



**El Paso  
Athletic  
Hall of Fame  
40th Annual  
Awards  
Banquet**

**Tomas Rivera Center  
Student Union Building  
University of Texas at El Paso  
Third Floor East**

**Tuesday May 9, 1995**

# PROGRAM

WELCOME .....JOHN MCFALL  
NATIONAL ANTHEM.....KEITH REAGAN  
INVOCATION .....E. BARNARD POLK  
INTRODUCTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS .....E. BARNARD POLK

## Dinner

PRESENTATION OF 1994-1995 OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES  
DISTRICT 1 AAAAA .....JERRY MILLSAPPS  
DISTRICT 2 AAAAA .....RUTH MEREDITH

PRESENTATION OF 1995 EL PASO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES  
LIVING ATHLETE .....JERRY BAILEY  
LIVING ATHLETE .....MANNY MORALES  
LIVING ATHLETE .....JOSE (PEPE) PALAFOX  
COACH/ADMINISTRATOR AWARD .....WAYNE THORNTON  
COACH/ ADMINSTRATOR AWARD .....JOHN WEDEL  
SPORTS MEDIA AWARD .....EDDIE MULLENS  
OFFICIAL/TRAINER .....MANNY PACILLAS JR.  
POSTHUMOUS AWARD .....JIMMY WALKER

## ADJOURNMENT

### OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES FOR 1994-1995

DISTRICT 1AAAAA OUTSTANDING FEMALE ATHLETE  
KRISTY PARADA .....IRVIN HIGH SCHOOL

DISTRICT 1AAAAA OUTSTANDING MALE ATHLETE  
JUAN BUENDIA .....EL PASO HIGH SCHOOL

DISTRICT 2AAAAA OUTSTANDING FEMALE ATHLETE  
RENEE CARTER .....RIVERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

DISTRICT 2AAAAA OUTSTANDING MALE ATHLETE  
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1955-N.A. Ferguson*	1970-Dale Waters	1977-Oscar Villareal
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1958-Asa Porter*	1972-C.D. Jarvis	1978-Bob Arnold
1959-Jack Harden	1972-Paul Lopez	1978-Harris Cantrell
1959-Mack Saxon*	1973-Wayne Hansen*	1978-David L. Carrasco*
1960-Judge Ballard Coldwell*	1973-Bobby Goldfarb	1978-Wayne Vandenburg
1960-E.E.(Mannie)Ponsford*	1973-Dolph Quijano	1978-Ray Sanchez
1961-Bob Osborne*	1973-Gene Jordan	1978-Margaret Osborne Du Pont
1961-Willie Shoemaker	1973-Harrison Kohl	1979-D.W. Conway*
1962-Syd Cohen*	1974-Nolan Richardson	1980-Tony Carvajal*
1962-Carlos Edwards*	1974-Mary Hoover	1980-Jack Curtice*
1963-Mike Brumbelow*	1974-Charles (Red) Harris*	1980-Ernest L. Keily
1963-Dr. James Vance*	1974-Saul Kleinfeld*	1981-Chris P. Fox*
1964-A.L. (Doc) Holm*	1974-Bob Ingram	1981-Roy Lown
1964-Bob Laraba*	1974-Raymond B. Ward, Sr.*	1981-Ken George
1965-W.J. (Chule) Milner*	1974-Fred Wendt	1981-Ted Banks
1965-Javier Montes	1975-Lee Trevino	1981-Lawrence (Sag) Shea*
1966-A.S. Valdespino*	1975-Lee Floyd*	1982-E.R. Bowman*
1966-Clyde Wafer*	1975-Karen Linton	1982-Bill Cummins
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1969-George Ball	1976-John McFall	1984-Peggie Robertson Birkhead
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 1987-James Malone  
 1987-Bill Macatee  
 1988-John (Jack) Parks  
 1988-Santos (Kayo) Perez  
 1988-Dr. R.J. (Buddy) Shaeffer  
 1988-Dr. James G. Mason  
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 1989-Gus Bailey\*  
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 1990-Joe I. Valencia  
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 1994-Pug Gabrel  
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 1994-David Binder  
 1994-Leo Cancellare  
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 1973-Frank Porth  
 1974-Ben Collins  
 1975-Don O'Neill  
 1976-John Thompson  
 1977-Maynard Haddad  
 1978-Harris Hatfield  
 1979-Billy Stevens  
 1980-Dr. John (Pinky) Edwin  
 1981-Tee Casper\*

