

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 1/4/08

TOPICS COVERED:

- Caucus Results
- Iowa Teens
- News of the Day

JESSICA: IT'S FRIDAY, JANUARY FOURTH. I'M JESSICA KUMARI COMING TO YOU FROM THE CONVENTION CENTER IN IOWA. WHICH FOR THE PAST WEEK HAS SERVED AS MEDIA HEADQUARTERS AS ALL EYES WERE ON IOWA. CHANNEL ONE NEWS STARTS NOW.

JESSICA: YESTERDAY WE LEFT YOU IN SUSPENSE. WHO WOULD IOWANS CHOOSE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS? LET'S GET RIGHT TO IT. CHRIS BROWNE HAS A WRAP UP OF YESTERDAY'S BIG WINNERS.

CHRIS: THE DEMOCRATS BEGAN THE NIGHT NECK AND NECK AND NECK.

CHRIS: HILLARY CLINTON, BARACK OBAMA, AND JOHN EDWARDS. THE LAST MINUTE POLLS SEEMED TO SHOW THE THREE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE OF ONE ANOTHER.

CHRIS: BUT IN THE END, AFTER A RECORD TURNOUT OF 239,000 DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS-GOERS, ILLINOIS SENATOR BARACK OBAMA EMERGED AS THE BIG WINNER.

(SOT:) "You did this because you believed so deeply in the most American of ideas, that in the face of impossible odds, people who love this country, can change it."

CHRIS: OBAMA TOOK 38% OF THE VOTE, WITH SENATOR EDWARDS SECOND AND CLINTON FINISHING A CLOSE THIRD.

CHRIS: ON THE REPUBLICAN SIDE, ENTRANCE POLLS PROMISED A HEAD TO HEAD CONTEST BETWEEN MITT ROMNEY AND MIKE HUCKABEE, TWO FORMER GOVERNORS WHO SPENT A LOT OF TIME AND IN ROMNEY'S CASE A LOT OF MONEY, CAMPAIGNING IN THE HAWKEYE STATE.

CHRIS: BUT, IN THE END, THIS ONE WASN'T CLOSE.

CHRIS: HUCKABEE, THE FORMER ARKANSAS GOVERNOR AND BAPTIST MINISTER TOOK 34% OF THE VOTE, CRUISING PAST ROMNEY AND THIRD PLACE FINISHER FRED THOMPSON TO CAPTURE THE REPUBLICAN NOD.

(SOT: Mike Huckabee) "You know I wasn't sure if I would ever be able to love a state as much as my home state of Arkansas, but tonight, I love Iowa a whole lot."

CHRIS: ACCORDING TO POLLS TAKEN BEFORE THE CAUCUSES, HUCKABEE BENEFITED FROM A LARGE TURNOUT OF EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS, WHO TEND TO IDENTIFY WITH HUCKABEE'S FAITH AND HIS POSITION ON FAMILY VALUES.

CHRIS: IT'S A BIG WIN FOR HUCKABEE, WHO WAS CONSIDERED A RELATIVELY UNKNOWN CANDIDATE JUST MONTHS AGO.

CHRIS: OBAMA, MEANWHILE, TOOK ADVANTAGE OF A SURGE IN FIRST TIME VOTERS, REPRESENTING OVER HALF OF THE OVERALL CAUCUS-GOERS.

CHRIS: ANOTHER BIG FACTOR, THE LARGE NUMBER OF INDEPENDENT IOWANS WHO REGISTERED AS DEMOCRATS TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR OBAMA.

CHRIS: POLLS SUGGEST CHANGE MAY HAVE BEEN THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY FOR CAUCUS-GOERS. BOTH HUCKABEE AND OBAMA HAVE CONSISTENTLY REPRESENTED THEMSELVES AS CANDIDATES LOOKING TO REFORM WASHINGTON.

CHRIS: AND JUST AS THE CAUCUSES HELPED LAUNCH THE OBAMA AND HUCKABEE CAMPAIGNS, POOR SHOWINGS IN IOWA MEANT AN END FOR THREE OTHERS.

CHRIS: DEMOCRATS JOE BIDEN, CHRIS DODD AND MIKE GRAVEL DROPPED OUT OF THE RACE SHORTLY AFTER THE RESULTS WERE ANNOUNCED.

CHRIS: THE REST OF THE CANDIDATES MEANWHILE, KNOW THIS RACE IS A MARATHON, NOT A SPRINT AND IOWA IS JUST THE BEGINNING.

CHRIS: CHRIS BROWNE, CHANNEL ONE NEWS

JESSICA: OUR ELECTION COVERAGE CONTINUES AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM. CLICK ON ELECTION PLAYBOOK AND YOU'LL HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO FOLLOW THE 2008 RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE.

COMMERCIAL

JESSICA: YESTERDAY IT WASN'T ONLY THE CANDIDATES GETTING OUT TO VOTE, I MET LOTS OF TEEN VOLUNTEERS ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL AND TEENS EXCITED TO CAUCUS FOR THE FIRST TIME.

