

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 1/31/08

TOPICS COVERED:

- School Stress
- News of the Day
- Whale Sonar

CHRIS: IT'S THURSDAY, JANUARY 31ST. I'M CHRIS BROWNE AND COMING UP, WE'LL TELL YOU ABOUT A DIFFERENT KIND OF POLLUTION DEEP BENEATH THE SEA. BUT FIRST CHANNEL ONE STARTS RIGHT NOW.

CHRIS: STUDIES SHOW THAT YOUR GENERATION IS THE MOST ANXIOUS, STRESSED OUT, AND SLEEP DEPRIVED GENERATION EVER. IT'S GOTTEN SO BAD THAT SCHOOLS ARE NOW TAKING ON THIS MAJOR HEALTH CONCERN AND THEY'RE DOING IT IN SOME PRETTY CREATIVE WAYS. CHECK IT OUT

CHRIS: HOMEWORK, TESTS, COLLEGE APPLICATIONS, EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND A SOCIAL LIFE? ARE YOU FEELING STRESSED OUT?

(SOT:) "I will come home and check my computer just to check my email ya know, five minutes max and they'll bombard me with questions. Have you done your homework? Is it done? Do you have a test the next day? Have you studied? Are you prepared?"

CHRIS: 14-YEAR-OLD NATASHA VON KAEPLER IS TOP OF HER CLASS, BUT STILL FEELING THE HEAT. AND SHE'S NOT ALONE.

CHRIS: A RECENT STUDY FINDS 88 PERCENT OF KIDS WORRY ABOUT GETTING GOOD GRADES, AND 83 PERCENT FEEL OVERWHELMED BY HOMEWORK.

CHRIS: ANXIETY THAT MANIFESTS ITSELF IN STUDENTS WITH ULCERS, MIGRAINES, HIGHER RATES OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND DEPRESSION.

CHRIS: BUT WHERE DOES ALL THE PRESSURE COME FROM? PARENTS? PEERS? OR SOCIETY?

(SOT: Dr. Denise Pope) "It is driven by all three of those and society, there's the pressure to get into these elite schools, from peers there's a myth that everybody is out there getting 4.0's and taking all these extracurriculars and from parents there's a lot of pressure to get into colleges as well."

CHRIS: TEACHERS SAY MANY STUDENTS ARE SO OVERWHELMED THAT THEY'RE NOW JUST SKIMMING THE MATERIAL AND NOT REALLY LEARNING OR RETAINING IT.

CHRIS: AND THAT PROMPTED NATASHA'S SCHOOL, CASTELLEJA HIGH, TO TAKE ACTION. THEY'VE ADDED FREE PERIODS AND LOUNGES TO SPEND THEM IN.

CHRIS: AND IN THIS HIGH SCHOOL NEAR SAN FRANCISCO, YOGA IS TAKING ITS PLACE ALONG CALCULUS AND CHEMISTRY TO HELP STUDENTS PRESSURED BY THE NEED TO ACHIEVE.

CHRIS: AND WHILE MORE SCHOOLS ARE OFFERING THEM, YOGA AND OTHER STRESS BUSTERS AREN'T COMMON IN AMERICAN CLASSROOMS QUITE YET. STILL SCHOOLS ACROSS THE COUNTRY, ARE TRYING TO FIND WAYS TO HELP KIDS DEAL WITH WHAT'S BEING CALLED THE 'AGE OF STRESS.'

CHRIS: WHETHER IT BE THROUGH PLAYING CENTER OR FINDING THEIR CENTER, EXPERTS SAY STUDENTS NEED A MENTAL AND PHYSICAL BREAK FROM THEIR 'STRESS FOR SUCCESS.' CHRIS BROWNE CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

CHRIS: AS WE JUST TOLD YOU, MANY STUDENTS ARE FEELING MORE AND MORE PRESSURE IN SCHOOL. SO WHAT ABOUT YOU?

CHRIS: WHEN IT COMES TO FEELING THE CRUNCH IN CLASS, WHAT STRESSES YOU OUT THE MOST? IS IT YOUR PARENTS, YOUR PEERS OR SOCIETY?

