

## CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 11/15/07

### TOPICS COVERED:

- News of the Day
- Pop Quiz
- Sock Drop
- Ends of the Earth, Greenland
- One More Thing

CHRIS: IT'S THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH. I'M CHRIS BROWNE AND TODAY YOU'LL MEET A TEEN WHO'S HELPING THE HOMELESS TO GET ON THEIR FEET. BUT FIRST, CHECK OUT THE HEADLINES FROM CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

ANNOUNCER: FOOTBALL PLAYERS, LISTEN UP NIKE IS RECALLING MORE THAN 200-THOUSAND HELMET CHIN STRAPS AFTER RECEIVING REPORTS THEY'VE BEEN BREAKING. SEVERAL INJURIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED, INCLUDING TWO CONCUSSIONS.

ANNOUNCER: THE STRAPS WERE SOLD IN SPORTS STORES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY BETWEEN APRIL 2006 AND OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR.

ANNOUNCER: IF YOU BOUGHT ONE OF THESE STRAPS, THE U.S. PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION SAYS YOU SHOULD STOP USING IT IMMEDIATELY.

ANNOUNCER: NIKE IS VOLUNTARILY RECALLING THE CHIN STRAPS AND ISSUING GIFT CARDS TO CUSTOMERS.

CHRIS: THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TOLD THEM THE FBI FOUND NO EVIDENCE THAT BLACKWATER SECURITY GUARDS WERE FIRED ON WHEN THEY KILLED 17 IRAQIS IN SEPTEMBER.

CHRIS: BLACKWATER USA IS A PRIVATE COMPANY, WHICH EMPLOYS ABOUT ONE THOUSAND ARMED PERSONNEL IN IRAQ.

CHRIS: THE SHOOTINGS TOOK PLACE IN WESTERN BAGHDAD ON SEPTEMBER 16TH. BLACKWATER SAYS ITS GUARDS FIRED INTO A CROWD AFTER THEY WERE ATTACKED. BUT THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT SAYS THE SHOOTINGS WERE UNPROVOKED.

CHRIS: THE REPORT HASN'T BEEN RELEASED YET, BUT OFFICIALS TOLD THE NEW YORK TIMES THE FBI FOUND BLACKWATER GUARDS BROKE RULES OF DEADLY FORCE DURING THE SHOOTINGS.

CHRIS: IN RESPONSE TO THE REPORT, A BLACKWATER SPOKESWOMAN SAID THE COMPANY SUPPORTS 'ACCOUNTABILITY' BUT WON'T COMMENT FURTHER UNTIL THE REPORT IS RELEASED.

ANNOUNCER: A WEEK AND A HALF AFTER DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN HIS COUNTRY, PAKISTANI PRESIDENT PERVEZ MUSHARRAF SAYS HE'LL STEP DOWN AS ARMY CHIEF BY THE END OF THE MONTH.

ANNOUNCER: HE SAYS HE'LL THEN BEGIN A NEW PRESIDENTIAL TERM AS A CIVILIAN.

ANNOUNCER: MUSHARRAF WON HIS THIRD TERM AS PRESIDENT DURING ELECTIONS IN OCTOBER. BUT, HIS ELIGIBILITY TO HOLD OFFICE WAS DEBATED IN PAKISTAN'S SUPREME COURT SINCE HE IS ALSO THE HEAD OF THE MILITARY.

ANNOUNCER: MEANWHILE, THE STATE OF EMERGENCY REMAINS IN PLACE AND OPPOSITION LEADER BENAZIR BHUTTO REMAINS UNDER HOUSE ARREST IN LAHORE.

CHRIS: TODAY IS THE GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT. THE ANNUAL EVENT SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY THAT CHALLENGES SMOKERS TO PUT OUT THEIR CIGARETTES FOR GOOD.

CHRIS: AS YOU KNOW, THERE ARE SERIOUS HEALTH RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH SMOKING INCLUDING CANCER, HEART DISEASE AND EMPHYSEMA.

CHRIS: ACCORDING TO THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL, 23 PERCENT OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HAVE SMOKED A CIGARETTE IN THE LAST 30 DAYS. THAT'S DOWN FROM 37 PERCENT IN 1997.

ANNOUNCER: HOLA, BONJOUR, GUTEN TAG. MANY OF US KNOWN HOW TO SAY HELLO IN SPANISH, FRENCH AND GERMAN. BUT WHAT ABOUT ARABIC?

ANNOUNCER: ACCORDING TO THE MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, MORE COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE ENROLLING IN ARABIC COURSES THAN EVER BEFORE.

