

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 4/10/08

TOPICS COVERED:

- Newseum
- Olympic Torch Protest
- News of the Day

TONY: HEY GUYS AND WELCOME TO THE BRAND NEW NEWSEUM IN WASHINGTON DC. THE MUSEUM ABOUT NEWS, NEWSEUM. WAITING HERE AT THE GRAND OPENING AT THIS MUSEUM DEDICATED TO THE HISTORY OF NEWS AND CELEBRATING FREEDOM OF THE PRESS.

TONY: COMING UP I'LL GIVE YOU A SNEAK PEEK. I'M TONY ANDERSON, IT'S THURSDAY APRIL 10TH AND CHANNEL ONE NEWS STARTS RIGHT NOW.

TONY: SO I'M WITH JESSICA HALL, ONE OF THE PRODUCERS OF THE NEWSEUM AND SHE IS GOING TO TAKE ME AND YOU ON A TOUR. READY TO GO?

(SOT: Jessica Hall) "Yeah let's go!"

TONY: LET'S GET IT STARTED.

TONY: HELLO GUYS THIS IS TONY AND JESSICA REPORTING LIVE FROM THE CAPITOL. WE HAVE SOME BREAKING NEWS, ACTUALLY IT'S NOT THAT BREAKING. WHAT'S GOING ON HERE JESSICA?

(SOT: Jessica Hall) "We're standing in "Be A TV Reporter". And this is where teens can come and file a TV report from the white house, the Capitol, the Supreme Court, a studio and then they can get a photo with their picture on it being a TV reporter and use that to download their video and put it on Youtube or Myspace."

TONY: THAT'S AWESOME! YOU GUYS HAVE THIS BEAUTIFUL MIC FLAG HERE WHICH IS A NEWSEUM MIC SO PEOPLE CAN PRACTICE BEING THE NEXT TONY ANDERSON CHANNEL ONE NEWS, IS THAT CORRECT?

(SOT: Jessica Hall) "If they wanted to."

TONY: SO THIS IS THE PRESS FREEDOM ACT, CORRECT?

(SOT: Jessica Hall) "Yes it is, the red you see there are countries without a free press. Yellow means partially free and green means free."

TONY: THE U.S. IS GREEN

(SOT: Jessica Hall) "Yeah, but unfortunately there's a lot more red than there is green on the map."

TONY: IT IS, NOW THIS RIGHT HERE IS GETTING A LOT OF MY ATTENTION, WHAT'S GOING ON RIGHT HERE?

(SOT: Jessica Hall) "This was actually an armor reinforce truck that was used by TIME magazine during the 1990's era Bosnian conflict. And they called it the metal magnet because it got hit so many times."

TONY: WOW, WHAT'S GOING ON RIGHT HERE?

(SOT: Jessica Hall) "That sign was from the same conflict, it was on the road to the airport that they used to call sniper alley."

TONY: SO, REPORTERS ARE PUTTING THEMSELVES IN A LOT OF DANGER IN CERTAIN PLACES CORRECT?

(SOT: Jessica Hall) "This whole area is telling stories about reporters who have gone through a lot around the world in order to get the news."

TONY: WOW, LET'S CONTINUE OUR TOUR

TONY: SO WHAT'S GOING ON IN THIS ROOM RIGHT HERE?

(SOT: Jessica Hall) "This is the ethic center, it's the place where visitors make the tough calls that journalists make everyday."

TONY: OK, NOW THIS LOOKS LIKE AN AIR HOCKEY TABLE.

(SOT: Jessica Hall) "Well, this is the ethics table, it's actually a group game where eight people play together in teams of four and they try to answer questions by picking people and fill up all the spaces in the newspaper."

TONY: THIS IS SO COOL, SO WHAT IS THIS RIGHT HERE?

(SOT: Jessica Hall) "This is the internet, television and radio gallery and it tells the story of radio, then television and then the Internet. Things like the rise of talk radio. This is one of those butterfly ballots from Florida in the 2000 election and all the ways technology has changed journalism."