CHRIS: GO TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM TO VOTE AND TELL US WHY YOU MAY BE STRESSED OUT AT SCHOOL OR IF YOU AREN'T STRESS OUT, LET US KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING TO ESCAPE THE PRESSURE.

COMMERCIAL

CHRIS: TWO MORE CANDIDATES HAVE DROPPED OUT OF THE RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE. THAT STORY AND MORE IN TODAY'S HEADLINES FROM CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

ANNOUNCER: TWO MORE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES HAVE CALLED IT QUILTS.

ANNOUNCER: RUDY GIULIANI ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY HE WAS DROPPING HIS BID FOR THE REPUBLICAN NOD AFTER A DISAPPOINTING SHOWING IN THE FLORIDA PRIMARY.

ANNOUNCER: GIULIANI SPOKE FROM THE REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY IN CALIFORNIA, THE SITE OF LAST NIGHT'S REPUBLICAN DEBATE. GIULIANI SAYS HE WILL NOW SUPPORT SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN'S CAMPAIGN.

(SOT: Rudy Giuliani) "John McCain is the most qualified candidate to be the next commander in chief of the United States. He is an American hero and America could use heroes in the White House."

ANNOUNCER: WITHOUT GIULIANI, THE REPUBLICAN FIELD NARROWS TO FOUR CANDIDATES JOHN MCCAIN, MITT ROMNEY, MIKE HUCKABEE AND LONGSHOT RON PAUL.

ANNOUNCER: DEMOCRATIC JOHN EDWARDS ALSO ENDED HIS CANDIDACY YESTERDAY. EDWARDS SPOKE ABOUT THE SUSPENSION OF HIS CAMPAIGN IN NEW ORLEANS, THE SAME CITY WHERE HE ANNOUNCED HIS PLANS TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT.

(SOT John Edwards) "Today, I am suspending my campaign for the democrat nomination."

ANNOUNCER: ON THE DEMOCRATIC SIDE, IT'S NOW ESSENTIALLY DOWN TO A TWO-PERSON RACE BETWEEN BARACK OBAMA AND HILLARY CLINTON.

ANNOUNCER: THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT IT WILL FORMALLY APOLOGIZE TO THE ABORIGINAL PEOPLE, WHO WERE AUSTRALIA'S NATIVE INHABITANTS.

ANNOUNCER: THE APOLOGY COMES AFTER YEARS OF PRESSURE FROM ABORIGINAL LEADERS WHO WANTED THE GOVERNMENT TO APOLOGIZE FOR UNFAIR TREATMENT OF THEIR PEOPLE.

ANNOUNCER: FOR EXAMPLE, UNDER ONE POLICY THE GOVERNMENT REMOVED 100 THOUSAND HALF AUSTRALIAN, HALF ABORIGINAL CHILDREN FROM THEIR PARENTS BETWEEN 1910 AND THE 1970S.

ANNOUNCER: THE LOGIC BEHIND THAT POLICY? AT THE TIME, MANY BELIEVED THE ABORIGINAL PEOPLE WERE DOOMED, AND THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVED IT WAS SAVING THE CHILDREN BY REMOVING THEM FROM THEIR HOMES.

ANNOUNCER: TODAY, ABOUT 450 THOUSAND OF AUSTRALIA'S 21 MILLION RESIDENTS ARE ABORIGINAL PEOPLE.

ANNOUNCER: A U.S. ENVOY HAS CALLED THE VIOLENCE IN KENYA QUOTE "CLEAR ETHNIC CLEANSING" AIMED AT PUSHING OUT THE KIKUYU TRIBE, KENYA'S LARGEST ETHNIC GROUP.

ANNOUNCER: ETHNIC CLEANSING IS THE ATTEMPTED ELIMINATION OF A GROUP OF PEOPLE FROM A SOCIETY. IT'S OFTEN BASED ON DIFFERENCES IN RACE OR RELIGION.

ANNOUNCER: THE HOLOCAUST IS CONSIDERED BY MANY TO BE AN EXAMPLE OF ETHNIC CLEANSING. WHEN SIX MILLION JEWISH PEOPLE WERE KILLED FOR THEIR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS.

