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**Program for the 1999
El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet
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Welcome.....Steve Hill
Pledge of Allegiance.....Steve Hill
Invocation.....Bernard Polk
Hall of Fame Committee Introduction.....Steve Hill

HONOREES

Nolan Richardson, Lifetime Achievement Award
Charlie Brown, Athlete
Sara Marie Guido, Athlete
Cliff "Magic" Thomas, Athlete
Tim Floyd, Coach
Julius Lowenberg, Coach
Bill Knight, Media
Dotson Lewis, Sports Officiating
Jose "Rocky" Galarza, Posthumous Award

**DINNER
PRESENTATION OF 1998-99 OUTSTANDING
HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES**

District 1-5A-1-4A.....Jerry Millsapps
District 2-5A-1-4A.....Pat O'Neill
Area Small Schools.....Wayne Thornton

OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES 1998-99

District 1-5A-1-4A Outstanding Female Athlete
Ingrid Joanne Jacques, Andress
District 1-5A-1-4A Outstanding Male Athlete
Rufus Brown, Austin
District 2-5A-1-4A Outstanding Female Athlete
Margaret Ike, Hanks
District 2-5A-1-4A Outstanding Male Athlete
Frank Posada, Bel Air

Small Schools Female Athlete Of The Year
Belinda Cervantes, Clint

Small Schools Male Athlete Of The Year
Charles Maccarrone, Cathedral

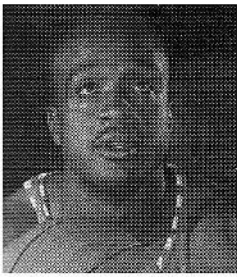
**Special Recognition
Individual and Team State Champions**

Leslie Hawley, All-State Golfer, Hanks
Frank Soto, All-State Wrestler, Hanks
Wade Klein - All State Swimmer - Captain - Cathedral
Steven Harlass - All State Tennis Player - Captain - Cathedral

PRESENTATION OF 1999 EL PASO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Lifetime Achievement Award.....Nolan Richardson
Living Athlete.....Charlie Brown
Living Athlete.....Sara Marie Guido
Living Athlete.....Cliff "Magic" Thomas
Coach.....Tim Floyd
Coach.....Julius Lowenberg
Media Award.....Bill Knight
Sports Officiating Award.....Dotson Lewis
Posthumous Award.....Jose "Rocky" Galarza

Charlie Brown Athlete



He suited up 67 times in his three year UTEP basketball career. He scored 1,170 points and averaged 8.0 rebounds per contest playing as a 6-1

guard. His 1,170 points still ranks 12th on UTEP's All-Time Career Scoring chart. He led the Miners to Border Conference Championships in 1957 and 1959 and was named to the First Team All-Conference team in 1957, 1958, and 1959.

His name is Charles Brown and he is simply one of the finest basketball players in UTEP history. However, what he did by just putting on a UTEP uniform is far more important than his basketball career and what he did is still making history 40 years after he graduated from college.

You see, Charlie Brown was the first black athlete to compete in a major sport in Texas and in any of the Southern states that made up the old Confederate States of America, dating back to the Civil War. What Brown did on a social and political level is far more important than the high caliber brand of basketball he played at UTEP.

Imagine being the best player on your team and becoming the target of death threats, physical violence, and senseless racial taunts, just because the color of your skin was black. Just imagine not being able to stay and eat at the same hotel your teammates were staying and eating at, just because the color of your skin was black. Charlie put up with all of this and how he kept his sanity only he knows. However, he rose above all of this and had the last laugh on all the racists and bigots he encountered.

Brown graduated from UTEP in 1959 with a degree in Physical Education with a Minor in History. Since UTEP, he has earned a Master's Degree in Education Administration from San Francisco State and a third degree in Computer Science from the University of California.

For over 25 years Charlie worked for the San Francisco Public School System on numerous special projects. He was also active in the Northern California UTEP Alumni Association. He also was a coach at Jefferson High School in El Paso for two years.

He was a trailblazer in El Paso and at UTEP improving race relations. His teammates and classmates love and respect him to this very day. His example at UTEP certainly helped Don Haskins recruit future black star athletes Nolan Richardson and Jim Barnes, the cornerstones of UTEP's great basketball program. Without Charlie, both men would have probably gone elsewhere to college.

