Fall Semester, 2006 has just begun!
Marlese A. Roton
Director/Counselor W.H.C./N.D.C.

The lazy days of summer are now behind us and a new semester has begun. I hope that you are enjoying your classes and a chance to reconnect with your friends! Learning is a life long process. You are never too young or too old to learn. As you complete each class, each semester; you are one step closer to a better life! You will benefit socially, intellectually, and even economically! Successful students attend class regularly, complete assignments on time, and study regularly. Don’t put off reading your textbooks, studying for exams, or completing research projects. Try and get things done ahead of time. This will reduce stress and is a good habit to acquire.

West Hills College is already planning the next semester. You will find a variety of times, more classes, and new classes (never offered at N.D.C.)! Registration for the next semester (spring, 2007) will begin in early November.

We are also spreading the word about Measure W. Measure “W” (for West Hills College) will benefit the campus here in Firebaugh. It will provide funds to modernize our facility as well as upgrading technology. (Continued on page 5, see fall)

Yes on Measure W
Written by: Suzie Gutierrez

What is Measure W? If passed Measure W would improve the North District Center. It is a $49.4 million bond that is on the November 2006 ballot. Half of the money will be spent on West Hills College Coalinga and the North District Center, Firebaugh.

This money will make it possible to improve our campus and build a south wing to the college. In the opinion of Dr. Harris, (West Hills College President) this would increase the enrollment of students. “Students appreciate a nice learning environment,” he shared with me.

I also asked him about how long it would be before they got started on building the south wing; his answer was that with everything that has to get done from actually passing the measure to sitting down with the architect and contractor, it would take a little over a year. So, if you want to improve our school, vote yes on Measure W.

Register To Vote at www.westhillscollege.com

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Steven Irwin “Crockhunter” dies at work

On September 4, 2006 Crocodile Hunter Steve Irwin age 44 passed away. He was a great man in different points of view such as, a great leader, entertainer, a great husband, father and friend. Irwin, who was known especially for leaping on the backs of crocodiles, was always in danger with any other animal, but never hurt badly.

He always knew what he was doing and never did he get distracted to the point being in harm. Until one day, however he died during a shallow-water snorkeling expedition when a stingray drove its razor-sharp barb into his heart. Crews were filming Irwin as he swam with the rays, and Irwin’s manager, John Stainton, described to reporters in Cairns how the tape shows Irwin pulling the serrated barb from his chest before he lost consciousness. “He pulled it out from his heart, and the next minute he’s gone.” The cameraman had to shut down the recording. It’s a very hard thing to watch because you’re actually witnessing somebody dying.

The top manager wants the tape to be destroyed. It is a very shocking and revealing video tape. In my opinion, it should not be...

There was hardly a dry eye at the ceremony when Irwin’s 8-year-old daughter, Bindi, talked about her father.

“I don't want Daddy’s passion to ever end,” she said. "I want to help endangered wildlife just like he did. I had the best Daddy in whole world.”

“I know that Daddy had an important job,” she said. "He was working to change the world so that everybody would love wildlife like he did. God needed someone special in heaven to help with the animals.”

On August 18-20 the Student Support Services program (SSS) took about nine students from NDC and others from Coalinga and Lemoore to Camp Green Meadows. It was two and a half days of learning. The obstacle courses encouraged the students to trust each other, work on teamwork, and also to lose their fright of whatever it was, such as heights.

It showed the students that there are times in life when you need someone or something to trust to encourage you to move on. This trip was also meant to get the students out of their comfort zone and see that there is a lot more out there.

Field trip like this one gives the opportunity for the students to meet new people as well, like the coordinators at Camp Green Meadows, students, and staff from Coalinga and Lemoore. SSS doesn’t only have field trips to offer but much more, such as services, workshops, and involvement in different activities. To give you a further view of SSS let me tell you that Mr. Rubio had his first workshop regarding money management this past Wednesday Sept. 13, 2006. On Oct. 11, 2006, at noon in room 26. He will be having another one about career exploration.

