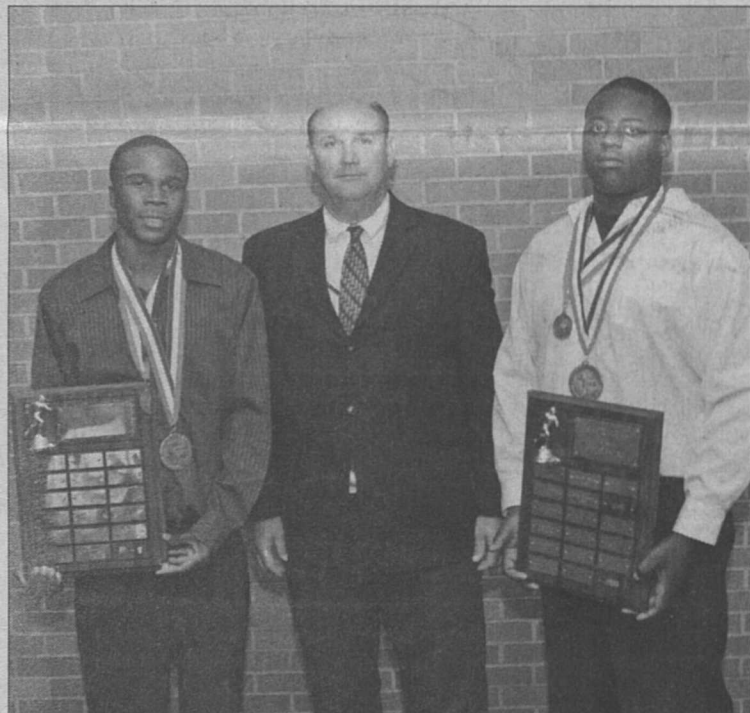


From left: Mario Hull, Matt Sosa - Baseball MVPs; Coach Brent Tritschler, Damian Stevens - most improved baseball.



From left: Kourtney Korenek-Softball MVP, Coach John Henry Post, Lauren Shimek-Softball Most Improved.



From left: Sylvester Middleton Track MVP, Coach Mark Pustovsky, Chris Dorsey Field MVP.



Jaquita Woods participated in the 330 hurdles at the State Track Meet on Saturday in Austin. She finished 7th.

Matagorda Bay Forum May 20

Matagorda Bay needs fresh water from the Colorado River to support fish, shrimp, crabs and oysters.

As the state's population grows, however, there are increasing demands on the Colorado that could affect the bay.

A new state process to legally define the amount of freshwater the Colorado River and Matagorda Bay need will be starting in the fall.

The Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club is holding a free public forum in Bay City Tuesday, May 20, at the Bay City Civic Center to educate area residents about the new process, how it could impact the river and bay and what people can do to make sure they are both protected.

"This process could ensure that Matagorda Bay continues to get the water it needs," said Jennifer Walker, water resources specialist with the Sierra Club. "The public has a unique opportunity to get involved and to help make decisions about the future of the Colorado River and Matagorda Bay."

Myron Hess and Norman Johns from the National Wildlife Federation will provide an overview of the new Environmental Flows Allocation Process and will talk about specific issues affecting Matagorda Bay and the Colorado River basin.

Representatives from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas Water Development Board will participate in a panel discussion and answer specific questions about their agencies' roles in the process.

The Environmental Flows Allocation Process was created by the Texas Legislature in 2007.

The law outlines a stakeholder and scientific process for the protection of "environmental flows" that will be implemented over the next several years for all of Texas' coastal bays and their associated river basins.

The event at the civic center is free and open to the public.

Food and drinks will be provided for attendees from 6 to 7 p.m.

Presentations will begin at 7

p.m., and the sessions will conclude by 9 p.m.

Ample time will be provided for questions from the audience.

The Sierra Club requests that people planning to attend please

RSVP by May 16 at www.texaswatermatters.org, so that adequate arrangements may be made for food and seating.

A similar event will be held in Victoria on May 21.

I would like to thank the communities for their continued support.

Let's continue to move forward for the future of our children and our community.

Joe Lee Perez, Rice CISD Trustee

Week's Cattle Prices Mixed

For the week ending May 10, the price trend for feeder cattle at Texas auctions was again mixed, from \$4 per hundredweight higher to \$5 lower, with the average for 500 to 600 pound steers virtually unchanged compared with a week ago.

Fed cattle prices were up \$2 per hundredweight.

Cotton prices were up slightly.

Corn and grain sorghum cash prices were also higher on continued planting delays in the Midwest.

Wheat prices declined amid expectations for a large global crop.

As for futures markets, feeder cattle, finished cattle, cotton, corn and lumber closed higher, while wheat finished lower.

Most areas of the state recorded rain last week, with up to 4 inches falling on the Plains and more than 2 inches in parts of East Texas.

Cotton planting continued with 27 percent of the acreage now planted, slightly behind the normal 31 percent.

The state's corn crop is 85 percent planted, compared with 91 percent on average by this date.

Winter wheat is 71 percent headed, with the crop reported in fair to very poor condition.

Topsoil moisture was rated short to adequate statewide.

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