



# HISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION SOUTHERN SECTION (CIF-SS)



138<sup>th</sup> Historical "tidbit."  
Dr. John S. Dahlem

## ESPIRIDION MARTINEZ CASTILLO "Speedy"



A note written to Dr. Dahlem  
CIF-SS Historian



What are you going to do with all this info. You know I plan to write a couple of books after I retire.

Anyway, Born in Bernalillo, New Mexico, a small farming community 18 miles north of Albuquerque. Delivered by my grandmother who had been married to a catholic priest at the age of 14. He left the church to do so. He was 35 yrs. old. He did teach her to be a midwife and a healer. Her first husband died, and she then married my grandfather, Pedro Martinez a Basque who gave me the name of ESPIRIDION -Espiritu de Dios -- Spirit of God. It's in the bible. I have four sisters, Betty, Kathy, Mary and Shirley - three brothers, Roy, Dan and Larry and me with the odd name. Teachers in elementary school had all kinds of names for me. Espirtu, Got the name of Speedy after entering High school where I ran Track, my event was the 440 (qtr. Mile) once around the track. My time in Flagstaff on a cinder track with spikes was 53 seconds. In the invitational in Tucson my time was 50 seconds. The picture you have of me and Bill Cornford was my junior of high school at 156 lbs. I liked to hit people - Loved to play defense.

Tour of duty in Korea - there in 1951 after one semester of college. Beat the draft so I would not have to go to Korea. Ha, that's where they sent me - United States Fifth Air Force. Great tour of duty - got to visit Tokyo and Nagoya on my two R&Rs. Attained the rank of Sgt. Joined reserves here in California - promoted to rank of captain after one year.

Went back to college after discharged from military in 1955. - Arizona "State College NAU - BS in 1958 Masters 1959. AUHSD in 1959 at Orangeview Jr. High. 35 years. Teacher, coach, counselor, Child Welfare and Attendance, Coordinator of Federal Projects. started ESEA Title 1 - programs for disadvantage children. Personnel commissioner AUHSD after retirement - 15 years. Concordia University - Supervisor of Student Teachers 10 years. Disneyland 8 years - Security - three years in the Indian Village = five years under cover in plain clothes.

Oh, you asked about officiating:

While enrolled at NAU taking physical education classes I was introduced to officiating. Had three years' experience when I arrived in Anaheim. Officiated both football and basketball in Orange County for 47 years. Also officiated Division I basketball traveling throughout the country. Had the honor of officiating games for the PAC 8 doing games where Kareem Abdul Jabar and Bill Walton played for Coach John Wooden at UCLA. Traveled with Athletics In Action throughout the country. After all of this, became supervisor of officials assigning officials to basketball games for the Big West, Conference, Foothill Conference, the Orange Empire and Far West Board.

# E.M. "Speed" Castillo

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A long-time educator whose two children graduated from AHS, Speed is the most recognized referee in Orange County sports history. Since 1959, he has officiated thousands of high school football and basketball games and was named the California Coaches Association's Official of the Year for his contributions of time, service and dedication to the coaching profession and athletics.

Speed was born in Bernalillo, New Mexico, and graduated from Flagstaff High School Hall in 1959. He's a member of his school's Hall of Fame for his basketball career, but also competed in track, reaching all-star status, and played.

How did he get the name Speed (or sometimes Speedy?). He ran the 400 at Flagstaff High in 50 seconds and covered the 800 in 2:10. His speed also came in handy when maneuvering about the playing areas of events in which he has served as a referee.

Since 1959, Speed has officiated thousands of games, mostly in football and basketball, on the high school and college level. If there's been an important post in the officiating hierarchy in OC, Speed has occupied it. As an official in the Pacific-8 Conference, he's whistled USC's Paul Westphal for charging, Lew Alcindro for traveling and gave a "T" to guys like Bill Walton and Swen Nater.

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But, first, Speed is an educator. For 33 years, he was an administrator in the AUHSD. During this time, he served as teacher, coach, counselor, child welfare and attendance counselor, coordinator of federal projects and administrator.

While he stopped officiating in 2002, he continues working in the officiating world as an evaluator of officials, as well as working as a supervisor for the Concordia University student teaching program. He also serves as personnel commissioner with the Anaheim Union High School District and as chairman and state rep of equal education opportunity committee for Association of California Schools.