JESSICA: HERE'S A GLIMPSE OF WHAT WENT DOWN.

(SOT: Lindsey Boerma) "I've had like three hours of sleep in the past 70 hours."

JESSICA: AN EARLY MORNING FOR THESE TEEN VOLUNTEERS AT JOHN MCCAIN'S HEADQUARTERS IN DES MOINES IOWA.

JESSICA: MAKING LAST MINUTE PHONE CALLS TO UNDECIDED VOTERS.

(SOT:) "I hope we can count on you to caucus for John McCain tonight."

JESSICA: IT'S A DAY THEY'VE SPENT MONTHS PREPARING FOR.

(SOT: Amy Schumacher) "It's kinda like Christmas Day is finally here!"

JESSICA: RINGING THE BELL MEANS THEY'VE WON OVER A VOTER BUT WIN OR LOSE THEY'RE HOPING THEIR EFFORT HERE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE NOMINATION PROCESS NATIONWIDE.

(SOT: Amy Schumacher) "It's our future and we need to help make the decisions."

JESSICA: OVER AT THE OBAMA CAMP.

(SOT:) "Obama 08 Obama 08."

JESSICA: TEEN VOLUNTEERS ARE READY TO DO SOME LAST MINUTE GRASSROOTS CAMPAIGNING.

(SOT: Paige Robinson) "We're out here, ya know, canvassing the neighborhood, trying to get fliers out so people can know, get out there and vote."

JESSICA: AND MAKE SURE PEOPLE GO TO THE DIFFERENT CAUCUSES BEING HELD ALL OVER IOWA IN PLACES LIKE LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL.

JESSICA: 17 YEAR OLD TINA REEVES IS CAUCUSING FOR THE FIRST TIME

(SOT: Tina Reeves) "I'm just happy that I get to do it for the first time with like friends and family and stuff and be able to try to pick somebody that I like."

JESSICA: TINA BELIEVES CHOOSING HER PARTY'S NOMINEE IS A BIG RESPONSIBILITY.

(SOT: Tina Reeves) "We're like the first, we get to make a big impression to other states."

JESSICA: A FEELING SHARED BY HER GOOD FRIEND NICHOLAS IDLE, ALSO A FIRST TIME CAUCUS-GOER.

(SOT: Nicholas Idle) "Every vote counts, if you didn't have that one more vote that person could drop out and if you wanted that person well, too bad."

JESSICA: A DANCE CONTEST AND EVENT HELD BY ROCK THE VOTE ENCOURAGED STUDENTS TO HANG OUT AFTER SCHOOL AND STAY FOR THE CAUCUS HELD AT LINCOLN HIGH.

JESSICA: IT WAS A DEMOCRATIC ONE FILLED WITH CHEERING, COUNTING VOTES AND NEIGHBORS PERSUADING NEIGHBORS TO VOTE FOR THEIR CANDIDATE.

(SOT:) "We only ended up having four people come over to Biden we tried two times to try to get people to come over."

JESSICA: NICHOLAS ENDED UP CHOOSING JOHN EDWARDS

(SOT:) "He was one of my second choices also because my neighbor was sitting over there."

JESSICA: SO WHAT DID HE THINK OF HIS FIRST CAUCUS?

(SOT:) "Most surprising thing was how riled up they got in there, they started clapping and cheering, it was actually a really fun experience for me."

JESSICA: FUN AND IMPORTANT BECAUSE THE RESULTS HERE COULD INFLUENCE WHAT HAPPENS IN OTHER STATES, NEXT UP NEW HAMPSHIRE.

ANNOUNCER: WHO DO YOU WANT TO BE PRESIDENT? IT WILL BE YOUR TURN TO DECIDE THIS FALL WHEN CHANNEL ONE NEWS HOLDS THE NATION'S LARGEST TEEN MOCK ELECTION ONE VOTE. SO HEAD ONLINE TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM TO GET TO KNOW THE CANDIDATES.

(SOT:) "It's huge that Iowa's going to be one of the leaders in selecting our next president."

(SOT:) "It definitely gives you a lot of power, you feel like you can change what you want to do, you know and you've always been saying a lot of people my age complain about it and now that you're of age you're really like, you can make a difference."

COMMERCIAL

JESSICA: OF COURSE THERE'S LOTS OF NEWS GOING ON ACROSS AMERICA AND THE WORLD. HERE'S A LOOK AT YOUR OTHER HEADLINES FOR TODAY.

TONY: FEWER NEW YORK CITY TEENS ARE LIGHTING UP.

TONY: A SURVEY BY THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE FOUND SMOKING AMONG CITY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IS DOWN MORE THAN NINE PERCENT SINCE 2001.

TONY: JUST EIGHT AND A HALF PERCENT OF NINTH TO TWELFTH GRADERS REPORTED SMOKING, COMPARED TO 17 AND A HALF PERCENT SIX YEARS AGO.

