

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 4/08/08

TOPICS COVERED:

- News of the Day
- Foreclosed Pets
- Hygiene

TONY: HEY GUYS, IT'S TUESDAY, APRIL 8TH. I'M TONY ANDERSON AND COMING UP LATER TODAY WE'RE GOING TO GIVE YOU REACTIONS TO OUR SPECIAL SHOW "MEETING DAVID WILSON" BUT FIRST, HERE ARE YOUR HEADLINES ON CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

ANNOUNCER: THE OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY MOVED ON TO PARIS, FRANCE YESTERDAY, BUT AGAIN ANTI-CHINA, PRO-TIBET PROTESTORS FOLLOWED SUIT.

ANNOUNCER: DESPITE INCREASED SECURITY, THE PROTESTS TURNED CHAOTIC. OFFICIALS WERE FORCED TO PUT OUT THE FLAME FIVE TIMES DURING THE PROCESSION.

ANNOUNCER: AND AS THE DAY WORE ON, THINGS GOT SO BAD, THE RELAY HAD TO BE CANCELED. POLICE SAY THEY ARRESTED AT LEAST TEN PEOPLE. THE TORCH IS EXPECTED TO PASS THROUGH SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA TOMORROW ITS ONLY STOP IN NORTH AMERICA.

ANNOUNCER: THE NCAA CROWNED A NEW MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL CHAMPION LAST NIGHT. THE KANSAS JAYHAWKS TOPPED THE MEMPHIS TIGERS TO TAKE HOME THE TITLE. IT'S THE JAYHAWKS FIRST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WIN SINCE 1988.

ANNOUNCER: DOES WHERE YOU WATCH TV AFFECT YOUR DIET, EXERCISE HABITS AND EVEN YOUR GRADES? WELL, RESEARCHERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA SAY IT MIGHT.

ANNOUNCER: THEY STUDIED TEENS WITH TV'S IN THEIR BEDROOMS AND TEENS WITHOUT THEIR OWN TV'S. THE TEENS WITH TV'S IN THEIR ROOMS EXERCISED LESS, HAD UNHEALTHIER DIETS AND GOT LOWER GRADES IN SCHOOL. NOT TO MENTION, SPENT MORE TIME WATCHING TV EVERY DAY.

ANNOUNCER: ACCORDING TO THE STUDY, 68 PERCENT OF BOYS AND 58 PERCENT OF GIRLS HAVE TV'S IN THEIR ROOMS.

ANNOUNCER: YOU MAY HAVE TAKEN COMPUTER CLASSES IN SCHOOL, AND MAYBE A COURSE IN SELF DEFENSE. BUT WHAT ABOUT A CLASS THAT COMBINES THE TWO?

ANNOUNCER: VIRGINIA IS THE FIRST STATE IN THE COUNTRY THAT'S REQUIRING STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO TAKE INTERNET SAFETY CLASSES.

ANNOUNCER: TEXAS AND ILLINOIS HAVE ALSO PASSED INTERNET SAFETY EDUCATION LAWS BUT THE CLASSES ARE MANDATORY ONLY IN VIRGINIA.

ANNOUNCER: THE COURSES AIM TO TEACH STUDENTS HOW TO AVOID ONLINE PREDATORS AND WARN THEM ABOUT HOW INFORMATION THEY POST ON THE INTERNET CAN AFFECT THEM LATER IN LIFE.

ANNOUNCER: A NEW REPORT FROM THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION WARNS THAT GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE MAY LEAD TO INCREASES IN POVERTY, DISEASE AND HUNGER, ESPECIALLY IN VERY POOR COUNTRIES ALREADY STRUGGLING.

ANNOUNCER: THE WHO SAYS CHANGING CLIMATE WILL LIKELY IMPACT FOOD PRODUCTION, WHICH MAY LEAD TO POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND A SHORTAGE OF FOOD.

ANNOUNCER: THE CHANGES IN WEATHER COULD ALSO MEAN AN INCREASE IN MOSQUITOES CARRYING MALARIA, WHICH BREED FASTER IN WARMER CLIMATES. MALARIA IS A SERIOUS DISEASE THAT'S ALREADY RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE IN FIVE CHILDHOOD DEATHS IN AFRICA.

ANNOUNCER: THE WHO SAYS GOVERNMENTS NEED TO WORK ON PROVIDING CLEAN WATER, CONTROLLING MOSQUITO POPULATIONS AND PROVIDING IMMUNIZATIONS.

(SOT: David Dorfman) "Hey everybody this is David Dorfman, playing Emmitt in the upcoming movie Drillbit Taylor, giving a shout out to all you guys sitting your way through homeroom class watching Channel One News."

COMMERCIAL

TONY: IT'S A TRAGEDY FOR THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN FAMILIES BEING KICKED OUT OF THEIR HOMES BECAUSE THEY CAN'T PAY THE BILLS. AND IT'S NOT JUST HUMANS PAYING THE PRICE, THEIR PETS ARE TOO.

TONY: MISSY, TAMARA AND THOR LIVE HERE AT THE PAWS CHICAGO ANIMAL SHELTER AND IT'S BEEN GETTING A LITTLE MORE CROWDED LATELY.