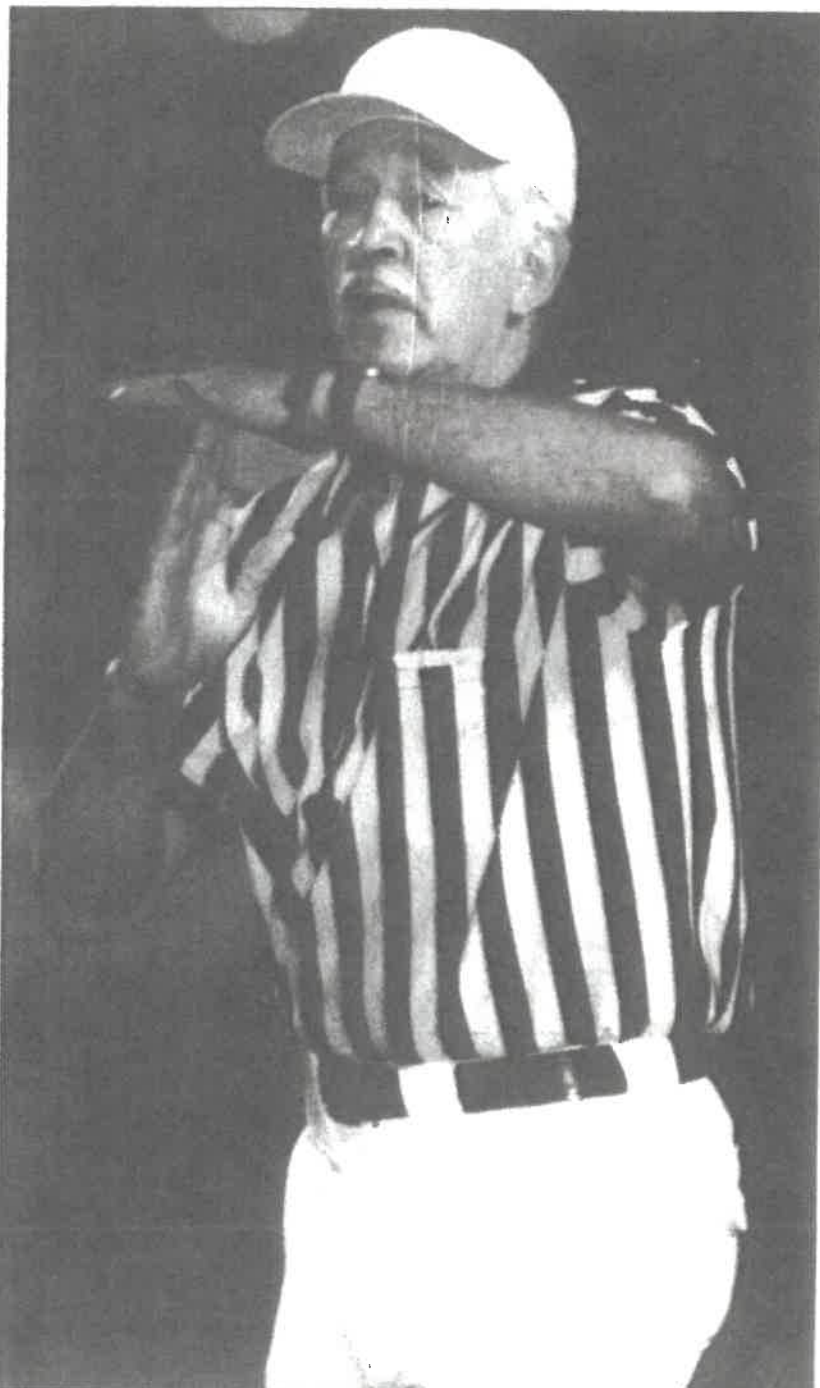


Speed earned his master's degree from Arizona State University and is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving in the Korean War and with the Strategic Air Command.

But his legacy includes a life-long love of young people and helping his community. He, along with friend Frances Martinez, who was inducted in the AHS Hall of Fame last year, often helped students who could afford graduation expenses and needed other help. He has also been active with Anaheim High's athletic programs.

Its student, faculty and alumni, are proud to induct E.M. Speed Castillo into the Anaheim High School Hall of Fame.

# PREP EXTRA



## MAKING *the* CALL

OFFICIATING A HIGH SCHOOL  
GAME IS A TOUGH JOB, BUT THOSE  
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By MARTIN HENDERSON  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

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About 60% of those who sign up in Orange County to become high school football officials don't return for a second year. Attrition grows in the third year.

They are scorned by unhappy fans, rarely praised even by happy coaches. But today is National Officials' Day, according to the National Federation of State High School Assns. So cut them some slack this week.

