

COMING UP NEXT ON NEWSDEPTH...

WE STUDY 'SLAVERY', AS IF IT'S ONLY HISTORICAL - BUT DID YOU KNOW MORE THAN 20-MILLION PEOPLE ARE ACTUALLY STILL BEING FORCED TO WORK FOR MASTERS? ONE SCHOOL IS FIGHTING BACK - AND WE'LL TAKE YOU THERE.

ANOTHER SCHOOL IS MAKING NEWS FOR SEPARATING ITS GIRL STUDENTS FROM ITS BOYS... AND WHILE SOME THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA - LOTS OF PEOPLE DO NOT.

HE WAS PURCHASED, MOVED, MOUNTED, EXHIBITED, AND NOW - HE'S TRAVELING. WE'LL HEAR THE STORY OF ONE OF OHIO'S MOST FAMOUS CANINE HEROES!

AND NOW THAT WE'VE ALL LOST AN HOUR OF SLEEP - WHAT'S THE POINT OF DAYLIGHT SAVING ANYWAY? WE'LL FIND SOME ANSWERS.... IF THERE'S TIME.

NEWSDEPTH IS NOW!

ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND AROUND THE WORLD, THOUSANDS CAME TOGETHER, TO HONOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF WOMEN.

HELLO EVERYONE. I'M RICK JACKSON. THANKS FOR JOINING US TODAY.

PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENTS OBSERVED INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY ACROSS THE GLOBE WITH AN OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT FOR WOMEN'S EQUALITY AND EMPOWERMENT.

WITH ROOTS DATING BACK TO THE EARLY 1900'S, MANY NATIONS, LIKE RUSSIA AND CHINA OBSERVE MARCH 8TH AS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY. BUT THE DAY ALSO MARKS A CALL FOR ACTION TO ADVANCE GENDER EQUALITY, AND MANY MEN AND WOMEN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TOOK TO THE STREETS IN SUPPORT.

FROM MEXICO, TO THE EUROPEAN COUNTRY OF GEORGIA, TO BRAZIL, DEMONSTRATIONS WERE HELD IN SUPPORT OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS. THE UNITED NATIONS HELD THEIR OWN SERIES OF EVENTS IN SUPPORT OF UNIVERSAL PAID PARENTAL LEAVE, WHICH MEANS THAT NEW MOTHERS AND FATHERS CAN TAKE TIME OFF FROM WORK - TO CARE FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

ACTRESS ANNE HATHAWAY GAVE THE KEYNOTE.

[ANNE HATHAWAY CLIP]

HERE IN THE U-S, DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS CAME TOGETHER.... IN APPRECIATION OF WOMEN.

FIRST LADY MELANIA TRUMP MARKED THE OCCASION BY HOSTING A WHITE HOUSE LUNCHEON.

BUT AMID THE CELEBRATIONS, PROTESTS BREWED. SOME WOMEN TOOK PART IN A DAY WITHOUT WOMEN – WHICH CALLED ON AMERICAN WOMEN TO PARTICIPATE IN A NATIONAL STRIKE BY TAKING THE DAY OFF FROM WORK - AND NOT SHOPPING.

[PAOLA MENDOZA CLIP]

LUCKILY FOR ME, OUR COMMITTED NEWSDEPTH STAFF REPORTED TO WORK – OTHERWISE I'D BE STANDING IN A DARK STUDIO BY MYSELF WITH VERY LITTLE TO SAY!

WHILE SOME WOMEN AIMED TO CALL ATTENTION TO THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE WORKFORCE, A LITTLE GIRL STOOD HER GROUND ON WALL STREET...

OK, IT'S ACTUALLY A *STATUE* OF A LITTLE GIRL.

AN INVESTMENT FIRM PUT THIS STATUE UP - ON NEW YORK'S WALL STREET. SHE STANDS RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE ICONIC BRONZE CHARGING BULL, WHICH REPRESENTS THE STRENGTH OF THE U-S STOCK MARKET.

IT LOOKS LIKE THE LITTLE GIRL IS STARING THE ANIMAL DOWN.

THE STATUE IS TITLED "FEARLESS GIRL."

THE COMPANY BEHIND IT, *STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS*, SAYS IT IS MEANT TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE LACK OF GENDER DIVERSITY ON CORPORATE BOARDS.

THE BRONZE STATUE, BY THE ARTIST KRISTEN VISBAL, WILL BE IN PLACE FOR ONE WEEK.

ANOTHER COMPANY DECIDED INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WAS THE PERFECT TIME FOR A BIG ANNOUNCEMENT: THE WORKING WOMEN OF NASA WILL GO FROM HIDDEN FIGURES -- TO LEGO FIGURES.

THAT'S RIGHT, EVERYONE'S FAVORITE BUILDING BLOCKS WILL HAVE A NEW SET FOCUSING ON THE PIONEERING WOMEN OF THE U-S SPACE PROGRAM! MARY MALONEY HAS MORE.

"EVERYTHING IS COOL WHEN YOU'RE PART OF A TEAM."

MEET THE NEW LEGO TEAM -- THE WOMEN OF NASA.

THE LEGO FIGURES WILL FEATURE A FORMER HIDDEN FIGURE -- KATHERINE JOHNSON.

"KATHERINE IS THE GAL FOR THAT. SHE CAN HANDLE ANY NUMBERS YOU PUT IN FRONT OF HER."