(SOT:) "Say, I need a home!"

TONY: THE DOGS DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE MORTGAGE MESS, BUT THAT'S WHY MANY OF THEM ARE HERE. BANKS AROUND THE COUNTRY ARE REPORTING RECORD NUMBERS OF FORECLOSURES.

TONY: MEANING MORE AND MORE BANKS ARE TAKING OWNERSHIP OF HOMES WHEN THE HOMEOWNER CAN'T MAKE THE MONTHLY PAYMENTS. THE HOMEOWNER IS FORCED TO LEAVE THEIR HOUSE, THEN THE BANK SELLS OFF THE PROPERTY TO MAKE ITS MONEY BACK.

(SOT:) "It's so sad. I mean animals right now are the silent victims of this economic crisis."

TONY: FROM VET BILLS TO FOOD AND TREATS, PETS ARE EXPENSIVE. TOO EXPENSIVE FOR SOME OWNERS FACING A TIGHTER BUDGET.

(SOT:) "It's tough choices, being made out there. Especially those with families living from paycheck to paycheck."

TONY: SO, MANY PEOPLE BROUGHT THEIR PETS TO PAWS CHICAGO AND THE SHELTER EVEN STARTED A FORECLOSURE PROGRAM. OWNERS CAN LEAVE THEIR PETS HERE TEMPORARILY WHILE THEY SORT THINGS OUT.

(SOT:) "Can you give me a paw? Ohhh, that's our good girl!"

TONY: MISSY'S OWNER SYLVIA LOST HER HOME, THEN COULDN'T FIND AN APARTMENT SHE COULD AFFORD THAT ALLOWED PETS.

(SOT: Sylvia) "I lost my car, then I lost my house, then I lost my dog, it seems to me I lost everything. There was nothing else left after her."

TONY: A HEARTBREAKING DECISION.

(SOT:) "Missy let out the most painful cry that we had ever heard, and it wasn't Sylvia's fault, but unfortunately, that's what times are showing, across the country right now."

TONY: IT'S HARD TO KNOW HOW MANY ANIMALS HAVE LOST THEIR HOMES SINCE MANY PET OWNERS DON'T SAY WHY THEY'RE GIVING UP THEIR FURRY FRIENDS.

TONY: SHELTERS AROUND THE COUNTRY ARE TRYING TO FIND WAYS TO HELP PEOPLE FACED WITH GIVING UP A FOUR LEGGED MEMBER OF THE FAMILY, AS A MATTER OF SURVIVAL. AND SOME ARE WORKING TOGETHER, TO FIND NEW OWNERS

(SOT:) "Are you happy? We are."

TONY: THIS COUPLE JUST DECIDED TO MAKE ROOM ON THE COUCH AND IN THEIR BUDGET FOR ROCCO.

(SOT:) "The dog will be a great addition to the family, and I'm glad I could help someone. C'mon Rocco, let's go home."

TONY: IT'S BEEN 40 YEARS SINCE THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. FRIDAY AND OVER THE WEEKEND, THOUSANDS GATHERED AND MARCHED IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE TO HONOR HIS LEGACY.

TONY: WE ALSO HAD A SPECIAL REPORT ON FRIDAY, EXAMINING RACE RELATIONS IN THE U.S. TODAY. OUR GUEST, DAVID WILSON, SHOWED US A DOCUMENTARY FOLLOWING HIS JOURNEY AS HE TRACED HIS ROOTS BACK TO NORTH CAROLINA, TO A PLANTATION WHERE HIS ANCESTORS HAD BEEN SLAVES AND BRIDGED THE GAP BETWEEN THE PAST AND THE PRESENT.

(SOT: David Wilson) "The message in this film is listen, if my ancestors were able to overcome all the things that they overcame, then they had a certain amount of strength that they exhibited. And by extension we have that same type of strength. We are all Americans and that we need a healing dialogue."

TONY: WE RECEIVED HUNDREDS OF COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM YOU. THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO WROTE IN. HERE ARE SOME OF YOUR THOUGHTS.

TONY: LAVON FROM SOUTH DAKOTA WROTE, "I THOUGHT THAT WAS REALLY COURAGOUS OF YOU TO GO AND GET TO KNOW THE PEOPLE THAT USED TO OWN YOUR FAMILY AS SLAVES."

TONY: AND DANA FROM SOUTH CAROLINA SAYS, "I THINK THAT WHAT MR. WILSON DID WAS VERY POSITIVE. HE WAS ABLE TO FACE THAT MAN WITHOUT BEING ANGRY AND HE WAS VERY RESPECTFUL."

TONY: HEAD TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND CLICK ON MEETING DAVID WILSON TO SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS.

TONY: LATER THIS WEEK, MR. WILSON WILL READ THEM AND WE'LL POST SOME OF HIS RESPONSES TO YOUR QUESTIONS ONLINE.

TONY: AND IF YOU WANT TO SEE THE ENTIRE DOCUMENTARY FOLLOWED BY A LIVE DISCUSSION HOSTED BY TIKI BARBER, CHECK OUT MSNBC THIS FRIDAY 9 PM EASTERN, 8 CENTRAL.

