

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 11/26/07

TOPICS COVERED:

- News of the Day
- Fire Boy
- Paying for Grades
- Glory Road - Lisa Leslie

JESSICA: IT'S MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH 2007. I'M JESSICA KUMARI AND CHANNEL ONE NEWS STARTS NOW.

JESSICA: IF YOU'RE LIKE MOST AMERICANS, YOU SPENT YOUR DAY OFF FROM SCHOOL FRIDAY TRAVELING, EATING LEFTOVERS, OR NAVIGATING A CROWDED MALL.

JESSICA: THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING, NICKNAMED 'BLACK FRIDAY' IS THE KICK-OFF OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON, AND ONE OF THE BUSIEST SHOPPING DAYS OF THE YEAR.

JESSICA: IF YOU'RE MORE OF AN ONLINE SHOPPER, TODAY'S YOUR DAY. IT'S 'CYBER MONDAY' THE CEREMONIAL KICK OFF OF THE ONLINE HOLIDAY SHOPPING SEASON.

CHRIS: FORMER TRACK STAR MARION JONES' FALL FROM GRACE CONTINUES.

CHRIS: THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATHLETICS FEDERATION REVOKED ALL OF JONES' RESULTS FROM SEPTEMBER 2000 AND ON. THE IAAF ALSO ORDERED HER TO RETURN 700 THOUSAND DOLLARS IN PRIZE MONEY.

CHRIS: JONES RETIRED LAST MONTH AFTER PLEADING GUILTY TO LYING TO FEDERAL INVESTIGATORS AND ADMITTING TO USING ANABOLIC STEROIDS.

CHRIS: STEROIDS ARE DRUGS THAT BUILD MUSCLE AND CAN ENHANCE PERFORMANCE, BUT THEY'RE ILLEGAL WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION AND HAVE MANY SIDE EFFECTS LIKE DEPRESSION, BALDNESS, AND AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR.

CHRIS: JONES WILL REMAIN IN THE RECORD BOOKS THOUGH, AS MANY OF HER CAREER MILESTONES OCCURRED BEFORE 2000.

JESSICA: RECOVERY EFFORTS UNDERWAY IN BANGLADESH, WHICH WAS HIT BY A MASSIVE CYCLONE ON NOVEMBER FIFTEENTH.

JESSICA: BUT THIS WEEKEND, A BRIDGE IN ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S WORST HIT AREAS COLLAPSED UNDER THE WEIGHT OF HUNDREDS OF CYCLONE SURVIVORS WAITING FOR FOOD FROM AID WORKERS.

JESSICA: DOZENS OF PEOPLE WERE INJURED AND AT LEAST ONE PERSON DIED.

JESSICA: THE BANGLADESHI GOVERNMENT SAYS THE CYCLONE KILLED ALMOST 32 HUNDRED PEOPLE AND DESTROYED MORE THAN 450 THOUSAND HOMES.

CHRIS: REMEMBER THE LOCAL LANDMARKS YOU VISITED IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?

CHRIS: WELL, MORE AND MORE COMMUNITIES ARE RALLYING TO HAVE THOSE SITES DESIGNATED AS NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS.

CHRIS: NATIVES OF UPSTATE NEW YORK WANT THE LAND AROUND NIAGARA FALLS TO BECOME A NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA. AND IN ILLINOIS THE LAND OF LINCOLN RESIDENTS WANT THE SIXTEENTH PRESIDENT'S EARLY STOMPING GROUNDS DECLARED A NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.

CHRIS: A DESIGNATION AS A NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA COMES WITH A FEDERAL GRANT UP TO ONE MILLION DOLLARS AND BEING LABELED AS A NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA ATTRACTS MORE VISITORS.

CHRIS: SOME CRITICS SAY THE PROGRAM COSTS TOO MUCH AND OTHERS WORRY ABOUT HOW GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT COULD AFFECT MANAGEMENT OF THE SITES.

JESSICA: NOW AN UPDATE ON A STORY WE BROUGHT YOU LAST WEEK AS PART OF OUR ONE VOICE SERIES, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE KNIGHT FOUNDATION. WE TOLD YOU ABOUT A GROUP OF STUDENTS IN CALIFORNIA WHO ARE TAKING UP RESIDENCE IN TREES TO PROTEST THEIR SCHOOL'S PLAN TO CUT DOWN A FOREST AND MAKE AN ATHLETIC FACILITY.

JESSICA: NOW, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY OFFICIALS HAVE WON THE RIGHT TO REMOVE PROTESTERS FROM THE TREES.

JESSICA: THE PROTESTERS HAVE VOWED NOT TO GIVE UP THEIR FIGHT AS LONG AS THE TREES REMAIN IN DANGER. DECEMBER 2ND WILL MARK THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROTEST.

