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FALL'S A BALL AT THE HALL

As the baseball season heads toward the Postseason, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum has put together an all-star lineup of programming and exhibit openings during the fall months of 2018...The Museum will host the annual fan favorite Baseball Film Festival and celebrate the annual Fall Classic with the popular World Series Gala as well as feature a new exhibit dedicated to the fascinating career of Moe Berg...The schedule includes:

ON THE BIG SCREEN: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum recognizes the twin traditions of baseball and film when, for the 13th consecutive year, it hosts the Baseball Film Festival in Cooperstown, Sept. 21-23...Nineteen films will be screened on Friday, Saturday and Sunday as filmmakers and fans celebrate the timeless connection between baseball and the big screen...Films will be shown in the Hall of Fame's Grandstand Theater and Bullpen Theater...A complete list of the films to be screened and screening times are available at baseballhall.org/events...Tickets for all films are free but must be reserved in advance by calling 607-547-0397.

GALA EVENT: Enjoy the excitement of the World Series on the big screen at the Hall of Fame during one of our favorite annual family events, the World Series Gala...The entertaining evening on Oct. 27 will include refreshments, trivia, raffles and prizes during a live broadcast of Game 4 of the World Series...Tickets will go on sale to Members starting Oct. 1 at 607-547-0397, and any remaining tickets will be made available to the general public Oct. 22.

BIG LEAGUE SPY: Moe Berg's story remains one of baseball's most unusual and mysterious tales – and lives on today through books, movies and a new exhibit at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum...*Moe Berg: Big League Spy* recently debuted as part of the Museum's second-floor timeline, paying tribute to a man who – in addition to 663 big league games – compiled a resume that intrigues historians to this day...Berg's life is the focus of the 2018 movie "The Catcher Was a Spy," distributed by IFC Films, which is based on the Nicholas Dawidoff book by the same name...Born March 2, 1902, in New York City, Berg was educated at Princeton University and Columbia University...In 15 big league seasons with the Dodgers, White Sox, Indians, Senators and Red Sox, Berg hit .243 with little power or speed...But his brilliant intellect put him on a post-baseball path that would include a stint with the United States Office of Strategic Services, a government intelligence agency during World War II that was the predecessor of the modern Central Intelligence Agency...The Museum's collection contains facsimiles of hundreds of declassified O.S.S. documents relating to Berg, and the new exhibit features many facsimiles of these and other historic documents, as well nearly two dozen artifacts, including a Red Sox cap worn by Berg and a bat he used in the mid-1930s...Access to *Moe Berg: Big League Spy* is included with admission to the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

HALL OF FAME WEEKEND RECAP

The induction on July 29 of Class of 2018 members **Vladimir Guerrero, Trevor Hoffman, Chipper Jones, Jack Morris, Jim Thome** and **Alan Trammell** brings the total number of Hall of Famers to 323, including 76 living members... Award winners **Bob Costas** (Ford C. Frick Award for broadcast excellence) and **Sheldon Ocker** (J.G. Taylor Spink Award for writing) were honored at the July 28 *Awards Presentation* at Doubleday Field.

A STAGE FILLED WITH HEROES: A record 57 of the 76 living Hall of Famers attended the July 29 *Induction Ceremony* on the grounds of the Clark Sports Center:

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| Henry Aaron | Carlton Fisk | Barry Larkin | Jim Rice | Joe Torre |
| Roberto Alomar | Pat Gillick | Greg Maddux | Cal Ripken | Alan Trammell |
| Jeff Bagwell | Tom Glavine | Juan Marichal | Brooks Robinson | Billy Williams |
| Johnny Bench | Goose Gossage | Pedro Martínez | Iván Rodríguez | Dave Winfield |
| Craig Biggio | Ken Griffey Jr. | Paul Molitor | Ryne Sandberg | Robin Yount |
| Bert Blyleven | Vladimir Guerrero | Joe Morgan | Mike Schmidt | |
| Wade Boggs | Rickey Henderson | Jack Morris | John Schuerholz | |
| George Brett | Trevor Hoffman | Eddie Murray | Bud Selig | |
| Rod Carew | Fergie Jenkins | Phil Niekro | Ozzie Smith | |
| Bobby Cox | Randy Johnson | Jim Palmer | John Smoltz | |
| Andre Dawson | Chipper Jones | Tony Pérez | Don Sutton | |
| Dennis Eckersley | Al Kaline | Gaylord Perry | Frank Thomas | |
| Rollie Fingers | Tony La Russa | Tim Lincecum | Jim Thome | |

BOOK NOW FOR FUTURE WEEKENDS: The 2019 Induction Weekend is scheduled for July 19-22, with the Induction on July 21... The 2019 BBWAA voting results will be announced on Jan. 22... A partial list of eligible first-time players for upcoming Hall of Fame elections includes: **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 Ortiz, Alex Rodríguez, Mark Teixeira; **2023:** Carlos Beltran, Jayson Werth.

