**FALSE ALARM: Blue phones used by drunks and children**

**Kate McIntyre**

**SUMMARY 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 76-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 lights and elevators, he said.

Every CSU campus has some version of an emergency phone and all use 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 County Sheriff’s Department, Salinas Police, Santa Maria Police, San Luis Obispo Police, Paso Robles Police, and the municipal police in Grover Beach.

\*$3-5k cost to install one Code Blue phone*  
\*$6,000 cost of each Code Blue phone*  
\*$1,000 maintenance cost per year for all phones*  
\*1,550 911 calls to UPD in 2008*  
\*6,300 students living on campus next year*

### Wildfire in Los Padres National Forest blazes on

**Lauren Rabaiso**

**SUMMARY DAILY**

Ashes fill the air in San Luis Obispo as the largest fire currently in California continued to burn, scorching about 29,480 acres by Wednesday night, according to U.S. Forest Service officials.

The La Brea fire — which was used by drunks and children — is the first major fire to burn in California continued to burn, according to Lauren Rabaiso in the Los Padres National Forest.

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The blaze had in 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," Madonna Freer, information officer for the Los Padres National Forest, said Wednesday.

To keep the blaze under control, 1,277 personnel were at the fire on Wednesday night. Many firefighters camped near the fire to avoid travel burdens.

Freed 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 1,815 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 northeast portion of the land hasn’t burned since 1922, but the southwest portion burned as recently as May when the Jeu­rita fire burned 8,733 acres.

As of Wednesday evening, there were 29 engines, 49 fire crews, 19 bulldozers and 11 helicopters at the scene.

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

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

Despite light population, the Santa Barbara County Air Quality Management District and the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department 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 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."
Construction
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Despite budget cuts, construction is underway on the University Union Plaza with a budget of $3.1 million that can't be reallocated.

Code Blue
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Luis Police Department, California Highway Patrol and the Cal Poly Police Department. The dispatch at the agency will then redial the call to the appropriate agency, which Watton says takes "just a matter of seconds."

Officers will arrive at the potential emergency within 30 seconds to one minute, he said.

The Code Blue phones typically cost $3,500 to install and the pedestal phone itself is about $6,000. Over the last eight years maintenance costs have been about $15,000 per year for all of the blue phones, according to Facilities Asso- ciate Director Doug Overman.

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Finance senior Victoria Valencia

said she would not have spent the money on the Recreation Center or the University Union Plaza but would like to see more academic buildings on campus.

Campus Dining Director Tom Welton, said people are still finding their way around the construction "like mice in a maze." He added that he does expect a drop in sales starting in the fall but said the re- model should be good for Campus Dining in the long run.

Progress on the both the Uni-

versity Union Plaza and the Recreation Center can be followed on the ASI Facilities Project Blog.

ASI will also begin working on free new outdoor basketball courts this summer that will be put in next to the newly completed turf fields right off of Slack Street, said Michelle Broom of ASI.

NICK GAMACHO MOUNTAIN DAILY

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On July 31, this is similar to quarantines in Los Angeles County and the Bay Area (ap- proximately 3.473 square miles or about 2 percent of California) the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) said.

Native to Australia, the caterpil-

lar stage of the moth can destroy, stunt or deform young seedlings, spoil the appearance of ornamental plants and injure citrus, grapes and deciduous fruit such as apples, cherries and pears. Columnist Danh Duong of the San Luis Obispo County Depart-
ment of Agriculture.

"The light brown apple moth has been present for three years in California," Bob Elly, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of San Luis Obispo County said.

The first LBAM was detected in Berkeley in 2006 and was positively confirmed by the United States De-
partment of Agriculture on March 22, 2007, according to the USDA Web site.

The quarantine presents a major obstacle for Central Coast farm-

ers who sell their products to areas outside of the quarantine limits, said David Headrick, member of the Environmental Advisory Task Force.

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 ac-
cordance with accepted safeguards, the CDFA said.

Within a quarantined area, regu-

lations require that all known host plant material must meet phytoscy-

naryary protocol, Headrick said.

"Loosely translated that means all plant material must be sprayed with pesticides off any light brown apple moths that might be present," he said.

Civil engineering junior Danh Duong doesn't think the emer-

gency phones make a big difference in campus safety.

"I think they're good but I don't feel like they're very effective... by the time they (the police) get there something could've happened."

But the bright lights could be help to someone in trouble, he said.

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Illustrating the Light Brown Apple Moth: Quarantines are the first step to controlling LBAM for the CDFA. The ultimate goal is eradication.

