

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 12/17/07

TOPICS COVERED:

- News of the Day
- Bali Summit
- 18-Year-Old Soldiers
- Family Adoption

CHRIS: IT'S MONDAY, DECEMBER 17TH. I'M CHRIS BROWNE AND TODAY WE BEGIN OUR WEEK LONG SERIES ON FAMILIES IN TODAY'S WORLD. BUT FIRST HERE'S A LOOK AT YOUR HEADLINES, FROM CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

ANNOUNCER: CHEATING YOU KNOW IT'S WRONG BUT HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TEMPTED TO SNEAK A LOOK AT A CLASSMATE'S WORK ANYWAY?

ANNOUNCER: ACCORDING TO A NEW POLL, STUDENTS WHO ARE UNDER EXTREME PRESSURE TO DO WELL IN SCHOOL ARE MORE LIKELY TO CHEAT ON A TEST.

ANNOUNCER: THE POLL, CO-SPOSED BY JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AND DELOITTE SAYS 18 PERCENT OF STUDENTS REPORTED CHEATING DURING THE LAST YEAR.

ANNOUNCER: BUT ACCORDING TO THE POLL THE VAST MAJORITY OF STUDENTS ARE AGAINST CHEATING. 75 PERCENT OF STUDENTS SAID THEY WOULD NEVER CHEAT ON A TEST, AND 84 PERCENT SAID THEY WOULD NEVER PLAGIARIZE, OR COPY SOMEONE ELSE'S WRITING.

TONY: WE TOLD YOU LAST WEEK THAT NEW JERSEY LAWMAKERS WERE CONSIDERING GETTING RID OF THE DEATH PENALTY.

TONY: WELL, THEY'VE MADE IT OFFICIAL. THE STATE ASSEMBLY PASSED A LAW BANNING THE DEATH PENALTY AND GOVERNOR JOHN CORZINE SAYS HE WILL SIGN IT.

TONY: NEW JERSEY IS THE FIRST STATE IN FOUR DECADES TO ABOLISH CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

ANNOUNCER: THE CIA HAS BEEN UNDER SCRUTINY FOR DESTROYING VIDEOTAPES OF THE INTERROGATIONS OF TWO SUSPECTED TERRORISTS.

ANNOUNCER: THE CONTROVERSY HAS GOTTEN A LOT OF ATTENTION FROM THE WHITE HOUSE, CONGRESS AND THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

ANNOUNCER: THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION SAYS THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TAPES WAS PERFECTLY LEGAL, BUT LAWMAKERS WANT TO KNOW HOW AND WHY THE TAPES WERE DESTROYED.

ANNOUNCER: BOTH CONGRESS AND A FEDERAL JUDGE BEGAN SEPARATE INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE INCIDENT.

ANNOUNCER: BUT NOW, THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION HAS ASKED THEM TO HOLD OFF, SAYING THOSE INVESTIGATIONS COULD INTERFERE WITH ONE ALREADY LAUNCHED BY THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CIA.

TONY: THE FALLOUT CONTINUES, TWO DAYS AFTER THE MITCHELL REPORT CAME OUT THAT DREW CONNECTIONS BETWEEN NEARLY 90 PLAYERS AND PERFORMANCE ENHANCING DRUGS. NEW YORK YANKEES PITCHER ANDY PETTITTE FESSED UP TO USING HUMAN GROWTH HORMONE, OR HGH.

TONY: HGH IS A SUBSTANCE THAT'S CREATED NATURALLY BY EVERYONE'S BODY, BUT IT CAN ALSO BE TAKEN TO BOOST PERFORMANCE. HGH BUILDS MUSCLE AND BURNS FAT, BUT IT CAN CAUSE ORGANS TO GROW EXCESSIVELY FAST, WHICH CAN LEAD TO SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEMS.

