Historic Finish:
Stephanie Brown becomes Big West’s first four-time champ.

Blame Game: High school hazing need punishment.

Rodeo team rides to nationals

Cal Poly rodeo team member and agricultural systems management senior Levi Rosser wrestles a steer at the Poly Royal Rodeo.

By Jenni Mintz
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

After a successful playoff rodeo last weekend, 10 rodeo team members are preparing for the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association finals in Casper, Wyo., in June.

The team had multiple individual victories that led to qualify to compete in finals.

Earth science senior Jesse Segura, national student president of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, won the men’s all-around title and the saddle bronco and steer wrestling competitions on May 9 and 10.

"Jesse has been instrumental in helping to run the association," Cal Poly rodeo coach Brett Black said. "He has taken on roles that no other president has taken on, and has been extremely involved."

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Administrators pursue career at Georgia Southern U.

By Chris Welke
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITERS

With aspirations of one day becoming a university president, Cal Poly’s interim associate vice provost Anny Morrobel-Sosa will move to Georgia where she will be the new dean of science and technology at Georgia Southern University.

As an administrator, Morrobel-Sosa begins work at GSU July 1. She has already found a new home and will make the move shortly after Cal Poly’s academic year comes to a close.

"It's a challenging opportunity," Morrobel-Sosa said. "The fact that I'm getting a promotion is not necessarily the one thing that I'm focused on, but obviously it's important. So it was just the right opportunity at the right time."

Being the new dean of the Allen E. Paulson College of Science and Technology is a huge job. Unlike Cal Poly, which holds engineering in a separate college from science and math, GSU integrates these into one.

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New class offers hands-on experience for aggies

By Ryan McAdams
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

There are classes that prepare students for life after school. Then there are those that struggle with the idea.

Agribusiness professor Ron de Yong and associate dean of the College of Agriculture Mark Shelton have worked together to get a class off the ground that is making strides toward supplying students with confidence when they enter the workforce. The two teach the winter class together and de Yong teaches it in the spring by himself.

"I had students telling me that they didn’t have a real feel for what they'd be doing in the real world," de Yong said of his former students.

Students do not need to worry anymore.

The class, Agriculture Policy Issues, creates a hands-on environment that allows students to come up with agricultural policies as a group and present them to the powers that be.

"The main thing it does is show the students how challenging the policy developing world is and they have to deal with issues that have economical and environmental impacts," Shelton said.

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nness originator. After eight hours of
evaluation, 12 entrepreneurs were
selected to receive an award.
"Since this was the first time we
organized the awards, a lot of
research and planning was needed
to establish a framework that can
be replicated again and again," said
business junior Chris Miller. "Of
course there were a number of little
things that could be changed, but
this is part of the learning process,
and overall the event was perfectly
planned."

On May 9, more than 150 indi-
viduals attended the awards ban-
quet at the Dairy Creek golf course.
Each entrepreneur was recognized
for their high level of excellence
within the community. An alumni
representative, and representatives
from State Senator Bruce
McPherson's office and assembly
member Abel Maldonado gave out
certificates of recognition.

"The course created bridges
between Cal Poly and the entrepre-
neurial community, as well as to give
them contacts with the entrepre-
neurs themselves," Pendergast said.
The event's success did not only
create a new era of tradition but
compelled Rep. Lois Capps to pre-
sent Pendergast with a certificate of
special congressional recognition.

"What was rewarding for me
was the students' success," Pendergast
said. "They did a great job and it
was extremely well organized. This
was a big production and it created
a new institution at Cal Poly.

"The program was just begin-
ing to be created," Morrobel-Sosa
said. "It used to be just materials and
welding."

In 1994 and 1995, Morrobel-Sosa
was a faculty fellow with Pacesetter
Inc., a company that builds pack-
makers. She did research there in
exchange for one of their researchers
who came and taught at Cal Poly.
After returning to her duties at
Cal Poly, she became chair of the
Academic Senate for the 1997-98
year.