These workshops are not only for students who are members of SSS but anyone else that is interested in attending. All are welcome.

Thank you Mr. Rubio for these events, and for all the students who attend the field trips, workshops, and everything else. So shout outs to Esteban, Sal, Sandra & Anna (twins), Rafaela, Paul, Omar from NDC, and Nadia & her boyfriend Adolfo from Coalinga, and last but not least Albert (Jason) from Lemoore. Oh, and thanks to my husband for supporting me through everything. I do Luv Ya!!

See you all at the next workshop on
West Fresno Crisis Center is a Project of Rape Counseling Service branched from Fresno and located in Firebaugh Ca. W.F.C.C. gives their services to any families who live in the San Joaquin Valley. They help many families who are victims of or are affected by violence against the family or by sexual assault.

They offer services in English and Spanish. W.F.C.C. has a 24-hour hotline, and they are open 7 days a week. It’s important to know that anyone who has been or is currently a victim of sexual assault, child molestation, child abuse or family violence, can turn to the right place.

“W.F.C.C. was selected to as one of six rape crisis centers in the state to receive a special grant to implement a local-level sexual violence preventative,” said Mrs. Meza. That is because they offer plenty of help and give information to victims of ways they can try to prevent these crimes.

W.F.C.C. is also involved with the My Strength Campaign. This campaign is a program that informs young adults to be educated, speak out against, and seek help regarding sexual violence.

W.F.C.C. was very kind to accept this interview. I interviewed Priscilla Meza, the director of the W.F.C.C. Mrs. Meza answered my questions and gave good advice to anybody who lives in the San Joaquin Valley.

“It’s important for us to let people know that we can offer different options in which they could receive help.” said Mrs. Meza. “We also deal with undocumented women who sometimes are scared to seek help, fearing that they will be deported.

In October 20.2006 will be the re-opening of the W.F.C.C. which it will be called Carmen Meza Center, which is in memory of Carmen Meza who was victim of domestic violence. Carmen, who was 30 years old, was killed by her husband, he shot her and then their three children, only one of the three children survived. Carmen and her family were victims of domestic violence; for not asking for help, this got to a point were the husband ended up killing her and two of her three children. W.F.C.C. is changing their name in memory of Carmen Meza. On October 20. 2006 will be the re-opening and open for the communities of San Joaquin. “If people are scared, W.F.C.C. is a safe place that people could turn to. We have train staff and we understand any problem that anybody might have.”

For more information contact Shirley Sanchez or Priscilla Meza at West Fresno Crisis Center (559) 659-0232 or the Fresno Office (559) 497-2900 for more information, se habla espanol.
Welcome all to the first tech review of *The Barbary Times*. This issue we are going to focus on the LG KG800 phone, or the “Chocolate” phone. At 95 x 48 x 15.2 mm and 83 g, it’s slim, lightweight, and undoubtedly one of the most stylish handsets if one likes minimal designs.

The front is completely flush with two screens in the front, but it’s impossible to tell the only button on it is a big silver “OK”. Once you flick the handset open, 9 touch-sensitive navigational controls are lit up in bright red. Not only rather cool, the setup works very well indeed, although it takes a little adjustment to avoid accidental presses from resting one’s thumb on the surface, so let me enlighten you: this little number has a medium resolution screen which portray colorful images.

It also contains a 1.3 megapixel camera with flash which, with the exception of a slight blur and slow picture saving, does a decent job taking pictures and recording short video clips. Its 128 MB of onboard memory will hold in excess of 700 highest-quality pictures, which should suffice for most shutterbugs. The music player, on the other hand does not do a very good job at holding, at best, forty mp3 files with a shuffle option, and is not a very good program.

The wireless reception is very limited compared to other slim phones. GPRS is the only option for data transfers, which means business users should look elsewhere.

Also present in the KG800 are the usual trappings, such as SMS, EMS and MMS for messaging, along with a barebones e-mail client.

