



NEWS

NATIONAL BASEBALL HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM, INC.

25 Main Street, Cooperstown, NY 13326-0590

Phone: (607) 547-0215 Fax: (607)547-2044

Web Site Address – baseballhall.org

E-Mail – info@baseballhalloffame.org

Brad Horn, Senior Director, Communications & Education

Craig Muder, Communications Director

Samantha Carr, Media Relations Coordinator

PRESERVING HISTORY. HONORING EXCELLENCE. CONNECTING GENERATIONS.

AROUND THE HORN

Special Hall of Fame Weekend Edition

News & Notes from the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum

July 25-28, 2008

volume 15, issue 7

COOPERSTOWN CALLS CLASS OF 2008

HALL OF FAME WEEKEND 2008: The 2008 edition of Hall of Fame Weekend will take place July 25-28, with the Induction Ceremony occurring on Sunday, July 27 at 1:30 p.m. EDT, supported by a full schedule of family-friendly events...BBWAA electee **Rich "Goose" Gossage** and Veterans Committee inductees **Dick Williams, Barney Dreyfuss, Bowie Kuhn, Walter O'Malley, and Billy Southworth** will be inducted, while **Dave Niehaus** will receive the Ford C. Frick Award and the late **Larry Whiteside** will receive the J.G. Taylor Spink Award...For the first time, the **Buck O'Neil** Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented, with O'Neil being the first recipient...Admission to the ceremony at the Clark Sports Center is free...ESPN Classic and ESPN Radio will carry the Induction Ceremony live...It will also be simulcast on www.baseballhall.org...ESPN2 will air a condensed rebroadcast on Monday at 8 PM EDT ...For a complete schedule of Weekend events, see the list below or visit www.baseballhall.org.

IN THIS ISSUE:

Section	Page
Hall of Fame Weekend	1-2
Class of 2008	3
2008 Award Winners	4-5
HOF Weekend Schedule	5
Balloting Update	6
Hall of Famers by team	6-7
Museum News	8-10

54 REALLY GOOD REASONS TO RETURN TO COOPERSTOWN: A record 54 of the 62 living Hall of Famers (not counting the 2008 electees) are planning to return to Cooperstown for Hall of Fame Weekend to welcome the 2008 class, tying a record set in 2007...This marks the second straight season a new record number of Hall of Famers has returned to Cooperstown...With 2008 electees Goose Gossage and Dick Williams on stage, there will be 56 Hall of Famers present, which is another record...Those planning to attend as of July 25:

Hank Aaron	Gary Carter	Reggie Jackson	Paul Molitor	Ryne Sandberg
Sparky Anderson	Orlando Cepeda	Fergie Jenkins	Joe Morgan	Mike Schmidt
Luis Aparicio	Bobby Doerr	Al Kaline	Eddie Murray	Red Schoendienst
Ernie Banks	Dennis Eckersley	Harmon Killebrew	Phil Niekro	Tom Seaver
Johnny Bench	Bob Feller	Ralph Kiner	Jim Palmer	Ozzie Smith
Yogi Berra	Rollie Fingers	Sandy Koufax	Tony Perez	Bruce Sutter
Wade Boggs	Carlton Fisk	Tommy Lasorda	Gaylord Perry	Don Sutton
George Brett	Whitey Ford	Juan Marichal	Cal Ripken Jr.	Earl Weaver
Lou Brock	Bob Gibson	Willie Mays	Robin Roberts	Billy Williams
Jim Bunning	Tony Gwynn	Bill Mazerowski	Brooks Robinson	Dave Winfield
Steve Carlton	Monte Irvin	Willie McCovey	Frank Robinson	

BOOK NOW FOR FUTURE WEEKENDS: Future Hall of Fame Weekends will be held over the last Sunday in July in upcoming years... In 2009, Induction Weekend will be July 24-27, with the ceremony on Sunday, July 26...In 2010, the ceremony will occur on July 25 during the Weekend, which runs July 23-26.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION: The 2008 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will once again be held at the Clark Sports Center, located one mile south of the Museum on Susquehanna Avenue...This marks the 17th consecutive year at that location for the event...From 1968-1991 (24 years) the ceremony was held in Cooper Park, on the east side of the Museum...Ceremonies were originally held on Main Street in front of the main entrance to the Hall of Fame, from 1939-1967.

ORDER OF EVENTS: The order of the 2008 Induction Ceremony will be announced on the day of the event...Hall of Fame President **Jeff Idelson** will begin the Ceremony, followed by the introduction of all Hall of Fame returnees.

BY AIR: Once again in 2008, the ESPN family of networks will broadcast the Induction Ceremony and other events throughout the weekend from Cooperstown...The Induction Ceremony will be broadcast live on ESPN Classic on Sunday, July 27 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. EDT...ESPN Radio will cover the ceremony nationwide through its affiliate stations from 1-7:30 p.m....The ceremony will also be streamed live at www.baseballhall.org...The Weekend broadcast schedule:

SUNDAY: Induction Ceremony, ESPN Classic 1:30-4:30 p.m. (LIVE)

MONDAY: Induction Ceremony, ESPN2, 8-9 p.m. (REBROADCAST); Hall of Fame Roundtable, ESPN2, 9-10 p.m.

COME ONE, COME ALL: An estimated average of over 15,000 fans annually attend Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies...In 2007, an estimated 75,000 fans packed Cooperstown, honoring the Hall of Fame induction of Cal Ripken, Jr. and Tony Gwynn and setting a Hall of Fame Weekend attendance record...Following 2007, the top five estimated crowds for Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies: 50,000 (1999); 40,000 (1995); 27,000 (2001 and 2005); and 25,000 (2000).

A SPOT FOR EVERYONE: The 2008 Induction Ceremony is free and open to the public, taking place on the grounds of the beautiful Clark Sports Center, home of Cooperstown's recreational center...The seating diagram features seats reserved for families and friends of the inductees, media members and the highest level supporters of the Museum's membership program. Beyond the fencing, the hillside and accompanying seating can accommodate thousands of individual spectators, who can enjoy the Ceremony from a blanket or chair...The Hall of Fame provides bottled water during the Ceremony for all fans in attendance...The Induction Ceremony is held rain or shine. In the event of severe weather, the Ceremony will be canceled for public viewing and will become a private ceremony.

