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Robert Castaneda
Posthumous



Robert "Chicky" Castaneda had a passionate love affair with living life to its fullest; and, if he could be with us tonight at this awards ceremony, he would be right in the middle

of a big party honoring his career as a football coach at Jefferson High School and Bowie High School. Unfortunately, Chicky passed away in 1991 after becoming ill at halftime of a Bowie Freshman game with the Ysleta Indians in a contest played at Bowie. Castaneda, Bowie's Head Football coach, was watching his program's 9th grade team compete against Ysleta's Freshman squad, on an unseasonably cold Thursday night in early September. The veteran Bowie coach told his boss, Principal Pete Ramos, that he felt tired and needed to go home. Hours later, Coach Castaneda died of heart failure and internal bleeding of an ulcer. Castaneda was operated on in June of 1991 due to bleeding ulcers. He was also diabetic, complicating his medical condition. He had lost 60 pounds after surgery, but was looking forward to regaining his health and beginning fall football practice in mid-August. Pete Ramos is of the belief that Castaneda never got his strength back after surgery and that he should have delegated some of his work load to his assistant coaches. But that wasn't Chicky Castaneda's style. He approached fall practice in 1991, as if nothing were wrong with him. Coach Castaneda was gone at the age of 53, but what a legacy he left for us to celebrate tonight. Robert Castaneda was born in January of 1938 in El Paso. As a teenage athlete, he was blessed with a great athletic body, standing 6-3 and weighing 190 pounds. He used his athletic skill to become an All-District Linebacker at Jefferson High School in 1957. After graduating from Jefferson, Castaneda won a scholarship to Pierce Junior College, located in Woodlands, California. He played LB at Pierce JC winning All-Conference honors in 1958. He had a reputation as a very swift, hard hitting tackler. His Freshman season at Pierce JC earned him a full scholarship to Western New Mexico University in Silver City. The Mustang LB from El Paso and Jefferson High School had a magnificent year in 1959 winning Frontier Conference MVP honors playing NAIA football. He duplicated that feat in 1960 as a junior and elevated his game as a senior winning NAIA All-American honors as a LB. Exactly 30 years later, in 1991, Western New Mexico inducted him into the University's Athletic Hall of Fame for his stellar play on the gridiron. Before he launched his coaching career, Robert completed college degree requirements in Physical Education and Biology. He also served his country, while going to college, as a U.S. Marine Corps National Guardsman. From 1965, until his tragic death in 1991, Castaneda coached football at five schools in El Paso County winning 90 games as a Varsity and JV mentor. Along the way "Chicky's" teams won five district championships. He proved he could really coach football posting four straight winning seasons at his alma mater, Jefferson, a school not known for having great athletes. He led the Silver Foxes to 26 wins in four seasons and a district championship. No Jefferson football coach has ever enjoyed such success, before or after, Chicky Castaneda's era at Jefferson. Bowie High School needed a proven football coach who had several special qualities. The new football coach would have to make the sport fun; would have to be able to get students to try out for the team; would have to be able to motivate players; would have to have a proven winning track record capable of returning the proud Bears back to respectability. Fortunately, such a man was found—Robert "Chicky" Castaneda. Bowie had gone winless in 1984 and 1985. After putting his stamp on the Bowie program, the Bears went 15-15 from 1988-1990. Former Bowie Principal, Pete Ramos summed up "Chicky's" tenure coaching the Bears when he said, "He brought pride and respectability back to us on the football field." Tonight, we honor the life of Robert "Chicky" Castaneda and his devotion to his family and his athletes. We are proud to enshrine Chicky into the Price's El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame.

Frank Davis
Athlete



In less than a month, Texas, Frank Davis will be doing what he loves to do, and he will be in the area of the world he truly loves. Very few men and women on the face of the earth can say that! Frank Davis is the

