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AROUND THE HORN

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CHAMPIONS TO BE HONORED

The 2017 World Series champions will be celebrated in Cooperstown in Autumn Glory, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum's exhibit that chronicles the postseason...The 2017 edition of Autumn Glory will be unveiled in the coming weeks on the Museum's third floor and feature artifacts from the 2017 postseason...The exhibit will run through the 2018 Major League Baseball postseason...The Museum collections contain many artifacts documenting the entire history of World Series and postseason play, including Don Larsen's cap and Yogi Berra's mitt from Larsen's 1956 perfect game; Joe Carter's bat from his 1993 Series-ending blast; and World Series rings from the last century of Fall Classic competition.

<u>LA-LA LAND</u>: The Dodgers are making their 19th appearance in the World Series and first since 1988...The Dodgers previously won the World Series in 1955 (when the franchise was located in Brooklyn), 1959, 1963, 1965, 1981 and 1988...The Museum contains several artifacts from the Dodgers' previous World Series champions, including: A bat used by Roy Campanella during the 1955 World Series; a windbreaker, jersey and cap worn by Duke Snider during the 1959 World Series; a fielder's glove used by Jim Gilliam in Game 7 of the 1965 World Series; a bat used by Ron Cey during the 1981 World Series when he was named co-MVP with Pedro Guerrero and Steve Yeager; and the jersey worn by MVP Orel Hershiser during Game 5 of the 1988 World Series.

<u>ASTRO-NOMICAL</u>: The Astros are making their second appearance in the World Series following their Fall Classic debut in 2005 when they played in the National League...The Astros fell to the White Sox in the 2005 World Series...The Museum contains several artifacts from the 2005 Astros, including: A jersey worn by Jeff Bagwell in Game 4 of the World Series, the last game of Bagwell's Hall of Fame career; spikes worn by Craig Biggio during the 2005 World Series; dirt from the home plate area of Minute Maid Park from the World Series, the first Fall Classic to be played in the state of Texas; the jersey worn by Chris Burke in Game 5 of the 2005 NLDS when Burke's walk-off home run in the 18th inning gave Houston the series win.

MEMBERS OF TEAMS WITH ARTIFACTS AT MUSEUM: Several members of the 2017 Dodgers and 2017 Astros are represented in the Museum's collection beyond those listed above, including:

- Yu Darvish, who donated his spikes and jersey from Team Japan during the 2009 World Baseball Classic.
- Clayton Kershaw, who donated his Dodgers jersey from his ninth win of the 2011 season and his spikes worn during the 2013 season, both years in which he won the National League Cy Young Award.
- Andre Ethier, who donated his jersey worn during the 2014 Opening Series played in Sydney, Australia.
- Curtis Granderson, who donated his Mets jersey from July 27, 2014, which featured the Hall of Fame's 75th anniversary patch; his bat from Aug. 25, 2011, when he was one of three Yankees players to hit a grand slam in the same game; and his Tigers jersey from his 20th stolen base of the 2007 season, when he became the third player in history with 20 doubles, 20 triples, 20 homers and 20 steals in the same season.
- Chase Utley, who donated his home Phillies jersey from the 2007 season which honored former coach John Vukovich with a commemorative sleeve patch; his spikes from his 35-game hitting streak in 2006; and a bat used during the 2009 World Series when he hit a record-tying five home runs.
- Jose Altuve, who donated his spikes following his fourth consecutive multi-steal game on June 29, 2014; and his bat used for his 224th and 225th hits during the 2014 season.

- Carlos Correa, who donated his bat used while playing for Team Puerto Rico in the 2017 World Baseball Classic.
- Carlos Beltran, who donated his Astros jersey worn during the 2004 Postseason when he hit eight home runs.
- Francisco Liriano, who donated his Twins cap following his May 3, 2011 no-hitter against the White Sox.
- Justin Verlander, who donated his Tigers jersey following his 20th win of the season on Aug. 27, 2011.
- Brian McCann, who donated his bat from the 2010 All-Star Game when he was named Most Valuable Player.

THE FALL CLASSIC

21ST CENTURY FALL CLASSIC GEMS IN COOPERSTOWN: The Museum collections contain many artifacts documenting the history of World Series and postseason play...Among the most recent: From 2016, a base from the 10th inning of Game 7, when the Cubs scored the go-ahead runs that eventually brought them their first World Series championship since 1908; From 2015, the catcher's mitt used by World Series MVP Salvador Perez and the jersey worn by the Royals' Eric Hosmer during his daring dash for home plate in Game 5; From 2014, the cap worn by World Series MVP Madison Bumgarner and the spikes worn by the Giants' Game 7 winner Jeremy Affeldt; From 2013, the bat used by World Series MVP David Ortiz of the Red Sox in Game 5 and the spikes worn by Boston's Koji Uehara throughout the World Series; From 2012, the bat used by the Giants' Pablo Sandoval to hit the first two of his three home runs in Game 1; From 2011, the game-worn Game 6 jersey from World Series MVP David Freese along with the bat the Cardinals' third baseman used to hit his game-winning home run in Game 6, and the spikes worn by the St. Louis' Albert Pujols when he hit three home runs in Game 3; And from 2010, the road jersey from the Giants' Tim Lincecum from Game 5, and the bat used by World Series MVP Edgar Renteria to hit his game-winning home run in Game 5.

20th and 19th CENTURY FALL CLASSIC ARTIFACTS HERE TOO: The Museum collections contain many artifacts documenting the entire history of World Series and postseason play...The first and last pitched baseballs from the original modern day World Series in 1903...The gloves worn by Al Gionfriddo (1947), Willie Mays (1954) and Brooks Robinson (1970)...Babe Ruth's bat from one of his two 3-HR games (1928) and the radio given to the 1940 Reds as the World Series share for winning...The Temple Cup, presented to the top two NL teams from 1894-97, is in Cooperstown, as is the Hall Championship Cup, presented to the 1888 World Champion New York Baseball Club.

