

Police K-9 Locates Suspect Hiding.

On April 23, 2010 at 0056 hours, the Marina Police Department attempted to stop a vehicle in the area of Reservation Road and Crestview Court. The driver failed to yield to the Police and led Officers on a short vehicle pursuit. The driver stopped in the middle of the roadway in the area of Reservation Road east of Salinas Avenue blocking the roadway. The female driver and a male passenger fled on foot into the wooded area be-

hind Preston Park. A third male remained in the vehicle.

Marina Police K-9 Sammy located the male passenger hiding in heavy vegetation. The male was arrested without incident. Shortly after, the female surrendered to Officers at the scene and she was arrested. The two suspects were found to be juveniles. No one was injured as a result of this incident.

The driver was released to her parents with the following charges: Evading Police, Resisting, delaying, obstructing officers, and driving without a driver's license.

The passenger was released to his Guardian for Resisting, delaying, and obstructing officers within the course of duty.

Where Art and Science Converge

Science Illustration students exhibit at Natural History Museum

If you've ever wondered about the artwork that illustrates science textbooks, field guides, and interpretive signs in parks and nature preserves, you'll have the opportunity to learn about it when an exhibit opens next month in Pacific Grove.

Illustrating Nature, an exhibit of work by students in the CSU Monterey Bay Science Illustration Program, will be on display at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History May 8 through June 5.

The public is invited to an opening reception from 5 to 7 p.m. May 7 at the museum, located at 165 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove.

The 63 artworks and sketchbooks in the exhibit depict everything from numbats to butterflies to Fibonacci patterns in great detail using media including pen and ink, scratchboard, colored pencil, watercolor, gouache, acrylic and digital media.

"This is the first of what will be an annual exhibit at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History," said Lori Mannel, museum director.

It's only one example of the partnership between CSU Monterey Bay and

the museum.

"The museum has benefited from partnering with CSUMB," Mannel said. "We work with the university's Serving Learning Institute, have six interns working with us and support student capstone projects. Science Illustration graduates also teach the museum's Drawing from the Collection classes to the public."

Last fall, the Science Illustration program relocated from UC Santa Cruz Extension to CSUMB. One of the most prestigious programs of its kind in the nation, it prepares students who are sought after by scientific institutions and publications around the world. Graduates are working at the Smithsonian Institution; New York's American Museum of Natural History; the Los Angeles Museum of Natural History; the Monterey Bay Aquarium; and National Geographic, Scientific American and Nature magazines.

"We're excited to be able to continue a tradition of partnership with a local natural history museum," said Ann Caudle, program director. "After a rewarding 20-year relationship with the museum in Santa Cruz, we look forward to future collaborations with the Pacific Grove Museum of



Natural History."

Three events will be held during the run of the exhibit:

April 25, May 2, 9 and 16 - Art and Nature: Drawing from the Collections, taught by Science Illustration Program graduate Erin Hunter. \$95, information/registration: 648-5716, ext. 17

May 15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. - Demonstration of illustration techniques by illustrators featured in the exhibit. Free

May 22, 2 p.m. - Science Art from Cave Walls to Computer Screens, illustrated lecture about the role of imagery in the formalization of ornithology as a science. Free

Museum hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is free. More information is available online at www.pgmuseum.org and scienceillustration.org.

said Monterey County Board of Supervisors Chair Simon Salinas, "we are ensuring our Salinas Valley community will have adequate water for our families now and in the future."

Dave Hart, chair of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, told the gathering of about 150 elected officials, community leaders and water resources leaders from throughout the state that "county residents should be proud of their tradition of finding solutions to water problems and supporting those solutions without having to tie into outside water systems. Our independence should be commended."

hanced use of reclaimed water that would otherwise be discharged in Monterey Bay. Now, the addition of diverted water from the Salinas River will add approximately 10,000 acre-feet per year to the 13,000 acre-feet of reclaimed water delivered to nearby farms.

"A community that solves its problems and is led by forward-thinking citizens are responsible for this celebration today," said Curtis Weeks, general manager of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, as a plaque was unveiled at the diversion facility.

