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San Antonio Area Athletes to Compete in Special Olympics U.S.A. National Games Next Month

SAN ANTONIO – Special Olympics Texas (SOTX) – San Antonio area athletes are headed to Lincoln, Nebraska for the 2010 U.S.A. National Games! The Games will be held on and near the University of Nebraska at the Lincoln campus, July 18-23. SOTX athletes will compete in aquatics, athletics, bocce, basketball, bowling, golf, gymnastics, powerlifting, soccer, softball, flag football, tennis and volleyball.

Among the more than 3,000 competitors from throughout the nation are 152 Special Olympics Texas athletes, including 30 San Antonio area athletes who will represent Team Texas:

NAME	SPORT	HOMETOWN
Earl Bell	Basketball	San Antonio
Craig Buscemi	Basketball	Live Oak
Daryl Carpenter	Softball	San Antonio
Min Hai Che	Softball	San Antonio
Herman "T.J." Crockett	Unified Basketball	San Antonio
Kenneth Dohmen	Unified Basketball	Cibolo
Leonard Flowers	Unified Basketball	San Antonio
Aimee-Rhae Galindo	Athletics	San Antonio
Johnny Garcia	Softball	San Antonio
William Goodrich	Softball	San Antonio
Allen Green	Bocce	San Antonio
Joe Hardeman	Basketball	Universal City
David Hedges	Bowling	San Antonio
Stephen Kilpatrick	Unified Basketball	Cibolo

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Dante Lewis	Basketball	San Antonio
Kristen Medley	Athletics	San Antonio
Zachary Mickaels	Softball	San Antonio
Chuck "Consa" Newman	Basketball	Converse
David "D.J" Nicholson	Basketball	San Antonio
Jonathan Pilgrim	Softball	San Antonio
Mark Rapolla	Basketball	Helotes
Matthew Rapolla	Basketball	Helotes
Wesley Reagan	Softball	San Antonio
Joshua Ross	Softball	San Antonio
Kimberly Taggart	Unified Basketball	San Antonio
Tim Taggart	Unified Basketball	San Antonio
Jessica Tunnell	Aquatics	San Antonio
Phillip Turner	Softball	Universal City
Daniel Van Kleef	Unified Basketball	San Antonio
Ruben Young	Basketball	San Antonio

Athlete bios are available upon request. Updates and results on the Texas athletes will be available online at www.specialolympicstexas.org.

About Special Olympics Texas

Special Olympics Texas is a privately funded non-profit organization providing year-round sports training and athletic competition for 36,311 children and adults with intellectual disabilities in the Lone Star State. Be a part of the movement that is **CHANGING LIVES** in your community. For more information, visit www.specialolympicstexas.org.

About the 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games

The 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games in Lincoln, Nebraska will showcase and celebrate the Special Olympics movement and athletes from across the United States, while illustrating the power of sports to educate and inform about the true abilities and achievements of people with intellectual disabilities. From July 18-23, 2010, nearly 3,000 athletes will compete in 13 Olympic-style sports, with the support of 1,000 coaches, 8,000 volunteers and an estimated 15,000 family and friends. In addition to sports, the USA National Games will offer various programs in health, wellness and education. To learn more, visit www.2010specialolympics.org

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