W ildfire in Los Padres National Forest blazes on

SUMMER MUSTANG
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY

"Time Traveler's Wife" may be a waste of time.

IN ARTS, 5

Constituents protest as Obama pitches health care plan.

IN NEWS, 3

Terry Crawford leaves Cal Poly's track and field program for the national team.

Thursday, August 13, 2009

FALSE ALARM: Blue phones used by drunks and children

Kate McIntyre
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly University Chief of Police Bill Wattson cannot remember a time when a Code Blue emergency phone prevented an emergency on campus.

However, the dispatchers at the University Police Department report that the 70-plus free-standing cylinders designed to increase campus safety are activated about three or four times per week, he said.

"This would work out to between 150 and 200 blue light calls per year or about 10 to 12 percent of total 911 calls."

In 2008 UPD had 1,550 activations of 911, including calls from land phones, cell phones, blue ligh and elevators, he said.

Every CSU campus has some version of an emergency phone and everyone uses the Code Blue phones like those at Cal Poly.

San Jose State University Sergeant John Laws said he thinks the emergency phones make a psychological difference and help community members communicate to the police.

"I think that people do feel safer knowing that they can call the UPD quickly and easily from nearly anywhere on campus," he said.

Laws added that he couldn't recall whether one had been a life-saving factor in an emergency.

"They are not necessarily noticed and I could not possibly quantify whether or not a blue light phone made a specific difference in any situation," he said.

The jurisdiction of the Cal Poly University Police Department includes the campus plus a one mile radius.

"Wherever our students are, we'll try to be there," Wattson said.

Nearly every student carries a cell phone, which may be why the emergency phones aren't relied upon. 911 calls from a cell phone are directed to one of several law enforcement agencies within the area, including the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

Kate McIntyre
MUSTANG DAILY

A sunburned 3,000 acres.

"Because of 50-mph winds and humidity that stayed low to the ground, it caused the fire to be very active last night, which it typically hasn't been," Marion Freels, information officer for the Los Padres National Forest, said Wednesday.

"To keep the blaze under control, 1,277 personnel were at the fire overnight Tuesday. Many firefighters camped near the fire to avoid travel burdens. Freels said that although they try to get local crews, many of them are from dispersed areas around the state."

By Wednesday evening, the staffing had increased to 1,855 personnel, but weather conditions were expected to improve, with only 20-mph winds.

"This is burning in an area with fuels that haven't burned in 80 years," said Jennifer Greg, another information officer for the national forest.

Greg said the fire was primarily fuel-driven, burning dry dense brush. The southeast portion of the land hasn't burned since 1922, but the southwest portion burned as recently as May when the Juniper fire burned 8,733 acres.

As of Wednesday evening, there were 39 engines, 49 fire crews, 19 bulldozers and 11 helicopters at the scene.

The nearest properties are just a half-mile from the fire, Freels said.

"The picture for capital projects is fairly bleak for the next year and a half," Bob Kitamura, executive director of facility planning and capital projects, said.

The addition to the Science Building has been delayed, but Philip Bailey, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics said he is hopeful that the funds will come for the Science Building. The state budget has passed, so lease revenue bonds should soon be approved for sale in order to pay for the building, he said.

The building will provide more space for student research and classes. The improvement is part of a plan to increase enrollment in the polytechnic aspects of the university, Bailey added.

South Perimeter Road will be closed permanently to regular vehicle traffic as planned starting in September but improvements will not be made to it, Kitamura said. The road will still be used to access the construction going on at the Recreation Center, the University Union Plaza and the Simpson Strong Tie Building, a new Materials Demonstration Laboratory for the College of Architecture and Environmental Design with a budget of just under $3 million.

Construction was supposed to start on the

see Construction, page 2

Wildfire in Los Padres National Forest blazes on

Lauren Rabaino
MUSTANG DAILY

Ashes fill the air in San Luis Obispo as the largest fire currently in California continued to burn, spreading about 29,680 acres by Wednesday night, according to U.S. Forest Service officials.

