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El Paso
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50th Annual
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Banquet
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**Tómas Rivera Center
University of Texas at El Paso
Wednesday, May 11th, 2005
Golden Anniversary**

**Program for the Price's 2005
El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet**

- Welcome..... Steve Hill, Host
- Invocation Pastor David Grousnick, Senior Minister First Christian Church,
901 Arizona
- Color Guard Riverside High School Junior ROTC Color Guard Supervised by
Chief Warrent Officer Carlos Lopez
- National Anthem Sung by 5 Year Old Levi Page
- President's Message..... Gene Calabro

**INTRODUCTION OF THE 2005
EL PASO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME HONORED GUESTS**

- Coach Don Haskins Voted as the Greatest Hall of Famer in the First 50 Years of the El
Paso Athletic Hall of Fame
- Coach Mike Price..... Head Coach, UTEP Miners Football Team. Lead UTEP to an 8-4
record and to the EVI.Net Houston Bowl Game after the Miners
posted a 2-9 record the year before.
- Coach Doc Sadler Head Coach, UTEP Miners Basketball Team. Guided UTEP to the
NCAA Tournament in his first year, posting a 27-8 record, and the
WAC Tournament Championship.

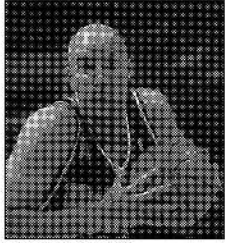
INTRODUCTION OF THE 2005 INDUCTEES

- Greg Foster Athlete
- Flip Lyle Athlete
- Bruce Ruffin Athlete
- Bob Haack Coach
- Carlos Lowenberg Coach
- Ruben Ramirez..... Media
- Dr. Charles Roark Sports Officiating
- Luis "Nino" Aguilera Posthumous

**2005 SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS
AND A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE EL PASO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

- Gene Carrejo Vice President for Marketing, Price's Creameries.
- Frank Davis Former Owner of Whataburger of El Paso.
- Bill Peterson..... Representing Chris P. Fox, "Mr. El Paso", who made a dream turn
into reality.
- Judy O'Connor..... Daughter of KTSM Sports Director and Founding Member of the
El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame, John Phelan.
- H. V. Crucea..... Who thought El Paso should have a Sports Hall of Fame and
passed his idea onto a 27 year old sportswriter at the El Paso
Hearld Post ... by the name of Ray Sanchez.

Greg Foster Athlete



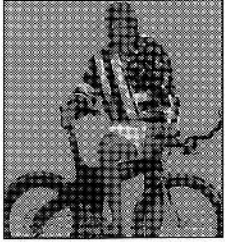
Greg Foster's basketball career took the long and winding road from UCLA to UTEP, but in the end the trip was well worth it for the 7-0 center. Foster and former Miner great Antonio Davis competed against each other as high school players in Oakland, California. Foster and current Boston Celtics guard Gary Payton played for Skyline High School in Oakland, while current Chicago Bulls power forward Antonio Davis played basketball and was an accomplished swimmer on two McClymonds High School teams. That friendly rivalry paid huge dividends for UTEP a few years later. The 7-0 Foster was heavily recruited by several colleges and on National Letter of Intent Day signed a scholarship offer to go to school at UCLA to play for legendary Bruins guard Walt

Hazzard. Meanwhile, Antonio Davis caught the eye of UTEP Assistant Coach Tim Floyd, who had an uncanny eye for spotting great athletes with basketball skill. Davis was only 16 at the time and was a better swimmer than he was a basketball player. Floyd persuaded UTEP's legendary coach Don Haskins to take a chance on the strapping Davis reminding him that McClymonds High School in Oakland produced another diamond in the rough, Bill Russell, Boston's All Pro Center, who led the Celtics to nine World Championships in 11 years. Walt Hazzard believed Greg Foster would become an All-American Center at UCLA following along the lines of Bruin greats Kareem Abdul Jabbar and Bill Walton. Haskins told Tony's mother, Angela Davis, that he felt he could develop her 16 year old son into a Pro prospect over a four or five year period. Angela Davis put her faith into Haskins and signed the National Letter of Intent papers. Her faith was justified! Haskins refined Tony Davis' physical skills into an NBA Draft Choice, despite two devastating, potentially career ending injuries, a broken ankle and a broken leg. Unfortunately, for Greg Foster, UCLA was not a basketball utopia. For whatever reasons, Foster had trouble getting along with his coach, Walt Hazzard. His problems with Hazzard turned into anger on the court in practice and in games. He found the UCLA bench instead of the Bruins starting line up.

Even worse, Greg felt his basketball skills were getting worse, not better. This was brought home to him when he watched his former Oakland rival, Tony Davis, play basketball for UTEP on television. He couldn't believe what he was viewing. Davis had improved as a player 100 or 200 percent. It didn't seem possible, but there it was. Don Haskins had coached Davis into a very good college player, during the same time his game had diminished. He was convinced he would not play in the NBA, if he stayed at UCLA toiling for Coach Hazzard. He had to find another school to play for. Enter Tim Floyd again. Floyd tried in vain to recruit Foster to UTEP originally out of high school. UCLA won the recruiting war, but Foster liked, respected and trusted the easygoing, charming Floyd. He telephoned Coach Floyd at the University of Idaho, where he was the head coach. Floyd begged Foster to transfer to Idaho to play for him for two years. Foster liked Floyd, but did not like the idea of playing for the little known Vandals in Moscow, Idaho. Still searching for an answer to his problems, he asked Floyd to pick a college for him. The likeable Floyd said, "Transfer to UTEP and play for Don Haskins. He will make you into the player you want to be." Greg took Coach Floyd's advice and took the scholarship offer from Coach Haskins transferring to UTEP. That decision changed his life forever! It was the smartest thing

he ever did. Foster teamed with Antonio Davis and Tim Hardaway in 1989 thrilling UTEP fans with an up-tempo Miner Team that won the WAC Tournament Championship and blasted LSU on national TV in the NCAA Tournament. Greg's game blossomed under Coach Haskins tutelage. He averaged 11.1 points per game and 7.3 rebounds. The best was yet to come. In 1990, Foster was the WAC Tournament's Most Valuable Player leading UTEP to consecutive must win victories over New Mexico, Air Force and Hawaii. Foster made 15 straight free throws guiding UTEP to victory over Hawaii. He battled New Mexico's 7-2 center Luc Longley head-to-head three times in 1990 dominating him in scoring, rebounds and blocked shots. His play as a senior in 1990 put him in the NBA for the next 12 years. Washington originally drafted Greg as the 35th pick in the 1990 NBA Draft. Greg was best known for his stellar play in the 1997 and 1998 NBA World Championship Series as a member of the Utah Jazz against Michael Jordan and the NBA Champion Chicago Bulls. He capped his career earning a World Championship Ring with the Los Angeles Lakers led by Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant in 2002. He was one of the top 600 players in the world for a dozen years and that Championship Ring says it all. Owning a ring is the standard NBA players are measured by.

