

# CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 11/20/07

## TOPICS COVERED:

- News of the Day
- Gas Prices
- Berkeley Trees
- Football Record

JESSICA: IT'S TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> 2007. I'M JESSICA KUMARI AND TODAY WE'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO SOME STUDENTS WHO ARE LITERALLY GOING OUT ON A LIMB TO SAVE SOME HISTORIC OAK TREES. BUT FIRST, HERE ARE YOUR HEADLINES FROM CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

JESSICA: IF IT'S BEEN AWHILE SINCE YOU CURLED UP WITH A GOOD BOOK, YOU'RE NOT ALONE.

JESSICA: ACCORDING TO A NEW GOVERNMENT STUDY, AMERICANS ARE SPENDING LESS TIME READING THAN EVER BEFORE.

JESSICA: THE STUDY FOUND AMERICANS AGES 15 TO 24 SPEND TWO HOURS A DAY WATCHING TV, COMPARED TO ONLY SEVEN MINUTES A DAY READING.

JESSICA: AND THE NUMBER OF 17 YEAR OLDS WHO NEVER OR HARDLY EVER READ FOR PLEASURE JUMPED TO 19 PERCENT. THAT'S UP FROM NINE PERCENT IN 1984.

JESSICA: IN A RELATED STATISTIC. EMPLOYERS SAY 72 PERCENT OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES HAVE 'DEFICIENT' WRITING SKILLS, WHICH RESEARCHERS SAY MAY BE TIED TO THE DECLINE IN READING.

JESSICA: AND COMPARED TO THE REST OF THE WORLD, AMERICAN 15 YEAR OLDS RANK 15TH IN AVERAGE READING SCORES, BEHIND SUCH COUNTRIES AS POLAND, KOREA, FRANCE AND CANADA.

CHRIS: IF YOU'RE LUCKY, YOUR FAMILY WILL SIT DOWN FOR A BIG THANKSGIVING FEAST THIS THURSDAY. BUT FOOD BANKS, WHICH HELP THE LESS FORTUNATE, ARE EXPERIENCING SHORTAGES.

CHRIS: FOOD BANK ORGANIZERS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY SAY THEY'VE SEEN AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE. LIKELY BECAUSE OF THE RISING COSTS OF FOOD, HOUSING AND GAS.

JESSICA: YOU MAY HAVE JUST PASSED YOUR ROAD TEST, BUT WHAT ABOUT ALL THOSE ADULTS THAT LEARNED TO DRIVE YEARS AGO?

JESSICA: WELL, ACCORDING TO A TEST DONE BY GMAC INSURANCE, 36 MILLION LICENSED DRIVERS WOULD FAIL A DRIVER'S TEST IF THEY HAD TO TAKE IT TODAY.

JESSICA: THE STUDY FOUND IDAHO DRIVERS ARE THE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT ROAD RULES. AND THE LEAST KNOWLEDGEABLE DRIVERS ARE ON THE STREETS OF NEW YORK.

CHRIS: SOON, YOU MAY BE BUCKLING UP ON BUSES.

CHRIS: U.S. SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION MARY PETERS ANNOUNCED PLANS YESTERDAY TO USE FEDERAL FUNDS TO PUT SEAT BELTS IN SCHOOL BUSES.

CHRIS: THE PLAN WILL NEED TO GO THROUGH CONGRESS. BUT IF IT PASSES, PETERS SAYS THE NEW STANDARDS WOULD APPLY TO ALL 474 THOUSAND SCHOOL BUSES IN THE U.S.

JESSICA: THE BANGLADESHI GOVERNMENT NOW ESTIMATES LAST WEEK'S CYCLONE LEFT MORE THAN THREE THOUSAND DEAD.

JESSICA: BUT THE BANGLADESH RED CRESCENT SOCIETY WHICH IS LIKE THE RED CROSS SAYS THE DEATH TOLL COULD EVENTUALLY REACH TEN THOUSAND.

JESSICA: MEANWHILE, THE RECOVERY EFFORT CONTINUES.

JESSICA: RESCUERS AND AID WORKERS ARE TRYING TO REACH SURVIVORS TRAPPED IN REMOTE AREAS.

JESSICA: THE U.S. HAS PLEDGED TWO MILLION DOLLARS IN AID. GERMANY, BRITAIN AND FRANCE HAVE ALSO OFFERED AID TO BANGLADESH.

JESSICA: OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS WE'VE TOLD YOU ABOUT THE DEVESTATION IN BANGLADESH, BUT DO YOU KNOW WHERE THAT COUNTRY IS? ON THIS MAP, WHICH COUNTRY IS BANGLADESH? TAKE TEN.

JESSICA: AND THE ANSWER IS - D. BANGLADESH IS A COUNTRY IN SOUTH ASIA ON THE BAY OF BENGAL. IT'S BORDERED BY INDIA ON THREE SIDES EXCEPT FOR A SMALL BORDER WITH MYANMAR.

