

JUDD

FPF 38-E

April puts on her headset, pushes a button to talk to JUDD-

APRIL

It's me. What's up?

JUDD

Question. Why am I out here?

APRIL

Seems a little late to be asking,
but you're on Storm Watch.

JUDD

Exactly. I'm on Storm Watch, and my
only issue with being on Storm Watch
is that it's not technically storming.

Do you see my problem?

APRIL

It was raining.

JUDD

It stopped.

APRIL

Trip said it was gonna storm.

JUDD

It didn't.

APRIL

Judd, the show's light. I've never seen
so much news not happen in one day.
You've got a minute-fifteen to fill.

"The News"
1/2 hr pilot

BENNY

Roll open. Take sound.

On a monitor, we see the slick NEWS AT TEN opening.

JUDD

Let Trip take my time. He can apologize to everyone who bought umbrellas today based on his incorrect weather prophecy.

TRIP WHEELER, the weather man, steps up, puts on a headset.

TRIP

Here's what happened. That warm air that was moving up from Baja –

JUDD

Nobody cares, Trip.

TRIP

Hey, smart guy, anyone can tell the weather when they're outside. Try reading one of those freakin' maps and see how well you do.

APRIL

Try to make something out of it, Judd.
Help me out here.

JUDD

You got it.

TERRY

→ We go live now to the Scottsdale Courthouse where Judd Brinkmeyer is on Storm Watch.
Judd, what can you tell us?

JUDD

Well, Terry, I can tell you that this storm stinks. At least if you judge your storms in terms of wind and rain, as I do.

Now you might be wondering why I'm out here reporting on a storm that's not actually happening, and you wouldn't be alone.

But this is what we call a slow news day. Not enough happened in the last twenty-four hours to fill our newscast. So since my assignment is to tell you about things that didn't happen today, here's a quick list of some of them: No one locally killed anyone they shouldn't, Lindsay Lohan did nothing particularly stupid...

APRIL

Do not do this to me again!
I am going to strangle him.

JUDD

...there were no new congressional sex scandals, so I guess it was a slow day for those guys too...

APRIL

Judd, I'm going to strangle you.

JUDD

...There were no tax cuts for the middle class, No cute baby animals born at the zoo, we didn't Catch Osama Bin Laden, and at the risk of Repeating myself but needing to talk for Seventy five seconds, it's not raining here Tonight in Scottsdale. I'm Judd Brinkmeyer

JUDD

(CONTD)

On Storm Watch. Terry, Reese,
back to you in the studio.

REESE

(Oblivious)

Thanks, Judd. You stay dry out there!

JUDD

(Through gritted teeth)

I'll try!