

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 6/02/08

TOPICS COVERED:

- Carbon Footprint
- History Myth

CHRIS: IT'S MONDAY, JUNE 2ND. I'M CHRIS BROWNE AND CHANNEL ONE NEWS STARTS RIGHT NOW.

CHRIS: THERE'S A LOT OF TALK LATELY ABOUT GREENHOUSE GASES, ESPECIALLY THE CARBON DIOXIDE HUMANS CONTRIBUTE TO THE ATMOSPHERE.

CHRIS: SOME PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO BALANCE OUT THE AMOUNT OF CARBON DIOXIDE THEY PRODUCE BY DOING THINGS THAT WILL HELP THE ENVIRONMENT. THEY CALL IT CARBON NEUTRAL BUT WHAT DOES IT MEAN AND HOW DO YOU MEASURE IT? TONY ANDERSON BREAKS IT DOWN.

TONY: EVERYTHING YOU DO IN YOUR DAILY LIFE LEAVES AN IMPRINT ON THE PLANET AND THAT'S CALLED A CARBON FOOTPRINT

TONY: CARBON FOOTPRINT MEASURE OF THE IMPACT HUMAN ACTIVITIES HAVE ON THE ENVIRONMENT IN TERMS OF THE AMOUNT OF CARBON DIOXIDE PRODUCED

TONY: SCIENTISTS SAY EACH AMERICAN CONTRIBUTES 22 TONS OF CARBON EMISSIONS A YEAR. THAT'S SIX TIMES THE AVERAGE OF THE REST OF THE GLOBE.

TONY: SO I DECIDED TO FIGURE OUT MY OWN CARBON FOOTPRINT FOR A TYPICAL WORK DAY.

TONY: SO MY PRODUCER DURRELL AND MYSELF ARE GOING TO CONNECTICUT IN MAROON THUNDER. ROAD TRIP.

TONY: AFTER DRIVING 74 MILES, AND A DAY OF INTERVIEWS, IT WAS TIME TO COME HOME.

TONY: SO WE FILLED UP THE GAS TANK, AND THEN DROVE ANOTHER 74 MILES BACK TO CHANNEL ONE.

TONY: SO WHAT WERE THE RESULTS OF MY CARBON FOOTPRINT FOR THE WORKDAY? WELL, IT'S NOT JUST TRAVEL BUT ALSO THINGS LIKE COMPUTER USE, ELECTRICITY, HEAT, AIR CONDITIONING, RECYCLING, EATING, AND EVEN OUR CLOTHES.

TONY: TO FIGURE IT OUT WE WENT ONLINE TO A CARBON CALCULATOR AND FOUND OUT THAT WE EXPENDED ABOUT 82 POUNDS OF CO2. AND THAT'S JUST THIS ONE DAY.

TONY: GOOD THING IT WASN'T THE DAY I FLEW TO AUSTRALIA. PEOPLE WHO FLY A LOT USUALLY HAVE BIGGER CARBON FOOTPRINTS.

TONY: SO WHAT ARE SOME WAYS YOU CAN REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT? I ASKED MALAIKI QUENO, A YOUTH AMBASSADOR FOR THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION.

(SOT: Malaiki) "Something simple, you can just turn off your TV when you're not watching it. You can turn off your light when your not using it, you can even just change your light bulb to a fluorescent light bulb which takes less energy. You can turn off your computer when you're not using it, or you can also use public transportation where ever your going."

TONY: I USE THE METRO.

TONY: SIMPLE CHANGES THAT CAN MAKE A WORLD OF A DIFFERENCE AND A NEW TREND THAT IS CATCHING ON, YOU CAN EVEN BUY CARBON OFFSETS.

TONY: CARBON OFFSETS, A DONATION OR OTHER ACT THAT AIMS TO REMOVE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CARBON DIOXIDE FROM THE ATMOSPHERE TO COMPENSATE FOR THE SAME AMOUNT OF CARBON DIOXIDE THAT SOMEONE OR SOMETHING HAS ADDED TO THE ATMOSPHERE

(SOT: Dan Kammen) "If you drive a mile that emits a certain amount of green house gas emissions where you can either get a car that's more efficient to cut down on what you do, or you can buy a credit to make up for it."