ANNOUNCER: ENROLLMENT DOUBLED BETWEEN 2002 AND 2006. AND IT'S NOT THE ONLY LANGUAGE SEEING AN ENROLLMENT BOOM.

ANNOUNCER: TOTAL ENROLLMENT IN LANGUAGES CLASSES IS UP ALMOST 13 PERCENT. AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE IS NOW THE FOURTH MOST STUDIED LANGUAGE, UP 30 PERCENT SINCE 2002.

ANNOUNCER: SPANISH REMAINS THE MOST POPULAR LANGUAGE TO STUDY, WITH MORE THAN 800-THOUSAND STUDENTS ENROLLED. BY THE WAY, MARHABA IS THE WORD FOR HELLO IN ARABIC.

CHRIS: WE JUST TOLD YOU ABOUT A MAJOR SHIFT IN COLLEGE LANGUAGE STUDIES WITH MORE AND MORE STUDENTS STUDYING LANGUAGES FROM ASIA, AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST. WE ALREADY TOLD YOU THAT ARABIC WAS THE FASTEST GROWING LANGUAGE AMONG COLLEGE STUDENTS,

CHRIS: SO HERE'S YOUR POP QUIZ.

CHRIS: WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS THE SECOND FASTEST GROWING LANGUAGE AMONG COLLEGE LANGUAGE STUDENTS?

- A. KOREAN
- B. MANDARIN CHINESE
- C. SPANISH
- D. RUSSIAN

CHRIS: THINK ABOUT IT OVER THE BREAK.

CHRIS: BEFORE THE BREAK, WE ASKED YOU which of the following is the second fastest growing language among college language students. Is it:

- A. KOREAN
- B. MANDARIN CHINESE
- C. SPANISH
- D. RUSSIAN

CHRIS: TAKE TEN SECONDS.

CHRIS: THE ANSWER IS B - MANDARIN CHINESE.

CHRIS: AS CHINA'S POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POWER CONTINUES TO GROW, AN INCREASING NUMBER OF AMERICAN STUDENTS ARE STUDYING MANDARIN CHINESE.

CHRIS: CHINA IS HOME TO AROUND 1.3 BILLION PEOPLE ABOUT A FIFTH OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION.

CHRIS: THAT'S A LOT OF NATIVE SPEAKERS, MAKING MANDARIN CHINESE THE MOST WIDELY SPOKEN LANGUAGE ON THE PLANET.

(SOT: ) "I think it's really important to learn another language. I'm currently studying Spanish. I studied abroad in Spain."

(SOT: ) "Chinese would be my preference because it's sort of an interesting culture."

CHRIS: WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO FIGHT HOMELESSNESS? YOU PROBABLY THINK LOTS OF TIME AND MONEY.

CHRIS: BUT AS ONE NEW JERSEY TEEN DISCOVERED, SOMETIMES ALL IT TAKES IS A PAIR OF SOCKS.

CHRIS: JESSICA KUMARI EXPLAINS IN TODAY'S FINDING STRENGTH.

KUMARI: EVERY MORNING AROUND 11:30 THE LINE FORMS TO ENTER EVA'S KITCHEN. A SOUP KITCHEN FOR THE HOMELESS IN PATERSON, NEW JERSEY.

KUMARI: OVER TWO HUNDRED PEOPLE QUICKLY FILL UP THIS ROOM. THEY'VE COME FOR A WARM MEAL AND FOR SOME IT'S A WELCOME BREAK FROM A NIGHT SPENT SLEEPING OUTSIDE IN THE COLD.

(SOT: ) "It cant get much worse you're freezing ain't got no food, sometimes you light a fire. You just come to places like this where people give you food."

KUMARI: ONE OF THE VOLUNTEERS GIVING OUT FOOD IS 18-YEAR-OLD MATTHEW RENZULLI. HE'S BEEN HELPING OUT HERE SINCE HE WAS 8 YEARS OLD. BUT MATT WAS INSPIRED TO DO MORE THAN SERVE MEALS AFTER MEETING THIS MAN NOW HIS FRIEND GUSTAVO.

(SOT: Matthew Renzulli) "He always needed socks that's when the idea, really I thought of it. Just to maybe collect a few socks just to help one man."

KUMARI: SO WITH JUST A WASTEPAPER BASKET AND A SIGN READING "CAN YOU SPARE A PAIR" MATT'S SOCK DONATION PROGRAM BEGAN.

(SOT: Matthew Renzulli) "The first weekend I got about 100 socks, so I figured why stop here."

KUMARI: IN FOUR YEARS MATT'S PLACED BINS IN 44 PLACES ALL OVER NEW JERSEY AND COLLECTED ALMOST 24 THOUSAND SOCKS.

