

FIN OR WINGS?

Do dolphins fly? This short-beaked common dolphin got some serious air about 4 miles off the Laguna Beach coast on Tuesday. Newport Coastal Adventure Capt. Ryan Lawler captured this image of the dolphin as it leaped out of the water.

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Canyon High School's aviation program introduces students to several possible careers.



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Canyon High School aviation student Cooper Hernandez operates one of the school's Microsoft flight simulator systems.

KNOWLEDGE TAKES FLIGHT

BY ALLISON ONG
STAFF WRITER

ANAHEIM • It's just your average weekday morning at Anaheim's newest pilot school, and students are getting ready to fly. Three computer screens surround a student's head as he sits within his virtual cockpit. Rotating the yoke – the "steering wheel" of his simulated aircraft – he executes a slow, steady turn through a blue expanse of sky over the virtual city of Long Beach. An airport appears in the distance, one open space in a sea of

gray, cubic buildings. "Pull up!" his partner says. The young pilot hits the asphalt successfully, but the students are concerned about the landing and check the exterior of their craft. These Canyon High School students are juggling practicing their airplane landings with attending football games, studying for the SATs and taking dates to homecoming. The Anaheim Hills school is home to the only high school aviation program in Orange County.

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"It's already bigger than my initial vision was," instructor Steve Smith says of his aviation classes.

Man distraught over theft of sister's ashes



CINDY YAMANAKA, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Ed Joseph III holds a picture of his sister, Deneen Marie Joseph McGuinness, who died in 2007 following a heart attack.

Ed Joseph III says urns were stolen this month in car burglary outside of VA clinic in Santa Ana.

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SANTA ANA • How could someone do such a thing? That's the question Ed Joseph III has wrestled with since his sister's ashes were stolen Sept. 3 from a locked Nissan Versa parked outside the Department of Veterans Affairs' Community Based Outpatient Clinic in Santa Ana. "We were extremely close growing

up but grew distant as young adults," said Joseph, 49, who described the theft of Deneen Marie Joseph McGuinness' ashes as traumatic. "When I returned in 1988 from serving in the Air Force in West Germany we reconnect-ed." Joseph works at the VA clinic as a case manager assigned to helping homeless veterans obtain housing. In a twist, Joseph, a former Air Force

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Great Park auditors' lesson comes back to bite them

Irvine opts not to pay the two firms for over-budget expenses they submitted. Similar payments had been criticized in the audit.

IRVINE • Two firms hired to investigate questionable spending on the Great Park project have gone over budget themselves, and Irvine city leaders have refused to cough up roughly \$225,000 the companies want. A divided Irvine City Council voted Tuesday not to pay \$227,766 for over-budget work done by law firm Aleshire & Wynder and forensic accounting firm Hagen, Streiff, Newton & Oshiro Accountants.

However, the council agreed to pay the law firm \$56,174, as recommended by city staff. The practice of amending contracts to cover work that was done without getting the city's approval first is something the auditors, in their audit reports, scolded Great Park managers for allowing. The reports concluded that Great Park planners had wasted taxpayer money and

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Marine guilty of killing pregnant former girlfriend

Convicted of first-degree murder, the 27-year-old faces life without parole.

BY KELLY PUENTE and SEAN EMERY
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SANTA ANA • A Marine was convicted of first-degree murder Wednesday for stabbing his ex-girlfriend after learning she was pregnant with another man's child in December 2011.

An Orange County Superior Court jury deliberated for less than a day before finding Ahmad Rashad Siddiqi, 27, guilty of murder with the special circumstances of murder by lying in wait and use of a knife. He faces life in prison without pa-

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James Haggerty joins his fellow Aviation 2 classmates as they fly simulators at Canyon High School.

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By the end of the program, these 45 students will be on track for several potential aviation careers and could take the written portion of the test for a private pilot’s license, which is open to anyone 16 or older.

“I’d like to be able to design airplanes, or maybe even fly them to test,” said James Stupin, 17, who is eyeing careers in aerospace engineering or automotive design.

“(We use) a lot of cool technology that there’s no way a normal class would get to have,” said program founder Steve Smith, who does triple duty at Canyon, teaching aviation, mathematics and student leadership. “(It’s) doing everything that educators are pushing for these days with science, math and technology.”

Smith, a professional pilot and accredited math teacher, has more than five years of flight experience. And it took almost that long to launch the Canyon Aviation program, which started in fall 2014.

“I saw some of the other classes we had on campus with culinary arts and auto shop and computers ... and I thought, ‘Why couldn’t we have a pilot ground school class?’” said Smith, who has an aviation science degree from Baylor University. “Anyone I talked to thought it was a good idea but didn’t know how to get it started.”

About three years ago, the district cleared the program for takeoff.

With the help of Kathy Boyd, coordinator of Orange Unified School District’s career training and STEM programs, the school secured a planning grant of \$50,000 from the district – enough to buy two flight simulators and new classroom furniture.

