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Jones' speech was food for thought

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CERTAIN types wanted to go ahead with a CBS Movie of the Week starring **Forest Whitaker**. Title? "Fall From the Sky."

It's about a jumbo jet crashing. It's about body parts all over. It's about 600 people killed.

OK?

The start date for shooting was Oct. 8.

What with everyone axing all their action films, movie producers are in such bad straits that Hollywood hookers are running sales.

The thinking of some of the production brains was, we've already developed this Movie of the Week, already stuffed lots of money in it, why should we lose the investment. They figured, we'll shoot it and stow it and not show it and take the loss a year from now and later, eventually, down the line, the climate may change and we can pull it back out.

Les Moonves, the main man, said forget it!

WHILST everyone's still digesting **James Earl Jones'** glorious speech from the Yankee Stadium love-in Sunday, Jimmy himself is already making another glorious speech in Michigan. Got up 4 a.m. Monday to grab a plane. Only this speech is his own. The Stadium one was written by a mayoral aide.

"It was so good that we only had to change two words," said Jimmy's wife, **Ceci**. "In grammar school, my English teacher rapped us over the knuckles to teach us that if you use the phrase 'not only,' the words 'but also' must somehow follow. Well, this young man who wrote that superb speech didn't include 'but also,' so we did."

James Earl Jones was **Rudy**'s initial choice as emcee when the *mayor's office first called on Friday*. Jimmy was subsequently replaced by **Oprah** as official host, which relieved him immensely because emceeing is not his bag. Speechifying in his famous resonating CNN voice *is*.

And what did the great James Earl Jones do after such a heart-tugging speech in front of an entire watching world? "We left the Stadium in a police escort, and that's so exciting that it appeals to the child in you," he said. "Hard not to be excited when there's a lead car in front which makes everyone scramble out of the way. We got to our Manhattan apartment and did the only intelligent thing you can do under the circumstances. Ordered takeout."

Ceci Jones, who has a delicious laugh, giggled. "We really live upstate where you can't get takeout, so we called our neighborhood Italian place and sent in calves liver, Caesar salad and cappelletti, and then we schlepped back upstate.

"And would you believe, with the huge amount of television sets we have in our house, enough to furnish an entire electronics store, Jimmy's speech on this historic event somehow got taped on the one TV that doesn't work well? The *only* set in the whole house without satellite? So the result is the thing came out fuzzy and you can barely see it? I mean, can you believe?"

YESTERDAY was **Larry King**'s final column in USA Today. If, with all our miseries, the USA itself is staying calm and keeping to all it holds dear, why not USA Today? At this time we need to cling to the familiar. Larry King is our comfort food. First **Jeannie Williams**, now Larry King. Why can't that paper leave us alone?

JULIA STILES, 20, is so hot for Latinos that she's learning to salsa and meringue. Probably perfecting some other movements also ... **Dolores Hope**, 92, had laser surgery. Now, without glasses, she reads newspapers (but not Larry King's column) to **Bob**, whose eyesight is failing ... **John Travolta** stopped for speeding in Maine. Travolta, who has a full-time chef, was en route to Denny's ... **Jimmy Webb** and **Michael Feinstein** putting out "These Are All Mine," a duo album on the Feinery label ... **Kate Hudson**, who pushed to nail the lead opposite **Ralph Fiennes** in "The Girl With the Pearl Earring" (about Vermeer and his housemaid lady friend), just opted out. I don't know why. I don't care, either.

SO there's this house in Malibu. Its been rented at $100 grand a month by the best.



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JULIA STILES
Has all the right moves.

Well, if not the best, then at least the busiest. It thus has a colorful bunch of callers. Like the current tenant was disturbed by the dude who came to the gate at 8 p.m. Looking for **Janet Jackson**. And that someone who wanted to make "a delivery" to **Courtney Love**. At 2 a.m.

Only in Malibu, kids, only in Malibu.

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