1982-C.W. (Lucky) Leverett  
 1983-Jim Paul  
 1984-Steve DeGroat  
 1985-Ken George  
 1986-Richard Fritz  
 1987-Vince Carafano\*  
 1988-Luis Flores, Jr.  
 1989-Peggie Birkhead  
 1990-Tim Crenshaw  
 1991-Ted Kepple  
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## Jose M. (Pepe) Palafox/Athlete

Jose (Pepe) Palafox was probably one of the purest shooting basketball players ever to come out of El Paso. He proved it time and time again in high school, college, and

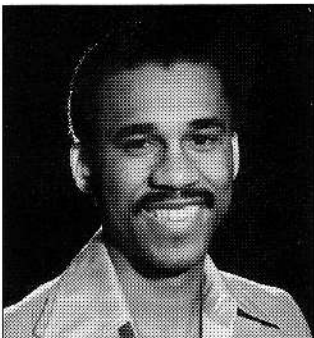


the Olympics. He started his basketball career in 1944, playing first under Coach Ray Dorset and then under the legendary C.D. Jarvis. He was an All City selection for two years and was the backbone of the El Paso High School teams which won El Paso's first state basketball championship in 1947. Not only did he score well, he was the top rebounder and his speed and natural ability made him the state tournament's outstanding player. He went to Tyler Junior College where he was a member of the school's first national championship team. It was the first Texas junior college team to win a

national title. Prior to the nationals, he was named to the All-Tournament Junior College Invitational team held at Texas A&M. He was named also to the all-star team at the Louisiana Junior College regionals and was chosen the outstanding player in that tournament. Pepe was an unanimous choice for the All American Junior College team at the national tournament won by Tyler against Kansas. The Korean War interfered with his planned college career at Houston University, but he was a member of the Brooke Army Medical team which won the Fourth Army Tournament, with Pepe named to the all star team. Pepe played semi-pro basketball, and was named to the AAU All Star team at the conclusion of the national tournament in 1955. He moved his playing to Poza Rica, Veracruz, Mexico in 1955-56 where his team won first place in the national tournament. Pepe was selected for the Mexican Olympic team which went to Australia. It was a fitting climax for an outstanding player. His classmates voted him into the El Paso High School Basketball Hall of Fame in 1990. And his friends and those who know of his skills and talents have nominated him for induction into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame.

## Wayne Thornton, Administrator

Remember the expression: The difficult we do immediately; the impossible takes a little longer. That epitomizes Wayne Thornton who has an impeccable record of achievement, but still looks forward to more challenges, especially if they will improve the lives of young

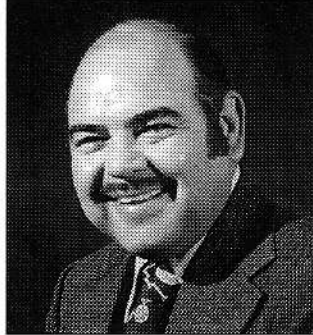


men and women. Wayne, a member of a military family, came to El Paso after finishing high school in Japan. He was graduated from UTEP and began the first of many successful accomplishments with a visit to then UTEP President Arleigh Templeton in 1974. Wayne asked for money to start a women's basketball program. He got \$1,000 and the opportunity to be a co-coach of the first Lady Miners in 1975. After serving as a volunteer coach for two years, Wayne was named head coach in 1978 when the original women's mentor resigned. After one year,