JESSICA: CALIFORNIA IS ONCE AGAIN UNDER A STATE OF EMERGENCY AS A WILDFIRE BURNS THROUGH MALIBU A CITY IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE GOLDEN STATE.

JESSICA: AT LEAST 49 HOMES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED, MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND RESIDENTS EVACUATED AND MORE THAN 46 HUNDRED ACRES BURNED.

JESSICA: CALIFORNIA IS STILL RECOVERING FROM THE FIRES THAT RAVAGED THE AREA IN OCTOBER. THAT'S WHEN I TOOK A TRIP OUT THERE AND I WANTED TO BRING YOU ONE MORE STORY. IT'S ABOUT A GUY WE MET IN ESCONDIDO WHO TOOK IT UPON HIMSELF TO SAVE HIS OWN HOME. NOW WE WARN YOU, THIS IS DANGEROUS STUFF HE DID AND ITS NOT SOMETHING YOU SHOULD TRY YOURSELF. IN FACT STAYING BEHIND CAN LEAVE YOU AND RESCUE WORKERS IN DANGER.

(SOT:) "It was nice green, covered with brush which went up in 40-50 foot flames all the way up the canyon. There was just no resources whatsoever to send our way and they had xx truck on the street trying to defend another 20-30 houses and they weren't going to stick one down here where it would be at risk, so we were pretty much on our own."

(SOT:) "We had the truck running ready to bail out the driveway if we needed to in a hurry. As it rolled up, just about this point here it

stopped, the main force of the fire slowed down. And at that point we saw that it slowed down and said ok let's get in here and fight it."

(SOT:) "This is the edge of the defensive space. The house is right back here you can see. On the bank we could stand with a fire house and keep it wetted down.

(SOT:) "But after we got this more or less under control the initial burst of the fire we started tacking it with a shovel because we didn't have any water up there. Kinda hard fighting a fire with nothing but a shovel on a steep terrain like this."

(SOT:) "If we hadn't stayed our house probably would have burned and most likely, at least three or four of the neighbors directly behind us. And it probably would have gone directly behind us because there was nobody here to fight it. Fire department just had no resources period."

(SOT:) "This is the rest of them who stayed and fought with me, my dad, my brother and me basically. We fought the fire. Helped hold it here at the line defensible space."

(SOT:) "You just have to use your own wits, stand by and be ready to bail out if things get dangerous. And stand by and defend your property."

ANNOUNCER: TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP OUT THOSE AFFECTED BY THE WILDFIRES IN CALIFORNIA CLICK ON NATURAL DISASTERS AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

JESSICA: WOULD YOU DO BETTER IN CLASS IF YOU GOT PAID FOR GOOD GRADES?

JESSICA: WELL, SOME SCHOOLS ARE OFFERING REWARDS OF COLD HARD CASH. HOPING TO BOOST TEST SCORES WHILE FUNNELING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO LOW INCOME students.

JESSICA: IT MAY SOUND LIKE A WIN-WIN. BUT CHRIS BROWNE TELLS US WHY SOME CRITICS ARE GIVING THE PROGRAM AN 'F'?

CHRIS: PAYING KIDS FOR ACING KEY TESTS, IT MAKES SENSE TO THIS STUDENT.

(SOT: Karim Abouelnaga) "I'm coming from a low income family, I'm not very fortunate and this would make a big difference in my life."

CHRIS: A NEW PLAN CALLED REACH WILL PAY STUDENTS IN 31 NEW YORK CITY HIGH SCHOOLS, INCLUDING SIX PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS, CASH AWARDS FOR PASSING ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS, TESTS THAT COVER COLLEGE LEVEL WORK.

CHRIS: FOR EXAMPLE, A SCORE OF THREE ON AN AP EXAM EARNS A STUDENT 500 DOLLARS A SCORE OF 4 - 750 DOLLARS AND A SCORE OF 5 THE TOP SCORE - ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

ANNOUNCER: "Will this motivate you?"

(SOT: Charmaine Griffith) "Of course. Are you crazy? Yes, I'm pushing for that five."

CHRIS: THE PROGRAM IS BEING PAID FOR PRIVATELY WITH A MILLION DOLLARS OF START UP MONEY FROM THE PERSHING SQUARE FOUNDATION. WITH THE HOPES OF IMPROVING COLLEGE READINESS AMONG LOW INCOME AND MINORITY STUDENTS.

(SOT: Freddy Rodriguez) "This is an opportunity for kids who have aspirations to go to college to know in high school what the expectations are. And once they know what the expectations are they can make decision for themselves.

CHRIS: THE IDEA OF PAYING FOR PERFORMANCE IS NOT ENTIRELY NEW AND IT'S NOT WITHOUT CONTROVERSY. SOME ARGUE MONEY IS NOT THE SOLUTION.