“It is high-skill, high-wage and high-need,” Boyd said of aviation. “We knew it would be popular with kids, but it also had those categories of putting kids in the right place.”

Students not only take FAA-style written exams but also pilot planes on the classroom’s Microsoft flight simulator systems. Each unit costs about \$4,500 and features three monitors, speakers, an instrument panel, pedal system, side console, yoke and radios used for simulated conversations with air traffic control.

This year, the program received a \$100,000 implementation grant from the district to buy four new simulators in addition to class sets of Chromebooks and flight planners.

“I didn’t want the focus just to be (on becoming) an airline pilot,” Smith said. “I wanted it to be, ‘Look at all the different possibilities that exist ... air traffic control, the military, maintenance, management, air-

A full load

As Canyon Aviation grows, it will become a four-year program. Here is the proposed schedule:

Ninth grade: Pre-aviation

10th grade: Aviation I

11th grade: Aviation II

Summer or 12th grade: Internship

Optional: Aviation Science

Pilot Licensing 101: The basics

Here are a few of the types of licenses pilots can get:

Sport pilot: You can fly light sport aircraft, which are one- or two-seater aircraft that tend to be smaller, lighter and simpler.

Recreational pilot: You can fly one additional passenger. Initial restriction of 50 nautical miles.

Private pilot: Requires minimum age of 16. You can fly unlimited passengers for sightseeing or charity flights. International flights and night flights allowed.

Instrument rating: You can fly at altitudes above 18,000 feet above sea level or in weather with reduced visibility.

Commercial pilot: Requires private license. You can fly for hire.

Certificated flight: Requires commercial license, instrument rating. You can teach people how to fly and give flight reviews.

Airline transport pilot: Requires commercial license, instrument rating, minimum age of 23. You can fly airline, corporate and charter aircraft.

Designated examiner: Requires decades of experience. You can perform check rides or flight tests.

Source: Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association

port operations.’ ”

The local aviation community has been extremely supportive, he said. The Planes of Fame museum gave his class free guided tours, and the Anaheim Police Department Air Support Team donated expired flight charts and demonstrated the airplanes and helicopters used for surveillance.

Canyon Aviation also hosts guest speakers, and when a representative from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University visited the class, 16-year-old Zach Marshall said he found his new dream school.

Marshall said he finds meteorology and flight planning fascinating. Recently, a class volunteer opportunity helped him land a job at the Chino airport.

“Since I was able to make a paper airplane, I’ve always wanted to fly,” said Marshall, a junior. “We had a Marine F-18 mechanic who came in. That got me interested in maybe going to the Marines.”

Smith said he’s happy that many of the students have said they want to later obtain a pilot’s license.

“It’s already bigger than my initial vision was and I think it has the potential to be huge,” he said. “If you speak aviation ... it can benefit you and open up career possibilities you might not have thought of.”

Stanton adopts rules regulating bikini coffee shops

STANTON • Any bikini coffee shop that opens in Stanton must now obey strict rules prohibiting nudity, smoking and gambling after the City Council unanimously adopted regulations to prevent such businesses from becoming caffeinated strip clubs.

The Stanton City Council followed in the footsteps of Garden Grove and other cities Tuesday night in adopting specific rules, which go into effect in 30 days. The move was expected – the Stanton council was just approving the measure for the second time as required.

Before the Garden Grove City Council adopted similar rules in 2011, that city, which has the most bikini coffee shops in Orange County, had reported incidents of waitresses disrobing, and



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the mostly Vietnamese American male clientele smoking – counter to California law – and gambling on the premises.

Gang activity also became rampant, according to past Garden Grove staff reports.

The Stanton rules include: no tinting or covering windows, no live entertainment, no smoking, no exposure of breasts, “male or female genitals, the anal region, or buttocks.”

“The city of Stanton is

much into health and public safety,” Councilman David Shawver said.

“We welcome any business into our city,” the councilman said. “But I’ve found over the years that if you don’t have regulations and a business comes in, it’s much harder to regulate it after the fact.”

Stanton doesn’t have any bikini coffee shops, up to now a mostly Little Saigon phenomenon, but one is planning to move to Stanton from Garden Grove.

ASHES

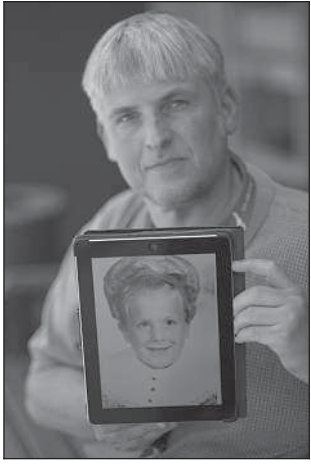
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computer operator, has been unable to find an apartment since going to work for the VA in early May.

Joseph relocated from New Hampshire and lives in a Long Beach motel. Joseph believes he hasn’t been able to find a permanent residence because of his service dog, a 9-year-old Pomeranian named Guido.

“As soon as landlords discover I have a service animal they turn me down,” he said.