ERNIE BANKS IS NOT ALONE: Of the 51 Hall of Fame major league players who did not appear in a World Series, 23 played prior to the first Fall Classic in 1903...The other 28 played at least five years after 1902...The unlucky 28 by position: **C**: Rick Ferrell...1**B**: Jake Beckley, George Sisler, Frank Thomas...2**B**: Rod Carew, Nap Lajoie, Ryne Sandberg...SS: Luke Appling, Ernie Banks, Bobby Wallace...3**B**: George Kell, Ron Santo...LF: Joe Kelley, Ralph Kiner, Billy Williams...CF: Ken Griffey Jr....RF: Andre Dawson, Elmer Flick, Harry Heilmann, Willie Keeler...Pitchers: Jim Bunning, Jack Chesbro, Ferguson Jenkins, Addie Joss, Ted Lyons, Phil Niekro, Gaylord Perry and Rube Waddell.

LEADERS OF THE PACK: Among the 121 Hall of Fame position players with World Series experience, seven are the career leaders in key batting and service categories: **Yogi Berra**: years (14), games (75), at-bats (259), hits (71), singles (49) and doubles (10, tied with **Frankie Frisch**); **Joe DiMaggio**: most Series playing in all games (10); **Mickey Mantle**: HR (18), RBI (40), extra base hits (26), walks (43), total bases (123) and runs (42); **Tris Speaker:** triples (4 – tied); **Lou Brock**: steals (14, tied with **Eddie Collins**).

<u>FORD TOUGH</u>: Among the 53 Hall of Famers to pitch in the World Series, "The Chairman of the Board," Whitey Ford, leads in virtually every career category including innings (146), wins (10), strikeouts (94), years (11) and consecutive scoreless innings (33)... Christy Mathewson leads in CG (10), SHO (4) and consecutive scoreless innings in one series (27.0).

<u>DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE</u>: Did you know that the all-time leader in World Series games played at four positions are Hall of Fame members?... Yogi Berra (C); Frankie Frisch (2B); Phil Rizzuto (SS) and Mickey Mantle (OF).

FRICK AND SPINK AWARD FINALISTS IN SPOTLIGHT

Eight of the National Pastime's most recognizable and honored voices have been named as the finalists for the 2018 Ford C. Frick Award, presented annually for excellence in baseball broadcasting by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum...Candidates from the National Voices category will be considered for the 2018 Frick Award in accordance with the three-year Frick Award election cycle...The eight finalists for the 2018 Frick Award are: Buddy Blattner, Joe Buck, Bob Costas, Dizzy Dean, Don Drysdale, Al Michaels, Joe Morgan and Pee Wee Reese...The winner of the 2018 Frick Award will be announced on Dec. 13 at baseball's Winter Meetings in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., and will be honored during the July 28 Awards Presentation as part of the July 27-30 Hall of Fame Weekend 2018 in Cooperstown...Buck, Costas, Michaels and Morgan are living, while all other candidates are deceased...The Frick Award election cycle rotates annually among Current Major League Markets (team-specific announcers); National Voices (broadcasters whose contributions were realized on a national level); and Broadcasting Beginnings (early team voices and pioneers of baseball broadcasting)...This cycle will repeat every three years, with the Broadcasting Beginnings ballot to be reviewed in the fall of 2018 and the Current Major League Markets ballot to be reviewed in the fall of 2019...Criteria for selection is as follows: "Commitment to excellence, quality of broadcasting abilities, reverence within the game, popularity with fans, and recognition by peers."

Final voting for the 2018 Frick Award will be conducted by an electorate comprised of the 11 living Frick Award recipients and four broadcast historians/columnists, including past Frick honorees Marty Brennaman, Dick Enberg, Jaime Jarrin, Tony Kubek, Denny Matthews, Tim McCarver, Jon Miller, Eric Nadel, Vin Scully, Bob Uecker and Dave Van Horne, and historians/columnists David J. Halberstam (historian), Barry Horn (Dallas Morning News), Ted Patterson (historian) and Curt Smith (historian)...The 2018 Frick Award ballot was created by a subcommittee of the voting electorate that included Enberg, McCarver, Miller, Nadel and Smith...To be considered, an active or retired broadcaster must have a minimum of 10 years of continuous major league broadcast service with a ball club, network, or a combination of the two...For bios on the eight candidates, please visit baseballhall.org/frickaward.

FRICK AWARD HISTORY: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum's Ford C. Frick Award has been presented annually since 1978 by the Museum for excellence in baseball broadcasting...Annual winners are announced as part of Baseball's Winter Meetings each year, while awardees are presented with their honor the following summer during Hall of Fame Weekend in Cooperstown, New York...Longtime Oakland Athletics broadcaster Bill King became the 41st winner of the Frick Award in 2017.

2018 SPINK AWARD FINALISTS: The Baseball Writers' Association of America has announced its three finalists for the 2018 J.G. Taylor Spink Award...The finalists are: Former Akron Beacon Journal beat writer and columnist Sheldon Ocker; former Fort Worth Star-Telegram beat writer and columnist Jim Reeves; and Minneapolis Star Tribune columnist Patrick Reusse...The winner of the 2018 J.G. Taylor Spink Award for writers will be announced at Baseball's Winter Meetings.

<u>SCRIBES AND MIKEMEN:</u> Winners of the Frick and Spink Awards are featured in the Museum's "Scribes and Mikemen" exhibit, located on the first floor as part of the Library and Education Center of the Hall of Fame...Text of the award given to the current year's award winner and headshots of past award winners are featured in the exhibit, which outlines the media contributions to the game's history.

MODERN BASEBALL ERA VOTE ON DECK

The 10-person ballot to be considered by the Hall of Fame's Modern Baseball Era Committee will be announced Nov. 6...The Modern Baseball Era covers candidates among managers, umpires, executives and long-retired players whose most significant career impact was realized from 1970 through 1987...Eligible candidates include: Players who played in at least 10 major league seasons, who are not on Major League Baseball's ineligible list; Managers and Umpires with 10 or more years in baseball and retired for at least five years; and Executives who have been retired for at least five years, with any active executives 70 or older eligible for consideration... Results of the Modern Era Baseball Committee vote will be announced live on MLB Network's "MLB Tonight" at 6 p.m. ET on Sunday, Dec. 10...Any candidate to receive votes on 75 percent of the ballots cast by the 16-member Modern Baseball Era Committee will earn election to the National Baseball Hall of Fame and will be inducted in Cooperstown on July 29, 2018, along with any electees who emerge from the 2018 Baseball Writers' Association of America election, to be announced on Jan. 24, 2018...Members of the Modern Baseball Era Committee will be announced later this fall.

