

## CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 3/17/08

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- FBI & Privacy
- Basketball Player

JESSICA: IT'S MONDAY MARCH 17TH, I'M JESSICA KUMARI AND HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY! NOW WE ARE ALSO CELEBRATING MARCH MADNESS, SO TODAY IS ALL ABOUT BASKETBALL. CHANNEL ONE NEWS STARTS RIGHT NOW.

JESSICA: IT WAS A WEEKEND OF WILD WEATHER IN GEORGIA. ON FRIDAY, FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, A TORNADO RIPPED THROUGH DOWNTOWN ATLANTA CAUSING MASSIVE DESTRUCTION AND INJURING AS MANY AS 30 PEOPLE.

JESSICA: THE STORM DIDN'T SPARE THE GEORGIA DOME, WHERE 18 THOUSAND FANS WERE GATHERED FOR A SEC PLAYOFF GAME BETWEEN MISSISSIPPI STATE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA. THE DOME'S ROOF WAS TORN IN AT LEAST TWO SPOTS, FORCING THE GAME TO BE DELAYED FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR.

JESSICA: ON SATURDAY, ANOTHER TORNADO TORE THROUGH NORTHWEST GEORGIA, LEAVING TWO DEAD AND SEVERAL OTHERS INJURED.

TONY: AUSTRALIA IS KNOWN FOR ITS KANGAROOS, BUT THE POPULATION IS SO LARGE, ITS CAUSING SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

TONY: AUSTRALIA'S ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY SAYS KANGAROOS NEAR THE COUNTRY'S CAPITAL OF CANBERRA ARE OVEREATING THE NATIVE GRASSLAND. THEY PLAN TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM BY KILLING ABOUT 400 KANGAROOS.

TONY: THE PLAN HAS SPARKED CRITICISM FROM ANIMAL WELFARE GROUPS AND ON SATURDAY, ABOUT 70 PEOPLE GATHERED TO PROTEST THE KILLING. AUSTRALIA'S ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY DEFENDED THE PLAN.

(SOT: Dr. Maxine Cooper) "It is unfortunately very much unavoidable and it's the most humane thing we can do."

JESSICA: WE'VE BEEN TELLING YOU ABOUT TIBETAN EXILES WHO BEGAN MARCHING FROM NORTHERN INDIA TO TIBET ON MONDAY TO DEMONSTRATE AGAINST CHINESE RULE IN THE REGION.

JESSICA: BUT FOR THE PAST WEEK, THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN MASSIVE ANTI-CHINA PROTESTS IN LHASA, A REMOTE CITY IN THE HIMALAYAS THAT'S THE TRADITIONAL CAPITAL OF TIBET.

JESSICA: MANY TIBETANS INSIST THEIR COUNTRY HAS BEEN INDEPENDENT FOR CENTURIES, BUT CHINA SAYS TIBET IS PART OF ITS COUNTRY.

JESSICA: IN THE PAST FEW DAYS, THE PROTEST IN LHASA HAS TURNED VIOLENT AND IT'S TURNED INTO THE WORST ANTI-CHINESE RIOT IN TWO DECADES.

JESSICA: THERE'S LITTLE RELIABLE INFORMATION COMING OUT OF LHASA. CHINESE AUTHORITIES SAY 10 PEOPLE HAVE DIED AS A RESULT OF THE VIOLENCE, BUT TIBETAN LEADERS SAY AT LEAST 80 HAVE BEEN KILLED.

JESSICA: HUNDREDS OF CHINESE TROOPS HAVE DESCENDED ON LHASA AND CHINA HAS SET A DEADLINE OF TODAY FOR THE TIBETANS TO SURRENDER, PROMISING TO BE LENIENT ON THOSE WHO HAND THEMSELVES IN.

JESSICA: CHINA HAS ACCUSED THE DALAI LAMA, WHO IS THE SPIRITUAL LEADER OF TIBET LIVING IN EXILE OF ORGANIZING THE UPRISINGS. THE DALAI LAMA CALLED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATION INTO CHINA'S TREATMENT OF TIBETANS.

(SOT: ) "Whether intentionally or unintentionally, some kind of cultural genocide is taking place."

TONY: SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN, THE PRESUMPTIVE REPUBLICAN NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT MADE A SURPRISE VISIT TO IRAQ YESTERDAY.

TONY: WHILE IN BAGHDAD, MCCAIN MET WITH IRAQI AND U.S. DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY OFFICIALS.

TONY: IT'S MCCAIN EIGHTH TRIP TO IRAQ, AND COMES JUST A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. INVASION OF IRAQ.

JESSICA: EXPONENTS, INVERSE FRACTIONS, LOGARITHMS. DO THESE MATH BUZZWORDS SOUND FAMILIAR?

JESSICA: A NEW FEDERAL REPORT SAYS MATH CURRICULUMS IN THE U.S. NEED BIG CHANGES. INCLUDING TEACHING FEWER TOPICS TO ENSURE THEY'RE LEARNED IN DEPTH AND SETTING BENCHMARKS FOR DIFFERENT GRADE LEVELS.