Flip Lyle Athlete



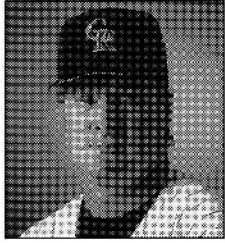
He is 60 years old, but certainly does not look it. He can easily pass for a man under 50. He has a beaming "Hollywood" type of smile to go along with a great sense of humor allowing him to act like a man 40 or under. Of course he is in world class physical condition thanks to participation in 323 multi-sports competitions. James Arthur "Flip" Lyle is one of the greatest athletes in the world, although he probably will never get credit for it. Triathletes and triathlons are not in vogue in the sports sections of newspapers or are on television sportscasts or radio broadcasts. That aside, the man from Chattanooga, Tennessee and Georgia Institute of Technology would run down most men half his age. A triathlete competes in swimming, running and bicycling all combined into one event. To be successful, a triathlete must master all three physical activities that combined make up a triathlon. The majority of men or women may excel at one of the disciplines, but not all three. Unbelievable, Lyle, at the age of 60, still is an expert runner, swimmer and biker. He is in a league all of his own. Flip Lyle played football, ran track

and competed on the Brainerd High School swimming team in Chattanooga, Tennessee from 1960-63. He was such an outstanding linebacker in football that Hall of Fame Coach Bobby Dodd signed him to a National Letter of Intent to play for him at Georgia Tech in Atlanta. The 6-0, 225 pound Lyle played on both sides of the ball while at Georgia Tech. This "Rambling Wreck" from Georgia Tech played Guard and Linebacker for the Engineers from 1965-67. Lyle played on teams that posted a 27-3 record under the brilliance of Bobby Dodd's coaching. Flip played in a Sugar Bowl game for the Gold and White clad Yellowjackets. He also continued his swimming career at Georgia Tech winning Southeastern Conference championships in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle events. Lyle graduated from Georgia Tech as a proud member of GT Lettermen's Club in two sports, Football and Swimming. A feat almost unheard of today. El Paso, Texas became Lyle's temporary home thanks to the United States Army. First Lieutenant James Arthur Lyle was stationed at Ft. Bliss, Texas. He also became a paratrooper and instructor for the Low Altitude Air Defense Department, and finally an "Aide-de-Camp" to the Commanding General of the 38th Artillery Brigade in Korea. First Lieutenant Lyle completed his military career at Osan Air Force Base in South Korea. The well traveled Lyle enjoyed his stay in El Paso, especially the city's warm weather climate, and decided to return here after being honorably discharged from the U. S. Army. Lyle served from 1968-70 in the Army and was decommissioned from the service in 1970. Thanks to his football career at Georgia Tech and his regimented life for two years in the Army, the 6-0

tall Lyle tipped the scales at 225 pounds. Lyle said he felt tired and thought he was overweight. Determined to do something about it, he took up running in Korea. Lyle discovered that he loved running on his own for health reasons and lost 50 pounds in Korea dropping his weight to 175 pounds when he was detached from the U. S. Army. Making El Paso his home, Flip began a business career marketing commercial real estate. He began running harder and longer, perhaps spurred on by the fact that his father suffered a fatal heart attack at a relatively young age. Flip decided to keep running for himself well before the craze began in America about physical fitness through running and competitive racing. Swimming was a sport Lyle had loved in high school and college, so he added it to his training regimen. Then the running craze exploded in America in the early 1970's. Suddenly running in 5 mile or 10 mile competitions was the thing to do for serious athletes. So was attempting to finish running in a 26.2 mile marathon. After vigorous daily training, Lyle was in condition to run in a marathon. He tried on the San Diego Marathon and much to his surprise and pleasure finished the grueling race in 4 hours and 19 minutes. Bitten by the bug, Lyle realized he could enjoy participating in Triathlons - requiring a contestant to run, swim and bicycle. The sport, The Triathlon, began in America in 1978. Flip began his career as a triathlete in 1983 and has competed in 323 sanctioned events, which many experts and historians believe is a World Record and should be listed in the Guinness Book of World Records. Lyle and his friends are trying to document every race he competed in, which is necessary for recognition by the Guinness

Organization. It is a battle he expects to win. The Hawaiian "Ironman" Triathlon Competition piqued Flip's interest and he competed in his first World Championship Event in 1992 finishing the 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bicycle race and the 26.2 mile run in about 14 hours. Today, Lyle owns his own Commercial Real Estate Brokerage Company in El Paso, and is a prolific Triathlete nicknamed "Captain America" by friends and foes alike because of his various red, white and blue uniforms he wears during each race. His office and his house are full to the brim with trophies, medals, plaques and certificates bestowed on him for winning and competing in numerous events. Perhaps he has garnered a thousand awards. Lyle is proud of the Southwest Challenge Series, a multi-sports series based right here in El Paso and run by Captain America and friends. The Southwest Challenge Series consisting of 26 races, is the longest running multi-sport event in the world going on at its 15th year of Championship Competition. Flip believes in Triathlons! He put his reputation on the line when he began promoting the sport back in 1991. It isn't about winning and collecting medals for Flip Lyle. It's all about competing and participating in the sport. It is about the thrill of competition and participating in life to the hilt rather than being a spectator. Lyle is an international advocate, competitor and supporter of triathlons with his time, boundless energy, enthusiasm and resources. Lyle is the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame's first triathlete and one of its few athletes still actively competing.

