

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 11/13/07

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- News of the Day
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- One More Thing

CHRIS: HEY GUYS, IT'S TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH. I'M CHRIS BROWNE AND CHANNEL ONE NEWS STARTS RIGHT NOW.

ANNOUNCER: OFFICIALS ARE SAYING THIS COULD BE ONE OF THE WORST ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTERS IN THE REGION IN RECENT HISTORY.

ANNOUNCER: 13 HUNDRED TONS OF OIL SPILLED INTO RUSSIA'S KERCH STRAIT ON SUNDAY AFTER A FIERCE STORM SPLIT A PAIR OF OIL TANKERS IN TWO.

ANNOUNCER: THE KERCH STRAIT IS A NARROW BODY OF WATER THAT CONNECTS THE BLACK SEA AND THE SEA OF AZOV. IT'S BORDERED BY RUSSIA ON THE EAST AND UKRAINE ON THE WEST.

ANNOUNCER: AS MANY AS TEN SHIPS SUNK AS A RESULT OF THE SEVERE WEATHER. ALONG WITH OIL, SULFUR AND OTHER DANGEROUS CARGO SPILLED INTO THE STRAIT.

CHRIS: HOMELAND SECURITY SECRETARY MICHAEL CHERTOFF MADE A SPECIAL VETERANS DAY TRIP TO IRAQ.

CHRIS: CHERTOFF LED A CEREMONY ON SUNDAY THAT MADE 178 FOREIGN BORN SOLIDERS U.S. CITIZENS.

CHRIS: THE SOLDIERS WERE EACH GIVEN A NATURALIZATION CERTIFICATE AND AN AMERICAN FLAG.

CHRIS: ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNMENT, ALMOST 40 THOUSAND U.S. TROOPS ARE NOT CITIZENS.

ANNOUNCER: AN ANCIENT DISCOVERY IN PERU, ARCHAEOLOGISTS HAVE UNCOVERED A FOUR THOUSAND YEAR OLD TEMPLE IN A CITY IN NORTHWESTERN PERU.

ANNOUNCER: IT'S ONE OF THE OLDEST RUINS EVER UNCOVERED IN THE AMERICAS.

ANNOUNCER: THE TEMPLE IS COVERED WITH MURALS, WHICH ARCHAEOLOGISTS BELIEVE MAY REPRESENT HUNTING RITUALS.

CHRIS: EVER DREAMT OF CLIMBING THE EIFFEL TOWER, STUDYING ART HISTORY IN ITALY OR LEARNING SPANISH IN SPAIN?

CHRIS: WELL, ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY, MORE AMERICAN STUDENTS ARE MAKING THOSE DREAMS A REALITY.

CHRIS: THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION SAYS MORE THAN 223 THOUSAND AMERICAN STUDENTS STUDIED ABROAD DURING THE 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR. THAT'S MORE THAN AN EIGHT PERCENT INCREASE FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

CHRIS: LONDON WAS THE LEADING DESTINATION FOR AMERICAN STUDENTS, THOUGH THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS STUDYING IN THE MIDDLE EAST JUMPED 31 BY PERCENT.

ANNOUNCER: SCIENTISTS SAY THEY'VE ACHIEVED A MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH IN THE CLONING OF MONKEYS.

ANNOUNCER: CLONING IS THE PROCESS BY WHICH DNA IS COPIED. THE ORGANISM CREATED FROM THE COPIED DNA IS AN EXACT REPLICA OF THE ORIGINAL AND IS CALLED A CLONE.

ANNOUNCER: SCIENTISTS IN OREGON HAVE CREATED CLONED EMBRYOS USING CELLS FROM AN ADULT MALE MONKEY.

ANNOUNCER: SCIENTISTS HAVE CLONED PRIMATES BEFORE, BUT ONLY USING CELLS FROM EMBRYOS, WHICH ARE FETUSES IN THE EARLY STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT.