The La Brea fire — which was 10 percent contained Wednesday evening — is the first major fire to hit San Luis Obispo County this summer, burning 21 miles east of Santa Maria in the Los Padres National Forest.

The blaze had its largest over­night growth Tuesday night, spreading approximately 6,000 acres. By Wednesday evening, the fire had burned an additional 3,000 acres.

"Because of 50-mph winds and humidity that stayed low to the ground, it caused to fire to be very active last night, which it typically hasn't been," Marion Freels, information officer for the Los Padres National Forest, said Wednesday.

To keep the blaze under control, 1,277 personnel were at the fire overnight Tuesday. Many fire­fighters camped near the fire to avoid travel burdens. Freels said that although they try to get local crews, many of them are from dispersed areas around the state."

By Wednesday evening, the staffing had increased to 1,855 personnel, but weather conditions were expected to improve, with only 20-mph winds.

"This is burning in an area with fuels that haven't burned in 80 years," said Jennifer Greg, another information officer for the national forest.

Greg said the fire was primarily fuel-driven, burning dry dense brush. The southeast portion of the land hasn't burned since 1922, but the southwest portion burned as recently as May when the Juniper fire burned 8,733 acres.

As of Wednesday evening, there were 39 engines, 49 fire crews, 19 bulldozers and 11 helicopters at the scene.

The nearest properties are just a half-mile from the fire, Freels said.

Santa Barbara County issued an evacuation order Tuesday to 14 surrounding ranches and fire offici­als moved livestock as necessary.

Despite light population, the San Luis Obispo County Air Quality Management District and the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department and the Air Pollution Control District each issued a health advisory warning early in the week.

County health officials urge residents to use common sense and stay indoors if they are exposed to smoke and ash from the fire. The ash is also corrosive, meaning peo­ple should avoid skin contact.

At Cal Poly, located 75 miles from the heart of the fire, the concern is lower than at locations closer to the fire.

Dr. David Harris, head of Cal Poly's medical services at the cam­pus health center, said he has never noticed an increase in asthma or skin-related illnesses as a result of lo­cal fires during his tenure.

Even when the fire burned hills above Cal Poly and it rained ash for two days, Harris said the uni­versity didn't see an increase in patients.

"It hasn't been that irritative," Harris said. "I suspect it has to do probably with the fact we haven't had a real high concentration of smoke. The ash is just kind of fall­ing, but the smoke is staying up higher."

Deficit delays construction

Tim Miller
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly's $83 million budget deficit has forced some of the planned construction proj­ects on campus to be delayed.

The building of a $124 million addition to the Science "Spider" Building and the plan to turn South Perimeter Road into a walk­ing plaza in the fall will be the first to be de­layed. There are also no plans for new academic buildings on campus.

The building will provide more space for student research and classes. The improvement is part of a plan to increase enrollment in the polytechnic aspects of the university, Bailey added.

South Perimeter Road will be closed permanently to regular vehicle traffic as planned starting in September but improvements will not be made to it, Kitamura said. The road will still be used to access the construction going on at the Recreation Center, the University Union Plaza and the Simpson Strong Tie Building, a new Materials Demonstration Laboratory for the College of Architecture and Environmental Design with a budget of just under $3 million.

Construction was supposed to start on the

see Code Blue, page 2

Deficit delays construction

Tim Miller
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly's $83 million budget deficit has forced some of the planned construction proj­ects on campus to be delayed.

The building of a $124 million addition to the Science "Spider" Building and the plan to turn South Perimeter Road into a walk­ing plaza in the fall will be the first to be de­layed. There are also no plans for new academic buildings on campus.

"Wherever our students are, we'll try to be there," Wat­ton said.

The building will provide more space for student research and classes. The improvement is part of a plan to increase enrollment in the polytechnic aspects of the university, Bailey added.