"T he primary goal of the
program remains as a
means to train students
how to administer fitness
tests and provide those ser-
vice to the campus of Cal Poly,"

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U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte said the Bush administration wants the Security Council to vote this week, possibly as early as Wednesday, on the resolution, which would also authorize the U.S. to conduct a U.N. operation if necessary.

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By David Runk
Associated Press Writer

DETOUR — The government warned its troops against for the first U.S. trial of its kind since 9/11 attacks.

It took more than two hours for U.S. District Court Judge Gerald Rosen to finish jury instructions.

"This case is about Arabs, this case is not about Muslims," Assistant U.S. Attorney Keith Corbett told the jury, noting how defense lawyers suggested prejudice is behind the charges.

By Ahmed Hamaan, 34, Karim Koubriti, 24, Abdel-llah Elmardoudi, 37, and Farouk Ali-Haimoud also face two fraud-related charges that carry up to 25 years in prison.

Ahmed Hamaan is from Algeria and the other three are from Morocco. All are legal permanent residents or拿到了绿卡, and of the four suspects, three are Muslims. This case is about terrorism. Hamaan testified that El-Hamouli, the cell's alleged ringmaster, told him about the possibility of massive attacks on the United States one month before the Jericho bombings of Sept. 11. Hamaan also said the men wanted him to make fake airline and FBI identification cards and that Koubriti wanted a license to haul hazardous materials.

Hamaan described the men as extremists who wanted to support strikes, ship arms to the Middle East and smuggle "brothers" into the country. But he offered few details of the plot beyond the claims rest solely on his word.

Defense attorneys suggested the arrests were the result of reducing terrorism allegations in a bid to win leniency. Hrimmim, a Moroccan in the United States for six months, was arrested after pleading guilty to fraud-related charges in three states. He has admitted using aliases, using genuine in document fraud and using a credit card scheme that netted more than $100,000.

"He thinks that if he talks the same lie day after day it must be the truth," defense attorney William Stuart said of Hrimmim. "This is a guy who every day of his life has permeated by lying."
Soccer may not appeal to U.S. crowd, but 'Beckham' will

By Devin Kingdon

Continuing a trend of cultural comedies, British import "Bend It Like Beckham" doesn't disappoint. The film focuses on a young Indian girl who dreams of playing soccer professionally like her idol, Manchester United soccer star David Beckham.

But can a film based on a sport most Americans don't follow find an audience here in the states?

"Beckham" revolves around Jess (Parminder Nagra), whose strict, traditional Indian parents do not want her playing soccer anymore. Her mother is constantly pressuring her to find a husband and learn to cook customary Indian dishes. Her sister Pinky is her exact opposite; she's obsessed with fashion and cannot wait to marry her long-time boyfriend. Jess over their coach also plays a central role in the film, "There is a reason Sporty Spice is the only one without a fella."

A love triangle that develops between Jules and Jess over their coach also plays a central role in "Beckham." The major problem Americans will find with this movie is it is very British. Some of the jokes were lost on the audience I saw with, including references to people in British pop culture.

Although soccer is not America's sport of choice, audiences will enjoy 'Bend It Like Beckham,' a film more about family and culture than competition.

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Students have only themselves to blame

When, and I thought I was a brat in high school.

In Glenview, Ill., a group of female high school juniors was brutally "hazed" by a group of girls from the senior class. In a tradition that has been carried on for years, the juniors and seniors play a game called "hazing" - one will tariff against each other. Instead of the usual teasing, semi-rough tackles and mud in their hair, the juniors got more than they anticipated.

We go here again. Just let's attribute this terrible act of violence to exactly what it was: A group of people getting sucked up in the mob mentality, inciting terrible and barbaric actions and ending up, once again, giving a terrible name. This sily right of passage at Glenbrook North High wasn't an instance of hating, as it has been called. Plain and simple, it was assault. The 16 and 17-year-old girls were forced to eat mud and feces and while it was all thrown directly into their faces. The most horrific part is that several adults were standing around drinking beers and watching the incident as it was happening.

Many of the girls were beaten severely, resulting in five hospitalizations. After the younger girls were herded into a hallway they were pelted with urine, paint, rubbish, food and animal intestines. One girl suffered a broken ankle, one a broken tibia from being kicked repeatedly and a third contracted a bacterial infection after being forced to swallow feces.