TONY: HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY THE DROP COMES AS A RESULT OF HIGHER TAXES ON CIGARETTES WHICH DROVE THE PRICE OF A PACK UP AN EXTRA THREE DOLLARS.

TONY: ALSO, LAWS PROHIBITING SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES, AND ADS SHOWING THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF SMOKING.

ANNOUNCER: MYANMAR'S MILITARY JUNTA, THE RULING GOVERNMENT, HAS RAISED THE ANNUAL COST FOR A TV SATELLITE DISH FROM FIVE DOLLARS TO 800 DOLLARS. THAT'S TRIPLE THE SALARY OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER IN MYANMAR.

ANNOUNCER: THE MOVE APPEARS TO BE AN ATTEMPT TO BLOCK FOREIGN NEWS CHANNELS, MANY OF WHICH ARE CRITICAL OF MYANMAR'S MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

ANNOUNCER: IN SEPTEMBER, PRO-DEMOCRACY, ANTI-GOVERNMENT PROTESTS ERUPTED IN MYANMAR, WHICH WERE EVENTUALLY PUT DOWN BY THE MILITARY REGIME. FOREIGN NEWS CHANNELS WERE THE MAIN SOURCE OF INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE IN MYANMAR AT THAT TIME.

TONY: THE U.S. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAS LAUNCHED A FULL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE DESTRUCTION OF VIDEOTAPES SHOWING CIA AGENTS USING CONTROVERSIAL INTERROGATION TECHNIQUES.

TONY: LAST MONTH THE CIA ACKNOWLEDGED IT DESTROYED TWO TAPES IN WHICH AGENTS QUESTIONED SUSPECTED TERRORISTS. BOTH CONGRESS AND THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT LAUNCHED PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS THEN.

TONY: ATTORNEY GENERAL MICHAEL MUKASEY HAS NOW INTENSIFIED THE INVESTIGATION, WHICH A FEDERAL PROSECUTOR FROM CONNECTICUT WILL HEAD UP.

TONY: THE CIA SAYS IT WILL FULLY COOPERATE WITH THE INVESTIGATION.

ANNOUNCER: ITS NICKNAME MAY BE 'THE SUNSHINE STATE', BUT DESPITE THE SUN FLORIDA GOT SOCKED WITH FREEZING TEMPERATURES YESTERDAY.

ANNOUNCER: PART OF THE STATE EVEN GOT SOME SNOW.

ANNOUNCER: COLD WEATHER CAN BADLY DAMAGE CITRUS CROPS, AND FARMERS RUSHED TO PROTECT THEIR FRUIT.

ANNOUNCER: BUT, IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THE FLORIDA FREEZE WON'T LAST LONG METEOROLOGISTS ARE PREDICTING TEMPERATURES WILL CLIMB BACK INTO THE 80'S OVER THE WEEKEND.

TONY: NEW JERSEY MAY SOON BECOME THE FIRST NORTHERN STATE TO ISSUE A FORMAL APOLOGY FOR SLAVERY.

TONY: NEW JERSEY HAD ONE OF THE LARGEST SLAVE POPULATIONS OF THE NORTHERN COLONIES AND WAS THE LAST STATE IN THE NORTHEAST TO ABOLISH SLAVERY.

TONY: NOW STATE ASSEMBLYMAN WILLIAM PAYNE IS FORMALLY PROPOSING THAT THE STATE APOLOGIZE TO ITS ONE POINT TWO MILLION BLACK RESIDENTS.

TONY: MARYLAND, VIRGINIA, NORTH CAROLINA AND ALABAMA HAVE ALREADY ISSUED APOLOGIES.

ANNOUNCER: HEY GUYS, TODAY IS FRIDAY, AND THAT MEANS IT'S TIME FOR CULTURE CAST!

ANNOUNCER: IN SEATTLE, CHECK OUT ANN GARDNER'S "SPACE," ART EXHIBIT AT WINSTON WÄCHTER. IT'S A NEW BODY OF SCULPTURAL ART MADE FROM PIGMENT-TINTED GLASS, STEEL, AND CONCRETE.

ANNOUNCER: THE NFL PLAYOFFS ARE GETTING STARTED TOMORROW, SIMONE FROM PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA EMAILED US ABOUT HER STEELERS FACING OFF AGAINST THE JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS IN THE AFC WILDCARD ROUND!

ANNOUNCER: WANT TO HAVE YOUR HIGH SCHOOL'S EVENT ON CULTURECAST? GO TO CHANNELONE.COM AND TELL US ABOUT IT!

JESSICA: THAT DOES IT FOR OUR SPECIAL COVERAGE FROM IOWA. NEXT WEEK WE'LL BE ON THE TRAIL AGAIN WITH CHRIS BROWNE FROM THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY. THANKS FOR WATCHING AND HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!