DURING HER TIME AT NASA -- JOHNSON HELPED PUT MEN ON THE MOON.

"THAT'S JOHN GLEN."

"WHAT DO YOU GALS DO FOR NASA?"

"CALCULATE YOUR LAUNCH AND LANDING SIR."

THE SET WILL ALSO SHOWCASE SALLY RIDE -- THE FIRST AMERICAN WOMAN IN SPACE.

AND MAE JEMISON -- THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN IN SPACE.

BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT BEFORE ADDING THESE LADIES TO YOUR LEGO BATMAN COLLECTION.

"I CAN'T WAIT"

LEGO IS STILL FIGURING OUT THE PRICE AND FINAL DESIGN OF THE LADIES WHO

ROCK OUTER SPACE TOYS.

WHETHER AT NASA OR ON WALL STREET, THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF COMMOTION LATELY ABOUT RESPECTING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF WORKING WOMEN, BUT THIS STRUGGLE IS CERTAINLY NOT NEW – IN FACT, IT WAS ONE OF THE MANY CAUSES TAKEN UP BY OUR COUNTRY'S FIRST WOMEN'S RIGHTS ACTIVISTS...OVER 150 YEARS AGO! ANOTHER OF THEIR CAUSES: THE EDUCATION OF WOMEN.

UP NEXT, KNOW OHIO'S MARY FECTEAU BRINGS US THE STORY OF ONE WOMAN WHO FOUGHT FOR AN EDUCATION – AND THE OHIO INSTITUTION THAT WELCOMED HER.

MARY:

WHETHER YOU'RE A BOY OR A GIRL, YOU LIKELY SPEND A LOT OF YOUR TIME IN A CLASSROOM – AND, NO MATTER, WHAT YOUR GENDER, YOU PROBABLY WANT TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL, AND GO ON TO COLLEGE. BUT FOR A LARGE PORTION OF OUR COUNTRY'S HISTORY, MANY CLASSROOMS – ESPECIALLY HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE CLASSROOMS -- INCLUDED FEW, IF ANY, WOMEN AND GIRLS. THIS IS BECAUSE, FOR A LONG TIME, WOMEN AND GIRLS WERE NOT ENCOURAGED TO GET AN EDUCATION. BUT BY THE MID-1800'S KNOWLEDGE-HUNGRY LADIES WERE REBELLING AGAINST THIS UNFAIR SYSTEM.

TODAY'S KNOW OHIO ACTUALLY BEGINS...IN MASSACHUSETTS! THAT'S WHERE WOMEN'S RIGHTS ACTIVIST LUCY STONE IS FROM. LIKE MANY WOMEN OF THE TIME, SHE WAS NOT GIVEN A FORMAL EDUCATION. IN FACT, HER FATHER FORBID IT, JUST BECAUSE SHE WAS A GIRL! DESPITE HER FATHER'S REFUSAL TO ALLOW HER TO RECEIVE AN EDUCATION, SHE READ EVERYTHING THAT SHE COULD FIND – AND ENROLLED IN SCHOOL HERSELF. THEN, SHE GOT A JOB TEACHING, SO SHE COULD SAVE UP TO GO TO COLLEGE. ALICE STONE BLACKWELL, LUCY'S DAUGHTER, WROTE OF HER MOTHER:

"AT THE LOW WAGES THEN PAID TO WOMEN, IT TOOK LUCY NINE YEARS TO SAVE UP MONEY ENOUGH TO ENTER COLLEGE. THERE WAS NO DIFFICULTY AS TO THE CHOICE OF AN ALMA MATER. THERE WAS ONLY ONE COLLEGE THAT ADMITTED WOMEN."

THAT COLLEGE WAS OBERLIN, RIGHT HERE IN OHIO. MINISTER JOHN L. SHIPHERD ESTABLISHED OBERLIN COLLEGE TO PROVIDE BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, BLACK OR WHITE, WITH A COLLEGE EDUCATION. WHEN IT FIRST ADMITTED STUDENTS IN 1833, FIFTEEN OF THE FORTY-FOUR STUDENTS WERE WOMEN. THE FIRST AMERICAN WOMEN TO REALIZE THE DREAM OF A COLLEGE DEGREE GOT THEM RIGHT HERE IN OHIO.

LUCY STONE HERSELF GRADUATED IN 1847. AS A GIFTED WRITER, THE COLLEGE ASKED HER TO DRAFT A COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS – BUT A MAN WAS TO READ HER SPEECH BECAUSE IT WAS CONSIDERED IMPROPER AT THE TIME FOR A WOMAN TO SPEAK PUBLICALLY. LUCY PASSED ON THAT DEAL.

AND SHE WOULD GO ON TO TRAVEL THE COUNTRY GIVING SPEECHES ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS. SHE WAS AHEAD OF HER TIME – AND FOUGHT FOR MANY OF THE RIGHTS WE TAKE FOR GRANTED TODAY: THE RIGHT TO AN EDUCATION, THE RIGHT TO SPEAK PUBLICALLY AND OWN PROPERTY. SHE BUCKED CONVENTION BY KEEPING HER OWN NAME WHEN SHE MARRIED BUSINESSMAN HENRY BROWN BLACKWELL....AND BY WEARING PANTS. YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT. PANTS. SHOCKING, I KNOW.