<u>THE BBWAA HISTORICIAL OVERVIEW COMMITTEE:</u> The Modern Baseball Era ballot will be determined this fall by the Historical Overview Committee, comprised of 11 veteran historians: **Bob Elliott** (Canadian Baseball Network); **Jim Henneman** (formerly Baltimore Sun); **Rick Hummel** (St. Louis Post-Dispatch); **Steve Hirdt** (Elias Sports Bureau); **Bill Madden** (formerly New York Daily News); **Jack O'Connell** (BBWAA); **Jim Reeves** (formerly Fort Worth Star-Telegram); **Tracy Ringolsby** (MLB.com); **Glenn Schwarz** (formerly San Francisco Chronicle); **Dave van Dyck** (formerly Chicago Tribune); and **Mark Whicker** (Los Angeles News Group)...The HOC annually sets ballots for the Era Committee elections.

FUTURE ELECTIONS: Four eras committees for consideration of managers, umpires, executives and long-retired players meet on a rotating basis: *Today's Game* (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball from 1988 to the present); Modern Baseball (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball from 1970 to 1987); Golden Days (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball prior to 1950)...The *Today's Game* and Modern Baseball eras will be considered twice each in a five-year period, with the Golden Days era considered once every five years and the Early Baseball era considered once every 10 years...The *Today's Game* era was considered in the fall of 2016, with John Schuerholz and Bud Selig earning Hall of Fame election...Eras considered for yearly induction will be as follows: **2018** – Modern Baseball; **2019** – Today's Game; **2020** – Modern Baseball; **2021** – Both Golden Days and Early Baseball; **2022** – Today's Game; **2023** – Modern Baseball; **2024** – Today's Game; **2025** – Modern Baseball; **2026** – Golden Days. The Early Baseball era returns for induction consideration in 2031.

VETERANS VOTING HISTORY: The Veterans Committee/Eras Committee has been a part of the Hall of Fame voting process since the first class of electees in 1936, with the first Veterans Committee electees coming in 1937...In all its forms, the Veterans Committee/Eras Committee has elected 167 individuals (96 major leaguers, 30 executives, 22 managers, nine Negro Leaguers and 10 umpires) to the Hall of Fame.

THE COMMITTEE ON BASEBALL VETERANS: In 1953, the Baseball Hall of Fame Committee on Baseball Veterans was formed, outlining parameters that were similar through 2001, though with some variance throughout its time...Voting was conducted every other year from 1953-1959, with annual votes from 1961 until 2001...From 1961 through 2001, the Committee elected 101 members in 41 meetings, electing a candidate on all but three occasions: 1988, 1990 and 1993.

TURN OF THE CENTURY CHANGES: From 2001 through 2007, the Hall of Fame's Committee on Baseball Veterans considered long-retired players, managers, umpires and executives on a bi-annual cycle featuring one ballot for players and another for managers, umpires and executives...The electorate was comprised of the living members of the Hall of Fame, the living recipients of the J.G. Taylor Spink Award, the living recipients of the Ford C. Frick Award and Veterans Committee members whose terms had not yet expired...Beginning in 2003, the Committee held its election of players every other year...Also beginning in 2003, the election of managers, umpires and executives was held every four years...The three players elections (2003, 2005 and 2007) and the two composite-ballot elections (2003 and 2007) produced no candidates who received the 75 percent of the vote necessary for election.

REVAMPING THE PROCESS: From 2007 to 2010, the Hall of Fame's Committee on Baseball Veterans was revamped to consider managers and umpires on one ballot, executives and pioneers on one ballot, players who began their big league careers prior to 1943 on one ballot and players who were retired for at least 21 seasons and whose careers began after 1942 on a fourth ballot...The electorates consisted of panels of Hall of Famers, executives and media members...Players whose big league careers began after 1942 were considered every other year, with the managers/umpires and executive pioneers ballots considered in the opposite years from the players...Players whose big league careers began prior to 1942 were considered every five years starting in the fall of 2008...In the fall of 2007, the Committee considered the managers/umpires ballot and the executives/pioneers ballot...Managers Billy Southworth and Dick Williams each received 13 of a possible 16 votes (81.3%) to earn election from the managers/umpires ballot, while Barney Dreyfuss (10 of 12 votes, 83%), Bowie Kuhn (10 of 12 votes, 83%) and Walter O'Malley (9 of 12 votes, 75%) were elected from the executives/pioneers ballot...In the fall of 2008, Joe Gordon received 10 of 12 votes (83%) to earn election from the pre-1943 players ballot...No player reached the 75 percent threshold needed for election on the post-1942 players ballot...In the fall of 2009, the managers/umpires and the executives/pioneers ballots were again considered...Umpire Doug Harvey (15 of 16 votes, 93.8%) and manager Whitey Herzog (14 of 16 votes, 87.5%) were elected from the managers/umpires ballot...No candidate received the necessary 75 percent of the vote to earn election from the executives/pioneers ballot.

<u>A NEW ERA</u>: From 2011-15, the Veterans Committee transitioned to the Eras Committee, which featured three candidate categories based on the era in which the candidate left his or her most indelible mark...The Expansion Era Committee, the Golden Era Committee and the Pre-Integration Era Committee met on a three-year rotating basis, with two complete cycles of the committee votes held from 2011-15...The Expansion Era Committee elected executive **Pat Gillick** to the Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2011 in its first session, then elected managers **Bobby Cox**, **Tony La Russa** and **Joe Torre** to the Class of 2014...The Golden Era Committee elected **Ron Santo** as part of the Class of 2012, with no Golden Era candidates receiving the necessary 75 percent of the vote to be elected with the Class of 2015...The Pre-Integration Era Committee elected umpire **Hank O'Day**, executive **Jacob Ruppert** and third baseman **Deacon White** to the Class of 2013, with no Pre-Integration Era candidates reaching the 75-percent mark needed to be included with the Class of 2016.

