

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 2/19/08

TOPICS COVERED:

- News of the Day
- Pakistan Election
- President Bush on HIV and Africa
- Magic on HIV

TONY: HEY GUYS, IT'S TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, I'M TONY ANDERSON AND CHANNEL ONE NEWS STARTS RIGHT NOW.

ANNOUNCER: STORMS SWEEP ACROSS THE SOUTH YESTERDAY, INCLUDING SEVERAL TORNADOES THAT TOUCHED DOWN NEAR MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA.

ANNOUNCER: A TORNADO IN THE SMALL TOWN OF PRATTVILLE, ALABAMA INJURED 27 PEOPLE AND DESTROYED 200 HOMES.

ANNOUNCER: THE STORM HAD WINDS OF UP TO 135 MILES AN HOUR AND KNOCKED OUT POWER TO MORE THAN 9 THOUSAND CUSTOMERS.

ANNOUNCER: THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ISSUED THE LARGEST RECALL OF BEEF EVER ON SUNDAY 143 MILLION POUNDS!

ANNOUNCER: THE BEEF CAME FROM THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BASED WESTLAND/HALLMARK MEAT COMPANY.

ANNOUNCER: THE RECALL INCLUDES BEEF PRODUCED AS EARLY AS FEBRUARY 2006 AND HEALTH OFFICIALS BELIEVE MOST OF THE RECALLED MEAT HAS ALREADY BEEN EATEN. THEY ESTIMATE THAT 37 MILLION POUNDS OF THE BEEF WENT TO SCHOOLS AROUND THE COUNTRY.

ANNOUNCER: SO FAR THERE HAVE BEEN NO KNOWN ILLNESSES TIED TO THE AFFECTED BEEF. THE USDA ISSUED THE RECALL AFTER UNDERCOVER VIDEO EMERGED OF EMPLOYEES MISTREATING CATTLE AT THE WESTLAND/HALLMARK SLAUGHTERHOUSE.

ANNOUNCER: EARLIER THIS MONTH, THE PRESIDENT OF WESTLAND/HALLMARK MEAT COMPANY SAID HE WAS QUOTE 'SHOCKED AND HORRIFIED' BY THE BEHAVIOR OF SOME OF HIS EMPLOYEES, BUT PROMISED HIS COMPANY'S BEEF WAS UP TO USDA STANDARDS.

ANNOUNCER: YOU MAY LEARN ABOUT PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION IN HISTORY CLASS, BUT NEW MEMORABILIA AND DOCUMENTS ARE STILL EMERGING ABOUT JFK'S DEATH.

ANNOUNCER: A BOX OF ITEMS RELATED TO THE INVESTIGATION OF JFK'S DEATH WAS FOUND IN AN OLD SAFE AT THE DALLAS, TEXAS DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND REVEALED YESTERDAY.

ANNOUNCER: IN THE BOX A TRANSCRIPT WHICH SEEMS TO BE OF A CONVERSATION BETWEEN JFK'S ASSASSIN, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AND JACK RUBY, THE MAN WHO KILLED OSWALD TWO DAYS AFTER JFK'S MURDER.

ANNOUNCER: BUT AN ASSISTANT TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY SAYS THE TRANSCRIPT IS MOST LIKELY MATERIAL FOR A PROPOSED MOVIE AND NOT REAL.

ANNOUNCER: VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT HUGO CHAVEZ HAS BACKED DOWN ON HIS THREAT TO CUT OFF OIL SHIPMENTS TO THE U.S.

ANNOUNCER: VENEZUELA'S STATE OIL COMPANY IS CURRENTLY BATTLING IN COURT WITH U.S. BASED EXXON MOBILE OVER BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN NATIONALIZED ASSETS.

ANNOUNCER: LAST WEEK, VENEZUELA STOPPED PROVIDING OIL TO EXXON MOBIL, BUT NOT TO OTHER COMPANIES. THE U.S. GETS ABOUT 10 PERCENT OF ITS OIL FROM THE SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRY.

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TONY: YOU MIGHT CONSIDER THE POLITICAL JABS IN OUR COUNTRY PRETTY INTENSE. BUT THEY DO NOT COMPARE WITH THE POLITICAL BATTLES THAT ARE GOING ON IN PAKISTAN.

TONY: YESTERDAY PAKISTAN HELD ITS ELECTIONS FOR PARLIAMENT. JESSICA KUMARI TELLS US WHAT HAPPENED AND WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO US.

(SOT: Manaal Jafrey) "I'd like to see well I guess freedom for everybody and equality but because there's a lot of corruption."

TONY: 17-YEAR-OLD MANAAL JAFREY IS WATCHING PAKISTAN'S ELECTION CLOSELY. EVEN THOUGH SHE LIVES IN CALIFORNIA HER FAMILY IS FROM PAKISTAN, A COUNTRY SEPARATED FROM THE U.S. NOT ONLY BY THOUSANDS OF MILES BUT ALSO POLITICAL INSTABILITY.

(SOT: Manaal Jafrey) "It's very chaotic my grandparents actually live there they say it's kind of scary to go outside because of people lighting things on fire."