TONY: PETTITTE SAYS HE USED HGH TWICE IN 2002 TO RECOVER FROM AN ELBOW INJURY. HE SAID HE DID NOT USE IT TO BOOST PERFORMANCE.

ANNOUNCER: AFTER SIX WEEKS OF EMERGENCY RULE PAKISTANI PRESIDENT PERVEZ MUSHARRAF HAS RESTORED THE CONSTITUTION.

ANNOUNCER: MUSHARRAF DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN PAKISTAN ON NOVEMBER THIRD. A MOVE HE CLAIMED WAS NECESSARY TO STOP VIOLENCE. BUT OTHERS DISAGREED AND STAGED PROTESTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

ANNOUNCER: NOW, THE COUNTRY IS GEARING UP FOR PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS IN JANUARY.

(SOT:) "It is my commitment to the entire nation of Pakistan and to its people, and to the world, that the elections on the eighth of January will be held on time and will be absolutely fair and transparent."

ANNOUNCER: TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF PAKISTAN HEAD TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND CLICK ON PASSPORT PAKISTAN.

CHRIS: THIS WEEK WE'LL HAVE SOME SPECIAL HOLIDAY 'ONE SHOUTS' FROM MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN. CHECK IT OUT.

(SOT: Constantino) "I just wanted to send the warmest holiday greetings to the students at West Creek Middle School in Clarksville, Tennessee. Especially, my son Thomas who's in sixth grade, Thomas Constantino, I hope you have the best of holiday seasons, we miss you all over here in the desert and we'll be home soon."

COMMERCIAL

CHRIS: THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE WRAPPED UP THIS WEEKEND WITH AN AGREEMENT TO MAP OUT A PLAN TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. JESSICA KUMARI HAS MORE ON WHAT CAME OF THOSE NEGOTIATIONS.

(SOT: Ban Ki-moon) "Everyone should be ready to make compromises on the basis of mutual respect, understandings and flexibility."

JESSICA: AFTER TWO WEEKS OF DEBATE, A BIG COMPROMISE AT THE UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE IN BALI, INDONESIA. IT WAS AN AGREEMENT TO CONTINUE WORK ON A PLAN TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.

JESSICA: GREENHOUSE GASES LIKE CARBON DIOXIDE AND METHANE EXIST NATURALLY IN THE ATMOSPHERE, BUT INCREASE WHEN FOSSIL FUELS ARE BURNED FOR ENERGY SUCH AS IN CARS AND POWER PLANTS.

JESSICA: GREENHOUSE GASES BUILD UP IN THE ATMOSPHERE AND CAUSE A BLANKET EFFECT THAT WARMS THE EARTH. MANY SCIENTISTS BELIEVE THIS LEADS TO RAPID CLIMATE CHANGE.

JESSICA: THE UNITED STATES WAS CRITICIZED THROUGHOUT THE CONFERENCE BY PROTESTERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION.

JESSICA: EUROPEAN LEADERS WANTED TO REQUIRE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES TO CUT GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS 25 TO 40 PERCENT BY 2020.

JESSICA: BUT U.S. REPRESENTATIVES OBJECTED, SO THE FINAL BALI ROADMAP DOES NOT INCLUDE SPECIFIC REDUCTION TARGETS.

JESSICA: THE U.S. JOINED BY JAPAN, RUSSIA AND OTHERS, ARGUED THAT SPECIFIC TARGETS SHOULD COME AT THE END OF THE TWO YEAR NEGOTIATIONS, NOT THE BEGINNING.

JESSICA: THERE HAS BEEN MUCH INTERNATIONAL DEBATE OVER WHO SHOULD BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR REDUCING EMISSIONS. BUT HERE, SOME FEEL THAT WE'RE ALL RESPONSIBLE.

(SOT: Kimberly Herrman) "We're so advanced but we're taking away so much, we're draining earth of its resources and we have to realize that now we're responsible."

