

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 12/13/07

TOPICS COVERED:

- News of the Day
- Speak Up For Safety
- Pop Quiz
- Teen Inventor

CHRIS: IT'S THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13TH. I'M CHRIS BROWNE, AND CHANNEL ONE NEWS STARTS RIGHT NOW.

ANNOUNCER: A BIG LEGAL HURDLE HAS BEEN CLEARED IN CALIFORNIA'S DRIVE TO CUT GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM CARS, TRUCKS AND SUV'S.

ANNOUNCER: A FEDERAL JUDGE SAYS CALIFORNIA DOES HAVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT EMISSIONS.

ANNOUNCER: GREENHOUSE GASES FROM THE BURNING OF FOSSIL FUELS, LIKE OIL AND GAS, TRAP HEAT IN THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE AND ARE OFTEN BLAMED FOR GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE.

ANNOUNCER: THE JUDGE THREW OUT A LAWSUIT BY CAR COMPANIES, CHALLENGING THE STATE LAW THAT AIMS TO CUT EMISSIONS BY 30 PERCENT WITHIN NINE YEARS.

ANNOUNCER: CALIFORNIA MUST STILL WAIT FOR PERMISSION FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BEFORE THE LAW CAN GO INTO EFFECT.

ANNOUNCER: A ROCKY START TO THE FIRST FORMAL PEACE TALKS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE PALESTINIANS IN SEVEN YEARS.

ANNOUNCER: THE MEETING IN JERUSALEM YESTERDAY WAS AN OFFSHOOT OF LAST MONTH'S CONFERENCE IN ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND. THERE, ISRAELI AND PALESTINIAN LEADERS AGREED TO NEGOTIATE AN END TO THEIR SIX-DECADE CONFLICT OVER DISPUTED TERRITORY.

ANNOUNCER: SHOWING JUST HOW FAR THEY HAVE TO GO, EACH SIDE STARTED OFF BY RAISING GRIEVANCES: PALESTINIANS CRITICIZED PLANNED ISRAELI CONSTRUCTION IN EAST JERUSALEM, AND ISRAEL COMPLAINED ABOUT ROCKET ATTACKS FROM THE GAZA STRIP.

ANNOUNCER: PALESTINIAN NEGOTIATORS SAID THERE ARE NO PLANS TO MEET AGAIN.

ANNOUNCER: WHAT IF YOU ALREADY HAD MONEY IN YOUR COLLEGE FUND EVEN BEFORE YOU LEFT THE HOSPITAL AS A NEWBORN?

ANNOUNCER: STARTING IN 2009, EVERY SINGLE BABY BORN IN MAINE WILL RECEIVE 500 DOLLARS TOWARDS COLLEGE.

ANNOUNCER: THE PROJECT IS THE BRAINCHILD OF PHILANTHROPIST HAROLD ALFOND, THE FOUNDER OF THE DEXTER SHOE COMPANY. ALFOND PASSED AWAY LAST MONTH.

ANNOUNCER: HIS PLAN IS FOR THE PARENTS OF MAINE NEWBORNS TO OPEN TAX-FREE COLLEGE SAVINGS ACCOUNTS WITH HIS MONEY BEFORE THEY LEAVE THE HOSPITAL. AND WHEN THEIR CHILDREN REACH COLLEGE AGE, THEY'LL HAVE A HEAD START ON TUITION PAYMENTS.

ANNOUNCER: A REPORT ON STEROID USE IN MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 20 MONTHS IN THE MAKING IS FINALLY FINISHED AND WILL BE RELEASED LATER TODAY.

ANNOUNCER: BASEBALL COMMISSIONER BUD SELIG ASKED FORMER SENATOR GEORGE MITCHELL TO HEAD THE INVESTIGATION.

ANNOUNCER: WHILE THE RESULTS WON'T BE RELEASED UNTIL THIS AFTERNOON, PEOPLE CLOSE TO THE INVESTIGATION SAY MITCHELL'S REPORT WILL NAME AS MANY AS 50 CURRENT AND FORMER BASEBALL PLAYERS AS STEROID USERS.

ANNOUNCER: WE'LL BRING YOU MORE ON THE FINDINGS OF THE MITCHELL REPORT TOMORROW.

ANNOUNCER: UTILITY CREWS ARE STILL STRUGGLING TO RESTORE POWER ACROSS THE MIDWEST AND CENTRAL PLAINS STATES.

ANNOUNCER: AN ICE STORM BLACKED OUT AS MANY AS A MILLION HOMES AND BUSINESSES THIS WEEK.

ANNOUNCER: AT LEAST 25 DEATHS, MOSTLY FROM TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS HAVE BEEN BLAMED ON THE STORM SYSTEM THAT LEFT A THICK COAT OF ICE ON ROADS, TREES, AND POWER LINES.

ANNOUNCER: IT'S AN END OF THE YEAR PRESIDENTIAL TRADITION.

ANNOUNCER: ON TUESDAY, PRESIDENT BUSH PARDONED 29 PEOPLE FOR AN ASSORTMENT OF CRIMES.

