

## CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 2/25/08

### TOPICS COVERED:

- News of the Day
- Green Schools
- Deadly Flu
- Gray Wolves

TONY: HEY GUYS, IT IS MONDAY FEBRUARY 25TH, I'M TONY ANDERSON AND WE'RE OUTSIDE IN MOTHER NATURE BECAUSE TODAY WE'RE GOING GREEN, CHANNEL ONE NEWS STARTS RIGHT NOW.

ANNOUNCER: CUBA HAS A NEW PRESIDENT FIDEL CASTRO'S BROTHER RAUL. HE WAS BOTH NOMINATED AND CONFIRMED BY CUBA'S PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY.

ANNOUNCER: FIDEL CASTRO RETIRED AS PRESIDENT LAST WEEK AFTER HOLDING THE OFFICE FOR 49 YEARS

ANNOUNCER: FEDERAL INVESTIGATORS ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT CAUSED A B2 STEALTH BOMBER TO CRASH SECONDS AFTER IT TOOK OFF FROM AN AIR FORCE BASE IN GUAM ON SATURDAY.

ANNOUNCER: B2 STEALTH BOMBERS, WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO BE INVISIBLE TO ENEMY RADAR, ARE SOME OF THE MOST POWERFUL AND EXPENSIVE WEAPONS OF THE U.S. MILITARY. THEY COST MORE THAN A BILLION DOLLARS APIECE.

ANNOUNCER: CLOUDS OF BLACK SMOKE BILLOWED FROM THE AIRCRAFT FOLLOWING THE CRASH, THOUGH BOTH PILOTS ABOARD WERE ABLE TO ESCAPE WITHOUT INJURY. IT'S REPORTEDLY THE FIRST TIME THAT A B2 HAS EVER CRASHED.

ANNOUNCER: JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT THE FIELD OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES WAS NARROWING, ANOTHER HOPEFUL HAS THROWN HIS HAT INTO THE RING.

ANNOUNCER: INDEPENDENT RALPH NADER ANNOUNCED HIS CANDIDACY YESTERDAY ON NBC'S 'MEET THE PRESS.'

(SOT: Ralph Nader) "Descent is the mother of assent and in that context, I have decided to run for President."

ANNOUNCER: NADER IS KNOWN FOR HIS SUPPORT OF CONSUMER RIGHTS. HIS WORK IN CAR SAFETY IN THE 1960S LED TO SEATBELTS BEING FITTED INTO EVERY AMERICAN CAR.

ANNOUNCER: IF HIS NAME SOUNDS FAMILIAR IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE HE ALSO RAN AS A THIRD PARTY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE IN 2000 AND 2004. IN 2000, NADER WON 2 POINT 7 PERCENT OF THE NATIONAL VOTE.

ANNOUNCER: SOME ANALYSTS BELIEVE THAT IF HE HADN'T BEEN IN THE RACE, AL GORE MAY HAVE WON THE PRESIDENCY.

ANNOUNCER: THE FIRST EVER COMMERCIAL FLIGHT POWERED BY BIOFUEL TOOK TO THE SKIES THIS WEEKEND. THE PLANE FLEW FROM LONDON TO AMSTERDAM AND WAS A TEST BY VIRGIN ATLANTIC.

ANNOUNCER: BIOFUEL IS USUALLY MADE FROM ORGANIC MATERIALS SUCH AS WHEAT AND SUGAR CANE. VIRGIN ATLANTIC HOPED THE FLIGHT WOULD HELP SHOW THAT BIOFUEL PRODUCES LESS CARBON DIOXIDE, A GREENHOUSE GAS, THAN TRADITIONAL JET FUEL.

ANNOUNCER: SOME ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS DISMISSED THE FLIGHT AS A PUBLICITY STUNT, SAYING THE CARBON SAVINGS FROM BIOFUEL ARE NEGLIGIBLE.

ANNOUNCER: AN ILLINOIS LAW THAT WE TOLD YOU ABOUT A FEW MONTHS AGO IS BACK IN THE NEWS. WE BROUGHT YOU THE STORY OF 14-YEAR-OLD DAWN SHERMAN AND HER DAD ROB, WHO CHALLENGED A LAW REQUIRING PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO SET ASIDE A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR REFLECTION OR PRAYER.