### The Man

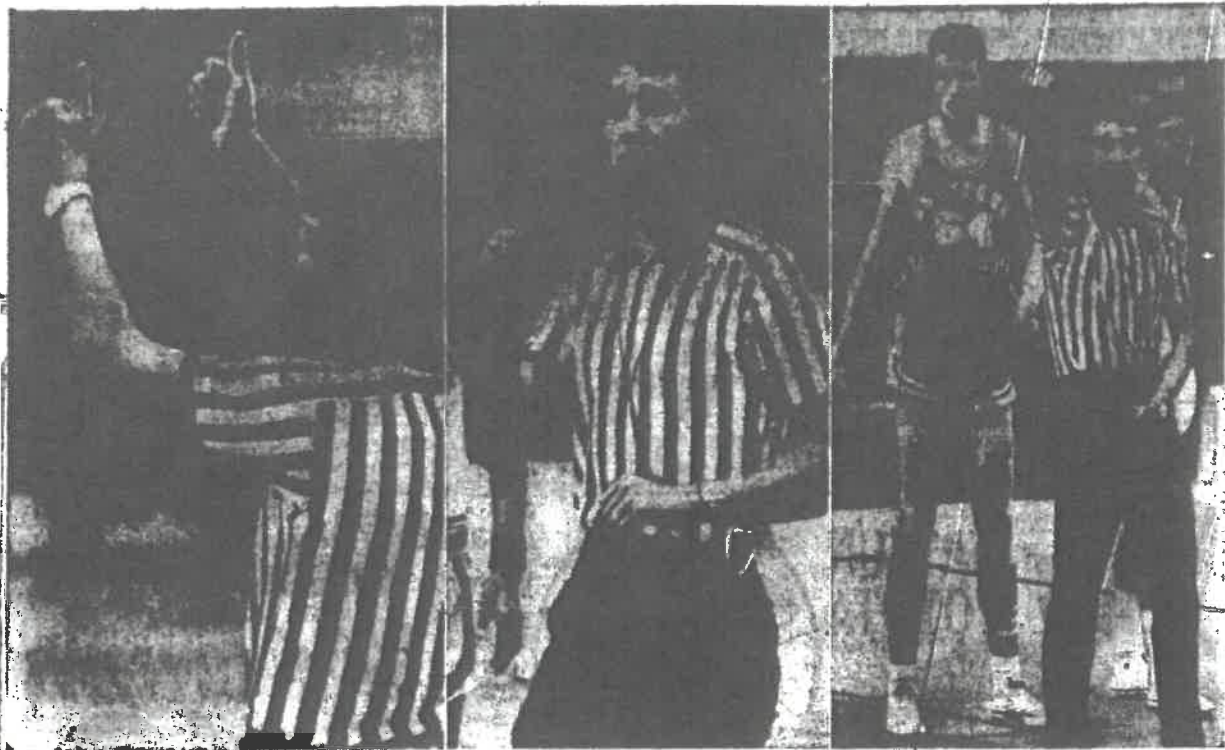
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DAVID KAWASHIMA For The Times  
Speed Castillo has been officiating at Orange County sporting events for more than four decades.



**HANDS TELL THE STORY** — Referee 'Speedy' Castillo believes in keeping his finger—and thumbs—on the pulse of a basketball game. Here, from left, he signals a jump ball, clarifies a foul call and waves a player into the game. Castillo is considered one of the finest officials in the county. Times photos by Denis Jannette

# Speedy Castillo Whistles While He Works

BY EARL GUSTKEY  
Times Staff Writer

When the final buzzer sounded at a 1965 CIF basketball playoff game, the two officials began running for the nearest exit. It had been a one-point game, won by a parochial school.

Chasing the officials was an angry mob of about 15 adult male basketball fans, obviously partisan to the losing team. They cursed and shouted and made ugly threats.

As the two officials flew through the gym door, a priest stood poised outside. He slammed the door shut and bolted it. While the two officials kept on running to their car, the priest hurled himself against the door, finally breaking it open.

But by then, the two of-

ficials were well on their way. At the wheel, making like A. J. Foyt, was Espiridion Martinez Castillo, known as "Speedy" to his friends, in this case the priest.

Castillo, a basketball official for 16 years and a familiar figure at Orange County prep, JC and college games, can tell stories like that for hours.

**Sticky Situation**

"I guess that '65 playoff game was the roughest situation I've ever been in," Speedy says.

"But I've been in nasty spots with individuals—you know, a guy running out of the stands at you or a player or coach losing his cool."

Skillfully, Speedy has avoided the frequent perils of his trade through the seasons. Highly regarded

by Orange County coaches, he is a craftsman. At 40, his career is still ascending.

He is now in his first season as a Pacific 8 official. At \$30 a game, he calls Pac-8 frosh games this season. If he is found to be sufficiently qualified after probationary season, he'll step up to varsity games, at \$110 per contest, plus expenses.