COMMERCIAL

TONY: WHY ARE SO MANY PEOPLE GETTING SICK? ALLERGIES AND OTHER DISEASES ARE DOUBLING, TRIPLING, EVEN QUADRUPLING OVER THE LAST DECADE. NOW, SOME EXPERTS SAY THEY MIGHT HAVE SOME ANSWERS IN OUR "ONE STEP TO A BETTER ME."

TONY: APPROXIMATELY, HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU THINK YOU WASH YOUR HANDS PER DAY?

(SOT:) "Four."

(SOT:) "Four or Five."

(SOT:) "Ten."

TONY: GERMS, THEY'RE EVERYWHERE. ON DOOR KNOBS, THE SURFACE OF YOUR DESKS, ON THE TABLES WHERE YOU EAT LUNCH.

TONY: AND WHETHER YOU'RE A GERMOPHOBE WHO CARRIES AROUND HAND SANITIZER IN YOUR BACKPACK. WOULD YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF A GERMOPHOBE?

(SOT:) "Not entirely."

TONY: OR YOU'RE THE TYPE OF PERSON THAT THINKS SHOWERING IS OVER RATED, YOU'LL PROBABLY BE SURPRISED TO HEAR THIS, GERMS MAY NOT BE SO BAD AFTER ALL.

TONY: AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES, WHICH MISTAKENLY ATTACK HEALTHY TISSUE IN YOUR BODY, ARE ON THE RISE.

(SOT:) "Inflammatory heart disease, diabetes, lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis."

TONY: AND RATES OF ALLERGIES AND ASTHMA DOUBLING. TWO POPULAR THEORIES HAVE EMERGED TO EXPLAIN WHY. ONE, DEVELOPED IN THE 1980S, IS CALLED THE "HYGIENE HYPOTHESIS". IT SAYS AMERICA'S OBSESSION WITH "CLEAN" MAY HAVE GONE TOO FAR.

(SOT:) "There seemed to be a relationship between the cleaner environment and the rise in the incidence of asthma and autoimmune diseases."

TONY: SO COULD GERMS IN FACT BE GOOD FOR YOU?

(SOT:) "The immune system, if it's not kept busy dealing with bugs that are in the environment bacteria, viruses, fungi, then it starts working on the body."

TONY: DR. DELISA FAIRWEATHER HAS ANOTHER THEORY. SHE SAYS THE RISE IN AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES AND ALLERGIES MIGHT BE LINKED TO THE SOME 80,000 CHEMICALS PRESENT IN OUR ENVIRONMENT.

(SOT:) "As we see a rise in asthma, allergy and autoimmune diseases, we also see a rise in chemicals in our environment both in our food, in our homes, and where we work."

TONY: HEALTH JOURNALIST DONNA JACKSON NAKAZAWA LOST HER FATHER TO COMPLICATIONS FROM AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES WHEN SHE WAS TWELVE. SHE'S SINCE WRITTEN A BOOK ABOUT THE RISE IN AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES.

(SOT:) "Genetics load the gun, but it's the environment that pulls the trigger."

TONY: NAKAZAWA SAYS HUMANS NEEDS TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT HOW THEY TREAT THEIR IMMUNE SYSTEMS.

(SOT:) "We are over taxing the human immune system like a barrel that is too full and is going to spill over what can we take out of the barrel and how can we lessen that level of what's in the barrel?"

TONY: FOR WAYS TO KEEP YOU BODY AND MIND IN GOOD HEALTH, HEAD TO ONE STEP TO A BETTER ME AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

TONY: ALRIGHT GUYS, THAT IS OUR SHOW FOR TODAY. I'M TONY ANDERSON FOR CHANNEL ONE NEWS, WE'LL SEE YOU HERE SAME PLACE, SAME TIME TOMORROW AND WE LEAVE YOU WITH ONE MORE THING BEFORE WE GO. TAKE CARE!

TONY: HAVE YOU EVER HEARD THAT THE HAND IS QUICKER THAN THE EYE? WELL, THE STUDENTS YOU SEE HERE PROBABLY AGREE.

TONY: THIS PAST WEEKEND, THE WORLD SPORT STACKING CHAMPIONSHIPS TOOK PLACE IN DENVER, COLORADO.

TONY: SPEED STACKING IS POPULAR IN SCHOOLS AROUND THE WORLD AND INVOLVES COMPETITORS ATTEMPTING TO "UP STACK" AND THEN "DOWN STACK" CUPS IN A PREDETERMINED SEQUENCE AT LIGHTNING SPEEDS. THEY OFTEN REFER TO THIS AS "A TRACK MEET FOR THE HANDS"!

TONY: IN THE 15 TO 18 YEAR OLD COMPETITION, 15-YEAR-OLD JAKE EMBERTON FROM THE UK WON WITH A TIME OF 7.25 SECONDS. ALMOST A THOUSAND PEOPLE COMPETED IN THE CHAMPIONSHIPS FROM OVER 30 STATES AND 7 COUNTRIES.