he joined the El Paso Parks and Recreation Department where for 17 years he has developed more programs for young men and women than has ever been previously accomplished, or even considered. At Lincoln Center, he has had beauty pageants, high school superstars competition, six foot and under basketball leagues, flash dances, summer sports for both boys and girls, midnight basketball—the list goes on and on, and will continue. Wayne gives two \$250 college scholarships each year to El Paso's top two women basketball players. The awards are in memory of his deceased brother, Alvin Thornton, Jr. Wayne was honored by the NCAA in 1978 as the youngest coach in the nation for women's basketball and he hasn't aged in his enthusiasm and ability to finish a job once started. In January of this year he was chosen as the public address announcer for all national tournaments of the Basketball Congress International to be held this spring and summer in Phoenix with over 5,000 participants. Wayne Thornton—he's proved he can come up with an idea and see it through to fruition.

## Manny Morales/Athlete

Like a good neighbor, Manny Morales was always there when he was needed. Whether it was playing football, boxing or wrestling, or driving a tank, he could be depended upon. He was an original "go to"

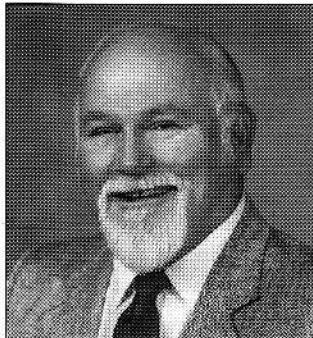


guy. Manny's athletic career began at Bowie High School in 1944 where he was a four year letterman, and named to the All-District team twice. He was a standout on defense and offense, gaining honors as a guard and being named to Bowie's all-time team as a halfback. When he wasn't knocking down opposing football players, he was handing out misery as a member of the Bowie boxing and wrestling teams, going undefeated in all four years as a heavyweight champion in both sports. He was a member of the Bowie track team and won the discus throw in the 1947 district meeting. Naturally he was sought my many colleges and universities, but he chose the University of New Mexico where he lettered three years before taken in the draft for the Korean War. It should be noted that at New Mexico he again played both defense and offense. He also was a member of the Lobo boxing team, losing only one fight in three years of competition. During the Korean War, he became a driver tank commander. While overseas played some service football and did some boxing. After the war he returned to New Mexico to finish his college career, again lettering on the football team for his fourth year. In 1954 he coached the New Mexico freshman team while completing his college education and gaining his teaching degree. He taught in the Albuquerque Public Schools for five years before returning to El Paso to coach and teach at Jefferson High School. He left coaching for the business world in 1962, joining State Farm Insurance Company with whom he is still a top agent. Manny was elected a city councilman in charge of police and fire departments in 1973 but the press of business ended his political career, but not his involvement in worthwhile civic activities. Manny Morales—he's been a good neighbor and a great citizen of El Paso for many years. And to quote the slogan of a competitive insurance company, with Manny you're in good, and strong, hands.

After four years of All-City and All-District football at El Paso High School, he enrolled at then Texas Western where his tutor in athletic training was the legendary Ross Moore. He was graduated with honors and taught at Jefferson High School for 17 years doing triple duty as a teacher, trainer and coach. He inaugurated a pilot program for self-contained classroom teaching of science, health, mathematics, history and language. He also found time to coach B-team football and varsity wrestling, but he was always available to help with any injury. He transferred from Jefferson to Burges in 1972 ( he explained he wanted to see his sons and daughters participate in sports ). He again was an athletic trainer and his abilities were soon recognized. He was sought as a speaker on sports medicine and traveled throughout the Southwest delivering his message on rehabilitation, need for special equipment and the procedures to help an athlete to avoid and, if necessary, recover from a sports injury. He retired in 1981 after 31 years of active duty with the El Paso Independent School District. He was inducted into the Texas High School Wrestling Associations Hall of Fame February 14, 1987, another testimony to his varied but athletic background. Manny Pacillas, a man of many talents but his foremost desire is helping others.

