

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 11/07/07

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CHRIS: HEY GUYS IT'S WEDNESDAY, I'M CHRIS BROWNE AND CHANNEL ONE NEWS STARTS RIGHT NOW.

CHRIS: THE SOUTHERN STATES ARE STILL IN THE MIDST OF THEIR WORST DROUGHT ON RECORD, AND THEIR SCRAMBLING TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR MORE WATER. TONY ANDERSON GIVES US A CLOSER LOOK AT THE IMPACT OF THIS SEVERE DROUGHT.

TONY: THERE ARE TRILLIONS OF GALLONS OF FRESH WATER ON EARTH, BUT THIS YEAR NOT ENOUGH OF IT IS IN THE SOUTHEASTERN PART OF THE U-S. ABOUT 26 PERCENT OF THE AREA IS IN WHAT THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE CALLS AN "EXCEPTIONAL" DROUGHT, THE WORST CATEGORY.

TONY: A DROUGHT, WHICH IS A PERIOD OF ABNORMALLY LOW RAINFALL, CAUSES TREES AND CROPS TO WITHER AND DIE. WITHOUT RAIN FARMERS ARE FORCED TO WATER THEIR CROPS BY IRRIGATION, DIRECTING WATER USING DITCHES, CANALS AND PIPES. BUT MANY PEOPLE SEE THIS AS ONLY A TEMPORARY FIX TO THE PROBLEM.

(SOT: FARMER) "We can irrigate all we want to but it doesn't satisfy the fruit the way God's rain does."

TONY: THE AFFECTED DROUGHT AREAS RIGHT NOW INCLUDE, ALABAMA, MOST OF TENNESSEE AND THE NORTHERN HALF OF GEORGIA, AS WELL AS PARTS OF NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA, KENTUCKY AND VIRGINIA.

TONY: IN GEORGIA, THE SITUATION IS SO BAD, OFFICIALS CALLED A STATE OF EMERGENCY. LAKE LANIER (LA-NEER), WHICH IS ATLANTA'S MAIN WATER SOURCE IS DRYING UP. EXPERTS SAY IF CONDITIONS KEEP UP, THIS WATER SOURCE FOR MORE THAN THREE MILLION PEOPLE COULD RUN DRY IN JUST 90 DAYS.

TONY: THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE SAYS GEORGIA IS GOING THROUGH ITS WORST DROUGHT IN HISTORY. OFFICIALS ARE LOOKING FOR ANY WAY TO CONSERVE WATER. EVEN IN THE SCHOOLS, WHERE SOME IN ATLANTA ARE USING PAPER PLATES IN THE CAFETERIA TO CUT DOWN ON WASHING.

TONY: WHILE CONSERVATION MAY HELP, RAIN IS WHAT IS WHATS NEEDED.

TONY: ATLANTA IS TRYING TO AVOID THE SITUATION THAT ORME, TENNESSEE ALREADY FACES.

(SOT) "If I turn on the tap today, there's no water."

TONY: DEBBIE CASH AND OTHER RESIDENTS ARE ONLY ABLE TO USE WATER THREE HOURS A DAY. THE VOLUNTEER FIRE CHIEF MAKES WATER RUNS THREE TIMES A WEEK FROM ALABAMA TO REPLENISH ORME'S TANKS. IT TAKES A DOZEN TRIPS TO GET THE JOB DONE.

TONY: MEANWHILE, THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS ARE PRAYING FOR RAIN, AND LOTS OF IT, BEFORE THE DROUGHT TURNS INTO DISASTER.
TONY ANDERSON, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

CHRIS: ARE YOU A WATER WASTER? CHECK OUT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM TO FIND OUT MORE WAYS YOU CAN SAVE WATER.

(SOT Jason LEE)"hello this is Jason Lee and you're watching channel one news."

[COMMERCIAL]

CHRIS: NOW HERE'S A LOOK AT HEADLINES MAKING NEWS IN YOUR WORLD TODAY.

ANNOUNCER: YOU MAY WANT TO THINK TWICE NEXT TIME YOU GUZZLE DOWN AN ENERGY DRINK FOR A QUICK BOOST.

ANNOUNCER: IT TURNS OUT ENERGY ISN'T THE ONLY THING THESE DRINKS BOOST.

ANNOUNCER: RESEARCHERS AT WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY FOUND THE DRINKS MAY ALSO INCREASE BLOOD PRESSURE AND HEART RATE.

ANNOUNCER: THE RESEARCHERS SAY THE EFFECTS COULD BE ESPECIALLY HARMFUL TO PEOPLE WITH PREEXISTING BLOOD PRESSURE AND HEART CONDITIONS.

ANNOUNCER: THE DRINKS CONTAIN HIGH LEVELS OF CAFFEINE, WHICH HAS BEEN SHOWN TO AFFECT BLOOD PRESSURE AND HEART FUNCTION.