South Perimeter Road will be closed permanently to regular vehicle traffic as planned starting in September but improvements will not be made to it, Kitamura said. The road will still be used to access the construction going on at the Recreation Center, the University Union Plaza and the Simpson Strong Tie Building, a new Materials Demonstration Laboratory for the College of Architecture and Environmental Design with a budget of just under $3 million.

Construction was supposed to start on the

see Construction, page 2
Construction
continued from page 1
Simpson Strong-Tie Building building in July but was delayed due to a new law that requires greater access to the disabled. Construction is now expected to start in mid-September, said Kitanura. The 274-unit South Perimeter Road is also part of the campus master plan to make Cal Poly more pedestrian friendly.
The bus stop on South Perimeter will be moved to North Perimeter instead to the library.
While many construction projects on campus have been stopped, work on the Recreation Center and the University Union Plaza will continue as planned. Both projects use funds that cannot be reallocated to other projects.
The gym renovation is being paid for by a student fee increase approved in 2008 before referendum. The fee increase will not be added until construction is completed, which the Associates Students Incorporated (ASI) Web site says will be in 2012. The referendum approved a $71 million bond to be taken out in order to pay for the costs.
The funds for the University Union Plaza remodel are coming from the ASI union reserve fund that can only be used for facilities, said Carl Payne, chair of the University Union Advisory Board. He added that the union reserve fund created by referendum by Cal Poly students in the 1970s established a student fee to create and maintain a variety of construction projects.
Construction on the University Union Plaza is "so far so good," Payne said. "The $3 million project started in the summer quarter and is expected to be completed in the spring of 2010." ASI has been planning on redesigning the University Union since a 2004 survey in which students identified that renovation to the plaza was important to them.
Despite the survey students failed to approve a fee increase that would pay for it, even after a $40,000 "Yes" campaign that ASI launched and was heavily criticized for.
Payne said ASI learned a lot from the 2005 referendum, "We were trying to do too much at one time," he said. Since the 2005 referendum, students have approved a fee increase for the gym and ASI has put aside enough outside endowment money from the reserve to pay for the project.
"It's a very good relationship," said Payne, "I was always getting my head above water from the blue light to blue light." But she now thinks the campus is safe but having more Color Code Blue phones installed would make her feel safer, she added.
"There are definitely some stretches where you aren't sure who the student is who owns the blue phone," she said. "You can't just tell a would-be assailant, 'Excuse me sir, can you hold that blue phone for me?' And start a panicking the student, but from children at night when at night.
Animal science junior Susan Middlebrook said she felt uneasy bringing on campus at night when she first arrived at Cal Poly in fall 2007.
"Right after I came on campus there were two rapes within a couple weeks," she said. "I was always running from blue light to blue light.
"What is a quarantine? Quarantine operations instituted by the CDFA are aimed at preventing the spread of LBAM to other areas of California and to other states. It could take up to one year for a quarantine to be lifted, the county said.
State and federal quarantine regulations prohibit the movement of all vegetation within or from the quarantined area unless it is certified as free from the pest by an agricultural official, is purchased at a retail outlet, or was produced outside the area and is passing through in accordance with accepted safeguards, the CDFA said.
Within a quarantined area, regulations require that all known host plant material must meet phytosanitary protocol, the CDFA said.
"Loosely translated that means all plant material must be sprayed with pesticides or off any light brown apple moths that might be present," he said.
"Local Impact Locally, the real economic issue is the impact that quarantines have on growers' ability to sell their products, said said.
"We always have to worry about something," he said.
Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, answers a question from Sheryl Prather during a town meeting on health care reform Wednesday in Adel, Iowa.

"The pressure is great, but respectful, and there was little of the shouting that has dominated similar meetings to other parts of the country. "It seems to me that people are expressing, not just on health care, but people are just very scared about the direction the country is taking," said Grassley, who emphasized that he was not happy with what's on the table.

Grassley is the ranking Republican on the Senate Finance Committee and he's been deep in bargaining seeking a compromise health care plan that could get some Republican votes. He made it clear there are portions of the current measure he can't swallow.