School officials said about 100 pupils were involved in the confrontation and they have currently suspended 31 girls and four boys. Twelve of these girls and three boys have been charged with misdemeanor battery, which carries a sentence of up to one year in jail. Many others may still be charged.

These charges could in fact be raised to aggravated assault with premeditation because, as the video shows, some of the senior girls brought baseball bats. The parents providing the alcohol at the event may also be charged.

What parent in their right mind supplies a bunch of kids at an event like this and then stands by and watches as it escalates into a bloodbath? By the end, girls were bleeding and unconscious, and no one did a thing about it.

The debate does and will always continue on how far a school's jurisdiction will go, but in order to adequately illustrate just how inappropriate this behavior is these students should be punished from all angles.

One of the accused, Marnie Holt, 18, filed a lawsuit against the school district to protest her suspension. She is concerned it will damage her academic standing, possibly stop her from graduating with her class and, God forbid, make her miss the senior prom.

"I don't think it was a hazing. It was an instance of hazing, as it has been called. Plain and simple, it was assault. The 16 and 17-year-old girls were forced to eat mud and feces and while it was all thrown directly into their faces. The most horrific part is that several adults were standing around drinking beers and watching the incident as it was happening."

Caitlin O'Farrell is a Journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Opinion

A Supreme decision on privacy

May 5 CNN.com article reported the Supreme Court will soon fall to make a decision on the release of four more pictures of a dead body found in a park 10 years ago. This is the age of shedding privacy - the age of filling out a survey and getting put on a number of junk e-mail lists within a week. But that deals with living people. What about dead people? Do they have any privacy? Their pictures! Their records? How about their families?

One California lawyer doesn't think so.

When Vincent Foster, Bill Clinton's kindergartner and Hillary Rodham-Clinton's former law partner, died in the first year of Clinton's presidency, there were a number of conspiracy theories about his death. Some say he shot himself in the head because of depression. Others say it was an inside job by the White House that was covered up. Five investigations later, it is suicide.

California lawyer Allan Favish doesn't think so. He wants to know who abs was Foster's dead body - the bullet hole and his face. He has already seen more than 100 pictures relating to Foster - including his car and the park his body was found in - and even posted some of them on the Internet. But he wants more. Favish has been through small courts and they all say "no", plain and simple. He's been given a chance to release four more pictures. A court in Washington doesn't, saying there is no proof of government misconduct.

Justice needs to prevail, yet have a conscience. If that constitutes release of classified documentation, so be it, but there needs to be a clearer way to go about it. The way, the question is privacy. In a case like Foster's, cover it up or not, there is no telling now. It's over.

The attorney for Foster's family has said the release of more photos would be damaging to the relatives. One would think so. Whether Favish wants to prove the investigations wrong or not, he needs to think of Foster's loved ones - switch shoes with those people and experience more questioning about a deceased family member 10 years later.

That is what the release of these photos would result in, emotional distress for the family.

So on May 5, when the Supreme Court gave Favish the temporary satisfaction by telling him, "we'll think about it and get back to you in the fall," it opened some needed discussion. Where is the line drawn? Is there a line or are we such a no-holds-barred, reality television society that we demand documentation of death?

According to the article, this proposed public records law does "allow officials to withhold information that could cause 'an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.'"

Good thing. Personal privacy is all citizens of this country have left and evolving laws and acceptances are diminishing this. That case will be very important come fall, because it will set a precedent. Will the Supreme Court allow the release of these pictures to a man who has already posted them for millions to see or will it put a stop to this right now and leave it up to the government to make that decision in the future? Time will tell.

Ryan McAdam is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Commentary

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Letter to the editor

Letter raises moral questions

Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to commend Ray Cavalcante for his logical and mature rebuttal ("Concept of sin contrary to logic," May 8). It is so refreshing to hear an actual attempt at reason, breaking the monotony of frequent and predictably hateful, bitter and cynical letters. While I disagree 100 percent with Ray, I respect your thoughtful and logical approach to this issue of sin.