ANNOUNCER: THEY TOOK THE LAW TO COURT, ARGUING THAT IT UNFAIRLY INJECTS RELIGION INTO PUBLIC SCHOOLS. ON FRIDAY, AN ILLINOIS HOUSE PANEL DECIDED TO CHANGE THE LAW'S WORDING.

ANNOUNCER: LAWMAKERS NOW PLAN TO MAKE OBSERVING THE MOMENT OF SILENCE OPTIONAL RATHER THAN MANDATORY. THEY WILL ALSO REMOVE THE WORD 'PRAYER' FROM THE LAW.

CHRIS: HEY GUYS, THIS WEEK'S BIG HIGHLIGHT COMES FROM CLINTON, NORTH CAROLINA WHERE THE UNION SPARTANS WERE TAKING ON THE HOBBS WILDCATS.

CHRIS: WITH THE SPARTANS UP BY SEVEN IN THE THIRD QUARTER, UNION BEATS THE PRESS WITH SOME NIFTY PASSING, AND GETS THE BALL TO POINT GUARD GREG CARROL.

CHRIS: NUMBER 35 THEN DRIVES BASELINE AND WITH 2 DEFENDERS IN HIS FACE, BURIES AN OVER-THE-SHOULDER CIRCUS SHOT FOR TWO POINTS.

CHRIS: THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR SENDING IN PLAY OF THE WEEK SUBMISSIONS AND PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING! REMEMBER, WE WANT TO SEE ALL KINDS OF PLAYS FROM ALL KINDS OF SPORTS! JUST GO ONLINE TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND UPLOAD YOUR PLAY OF THE WEEK.

TONY: ALRIGHT EVERYBODY, STICK AROUND. WE HAVE SOMETHING BRAND NEW JUST FOR YOU. THAT TAKES A CLOSER LOOK AT THE ENVIRONMENT.

COMMERCIAL

TONY: IT'S POPULAR THESE DAYS TO STUDY ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT IN SCHOOL, WELL HOW ABOUT TURNING THE SCHOOL ITSELF INTO A LESSON ON GOING GREEN?

TONY: CHECK OUT WHAT THIS SCHOOL IN VIRGINIA, IS DOING TO HELP SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT.

TONY: THE LEGENDARY FOOTBALL PASS OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA'S T.C. WILLIAMS HIGH SCHOOL WAS FEATURED IN THE DENZEL WASHINGTON FILM REMEMBER THE TITANS.

TONY: NOW THE STAR OF THE SCHOOL IS THE ENVIRONMENT. STUDENTS ARE ATTENDING CLASSES IN A NEW "GREEN SCHOOL." SENIORS MYRTIE WILLIAMS AND KEVIN YOWELL GAVE CHANNEL ONE A TOUR.

(SOT: Kevin) "The new school is definitely much more environmentally friendly than the old building."

TONY: CITY OFFICIALS WERE URGED BY CITIZENS TO REPLACE THE OLD SCHOOL BUILT IN 1960 WITH A BUILDING THAT WOULD NOT ONLY BE A GOOD LEARNING BUT ALSO GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.

(SOT: Myrtie) "This is our cafeteria and we get natural light from the rooftop garden while we're eating."

TONY: AND IT HAS SEVERAL RECYCLING BINS

(SOT: Myrtie) "As you leave the cafeteria you can notice the ceiling tiles in the building, which are recycled material."

(SOT: Kevin) "Every single classroom has a box for recycled paper which makes a positive contribution to the environment."

TONY: ACROSS THE COUNTRY "GREEN SCHOOLS" ARE SPROUTING UP. 60 SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE HAVE OBTAINED THE U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL'S CERTIFICATION AND 360 OTHERS HAVE APPLIED.

TONY: T.C. WILLIAMS WAS BUILT TO THE COUNCIL'S DESIGN STANDARDS.

(SOT: Myrtie) "The adhesives that we use to install the carpet are low emitting and environmentally friendly."