ANNOUNCER: IN RESPONSE, THE AMERICAN BEVERAGE ASSOCIATION SAYS WALKING UP A FLIGHT OF STEPS HAS THE SAME AFFECT ON BLOOD PRESSURE THAT THE DRINKS DO.

ANNOUNCER: ON TUESDAY, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES VOTED TO OVERRIDE PRESIDENT BUSH'S VETO OF A WATER RESOURCES BILL. THE BILL WOULD SUPPORT WATER PROJECTS ACROSS THE U.S. LIKE RESTORING THE COASTLINE IN LOUISIANA AFTER HURRICANE KATRINA AND PROTECTING THE SHRINKING FLORIDA EVERGLADES.

ANNOUNCER: IT'S THE FIRST TIME THIS PRESIDENT HAS LOST A VETO IN THE HOUSE.

ANNOUNCER: A VETO CAN BE OVERTURNED IF TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE VOTE FOR THE BILL.

ANNOUNCER: MR. BUSH HAS VETOED ONLY FIVE BILLS DURING HIS TENURE AS PRESIDENT.

ANNOUNCER: THE PRESIDENT CRITICIZED THE 23-BILLION DOLLAR WATER BILL AS WASTEFUL SPENDING BECAUSE IT INCLUDES SEVERAL LAWMAKER'S PET PROJECTS.

ANNOUNCER: THE WATER RESOURCES BILL IS SET TO GO TO VOTE IN THE SENATE TODAY. WHERE IT'S ALSO EXPECTED TO GET THE TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY NEEDED FOR AN OVERRIDE.

ANNOUNCER: UNREST CONTINUES IN PAKISTAN, WHERE PRESIDENT PERVEZ MUSHARRAF DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY SATURDAY.

ANNOUNCER: HE SUSPENDED THE CONSTITUTION AND BANNED ALL MEDIA.

ANNOUNCER: MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION -- LED BY A GROUP OF LAWYERS -- ARE PROTESTING THE CRACKDOWN. POLICE HAVE ARRESTED THOUSANDS OF DEMONSTRATORS.

ANNOUNCER: WESTERN LEADERS -- INCLUDING PRESIDENT BUSH -- HAVE CALLED ON MUSHARRAF TO RESTORE DEMOCRACY AND HOLD ELECTIONS.

ANNOUNCER: ON TUESDAY, THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER WHO HAD BEEN UNDER EXILE BENAZIR BHUTTO ARRIVED IN ISLAMABAD, MOST OF THE VIOLENCE AND DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE OCCURRED THERE. BHUTTO SAID SHE DOES NOT PLAN TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT MUSHARRAF.

(SOT Benazir Bhutto) "I think we should all come down xx as we can for the restoration of democracy and if General Musharraf wants to find a way out well the ball is in his court.

ANNOUNCER: DRIVING TO SCHOOL, PRACTICE AND FRIENDS' HOUSES IS GETTING MORE EXPENSIVE.

ANNOUNCER: ACCORDING TO THE ENERGY INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION, GAS PRICES ROSE AN AVERAGE OF 14-CENTS THIS WEEK. THE AVERAGE PRICE OF A GALLON OF GAS IS NOW MORE THAN THREE DOLLARS.

ANNOUNCER: THAT MEANS, IF YOU DRIVE A CAR LIKE A HONDA CIVIC WITH A 13-GALLON GAS TANK, YOU'LL HAVE TO PAY ALMOST TWO DOLLARS MORE TO FILL UP YOUR TANK THIS WEEK THAN LAST WEEK.

ANNOUNCER: TWO BOMBS EXPLODED NEAR AFGHANISTAN'S CAPITAL OF KABUL TUESDAY, KILLING AT LEAST 28 PEOPLE AND WOUNDING MANY MORE.

ANNOUNCER: OFFICIALS SAY THE BOMBING TARGETED LAWMAKERS WHO WERE GATHERED AT A SUGAR FACTORY. THE BLAST LEFT AT LEAST FIVE MEMBERS OF THE AFGHAN PARLIAMENT DEAD.

ANNOUNCER: YESTERDAY'S BOMBING IS THE MOST DEADLY ATTACK TO OCCUR IN AFGHANISTAN SINCE THE FALL OF THE TALIBAN IN 2001.

ANNOUNCER: WANT MORE NEWS? HEAD TO CHANNELONE.COM

CHRIS: FROM GAS PRICES TO MILITARY SERVICE, ONE OF THE COUNTRIES THAT HAS THE BIGGEST IMPACT ON LIFE HERE IS CHINA.

CHRIS: IT'S ONE OF THE WORLD'S OLDEST CIVILIZATIONS BUT FOR MOST US ONE OF THE LEAST UNDERSTOOD. HELPING TO CHANGE ALL THAT IS ONE CHICAGO TEEN. AND JESSICA KUMARI HAS HER STORY.