<u>FOUR FOR ALL</u>: In 2016, the Hall of Fame Board of Directors revamped the eras committees, placing a much greater emphasis on modern eras....Additionally, those major league players, managers, umpires and executives who excelled before 1950, as well as Negro Leagues stars, will still have an opportunity to have their careers reviewed, but with less frequency...Four eras for committee consideration were identified: Today's Game (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball from 1988 to the present); Modern Baseball (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball from 1970 to 1987); Golden Days (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball from 1950 to 1969); and Early Baseball (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball prior to 1950).

<u>VETERAN INFLUENCE</u>: The Veterans Committee, in all its forms, has been electing players to the Hall of Fame since 1937, when Morgan Bulkeley, Ban Johnson, Connie Mack, John McGraw and George Wright comprised the first Veterans Committee class...The largest class came in 1946 when 11 men were elected to the Hall of Fame by the Veterans Committee...The 11 electees in 1946 were: Jesse Burkett, Frank Chance, Jack Chesbro, Johnny Evers, Clark Griffith, Tommy McCarthy, Joe McGinnity, Eddie Plank, Joe Tinker, Rube Waddell and Ed Walsh...The 17 former Negro league players and executives chosen for enshrinement in 2006 were elected through a special committee on Negro Leagues and pre-Negro Leagues candidates.

2018 BBWAA ELECTION

2018 BALLOT ANNOUNCED NOV. 20: The BBWAA will announce the candidates for 2018 Hall of Fame election Nov. 20...Any candidate who received votes on 5% or more of ballots cast in 2017 – and was not elected nor exhausted his eligibility – will return...First-year eligible candidates must have last appeared in a major league game in the 2012 season and have received support through the BBWAA's Screening Committee in order to appear on the ballot...Any candidates who receive 75% or more of votes on ballots cast will earn election to Cooperstown.

<u>2018 RESULTS ANNOUNCED JAN. 24:</u> The Hall of Fame and BBWAA will announce the results of the 2018 election on Wednesday, Jan. 24...The results will be delivered live on MLB Network by Hall of Fame President Jeff Idelson and will also be released on the respective websites of the two organizations, <u>baseballhall.org</u> and <u>bbwaa.com</u>...A press conference featuring any electees will be held Thursday, Jan. 25 in New York City.

BBWAA BALLOTING RECAP

THE 2017 BALLOT: The BBWAA 2017 ballot featured 34 players, including 19 new candidates and 15 returnees...Candidates appearing on the necessary 75 percent of all ballots cast to earn election appear in bold below...Candidates receiving less than five percent of the vote are no longer eligible for BBWAA consideration and appear in italics below...Fifteen players will return for consideration in 2018...A total of 442 votes were cast, with 332 votes necessary for election and 23 votes necessary to remain on the ballot...Iván Rodríguez became the 52nd player elected to the Hall on his first BBWAA ballot...Lee Smith received 34.1 percent of the vote in his final year of eligibility on the BBWAA ballot...The final results, in order of percentage received with number of years on the ballot:

NAME	YR	2017	NAME	YR	2017	NAME	YR	2017
Jeff Bagwell	7	86.2%	Larry Walker	7	21.9%	Pat Burrell	1	0.0%
Tim Raines	10	86.0%	Fred McGriff	8	21.7%	Orlando Cabrera	1	0.0%
Iván Rodríguez	1	76.0%	Jeff Kent	4	16.7%	Mike Cameron	1	0.0%
Trevor Hoffman	2	74.0%	Gary Sheffield	3	13.3%	J.D. Drew	1	0.0%
Vladimir Guerrero	1	71.7%	Billy Wagner	2	10.2%	Carlos Guillen	1	0.0%
Edgar Martínez	8	58.6%	Sammy Sosa	5	8.6%	Derrek Lee	1	0.0%
Roger Clemens	5	54.1%	Jorge Posada	1	3.8%	Melvin Mora	1	0.0%
Barry Bonds	5	53.8%	Magglio Ordóñez	1	0.7%	Arthur Rhodes	1	0.0%
Mike Mussina	4	51.8%	Edgar Renteria	1	0.5%	Freddy Sanchez	1	0.0%
Curt Schilling	5	45.0%	Jason Varitek	1	0.5%	Matt Stairs	1	0.0%
Lee Smith	15	34.1%	Tim Wakefield	1	0.2%			
Manny Ramírez	1	23.8%	Casey Blake	1	0.0%			

THE VOTING ELECTORATE: Of the 459 Hall of Fame ballots distributed to BBWAA voters for the 2017 election, 442 (96.3 percent) were returned...The most ballots ever cast in one BBWAA Hall of Fame election came in 2011 with 581...Voting privileges are extended to those BBWAA members meeting their organization's Hall of Fame voting qualifications and in good standing with the BBWAA...Voters can select from zero to 10 names on their Hall of Fame ballot...Votes on 75 percent of all ballots cast are necessary for election.

CAREFUL SELECTION: 2017 marked the 73rd Hall of Fame election held by the BBWAA...Starting in 1936, the BBWAA has elected someone 65 times and on eight occasions it did not elect anyone (1945, 1946, 1950, 1958, 1960, 1971, 1996, 2013)...On nine occasions, no election was held (1940, 1941, 1943, 1944, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1965)....The BBWAA membership has elected from zero to five candidates in each of its 73 elections...As quantified in the chart below, the BBWAA has voted in either one or two players more than any other quantity (26 times).

ELECTED	TIMES	LAST	CLASS
5	1	1936	Cobb, Johnson, Mathewson, Ruth, Wagner
4	3	2015	Biggio, Johnson, Martínez, Smoltz
3	9	2017	Bagwell, Raines, Rodríguez
2	26	2016	Griffey Jr., Piazza
1	26	2012	Larkin
0	8	2013	

<u>SEVENTY UP:</u> Five players on the 2017 BBWAA ballot received at least 70 percent of the vote: Jeff Bagwell, Tim Raines, Iván Rodríguez, Trevor Hoffman and Vladimir Guerrero, tying the mark for the most in BBWAA election history...Only twice before has a BBWAA election resulted in five candidates reaching the 70-percent mark: 1947 (when Carl Hubbell, Frankie Frisch, Mickey Cochrane and Lefty Grove were elected and Pie Traynor received 73.9 percent of the vote) and the inaugural election of 1936 (when Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner, Christy Mathewson and Walter Johnson were all elected).

