

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 10/5/07

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JESSICA: IT'S FRIDAY, OCTOBER FIFTH, 2007. I'M JESSICA KUMARI AND YOU'RE WATCHING CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

JESSICA: PAKISTAN IS HOLDING IT'S FIRST PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN FIVE YEARS ON SATURDAY. THE CURRENT PRESIDENT, GENERAL PERVEZ MUSHARRAF, IS SEEKING RE-ELECTION.

JESSICA: CLOSE ATTENTION WILL BE PAYED TO THIS ELECTION, SO WHY IS THE OUTCOME SO IMPORTANT TO THE U.S.? LET'S BREAK IT DOWN.

JESSICA: THE UNITED STATES AND PAKISTAN HAVE A COMPLICATED RELATIONSHIP. WE'RE A DEMOCRACY, BUT FRIENDLY WITH A MILITARY DICTATOR. PAKISTAN'S HELPED US ROOT OUT TERRORISTS, BUT SOME SAY THEY ARE DOING A HALF-HEARTED JOB.

JESSICA: STILL, WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO HAVE PAKISTAN ON OUR SIDE TO FIGHT THE WAR ON TERRORISM. ONE REASON WHY PAKISTAN IS SO IMPORTANT IS IT'S LOCATION- PAKISTAN BORDERS CHINA, IRAN AND AFGHANISTAN.

(SOT: PRESIDENT BUSH): "Musharraf is a strong ally in the war against THESE EXTREMEIST."

JESSICA: PRESIDENT BUSH HAS SAID GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES PROMOTE DEMOCRACY IN THAT REGION. WHO'S PRESIDENT PERVEZ MUSHARRAF?

JESSICA: IN 1999, MUSHARRAF SEIZED POWER IN A MILITARY COUP. AFTER SEPTEMBER 11TH, HE SIDED WITH THE U.S. IN THE FIGHT AGAINST AL QAEDA- MANY OF WHOSE MEMBERS ARE BELIEVED TO BE HIDING OUT NEAR THE PAKISTANI- AFGHAN BORDER.

JESSICA: SOME COMPLAIN MUSHARRAF HASN'T DONE ENOUGH TO FIGHT AL QAEDA, AND SOME HAVE EVEN SAID HE'S BUILT AN ALLIANCE WITH THE REMANTS OF THE TALIBAN- ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISTS WHO USED TO RULE AFGHANISTAN. THE U.S. IS STILL FIGHTING THEM IN THE WAR AGAINST TERROR.

(SOT: ROEDAD KHAN, POLITICAL ANALYST): "America is supporting military dictator, America is supporting military despot. Why!? Why!?"

JESSICA: MUSHARRAF ALSO HAS CRITICS AT HOME. MANY ISLAMIC PARTIES SAYS HE'S A TOOL FOR THE U-S. SUPPORT FOR MUSHARRAF HAS ALSO CRUMBLER AFTER HE TRIED AND FAILED TO FIRE THE COUNTRY'S TOP JUDGE LAST MARCH.

JESSICA: WHY IS THIS ELECTION CONTROVERSIAL? MANY SAY THE VOTE WON'T BE LEGITIMATE. SOME SAY MUSHARRAF SHOULDN'T BE BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND HEAD OF THE ARMY, AND THEY'VE TAKEN THE CASE TO PAKISTAN'S SUPREME COURT.

JESSICA: A RULING PARTY OFFICIAL HAS SAID MUSHARRAF WOULD RETIRE AS ARMY CHIEF, BUT THAT HAS YET TO HAPPEN. HE'S ALSO FACED OPPOSITION FROM EX PRIME MINISTER BENAZIR BHUTTO WHO ALSO WANTS MUSHARRAF TO STEP DOWN AS HEAD OF THE ARMY.

(SOT BENAZIR BHUTTO): "The real issues are the need for Pakistan to have fair, free and impartial elections so that democracy can be restored, the rule of law can once again prevail and the peoples' problems can be addressed."