JESSICA: WITH THE BEIJING OLYMPICS LESS THAN A YEAR AWAY AND CHINA BURSTING ONTO WORLD STAGE AS AN ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE, A YOUNG CHICAGO WOMAN IS POISED TO BRIDGE THE GAP.

JESSICA: IT'S WHAT MANY WESTERNERS MIGHT IMAGINE WHEN THEY THINK OF CHINA.

JESSICA: BUT WHEN 19 YEAR OLD CHLOE LOOP WATCHES, IT'S BECAUSE SHE'S PART OF THE SHOW.

JESSICA: BACKSTAGE,

(NATS): "Five minutes!"

JESSICA: SHE KEEPS TIME,

JESSICA: FIXES THE COSTUMES,

JESSICA: AND THE PROPS, AND GENERALLY HELPS KEEP IT GOING.

(NATS): "Thank you very much, Frank."

JESSICA: BUT THE JOB SHE'S PAID FOR HAPPENS AFTER THE PERFORMANCE.

JESSICA: THE YOUNG CHICAGOAN IS FLUENT IN MANDARIN CHINESE, AND SHE TRANSLATES FOR THE ACROBATS.

JESSICA: IN FACT, CHLOE'S LOVE AFFAIR WITH CHINA STARTED WHEN SHE MOVED TO BEIJING AS A HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR.

JESSICA: BY HER SENIOR YEAR IN CHINA'S CAPITAL CITY, SHE WAS FLUENT, WELL FED.

(SOT: Chloe Loop, Translator) "My Chinese host mother cooked the best food and she'd say, 'Eat up.'"

JESSICA: AND, SHE SAYS A LITTLE CHINESE.

(SOT: Chloe Loop, Translator) "Oh, if I laugh with my hand over my mouth."

JESSICA: SO, HE LIKES AMERICANS, PARTICULARLY THIS ONE, WHO'S LEARNED SO MUCH ABOUT BEING CHINESE, BUT WHO'S STILL THEIR FIRST CONNECTION TO THINGS WESTERN.

JESSICA: CHLOE IS NOW A SOPHOMORE IN COLLEGE HOPES HER NEXT JOB IN CHINA WILL BE TRANSLATING AT THE BEIJING OLYMPICS, WHICH IS LESS THAN ONE YEAR FROM NOW.

CHRIS: AND WHEN WE COME BACK. WE'LL SEE IF WE'RE ALL SPEAKING THE SAME LANGUAGE IN TODAY'S POP QUIZ.

CHRIS: WE JUST TOLD YOU ABOUT A TEEN WHO'S HELPING PEOPLE COMMUNICATE BY WORKING AS A TRANSLATOR IN CHINA. ACCORDING TO THE U-S CENSUS, THERE ARE 311 LANGUAGES SPOKEN HERE IN THE U.S.

CHRIS: SO HERE'S YOUR POP QUIZ QUESTION.

CHRIS: WHAT IS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE UNITED STATES? YOU'VE GOT FIVE CHOICES TODAY.

- A. ENGLISH
 - B. LATIN
 - C. SPANISH
 - D. NONE OF THE ABOVE
- or is it E. A & C

CHRIS: TAKE TEN SECONDS.

CHRIS: THE ANSWER IS D - NONE OF THE ABOVE.

CHRIS: THAT'S RIGHT. THE U-S DOES NOT HAVE AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE. MOST OF US SPEAK ENGLISH, BUT ITS NEVER BEEN OFFICIALLY DECLARED THE NATIONAL LANGUAGE. YOU'RE PROBABLY NOT SURPRISED TO HEAR THE MOST COMMONLY SPOKEN LANGUAGE IN THIS COUNTRY AFTER ENGLISH IS SPANISH. FOLLOWED BY FRENCH, MANDARIN CHINESE, GERMAN AND TAGALOG, THE LANGUAGE SPOKEN IN THE PHILIPPINES.

CHRIS: FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION ARE TWO KEY PARTS OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT, WHICH WE TELL YOU ABOUT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE KNIGHT FOUNDATION. HERE TWO TEENS EXERCISE THEIR FREEDOM OF SPEECH BY SOUNDING OFF ON WAYS THEY CAN OR CAN'T EXPRESS THEMSELVES.... THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT SCHOOL UNIFORMS.

(SOT) "I honestly like the idea of uniforms because then everybody will look alike and it won't be like who looks better or anything like that like a competition or anything with the students. So I think it would be better. It will keep children more focused on school than on their outfits and stuff like that."

(SOT): "Everybody is unique and everybody has their unique way of dressing, so if we had to wear uniforms everybody is going to look the same and you can't have your, you can't show your unique-ness. You can't be like, you know, some people want to be punk rock, some people want to look ya know hip-hop, I don't know. It wouldn't be fair, I think you have to be able to be unique, in your own way."

CHRIS: THAT DOES IT FOR CHANNEL ONE NEWS I'M CHRIS BROWNE We'll SEE YOU BACK HERE TOMORROW.