BECAUSE SO MANY OF HER FORWARD-THINKING IDEAS WERE CONSIDERED CONTROVERSIAL, SHE WAS OFTEN SHOUTED DOWN AT HER LECTURES. BUT SHE FOUND ANOTHER WAY TO COMMUNICATE. IN 1873, STONE AND HER HUSBAND BECAME EDITORS OF THE WOMEN'S JOURNAL, A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER THAT ARGUED FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS. LUCY'S DAUGHTER, ALICE, WROTE FOR THE PAPER AND EVENTUALLY BECAME ITS EDITOR.

ONE OF LUCY'S LAST FIGHTS WAS FOR SUFFRAGE -- THAT'S THE RIGHT TO VOTE – AND ALTHOUGH SHE DIED 27 YEARS BEFORE WOMAN WOULD WIN THE FIGHT, IT WAS HER ACTIVISM THAT LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR THIS RIGHT AND NEARLY ALL THE RIGHTS WOMEN HAVE GAINED SINCE.

THANKS MARY!

YOU JUST HEARD ABOUT OBERLIN COLLEGE – THAT'S OUR COUNTRY'S FIRST CO-EDUCATIONAL COLLEGE. CO-EDUCATIONAL, OR COED, REFERS TO A SCHOOL IN WHICH BOYS AND GIRLS, OR MEN AND WOMEN, LEARN TOGETHER IN CLASS. MOST SCHOOLS ARE SET UP THIS WAY.

BUT, FOR ABOUT A DECADE, ONE IDAHO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KEPT CLASSROOMS DIVIDED, BOYS WITH BOYS AND GIRLS WITH GIRLS.

THAT IS, UNTIL THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STEPPED IN. AKIMA OSUMI HAS THE STORY.

UNTIL THIS PAST JUNE THIS IS WHAT CLASSROOMS LOOKED LIKE AT MIDDLETON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY.

CLASSES WERE DIVIDED BY SEX IN AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE BOYS PERFORMANCE IN READING AND WRITING AND GIRLS PERFORMANCE IN MATH.

BUT, THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RECENTLY RULED THIS TYPE OF SEGREGATION VIOLATES TITLE NINE, WHICH PROHIBITS GENDER DISCRIMINATION IN EDUCATION.

THE IDAHO AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION FILED THIS COMPLAINT WITH THE GOVERNMENT 4 YEARS AGO.

LEO MORALES:

"AND IF YOU TEACH BASED ON GENDER STEREOTYPES THE OUTCOME CAN SOMETIMES BE VERY HURTFUL BOTH FOR BOYS AND FOR GIRLS AND THAT WAS AT THE HEART OF THIS COMPLAINT AS WELL. NOT ONLY IS THE CURRICULUM DIFFERENT AND THE TREATMENT DIFFERENT, SOMETIMES WE DO GET, WELL THE TREATMENT THAT IS DISPROPORTIONAL AND OFTEN TIMES FAVORS THE BOYS." SUPERINTENDENT JOSH MIDDLETON TELLS KBOI THERE CURRENTLY AREN'T ANY SINGLE-GENDER CLASSROOMS AT THE SCHOOL AND THEY DON'T PLAN TO HAVE ANY

IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

THANKS AKIMA. ALTHOUGH MIDDLETOWN HEIGHTS WAS FORCED TO RETURN BOYS AND GIRLS TO THE SAME CLASSROOM, MANY DISAGREE WITH THE COURT'S RULING, BECAUSE THE SCHOOL SAID KEEPING THE GENDERS SEPARATE HELPED THEIR STUDENT'S PERFORMANCE.

AND NOW WE WANT TO KNOW: WOULD YOU PREFER TO LEARN IN A CLASSROOM WITH ONLY STUDENTS OF YOUR GENDER? JUST CLICK THE POLL BUTTON ON OUR WEBSITE TO TELL US YES OR NO!

AND, AFTER YOU'VE VOTED, WRITE IN TO TELL US WHY OR WHY NOT!

WHILE WE MAY DISAGREE ABOUT THE BEST WAY TO EDUCATE KIDS IN THIS COUNTRY, WE ALL AGREE THAT EDUCATION IS AN IMPORTANT RIGHT. BUT THIS ISN'T ALWAYS THE CASE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

IN INDIA, FOR INSTANCE, SOME KIDS ARE FORCED TO FORGO SCHOOL TO WORK GRUELING JOBS, OFTEN BECAUSE THEY ARE POOR, AND THEIR PARENT'S OWE A DEBT. THIS IS CONSIDERED MODERN-DAY SLAVERY.

BUT, UP NEXT, WE MEET TWO INDIAN CHILDREN WHO ARE FINDING A WAY OUT OF SLAVERY, THROUGH EDUCATION.

SITARA JUST LOVES TO DANCE.

AT SCHOOLYARD GAMES, SHE MORE THAN HOLDS HER OWN.

IN THE CLASSROOM, SHE'S A TOP STUDENT.

SITARA IS HINDI FOR "STAR"

IT'S FITTING.

SHE'S A SHINING SUCCESS STORY OF A GROUP CALLED "SCHOOLS4FREEDOM."

RAVI AGRAWAL, CNN NEW DELHI BUREAU CHIEF: "THIS IS A SCHOOL OF BOYS AND GIRLS WHO ARE SINGING, RECITING POETRY, ENJOYING THEMSELVES, AND YOU CAN JUST FEEL THAT THEY HAVE RICH FUTURES AHEAD OF THEM. BUT WHEN YOU SPEAK TO THEM, YOU LEARN THAT SOME OF THEM ARE HIDING DARK PASTS, THAT NO CHILD, AND NO FAMILY SHOULD EVER HAVE TO GO THROUGH.