JESSICA: RIGHT NOW THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR A REGULAR GALLON OF GAS IS MORE THAN 3 BUCKS AND SOME EXPERTS ARE PREDICTING IT'S GOING TO GO HIGHER.

JESSICA: TONY ANDERSON TELLS US WHAT'S DRIVING UP THE PRICE AND HOW IT COULD AFFECT YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON.

TONY: BY THE ELEVENTH GRADE MANY STUDENTS HAVE A JUNIOR DRIVERS LICENSE OR AT LEAST A DRIVERS PERMIT AND THE SOARING PRICE OF GAS IS HITTING TEENS HARD.

TONY: IN CALIFORNIA, TEENS ARE FACING SOME OF THE HIGHEST PRICES MORE THAN 4 DOLLARS A GALLON IN SOME AREAS.

(SOT: ) "I just have to save up money instead of going out and going places I have to put money in the gas tank to make it back and forth to get to school. I'd say like 55 percent of my money goes to gas.

TONY: AND THE PAIN IS FELT COAST TO COAST I SPOKE WITH THESE TEENS IN NEW YORK.

(SOT: ) "I just got my permit and its cost us 200 dollars to get here from Pittsburgh the gas prices are insane."

(SOT: ) "I have a truck and it takes like 70 dollars to fill up a week so its really expensive, and its not fun to go somewhere."

TONY: THE NATIONAL AVERAGE PRICE IS 3DOLLARS AND NINE CENTS PER GALLON.

TONY: THE LATEST LUNDBERG SURVEY SHOWS GAS PRICES UP THIRTEEN CENTS A GALLON IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS.

TONY: WHY ARE GAS PRICES SO HIGH? THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT REASONS INCLUDING THE FACT THAT MORE PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD ARE USING OIL.

TONY: THE SOURCES OF SUPPLY ARE NOT GROWING FAST ENOUGH AND INSTABILITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND OTHER OIL RICH AREAS.

TONY: ALL OF THAT DRIVES UP THE COST OF CRUDE OIL. CRUDE OIL, A SMELLY, YELLOW TO BLACK LIQUID, IS USUALLY FOUND IN UNDERGROUND RESERVOIRS. IT'S PUMPED FROM THE GROUND AND SENT TO A REFINERY. IT THEN GETS SEPARATED INTO PRODUCTS WE USE LIKE GAS OR THE MATERIAL TO MAKE PLASTICS.

TONY: CRUDE OIL IS MEASURED IN BARRELS AND ONE BARREL OF CRUDE OIL CAN MAKE ABOUT 20 GALLONS OF REGULAR GASOLINE, SEVEN GALLONS OF DIESEL, PLUS SEVERAL OTHER PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TOO.

TONY: SO WHAT ARE SOME TEENS DOING TO SAVE SOME MONEY? HOW ABOUT SHARING RIDES?

(SOT: ) "I will probably pick up some of my friends, so that we can share gas prices and split them up between us."

TONY: AAA EXPECTS ALMOST 40 MILLION PEOPLE TO TRAVEL 50 MILES OR MORE FROM THEIR HOMES OVER THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY. BETWEEN PEOPLE TRAVELING TO SEE FAMILY AND THE MADNESS OF HOLIDAY SHOPPING, CARPOOLING SOUNDS LIKE A GREAT IDEA.

TONY: TONY ANDERSON, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

ANNOUNCER: FOR TIPS ON WAYS TO MAKE THAT TANK OF GAS LAST HEAD TO THE SAVING GAS GUIDE AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

JESSICA: IT'S YOUR TURN AGAIN! YESTERDAY WE ASKED WHAT YOU THOUGHT ABOUT THE DEATH PENALTY. WE STILL WANT TO KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT THIS CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE. DO YOU SUPPORT THE DEATH PENALTY? YES OR NO? HEAD OVER TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND CLICK ON YOUR TURN TO VOTE. AND WHILE YOU'RE THERE, TELL US WHY YOU FEEL THE WAY YOU DO. BECAUSE TOMORROW ON OUR SHOW, WE JUST MIGHT READ WHAT YOU WROTE.

JESSICA: IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE KNIGHT FOUNDATION WE CONTINUE OUR ONE VOICE SERIES WHICH BRINGS YOU ISSUES RELATED TO THE FIRST AMENDMENT. NOW FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND THE RIGHT TO ASSEMBLE ARE TWO PARTS OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT. CHRIS BROWNE HAS THE STORY OF ONE CALIFORNIA CAMPUS, WHERE TENSION OVER THESE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS IS GETTING SKY HIGH.

CHRIS: AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY, STUDENT PROTEST AND CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE HAVE A LONG TRADITION. HERE'S BERKELEY IN 1964 DURING ITS FAMOUS FREE SPEECH MOVEMENT.

CHRIS: BUT THIS LATEST CAMPUS PROTEST IS REACHING NEW HEIGHTS, EVEN BY BERKELEY STANDARDS.

