

## CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 10/22/07

### TOPICS COVERED:

- News of the Day
- School Safety
- Think Pink (Breast Cancer)

JESSICA: HAPPY MONDAY, EVERYONE. IT'S OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>, I'M JESSICA KUMARI, AND YOU'RE WATCHING CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

CHRIS: A WILDFIRE DRIVEN BY POWERFUL SANTA ANA WINDS RAGED IN MALIBU COUNTRY, CALIFORNIA YESTERDAY. THE FLAMES FORCED THE EVACUATION OF A UNIVERSITY AND HUNDREDS OF HOUSES IN THE UPSCALE NEIGHBORHOOD HOME TO MANY CELEBRITIES.

CHRIS: HELICOPTERS DROPPED WATER ON THE HILLSIDE, WHILE SOME 500 FIREFIGHTERS WORKED TO PROTECT PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY, WHERE MORE THAN EIGHTY THREE HUNDRED GO TO SCHOOL.

CHRIS: FLAMES HAVE ALREADY ENGULFED SOME OF THE LUXURY HOMES IN THE AREA LIKE THE LANDMARK CASTLE KASHAN, A FORTRESS LIKE MANSION WITH TURRETS AND ARCHED WINDOWS.

CHRIS: THUS FAR, CONTAINING THE FIRE HAS BEEN TOUGH.

(SOT: Benazir Bhutto, Former Pakistani Prime Minister)- "This was a dastardly and cowardly attack the first in the history of subcontinent, the first in the history of Pakistan of multiple suicide attacks on a political leader."

JESSICA: MORE THAN 130 PEOPLE DIED IN A BOMBING THAT ATTEMPTED TO TAKE HER LIFE, BUT FORMER PRIME MINISTER BENAZIR BHUTTO SAYS SHE'S NOT GIVING UP ON RETURNING TO PAKISTANI POLITICS.

JESSICA: BHUTTO RETURNED TO PAKISTAN ON THURSDAY AFTER EIGHT YEARS IN EXILE. TWO BOMBS EXPLODED AS SHE RODE THROUGH KARACHI IN A HOMECOMING PARADE.

JESSICA: PAKISTANI OFFICIALS ARE STILL INVESTIGATING WHO WAS BEHIND THE ATTACK. THREE MEN ARE BEING HELD FOR QUESTIONING.

JESSICA: BHUTTO WAS NOT HURT IN THE BOMBINGS. SHE REMAINED IN KARACHI OVER THE WEEKEND, VISITING SURVIVORS AND RENEWING HER PROMISE TO CAMPAIGN FOR PRIME MINISTER.

CHRIS: THESE DAYS, DRIED-UP LAKES AND BROWN LAWNS ARE A COMMON SIGHT IN THE SOUTHEAST, WHICH IS CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING ONE OF THE WORST DROUGHTS IN HISTORY.

CHRIS: THINGS HAVE GOTTEN SO BAD, THAT GEORGIA GOVERNOR SONNY PERDUE DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR 85 OF 159 COUNTIES. HE'S WORRIED THAT LAKE LANIER (la-near) - WHICH IS THE MAIN WATER SOURCE FOR FOUR MILLION PEOPLE - COULD DRY UP IN A MATTER OF MONTHS.

(SOT: Gov. Sonny Perdue, (R) Georgia)- "Georgians will step up to the plate to do what it takes to conserve our precious resources, but we need our federal partners to do the same and not continue to ship this water downstream while it's needed drastically here."

CHRIS: SEVERE RESTRICTIONS ON WATER USAGE ARE IN PLACE IN NORTHERN GEORGIA. IN ATLANTA, THERE'S A BAN ON ALL OUTDOOR WATER USE.

CHRIS: GOVERNOR PERDUE ALSO APPEALED TO PRESIDENT BUSH FOR HELP.

CHRIS: THE DROUGHT IS AFFECTING MORE THAN 25-PERCENT OF THE SOUTHEAST.

