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## **Lubbock to host Hilton HHonors Junior Spring West National Championships**

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LUBBOCK, Texas (March 14, 2011) – Approximately 250 of the nation's top junior divers are expected in Lubbock this spring, when the Hilton HHonors Junior Spring West National Championships come to the Pete Ragus Aquatic Center, 2004 14<sup>th</sup> Street, from April 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

The East and West Championships are the premier diving events for junior athletes during the spring season. Divers compete for titles on the 1-meter springboard and 3-meter springboard events in four age groups: 11 and under, 12-13, 14-15 and 16-18. Divers qualify for these competitions by placing in the top six at one of 10 junior region championships held throughout the U.S. in March.

Several local divers will be among the divers trying to qualify. Audrey Ruiz 16, Ty Sides 15, Lauren Mills 15, all of Coronado High, Allison Crites 14 of Lubbock High, Averie Ruiz 13 of Irons Middle School and Noah Fincher 13 of Irons Middle School are currently training in preparation for the region VIII meet in Midland, Texas, on March 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. All are members of the Lubbock Dive Club.

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Competition at the West Championships will begin at 9am each day.

USA Diving is recognized as the national governing body for the sport of diving within the United States.

For additional information on the championships or on joining the local diving team, contact Penny DiPomazio of the Lubbock Dive Club at 806-766-1814, [www.lubbockdiveclub.org](http://www.lubbockdiveclub.org) or visit [www.usadiving.org](http://www.usadiving.org).

For information about this event, please contact Scott Harrison, Sports Director at Lubbock Sports, at 806-747-5232 or [scott@visitlubbock.org](mailto:scott@visitlubbock.org).

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