A WAP 2.0 microbrowser makes for light surfing, while a 500-entry phone book joins a calendar and memo function in taking care of daily duties. Lastly, it should be mentioned that the battery life of the KG800 is unimpressive; talk time hovered in the 2 hour range, while standby time clocked in around 140 hours.

**Conclusion:**

With the KG800, LG clearly made the decision to keep specifications on the down low in order to bring forward a small, light and supremely stylish handset - although its price tag claims otherwise.

Its feature set - including a mediocre camera and music player - compares reasonably well to other slim and fashion phones; its most aggravating fault is the lagging text input, which stands in contrast to its responsive touch-sensitive navigational controls. This is a handset for those who primarily call and text and want to look good doing it.
**EARLIER TIMES**

by

Dr. Arnold Wallender
WHC Math Instructor 1961-1991

In the first part of the 1960s and earlier, West Hills College’s footprint was rather small. It was still known as Coalinga College and its jurisdiction encompassed only the Coalinga Unified School District. Yet, it was not uncommon for students from adjacent high school districts and beyond to attend the college at Coalinga. One of my former students of that time, Mr. John Sandoval (and a good student he was), hailed from Dos Palos. In these earlier times the college rarely, if ever, offered off campus classes. Thus students from outlying areas had to use their own means to transport themselves to the campus or make arrangements to live in Coalinga. Most commonly, nonresident students living in Coalinga stayed in dormitories on campus. However, often they resided in the homes of local residents. Ms. Linda Gonzales of Firebaugh stayed in my family’s home and at times tended to our children in partial exchange for room and board. Miss Gloria Garcia (now wife of WHCCD Chancellor Dr. Frank Gornick) of Lemoore, lived for a time with the family of former Coalinga College Instructor Mr. Gary Wehr.

Later as adjacent high school districts were incorporated into the college district, some school transportation was provided and reduced some of the need for transplanted living arrangements. In more recent years, establishing campuses at Firebaugh and Lemoore practically eliminated the need for students to relocate to Coalinga.

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Finally, there are some part time job opportunities available:

- Micasa Project needs part time interviewers to meet with farm workers. The questions asked will be regarding health issues that face these people. Training is provided and the pay is $12.00 an hour. Hours are in the evening after harvest work is done. Call Kathleen 655-8872 (in Mendota) for more information. You must be bilingual.
- Have you completed 6+ child development units? If so, you may apply to work in a preschool as an assistant.
- Did you pass the EMT 1 class with an 80%+? If so, you may apply to work for an ambulance company or an emergency room of a hospital.
- If you have completed 48+ units; apply for positions within a school district. Instructional aids need a minimum of 48 units.
- Check the internet! You can see posting of jobs in hospitals, schools, county offices, and public and private agencies! Just think of a place you would like to work (i.e. hospital) and go to their website. Then look for their link for jobs. You will be able to read descriptions and download applications, etc. Good luck!
Dear Falcons,

Our school year has begun, and I hope you’ve prepared for flight. You know you’re Falcons, right?

Colleges have all kinds of mascots, from Armadillos to Banana Slugs. Us—we’re the Falcons. The Falcon—a high-flying creature that shrieks its war cry and descends with fury upon its prey. Now there’s a mascot!

We are indeed the Falcons. As for our NDC campus news publication, it will be known as The Barbary Times. The barbary is a species of falcon much like its cousin, the merlin (The Coalinga campus paper is called The Merlin, by the way). Like the merlin, the barbary is indeed a high flier, but that doesn’t begin to describe this amazing creature.

The barbary falcon thrives in harsh, dry environments—hot, rugged terrain with sparse vegetation and precious little water. Did you notice I said “thrives,” not merely “survives”? It has developed unmatched stamina and a tenacious desire to succeed. Stamina and tenacity—these are qualities we all need, don’t you think?

The barbary’s prey, by the way, is anything that flies—usually other birds, sometimes bats, often birds larger than itself. This bird attacks in a blaze from the air with such ferocity that the prey usually freezes in a state of panic and then is taken quite easily. Students could take a lesson. A student who chooses to “attack” knowledge with the same kind of focus and energy is a successful student. Learning is a hunt, is it not?

