

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 12/04/07

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- Venezuela Elections
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TONY: IT'S TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH. I'M TONY ANDERSON AND TODAY WE'RE GOING TO VISIT A COLLEGE THAT HAS CLASS ALL ABOUT FACEBOOK. CHANNEL ONE NEWS STARTS RIGHT NOW.

TONY: OVER THE WEEKEND, VENEZUELA HELD A VOTE ON DRAMATIC CHANGES TO THAT COUNTRY'S CONSTITUTION. IN A CLOSE VOTE, RESIDENTS REJECTED PRESIDENT HUGO CHAVEZ'S BID TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT AS OFTEN AS HE LIKES. CHRIS BROWNE TAKES A LOOK AT THE VOTE'S IMPACT ON THIS OIL-RICH, LATIN AMERICAN NATION.

CHRIS: ON MONDAY MORNING, HAPPY STUDENTS AND OPPOSITION GROUPS WERE IN THE STREETS OF CARACAS, VENEZUELA'S CAPITAL, WAVING FLAGS AND PLAYING REGGAETON MUSIC FROM PASSING CARS.

CHRIS: THEY WERE CELEBRATING A NO VOTE IN SUNDAY'S CRUCIAL REFERENDUM TO CHANGE VENEZUELA'S CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW FOR REFORMS THAT WOULD HAVE SCRAPPED TERM LIMITS ON PRESIDENT HUGO CHAVEZ'S RULE, BOOSTED HIS POWERS TO CONFISCATE PRIVATE PROPERTY AND ALLOW HIM TO CENSOR THE MEDIA IN EMERGENCIES.

(SOT:) "Chavez has people who love him and people who are against him and he has to recognize them as well. This reform doesn't make sense for Venezuela's democratic process."

CHRIS: WHEN VENEZUELA'S ELECTORAL AUTHORITIES ANNOUNCED THE RESULTS, OPPOSITION STUDENTS TOOK TO THE STREETS.

CHRIS: WHILE CHAVEZ'S SUPPORTERS WATCHED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT. AFTER HOURS OF WAITING FOR RESULTS, NEWS OF VOTERS DIVIDED NEARLY IN HALF.

(SOT:) "The 'no' vote had 50.70 percent and the 'yes' had 49.29 percent. That's what I call a photo finish."

CHRIS: THE RAZOR THIN RESULT COULD BE A SIGN OF THINGS TO COME. IT'S THE FIRST POLITICAL DEFEAT FOR CHAVEZ IN 9 YEARS.

CHRIS: AND IN THAT TIME, CHAVEZ HAS PUSHED FOR A SOCIALIST REVOLUTION IN VENEZUELA BY SEIZING PRIVATE PROPERTY AND MAKING IT PROPERTY OF THE GOVERNMENT. SOCIALISM IS AN ECONOMIC SYSTEM BASED ON COOPERATION, NOT

COMPETITION, AND AIMS TO CREATE A CLASSLESS SOCIETY BY REMOVING THE NATION'S WEALTH OUT OF PRIVATE AND INTO PUBLIC HANDS.

CHRIS: CHAVEZ HAS BEEN A MAJOR CRITIC OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE WHITE HOUSE. HIS BIGGEST POLITICAL WEAPON? VENEZUELA SUPPLIES UP TO 15% OF U.S. OIL IMPORTS.

CHRIS: JUST DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION, CHAVEZ THREATENED TO CUT OFF ALL OIL EXPORTS TO THE U.S. IF THE WHITE HOUSE QUESTIONED THE VALIDITY OF THE REFERENDUM RESULTS. AND IT'S WASN'T AN EMPTY THREAT. CITGO GAS STATIONS LIKE THE ONE BEHIND ME ARE OWNED BY VENEZUELA'S STATE-RUN OIL COMPANY. WHICH MEAN THEY ULTIMATELY BELONG TO CHAVEZ.

CHRIS: ABOUT HALF OF VENEZUELA'S 16 MILLION REGISTERED VOTERS CAST BALLOTS ON SUNDAY, AND THEIR DECISION TO REJECT THE 69 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT DESPITE THE COUNTRY'S OIL-DRIVEN PROSPERITY, VENEZUELAN ARE CONCERNED ABOUT CHAVEZ'S ATTEMPTS AT FURTHER REVOLUTIONIZING THE GOVERNMENT.

CHRIS: SO WHAT HAPPENS NOW? WELL CHAVEZ REMAINS PRESIDENT UNTIL 2012. AND ALTHOUGH SUNDAY'S VOTE IS A HIT TO CHAVEZ'S PLAN FOR VENEZUELA, THE LEADER REMAINS OPTIMISTIC SAYING HE LOST THE BATTLE, NOT THE WAR. CHRIS BROWNE, CHANNEL ONE NEWS

TONY: TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CURRENT SITUATION AS WELL AS THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF VENEZUELA. GO TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND CLICK ON PASSPORT VENEZUELA.

TONY: WELCOME BACK. TOUGH-LOVE RULES AGAINST FIGHTING OBESITY AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE AND A POSSIBLE DEAL IN THE JENA SIX CASE ARE AMONG THE TOP STORIES IN TODAY'S HEADLINES.

