



**El Paso  
Athletic  
Hall of Fame  
41st Annual  
Awards  
Banquet**

**Tómas Rivera Center  
University of Texas at El Paso  
Wednesday, May 15th, 1996**

*PROGRAM*

Welcome.....John McFall  
National Anthem.....Al Capella  
Invocation.....E. Bernard Polk  
Introduction of Hall of Fame Committee.....President Wayne Thornton

*DINNER*

**Presentation of 1995-96 Outstanding High School Athletes**

District 1-AAAAA.....Jerry Millsapps  
District 2-AAAAA.....Ruth Meredith  
Area Small Schools.....Wayne Thornton

**Recognition of Outstanding High School Teams 1995-1996:**

Cathedral High School Swim Team  
Cathedral High School Tennis Team  
Cathedral High School Track Team  
Coronado High School State Champion Soccer Team

**Outstanding High School Athletes for 1995-1996**

District 1 AAAAA Outstanding Female Athlete  
Chelsea DeMarte, Austin High School

District 1 AAAAA Outstanding Male Athlete  
Marvin Switzer, Andress High School

District 2 AAAAA Outstanding Female Athlete  
Bernice Juarez, Bel Air High School

District 2 AAAAA Outstanding Male Athlete  
John Solis, Bel Air High School

Small Schools Outstanding Male Athlete  
John Borrego, Clint High School

Small Schools Outstanding Female Athlete  
Jessika Macias, Loretto Academy

**Presentation of 1996 El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees**

Living Athlete.....Jesse Bulos  
Living Athlete.....Andy Morales  
Living Athlete.....Wilson Waigwa  
Coach Award.....Al Franco  
Coach Award.....Marian Bennett  
Official's Award.....Bill Bridler  
Posthumous Award.....Tom Chisari

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1956	Cliff Hill*	1972	Paul Lopez	1980	Tony Carvajal*
1956	Margaret Varner	1973	Wayne Hansen*	1980	Jack Curtice*
1957	Luther Coblentz*	1973	Bobby Goldfarb	1980	Ernest L. Keily
1957	Ken Heineman	1973	Dolph Quijano	1981	Chris P. Fox*
1958	Dr. Sandy Esquivel*	1973	Gene Jordan	1981	Roy Lown
1958	Asa Porter*	1973	Harrison Kohl*	1981	Ken George
1959	Jack Harden	1974	Nolan Richardson	1981	Ted Banks
1959	Mack Saxon*	1974	Mary Hoover	1981	Lawrence "Sag" Shea*
1960	Judge Ballard Coldwell*	1974	Charles "Red" Harris*	1982	E. R. Bowman*
1960	E.E. "Mannie" Ponsford*	1974	Saul Kleinfeld*	1982	Bill Cummins
1961	Bob Osborn*	1974	Bob Ingram*	1982	Fred Kriss
1961	Willie Shoemaker	1974	Raymond B. Ward, Sr.*	1982	Vic Clark
1962	Syd Cohen*	1974	Fred Wendt	1982	Russell E. Ball*
1962	Carlos Edwards*	1974	Lee Treviño	1983	John C. Birkhead*
1963	Mike Brumbelow*	1975	Lee Floyd*	1983	Janis Blades Prieto
1963	Dr. James Vance*	1975	Karen Linton	1983	Jim Bowden
1964	A. L. "Doc" Holm*	1975	Dr. John Edwin	1983	Tee Casper*
1964	Bob Laraba*	1975	Robert Carson*	1984	Peggie Robertson Birkhead
1965	W.I. "Chule" Milner*	1975	John Phelan*	1984	Larry Jessee
1965	Javier Montes	1975	C.M. Hendricks*	1984	Charles R. Smith
1966	A.S. Valdespino*	1976	Billy Stevens	1984	Jack McNutt*
1966	Clyde Wafer*	1976	Thad Steele*	1984	Albert C. Messer*
1967	Frank Redman*	1976	Jim DeGroat*	1985	Bobby Joe Hill
1967	Charles H. Leavell, Sr.*	1976	John McFall	1985	Tom Chavez
1967	Ross Moore*	1976	Jim Paul	1985	Samuel L. Jenkins
1967	Jesse Whittenton	1976	Chuck Whitlock	1985	Gene Odell
1968	Don Maynard	1977	Oscar Villareal	1985	Fenton E. Slaughter*
1968	Harry Phillips*	1977	Dick Shinaut*	1985	Camile Whitfield
1968	Nemo Herrera*	1977	Pete Melendez	1986	C.B. "Stretch" Elliott
1969	George Ball	1977	Bobby Dobbs*	1986	Robert E. Kolliner*
1969	Mike Izquierdo*	1977	Dalton Hill*	1986	Jack P. Morris
1969	Agatha Lee	1977	Jud Milton	1986	L.O. Page
1970	Dale Waters	1978	Bob Arnold	1986	Frank Porth
1970	Ben Collins	1978	Harris Cantrell	1986	Gene Stogner
1971	Paul Barry	1978	David L. Carrasco*	1987	J.D. Partridge
1971	Vernus Carey*	1978	Wayne Vandenburg	1987	Walter Driver
1971	Don Haskins	1978	Ray Sanchez	1987	Joe Hague*

