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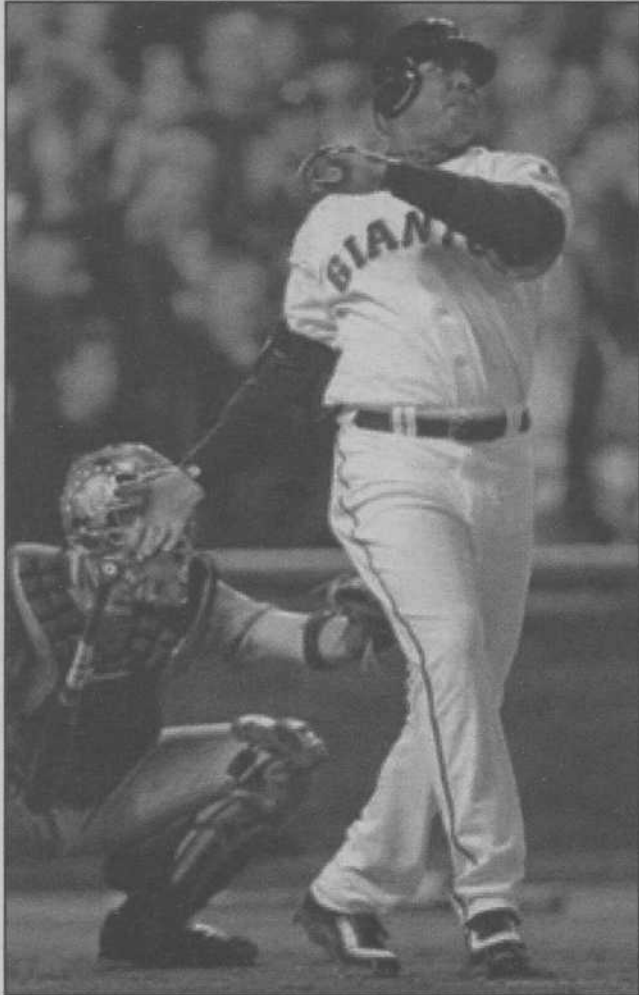
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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"

Bonds blasts 756



San Francisco Giants' Barry Bonds hits his 756th record-breaking home run in the 5th inning off Washington Nationals pitcher Mike Bacsik during their National League baseball game in a home game on Tuesday.

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A king without his crown — what a strange sight. A day after his most remarkable triumph yet, Barry Bonds had no cap. And he already was late for the team photo.

"I don't have a hat," the slugger said loudly, moments before rushing from the clubhouse to right field to take the picture. "I need a hat."

On cue, longtime Giants equipment manager Mike Murphy scurried across the grass to deliver the necessary item to No. 25.

With his 756th home run out of the way and the most hallowed record in sports now his own, Bonds could finally turn his attention to more than hitting homers.

Bonds was in the lineup Wednesday night, batting cleanup and playing left field against the Washington Nationals — and he stepped in and hit another one during his

first at-bat.

He received a warm standing ovation when he ran out to his spot in left for the first inning and tipped his hat and waved before blowing on his hands to get warm on another cool summer night in the Giants' ballpark by the bay when first-pitch temperature was 62 degrees.

Bonds smiled and nodded his head to some fans on his way to the on-deck circle in the first, then wasted no time adding to his record total.

No. 757 was a two-run shot into McCovey Cove. In his first at-bat since becoming home run king, Bonds sent a 1-1 pitch from Tim Redding into the bay beyond the right-field fence, a 438-foot drive that was his 35th career splash hit and second this year.

Redding became the 447th pitcher to surrender a home run to Bonds after

Mike Bacsik served up the record-breaker a night earlier. Bonds hit his 23rd homer of the season, then tipped his cap when he came out in the top of the second to play left field.

When Bonds broke Mark McGwire's single-season record with No. 71 in 2001, he homered again in his next at-bat to increase the record just like this time. The only difference was that he had a night in between the at-bats.

From the White House, to international home run king Sadaharu Oh in Japan, to his first major league manager, Jim Leyland, and on to Alex Rodriguez, the congratulations began to pour in for the San Francisco star, who realized in recent weeks just how difficult it is to clear the fences when that's all you're trying to do.

"Now, the hard part's over, and we get to actually go back to our everyday routines and enjoy ourselves," Bonds said.

Not that he didn't enjoy the celebration after breaking Aaron's mark Tuesday night in his home ballpark.

But Bonds quickly took a glimpse toward the future following his feat: Yes, he does believe A-Rod will one day unseat him atop the
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James Harvey, second right, a former city water department employee, holds his fiancée Mary Harris while they listen Monday Aug. 6, in Newark, N.J., as Newark Mayor Cory A. Booker, left, announces that a \$50,000 reward was being offered for information leading to the arrest of those involved in the execution-style shootings.

Residents shocked by killings of youth

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - In a city where gun violence has become an all-too-common part of daily life, these shootings were enough to chill even the most hardened residents: four young friends shot execution-style in a schoolyard just days before they were to head to college.

Three were killed after being forced to kneel against a wall and then shot in the head at close range Saturday night, police said. A girl was found slumped near some bleachers 30 feet away, a gunshot wound to the head but still alive.

The four Newark residents were to at-

tend Delaware State University this fall. No arrests had been made by press time and authorities had not identified suspects.

The shootings ratcheted up anger in New Jersey's largest city, where the murder rate has risen 50 percent since 1998. The high number of killings have prompted billboards in the downtown area that scream, "HELP WANTED: Stop the Killings in Newark Now!"

"Anyone who has children in the city is in panic mode," said Donna Jackson, president of Take Back Our Streets, a commu-

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Attacks on homeless rise in U.S.

By Brentin Mock
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Part 2 of 2

The presence of men, women and families in the USA living on the streets, without homes to go to present challenging social, economic, healthcare and legislative challenges for cities — locally and coast to coast. But the growing problem of criminal assaults and even murders are plaguing the nation's homeless population.

They are at "astronomical" risk of harm advocates

say.

Part 1 of this series contained startling accounts of beatings, youth gangs attacks, attacks-for-pay and inhumane treatment aimed at defenseless people with no place to go. Some attacks are at random, others not. Some homeless are easy targets for racially motivated attacks.

A Florida homeless man, Harold Washington, recounts how he was beaten into a coma by a gang of six White youths he described as "skinheads" that attacked him as he left his day-labor

job.

Horrendous attacks and shootings of homeless persons have been reportedly committed by children as young as 10 years old.

In a report from the National Coalition for the Homeless, among the 142 violent reported incidents against the homeless, in 2006 nationwide there were 20 murders, six people set on fire, in addition to five rapes. Underreporting of crimes targeting the homeless is common because of the social isolation, mental illness and

possible conflicts with police.

Community attitudes and local ordinances that restrict people who wish to help the homeless from doing so are criticized. Many homeless advocates are calling for protective legislation under hate crime laws.

Part 2 is a search for insight and special laws.

But Is It 'Hate'?

Recalling the brutal killing in Florida by the three teens using baseball bats to murder a homeless man, a
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