ANNOUNCER: MYCHAL BELL, ONE OF THE JENA SIX TEENS, STRUCK A DEAL WITH PROSECUTORS MONDAY.

ANNOUNCER: BELL PLEADED GUILTY TO A LESS SERIOUS CHARGE AND AVOIDED ANOTHER TRIAL. HE HAS ALREADY SERVED TEN MONTHS IN JAIL AND COULD STILL SERVE AN ADDITIONAL EIGHT MONTHS.

ANNOUNCER: BELL WAS FACING CHARGES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DECEMBER 2006 BEATING OF A WHITE STUDENT AT JENA HIGH SCHOOL, IT OCCURRED AFTER NOOSES WERE HUNG FROM A TREE AT THE SCHOOL.

ANNOUNCER: BELL WAS ORIGINALLY TRIED IN ADULT COURT AND FOUND GUILTY. THE TRIAL WAS THROWN OUT AFTER A JURY DECIDED HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN TRIED AS A JUVENILE.

ANNOUNCER: NEW SECURITY MEASURERS FOR FOREIGNERS VISITING THE U.S. IT'S A PLAN WHICH WILL REQUIRE FOREIGN VISITORS TO HAVE ALL TEN OF THEIR FINGERPRINTS TAKEN WHEN THEY COME TO THE U.S.

ANNOUNCER: PREVIOUSLY, FOREIGN TRAVELERS WERE REQUIRED TO HAVE JUST TWO OF THEIR PRINTS TAKEN. BUT COLLECTING MORE PRINTS WILL MAKE IT EASIER TO CHECK AGAINST TERROR WATCH LISTS AND OTHER DATABASES.

ANNOUNCER: THE PROGRAM WILL BEGIN AT WASHINGTON DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN VIRGINIA THIS WEEK. THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY SAYS EVERY AIRPORT WILL DO TEN FINGER SCANNING BY THE END OF 2008.

ANNOUNCER: MORE EXERCISE, LESS TV, MORE FREQUENT WEIGH-INS, AND WEIGHT COUNSELING.

ANNOUNCER: THAT'S WHAT A PANEL OF DOCTORS IS RECOMMENDING TO CUT CHILDHOOD OBESITY.

ANNOUNCER: THE GUIDELINES ARE THE MOST AGGRESSIVE EVER, AND DOCTORS SAY THEY ARE LONG OVERDUE.

ANNOUNCER: ABOUT 17 PERCENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE ARE CONSIDERED OBESE. THAT FIGURE HAS TRIPLED SINCE 1970.

ANNOUNCER: EXTRA WEIGHT INCREASES THE RISK OF HEART DISEASE, HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE AND DIABETES.

ANNOUNCER: CONGRESS WAS IN SESSION YESTERDAY, BACK FROM A TWO WEEK THANKSGIVING BREAK AND PRESIDENT BUSH WELCOMED THEM BACK WITH SOME DEMANDS.

ANNOUNCER: HE WANTS SOME KEY LEGISLATION PASSED BEFORE CONGRESS BREAKS AGAIN IN TWO WEEKS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

ANNOUNCER: AT THE TOP OF HIS LIST PASSING A BILL THAT PROVIDES MORE WAR FUNDING WITHOUT A TIMELINE FOR WITHDRAWING TROOPS FROM IRAQ.

(SOT: President Bush) "It is time for members of Congress to meet their responsibility to the men and women in uniform, stay in session until they pass these emergency funds for our troops."

ANNOUNCER: THE PRESIDENT ALSO WANTS CONGRESS TO RENEW "FISA", THE FEDERAL INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE ACT.

ANNOUNCER: IF YOU THINK HARD, YOU MAY REMEMBER THE DAYS WHEN YOU NEEDED CHANGE TO CALL HOME FOR A RIDE.

ANNOUNCER: THOUGH THEY MAY SEEM LIKE ANCIENT ARTIFACTS, PAYPHONES ARE STILL AROUND, AT LEAST FOR NOW.

ANNOUNCER: PHONE COMPANY AT AND T HAS ANNOUNCED IT WILL GET RID OF IT'S PAY PHONES BY 2008.

ANNOUNCER: PAY PHONES HAVE BEEN AROUND SINCE 1878. BUT SINCE 2000, THE NUMBER OF PAY PHONES HAS DROPPED FROM TWO AND A HALF MILLION TO ONE MILLION. THE LIKELY REASON? CELLPHONES.

ANNOUNCER: ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD HAVE GATHERED FOR THE LARGEST GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE EVER.

ANNOUNCER: THE UNITED NATIONS IS HOSTING THE MEETINGS IN BALI, INDONESIA. A COUNTRY PLAGUED BY DEFORESTATION, THE ENVIRONMENTALLY HARMFUL PROCESS OF CUTTING AND BURNING TREES.

ANNOUNCER: TEN THOUSAND REPRESENTATIVES FROM 190 COUNTRIES ARE IN BALI FOR THE CONFERENCE. THEY'RE WORKING ON A NEW INTERNATIONAL PACT TO COMBAT GLOBAL WARMING.