TONY: AND THAT CREDIT PAYS FOR A PROJECT THAT WILL REDUCE GREEN HOUSE GASES, MAKING UP FOR THE BAD EFFECTS OF YOUR DRIVING.

TONY: FOR MY 82 POUNDS OF CARBON I COULD OFFSET IT, OR MAKE UP FOR IT FOR ABOUT 50 CENTS. THAT MONEY WILL THEN GO TO PAY FOR PROJECTS LIKE THIS WINDFARM OUTSIDE OF SACRAMENTO.

TONY: THIS MARKET IS BOOMING. CONSUMERS SPENT MORE THAN 100 MILLION DOLLARS ON CARBON OFFSETS IN 2007.

(SOT: Eric Blachford) "Offsetting is going to become as common as a thing as recycling. It wasn't that long ago that people thought it was a little odd to sort different paper in one thing and trash in another and now everybody does it. Naturally I think the same thing will happen with offsets."

TONY: BUT HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT WHAT YOU'RE PAYING FOR IS REALLY HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT AND MAKING UP FOR YOUR DAMAGE? WATCH DOG GROUPS ARE NOW KEEPING TABS ON OFFSET PROGRAMS TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE REALLY WORKING.

(SOT: Lars Kvale) "It's definitely an emerging market, and what happens with emerging new markets is that there's generally no or little regulatory oversight for consumers."

(SOT: Dan Kammen) "If we don't have these things actually being validated, then it's a shell game and that would be the worst possible thing because of the scandals that would follow and the discovery that greenhouse gas emissions continue to grow."

TONY: SO, AT THE END OF THE DAY HERE'S MY DAY'S CARBON FOOTPRINT MINUS THE CARBON OFFSET AND THAT EQUALS CARBON NEUTRAL.

TONY: IT WASN'T MISSION IMPOSSIBLE BUT IT COULD BE TOUGH TO DO EVERYDAY. MAYBE I'LL START WITH SOME OF THE SMALLER CHANGES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

TONY: MISSION ACCOMPLISHED. TONY ANDERSON, CHANNEL ONE NEWS

CHRIS: HEAD TO GOING GREEN FEATURE AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM TO CALCULATE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT.

COMMERCIAL

CHRIS: BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THIS IS THE LAST WEEK OF THE CHANNEL ONE SCHOOL YEAR. AND BEFORE WE WRAP UP, WE'RE GOING TO BRING YOU A SPECIAL SERIES ON SOME VERY FAMOUS HISTORICAL MYTHS.

CHRIS: SOME OF WHICH, YOU MAY HAVE LEARNED IN HISTORY CLASS! AND TO KICK IT ALL OFF, WE'RE TAKING A CLOSE LOOK AT THAT MOST AMERICAN OF HOLIDAYS THE FOURTH OF JULY.

CHRIS: INDEPENDENCE DAY, WHEN AMERICANS CELEBRATE THE NATION'S FREEDOM WITH FIREWORKS AND BARBECUES.

CHRIS: BUT DO AMERICANS KNOW WHEN THE UNITED STATES ACTUALLY BECAME INDEPENDENT?

(SOT:) "1776."

CHRIS: DO YOU AGREE? YOU'RE TOTALLY WRONG.

(SOT:) "1778?"

(SOT:) "We became independent in 17...66?"

(SOT:) "1787...89."

(SOT:) "Yeah July 4th! Right? Wait."

CHRIS: OK SO NOT EVERYONE AGREES ON THE DATE. BUT HISTORIANS DO SEEM TO KNOW WHEN IT DID NOT HAPPEN.

(SOT: Christina Hansen) "Well we pretty much all agree that the U.S. did not become independent on July 4th, 1776. The declaration of independence was really just a letter explaining to George III why we wanted to be independent."

(SOT:) "The signing of the declaration of independence making all men free and equal."

CHRIS: AND, AS IT TURNS, OUT, THAT FAMOUS SIGNING DIDN'T EVEN HAPPEN ON JULY 4TH. IT HAPPENED ON AUGUST 2ND.

CHRIS: SO WHY DO WE BREAK OUT THE RED WHITE AND BLUE ON THE 4TH?