JUST ONE YEAR AGO, SITARA WAS WORKING AT A BRICK KILN LIKE THIS ONE.

IT WAS DUSTY, UNFORGIVING WORK, SHE SAYS.

IT WAS BONDED DEBT LABOR.

BUT LET'S CALL IT WHAT IT REALLY IS: SLAVERY.

AND IT'S PREVALENT ACROSS THESE PARTS OF UTTAR PRADESH, AN INDIAN STATE WITH 200 MILLION PEOPLE.

SITARA'S PARENTS WERE ENSLAVED THERE TOO.

THEY HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THAT THEIR OWN DAUGHTER WAS SUCKED INTO BONDED LABOR ... TO HELP PAY BACK THEIR DEBT.

A BIG PART OF THE SOLUTION IS AWARENESS ... AND EDUCATION.

AND THAT'S A BATTLE BEING LED BY PEOPLE LIKE PEGGY CALLAHAN.

SHE'S THE CO-FOUNDER OF VOICES4FREEDOM, WHICH RUNS AND SPONSORS SCHOOLS4FREEDOM.

RAVI AGRAWAL, CNN NEW DELHI BUREAU CHIEF: SO, HOW IMPORTANT ARE THESE

SCHOOLS FOR VILLAGES LIKE THIS?

PEGGY CALLAHAN, CO-FOUNDER, SCHOOLS4FREEDOM: "THEY'RE ALL IMPORTANT. THEY'RE ALL IMPORTANT BECAUSE THE PARENTS WILL RISK EVERYTHING TO TRY TO GET THEIR KIDS EDUCATED. SO THEY WILL MOVE FORWARD EVEN WHEN THEY'RE AFRAID OF THE SLAVE HOLDER. EVEN WHEN THE SLAVEHOLDER IS THREATENING THEM, THEY HAVE THE COURAGE TO DO WHAT IT TAKES TO FREE THEMSELVES AND TO GET THEIR KIDS EDUCATED. BECAUSE THE BOTTOM LINE: EDUCATION IS THE GREATEST VACCINATION AGAINST SLAVERY, ALL OVER THE WORLD, AND IT IS WORKING MIRACLES HERE."

THE MIRACLE ISN'T COMPLETE.

AT THE VILLAGE WE VISITED, CALLAHAN SAYS 84 PEOPLE HAVE FOUND A WAY OUT OF BONDED LABOR.

A FEW DOZEN WERE STILL TRAPPED.

HOW DO THEY GET FREED? SOMETIMES THEY PAY OFF THEIR DEBTS ... SOMETIMES CHARITIES INTERVENE ... AND SOMETIMES IT CAN BE SIMPLER, LIKE UNDERSTANDING THEIR RIGHTS AND JUST SAYING NO.

ONE OF THE PEOPLE STILL ENSLAVED IS PAPPU ... HE'S JUST TWELVE ...

WE'RE NOT SHOWING HIS FACE - WE DON'T WANT HIM TO GET INTO TROUBLE FOR TALKING TO US.

WHEN HE WALKS, HIS BARE FEET BETRAY THE SCARS OF HIS LIFE.

BUT THEY HAVEN'T BROKEN HIS SPIRIT.

PAPPU TELLS ME HE SNEAKS IN AN HOUR A DAY AT THE CLASSROOM.

NATVO KIDS WASHING HANDS (NO PAPPU)

SOMETIMES ... WHEN THE OTHER KIDS LINE UP TO WASH THEIR HANDS, HE JOINS IN.

... THE CHILDREN GET FREE, HOT LUNCHES AT THE SCHOOL.

IT'S A MARVEL TO SEE THESE KIDS FIGHT THE ODDS AND STILL SMILE.

AT NIGHT ... PAPPU PRACTICES THE ALPHABET IN DIM LIGHT ... HE DREAMS OF BEING A TEACHER SOME DAY.

AND HERE'S SITARA AGAIN ... COOKING FOR THE FAMILY ... SHE KNOWS HER PARENTS NEED TO WORK LATE.

EVERY DAY IS HARD IN THIS VILLAGE.

EVEN WHEN THEY'RE FREE, THERE ARE A MILLION REASONS FOR THESE CHILDREN TO JUST GIVE UP.

TO DESPAIR.

AND YET ...

THE SCHOOL IS AN EXAMPLE FOR SITARA.

THE SITARAS ARE AN EXAMPLE FOR THE PAPPUS.

THIS IS WHAT FREEDOM LOOKS LIKE.

THIS IS WHAT CAN BE.

THANKS, RAVI.

THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED 20-45 MILLION PEOPLE TRAPPED IN SOME FORM OF SLAVERY TODAY.

IN THAT LAST STORY, YOU SAW CHILDREN WORKING IN A BRICK YARD, BUT PRODUCTS WE USE EVERYDAY -- FROM CHOCOLATE TO CELL PHONES -- CAN HAVE SOME FORM OF SLAVERY IN THEIR SUPPLY CHAIN.

LEARNING ABOUT MODERN DAY SLAVERY HAS TO START EARLY IN ORDER TO BRING ABOUT CHANGE.

AND WHILE IT'S NOT PART OF THE CURRICULUM AT MOST SCHOOLS, UP NEXT, WE HEAR ABOUT ONE SCHOOL LEADING THE WAY.