exception to the rule. The 66 year old Davis will be traveling to Africa in June along with his wife Lisabeth to visit a new "wildlife conservancy project." This will be the 24th time Davis has flown to Africa, Mozambique, to be specific, to hunt exotic animals, and to help correct a flaw in the balance of nature. The world class, big game hunter, will be paying for this trip to the "Dark Continent" by invitation. He will be hunting an over-abundance of wild animals that have been destructive to other animals and to the area of Mozambique they inhabit. Frank Davis will be "living out" his dream. He is most happy when he is hunting exotic animals in a habitat that has not been ruined by man. While visiting this particular "conservation project" Davis will not be interrupted by telephone calls, television programs, newspapers, and by other humans. He will be "on the hunt" in a land that is pure, unspoiled, and not overrun by civilization. He will be hunting alone pitted against "mother nature's" wild animals. What a dream! Back to reality for a moment! Tonight, Frank Davis and his wife Lisabeth, a former El Pasoan, grace our stage, for this awards ceremony. Davis is here tonight to be inducted into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame for his exploits as a world class marksman, hunter, and fisherman. Davis makes history tonight becoming the first hunter to be enshrined into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame. Mr. Davis has hunted too many exotic animals to list in this brief synopsis of his life. Lions and Leopards are on that list along with deers, elks, and the powerful cap buffalo. He has hunted for zoos that have a need for a particular species of animals. This is called "darting" professionally. A hunter shoots an animal with a "dart" bullet designed to put an animal to sleep. So, how did Mr. Davis become one of the world's greatest hunters? Well, Frank Davis grew up in Corpus Christi, Texas, and, like a lot of young men, took advantage of the great land, and waterways of South Texas, by learning to hunt and fish. He graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in "Economics and Government". Frank put his degree to good use becoming a "stock broker" professionally. He continued to hunt and fish when he was not advising clients playing the stock market. The middle and late 1960's proved to be difficult for investors trying to beat the stock market. Many people lost money in the explosive 1960's in a America filled with civil unrest, and torn by anti-Vietnam war protests all over the nation. One of Frank's clients was constantly making money during this chaotic time. His company, "Whataburger" was profitable, and it was growing. Davis took a big risk buying into the business and marketing the product in the city of El Paso. El Paso became Frank's new home as he ditched the brokerage business to become a restaurateur. Frank loved El Paso, living here from 1969 to 1999 overseeing every facet of the "fast food, hamburger business". El Paso loved him back with support that made "Whataburger" a dynasty. Davis took a gigantic career risk and it turned into a goldmine. The Davis' moved to Santa Fe in 1999 to retire from the hectic, but very lucrative "Whataburger" business. Whataburger and the people of Texas have been involved in an incurable love affair for over 30 years. The likeable Davis has become a wealthy man and his success with Whataburger has allowed him to continue to hunt all over the world.

Frank Johnson
Athlete



According to Baseball statisticians the odds against any one individual playing in the Big Leagues are astronomical! About one in 10,000 aspiring ballplayers actually reach a Major League Baseball team. El Paso's Frank Johnson is

one such athlete that beat the odds to achieve his dream of wearing a Major League Baseball uniform. Johnson's story should be an inspiration to young athletes all over that dream of playing a professional sport. Perhaps it was destiny that Frank Johnson was to play Major League Baseball. After all, the right handed hitting Johnson clobbered a fast ball thrown by a Midland pitcher so hard in the 1961 State Playoffs, that it landed on the roof of Bel Air High School in left center field, over 500 feet from home plate. It was a Big League shot. Needless to say, Jim Pufal's Bel Air Highlanders led by Johnson, and future St. Louis Cardinals star Joe Hague, whipped Midland to advance to the Texas State Quarterfinals against powerful Lubbock Monterey. Bobby Moegle's Monterey Plainsmen stopped Bel Air in the next round of the playoffs, but the loss did not diminish Johnson's senior season at Bel Air. Frank was named MVP of Bel Air's District hitting .459 as a slick fielding third baseman. When he was not playing the hot corner, Johnson was pitching for the Highlanders. The hard throwing Johnson owned an 8-0 District record as a pitcher in 1961. The combination of hitting, fielding, and pitching earned Johnson a Major League Baseball contract offered by the San Francisco Giants. The 18 year old Johnson jumped at signing with the Giants and was assigned to the Minor leagues, before he even had a chance to graduate from Bel Air High School. San Francisco's scouts thought he could reach the big time as a third baseman or as an outfielder. From 1961, until September of 1966, Frank fought his way up the ladder of San Francisco's Minor League system putting up All-Star numbers in towns like Salem, Decatur, Springfield, and AAA Phoenix. His All-Star play at third base in Springfield, and his .308 batting average in Phoenix in the Pacific Coast League earned him his shot to play for the San Francisco Giants after a six year struggle to reach the big club. He was called up to San Francisco in September of 1966 playing in 15 games with the Giants, as a 24 year old rookie. Frank collected 7 hits in 32 trips to the plate getting his first look at Major League pitching in the stretch drive of pennant race. Johnson spent parts of the next five seasons playing AAA Baseball and then receiving a "call-up" from the San Francisco Giants late every season. He faced two problems in trying to stick with the Giants every year. His first obstacle was trying to earn an every day spot at third base, or in the outfield on a team featuring Willie Mays, Willie Mc Covey, Bobby Bonds, the Alou brothers, and Jim Davenport. There just wasn't much playing time to be had on the Giants with athletes like that on a roster. Unfortunately, for Johnson, "free agency" did not exist back then. His second road block was a career threatening injury just when he was about to blossom into a Big League ballplayer. In 1968, Frank was struck in the face by a bad-hop ground ball hit by the slugger Joe Torre, the future manager of the world champion New York Yankees. Johnson was playing third base that day and this injury set him back a full two years. The El Pasoan refused to quit and ended up playing in 196 career games with the Giants over a six year time span. He had an outstanding campaign in 1970 hitting .273 for the Giants, seeing spot duty at third base in 67 games. All in all, Frank spent 15 years playing professional baseball, including a coaching stint and a tour of Japan. He beat the odds! A young man from El Paso and Bel Air High School was one athlete out of 10,000 candidates to wear a Big League uniform. Frank Johnson also came back to Bel Air to graduate from high school after leaving early to play pro baseball.

