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NEXT REGIONAL MEETING...

**"SUPER BOWL SATURDAY," JANUARY 31, 2004
at Hoover High School**

WHEN: Saturday, January 31, 2004
9:30 a.m. (to about 1:00 p.m.)

WHERE: Library, Hoover High School, 4474 El Cajon Boulevard
Park in the lot on Highland Avenue (Highland is 1 block east of 44th) on the west side of the school. Note: the front gate will probably not be open, so we advise parking in the side lot (i.e., off Highland) rather than at the front of the school.

Directions: Here are the driving directions to Hoover:

- Via Interstate 8, exit Fairmount, south on Fairmount. Left (east) on El Cajon Boulevard, then left (north) on Highland Avenue. Turn right into the parking lot. After parking proceed through back gate to 400 building, the library.
- Via Interstate 805 or 15, exit on El Cajon Boulevard and proceed east on El Cajon Boulevard to Highland Avenue.
- For further reference, use Thomas Bros., page 1269, coordinates J4, or use Mapquest at:
<http://hoover.sandi.net/course/STRAND/CTYHTS/documents/map.html>

Program: Leading off will be our keynote speaker,
Dick Freeman, President of the San Diego Padres.

We are fortunate to have Dick join us and give us the latest in developments for the 2004 Padres, and an update on Petco Park ...and he will be available to answer your questions.

Following Dick we will have a raffle and several members who will make research presentations:

- **Matthew Schugart** will speak on "Is Home Field Advantage in the World Series 'Everything'?"
- This will be followed by **Amy Essington** on her research related to "Integration of the Pacific Coast League in San Diego, 1948."
- Complementing her presentation will be **Bill Swank** who will offer a personal biography of the late San Diegan, and former PCL Padres player, John Ritchey.
- **Bob Boynton** will also present on "Al Autry: A one-game starter and winner."

MAX WEST

November 28, 1916-December 31, 2003

Max had a special connection with San Diego and we had the pleasure and honor of his participation last March at our special Ted Williams symposium, and then the next day where he spoke to us at our event dedicating the Lane Field Historical Marker.

For an excellent summary of Max's life and contributions, here is Jack Williams's story from the January 7, 2004, *San Diego Union-Tribune*:

http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/obituaries/20040107-9999_1m7west.html

His major league career is contained on this site:

<http://www.baseball-reference.com/w/westma02.shtml>

As noted in the obituary, a "memorial" is planned for Max on Sunday, January 11, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. at the site of our Lane Field plaque. Please join us if you can.

HIDDEN BALL TRICKS

Dave Smith, of Retrosheet, alerted us to some recent contributions from **Bill Deane** to the Retrosheet website...it now contains a list Bill compiled of the 190 times that the hidden ball trick was worked successfully. Go to www.retrosheet.org and check out the "What's New"

section on the home page for a quick link to the Special Lists page. Bill also has information on suspected or possible cases of this play that have not been confirmed.

This addition comes on the heels of their new feature on "lost" home runs and Dave indicates that more is in the offing. The next list will probably be a summary of the times we know that a team batted out of turn. Other new features will also appear in the next few months, so stay tuned!

SABR BASEBALL RECORDS COMMITTEE DECEMBER 2003 NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE

Chairman of this Committee, **Lyle Spatz**, invites you to read the December newsletter of the Baseball Records Committee. It is available on the SABR website

<http://www.sabr.org/sabr.cfm?a=cms,c,253,5,0>

The December issue, as usual, features many of the records broken or tied in the season just ended.

HELP FIND MISSING PADRE CATCHERS!

"Thanks for the Newsletter. I like to keep up with the SDTW Chapter doings. Could you do me a favor and pass along the following request to the Chapter.

"I am in the process of building a "San Diego Padres' Catchers" section on my web site, similar to the one that I have done for the Cincinnati Reds. [See

<http://www.baseballcatchers.com/cincy0.htm>]

"I have created an initial set of pages that members can view to get an idea of what I am after. These pages can be seen at

<http://www.baseballcatchers.com/sd0.htm>

"Also, if a Chapter member has any other ideas (data perspectives) that they'd like to see as a part of the "Padre Catchers" section just let me know. I'm always open to ideas and input.

"My request is for photo images (electronic files preferred) of the "Head Shot" variety for each of the 47 catchers that have caught for the Padres. Although I have some pictures, many of those that I do have are not in a San Diego uniform. I'd like to have them wearing the SD colors if possible. Because the SD web pages are just in the initial stages, very few of the catchers' individual pages cannot be viewed by "clicking on their photo" as stated on the page. Perhaps a Chapter member is in tight with the Padres organization and can get them to send me

the complete set. The Reds ballclub provided the majority of photos for their section and I have given source credit to them. I will do the same for the Padres (or any member who provides photos). The image files should be 500 pixels wide at a minimum (for good display on the web) but can be any size greater than this.