ANOTHER DOZEN: With the election of Jeff Bagwell, Tim Raines and Iván Rodríguez, the BBWAA has elected at least two Hall of Fame candidates in four straight years and a total of 12 candidates during that time... The BBWAA has only once before elected as many as 12 candidates in any four-year period by traditional voting procedures, as 12 candidates were voted in from 1936-39...Lou Gehrig was the 13th candidate elected by the BBWAA in the four years from 1936-39, but Gehrig was elected non-traditionally by acclamation late in 1939...The last time two or more candidates earned election in four straight years was 1989-92, which featured a total of nine electees (Johnny Bench and Carl Yastrzemski in 1989, Joe Morgan and Jim Palmer in 1990, Rod Carew, Fergie Jenkins and Gaylord Perry in 1991 and Rollie Fingers and Tom Seaver in 1992).

<u>YOUNG AT HEART</u>: Iván Rodríguez is the youngest current Hall of Famer, having been born Nov. 27, 1971, 33 days after Pedro Martínez...At 45 years old, Rodríguez is one of six Hall of Famers in their 40s, with Roberto Alomar, Frank Thomas, Mike Piazza, Ken Griffey Jr. and Martínez...The youngest elected Hall of Famer ever was Sandy Koufax, who was 36 when he was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1972.

<u>RULES FOR ELECTION</u>: Voting criteria for BBWAA electors can be found at <u>baseballhall.org/hall-famers/rules-election/bbwaa</u>...Voting rules state that: "Voting shall be based upon the player's record, playing ability, integrity, sportsmanship, character, and contributions to the team(s) on which the player played."

THE GAME'S ELITE: The Hall of Fame is comprised of 317 elected members...Included are 220 former major league players, 30 executives, 35 Negro Leaguers, 22 managers and 10 umpires...The BBWAA has elected 124 candidates to the Hall while the veterans/eras committees (in all forms) have chosen 167 deserving candidates (96 major leaguers, 30 executives, 22 managers, 10 umpires and nine Negro Leaguers)...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 73 living members.

73 AMBASSADORS: The 73 living members of the Hall of Fame are: Hank Aaron, Roberto Alomar, Luis Aparicio, Jeff Bagwell, Johnny Bench, Craig Biggio, Bert Blyleven, Wade Boggs, George Brett, Lou Brock, Rod Carew, Steve Carlton, Orlando Cepeda, Bobby Cox, Andre Dawson, Bobby Doerr, Dennis Eckersley, Rollie Fingers, Carlton Fisk, Whitey Ford, Bob Gibson, Pat Gillick, Tom Glavine, Goose Gossage, Ken Griffey Jr., Doug Harvey, Rickey Henderson, Whitey Herzog, Reggie Jackson, Ferguson Jenkins, Randy Johnson, Al Kaline, Sandy Koufax, Barry Larkin, Tony La Russa, Tom Lasorda, Greg Maddux, Juan Marichal, Pedro Martínez, Willie Mays, Bill Mazeroski, Willie McCovey, Paul Molitor, Joe Morgan, Eddie Murray, Phil Niekro, Jim Palmer, Tony Pérez, Gaylord Perry, Mike Piazza, Tim Raines, Jim Rice, Cal Ripken, Brooks Robinson, Frank Robinson, Iván Rodríguez, Nolan Ryan, Ryne Sandberg, Mike Schmidt, Red Schoendienst, John Schuerholz, Tom Seaver, Bud Selig, Ozzie Smith, John Smoltz, Bruce Sutter, Don Sutton, Frank Thomas, Joe Torre, Billy Williams, Dave Winfield, Carl Yastrzemski and Robin Yount.

BETWEEN THE LINES: Including Negro League players, the following is a breakdown by position of the 255 Hall of Famers who earned their election on the playing field... Also included is the last major leaguer to be elected at each position... Numbers in parenthesis indicate Hall of Famers elected by the BBWAA at each position.

Pitchers	Second Basemen 21 (11)	Left Fielders 22 (12)
Catchers 18 (10)	Third Basemen 16 (6)	Center Fielders24 (8)
First Basemen 22 (10)	Shortstops 24 (11)	Right Fielders24 (13)
Designated Hitter 1 (1)		

DH: Thomas (2014)

PITCHER: Johnson, Martínez, Smoltz (2015) SECOND BASE: Biggio (2015) LEFT FIELD: Raines (2017) CATCHER: Rodríguez (2017) THIRD BASE: White (2013) CENTER FIELD: Griffey Jr. (2016) SHORTSTOP: Larkin (2012) RIGHT FIELD: Dawson (2010)

FIRST THINGS FIRST: With the election of Iván Rodríguez, 52 players have now been elected in their first year of eligibility (16 pitchers, seven RF, six LF, five CF, five SS, five 3B, three 2B, two 1B, two catchers and one DH; position based on where electee played the majority of his big league games)...In 11 of the last 17 elections, at least one player has been elected in his first year of eligibility...Other than the inaugural Hall of Fame election, 1999, 2014 and 2015 are the only three years where as many as three first-year candidates were elected at once...NOTE: Lou Gehrig (who received votes in 1936 while active and then was elected by acclamation in 1939) and Roberto Clemente (by special election in 1973) were each elected through a non-traditional process and are not counted in the 51.

YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME
1936	Ty Cobb	1979	Willie Mays	1991	Rod Carew	2004	Paul Molitor
1936	Honus Wagner	1980	Al Kaline	1992	Tom Seaver	2005	Wade Boggs
1936	Babe Ruth	1981	Bob Gibson	1993	Reggie Jackson	2007	Cal Ripken
1936	Christy Mathewson	1982	Hank Aaron	1994	Steve Carlton	2007	Tony Gwynn
1936	Walter Johnson	1982	Frank Robinson	1995	Mike Schmidt	2009	Rickey Henderson
1962	Jackie Robinson	1983	Brooks Robinson	1999	Nolan Ryan	2014	Greg Maddux
1962	Bob Feller	1985	Lou Brock	1999	George Brett	2014	Tom Glavine
1966	Ted Williams	1986	Willie McCovey	1999	Robin Yount	2014	Frank Thomas
1969	Stan Musial	1988	Willie Stargell	2001	Kirby Puckett	2015	Randy Johnson
1972	Sandy Koufax	1989	Johnny Bench	2001	Dave Winfield	2015	Pedro Martínez
1973	Warren Spahn	1989	Carl Yastrzemski	2002	Ozzie Smith	2015	John Smoltz
1974	Mickey Mantle	1990	Jim Palmer	2003	Eddie Murray	2016	Ken Griffey Jr.
1977	Ernie Banks	1990	Joe Morgan	2004	Dennis Eckersley	2017	Iván Rodríguez

