

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 12/07/07

TOPICS COVERED:

- Romney
- News of the Day
- Pop Quiz: Pearl Harbor
- Whales Update

TONY: HEY GUYS IT'S FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7TH. I'M TONY ANDERSON AND CHANNEL ONE NEWS STARTS RIGHT NOW.

TONY: REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE MITT ROMNEY ADDRESSED THE AMERICAN PUBLIC YESTERDAY. NOT FOCUSING ON WHY HE SHOULD BE THE NEXT PRESIDENT BUT INSTEAD ON HIS RELIGION.

TONY: JESSICA KUMARI CONTINUES OUR ONE VOICE SERIES ON THE FIRST AMENDMENT AND TELLS US WHY ROMNEY'S SPEECH IS REMINISCENT OF ONE SPEECH MADE ALMOST 50 YEARS AGO.

(SOT: Mitt Romney) "If I'm fortunate to become your president, I will serve no one religion, no one group, no one cause, and no one interest. A president must serve only the common cause of the people of the United States."

JESSICA: REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE MITT ROMNEY ON THURSDAY ANSWERING QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS CHURCH, THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

(SOT: Mitt Romney) "No authorities of my church, or of any other church for that matter, will ever exert influence on presidential decisions. Their authority is theirs."

JESSICA: SOUNDING SIMILAR TO A SPEECH JOHN F KENNEDY MADE IN 1960 ABOUT HIS RELIGION CATHOLICISM.

(SOT: John F Kennedy) "I believe in an America where the separation of church and state is absolute, where no Catholic prelate would tell the president should he be Catholic how to act."

JESSICA: KENNEDY WENT ON TO BECOME THE NATION'S FIRST ROMAN CATHOLIC PRESIDENT. MITT ROMNEY IS HOPING TO FOLLOW IN HIS FOOTSTEPS AND BECOME THE FIRST MORMON PRESIDENT. SO WHY HAS ROMNEY'S RELIGION BECOME AN ISSUE?

JESSICA: ACCORDING TO A PEW RESEARCH CENTER POLL OVER 60 PERCENT OF AMERICANS BELIEVE THEIR RELIGION HAS LITTLE IN COMMON WITH THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTERDAY SAINTS.

JESSICA: ACTUALLY THE MORMON CHURCH IS THE NATION'S FOURTH LARGEST WITH AROUND 6 MILLION FOLLOWERS IN THE U.S. MORMON LEADERS SAY THEIR FAITH HOLDS A UNIQUE PLACE IN THE CHRISTIAN WORLD.

JESSICA: BUT UNLIKE CHRISTIANS AND JEWS WHO BELIEVE THERE IS A GAP BETWEEN CREATOR AND CREATURE, MORMONS BELIEVE GOD AND HUMANS ARE OF THE SAME SPECIES.

(SOT: Mitt Romney) "There is one fundamental question about which I often am asked. What do I believe about Jesus Christ? I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the Savior of mankind."

(SOT: Mitt Romney) "My church's beliefs about Christ may not all be the same as those of other faiths. These are not bases for criticism but rather a test of our tolerance."

JESSICA: RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE IS NOT JUST A PRINCIPLE BUT A RIGHT PROTECTED BY THE FIRST AMENDMENT WHICH READS, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

JESSICA: BASICALLY FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS THAT MEANS WHEN DOING OFFICIAL DUTIES THEY MUST SEPARATE CHURCH AND STATE. BUT AS PRIVATE CITIZENS THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO PRACTICE WHATEVER RELIGION THEY BELIEVE IN.

JESSICA: IN HIS SPEECH ROMNEY MADE IT CLEAR THIS FREEDOM OF RELIGION IS IMPORTANT TO HIM.

(SOT: Mitt Romney) "Freedom requires religion, just as religion requires freedom."

ANNOUNCER: WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT FAITH AND POLITICS. DOES THE RELIGION OF A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE MATTER TO YOU? YES OR NO? GO TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND CLICK ON YOUR TURN TO WEIGH IN. NEXT WEEK, WE WILL REVEAL THE RESULTS, AND MAYBE SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE SHOW.

COMMERCIAL

TONY: EVER WONDER WHY THE FLU BUG LIKES THE COLD OF WINTER? WELL, THAT STORY AND THE HOTTEST JOBS IN YOUR FUTURE IN TODAY'S HEADLINES.

CHRIS: WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP? IF YOU'RE HOPING FOR A FUTURE IN COMPUTERS, HEALTHCARE, OR WORKING WITH ANIMALS, YOUR CAREER OUTLOOK IS GOOD.

CHRIS: THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS HAS PREDICTED THE 30 FASTEST GROWING OCCUPATIONS.

CHRIS: THE BLS EXPECTS THE NUMBER OF COMPUTER ANALYSTS TO JUMP 53 PERCENT AND THE NUMBER OF HOME HEALTH AIDES TO RISE 50 PERCENT OVER THE NEXT DECADE.