Basketball officiating is part-time work with full-time dedication. Speedy, in December, will call 35 high school and college games. He will make \$800 to \$700 this month and roughly \$3,500 for the season.

Speedy is full-time job is the directorship of the compensatory education program for the Anaheim

Union High School District.

The lofty estimation county coaches seem to have for Castillo's officiating is reflected by his new position as instructional chairman for the 260-member Orange County Basketball Officials Association.

The group meets Monday nights during the season at J. P. Greeley School in Santa Ana, meeting in six classrooms to instruct beginning officials and refine the skills of veterans.

A new official, who must be 21 and able to pass a 200-question exam, undergoes three weeks of training before being permitted to work high school freshman games.

**Seasoning Required**

It requires an average official about three seasons before he's allowed to call CIF varsity games, the fee for which is \$20.

This season, they're being paid to enforce two new rules.

"There can be no more jockeying for position on the jump ball," Castillo says. "The two jumpers must remain in place before the jump and not move their feet."

Another change extends an official's jurisdiction over a game.

"We're now in charge of a game 30 minutes before tipoff instead of 10," Speedy reports. "It's meant to enforce the no-dunk rule. If a player's dunking the ball 30 minutes before the game, it's a technical foul and the game begins with a free throw."

Castillo says he's called more than his usual

amount of technical fouls over the past two seasons. But until the 1968-69 season, he'd called only one technical in Orange County in five years.

"I called it on Elmer Combs, the Huntington Beach coach," Speedy recalled.

"He was mad at a call I'd made against his team and wanted me to explain it. He jumped off the bench and started sounding the buzzer at the scorer's table to get my attention. I had to give him a 'T' for stopping the game."

"Elmer's probably the roughest coach in the county on officials."

Combs is among those who rate Speedy as the county's top official.

"I've never heard anyone say anything bad about his work," he says. "He's always been consistent and he doesn't call that Mickey Mouse stuff so many refs do."

"As far as I'm concerned, he's not only the best, he's the ONLY one."

more than his usual

**"SPEED CASTILLO - THE INDIAN VILLAGE SHERIFF"**

Speed Castillo (of diverse Spanish, Basque, Portuguese, and Isleta Pueblo descent) is one of many Disneyland Cast Members who made unique and valuable contributions to making Walt's dream a reality, and whose roles in life have proven as outstanding as his heritage. Speed (has been a school teacher, a basketball referee, and even a cook at the Disneyland Hotel (for one year only). All of this in addition to being a loving husband, and proud father of two children! Notwithstanding the latter, some of his fondest secular memories pertain to the years he performed a starring role as a Security Host in Frontierland, as the Indian Village Sheriff.