1987 Larry Stubing  
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 1995 Jimmy Walker\*

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 1964 John McFall  
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 1978 Harris Hatfield  
 1979 Billy Stevens  
 1980 Dr. John "Pinkey" 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  
 1992 Yvan Rechy  
 1993 Vic Clark  
 1994 Ruth Meredith  
 1995 E. B. Polk

\*Deceased

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## Marian L. Bennett Coach



It's not true that Marian Bennett spiked her teething ring, but it would have been a good

indication of her prowess in a sport in which she has few equals. Marian was voted most outstanding volleyball player for two years at Burges High School and named most athletic in her senior year in 1972. She continued her outstanding play in both volleyball and basketball at Howard College, being named two years to the National Junior College Athletic Association team in volleyball. She was graduated from Sul Ross State University and has done graduate work at both UT-El Paso and UT-Permian Basin, but her career has centered on volleyball. She started coaching at Bassett Junior High School in 1976 and added basketball and track to her coaching schedule while at Burges High School from 1977 to 1984. She began coaching at Montwood in 1990, handling the junior varsity team for two years then taking over the varsity in 1991 where she continues today. She has been named Sportswoman of the year and El Paso Times Volleyball Coach of the Year. Her coaching record in volleyball is amazing with 377 wins and only 87 losses. Her varsity district record is likewise impressive: 181 wins against 39 losses. What might be considered an off year was in 1995 when her Montwood team lost seven games but won 26 and was bi-district champions. Marian Bennett—you might say she has had a ball for her entire career.



## Jesse Bulos Athlete



First refused a uniform because his coach thought him "too frail," Jesse Bulos got

his uniform and more both at Bowie High School and later at Texas College of Mines, now UTEP. He became one of the great triple sports stars of El Paso athletics in the late 1930's and early 1940's. At Bowie as a freshman he played left end on the football team, forward on the basketball team and ran the high and low hurdles. He was named All City, and All District in football and basketball, second team All State in basketball and finished second in the district in both hurdle races. He was a member of the National Honor Society, vice president of his senior class and voted "most popular boy." As a Miner footballer, Bulos caught 12 passes in a record-setting day for the Miners against Loyola of Los Angeles. In his senior football season he was chosen All-Border Conference and honorable Little All-American. He helped the Miners to a second place finish in Border Conference basketball and a berth in the National Intercollegiate Basketball tournament in Kansas City. He ran on the Miner track team, placing second in the conference in the high and low hurdles, and running in the second slot on the mile relay team. After four years of World War II service, he was named director of the El Paso Boys Club and later joined the U.S. Postal Service from which he was retired 1984. Jesse Bulos proved that size is not important; it's the head and heart that count most.



# 1996 Hall of Fame Honorees

## **William (Bill) Bridler** Official



Bill Bridler, after his outstanding efforts as a four year letterman on both offense and

defense at Austin High School, played both ways for the Texas College of Mines, now UTEP, beginning in 1942. He won a quarterback slot on offense and safety on defense in his first year, but in 1943 he entered the Navy and was assigned to the University of New Mexico in its V-12 program. Allowed to play all varsity sports, he again played both defense and offense for the Lobos and helped New Mexico in the 1944 Sun Bowl. Despite Bill's corner coffin kicking, the Lobos lost to Southwestern by a 7-0 score. He returned to the Miners after his Navy career in 1946 and was a starting fullback until a severe knee injury forced him out of football. After graduating in 1951 he began another career, this time as an official in high school and college football. He served 23 years as a football official, averaging 15 to 20 games a season. As an official, he demonstrated the same qualities which made him an outstanding athlete. He was fair, positive and determined. Billy Bridler: player, official, coach and likable, even if he did kick a lot.

