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**Barry Bonds Baseball Record is Legitimate**



With 756 home runs, Barry Bonds has set a new standard for home run hitters and is now Major League Baseball's new Home Run King! I'm hoping all the major slams the media has given him

with accusations of steroid use will no longer be front and center news. While I can kind of understand why most people will do anything to keep their jobs; I can't fully understand why some of these "talking head" sellouts in the media have to go out of their way to put other black people down. In a recent televised round table discussion about Bonds, it was the black commentator who suggested that he ought to quit before he breaks Babe Ruth or Hank Aaron's home run record. Unless you have been off the planet for awhile, you know that a lot of American have a problem with Bonds, a black baseball superstar who is supposed to be hitting homeruns because he is using performance enhancing drugs. While its a fact that steroids and other strength enhancing drugs may make a person bigger and stronger, at the time I am writing this article, there is no drug that you can buy that gives you talent,

If they had that kind of drug available rich people would dominate every sport, including goff, and poor people wouldn't have a chance.

The ironical and Hypocritical aspect of America's media hating of Barry Bonds is the fact that Barry Bond's baseball records are more legitimate and valid than Babe Ruth or Hank Aaron's records. One just has to look at the era that Babe Ruth played. There were no black baseball players then and very few "others" than white ball players. So, in essence, Babe Ruth played against inferior talent in the then, segregated major league baseball of his time. I often wonder if many of America's early sports and political stars would have had an impact in their profession if they had competed against "All of the people of America". At the end of the day, if you want to question the validity of Barry Bonds records, then you have to question the legitimacy of all the white and black players who played major league baseball in America's "Jim Crow Era". God Bless American, Africa and black sports historians who bring out the real truth.

Kudos go out to former Crockett High School Texas A & M European basketball star, Claude "Crockett Rocket" Riley. Claude is a hard working outstanding member of the talented Riley family of Crockett. He is a man committed to giving back to the community. Recently he attended Texas Southern University Senior Night where his son, TSU forward, Chris

was honored by the TSU basketball team and head coach Rodney Courtney. Chris injured his knee in one of his team's last conference game. Before his injury he was a candidate for SWAC player of the year. Chris is also the son of former Crockett resident, Mary Moore and the nephew of the late Archie Wayne Spillman of Crockett.

High Fives go out to Ethel Pierre and her daughter Johnetha Pierre of Crockett, owners of Exquisites by "NeNe" in Crockett. The Pierres are great people with great attitudes who are making this part of East Texas a better place for African Americans. Johnetha calls former Crockett educator, Brenda Groves Atchison of Waco her role model and advises young people to "stay off drugs".

Tracy Kent of Crockett is a native of New Orleans and a successful businessman in East Texas. Tracy is the son of Rev. Walter Kent of Grapeland and Crockett. He gave this advice for young people. "A person has to have a made up mind to follow personal goals and believe there is more to life than doing negative things like sessling drugs and doing drugs. " Tracy says he is supplying the cities of Grapeland, Groveton, Crockett and Trinity with the latest fashions in clothes at a reasonable price. His role models are his parents Kent and Brenda Griffin and his brother.

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Until next time~Billy "Hollywood" Groves

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