The bitterest forum held by national Republicans have emphasized the challenge for President Barack Obama's administration as it tries to negotiate with a key bargainer on health care reform, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, during a town meeting on health care reform Wednesday in Adel, Iowa.

"I'm concerned about the layers of regulation that health care has now," she said. "This will make it worse. I think and I've been in health care for 40 years." Grassley has opposed Obama's call for creation of a public option that the president says would drive up competition and force private insurers to reduce their rates. Grassley says one person in the country legally should be covered by a government-funded health care program, and is opposed to plans that "determine when you're going to pull the plug on grandma."

"I don't want the government or a bureaucracy working for the government to come between you and your doctor," Grassley said. "I think the stakes are very, very high.

State

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Federal and local agents are raiding at least two marijuana dispensaries in Los Angeles but authorities won't say what they're seeking.

Officials say more than 20 people from various agencies served a search warrant at around 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Organics Collective in Marina del Rey, Calif., police, the FBI and DEA were still searching the distribution center three hours later.

The Los Angeles County district attorney's office says a residence also was raided in the warrant.

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — California's corrections chief says it will cost taxpayers $5 million to $6 million to repair and clean up from last weekend's prison riot.

Corrections Secretary Matthew Cate said Wednesday it will cost more if the state rebuilds a dormitory destroyed at the California Institution for Men in Chino.

Cate said the state does not expect significant costs from transfer, 1,155 inmates to other facilities after the riot. Saturday Cate says employees from the damaged prison are being sent to oversee those inmates at the other facilities.

A second dormitory was also damaged by fire and much of the furnishings destroyed in the melee that injured 175 inmates.

Briefs

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A self-employed psychiatrist was sentenced to 120 years in prison Wednesday for making a huge cache of child pornography that shows him sexually assaulting a dozen children, including infants at a girlfriend's home-day care.

The FBI found John Jacey Worman, with more than 1 million images of child pornography when they arrested him in suburban Philadelphia in 2007. A teenager who had been abused for several years tipped off authorities.

Worman, 42, of Coblyn, was a psychiatrist who sponsored off women and sexually coerced his young victims.

NEW YORK (AP) — The remains of five Italian tourists killed in the air collision over the Hudson River were taken to Kennedy Airport to be sent home Wednesday as divers recovered 30 pieces of the helicopter in which they had plunged to their deaths.

Family members and friends held a private Roman Catholic prayer service for the victims.

The remains were being flown to Milan on Wednesday on Alitalia Airlines, according to Italian Deputy Consul Maurizia Amorena in New York. The flight is to arrive at Milan's Malpensa airport on Thursday morning.

International

DAHANEH, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. Marines battled Taliban fighters Wednesday for control of a strategic southern town in a new operation to cut militant supply lines and allow Afghan residents to vote in next week's presidential election.

Insurgents appeared to dig in for a fight, firing volleys of rocket-propelled grenades, mortar rounds and even missiles from the back of a truck at the Marines, who were surprised at the intense resistance by sunset. Marines had made little progress into Dahaneh beyond the gains of the initial pre-dawn assault.

Fighting accelerated after sunset, and officers predicted a couple of days of intense combat before the town could be secured.

TBLISI, Georgia (AP) — Government forces bombarded Shiite rebels in northern Yemen Wednesday, escalating a conflict along the Saudi border that could further destabilize the U.S.-allied country as it faces a resurgent threat from al-Qaida.

The offensive, which started late Tuesday, followed claims by local officials and rebels that they had seized more of northern Saada province from government troops.

"START FALL 2009 RIGHT!"
Groundwater levels decrease dramatically in northern India

A man irrigates his field with an electric water pump at Bagh Jap village, about 34 miles east of Gahatli, India, Tuesday.

NEW DELHI (AP) — Excessive irrigation and the underlying threat of tens of millions of people being cut off from groundwater in northern India to drop dramatically, a problem that could lead to severe water shortages, according to a study released Wednesday.