(SOT:) "We're sending kids the message that instead of trying hard so they can go to college some day that they should be looking toward the next weeks cash reward.

CHRIS: BUT SUPPORTERS OF THE IDEA COMPARE IT TO A COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP. ARGUING THAT IT'S JUST ANOTHER WAY TO REWARD STUDENTS WHO HAVE MADE ACADEMICS A PRIORITY

(SOT: Joel Klein, NYC Schools Chancellor) "The notion that it sends the wrong signal is just flat out wrong."

CHRIS: NEW YORK CITY ISN'T THE ONLY PLACE WHERE SOME STUDENTS ARE BEING PAID FOR GOOD AP TEST SCORES. THE PROGRAM ORIGINATED MORE THAN 10 YEARS AGO IN TEXAS. REPORTING FROM NEW CITY, I'M CHRIS BROWNE, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

ANNOUNCER: THE U.S. MARINE CORPS PRESENTS GLORY ROAD.

JESSICA: SHE'S THE FIRST PLAYER TO TALLY 5 THOUSAND CAREER POINTS IN THE WNBA, HAS BEEN HONORED AS AN MVP SEVERAL TIMES AND HAS ALSO WON THREE GOLD MEDALS FOR THE U.S. IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES. BUT LISA LESLIE, A STAR PLAYER FOR THE LOS ANGELOS SPARKS IS ALSO WORKING HARD OFF THE COURT. TONY ANDERSON EXPLAINS MORE IN THIS WEEK'S GLORY ROAD.

TONY: HOW DIFFICULT WAS IT FOR YOU IN THE BEGINNING, YOU KNOW OVERCOMING, AND STARTING IN HIGH SCHOOL AND THEN REALLY TRAILBLAZING THIS PATH FOR YOUNG LADIES?

(SOT: LISA LESLIE) "I think its always hard, you know I used to set goals short terms goals, things I want to achieve within one year, then I set long term goals, goals that I wanted to achieve in five years.

(SOT: LISA LESLIE) "And by setting those goals that's what kept me on track. In high school I would always come home and what I did was I would do my hardest subjects first the subject that I had the worst grade in, I studied that first and then I did my favorite subject last and that really helped me to improve my grades."

TONY: DID YOU EVEN THINK YOU ALL THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS YOU WOULD HAVE, GOLD MEDAL WINNER, WNBA CHAMPION, MVP AND A MASTERS DEGREE DO YOU KNOW THAT NOT TYPICAL, LIKE YOUR ONE IN A BILLION?

(SOT: Lisa Leslie) "Yeah I do but that what I like about the fact that I play basketball it's not who I am its just what I do. I wanted to be in broadcasting so I majored in communications at USC and then once I

started making money I wanted to understand how to manage my own money and that's why I went back to school to get my masters in business.

TONY: KNOW YOU ARE KNOWN FOR YOUR AGGRESSIVE BOARDS ARE CLEARING THEM OUT OF HERE BUT YOU ARE ALSO DOING A LOT OF THINGS AGGRESSIVELY AS FAR AS STOPPING BREAST CANCER.

(SOT: Lisa Leslie) "Well I try to do whatever I can to try and make sure that women are aware of breast cancer, and we just try to encourage them to do their self exams. I think its just something that people have a lot of myths surrounding cancer in general in the fact that they think that uh you know it has to be something that your family member have or that its hereditary and that definitely not the case.

TONY: NOW CAN YOU TEACH ME SOME THINGS, FOR THE PEOPLE THAT CANT SHOOT FREE THROWS, I CAN SHOOT FREE THROWS PRETTY GOOD. WHAT'S A GOOD WAY, WHAT IS MY STANCE, LIKE HOW SHOULD I BE?

(SOT: Lisa Leslie) "Well you should always put you feet shoulder width apart so you will be on good balance. And you always want to be able to touch your knees when you at the free throw line. And when you have the ball you want to make sure that this hand is nothing more than the guide hand that's on the side, are you right handed?

TONY: YES

(SOT: Lisa Leslie) "And you shoot with this hand, so when you come up you want to keep both hands on the ball and all the way through to your shot and follow through.

TONY: OH YEAH THIS IS PERFECT RIGHT HERE, SWOOSH. WELL WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

(SOT: Lisa Leslie) "I appreciate you guys interviewing me."

TONY: TAKE CARE.

ANNOUNCER: HEAD TO GLORY ROAD DOT COM AND WATCH TONY'S EXTENDED INTERVIEW WITH LISA LESLIE.

JESSICA: THANKS FOR WATCHING CHANNEL ONE NEWS. I'M JESSICA KUMARI. SEE YOU TOMORROW.