(SOT: ) "Anything that poor people can get, poor people need a lot."

KUMARI: HAVING DRY FEET CAN HELP THE HOMELESS AVOID FROSTBITE AND HYPOTHERMIA.

KUMARI: MATT SAYS THIS EXPERIENCE HAS TAUGHT HIM SOME IMPORTANT LIFE LESSONS

(SOT: Matthew Renzulli) "Homeless people they're no different than you and I. They're people and they didn't choose to live a life like this. They've had to face adversity."

KUMARI: EVA'S KITCHEN SAYS THEY SERVE OVER 350,000 MEALS A YEAR. THEY ESTIMATE OVER 23 MILLION AMERICANS ARE SERVED AT SOUP KITCHENS LIKE THIS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES.

KUMARI: IT'S NOT JUST THE HOMELESS WHO COME BUT ALSO THE WORKING POOR. PEOPLE WHO HAVE JOBS BUT MAY NOT MAKE ENOUGH MONEY FOR FOOD AND OTHER ESSENTIALS LIKE SOCKS AND LIKE THESE PEOPLE CAN ATTEST.

(SOT: ) "Every bit helps."

(SOT: ) "Oh sure, It's a good help."

KUMARI: THANK YOU TO A TEEN WHO'S WORKING TO FIGHT POVERTY AND WANTS TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO DO THE SAME.

(SOT: ) "Don't be afraid to try new things, don't be afraid to challenge yourself, don't be afraid to try new things because you never know."

KUMARI: MATT IS OFF TO COLLEGE NEXT YEAR BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN HIS SOCK PROGRAM WILL END. HE SAYS HE'S LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WITH THE SAME PASSION TO CONTINUE WHAT HE STARTED. REPORTING FROM PATERSON NEW JERSEY, JESSICA KUMARI CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

CHRIS: WELCOME BACK, ALL THIS WEEK WE'VE BEEN TAKING YOU TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH AND TODAY NBC'S MATT LAUER TAKES US TO THE ISLAND NATION OF GREENLAND.

CHRIS: DONT LET THE NAME FOOL YOU. GREENLAND IS ACTUALLY COVERED IN ICE.

MATT LAUER: GREENLAND THE LARGEST ISLAND IN THE WORLD. ONLY 20 PERCENT OF IT IS LIVABLE, THE REST IS ICE.

MATT LAUER: IN 1721 GREENLAND WAS CLAIMED BY DENMARK, BUT IN 1979 GREENLAND GAINED INDEPENDENCE TO GOVERN THEIR LOCAL LAWS.

(SOT: Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs) "The Greenland home rule government pretty much controls everything except defense, foreign affairs and justice.

MATT LAUER: DANISH IS COMMON BUT THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE IS GREENLANDIC, SPOKEN BY 56,000 PEOPLE.

MATT LAUER: GREENLANDERS OR INUITS FIRST CAME HERE OVER 4,000 YEARS AGO.

SOT: Museum Curator) "Around 1200-1250 we get a migration of people from Alaska, they move into Greenland and they are the fathers of the present day Greenland population."

MATT LAUER: SURVIVING IN SOME OF THE HARSHTEST CONDITIONS IN THE WORLD.

MATT LAUER: STILL FISHING BY THE KAYAKS THAT THEY INVENTED, KAYAKING STARTED IN GREENLAND LONG TIME AGO.

MATT LAUER: AND USING DOGS TO HUNT OFF THE LAND.

MATT LAUER: THE CAPITAL IS NUUK A CITY OF 15,000 THOUSAND, THE MAIN INDUSTRY FISHING, FOR FUN LOCALS HIT THE INDOOR GOLF CLUB.

(SOT: ) "We have the real stuff here, Arctic golf."

MATT LAUER: THE LONG WINTER BRINGS PROBLEMS. ALCOHOLISM AND DEPRESSION ARE COMMON, UNEMPLOYMENT IS HIGH.

MATT LAUER: TODAY, GREENLAND IS DESPERATELY TRYING TO HOLD ON TO ITS TRADITIONS

MATT LAUER: AND TO THE ICE THAT MAKES THEIR COUNTRY SO UNIQUE.

CHRIS: NOW THAT YOU KNOW WHERE GREENLAND IS LOCATED, SEE IF YOU CAN PINPOINT OTHER GLOBAL HOTSPOTS ONLINE. JUST CLICK ON GEOMASTER AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

CHRIS: THANKS FOR WATCHING CHANNEL ONE NEWS, I'M CHRIS BROWNE, ENJOY THE REST OF YOUR DAY.