Julio Lujan
Media



"A man for all seasons." That phrase perfectly describes Julio Lujan's career covering high school and college athletics for the El Paso Times newspaper. No one

before or after Julio Lujan's 24 year tenure at the El Paso Times has done it better. He was simply the best. Julio's life story began in Zacatecas, Mexico 52 years ago, the son of Refugio and Engracia Lujan. The Lujan family moved to Juarez in 1953 and two years later the Lujan's moved once again to El Paso, Texas. Fourteen years later, Julio graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in El Paso. Simply stated, Julio Lujan is one of Jefferson's top students in the school's 53 year old history. His professional career is a model of consistency and devotion to whatever task he was assigned. After graduation from Jefferson, the U.S. Army was his first stop. He served his country for a two year tour of duty. Julio cut his teeth in Journalism covering sports for two Okinawa Army newspapers as a sportswriter and a page layout editor. Once his military career was over Julio returned to El Paso landing a job with the El Paso Times, one of the two civilian jobs he would ever hold. The rest is history. Julio is the 15th member of the sporting news media to be enshrined into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame this evening. The media award recognizes outstanding reporting over a long period of time. Over the next 24 years Lujan covered El Paso high school athletics for the El Paso Times. UTEP Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field, New Mexico State football and basketball, and then the crowning assignment of his career, the 1984 Olympics held in Los Angeles, California. Only first rate sportswriters are assigned to events like the Los Angeles Olympic games played out on a worldwide stage. For his coverage of the Olympics, Julio was selected as the El Paso Times reporter of the year. Lujan was chosen as the El Paso Times high school athletics editor, the toughest job in the sports department. Covering men's and women's high school athletics is a year round job offering a reporter almost no time off to relax or to take a vacation. For 24 years Lujan took very little time off taking an aggressive approach to covering prep sports. Somehow, somehow, Julio finished college earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism from UTEP. During this time span Julio and his wife Hortecia became the parents of four children. Mrs. Lujan allowed Julio to have his career as a sportswriter, while raising four children. She deserved a medal for being patient and understanding. By 1995, Julio was worn out from 24 years of non-stop work. He also realized his children were growing up without him. He needed a life style change. He put his college degree to work and began a second career as a school teacher working out of Dowell Elementary School. Naturally, Julio is a great third grade teacher winning "Teacher of the Year" honors in April of 1998. He was Dowell School's Employee of the Month in 2002. Julio has a wonderful career as a teacher and he is making up for lost time with his children. Journalism's loss was Public School Education's gain. He is a class act and takes his rightful place in the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame tonight.



