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News - Local

Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009

500-plus birds found at alleged cockfighting site in Nipomo

Officials say the bust was one of the largest in California history; property had injured roosters, cockfighting tools, drugs and weapons

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Five people were arrested in Nipomo on Wednesday in connection with what Sheriff's Department officials are saying was a massive cockfighting operation that involved more than 500 fighting birds.

Sheriff's investigators, assisted by the Humane Society, found between 500 and 800 fighting birds Wednesday evening at a large property at 650 and 696 Joshua St.

Humane Society and Sheriff's Department officials reportedly found injured birds, cockfighting tools, drugs and weapons on the property. Investigators also collected Mexican magazines with birds listed for sale for as much as \$700, a Humane Society

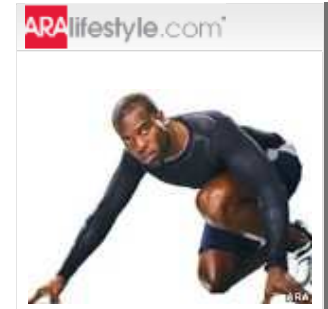
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