ATLANTA..HOME OF AMERICA'S CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS MOVEMENT... TODAY, THIS CITY IS ONE OF THE LARGER HUBS FOR SEX-TRAFFICKING ... WHERE MODERN-DAY SLAVERY HAS CLAIMED THOUSANDS OF VICTIMS.

IT'S A GLOBAL ISSUE... THESE TEENAGERS ARE DETERMINED TO FIGHT LOCALLY. FOUNDED IN 2011.. THIS CLUB AT THE ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WAS THE IDEA OF A COUPLE OF STUDENTS WHOHAD PASSION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE.. NOW THEY'VE STIRRED A MOVEMENT AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE

AIS CLUB MEETING NAT SOT: THE WHOLE PROCESS THAT GOES INTO CATCHING TRAFFICKERS.. IT CAN BE DIFFIUCT IN GEORGIA.

FROM BAKED SALES TO SELLING FAIR TRADE CHOCOLATE.. THESE STUDENTS RAISE FUNDS AND AWARENESS.

LINDA KINKADE: WHAT DO STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT MODERN DAY SLAVERY BY SELLING THIS TYPE OF CHOCOLATE?

SOT: WELL WE JUST WANTED TO SHOW THEM THAT GETTING FAIR TRADE CHOCOLATE THATS BEEN PRODUCED WITHOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS SO MUCH EASIER THEN THEY THINK.

CHILD LABOUR, AND MODERN DAY SLAVERY ARE JUST SOME OF THE ISSUES BEING DISCUSSED BY THESE TEENAGERS..

EMILIA: OK THINK THATS ALL ANY QUESTIONS?

THE GROUP SPEND THEIR LUNCHBREAK EVERY WEDNESDAY TO MEET...IT'S LED BY THREE STUDENTS INCLUDING KITTY MCCARTHY & EMILIA CASTILLO.

LINDA KINKADE: AS YOU STARTED TO LEARN ABOUT THIS - WHAT SURPRISED YOU MOST?

EMILIA: IT SURPRISED ME MOST IS THAT IT IS A PROBLEM THAT HIT SO CLOSE TO HOME,

LYNDA: WHEN YOU SPEAK TO PEOPLE YOUR OWN AGE, HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THIS ISSUE? IT'S A PRETTY TOUGH ISSUE TO TALK ABOUT.

KIT: IT'S EVERYWHERE. IT'S IN EVERYTHING WE DO, IN OUR PHONES, IN THE FOOD WE EAT, IN THE CLOTHES WE BUY, AND IT JUST, IT IMPACTS US DAILY, ANYTIME WE PURCHASE SOMETHING, EVERY TIME WE CONSUME SOMETHING AND I JUST DIDN'T KNOW.

THIS GROUP NOW THE MOST POPULAR SOCIAL CLUB IN SCHOOL

NICHOLAS: I THINK THE BIGGEST THING I CAN DO RIGHT NOW IS JUST TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE TOPIC. I SEE THINGS DIFFERENTLY NOW, IT'S LIKE, I SEE THINGS, LIKE I'LL SEE A T-SHIRT FOR EXAMPLE, I'LL BE, 'OH MAYBE THAT WASN'T, MAYBE SOMEONE WAS TAKEN FROM THEIR FAMILY AND HAD TO BE FORCED TO MADE THAT, MAKE THAT SHIRT RATHER THAN IT BE MADE FAIR TRADE

LINDA KINKADE: ITS NOT JUST ABOUT RAISING AWARENESS AND RAISING FUNDS, YOU'VE ALSO LOBBY GOVERNMENT - EXPLAIN HOW THAT WORKS?

EMILIA CASTILLO: WE TAKE A GROUP OF STUDENTS DOWN TO THE CAPITAL AND WHERE THERE ARE SPEAKERS ON THE ISSUE. WE GO EVERYONE SPLITS UP AND GOES TO THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AND WRITES THEM LETTERS AND THINGS ABOUT WHY THIS ISSUE IS SO IMPORTANT.. AND WHY THE BILL/LAW WHATEVER IS COMING UP TO BE VOTED ON WHY WE THINK ITS IMPORTANT

KEVIN GLASS: EVERY YEAR OUR STUDENTS HAVE BEEN DOWN THERE AT THE STATE HOUSE IN GEORGIA THEY'VE BEEN CAMPAIGNING OR LOBBYING..OUR IDEA IS TO GET EVERY CHILD, EVERY TEENAGER ENGAGED

KEVIN GLASS, HEADMASTER OF THE ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL HOPES THESE STUDENTS WILL TAKE THE LESSON LEARNED HERE AND SHARE THAT KNOWLEDGE, PASSION AND ACTIVISM AS THEY MOVE THROUGH COLLEGE AND INTO THE WORK FORCE.

AS YOU JUST SAW, STUDENTS – LIKE YOU – CAN WORK TO BRING ABOUT CHANGE. AND ONE OF THE FIRST STEPS IS SIMPLY SPEAKING UP! WE KNOW YOU'RE GOOD AT THAT – BECAUSE WE HEAR FROM YOU EVERY WEEK. SPEAKING OF, LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT YOU HAD TO SAY LAST WEEK!

WE ASKED: IF YOU WERE A ZOOKEEPER, WOULD YOU ANNOUNCE AN ANIMAL PREGNANCY? AND MOST OF YOU – 72% SAID YES!

LET'S SEE WHY YOU VOTED THIS WAY BY OPENING UP OUR INBOX!