COME ONE, COME ALL: An estimated crowd of 53,000 fans attended the July 29 *Induction Ceremony*, the second-largest crowd of all-time... 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 estimated crowds for Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies are: 53,000 (**2018**); 50,000 (**1999**); 50,000 (**2016**); 48,000 (**2014**); 45,000 (**2015**); 40,000 (**1995**); 27,500 (**2017**); 27,000 (**2001** and **2005**).

VOTING SEASON NEWS

The Today's Game Era Committee will consider Hall of Fame candidates this fall, with eligible candidates including players, managers, umpires and executives whose most indelible contribution to the game came from 1988 through the present. The Today's Game Era Committee last considered candidates in the fall of 2016 when John Schuerholz and Bud Selig were elected.

Four eras for committee consideration vote on a regular basis: Today's Game (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball from 1988 to the present); Modern Baseball (for candidates from 1970 to 1987); Golden Days (for candidates from 1950 to 1969); and Early Baseball (for candidates prior to 1950).

The Today's Game and Modern Baseball eras are 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 Modern Baseball Era Committee elected Jack Morris and Alan Trammell in its first meeting in the fall of 2017.

Eras considered for yearly induction are as follows: **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.*

The ballot size for each era ballot is 10 candidates, with no write-in candidates permitted. The ballots will be constructed by the Baseball Writers' Association of America's Historical Overview Committee. Each era committee voting body will consist of 16 members, reconstituted for each election. Candidates must receive at least 75 percent of the vote to earn election to the Hall of Fame. Candidates who fall off the BBWAA Hall of Fame ballot after exhausting their eligibility will be immediately eligible for Eras Committee consideration that fall.

TODAY'S GAME ERA COMMITTEE COMING THIS FALL: The BBWAA-appointed Historical Overview Committee will devise the ballot for the Today's Game Era Committee election, with the final ballot to be announced this fall... That 10-person ballot will be voted on by the Today's Game Era Committee at Baseball's Winter Meetings in Las Vegas... Any candidate appearing on at least 75 percent of ballots cast will be inducted as a member of the Class of 2019 at the Hall of Fame... The Today's Game Era Committee members will be announced prior to the Winter Meetings.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE: The Today's Game Era covers candidates among managers, umpires, executives and long-retired players whose most significant career impact was realized from 1988 through the present... Eligible candidates include: Players who played in at least 10 major league seasons, who are not on Major League Baseball's ineligible list, and have been retired for 15 or more seasons; 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.

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 169 individuals (98 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 1943 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.

A NEW ERA: 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.

FOUR FOR ALL: 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).

VETERAN INFLUENCE: 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.

THE CLASS OF 2018

VLAD TO BE HERE: Vladimir Guerrero played 16 seasons for the Expos, Angels, Rangers and Orioles, earning nine All-Star Game selections and winning the 2004 American League Most Valuable Player Award...An eight-time Silver Slugger Award winner for his work in right field and at designated hitter, Guerrero hit .300-or-better 13 times, drove in 100-or-more runs 10 times and topped the 30-home run mark in eight seasons...The owner of two 30 home run/30 stolen base seasons, Guerrero is one of only eight players in big league history to have at least a .318 career batting average and a .553 slugging percentage, a list that includes Joe DiMaggio, Jimmie Foxx, Lou Gehrig, Rogers Hornsby, Stan Musial, Babe Ruth and Ted Williams...Guerrero never struck out more than 95 times in any season, and of all the players in baseball history with at least 449 career home runs, only Stan Musial, Ted Williams, Lou Gehrig and Mel Ott struck out less frequently than Guerrero...Those five batters are the only players in MLB history with at least 400 home runs and fewer than 1,000 strikeouts.

WHAT A RELIEF: Trevor Hoffman pitched 18 seasons for the Marlins, Padres and Brewers, spending 16 seasons in San Diego...The first pitcher to reach both the 500-save and 600-save milestones, Hoffman ranks second in MLB history with 601 saves and second with 856 games finished...A seven-time All-Star who finished in the Top 10 of the NL Cy Young Award voting four times, Hoffman led the NL in saves twice and saved 40-or-more games nine times, tied with Mariano Rivera for the most such seasons all time...Ranks seventh all-time – and first among relief pitchers – with a career average of 6.989 hits per nine innings pitched...His career WHIP of 1.058 ranks ninth all-time and fifth all-time among pitchers whose careers started after 1920.