TONY: SORT OF LIKE RIGHT HERE WITH THIS CELL PHONE VIDEO THING?

(SOT: Jessica Hall) "Exactly! That was one of the big examples of citizen journalism because this student at Virginia Tech pulled out his camera phone during the shooting and captured the video."

TONY: ALRIGHT JESSICA, I WANT TO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR GIVING US THIS TOUR. AND NORMALLY WHEN PEOPLE THINK OF NEWS AND MUSEUMS IT MAY NOT BE THE MOST EXCITING THING ON THEIR MIND BUT I HAD A GREAT TIME AND IT'S ONE OF THE COOLEST MUSEUMS I'VE EVER BEEN TO IN MY LIFE.

TONY: AND THE BEST THING, WE MADE THE MEGATRON! TONY ANDERSON, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

TONY: SEE HOW MUCH YOU KNOW ABOUT GREAT MOMENTS IN JOURNALISM. LOOK FOR THE NEWS REWIND QUIZ ON CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

COMMERCIAL

TONY: BEHIND ME IS A REPLICIA OF THE SATELLITE THAT TRANSMITTED THE FIRST LIVE GLOBAL TELEVISION BROADCAST. BUT LIVE TELEVISION TODAY IS COMMON. SO LET'S HEAD FROM WASHINGTON, DC TO CHRIS BROWNE IN NEW YORK.

CHRIS: THANKS TONY. YESTERDAY, THOUSANDS OF ANTI-CHINA DEMONSTRATORS GATHERED IN SAN FRANCISCO FOR THE U.S. LEG OF THE OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY.

CHRIS: THE PROTESTERS HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING THE FLAME SINCE IT WAS FIRST LIT IN GREECE, AS A WAY OF DRAWING ATTENTION TO WHAT THEY SAY IS CHINA'S HISTORY OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND ITS CRACKDOWN ON DEMONSTRATORS IN TIBET.

CHRIS: BUT THIS IS HARDLY THE FIRST TIME THE OLYMPICS HAVE SPARKED CONTROVERSY. TODAY, WE'LL TAKE A LOOK AT THE ROLE POLITICS HAVE PLAYED IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES.

CHRIS: THE FIVE OLYMPIC RINGS, SYMBOLS OF THE FIVE POPULATED CONTINENTS OVERLAPPING TO REPRESENT A UNITED WORLD.

TONY: THAT WAS THE IDEA WHEN THE FIRST MODERN OLYMPICS WERE HELD IN ATHENS, GREECE IN 1896.

TONY: BUT BRINGING THE WORLD TOGETHER ALSO BROUGHT CONTROVERSY. ONE OF THE MOST CONTROVERSIAL OLYMPIC GAMES HAPPENED IN 1936 IN BERLIN GERMANY.

TONY: THE GAMES WERE OPENED BY ADOLF HITLER, AND BOTH THE AMERICAN AND BRITISH TEAMS REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPENING CEREMONIES.

TONY: HITLER BELIEVED THAT WHITE ATHLETES WERE SUPERIOR AND THAT THE GERMANS WOULD DOMINATE THE GAMES.

TONY: BUT HE WAS PROVEN WRONG WHEN AN AFRICAN AMERICAN ATHLETE STOLE THE SHOW. TRACK AND FIELD LEGEND JESSE OWENS WON FOUR MEDALS AND SHATTERED HITLER'S RACIST IDEAS.

TONY: THE OLYMPIC GAMES WERE A SYMBOL OF PEACE THROUGH SPORTS, BUT THAT CHANGED WHEN WORLD WAR TWO BEGAN IN 1939, AND EVEN THE OLYMPICS COULDN'T BRIDGE THE DIVIDE. SO THE GAMES WERE PUT ON HOLD UNTIL 1948.

TONY: BUT THE DEFEAT OF THE NAZIS DID NOT BRING ABOUT THE END OF RACISM IN THE OLYMPICS.