Bruce Ruffin Athlete



Almost 20 years ago Bruce Wayne Ruffin fulfilled all of his boyhood dreams as an athlete and successfully defied the odds against him at the same time. On June 28th, 1986, Bruce Ruffin was called up from the Minor Leagues after only 30 games experience to pitch in the Major Leagues for the Philadelphia Phillies against the defending National League Champion St. Louis Cardinals. Just five years earlier Ruffin was pitching for El Paso's Hanks High School Knights. According to the Elias Sport Bureau, Major League Baseball's Official Statistics and Historical Organization, only one athlete in 10,000 will play pro baseball in the big leagues after participating in an organized baseball league. Bruce Ruffin was one of those fortunate players in 10,000 to don a Major League Uniform. He defied the odds. It was no accident

that the 6-3, 205 lefthander reached the big leagues. Bruce Ruffin was a sensational pitching prospect dating back to his days at Hanks High School. The native of Lubbock, Texas pitched his junior and senior seasons for Hanks Coach Mike Williams. He turned in some awesome numbers at Hanks in the 22 games that resulted in a win-loss decision. Ruffin posted a 16-6 career record at Hanks pitching in 155.1 innings. He struck out 200 batters in those 155.0 innings and owned an ERA of 1.85 in 22 appearances. Behind Bruce's pitching, Hanks won the 1982 District Championship. Philadelphia thought so much of Ruffin's talent as a pitcher that they drafted him as a high school senior in the 31st round of the Free Agent Draft. The Hanks southpaw did not sign with the Phillies, but signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball for Coach Cliff Gustafson's Texas Longhorns. At Texas, Ruffin was on one of the most devastating pitching staffs in the history of college baseball. The 1983 Longhorns won the National Championship behind the pitching of Roger "The Rocket" Clemens, a seven time Cy Young Award winner and future First Ballot Hall of Famer, Calvin Schiraldi, who pitched for the Boston Red Sox, lefthander Greg Swindell, who is still pitching in the Major League for the Chicago White Sox, and Ruffin, of course. The 1983 Texas Longhorns rank as one of the top college teams in the history of NCAA baseball. Ruffin sported a 19-

4 career record at Texas with a 3.06 ERA over 171.3 innings. He fanned 115 hitters. As a college senior at Texas, the Longhorn lefthander wired together a 13-3 record allowing only 44 earned runs, while striking out 83 opposing batters. His impressive season was good enough for the Phillies to re-draft him again, this time in the second round of the 1985 Free Agent Draft, some 29 rounds better than his status as a high school senior at Hanks. This time Bruce signed a lucrative contract with the Phillies. Philadelphia assigned the prized lefthander to its' Clearwater Minor League team late in the summer of 1985 where he appeared in 14 games posting a 5-5 record. Ruffin fanned 83 hitters pitching for Clearwater and allowed only 2.88 earned runs per game. He was promoted to Philadelphia's Triple A Reading team in 1986 after his outstanding, abbreviated 1985 campaign. His stay in Reading, Pennsylvania was a short one, a 16 game stay to be factual. Ruffin pitched 90.1 innings earning him an 8-4 record and a 3.29 ERA. The big lefthander from El Paso K'ed 88 batters. As a result, Ruffin was promoted to the major leagues on June 28th, 1986 and made his first appearance for Philadelphia against the reigning National League Champion St. Louis Cardinals. In the last three months of the 1986 season, Ruffin was magnificent winning 9 games and losing 4. He pitched 146.1 innings, struck out 70 hitters, allowing 2.46 earned runs per game. For

his superb performance Bruce finished second in the National League's Rookie of the Year Balloting losing out to Todd Worrell of the Cardinals. Bruce pitched 12 years in the major leagues for Philadelphia, the Milwaukee Brewers and the Colorado Rockies, all bad baseball teams that could not score enough runs for him to win on a consistent basis. In spite of a lack of run support, Bruce won 70 Big League games and saved 63 others as a relief pitcher. Pitching for the Colorado Rockies is the kiss of death for most pitchers because Coors Field in Denver is the greatest hitters park in all of the major leagues. Ruffin proved that he was a great pitcher in Denver. In 1996, Bruce saved 24 games for the Rockies winning five of those outings. In 55 innings worth of work, Ruffin gave up a meager 35 hits and 31 runs, 29 of which were earned. As a result, Bruce was voted the National League's Top Relief Pitcher of 1996 as presented by Roloids. He once struck out four hitters in one inning thanks to a catcher's error, which tied him for a major league record. After retiring from Major League Baseball, Ruffin broke into sports broadcasting serving as an analyst for Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan's Round Rock Express Team of the Texas League. Last year, Ruffin was inducted into the El Paso Baseball Hall of Fame. Tonight, Bruce Ruffin takes his rightful place in the fifty year old El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame.

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(continued)

- Ray Sanchez. Who took H. V. Cruea's idea for a Sports Hall of Fame and made it happen with his pen ... Ray Sanchez ... The Father of the Hall of Fame.
- Bob Ingram One of the great Sports Editors of all time in America. Mr. Ingram covered sports in El Paso at the Herald Post for 50 years. He backed Sanchez's idea.
- Chuck Whitlock The Veteran Sports Editor of El Paso's largest newspaper "The Times". Whitlock supported the Hall's formation in his column.
- Dr. John Edwin. One of a handful of El Pasoans who saved the Hall financially in 1979 and was responsible for the Hall's 243 plaques to be on permanent display at UTEP's Don Haskins Center.
- Don O'Neill The Hall's Resident Treasurer for the last 25 years, who also stepped up to the plate when the Hall was in dire financial states.
- Jack McGrath The Hall's retiring Secretary ... who was also a guiding light when the Hall was in financial trouble.
- Frank Porth. The Hall's Late Director of Resumes. The Club's Moral and Ethical Leader. We would have failed as an organization without him.
- Edna Kurita Husband George was a strong leader in the Hall and his wife Edna continued his work after he passed away. She is responsible for the name tags of each member.
- Yvan Rechy He believed in the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame to his dying day. Yvan had great organizational skills and campaigned actively for people he thought should belong in the Club.
- Steve Hill The Hall's host/MC for the past 9-10 years. He constantly maintains a harmonious continuity in his responsibilities, encompassing numerous tasks, i.e., fabricating the Annual banquet program brochure coordinating with everyone requiring input in the preparation of it, selecting and ordering awards (plaques), etc. All of this requires much organizing with the Hall of Fame committee.
- Bernard Polk Mr. Polk serves as a liason officer between the First Christian Church and the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame securing meeting dates and times for the Hall at the Church.
- The Sun Bowl Executive Director Bernie Olivas and President Wayne Thornton. Once upon a time The El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame raised money for the Sun Bowl. This year the roles are reversed. The Sun Bowl presents the Hall with a gift.