(SOT: Myrtie) "Water from the rooftop is collected into the ducts and stored in an underground cistern and then used to run the flush toilets and the boiler system, and all non-consuming uses in the building. This process saves us 500,000 gallons of water per year."

TONY: ALL ARE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY. THE GREEN EFFECT IS FELT INSIDE THE CLASSROOM AS WELL,

(SOT: Kevin) "70 percent of the building has direct line of natural sunlight. And for all those classrooms that don't have a window facing the exterior of the building. They do have skylights."

TONY: ALL CLASSES HAVE MOTION DETECTORS. WHITEBOARDS INSTEAD OF BLACKBOARDS ARE USED IN THE SCHOOL, ELIMINATING CHALK DUST AND STUDENTS WERE ISSUED LAPTOPS TO ALLOW FOR PAPERLESS CLASSES AND THE STUDENTS HAVE GOTTEN THE ENVIRONMENTAL MESSAGE.

(SOT: Myrtie) "It makes you feel good to know you are doing something for the world when you know there's so much environmental issues going on, not just in Alexandria but in the entire country."

TONY: TONY ANDERSON, CHANNEL ONE NEWS

TONY: WILLIAMS HIGH ISN'T THE ONLY ONE GOING GREEN, SO IS CHANNEL ONE DOT COM. TODAY WE DECIDED TO ANNOUNCE A NEW FEATURE ON OUR WEBSITE.

TONY: IT'S OUR GOING GREEN PAGE AND IT HAS TONS OF STUFF DEVOTED TO BEING KIND TO MOTHER EARTH. THERE'RE VIDEOS ABOUT RECYCLING, QUIZZES, AND AN INTERACTIVE FEATURE SHOWING PLACES ALL OVER THE WORLD THAT ARE STRUGGLING BECAUSE OF GLOBAL WARMING.

TONY: SO CHECK OUT GOING GREEN AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM BECAUSE IF YOUR FRIENDS GET THERE FIRST, YOU'LL BE GREEN WITH ENVY.

COMMERCIAL

TONY: FLU SEASON IS GETTING WORSE, WITH PEOPLE IN 49 STATES FALLING UNDER THE WEATHER, ACCORDING TO THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL. AND CHRIS BROWNE TELLS US, A FLU SHOT MAY NOT BE ENOUGH TO PROTECT YOU THIS SEASON.

CHRIS: HERE'S A QUESTION, WHEN DOES A FLU BUG BECOME AN EPIDEMIC?

CHRIS: WELL, AN EPIDEMIC OCCURS WHEN AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE AFFECTS A LOT OF PEOPLE AT THE SAME TIME LIKE IN THE U.S., WHERE REPORTS SHOW WIDESPREAD FLU OUTBREAKS IN EVERY STATE EXCEPT FLORIDA.

CHRIS: PART OF THE PROBLEM, THE VIRUS CONSTANTLY CHANGES STRUCTURE, SO THE VACCINE MUST BE CHANGED EVERY YEAR. BUT THIS YEAR'S FLU SHOT DOESN'T MATCH TWO OF THE THREE STRAINS THAT ARE CURRENTLY CIRCULATING IN THE U.S.

CHRIS: AND NOW, IN THE MIDDLE OF FLU SEASON, THINGS SEEM TO BE GETTING WORSE. THE PERCENTAGE OF DEATHS FROM RESPIRATORY ILLNESS, AN INDICATION OF FLU ACTIVITY IS GOING UP. AND SO HAS THE NUMBER OF HOSPITAL VISITS FOR PEOPLE WITH FLU-LIKE ILLNESSES.

(SOT: Dr. Nancy Cox) "During the last two weeks we've seen rather rapid increases in influenza activity."

CHRIS: AMANDA AYERS AND KYRA CONWAY ARE TWO OF 22 YOUNG PEOPLE KNOWN TO HAVE DIED FROM THE FLU THIS SEASON. THE CDC CAREFULLY TRACKS CHILD DEATHS AND ADDED 10 MORE LAST WEEK.