TONY: AT THE 1968 GAMES, WITH THE TENSION OF THE U.S. CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, THIS IMAGE BECAME A SYMBOL OF THE BLACK POWER MOVEMENT. IT SHOWS AMERICAN SPRINTERS TOMMY SMITH AND JOHN CARLOS RAISING BLACK GLOVED FISTS DURING A MEDAL CEREMONY.

(SOT: John Carlos) "To be a young individual here in track and field, I thought that this was a time for me to bring attention to these situations. I don't think that I had any political motivations whatsoever, whether I was supporting any nation or any flag, I was supporting human rights, period."

TONY: DURING THE 1980S, ANOTHER CONFLICT TOOK CENTER STAGE AT THE OLYMPICS, THE COLD WAR. AND WHEN THE SOVIET UNION INVADED AFGHANISTAN IN 1979, COLD WAR POLITICS SPARKED A VERY HEATED CONTROVERSY OVER THE 1980 GAMES IN MOSCOW.

TONY: AFTER THE SOVIETS REFUSED TO WITHDRAW FROM AFGHANISTAN, THE U.S. PULLED OUT OF THE GAMES, AND LED SIXTY OTHER NATIONS TO BOYCOTT.

(SOT: President Carter) "I have given notice that the United States will not attend the Moscow Olympics unless the Soviet invasion forces are withdrawn from Afghanistan before February 20th. That deadline is tomorrow, and it will not be changed."

TONY: THE NEXT OLYMPICS WERE HELD IN LOS ANGELES, AND THE SOVIETS BOYCOTTED IN RETURN, CONVINCING SEVERAL OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES TO OPT OUT OF THE 1984 GAMES.

TONY: AND NOW, MORE THAN A QUARTER CENTURY LATER, CALLS FOR AN OLYMPIC BOYCOTT ARE BEING HEARD ONCE AGAIN. FROM ATHENS TO LONDON, PARIS TO SAN FRANCISCO, PROVING THAT DESPITE THE GAMES' ORIGINAL MISSION TO BUILD A MORE PEACEFUL WORLD, THE OLYMPICS WILL ALWAYS PROVIDE A PLATFORM, NOT JUST FOR SPORTS, BUT FOR POLITICS.

CHRIS: CHRIS BROWNE, CHANNEL ONE NEWS

TONY: JUST OUTSIDE THE MUSEUM AND ALL AROUND D.C. YOU'LL FIND THAT CHERRY TREES ARE BLOWING. AND THAT MEANS THE CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL IS IN FULL SWING. TOURISTS FROM ALL AROUND THE COUNTRY AND THE WORLD COME HERE TO SEE THESE FLOWERS IN BLOOM.

TONY: THOUSANDS OF CHERRY TREES LINE THE TIDAL BASIN NOW BUT THEY WEREN'T ALWAYS HERE. SO WHERE DID THEY COME FROM? WELL, THAT'S YOUR POP QUIZ QUESTION TODAY.

TONY: THE CHERRY TREES WERE ORIGINALLY A GIFT FROM WHAT COUNTRY? WAS IT?

- A. CHINA
- B. INDIA
- C. JAPAN
- OR D. TAIWAN

TONY: YOU'VE GOT TEN!

TONY: TIMES UP. THE ANSWER IS C - JAPAN.

TONY: BACK IN 1912, AS A GESTURE OF FRIENDSHIP, THE JAPANESE GAVE THE UNITED STATES AROUND 3,000 SAKURA TREES, OR AS WE KNOW THEM, CHERRY TREES.

TONY: MANY WERE PLANTED RIGHT HERE, AND OVER THE YEARS MORE HAVE BEEN ADDED.

TONY: IN 1935, THE CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL BEGAN IN WASHINGTON D.C. AND HAS BECOME AN ANNUAL EVENT. THE FESTIVAL CELEBRATES THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS AT THEIR PEAK, TYPICALLY THE BEGINNING OF SPRING.

