



# BOARD REPORT

September 4, 2003

## **CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFERS CALIFORNIA PEACE OFFICER MODULAR ACADEMY IN RIDGECREST**

On August 25, 2003, the Basic Academy Modular Format Academy began classes. This academy is a certified California Peace Officer Standards and Training Certified Academy, which on completion of all levels is equivalent to completion of the Basic Peace Officer Academy. The Modular Academy is offered in a three-tiered format with the first tier being Level III. Level III is a two-part level that starts with the PC 832 Course (64 hour course) and after successful completion of that course students will move to Part 2 of the Level III tier (118 hour course). Successful completion moves the student to the Level II Course (294.5 hour course) and then to the Level I Course.

A student with the desire for a full-time position with a California Law Enforcement agency or just want to serve your community as a Reserve Peace Officer, this training will fulfill the necessary training requirements. With the modular format participants are afforded the ability to work at their current jobs while getting the training. The PC 832 class will be held at the Indian Wells Valley Campus on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

and on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The start date is August 25, 2003 and this level will end September 20, 2003. Registration can be completed at any of the Cerro Coso Community College sites, online registration at <http://www.cerrocoso.edu/> or by calling the toll free Coyote Connection Telephone Registration System at (866) 215-1960.

The support of local law enforcement agencies for this training is evident by the number of graduates of the academy who are hired as either full-time or reserve officers. All of the instructors have extensive careers in law enforcement and bring their subject matter expertise to the academy. The diversity of the instructional staff gives participants a wide view of law enforcement from different perspectives. The academy staff work for state, county and municipal agencies and bring real life experiences to compliment their instruction.

Participants must register for the first level course, PC 832 Arrest and Firearms at the college. This is a 64-hour introductory course that enables students to start the fundamental steps to build upon in subsequent levels. There will be a Live Scan Fingerprint check required to be completed and information about this will be supplied the first night of class. This is a state mandated process for all students entering a peace officer academy. The third step for the student is having access to a firearm,

holster and ammunition for the firing range portion of the class. The firearm must be a caliber of no less than 9mm and be double action. Specific firearms questions can be answered by calling Mr. Busby at the below number.

Steven Busby can be reached at (760) 384-6304 or [sbusby@cerrocoso.edu](mailto:sbusby@cerrocoso.edu) for any questions. Participants can contact Margaret Mauldin, who can be reached at (760) 384-6257, to obtain a cost sheet for this level of the academy.

## **CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER REPORT**

### **CHILD DEVELOPMENT TEAM CREATES EXPANDED & SAFER PLAY YARDS**

Cerro Coso Child Development Centers (CDC) have completed the first phase of our playground renovation plan thanks to grants received from the Californian Department of Education (DOE). The DOE has made one-time, special money available to child care centers for the past several years in order to bring public playgrounds into compliance with new safety standards.

Working as a team, all CDC staff members had a voice in planning the outside environments. The CDC team designed the eight (8) play yards ever mindful of our shared commitment to a safe, inviting, challenging, and developmentally appropriate outdoor environment. Planning took over two years and went through several incarnations. Maris Wagener, Site Supervisor and Certified Playground Safety Inspector, assumed the lead of the playground project in September of 2002. She

worked with Joann Handeland, Director of Facilities Development and Services, and Jennifer San Nicholas, Certified Playground Safety Inspector and Cal City CDC Site Supervisor.

The Child Development Centers had not intended to do the work in phases but that is how it has turned out. Playground renovation and repair is a costly endeavor, and our plans were grander than our pocketbooks. In the end, phase one included enlarging the playground areas; installing equipment that encourages gross motor development; and ensuring ground surfacing that meets current safety codes. Plans for phase two include a climber and new ground surfacing at the Heather Street CDC in California City and more ground surfacing at the IWV site. The work will be paid for by another playground renovation grant written by Mary O'Neal and Maris Wagener.



The work of phase one complete is complete. Children are playing safely in the play yards and having a blast!



## **POLICY Pictionary AND SCAVENGER HUNT BREATHE LIFE INTO CHILD DEVELOPMENT POLICIES**

On August 7th, 2003. The Cerro Coso Child Development Centers' staff (IWWV and California City) participated in an in-service, re-visiting policies and procedures. Staff members were actively involved in bringing policy to life under the skillful facilitation of Jennifer San Nicolas, Site Supervisor, California City.



In-service activities included role playing; a team building policy scavenger hunt; and policy pictionary. The day concluded with a celebration marking the anniversaries of all caregivers who have been with our Child Development Centers for more than one year. One staff member has been with our Centers for 20 years! We are happy to congratulate those who dedicate their lives to children. All and all, the day was a huge success.

## **The Academy Awards**

On Wednesday, August 20, 2003, the Academy of Media Arts held their 4th annual Animation Awards Festival.

Guest speakers included Dr. Sharon Dyer, Harry Cheney, Academy Award winning sound designer, and Sidney Ferreira, a former Disney Character Animator.

The festival featured original student work from the Digital Animation Academy at Cerro Coso College, from the Web Design Academy, the Burroughs High School Outreach, Murray Middle School, and the Digital Media Youth Camp.

The festival also offer a demonstration of the



Unreal Tournament 2003 Game Mod created by graduates of Animation Academy 7, where visitors can play the game live and try it out for themselves.

**NEW CONSTRUCTION  
PROGRESS REPORT**

**Eastern Sierra College Center**

**Bishop**



**Mammoth Lakes**



Both the Bishop and Mammoth Lakes sites were completed and ready for occupancy the first day of Fall 2003 Classes.

**IWV Learning Resource Center  
Ridgecrest**



This photo shows the ceiling finishes of the clerestory. Ceiling tile, soffit paint, fire sprinkler finishes, & suspended light fixtures are installed. The scaffold system used to perform work at 40' plus above the library floor, will be removed beginning the week of Sept. 2.



This picture was taken in the library area. Ceiling light fixtures and wall painting has started. Wall finishes such as wall paper, tack board and cabinets will be scheduled soon.

**Quote of the Month**

**"It's not what is poured into a student, but what is planted."**

*Linda Conway*