TONY: SUCH VIOLENCE, INCLUDING A SUICIDE ATTACK IN DECEMBER WHICH KILLED BENAZIR BHUTTO, ONE OF PAKISTAN'S MOST POPULAR POLITICAL LEADERS, DELAYED THE ELECTION BY 6 WEEKS.

TONY: DESPITE THE UNREST, ON MONDAY MILLIONS OF PAKISTANIS SHOWED UP TO THE POLLS TO CAST THEIR VOTE FOR A NEW PARLIAMENT. A TEAM FROM THE U.S. INCLUDING FORMER PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE JOHN KERRY TRAVELED TO PAKISTAN, AS OBSERVERS TO MAKE SURE THE ELECTIONS ARE FREE AND FAIR.

(SOT: John Kerry) "This is about Pakistan's ability to show to the world that it has a credible election therefore a credible government."

TONY: CREDIBILITY IS WHAT SOME SAY PAKISTAN'S PAST ELECTIONS AND LEADERS DON'T HAVE. CRITICS OF PAKISTAN'S PRESIDENT PERVEZ MUSHARRAF SAY HIS RE-ELECTION LAST OCTOBER WAS UNFAIR.

TONY: WHILE THIS WEEK'S ELECTION IS FOR PARLIAMENT, IT IS STILL CRUCIAL FOR MUSHARRAF. THAT'S BECAUSE PAKISTAN'S PARLIAMENT HAS THE POWER TO

IMPEACH THE PRESIDENT, A REAL POSSIBILITY IF THERE'S AN OVERWHELMING VICTORY BY THE MAIN OPPOSITION, THE PAKISTAN PEOPLE'S PARTY.

TONY: AND POLLS SUGGEST THAT COULD HAPPEN BUT THE RESULTS WONT BE OFFICIAL UNTIL LATER THIS WEEK.

TONY: FAIR ELECTIONS IN PAKISTAN ARE IMPORTANT TO THE U.S. FOR SEVERAL REASONS. PAKISTAN IS A NUCLEAR POWER AND A STRONG ALLY TO THE U.S. IN ITS WAR ON TERROR.

TONY: PAKISTAN ALSO HAS A LARGE NUMBER OF ISLAMIC MILITANTS. THE NEXT PARLIAMENT WILL PLAY A KEY ROLE IN DETERMINING HOW TO CONTAIN THOSE MILITANTS; TO BE SURE PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR ARSENAL DOESN'T FALL INTO THE WRONG HANDS.

JESSICA: TO LEARN MORE ABOUT POLITICS IN PAKISTAN. YOU CAN HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND CLICK ON PASSPORT PAKISTAN. NOW BACK TO TONY.

TONY: IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, PRESIDENT BUSH WILL WRAP UP HIS VISIT TO A CONTINENT WHERE THE U.S. IS MORE POPULAR THAN ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD, AFRICA. MR. BUSH HOPES TO SHINE A SPOTLIGHT ON A CONTINENT THAT IS DEEPLY TROUBLED.

TONY: IN TANZANIA IT WAS A MEMORABLE WELCOME FOR THE PRESIDENT. IT WAS A CELEBRATION HERE AS MR. BUSH HOPES TO HIGHLIGHT THE 20 BILLION DOLLARS IN U.S. AID TARGETING AFRICA.

TONY: TO PROMOTE EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMBAT DISEASE. AND YESTERDAY, THE PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY HANDED OUT MOSQUITO NETS AS PART OF A CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT MALARIA. A PREVENTABLE DISEASE THAT KILLS AT LEAST ONE MILLION INFANTS AND CHILDREN UNDER FIVE EACH YEAR.

TONY: BUT VIOLENT UNREST ELSEWHERE ON THE CONTINENT THREATENS TO OVERSHADOW HIS EFFORTS. AT LEAST A DOZEN AFRICAN COUNTRIES ARE IN TURMOIL, FROM GENOCIDE IN DARFUR TO CRUSHING POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN KENYA AND THE CONGO.

TONY: THERE ARE FOOD SHORTAGES, STAGGERING INFLATION IN ZIMBABWE AND INSTABILITY REMAINS FROM SIERRA LEONE IN THE WEST TO SOMALIA IN THE EAST. ALL CHALLENGES TO BUSH'S LONG TERM GOAL OF STABILITY ON THE CONTINENT.

TONY: AND ANOTHER LOOMING PROBLEM THAT MR. BUSH HOPES TO ADDRESS, AIDS. IT'S A DISEASE THAT IS KILLING APPROXIMATELY 5 THOUSAND AFRICANS EVERY DAY.

(SOT: President Bush) "When I first became President, there was about 50,000 people receiving antiretroviral drugs to deal with HIV/AIDS on the continent of Africa. Today, there are about a million three."

TONY: LAST WEEK, MR. BUSH MADE HISTORY, THE FIRST EVER VISIT BY A SITTING U.S. PRESIDENT TO BENIN.

TONY: THERE, THE PRESIDENT SPOKE OF NEW PARTNERSHIP IN THE FIGHT TO REDUCE HIV/AIDS AND MALARIA WHICH HAS BEEN ONE OF HIS MAJOR INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES.