The barbary’s ferocious attack ensures that the great distance it has covered on the hunt will not been in vain. How will your hunt end?

Education is often a long, hot journey in search of a meal. And what is it you’ll take back to the nest? Knowledge, of course—and what you’ve heard about knowledge is true: Knowledge is indeed power.

If you could follow the barbary on its journey, you would notice that it never turns back halfway, no matter how harsh the conditions. You would also notice what happens once this bird spots its prey. Its focus becomes laser-like, and then, with furious abandon, the barbary dives in a stunning aerial attack that would leave anyone breathless to witness.

Are we falcons? One thing is certain: We can be. Unfold those wings of yours, then, and set your sights skyward. The soaring view is the only view. That’s the Falcon’s View.
Large Gathering Hears Coalinga Plans for Measure W

Plans for a new indoor ag and rodeo pavilion, ag science facility and new rodeo grounds at the West Hills College Coalinga Farm of the Future were unveiled Wednesday night for more than 100 community members who turned out to hear about Measure W.

Also unveiled was the architect’s rendering for the wellness center on the Cherry Avenue campus of West Hills College Coalinga.

Dr. Larry Rathbun, who heads the Farm of the Future, and West Hills Community College District Chancellor Frank Gornick, offered an overview of plans for the $49.4 million higher education bond that will appear on the Nov. 7th ballot.

Gornick told the group that if Measure W passes, it will qualify WHCCD for $79 million in matching funds from the State of California.

“If we don’t pass Measure W, that money, which is our tax dollars, will go to other areas of the state,” he said.

Combined, the funds will allow for $31.7 million in projects at West Hills College Coalinga, $4.1 million in projects at North District Center, Firebaugh and $37 million in project at West Hills College Lemoore.

Coalinga attorney and long-time WHCC supporter Ted Frame, who worked on the bond campaign in the 1950s that built the original campus, spoke to the group.

“This campus is here to stay, it’s our college and it is an important part of our community. College presidents and chancellors may come and go,” he said, “but this campus is here to stay and is an important part of our community.

If we don’t support this bond measure, we’re just not thinking clearly.”

Retired Coalinga teacher Phyllis Roberts told the group that the cost of the bond for homeowners is about the same as a cup of coffee each month at Starbucks. She pointed out that assessed valuation, on which the bond is levied, is far different than appraised or current market value.

“My house is assessed at $100,000,” she said, “but it’s worth $400,000. I would pay just a couple of dollars a month for all of these facilities. It’s a great deal.”

Cost of the bond to local property owners would be $25 per year per $100,000 of assessed valuation.

Discussion Wednesday focused on the Coalinga projects.

They include:

- Wellness Center—$10 million, which will include new athletic training facilities, a new dance room, new locker rooms for men and women and a modernization of the gym (built 50 years ago).
- Ag Science—$10.2 million for new ag classrooms and shops for the Farm of the Future.
- Ag Expo and Rodeo Pavilion—$1.6 million for a covered arena that could be used to host major events including rodeos.
- Speech Arts—$7.1 million to renovate the building that houses performing arts classes and a number of classrooms.
- Bookstore and Student Center—$800,000 to renovate 50 year old facilities.

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Full-term classes: Make sure you have already purchased all required text. The return deadline has passed. It was August 31, 2006

Short-term classes: If the text is not in, you need to come in and order your text.

Testing Material: Make sure you come into the bookstore during regular hours and purchase plenty of scantrons for your tests.

Bookstore Hours: Monday – Thursday 1:30 – 7:00 pm

October Events @ NDC

Staff October Birthday’s:
Martin Saldana, Librarian, October 13, 2006
Juan Rubio, CAMP Advising Specialist, October 14, 2006.