CHRIS: OTHER 'HOT JOBS' VETERINARY TECHNICIANS, MAKEUP ARTISTS, FINANCIAL ADVISORS AND SKIN CARE SPECIALISTS.

ANNOUNCER: THE CLOCK'S TICKING ON CAPITOL HILL, WHERE CONGRESS IS TRYING TO FIT IN SEVERAL BIG VOTES BEFORE THE HOLIDAY BREAK.

ANNOUNCER: ON THE AGENDA AT THE HOUSE YESTERDAY, A CONTROVERSIAL ENERGY BILL. THE BILL REQUIRES ALL CARS SOLD IN THE U.S. TO GET AN AVERAGE OF 35 MILES PER GALLON BY 2020.

ANNOUNCER: BUT THAT'S NOT THE CONTROVERSIAL PART OF THE BILL. IT ALSO REQUIRES REDUCING THE TAX CREDITS GIVEN TO THE ENERGY INDUSTRY, WHICH REPUBLICANS ARE AGAINST.

ANNOUNCER: THE BILL PASSED IN A VOTE BUT STILL HAS TO GO TO A VOTE IN THE SENATE AND GET THE PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE.

CHRIS: YOUNG EUROPEANS PREFER SURFING THE INTERNET TO TV.

CHRIS: THIS ACCORDING TO A NEW REPORT RELEASED BY A EUROPEAN INTERACTIVE ADVERTISING ASSOCIATION.

CHRIS: ALMOST 50 PERCENT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE SURVEYED SAID THEY WATCHED LESS TV. BECAUSE OF THE INTERNET.

CHRIS: AND, 83 PERCENT SAID THEY COULDN'T LIVE WITHOUT AT LEAST ONE ONLINE ACTIVITY.

ANNOUNCER: WE'VE TOLD YOU ABOUT THE PROBLEMS THE HOUSING MARKET IS FACING. ONE OF THE INDUSTRY'S BIGGEST ISSUES IS THE JUMP IN FORECLOSURES, WHICH HAPPEN WHEN HOMEOWNERS AREN'T ABLE TO PAY BACK THE MONEY THEY BORROWED FROM BANKS TO BUY THEIR HOMES.

ANNOUNCER: NOW, PRESIDENT BUSH HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO HELP HOMEOWNERS STRUGGLING TO MAKE THEIR MONTHLY PAYMENTS.

(SOT: President Bush) "The rise in foreclosures will have negative consequences for our economy."

ANNOUNCER: MR. BUSH SAID MORTGAGE COMPANIES HAVE AGREED TO ALLOW SOME HOMEOWNERS TO PAY BACK THEIR BANKS LOANS AT LOWER INTEREST RATES, A FEE THE BANK CHARGES TO BORROW MONEY.

ANNOUNCER: THE COMPANIES HAVE AGREED NOT TO RAISE THE RATE FOR FIVE YEARS.

CHRIS: IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN. BY NOW, ODDS ARE AT LEAST ONE PERSON YOU KNOW HAS ALREADY BEEN OUT OF SCHOOL WITH THE FLU.

CHRIS: EVERYONE KNOWS THAT WINTER IS FLU SEASON. BUT UNTIL NOW, NO ONE KNEW WHY.

CHRIS: RESEARCHERS AT MOUNT SINAI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE IN NEW YORK SAY THEY'VE COME TO THE BOTTOM OF THE MYSTERY.

CHRIS: THEY SAY CERTAIN PROPERTIES OF THE VIRUS MAKE IT MORE STABLE IN WINTER WEATHER. THE VIRUS STAYS IN THE AIR LONGER WHEN IT'S COLD AND DRY OUTSIDE.

ANNOUNCER: THE CONTENDERS FOR THE 2008 GRAMMYS WERE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY.

ANNOUNCER: BEYONCE AND RIHANNA ARE BOTH UP FOR RECORD OF THE YEAR AND SOME OF THE SONG OF THE YEAR NOMINEES INCLUDE CARRIE UNDERWOOD, THE PLAIN WHITE T'S, CORINNE BAILEY RAE AND RIHANNA FOR HER COLLABORATIVE SONG "UMBRELLA".

ANNOUNCER: AND AMERICAN IDOL BREAKOUT CHRIS DAUGHTRY'S BAND IS UP FOR BEST ROCK ALBUM.

ANNOUNCER: AND IT'S A BIG YEAR FOR THE AWARD SHOW ITSELF. 2008 MARKS THE GRAMMYS 50TH BIRTHDAY. THE SHOW IS ON FEBRUARY TENTH.

ANNOUNCER: CAN'T FIGURE OUT IF ALL THAT SNIFFLING AND SNEEZING IS A COLD OR THE FLU? GO TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND TAKE THE QUIZ TO FIND OUT.