The study, led by Matthew Wahr of the University of Colorado and John Kodell of the United States' NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland, indicated that groundwater across a swath of India from New Delhi to heavily farmed agricultural belts dropped at a rate of 1.6 inches (4 centimeters) per year between August 2002 and October 2008. That decrease in groundwater is more than double the capacity of India's largest reservoir.

The study noted that the drop in groundwater came in years where there was no shortage of rainfall to cause a natural decline.

The region, though, has seen an enormous increase in water use since the 1960s. Part of that is because of the growing population, though even more resulted from the so-called Green Revolution, which dramatically increased India's agricultural production — in part by exponentially expanding the use of groundwater for irrigation.

"Severe groundwater depletion is occurring as a result of human consumption," the researchers concluded in the study, released online in the journal Nature.

The study was based largely on data provided by GRACE — the Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment — a satellite system launched in 2002 by NASA and the German Aerospace Center. GRACE allows scientists to estimate changes in groundwater storage by measuring tiny variations in the Earth's gravitational pull.

Another recent study based on GRACE data, using results from a 1,200-mile (2,000-kilometer) swath across eastern Pakistan, northern India and into Bangladesh, showed about 1.9 million cubic feet (54 cubic kilometers) of groundwater lost per year.

This is probably the largest rate of groundwater loss in any comparable-sized region on Earth," that study said.

"I don't think so, but anything that can help you is beneficial."

-Dimitri Krouchev, economics sophomore

Kelly Martinsana, animal science senior

"No not really. I only notice them because they are blue."

Asling Fearon, architecture senior

"It is reassuring that they’re them. I would rather have the option to use them."

-Andrew Titter, biomedical engineering junior

Complete Your Bachelor's or Master's Degree

Designed to enhance your career

University of La Verne

Master's Programs
- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Master of Science Leadership Management
- Master of Science in Educational Counseling / Pupil Personnel Service School Counseling Credential
- Master of Education: Special Emphasis
- Multiple and Single Subject Credentials
- Also available online

Contact Lens Fittings

Fashion Eyewear

Treatments of red eyes & infections

University of La Verne

LA VERNE

CENTRAL COAST CAMPUS

OPTOMETRY

Gregg Duistersman, O.D.

628 California, Ste B

546-1984

E-mail us at: mustangdailyopinions@gmail.com
"Time Traveler's Wife" skips past substance

Christy Lerner

LOS ANGELES (AP) — So let's try to get this straight, here.

In "The Time Traveler's Wife," Eric Bana plays a guy named Henry who jumps around the past, present and future, only he can't control where or when he goes. Supposedly, he also can't control how he gets back where he came from, except for when he tries certain tricks to place himself in a state of mind to time travel. Even then there's no way to guarantee which version of Henry will show up — the same one who left or a younger or older version of himself.

Still, he manages to hold down a job at a Chicago library and maintain an apartment, makeshift as it is. The only constant seems to be that when he shows up at his destination, he's always naked. Somehow, Henry's constant seems to be that when he shows up at his destination, he's always naked. (Somehow, Henry has often played a guy named Henry who shows up at his destination, he's always naked. Somehow, Henry has always found himself between all his tricks so that he gets here.

Thanks as he is, he'd be a frustrating guy to fall in love with, or even date. Women like stability, you know. But Rachel McAdams, character Clare, must be made of stronger stuff than the rest of us, because not only does she tolerate Henry's, she seems to enjoy it. She believes he's her destiny, and that he has been since the first time she saw him as a precious 6-year-old girl (played by Brooklyn Poulson). The core of "The Time Traveler's Wife" is their struggle to stay together.

Director Robert Schwentke's film, based on the Audrey Niiffenegger bestseller, breezes through their relationship, including the fact that Clare and Henry's meet-cute is more than the couple. He's a thirty-something man who shows up wearing no clothes in the meadow behind her parents' house, asks to borrow her picnic blanket and just starts talking to her. This doesn't freak her out at all — where is the stranger-tamer lesson, people? — presumably because she knows, even at this tender age, that she is cosmically meant to be with him.