JESSICA: BHUTTO'S BEEN IN EXILE FOR 8 YEARS. BUT SHE'S THREATENED TO HAVE LEADERS FROM HER PARTY WITHDRAW FROM PARLIAMENT FOR THE ELECTION. IF THAT HAPPENS, IT COULD ROB THE VOTE OF CREDIBILITY.

JESSICA: SO WHAT'S LIKELY TO HAPPEN? MOST PEOPLE EXPECT MUSHARRAF TO WIN. HOWEVER, INDEPENDENT OBSERVERS WORRY THE ELECTION WILL BE PERCEIVED AS FRAUDULANT. AND SOME PREDICT AN ELECTION SEEN AS RIGGED COULD DESTABILIZE THE COUNTRY AND HURT THE WAR ON TERRORISM.

ANNOUNCER: NOW THAT YOU KNOW WHO THE LEADER OF PAKISTAN IS, TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF OTHER GLOBAL POLITICAL POWERHOUSES. PLAY THE WORLD LEADERS MEMORY GAME AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

TONY: A DRAMATIC RESCUE IN SOUTH AFRICA-- MORE THAN THREE THOUSAND GOLD MINERS WERE TRAPPED A MILE UNDERGROUND WHEN CABLES IN AN ELEVATOR SHAFT BROKE. THE MINERS HAD NO FOOD OR WATER, AND ENDURED TEMPERATURES OVER 100 DEGREES. BUT RESCUERS REACHED THE TRAPPED MEN AND WOMEN THROUGH A SECOND SHAFT AND BEGAN HAULING THEM TO SAFETY. THE MINERS SEEMED DAZED AND EXHAUSTED, BUT APPEARED UNHURT.

(SOT: PATRICE MOTSEPE/HARMONY GOLD MINE CHAIRMAN): "The safety and life support people is the single most important issue and the information we have got thus far is that nobody is injured."

TONY: SOUTH AFRICA'S MINES-- THE BIGGEST AND DEEPEST IN THE WORLD-- HAVE A REPUTATION FOR BEING DANGEROUS.

ANNOUNCER: ALSO, SOME RARE GOOD NEWS IN THE BATTLE TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT; THE DEMAND FOR CLEAN ENERGY IS SURGING, UP NEARLY 50 PERCENT IN THE U.S.

ANNOUNCER: THE BAD NEWS IS THE DEMAND FOR WIND, SOLAR OR OTHER RENEWABLE POWER IS GROWING FASTER THAN THE SUPPLY. THAT SHORTAGE IS MAKING CLEAN POWER A LOT MORE EXPENSIVE.

ANNOUNCER: ONE REASON- BIG BUSINESS IS USING A LOT MORE GREEN ENERGY. THE SOLUTION- MASSIVE NEW INVESTMENT IN WIND, SOLAR AND ALTERNATIVE-FUEL PROJECTS.

TONY: IN SOUTH KOREA, A HISTORIC AGREEMENT: MORE THAN 50 YEARS AFTER THE FIGHTING STOPPED IN THE KOREAN WAR, NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA HAVE AGREED TO A FORMAL END TO HOSTILITIES.

TONY: THE COMMITMENT TO WORK TOWARD A PEACE TREATY CAME AT THE END OF A THREE-DAY SUMMIT BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF THE TWO KOREAS-- AND A DAY AFTER NORTH KOREA AGREED TO DISMANTLE ITS NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAMS.

TONY: IN RETURN, THE ISOLATED AND IMPOVERISHED NORTH WILL GET ECONOMIC AND HUMANITARIAN HELP FROM THE WEST.

TONY: ALSO, THERE WILL BE MORE MEETINGS ALLOWED BETWEEN FAMILIES LONG SEPARATED BY THE NORTH-SOUTH BORDER.

TONY: AND FINALLY, WHAT IF YOU SAW MOM OR DAD'S FACE ON FACEBOOK? THE NETWORK SITE DOMINATED BY TEENS AND TWENTY-SOMETHINGS HAS BEEN GROWING MORE POPULAR AMONG PEOPLE OVER THIRTY. NOW, SOME PARENTS ARE ASKING THEIR KIDS IF THEY CAN BE THEIR "FRIENDS" ON FACEBOOK.

