

“The realization of this public-private partnership will expose students to careers in STEM fields and prepare them to be a part of our future workforce,” Peters said. “I hope that this laboratory provides a model for others to follow in our region and around the country.”



GM donation

General Motors Donates Corvette, Silverado and Impala Models to Cuyamaca College

Automaker General Motors has donated three vehicles to Cuyamaca College for its automotive technology program. The 2013 Corvette, 2014 Silverado and 2014 Impala will be used to train aspiring technicians enrolled in GM's Automotive Service Educational Program (ASEP).

Cuyamaca College is one of three in California to provide the two-year program, which combines advanced automotive technical training with a strong academic foundation in math, English, electronics, analytical and technical skills culminating in an associate of science degree. GM auto dealerships sponsor the trainees, who alternate between on-campus instruction and paid work experience at the dealerships.

Chris Branton, coordinator of the college's auto tech program and the ASEP instructor, said Cuyamaca College plays an important role in helping the auto industry fill a critical need: developing and retaining skilled automotive technicians. "This generous donation from GM enables us to deliver the highest quality education to our students," he said.

Foundation Receives \$63,237 Grant

To Improve Access to Cancer Screening

The San Diego County Medical Society Foundation has received a \$63,237 grant from the Tri-City Healthcare District to support the "North County CRC Collaborative Project" for improving access to colorectal cancer screening and diagnostics for low-income residents.

The program will assure that patients screened for colorectal cancer will receive diagnostic care when needed. Tri City Medical Center will provide surgeries to project participants whose diagnosed colorectal cancer requires further treatment. SDCMS Foundation is focusing the project on North County, and targeting low-income, uninsured residents because they have among the lowest screenings rates.

Additional collaborators include Vista Community Clinic, **North County Health Services**, the California Colorectal Cancer Coalition, and the American Cancer Society. Currently, colorectal cancer has the highest rate of all cancer deaths among non-smokers in San Diego County.

SDG&E Launches Energy-Saving Marketplace

San Diego Gas & Electric has launched a new online store, SDG&E Marketplace, for customers to quickly and easily shop for energy saving products offered by third-party retailers.

"SDG&E is among the first utilities in the nation to launch this type of online tool," said Caroline Winn, SDG&E's chief energy delivery officer.

At the SDG&E Marketplace, customers will be able to shop for rebate-eligible products, such as high-efficiency appliances, smart thermostats, and water conservation products. The SDG&E Marketplace also offers an option for personalized energy-saving tips based on a customer's home profile and smart meter data.

To explore the site, visit sdgemarketplace.com.

Model Airplane Enthusiasts Urged to Fight Anti-Drone Bill

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Enthusiasts who fly model airplanes and small drones are being asked to fight a state bill that could subject weekend hobbyists to lawsuits and civil actions.

The Academy of Model Aeronautics, a 79-year-old organization with 176,000 members nationwide, is urging its California members to ask Gov. Jerry Brown to veto Senate Bill 142.

"While originally intended to address privacy concerns, the bill was amended in late June and, as such, now potentially subjects model aviation enthusiasts to possible lawsuits and civil sanctions for even an inadvertent excursion over the property of a neighbor that borders their flying field, schoolyard, park, or even their backyard," the organization said in an urgent email Wednesday to members.

The bill, which was sponsored by Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson from Santa Barbara, was sent to the governor last week. Brown has until Sept. 12 to either sign or veto it.