CHRIS: FOR THE SECOND TIME IN FOUR DAYS, FORMER PAKISTANI PRIME MINISTER AND OPPOSITION LEADER BENAZIR BHUTTO IS UNDER HOUSE ARREST.

CHRIS: THE GOVERNMENT SERVED BHUTTO WITH A DETENTION NOTICE JUST HOURS BEFORE SHE WAS SET TO LEAD A MASSIVE ANTI-GOVERNMENT PROTEST.

CHRIS: THE PROTEST WAS TO BE A THREE TO FOUR DAY MOTORCADE FROM THE CITY OF LAHORE TO ISLAMABAD.

CHRIS: PRESIDENT PERVEZ MUSHARRAF DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY ON NOVEMBER THIRD, SUSPENDING THE CONSTITUTION AND BANNING THE MEDIA. PROTESTS ARE ALSO ILLEGAL UNDER EMERGENCY RULE.

CHRIS: WE JUST TOLD YOU ABOUT A NEW CLONING BREAKTHROUGH BUT GO TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND CLICK ON FIDO TIMES TWO SEE HOW SCIENTISTS MIGHT ONE DAY CLONE YOUR PET.

CHRIS: IN GAZA CITY, A RALLY COMMEMORATING THE DEATH OF FORMER PALESTINIAN LEADER YASSER ARAFAT TURNED DEADLY ON MONDAY. AS VIOLENCE ERUPTED BETWEEN TWO PALESTINIAN POLITICAL PARTIES HAMAS AND FATAH.

CHRIS: SO WHY ARE THESE FACTIONS FIGHTING? AND WHY SHOULD YOU CARE? JESSICA KUMARI TAKES A LOOK.

JESSICA: GUNFIRE ERUPTED DURING THIS RALLY IN GAZA CITY CAUSING THOUSANDS TO FLEE FOR COVER. AT LEAST 7 WERE KILLED WHEN HAMAS SECURITY FORCES AND FATAH GUNMEN EXCHANGED FIRE.

JESSICA: SO WHY ALL THE TENSION? WELL HAMAS AND FATAH ARE THE TWO MAIN POLITICAL PARTIES IN THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES.

JESSICA: WHICH ARE THE GAZA STRIP AND THE WEST BANK. PALESTINE HAS BEEN STRUGGLING TO ESTABLISH A STATE FOR YEARS. THEY FOUGHT OVER LAND WITH ISRAEL.

JESSICA: HAMAS AND FATAH BOTH WANT A PALESTINIAN STATE BUT THEY'VE TAKEN DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO GET THERE.

JESSICA: ESTABLISHED IN 1987 HAMAS IS THE YOUNGER AND MORE RADICAL PARTY. ITS USE OF SUICIDE BOMBINGS AND ITS CALL FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL ARE SOME OF THE REASONS WHY THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS HAMAS A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION. HOWEVER ITS SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMS, WHICH INCLUDE BUILDING SCHOOLS, HEALTH CLINICS AND ORPHANAGES HAVE INCREASED ITS POPULARITY WITH PALESTINIANS.

JESSICA: FATAH DEVELOPED IN THE 1950'S. IT ALSO BEGAN BY LAUNCHING ATTACKS AGAINST ISRAEL. BUT LATER IT RECOGNIZED ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST AND ITS FOUNDER YASSER ARAFAT EVENTUALLY WON THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE FOR HIS PEACE MAKING EFFORTS.

JESSICA: FATAH HAD ALWAYS BEEN IN CONTROL AND GOVERNED THE WEST BANK AND THE GAZA STRIP. THAT IS, UNTIL THE 2006 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS WHEN THEY LOST POWER TO HAMAS.

JESSICA: FATAH STILL CONTROLS THE PRESIDENCY. MAHMOUD ABBAS CURRENTLY HOLDS THAT POSITION.

