

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 1/22/08

TOPICS COVERED:

- Cuba Elections
- News of the Day
- Oprah and Martin Luther King Jr.

CHRIS: IT'S TUESDAY, JANUARY 22ND. I'M CHRIS BROWNE AND TODAY; WE HAVE A SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR TO THE SHOW. AS PART OF THE CELEBRATION OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY, OPRAH WINFREY HAS PRODUCED A SPECIAL PIECE HONORING DR. KING, WE'LL GET TO THAT A BIT LATER IN THE SHOW BUT FIRST CHANNEL ONE NEWS STARTS RIGHT NOW.

CHRIS: ACCORDING TO THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT ON SUNDAY MORE THAN 8 MILLION CUBANS CAST THEIR VOTES TO ELECT A NEW NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN NEARLY 50 YEARS, THERE'S SOME DOUBT AS TO WHO WILL BE CUBAS NEXT PRESIDENT? TONY ANDERSON HAS THE STORY.

(SOT:) "I mean, just think about living under the same president for 48 years. I couldn't even begin to think about that."

TONY: THAT'S SOMETHING CUBANS KNOW WELL BECAUSE THAT'S HOW LONG THEIR LEADER, FIDEL CASTRO, HAS BEEN IN POWER AND THE 81-YEAR-OLD IS RUNNING FOR OFFICE AGAIN.

TONY: HE WAS ONE OF 614 CANDIDATES UP FOR 614 SEATS. IT'S LIKE MUSICAL CHAIRS WITH THE EXACT AMOUNT OF SEATS.

TONY: SO, NO SURPRISE IN THE OUTCOME.

TONY: THE 614 SEATS MAKE UP THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, CUBA'S GOVERNING PARLIAMENT. AND IT'S UP TO THE ASSEMBLY TO THEN DECIDE WHO AMONGST THEM BECOMES PRESIDENT.

TONY: IN THE PAST, THE NOD HAS ALWAYS GONE TO CASTRO.

TONY: BUT NOW CASTRO HAS BEEN HINTING HE MAY NOT WANT TO BE PRESIDENT AGAIN. AFTER BECOMING ILL IN JULY 2006, CASTRO TEMPORARILY HANDED POWER OVER TO HIS BROTHER RAUL, AND RECENTLY, CASTRO HAS IMPLIED HE NEVER INTENDED TO RULE FOR LIFE AND BELIEVES IN GIVING POWER TO A YOUNGER GENERATION.

TONY: SO FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE PRESIDENTIAL SEAT COULD BE UP FOR GRABS.

TONY: THE ISLAND NATION JUST 90 MILES SOUTH OF FLORIDA, IS A COMMUNIST DICTATORSHIP ACCORDING TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

TONY: IT'S A COUNTRY WHERE ONE MAN, FIDEL CASTRO, AND ONE POLITICAL SYSTEM HAVE BEEN IN POWER SINCE 1959 AND DOESN'T TOLERATE DIFFERENT VIEWS.

TONY: COMMUNISM IS A SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT WHERE NO ONE OWNS PRIVATE PROPERTY OR BUSINESSES. INSTEAD, GOODS ARE OWNED IN COMMON AND AVAILABLE TO ALL THROUGH GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS.

TONY: THIS ELECTION COULD SIGNAL A SHIFT IN POWER. STILL, CRITICS SAY NOTHING WILL CHANGE IN CUBA WHILE FIDEL CASTRO IS STILL ALIVE.

TONY: WE SPOKE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN CUBA'S CAPITAL, HAVANA, TO GET THEIR THOUGHTS.

(SOT:) "I think it's time for a change although we love him. In a way, we love him because we grew up with him."

TONY: WHILE OTHERS THOUGHT CASTRO SHOULD CONTINUE, EVEN THOUGH CASTRO SHOWN HERE, NOT IN HIS USUAL MILITARY FATIGUES, HASN'T BEEN STRONG ENOUGH TO TALK PUBLICLY TO THE PEOPLE OF CUBA.

(SOT: Yenisлади Llorenti) "In spite of the fact that at this moment he is sick, but I think that his mind is clear."

TONY: AND HERE IN NEW YORK, CUBAN AMERICANS HAD A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE.

(SOT:) "48 years is too much its too long and now people are starting to realize, we have to take control of our future."

TONY: PARLIAMENT WILL VOTE ON THE NEW PRESIDENT ON FEBRUARY 24TH. IF FIDEL CASTRO IS AGAIN ELECTED PRESIDENT THAT WOULD MEAN HE WOULD BE 86 YEARS OLD WHEN HIS TERM ENDS IN 2013.