Although Joseph now admits that it probably wasn’t a smart idea, he decided to keep all his valuables in his rented Versa until he found an apartment.



CINDY YAMANAKA, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ed Joseph III holds a 1972 picture of his sister Deneen, who died in 2007 at age 42.

The ashes of McGuinness, who died in 2007 at the age of 42 following a heart attack, were kept in a small heart-shaped urn and vase inside an oversize computer bag in the floorboard on the passenger’s side of the car.

A burglar managed to get into the vehicle without forced entry and make off with the bag. In addition to



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Miller, Henry Green

Henry Green Miller III, 59 of San Clemente, California, was unfortunately taken from us unexpectedly and much too early. An amazing Father, Son, Brother, Friend, Uncle and an all around genuine and sincere man. He inspired many with his compassion and his lust for life. Hank’s spirit will live on through his two children and his countless friends. A lover of the ocean and nature, his life will be celebrated on the water with a paddle out at Riviera State Beach, Friday, September 25th at 3:30 PM and at a memorial service at Saddleback Church San Clemente Saturday, September 26th at 11:00 AM. Please join us to commemorate the man whose heart has touched so many.

Rest In Happiness - We love you "Handstand Hank".




Baughman, Ray Alan

Ray Baughman, 58 years old, passed away after a year’s fight against cancer on September 7th with his wife Sheri and sons Alex and Blake at his side. Ray was a graduate of Carson High School in 1976 and Cal Poly Pomona as a landscape architect in 1985. Ray and Sheri were married in 1986. He worked as an architect until 1992 when he joined his dad Bob at A.P. Fischer Oil and Truck Lube in Long Beach. Ray and Sheri bought the business in 2002. Ray had many interests: traveling with his family, bonsai plants, boats, sport cars and classic cars. During this time he developed a classic car motor oil. Both boys and Sheri have been active in the oil business that Sheri will now run. A service will be held on October 3rd at 10:00 AM at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in Huntington Beach at 16400 Springdale St.

Charles Albert Peaslee: A Most Extraordinary Life
November 29, 1940 - September 17, 2015

Born in Los Angeles, raised in San Gabriel, California. Graduated from San Gabriel High School, graduated with a Bachelor Degree from USC. Served in the US Naval Air Reserves. Was resident of Orange County for almost 50 years and spent 25 years as a Food Broker and 25 years in Real-Estate. Retired in La Quinta and was an active member of the Trilogy Community. Was a Charter Member of Irvine Spectrum Rotary and an active volunteer with the Boys Scouts of America. Was also involved as a volunteer at Hidden Harvest and The Living Desert. Loved a good golf game, but especially loved spending time with friends and family. Married 32 years to Gina K. Peaslee. Survived by beloved wife Gina Peaslee, 4 children, 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandsons.



Chavez, Lynda
1930 - 2015

Lynda Jane Chavez passed away September 10, 2015, surrounded by her family at her daughter Judy Robert’s home in La Habra. Lynda was born June 12, 1930 in High Rolls, New Mexico, and grew up in Alamogordo, New Mexico. She moved to Southern California in the early 1950s, raising her family in Whittier and La Habra.

Lynda was known affectionately as “Bubba” to her family and the many friends she made over decades working as a bartender at Duffy’s in La Habra. Lynda was one of those larger than life characters. A caring, big-hearted person, she was always ready with a funny story and keen insights into the mysteries of life. She loved watching the Lakers, rarely missing a game on TV. Lynda was particularly energized playing slot machines in Las Vegas, which she could do for hours at a time, often returning with stories of how much she won and then put back. Lynda was fortunate to have found love late in life with Chuck Fein, with whom she shared much affection and a joy for life.

Lynda will be long remembered by friends and her son, Leo R. Chavez and his wife Cathy Ota; son, John H. Chavez; and daughter, Judy and her husband Jim Roberts. She also has 8 grandchildren: Jason (and wife Lisa), Jessica (and husband Mac Torluccio) and Jennifer Roberts, Koji and Andrea Chavez, and Jaycee, Selena, and Katrina Chavez. Lynda is also survived by 5 great-grandchildren: Jacob and Alyssa Roberts, Katrina Moreno, and Jayden and Mayson Perez. Lynda will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, September 26, 2015 at 4:00 PM at Memory Garden Memorial Park & Mortuary, 455 West Central Avenue, Brea, California 92821.

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Death Notices

Cooper, Joel Annette, 79, of Newport Beach, died 9/22/2015. Omega Society

Gutierrez, Libier, 68, of Santa Ana, passed away 9/19/2015. Omega Society

Keong, Lee Hoong, 52, of Burbank, died 9/22/2015. Omega Society

Samanth, Kamal, 76, of Westmintser, died 9/19/2015. Omega Society

Hamilton, Don Earl, 81, of Stanton, passed away 9/21/2015. Westminster Memorial park

Homnack, Mary, 73, of Lake Forest, passed away 9/17/2015. Omega Society

Bond, James Douglass Jr., 87, Newport Beach, died 9/21/15. Omega Society

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