

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 12/14/07

TOPICS COVERED:

- Steroids List
- News of the Day
- Plastics in the Ocean
- Culturecast

TONY: IT'S FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14TH. I'M TONY ANDERSON AND TODAY STEROIDS IN SPORTS, BASEBALL'S BIGGEST NAMES ARE IN THE SPOTLIGHT. CHANNEL ONE NEWS STARTS RIGHT NOW.

TONY: ON MARCH 30TH, 2006 THE HEAD OF MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ASKED FORMER SENATOR GEORGE MITCHELL TO INVESTIGATE STEROID USE IN THE SPORT.

TONY: YESTERDAY, MITCHELL FINALLY PRESENTED HIS REPORT, AND CHRIS BROWNE TELLS US, HE WASN'T AFRAID TO NAME NAMES.

CHRIS: ALL TIME HOME RUN KING BARRY BONDS; 7-TIME CY YOUNG WINNER ROGER CLEMENS, PERENNIAL ALL-STARS, MVP'S, FUTURE HALL OF FAMERS AND ON THURSDAY, THESE NAMES, ALONG WITH NEARLY 80 OTHERS, WERE LISTED IN CONNECTION WITH ANABOLIC STEROIDS.

(SOT: Sen. George Mitchell) "For more than a decade there has been widespread illegal use of anabolic steroid and other performance enhancing substances by players in major league baseball"

CHRIS: DOZENS OF CURRENT AND FORMER MAJOR LEAGUE PLAYERS WERE LISTED IN "THE MITCHELL REPORT," AN INVESTIGATION ON THE SO CALLED STEROID ERA OF MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL.

CHRIS: MITCHELL ALSO MADE A POINT OF ADDRESSING STEROID ABUSE IN HIGH SCHOOLS, SAYING STEROID USERS AT THE MAJOR LEAGUE LEVEL HAD SET A POOR EXAMPLE FOR YOUNG ATHLETES.

CHRIS: ANABOLIC STEROIDS CAN BE USED TO BUILD MUSCLE MASS AND CAN HAVE NEGATIVE SIDE EFFECTS LIKE HAIR LOSS, ACNE AND ANXIETY.

(SOT: Sen. George Mitchell) "Hundreds and thousands of high school aged young people are illegally using steroids. It's important to deal with the players who are illegal users."

CHRIS: IN RESPONSE TO MITCHELL'S FINDINGS, BASEBALL COMMISSIONER BUD SELIG PRAISED THE FORMER SENATORS EFFORTS.

CHRIS: HOWEVER HE SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER DISCIPLINING ACTIVE PLAYERS WHO ABUSE STEROIDS. SOMETHING MITCHELL ASKED HIM NOT TO DO.

(SOT: Bud Selig) "I'm going to review his findings, and the factual support for those findings, and punishment will then be determined on a case by case basis."

CHRIS: MITCHELL'S REPORT CLAIMS MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL AND THE PLAYERS' ASSOCIATION, THE UNION THAT REPRESENTS MAJOR LEAGUE BALLPLAYERS, SHARE THE BLAME FOR THE WIDESPREAD USE OF ANABOLIC STEROIDS, HUMAN GROWTH HORMONE, AND OTHER PERFORMANCE ENHANCING DRUGS.

CHRIS: AMONG THE REPORT'S RECOMMENDATIONS, A MOVE TOWARD BETTER, STATE OF THE ART DRUG TESTING THAT WOULD TAKE PLACE RANDOMLY, AND YEAR-ROUND.

CHRIS: THE REPORT COULD HAVE LEGAL CONSEQUENCES AS WELL.

CHRIS: MITCHELL FINDINGS, WHICH WERE BASED ON CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS, INTERVIEWS WITH PLAYERS, AND TESTIMONY FROM A FORMER STEROID DEALER WERE PUBLISHED LESS THAN A WEEK AFTER FORMER SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS STAR BARRY BONDS PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO CHARGES HE LIED TO A FEDERAL GRAND JURY ABOUT ALLEGED STEROID USE.

CHRIS: FOR MOST FANS, THE REPORT HAS ALREADY HAD A MAJOR IMPACT ON BASEBALL, NOT JUST BY NAMING NAMES, BUT BY SUGGESTING THAT, FOR A TIME, STEROIDS MAY HAVE CHANGED THE GAME. REPORTING FROM NEW YORK, CHRIS BROWNE, CHANNEL ONE NEWS

TONY: FOR MORE ON THE MITCHEL REPORT AND TO GET ALL THE FACTS WHEN IT COMES TO PERFORMANCE ENHANCING DRUGS CHECK OUT SPORTS AND STEROIDS AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

COMMERCIAL

TONY: THE ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAME, WE'LL TELL YOU WHO JUST GOT IN AND WHY THE U.S. IS ONCE AGAIN GETTING BASHED OVER CLIMATE CHANGE. THOSE STORIES STRAIGHT AHEAD IN TODAY'S HEADLINES FROM CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

ANNOUNCER: ARE YOU ALLERGIC TO MILK OR EGGS? THEY'RE THE MOST COMMON CHILDHOOD ALLERGIES AND A NEW STUDY FINDS YOUNG PEOPLE ARE HAVING A HARDER TIME OVERCOMING THEM THAN IN THE PAST.