JESSICA: BUT AS YOU CAN IMAGINE WITH HAMAS IN CONTROL OF PARLIAMENT AND FATAH IN CONTROL OF THE PRESIDENCY, IT'S BEEN A TUG OF WAR.

JESSICA: THE UNITED STATES WANTS A STABLE MIDDLE EAST FOR NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY REASONS. BUT SOME FEAR HAVING HAMAS IN POWER COULD INCREASE GLOBAL TERRORISM.

(SOT: MARTIN INDYK) "THE FEAR IS THAT WITH HAMAS IN CONTROL IN GAZA, ALL THE BAD FACTORS IN THE REGION FROM AL-QAEDA TO IRAN TO HEZBOLLAH COULD UP START TO OPERATE OUT OF THERE."

JESSICA: OTHERS BLAME THE U.S. FOR AN UNSTABLE MIDDLE EAST CLAIMING THE UNITED STATES SIDES WITH ISREAL TOO MUCH AND DOESN'T DO ENOUGH TO HELP THE PLIGHT OF THE PALESTINIANS

(SOT: HANAN ASHRAWI) "I THINK THE US HAS MAINTAINED ITS DISTANCE AND HAS ALLOWED THE DYNAMIC OF CONFLICT AND BLOOD-LETTING TO PREVAIL."

JESSICA: THE UNITED STATES IS EXPECTED TO HOST AN INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE AIMED AT REVIVING THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS AND CREATING A PALESTINIAN STATE. BUT SO FAR THE U.S. HAS NOT ANNOUNCED A DATE OR WHO WILL ATTEND THAT CONFERENCE. JESSICA KUMARI CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

ANNOUNCER: FOR AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE STRUGGLES SURROUNDING THIS REGION CLICK ON CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

CHRIS: IT'S YOUR TURN AGAIN AND WE WANT TO HEAR WHAT YOU GUYS ARE UP TO. IF YOU'RE DOING POSITIVE THINGS IN YOUR COMMUNITY WE WANT TO HEAR ABOUT IT. YOU COULD WIN THE CHANNEL ONE TAKE ACTION ONE CUP. HEAD OVER

TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND WAY IN. WE MIGHT READ YOUR RESPONSES LATER ON THIS WEEK.

CHRIS: TODAY WE BEGIN A SPECIAL SERIES CALLED THE ENDS OF THE EARTH. THIS WEEK, WITH NBC'S HELP, WE'LL BRING YOU STORIES FROM ANTARCTICA, ECUADOR AND THE SOUTH POLE.

CHRIS: THE JOURNEY BEGINS WITH NBC'S AL ROKER, WHO TAKES US TO A CLOUD FOREST IN BELLAVISTA, ECUADOR. AL TELLS US WHAT MAKES THIS SO SPECIAL.

AL ROKER: IT'S DAWN AT BELLAVISTA.

AL ROKER: THE BIRDS ARE OUT IN FORCE.

AL ROKER: WE'RE HIGH IN THE ANDES MOUNTAINS IN A PLACE KNOWN AS A CLOUD FOREST.

AL ROKER: RICHARD PARSONS, THE NATURALIST DIRECTOR OF BELLAVISTA, EXPLAINS WHAT THAT MEANS.

AL ROKER: WHAT WAS IT THAT YOU CALLED IT? WHAT IS IT CALLED?

(SOT: Richard Parsons) "A subtropical, pre-montane rain forest."

AL ROKER: I LIKE CLOUD FOREST BETTER. BOOM! BANG! YOU'RE THERE, YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS. IT'S A FOREST IN THE CLOUDS!

(SOT: Richard Parsons) "Absolutely."

AL ROKER: SO WHAT MAKES THIS FOREST IN THE CLOUDS TRULY DIFFERENT FROM A RAIN-FOREST?

AL ROKER: FOR ONE THING, IT'S HIGH IN THE SKY. BELLAVISTA LIES 54 HUNDRED TO ALMOST 8 THOUSAND FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.