***Disneyland Work***

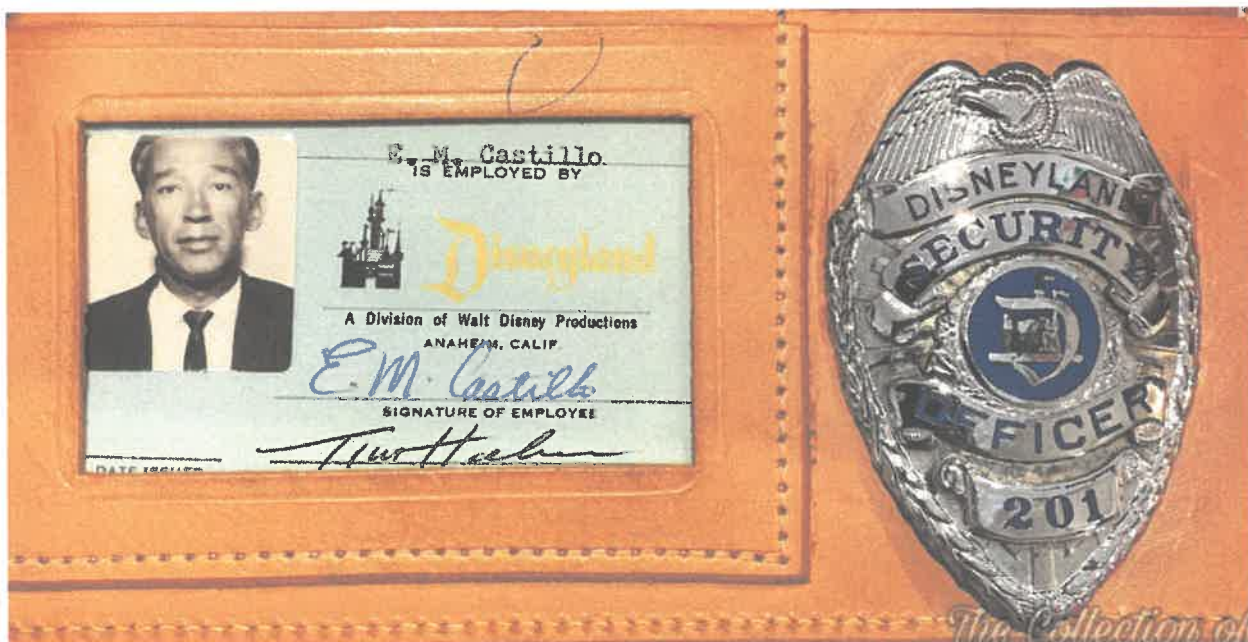


Speed's distinguishing Frontierland wardrobe piece - the hat of "Chief Two Feathers."

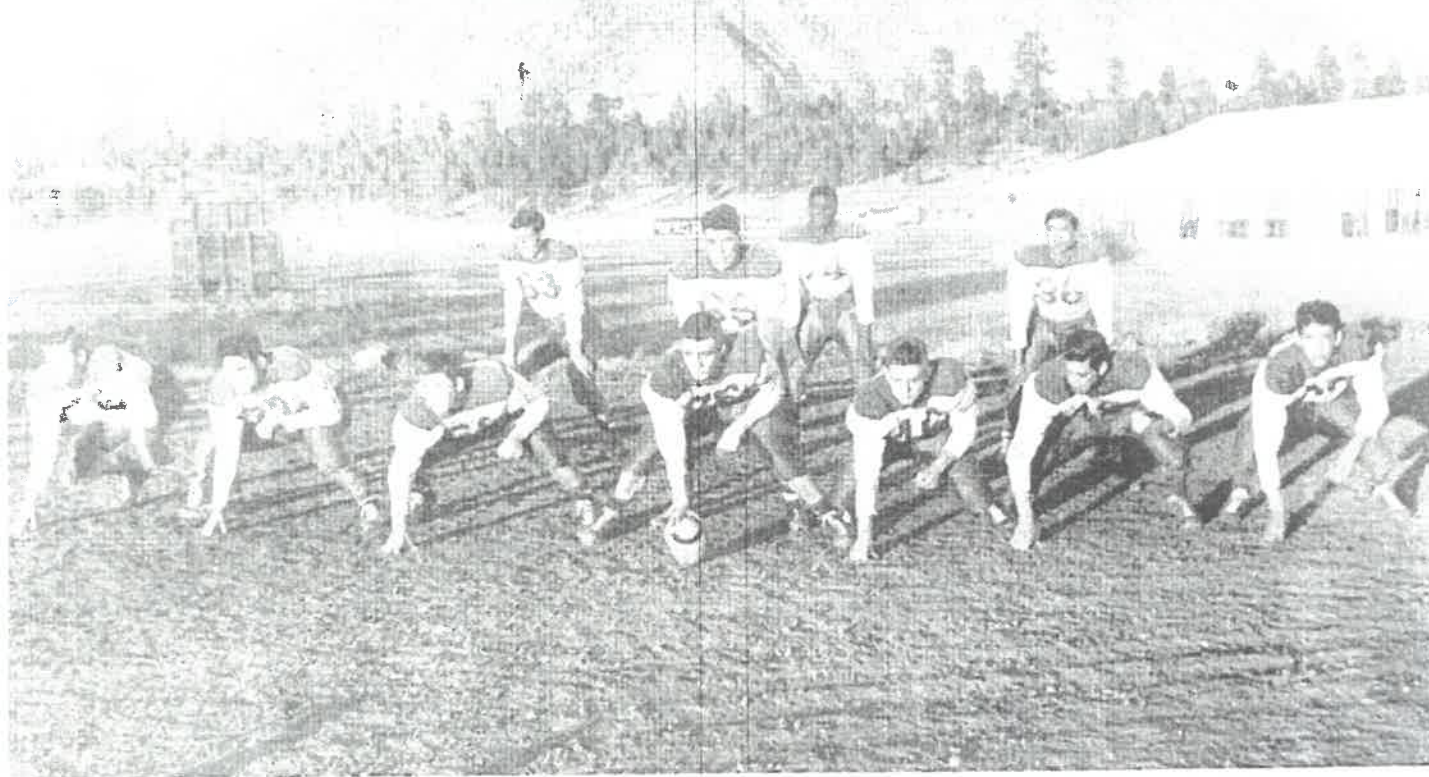


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**Speed Castillo** in full regalia sets out to keep the peace in the old Western half of Frontierland.