GRANDE DELIVERY: **George Grande**, currently a broadcaster for the Cincinnati Reds, returns for his 27th year serving as master of ceremonies of the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Grande first began his emcee duties in 1982, missing the 2005 and 2007 ceremonies due to family emergencies.

QUITE THE QUARTET: Born to Sing Quartet from Philadelphia, Pa., will sing both the *Star-Spangled Banner*, the American national anthem, and *Oh, Canada*, the Canadian national anthem to start the event...Born to Sing is composed of **John Odhner, Dean Crissey, Al Smith** and **Walt Evans**.

A HIGHER CALLING: **Father John Roos**, pastor emeritus of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Cooperstown, will deliver the invocation.

PRESTIGIOUS PRESENTERS: Hall of Fame pitcher **Tom Seaver**, inducted in 1992, will present the 2008 Ford C. Frick award to **Dave Niehaus**, the only voice the Seattle Mariners have ever had...**Jack O'Connell**, Secretary-Treasurer of the Baseball Writers' Association of America, will present the J.G. Taylor Spink award to the late **Larry Whiteside**, with Whiteside's son **Tony** accepting on Larry's behalf...Hall of Fame Chairman **Jane Forbes Clark** will present the first annual Buck O'Neil Lifetime Achievement Award, with Hall of Famer **Joe Morgan** delivering remarks on behalf of its first recipient, the late **Buck O'Neil**.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS: **Goose Gossage** and **Dick Williams**, the two living members of the 2008 class, will deliver speeches to those in attendance...In addition, representatives of the Hall of Fame inductees who have passed will speak...**Barney Dreyfuss** will be represented by his great-grandson, **Andrew Dreyfuss**...**Paul Degener** will speak for his father, **Bowie Kuhn**...**Walter O'Malley** will be represented by his son **Peter O'Malley**...Finally, Hall of Fame board member **Bill DeWitt** will accept on behalf of Billy **Southworth**...The acceptance speeches will be followed by the dedication of all six plaques with Hall of Fame Chairman of the Board, **Jane Forbes Clark**, and the reading of the plaque text by MLB Commissioner **Bud Selig**.

PAYING RESPECTS: During the Ceremony, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum will pay respects to those men and women in the game who have passed away during the last year, with a scroll of names on the large viewing screens.

SEVENTH-INNING STRETCH: Hall of Fame catcher Johnny Bench will entertain fans during the ceremony his rendition of Take Me Out To the Ballgame. This year marks the 100th birthday of that baseball classic.

FAMOUS FACES IN THE CROWD: Several celebrities from within the baseball world are scheduled to attend Induction Weekend, including former big league infielder **Dick Allen**; former major league pitchers **Jim Beattie, Dwight Gooden** and **Ralph Branca**; Yankees general manager **Brian Cashman**; **Vera Clemente**, the widow of Roberto Clemente; **Eddie Einhorn**, the vice chairman of the White Sox; Major League Baseball Players Association executive director **Donald Fehr**; former Yankees general manager **Gene Michael**; former A's, Angels and Red Sox outfielder **Joe Rudi**; former Dodgers outfielder **George Shuba**; and former big league manager **Chuck Tanner**.

TROLLEY TRANSPORTATION: The Cooperstown Trolley will provide transit to the Hall of Fame and Doubleday Field from three different free parking lots during the Weekend: the Blue Lot on Route 28, south of Cooperstown; the Red Lot on Route 28 (Glen Avenue) at Maple Street; and the Yellow Lot on Route 80 at the upper parking lot of the Fenimore Art Museum...All-day passes are available (\$3 for adults, \$2 for children)...The Trolley will operate throughout Hall of Fame Weekend: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and Monday; 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

TRAFFIC PATTERNS: On Induction Sunday, traffic on Susquehanna Avenue, the street running parallel to the Induction Site, will be one-way only, south out of Cooperstown....There will be no parking on Susquehanna Avenue on Sunday.

2008 HALL OF FAME ELECTEEES

THE GOOSE IS LOOSE: Rich “Goose” Gossage earned election to the Baseball Hall of Fame after appearing on the ballot for the ninth time...One year after falling 21 votes shy of election, Gossage captured 85.8% of the vote, well above the 75% required...Gossage’s career lasted over 23 seasons and included stops with the White Sox, Pirates, Yankees (twice), Padres, Cubs, Giants, Fukuoka (Japan), Rangers, Athletics, and Mariners...Perhaps most remembered for his time with the Yankees, the nine-time All-Star pitched the final 2 and 2/3 innings of the famous 1978 playoff game against the Red Sox that sent the Yankees toward a World Series victory over the Dodgers...Gossage did not save a game in that Fall Classic, but did pitch two scoreless, hitless innings in Game 4 to earn the victory...He would retire in 1994 with the Seattle Mariners after posting a 124-107 career record with 1,502 strikeouts (nearly one per inning pitched), a 3.01 ERA and 310 saves...Gossage follows the recent string of relief pitchers who have been inducted and is the fifth primary reliever to be inducted, following **Hoyt Wilhelm** (1985), **Rollie Fingers** (1992), **Dennis Eckersley** (2004) and **Bruce Sutter** (2006).

WIN AT ALL STOPS: **Dick Williams** was elected to the Hall of Fame by the Veterans Committee, honoring a career that included over 1,500 wins and two World Series titles...Williams’ career began in 1967 with the Boston Red Sox when he took a Red Sox team which finished ninth the previous season and led them to the World Series...The Red Sox fell to the St. Louis Cardinals in seven games that year...After three seasons in Boston and a year as a coach in Montreal, Williams was hired by the Athletics to be their 11th manager in as many years...Williams skippered the A’s to back-to-back World Series titles in 1972 and 1973...He resigned following the 1973 World Series and moved on to the California Angels for three years...Following that, Williams returned to the Expos for five seasons and then went along to San Diego...He would lead the Padres, who finished last in the NL West the year before he arrived, to their first World Series appearance in 1984...Williams’ well-traveled career would come to an end after three seasons at the helm of the Seattle Mariners from 1986-1988.

OLD SCHOOL SOUTHWORTH : **Billy Southworth** managed for 13 seasons with the Cardinals and Braves, winning 1,044 games and earning a spot fifth on the list of all time winning percentage by a manager...“Billy the Kid” began his managerial career as a player/manager with the Cardinals in 1929 for 88 games, going 43-45 before being relieved of his post...The Cardinals gave him another shot in 1940 after his playing days were over and he led St. Louis to three straight NL Pennants from 1942-44...He won two World Series championships during that stretch, beating the Yankees in 1942 and the Browns in 1944...Southworth left the Cardinals after the 1945 season and took over the Boston Braves in 1946...Led the Braves to five straight winning seasons, including the 1948 National League pennant...Southworth passed away on November 15, 1969.