## **Tom Chisari** Posthumous Award



Tom Chisari was an outstanding high school and college football player, coach and

counselor. After a brilliant high school football career in Washington, DC, he enlisted in the Navy in 1944 only to learn a disability would prevent him from serving. He quickly adjusted when he was awarded a four year scholarship at Maryland University where he played under the legendary Bear Bryant. After a successful college career, Tom coached at Catholic University in Washington, DC and Mexico City College before coming to El Paso in 1954 as head football coach at Jefferson High School. After another brief stint in Mexico, he returned to El Paso in 1958 as assistant coach at Jefferson. In 1961 he was named head coach at newly opened Andress High School where he coached until 1965 when he was named assistant principal at Andress and later at Jefferson. He was named principal of Ross Junior High School in 1972 where he remained until his retirement in 1988. He kept active as coach of the El Paso High School All Stars for two years and working for non-profit groups. Although slowed by illness he never lost his positive attitude. He died in 1995 and is survived by his wife, Amy, a son, Mike, and three daughters: Carol Smith, Maggie Torres and Evelyn Bourquin. Anyone who knew Tom Chisari became a friend, and a better person for knowing him.

## **Al Franco** Coach

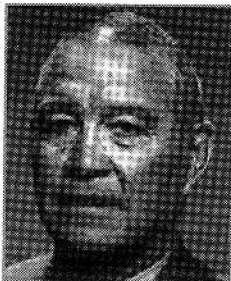


His contemporaries said he was the greatest athlete ever to come out of Marfa High School

where he was All-District in football and All-State in basketball. Al Franco could do it all in basketball, and won a scholarship at then Texas College of Mines, now UTEP. He was a standout for four years on a Miner team which featured some of the school's best players of the 1950's. He was drafted for the Korean War, and served as a combat infantryman. After his honorable discharge he returned to Texas Western to earn his master's degree and teaching certificate. After coaching at Morehead Elementary School where he had an undefeated basketball team, he was named as head basketball coach at Bowie High School in 1955. He had a 78 percent winning record over his 10 years. One of his players was Nolan Richardson, now Arkansas basketball coach, who gives Franco a great deal of credit for his coaching success. After 10 years at Bowie, Franco started a new career as a special education teacher. Today he is a teacher at Coronado High School, helping youngsters with emotional and behavioral problems. Al Franco, a great athlete, a great coach and a great teacher.



## **Andy Morales** Athlete



You could call him "Handy Andy", because he was always there when help was

needed. Andy Morales played four years of varsity football at Bowie High School and play he did. He played center, fullback and end, but not all at the same time. He was named All State by the Dallas Daily News, especially for his performance against Galena Park. He played baseball for three years for the great Nemo Herrera and helped lead the Bears to the Texas State High School championship in 1949, the state baseball titled for an El Paso team. Highly recruited by several Southwest Conference teams, as well as Army and Navy, he chose the University of New Mexico. He was a four-year offensive lineman for the Lobos in a career interrupted by a three year hitch in the Navy. In service football he played against professional players who often outweighed him by 50 pounds or more. Returning to the Lobos he performed brilliantly and was named an honorable All American in 1957. After graduation, he coached football, track, wrestling and baseball at several El Paso junior high schools. Today he is an adaptive physical education teacher at Burges High School and a director of the Special Olympics. Handy Andy—always there when help is needed.

## **Wilson Waigwa** Athlete



The first African student-athlete at UTEP in 1973, Wilson Waigwa became the

cornerstone of the Miners' new track and field tradition. His success led a number of Kenyans, Nigerians, Tanzanians and South Africans to represent the Miners and El Paso throughout the 1970's and 1980's. During the era of 1974-1983, UTEP won 19 NCAA team championships and 24 Western Athletic Conference titles. Besides helping in conference competition, Waigwa won two individual NCAA titles and was consistently given world ranking in the 1,500 and 5,000 meter runs. Waigwa was a team player, volunteering to run in numerous relays to help the Miners to victory. After his UTEP career, he competed throughout Europe and was consistently ranked among the top 10 runners in the world by Track and Field News. He was a member of the 1976 and 1980 Kenyan Olympic teams which boycotted the Olympics in those years. In 1983, at the age of 34, he ran the best mile run in his career at 3:50:73. Waigwa placed 10th in the 5,000 meter run in the 1984 Olympics. After turning 40, he became one of the top Masters Runners, setting several world records. Wilson is now the track coach for Cathedral High School and still running and still setting records.