TRY AND TRY AGAIN: The 70 men not elected by the BBWAA in their first year eligible were done so on a later ballot, taking from two to 16 elections...The length of time a player could stay on the BBWAA ballot has varied throughout history...From 1946-56, the rule was that a player must have been active at some point in the 25 years prior to the election – it was increased to 30 years from 1956-62, was 20 years from 1963-2014 and is now 15 years...When one walks through the Hall of Fame Gallery, though, the year or method by which players were elected are not noted...The 68 non-first year BBWAA electees: 2nd election (Alomar, Berra, Fingers, Fisk, Ford, Lajoie, Speaker, Young); 3rd election (Alexander, Biggio, Grove, Hubbell, Hunter, Jenkins, Larkin, Marichal, Ott, Perry, Sandberg); 4th election (E.Collins, DiMaggio, Keeler, Killebrew, Piazza, Roberts, Sisler, Wynn); 5th election (Campanella, Hornsby, Mathews, Niekro, Sutton); 6th election (Aparicio, Carter, Cochrane, Frisch, Gehringer, P.Waner, B.Williams); 7th election (Appling, Bagwell, Foxx); 8th election (Pennock, Traynor, Wilhelm); 9th election (Dawson, Gossage, Greenberg, Medwick, Pérez); 10th election (Boudreau, Cronin, Dickey, Drysdale, Lyons, Raines, Simmons); 11th election (Snider); 12th election (Dean, Hartnett, Heilmann, Lemon); 13th election (Kiner, Sutter); 14th election (Blyleven, Maranville, Terry); 15th election (Rice, Ruffing); 16th election (Vance).

ONE-TEAM WONDERS: There are 50 Hall of Famers who spent their entire career with one team, with 2017 electee Jeff Bagwell the most recent addition to this list...The list includes: Luke Appling, Jeff Bagwell, Ernie Banks, Johnny Bench, Craig Biggio, 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, Tony Gwynn, Carl Hubbell, Travis Jackson, Walter Johnson, Addie Joss, Al Kaline, Sandy Koufax, Barry Larkin, Bob Lemon, Ted Lyons, Mickey Mantle, Bill Mazeroski, Bid McPhee, Stan Musial, Mel Ott, Jim Palmer, Kirby Puckett, Pee Wee Reese, Jim Rice, Cal Ripken, Phil Rizzuto, Brooks Robinson, Jackie Robinson, Mike Schmidt, Willie Stargell, Pie Traynor, Bill Terry, Ted Williams, Carl Yastrzemski, Ross Youngs and Robin Yount.

TEAMMATES IN COOPERSTOWN: Burleigh Grimes and Waite Hoyt share the record for most Hall of Fame teammates, based on playing on the same team in the same year...Both Grimes and Hoyt were on teams with 36 other future Hall of Famers...Grimes, whose big league career spanned 19 seasons with the Pirates, Dodgers, Giants, Braves, Cardinals, Cubs and Yankees, pitched from 1916-34 and was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1964...Hoyt pitched 21 seasons with the Giants, Red Sox, Yankees, Tigers, Athletics, Dodgers and Pirates and was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1969.

CLOSE, BUT NO CIGAR: Several individuals have come close to being elected to the Hall of Fame, but have missed by the slimmest of margins in a given year... Trevor Hoffman, who missed by five votes in 2017, is the most recent example.

YEAR	PLAYER	BALLOTS CAST	VOTES RECEIVED	NEEDED/ELECTION	SHORT BY
2014	. Craig Biggio	571	427	429	2
1985	. Nellie Fox	395	295	297	2
1947	. Pie Traynor	161	119	121	2
1986	. Billy Williams	425	315	319	4
1988	. Jim Bunning	427	317	321	4
2010	. Bert Blyleven	539	400	405	5
2017	. Trevor Hoffman	442	327	332	5
1994	. Orlando Cepeda.	455		342	7
1967	. Joe Medwick	292	212	219	7
1945	. Frank Chance	247	179	186	7
1953	. Bill Terry	264	191	198	7
1982	. Juan Marichal	415	305	312	7
1951	. Paul Waner	226	162	170	8
1968	. Roy Campanella	283	205	213	8
	_		397		
1975	. Robin Roberts	362	263	272	9
1997	. Don Sutton	473	346	355	9
2002	. Gary Carter	472	343	354	11

CLOSE, AND CIGAR: Meanwhile, 25 Hall of Famers have earned election by 10 votes or less:

YEAR PL	AYER	VOTES NEEDED	RECEIVED	MARGIN
1939 Wil	llie Keeler	206	207	1
1953 Al S	Simmons	198	199	1
1975 Ral	ph Kiner	272	273	1
1991 Fer	guson Jenkins		334	1
1937 Cy	Young	151	153	2
•	fty Grove			
	Traynor			
	rb Pennock			
1962 Jacl	kie Robinson	120	124	4
2017 Ivái	n Rodríguez	332	336	4
	dy Wynn			
	"Catfish" Hunter			
1954 Bill	l Terry	189	195	6
1955 Gat	bby Hartnett	189	195	6
2005 Ryı	ne Sandberg	387	393	6
1939 Edd	die Collins		213	7
1942 Rog	gers Hornsby		182	7
•	ckey Cochrane			
	Cronin			
	u Boudreau			
	n Rice			
	mie Foxx			
1991 Gay	ylord Perry	333	342	9
•	itey Ford			
	ny Pérez			

HALL OF FAME WEEKEND RECAP

The induction on July 30 of Class of 2017 members **Jeff Bagwell, Tim Raines, Iván Rodríguez, John Schuerholz** and **Bud Selig** brings the total number of Hall of Famers to 317, including 73 living members... Award winners **Bill King** (Ford C. Frick Award for broadcast excellence), **Rachel Robinson** (Buck O'Neil Lifetime Achievement Award) and **Claire Smith** (J.G. Taylor Spink Award for writing) were honored at the July 29 Awards Presentation at Doubleday Field.