I respectfully have a few questions to further stimulate your intellect: Do you have to teach a child to throw tantrums? Do you have to teach a child to "mine"? Do you have to teach a child to throw tantrums? Are these apparent symptoms that are not innate seem to point to humanity suffering from something (see also war, hate, loneliness)? But really, do we even need to square up over divisive questions when anyone who has the honesty to admit to having ever sinned simply ratifies the Bible's diagnosis that all have sinned and are in need of restoration (Romans 3:23, John 3:16-17).

It is this, so the only question left is: Is God trustworthy? Well, if the first man and woman had to choose sin using your own logic, Ray were not then created as something other than sinful! There were created in the "likeness" of God (Genesis 1), perfect, and with the freedom to choose (whom they would love). Sounds like a pretty loving and gracious God to me. You still have that same choice, Ray.

Peter Uitzi is a graphic communication junior.

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Letters to the editor

Clint and really more to blame for North Korea

Editor,

I’m progressive and I don’t have faith — especially in the government, but I have to object to Clinton’s faith in the anti-nuclear propaganda expressed in his letter “Ramful defends corporate interests, not America.” (May 9).

The 1994 agreement brokered by former President Carter between the United States and North Korea did include building two light water reactors in order to provide safe nuclear power (light water reactors are very poor producers of fissile material used to make bombs) to make up for the power short- age caused by North Korea shutting down its Soviet-built reactors. The reactors would have been monitored by the IAEA (like all reactors around the world except ours) had they ever been built. But because of Clinton’s foot dragging, the reactors weren’t built and we didn’t give full diplomatic recognition to North Korea (also part of the deal). In other words we didn’t uphold our end of the contract.

In his letter, after referring to Clinton’s foot dragging around North Korea, said “screw it” and started their weapons program back up. That’s why we are having problems with North Korea today — not because of some neocon conspiracy to transfer nuclear technology to Kim Jong II. If we wanted to have a nuclear deterrent in East Asia, we would have let Taiwan or Japan go ahead with their projects. We’re on the fourth or fifth draft of history now and there are books written about this kind of stuff, why rely on biased magazine articles.

Mac McLennan is a social science and physics senior.

Bush administration has earned America’s trust

Editor,

Clint Whitt is misguided in his criticism of defense secretary Donald Rumsfeld. Rumsfeld defends corporate interests not America,” May 9.

No one can deny that Rumsfeld had any knowledge of the $200 billion deal with North Korea. Evidence suggests that the decision to make the deal was never passed through higher, which is the only avenue whereby Rumsfeld is linked to ABB.

The notion that the Bush administration is seeking only to advance its own interests through foreign policy is unfounded. Afghanistan contains no oil, yet the administration made a decision to take action in that country. As a result, Afghani women can now vote in elections, their heads uncovered and people can freely practice religion.

Who would prefer having Clinton in office at this time? His foreign policy record is questionable at best. His administration failed in places like Bosnia, Haiti and Somalia. About 850,000 Rwandans were slaughtered under his watch even though U.S. intelligence had good information on the atrocities that took place. The Clinton administration was offered custody of Osama bin Laden from the Sudanese government in 1996 and nined it down.

The current administration has given us no reason to believe that they are acting solely in our own interests. Questions of integrity should be directed to France (documents found in Iraq show that they’ve shared intelligence with Saddam over the past couple years) and Russia (evidence exists that they trained Iraqi spies). I believe the Bush administration has earned our trust.

Joel Bigelow is a civil engineering senior.

Christianity offers a permanent remedy

Editor,

I would like to respond to Joanne Frazer’s letter, “Writer presents nothing new” (May 9). I want to thank you for your honesty in how Ms. Canedo’s letter made you feel. However, your claim that Christianity is saudomasochistic is off base. If a widower who has just lost his arm, his arm is his ability, he is being truthful. To speak about failure or pain is not saudomasochistic; rather the first step toward realizing that a remedy is necessary. Ironic, to ignore the severe limb or sin nature is to accept the problem as tolerable or even enjoyable. The amazing thing is that Jesus offers himself as a permanent remedy free of charge. Who is being saudomasochistic here?