PUSHING IN ALL THE CHIPS: Chipper Jones played 19 seasons, all for the Atlanta Braves, including 13 years where the Braves made the postseason...The first overall pick in the 1990 MLB Draft, Jones becomes the second No. 1-overall selection to earn Hall of Fame election, following Ken Griffey Jr. in 2016...An eight-time All-Star and the 1999 NL Most Valuable Player, Jones topped the 100-RBI mark nine times and had eight seasons with at least 100 runs scored...Among players who appeared in at least half their games at third base, Jones is the only major leaguer to record at least 1,600 RBI and score at least 1,600 runs...As a rookie in 1995, led the Braves to the World Series title...One of only nine players in big league history with at least 400 home runs, a .300 batting average, a .400 on-base percentage and a .500 slugging percentage, along with Jimmie Foxx, Lou Gehrig, Mel Ott, Stan Musial, Manny Ramirez, Babe Ruth, Frank Thomas and Ted Williams.

JACK IN THE BOX: Jack Morris pitched 18 seasons for the Tigers, Twins, Blue Jays and Indians, earning 14 Opening Day starts and four World Series rings...A five-time All-Star, Morris finished in the Top 5 of his league's Cy Young Award voting five times and led all pitchers in the 1980s with 2,444.2 innings pitched and 162 wins and all American League pitchers in strikeouts with 1,629...Among pitchers whose careers began after 1976, Morris recorded the most complete games with 175...In Game 7 of the 1991 World Series for the Twins, Morris pitched 10 shutout innings, earning the victory in the bottom of the 10th when Gene Larkin's single drove home Dan Gladden with the winning run...Morris was named the MVP after going 2-0 with a 1.17 ERA in three starts against the Braves.

JIM'S GEMS: Jim Thome played 22 seasons for the Indians, Phillies, White Sox, Dodgers, Twins and Orioles...One of nine members of the 600-home run club, Thome's 612 long balls rank eighth on the all-time list, and his 1,747 walks rank No. 7 all-time...Thome recorded 100-or-more RBI nine times and scored 100-or-more runs in eight seasons...Thome, who ranks fifth all-time in at bats per home run with a mark of 13.76, began his career as a third baseman before moving to first base...A five-time All-Star, Thome led the league in walks three times and in homers once...He is one of only five players in big league history – along with Barry Bonds, Mel Ott, Babe Ruth and Ted Williams – with at least 500 home runs, 1,500 runs scored, 1,600 RBI and 1,700 walks...Thome's six seasons with at least 40 home runs, 100 RBI, and 100 walks rank third all-time behind only Babe Ruth (10) and Barry Bonds (7) and his nine seasons with at least 30 home runs and 100 walks are tied with Lou Gehrig for third most all-time behind only Bonds and Ruth with 11 11 such seasons each...Thome recorded at least 30 home runs, 100 RBI, and 100 walks in six straight seasons from 1999-2004, joining Jeff Bagwell (1996-2001) as the only players to post six straight such seasons.

TRAM'S TIME: Alan Trammell played 20 seasons for the Tigers, earning six All-Star Game selections, four Gold Glove Awards and three Silver Slugger Awards at shortstop...A seven-time .300 hitter, Trammell scored 100-or-more runs three times, topped the 30-double mark six times and stole 20-or-more bases three times...His 2,139 games at shortstop rank 11th on the all-time list, and his .977 fielding percentage ranks sixth among shortstops with at least 2,000 games played...The clubhouse leader of the 1984 Tigers that won the World Series title, Trammell was named the Fall Classic MVP after hitting .450 with two homers and six RBI in Detroit's five-game victory...In 1987, Trammell – batting out of the cleanup spot – hit .343 with 28 home runs and 105 RBI, the first season by a shortstop in history with at least a .340 batting average, 25 homers and 100 RBI.

2018 AWARD WINNERS

Bob Costas, winner of the 2018 Ford C. Frick Award for broadcasters, and Sheldon Ocker, the 2018 winner of the Baseball Writers' Association of America's J.G. Taylor Spink Award, were honored at the 2018 Hall of Fame *Awards Presentation* on Saturday, July 28 at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown.