(SOT:) "And we won."

JESSICA: A HISTORIC ELECTION IN LOUISIANA; REPUBLICAN BOBBY JINDAL - THE 36 YEAR OLD SON OF INDIAN IMMIGRANTS - WILL BECOME THE STATE'S NEXT GOVERNOR.

JESSICA: HE'LL BECOME LOUISIANA'S FIRST NON-WHITE GOVERNOR SINCE RECONSTRUCTION-- THE PERIOD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CIVIL WAR. HE'LL ALSO BECOME THE YOUNGEST SITTING GOVERNOR **AND** THE FIRST INDIAN-AMERICAN GOVERNOR OF THE U-S.

CHRIS: IT WAS LIGHTS-OUT IN SAN FRANCISCO THIS WEEKEND.

CHRIS: IN A CITY-WIDE CAMPAIGN, SAN FRANCISCANS WERE ENCOURAGED TO TURN OFF ALL NON-ESSENTIAL LIGHTS BETWEEN EIGHT AND NINE P-M ON SATURDAY. THE GOAL WAS TO SAVE 15-PERCENT OF THE ENERGY USUALLY USED ON SATURDAY NIGHTS.

CHRIS: EVEN THE LIGHTS ON SOME OF SAN FRANCISCO'S MOST RECOGNIZABLE LANDMARKS-- ALCATRAZ, THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, AND THE BAY BRIDGE-- WENT DARK.

CHRIS: THE IDEA FOR THE LIGHTS-OUT NIGHT CAME FROM SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, WHERE A SIMILAR EVENT WAS HELD LAST YEAR. A NATIONWIDE LIGHTS-OUT CAMPAIGN IS SCHEDULED FOR THE LAST SATURDAY IN MARCH.

ANNOUNCER: FOR OTHER BRIGHT IDEAS TO HELP SAVE THE WORLD, CHECK OUT ENVIORNMENT 101 AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

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CHRIS: THIS WEEK MARKS THE START OF AMERICA'S SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK, A TIME TO THINK ABOUT THE SAFETY ISSUES -- LIKE VIOLENCE, BULLYING, AND EVEN HEALTH CONCERNS THAT YOU FACE IN SCHOOL EVERYDAY.

CHRIS: WE WANTED TO FIND OUT WHAT KINDS OF QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS STUDENTS HAVE ABOUT SAFETY, SO WE CAME TO ROSELLE PARK HIGH SCHOOL HERE IN NEW JERSEY TO GET STUDENTS' OPINIONS ON THE ISSUE.

(SOT:) Hi, I'm Joe Pisauro, I'm 17 years old and I attend Roselle Park high school.

(SOT:) Hi, I'm Ashley Taluba, I'm 17.

(SOT:) Hi, I'm Deirdre Picciano, I'm 17 years old.

(SOT:) Hi, I'm Milos Ruzic, I'm 17 years old.

(SOT:) Hi, I'm Natalia Ospina, I'm 17 and I go to Roselle Park high school.

CHRIS: WE SAT WITH NATALIA AND SOME OF HER CLASSMATES TO GET **THEIR** TAKE ON VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS.

(SOT:) "Violence is growing I guess, you can say that's just because that's just how people learn to solve their problems now or because of copy cats."

(SOT:) "When you come to school its supposed to be like a safe place so you shouldn't have to worry about it or anything because that's the way it's supposed to be."

(SOT:) Honestly, with all, with schoolwork, I don't even think about it. Especially right now as a senior, college applications, stuff like that. As of, for school safety really it doesn't even cross my mind unless something major happens or if you see something on the news.

(SOT: Brian Williams - Newscast)- "There has been yet another school shooting in this country..."

CHRIS: THE SHOOTING IN A CLEVELAND, OHIO WAS THE MOST RECENT EPISODE OF VIOLENCE TO HIT THE MASS MEDIA. IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPENING IN YOUR SCHOOL.

