

Local News

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Green light for L.A. flights

Jobs lost

Electric
and Logistics in
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existing customers.

Little
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Scott Smith, 2455 Calle
Thousand Oaks,
ia 91360, USA.

School
extends

Department of
ion have given the go-
for an extension to the
National School.
or Education Minister

Tourism and Transport
Minister Maire Geoghegan-
Quinn has given the green
light to a new scheduled air
service between Shannon
and Los Angeles.

The Shannon-based
Translift Airways plan to
operate the service four
times a week in the peak
season and twice weekly in
winter using a 234-seat
aircraft. The flights will
stopover at Boston on their

way to L.A.

With the service set to
start next spring, Minister
Geoghegan-Quinn has
expressed confidence that
the flights will generate
significant extra business for
Irish tourism interests.

At present, 20 per cent of
all US tourists to Ireland
come from the west coast,
despite there being no direct
air link.

The Minister says that the

granting of the new rights to
Translift reflects her
commitment to the
development of aviation at
Shannon.

Translift have already
began planning the L.A.
service and say they will be
recruiting an additional 60
staff to augment their
current workforce of 125.

Chief executive of Translift,
Mr. P.J. McGoldrick, has
thanked the Minister for her

"vote of confidence" and says
the new service should act
"as a catalyst for even more

jobs as the airline expands."

Warning on
graveyard
thefts

People visiting Mount St.
Lawrence graveyard have been
warned to be on their guard as
a group of car vandals have
been operating in the area.

Gardai have told Cllr. John
Ryan that two or three
incidents occur each week near
the graveyard.

"I heard of one incident
recently where four men
wearing balaclavas jumped out
in broad daylight and stole
handbags from a car that had
just been parked," Cllr. Ryan
told The Post.

A problem for gardai is that
thieves can quickly get on to
the railway line near the
graveyard and make their
getaway.

Cllr. Ryan has now called on
Limerick Corporation to erect
signs near the graveyard urging
people to be careful with their
valuables.

"October and November are
the busy months for people
visiting graveyards and I feel
the Corporation will have to
take some action before then,"
he commented.



First day . . . Geraldine Gellevog and Rachael McNamara were pictured during their first morning at school in Mary Queen of Ireland, Caherdavin. Photo: Eamon Ward, Press 22.

Call for rail
link to Sligo