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SPECIAL AWARDS

- Coach Don Haskins The greatest inducted member of The El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame in it's 50 year history.
- Nolan Richardson. An inducted member in 1974 by the EPAHF as a basketball player at UTEP and a High School Coach at Bowie. Since then, Nolan rocketed to immortality as a college coach winning a National Championship in 1994 at Arkansas, an NIT Title at Tulsa in 1981 and a National Junior College Championship at West Texas JC in Snyder in 1980. A future National Hall of Famer in Springfield, Massachusetts.
- Coach Mike Price. The Co-Sportsman of the Year in 2005 as presented by the EPAHF.
- Coach Doc Sadler The Co-Sportsman of the Year in 2005 as presented by the EPAHF.

**PRESENTATION OF THE 2005
EL PASO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES
THE 50TH CLASS .. THE GOLDEN GROUP**

Living Athlete Greg Foster
 Living Athlete James Arthur "Flip" Lyle
 Living Athlete Bruce Ruffin
 Coach Bob Haack
 Coach Carlos Lowenberg
 Media Ruben Ramirez
 Sports Officiating Dr. Charles Roark
 Posthumously Luis "Nino" Aguilera

**PRICE'S CREAMERIES - FRANK DAVIS EL PASO WHATABURGER INC.
OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES 2004-2005**

**THE EL PASO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME AWARD
Sierra Hannum - Softball - UTEP**

District 1-5A Outstanding Female/Male Athletes

Tressa Yocum - Eastwood High School
 Marcos Garcia - Hanks High School

District 1-4A Outstanding Female/Male Athletes

Lara Jackson - Chapin High School
 David Costanzo - Chapin High School

District 2-4A Outstanding Female/Male Athletes

Nichole Perez - Riverside High School
 Tony Gonzalez - Riverside High School

Area Schools' Outstanding Female/Male Athletes

Krystal Flynn - Father Yermo School
 Dustin Thornton - Bethel Temple School

INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

2005 Texas Class 4A Girl's Swimming State Champion

— Chapin Huskies—
Head Coach - Jeremiah Rush
 Lara Jackson - 50 freestyle, 100 butterfly

2005 Texas Class 5A Boy's Wrestling State Champion

— Hanks Knights—
Head Coach - Anthony Carter
 Jacob Valdez - 135lb weight class

2005 Texas Class 5A Girl's Wrestling State Champion

— Hanks Knights—
Head Coach - Anthony Carter
 Awbrey Lowe - 102lb weight class

2005 Texas Class 4A Girl's Wrestling State Champion

— Eastwood Troopers—
Head Coach - Tony Dubcansky
 Tressa Yocum 165lb weight class

2004-2005 Texas State TAPPS Boy's Swimming Championship Team

— Cathedral Irish—
Head Coach - Jack White
 Raul Saenz - sr. - 200 free style, 200 free relay, 400 free relay
 John Azar - jr. - 50 free style, 100 breaststroke, 400 free relay, 200 free relay
 Sergio Ruiz - sr. - 100 butterfly, 100 backstroke, 200 medley relay, 200 free relay
 Edgar Hernandez - soph. - 500 free style, 400 free relay
 Jorge Diaz - soph. - 200 medley relay
 Albert Venegas - jr. - 200 medley relay, 400 free relay
 Carlos Escarcega - soph. - 200 medley relay, 200 free relay

2005 Texas Class 4A Boy's Soccer Championship Team

— Del Valle Conquistadors —
Head Coach - Bruce Reichman
Assistant Coach - Oswald Vasquez
 Del Valle 3 - Aledo 2 • Del Valle's 2005 Record (24-5)

Julian Barbosa
 David Camarena
 Jorge Duarte
 Jose Escarcega

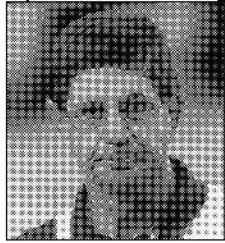
Irving Gallardo
 Charles Gonzalez
 Ivan Grajeda
 Oscar Herrera

Omar Jimenez
 Daniel Lopez
 Roberto Macias
 Alberto Moreno
 Omar Morin

Hector Picazo
 Hazael Reynosa
 Alberto Rivera
 Juan Rodriguez

Javier Ruvalcaba
 Erick Solis
 Alex Villalobos
 Walter Villalobos

Dr. Charles Roark Sports Officiating



In the world of sports you will not find many coaches, players and fans that have anything good to say about officials, the men and women that wear black and white striped shirts to sporting events.