(SOT: Lola) "We're pretty much trying to stop the University of California Berkeley from cutting down this oak grove."

(SOT: Dan Mogulof) "I think there's more productive things to do than sit in a tree."

(SOT: ) "Cutting down the earth's resources is counter-productive."

CHRIS: THE UNIVERSITY WANTS TO BUILD A HIGH-TECH ATHLETIC CENTER IN THIS TWO ACRE OAK GROVE NEXT TO ITS FOOTBALL STADIUM. THE UNIVERSITY SAYS ITS STUDENT ATHLETES DESPERATELY NEED A MODERNIZED TRAINING FACILITY, AND BERKELEY'S RISING PROFILE AS A FOOTBALL POWERHOUSE HAS ONLY AMPLIFIED THAT CALL.

CHRIS: BUT SINCE DECEMBER, PROTESTERS HAVE BEEN LIVING TARZAN LIKE AMONG THE TREES IN AN ATTEMPT TO SAVE THE GROVE.

(SOT: Erik Petigura) "I really like to see these guys out here, I think it's a great statement between the capitalistic forces of, say, football, versus the natural beauty that we have and need to protect."

CHRIS: THE UNIVERSITY SAYS IT'S FINE TO PROTEST, BUT LIVING IN THE TREES IS JUST TOO DANGEROUS.

(SOT: ) "We have people here using open flames to cook food. You don't want a dangerous, illegal protest at a place that's really about education."

CHRIS: LAST MONTH, A JUDGE AGREED, SAYING THAT THE UNIVERSITY'S RIGHT TO PROTECT ITS PROPERTY TRUMPS THE TREE-SITTERS' RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH.

CHRIS: THE PROTESTERS CAN STILL EXERCISE THEIR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS TO SPEECH AND ASSEMBLY, JUST IN A SAFER AND MORE ORDERLY MANNER.

CHRIS: THE UNIVERSITY HOPES THE TREE-SITTERS WILL COME DOWN VOLUNTARILY, BUT SOME REMAIN FIRMLY PLANTED.

(SOT: Pat Bird) "I think they make a point, but I think this issue can be addressed legally."

(SOT: ) "I don't think that they should be caged in like this. It's poor taste in part of the university."

CHRIS: LAST AUGUST, THE UNIVERISTY PUT UP THIS FENCE, WHICH ONLY SEEMED TO SHARPEN THE DIVIDE.

(SOT: ) "Supposedly the fence was put up to protect the tree sitters from the football fans."

(SOT: ) "Emotions are high on both sides. And we really just wanted to create a buffer here."

CHRIS: LATER THIS MONTH A JUDGE WILL DECIDE IF THE PROPOSED ATHLETIC CENTER VIOLATES AN EXISTING CALIFORNIA LAW THAT BANS CONSTRUCTION ON AN EARTHQUAKE FAULT LINE.

CHRIS: OPPONENTS OF THE CENTER SAY THE OAK GROVE LIES ON THE HAYWARD FAULT LINE. THE UNIVERSITY ARGUES THE CENTER WOULD STAY CLEAR OF IT. UNTIL THAT DECISION, THE OAK GROVE REMAINS UNDER COURT PROTECTION AND THE PROTESTERS REMAIN IN THE TREES.

CHRIS BROWNE, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

JESSICA: FREEDOM OF SPEECH IS PROTECTED BY THE FIRST AMENDMENT, BUT AS YOU HEARD, THERE ARE LIMITATIONS. YOU JUST CAN'T DO AND SAY WHAT YOU WANT ALL THE TIME. IN FACT, THE SUPREME COURT HAS RULED THAT FREE SPEECH IS NOT PROTECTED WHEN IT INVADES THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS OR WHEN IT LEADS TO A SUBSTANTIAL DISRUPTION OF NORMAL SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

JESSICA: SO HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR STUDENT RIGHTS? TAKE OUR QUIZ, BY GOING OVER TO ONE VOICE AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

JESSICA: BEFORE WE HEAD OUT, WE WANTED TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO A NEW HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL RECORD HOLDER.

JESSICA: COREY ROBINSON OF LONE OAK HIGH SCHOOL IN KENTUCKY HAD SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE THIS PAST WEEKEND AFTER BREAKING THE NATIONAL RECORD FOR TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN A SINGLE SEASON.

JESSICA: HE TIED THE RECORD OF 77 WITH THIS 56 YARD CATCH AND RUN TO TOMMY WILSON, AND THEN LATER IN THE QUARTER ETCHED HIS OWN NAME IN THE BOOKS ON A 26 YARD PLAY TO TRAVIS HICKMAN.

JESSICA: THAT PUTS HIS SEASON TOTALS AT 4,773 YARDS. A KENTUCKY STATE SINGLE SEASON RECORD, AND 81 TOUCHDOWNS, THE NATIONAL RECORD.

(SOT: Corey Robinson) "I always say I can't do it alone, I got lineman I got receivers that are great helping me out. I mean I can't do it alone. Those guys help me out to the fullest."