A STAGE FILLED WITH HEROES: Fifty-five of the 73 living Hall of Famers attended the July 30 Induction Ceremony at the Clark Sports Center:

Henry Aaron	Rollie Fingers	Tony La Russa	Brooks Robinson	Billy Williams
Roberto Alomar	Carlton Fisk	Barry Larkin	Frank Robinson	Dave Winfield
Jeff Bagwell	Whitey Ford	Greg Maddux	Iván Rodríguez	Robin Yount
Johnny Bench	Bob Gibson	Juan Marichal	Nolan Ryan	
Craig Biggio	Pat Gillick	Joe Morgan	Ryne Sandberg	
Bert Blyleven	Tom Glavine	Eddie Murray	John Schuerholz	
Wade Boggs	Goose Gossage	Phil Niekro	Bud Selig	
George Brett	Ken Griffey Jr.	Tony Pérez	Ozzie Smith	
Rod Carew	Rickey Henderson	Gaylord Perry	John Smoltz	
Orlando Cepeda	Whitey Herzog	Mike Piazza	Bruce Sutter	
Bobby Cox	Fergie Jenkins	Tim Raines	Don Sutton	
Andre Dawson	Randy Johnson	Jim Rice	Frank Thomas	
Dennis Eckersley	Sandy Koufax	Cal Ripken	Joe Torre	

<u>BOOK NOW FOR FUTURE WEEKENDS:</u> Hall of Fame Weekend is typically scheduled for the last weekend in July, though there are exceptions...The 2018 Induction Weekend is scheduled for July 27-30, with the Induction on July 29...A partial list of eligible first-time players for upcoming Hall of Fame elections includes: 2018: Andruw Jones, Chipper Jones, Jim Thome, Omar Vizquel; 2019: Roy Halladay, Todd Helton, Andy Pettitte, Mariano Rivera; 2020: Derek Jeter, Paul Konerko, Cliff Lee, Alfonso Soriano; 2021: Tim Hudson, Torii Hunter, Aramis Ramírez, Barry Zito; 2022: Prince Fielder, David Ortíz, Alex Rodríguez, Mark Teixeira.

<u>COME ONE, COME ALL:</u> An estimated crowd of 27,500 fans attended the July 30 Induction Ceremony...More than 25,000 fans have attended each of the past four Induction Ceremonies...In 2007, an estimated 82,000 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 eight estimated crowds for Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies: 50,000 (1999); 50,000 (2016); 48,000 (2014); 45,000 (2015); 40,000 (1995); 27,500 (2017); 27,000 (2001 and 2005).

MUSEUM NEWS FROM COOPERSTOWN

COMING TO COOPERSTOWN: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum has already received many treasures from the 2017 season, including: The pullover worn by Team USA manager Jim Leyland during the World Baseball Classic final March 22 vs. Puerto Rico...A cap worn by WBC Most Valuable Player Marcus Stroman during the tournament...A batting helmet used by Team USA's Brandon Crawford in the WBC...A cap and jersey worn by Adam Jones of Team USA at the WBC...A jersey worn by Puerto Rico's Javier Báez during the WBC...A lineup card and the baseball used for the first pitch during the championship game between the United States and Puerto Rico...The yarmulke worn by Team Israel's Dylan Axelrod during pregame ceremonies at the WBC...A gameworn cap from Team Israel's Josh Zeid, who pitched three scoreless innings in Team Israel's win in Game 1 of the WBC...A gameworn batting helmet from Ryan Lavarnway, who hit the first home run in WBC history for Team Israel in its Game 2 matchup in pool play... A bat used by Team Puerto Rico's Carlos Correa during the WBC... The batting helmet used by the Braves' Ender Enciarte when he recorded the first hit and first home run at Atlanta's SunTrust Park on April 14...The cap worn by Braves' starting pitcher Julio Teheran in the team's first game at SunTrust Park on April 14...The batting helmet worn by the Giants' Madison Bumgarner on April 2 when he hit two home runs against the Diamondbacks on Opening Day...The cap worn by the Pirates' Dovydas Neverauskas on April 24 when he became the first native of Lithuania to pitch in the big leagues... The cap worn by the Pirates' Gift Ngoepe on April 26 when he became the first player born in continental Africa to appear in an MLB game... A game-used ball marked "Ichiro 3,000" from the April 30 Pirates vs. Marlins game that commemorated Ichiro Suzuki's 3,000th hit...The batting helmet worn by the Rangers' Carlos Gomez when he hit for the cycle on April 29...The jersey worn by the Nationals' Anthony Rendon on April 30 went he went 6-for-6 with three home runs, a double and 10 RBI...The ball hit by the Rockies' Michael Cuddyer on Aug. 17, 2014 for an eighth-inning double to complete his second career cycle...Game-worn cap and spikes from the Marlins' Edinson Vólquez and a ball from his nohitter on June 3...The bat used by the Reds' Scooter Gennett to hit four home runs on June 6 against the Cardinals...The bucket and sunglasses Pete Frates used during his Ice Bucket Challenge at Fenway Park in 2014, along with a signed baseball, his glove and Boston College cap from his days as a player and captain with the Eagles' baseball team... The first base bag from Citi Field on May 20 when the Mets' Jose Reyes recorded the 2,000th hit of his career... A jersey worn by the Angels' Albert Pujols during the game in which he hit his 600th career home run on June 3... The cap worn by Brewers' closer Corey Knebel on June 30 against the Marlins when he set a new single-season MLB record for relievers with a strikeout in his 40th straight game...The stars-and-stripes socks worn by Charlie Blackmon of the Rockies on July 4...The cap worn by Futures Game MVP Brent Honeywell on July 9...The jersey worn by the Blue Jays' Russell Martin July 1 on Canada Day...The jersey worn by the Twins' Miguel Sano during the All-Star Home Run Derby on July 10 in Miami...The jersey worn by All-Star Game MVP Robinson Canó on July 11 in Miami...The batting helmet worn by the Tigers' Victor Martinez when he recorded his 2,000th career hit on July 7...The jersey worn by the Orioles' Zach Britton on July 23 when he set a new AL record by converting his 55th straight save...The batting helmet the Rangers' Adrian Beltre wore when he recorded his 3,000th career hit on July 30...The batting helmet worn by the Rays' Evan Longoria on Aug. 1 when he hit for the cycle...The bat used by the Mariners' Robinson Cano on Aug. 4 against the Royals when he hit his 500th career double... The spikes worn by the Reds' Joey Votto during road games of his streak of 20 straight games reaching base multiple times that ran from July 26 through Aug. 15...The bat used by the Braves' Nick Markakis to record his 2,000th career hit on Aug. 3...The jersey worn by Team Japan's Seiya Arai at the Little League World Series...The jersey worn by Stacey Piagno of the Sonoma Stompers on July 15 when she became the third female pitcher since 1950 to record a victory in an American men's professional league game... A ball thrown by the Dodgers' Rich Hill when he no-hit the Pirates through nine innings on Aug. 23 before losing on a walk-off home run in the 10th inning...The bat used by the Indians' Jose Ramirez on Sept. 3 when he tied a record with five extra-base hits in one game... The bat used by the Diamondbacks' J.D. Martinez when he hit four home runs in one game against the Dodgers on Sept. 4...A game-worn jersey from the Cubs' Kris Bryant from Sept. 12, when Bryant hit a three-run homer against the Mets... A game-worn jersey from the Cubs' Anthony Rizzo from Sept. 14 when he went 3-for-4 with two RBI against the Mets...The ball thrown by Corey Kluber for the first pitch of the game Sept. 12 when the Indians defeated the Tigers for their 20th win in a row...The jersey worn by the Indians' Mike Clevinger when he was the winning pitcher in Cleveland's 5-3 win over Detroit Sept. 13, the Indians' 21st win in a row...The second base bag from Jay Bruce's walk-off double in the Indians' record-setting 22nd victory in a row on Sept. 14...The ball hit by the Royals' Alex Gordon for the 5,694th home run of the MLB season, setting a new record...An umpire's mask and cap from Jen Pawol, the seventh woman to umpire in organized baseball who called games in the New York-Penn League in 2017...The jersey worn by the White Sox's Jose Abreu on Sept. 23 when he became the third player in big league history to have at least 25 home runs and 100 RBI in his each of his first four seasons...The spikes worn by the Red Sox's Chris Sale on Sept. 20 when he reached the 300-strikeout plateau for the season....The bat used by the Marlins' Giancarlo Stanton to hit a home run on Aug. 15, the final game of his six-game streak with a home run... A batting helmet with personalized faceguard worn by the Marlins' Giancarlo Stanton during the 2016 season... And a game-worn cap and protective cap insert used by the Angels' Matt Shoemaker during the 2017 season.