TONY: A LOT OF TEENS SAY THAT'S KIND OF LIKE HAVING YOUR MOM OR DAD SITTING IN YOUR CLASS. AND REMEMBER, IF YOUR MOM POSTS A COMMENT ON YOUR WALL, NO BIGGIE- YOU CAN ALWAYS DELETE IT.

TONY: ON WEDNESDAY, WE TOLD YOU ABOUT A FEW SCHOOLS AROUND THE COUNTRY THAT ARE BANNING HUGS IN HALLWAYS. PUBLIC OFFICIALS SAY PUBLIC DISPLAYS OF AFFECTION, OR P-D-A'S, ARE GETTING IN THE WAY OF STUDENTS TRYING TO GET TO CLASS.

TONY: WELL NOW IT'S YOUR TURN. YOU TELL US HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT THIS SITUATION. WE HEARD FROM TWO STUDENTS FROM THE SAME TOWN IN LOUISIANA, BUT THEY HAD VERY DIFFERENT REACTIONS TO THE STORY.

TONY: JOHN FROM SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA WROTE, "I THINK THAT IT'S O.K. TO HAVE P-D-A IN THE HALL BUT YOU SHOULD ONLY DO IT IF YOU ARE NOT IN THE WAY."

TONY: BUT SIMONE, ALSO FROM SHREVEPORT, SAID, "P-D-A IS A PROBLEM IN SCHOOL. IF THE STUDENTS REALLY LIKE EACH OTHER THAT MUCH, THEY CAN TAKE TIME OUT OF THEIR SCHEDULE AND MEET AFTER SCHOOL."

TONY: WE ALWAYS WANT YOU TO HAVE YOUR SAY. SO GO TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND CLICK ON THE YOUR TURN PAGE, AND THERE YOU CAN LET US KNOW ABOUT ANYTHING THAT'S AFFECTING YOU, YOUR SCHOOL AND OTHERS. OKAY!?! SO GET THERE!

JESSICA: IT'S WORLD SPACE WEEK, AND BOULDER COLORADO WILL BE CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAUNCHING OF SPUTNIK 1 AT THE FISKE AUDITORIUM TODAY.

JESSICA: AND, WE GOT WORD THAT A BIG HOMECOMING MATCH UP WILL BE GOING DOWN IN TWIN BRIDGES, MONTANA BETWEEN THE TWIN BRIDGES FALCONS AND THE SHERIDAN PANTHERS.

JESSICA: ON SATURDAY, JOIN MARION HIGH SCHOOL WHEN THEY VOTE FOR THE BEST DANCERS AT THE "DANCING WITH THE STARS" CHARITY COMPETITION. MONEY RAISED WILL BENEFIT ART-RELATED PROJECTS THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.

JESSICA: ON SUNDAY, YOU MIGHT CATCH YOUR FAVORITE HIP-HOP STAR SHOOTING SOME HOOPS IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. THE HIP-HOP HONORS CELEBRITY HOOPS CHARITY GAME WILL HELP TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE MADISON SQUARE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB.

ANNOUNCER: AND NOW, THE GATORADE PLAYER OF THE YEAR.

TONY: IN OHIO, 18 YEAR OLD EMILY PENDLETON IS KNOWN FOR HER POWERFUL DISCUS THROW. HER STELLAR WORK ON THE FIELD AND HER VOLUNTEER WORK OFF THE FIELD HAVE LED HER TO BECOME GATORADE'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR.

TONY: SENIOR EMILY PENDLETON OF WOODMORE HIGH IS HAILED AS THE BEST GIRLS DISCUS THROWER IN OHIO HISTORY. PENDLETON'S MEAN SWING HAS EARNED HER FIVE OF THE TOP SIX DISCUS THROWS IN THE COUNTRY THIS SPRING. NO PREP THROWER HAS COME WITHIN 10 FEET OF HER TOP DISCUS THROW.