## Manny Pacillas, Jr. /Trainer

Manny Pacillas knew first hand the aches and pains of playing football, wrestling and running track. He had participated in all of these sports. It was this knowledge and a desire to help others that led him into his role as a trainer, and he couldn't have had better teachers.



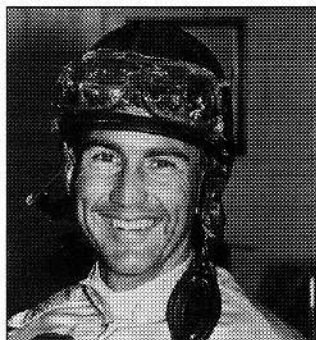
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## Jerry Bailey/Athlete

Jerry Bailey got his start in racing from an involved father, an El Paso dentist who owned a string of horses. Jerry took to the saddle quickly. He was racing quarter horses in match races at the age of 12 and started

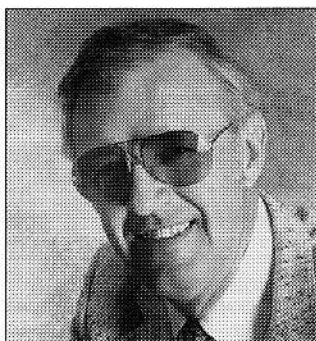


his thoroughbred career in 1974 at Sunland Park while still a student at Coronado High School. His first victory as a jockey came aboard Fetch at Sunland in November 1974. He has honed his racing skills at tracks around the country, from the Southwest to Florida and New Jersey, with saddle changes in other parts of the U.S. He has chosen New York as his permanent base but is still an El Pasoan at heart. Jerry says his career turning point was winning the 1989 Metropolitan Handicap because it gave him national attention. But his favorite moment in

racing thus far was winning the 1993 Kentucky Derby aboard Sea Hero, a horse "who always showed up on the right days." His best year thus far as a jockey came in 1993 when he won three of the most important races of the year: he was first in the Kentucky Derby and the Travers Stakes, both aboard Sea Hero, then capped the year by capturing his second Breeders Cup Classic on the 133 to 1 long shot Arcangues at Santa Anita. Bailey is used to winning in bunches. He won five of the most important races of the year in 1991 when he came home first in the Belmont Stakes, the Preakness, Mother Goose, Breeders Cup Classic, and Westchester Handicap. But his biggest single day as a winner came earlier this year at the Florida Derby Day at Gulfstream Park when he booted home seven races on the 10 race card. It has been said that no other jockey may ever match Bailey's performance. Jerry Bailey was born to ride, and thus far has ridden more than 3,000 horses to victory, and he is only 37 years old. Jerry Bailey—if you see his name as a jockey on a horse anywhere, bet him—he's a winner.

## Eddie Mullens/ Sports Media

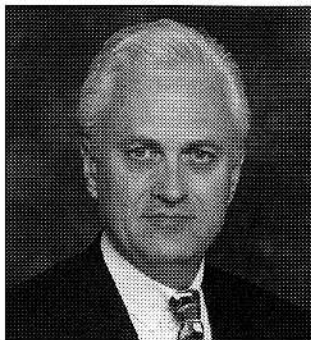
Screaming like Tarzan with his loin cloth on fire. As nervous as a long-tailed cat in a roomful of rocking chairs. Those are two favorite similes from Eddie Mullens, the Houdini of the hyperbole, who masquerades as the sports information director for the University of Texas at El Paso. Termed by many as the best SID in the collegiate world, Eddie has been turning out sports similes almost as long as Cracker Jack has been putting toys midst its candied treats, and each with favorable results. Eddie learned early that a sports editor with a smile rather than a frown is more apt to use your story, and his similes do create smiles. He has followed his simile instincts for more than 40 years, starting out as a sports reporter in Amarillo, then jumping to the sports information desk at what was then Texas Western College in 1962. He left