ANNOUNCER: IF YOU'RE LIKE MOST PEOPLE, YOU HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER SCHOOL TO LOG ON TO FACEBOOK. BUT COMING UP WE'RE GOING TO TAKE YOU TO A COLLEGE WHERE YOU CAN LOG ONTO FACEBOOK DURING CLASS HOURS.

(SOT: Calvin Goldspink) "Hi I'm Calvin Goldspink from the CW's Life Is Wild and we're here filming in sunny South Africa. Did you know Africa is home to some of the most exotic and interesting animals on the planet? Not to mention the biggest, African male elephants can grow 25 feet long, 11 feet tall and weigh up to 14 thousand pounds. That's pretty darn big if you ask me."

TONY: FOR MANY OF YOU, EXAMS ARE RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER, BUT WHAT IF YOU WERE BEING TESTED ON YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF FACEBOOK? A NEW COLLEGE CLASS IS USING THE POPULAR WEB SITE TO TEACH REAL LIFE LESSONS IN BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY.

KUMARI: THINK GETTING INTO PRESTIGIOUS STANFORD UNIVERSITY IS TOUGH? WELL, TRY GETTING INTO THIS CLASS.

(SOT:) "15 more seconds. Jot your ideas down."

KUMARI: ALL ABOUT THE SOCIAL NETWORKING WEBSITE FACEBOOK, IT'S COMPLETELY PACKED.

(SOT: Matt Monahan) "Just bouncing your ideas off each other, and really diving deep into specific ideas."

KUMARI: STUDENTS AREN'T JUST USING IT FOR EXTRA CREDITS, THEY'RE DEVELOPING ACTUAL APPLICATIONS TO RUN ON FACEBOOK.

(SOT: Matt Monahan) "This class is cutting edge it that it's teaching you something nobody else has studied."

KUMARI: SO YOU'RE PROBABLY THINKING HOW DO I SIGN UP? BUT IF MOM OR DAD SAYS FIFTY THOUSAND IN TUITION ISN'T FOR STUDYING A WEBSITE, YOU COULD TELL THEM THIS. FACEBOOK ITSELF HAS BEEN VALUED AS A 15 BILLION DOLLAR COMPANY.

(SOT: Matt Monahan) "Even a small portion of that is gonna provide enough for me to get by and do whatever I want with the rest of my life."

KUMARI: SO STUDYING IT MAY MAKE DOLLARS AND SENSE.

(SOT: Rahul Thathoo) "Absolutely. It's 3 or 4 credits well spent."

KUMARI: THERE'S MONEY MADE FROM EACH OF THE APPLICATIONS YOU USE WHEN PERSONALIZING YOUR PROFILE SOMEONE THOUGHT IT UP AND GETS PAID FOR IT.

KUMARI: COMPANIES LIKE ROCK YOU AND SLIDE ARE WELL FUNDED BUSINESSES, RUNNING SOME OF THESE APPLICATIONS. AND THESE STUDENTS HOPE CONNECTIONS MADE HERE WILL HELP THEM IN THE FUTURE.

(SOT: Matt Monahan) "I think this class is what's going to bring my business into fruition as a major player in the marketing world."

KUMARI: YOU COULD CALL THIS 21ST CENTURY BUSINESS 101. A NEW GENERATION OF COMPUTER SCIENTISTS CREATING APPLICATIONS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF WEB SURFERS. JESSICA KUMARI, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

ANNOUNCER: TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HOW THE WEB IS CHANGING THE WAY YOU SEE THE WORLD. CHECK OUT THE TOTAL WEB GUIDE AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

TONY: IT'S YOUR TURN AGAIN. THE HOLIDAYS ARE HERE, AND WITH ALL THE FESTIVITIES, IT'S EASY TO END UP WITH AN EMPTY WALLET. WE WANT TO KNOW HOW YOU ARE FINANCING YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON.

TONY: SO GO TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND CLICK ON YOUR TURN TO WEIGH IN. WE MAY READ SOME OF YOUR RESPONSES LATER ON IN THE WEEK.

TONY: ALL RIGHT GUYS, THAT IS OUR SHOW FOR TODAY. I'M TONY ANDERSON, WE'LL SEE YOU HERE AT THE SAME TIME, SAME PLACE TOMORROW AND WE LEAVE YOU WITH ONE MORE THING BEFORE WE GO. TAKE CARE.

CHRIS: FROM PORTLAND OREGON TO PORTLAND MAINE, COAST TO COAST.

CHRIS: IN WASHINGTON STATE, RAIN, FLOODING, AND HURRICANE FORCE WINDS FORCED THE GOVERNOR TO DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY BUT.

(SOT:) "I'd still rather be in Seattle than on the east coast with all the snow."

CHRIS: IN PORTLAND, MAINE, BIG SNOW AND LOTS AND LOTS OF IT.

CHRIS: FUN FOR SOME A PAIN FOR OTHERS.

CHRIS: OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS, THE NATION HAS GOTTEN IT'S FIRST TASTE OF WINTER. THE BEGINNING OF A SEASON THAT IS STILL OFFICIALLY THREE WEEKS AWAY.