This award is long overdue. Tonight, Charlie Brown takes his place in the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame. He was a great basketball player and is even a better person.

Tim Floyd Coach



How does one go from being a college student at Louisiana Tech, located in Ruston, Louisiana, to being the Head Basketball

Coach of the NBA's Chicago Bulls in just 23 years?

Well, you had better ask Tim Fitzpatrick Floyd that question, because that is exactly what has happened to him over the last 23 years of his life.

The answer. Tim had the great fortune to be offered a Graduate Assistant's coaching job by UTEP Basketball Coach Don Haskins during the summer of 1977. The rest, as they say, is history.

In the decade Tim worked for Coach Haskins, he not only learned everything he could from him, he became his right-hand man. Floyd turned out to be a superb recruiter of athletes and he turned out to be a great floor coach too.

From 1980 through 1986, UTEP with Tim's help recruiting and coaching, won 20 or more games on five occasions. The Miners won WAC Championships in 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1986. The Miners played in three NCAA Tournaments and three NIT's during those six years.

Don Haskins knew that Tim Floyd was ready to be his own boss and readily helped him to become a college head coach, despite the fact that he would be losing a great young man.

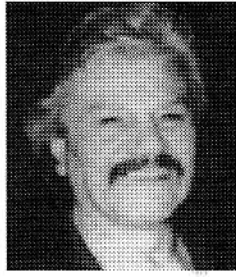
From 1986 until 1998, the soft spoken native of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, was the head coach at three colleges; Idaho, New Orleans, and Iowa State. Floyd proved he could coach as well as recruit compiling a combined record of 243-130. In twelve seasons as a college head coach, his teams won 20 or more games seven times. His clubs made five NCAA and three NIT appearances. His 1997 Iowa State team reached the NCAA's "Sweet 16" bracket.

Floyd could have stayed at Iowa State for many years, but a long standing friendship with Chicago Bulls General Manager Jerry Krause paid huge dividends after the 1998 NBA Championship season the Bulls enjoyed lead by the game of basketball's greatest all-time player, Michael Jordan.

Phil Jackson, the architect of all six Chicago titles, stepped down as Head Coach of the Bulls, after publically feuding with Krause for two years. In stepped Tim Floyd.

Floyd's first year coaching in the NBA was tough, especially without the likes of a Michael Jordan. However, Chicago's future should be bright thanks to free agency, the college draft, trades, and because Tim Floyd is a very good basketball coach that relates well to players.

Jose "Rocky" Galarza Posthumous



Jose "Rocky" Galarza touched the lives of thousands of young El Pasoans in a positive way in the 66 years of life God blessed him with.

To say that Rocky saved the lives of many of the young men he taught how to box is not an understatement. His boxing lessons, free of charge, kept a lot of young men from South El Paso off the streets, out of gangs, and off of drugs. That is his legacy and why he is being posthumously inducted into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame tonight.

Galarza was an all-star athlete in four sports at Bowie High School in the late 1940's earning All-District honors in football, basketball, and baseball. He was also Bowie's Welterweight Boxing Champion. Rocky was an All-State third baseman on Bowie's 1949 Texas State Championship baseball team and would have ended up playing baseball in college except for a career ending back injury that required surgery.

Undaunted, Galarza studied accounting at a local business college and began working as a heat and frost insulation specialist for an El Paso company. He did this for over 35 years and then became the owner of a popular sports bar and grill later in life.

However, after Galarza finished work for the day, he went to the job he truly loved and cherished. He began to teach boxing in the outdoor courtyard of his home. He was willing to teach the science of boxing to anyone wanting to learn providing they paid attention to the training he gave them. It has been said that a Galarza pupil did not even begin to spar with another opponent for a year, until that pupil was firmly grounded in Rocky's basic Boxing blocks.

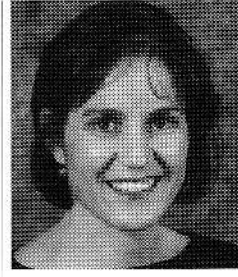
The results were spectacular. Over the years thousands of young men bought into Rocky's tough discipline, work ethic, and tough love. His list of championship boxers is too lengthy to print, but two come to mind immediately.