JESSICA: THE RECOMMENDATIONS STEM FROM A REPORT LAST YEAR WHICH RANKED U.S. STUDENTS AS "MEDIocre" COMPARED TO THE REST OF THE WORLD.

JESSICA: HOW ARE YOUR MATH SKILLS? HEAD OVER TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND LOOK FOR THE MEGA MATH TOURNAMENT TO TAKE THE CHALLENGE.

JESSICA: THIS WEEK KICKS OFF SUNSHINE WEEK! THE WEEK THAT CELEBRATES SUNSHINE LAWS. THOSE ARE LAWS THAT REQUIRE THE GOVERNMENT TO BE OPEN TO ITS CITIZENS OR EXPOSED TO THE BRIGHTEST LIGHT POSSIBLE.

JESSICA: THIS WEEK, WE WILL BE AIRING PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS CREATED BY STUDENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF OPEN GOVERNMENT, AND THE FIVE FREEDOMS GUARANTEED BY THE FIRST AMENDMENT.

JESSICA: IT'S ALL PART OF THE "FIVE FREEDOMS" CONTEST. OVER 250 STUDENTS SUBMITTED VIDEOS, AND THIS WEEK WE'LL BE AIRING THE WINNINGS. SO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR IT.

COMMERCIAL

JESSICA: WHAT IF SOMEONE WENT THROUGH YOUR CELL PHONE AND READ YOUR MESSAGES WITHOUT YOU KNOWING ALL IN THE NAME OF SCHOOL SAFETY.

JESSICA: TONY ANDERSON EXPLAINS WHY THE GOVERNMENT IS BEING CRITICIZED FOR USING ITS POWER OF SURVEILLANCE ON U.S. CITIZENS.

(SOT: ) "The people who are supposed to be enforcing the law ought to follow the law."

TONY: IT MAY BE SURPRISING, BUT THE SENATOR IS TALKING ABOUT THE FBI. ACCORDING TO A REPORT RELEASED LAST WEEK BY THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S INSPECTOR GENERAL, THE FBI HAS BEEN IMPROPERLY USING ITS POWER TO LOOK AT PERSONAL RECORDS OF THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS.

TONY: HERE'S HOW IT IS SUPPOSED TO WORK. BEFORE 9-11, IF INVESTIGATORS THOUGHT YOU WERE DOING SOMETHING ILLEGAL AND THEY WANTED TO TAP A PHONE LINE OR READ EMAIL, THEY HAD TO FIRST PROVE TO A JUDGE THAT THEY HAVE A GOOD REASON FOR VIOLATING YOUR PRIVACY AND THEY HAD TO GET A WARRANT.

TONY: AFTER 9-11, THAT CHANGED CONGRESS PASSED NEW LAWS THAT ALLOWED THE FBI TO GET PHONE RECORDS, EMAILS AND FINANCIAL RECORDS OF AMERICANS AND FOREIGNERS JUST BY WRITING A LETTER, AND NOT GOING TO COURT.

TONY: BUT IT WAS ONLY SUPPOSED TO BE USED FOR CASES INVOLVING NATIONAL SECURITY.

TONY: LAST WEEK'S REPORT FOUND THAT FBI ABUSES OF POWER INCREASED IN 2006 AND TWICE THE FBI USED THEIR POWER TO OBTAIN INFORMATION AFTER A COURT HAD ALREADY TOLD THEM NO.

TONY: THE REPORT SAID TOP FBI OFFICIALS GOT AUTHORIZATION AFTER THE FACT. TO JUSTIFY ALMOST 4 THOUSAND PHONE RECORDS THEY ALREADY GOT IMPROPERLY.

TONY: MIKE GERMAN WAS AN FBI AGENT FOR 16 YEARS AND NOW SPEAKS FOR THE ACLU.

(SOT: Mike German) "It's not just that errors were committed, but that there was actually effort to cover their errors. And to hide from the American people the extent of the abuse."

TONY: THE FBI ISSUED ALMOST 50,000 LETTERS TO OBTAIN RECORDS IN 2006. MOST OF THEM, SIXTY PERCENT, INVOLVED AMERICAN CITIZENS OR US RESIDENTS.

TONY: CRITICS WARN THAT AMERICANS WHO HAVE NO DIRECT LINK TO TERRORISM COULD BE AT RISK BECAUSE THE FBI CAN TARGET NOT JUST SUSPECTED TERRORISTS AND THEIR ASSOCIATES, BUT ALSO ASSOCIATES OF ASSOCIATES.

TONY: THE FBI DID PUT IN REFORMS LAST YEAR TO CORRECT PROBLEMS, AND THE REPORT SAYS SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE.

(SOT: John Miller) "We're certainly on the road. The fixes are in place, the processes are strengthened, the guidance is better and we've already seen a marked improvement over just under a year."

COMMERCIAL

JESSICA: IT'S MONDAY, YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS! HERE'S TONY ANDERSON WITH YOUR PLAY OF THE WEEK.