ANNOUNCER: PARDONING OR OFFICIALLY FORGIVING A CRIME IS ONE OF THE PRESIDENT'S MOST COVETED POWERS. IT'S GRANTED UNDER ARTICLE TWO, SECTION TWO OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION.

ANNOUNCER: MR. BUSH HAS PARDONED 142 PEOPLE DURING HIS TENURE AS PRESIDENT.

CHRIS: WE JUST TOLD YOU ABOUT PRESIDENT BUSH'S MOST RECENT ROUND OF PRESIDENTIAL PARDONS. BUT DID YOU KNOW THAT ONE FORMER PRESIDENT WAS ACTUALLY THE RECIPIENT OF A PRESIDENTIAL PARDON?

CHRIS: THAT'S RIGHT. IT WAS SEPTEMBER 1974 ONE MONTH AFTER RICHARD NIXON RESIGNED AS PRESIDENT FOR HIS INVOLVEMENT IN THE WATERGATE BREAK-IN SCANDAL.

CHRIS: GERALD FORD, IN ONE OF HIS FIRST ACTIONS AS PRESIDENT PARDONED NIXON FOR ANY CRIMES HE COMMITTED DURING WATERGATE.

(SOT: President Gerald Ford) "A full free and absolute pardon onto Richard Nixon."

CHRIS: THE MOVE SPARKED WIDESPREAD OUTRAGE.

CHRIS: PRESIDENTS HAVE ISSUED THOUSANDS OF PARDONS BUT FORD'S PARDON OF NIXON REMAINS THE MOST FAMOUS IN HISTORY.

ANNOUNCER: WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO MAKE TOUGH CALL WHEN IT COMES TO PRESIDENTIAL PARDONS? YOU BE THE PRESIDENT IN OUR ONLINE FEATURE. CHECK OUT COMMANDER IN CHIEF AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

COMMERCIAL

CHRIS: THERE IS TIGHT SECURITY AROUND A LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL WHERE A RECENT SHOOTING LEFT STUDENTS INJURED.

CHRIS: POLICE THINK A FIGHT OVER A GIRL MAY HAVE LED TO TUESDAY'S ATTACK. IT'S JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF A RASH OF VIOLENCE INVOLVING YOUNG PEOPLE. SO WHY IS IT HAPPENING AND WHAT CAN BE DONE TO STOP IT? TONY ANDERSON HAS THIS REPORT.

TONY: THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF NEWS RECENTLY ABOUT VIOLENCE IN AND AROUND SCHOOLS. YOU'VE READ THE HEADLINES, SEEN THE PICTURES BUT FOR MOST OF US IT'S ALWAYS SOMEPLACE ELSE.

(SOT:) "My school is pretty safe, I mean I have no problem going to school. I'm not frightened, I mean it's a peaceful environment."

(SOT:) "There's just no way something could happen like that ever."

TONY: UNFORTUNATELY IT HAS BEEN HAPPENING.

TONY: WE TALKED TO SOME STUDENTS WHO SAID THIS COULD NEVER HAPPEN IN MY SCHOOL. WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY TO THAT?

(SOT:) "Don't think that that kind of thing can't happen in your school, because the reality is that it can."

TONY: DANIEL GROSS HELPED CREATE PAX, AN ORGANIZATION THAT CAMPAIGNS TO RAISE AWARENESS AND END GUN VIOLENCE AFTER HIS YOUNGER BROTHER WAS A SHOOTING VICTIM.

(SOT: Daniel Gross) "If somebody looks at a map, like the map behind me, which is just a map of the school shootings in the last two years you can see that it's spread pretty evenly across the country and almost the first thing you always hear people say is that I didn't think that this kind of things could happen here."

TONY: THIS MAY SHOCK YOU; ACCORDING TO A STUDY CONDUCTED IN 2005 BY THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL FIVE PERCENT OF HIGH SCHOOLERS CARRIED A GUN ONCE A MONTH. COMMUNITIES, SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS ARE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO PREVENT VIOLENCE.

(SOT:) "We're there for the kids, we're there to make sure that their safe, we're there to make sure that our co-workers are safe."

TONY: IN FACT SOME SCHOOLS HAVE A PLAN OF ACTION IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, TO KEEP TEENS SAFE.

(SOT:) "We have this thing called the red code when something like that would happen, they would announce it and you would hide."

(SOT:) "They like, hide you in the classroom, shut the door, shut off the lights you hide and then the teachers would call you and say everything is safe."

TONY: NOW WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT TEENS CAN DO TO HELP PREVENT SOME OF THESE THINGS IN THEIR SCHOOLS?

(SOT: Daniel Gross) "Young people should speak up, if they know about a threat, don't try and handle it themselves, don't assume its a joke, don't assume this kind of thing can't happen here, assume it's for real and speak up."

(SOT: Daniel Gross) "You should tell a trusted adult, but if you don't feel comfortable and you want it to be completely anonymous, you can call this hotline, that PAX has set up 1-866 speak up, and there it is."

TONY: TONY ANDERSON, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

ANNOUNCER: FOR WAYS TO SPOT SIGNS OF POTENTIAL VIOLENCE WHERE YOU ARE HEAD TO CHANNEL ONE DOT COM AND READ THE GUIDE.