Cliff "Magic" Thomas and Ernie Lazcano. Thomas, who is being inducted into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame tonight, trained under Galarza for a time, and won five World Karate Championships during his brilliant career. El Paso's Lazcano was a Galarza protege and won the WBF's Light Welterweight World Championship in 1997.

Thomas and Lazcano are two well-known Galarza disciples, but Rocky's real success in life has to do with all of the unknown, non-famous kids he tutored over the years. How many kids Rocky saved from lives of anguish in El Paso will never really be known. But the count is high. He represented a "father figure" to some or provided an outlet for pent-up anger and frustration for others. He was one of the City of El Paso's all-time great teachers.

He gave everything he had in life for the kids he taught. Tonight, we give something back to him. It is sad to have to honor him after he passed away. Rocky, we know you are with us in spirit tonight.

Sara Marie Guido Athlete



Her swimming career began at the age of seven, when she jumped into the pool at El Paso's Jewish Community Center. Thirteen years later, her career reached

its' zenith as she jumped into the USC pool, at the age 20, representing Mexico in the XXIII Olympiad held in Los Angeles.

Simply stated, Sara Marie Guido is one of the greatest athletes the City of El Paso has ever produced and enjoyed a career few athletes will ever touch.

Sara was a world class swimmer in the 100 and 200 meter breaststroke earning All-State, All-American, and Olympic honors in her illustrious career. It started right here in El Paso in the mid-1970's.

Once she started swimming at the age of seven, it did not take long for Sara to start winning. She swam for the El Paso Aqua Posse setting Texas records in her age group in the 100 and 200 meter breaststroke events. She was the Aqua Posse's Most Valuable Female Swimmer from 1976 to 1978.

Coronado High School was Sara's next stop for her freshman and sophomore years. While at Coronado, she earned All-American, All-State, and All-District honors. Her next port of call was the Longhorn Aquatic Club in Austin, Texas. Sara swam for Coach Paul Bergen, while finishing high school in the state capitol of Texas. She competed privately for the Longhorn Aquatic Club her junior and senior seasons because Bergen did not allow his athletes to swim in UIL high school events.

The University of Texas offered Sara a swimming scholarship and Guido was an All-American swimmer for the Longhorns in 1983 and 1984. She was a member of the 1984 and 1985 Texas Women's NCAA Championship teams.

The 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles was the icing on the cake for Sara and how she became a member of Mexico's Olympic Swimming team is quite a story in itself.

Guido wanted to make the U.S. Women's Olympic team badly, but the competition was fierce for the top three spots on the 100 and 200 meter breaststroke teams. Sara had also suffered a serious shoulder injury in 1983 hurting her progress in both events. Sam Guido, Sara's father, feared the odds were against her and thought of another way she might be able to compete in the Olympics.

Compete for Mexico based on a heritage issue. Sam Guido was born in Mexico. So were his parents and grandfather. Sara had legitimate ties to Mexico and Olympic rules allowed an athlete born in one country to compete for another one based on heritage. The UT All-American accepted her father's suggestion and made the Mexican Olympic team, despite only ten days of conditioning. So, at the age of 20 she found herself participating in the Olympics fulfilling all of her athletic dreams.

She finished 17th in the World in the 200 meters and 23rd in the world in the 100 meters. It was the experience athletically of her life.

Fame Honorees

Bill Knight Media



He becomes the eleventh member of the Sun City's sporting press corp to be inducted into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame in the 44 year history

of the organization. Tonight, he joins former El Paso Times Editor Chuck Whitlock as the newspaper's second representative in the Hall.

For over 20 years Bill Knight has entertained local sports fans with his brilliant, vivid, insightful, and witty writing in the El Paso Times sports section. He has covered everything from boxing to baseball, while working at the Times.

Knight has managed to hold onto his job at the paper, despite numerous ownership changes and several philosophical changes among the publishers and sports editors he has worked for. Why?

Well, because the man can write! You cannot survive in the media without talent and Bill Knight has an abundance of writing talent making the sporting events he covers come alive on the pages of the Times.