JESSICA: CLIMATE TALKS AMONG THE ONE HUNDRED AND 90 PARTICIPATING NATIONS WILL CONTINUE UNTIL 2009 AND IF SUCCESSFUL A NEW INTERNATIONAL TREATY WILL TAKE EFFECT IN 2013.

JESSICA: JESSICA KUMARI, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

CHRIS: BRITISH FORCES FORMALLY HANDED OVER THE IRAQI PROVINCE OF BASRA YESTERDAY. AN IMPORTANT STEP IN THE TROOP WITHDRAWAL PROCESS.

CHRIS: BUT IN AFGHANISTAN, THE BRITISH ARMY REMAINS ON THE OFFENSIVE. NOW, 18-YEAR-OLD SOLDIERS ON THE FRONT LINES, HELPING TO DOCUMENT THE REALITIES OF WAR.

(SOT:) "I saw an 18 year-old kid turn into a man and that's something I'll never forget."

CHRIS: IT'S THE END OF A TOUGH TOUR AND THE SOLDIERS OF THE ROYAL ANGLICAN REGIMENT ARE LEAVING THEIR BASE IN AFGHANISTAN VERY DIFFERENT THAN WHEN THEY ARRIVED.

CHRIS: THEIR MEMORIES WHICH THEY'LL CARRY HOME WITH THEIR MOSQUITO NETS ARE OFTEN TOO PAINFUL TO SHARE WITH FRIENDS BACK HOME.

(SOT: Danny Burgess) "I found that no matter how much you tried it, you just couldn't tell them what it's really like. You could try but I mean they'd never fully understand it. A lot of them think it's just great fun."

CHRIS: DAN IS ONE OF FOUR 18-YEAR-OLDS SQUASHED INTO A CORNER AT THE HEADQUARTERS, A COLLECTION OF DUSTY AND RUNDOWN BUILDINGS IN HELMAND PROVINCE.

CHRIS: WHILE FRIENDS AT HOME ARE FINISHING UP HIGH SCHOOL AND ENTERING COLLEGE. THESE YOUNG MEN HAVE LEARNED THE HARDEST OF LESSONS, TO KILL AND ACCEPT THAT THEY TOO MAY BE KILLED.

(SOT:) "I look at these lads like they're my family, ya know what I mean?"

CHRIS: THIS ONE REGIMENT HAS LOST NINE MEN AND ONE IN FIVE HAS BEEN WOUNDED.

CHRIS: BUT THEY'VE TAKEN OUT MORE THAN 600 TALIBAN SINCE THE SPRING.

CHRIS: THIS IS THEIR REALITY, FRIDAY THE THIRTEENTH OF APRIL, THE FIERCEST DAY OF "A" COMPANY'S TOUR. THESE PICTURES, TAKEN BY HELMET CAMERA, SHOW CORPORAL ROBERT MOORE SECONDS AFTER HE WAS INJURED.

CHRIS: TOGETHER THESE YOUNG MEN HAVE OVERCOME THE HARSHTEST TEST.

CHRIS: SMILING SOLDIERS IN THE RIVER THAT RUNS THROUGH THEIR CAMP HIDE THE TRAUMA OF THE LAST SIX MONTHS AND NOW CELEBRATE THEIR SURVIVAL.

CHRIS: CHRIS BROWNE, CHANNEL ONE NEWS

COMMERCIAL

CHRIS: IT'S THE HOLIDAY SEASON, AND NO MATTER WHAT RELIGION YOU PRACTICE, FOR MANY IT'S A TIME TO GATHER AND CELEBRATE WITH FAMILY. BUT NOT ALL FAMILIES LOOK THE SAME.

TONY: SO THIS WEEK, WE'LL BE SPENDING TIME WITH TEENS AND FINDING OUT WHAT FAMILY MEANS TO THEM. HERE'S RASHAD'S STORY.

(SOT: Rashad) "My life book. Of course, its Norman because it wasn't changed at the time."