ANNOUNCER: IN KENYA, MORE THAN 800 PEOPLE HAVE DIED AS A RESULT OF ETHNIC CLASHES SINCE DECEMBER. THE VIOLENCE BEGAN WHEN PRESIDENT MWAI KIBAKI WON ANOTHER TERM IN AN ELECTION HIS OPPONENTS SAY WAS UNFAIR.

ANNOUNCER: PRESIDENT KIBAKI IS A MEMBER OF THE KIKUYU TRIBE, WHICH MAKES UP ABOUT 22 PERCENT OF KENYA'S POPULATION. IT IS THE VIOLENCE AGAINST THE KIKUYUS BY ANOTHER TRIBE, THE KALENJINS, THAT THE U.S. ENVOY CALLED ETHNIC CLEANSING.

ANNOUNCER: SEVERE WEATHER IS CAUSING PROBLEMS ACROSS MUCH OF THE U.S.

ANNOUNCER: LIGHTNING FLASHED ACROSS THE INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA SKYLINE ON TUESDAY NIGHT WHERE A VIOLENT STORM IS BEING BLAMED FOR THE DEATHS OF THREE PEOPLE. WINDS REACHED UP TO 80-MILES PER HOUR, LEAVING MANY WITHOUT POWER.

ANNOUNCER: THE STORM ALSO KNOCKED DOWN POWER LINES IN OTHER MIDWESTERN STATES AND CAUSED A 20 CAR PILEUP IN MINNESOTA.

ANNOUNCER: MEANWHILE, THE WEST GOT ITS OWN DOSE OF WINTER WEATHER. PORTIONS OF WASHINGTON STATE WERE IN DANGER OF AN AVALANCHE AND HEAVY SNOW CAUSED WHITEOUT CONDITIONS IN NEVADA.

ANNOUNCER: HEAD TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM TO SEE HOW ONE YOUNG WOMAN IS SURVIVING AMIDST THE VIOLENCE IN NAIROBI. JUST CLICK ON RACHEL'S NOTEBOOK FROM THE PASSPORT KENYA PAGE.

CHRIS: SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR WE'VE BROUGHT YOU ONE VOICE STORIES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE KNIGHT FOUNDATION. AND TODAY, WE WANTED TO TAKE A FEW SECONDS TO SEE HOW MUCH YOU KNOW ABOUT THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION. SO HERE'S YOUR POP QUIZ.

CHRIS: WHICH OF THESE LIBERTIES IS NOT GUARANTEED BY THE FIRST AMENDMENT? IS IT

- A. THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS
- B. THE RIGHT TO ASSEMBLE
- C. THE RIGHT TO PETITION
- OR D. FREEDOM OF SPEECH

CHRIS: TAKE TEN SECONDS.

CHRIS: OKAY TIME'S UP. THE ANSWER IS A. THE RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS. IT'S ACTUALLY THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION, WHICH SAYS QUOTE "THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS, SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED."

CHRIS: THE FIRST AMENDMENT PROTECTS FREEDOM OF RELIGION, FREEDOM OF SPEECH, FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, THE RIGHT TO ASSEMBLE AND RIGHT TO PETITION.

COMMERCIAL

CHRIS: IN THE OCEAN, WHALES AND DOLPHINS DEPEND LARGELY ON THEIR HEARING TO SURVIVE.

CHRIS: AND NOW NEW DATA SUGGESTS THAT HUMAN SONAR TECHNOLOGY USED BY THE U.S. AND OTHER NAVIES COULD BE HARMING, AND EVEN KILLING THESE MAMMALS. TONY ANDERSON HAS MORE ON THIS ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROVERSY.

TONY: IS THIS SOUND ANNOYING TO YOU?

TONY: IT MAY NOT SOUND BAD TO YOU, BUT TO SOME WHALES IT SOUNDS LIKE THIS.

TONY: SONAR TECHNOLOGY THAT IS BEING USED BY THE U.S. NAVY AND OTHER MILITARIES AROUND THE WORLD IS DOING MORE THAN JUST ANNOYING WHALES. SOME ARE DYING.