in 1971, but after a brief stay at Kent State and a taste of private business, he returned to the Miners in 1980. He has accumulated some 24 years in helping the Miners overcome difficulties with a smile, and a simile. His work has been recognized by two of the nation's finest coaches—UTEP's Don Haskins, whom Eddie nicknamed "The Bear", and Arkansas's Nolan Richardson, who was a student athlete at Texas Western when Eddie was in his first tour as the school's SID. Haskins and Richardson agree that Mullens is the best in his profession, or to put it in a Mullens' simile, he's better than a double nosed hound dog. Eddie Mullens—a true professional.

## John Wedel/Coach

If you can coach three NCAA championship track teams, turn out both men's and women's NCAA champions, and have 18 National championship athletes and 35 All American athletes, your name

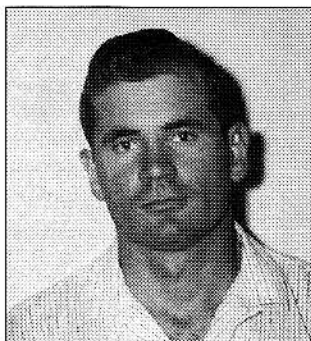


must be John Wedel. California native Wedel showed his track prowess while an undergraduate at the University of Arizona where he high jumped seven feet to rank 13th in the nation. After gaining his accounting degree in 1969, he spent three years with a nationally known accounting firm before returning to coaching. He was assistant to Ted Banks at UTEP from 1973 to 1975, during which time he gained his master's degree and was in charge of field events. It was his second time with Banks, with whom he had worked at Long Beach State,

where he had gone to fulfill his requirements for a degree in physical education. After a highly successful stint at the University of California-Berkeley, he returned to UTEP to work again with Banks in 1980. When the head coaching job became available in 1982 after the departure of Banks, Wedel was tapped to take over. And did he take over! He coached the Miners' to NCAA indoor and outdoor championships as well as the cross country title. Track coaching is great for earning titles but not the best bet for earning money. Wedel's family responsibilities took over after his NCAA successes. He opted to put his accounting experience to good use as a financial planner with Professional Financial Planning. John Wedel—his coaching record speaks for itself, and his successes continue in a world where good records earn good money.

## Jimmy Walker/Posthumous

He was a quiet man even in a violent sport such as football. Jimmy Reaves Walker came to then Texas College of Mines in 1948 as a quarterback, but there was a more urgent need for an end. Jimmy made the transition with ease. Proof of his skills was setting of a Miner record



in 1952 when he caught 40 passes. During his four year career he was chosen the team's most valuable player, picked for the All Border Conference team, named to the Men of Mines honorary group and earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees. (He later earned his doctorate in education from Oklahoma State in 1967). After a two year stint in the U.S. Army from 1952-54, he taught and coached at Mason High School where he took his team to the Texas playoffs all four years. Miner Football Coach Ben Collins selected Jimmy as his assistant

in 1958 and he served until 1961 when he was chosen dean of students. It was the time of widespread student unrest, but Jimmy was up to the task. Tall, athletically fit, funny, gentle and compassionate, he found acceptance by the students, and most faculty members. But there were those who didn't like his approach and he quietly drifted back into teaching. People who knew him and knew the real story of those days of unrest always appreciated his quiet, sensitive and sensible style. He re-emerged from his self-imposed exile from student and public view under UTEP President Dr. Arleigh Templeton who admired his record and his intelligence. He was chosen to serve on key committees and rose to be chairman of the Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling. Jimmy died suddenly from a heart attack on January 13, 1987, ending a career of a man who wore many hats, all with style. He had been an athlete, coach, public school teacher, health and physical education professor, dean of students, educational psychologist, expert in adolescent psychology and in counseling. Most of all he was a man committed to his principles and to his University.