FIRST TEAM

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|---------|-------|---------|----------|---------|---------|----------|
|         | GOMEZ |         | NEAL     |         | GARCIA  |          |
|         |       |         | GABALDON |         |         |          |
| MATHEWS | BIRD  | WALLACE | DEAVER   | GUTHRIF | MAYORCA | CASTILLO |

Tuesday, November 9, 1948

# Primed For Winslow Battle



## FLAGSTAFF EAGLES

**Speedy Castillo**, left end, and **Bill Cornford**, fullback for the Flagstaff High Eagles, are primed for action Thursday when the Eagles play the Winslow Bulldogs at Winslow. (SUNfoto by Wilson Riley)

1 of 2 matches

## Speedy Castillo Wins Free Throw Contest

A 1950 graduate of Flagstaff High School, Espiro (Speedy) Castillo, was recently named winner of a foul shooting contest held at Kirtland Airforce Base, Albuquerque.

Outstanding in all sports while attending high school, Castillo, a member of the Hq Sq 6th Bomb Wing basketball team, sank 45 of 50 charity tosses. Castillo is high scorer for his team.

### Speedy Castillo in the 1940 United States Federal Cen:



CASTILLO  
Member

Name: Speedy Castillo  
 Age: 10  
 Estimated birth year: abt 1930  
 Gender: Male  
 Race: White  
 Birthplace: New Mexico  
 Marital status: Single  
 Relation to Head of House: Son  
 Home in 1940: Flagstaff, Coconino, Arizona  
 Map of Home in 1940: [View Map](#)  
 Street: South Agassiz  
 House Number: 14  
 Inferred Residence in 1935: Flagstaff, Coconino, Arizona  
 Residence in 1935: Same Town  
 Sheet Number: 9A  
 Attended School or College: Yes  
 Highest Grade Completed: Elementary school, 2nd grade  
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)  
 Household Members:

| Name              | Age |
|-------------------|-----|
| Clemente Castillo | 31  |
| Lupe Castillo     | 30  |
| Speedy Castillo   | 10  |
| Roy Castillo      | 7   |
| Dan Castillo      | 4   |
| Ruth Mirabal      | 12  |



**CRAWLEY CAPTAINS**—Stas Townsend (right) and E. M. Speedy (center) were elected co-captains of the state National Basketball Congress champion Crawley Distributor team of Flagstaff. Raul Garcia (left), team coach, announced at a special banquet given players and guests Friday night. The three are shown with trophy they received after winning Mesa event which sent them to national meet held in Phoenix and Tempe. (SUNfoto)



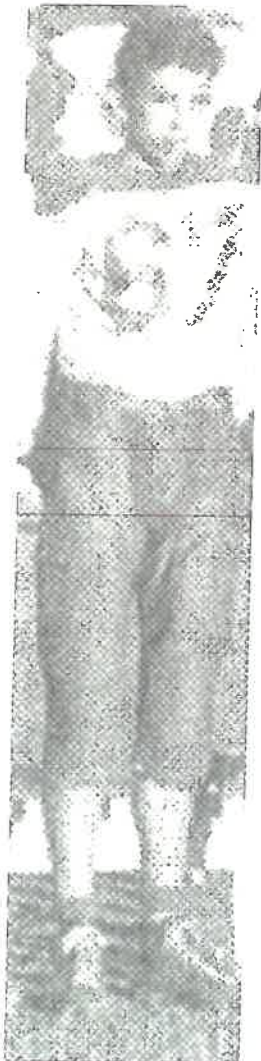
Speedy was the boy who bottled up many of the ball carriers who tried sweeping end-around runs. This and his pass-catching brought him All-Northern, honorable mention. The team will greatly miss the absence of this two-year letterman.

Richard doubled as a center or an end. Rich' lettered two years and was equally good on offense or defense. His adversaries found he hit hard—but clean.



SPEEDY CASTILLO. **Football** 1, 2; All Northern Honorable Mention 3; Manager 4; Basketball 1, 2; Captain 3; State Basketball Tourney 3; Track 1, 2, 3; State Track Meet 3, 1th Place; Winslow Track Meet 3, placed 1st; Baseball 1; Lettermen Club 2, 3, 4; National Athletic Honor Society 2, 3, 4; Circus 2.

MATILDA CONTRERAS. Choir 1, 2; Letterwomen Club 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 2, 3; Dramurals 2, 3, 4.



SPEEDY CASTILLO  
 Junior - Center  
 Co-Captain

able to get points in the meet.

The summary:

120-yard high hurdles: 1. Gold, Casa Grande; 2. Lowry, Seligman; 3. Bean, Chandler; 4. Morgan, Casa Grande. Time—15.2 seconds.