BOB'S BOOTH: Bob Costas, who has passionately and poignantly called games and narrated the baseball experience for four decades, has been selected as the 2018 recipient of the Ford C. Frick Award, presented annually for excellence in broadcasting by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum...Learning his trade at local stations while at Syracuse University, Costas graduated in 1974 and landed the play-by-play duties with the Spirits of St. Louis of the American Basketball Association on KMOX-AM...After handling regional NBA and NFL telecasts for CBS in the late 1970s, Costas moved to NBC in 1980...In 1982, Costas was paired with Sal Bando on the backup broadcast of NBC's Major League Baseball Game of the Week package, then teamed up with 2009 Ford Frick Award winner Tony Kubek in the same role from 1983-89...Along the way, Costas handled play-by-play of the American League Championship Series in 1983, 1985, 1987 and 1989 along with pregame duties at the All-Star Game those same years as well as pregame assignments at the World Series in 1982, 1984, 1986 and 1988...NBC and ABC formed The Baseball Network following CBS' handling of the MLB contract from 1990-93, and Costas worked the 1994 All-Star Game as well as the 1995 ALDS, ALCS and World Series for TBN...When TBN dissolved, Costas called the World Series for NBC in 1997 and 1999, the 1998 and 2000 ALCS, the 1999 NLCS and the 2000 All-Star Game...In 2009, Costas – a 28-time Emmy Award winner – returned to baseball when he joined the new MLB Network, where he has called games and served as a documentary host for 10 seasons...Costas is the 42nd winner of the Frick Award.

SHELL'S GAME: Sheldon Ocker, who covered the Cleveland Indians for 33 seasons, was elected the 2018 winner of the J.G. Taylor Spink Award in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America...Ocker began covering the Indians for the *Akron Beacon Journal* after 10 years of covering the NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers...He was one of only three Indians beat writers at the ABJ since 1930 and covered the team from 1981 through 2013...Ocker was national president of the BBWAA in 1985 and served as chair of the Cleveland Chapter 11 times...Ocker was named Ohio Sports Writer of the Year in 1997 and 2000 by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association...Ocker is the 69th winner of the Spink Award.

2019 FRICK AWARD BALLOT ANNOUNCED IN OCTOBER: The eight-person ballot from the *Broadcasting Beginnings* category for the 2019 Ford C. Frick Award will be announced in October... 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, N.Y.... Following changes to the voting regulations implemented by the Hall of Fame's Board of Directors in the summer of 2016, a new election cycle has been established, rotating annually between *Current Major League Markets* (team-specific announcers) with the 2017 Frick Award; *National Voices* (broadcasters whose contributions were realized on a national level) with the 2018 Frick Award; and *Broadcasting Beginnings* (early team voices and pioneers of baseball broadcasting) with the 2019 Frick Award...This cycle will repeat every three years... New criteria for selection is as follows: "Commitment to excellence, quality of broadcasting abilities, reverence within the game, popularity with fans, and recognition by peers"...The Frick Award Committee will cast ballots during November, with the 2019 winner to be announced during the 2018 Baseball Winter Meetings in Las Vegas...The 2019 Ford C. Frick Award will be presented July 20 in Cooperstown during Hall of Fame Weekend.

2019 SPINK AWARD FINALISTS: The Baseball Writers' Association of America has announced its three finalists for the 2019 J.G. Taylor Spink Award...The finalists are: Former *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* beat writer and columnist Jim Reeves; *Minneapolis Star Tribune* columnist Patrick Reusse; and Jayson Stark of *The Athletic*...The winner of the 2019 J.G. Taylor Spink Award for writers will be announced at Baseball's Winter Meetings.

BBWAA BALLOTING RECAP

THE 2018 BALLOT: The BBWAA ballot featured 33 players, including 19 new candidates and 14 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 422 votes were cast, with 317 votes necessary for election and 21 votes necessary to remain on the ballot...Chipper Jones and Jim Thome became the 53rd and 54th players elected to the Hall on their first BBWAA ballot...The final results, in order of percentage received with number of years on the ballot:

| NAME | YR | 2018 | NAME | YR | 2018 | NAME | YR | 2018 |
|--------------------------|----------|--------------|----------------------|----|-------|----------------------------|----|------|
| Chipper Jones | 1 | 97.2% | Fred McGriff | 9 | 23.2% | <i>Hideki Matsui</i> | 1 | 0.9% |
| Vladimir Guerrero | 2 | 92.9% | Manny Ramirez | 2 | 22.0% | <i>Chris Carpenter</i> | 1 | 0.5% |
| Jim Thome | 1 | 89.8% | Jeff Kent | 5 | 14.5% | <i>Kerry Wood</i> | 1 | 0.5% |
| Trevor Hoffman | 3 | 79.9% | Gary Sheffield | 4 | 11.1% | <i>Livan Hernandez</i> | 1 | 0.2% |
| Edgar Martinez | 9 | 70.4% | Billy Wagner | 3 | 11.1% | <i>Carlos Lee</i> | 1 | 0.2% |
| Mike Mussina | 5 | 63.5% | Scott Rolen | 1 | 10.2% | <i>Orlando Hudson</i> | 1 | 0.0% |
| Roger Clemens | 6 | 57.3% | Sammy Sosa | 6 | 7.8% | <i>Aubrey Huff</i> | 1 | 0.0% |
| Barry Bonds | 6 | 56.4% | Andruw Jones | 1 | 7.3% | <i>Jason Istringhausen</i> | 1 | 0.0% |
| Curt Schilling | 5 | 51.2% | <i>Jamie Moyer</i> | 1 | 2.4% | <i>Brad Lidge</i> | 1 | 0.0% |
| Omar Vizquel | 1 | 37.0% | <i>Johan Santana</i> | 1 | 2.4% | <i>Kevin Millwood</i> | 1 | 0.0% |
| Larry Walker | 8 | 34.1% | <i>Johnny Damon</i> | 1 | 1.9% | <i>Carlos Zambrano</i> | 1 | 0.0% |

