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Michael R. Heath, 20, son gade of Midshipmen in the of Mrs. Helen T. Heath of 923 fall. Kornblum Ave., was sworn in as a midshipman in the class men receive a bachelor of as a mushipman in the class men receive a bachelof of of 1969 at the U. S. Naval science degree and are com-Academy, Annapolis, Md., on missioned Ensign in the U.S. June 30. He is presently un-Navy, or Second Lieutenant dergoing summer training in the Marine Corps.

called "plebe summer" at the Academy in preparation for joining the Academy's Bri ed El Camino College.



Condors Show Astronauts Some Things About Flying although some naturalists By CHARLES E. CHAPE guess that there may be

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL Assemblyman, 46th District Senate Bill No. 261, by State Senator Robert Lago-marsino, Republican of Ven-tura County, recently be-came a law, It doubles the previous penalty for killing more.

The exact number of con dors in existence is un-known because the condor prefers to live in the most inaccesible spots imagin-able. Other than Ventura County, the only other lo-cale for condors of which I have any knowledge is the Andes, the great mountain system which extends the full length of the western part of South America. Even down there the condor pre-fers the peaks of the moun-tains. Its wing span averages at least 23 feet, hence a man who has a Ph.D. degree in ornithology (birds) is usual-ly bright enough to avoid getting too chummy with condors. I became interested in dors in existence is uncame a law, it doubles the previous penalty for killing or wounding a condor so that now the maximum pen-alty is one thousand dollars or six months in a county jail. Although the bill was supported principally by orsupported principally by or-nithologists (bird experts) and the Audobon Society and the Audobon Society members, my reasons for supporting the bill were di-rectly related to the prob-lems of man in space flight. Since thousands of people, who live in or near the 46th Assembly District, are em-ployed by defense industries and research organizations related to space flight, the condor is more important than might appear at a glance.

condor is more important than might appear at a glance. The American condor is a very large bird which re-sembles a vulture. Actually it is one of the largest and most powerful of all flying birds. It sometimes attacks living animals but feeds pre-ferably on carrion. In Amer-ica, it is a fast-disappearing species. It is believed that there are at least 23 still alive in the Sespe Wildlife Refuge in Ventura County.

lakes near the town of Twentynine Palms. One of these dry lakes where most of the * * *

dry lakes where most of the glider soaring took place was called "Condor Field." I still have the shoulder patch from the flight jacket 1 wore. In the center of the shoulder patch is a picture of a glider, which is nothing but a small airplane with-out a power plant. Around the circumference of the shoulder patch are the words: "Condor Field, Twentynine Palms." Natur-ally I wanted to know about ally I wanted to know about condors on Jan. 2, 1941. I had never before heard of a condor The Signal Corps of the

with motion pictures of condors moving through the air

dors moving through the air without fl a pp in g their wings. This is called soaring flight because the condors take advantage of upward moving columns of air to soar with very little flap-pings of their wings.

pings of their wings. It soon become apparent that soaring was the one thing that the Army pilots did not need to learn at that time, but now the astro-nauts who fly through space with the greatest of ease are profiting from the soaring knowledge which the young Army pilots in 1941 acquired only under duress

the bumble bee, not being There are several dry Army had provided the and this knowledge came the near the town of Twen- pilots at Twentynine Palms from the motion pictures of an aeronautical engineer, is too stupid to know he can-not fly, hence he flies any-way. The same thing may apply to condors, I am very happy to report. condors in flight over Ventura County, California. \$ \$ \$ Nearly a quarter of a cen-

Avery a quarter of a cer-tury has elapsed. Now young officers of the United States Marine pilots who are pilots occasionally land on what was once called Condor Field and the flag bearing the red and gold and the the red and gold, and the globe and anchor of the Corps flies over the bar-Twentynine Palms. It has been a standing joke for many years among aeronautical engineers that the bumble bee is scientifi-cally unsuited for flight but

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