

EDUCATION

HEARING TO FLY

Flight simulator will be used in youth program, available throughout week.



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SALINAS » Officials are hoping a flight simulator unveiled Wednesday at the Salinas Municipal Airport will help the city's youth to soar to new heights.

Redbird Flight Simulations donated the \$65,000 machine as part of a new partnership with the Bob Hoover Academy, a local nonprofit. The organi-

zation is named for pilot Robert A. "Bob" Hoover and seeks to empower Salinas students through aviation instruction. It was founded by well known air show pilot Sean D. Tucker and his son Eric five years ago.

"I've been lucky to achieve my dreams through flight," said Tucker at the ribbon-cutting event Wednesday. "I wanted to give these students a bit of luck."

Nineteen high school stu-

dents are currently enrolled in Tucker's program. They are learning to pilot the Cessna 152, a two-seat plane which is about 24-feet long. By graduation, they'll be able to fly solo.

The Redbird simulator will enhance their instruction by allowing them to practice more often and without the added risks that come with being airborne, Tucker said.

"The simulator allows us to

mitigate the risk and give our kids every opportunity to be successful," he said. The simulator will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week not only to Academy students, but to science, technology, engineering and mathematics organizations across Monterey County. Hundreds of students stand to benefit from the machine's availability, said Tucker.

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RUSSIA PROBE

Trump says Mueller interview 'seems unlikely'

The special counsel has expressed interest in speaking with Trump, but no details have been worked out. **PAGE A8**



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National survey to use Monterey County

National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey questions those in communities representing diversity. **PAGE A2**

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VACATION RENTALS

Regulations continue to get hammered out

County Planning Commission decides Big Sur will rejoin the draft short-term rental ordinance process. **PAGE A3**



MONTEREY HERALD FILE
Monterey is investigating former City Manager Mike McCarthy.

Monterey confirms investigation

Former city manager McCarthy accused of 'sexual improprieties'

By Carly Mayberry
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MONTEREY » Acting City Manager Hans Usiar confirmed this week that the city is currently investigating former City Manager Mike McCarthy for possible "sexual improprieties."

McCarthy also confirmed the investigation and said it stems from an extra-marital affair that he had with another city employee, which was consensual. That affair, he said, is what led him to resign last month.

"In a leadership position with the city, I didn't think I could continue as a leader," said McCarthy. The investigation was first reported by the Monterey County Weekly.

It was in mid-December that McCarthy went on a medical leave of absence and that Usiar, then assistant city manager, would go forward as acting city manager. That was later followed by McCarthy's resignation.

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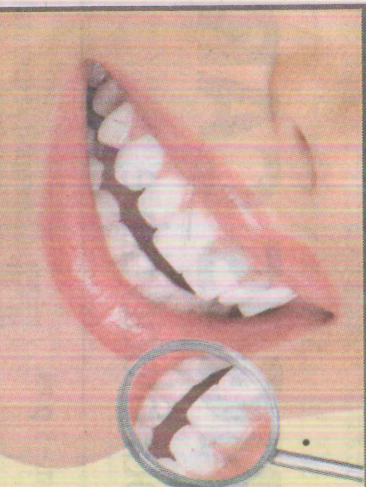
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aged travel to all of the new warnings are sterner, placing them on a level 4 warning, the highest level of potential danger.

Mexico as a whole has a level 2 rating, meaning Americans should "exercise increased caution" because of concerns about crime. But an additional 11 Mexican states got a level 3 warning Wednesday, which

OBITUARY

Lead detective in SF Zodiac killer case dies

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO » Dave Toschi, the San Francisco police detective who led the unsuccessful investigation into the Zodiac serial killing a half-century ago, has died. He was 86.

Toschi died Saturday after a lengthy illness, his daughter, Linda Toschi-Chambers, told the San

Francisco Chronicle. Toschi was put on the Zodiac case after a San Francisco taxi driver was shot to death in 1969. He was removed nine years later when he acknowledged writing and mailing anonymous fan letters to the Chronicon landing his own work.

Some of the states have long been off limits for U.S. government employees. Last year, the State Department on the new warnings. Most of northern Mexico, including the border states of Chihuahua, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon and Sonora as well as Durango, Zacatecas and San Luis Potosi, are under level 3 warnings.

The state with second-highest homicide rate — 61.6 per 100,000 — was Baja California Sur, home to the twin resorts of Los

and grew close to Toschi. Jennings said Toschi visited the San Francisco murder scene on the anniversary of the killing for many years in a row to see if he overlooked any clues.

French authorities are investigating whether Apple is engaging in a pattern of "planned obsolescence" in violation of France law and a variety of consumer lawsuits have been filed in the U.S. Apple has responded with an apology and reduced the price to replace batteries on older iPhones by \$50.

Simulator

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At Wednesday's ribbon-cutting, students played instructor as attendees piloted the simulator. They flew through a detailed rendering of Salinas itself, the Pacific Ocean visible on the horizon.

Let the record show that no one crashed.

Monterey County Superintendent of Schools Nancy Kotowski and Densen Guss, the deputy superintendent, watched as the entire simulator leaned to-and-fro in response to commands from the cockpit. Sheriff Steve Bernal, a pilot himself, stood among the students as they shouted encouragement. Mayor Joe Gunter leaned in to get a better look at the illuminated gauges, pedals and handheld controls.

"Our education partners and the sheriff are here, we all care and want to see our young people be successful," said Gunter. "And I really want them to learn to fly well, because they come right over my house."

The mayor, once active with the California International Airshow, Salinas, has known Tucker for some time and recalled how kids would watch in awe as he flew.