ANNOUNCER: PREVIOUS RESEARCH FOUND 75 PERCENT OF CHILDREN OVERCAME MILK ALLERGIES BY AGE 3.

ANNOUNCER: BUT RESEARCHERS NOW FIND THOSE ALLERGIES ARE OFTEN LASTING INTO LATER CHILDHOOD AND EVEN INTO THE TEEN YEARS.

ANNOUNCER: A MASSIVE WINTER STORM BROUGHT MISERY TO MUCH OF THE NORTHEAST THURSDAY.

ANNOUNCER: SOME PARTS OF THE REGION WERE EXPECTED TO GET UP TO A FOOT OF SNOW.

ANNOUNCER: IT'S THE SAME STORM THAT HIT THE MIDWEST EARLIER THIS WEEK AND LEFT 33 DEAD AND HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS WITHOUT POWER.

ANNOUNCER: WHILE THE STORM BROUGHT AN EARLY START TO THE WEEKEND FOR SOME STUDENTS, IT DID SO AT A HEAVY COST IN DISRUPTION TO MUCH OF THE COUNTRY.

ANNOUNCER: DURING THE LAST YEAR, AMERICANS HAVE DONATED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO CHARITIES MEANT TO HELP TROOPS WOUNDED IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN.

ANNOUNCER: BUT LESS THAN A THIRD OF THOSE DONATIONS REACHED THE VETS.

ANNOUNCER: THIS ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PHILANTHROPY, WHICH MONITORS CHARITIES' SPENDING. THE GROUP LOOKED AT THE TAX RETURNS OF EIGHT LARGE VETERANS CHARITIES.

ANNOUNCER: THE WORST OFFENDER, ONE ORGANIZATION WHICH GAVE VETERANS JUST ONE CENT OF EVERY DOLLAR DONATED.

ANNOUNCER: NEGOTIATIONS TO WRITE A NEW CLIMATE CHANGE TREATY IN BALI, INDONESIA HAVE HIT A SNAG.

ANNOUNCER: U.S. AND EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVES CAN'T AGREE ON KEY ELEMENTS IN THE TREATY.

ANNOUNCER: EUROPEAN LEADERS WANT TO REQUIRE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES TO CUT GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS 25 TO 40 PERCENT BY 2020. BUT THE U.S. THE WORLD'S LARGEST EMITTER OF SUCH GASES WON'T AGREE TO THAT.

ANNOUNCER: SO EUROPEAN LEADERS ARE THREATENING TO BOYCOTT U.S. LED CLIMATE CHANGE TALKS SET FOR NEXT MONTH.

(SOT: Humberto Rosa) "To put it shortly, we are not blackmailing no one. We just think it's logic, not blackmail."

ANNOUNCER: SHE'S BEEN A STAR SINCE YOUR PARENTS WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL.

ANNOUNCER: NOW, THE ARTIST THAT ONLY NEEDS ONE NAME. MADONNA IS SET TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAME.

ANNOUNCER: OTHER NEW HALL OF FAMERS JOHN MELLENCAMP, THE VENTURES, LEONARD COHEN AND THE DAVE CLARK FIVE.

ANNOUNCER: THE INDUCTION CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE IN MARCH.

ANNOUNCER: ON CAPITOL HILL THERE'S NEWS ON TWO BIG BILLS. LAST WEEK, WE TOLD YOU THE HOUSE HAD PASSED AN ENERGY BILL THAT REQUIRES ALL CARS SOLD IN THE U.S. TO GET AN AVERAGE OF 35 MILES PER GALLON BY 2020.

ANNOUNCER: WELL, YESTERDAY, THE SENATE ALSO APPROVED THAT BILL.

ANNOUNCER: THE HOUSE HAS PASSED A 700 BILLION DOLLAR BILL ON MILITARY SPENDING. THE BILL SPECIFICALLY PROVIDES 189 BILLION FOR THE WARS IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN.

ANNOUNCER: NOW IT WILL GO ONTO THE SENATE WHERE IT'S ALSO EXPECTED TO PASS. BEFORE IT GOES TO THE OVAL OFFICE FOR PRESIDENT BUSH'S SIGNATURE.

TONY: WE JUST TOLD YOU THE HOUSE HAS PASSED A 700 BILLION DOLLAR MILITARY SPENDING BILL. NOW LET'S SEE HOW MUCH YOU KNOW ABOUT WHO OVERSEES THE MILITARY. SO, WHO'S THIS?

TONY: HE'S HAD QUITE A CAREER. THE ONLY PERSON TO GO FROM AN ENTRY LEVEL JOB AT THE CIA TO THE AGENCY'S DIRECTOR, HE ALSO SERVED A STINT AS THE PRESIDENT OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY AND NOW HE'S A MEMBER OF PRESIDENT BUSH'S CABINET. SO, DO YOU KNOW WHO HE IS? TAKE FIVE.

TONY: IT'S U.S. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ROBERT GATES!