TONY: AND WE HAVE ONE MORE HEADLINES TO SHARE WITH YOU. A STUDY JUST RELEASED BY THE CDC OR CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL HAS FOUND THE BIRTH RATE AMONG TEENS, OR THE NUMBER OF TEENS HAVING BABIES, INCREASED BY 3 PERCENT IN 2006.

TONY: WHILE THAT MAY NOT SOUND LIKE MUCH, MANY ARE CONCERNED. WHY? WELL THE RATE OF TEEN BIRTHS HAD ACTUALLY BEEN DECLINING FOR THE 14 PREVIOUS YEARS AND EXPERTS WONDER WHAT THESE NEW NUMBERS MEAN.

(SOT: Stephanie Ventura) "It' may be a one year blip or it may be the start of a new trend we don't know but it's still important to pay attention to right now."

COMMERCIAL

TONY: OKAY GUYS, POP QUIZ TIME. TODAY, DECEMBER 7TH IS AN IMPORTANT DATE IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY. WHY? WELL, THAT'S YOUR POP QUIZ QUESTION.

TONY: SO WHAT HAPPENED ON DECEMBER 7TH, 1941? WAS IT
A. D-DAY
B. THE BATTLE AT MIDWAY
C. THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR
OR D. THE BATTLE OF IWO JIMA

TONY: YOU'VE GOT TEN SECONDS TO THINK ABOUT IT.

TONY: TIME'S UP. THE ANSWER IS C. THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR IN HAWAII.

TONY: ON THE MORNING OF SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH 1941, THE JAPANESE NAVY BOMBED AN UNSUSPECTING U.S. NAVAL BASE AT PEARL HARBOR.

TONY: IN A LITTLE MORE THAN TWO HOURS, THE JAPANESE SUNK TWENTY-ONE SHIPS AND KILLED MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND AMERICANS.

TONY: THE SURPRISE ATTACK LED PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT TO DECLARE WAR ON JAPAN AND BRING THE UNITED STATES OFFICIALLY INTO WORLD WAR TWO.

(SOT: FDR) "December 7, 1941 is a date that will live in infamy."

TONY: TODAY VISITORS PAY THEIR RESPECTS AT A MEMORIAL SITE OVER THE USS ARIZONA, SUNK ON THAT FATEFUL DAY.

ANNOUNCER: DO YOU KNOW WHAT OTHER MAJOR EVENTS SHAPED THE WORLD'S SECOND GREAT WAR? PLAY THE TWISTED TIMELINE GAME AT THE WORLD WAR II DECLASSIFIED FEATURE AT CHANNEL ONE COM.

TONY: YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT THE OLD ENVIRONMENTALIST SLOGAN, "SAVE THE WALES." BUT NOW CHRIS BROWNE TELLS US ABOUT A CONTEST ASKING YOU TO "NAME THE WHALES."

CHRIS: NOT LONG AGO, WE TOLD YOU ABOUT JAPAN'S CONTROVERSIAL DECISION TO HUNT AND CAPTURE HUMPBACK WHALES FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. IN RESPONSE, GREENPEACE, WHICH IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGNING GROUP, BEGAN TRACKING THE THREATENED WHALES VIA SATELLITE.

CHRIS: THERE ARE CURRENTLY AT LEAST 70,000 HUMPBCKS WORLDWIDE, BUT THE SPECIES WAS ONCE HUNTED TO THE BRINK OF EXTINCTION.

CHRIS: AND NOW, GREENPEACE IS SPONSORING AN ONLINE COMPETITION TO NAME THE WHALES

CHRIS: OVER 11,000 NAMES WERE SUBMITTED, BUT SO FAR, ONE NAME IS A STRONG FAVORITE, MR. SPLASHY PANTS. YOU CAN GO ONLINE TO WWW.GREENPEACE.ORG AND CLICK ON "WHO IS MR. SPLASHY PANTS?" TO CAST YOUR VOTE.

TONY: THANK GOODNESS IT'S FRIDAY! AND THAT MEANS THIS WEEKEND'S CULTURECAST.

TONY: TODAY, THE 2007 NATIONAL POP WARNER CHEER COMPETITION CONTINUES IN SUNNY, ORLANDO, FL.

TONY: TOMORROW, CATCH SOME BIG FOOTBALL ACTION WHEN THE 12 AND 2 LEXINGTON CATHOLIC KNIGHTS LOOK TO TAKE DOWN UNDEFEATED LONE OAK HIGH IN THE 4A KENTUCKY STATE FINALS.

TONY: AND IF YOU'RE IN THE BIG APPLE AND WANT TO SEE SOME JAPANESE CARTOONS, HEAD TO THE NEW YORK ANIME FESTIVAL.

TONY: WANT YOUR SCHOOL'S EVEN FEATURED ON CULTURECAST? GO TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND TELL US ABOUT IT.

TONY: ALRIGHT GUYS THAT IS OUR SHOW FOR TODAY. I'M TONY ANDERSON FOR CHANNEL ONE NEWS. WE'LL SEE YOU HERE MONDAY, TAKE CARE.