CHRIS: SO HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOU'RE COMING DOWN WITH A COLD? OR A POTENTIALLY DEADLY FLU BUG? PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR SYMPTOMS, IF YOU HAVE A FEVER, HEADACHE, OR EXTREME EXHAUSTION IN ADDITION TO THE SNIFFLES, SEE YOUR DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY.

CHRIS: OR IF YOU'RE FEELING OK, DOCTORS SAY ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO GUARD AGAINST THE FLU BESIDES THE FLU SHOT ITSELF IS TO SIMPLY WASH YOUR HANDS.

CHRIS: REPORTING FROM THE SINK, CHRIS BROWNE, CHANNEL ONE NEWS

TONY: HERE'S ONE FACT YOU MAY NOT KNOW, SOME VIRUSES AND BACTERIA CAN LIVE UP TO TWO HOURS OR MORE ON SURFACES LIKE CAFETERIA TABLES, DOORKNOBS, AND DESKS.

TONY: YOU MAY THINK OF THEM AS DEADLY PREDATORS, BUT THEY'RE THE ONES WHO HAVE BEEN UNDER THREAT.

TONY: THE GRAY WOLVES IN THE NORTHERN ROCKIES HAVE BEEN ON THE ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST FOR 13 YEARS AND LAST WEEK, THAT ALL CHANGED.

TONY: THEY HAD ALMOST DISAPPEARED BUT TODAY SOME ARE SAYING IT'S AS IF THEY WERE NEVER GONE.

TONY: AFTER YEARS OF STRUGGLE, THE GRAY WOLF IS THRIVING AND LAST WEEK, THE GOVERNMENT REMOVED IT FROM THE ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST IN A HANDFUL OF STATES.

TONY: GRAY WOLVES WERE ONCE COMMON FROM CENTRAL MEXICO ALL THE WAY UP TO THE ARCTIC BUT THEY WERE KILLED OFF FOR DECADES.

TONY: IN 1974 THEY WERE PLACED ON THE ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST WHICH MEANT IT WAS AGAINST THE LAW TO HARM OR KILL A GRAY WOLF FOR SPORT.

TONY: THEN IN 1995, THE GRAY WOLF WAS RE-INTRODUCED TO ITS FORMER HOME IN YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK. IT WAS A CONTROVERSIAL MOVE BECAUSE RANCHERS IN THE AREA WERE CONCERNED THE WOLVES WOULD ATTACK THEIR LIVESTOCK.

TONY: 66 WOLVES WERE PLACED THERE AND NOW THE POPULATION HAS GROWN TO MORE THAN 15 HUNDRED AND OFFICIALS SAY THE WOLF POPULATION IS INCREASING BY ABOUT 24 PERCENT EACH YEAR.

TONY: BUT TAKING THE GREY WOLF OFF THE ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST HAS SOME ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS HOWLING IN PROTEST BECAUSE IT MEANS THE WOLVES WILL ONCE AGAIN BE FAIR GAME FOR HUNTERS IN PARTS OF THE NORTHERN ROCKY MOUNTAINS.

TONY: MOST LIKELY IN AREAS WHERE RANCHERS AND LIVESTOCK COME INTO CONTACT WITH THESE WOLVES. LAST WEEKS DECISION WILL TAKE EFFECT MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> BUT SOME GROUPS HAVE SAID THEY WILL TAKE THE MATTER TO COURT LONG BEFORE FALL HUNTING SEASON OPENS.

TONY: ALRIGHT GUYS, THAT IS OUR SHOW FOR TODAY, I'M TONY ANDERSON FOR CHANNEL ONE NEWS, AND WE LEAVE YOU WITH ONE MORE THING BEFORE WE GO. TAKE CARE.

(SOT: ) "Live from the Kodak theatre in Hollywood in Los Angeles California the 80th annual academy awards, here's your host John Stewart."

(SOT: ) "The first Oscar of the evening goes to, the Oscar goes to, the Oscar goes to, the Oscar goes to, and the Oscar goes to ratatouille. The Oscar goes to Marion Cotillard."

(SOT: ) "It is true, there are some angels in this city. Thank you so, so much!"

(SOT: ) "And the Oscar goes to 'No Country for Old Men'."