Some people call them zebras referring to the black and white stripes on their shirts or some people call them a lot of worse things. In football, officials don't know what holding is, and forget about pass interference, according to some very vocal and rabid fans. Many basketball fans scream about officials being too fat and slow to keep up with the fast, tall and sleek athletes they are trying to chase down on a 94 by 50 foot hunk of wood they call the "Court". In baseball, the managers believe the umpire is as blind as a bat while trying to call pitches at the plate fired up to the plate by the hurler. You get the general idea! Officials are not loved, or respected by players, coaches and

fans. However, someone must attempt to arbitrate a game or there will be chaos on a field, court, or diamond. For that someone who can maintain control of a game, while enforcing the rules there is a grudging respect. For Dr. Charles Roark, there is that grudging respect! In fact, Dr. Roark commands more than someone's grudging respect. He has earned rave reviews as a Masters Certified Track and Field Official. Track coaches swear by him! Athletes love participating in the track meet he officiates because each event is run on schedule and the runners do not lose a race due to numerous false starts. Other officials claim Dr. Roark can recite the Rule Book line by line if a crisis occurs during a track meet. So, just how did Charley Roark reach such a lofty place among track and field officials in the United States of America? He attained his status in the world of track and field by being willing to do hard work physically and mentally as an athlete and on the course as an official. Charles Roark was an All-District Sprinter at Port Neches Groves High School in Texas. He earned an Individual District Championship winning the 440 yard dash as a high school senior. He ran on District Championship Relay teams covering 440 yards and one mile in 1962, 1963 and 1964. The 440 yard relay team captured First Place all 3 years from 1962-64, while the Mile Relay team took the Gold in 1963 and 1964. He was captain of the Port Neches Groves team as a senior and won over 50 medals in a three year career as a

Thiinclad. Lamar University was Charley's choice to continue his higher education. He wanted to keep active, while working on his academics at Lamar, so he walked-on to the Cardinals Track team hoping to be fast enough to land a scholarship in the sport he loved so deeply. Tragically, his dreams of glory on the cinders was not to be. The 19 year old Roark was severely injured in a car wreck suffering career ending injuries as a result of the accident. It was a bitter, and brutal pill to swallow, cut off so early in life. The 19 year old student from Port Neches Groves, Texas made the most of being alive after recovering from the injuries he sustained in the car wreck. He earned his BBA on time in four years at Lamar receiving a diploma in 1969. Two years later, Roark was awarded his Master's in Medical Health Care Administration. At the age of 26, armed with a Master's Degree in the Science of Medical Health Care, Roark was ready to get his feet wet working in a hospital. While going to college at Lamar University, Charley volunteered his services working as many track meets as he could find in the Beaumont-Port Arthur area of southern Texas. He served as a timer on all of the running events. He loved the sport of track and field so much that he stayed in the game so to speak by volunteering his free time when he could have been studying for his college classes. What makes Charles Roark a great track official is his willingness to work as a marshal at a sanctioned United States Track and Field Indoor meet in Boston, Massachusetts as he has done in 2004 and 2005 and turn right around and officiate a grade

school track meet in El Paso. It does not matter to Charles Roark about the size of the track meet he works. What matters to him is the fact that there is a track meet to be run. Chronologically, Roark has been the Executive Director of Hospice of El Paso Incorporated for the last 15 years, 1990-2005. He earned an Educational Doctorate in Health Science in 1995 from Texas Tech and also was elected as a trustee in the El Paso Independent School District that same year. Dr. Roark has been an elected trustee for a decade and served a two year term as the President of the Board. He has a reputation as a tough, but fair minded trustee that deeply cares about the children and teenagers going to school in the EPISD. He also is very sensitive in dealing with Hospice patients and their relatives. As a Masters Certified Track and Field Official, Dr. Roark's services are in constant demand. His work record nationally is unbelievable, but he always saves room to work UTEP's Big Track Meets of the Year and all of the El Paso District's Championship Meets. Read some of the tributes about Dr. Roark from coaches, athletes and fellow officials. "He has a profound effect on our community as a track and field official and as a school board trustee." "Charles has very high moral values and is spending his life in the service of helping other people." "Charles works El Paso track meets because he believes in student-athletes and has high expectations of them." "Charles works track meets because he wants to help athletes with their sport." "His knowledge of the rules is excellent, his performance as the Clerk of the Course is 100%."

What glowing tributes for an outstanding official.

Luis "Nino" Aguilera Posthumous



He has a street named after him in "El Segundo Barrio". A housing complex bears his name in the Second Ward. He helped turn a residential tenement housing complex known as "Siete Infernos", The Seven Hells of South El Paso into a famous clinic. He

touched the lives of thousands of young men and women that he coached or helped. If you ask residents of "El Segundo Barrio" who Luis "Nino" Aguilera was, they will certainly recite this litany of deeds and a whole lot more. Luis Aguilera began helping the children of South El Paso in 1945 after being honorably discharged from the United States Army. Nino wanted to become a football, basketball, baseball and volleyball coach at St.

Ignatius Parochial School in South El Paso. There was only one problem with that happening. Nino developed nervous high blood pressure and heart disease while serving in the Army during World War II. Aguilera paid no attention to his doctor's warnings and launched his coaching career at St. Ignatius. He was only 23 years old when he started coaching the entire school year at St. Ignatius, which amounted to nine months of non-stop coaching. At St. Ignatius, Nino had to organize his teams on the school playground and most of the time had to provide the equipment to play the games. St. Ignatius had a gigantic sports trophy case when the school closed its doors forever. Aguilera's teams won many championships in the various sports over a 20 year coaching career. He was an outstanding tactician in every sport he coached and had an uncanny knack of getting everything out of his players that they had inside of them. He stressed winning with sportsmanship and class, and if he was on the losing side he insisted that his players conduct themselves with dignity and class. Yes, he was a superb coach! But Nino Aguilera was much more than just a coach. For example, there was a lot of gang activity in the Barrio and on numerous occasions Aguilera would step into a dispute and mediate a settlement

avoiding bloodshed. Many times Nino stopped kids running away from homes due to arguments with parents. He was in the middle of the fight trying to calm down heated arguments and find common ground. When the young men and young women in the Barrio got into trouble with the police, Coach Aguilera would try to help in any way he could often offering to watch the troubled kids and try to get them to mend their ways. If a youngster's parents could not afford the tuition St. Ignatius charged, Aguilera would somehow come up with the money to keep the kid in school. It did not take long for parents and children to come to him for help with their problems. He did not refuse anyone. Whether he wanted to be "El Padrino" of "El Segundo Barrio" or "The Godfather", he certainly was it, except Nino performed good deeds, not evil ones. St. Ignatius closed due to a lack of operating money, but Aguilera still worked in the Barrio offering his help in the "Siete Infernos" Area or "Seven Hells" of South El Paso. In one of the apartment tenements in the "Seven Hells", he started the "La Fe Clinic" to help the residents with their problems. The "La Fe Clinic" still exists today. He branched out and began working with Father Rahm, a Barrio savior and Tula Irobali, also a noted Barrio crime and poverty

fighter, out of "Our Lady's Youth Center" on Kansas Street. None of the activities listed above had anything to do with coaching football, basketball or baseball at this small catholic school. Nino Aguilera just took the bull by the horns and went full steam trying to solve the Barrios' numerous problems. In addition to heart trouble and high blood pressure, Nino developed ulcers. Nothing seemed to stop him from unselfishly trying to help the people he ran into. There was not a prejudicial bone in his body. Nino would help anyone, regardless of skin color. His wife blamed the stress of coaching unpredictable kids for his ulcers. His son, Carlos, blamed the incredible working conditions his father encountered everyday for his death at the age of 68. He wore himself out trying to cure the ills of South El Paso. It was and is too much for any man!