ANNOUNCER: CAN YOU TELL SECRETARY GATES FROM HARRY REID? SEE WHOSE FACE YOU CAN PICK OUT OF CROWD. CHECK OUT THE U.S. LEADERS MEMORY GAME AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

COMMERCIAL

TONY: YOU HAVE HEARD ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF RECYCLING, ESPECIALLY PLASTICS. WELL CHRIS BROWN, SHOWS US THE EFFECTS THAT DUMPING YOUR PLASTIC TRASH HAS ON THE OCEANS AND ON SEA LIFE.

CHRIS: SCIENTISTS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN.

(SOT:) "3-6-zero."

CHRIS: COLLECTING SAMPLES IN THE SO CALLED "PACIFIC GARBAGE PATCH."

(SOT:) "We're gonna continue on this transect."

CHRIS: IT'S AN AREA TWICE THE SIZE OF TEXAS THAT'S BECOME A TOILET BOWL OF PLASTICS.

CHRIS: A VORTEX OF OCEAN CURRENTS SWIRLING FROM CALIFORNIA TO HAWAII THAT PERMANENTLY TRAPS JUST ABOUT ANY PIECE OF PLASTIC EVER THROWN IN THE WATER.

CHRIS: SOME OF THE PLASTICS LODGED IN SEA LIFE. TURTLES ARE AMONG THE MANY OCEAN ANIMALS THAT OFTEN CHOKE AND DIE WHEN THEY EAT THOSE JELLY FISH.

(SOT:) "Wow, what a kaleidoscope!"

CHRIS: PLASTICS, DESIGNED TO LAST FOREVER. UNFORTUNATELY, LASTING FOREVER.

(SOT: Charles Moore) "Plastic now outweighs the plankton in the surface waters of the Pacific."

CHRIS: IN SOME SPOTS, 48 TIMES MORE PLASTIC THAN PLANKTON, SAYS RESEARCHER CHARLES MOORE.

(SOT: Charles Moore) "If you're a fish or a bird trying to determine what to eat, you've got a better chance of selecting something made out of plastic than you do real food."

CHRIS: THE UGLIEST EXAMPLE OF THAT PLASTIC GARBAGE:

(SOT: Charles Moore) "We're now looking at millions and millions of particles of plastic."

CHRIS: ON THE BIG ISLAND OF HAWAII.

(SOT: Charles Moore) "This is sand dune made of plastic."

CHRIS: A BEACH YOU WON'T FIND IN ANY TOURIST BROCHURE.

(SOT: Charles Moore) "This plastic sand is coming from all around the Pacific Rim swirling into a vortex that eventually brings it to these shores."

CHRIS: THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY BLAMES THE PROBLEM MOSTLY ON US, HUMAN BEHAVIOR.

(SOT: Sharon Kneiss) "Plastics should not be in the ocean. They belong in the recycling bin."

CHRIS: AND THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY, ON THE U.S. EAST COAST.

(SOT: Steve Everett) "Every piece of plastic we've ever made is still on the planet, it doesn't go away."

CHRIS: WHERE A TINY FRACTION OF THAT PACIFIC GARBAGE BEGINS.

(SOT:) "You never know what you'll find."

CHRIS: JUST THIS YEAR, VOLUNTEERS THERE HAVE FISHED OUT ALMOST 30 TONS OF GARBAGE ALONG JUST 9 MILES OF THE SANTA FE AND NEARBY RIVERS.

CHRIS: ALL INTERCONNECTED WITH OCEANS THAT EVENTUALLY LEAD TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN GARBAGE PATCH.

CHRIS: A MESS SOME EXPERTS SAY ALREADY MAY BE TOO BIG TO CLEAN UP.
CHRIS BROWNE, CHANNEL ONE NEWS.

ANNOUNCER: BOTTLED WATER MAY BE GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH, BUT THE PLASTIC IT COMES IN ISN'T SO GOOD FOR MOTHER NATURE. FOR THE TRUTH ABOUT BOTTLED WATER LOOK FOR ENVIRONMENT 101 AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

TONY: CULTURECAST TIME. TODAY, RADIO STATION KTRS AND THE U.S. MARINE CORPS ARE GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS BY HOSTING THE "TOYS FOR TOTS" TOY DRIVE IN ST. LOUIS, MO.

TONY: JOHN AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH IN FT. LAUDERDALE WROTE IN TO TELL US ABOUT HIS SCHOOL PLAYING OSCEOLA HIGH IN THE FLORIDA 5A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TONIGHT.

TONY: AND ON SATURDAY, THE SCHOOL OF VISUAL ARTS IN NEW YORK CITY PRESENTS "MAPPING," AN EXHIBITION BY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ALL AROUND NEW YORK CITY EXPLORING THEIR ANCESTRY, AND THEIR VISIONS OF THE FUTURE.

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

TONY: THAT DOES IT FOR CHANNEL ONE NEWS, I'M TONY ANDERSON, HOPE YOU
HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND. WE'LL SEE YOU RIGHT BACK HERE NEXT WEEK. TAKE
CARE.