HAIL TO THE CHIEF: **Bowie Kuhn** was the fifth commissioner of Major League Baseball from 1969 through 1984, leading the game through some of the most monumental growth it has ever experienced...He had his first baseball job in high school working the scoreboard at Washington Senators games at Griffith Stadium...Kuhn graduated from Princeton University and received his law degree from the University of Virginia...He served as general counsel for several baseball teams during the 1960s while working at a New York City law firm...He won an anti-trust battle which paved the way for the Braves to move from Milwaukee to Atlanta in 1966 before representing the National League and avoiding a work stoppage in 1968...He was elected commissioner in February of 1969, replacing **William D. Eckert**...During that time, the players’ union was urging its members not to sign contracts for the season to protest a pension issue and Kuhn successfully negotiated a settlement to avoid a work stoppage, earning a seven-year contract extension...Kuhn’s administration started the first drug awareness program in major professional sports in 1971...He masterfully asserted his power over the game, even after the **Curt Flood** Supreme Court case resulted in the transfer of much of the power in the game from owners to players...Major League Baseball also saw unprecedented expansion under Kuhn’s watch, when the Royals, Pilots (later Brewers), Padres, Expos, Mariners and Blue Jays all became Major League franchises... Kuhn was named Man of the Year by *The Sporting News* in 1983...That year, he would fail to get enough votes for a third term as commissioner and was succeeded by **Peter Ueberroth** in 1984...Kuhn passed away on March 15, 2007.

WESTWARD HO! AND SO MUCH MORE: **Walter O’Malley** was one of the most influential owners in the history of the game, pioneering baseball’s movement to the West Coast...After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania, where he received their famous Spoon Man Award for the best academic of the senior class, O’Malley received a law degree from Fordham University and practiced law for 20 years...He gained control of the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1950 and ran the franchise for 30 years...During his first six seasons, O’Malley would lead the Dodgers to four pennants and a World Series title while continuing **Branch Rickey’s**

tremendous player development program...O'Malley led a decade-long attempt to find land for a suitable replacement for the aging and landlocked Ebbets Field, which he planned on privately financing, but needed cooperation from New York City to acquire enough land...After efforts were unsuccessful, O'Malley began looking for a new home for the Dodgers and moved them to Los Angeles at the conclusion of the 1957, persuading the New York Giants to move west as well...O'Malley's contract called for the Dodgers to design, build, and privately finance a 50,000 seat stadium in Chavez Ravine, as well as pay property taxes on land that had not been on the tax rolls in years... O'Malley's marketing genius allowed the franchise to set numerous attendance records, including becoming the first team to crack the three million mark in home attendance...The Dodgers won three World Series titles between 1958 and 1966...O'Malley remained chairman of the board of the Dodgers until his death, even after turning the president role over to his son, **Peter O'Malley**, in 1970...O'Malley is widely recognized for being the catalyst for Major League Baseball's move west and expansion through the 1960s and 1970s...In 1999, O'Malley was named the 11th most powerful person in 20th century sports by *The Sporting News*...Walter O'Malley passed away on August 9, 1979.

PATRON OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE: **Barney Dreyfuss** was one of baseball's first power brokers as an executive...After being an accountant at his parents' brewery, he developed an interest in baseball and purchased a share of the American Association's Louisville Colonels, who would go on to be part of the National League...In 1900, the National League saw interest dwindling and decided to contract, so Dreyfuss merged the Colonels with the Pittsburgh Pirates...Under his ownership, the Pirates would win three-straight NL Pennants from 1901 to 1903...Dreyfuss brought former Colonels and future Hall of Famers **Honus Wagner**, **Fred Clarke** and **Rube Waddell** to Pittsburgh to lead the team...He would reload the Pirates in the 1920s, with future Hall of Famers **Pie Traynor**, **Kiki Culyer** and **Rabbit Maranville**...He remained president of the ballclub until his 1932 death, seeing the Pirates capture six pennants and two World Series titles...Dreyfuss was a founding father of the World Series, when he challenged the American League champion Boston Americans to a series of games in 1903, seeing the Pirates fall five games to three...He also pioneered the construction of Forbes Field in Pittsburgh, baseball's first double-deck stadium...He served as the first Vice President of the National League from 1929 until 1932 and was instrumental in the hiring of **Kenesaw Mountain Landis** as the game's first commissioner...Dreyfuss died on February 5, 1932 in Pittsburgh.

SEE PLAQUES IN GALLERY: On Sunday, following the Induction Ceremony, the Hall of Fame plaques of **Goose Gossage**, **Dick Williams**, **Barney Dreyfuss**, **Bowie Kuhn**, **Walter O'Malley** and **Billy Southworth** will be installed, likely between 6:30 and 8 p.m.... Please note, electees will NOT be present for the installation...The Museum remains open until 9 p.m. Sunday night for fans to catch a glimpse of their plaques in their permanent home.

HISTORY ON DISPLAY: Several artifacts representing the Class of 2008 are already on display at the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown...Among the items: From **Bowie Kuhn**, there is a gavel used when he was the commissioner of baseball and a National League pass issued to Kuhn in 1976...From **Billy Southworth** there is a baseball signed by the 1944 World Champion St. Louis Cardinals, who were managed by Southworth, and a 1950 Boston Braves road jersey worn by Southworth when he managed in Beantown...From **Goose Gossage**, there is a 1982 Yankees jersey worn by the Goose, a 1984 Padres jersey belonging to Gossage and one of Gossage's 1974 White Sox jerseys...From **Walter O'Malley**, there is a shovel he used during the groundbreaking ceremonies at Dodger Stadium on Sept. 17, 1959 and his 1963 World Championship ring...From **Barney Dreyfuss**, a trophy awarded to the 1901 National League Champion Pirates by the Railroad Men of Pittsburgh and a silver cup presented by the fans of Pittsburgh in 1924 in recognition of his 25 years at Pirates owner...And from **Dick Williams** a signed dinner menu from the World Airways flight from Cincinnati after the Oakland A's won Game 7 of the 1972 World Series.