(SOT: SOCIAL WORKER) "You kind of feel like its not gonna happen here especially in Roselle Park high school, its a very small town, so um, I don't think people really think its gonna happen in their school but you know it can happen anywhere."

(SOT:) "I used to always hear about stuff on the news, and I was like, that'll never happen to us, it won't happen ever and then, finally a big incident had happened."

CHRIS: BUT LAST YEAR IT DID HAPPEN. THE HIGH SCHOOL WENT INTO "LOCKDOWN." TEACHERS SEALED AND SECURED THEIR CLASSROOMS AFTER AN EMERGENCY ALERT.

CHRIS: Tell me a little bit about the situation you're referring to."

(SOT:) "There was a, an object found, a bullet-- found in the school. There was an announcement made over the intercom basically a signal letting everyone know that there was something wrong that we needed to go into lockdown."

CHRIS: NO ONE GOT HURT BUT THE INCIDENT REMINDED THE STUDENTS HOW CLOSE TO HOME VIOLENCE CAN BE. AND IT ALSO MADE THEM APPRECIATE HAVING AN EMERGENCY PLAN.

(SOT:) "I guess, you always have to prepare for anything because anything could happen at any moment and so it kind of makes you a little sketchy that you have to have a plan like this but if you look

at the flip side you go, at least if something happens you know what you have to do."

(SOT:) "It makes it feel like it's a dangerous place. If you have cops you suddenly feel like, oh wait, wow- school is dangerous, we need cops, we need dogs, we need metal detectors."

(SOT:) "There's never uh, going too far to prevent anything from happening. If you could prevent the smallest things from happening, usually if you stop those small things from escalating into larger things so there's never, you can never go too far for safety."

CHRIS: CHRIS BROWNE, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

CHRIS: IT'S YOUR TURN AGAIN. THIS WEEK IS SAFE SCHOOLS WEEK AND WE'VE BEEN ASKING YOU WHAT YOUR SCHOOL IS DOING TO KEEP YOU SAFE. WE'VE RECEIVED DOZENS OF RESPONSES AND HERE ARE JUST A FEW OF THEM.

CHRIS: AMANDA FROM SOUTH DAKOTA WROTE, "WE HAVE RANDOM LOCKDOWNS AND DRILLS SO WE KNOW WHAT TO DO IF SOMETHING DOES HAPPEN."

CHRIS: AND IAN FROM IDAHO SAID, "AT MY SCHOOL THEY ARE KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE BY LOCKING THE DOORS DURING SCHOOL, I'M GLAD MY SCHOOL IS SAFE, BECAUSE NOW I FEEL SAFE."

CHRIS: WE ALWAYS WANT YOU TO HAVE YOUR TURN. CLICK ON YOUR TURN AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND TELL HOW YOUR SCHOOL IS KEEPING YOU SAFE. WE'LL READ MORE RESPONSES EVERYDAY THIS WEEK.

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JESSICA: THE COLOR PINK SYMBOLIZES BREAST CANCER AWARENESS. IT TAKES ON A SPECIAL MEANING DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, WHICH IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH. STUDENTS HERE AT THE GEORGETOWN VISITATION PREP SCHOOL NOT ONLY WEAR PINK RIBBONS - THEY'RE TRYING TO PASS A LAW IN CONGRESS. IT'S ALL TO RAISE AWARENESS ABT THIS DISEASE-TO WHICH SOME HAVE A PERSONAL CONNECTION.

(NATS)- "It's called pretty in pink..."

JESSICA: FOR 17 YEAR OLD KATIE HARTLEY, MEETINGS FOR THE PINK SOCIETY - THE CLUB WHICH RAISES MONEY FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH AT GEORGETOWN VISITATION- ARE MORE THAN JUST AN AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITY.

(SOT: Katie Hartley, 17, Georgetown Visitation Prep, DC) "You're working for a cure but then I'm also working for my mom."