TONY: HEY BASKETBALL FANS. AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, MARCH MADNESS BEGAN YESTERDAY! SO IN HONOR, WE HAVE A BASKETBALL PLAY THIS WEEK WHICH COMES

TO US FROM JOLIET TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL IN ILLINOIS WHERE THE JOLIET STEELMAN TAKE ON PORTERS OF LOCKPORT, A NEARLY HUNDRED YEAR OLD RIVALRY.

TONY: CHECK OUT THE FINAL SECONDS OF THIS GAME. LOCKPORT LED THROUGHOUT THE GAME, BEFORE A LATE JOLIET RALLY. ONLY UP BY ONE WITH 23 SECONDS LEFT, LOCKPORT'S MIKE FRIGO HAS A CHANCE TO PUT IT AWAY BUT MISSES HIS FREE THROW.

TONY: JOLIET SENIOR LANELL PIERCE COMES BACK AND MAKES WHAT THE CROWD THINKS IS THE GAME WINNER AND THE JOLIET CROWD STORMS THE FLOOR THINKING THE GAME'S OVER.

TONY: BUT WAIT, THE REFEREES PUT 2 SECONDS BACK ON THE CLOCK AND CLEAR THE FLOOR. LOCKPORT INBOUNDS THE BALL TO THE SAME SENIOR GUARD MIKE FRIGO THAT MISSED THE FREE THROW JUST A FEW SECONDS EARLIER, WHO STUNS THE GYM WITH A HALFCOURT SHOT FOR THE WIN.

TONY: HAVE YOU SEEN A PLAY LIKE THAT? WE WANT TO SEE IT, TOO! SEND US YOUR VIDEO OR UPLOAD IT TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND WE MIGHT FEATURE YOUR HIGHLIGHT ON PLAY OF THE WEEK.

JESSICA: WHATEVER THE SPORT, MANY DREAM OF BEING THEIR TEAM'S STAR PLAYER. HERE'S THE STORY OF ONE TEEN WHO MANAGED TO BECOME JUST THAT AFTER OVERCOMING SOME PRETTY UNIQUE OBSTACLES.

JESSICA: THE MOMENT HE STEPS ON THE COURT, IT'S CLEAR. PORTER ELLETT IS NO ORDINARY BASKETBALL PLAYER.

JESSICA: ELLETT LOOKS A BIT DIFFERENT THAN HIS TEAMMATES, BUT IT DIDN'T STOP HIM FROM LEADING THE WAYNE HIGH SCHOOL BADGERS IN SCORING LAST SEASON.

(SOT: Porter Ellett) "It's good to have a challenge. Challenges are all throughout life. You gotta face challenges."

JESSICA: ELLETT LOST USE OF HIS RIGHT ARM IN AN ACCIDENT WHEN HE WAS JUST FOUR YEARS OLD AND DOCTORS AMPUTATED HIS ARM LAST YEAR.

JESSICA: HE HAS MORE THAN COMPENSATED WITH PATIENCE, PRACTICE, UNRELENTING DRIVE AND A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR. HE ONCE SAID HAVING TWO ARMS WOULD BE CONFUSING.

(SOT: Porter Ellett) "It's kind of fun to see peoples' reactions when they doubt you and they see you walk out on the court and wonder why you are even playing. Then you go out and prove what you are worth."

JESSICA: ELLETT'S COACH HAS KNOWN HIM ALL HIS LIFE.

(SOT: Kade Morrel) "He's got a winning attitude and he's a prime example of how far attitude can take you. It's not what happens to you, but how you react and how you deal with it that matters in life."

JESSICA: PORTER CAN DO IT ALL. STEALING, BLOCKING, REBOUNDING. NONE OF HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS SURPRISE HIS TEAMMATES.

(SOT: Trevor Taylor) "When people told him he couldn't do something, it would just make him so mad that he would do it harder until he could beat everyone at it."

JESSICA: JESSICA KUMARI, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

JESSICA: MAKE CHANNEL ONE DOT COM YOUR HOME FOR ALL THINGS BASKETBALL. TO SEE IF YOU'VE GOT GAME, HEAD ONLINE AND LOOK FOR COLLEGE HOOPS MADNESS.

JESSICA: THAT DOES IT FOR CHANNEL ONE NEWS, I'M JESSICA KUMARI, THANKS FOR WATCHING, BUT BEFORE WE GO HERE'S ONE MORE THING.

JESSICA: ON THIS SAINT PATRICKS DAY, LEPRECHAUNS RETURNED TO THE CHICAGO RIVER TO WORK THEIR GREEN MAGIC.

JESSICA: ACTUALLY, THAT'S A CREW FROM A PLUMBER'S UNION THROWING WHAT LOOKS LIKE ORANGE DYE INTO THE CHICAGO RIVER. BUT AFTER A FEW SECONDS IT MAGICALLY TURNS THE WATER AN IRISH GREEN.

JESSICA: THE TRADITION BEGAN IN 1962 WHEN THE UNION DUMPED 100 POUNDS OF GREEN VEGETABLE DYE INTO THE RIVER. TODAY, ONLY 40 POUNDS ARE USED, BUT IT'S ENOUGH TO TURN THE RIVER GREEN FOR SEVERAL HOURS.