LET'S GET DIGITAL: The Hall of Fame Digital Preservation Project provides the opportunity for fans and researchers to explore the Museum's unparalleled collection...Additional digitized material – including photos, audio, video and text – from the Museum collection will be published regularly as the Museum adds to the PASTIME online collection, which is available at collection.baseballhall.org...Many of these materials will be available to the public for the first time, allowing fans to browse the Museum collection as they plan their visit to the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, or continue their exploration of baseball history after they tour the Museum...With more than three million Library items, a quarter of a million unique images and 40,000 three-dimensional artifacts representing baseball's illustrious history, the Museum preserves an immense physical collection that brings baseball history to life...Through the Hall of Fame Digital Preservation Project, the Museum, over the next several years, will continue to digitize its collections and Library archive, making PASTIME the online resource for baseball history...The goal of the Project is to provide online access to the precious artifacts and documents that are preserved in Cooperstown for fans and researchers around the globe, while ensuring that they are digitally preserved for future generations of fans.

COOPERSTOWN CONNECTION

TRICK OR TREAT: The baseball ghosts will come alive for one special afternoon in Cooperstown...The Museum will host local trick-or-treaters with free admission from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31 for children in costume and their parents and/or guardians...Take a trip back in time through the Plaque Gallery as Hall of Fame employees dressed in old-fashioned baseball uniforms and holiday costumes will pass out candy before the annual Halloween Parade on Cooperstown's idyllic Main St...Treats will be provided through the support of Price Chopper Supermarkets...For more information, visit our website at http://www.baseballhall.org/events.

<u>VIP TREATMENT</u>: This fall, fans have the opportunity to explore the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum through a special program designed to give Cooperstown visitors a Hall of Fame VIP Experience...The Museum has partnered with Cooperstown accommodations to offer this unique package, which includes behind-the-scenes experiences at the Museum...This special package is only available through participating accommodations...Your VIP Experience will begin with exclusive after-hours access to the Hall of Fame on Thursday evening and wrap up on Friday with a private reception...Upcoming dates include **Nov. 16-17**...For more information, please visit <u>baseballhall.org/visit/vip-experience</u>.

SPEND A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM: The larger-than-life heroes of the National Pastime can be found year-round in Cooperstown at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum...But the game's biggest fans can also call the Hall of Fame "home" – at least for a few nights a year thanks to the Museum's Extra Innings Overnights program...Open to both Museum members and youth groups, Extra Innings Overnights is one of the Museum's most popular programs...Children ages 7-12 and their parents can sleep in the Hall of Fame Plaque Gallery among the plaques honoring Babe Ruth, Ted Williams, Jackie Robinson and the rest of baseball's greats...The evening includes all-access to the Museum's public areas after-hours, special hands-on programs throughout the Museum, and a late-night snack and a movie in the Bullpen Theater...A light breakfast is provided the following morning, and all junior participants receive a Hall of Fame knapsack filled with mementos of the evening...The program costs \$49.95 per person...Upcoming dates include: Nov. 4-5...For more information or to register, please call the Museum's education department 607-547-0329.

<u>TIME TO VISIT</u>: The Museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Memorial Day Weekend, when summer hours begin...The Museum is open every day of the year, except for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day...Ticket prices are \$23 for adults (13 and over), \$15 for seniors (65 and over) and for those holding current memberships in the VFW, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion and AMVets organizations, and \$12 for juniors (ages 7-12)...Members are always admitted free of charge and there is no charge for children 6 years of age or younger...For more information, visit our website at www.baseballhall.org or call 888-HALL-OF-FAME (888-425-5633) or 607-547-7200.