[INBOX]

CC FROM BATH ELEMAENTARY REALLY STEPPED INTO THE ZOOKEEPER'S SHOES, TELLING US:

YES, I WOULD ANNOUNCE AN ANIMAL PREGNANCY AT A ZOO. I THINK IT COULD BE AN EVENT WHERE PEOPLE COULD COME AND SEE THE PREGNANT MOTHER, AND, EVENTUALLY THE BABY. WHEN THE BABY IS BEING BORN, I WOULD CLOSE IT OFF IN A NICE, QUIET AREA FOR THE MOM AND NEW BABY BECAUSE THE MOM IS TIRED AND THE BABY PROBABLY DOESN'T WANT TO SPEND THE FIRST FEW MOMENTS OF HIS OR HER LIFE SURROUNDED BY TOURISTS OOHING AND SNAPPING PHOTOS.

JATANYAH FROM SAINTJEROME SCHOOL ALSO THOUGHT ANNOUNCING IT IS A GOOD IDEA, WRITING:

I PICKED YES BECAUSE, I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT ABOUT ANIMALS AND THEIR PREGNANCY. ZOOS EVERYWHERE SHOULD HAVE SOME TYPE OF NEWS OR INFORMATION ABOUT ANIMALS SO THAT PEOPLE CAN STAY TUNED IN WITH ANIMALS. I THINK THAT IT CAN BE VERY EDUCATIONAL IN AN EVERYDAY CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE, ESPECIALLY IN SCIENCE CLASS.

BUT NICOLE FROM MARYLAND ELEMENTARY DISAGREED, TELLING US:

I PICKED NO, I WOULDN'T ANNOUNCE AN ANIMAL PREGNANCY, BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH DOING THAT WOULD ATTRACT A LOT OF ATTENTION AND WOULD MAKE LOTS OF MONEY, I DON'T LIKE USING ANIMALS AS A MONEY MAKING MACHINES.

ALSO, I THINK THE ANIMALS WOULD WANT THEIR OWN PRIVACY, NOT A WHOLE BUNCH OF PEOPLE STARING AT IT WHILE IT'S GIVING BIRTH.

EMILY FROM GREENBRIER MIDDLE SCHOOL WAS ON THE FENCE, SHE WRITES: I CAN'T DECIDE IF I WOULD KEEP THE BIRTH OR PREGNANCY OF A NEW ANIMAL A SECRET OR NOT. IF YOU ANNOUNCED IT YOUR ZOO WOULD GET MORE MONEY BECAUSE PEOPLE WOULD WANT TO SEE IF THE BABY WAS BORN YET. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF YOU KEPT IT A SECRET THE MOTHER WOULD PROBABLY GET LESS STRESSED OUT FROM ALL THE VISITORS BECAUSE THE MOTHER WOULD ONLY HAVE AN AVERAGE AMOUNT OF VISITORS. KEEPING IT A SECRET WOULD PROBABLY BE A LITTLE BIT OF A BETTER IDEA.

AND, FINALLY, SADIE FROM EVENING STREET ELEMENTARY HAD A MORE PERSONAL REASON FOR NOT WANTING ZOOS TO SHARE THE NEWS OF BABY: I CHOSE NO BECAUSE THEN THE ZOOS WOULD BE LESS CROWDED WHEN THEY DO COME. I LIKE IT WHEN THE ZOOS AREN'T CROWDED. PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS SO TALL AND, SAY, IF A BABY BOB-CAT WAS BEING BORN AND THE ZOO TOLD EVERYONE, THEN THE BOB-CAT PART OF THE ZOO WOULD BE SUPER CROWDED. SO MANY PEOPLE ARE SO TALL, AND SINCE I AM ONLY EIGHT, I AM SMALL -- AND THAT WOULD MAKE IT HARD FOR ME TO SEE THE OTHER BOB-CATS.

THANKS, SADIE! AND THANKS ALSO TO EMILY, NICOLE, JATANYAH, AND CC FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL LETTERS! IT'S CLEAR THAT YOU ALL CARE VERY MUCH ABOUT ANIMALS – AND WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM THEM.

WELL, AS OF OUR TAPING OF THIS EPISODE WE'RE SORRY TO SAY THERE'S NO NEWS ON THE GIRAFFE FRONT: APRIL IS STILL VERY PREGNANT! BUT THEN - SOME PEOPLE HAVE PEELED THEIR EYES OFF APRIL'S LIVE STREAM, TO FOCUS ON A DIFFERENT ANIMAL: THE IDITAROD SLED DOGS!

THE IDITAROD IS AN ANNUAL LONG-DISTANCE SLED DOG RACE THAT TAKES PLACE IN ALASKA. IDITAROD IS PART OF A NATIVE WORD THAT MEANS "FAR AWAY PLACE" – AND THAT'S QUITE APPROPRIATE AS THE DOG AND HUMAN TEAMS COVER 1000 MILES IN 9–15 DAYS... SOMETIMES MORE.

IDITAROD OFFICIALS CALL THE ROUTE THE ROUGHEST, MOST BEAUTIFUL TERRAIN MOTHER NATURE HAS TO OFFER. "TERRAIN" REFERS TO A STRETCH OF LAND, AND ITS FEATURES.

BUT, AT TIMES, THE TERRAIN CAN ALSO BE FLAT AND BORING ACCORDING TO THE DOG SLED RIDERS – REFERED TO AS MUSHERS. SO MUCH SO, THAT ONE MUSER FELL ASLEEP – AND OFF HIS SLED!