In 1979, Knight won the Texas AP Sweepstakes for sports writing in any category. Four years later, the nationally prestigious Sporting News, Baseball's Bible, selected a collection of Bill's newspaper and magazine articles as the best written features in the United States. In 1989, he won the Headliners Award honoring the very best sportswriter in Texas.

Two years ago, Bill was assigned to cover UTEP Coach Don Haskins induction into the National Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts. His series of stories about Coach Haskins won him the Gannett Newspaper chain's top sports journalism award.

He also writes with the same gusto and enthusiasm about golf, hunting, or fishing as he does about Miners winning an NCAA Tournament basketball game. This is not easy to do because it is no problem for a writer to get fired up over a big-time basketball win, but only a great writer gets pumped up about covering lesser events. With Bill you can't tell the difference. He treats his subjects equally and writes to the best of his ability.

Bill has been a newspaper man 25 years of his life starting at the Childress Chronicle in the Panhandle of Texas. He made a four year stop in Temple, Texas prior to coming to El Paso working for the Daily Telegraph. In 1979, the El Paso Times hired him as a sportswriter and he's been at it ever since then covering UTEP, the Sun Bowl, boxing, high school athletics, and the El Paso Diablos. He has covered most of the magical moments in Don Haskins' great career at UTEP.

Perhaps Bill gets along with coaches so well because he was a scholarship athlete on the U.T. Arlington basketball team. A career ending injury wiped out his basketball career and started his writing career. Sometimes something bad turns into something very good in the long run.

Dotson Lewis Sports Officiating



All a coach, player, or a fan has to say to a sports referee to make his or her day is, "You called a good game. You were fair and consistent." That is

the ultimate compliment for the men and women wearing the black and white striped shirt.

Dotson Lewis has heard comments like that ever since he donned the black and white striped shirt back in 1946. He is one of the top officials that has ever lived working football, basketball, baseball, and volleyball all over the United States. He is already an inducted member of the Collegiate Officiating Hall of Fame and tonight takes his rightful place in the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame.

Lewis is an expert on the rule book in the four sports listed above and is well respected by coaches for taking absolute control of any game he officiates. His contests are run with discipline marked by consistent rulings.

He first made his mark around El Paso sports circles running UTEP's Intramural Sports Department from 1970 thru 1977. At the same time Dotson taught numerous classes at UTEP in the Physical Education department. He was an expert instructor in Volleyball, Racquet sports, and in Sports Officiating.

During this time span, Lewis was also making his name known as a top flight sports official in four sports all over America. He officiated football, basketball, baseball, and volleyball at the high school and collegiate level during the regular and post seasons for many years.

Collegiately, he worked Rocky Mountain and WAC games for a combined 14 years. He became the Supervisor of Officials in the Southwest Conference for six years.

Nationally, Lewis served on the NCAA's Football and Basketball Rules Committees from 1978 through 1996. He was on the Board of Directors of the U.S. High School Officials for five years.

From 1980 to 1986, he was the editor and publisher of a national magazine for football and basketball referees.

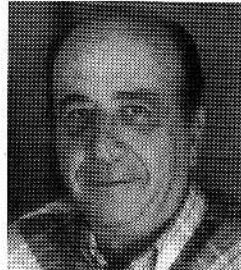
He has been an instructor at John Brinkman's school for aspiring baseball umpires for the last 22 years.

Dotson was the first executive director of the Southwest Basketball Officials Association from 1977 to 1995 and was instrumental in assuring that El Paso based officials got to work in the Texas State high school tournaments.

As a Volleyball official, he was nationally rated a referee by the U.S. Volleyball Association from 1961 to 1986.

He was the European Sportsman of the Year in 1968, won the Distinguished Service Award on two occasions and was inducted into Japan's Football Hall of Fame. The El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame is proud to induct him tonight.

Julius Lowenberg Coach



For the last 50 years the name of Julius Lowenberg and the word "success" have been synonymous whether it has been in the field of

athletics as a player and a coach or in the home building construction business.

Lowenberg's name was first mentioned in the local papers as a great football and basketball player at Cathedral High School.

He discovered his first true calling in life, almost immediately after graduating from Cathedral and that calling was coaching.