THE VOTING ELECTORATE: Of the 436 Hall of Fame ballots distributed to BBWAA voters for the 2018 election, 422 (96.8 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: 2018 marked the 74th Hall of Fame election held by the BBWAA...Starting in 1936, the BBWAA has elected someone 66 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 74 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 | 4 | 2018 | Guerrero, Hoffman, Jones, Thome |
| 3 | 9 | 2017 | Bagwell, Raines, Rodríguez |
| 2 | 26 | 2016 | Griffey Jr., Piazza |
| 1 | 26 | 2012 | Larkin |
| 0 | 8 | 2013 | ---- |

FIVE AND SEVENTY: Five players on the 2018 BBWAA ballot received at least 70 percent of the vote: Chipper Jones, Vladimir Guerrero, Jim Thome, Trevor Hoffman and Edgar Martinez, tying the mark for the most in BBWAA election history...Only three times previously has a BBWAA election resulted in five candidates reaching the 70-percent mark: 2017 (when Jeff Bagwell, Tim Raines, Iván Rodríguez were elected and Trevor Hoffman-74.0% and Vladimir Guerrero-71.7% cleared 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).

SIX MILLION DOLLAR MEN: The election of Vladimir Guerrero, Trevor Hoffman, Chipper Jones, Jack Morris, Jim Thome and Alan Trammell to the Class of 2018 marks the first time since 1971 that at least six former big league players were elected in one year...In 1971, former big leaguers Dave Bancroft, Jake Beckley, Chick Hafey, Harry Hooper, Joe Kelley and Rube Marquard were elected by the Veterans Committee, while Satchel Paige – who pitched in the big leagues following a stellar career in the Negro Leagues – was elected by the Committee on Negro Baseball Leagues...The last time six living players were elected in one year was 1955 when Frank Baker, Joe DiMaggio, Gabby Hartnett, Ted Lyons, Ray Schalk and Dazzy Vance were elected.

SWEET 16: With the election of Vladimir Guerrero, Trevor Hoffman, Chipper Jones and Jim Thome, the BBWAA has elected at least two Hall of Fame candidates in five straight years and a total of 16 candidates during that time...No five-year period in history has resulted in as many BBWAA electees, with the previous high of 13 coming in the five-year period from 1952-56...That was also the last time the BBWAA elected at least two candidates five years in a row.

LIVING HISTORY: With six living electees in the Class of 2018, there have been 23 living Hall of Famers elected in the last five years, more than any other five-year period in Hall of Fame history...The previous record for most living Hall of Famers in any five-year period was 20 from 1969-73.

54 AT FIRST: The election of Chipper Jones and Jim Thome brings the total of first-year BBWAA inductees to 54 and marks the fifth straight year with at least one first-ballot inductee, the first such stretch since a run of five straight years from 2001-05.

RULES FOR ELECTION: Voting criteria for BBWAA electors can be found at <http://baseballhall.org/hall-famers/rules-election/bbwaa>...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 323 elected members...Included are 226 former major league players, 30 executives, 35 Negro Leaguers, 22 managers and 10 umpires...The BBWAA has elected 128 candidates to the Hall while the veterans committees (in all forms) have chosen 169 deserving candidates (98 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 76 living members.

76 AMBASSADORS: The 76 living members of the Hall of Fame are: Henry 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, Dennis Eckersley, Rollie Fingers, Carlton Fisk, Whitey Ford, Bob Gibson, Pat Gillick, Tom Glavine, Goose Gossage, Ken Griffey Jr., Vladimir Guerrero, Rickey Henderson, Whitey Herzog, Trevor Hoffman, Reggie Jackson, Ferguson Jenkins, Randy Johnson, Chipper Jones, Al Kaline, Sandy Koufax, Barry Larkin, Tony La Russa, Tom Lasorda, Greg Maddux, Juan Marichal, Pedro Martínez, Willie Mays, Bill Mazerowski, Willie McCovey, Paul Molitor, Joe Morgan, Jack Morris, Eddie Murray, Phil Niekro, Jim Palmer, Tony Pérez, Gaylord Perry, Mike Piazza, Tim Lincecum, Jim Rice, Cal Ripken, Brooks Robinson, Frank Robinson, Iván Rodríguez, Nolan Ryan, Ryne Sandberg, Mike Schmidt, John Schuerholz, Tom Seaver, Bud Selig, Ozzie Smith, John Smoltz, Bruce Sutter, Don Sutton, Frank Thomas, Jim Thome, Joe Torre, Alan Trammell, Billy Williams, Dave Winfield, Carl Yastrzemski and Robin Yount.