TONY: HIS 15 BILLION DOLLAR AIDS RELIEF PLAN IS THE LARGEST EVER HEALTH INITIATIVE DEVOTED TO ONE DISEASE.

TONY: I'LL HAVE MORE COMING UP ON HIV AND AIDS AS I TALK TO A LIVING LEGEND.

COMMERCIAL

TONY: WE TOLD YOU WHAT PRESIDENT BUSH IS DOING TO COMBAT THE AIDS CRISIS IN AFRICA, BUT WHAT ABOUT RIGHT HERE IN THE U.S.?

TONY: EVERY YEAR APPROXIMATELY 40 THOUSAND PEOPLE CONTRACT HIV, WHICH IS THE VIRUS THAT CAUSES AIDS. BUT THERE ARE STILL A LOT OF MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT THE DISEASE.

TONY: SO WE TOOK TO THE STREETS TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH YOU KNOW ABOUT THE VIRUS AND I ALSO TALKED TO THE EXPERTS AND LEGENDARY BASKETBALL PLAYER MAGIC JOHNSON.

TONY: HE'S A BASKETBALL HALL OF FAMER AND A BUSINESS MOGUL. BUT HE ALSO MADE HEADLINES 16 YEARS AGO, WHEN HE ANNOUNCED HE WAS HIV POSITIVE.

(SOT: Earvin Magic Johnson) "Because of the HIV virus that I have obtained, I will have to retire from the Lakers today."

TONY: HE'S EARVIN MAGIC JOHNSON AND I SPOKE WITH HIM AND DR. KIMBERLY SMITH, INFECTIONS RESEARCHER AND PROVIDER IN CHICAGO AT THE MAGIC JOHNSON THEATER TO GET THE FACTS ABOUT HIV AND AIDS.

TONY: BUT FIRST, LET'S SEE HOW MUCH YOU KNOW ABOUT THE VIRUS. ALRIGHT, SO THIS IS A TRUE OR FALSE QUESTION.

TONY: IF YOU ARE DIAGNOSED WITH HIV YOU ONLY TEN YEARS TO LIVE? TRUE OF FALSE? WHO HAVE 3 SECONDS.

(SOT:) "That's false!"

TONY: DOCTOR KIMBERLY SMITH OF CHICAGO IS AN EXPERT ON AIDS.

(SOT: Kimberly Smith) "If you get into treatment you can live as long as you would live without HIV disease, but if you don't get into treatment then your life can be shortened dramatically."

TONY: THE SECOND QUESTION, TRUE OR FALSE. IS THERE A CURE FOR AIDS? YOU HAVE 3 SECONDS.

(SOT:) "False."

TONY: THERE'S A MYTH YOU KNOW SURROUNDING THAT YOU HAVE BEEN CURED OF HIV, CAN YOU TALK ABOUT THAT?

(SOT: Magic Johnson) "Yeah, here's two rumors out there first of all I have been living with HIV for 16 years and I will probably always live with HIV. And if I don't take my meds and do what I am supposed to do, then of course something bad could happen."

TONY: AND THE FINAL QUESTION, OF ALL THE NEW CASES OF HIV DIAGNOSED EACH YEAR, WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THEM ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 25? IS IT A 25 PERCENT, B 33 PERCENT, C 50 PERCENT OR D 65 PERCENT. YOU HAVE 3 SECONDS.

(SOT:) "D."

TONY: D 65 PERCENT? NO! IT'S C 50 PERCENT.

(SOT: Magic Johnson) "The numbers show that more young people are getting HIV than ever before. And so we have got to get the message out to them, we have got to educate them about HIV."

TONY: THE FACT IS THAT HIV IS DIFFERENT THAN IT WAS IN THE 80'S. WITH THE DISCOVERY OF ANTI-RETROVIRAL DRUGS YOU CAN LIVE A FULL LIFE WITH THE VIRUS.

(SOT: Magic Johnson) "So the main thing is that I have a good mindset about it, I take my meds, I have proper care, it comes from my doctors, and I am just hoping that if those people out there living with this take your meds and you do what you are supposed to do."

TONY: ONE OF THE THINGS I LEARNED FROM TALKING WITH MAGIC IS THAT IT'S NOT EASY LIVING WITH THE VIRUS AND IF A CURE IS NOT DISCOVERED, IT COULD EVENTUALLY KILL HIM.

TONY: IN FACT, THE CDC ESTIMATES OVER 500 THOUSAND PEOPLE HAVE DIED FROM AIDS IN THE U.S.

ANNOUNCER: GO TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM FOR OUR WEB EXCLUSIVE VIDEO WHERE STARS LIKE BONO AND ALICIA KEYS TALK ABOUT AIDS. JUST CLICK ON AIDS AROUND THE WORLD.

TONY: ALRIGHT GUYS THAT IS OUR SHOW FOR TODAY. I'M TONY ANDERSON FOR CHANNEL ONE NEWS, I'LL SEE YA HERE THE SAME TIME, SAME PLACE TOMORROW. TAKE CARE.