I don’t believe in an argument but rather encourage you to seek out the truths of Christianity. Read a Christian theologian or book and see if the topics discussed in this letter: Our life is burdensome, we are living in the God that sees them as perfect through the death and resurrection of Jesus. It seems apparent through your sarcasm toward Christianity that somewhere down the line you have had at least one bad experience with Christians. While I can’t change that, I want you to leave me with an old and good hobby, “For your grace you have been saved through faith, and that is the grace of God, not of works, so that no one will boast.” (Ephesians 2:8,9), I hope that you will stop boasting in your one-armed attempts and see what happens when Jesus makes you whole.

Scott Nystrom is a business senior.

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In order to compete in the national finals, Cal Poly's rodeo team had to place in the top five, Segura said. Black said he is confident that the team will walk away from nationals as winners.

"I have high hopes that each one of the individuals is also capable of winning a national title individually," Black said. "J ust what I plan to do. Hopefully our team will do as well."  

Billy Bugenig

team member

playoffs.

Curtis took second place in the West Coast Region on the breaking roping, which entails slipping a rope around a calf's neck before their rope breaks away from the saddle.

Last weekend, Myers won the playoffs in breaking roping, and Rosser placed second.

The men were equally as successful. 

McCallough won heading for team roping. Mack won healing for the West Coast Regionals. Lancaster placed first and Bugenig second in the West Coast Region in the steer wrestling competition.

"I'm pretty pleased with our team this year," said Bugenig, an agribusi- ness senior. "It's my last year, so hopefully we'll win and hopefully our team will do well. Anytime you go somewhere, you plan to win. It's just what I plan to do. Hopefully our team will do as well."  

The competition will include saddle bronco riding, bareback riding, bareback riding, bareback riding on a horse, and they are fully capable of that. Each one of the individuals is also capable of winning a national title individually, also."

Bret Black

coach

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said.
The class was created with funds from a two-year grant from the "Bres California" program, which received federal specialty crop money, de Yong said.

The winter quarter class was the first and dealt with California agricultural policy within the state, focusing on Governor Gray Davis' budget related to agriculture.

The spring quarter version had changed gears a little and has discussed foreign policy and written a national farm program.

Each class had experts come in, which Sheldon has mostly been in charge of, and speak with the students and help develop policy and help the course become conceptually sound, an charge of, and speak with the students Governor Gray Davis' budget related and help develop policy and help the class itself is also evolving for different reasons.

The reception we've gotten for our class is really good," he said. "It's nice to do something that will really help the makers. It takes a lot of work but it's fun.

"I have high hopes that each one of the individuals is also capable of winning a national title individually, also."
A disappointing ending

Talented Mustangs settle for third place at Big West Championships

NORTHridge — Senior Stephanie Brown was named Big West Field Athlete of the Year after leading the Mustang women to a third-place finish with 122 points at the Big West Track and Field Championships at Cal State-Northridge. The Idaho Lady Vandals claimed the women’s title with 213 points, followed by the Utah State defeated the Matadors by one point to defend its team title. The Cal Poly men’s team came in third with 141 points.

Maggie Vessey defended her Big West title in the event in a season-best time of 2 minutes, 8.91 seconds. Lefebre Martin set a new personal record while finishing first in the 400-meter hurdles in a time of 57.69. In addition to winning the shot put title for the fourth-straight year on Friday (54 feet, 7.23 inches), Stephanie Brown won the discus title with a throw of 183.95-grams. Also claiming a title on Friday, freshman Kaylange Wagner finished first in the high jump (6-0.50). In addition to the long jump title claimed on Friday (25-0), senior Tyrone Ward finished first in the 400-meter dash in a time of 46.57 seconds. Other top finishers for Cal Poly included Ben Bruce in the 5,000-meter run (second, 14:33.86), and Sean Ricketts in the 1,500-meter run (second, 3:52.33) and Jon Takahashi in the pole vault (second, 17-4.50). Takahashi also claimed the decathlon title on Thursday with a record-breaking 7,307 points. Other Big West honorees announced on Saturday included Idaho’s Yoga Tleevens named Women’s Coach of the Year and Idaho’s Angela Whyte Female Track Athlete of the Year. Utah State’s Gregg Cernel was named Men’s Coach of the Year, Idaho’s Jon Eitel was named Male Track Athlete of the Year and Long Beach State’s Cory Loebi was named Male Field Athlete of the Year.