CONNECTING GENERATIONS: **Tommy Lasorda**, born Sept. 22, 1927, is currently the oldest living Hall of Famer at 90...**Vladimir Guerrero**, who was born on Feb. 9, 1975, is the youngest living Hall of Famer at 43 years of age.

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.

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| Pitchers 79 (42) | Second Baseman ..21 (11) | Left Fielders22 (12) |
| Catchers 18 (10) | Third Baseman 17 (8) | Center Fielders24 (8) |
| First Baseman 23 (11) | Shortstops25 (11) | Right Fielders25 (14) |
| Designated Hitter 1 (1) | | |

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| PITCHER: Hoffman, Morris (2018) | SECOND BASE: Biggio (2015) | LEFT FIELD: Raines (2017) |
| CATCHER: Rodríguez (2017) | THIRD BASE: Jones (2018) | CENTER FIELD: Griffey Jr. (2016) |
| FIRST BASE: Thome (2018) | SHORTSTOP: Trammell (2018) | RIGHT FIELD: Guerrero (2018) |

FIRST THINGS FIRST: With the election of Chipper Jones and Jim Thome, 54 players have now been elected in their first year of eligibility (16 pitchers, seven RF, six 3B, six LF, five CF, five SS, three 2B, three 1B, two catchers and one DH; position based on where electee played the majority of his big league games)...In 12 of the last 18 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 54.

| YEAR | NAME | YEAR | NAME | YEAR | NAME | YEAR | NAME |
|------|-------------------|------|------------------|------|------------------|------|------------------|
| 1936 | Ty Cobb | 1980 | Al Kaline | 1993 | Reggie Jackson | 2007 | Tony Gwynn |
| 1936 | Honus Wagner | 1981 | Bob Gibson | 1994 | Steve Carlton | 2009 | Rickey Henderson |
| 1936 | Babe Ruth | 1982 | Hank Aaron | 1995 | Mike Schmidt | 2014 | Greg Maddux |
| 1936 | Christy Mathewson | 1982 | Frank Robinson | 1999 | Nolan Ryan | 2014 | Tom Glavine |
| 1936 | Walter Johnson | 1983 | Brooks Robinson | 1999 | George Brett | 2014 | Frank Thomas |
| 1962 | Jackie Robinson | 1985 | Lou Brock | 1999 | Robin Yount | 2015 | Randy Johnson |
| 1962 | Bob Feller | 1986 | Willie McCovey | 2001 | Kirby Puckett | 2015 | Pedro Martínez |
| 1966 | Ted Williams | 1988 | Willie Stargell | 2001 | Dave Winfield | 2015 | John Smoltz |
| 1969 | Stan Musial | 1989 | Johnny Bench | 2002 | Ozzie Smith | 2016 | Ken Griffey Jr. |
| 1972 | Sandy Koufax | 1989 | Carl Yastrzemski | 2003 | Eddie Murray | 2017 | Iván Rodríguez |
| 1973 | Warren Spahn | 1990 | Jim Palmer | 2004 | Dennis Eckersley | 2018 | Chipper Jones |
| 1974 | Mickey Mantle | 1990 | Joe Morgan | 2004 | Paul Molitor | 2018 | Jim Thome |
| 1977 | Ernie Banks | 1991 | Rod Carew | 2005 | Wade Boggs | | |
| 1979 | Willie Mays | 1992 | Tom Seaver | 2007 | Cal Ripken | | |

TRY AND TRY AGAIN: The 72 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 72 non-first year BBWAA electees: **2nd election** (Alomar, Berra, Fingers, Fisk, Ford, Guerrero, Lajoie, Speaker, Young); **3rd election** (Alexander, Biggio, Grove, Hoffman, 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, Perez); **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 52 Hall of Famers who spent their entire career with one team, with 2018 electees Chipper Jones and Alan Trammell the most recent additions 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, Chipper Jones, Addie Joss, Al Kaline, Sandy Koufax, Barry Larkin, Bob Lemon, Ted Lyons, Mickey Mantle, Bill Mazerowski, 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, Alan Trammell, Pie Traynor, Bill Terry, Ted Williams, Carl Yastrzemski, Ross Youngs and Robin Yount.