Hall of Fame Honorees

Manny Martinez Sr. Athlete



Manny Martinez Sr. has enjoyed a passionate, enduring love affair with his wife, Andrea, their seven children, eighteen grandchildren, the game of golf, and with living in the city of El Paso. Manny and Andrea have been

married 53 years. Andrea has been a kind, generous, and understanding wife as she allowed Manny to play golf over the last 53 years. Without an understanding wife, Manny Martinez would never have become a living legend in El Paso and the golfing circles of the Southwestern United States. How does one become an icon in El Paso golfing history? Manny was born on June 17, 1926 in southwest El Paso in an area called "Smelter Town" because of its proximity to the Asarco smoke stack. As a youngster, Manny felt the sting of poverty caused by the era known as the "Great Depression" which was choking the entire United States. Manny picked cotton and grapes in Texas and California to help support his family. At the age of 14, Manny got a job in the shipyards of San Pedro, California where he earned \$1.10 per hour. World War II interrupted Manny's life as it did for most of the young men in the United States. Manny joined the Army in 1944 and proudly served his country for the next two years overseas in the Pacific Theater of Operations. After the war, Manny returned to El Paso where he married Andrea and began working for Asarco, an employment which would last for 39 years. Manny and Andrea raised seven children, five boys and two girls. Manny Martinez did not take up the game of golf until the age of 23. He found out that he loved golf and had a God given talent to play the game. What Manny has done for the game of golf in El Paso during the past 53 years is truly incredible. Manny, as an amateur golfer, may have won at least 200 golf tournaments in El Paso and the Southwest. His record in El Paso's "Major" Golf Tournaments is amazing. He has won the El Paso Men's City Championship four times, the first time in 1952 and the last time in 1966. Manny claimed the winning trophy at the Anthony, New Mexico Tournament seven times and was also victorious four times at Campestre in Juarez, Mexico. In addition, Manny defeated the field at Deming, New Mexico six times and won so many tournaments at his home course of Ascarate that his golfing friends lost count. Speaking of friends, Manny Martinez Sr. and Lee Trevino are the best of friends. Their friendship dates back to the early 1960's when Trevino was a struggling golfer working eighteen hours a day at the Horizon Country Club. Trevino would play in Pro-Am events all over West Texas, Southern New Mexico, Arizona, and Mexico. Who was Trevino's amateur partner? Your correct if you said Manny Martinez Sr. There was only one problem. Trevino could not afford to travel out of El Paso to play in these Pro-Am's. Manny would foot the bill for these trips. Every golfer knows the rest of the story. Lee Trevino would go on to become one of the greatest golfers that the game has ever produced winning two United States Opens, two British Opens, one Canadian Open and two PGA Championships. Manny and former Arkansas Head Basketball Coach, Nolan Richardson, are life long friends. Manny taught the former TWC star guard how to play golf shortly after Nolan took up the game in the early 1960's. Manny's legacy will not be his own golfing achievements but rather for a golf tournament he founded at Ascarate Park. Manny wanted to encourage the youths of El Paso, Juarez, and the surrounding areas to play the game he loved so much. He established the Ascarate Junior's Tournament in 1963. The tournament is now 40 years old and has produced golfers such as Nancy Lopez, Joel Edwards, Notah Begay, Kristi Albers, and Steve Haskins. Nolan Richardson has sponsored The Manny Martinez Sr. Tournament played at Ascarate for the last ten years. The Tournament's goal is to provide monetary scholarships to deserving high school and collegiate golfers. The game of golf has been good to Manny Martinez Sr. and he has been good for the game and for the city of El Paso. We honor Manny for his many achievements and for his great compassion for the youth of El Paso. Tonight, Manny Martinez takes his well deserved place in the Price's El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame.

H. R. Moye Administrator



There are defining moments in every individual's life. Moments that can change a person's life for the better or for the worst. In Herdis Ray Moye Jr's life the first defining moment occurred when he was 19 years old enrolled as a sophomore at Southern Illinois