TONY: A FEW DECADES AGO, SONAR TECHNOLOGY WAS ESSENTIALLY BIG MICROPHONES THAT LISTENED FOR THE DISTINCTIVE SOUNDS MADE BY LARGE SUBMARINES.

TONY: NOW, WITH A NEW GENERATION OF SMALLER, SLEEKER SUBMARINES, THE U.S. NAVY USES DIFFERENT TECHNOLOGY THAT SENDS OUT SOUND WAVES AND THEN LISTENS FOR THEM TO BOUNCE OFF AN OBJECT AND BACK TO THE TRANSMITTER.

TONY: ESSENTIALLY GIVING AWAY THE LOCATION OF THE OBJECT BASED ON HOW LONG THE SOUND WAVES TAKES TO COME BACK.

(SOT: JOEL REYNOLDS) "The overall impact of this kind of sound pollution in an acoustic environment like this, where the species depend on hearing and being heard for survival can be devastating."

TONY: SCIENTISTS SAY THE NAVY'S SONAR CAN INTERFERE WITH THE ECHOES SOME WHALES AND DOLPHINS LISTEN FOR WHEN THEY USE THEIR OWN NATURAL SONAR TO LOCATE FOOD.

TONY: 130 MILES OFF THE COAST OF SAN DIEGO THE U.S. WARSHIP MOMSEN RUNS AN EXERCISE.

TONY: NOT A BATTLE EXERCISE, BUT AN EXERCISE IN AVOIDING WHALES.

(SOT: JAMES LOEBLEIN) "The first thing we do when we see a grey whale is we try to avoid it. We try to stay out of its way."

TONY: IN JANUARY, A CALIFORNIA COURT ORDERED THE NAVY TO STOP USING ACTIVE SONAR WHILE TRAINING WITHIN 12 MILES OF THE COAST, AND IN OTHER SENSITIVE AREAS, AND TO REDUCE SONAR LEVELS WITHIN 2000 METERS OF A WHALE.

TONY: BUT, PRESIDENT BUSH EXEMPTED THE NAVY, SAYING TRAINING WAS QUOTE, "ESSENTIAL TO NATIONAL SECURITY". THAT SET THE STAGE FOR A WHALE OF A LEGAL FIGHT.

TONY: WHALE STRANDINGS HAVE BEEN LINKED TO NAVY SONAR EXERCISES FOR A DECADE. STUDIES SUGGEST THE SONAR GIVES SOME WHALES A DEADLY VERSION OF "THE BENDS" SIMILAR TO WHAT HAPPENS WITH SCUBA DIVERS WHO RISE TO THE OCEAN SURFACE TOO QUICKLY. PRESSURE CAUSES NITROGEN BUBBLES TO FORM IN THE BLOOD AND IT CAN BE LETHAL.

TONY: ANOTHER PROBLEM IS THAT THE SONAR INVOLVED IS VERY LOUD AND IT CAN BE HEARD UNDERWATER FOR HUNDREDS OF MILES.

TONY: BUT THE NAVY ARGUES THEY NEED IT ESPECIALLY SINCE THERE ARE NEW QUIET SUBMARINES, IN IRAN AND NORTH KOREA, THAT SAIL COASTAL WATERS. THE NAVY SAYS SONAR IS CRITICAL TO KEEPING THE FLEET SAFE.

TONY: SO THE NAVY IS ON A WHALE LOOKOUT, WHILE THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SAYS IF IT HAS TO, IT WILL TAKE THE ARGUMENT BREWING OFF ITS COAST, INLAND TO THE NATION'S HIGHEST COURT, THE SUPREME COURT.

TONY: TONY ANDERSON, CHANNEL ONE NEWS

CHRIS: HERE'S ONE FACT YOU MAY NOT KNOW. GRAY WHALES EMIT GRUNTS, CLICKS, AND WHISTLING SOUNDS TO COMMUNICATE WITH OTHER GRAY WHALES.

CHRIS: THAT DOES IT FOR CHANNEL ONE NEWS. I'M CHRIS BROWNE, THANKS SO MUCH FOR WATCHING. HOPE YOU GUYS HAVE A GREAT DAY.