TONY: THIS YEAR'S CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL IS GOING ON RIGHT NOW AND ENDS ON APRIL 13TH!

COMMERCIAL

TONY: ON DISPLAY IN THIS ROOM ARE SOME OF THE MOST FAMOUS NEWSPAPER HEADLINES IN HISTORY SINCE THE INVENTION OF THE PRINTING PRESS IN 1455. SO WHAT'S IN THE HEADLINES TODAY? LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF TODAY'S HEADLINES.

JESSICA: THOUSANDS OF FRENCH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TOOK TO THE STREETS IN PARIS ON TUESDAY TO PROTEST TEACHER JOB CUTS.

JESSICA: THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO ELIMINATE THOUSANDS OF TEACHER JOBS NEXT YEAR TO CUT COSTS.

JESSICA: MOST DEMONSTRATORS MARCHED PEACEFULLY, BUT A SMALL GROUP TURNED VIOLENT. RIOT POLICE INTERVENED, SPRAYING TEAR GAS AT THE PROTESTERS, WHO THREATENED TO CONTINUE THEIR FIGHT.

CHRIS: SINCE TUESDAY, AMERICAN AIRLINES HAS CANCELLED OVER A THOUSAND FLIGHTS AND DISRUPTED AROUND 100 THOUSAND PASSENGERS IN ORDER TO INSPECT WIRING ON SOME OF ITS PLANES.

CHRIS: YESTERDAY AMERICAN GROUNDED MORE THAN A THIRD OF ITS FLEET, INCLUDING ALL BOEING MD 80 AIRCRAFTS. ABOUT 300 IN ALL.

(SOT: Charley Wilson) "We're going to take a look at all 300 of our MD 80 aircraft, address the issue where it's necessary and then get the fleet back in service, passengers back on their way."

CHRIS: RECENTLY, THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, OR FAA, HAS STEPPED UP ITS EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT AIRLINES ARE COMPLYING WITH ALL FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

CHRIS: THE WIRING PROBLEMS WITH THE AMERICAN AIRLINES' PLANES CAME TO LIGHT AS A RESULT OF AN FAA INSPECTION.

CHRIS: THE AIRLINE SAYS WIRING PROBLEMS ARE NOT A SAFETY ISSUE.

JESSICA: DID YOU EVER SEND OUT A MASS TEXT MESSAGE TO ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS WHEN YOU'RE TRYING TO MAKE PLANS? WELL, THE GOVERNMENT IS TAKING THAT IDEA AND USING IT AS A WAY TO ALERT PEOPLE IN THE EVENT OF A CRISIS.

JESSICA: THE GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE BIG STEPS THIS WEEK TOWARDS DEVELOPING A NATIONWIDE EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM. IT WILL ALLOW THE GOVERNMENT TO USE TEXT MESSAGES AS A WAY TO WARN PEOPLE ABOUT THINGS LIKE NATURAL DISASTERS AND TERRORIST THREATS.

JESSICA: RIGHT NOW, THERE'S NO QUICK AND EASY WAY TO GET IN TOUCH WITH A BIG GROUP OF PEOPLE WHEN A CRISIS OCCURS, LIKE 2005'S HURRICANE KATRINA. IF SUCH A SYSTEM HAD EXISTED THEN, THE GOVERNMENT COULD HAVE ALERTED RESIDENTS TO THE COMING HURRICANE VIA TEXT MESSAGE.

JESSICA: PHONE COMPANIES WOULDN'T BE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE, BUT THE FOUR LARGEST CELL PHONE CARRIERS IN THE U.S. ALL SAY THEY'LL TAKE PART. THE NETWORK IS EXPECTED TO BE UP AND RUNNING BY THE YEAR 2010.

TONY: AND THAT DOES IT FOR US FROM NEWEST MUSEUM IN OUR NATION'S CAPITAL. I'M TONY ANDERSON FOR CHANNEL ONE NEWS. TAKE CARE.