High jump: 1. Barker, Tolleson; 2. Tie between Wogaman, Gilbert, Alexander, Nogales and Kennedy, Bisbee. Height—5 feet 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

Shot put: 1. Jacobson, Casa Grande; 2. Lee, Winslow; 3. Paredes, Nogales; 4. Scott, Duncan. Distance—45 feet 5 inches.

100-yard dash: 1. Mason, Casa Grande; 2. Lee, Winslow; 3. Leonard, Bisbee; 4. Stewart, Litchfield Park. Time—10.1 seconds.

Mile run: 1. Moreno, Douglas; 2. Halstead, Bisbee; 3. Yalas, Nogales; 4. McLain, Carver. Time—4:30.7 minutes.

200-yard low hurdles: 1. Gold, Casa Grande; 2. Fisk, Benson; 3. Kaleel, Bisbee; 4. Watson, Winslow. Time—21.8 seconds.

220-yard dash: 1. Mason, Casa Grande; 2. Lee, Winslow; 3. Leonard, Bisbee; 4. Fulks, Litchfield Park. Time—22.8 seconds.

300-yard run: 1. Turnbull, Safford; 2. Ram, Casa Grande; 3. Echeverria, Clifton; 4. Reynolds, Bisbee. Time—2:05.1 minutes.

Discus throw: 1. Stewart, Bisbee; 2. Savage, Safford; 3. Goodgame, Litchfield Park. Distance—132 feet 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

Broad jump: 1. Lee, Winslow; 2. Hicks, Bisbee; 3. Scott, Carver; 4. Mireles, Miami. Distance—27 feet 3 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches.

300-yard relay: 1. Casa Grande (Morgan, Guzman, Gold and Mason); 2. Bisbee; 3. Winslow; 4. Carver. Time—1:33.4 minutes.

440-yard run: 1. Mason, Casa Grande; 2. Ram, Casa Grande; 3. Kleinman, Coolidge; 4. Castillo, Flagstaff. Time—57.2 seconds.

X—Pole Vault: 1—Higbee, Winslow; 2. Tie between Garcia Ashfork and Davis, Beson, 4. Five-way tie between Douglas, Tolleson, Redden, Douglas, Brown, Chandler Rutherford, Duncan and Gomez, No-

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**HOOP LOOP CO-LEADERS** — Having racked up three pre-holiday victories in City Basketball League play against no losses, Crawley Distributors are tied with the ASC Newman Club for the CBL lead. Play resumes the first week in January. Shown here (front row, l. to r.) Coach Raul (Baky) Garcia, Jim Taylor, Don Tussey, and Manuel Leyva; (middle row, l. to r.) Espiro (Speedy) Castillo, Jack Robinson, Don McAllister, and Dale Stevens; (back row, l. to r.) Stan Townsend, Ted Rhodes, Jimmy Manriquez, and Paul Whitman. Team members Pino Ardeguendo and Lee Eastman were absent when photo was taken. (SUNfoto)

## Flag Enters AAU Tourney

The first entry from Flagstaff and one from the defending champion arrived for the state AAU basketball tournament yesterday. The tourney is scheduled March 5-10.

The sponsoring Phoenix YMCA said Crawley's Distributors of Flagstaff and Thomas Air Conditioning of Phoenix became the first two teams in. Entries close Monday, said John Carhart of the Y.

The Flagstaff team is based on the Arizona State at Flagstaff variety, which supplies such players as E. M. Castillo, Stan Townsend, Gene Feerick, and Bill Lewis. It also includes Manuel Leyva, better known in other sports. Flagstaff has not been represented in previous tournaments.

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Pete Rail  
Mason Rankin  
Don Reardon  
Thomas H. Riley  
Thomas Rousseau



# SGT ESPIRIDION M. CASTILLO

- BORN IN BERNALILLO, NM ON MARCH 23, 1930
- U.S. AIR FORCE
- 5<sup>TH</sup> AIR FORCE – STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND
- KOREAN WAR
- 6/29/1951 – 6/28/1955
- KOREAN SVC, UN SVC, NATIONAL DEFENSE SVC, PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION MEDALS
- CAREER: TEACHER, COUNSELOR, DIRECTOR, PRINCIPAL – 35 YEARS



*Speed was very proud of his service to his country*



Air Force Korean "War" Veteran



# Making the Call : Officiating a High School Game is a Tough Job, but Those Who do it Find it to Be a Rewarding One

By MARTIN HENDERSON

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Suffice it to say there are two awards on the walls of his Anaheim home. One plaque is in jest, from the "Fun Football Officials," and it cites the Brea Olinda-Sonora game Sept. 29, 1989, when all hell broke loose; it is given in recognition "where he single-handedly managed to turn a couple of minor penalties into a full-scale riot."