AL ROKER: AND IT'S COLDER, TOO. JUST 65 DEGREES YEAR-ROUND.

AL ROKER: BUT WHAT MAKES THIS PLACE TRUALLY SPECIAL ARE THE RARE AND BEAUTIFUL PLANTS AND CREATURES WHO MAKE THEIR HOME HERE.

AL ROKER: WHEN PEOPLE COME TO A CLOUD FOREST, WHAT SHOULD THEY EXPECT TO SEE?

(SOT: Richard Parsons) "You go through the forest, discover orchids, unexpected and strange and weird and wonderful insects and somehow the cloud forest you've never finished learning about it."

AL ROKER: YOU IMMEDIATELY LEARN ABOUT BIRDS, 330 DIFFERENT SPECIES OF THEM. INCLUDING A RECORD SETTING 41 TYPES OF HUMMINGBIRD.

AL ROKER: AND WHILE ECUADOR'S COUNTRYSIDE FACES THREATS LIKE LOGGING, MINING, AND OIL DRILLING, THIS OASIS IN THE CLOUDS HAS BECOME A BIG ECO TOURIST DESTINATION.

(SOT: Richard Parson) "We want to look towards the future. And the future isn't just tomorrow. We're talking about our grandchildren, our great-grandchildren, the future of the planet."

AL ROKER: UP IN THE CLOUDS, PARSONS AND HIS TEAM ARE WORKING TO PRESERVE THIS TRULY "BEAUTIFUL VIEW" FOR GENERATIONS OF CONSERVATIONISTS AND HUMMINGBIRDS TO COME.

CHRIS: READY FOR A POP QUIZ? WELL, WE JUST TOLD YOU ABOUT AN ECUADORIAN CLOUD FOREST. ECUADOR GETS ITS NAME FROM THE EQUATOR, WHICH RUNS THROUGH IT. ITS ONE OF A TOTAL OF 12 EQUATORIAL COUNTRIES.

CHRIS: SO HERE'S YOUR QUESTION.

CHRIS: WHICH COUNTRY DOES NOT LIE ON THE EQUATOR?

- A. COLOMBIA
- B. INDONESIA
- C. SOMALIA
- D. THAILAND

CHRIS: YOU HAVE TEN SECONDS.

CHRIS: THE ANSWER IS D - THAILAND.

CHRIS: THE EQUATOR RUNS THROUGH COUNTRIES IN SOUTH AMERICA, AFRICA AND ASIA. THAILAND IS JUST NORTH OF THE EQUATOR. THESE COUNTRIES ARE PARTIALLY LOCATED IN THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE AND PARTIALLY IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE.

CHRIS: TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF OTHER NATIONS ON THE EQUATOR. PLAY GEO-MASTER AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

CHRIS: THAT DOES IT FOR CHANNEL ONE NEWS, I'M CHRIS BROWNE AND BEFORE WE LEAVE HERE'S ONE MORE THING.

CHRIS: CHECK THIS OUT, A WILD CHASE IN ONE AUSTRALIAN NEIGHBORHOOD

CHRIS: THIS KANGAROO HOPPED A NET, JUMPED ON AN OFFICER AND EVEN KNOCKED OVER A CHILD BEFORE HE WAS FINALLY CAUGHT IN MELBOURNE.

CHRIS: HERE'S A LITTLE BACKGROUND FOR YOU, KANGAROOS ARE THE LARGEST MARSUPIALS IN THE WORLD! MARSUPIALS ARE MAMMALS WHOSE FEMALES USUALLY HAVE STOMACH POUCHES TO HOLD THEIR BABIES.

CHRIS: THEY CAN HOP AS FAR AS 25 FEET IN A SINGLE JUMP, AND GO AS FAST AS 40 MILES PER HOUR. AS FOR THIS RUNAWAY ROO IT'S NOW BACK IN THE WILD.