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Fire damages property

San Marcos officials believe blaze was caused by welders

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SAN MARCOS — Firefighters battled an afternoon blaze near South Santa Fe Avenue that, according to a fire official, was caused by welders. The fire, which was reported at 12:22 p.m., burned grass, bushes and plants in

a field behind 2913 S. Santa Fe Ave., said San Marcos Battalion Chief Brett Van Wey. Although no structures were damaged, the fire burned a fence between two homes and a patio deck. Debbie Ziehdorn, of Escondido, said she was working at one of the homes when she saw the flames come from the backyard. "They were shooting up the trees all the way up it," said Ziehdorn, who called 911. "There were a lot of trees burning and I took the hose and I sprayed the house."

Fire crews closed down westbound traffic on South Santa Fe Avenue at the



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San Marcos firefighters hose down a residence on Las Flores Drive in San Marcos Thursday after a small fire broke out in the backyard.

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Palomar College economics professor Teresa Laughlin teaches Intro to Economics to students inside Studio 33 during an educational taping of "Economics Demystified" Wednesday at Palomar College in San Marcos.

Community connection

Palomar College cable undergoes change

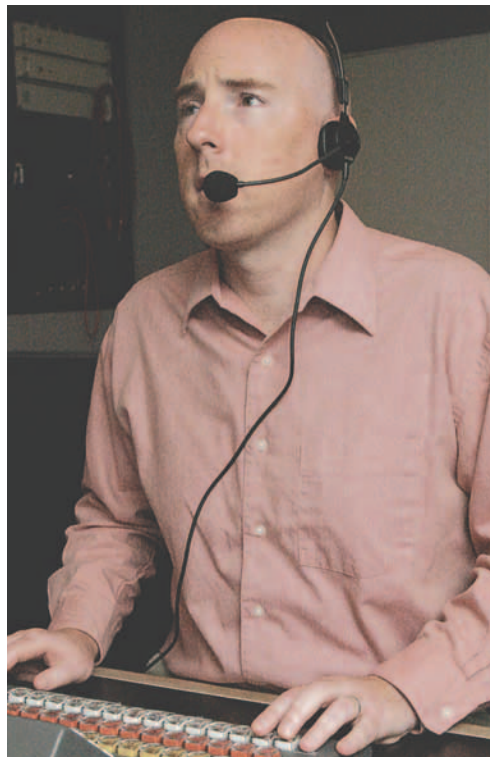
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SAN MARCOS — "Educational Television," Palomar College-based cable programming that features telecourses, teleweb courses, student programs and a math homework help call-in show, is undergoing major changes to reflect the channel's ties to the college and the community. "Educational Television" is now "Palomar College Television," or PCTV, said programming producer Bill Wisneski. "We had been thinking about this a couple of years now. We

are trying to increase the amount of community-related programming. The name change kind of helps facilitate that," he said.

Wisneski said before the name change, community members may not have been aware that educational programming was based at Palomar College. He said he would like PCTV to be seen as a media resource for the campus and the community at large.

To go along with its new name, the channel also has a new logo and a new Web page design. The logo, designed by



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Producer and director Bill Wisneski monitors a digital switch board during the taping of "Economics Demystified" Wednesday at Palomar College.

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Making Vista homes safe

Fire district releases Wildfire Protection Plan

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VISTA — Despite living in a high-risk fire community, many within the Vista Fire Protection District are apathetic toward making their homes fire safe.

That finding is included in the draft of a fire protection plan unveiled Thursday before nearly 50 people, some who objected to the characterization.

The district's Community Wildlife Protection Plan evaluates wildfire risks, allowing for prioritization of firefighting resources for enhanced effectiveness.

The plan gauges how fire would spread through the area. It divides the district into 19 communities, 11 of which are at extreme or very high risk for wildfires.

Among its findings, the plan says many communities have missing or inadequate street signs, which could be a problem for firefighters. It suggests the use of large reflective signs instead.

It also recommends the district look at creating evacuation routes and designating some buildings as public shelter-in-place facilities.

Comprised of 4,443 units that house 11,105, the Vista Fire Protection District includes many rural areas that, because of their inaccessibility and thick foliage, could prove tricky to protect against fire.

Despite identifying firefighting resources and suggesting ways to maximize them, the plan says some of the responsibility must ultimately be taken by residents.

"A definitive shift to a shared responsibility must be promoted," reads the plan. "Homeowners must be made aware that fire suppression resources cannot be the only line of defense against wildland fires."

That message was reinforced during the course of the meeting.

"We couldn't find a silver bullet," said Chris White, managing partner of the Colorado-based Anchor Point Group.

"We couldn't find a solution for you that does not involve you."

Vista Fire Chief Gary Fisher said it is important for residents to make their property fire safe because firefighters will not go to homes that are not deemed safe.

"We recognize there are houses that are defensible and ones that aren't," Fisher said.

"We will try to save your house and your

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Carlsbad mother and son 'Walk to Cure Diabetes'

Almost 1,200 people are expected to partake in Sunday's 5K walk

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CARLSBAD — Every day, 12-year-old Paul Durso has to test his blood sugar level five to 10 times by pricking his finger.

Depending on the results, he has to have an insulin injection, which is usually necessary two to three times a day.

Paul was diagnosed with type I diabetes, also known as juvenile diabetes, when he was 7 years old. He will have to live with it forever, or at least until there is a cure.

Type I diabetes can occur at any age, and those who have it must take insulin injections to keep their blood sugar at the right level. If it drops too low, a diabetic could go into a coma. If it's too high, internal organs could be damaged.

Paul's mom, Adrienne, said giving the seventh-grader the right amount of food and insulin every day to keep his blood sugar at the right level is a balancing act. Based on what Paul eats, Adrienne tries to determine how much insulin to give him. She said he is supposed to have a specified number of car-



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Paul Durso, 12, of Carlsbad, injects his daily insulin after recording a blood sugar level of 285, which, according to his mother, is very high.

bohydrates at certain times each day. "It's a daily grind," Adrienne said. "You have to keep on top of it as a parent, and your hope is someday they'll be able to take care of it themselves."

Living with such a restrictive diet and constantly having to be aware of your

blood sugar level sounds like a lot for a kid to deal with, but Paul said it's more of a hassle than anything else.

"It just gets annoying sometimes. If I want to go somewhere I have to take insulin with

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Walk to Cure Diabetes

WHEN

The 5K walk starts at 9 a.m. Sunday. Registration is from 7:30 to 9 a.m.

WHERE

Cannon Park, One Cannon Park Road, Carlsbad

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