you're doing, why not keep doing it."

CHRIS: WRITERS HERE IN NEW YORK BEGAN PICKETING AT 9 AM MONDAY MORNING. IT'S THE FIRST WALKOUT BY TV AND FILM WRITERS IN 20 YEARS; THAT STRIKE LASTED 22 WEEKS AND COST INDUSTRY MORE THAN 500 MILLION DOLLARS. REPORTING FROM NEW YORK, CHRIS BROWNE, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

ANNOUNCER: ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE WRITING THAT AWARD WINNING SCREENPLAY OR EVEN YOUR MID-TERM ESSAY? GO TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND GET UN-STUCK WITH OUR BEAT WRITERS BLOCK QUIZ.

JESSICA: THANKS FOR WATCHING, THAT'S OUR SHOW. I'M JESSICA KUMARI, AND WE'LL SEE YOU HERE TOMORROW.