2008 HALL OF FAME AWARD WINNERS

MARINER MAINSTAY: **Dave Niehaus**, the only voice of the Seattle Mariners since their 1977 inception, was named the 2008 Ford C. Frick Award recipient on February 19, presented annually for excellence in broadcasting...Hired by entertainer **Danny Kaye**, the Mariners first owner, Niehaus had called nearly all 5,000 Seattle games entering the 2008 campaign...Kaye developed an admiration for Niehaus' skills while Niehaus was calling the California Angles during the 1960s and '70s...Niehaus has earned a place in the hearts of generations of Mariners fans with famous calls such as "My, Oh, My!" and "It will fly away!"...He considers his call of **Ken Griffey, Jr.** scoring the game-winning run on **Edgar Martinez's** double in Game 5 of the 1995 American League Division Series his favorite...Niehaus grew up in Princeton, Ind. and attended Indiana University before getting his start in broadcasting with Armed Forces Radio and TV calling Dodgers and Yankees Games...Niehaus has also called the Los Angeles Rams (NFL), Los Angeles Lakers (NBA), UCLA football, and UCLA basketball...Twice he has won the Washington State Sportscaster of the Year Award and in 1997 was honored by the Washington State House of Representatives for his "contributions to the quality of life in the Pacific Northwest"...Niehaus threw out the ceremonial first pitch for the inaugural game at Safeco Field in Seattle in 1999.

THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD: The late **Larry Whiteside** has been named the winner of the 2008 J.G. Taylor Spink Award, given annually to a journalist for excellence in baseball journalism...Whiteside spent most of his 30-year career as a beat writer, beginning in 1959 with *The Kansas City Kansan*...He later went to the *Milwaukee Journal*, where he covered both the Braves and the Brewers, before moving on to *The Boston Globe* in 1973...In 1980, Whiteside made history by becoming the first African-American Hall of Fame voter...He also created "The Black List" of African-American reporters and editors to help efforts in

hiring African-American journalists...In addition to covering the Red Sox for the *Globe*, Whiteside was their national baseball writer and made multiple trips to Japan and Australia to cover the game...Whiteside chaired the BBWAA Boston chapter three times and received their Dave O'Hara Award for long and meritorious service to the chapter...He also received the National Association of Black Journalists' Lifetime Achievement Award in 1999.

FIRST BUCK O'NEIL AWARD: A lifetime achievement award in honor of **John Jordan "Buck" O'Neil** will be presented at the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, with O'Neil receiving the first award... The Buck O'Neil Lifetime Achievement Award honors an individual whose extraordinary efforts enhanced baseball's positive impact on society, has broadened the game's appeal, and whose character, integrity and dignity are comparable to the qualities exhibited by O'Neil... O'Neil played, managed and coached in the Negro Leagues and broke a formidable color barrier in 1962 when the Cubs made him the first African-American coach in Major League history... The award will be bestowed by the Hall of Fame's Board of Directors at its discretion, though not more frequently than once every three years.

HALL OF FAME WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, July 25

PLAY Ball with Ozzie Smith (TICKETS REQUIRED): Join the "Wizard" and special Hall of Famer guests **George Brett** and **Eddie Murray** for two hours of non-stop interaction in the *Players, Legends And You* event to raise funds for the Museum's education programs. Each participant receives time on the field with the renowned players and mementos of the occasion. **8:30 a.m., Doubleday Field**

Buck O'Neil Statue Dedication: The Museum pays tribute to one of baseball's most respected ambassadors with the dedication of a bronze statue featuring the likeness of John Jordan "Buck" O'Neil in the Museum. A lifetime achievement award bearing his name will be presented at Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. **12:30 p.m., Museum**

Legends for Youth Skills Clinic (SOLD OUT): Children, ages 5 to 12, can spend the afternoon enhancing their baseball skills with former major leaguers on historic Doubleday Field, presented by Coca-Cola and AutoTrader.com. **1:30 p.m., Doubleday Field**

SATURDAY, July 26

New York-Penn League Game: The annual New York-Penn League game featuring the Oneonta Tigers and Tri-City ValleyCats entertains fans at historic Doubleday Field. The game is FREE and open to the public. Special thanks to Coca-Cola and Key Bank for their financial support. **2 p.m., Doubleday Field**

Connecting Generations: The popular *Connecting Generations* returns with an all-new format for fans of all ages. The program allows visitors to compete in a *Family Feud*-style trivia contest with Hall of Famers **George Brett, Lou Brock** and **Bruce Sutter**. Afterward, selected fans may ask questions of the Hall of Famers on stage. **3 p.m., Clark Sports Center**

Red Carpet Arrivals: Join the pageantry and excitement of the red carpet arrivals at the Hall of Fame. Enjoy musical entertainment, trivia contests and most exciting of all, watch as the Hall of Famers arrive on trolleys and walk the red carpet on the way into their private reception. *Please note: Fans begin to gather around 6 p.m. with festivities starting at 8 p.m. Hall of Famers will begin to arrive between 9 and 9:30 p.m.* **8 p.m., Main Street**

SUNDAY, July 27

Induction Ceremony: Open to the public and free of charge, the 2008 Induction Ceremony honors **Rich "Goose" Gossage, Dick Williams, Barney Dreyfuss, Bowie Kuhn, Walter O'Malley** and **Billy Southworth**. Weather permitting, the ceremony takes place on the grounds of the Clark Sports Center, located on lower Susquehanna Avenue, just one mile south of the Hall of Fame. Seating is unlimited and a blanket or lawn chair is recommended for comfortable viewing. Complimentary water is provided and other refreshments are sold on-site. **1:30 p.m., Clark Sports Center**

MONDAY, July 28

Legends Series Event: The Hall of Fame's newest members, **Rich "Goose" Gossage** and **Dick Williams**, participate in a *Legends Series* event televised on ESPN. The program is for Members only. **10:30 a.m., Clark Sports Center**

DON'T MISS THE MUSEUM: Visitors to Hall of Fame Weekend will only experience part of the charm of Cooperstown without a visit to the Museum...Featuring more than 35,000 artifacts in its collection, the Museum details baseball history through three floors of exhibits, plus the Plaque Gallery...The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum will maintain the following hours over Hall of Fame Weekend: Friday: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Monday: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The Museum will open at 7 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday and at 8 a.m. on Monday for members only.