COMMERCIAL

CHRIS: IF YOU HAPPEN TO LIVE IN ALASKA OR ON THE WEST COAST, YOU COULD BE IN FOR A SPECTACULAR LIGHT SHOW TONIGHT. GEMINID METEOR SHOWERS HAPPEN ANNUALLY, BUT ASTRONOMERS ARE PREDICTING THIS YEAR'S SHOWER COULD BE THE BEST SINCE 1996. SO, HERE'S YOUR POP QUIZ QUESTION:

CHRIS: WHAT IS A METEOR? IS IT

- A. A BRIGHT STREAK OF LIGHT
- B. A CHUNK OF ROCK IN SPACE
- C. A SMALL PIECE OF ICE
- OR D. A STAR CLUSTER

CHRIS: YOU'VE GOT 10 SECONDS

CHRIS: TIMES UP. THE ANSWER IS A. A METEOR IS A BRIGHT STREAK OF LIGHT.

CHRIS: YOU MIGHT ALSO KNOW IT AS A SHOOTING STAR. THE BRIGHT STREAK OF LIGHT APPEARS WHEN A METEOROID, A PIECE OF HARD MATERIAL, ENTERS THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE FROM OUTER SPACE BURNING UP AND SUPER-HEATING THE AIR AROUND IT.

CHRIS: A METEOR SHOWER OCCURS WHEN HUNDREDS OF TINY METEOROIDS ENTER THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE IN A RELATIVELY SHORT TIME.

CHRIS: AND A GEMINID METEOR SHOWER GETS ITS NAME BECAUSE IT APPEARS TO ORIGINATE FROM NEAR A STAR IN THE CONSTELLATION GEMINI.

CHRIS: HAVE YOU EVER HAD AN IDEA FOR AN INVENTION THAT YOU WERE JUST SURE WOULD MAKE YOU A MILLION DOLLARS?

CHRIS: WELL, JESSICA KUMARI HAS THE STORY OF HOW ONE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT'S SCIENCE PROJECT EVENTUALLY MADE IT TO THE MARKETPLACE.

JESSICA: ALYSSA HAPGOOD GREW UP WITH HORSES, JUMPING THEM AND SHOWING THEM. SHE LEARNED EARLY HOW TO SPOT A HEALTHY ANIMAL.

(SOT: Alyssa Hapgood) "Champ, don't break the camera!"

JESSICA: OLD CHAMP HERE IS OFFICIALLY RETIRED, BUT HIS ORIGINAL MEASUREMENTS HOLD A SIGNIFICANT PIECE OF FAMILY HISTORY.

(SOT: Alyssa Hapgood) "Well I had just gotten my horse Champ and he was off the race track and he was very malnourished."

JESSICA: NOW IN COLLEGE, ALYSSA WAS A JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT WHEN SHE FIRST NOTICED THE INCONSISTENCIES INVOLVED IN FIGURING OUT HOW MUCH CHAMP WEIGHED.

JESSICA: SO SHE TURNED HER PROBLEM INTO A SCIENCE PROJECT.

(SOT: Alyssa Hapgood) "Well it's basically a mathematical formula and it's about 98 percent accurate."

JESSICA: AND HER CONCLUSION INTO A BUSINESS.

JESSICA: WHEN THE MATHEMATICAL FORMULA IS USED BY HER INVENTION CALLED EQUICALC, IT COMBINES A HORSE'S HEIGHT, LENGTH, AND GIRTH.

JESSICA: ALYSSA'S DAD JOE PUNCHES IN THOSE NUMBERS AND OUT COMES THE HORSE'S WEIGHT.

JESSICA: GETTING THE IDEA TO THE MARKETPLACE THOUGH PROVED TO BE A LONG RIDE.

JESSICA: ALYSSA HAD TO GET A PATENT FROM THE GOVERNMENT WHICH IS A LEGAL PROTECTION FOR AN IDEA OR AN INVENTION

(SOT: Alyssa Hapgood) "It was a really long process. This is our product we've developed. And it's taken all these years but we've finally you know, got it down."

JESSICA: THEN CAME FINDING THE UNITED STATES MANUFACTURER WHO ACTUALLY MAKES THE EQUICALC. AND FINALLY, SHE GOT WHAT SHE'D BEEN WAITING FOR, ORIGINAL IDEA TURNED PRODUCT.

(SOT: Alyssa Hapgood) "It's exciting because this is like, in 7th grade, this is what I've wanted ever since then."

JESSICA: IT'S AN END RESULT ALYSSA HOPES JUST MIGHT MAKE ALL THOSE TRIPS TO THE BARN WORTH IT. JESSICA KUMARI, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

CHRIS: CHECK OUT THE NEWEST GADGETS, GAMES AND GIZMOS THAT DROPPED THIS YEAR. CLICK ON BIG IDEAS IN 2007 AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

CHRIS: THAT DOES IT FOR CHANNEL ONE NEWS, I'M CHRIS BROWNE, WE'LL SEE YOU RIGHT BACK HERE TOMORROW.