"The files can be sent as an email attachment or via snail mail at:

5251 Chestnut Lake Drive
Jacksonville, Florida 32258

"Thanks so very much,

Chuck Rosciam

Member, Society for American Baseball Research

Encyclopedia of Baseball Catchers <http://www.baseballcatchers.com> "

SABR PICTORIAL HISTORY COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

Thanks to the efforts of Chair, **Bill Hickman**, and Vice Chair, **Cary Smith**, here's another excellent SABR research committee you should be familiar with...the Pictorial History Committee. Check out their newsletter at:

<http://www.sabr.org/sabr.cfm?a=cms,c,554,5,0>

From the Newsletter, here are a couple of sites to check out:

- **Tom Shieber's** website
<http://www.bluecurl.com/ncbbp/index.htm>
- The Bain Collection within the Library of Congress website. The collection seems to focus on old ballparks, like Ebbetts Field. The URL is
<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query>
- Diamond Images...the URL is
<http://www.diamondimages.net/products.htm>
- Legends in Time (The Don Wingfield Collection)...the URL is
<http://www.legendsintime.com/>
- Temple University...the baseball photos are of recent vintage. A good place to look for Phillies star players, for example. The URL is
<http://diamond.temple.edu:81/search/>

If you have some favorite websites for finding baseball photos, please share them with the Committee. Just send Bill bdhickman@aol.com or Cary zinnbeck@aol.com an email and they will include them in a future newsletter.

DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR SABR BASEBALL RESEARCH CENTER

We have received book donations from **Bob Peterson** a writer of sports histories and a long-standing member of SABR from Ramsey, NJ. They are moving to eastern Pennsylvania and thought of our BRC for some baseball books in his personal collection. We also express thanks to members **Bob Boynton** and **Joe Naiman** for their recent book donations.

SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY SAN DIEGO SABR BASEBALL RESEARCH CENTER NEW ACQUISITIONS

New Acquisitions in Central Library and Branches, July-September 2003

Compiled by **Vic Cardell**, Art, Music & Recreation Section

All holdings are at Central Library unless noted otherwise.

BOOKS

Adelman, Tom. *The Long Ball: The Summer of '75 -- Spaceman, Catfish, Charlie Hustle, and the Greatest World Series Ever Played*. Boston: Little, Brown, 2003. Call Number: 796.357/ADELMAN (Central and branches)

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Dierker, Larry. This Ain't Brain Surgery: How to Win the Pennant without Losing Your Mind. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2003. Call Number: B/DIERKER (Branches only)

Ferrell, David. Screwball. New York: Morrow, 2003. Call Number: FI C/FERRELL

Frommer, Harvey. A Yankee Century. New York: Berkley Books, 2002. Call Number: 796.35764/FROMMER (Branches only)

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Kaat, Jim with Phil Pepe. Still Pitching: Musings from the Mound and the Microphone. Chicago: Triumph Books, 2003. Call Number: B/KAAT (Branches only)

Kaiser, Ken and David Fisher. Planet of the Umps: A Baseball Life from behind the Plate. New York: T. Dunne Books, 2003. Call Number: B/KAI SER

Lewis, Michael. Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game. New York: W. W. Norton, 2003. Call Number: 796.35706/LEWIS (Central and branches)

Nemec, David et al. Players of Cooperstown: Baseball's Hall of Fame. Lincolnwood, Ill.: Publications International, 1994. Call Number: 796.357/PLAYERS (Branches only)

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Powers, Albert Theodore. The Business of Baseball. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, 2003. Call Number: 796.35706/POWERS

Riley, James A. *The Biographical Encyclopedia of the Negro Baseball Leagues*. New York: Carroll & Graf, 2002. Call Number: 796.357/RILEY (Branches only)

Schlossberg, Dan. *The Baseball Almanac*. Chicago: Triumph Books, 2002. Call Number: 796.357/SCHLOSSBERG

Smith, Ron. *The Sporting News Presents Heroes of the Hall: Baseball's All-Time Best*. St. Louis, MO: Sporting News, 2002. Call Number: 796.357/SMITH (Branches only)

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Stanton, Tom. *The Road to Cooperstown: A Father, Two Sons, and the Journey of a Lifetime*. New York: T. Dunne Books, 2003. Call Number: B/STANTON (Branches only)

Stein, Fred. *And the Skipper Bats Cleanup: A History of the Baseball Player-Manager, with 42 Biographies of Men Who Filled the Dual Role*. Jefferson, NC: McFarland, 2002. Call Number: 796.35709/STEIN

Stewart, John. *The Pitching Clinic*. Short Hills, NJ: Burford Books, 2002. Call Number: 796.35722/STEWART (Branches only)

Votano, Paul. *Late and Close: A History of Relief Pitching*. Jefferson, N.C.: McFarland, 2002. Call Number: 796.35722/VOTANO (Central only)

Wendel, Tim. *The New Face of Baseball: The One-Hundred Year Rise and Triumph of Latinos in America's Favorite Sport*. New York: Rayo, 2003. Call Number: 796.357/WENDEL (Central and branches)

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