"With this project,"

Monterey County Adopts Breastfeeding Policy

At the request of Supervisor Jane Parker, a 'Lactation in the Workplace' policy was unanimously approved by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors on April 13th, 2010. The County is now one of four California counties to maintain such a policy to support and promote breastfeeding among its employees. The Policy begins by stating:

"It is the policy of the County of Monterey to strongly support and encourage the practice of breastfeeding by striving to accommodate the needs of employees, by ensuring that employees are provided with adequate facilities for breastfeeding and/or the expressing of milk for their infant children. Furthermore, it is the policy of the County of Monterey to provide support and awareness of the importance of breastfeeding to County employees and the community."

The progressive policy expands on the State and Federal laws regarding breastfeeding and lactation in the workplace. Existing law provides for

unpaid break time and appropriate facilities for lactating employees to express milk for their infant children. The Monterey County policy includes additional provisions for training and support to maximize the benefits of breastfeeding for employees and their children, including breastfeeding and lactation resources on the Employee Wellness website, breastfeeding information packets for expectant women and their spouses, and consultation by Wellness program staff regarding lactation accommodation issues.

Scientific research indicates that breastfeeding and the use of human milk for infant feeding results in positive outcomes not only for the mother, infant and their family, but for the workplace, community and environment as well. An infant who is breastfed has a lower risk of infectious diseases, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), overweight/obesity, type 1 and type 2 diabetes, heart disease, hypertension, asthma, and lymphoma and leukemia. A mother who

breastfeeds has reduced risks of breast and ovarian cancer, type 2 diabetes, and future risk of osteoporosis. Epidemiologic research clearly shows that human milk and the breastfeeding of infants provide advantages with regard to general health, growth, and development, while significantly decreasing risk for a large number of acute and chronic diseases

Supervisor Parker applauded the policy as a fundamental strategy for the development of healthy children, families, and communities.

A copy of the complete County of Monterey Lactation in the Workplace Policy can be downloaded at www.janeparker.org/br eastfeeding.

For more information about breastfeeding resources in Monterey County, please contact the Breastfeeding Coordinator for Monterey County at 796-2866, the Perinatal Services Coordinator at 755-4640 or Monterey County Wellness at 755-4611.

Seaside Business is more than Child's Play

Sunflower Preschool to open in May

With the real estate market filled with opportunities, Rita Harvey thought about buying a house. But instead, she started her own business. Inside a charming yellow home on Siddall Street in Seaside, Sunflower Preschool is set to open May 3.

Harvey officially started the process in August, but the journey could be said to have begun 17 years ago when she moved to the Monterey Bay from Toronto.

"I had a 1 and a 3-year-old at the time and it was very difficult," Harvey said. "I found it very difficult to find affordable, good child care."

Harvey has been a stay-at-home mom and a community volunteer since that time, helping found the Monterey chapter of the Diabetes Research Foundation, helping at her children's schools, her church and other charities.

"My favorite was Shelter Outreach Plus, which helps the homeless and victims of domestic violence," she said.

For the past several months, however, her attention has been on opening the preschool. It boasts, what has to be, one of the biggest sandboxes on the peninsula and a playground complete with climber and slides. There is a bicycle path, a garden area and a plush green lawn to play on. Inside there is a big room with shelves of blocks, games, puzzles and activities, an art room, a playhouse room and a large-motor room for dancing, tumbling and playing instruments.

"We have lots of hands-on activities for the children and a strong kindergarten readiness component," said Darcy Chown, the school's director. Chown has a bachelor's degree in child development and more than 20 years working in a variety of private and public-funded programs. "It's important that children have a variety of age-appropriate activities," Chown said. Harvey described the school's philosophy as "child initiated, teacher directed,"

"We'll work together as a team, with staff and parents," she said. "Guiding children

in their exploration of the world around them."

Harvey said she stumbled upon the current site. Her daughter Laura, who is taking child development courses at Monterey Peninsula College had worked at a previous preschool there, but it went of business eight months into her employment. Harvey said it took a major remodeling effort, but it turned out to be a wonderful site.

"Look how beautiful it looks now," she said.

With the site having so much to offer, Harvey said she wants to get as much use out of it as possible, opening it up for birthday parties and other events. She also plans to hold parent education classes at the site someday.

"I really want this facility to be used for the betterment of our families and the community," she said.

Sunflower Preschool will be holding open houses on April 24 and May 15. To learn more about the school, call (831) 324-0604 or email info@sunflowerpreschoolseaside.com.