Maybe it's more plausible on the written page — or maybe you just have to be a hopeless romantic, and willing to shut off the part of your brain that craves logic, to enjoy this.

But strangely, it's the script from Bruce Joel Rubin (an Oscar winner for "Ghost," a supernatural love story that actually made sense) the time-travel gimmick supersedes any sort of substance, depth or character development.

McAdams shows some of the same dramatic capabilities that helped make her a star in "The Notebook." As for Bana, this is a rare and welcome opportunity to see him play the romantic lead, for which his dark, good looks and strong presence would seem to make him a natural. And the ever-reliable character actor Stephen Tobolowsky grounds things somewhat as the geneticist who tries to help Henry and Clare forge some sort of normal life.

Still, we're left wondering afterward, how do these people feel about this extraordinary situation in which they've found themselves? In theory, indeterminate time traveling would wreak havoc with even the most mundane daily activities: grocery shopping, sitting at a red light, parent-teacher conferences.

Speaking of which, Henry and Clare eventually have a daughter to whom they pass on the time-travel gene, but it doesn't seem to bother the kid, either. Really? You're 3 years old, playing hopscotch with your buddies during recess, and poof! You disappear. Wouldn't that be slightly disturbing? "The Time Traveler's Wife" doesn't seem interested in crawling inside her head, either. It's too busy trying to tug at our hearts.


Rachel McAdams and Eric Bana in New Line Cinema's romantic drama, "The Time Traveler's Wife" opens Friday.
Beware your wall: Facebook makes hiring more subjective

A recent college graduate walks into a job interview with a prestigious company. Expensive suit? Check. A resume boasting the most impressive accomplishments? Check. Perfect answers to all questions? Check.

A job offer? Nope.

In today's social networking- is becoming as mainstream as listing your name in the White Pages, students are discovering that Facebook profiles can work for or against them when employers look to social networking sites to screen potential employees.

When the man in a sleek suit who acted as an interview on Monday does not match up with the man pictured posted out in an alley in a Facebook photo album titled, "Blacked Out Bar Hops," employees might reject someone who appears in an ideal employer.

According to a 2008 survey by Caree-Builders.com, 22 percent of employers say they look at applicants' social networking sites in the hiring process, and an additional 9 percent plan to do the same soon.

While some students might feel that this is a violation of their privacy, many agree that employers have the right to screen potential employees via Facebook. Cal Poly graduate student Gil Diaz said, "If you don't want someone to see something, don't put it on the Internet or set your profile to private. I feel like if you are posing on the Internet, then it's fair game."

Whether you have something to hide, Facebook clearly notes in its terms of agreement, that "you post User Content on the Site at your own risk. Although we allow you to set privacy options that limit access to your pages, please be aware that no security measures are perfect or impenetrable. We cannot control the actions of other Users with whom you may choose to share your pages and information." Facebook is a public forum, meaning that users' information is open to anyone. Privacy settings are available, however, to limit who can view your profile.

To get a rough idea of how many Cal Poly students use the privacy settings, I randomly clicked on 50 Cal Poly students' profiles. Of those 50, 34 were blocked. Of the 16 that I was able to view, nine had pictures that displayed drinking, drugs or other personal information.

An employer would never ask to view someone's Facebook page unless they view on Facebook pages. Whether you have something to post to your wall or not, employers can make their profiles work in their favor. While Facebook is generally used as a way to connect with friends, social networking doesn't have to just be a place to post party pictures, comment back and forth with friends and update your friends on what you are rating for dinner.

Instead, social networking sites can be used to build visibility and credibility, to post work clips and to stay updated with developments in your field.

"I agree that moving home can be a practical way to save significantly on living expenses, regardless of if you landed a job or not, but the idea that moving back home can give you time to 'find yourself' before jumping into a career is absurd. Anyone who has not had the time to figure out what they want to do with their lives during college needs to lay off the partying and spend more time thinking about their schoolwork and their career!" —Jeff

Response to "BLOG: Why 'bomber youth' move home?"