NINE TENTHS OF THE LAW: No individual has been elected to the Hall of Fame by the BBWAA as a unanimous choice, though there have been many close calls...Chipper Jones and Vladimir Guerrero became the 32nd and 33rd players to earn at least 90 percent in any one BBWAA election...Ken Griffey Jr., who received 99.32% of the vote in 2016, set a record for highest vote percentage received in a BBWAA election...The 33 players with at least 90% of votes cast in their favor:

| YEAR | PLAYER | BALLOTS CAST | VOTES RECEIVED | % RECEIVED | OMITTED BALLOTS |
|------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|------------|-----------------|
| 2016 | Ken Griffey Jr. | 440 | 437 | 99.32% | 3 |
| 1992 | Tom Seaver | 430 | 425 | 98.84% | 5 |
| 1999 | Nolan Ryan | 497 | 491 | 98.79% | 6 |
| 2007 | Cal Ripken | 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 |
| 2015 | Randy Johnson | 549 | 534 | 97.27% | 15 |
| 2014 | Greg Maddux | 571 | 555 | 97.20% | 16 |
| 2018 | Chipper Jones | 422 | 410 | 97.16% | 12 |
| 1995 | Mike Schmidt | 460 | 444 | 96.52% | 16 |
| 1989 | Johnny Bench | 447 | 431 | 96.42% | 16 |
| 1994 | Steve Carlton | 456 | 436 | 95.61% | 20 |
| 1936 | Honus Wagner | 226 | 215 | 95.13% | 11 |
| 1936 | Babe Ruth | 226 | 215 | 95.13% | 11 |
| 2009 | Rickey Henderson | 539 | 511 | 94.81% | 28 |
| 1979 | Willie Mays | 432 | 409 | 94.67% | 23 |
| 1989 | Carl Yastrzemski | 447 | 423 | 94.63% | 24 |
| 1962 | Bob Feller | 160 | 150 | 93.75% | 10 |
| 1993 | Reggie Jackson | 423 | 396 | 93.62% | 27 |
| 1966 | Ted Williams | 302 | 282 | 93.37% | 20 |
| 1969 | Stan Musial | 340 | 317 | 93.23% | 23 |
| 2018 | Vladimir Guerrero | 392 | 422 | 92.89% | 30 |
| 1990 | Jim Palmer | 444 | 411 | 92.57% | 33 |
| 1983 | Brooks Robinson | 374 | 344 | 91.97% | 30 |
| 2014 | Tom Glavine | 571 | 525 | 91.94% | 46 |
| 2005 | Wade Boggs | 516 | 474 | 91.86% | 42 |
| 2002 | Ozzie Smith | 472 | 433 | 91.74% | 39 |
| 2015 | Pedro Martinez | 549 | 500 | 91.07% | 49 |
| 1936 | Christy Mathewson | 226 | 205 | 90.70% | 21 |
| 1991 | Rod Carew | 443 | 401 | 90.50% | 42 |
| 2011 | Roberto Alomar | 581 | 523 | 90.02% | 58 |

MUSEUM NEWS FROM COOPERSTOWN

COMING TO COOPERSTOWN: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum has already received treasures from the 2018 season, including: The cap worn by the Angels' Shohei Ohtani when he made his big league pitching debut on April 1... The cap worn by the Rangers' Adrian Beltre on April 5 when he recorded career hit No. 3,054, passing Rod Carew on the all-time list for Latin American players... The batting helmet worn by the Twins' Joe Mauer when he recorded his 2,000th career hit on April 12... The spikes worn by the Orioles' Adam Jones to celebrate Jackie Robinson Day on April 15... Spikes honoring Jackie Robinson and Larry Doby worn by the Blue Jays' Curtis Granderson on April 17... The helmet worn by the Brewers' Ryan Braun on April 19 when he reached the 1,000-RBI level for his career... The cap worn by the Athletics' Sean Manaea and a game-used ball from his April 21 no-hitter... A uniform worn by Pirates' usher Phil Coyne, who retired in 2018 after 80 years on the job... The Nationals jersey worn by Bryce Harper when he hit two home runs against the Phillies on May 4... Ball used in May 4 game when the Dodgers pitched a combined no-hitter against the Padres in Monterrey, Mexico... The spikes worn by Red Sox's closer Craig Kimbrel on May 5 when he recorded his 300th career save in fewer appearances and save opportunities than any pitcher in history... The cap worn by the Mets' P.J. Conlon on May 7 when he became the first native of Ireland to play in the majors since 1945... The cap worn by the Mariners' James Paxton when he pitched a no-hitter on May 8 against the Blue Jays... The cap worn by the Rays' Jonny Venters when he recorded his first win of the season on May 15 after missing five seasons due to three Tommy John surgeries... The dugout lineup card from the May 19 Rays vs. Angels game when Sergio Romo started his first career game after 588 relief appearances; Romo started four games over nine days, including back-to-back starts on May 19-20... The cap worn by the Red Sox's Chris Sale when he started the All-Star Game for the third straight season, tying a record set by Lefty Gomez and matched by Robin Roberts... The bat used by the Astros' Alex Bregman in the All-Star Game when he hit his 10th inning homer that powered the American League to victory and won him the game's Most Valuable Player Award... The ball hit by the Reds' Scooter Gennett for the seventh homer in the All-Star Game, setting a new ASG record for most homers by both teams in a single All-Star Game... The bat used by the Cardinals' Matt Carpenter when he hit two doubles and three home runs and drove in seven runs July 20 against the Cubs... The bat used by the Angels' Francisco Arcia on July 28 when he drove in six runs in his second big league game, giving him a record 10 RBI in his first two big league games... The cap worn by the Rangers' Bartolo Colon on Aug. 7 when he won his 246th game, passing Dennis Martinez for first place on the wins list among Latin American-born pitchers... And the bat used by the Blue Jays' Kendrys Morales to hit two home runs against the Orioles on Aug. 20, the second of seven straight games where he hit a home run.

