

from the city that employees them.

City leaders should have dealt with these issues long ago before the bulk of experienced officers left for greener pastures. Where were the police chief, council, and former city manag-

... police department it needs to offer competitive pay, benefits, and provide professional leadership.

If all else fails a contract with Fresno Sheriff's Office to provide police services is always an option.

Bob Valkenburg

An ode to Coalinga

So, after three years, I decided to go to Coalinga for the football homecoming. I didn't go to see who I would run into, because running into friends from the past is inevitable. I have to say, that the older I get, the more I realize how much I despise Coalinga.

Every time I look at where I am at, where I am going and what I have become, I can't help but look at everyone else as if they haven't matured nor broken out of the Coalinga norms; I don't blame them. It's actually a little pathetic and sad. These people have a lot, and I mean, a lot to learn, a lot to experience, and more to overcome. They are merely beginning new phases in their lives that will prove more difficult as time goes by.

I don't give them my sympathy for I was always two steps ahead of the game; always had the advantage of being far and secluded from everyone in Coalinga because I had ambitions and aspirations that kept me focused. I never diverted from what was more important in my life; and with that note, I still haven't.

I'm on my way to becoming a lawyer. One bad *** corporate latina lawyer who is not going to take **** from anyone or anything. Ill be up there soon enough to help out mi raza in every way possible. Looking back at the people I saw in Coalinga this weekend...I pity them. They say that the friend-

ships you make in college are the ones that are true and the ones that last a lifetime. I'm a firm believer in that.

When I look back to my friends from Coalinga, I don't miss a single moment with them because the moments were never real. Instead, I find that here in college, I am immersed in an intellectual environment where individuals here value hard work and commitment in all aspects of their lives, and who have worked their asses off to come to a school as prestigious as UCB...those are the friends I admire; the people who can hold conversations of substance and value...people whom are going to be doctors, and lawyers, politicians, psychologists, etc...in a society where we will all stand aside one another because we have all been through the educational struggles similarly.

I don't care much for Coalinga, or the people that reside there or the friends I used to have while being there. In comparison to my college friends, they are nothing, were nothing, and remain nothing. In a nutshell, their histories and reputations are so denigrating and their focuses are set on such superficial, and unimportant things that breaking out of it for an instant scares them...it's no wonder they always come back to Coalinga...they can never be

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Eye of the A Pres

School spirit at We Coalinga kicked up Dr. Anthony Tricoli

The main purpose of West Hills (learning opportunities for our student buzz coming from the classrooms in. There is a DVD being shown and in political science class, there is a heat psychology class, students are dissecting class and in the English class snide about social issues. The pace continues to be the same, learning is occurring.

Also of great importance is what room. Extracurricular activities have total education at West Hills College. Extracurricular activities like ASB, athletics, their enthusiasm surfaces quickly an increase in academic success activities.

This semester eight young ladies along with a willing adviser Gina H: Bob Clement, that it was time for We once again have a cheerleading squad

The tru

Pastor Bob Coy

Maybe you are old enough, as I am an ing slogan for the Blue Chip Redempti- - "The Things You Get with Blue Chip

While completing a recent Bible s noticed two curious and offbeat sites. These two search results presented "Welcome to the Church of the Grey. A region where you decide what you believe book, the Book of the Grey. The second "Welcome to the Church of Reality. If Church of Reality is not based on C Bible, creation, sin, heaven, hell, satan you get from an Internet search! They called "churches."

In my persuasion, these entries raise the question: what constitutes a church? The church, as Christ's local assembly of believers who follow Lord. "When Jesus came into the region, he asked His disciples, saying, 'Who do you think I am?'" (Matt 16:13) The disciples included the Baptist, some Elijah, and others



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car wash which benefited our Pleasant Valley 4-H and Hurricane Katrina victims. Amount raised will be announced in next week's paper. Pleasant Valley 4-H would like to thank Auto Zone for allowing us the use of their parking lot and the members would also like to thank everyone involved for their help and hard work. We had a great time.

Pleasant Valley 4-H would like to congratulate Stefanie Vierhus, Jennifer Isaac and

duce of their old job representing Pleasant Valley 4-H. If you see them, be sure to give them a pat on the back.

Pleasant Valley 4-H next Community Club meeting is Monday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. in the board room at the Coalinga Hospital next to Steve's PT. The dress theme is wear your Halloween costume or black and orange. This is also the last day of "Bring a Friend" contest. For more information, call Dayvne Foss at 559-362-7412.



raised more than \$7k the family of Josh M. during the Read-a-T held the week of Sep 28. Last week the Re misidentified the cla Mrs. Lang's class. M Lang is actually Ms. Casten's sister. The l look so much a like assumed she was her sister. Our apologies Ms. Casten.

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strong enough to befriend anyone else in other places, unless its through others, or stand alone or for themselves to become accomplished. They

can't do it without their "cliques" their "gossip" and especially their 'jealousy'. The sight of success is unbeknownst to them, just as much as their

feror for being involved with others businesses abhors me. Why don't they focus on themselves and see their status in society? Its nothing...so get over

yourselves. How terribly sad. It must be a small town thing...or maybe a close-minded group of individuals who are afraid of change. I think inside these individuals (and you all know who you are) know they can't make it in life. Their only way of success is by criticizing those around them, as if doing so will make them feel better about themselves. You all have alot to learn...I pray to God that you see the light one day. Because when you do, (even if you never do), we are still going to be on top. You think you got us fooled? Im a smarter cookie than you think.

So for an ode to Coalinga; I have none. I only value the few that have contributed to my success...those teachers, mentors, and family who have kept the positive path looking brighter and brighter. Who the hell would't want to get out of Coalinga to come to a school like CAL...and experience everything that I have thus far? That's right *****...envy me, because thats all you can do...literally, that is all you can do...and I mean that on more than one symbolic level and interpret and talk about this like you never have before, because that is all that you really can

do...talk nonsense **** because you are nothing...

So glad to be out of that damn town!

Gracias a dios, Cynthia Moreno

Editor's Note

It saddens us to know that a product of this community, a community that takes such pride in its youth, would have such negative thoughts of what was once their home. This article was found on the Internet and submitted for publication.

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