In 1995, the St. Ignatius Alumni and friends successfully petitioned the city of El Paso to make a name change of a street in this Barrio to honor Luis "Nino" Aguilera's memory. Tornillo Street went by the wayside and it is now called "Nino Aguilera Street". How many children and kids he saved from a life of misery, poverty and crime will never be known. The list is ten of thousands of kids long. You don't get too many coaches like Nino Aguilera.

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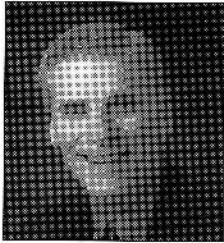
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Bob Haack Coach



What a great name for a basketball player or coach! Haack fits a basketball player to a tee, providing the individual is not whistled for too many hacking fouls. Haack is perfect for a basketball coach, if his team is not assessed for too many hacking violations during a

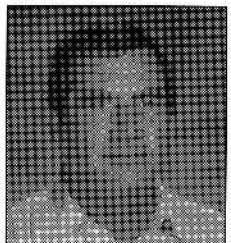
game. Haack! Bob Haack! Robert Haack has coached basketball at the high school level and in college for the last 35 years in Arizona, Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. Fortunately, he has spent most of the time coaching basketball in the El Paso Southwest. Bob is a tremendous classroom teacher and his ability to teach the game of basketball has earned him well over 600 wins as a varsity coach, mostly at the high school level at coaching stops in the city at Parkland, Bel Air, Socorro and Hanks High Schools. After playing basketball for Western New Mexico in Silver City, Bob earned a B.A. Degree in Social Studies with an emphasis on Physical Education in 1969. However, before accepting his first professional job as a teacher and basketball coach, the very athletic and tall Haack had to find out, if he could play pro

football, trying out as a free agent for the Atlanta Falcons of the NFL. Fortunately, for the game of basketball and the players he was to coach over the next 35 years, he was cut by the Falcons. Hayden, Arizona was Bob's first port of call as an educator and head basketball coach. From 1970 to 1972, Haack coached boy's basketball at Hayden High School compiling a 31-16 record. During his last season at Hayden High School, his team advanced to the Arizona State Tournament for the very first time and earned a trip to the Elite Eight. El Paso, Texas and the University of Texas at El Paso was Haack's next coaching stop and a move that would have a profound influence on his life and coaching career. Bob wanted to earn a Master's Degree in Social Studies and Physical Education and UTEP's legendary Head Coach Don Haskins made that possible for him on offering him a graduate assistant coaching job. Over the next two years the serious minded Haack completed his Master's Degree requirements and received a "Doctorate Degree" in basketball knowledge from a true master of the game in National Championship Coach Don "The Bear" Haskins. Haskins inherited a graduate assistant in Haack that already had been a winning coach at the high school level in Hayden, Arizona, so the relationship between the two was somewhat different than the usual Head Coach/GA relationship. Haack had already proven he could coach winning basketball in Arizona. In reality, Haskins gained a young assistant coach in Bob Haack, a coach who could help him during practice, in the film room and on the bench as a game unfolded. Any graduate assistant working for Don Haskins learned every aspect of running a college basketball program from how to organize a practice, prepare a game plan and then deal with sportswriters

and sportscasters after a game. Haack added all of this knowledge onto the considerable talent he'd already displayed at Hayden High School. The result? Haack was a dynamite coach in his own right. His first head coaching job in El Paso was Parkland in 1973. Despite being outsized and undermanned in every contest, the Parkland Matadors became a very difficult team to beat thanks to Haack's outstanding coaching. The Matadors became a "Four Corners" offensive team depending on the talent of his players, or a "Double Post" team, if his players could run this offense and stay in the game with tough defense. Two of his Parkland teams finished third in the district in El Paso, which was a state basketball hotbed in the 1970's, capped off by the 1975 Texas Class 4A State Champion Eastwood Troopers coached by Bobby Lesley, who starred as a guard at UTEP for Don Haskins in the early 1960's. Bel Air was Haack's second El Paso coaching stop. He coached at Bel Air for a decade serving three years as an assistant coach and seven years as the boss of the Highlanders. Haack led the Highlanders to a 141-77 record over seven campaigns highlighted by a school record setting 27-3 club in 1983. Bel Air advanced to the Texas Class 5A Sweet 16 in 1983 winning the District, Bi-District and Area Championships that year. Hanks High School benefitted from Bob's ability to coach basketball in two different tenures. He coached the Knights to a 90-31 record from 1987 to 1991, leading the Silver and Black to three District and Bi-District Crowns and a trip to the Sweet 16 in 1990. After a year as an assistant coach at Connors State College in Warner, Oklahoma and another year as the head coach of the El Paso Socorro Bulldogs, the Hanks job opened up again and Ysleta Athletic Director Ruth Meredith