TONY: TONY ANDERSON, CHANNEL ONE NEWS

ANNOUNCER: GO INSIDE THIS ISLAND NATION THAT'S ONLY 90 MILES OFF THE COAST OF FLORIDA. GO TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND CLICK ON DESTINATION CUBA.

COMMERCIAL

CHRIS: NOW THAT YOU'VE HEARD A BIT ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CUBA, HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE REST OF THE WORLD.

ANNOUNCER: ONE OF AL QAEDA LEADER OSAMA BIN LADEN'S SONS SAYS HE WANTS TO BE "AN AMBASSADOR OF PEACE" BETWEEN MUSLIMS AND THE WEST.

ANNOUNCER: OMAR OSAMA BIN LADEN TOLD THE ASSOCIATED PRESS THAT HE DOESN'T THINK VIOLENCE IS THE BEST WAY TO PROTECT ISLAM.

ANNOUNCER: OSAMA BIN LADEN HAS 19 CHILDREN AND AT LEAST TWO OF HIS SONS ARE BELIEVED TO BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN AL QAEDA. 26-YEAR-OLD OMAR BRIEFLY TRAINED WITH AL QAEDA IN 2000, BUT IS NOW A BUSINESSMAN LIVING IN SAUDI ARABIA.

ANNOUNCER: PRESIDENT BUSH HAS UNVEILED HIS SPECIFIC PLANS TO JUMP-START THE U.S. ECONOMY.

ANNOUNCER: THE PRESIDENT'S 145 BILLION DOLLAR PLAN INCLUDES GIVING OUT REBATES TO TAXPAYERS AND PROVIDING TAX INCENTIVES TO BUSINESSES SO THAT THEY INVEST MORE MONEY.

ANNOUNCER: THE DETAILS OF THE PLAN, LIKE HOW MUCH MONEY EACH TAXPAYER WILL GET, STILL NEED TO BE WORKED OUT IN CONGRESS.

ANNOUNCER: THE ANNUAL SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL IS IN FULL FORCE IN PARK CITY, UTAH. EVERY YEAR, INDEPENDENT FILMMAKERS AND HOLLYWOOD HEAVYWEIGHTS CONVERGE AT SUNDANCE, WHERE MOVIES CAN GO FROM RELATIVE UNKNOWNNS TO BOX OFFICE HITS.

ANNOUNCER: PERHAPS THE MOST BUZZ WORTHY SUNDANCE PREMIERE SO FAR HAS BEEN THE DOCUMENTARY "AMERICAN TEEN", ABOUT FOUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM INDIANA.

ANNOUNCER: DIRECTOR NANNETTE BURSTEIN SPENT THE 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR FILMING THE TEENS' LIVES. SEVERAL BIG STUDIOS HAVE EXPRESSED INTERESTED IN BUYING BURSTEIN'S FLICK.

ANNOUNCER: JOHN MCCAIN, HILLARY CLINTON AND MITT ROMNEY ALL PICKED UP WINS ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL THIS PAST WEEKEND.

ANNOUNCER: IN NEVADA THIS WEEKEND ROMNEY TOOK THE BIG WIN. JOHN MCCAIN WON THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN NOD.

ANNOUNCER: THE RESULTS OF THE DEMOCRATIC NEVADA CAUCUS WERE A BIT MORE COMPLICATED. HILLARY CLINTON CAME AWAY WITH THE MOST POPULAR SUPPORT, 51 PERCENT OF THE VOTE.

ANNOUNCER: BUT BECAUSE NEVADA DOESN'T WEIGH VOTES FROM AROUND THE STATE EQUALLY, BARACK OBAMA ACTUALLY RECEIVED ONE MORE DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL NOMINATING CONVENTION THAN CLINTON.

ANNOUNCER: SO CLINTON MAY HAVE WON THE POPULAR VOTE THIS WEEKEND, BUT THE DELEGATES WON'T CAST THEIR VOTES UNTIL THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION IN AUGUST.

ANNOUNCER: THE DEMOCRATS HAVE NOW TURNED THEIR ATTENTION TO SOUTH CAROLINA, WHERE VOTERS WILL HEAD TO THE POLLS ON SATURDAY. NEXT UP FOR THE REPUBLICANS, THE FLORIDA PRIMARY ON JANUARY 29TH.

CHRIS: NOW ITS YOUR TURN. LAST WEEK, WE TOLD YOU ABOUT SEVERAL STUDENTS WHO WERE PUNISHED AFTER THEIR SCHOOL FOUND INAPPROPRIATE PICTURES OF THEM ON FACEBOOK. SO WE ASKED YOU.

CHRIS: IS IT FAIR FOR STUDENTS TO BE PUNISHED IN SCHOOL FOR WHAT THEY POST AT HOME ON MYSPACE OR FACEBOOK?