Financial Aid:
2nd Disbursement: October 23, 2006

Costume Day:
Get your brains going and see what kind of costume you can come up with. We’ll be having our annual Costume Day at NDC. We had many original costumes last year. I challenge our current students to come up with something new. I hope to see some witches, goblins and pirates out there this year. We’ll be having prizes for the winners and some treats for all students that participate by dressing up. Prizes will be displayed at the Front Office Counter. You can help make this years costume day fun and enjoyable for all students and staff by participating.

Date: October 31, 2006 in the Commons Area
Time: TBA
Prize Categories: TBA
Potluck: TBA

Recipe Corner
buffalo Chicken Fingers
Submitted by: Bobbi Jo
“This is a baked version of the popular spicy appetizer. Use more or less cayenne to taste.”
Original recipe yield: 8 servings.
Prep Time: 20 Minutes Cook Time: 20 Minutes Ready In: 40 Minutes Servings: 8

INGREDIENTS:
4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves - cut into finger-sized pieces •
1/4 cup all-purpose flour •
1 teaspoon garlic powder •
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper •
1/2 teaspoon salt •
3/4 cup bread crumbs •
2 egg whites, beaten •
1 tablespoon water

DIRECTIONS:
1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (205 degrees C). Coat a baking sheet with a nonstick spray.
2. In a bag, mix together flour, 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder, 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper, and 1/4 teaspoon salt. On a plate, mix the bread crumbs with the rest of the garlic powder, cayenne pepper, and salt.

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• Technology equipment and infrastructure—$800,000
• Campus security and lighting—$600,000
• A number of other major projects to modernize parts of the campus that were built in 1956.

Meetings similar to the one in Coalinga were also held in Lemoore and Firebaugh. Gornick noted that campaign co-chairs Fred Harrell and Bob Viets and members of the campaign committee are available to speak with community groups about the bond measure.
To schedule a speaker, please call (559) 934-2134.
North District Center was once a bowling alley. It was a place for people to enjoy a family get together without having to go out of town. It was also a great place for our youth to hangout, when they weren’t at our local theatre. The kids really liked going to see the movies, especially at $2.00 a person for a double feature. You got to see all your friends and talk about how much fun you had that weekend.

We, unfortunately, had those teenagers that weren’t always satisfied with going home after the late night movies. You know which ones I’m talking about. If I recall their names were Alfred, John and Ricky. I don’t want to mention last names because some family members still live in the community and may still have terrible memories of the events I’m about to tell.

Rumor has it that on one Halloween night, after a late night movie, a group of local teenagers weren’t quite ready to go home. The boys decided to check out the bowling alley. They wanted to see what it was like after closing. One of the boys, Alfred, said it was a bad idea, if they got caught they’d be in big trouble. The rest of the boys said he was a chicken and dared him to go in. As they approached the bowling alley the wind was blowing so hard you could hear it whistle through the trees. The closer they got the scarier it looked, especially at night. There was a full moon. The bowling alley looked so dark inside. It looked like the blackest black that they had ever seen. John was starting to feel the same way Alfred felt. Ricky called them both chicken. Ricky picked up the biggest rock he could find and broke the front glass door. That was how the boys got in.

It was creepy inside, so quite, absolute silence. The boys could even hear their own heartbeats. As they walked towards the lanes they thought they saw someone towards the back, where the pins are. Ricky told one of the other boys to go check it out. They both said NO. Alfred and John were ready to leave, but Ricky said he wasn’t scared. He’d go check it out himself. He walked across the lanes all the way to the back towards the pins. As he got closer he could feel the cold air coming from the back of the alley. He again thought he heard something. The rest of the guys told him that it was time to go, but he was determined that there was someone back there. As Ricky took a knee he bent over slowly, right next to the pins. He reached his hand into the darkness and waved it around a bit. He didn’t feel anything. So he decided that it would be safe to crawl into the dark space. As he slowly began to crawl he felt a gush of ice cold wind hit him. He fell to his stomach and as this happened he felt pressure upon his back. He yelled out to the other boys for help. They were terrified and were afraid to move. They saw what was on his back. They had turned pale white. All of the sudden Ricky let out a loud shriek. He screamed for help, but the boys were in shock. All of the sudden it was quite again and Ricky could no longer be heard. The boys were caught running out of the building. They told the Police about Ricky, but when the Police went inside they found nothing. The boys were taken away. They never mentioned the event again. Ricky was never found. The local authorities considered him a runaway, but those boys knew what happened to him.