didn't hesitate to re-hire him. From 1993 to 2003 Haack led Hanks to a 202-80 mark, one of the top records in Texas. During this stint, Hanks reached the Texas Class 5A "Elite Eight" spearheaded by the play of star guard Garrett Richardson, the grandson of Hall of Fame Arkansas National Championship Coach Nolan Richardson. Only the Duncanville Panthers prevented Hanks from reaching the State's Final Four. Unfortunately, Haack was lured by more money to Gilbert, Arizona to coach basketball. He stayed in Gilbert for a year and fortunately wanted to coach in El Paso or the surrounding area. Gadsden Athletic Director Carlos Lowenberg jumped at the chance to hire the ultra-successful Haack when he applied for a job with the G.I.S.D. Lowenberg already had one of the top Boke's coaches on board in former Jefferson star coach Mike Harper, who led the Silver Foxes to numerous state playoff appearances. The only job he had available was the vacant Gadsden Girl's Head Coaching position. He offered it to Haack two years ago and he took it. Gadsden High School is blessed to have two superb basketball coaches working in one high school. Coaching Girl's Basketball is a first for Haack and he has a big challenge on his hands in trying to make Gadsden a Championship caliber team in a District featuring Las Cruces Mayfield and Las Cruces High School. After 35 years of coaching, Haack has won over 600 games, 7 District Championships, 5 Bi-District Crowns, 4 Area Titles and 4 "Sweet 16" appearances. Haack has been named "Coach of the Year" four times and has tutored two All-State players, 5 Texas "Region 1" players, 25 All-City players and 80 All-District players. That's a very impressive basketball coaching record for a guy who wanted to play pro football for the NFL's Atlanta Falcons once upon a time.

Carlos Lowenberg Coach



His Friday nights are much quieter than they used to be, now that he is an Athletic Director, instead of competing as a head football coach in Texas and New Mexico for over 40 years. Carlos Lowenberg moved into Athletic Administration on a full-time basis last

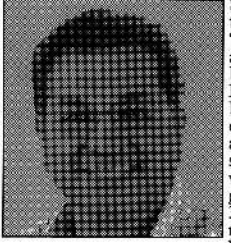
year handing the coaching duties at Gadsden High School over to Damian O'Campo to become the Athletic Director of the Gadsden Independent School District, the fastest growing school district in the state of New Mexico. Now he spends his Friday nights during the football season watching the Gadsden Panthers and Santa Teresa Desert Warriors battle their opponents on the gridiron traveling to both stadiums by car for all Gadsden I.S.D. home games. Yes, his Friday nights are quieter during the football season, but his Friday nights are just as competitive. He wants the Gadsden Panthers and Santa Teresa Desert Warriors to be competitive and, if possible, win. His Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and

Saturdays are all really different for Carlos Lowenberg. He is in charge of watching over the District's Boy's and Girl's teams playing basketball, baseball, softball, golf and competing in cross country, track and field, volleyball and swimming. He hires the coaches, schedules the games and monitors the progress of each team. His reputation as a coach and as an administrator is on the line every time Gadsden or Santa Teresa plays in a varsity, junior varsity, freshman or elementary school game. Why? Carlos Lowenberg is in charge of the Gadsden Independent School District Athletic Program. He is accountable to the school district's Board of Trustees and taxpayers for the success and guidance of the Gadsden District's Athletic Program. It is a huge responsibility. Carlos Lowenberg has not mellowed with time and age over a 40 year coaching career. He wants to win every game he can. After all, his reputation as a winner is on the line every day and night. Oh, but what a reputation Carlos Lowenberg has, especially as a football coach. After graduating from Cathedral in 1959 and UTEP in 1964, Lowenberg launched his coaching career at Canutillo High School as an Assistant Football Coach and Head Girl's Basketball Coach. His Lady Eagles Basketball team promptly won the District Championship. Carlos won 144 games as a Head Football Coach over a 29 year career as a varsity mentor. He made his first mark at Jesuit High School in 1971. It was a first and a last for Lowenberg. His 1971 Jesuit Chargers lost a Texas Parochial High School State Football Championship game to Houston Strike Jesuit 14-13 in a contest played in the Sun Bowl. Six of his players were named to the Texas Parochial All State

Team. For his efforts as Jesuit's Head Coach, Lowenberg was selected as El Paso County's 1971 "Coach of the Year" by the local sportswriters and sports broadcasters. It was the first such coaching honor for Lowenberg. It was also a last for him. At Jesuit, Lowenberg was blessed to be coaching great athletes. After all, six of his players were named All-Staters. He would never coach at a school again loaded with great athletes. A year later Jesuit High School closed due to a lack of operating money. Seven of his 1972 Chargers were named to the El Paso County All-District Team. Lowenberg found himself as the Head Football Coach at Fabens in 1973, inheriting a program that was 0-30 over the previous three seasons. A year later, Lowenberg worked his magic guiding the Wildcats to a 7-3 campaign. Carlos won his second "El Paso Times" Coach of the Year Award for his work at Austin High School. Lowenberg walked into a mess at Austin after the 1982 season. The Panthers posted losing records for a decade and the attitude at the school among the players was poor. He had his work cut out for him. The last time Austin won an outright District Championship was 1963. The undefeated Panthers lost to San Angelo Central in the '63' State Playoffs. Lowenberg brought the "Wing T" offense to Austin and the Panthers caught fire behind the dominating running of TB Steven Lee, a swift and powerful running back. Austin posted a 5-5 record in 1983 and then advanced to the State Playoffs in 1984, 1985 and 1986. The Panthers won an outright District title in 1985 and TB Steven Lee was selected to the State Class 5A First Team, thanks in part, to a 419 yard running performance against Jefferson. Lowenberg earned

his second El Paso "Coach of the Year" award. He repeated the coaching feat again at Jefferson in 1989 leading the Silver Foxes to the State Playoffs for the first time in the school's forty year history. He discovered that unbeknownst to anyone that Jefferson had a great RB in TB Andre Session. Lowenberg's insistence on rushing the football suited Andre Session to the T. Lowenberg guided the Silver Foxes to a 9-2 record and a date with 1989 State Champion Odessa Permian in the area playoffs. Andre Session ripped the Del Valle Conquistadors defense for 426 yards. He was a first team All-State RB, a CNN Athlete of the Week and earned a scholarship to Texas Tech. Carlos took his second "Coach of the Year" award to the city's oldest school, El Paso High, an institution that last won an outright District Championship in 1964. Carlos' 1994 El Paso Tigers won the district 1-4A Championship running the "Wing T" offense down EPHS's opponents throat. Lowenberg took his three "Coach of the Year" awards to New Mexico and Gadsden High School, where he turned the Panthers into a winning team from 1997 thru 2003 before becoming the System Athletic Director at Gadsden. He did not possess great athletics at Austin, Jefferson and at EPHS. He chose to work at these particular schools because he thought he could help his students and players turn their lives into a success instead of a failure at an underprivileged, financially strapped neighborhood campus school. Lowenberg succeeded! How many students he helped in 42 years? Unknown! Probably several thousands of kids!