TONY: SHE HAS WON FOUR DIVISION-THREE STATE TITLES, BECOMING THE FIRST ATHLETE IN 100 YEARS OF OHIO HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS TO WIN A FIELD EVENT AT THE STATE MEET FOUR YEARS IN A ROW.

(SOT: EMILY PENDLETON): "It was a very good accomplishment, I was excited when it happened. It just capped it off - it was awesome."

TONY: A MEMBER OF THE FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA AND A VOLUNTEER WITH A LOCAL FOOD PANTRY, EMILY PENDLETON SHARES HER WINNING SPIRIT. SHE ALSO HELPS OTHER TEENAGERS THROUGH A MENTORING PROGRAM AND IN HER WORK AS AN AREA YOUTH TRACK COACH. ALL HER HARD WORK HAS EARNED EMILY A TRACK SCHOLARSHIP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

TONY: TO SEE STORIES OF OTHER AMAZING ATHLETES, HEAD TO THE GATORADE PLAYER OF THE YEAR PAGE AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

TONY: IF YOU ARE LIKE ME YOU ARE ON, YOU'RE ON MYSPACE, FACEBOOK, AND OF COURSE CHANNELONE.COM ALL DAY LONG. BETWEEN BUYING THINGS, WORK, AND CHATTING WITH FRIENDS, WE ALL SPEND A LOT OF TIME ON-LINE. CHRIS BROWNE REPORTS ON SOME KIDS IN CHINA THAT ARE SO ADDICTED THE INTERNET, THEY WENT TO ON-LINE DETOX.

CHRIS: THEY SIT GLUED THEIR SCREEN AND TO THEIR MOUSE, POSSESSED BY COMPUTER GAMES THAT HAVE TAKEN OVER THE LIVES OF UP TO 10 MILLION YOUNG CHINESE. THAT'S ACCORDING TO BEIJING'S FIRST INTERNET ADDICTION CLINIC, A BOOTCAMP FOR THE DIGITALLY DEPENDENT. THIS IS WHERE ANXIOUS PARENTS SEND THEIR TEENS FOR A DOSE OF REALITY TO KICK A DRUG-LIKE HABIT.

(SOT: MAN): "THE WHOLE PERSONALITY CHANGES THE IMPACT ON MENTAL HEALTH IS THE SAME AS TAKING HEROIN. THAT'S WHY WE CALL IT ELECTRONIC HEROIN. ELECTRONIC OPIUM."

CHRIS: HOW DO YOU KICK THE HABIT? A TRIP TO THE DANCE FLOOR AND TO THE BATTLEFIELD, A GAME OF LASER TAG LIKE THIS IS MEANT TO SHOW THAT A REAL SHOOT-OUT IS DIFFERENT FROM A COMPUTER GAME. IT'S MEANT TO BRING THEM BACK INTO THE REAL WORLD. MANY HAVE TO BE TRICKED INTO COMING HERE.

(SOT: CHANG CHING): "I DID NOT WANT TO COME HERE, BUT SINCE I AM HERE I MIGHT AS WELL GO ALONG WITH IT."

CHRIS: CHANG CHING'S PARENTS TOLD HIM THAT HE WAS COMING FOR TREATMENT FOR A SWOLLEN WRIST. BUT AT THEIR FARM NEAR BEIJING THEY DESCRIBED THEIR SON'S ANGRY OUTBURST AFTER THEY HAD HIDDEN HIS MODEM.

CHRIS: THE CLINIC CLAIMS A 70% SUCCESS RATE. AS FOR THE OTHER 30%, WHEN THEY CHECK OUT, THEY SIMPLY LOG ON AGAIN. THEY SAY THAT ADDICTION IS A FORM OF REBELLION AGAINST PARENTS WHO TRY TO EXERT TOO MUCH CONTROL

OVER KIDS THAT PREFER NET LIFE TO REAL LIFE. CHRIS BROWNE, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

JESSICA: THAT'S IT FOR THIS WEEK. I'M JESSICA KUMARI, WE'LL SEE YOU RIGHT BACK HERE MONDAY.