CHRIS: WELL, IT WAS ON THAT DAY THAT THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS APPROVED A FINAL, EDITED VERSION OF THE DECLARATION PROBABLY AN AFTERTHOUGHT FOR OUR FOUNDING FATHERS, WHO CAST THEIR HISTORIC VOTES TWO DAYS EARLIER.

(SOT: Christina Hansen) "Congress actually voted to become independent on the second of July, 1776. So real Independence Day ought to be on July 2nd."

(SOT: Christina Hansen) "John Adams actually wrote a letter to his wife, Abigail about July 2nd, saying the 'Second of July will go down as one of the greatest of our nations history and one of the greatest in world history, human history!"

CHRIS: OF COURSE, THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE DIDN'T GRANT THE THIRTEEN COLONIES THEIR FREEDOM FROM BRITAIN.

CHRIS: IT TOOK A LONG, BLOODY WAR AND ANOTHER FAMOUS DOCUMENT, THE TREATY OF PARIS, TO ACCOMPLISH THAT.

(SOT:) "The treaty of Paris was signed in 1783 and that's what actually ended the American Revolution and Britain recognized our right to be independent."

CHRIS: SO WHY DON'T WE SAVE OUR SPARKLERS FOR SEPTEMBER 3RD, WHEN THE COLONIES OFFICALLY BECAME INDEPENDENT? WELL, HERE IN THE U.S. OF A., OLD HABITS DIE HARD.

CHRIS: AND AS LONG AS THE FOURTH OF JULY, 1776 REMAINS ATOP THAT FAMOUS LETTER TO KING GEORGE III, AMERICANS WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR INDEPENDENCE ON THAT DAY FOR A LONG TIME TO COME.

CHRIS: CHRIS BROWNE, CHANNEL ONE NEWS

CHRIS: TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND SEPARATE FACT FROM FICTION IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. CLICK ON HISTORY MYTH BUSTERS AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

CHRIS: HEY GUYS, THIS IS OUR LAST PLAY OF THE WEEK FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR, AND IT'S A GOOD ONE! IT COMES TO US FROM CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO. AND IN THIS PLAY COMES STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART.

CHRIS: BOLICH MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER GREG SHOULTS MADE A HALF COURT SHOT WHILE SHOOTING BACKWARDS! IT WAS PART A SCHOOL FUND RAISER FOR THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION.

CHRIS: STUDENTS AND TEACHERS HAD TO PAY A QUARTER FOR A HALF COURT SHOT WITH THE CHANCE OF WINNING A LEATHER BASKETBALL. THE MONEY COLLECTED WOULD GO TO THE AHA. IN THE END MR. SHOULTZ MADE 17 TOTAL SHOTS BACKWARDS AND DONATED A BIT OF MONEY HAVING SOME FUN.

CHRIS: IF YOU MAKE SOME GREAT PLAYS OVER THE SUMMER IN ANY SPORT AND WANT EVERYONE TO SEE IT NEXT SCHOOL YEAR, MAIL IT IN OR SEND IT TO US ONLINE AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

COMMERCIAL

CHRIS: HEY GUYS, IT'S TIME FOR OUR LAST YOUR TURN OF THE YEAR. ON FRIDAY, WE TOLD YOU ABOUT A WEBSITE THAT ALLOWS PARENTS TO MONITOR THEIR TEEN'S SCHOOL WORK AND WE ASKED YOU.

CHRIS: SHOULD PARENTS BE ABLE TO TRACK YOUR SCHOOL LIFE ONLINE? YES OR NO? xx OF YOU SAID YES AND xx SAID NO, YOU DON'T THINK YOUR PARENTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO TRACK YOUR SCHOOL LIFE ONLINE.

CHRIS: OUR PHONES HAVE BEEN RINGING OFF THE HOOK, TAKE A LISTEN TO THIS VOICEMAIL WE RECEIVED FROM

CHRIS: WE'VE ALSO RECEIVED A TON OF WRITTEN RESPONSES xx FROM xx WROTE

CHRIS: WE'LL BE AROUND ALL SUMMER ONLINE, SO DON'T FORGET TO LOG ONTO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM TO SOUND OFF!

CHRIS: THAT DOES IT FOR CHANNEL ONE NEWS, I'M CHRIS BROWNE, HAVE A GREAT DAY.