University in Carbondale, Illinois. Moye was an outstanding athlete playing basketball and baseball in school. He was such a great athlete as a righthanded pitcher that the Chicago Cubs baseball organization offered him a major league contract to pitch for their 31 Moline, Illinois Plowboys team as his rookie introduction to professional baseball. The 19 year old Moye wanted to sign with the Cubs, but his parents threw him a knuckleball, his out pitch in college, and refused to allow him to quit college to play baseball. At the age of 19 Moye was a minor and by law could not overrule his parents. Moye stayed in college humiliating many hitters with a baffling knuckleball, a pitch he perfected in high school. In many ways H.R. was a trailblazer serving up knuckleballs to opposing batters and terrified catchers attempting to catch the pitch. H.R. graduated from SIU in 1941 and December 7th, 1941, Pearl Harbor, was the second defining moment in his life and the defining moment in millions of other people's lives. After basic training, the 21 year old Moye was in an Army-Air Force uniform heading for his first military home, El Paso, Texas, and Biggs Field. He spent four years in charge of the Biggs Field "Link Trainer Unit", the U.S. Army-Air Force's ground instrument flying instrumentation system. Moye was honorably discharged from the military in November of 1945, and at the age of 25 was free to decide what he would do in civilian life. After spending four years stationed in El Paso at Biggs Field, Moye went back to Illinois for nine months paying a long overdue visit home. By Moye's own admission, he did not fall in love with El Paso, while serving his country. However, something drove him back to the Sun City. Something, perhaps he could not define. El Paso greatly benefited with H.R. Moye's decision to spend the next fifty odd years of his life in the city. While in the military, Moye decided to give teaching and coaching a try. H.R. was fortunate to be offered a job at El Paso High School where he got to work with the legendary C.D. Jarvis in basketball and Hall of Fame baseball coach, K.C. Brown. El Paso High won the 1947 Texas Basketball Championship under the leadership of C. D. Jarvis, with assistance from Coach H.R. Moye. Moye's 1950 Jefferson Silver Foxes baseball team swept Nemo Herrer's Bowie Bears in district play. Bowie was the defending Texas Baseball Champion that season and losing to arch rival Jefferson twice was a bitter pill to swallow. By this time Moye was in El Paso to stay, especially after falling in love and marrying his beloved first wife, Eulalia, an El Paso girl. After spending a decade in coaching, Moye moved to administration for good, serving stints at Austin and Jefferson as an assistant principal. When Andrews High School opened its doors in 1961 Moye was selected as the Northeast El Paso school's first principal. He spent six years at Andrews, but longed to return to Jefferson. The principal's job opened up in 1967 and Moye jumped at the chance to work at Jefferson, a second time. Mr. Moye served the district as its West Area Superintendent until 1980 when Eulalia was diagnosed with cancer. He retired from the EPISD to be with his wife as she battled the dreaded disease. Eulalia died of cancer in 1984 devastating him after so many years of marriage. Many men would have lost interest in life after such a tragic death, but not H.R. Moye. He was an educator! He wanted to become involved in public school education again and found the perfect way to do it. He ran for election as a school board trustee in the EPISD and won a spot in the district's governing body. He remarried after winning a seat on the school board. He and his wife Lydia love to travel all over the United States. Mr. Moye has touched the lives of thousands, upon thousands, of El Pasoans in his long career as an educator. El Paso was blessed all of those years ago when his parents made him stay in school.

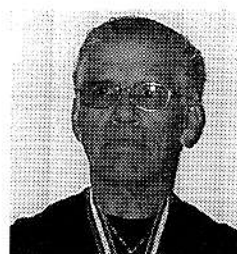
Elsie Partridge Administrator



Elsie Partridge is a trailblazer! She is a pioneer! Why is she a trailblazer or a pioneer? Mrs. Partridge is one of the few female athletic directors in