From 1952 until 1960, Julius coached football, basketball and softball at his grade school alma mater, St. Patrick's. His CYO teams were fantastic in all three sports winning 11 combined titles. Lowenberg was the CYO's Coach of the year on seven different occasions. He coached at St. Patrick's and served as the CYO's Athletic Director until 1960 when he graduated from UTEP. His next stop was Texas Class A Canutillo High School and what he did at Canutillo over the next 12 years was fantastic!

Canutillo had no football program and no track program, so Coach Lowenberg started those up from scratch and also served as the school's basketball coach. His record after a dozen years at Canutillo still is amazing after all these years. Under Lowenberg, the Eagles won two State Championships in Cross Country Track and 19 District Championships in all sports combined. His 1967 Eagle football team is the only squad from El Paso to be ranked number one in the State of Texas.

Julius made coaching stops at Cathedral, The University of Nuevo Leon in Mexico and at Gadsden High School in Anthony, New Mexico after having no more mountains to climb at Canutillo. The results: he turned around two losing football programs instantly, won two more track championships, and one of his Cathedral track teams finished second in the State TCIL meet.

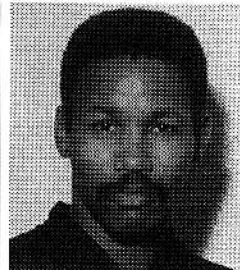
As a football coach he posed a 106-50-4 record. As a basketball coach he sported a 57-18 record. All in all, Lowenberg won 21 District Championships in the major sports and two Texas Championships in Cross Country.

In 1979, after 28 years of non-stop coaching, Julius changed professions and became a General Contractor specializing in the building and remodeling of homes. His success as a building contractor is just as spectacular as his coaching career was.

He was named the Regional and National Contractor of the year in 1994 for the United States. He was a finalist for the National Award in 1995 and the Regional Contractor of the Year in 1998. His name is just as famous as General Contractor as it is in the world of athletics.

And yes, he still coaches some. He continues to give back to the City by coaching kids football and track. In five years coaching kids football his teams won 43 straight games and four titles. He still has coaching in his blood.

Cliff Thomas Athlete



In over forty years of existence, Bel Air High School, on El Paso's eastside, has produced many great athletes.

Bel Air basketball player James Forbes

went on to win All-WAC honors at UTEP and played on the 1972 U.S. Olympic team. The late Joe Hague was a Highlander star in baseball and football in the early 1960's. He went on to play Major League Baseball for the St. Louis Cardinals before cancer claimed his life at an early age.

Bobby McKinley and Robert Elliot played football at Bel Air and went on to win ALL-WAC honors at UTEP.

The four gentlemen listed above were all superb athletes, but pound for pound Bel Air's Cliff "Magic" Thomas may have been best athlete the school has ever produced.

Cliff Thomas only weighed 140 pounds during the athletic prime of his life, but possessed lightning quick hands and foot speed. He also was blessed with explosive power in his fists and legs. The combination of speed and power, plus a tremendous will to win, propelled Thomas to five world championships in Professional Full Contact Karate or kick boxing.

During his career, Cliff posted a 59-3-0 Pro ring record and won World Championships in the Professional Karate Association's Featherweight, and Light Welterweight divisions. He was a two time PKA World Lightweight champion.

When the International Sports Karate Association came along in 1987, Thomas promptly won the Light Welterweight Championship.

Thomas made full contact Karate an exciting live spectator sport all over the United States and Canada. He also helped the sport on to the small screen playing on television all over the world.

March 24, 1980, was the date of Cliff's first PKA World Championship. He defeated Featherweight Champion Gordon Franks in the third round on a TKO to win the title.

March 24th, 1987 was the date of his last World Championship. On that March night, he stopped Thomas "The Undertaker" Chester in the ninth round to win the ISKA's Light Welterweight title.

In between these dates, Cliff "Magic" Thomas fought on ESPN, NBC, The USA Network, and the CBC 18 times. His ESPN fights were sold overseas in foreign markets and telecast worldwide. He graced the covers of every major U.S. Karate magazine and was featured in the sports pages of the USA Today and the New York Times.

The late Wimbledon champion Arthur Ashe, highlighted Cliff's career in his book dealing with famous black athletes worldwide. Thomas made numerous appearances in martial arts films over the years.

He was a great Champion never ducking contending fighters. During one time span, he fought and defeated the eight top contenders in his division.

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