HALL OF FAME BALLOTING NEWS

NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE: Results of the 2008 BBWAA election will be announced in early 2009... A partial list of eligible first-time players who are eligible for upcoming Hall of Fame elections includes: **2009:** David Cone, Mark Grace, Rickey Henderson, Mo Vaughn, Matt Williams; **2010:** Roberto Alomar, Ellis Burks, Andres Galarraga, Barry Larkin, Edgar Martinez, Fred McGriff, Robin Ventura; **2011:** Jeff Bagwell, Kevin Brown, John Franco, Juan Gonzalez, Marquis Grissom, Al Leiter, Tino Martinez, Rafael Palmeiro, Larry Walker, Dan Wilson; **2012:** David Bell, Vinny Castilla, Dustin Hermanson, Jose Hernandez, Terry Mulholland, Brad Radke, Bernie Williams; **2013:** Sandy Alomar Jr., Craig Biggio, Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens, Julio Franco, Kenny Lofton, Jose Mesa, Mike Piazza, David Wells, Bob Wickman...Note that a player must be inactive for five years to appear on the ballot...For complete details, visit www.baseballhall.org.

CAREFUL SELECTION: 2008 marked the 65th Hall of Fame election held by the BBWAA...Of the 74 election years starting in 1936, on 56 occasions the membership has elected someone; on seven occasions it has not elected anyone (1945, 1946, 1950, 1958, 1960, 1971, 1996); and on nine occasions, no election was held (1940, 1941, 1943, 1944, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1965).

HISTORY AT YOUR FINGERTIPS: Comprehensive voting data from past BBWAA elections is available exclusively at www.baseballhall.org...Visitors can sort election results by player, year and by votes received...This compilation marks the first definitive database of Hall of Fame election data, allowing the user to view year-by-year vote totals for an individual or view cumulative election results of each year since 1936.

THE GAME'S ELITE: The Hall of Fame is comprised of 286 elected members...Included are 199 former major league players, 26 executives, 35 Negro leaguers, 18 managers and eight umpires...The BBWAA has elected 106 candidates to the Hall while the Veterans Committee (in all of its forms) has chosen 154 deserving candidates (93 major leaguers, 26 executives, 18 managers, nine Negro leaguers and eight umpires)...The defunct "Committee on Negro Baseball Leagues" selected nine men between 1971-77 and the Special Committee on Negro Leagues in 2006, elected 17 Negro leaguers...There are currently 64 living members...*Note: This includes the 2008 inductees.*

BETWEEN THE LINES: Including Negro leagues players, the following is a breakdown by position of the 227 Hall of Famers who earned their election on the playing field...Also included is the last major leaguer to be elected at each position.

Pitchers 71	Second Baseman 18	Left Fielders 19
Catchers 16	Third Baseman 13	Center Fielders 23
First Baseman 21	Shortstops 23	Right Fielders 23
Designated Hitter 1	DH: Molitor (2004)	
PITCHER: Gossage (2008)	SECOND BASE: Sandberg (2005)	LEFT FIELD: Yastrzemski (1989)
CATCHER: Carter (2003)	THIRD BASE: Boggs (2005)	CENTER FIELD: Puckett (2001)
FIRST BASE: Murray (2003)	SHORTSTOP: Ripken Jr. (2007)	RIGHT FIELD: Gwynn (2007)

NEW YORK, NEW YORK: Attempting to categorize Hall of Famers by team is complicated in those cases where an individual distinguishes himself with multiple organizations...For this chart, games played was the deciding factor for position players to suit up for more than one club; for pitchers, games won was the yardstick used...Executives and managers are included...By this method, the Yankees have better representation than any other club and the NY Giants have placed the most former **players** in the Hall (20).

#	LG	TEAM	HALL OF FAMERS
25	AL	NYN	Barrow, Berra, Chesbro, Combs, Dickey, DiMaggio, Ford, Gehrig, Gomez, GOSSAGE, Hoyt, Huggins, Keeler, Lazzeri, Larry MacPhail, Lee MacPhail, Mantle, McCarthy, Pennock, Rizzuto, Ruffing, Ruth, Stengel, Weiss, Winfield
21	NL	NYG	Bresnahan, Connor, Davis, Ewing, T.Jackson, Hubbell, Irvin, Keefe, Kelly, Lindstrom, Marquard, Mathewson, McGinnity, McGraw, O'Rourke, Ott, Rusie, Terry, Ward, Welch, Youngs
17	NL	Cubs	Anson, Banks, Brown, Chance, Cuyler, Evers, Griffith, Jenkins, Hartnett, Herman, K.Kelly, Sandberg, Spalding, Sutter, Tinker, B.Williams, Wilson
16	NL	STL	Bottomley, Brock, Dean, Frisch, Gibson, Hafey, Haines, Hornsby, Medwick, Mize, Musial, *Rickey, Schoendienst, SOUTHWORTH, Slaughter and Smith
13	AL	CWS	Aparicio, Appling, E.Collins, Comiskey, Faber, Fisk, Fox, Lopez, Lyons, Schalk, Veeck, Walsh, Wilhelm
13	NL	Pit	Beckley, Carey, Clarke, Clemente, DREYFUSS, Kiner, Mazerowski, Stargell, Traynor, Vaughn, Wagner, P.Waner, L.Waner
12	AL	Cle	Averill, Boudreau, Coveleski, Doby, Feller, Flick, Joss, Lajoie, Lemon, Sewell, Speaker, Wynn
11	NL	Brook	Campanella, Durocher, Grimes, MacPhail, Reese, *Rickey, J.Robinson, W.Robinson, Snider, Vance, Wheat
11	NL	Phil	Alexander, Ashburn, Bancroft, Carlton, Delahanty, Hamilton, Klein, Roberts, Schmidt, Thompson, Wright
10	AL	Det	Anderson, Bunning, Cobb, Crawford, Gehring, Greenberg, Heilmann, Kaline, Kell, Newhouser
10	NL	Cin	Bench, Giles, Lombardi, McKechnie, McPhee, Morgan, Pérez, F.Robinson, Rixey, Roush