Saturday’s final with a 13-point lead thanks to several strong performances. Tyrone Ward repeated as long jump champion with a leap of 25 feet. Junior Ben Bruce finished second in the 3,000-meter steeplechase in a time of 8:56.46. Senior Ryan James came in second in the javelin with a 206-foot, 10 inch throw. Junior Blake Swier finished second in the 1,500-meter run in a time of 3:50.67. But Brown’s performance stole the show. She became the conference’s first-ever four-time champion by winning the shot put with a mark of 54-7.25. Freshman Kaylange Wagner claimed the top spot in the high jump at 6-03.50. Freshman Julie Hancock finished second in the 1,500-meter run in a time of 5:06.67.

Cal Poly’s last eight games.

The Cal Poly men’s and women’s track team will return to action on May 30 and 31 at the NCAA West Regional Championships in Palo Alto.

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Leavitt earns All-Big West honor

Cal Poly Baseball

Player of the Year went on an 11-game hitting streak during which he hit 413 (19-for-46). He has hit safely in 23 of his last 26 games and 26 of 32 while going 17-for-35 (486) in Cal Poly’s last eight games.


Herbert currently leads Cal Poly in hitting with a .333 average. He has 53 doubles and 82 hits and is best on the squad and he has stolen 13 bases.

Herbert had a 16-game hitting streak earlier this season and was 34 for 71 (479) during the streak. He has a team-leading 28 multiple-hit games, including 6 for 7 game March 28 at Southern Utah and sported a .418 average in late March.

Brown has a .321 average with a team-leading 10 home runs, four triples and 48 RBIs. The Santa Ana College transfer leads the Big West in slugging percentage (.637).

Cal State Fullerton outfielder Shane Costa was named Big West Player of the Year while Long Beach State pitchers Abe Alvarez and Jared Weaver were named Big West Co-Pitchers of the Year in the 1,500-meter second season as the 49ers’ skipper.

Costa hit .382 with 24 doubles, four home runs, 50 RBIs and 26 stolen bases.

He was a first-team All-Big West selection a year ago. Weaver and Alvarez became the nation’s first-ever duo from the same team to garner conference co-pitcher of the year honors.

Alvarez, last season’s Pitcher of the Year, became the first individual in Big West history to earn top pitching honors for two straight years.

The duo combined for a 24-3 record (Weaver 12-3, Alvarez 10-0) and finished second and third in conference ERA (Weaver 2.11, Alvarez 2.48), respectively. Weaver led the Big West in strikeouts (125), wins and innings pitched (110.2), while holding batters to a league-low .183 average.

Alvarez, a junior left-hander, finished tied for third in wins (fifth in strikeouts) and averaged 6.78 innings per game, which was second-highest in the Big West.

Weathers earned Big West Coach of the Year for the second time in his career, guiding his ballclub to its first Big West championship since 1988. In only his second season at the helm, Weathers led the program to its third straight season of 30-plus wins and third consecutive postseason appearance.

Notebook

Track and Field

Brown competes at Hartnell College

SALINAS — Senior Stephanie Brown competed in the Hartnell College Throwing Meet on Tuesday in Salinas. Brown’s discus throw of 186-3 is her second-best throw of the season. Brown set her personal record and the Cal Poly record in the discus earlier this season with a throw of 189-6.

Off the Field

Athletes go beyond the classroom

Beyond the classroom and athletics, many Cal Poly varsity teams and athletes find time to test their skills in the life of giving at Cal Poly Athletics involved in the surrounding community.

One such service athletes were involved in this year is the San Luis Obispo County Special Olympics. This event provides sports training and athletic competition for the developmentally disabled children and adults and will help build awareness for the Special Olympics.

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