[CLIP]

BUT HIS SMART DOGS DIDN'T MISS A BEAT! THEY MADE IT TO THE NEXT CHECKPOINT WITHOUT THEIR MUSER, WHO MANAGED TO HITCH A RIDE BACK ON ANOTHER SLED.

THE LONG IDITAROD JOURNEY IS INSPIRED BY A BRAVE TEAM OF SLED DOGS – AND ONE DOG IN PARTICULAR HAS A SPECIAL CONNECTION TO CLEVELAND. WE TELL YOU THE STORY OF THE COURAGIOUS CANINE IN THIS WEEK’S BUCKEYE BEAT.

BALTO THE SLED DOG BECAME AN INTERNATIONAL HERO 92 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH... AS THE LEAD ON A TEAM OF SLED DOGS DELIVERING LIFE-SAVING SERUM TO NOME, ALASKA DURING A DISEASE OUTBREAK.

THEY BRAVED A 674-MILE TRAIL IN A BLIZZARD -- AND REACHED THE RESIDENTS IN JUST FIVE AND A HALF DAYS. THAT JOURNEY INSPIRED THE CURRENT-DAY IDITAROD SLED DOG RACE.

BALTO AND HIS COMPANIONS HIT HARD TIMES AFTER THEIR MOMENT IN THE SPOTLIGHT -- EVENTUALLY BEING CHAINED UP IN A LOS ANGELES MUSEUM.

BUT THEN BUSINESSMAN GEORGE KIMBLE AND HIS FELLOW CLEVELANDERS STEPPED IN AND RAISED ENOUGH MONEY -- \$2,000 -- TO PURCHASE BALTO AND SIX COMPANIONS. THEY WERE BROUGHT TO CLEVELAND AND GIVEN A HERO'S WELCOME IN 1927... AND LIVED OUT THEIR FINAL DAYS AT THE BROOKSIDE ZOO. AFTER BALTO'S DEATH IN 1933 AT THE AGE OF 14, HIS BODY WAS MOUNTED AND EXHIBITED ON PERMANENT DISPLAY AT THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY.

NOW, HE'S RETURNING TO HIS HOME STATE OF ALASKA AS PART OF AN EXHIBIT AT THE ANCHORAGE MUSEUM THAT EXPLORES THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ALASKA AND RUSSIA -- BUT BALTO WILL RETURN TO CLEVELAND, IN JULY.

THANKS, STEPHANIE. AS YOU SAW, THERE'S PLENTY OF WINTER WEATHER UP IN ALASKA, AND, WHILE WE'RE SEEING A BIT MORE OF THE WHITE STUFF THIS WEEK, YOU LIKELY HAVEN'T ENJOYED NEARLY AS MANY SNOW DAYS AS YOU HAVE IN THE PAST!

THAT'S BECAUSE WE'RE ENJOYING A WARMER THAN USUAL WINTER!

SOUNDS NICE, I KNOW. BUT IT'S NOT GOOD NEWS FOR MAPLE SYRUP LOVERS...

A FEW WEEKS AGO WE MENTIONED THAT FARMERS HAVE STARTED TAPPING TREES FOR THE SWEET STUFF EARLIER THAN USUAL, BUT THE WARMER WINTER WEATHER HAS ALSO MADE THESE MAPLE TREES LESS PRODUCTIVE.

UP NEXT, BRIAN CONYBEARE HEADS TO THE FARM TO GET THE SCOOP.

CLEAR SAP LOOKS ALMOST LIKE WATER AS IT DRIPS FROM 2,400 SUGAR MAPLE TREES. IT IS STILL TRICKLING INTO A COLLECTION TANK FROM THREE MILES WORTH OF PLASTIC TUBES AT THE WESTCHESTER'S WHITE OAK FARM IN YORKTOWN HEIGHTS.

BRI HART / SYRUP FARMER: "ALL OF THESE TREES ARE INTER CONNECTED."

BUT BRI HART SAID HIS PRODUCTION IS DOWN BY ABOUT 75 PERCENT SO FAR THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF THE UNUSUALLY WARM WEATHER RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SIX-WEEK SYRUP SEASON IN THE WINTER.

BRI HART / SYRUP FARMER: "IT'S BEEN IN THE 60S THE LAST WEEK, SO WE'VE GOT A

MUCH REDUCED FLOW OF SAP FROM WHAT WE NORMALLY GET THIS TIME OF YEAR, IT'S DEVASTATING TO US."

HART SAID IT TAKES 60 GALLONS OF RAW TREE SAP TO MAKE ONE GALLON OF PURE SYRUP.

STANDUP /BRIAN CONYBEARE: "THE EXPERTS SAID THERE IS A SWEET SPOT FOR MAPLE SYRUP IT WHEN IT COMES TO THE WEATHER -- BELOW FREEZING AT NIGHT AND INTO THE 40S DURING THE DAY FOR THE SAP TO RUN."

AND BUDS ON THE BRANCHES OF THE TREES IN FEBRUARY ARE A VERY BAD SIGN. BRI HART / SYRUP FARMER: "ONCE THOSE TREES BEGIN TO BLOSSOM, THE TREES DONE ITS JOB IN TERMS OF BRINGING THE SAP UP, AND IT'S NOT GOING TO PRODUCE SAP ANYMORE"

HART'S SYRUP IS ON THE MENU, AND THE PANCAKES, AT THE NEARBY YORKTOWN COACH DINER.