9	AL	Phil	Baker, Bender, Cochrane, Foxx, Grove, Mack, Plank, Simmons, Waddell
8	AL	Bos	Boggs, Cronin, J.Collins, Doerr, Hooper, T.Williams, Yastrzemski, Yawkey
7	NL	Bos	Clarkson, Duffy, Maranville, McCarthy, Nichols, Willis, Wright
6	AL	Wash	Griffith, Goslin, Harris, Johnson, Manush, Rice
6	NL	LA	Alston, Drysdale, Koufax, Lasorda, O'MALLEY, Sutton
5	NL	SF	Cepeda, Marichal, Mays, McCovey, Perry
5	AL	Balt	Murray, Palmer, Ripken, B.Robinson, Weaver
4	AL	Oak	Eckersley, Fingers, Hunter, R. Jackson
4	AL	STL	Ferrell, Paige, Sisler, Wallace
3	NL	Mil	Aaron, Mathews, Spahn
3	NL	Bal	Hanlon, Jennings, J.Kelley
2	AL	Min	Carew, Killebrew, Puckett
2	AL	Buffalo	Brouthers, Galvin
2	NL	Cle	Burkett, Young
2	AL	Mil	Molitor, Yount
2	NL	Mont	Carter, WILLIAMS
1	NL	Mets	Seaver
1	NL	Prov	Radbourn
1	NL	Atl	Niekro
1	AL	KC	Brett
1	AL	Cal	Ryan
1	NL	SD	Gwynn

**Branch Rickey spent an equal number of years with St. Louis & Brooklyn*

BATTERIES: Several teams have batteries in the Hall of Fame including the Reds (Lombardi & Rixey); Philadelphia A's (Cochrane & Grove); White Sox (Schalk & Faber/Lyons/Walsh); Yankees (Dickey & Gomez/Hoyt/Pennock/Ruffing *and* Berra & Ford); and the NY Giants (Ewing & Keefe/Rusie/Welch *and* Bresnahan/Marquard/Mathewson/ McGinnity).

CHAPMAN AND THE CROW: The team with the most Hall of Fame representation is the 1931-'33 New York Yankees...With 75% of its everyday players plus three hurlers and the manager, 10 people from those three successful Yankee clubs are recognized in Cooperstown...Those in the Hall include Bill Dickey (C); Lou Gehrig (1B), Tony Lazzeri (2B), Joe Sewell (3B); Earle Combs (CF); Babe Ruth (RF); Red Ruffing, Lefty Gomez and Herb Pennock (P); and Joe McCarthy (mgr.)...From those teams, only the shortstop (Frank Crosetti) and left field (Ben Chapman) positions are not recognized in the Hall of Fame...Sewell entered the Hall as a shortstop, though he played third base for the Yankees at the tail end of his career.

SIBLING RIVALRY: Twelve times brothers have received votes in the same year in Hall of Fame balloting: 1948 (Joe & Luke Sewell), 1949-52 (Paul & Lloyd Waner), 1956 (Wes & Rick Ferrell), 1958 (Sewells), 1960 (Ferrells AND Sewells), 1969 (Mort & Walker Cooper), 1978-79 (Ken & Clete Boyer), 1980 (Felipe & Matty Alou) and 1994 (Joe and Phil Niekro).

CAPPING THE ISSUE: The choice of which team logo appears on a player's plaque is the Museum's decision, though the wishes of an inductee are always considered...As a history museum, it is important that the logo be emblematic of the historical accomplishments of that player's career...A player's election to the Hall of Fame is a career achievement, and as such, every team for whom he played is listed on the plaque; however, the logo selection is based on where that player makes his most indelible mark...For example, it would not be appropriate from an historical standpoint if Babe Ruth's cap had a Red Sox logo, if Ty Cobb's cap had a Philly A's logo, or if Hank Greenberg's a Pirates logo...However, when instances come up where a player's career achievements were fairly evenly divided, as was the case with both Dave Winfield and Carlton Fisk, we give the player more ownership in the decision, though the Museum retains the final one.

2008 BALLOTING RECAP

AND THE WINNER IS: The 2008 ballot featured 25 candidates, including 14 newcomers and 11 returning candidates...The only electee was pitcher Richard "Goose" Gossage, who received 85.8% of the votes in his ninth year on the ballot...Of the other first-timers, only Tim Raines (24.3%) will return for the 2009 election...In total, 10 players received votes on less than five percent of ballots cast, and are therefore no longer eligible for consideration by the BBWAA...Dave Concepcion made his 15th and final appearance on the writers ballot and will be eligible for Veterans Committee consideration in 2010...15 will return for consideration in 2008...There were a 543 ballots cast, with 408 votes necessary for election and 28 votes necessary to remain on the ballot...The final results, in order of percentage received:

NAME	YR	%	NAME	YR	%	NAME	YR	%
Goose Gossage	9	85.8%	Don Mattingly	8	15.8%	<i>Todd Stottlemyre</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0.2%</i>
Jim Rice	14	72.2%	Dave Parker	12	15.1%	<i>Brady Anderson</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0%</i>
Andre Dawson	7	65.9%	Dale Murphy	10	13.8%	<i>Jose Rijo</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0%</i>
Bert Blyleven	11	61.9%	Harold Baines	2	5.2%			
Lee Smith	6	43.3%	<i>Rod Beck</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0.4%</i>			
Jack Morris	9	42.9%	<i>Travis Fryman</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0.4%</i>			
Tommy John	14	29.1%	<i>Robb Nen</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0.4%</i>			
Tim Lincecum	1	24.3%	<i>Shawon Dunston</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0.2%</i>			
Mark McGwire	2	23.6%	<i>Chuck Finley</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0.2%</i>			
Alan Trammell	7	18.2%	<i>David Justice</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0.2%</i>			
Dave Concepcion	15	16.2%	<i>Chuck Knoblauch</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0.2%</i>			

Elected to Hall of Fame (Bold)

Will not return to ballot in 2009 (Italics)

NEAR PERFECTION: While Goose Gossage did not crack the list of top vote-getters, last year’s inductees, Cal Ripken Jr. and Tony Gwynn, set records...Here’s a look at the most voted for electees in Hall of Fame history.