the United States that is running a college or in this case a high school athletic department program. That's why she is a trailblazer or a pioneer. Traditionally, these jobs are held down by men, but Elsie Partridge has proved she could compete with men for a job all of her life. As an athletic director in the El Paso Independent School District, Elsie has enjoyed success beyond her wildest dreams running the men's and women's department. Mrs Partridge oversees athletics in 10 high schools and 65 elementary or junior high schools with 140,000 students enrolled in those EPISD institutions. How did she reach such a lofty position in basically a man's world? Well, once upon a time Elsie Edwards was a high school student at Austin High School in central El Paso. She played tennis for Austin wearing the school's gold and sable brown colors with great pride. Miss Edwards was elected as the Panther football team's Homecoming Queen as a senior, one of the highlights of her career as a student at Stephen F. Austin High School Upon graduating from Austin Elsie enrolled at Texas Western College. She did not plan on becoming a coach or having a career in athletics, either. Instead, Elsie wanted to become a teacher specializing in English, Math, or Spanish. She was a brilliant student and would have had no trouble graduating with a degree in any of the subjects she majored in. Her life would change forever when she was introduced to J.D. Partridge of Odessa, Texas. J.D. was a star football player on Coach Mike Brumbelow's Texas Western College team earning All American and All Border Conference honors in 1949 and 1950. J.D. played on both sides of the ball at his end position for Brumbelow's Miners. Partridge earned two letters, while at Texas Western posting a 16-4-2 won-loss record. He played in the 1949 and 1950 Sun Bowl's against West Virginia and Georgetown, losing to the Mountaineers 21-12 and winning 33-20 against the Hoyas. While students at Texas Western College, Miss Edwards and Mr. Partridge fell in love and planned to get married. J.D. wanted to become a coach after graduation. Elsie, once upon a time wanted to become a teacher, putting her ability to good use as an English, Math, or Spanish instructor. That all changed once she fell in love with J.D. Her life took another direction when her sister, Martha Edwards, remarked, "J.D. wants to coach. Coaching football will take most of his time. It would help your marriage, if you become a Physical Education teacher, or a coach. At least you would have athletics in common and long hours." Martha Edwards' advice was priceless. Elsie changed majors earning a degree from Texas Western College in Physical Education with minors in English and Spanish. Elsie and J.D. married in 1952. She spent a decade coaching Women's PE, while obtaining a Master's Degree. During the same 10 years, J.D. worked his way through the coaching ranks leading to a head football coaching job at Irvin and later at Eastwood. By this time Elsie was ready to enter administrative work as a school counselor or as a classroom teacher, without coaching PE. However, EPISD Superintendent J.M. Whitaker had other plans for Mrs. Partridge after following her career for 10 years. The United States Department of Education informed school districts all over the nation that Women's Title IX Athletics would be strictly enforced and introduced into the curriculum of all public schools. J.M. Whitaker knew he would have to hire a qualified woman to oversee Title IX Women's Athletics. Elsie Partridge was his choice for the job. For over 30 years Elsie Partridge has served the EPISD as an Assistant Athletic Director in charge of Women's Athletics. When Coach Jerry Millsaps retired as the EPISD's Director of Athletics, he recommended Elsie Partridge to succeed him. Mrs. Partridge got the job and her three year tenure running the EPISD has been marked with great success. It is no surprise! She prepared to be a great A.D. for over 30 years and she has done it.

Benjamin Rodriguez Athlete



Growing up as a teen aged schoolboy in Mexico, Benjamin V. Rodriguez said he was so thin compared to his other classmates that he was angry and upset by

the way he looked physically. He said he felt like he was a weakling! Young Benjamin was determined to do something about the way he looked and the way he felt mentally about himself. He turned to weight lifting to become physically stronger and emotionally more self-confident about himself as a person. Over 50 years later, Ben is a world championship power lifter and body builder. Pound for pound he is one of the strongest individuals on the face of the earth. Even more importantly Rodriguez has found his true calling in life helping people of all ages to recover from injuries and illness working as an instructor at the Las Palmas Life Care Center. Rodriguez immigrated to the United States and for many years worked for the American Furniture Store in downtown El Paso as the company's chief electrician. Ben earned a college degree in electrical engineering and put it to good use working for American Furniture, one El Paso's pioneering business firms. His friends urged him to put his wight training to good use by entering the 1954 Mexican Body Building Championship held in Juarez. Rodriguez took up the challenge winning the championship standing 5-4 and weighing 165 pounds. Later that year, Ben Rodriguez won first place in the Chihuahua, Mexico state championships. His career as a body builder and weight lifter was off to a fast and great start! As time went by Rodriguez won many more championships highlighted by Mr. World and Mr. Universe titles in 1977. Pretty good for a guy that felt humiliated by the way he looked as a young man! For enjoyment and to help his physical conditioning Rodriguez played the fast paced game of Racquetball. Unfortunately, Ben suffered an injury to his arm that left an ugly scar. It was a scar he could not hide from the spectators and more importantly, the judges during his body building competitions. He was forced to give up the sport, the sport that required physical perfection. Body building's loss was power lifting's gain. Once again his friends convinced him that he could win championships in the 165 pound, senior and master's divisions. Once Ben decided to compete against his fellow athletes at 165 pounds he made Texas state history. The El Paso won 15 Texas State Power Lifting championships in a row. He did not stop at that level. Ben won three United States Championships and World Championships in 1997 in Mexico, 1998 in Graz, Austria, and 1999 in Calgary, Canada. As a 66 year old athlete, Ben was able to lift a combined 1,125 pounds: Dead Lift-400 pounds, Squat Lift-410 pounds, Bench Press-275 pounds. In his prime as an athlete, Rodriguez could squat 500 pounds and bench press 395 pounds! After the 1999 World Championship in Calgary, Rodriguez retired from the sport. Fortunately, he was able to ditch the boredom sometimes associated with retirement from a long held job in the business world. He retired from American Furniture and by his own admission, was going crazy just staying at home. He had to get involved in something before he went insane. In 1997, the Las Palmas Life Care Center ran an ad in the El Paso Times seeking to find a Physical Exercise Specialist. Ben answered the ad submitting his resume filled with city, state, national, and world championships in very, very physical competition. He was hired on the spot. Six years later, Ben is going strong helping men and women of all ages to rehabilitate injuries, to become physically fit, and to recover from serious operations. He loves his job. It is the most difficult challenge in his life, a challenge to motivate clients to exercise when they don't want to. He gets rave reviews from his patients and staff workers at the center. Oh, the best power lifter in the world at age 65 has challenged himself to compete at age 70 in the 165 pounds Masters Division. He is an amazing athlete and a great man.