EDUCATION EFFORTS HONORED: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum's Education Department has received a 2017-18 Pinnacle Award from the Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration... This honor recognizes "the remarkable quality of educational content and exceptional skill of delivery" of the Hall of Fame's distance learning programs, which allow our educators to connect with students across the country via online video conference technology... For more information on the Hall of Fame's education programs, please visit baseballhall.org/education.

CONGRESS INTRODUCES INTEGRATION OF BASEBALL COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT: Under a bill introduced in the Senate by Senators Tim Scott (R-SC) and Cory Booker (D-NJ), and in the House of Representatives by Congressmen Roger Williams (R-TX) and Cedric Richmond (D-LA), the Integration of Baseball Commemorative Coin Act authorizes the production of an official United States Mint Commemorative Coin honoring the 75th anniversary of the integration of baseball in 2022... On April 15, 1947, Robinson debuted for the National League's Brooklyn Dodgers and on July 5, 1947, Doby integrated the American League with the Cleveland Indians... All of the coins will be square with the design corner aligned... The design for the coins will be selected by the Secretary of the Treasury after consultation with the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, the Jackie Robinson Foundation and the Commission of Fine Arts, then to be reviewed by the Citizens Coin Advisory Committee... The Secretary of the Treasury will hold a competition to determine the design of the common obverse of the coins, with the design being emblematic of the integration of the game of baseball... A common reverse design will feature a baseball diamond... Three denominations will be issued: \$5 gold coins (not more than 50,000 minted); \$1 silver coins (not more than 500,000 minted); and half-dollar clad coins (not more than 750,000 minted)... The Secretary of the Treasury will issue coins minted under the act during only a one-year period beginning Jan. 1, 2022... Congress may enact only two Commemorative Coin Acts per year, authorizing the production of coins that celebrate and honor American people, places, events and institutions... As well as commemorating important aspects of American history and culture, these coins help raise money for important causes... Part of the price of these coins is a surcharge that goes to organizations and projects that benefit the community... Surcharges received from the sale of the coins will benefit the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum and the Jackie Robinson Foundation.

MUSEUM'S COMPLETELY RENOVATED GRANDSTAND THEATER REOPENS: The Hall of Fame's 189-seat Grandstand Theater reopened May 25 as the start to Hall of Fame Classic Weekend... Made possible by grants from The Scriven Foundation and The Clark Foundation, the Hall's newest showpiece was created by design firm Populous and features the new *Generations of the Game* introductory film... Featuring cutting-edge technology and the latest in fan-friendly amenities, the new Grandstand Theater will provide an immersive experience to viewers with a Dolby Atmos sound system donated by Dolby Laboratories, state-of-the-art projectors donated by Christie Projectors and 16-foot high vertical videoboards along the theater's side walls... Wooden ballpark seating has been replaced by spacious, cushioned seats... Supported through the generosity of Museum Board member Thomas Tull, *Generations of the Game* was directed by acclaimed filmmaker Jonathan Hock.

COOPERSTOWN CONNECTION

VIP TREATMENT: 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 **Oct. 25-26** and **Nov. 8-9**...For more information, please visit www.baseballhall.org/visit/vip-experience or call 607-547-0397.

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: **Oct. 20-21** and **Nov. 3-4**...For more information or to register, please call the Museum's education department 607-547-0329.

TIME TO VISIT: The Museum resumed regular hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily on Labor Day... 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 baseballhall.org/visit or call 888-HALL-OF-FAME (888-425-5633) or 607-547-7200.