YEAR	PLAYER	BALLOTS CAST	VOTES RECEIVED	% RECEIVED	OMITTED BALLOTS
1992	Tom Seaver	430	425	98.84%	5
1999	Nolan Ryan	497	491	98.79%	6
2007	Cal Ripken Jr.	545	537	98.53%	8
1936	Ty Cobb	226	222	98.23%	4
1999	George Brett	497	488	98.19%	9
1982	Hank Aaron	415	406	97.83%	9
2007	Tony Gwynn	545	532	97.60%	13

ONE-TEAM WONDERS: There are 47 Hall of Famers who spent their entire career with one team...2007 inductees Cal Ripken Jr. and Tony Gwynn are the most recent additions to that list...The others: Luke Appling, Ernie Banks, Johnny Bench, George Brett, Roy Campanella, Roberto Clemente, Earle Combs, Bill Dickey, Joe DiMaggio, Bobby Doerr, Don Drysdale, Red Faber, Bob Feller, Whitey Ford, Lou Gehrig, Charlie Gehringer, Bob Gibson, Lefty Gomez, Carl Hubbell, Travis Jackson, Walter Johnson, Al Kaline, Addie Joss, Sandy Koufax, Bob Lemon, Ted Lyons, Mickey Mantle, Bill Mazeroski, Bid McPhee, Stan Musial, Mel Ott, Jim Palmer, Kirby Puckett, Pee Wee Reese, Phil Rizzuto, Brooks Robinson, Jackie Robinson, Mike Schmidt, Willie Stargell, Pie Traynor, Bill Terry, Ted Williams, Carl Yastrzemski, Robin Yount and Ross Youngs.

COMING UP: The 2009 Baseball Writers’ Association of America ballot will be announced in late November...The Veterans Committee will consider players at the December 8-11 Winter Meetings in Las Vegas.

ON THE HOME FRONT – MUSEUM NEWS

ROBINSON RECAST: On June 25, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum unveiled a new Hall of Fame plaque for Jackie Robinson...Rachel Robinson, Jackie’s widow, Sharon Robinson, Jackie’s daughter, Jane Forbes Clark, the chairman of the Hall of Fame, and Hall of Fame President Jeff Idelson presided over the ceremony in the plaque gallery...When Robinson was inducted in 1962, he wanted his plaque to represent only his playing career, not his cultural impact in breaking baseball’s color barrier...At the urging of the Robinson family, the plaque was altered to discuss the cultural implications of Robinson’s career...The plaque now reads:

JACK ROOSEVELT ROBINSON
“JACKIE”
BROOKLYN, N.L., 1947-1956

A PLAYER OF EXTRAORDINARY ABILITY RENOWNED FOR HIS ELECTRIFYING STYLE OF PLAY. OVER 10 SEASONS HIT .311, SCORED MORE THAN 100 RUNS SIX TIMES, NAMED TO SIX ALL-STAR TEAMS AND LED BROOKLYN TO SIX PENNANTS AND ITS ONLY WORLD SERIES TITLE, IN 1955. THE 1947 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR, AND THE 1949 N.L. MVP WHEN HE HIT A LEAGUE-BEST .342 WITH 37 STEALS. LED SECOND BASEMEN IN DOUBLE PLAYS FOUR TIMES AND STOLE HOME 19 TIMES. DISPLAYED TREMENDOUS COURAGE AND POISE IN 1947 WHEN HE INTEGRATED THE MODERN MAJOR LEAGUES IN THE FACE OF INTENSE ADVERSITY.

NEW PRESIDENT: Jeff Idelson was named president of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum on April 16, 2008...Idelson, 44, oversees the daily operation of the non-profit, educational institution, whose mission is to preserve history, honor excellence, and connect generations...Idelson has been at the Hall of Fame since 1994 when he was named director of public relations and promotions...In June 1999, Idelson was promoted to vice president of communications and education...Before joining the Baseball Hall of Fame, Idelson was an assistant vice president of the 1994 World Cup hosted by the USA and served as director of

media relations for the New York Yankees from 1989-1993...He graduated from Connecticut College with a bachelor of arts in international economics and began his career with the Boston Red Sox in 1986.

BONDS BALL ARRIVES: On July 1, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum received the baseball that Barry Bonds hit for his 756th career home run...The ball, donated by Marc Ecko, was struck by Bonds on Aug. 7, 2007, in San Francisco...The baseball will be displayed in the coming weeks after the Hall's documentation process is complete...In the meantime, the Hall of Fame has several other artifacts from Bonds' historic home run in its collection, generously donated to the Museum, including his batting helmet from that game; the cap worn by Washington Nationals' pitcher Mike Bacsik, who gave up home run No. 756; a Giants signed baseball; a Nationals signed baseball; home-plate umpire John Hirschbeck's ball/strike indicator; a baseball signed by the umpiring crew; and game tickets.

OH, WHAT A WONDERFUL START!: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum has already collected a number of treasures from the start of the 2008 major league season...Among those artifacts already in Cooperstown: a ticket from the final New York Mets opening day at Shea Stadium on April 8; cap worn by **Ryan Zimmerman** on opening day at Nationals Park on March 30; the first pitch ball from the 2008 China Series featuring the Dodgers and Padres on March 15; a ticket from the no-hitter thrown by **Jon Lester** of the Boston Red Sox on May 19; and **Manny Ramirez's** batting helmet from his 500th homerun on May 19...The jersey from **Greg Maddux** as he made his 350th career win for the Padres...A fishing hat from longstanding Chicago Cubs equipment manager, **Yosh Kuwano**...The batting helmet of **Ken Griffey Jr.** worn during his 600th homerun for the Reds...**Mariano Rivera's** All-Star Game jersey...History happens every day in baseball, and the game's memories are preserved only in Cooperstown at the Hall of Fame.

HOME GAMES: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum opened its 2008 exhibit on the collection of baseball board games by Dr. Mark Cooper on April 12...The exhibit will run through 2008 in the Halper Gallery and features more than 50 games from 1860-1960...**Dr. Mark Cooper**, a Philadelphia doctor, has allowed his game collection to be featured in 17 cases exploring small baseball games, the role of player endorsement in games, games reflecting innovation, games from other countries, patriotic representations of baseball, and the rise of statistics based games...The exhibit includes the oldest known baseball game, *The New Parlor Game of Base Ball* from 1869; the first baseball game to use dice from 1884, *League Parlor Base Ball*; and *The Champion Game of Base Ball*, the first baseball game produced by the legendary Parker Brothers in 1889...In addition, the exhibit includes *Zimmer's Base Ball Game* from 1893, considered the most rare game, *Major League Indoor Base Ball*, a 1912 game used in the 1917 film *One Touch of Nature*, and *National Pastime*, a 1930 game which was the first to use actual player statistics...The exhibit runs through 2008 and is included with admission to the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

