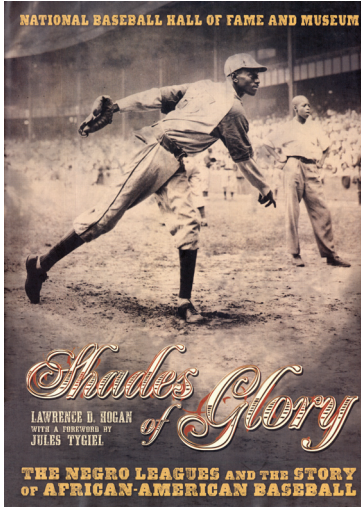


| KANSAS CITY, MO

New “Buck” O’Neil Facility to Promote Education and Preservation



Baseball fans have a chance to help preserve the history of America’s pastime while honoring one of the game’s greats. The Negro Leagues Baseball Museum is raising funds for the John “Buck” O’Neil Education and Research Center to be built in Kansas City in honor of the longtime Negro League baseball star. The “Thanks a Million Buck” campaign will help the museum expand into a renovated Paseo YMCA, once a centerpiece for the Kansas City African-American community. A 1920 meeting

held on the historic building’s second floor led to the formation of the Negro National League.

The renovated YMCA will open 40,000 square feet for projects such as the Buck O’Neil Education and Research Center which will use baseball as an educational tool for area schools.

O’Neil passed away last October, one month shy of his 95th birthday. In 1990, the former first baseman and player/manager for the Kansas City Monarchs spurred the effort to build the Negro Leagues Museum. He and his cause received a boost when he helped narrate Ken Burns’ 1994 PBS baseball documentary. Since then O’Neil served as a dignified ambassador for the game he loved.

O’Neil has not been elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame despite the fact that as a player his batting average topped .300 four times, including a .353 average in 1946 when he won the batting title. He led the Monarchs to league titles as a player/manager in 1953 and 1955 and in 1962 became the first African-American coach in the Major Leagues. ■

Send contributions to:
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| CARMEL, CA

Season’s Best Bets



IN CARMEL, romance hits full tilt early spring with sleepy beach walks, late lattes and crackling fireplaces all enhanced by incredible scenery and the sounds of pounding surf. Best bets for digs include the 100-year-old Mediterranean-style La Playa Hotel and sprawling Cottages-by-the-Sea, a favorite among lovers. The newly renovated Tally Ho offers sheer luxury while Doris Day’s pet friendly Cypress Inn, boasts a new west wing. Pop in for martini hour at the Inn’s Terry’s Lounge. Afternoon tea at the Inn is also a dog-lovers fantasy.

At Robinson Jeffers Tor House on Carmel Point, guests can walk the romantic poet’s English gardens and hike Hawk Tower for stunning views of Carmel Beach. In town, Galante Vineyards is the stop for a crisp Sauvignon Blanc or a sinfully rich Cabernet Sauvignon crafted locally in the Cachagua Valley. Pieces of Heaven Fine Chocolates sweeten any day, and for dinner, chef

Christophe Bony’s repast at Casanova is an excellent choice. Nearby Porta Bella and Merlot Bistro pack a one-two punch for casual food and upbeat Italian including an ethereal floating island dessert.

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