Tucker started his career as a crop duster in Salinas, and now performs swooping air show stunts at var-



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Salinas Mayor Joe Gunter at the Bob Hoover Academy examining the Academy's new flight simulator.

ious air shows around the world. He co-founded the Academy, he says, to give back to his community. Learning to fly boosts students' self confidence, focuses their energy, and engages them in science, he said. The organization goes beyond flight instruction with its SAFE Flight program, which provides students an alternative high school education.

SAFE Flight was born from a partnership with the Monterey County Office of Education. Students earn their high school diploma while taking classes geared toward aviation, like Physics of Flight and Aeronauti-

cal Decision Making. They also have access to career advisors, paid internships, and college courses at Hartnell Community College.

Martin Mendez grew up in Salinas and is a recent graduate of the program. He is currently earning his Airframe and Powerplant License at Gavilan College in Gilroy. He'll complete his program in May, becoming the first Academy student to graduate from college.

He plans to become a commercial airline pilot. "Before this program, I had never been in a plane," said Mendez. "I was scared of heights...The Bob Hoover Academy helped me over-

come my fear and become a better person."

In October 2017, Mendez made his first solo flight.

"People like Martin, that's where I get my cup filled," said Carol Tevbaugh, the program's flight instructor. "It's delightful to see these kids grab it. They're all so bright."

Edgar Chavez is a senior in the program and plans to follow in Mendez's footsteps.

"In this program, I learned to trust myself and be a leader," said Chavez. "When I was a kid, I saw the Airshow and had a dream to fly planes. My dream is coming true."

McCarthy

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McCarthy, who became city manager in May 2014, served as interim city manager beginning in 2013. It was in 2012 that he became assistant city manager while also continuing his role as human resources manager,

which he was appointed to in 2010. He began working for Monterey in 2002 and prior to that worked in the city manager's office in San Jose.

Under his tenure as city manager, he focused on the city's downtown revitalization, overseeing the Monterey Conference Center renovation, rehabilitating the city's aging infrastructure and its branding

as the "Language Capital of the World."

While Uslar said he couldn't comment on any findings from the investigation because it is not complete, McCarthy said he didn't fault the city for doing the investigation.

"In today's climate, they have to make sure it's not harassment," said McCarthy, who noted his deep re-

Trials

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"I was talking about the anxiety she feels about testifying and the harm of having too many con-

tinuances," Somers said Wednesday afternoon.

The ruling was a surprising turn in the third day of hearings in the case. On Monday and Tuesday, Butler heard testimony from several witnesses during a hearing

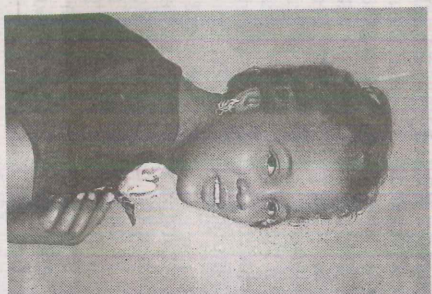
for a motion to suppress evidence. Attorneys for Curriel want to prevent a jury from seeing evidence found in the storage unit because it was obtained without a warrant and without reading Curriel his rights. Prosecution and de-

fense have until Jan. 19 to present their legal arguments. Butler is expected to rule on the motion late January or early February.

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Obituaries

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Lessie Mae Hutchins
December 6, 1935 - January 6, 2018
Resident of Seaside

Lessie Mae Hutchins passed away on January 6th, 2018, at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. Lessie leaves to mourn her passing her spouse, Jerome Hutchins, six children, Allen and his wife Eileen, Paldo and his wife Linda, Richard, Debra, Lynn and Lamont; five God children, Augustine, Maryann, Bertha, Patrick and Debbie; and several sisters and brothers, Dyanne, Rosie, Arnold, Velma, Raye, Mable, Joyce, Victoria, Susset, Amanda, Rory and Percy. Lessie joins her mother, Lillian Martin, father, Paul Spells, son, Larry Lewis and a brother, Reece Robinson in heaven.

The viewing will be held on Friday, January 12th, 2018, from 11 - 3:30 pm at Seaside Funeral Home, located at 1915 Ord Grove Avenue, Seaside, CA, 93955. Services will follow at 4 pm at the Friendship Baptist Church, located at 1440 Broadway Avenue, Seaside, CA, 93955. To share a memory or condolence with Lessie's family please visit www.seasidefunerals.com.

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Calvin Clarence Wilson
June 16, 1924 - Dec. 30, 2017
Resident of San Jose

Calvin Clarence Wilson died peacefully at home in San Jose on December 30, 2017 at the age of 93.

Calvin was born in San Jose. He graduated from Santa Clara HS. He was a veteran of WWII, having served in the U.S. Navy in both the Atlantic & Pacific arenas. Following the war, he continued his education at San Jose State and later earned a Masters at Santa Clara University. He was both a teacher and Vice Principal at Chester High School in Chester, CA and then returned to San Jose where he worked in the Campbell Union District for 29 years as a chemistry teacher at Camden HS and Dean of Boys, Director of Education and Principal at Leigh HS. He was an active member of the Lion's Club, an avid golfer and a loving family man who enjoyed helping friends and family.

Calvin is survived by his loving wife of 70 1/2 years, Berthe Mae; his children Patricia Wilson Caine; Sue (Bob) Morrow; Sharon (David) Fugitt; grandchildren Christopher (Jackie) Fugitt, Jennifer Fugitt, Kayla Morrow and great grandson William Carson Fugitt. He also leaves his brothers, Mike (Thelma) Stepka and Robert Wilson and many nieces, nephews, cousins and step grandchildren. The family will have a private celebration of his life.