"Something happened and people started running onto the field," Castillo said. "We just sat back and took names and



Los Angeles Times



The other plaque on the wall is the John McDonough Memorial Sportsmanship Award, and it's totally serious. It is given to the most recognized official of the year by the Orange County Football Assn.

"There are," Castillo said, "only about 10 of those in the county."

He has, perhaps, done more for officials in Orange County than any other person.

And he speaks for an entire profession that is often misunderstood.



## The Man

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"I think Speedy will be a legend in Orange County," said Pat Backus, an official of 35 years. "I don't know anyone in Orange County sports who doesn't know Speedy Castillo."

Castillo admits he has lost a step and has only "another year or two" before giving way to the next generation.

Until then, he will continue to be The Man, the one guy about whom most everyone has a story to tell.

Too many stories to tell.

"We don't want to screw up. We don't want to make any mistakes. The last thing we want to do is cause a team to lose the game, or yards or time," he said. "We want to make sure we give them a fair shake. You react to color [of the uniform]; you don't have time to be on the take. If you're that kind of guy, you're gone."

Most officials aren't in it for the money. Castillo, for being the referee, gets \$51; the other four members of his crew--umpire Rich Maragni, head linesman Armando Amaro, side judge Mike Brody, back judge Dave Newby--get \$49 for a varsity football game.

El Toro Coach Mike Milner, penalized 15 yards for unsportsmanlike conduct for the first time in his 26-year career in Friday's 24-15 victory over Newport Harbor, said, "You couldn't pay me enough money to be a football official."

"It's a demanding job and it's a thankless job because you're always going to catch heat from one sideline or the other," he said. "You might officiate, mechanically, a perfect game and chances are you'll catch heat."

There are Orange County high school officials who are making as much as \$200,000 annually, who don't need to put up with the aggravation, who are respected in their fields.

"You go out, get a pizza and a beer, and when you get home, you have about 15 bucks," Castillo said. "That's the name of the game. The guys do it for the fun."

The logo for the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF), featuring the letters 'CIF' in a stylized font with a globe icon.

California Interscholastic Federation  
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A logo for the Southern Section of CIF, featuring the letters 'A' and 'W' in a stylized font.

SOUTHERN SECTION

# CIF-SS BULLETIN



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## CASTILLO NAMED ORANGE COUNTY OFFICIALS' LIAISON

E.M. "Speed" Castillo, assistant principal of Gilbert High School (Anaheim Union High School District), has been appointed as the first-ever official's liaison for the Orange County Assignment area, effective with the opening of the 1987-88 school year.

The appointment is a component of a pilot program founded exclusively for the Orange County area, which calls for the association of each sport to directly assign officials for athletic contests. Castillo's major responsibility will be to gather schedules of area schools in all sports and coordinate communications between the associations, schools and the CIF-SS Office.

Castillo has a long and highly successful background in sports officiating. He was an active member of the Arizona Interscholastic Officials' Association in football and basketball from 1954-59 and has been a member of the Southern California Football and Basketball Associations since 1960. Castillo has served as the Orange County instructional chairperson for basketball since 1977, was president of the Southern California Basketball Officials' Association for the 1981-82 season, president of the Orange County Basketball Officials' Association for the 1975-76 season and was a board member of the Southern California Football Officials' Association from 1983 through 1985.

During his officiating career Castillo has worked eight CIF-SS basketball championships, ten Orange County All-Star basketball games, eight Orange County All-Star football games and the 1984 Shrine All-Star football game. In addition, his experience includes observing officials for the California Collegiate Athletic Association and the Pacific Coast Athletic Association.

A graduate of Arizona State University, Castillo went on to earn his master's degree at the Flagstaff campus in 1959. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, Castillo served in Korea 1951-1953 and with the Strategic Air Command in New Mexico 1953-55.

He has Basque heritage along with Spanish and Portuguese

Could not play football his senior HS year as he was too old...Captain of football team his junior year and managed them his senior year

Worked all the way through high school and college as a cook (just like his Dad)...famous for his home-made tamales that he always hands out at Christmas

Ran track for one year at ASU Flagstaff...tried football, but was only 156 lbs.

Came to Southern California because the pay was better

Started teaching in the Anaheim Union High School District in 1959 at Orangeview Junior High School, was the baseball coach and his he hired Mickey Flynn as his assistant

Became a counselor, Title I Coordinator and his favorite position at Gilbert the continuation school...called that his best job because those were his type of kids

His military career took him to San Antonio, Texas, Alabama, Roswell and Korea...ended up as a Captain in the reserves

**Born on March 23, 1930**