**Program for the 2003
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Welcome.....Steve Hill, Host
Pledge of Allegiance.....Steve Hill
Invocation.....Pastor David Grousnick –
Senior Minister, First Christian Church
President’s Message.....Rene Aguilar

INTRODUCTION OF 2003 HONOREES

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**PRESENTATION OF 2003 EL PASO ATHLETIC
HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES**

Living Athlete - Frank Johnson
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**OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES 2002-2003
PRESENTERS**

El Paso I.S.D.*: Kenneth Owen – Assistant Athletic Director
Ysleta I.S.D.: Pat O’Neill – Athletic Director
Socorro I.S.D.: Ron Leiman – Athletic Director
Area Schools: Wayne Thornton – El Paso Parks and Recreation Director

District 1-5A Outstanding Female & Male Athletes

Monique Ortega, Montwood – Track
Yousif Del Valle, Eastwood – Swimming

District 2-4A Outstanding Female & Male Athletes

Stephanie Armendariz, Riverside – Volleyball, Basketball
Shawn Jordan, Riverside – Football, Wrestling

District 1-4A Outstanding Female & Male Athletes

Jacqueline Vidal, Burges – Multi-Sports
Sean McKillip, El Paso High School – Tennis

Area Schools Outstanding Female & Male Athletes

Antonio Becerra, Faith Christian Academy – Multi-Sports
Tiffany Lopez, Father Yermo High School

*Independent School District

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THE EL PASO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME AWARD

Joanna Furdyna – UTEP Tennis

**INTRODUCTION OF STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS
AND INDIVIDUAL STATE CHAMPIONS**

Lucio Perez, Hanks – 103 Lbs. – Wrestling
Kim Quiñonez, Hanks – 119 Lbs. – Wrestling
Shawn Jordan, Riverside – 215 Lbs. – Wrestling
Yousif Del Valle, Eastwood – 200 Meter Freestyle – Swimming

TEAM TAPPS SWIMMING EVENTS

Jack White – Cathedral Swimming Head Coach
Hugo Santarriaga, Cathedral – Swimming, 200 Meters Freestyle,
100 Meters Freestyle, 200 Medley Relay, 200 Meters Freestyle Relay
Sergio Ruiz, Cathedral – Swimming, 200 Meters Individual Medley,
200 Meters Medley Relay, 400 Meters Free Relay
Raul Saenz, Cathedral – Swimming, 500 Meters Freestyle
Lucas Lautman, Cathedral – Swimming, 200 Meters Free Relay
Alex Yee, Cathedral – Swimming, 200 Meters Medley Relay,
200 Meters Free Relay
Michael Yancey, Cathedral – Swimming, 200 Meters Free Relay,
400 Meters Free Relay
Rogelio Dominguez, Cathedral – Swimming, 400 Meters Free Relay

2003 TAPPS 5A CLASS STATE CHAMPIONS

Cathedral Soccer Team
Adam Tirres – TAPPS Class 5A State Champion Honors – 1st Team
Robert Tucker – Cathedral Soccer Head Coach
Cathedral Tennis Team
Joseph J. Brooker – TAPPS Class 5A State Champion Honors – 1st Team
Juan Gomez – Cathedral Tennis Head Coach

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