JESSICA: KATIE'S MOM MARY ELLEN WAS DIAGNOSED WITH BREAST CANCER LAST NOVEMBER. FOR TREATMENT SHE UNDERWENT RADIATION AND CHEMOTHERAPY.

(SOT: Katie Hartley) "It is hard because she's superwoman and to see her get hit with chemo - it's really different- hard to watch."

JESSICA: MARY ELLEN ALSO HAD A MASTECTOMY - WHICH IS THE SURGICAL REMOVAL OF THE BREAST. MANY WOMEN EXPERIENCE BOTH PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL DIFFICULTIES RECOVERING FROM THE OPERATION. BUT SOME

INSURANCES COMPANIES DON'T COVER EXTENDED HOSPITAL STAYS - AND LIKE MARY ELLEN- ARE FORCED TO GO HOME WITHIN HOURS OF THEIR SURGERY.

(SOT:) "For the first few days, it's like there was an elephant sitting on my chest; it's hard to move around so just getting around and taking care of yourself would be very difficult, and I likely I had support at home. I don't think everyone has that."

JESSICA: MARY ELLEN'S SITUATION NOT ONLY AFFECTED HER DAUGHTER KATIE - BUT MANY OF THE STUDENTS AT THIS ALL GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL.

(SOT: Katherine Paul, 16- Georgetown Visitation Prep, DC)- "I'm 16. It's not something I thought about, but we have a responsibility to help ourselves and women."

JESSICA: THE THINK PINK SOCIETY HAS UNDERTAKEN A NEW MISSION, BESIDES THEIR USUAL FUNDRAISERS.

(SOT:) "We're going to try to hit every senator; every congressman."

(SOT: Mary Beth Fleury, 17- Georgetown Visitation Prep, DC) "We're trying to get the Breast Cancer Patient Protection Act passed."

JESSICA: THE BILL WOULD ENSURE WOMEN MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR HOSPITAL STAYS OF UP TO 48 HOURS AFTER A MASTECTOMY. TO GATHER SUPPORT THEY'VE ASKED HUNDREDS TO SIGN THEIR PETITION - WHICH THEY PLAN PRESENT TO EVERY MEMBER OF CONGRESS.

(SOT: Mary Beth Fleury)- "We'd like every member to approach a different congressman or congresswoman in hopes that seeing all these signatures - it will make them work as a team and pass the bill."

JESSICA: IT WON'T HELP MARY ELLEN - WHO'S GOING IN FOR A SECOND MASTECTOMY AS A PREVENTATIVE MEASURE. BUT SHE'S GRATEFUL FOR ALL THEIR WORK AND MONEY THE STUDENTS HAVE RAISED.

(SOT: Mary Ellen Hartley) "They've raised 70 thousand dollars for more research for me; it's tremendous."

JESSICA: 70 THOUSAND DOLLARS ALL FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH - DONE THROUGH FUNDRAISERS. DESPITE ALL THE SUCCESS THE TEENS HAVE HAD RAISING MONEY AND AWARENESS, THEY HOPE THAT ONE DAY THERE WILL NOT BE A THINK PINK SOCIETY.

(SOT: Liz Furman, 17, Georgetown Visitation Prep, DC)- "We intend to go out of business; it'd be great if our club didn't exist anymore because they found a cure for breast cancer."

JESSICA: REPORTING FROM GEORGETOWN VISITATION IN WASHINGTON, DC-- JESSICA KUMARI CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

ANNOUNCER: WHEN IT COMES TO CANCER, DO YOU KNOW THE FACTS? SEPARATE FACT FROM FICTION. TAKE THE FIGHT FOR LIFE QUIZ AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

JESSICA: I HOPE YOU LIKED OUR EDITION OF CHANNEL ONE NEWS-I'M JESSICA KUMARI, AND WE'LL SEE YOU HERE TOMORROW.