VOICES OF THE GAME: The *Voices of the Game* Series continues in 2008, with a Hall of Fame Weekend edition of the popular series featuring Hall of Famer **Paul Molitor** on Thursday, July 24...*Voices of the Game* in 2008 have featured **Carlton Fisk**, 2008 Ford C. Frick Award winner and Seattle Mariners broadcaster **Dave Niehaus**, **Fergie Jenkins**, and **Sharon and Rachel Robinson**, the daughter and widow of **Jackie Robinson**...Future *Voices of the Game* events for 2008 will include **Harmon Killebrew** and the 2008 Fantasy Camp coaches, **George Brett**, **Phil Niekro**, **Mike Schmidt** and **Ozzie Smith**...*Voices of the Game* is an interactive, ticketed, member-priority event that takes place in the Grandstand Theater at the Baseball Hall of Fame...For more information on membership at the Hall of Fame, visit www.baseballhall.org.

FANTASY CAMP: The 2008 Baseball Hall of Fame Fantasy Camp will take place October 1-6 in Cooperstown...Players utilize historic Doubleday Field in Cooperstown while staying at the luxurious Otesaga Resort Hotel on the shores of Lake Otsego...Managers for 2008 will be Hall of Famers **George Brett**, **Phil Niekro**, **Mike Schmidt** and **Ozzie Smith**...In addition to the Hall of Famers in attendance, campers will receive instruction and compete against former Major Leaguers **Dave Bergman**, **Vince Coleman**, **Von Hayes**, **Lance Niekro**, **Jamie Quirk** and **Jon Warden**...Fantasy campers get to play golf with the Hall of Famers at Leatherstocking Golf Course, receive a behind-the-scenes tour of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, and partake in a private, candlelight dinner in the Hall of Fame Gallery...More information and registration are available on www.baseballhall.org or by calling (607) 547-0369...Only a limited number of spots remain.

FRICK AWARD VOTING ONLINE IN SEPTEMBER: Fan voting for the 2009 Ford C. Frick Award for broadcasters begins in September at www.baseballhall.org. Fans will be able to choose three names for the final 10-name Frick Award ballot. Presented annually since 1978 for excellence in baseball broadcasting, the Ford C. Frick Award is given to an active or retired broadcaster with a minimum of 10 years of continuous major league broadcast service with a ball club, network, or a combination of the two.

HALL HAPPENINGS: The National Baseball Hall of Fame remains a busy place after Induction Weekend...The Hall will host former major leaguer Eddie Joost in a Legends Series event Aug. 7 and feature the third annual Baseball Film Festival Sept. 19-21. On Oct. 17 and 24, children nine and older have the opportunity to sleep in the Hall of Fame Plaque Gallery as part of the Extra Innings Overnight program...The Hall of Fame is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily until the day after Labor Day, when the hours change to 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on all Hall of Fame events, visit www.baseballhall.org.

COOPERSTOWN TRAVELS AMERICA

TWIN TOURS THROUGH HISTORY: *Baseball As America*, the national exhibition tour which examines the relationship between baseball and American culture, opened its 15th and final tour stop on Sunday, June 15 at the Museum of Science in Boston...The exhibit will be in Boston until September 1...To date, more than two million people have visited the exhibit over the last five years...By comparison, the Museum welcomes about two million visitors to Cooperstown every seven years...The exhibit is sponsored nationally by **Ernst & Young**...For more information, visit baseballasamerica.org.

TOUR SCHEDULE: Thus far, *Baseball As America* has traveled to 14 cities across the country before Boston...Boston is the final scheduled stop on the tour...The 14 other museums: American Museum of Natural History in New York; Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County; Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago; Cincinnati Museum Center; Florida International Museum in St. Petersburg, Fla.; National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.; Missouri Historical Society in St. Louis, Mo.; Museum of Fine Arts in Houston; Oakland Museum at California; the Henry Ford Museum in Detroit; the Minnesota Historical Society in St. Paul, Minn.; the Great Lakes Science Center in Cleveland, Ohio; The Museum of Nature and Science in Dallas, Tex.; and the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia.

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?: Organized by the Hall of Fame and drawn from its collections, this unprecedented exhibition marks the first time that these Hall of Fame treasures have left their legendary home in Cooperstown...Through the exploration of a broad range of themes, including immigration, nationalism, integration, technology and popular culture, *Baseball As America* reveals how baseball has served as both a reflection and a shaper of American society...*Baseball As America* is organized in thematic sections to explore the changing roles baseball has played in American culture and history, and examines its unique position in our national life...The exhibit examines such aspects of the game as the rituals of fans and players; myth making and the role of heroes; the impact of technology on performance; segregation, integration and baseball's role as a ladder of mobility for ethnic groups; the game's evolution as a business; the physics of the home run and the curveball; and baseball's presence throughout popular culture as a subject and metaphor, among many other aspects.

"THE STREAK" REMAINS ALIVE: In each year of the *Baseball As America* tour, the city with a major league team and a tour stop during that year has reached their respective League Championship Series, with every club before Cleveland in 2007 reaching the World Series...Since launching in 2002, the tour has been on display in these cities at some point during the year leading up to the World Series...After producing two World Champions in the Angels (2002) and Marlins (2003), the teams to reach the Series based on this "streak" have lost three straight World Series appearances before the Indians fell to the Boston Red Sox in the 2007 American League Championship Series...Ironically, Boston is the host of *Baseball as America* for 2008...The teams and cities involved:

<u>Season</u>	<u>BAA Stop (City/Museum)</u>	<u>Nearby Major League Team in Playoffs (Result/Opp)</u>
2002	Natural History Museum of LA County (CA)	Anaheim (now Los Angeles) Angels (Won WS, SF Giants)
2003	Florida International Museum (St. Petersburg, FL)	Florida Marlins (Won WS, NY Yankees)
2004	Missouri Historical Society (St. Louis, MO)	St. Louis Cardinals (Lost WS, Boston Red Sox)
2005	Museum of Fine Arts (Houston, TX)	Houston Astros (Lost WS, Chicago White Sox)
2006	Henry Ford Museum (Dearborn/Detroit, MI)	Detroit Tigers (Lost WS, St. Louis Cardinals)
2007	Great Lakes Science Center (Cleveland, OH)	Cleveland Indians (Lost ALCS, Boston Red Sox)