"It amazes me how many people I don't hear on cell phones still. What is so important that cannot wait five minutes? ... Think about how important that call or text is, it is the worth of life another human being?" —Cameron

Response to "Driving under the influence of a cell phone?"

NOTE: The Mustang Daily features select comments that are written in response to articles posted online. Though not all the responses are printed, the Mustang Daily prints comments that are coherent and foster intelligent discussion on a given subject.
Pop Culture Shock Therapy by Doug Bratton

Feeling like crap?
Get the day's top stories and more (from home) at www.mustangdaily.net

Girls & Sports by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz
No. 0715

Edited by Joon Park

Girls & Sports

STUDY OVERLOAD!
Quick Relief!!!
Chair Massage Refresher $1/minute
THE MASSAGE GUY
(805) 264-2556

It's great that you're trying long distance with Leslie

It's so admirable of you to endure all the phone calls, endless e-mails, long flights...

...lonely nights, unspoken words, holidays by yourself...

Thanks for the kind words, Joann

Girls & Sports

su|do|ku
© Puzzles by Pappocom

No. 0715

AT&T users: Text NYTX to 386 to download puzzles, or visit nytimes.com/mobilexword for more information

Online subscriptions; Today's puzzle and more than 2,000 past puzzles, nytimes.com/crosswords ($39.95 a year)

Share tips: nytimes.com/wordplay

Crosswords for young solvers: nytimes.com/learning/xwords

For answers, call 1-900-285-5656, $1.49 a minute or, with a credit card, 1-800-944-9554

Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crossword puzzles. 1-866-7-ACROSS

Online subscriptions: Visit NYTimes.com for more information

Girls & Sports

Girls & Sports

Girls & Sports

Girls & Sports
Crawford takes position with USA Track and Field

Crawford catches with gold in hand

USA Track and Field has chosen Terry Crawford to be the new Director of USA Track and Field.

Crawford, a world-class athlete and former Olympian, will begin the position in the history of women’s Division I track and field which has seen the Triple Crown after capturing national titles in cross country, indoor track and outdoor track, all in the same year.

As a competitor, Crawford won an 800 meter national championship at Tennessee. She was also a finalist at the 1968 and 1972 Olympic trials.

Crawford was also a member of the Lady Vols’ Hall of Fame in 2002 and the Longhorns’ Hall of Fame in 2007.

“Terry Crawford is the kind of individual who has a proven track record of success,” said Cal Poly President Joe Torre. “I am very excited to welcome her to our team.”

Crawford, who will begin her duties on August 1st, has been part of track and field for a long time, so this was a difficult decision to make, but an opportunity I could not pass up,” Crawford said in a release. “The program is in good shape and I look forward to following the team’s success.”

During her tenure, Crawford captured seven men’s Big West Conference titles and two women’s titles and delivered the school’s first Olympic gold medalist in 2008, discuss champion Stephanie Bruce. In 2005, Crawford helped develop Cal Poly’s ninth national championship at Tennessee. She was also a finalist at the 1968 and 1972 Olympic trials.

Crawford was also named Lady Vols’ Hall of Fame in 2002 and the Longhorns’ Hall of Fame in 2007.

“I am very excited about this new phase in my career,” Crawford said. “It will be a great opportunity to work with the USA Track and Field coaches and, by extension, to athletes, is something I could not pass up. I am looking forward to being part of this new era.”

Crawford, athletic director Alison Cone will begin the program record for total victories and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in 15 seasons. The Mustangs would earn the NCAA Tournament for the first time in 15 seasons. The Mustangs would earn the NCAA Tournament for the first time in 15 seasons. The Mustangs would earn an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament. The Cal Poly women’s soccer team was picked to finish third in the Big West prior to season coaches poll. Cal Poly (11-6-6, 5-2-3, last season) returns seven out-field starters and two All-Big West selections from a 2008 squad that matched the program record.