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Bonds, Balco and Steroids in Baseball

Barry Bonds time line ■ Bonds home runs each year

2001— Barry Bonds breaks McGwire's record by hitting 73 home runs. Bonds had averaged 34 home runs during the previous 14 seasons. Bonds wins his fourth MVP award.

2002 Bonds wins his first NL batting title with a .370 average, sets records with 198 walks and a .582 on-base percentage, and wins his fifth MVP award.

2003 Bonds and nine other players are called to testify to a San Francisco grand jury investigating the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative (Balco).

2004 Bonds tells reporters that "they can test me every day if they choose" and denies having used steroids.

The San Francisco Chronicle reports Bonds told the grand jury that he used "the cream" and "the clear" provided by his trainer, Anderson, but that he didn't know they were steroids.

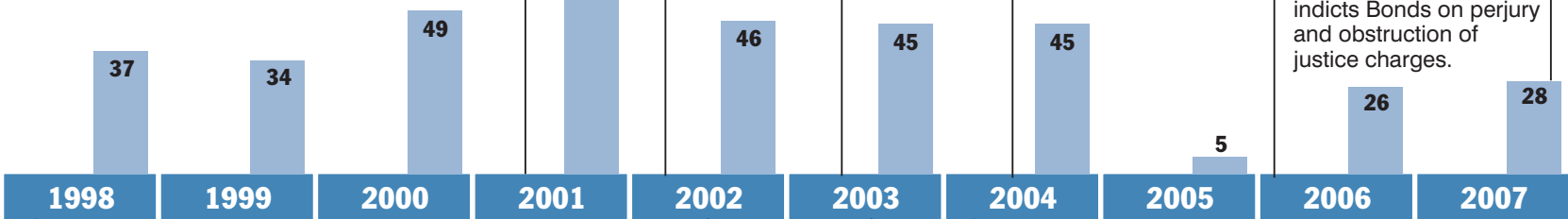
2006 Baseball launches a probe into steroids use by Bonds and others.

A book by two Chronicle reporters says Bonds used steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs for at least five seasons beginning in 1998.

2007 Bonds passes Hank Aaron's career home-run mark, finishing with 762 home runs. The Giants decline to offer him a contract for 2008.

Yesterday A federal grand jury indicts Bonds on perjury and obstruction of justice charges.

Bonds watches his 500th career home run in 2001.



1998 A jar of androstenedione is discovered in the locker of Cardinals slugger Mark McGwire. He admits to using the steroid, then legal, and goes on to hit a then-record 70 home runs.

2002 Ken Caminiti says he used steroids during his 1996 MVP season and estimates half of major-league players were using the drug. Caminiti dies of an apparent heart attack in 2004.

2003 The IRS and a federal narcotics task force raid Balco headquarters and the home of Greg Anderson, Bonds' trainer.

2004 Baseball begins mandatory steroid testing for players. The San Francisco Chronicle reports that Jason Giambi told the grand jury he had used steroids for three seasons.

2005 At a congressional hearing on steroids in baseball in March, Rafael Palmeiro says, "I have never used steroids, period." In August, he receives a 10-day suspension for violating baseball's steroid policy. Balco founder Victor Conte and Anderson plead guilty to steroid distribution. Conte receives four months in prison and Anderson six.

2006 Anderson refuses to testify before the grand jury investigating Bonds, is held in contempt, and is jailed.