OWNER GUS MOISSIADIS SAID HE TRIES TO USE LOCALLY-SOURCED, NATURAL PRODUCTS LIKE WHITE OAK MAPLE SYRUP WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

GUS MOISSIADIS/ YORKTOWN COACH DINER: "IT'S A MUCH BETTER QUALITY AND THE TASTE AND EVERYTHING. SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO GET IT BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER."

AND HART SAID UNFORTUNATELY, PEOPLE WILL LIKELY BE PAYING MORE FOR THAT REAL MAPLE FLAVOR.

SO FAR, HART HAS MADE ONLY ABOUT 200 GALLONS WHEN HE WOULD NORMALLY BE CLOSER TO 800 OR MORE IN A NORMAL, COOLER WINTER.

THANKS, BRIAN. WHILE WINTER IS MAKING ITS LAST GASP THIS WEEK, SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER – ONE SURE SIGN IS OUR CLOCKS!

DID YOU REMEMBER TO SPRING FORWARD THIS WEEKEND? IF NOT, YOU WERE PROBABLY LATE FOR SCHOOL ON MONDAY!

IT'S CALLED DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME – AND IT DOES JUST THAT! WE SET OUR CLOCKS FORWARD IN THE SPRING SO WE CAN ENJOY MORE EVENING SUNLIGHT IN THE COMING MONTHS.

ENGLISH BUILDER WILLIAM WILLETT WAS THE FIRST TO SUGGEST THE SWITCH IN 1905. HE WAS RIDING HIS HORSE THROUGH LONDON IN THE MORNING WHEN HE FIGURED THAT PEOPLE COULD USE MORE OF THE DAYLIGHT IF THEY WOKE UP EARLIER IN THE SUMMER.

ALTHOUGH THE U-S OFFICALLY GOT ONBOARD WITH DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME WAY BACK IN 1966, SOME PEOPLE ARGUE THAT IT IS BAD FOR US. STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT THE NUMBER OF HEART ATTACKS PEOPLE HAVE INCREASE WITH DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME. AND I KNOW I'M MISSING THAT EXTRA HOUR OF SLEEP! BUT ONE GROUP THAT LOVES IT: RETAILERS! THE EXTRA EVENING SUNLIGHT BRINGS IN MORE SHOPPERS!

WELL ONE THING *WE* LOVED A COUPLE WEEKS AGO WAS CELEBRATING STATEHOOD DAY – OHIO'S 214TH BIRTHDAY!

AND WE'RE CHEERING ALONG WITH THE STUDENTS AT EVENING STREET ELEMENTARY WHO GET THIS WEEK'S NEWSDEPTH A PLUS. CHECK OUT HOW THEY CELEBRATED STATEHOOD DAY WITH OHIO-SHAPED COOKIES AND BY PLAYING THE

STATE'S ROCK SONG "HANG ON SLOOPY." WHAT A GREAT WAY TO SHOW SOME STATE PRIDE.

WAIT. WHAT'S THAT NEWS-CAT? IT'S NOT TIME FOR PETTING ZOO YET! OH, YOU MEAN, YOU'VE GOT AN A PLUS TO HAND OUT TOO?!

NEWS-CAT WANTS TO GIVE A BIG SHOUT-OUT...OR, I GUESS, MEOW-OUT, TO MRS. CLARK'S CLASS AT HOWLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL – HEY! THAT'S SCIENCE CORRESPONDENT *MARGARET THOMPSON'S* OLD STOMPING GROUND!

ANYWAY - THE CLASS MADE THESE FUN NEWS-CATS OUT OF NEWSPAPER! SO THOSE ARE LITERAL NEWS-CATS. AWESOME CREATIVITY, GUYS, WE'LL ADD THOSE FANTASTIC FELINES TO OUR NEWS-CAT GALLERY ON OUR WEBSITE!

OK, NOW THAT NEWS-CAT'S GOTTEN A HEAD START, WE MIGHT AS WELL DIVE RIGHT IN TO THIS WEEK'S PETTING ZOO!

I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU HAD ACCESS TO OUR MAILBOX, NEWS-CAT! WHAT ELSE DID YOU SEE IN THERE?

WHAT'S THAT? AN INVATION? TO A *WEDDING*?

OH, WOW, LOVE IS IN THE AIR ON THIS WEEK'S PETTING ZOO, AS NEWS-CAT'S GOT A GREAT STORY ABOUT A SPECIAL CANINE WEDDING. TO FIND OUT HOW THESE TWO LOVEBIRDS – I MEAN, LOVE DOGS, CAME TO TAKE A WALK DOWN THE AISLE CLICK THE PETTING ZOO BUTTON ON OUR WEBSITE. THANKS NEWS-CAT!

AND, AS ALWAYS, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU. AFTER YOU VOTE IN OUR POLL, WRITE TO US. SEND YOUR E-MAILS TO NEWSDEPTH AT IDEASTREAM.ORG - OR MAIL YOUR LETTERS TO 1375 EUCLID AVENUE, CLEVELAND, OHIO 44115.

YOUR LETTERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY AFTERNOON TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE NEXT SHOW. YOU CAN ALSO TWEET AT US @ NEWSDEPTH OHIO.

THANKS FOR WATCHING, I'M RICK JACKSON. WE'LL SEE BACK HERE NEXT WEEK.