CHRIS: 29 PERCENT OF YOU SAID YES AND 71 PERCENT OF YOU SAID NO.

CHRIS: HERE ARE SOME OF YOUR WRITTEN RESPONSES. MARGOT FROM VIRGINIA SAYS, "WHAT STUDENTS DO ON THEIR OWN TIME AFTER SCHOOL HOURS IS THEIR PARENTS AND THEIR OWN BUSINESS, THE SCHOOL HAS NO RIGHT TO STEP IN."

CHRIS: AND SHANE FROM ARIZONA SAYS, "I THINK IT IS FAIR THAT THEY'RE PUNISHED BY THE SCHOOL, IF YOU WANT YOUR PERSONAL LIFE TO BE PRIVATE THEN DON'T DISPLAY PICTURES OF YOURSELF ONLINE."

CHRIS: A BIG THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO WROTE IN AND KEEP THOSE RESPONSES COMING. HERE AT CHANNEL ONE WE ALWAYS WANT YOU TO HAVE YOUR TURN. SO GO TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND CLICK ON YOUR TURN TO WEIGH IN ON THIS OR ANY OTHER STORY YOU SEE ON THE AIR.

COMMERCIAL

CHRIS: SHE'S WON COUNTLESS AWARDS, HAS MILLIONS OF FANS AND HAS TRAVELED THE GLOBE IN SUPPORT OF EDUCATION.

CHRIS: SHE'S OPRAH WINFREY AND TODAY, SHE'LL SHARE WITH US A SPECIAL STORY ABOUT ONE OF HER HEROES, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND HOW HIS DREAM LIVES ON EVEN TODAY.

(SOT: Oprah Winfrey) "Hello Channel One Watchers, I'm Oprah and I am so proud to be able to share this special presentation of our Martin Luther King Jr. Special, "The Dream Lives".

(SOT: Oprah Winfrey) "By now almost everybody has heard what's become one of the most famous speeches in the world. When most people think of Martin Luther King Jr. they think of that I have a dream speech and it was the embodiment of what the civil rights movement meant. Today 45 years later in cities across America ordinary citizens are giving all they got to keep his dream alive."

(SOT: Tanya Walters) "I'm a school bus driver for Los Angeles Unified School District."

(SOT: Tanya Walters) "Most of the kids on my bus were known for getting suspended, kicked out of school."

(SOT: Tanya Walters) "I asked each one of them to show me their report card and I was shocked to find out the majority of my students were failing. I said, "How is it that I'm bring you to school everyday and still you're failing. I don't understand. So, I decided to challenge each student to bring up your grades."

(SOT: Tanya Walters) "And in the course of 5 weeks, the students brought their grades up."

(SOT: Oprah Winfrey) "As a reward, Tanya took the students to a place they'd never been before, a marine biology cruise. Just a short ride from L.A.'s inner city."

(SOT: Tanya Walters) "That was where a few of my students pulled me to the side and said Miss Walters I didn't realize there was a life outside my community."

(SOT: Oprah Winfrey) "And so, Tanya says she maxed out her credit cards, bought a bus and set out on a journey to expose these often forgotten teens to a world beyond their crime-ridden neighborhoods."

(SOT: Oprah Winfrey) "Two years ago, with the help of fellow bus drivers and volunteers she created the Godparents Youth Organization offering her 'classroom on wheels' to children all over America.

(SOT: Oprah Winfrey) "16 year old Shamika had little hope for her future when she boarded the bus for her first road trip.

(SOT: Shamika) "I see life in a whole new view, a whole new prospective. Most of my friends over here are gang bangers. They're caught up into this lifestyle. This really opened my eyes and explained to me what my moral should be. It put my priorities back in order."

(SOT:) "Martin Luther King, he never showed any type of violence and if he can do it, I can do it."

(SOT: Martin Luther King Jr.) "when we allow freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet from every state and every city."

(SOT: Oprah Winfrey) "Today, Tanya has taken children to 26 states making stops at important civil rights landmarks along the way."

(SOT: Tanya Walters) "My goal, when I bring our kids together, is for them to dream again, for them to bring back hope. Because when you have hope, you have determination. You have something that pushes you."

(SOT: Oprah Winfrey) "You are the first generation in history that has the chance to lead America to the full breath of Dr. King's vision of compassion, equality."

(SOT: Oprah Winfrey) "And I know you can do it and I have faith that you will. Dr. King never lived to see the many changes that those historic words that he said would inspire and now what he began is in your hands."

CHRIS: THAT DOES IT FOR CHANNEL ONE NEWS. THANKS SO MUCH FOR WATCHING, HOPE YOU GUYS HAVE A GREAT DAY.