TONY: SIXTEEN YEAR OLD RASHAD QERSDYN'S LIFEBOOK TELLS THE TALE OF HIS PAST, WHEN HE LIVED IN A HOME FOR TEENAGERS WAITING TO BE ADOPTED AND HIS LAST NAME WAS NORMAN, HIS BIRTH FATHERS' NAME.

(SOT Rashad) "This is my birth certificate and my social security."

TONY: AS A BABY, RASHAD'S MOTHER GAVE HIM UP FOR ADOPTION, FOUR YEARS AGO, HE MET HIS NEW PARENTS WHEN THEY VISITED A PRE-ADOPTION CENTER IN NEW JERSEY.

(SOT Rashad) "The first time I didn't really notice they were there because I was in my own little world. Then later on, I started to realize that they were there and that they wanted me from when they first saw me, which was a good thing."

TONY: GOOD BECAUSE AT ELEVEN YEARS OLD, RASHAD'S CHANCES OF BEING ADOPTED WEREN'T LIKELY.

TONY: EXPERTS SAY THE OLDER A CHILD GETS THE HARDER IT IS TO BE ADOPTED. TEENAGERS IN FOSTER CARE STAY IN THE SYSTEM THREE TIMES LONGER THAN YOUNGER CHILDREN.

(SOT Rashad) "The reason why it's hard for parents to adopt an older child because you know, you gotta get used to the older child and yeah, he's a bit older so he's going to be a little bit stubborn."

(SOT:) "They have a uniqueness about them because they have their own personality intact. You also have to understand that they come from different backgrounds Rashad had certain things he had to deal with in his past."

TONY: RASHAD DOESN'T HAVE CONTACT WITH HIS BIRTH MOTHER AND HIS BIRTH FATHER PASSED AWAY FROM LUNG CANCER. HE'S BEEN IN AND OUT OF FOSTER HOMES FOR MOST OF HIS LIFE BUT HE PREFERS NOT TO TALK ABOUT HIS PAST.

(SOT: Rashad) "There are some things that I will tell you and then there are some things that I won't tell you basically about my rough life and how its gotten rougher over the time."

TONY: WHILE HE HASN'T PUT HIS PAST TOTALLY BEHIND HIM, WITH HIS FAMILY TO SUPPORT HIM, RASHAD IS WORKING ON HAVING A NORMAL LIFE. HE LOVES TO PLAY VIDEO GAMES AND IS INTERESTED IN POLITICS.

(SOT: Rashad) "I gave him a Christmas card."

TONY: THOUGH THE QERSDYNS AND RASHAD ARE NOT RELATED BY BLOOD, THE FAMILY STILL SHARES AN UNMISTAKABLE BOND.

(SOT:) "The relationship is just so natural that people will be like, oh you have your mother's eyes, he has your smile. So we just look at each other like, ok, that's good enough."

(SOT:) "And someone asked her, well, how long has he been with you. She said a year, they go wow. I thought he'd been with you since he was a child because the relationship just became so natural."

TONY: TONY ANDERSON, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

ANNOUNCER: TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ADOPTION FROM SOMEONE WHO HAS GONE THROUGH THE PROCESS. LOOK FOR ADOPTION FACT OR FICTION AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

CHRIS: WE'RE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE RETURN OF ONE OF OUR MOST POPULAR SERIES PLAY OF THE WEEK!

CHRIS: WE WANT YOU TO SEND US GREAT SPORTS PLAYS THAT YOU'VE CAPTURED ON VIDEO. SO THAT WE CAN SHOW YOU MAKING BIG PLAYS ON THE AIR.

CHRIS: YOU CAN UPLOAD THE VIDEOS DIRECTLY TO OUR WEBSITE OR SEND US A TAPE. GO TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM TO FIND OUT HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR PLAY OF THE WEEK!

CHRIS: THAT DOES IT FOR CHANNEL ONE NEWS. I'M CHRIS BROWNE, AND WE'LL SEE YOU RIGHT BACK HERE TOMORROW.