This year will be fifty years since Ricky was last seen on that Halloween Night. Ricky’s family never heard from him again. The boys have long passed away. I suppose we will never know the full events of that night. Only in our wildest imagination can we attempt to understand what happened to Ricky. We can either believe that he ran away from home that night, wanting to start a new adventure in his life or that someone took him away that night and forced him to begin a gruesome afterlife. The choice is yours, but all I can say is that every once in awhile, especially during the month of October, when you walk down the halls at the North District Center you might hear creepy noises. If you walk towards the end of the halls, just like as if you were walking towards the end of the bowling lanes you can hear the floor board’s creak. If you listen real close you can almost hear a voice gently whispering in your ear the words “help me! or are you chicken?” If you ever find yourself in this situation, “RUUNNN!”

Happy Halloween!
Alienated, obstacles, and challenges are all a part of my life as a migrant student. Every day, every month, and every season I have different challenges to overcome.

However, every obstacle I overcome only makes me stronger, and helps mold me into the person I am and I will become.

As soon as the flowers began to bloom, I began to pack some of the only possessions I owned. My papa became excited in hopes of maybe this year he will get a job that will pay him a little more than last year. My mama becomes happy with the thought that maybe this year will be the year we will finally have an apartment of our own; instead of living in a garage that we shared with three other families.

Nevertheless, my brother and I become sad with the thought that we will have to transfer to a different school. The only hope we have was that this school would provide us with a Spanish-speaking teacher.

My parents were aware of my feelings but reminded me that, “There is nothing bad that good doesn’t come from.”

To our good luck we enrolled into a school in which there were some Spanish-speaking teachers and students, unlike the other schools where language was a barrier between my peers, teachers and me.

Unfortunately, however, one of the challenges that come with being a migrant student is that I was not in the grade I was supposed to be in. I had moved from place to place, and it was a struggle to keep my grades up to my potential.

Whenever we came home from school, my mama would remind us that, “You must study so you don’t have to live like this all your life.” We took her words to heart, and studied all night.

That year I was enrolled in a school only enough to learn English. My teacher said I was so determined I had surpassed many of my peers. Learning English was a big accomplishment for my family and me. I then began to teach my papa and mama English every day.

My papa got a job in the orchards that spring, though summer rolled in quickly. My papa worked hard many hours a day.

However, then my papa got sick and could not work. My family did not know what we were going to do until my brother said he would temporarily quit school until my papa could work.

However, when my papa became better, my brother did not quit, and he no longer went to school. Since both my brother and papa worked in the orchards, and my mama in the warehouse, we had enough money to get an apartment.
The 2006 California Community Colleges Financial Aid Administrators Association (CCCSFAAAA) student scholarship. The Scholarship is for $500 and two awards will be made to each CCCSFAAAA region. The Criteria is as follows:
- Attending a California community college Fall 2006
- California resident
- Remaining financial need
- Preference will be given to applicants that have overcome unusual hardships

The deadline to submit applications is October 7, 2006. The Financial Aid Office will have applications available for interested students. Students can contact the financial aid office for more information at: 925-3310 or 934-3310.

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- Depending on availability of tutors, appointments may be necessary.
If you have any questions or would like to make an appointment, please contact tutor coordinator, Brian Rouska at BrianRouska@westhillscollege.com or by phone at 559-934-2410

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3. Shake the chicken pieces with the seasoned flour. Beat egg whites with 1 tablespoon water, and place egg mixture in a shallow dish or bowl. Dip seasoned chicken in egg mixture, then roll in the seasoned bread crumb mixture. Place on prepared baking sheet.
4. Bake for about 8 minutes in the preheated oven. Use tongs to turn pieces over. Bake 8 minutes longer, or until chicken juices run clear.

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