Ruben Ramirez Media



Someone, a long time ago, once said, "A picture is worth a thousand words." El Paso Times Chief Photo Editor Ruben Ramirez has embraced that old adage and has been shooting prize winning photographs for the last 35 years. Today, more than ever

before, it takes great photography to produce a newspaper people will buy and read. An outstanding news story is enhanced beautifully if a pertinent picture is attached to it. Over the years, newspaper journalism has become "a very visual medium". A good piece of journalism news copy won't cut it today without good photojournalism. Of course, television has always been a visual medium requiring airable camera work. This is especially true in producing a television newscast. Ruben Ramirez had the courage to learn how to use expensive video tape cameras out of necessity, when The El Paso Herald Post shut down due to lack of money to publish the paper. Ruben was forced to find another job and found a home at KDBC-TV for a year as a television news video tape cameraman. There is a lot of difference between shooting still photography for a newspaper and shooting live television video. Ramirez learned how to shoot

useable TV footage perfectly. The one thing Ramirez had in common with still photography and live TV Video journalism is being blessed with a great eye for shooting pictures on film or video tape! How did Ruben become a prize winning photojournalist? For that answer, we must go back in time over 30 years ago. The friendly, outgoing Ramirez attended Austin High School graduating in 1973. He caught the journalism bug in college majoring in Newspaper and Television Journalism from 1976 to 1979. He got his baptism of fire serving as a copy boy at the El Paso Herald Post. He discovered that he liked working for the newspaper, especially after serving a tour of duty in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam era. USMC Sergeant Ruben Ramirez knew what he wanted to do with his life and the Marine Corp wasn't it. Ramirez wanted to become a newspaper photographer. Upon being honorably discharged from the Marines, Ruben returned to El Paso and started his career as a copy boy for the El Paso Herald Post. Because he had an ear for good rock and roll music, the paper assigned him to cover concerts in El Paso and at New Mexico State. He enjoyed his assignments as a music reviewer, but wondered why a cameraman was not sent to the concerts he critiqued? Ruben pestered El Paso Herald Post Chief Photographer Bill Thompson more than once about assigning a cameraman to him to take close shots of the bands he was asked to cover. Finally, the crusty, short tempered Bill Thompson got tired after listening to a man half his age, and without proven photographic experience, beg him for a photographer to shoot a rock concert. In frustration, so the legend goes, Thompson handed Ruben a camera and a roll of film exclaiming in exasperation, "You want a photographer to shoot this concert for you, don't

you? Well, I don't have a cameraman available to go with you, so you are it! You have a camera and some film! Go for it!" What a way to learn on the job and start a career as a newspaper photojournalist! Off Ramirez went to the concert and a star was born. Ruben shot almost a whole roll of film and feared that none of his pictures would be any good. He was wrong! One of his shots was good enough to use in the paper. He was thrilled, to say the least. His career as a photographer was born. As an Assistant Chief Cameraman, Ruben got to shoot concerts, banquets, city and county political events and sporting events. He also was rushed as a moments notice to cover fatal car wrecks, civil disturbances, fires, stabbings, shootings and drownings. A good photographer earns his or her spurs covering events that are horrible to view, let alone shoot for newspaper use. Ruben was an extraordinary photographer covering grisly, sickening events that cause the most hardened and callous individuals to cry and be ill. Ruben Ramirez became the top photojournalist in El Pas and when he did get to shoot sporting events, the results were spectacular! Locally, he covered UTEP Football and Basketball games, numerous Sun Bowls, 16 UTEP appearances in the NCAA week tournament, including the Miner Basketball Team's march to the Sweet 16 in 1992, three UTEP Football appearances, and the Induction of Coach Don Haskins into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in 1997 in Springfield, Massachusetts. Nationally he covered the NCAA Basketball Final Four in 1983, 1984 and 1986 for UPI. Ruben has covered 18 Super Bowl Football games for UPI and Super Bowl XXVII in 1993 pitting the Dallas Cowboys and the Buffalo Bills was extra special for Ramirez. He took a shot of Dallas Coach Jimmy Johnson getting doused with Gatorade celebrating the

Cowboys victory over the Bills on the sideline. Johnson smiled in elation and no one that was a Dallas fan could fail to notice that he was wearing a sharp, blue, black and white sideline jacket with the famous Dallas Lone Star emblazoned where his heart would be. It turned out that Coach Johnson was modeling the handsome team jacket for the Apex Sporting Goods Company. Ruben's photo of Johnson wearing that Apex Sideline Jacket was printed all over the United States the next morning to enhance the sports coverage in print of the Dallas victory. Apex purchased the picture from Ruben, later using it in it's advertising campaign to publicize it's line of Dallas Cowboys Sporting Apparel. Perhaps, unknown to Ruben in 2005, was the fact that Apex sold 10,000 Jimmy Johnson sideline jackets within the first month they hit the sporting goods stores in Texas primarily, and all over the United States. As a result of working on the UPI Super Bowl Photo Team consisting of 18 invited cameramen, his pictures were published all over the United States, Europe, and Mexico. The NFL has made extensive use of Ruben's photographic collection. His photo credits covering sporting events, and non-sporting events include: Sports Illustrated, Newsweek Magazine, Boston Globe, Los Angeles Times, Honolulu Advertiser, Time Magazine, The Albuquerque Tribune, Houston Post, The Dallas Morning News, UPI, AP, The Albuquerque Journal, Rocky Mountain News, Hispanic Magazine, Agency France Press, Southwest Airlines Magazine, The Hispanic Business Magazine, Vista Magazine and USA Today. For the El Paso Times Chief Photo Editor there can be no finer compliment. All of the long, tough assignments, and editing sessions have been worth it!

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