The CDFA has reviewed a range of strategies to terminate the moth, including: spraying ground-based pesticide, releasing sterile moths and tying twist ties coated with pheno-
machines designed to disrupt mating of the insects and force them into traps. The CDFA also evaluated aerial pheromone spraying outside resi-
dential areas but was met with considerable public resistance. People don't want to be infusing sprays. The CDFA has currently lifted quarantines for LBAM in Santa Barbara County after success using the pheromone-infused twist tie method.

Currently, there are no eradic-
amissions planned for San Luis Obispo County. While some think experimentation in San Luis Obispo is a good move, the CDFA has exaggerated the threat of LBAM to get money for its function.

Stephen Scholl-Buckwald, Man-

aging Director of Pesticide Action Network North America, contends the moth doesn't pose a significant threat to California's agriculture in- terest.

"This is a pest that is going to have to be managed, it's not going to be possible to eradicate but it can be managed quite well," said Scholl-Buckwald of managing it in Australia and New Zealand for over a century and Hawaii for 100 years.

Critics contend that quarantine and eradication measures pose environmental and health hazards and will take an economic toll on some growers.

"Not enough is known in Cal-
ifornia, if one starts with the notion that this is a pest to be managed and not eradicated this is going to be a wall down a path that makes a lot of sense," Scholl-Buckwald said.

"It should be classifi ed so they don't have to use extreme mea-
ures," Scholl-Buckwald said.

Local Impact
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sue is the impact that quarantines have on growers' ability to sell their products, Headrick said.

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Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, answers a question from Sheryl Prather during a town meeting on health care reform Wednesday in Adel, Iowa.

"I think that where the yelling comes in," said Jerry Allen, a 55-year-old farmer and postal worker who drove 70 miles from his hometown of Homestead. In Iowa, nearly 500 people jammed a sweltering community center meeting room to see Grassley, with virtually all describing health reform as a government takeover of the nation's health care system that's a prescription for disaster.

Charlotte Ferrari manages a local clinic, and she said doctors are already forced to fight their way through a blizzard of bureaucracy.

"We're 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."

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

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 lower their rates. Grassley says such a program in the country legally should be covered by a government-funded health care program, and opposes any plan that "determines when you're going to pull the plug on grandma."

"None of the bills in Congress would provide health insurance to illegal immigrants, but it didn't keep people from expressing concern about it," the senator said.

Obama has declared that the provision covering the uninsured over end-of-life care only authorizes Medicare to pay doctors for counseling about end-of-life care. He says it would not "basically pull the plug on grandma because we decided that it's too expensive to let her live anymore."

National Republican Congressional Committee plans to run television and radio advertisements throughout August targeting at least seven members of Congress in competitive races.

The first advertisement, targeting Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, will run this weekend in the Green Bay, Wis., television market. The ad seeks to tie King to health care legislation.

GOP officials would not say how much they were spending on the advertisements or how often they would air.
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 Gauhati, India, Tuesday.

NEW DELHI (AP) — Excessive irrigation and the unending thirst of tens of millions of people are causing groundwater levels in northern India to drop dramatically, a problem that could lead to severe water shortages, according to a study released Wednesday.

The study comes as India's struggles with water have become a major political issue. The problem reaches across the country's vast class divide, touching everyone from residents of elite neighborhoods where the taps regularly go dry to poor farmers in desperate need of irrigation to grow their crops.

"This issue is of grave importance," said K. Sreelakshmi, a natural resource economist at New Delhi's Energy and Resources Institute, TERI.

Groundwater came in years, but the ground is giving way at an alarming rate in large parts of northern India and into Bangladesh, said the study, which 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.

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"The question is what do we do about the problem," she said. "How do we recharge India's dropping water table?"

The study, led by Matthew Rodel of the United States' NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland, indicated that groundwater across a swath of India from New Delhi into 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.

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

Do the emergency phones on campus make you feel safe?

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

-Dimitri Krouchee, economics sophomore

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

-Aisling Fearon, architecture senior

I'm reassuring that they're there. I would rather have the option to use them."

-Andrew Tilton, biology and environmental studies senior

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-Kelly Martorana, animal science senior

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“Time Traveler’s Wife” skips past substance

Christy Lernire

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 when or where he goes. Supposedly, he also tries to get this straight, here.

But strangely, in the script from Bruce Joel Rubin (an Oscar winner for “Ghosts,” a supernatural love story that actually made sense), the time-travel gimmick supersedes any sort of substance, depth or character development. Bana and McAdams try their best to win us over to this complicated conceit with enormously earnest performances. 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’re found themselves? In theory, indestructible 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 5 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.


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Rachel McAdams and Eric Bana in New Line Cinema’s romantic drama, “The Time Traveler’s Wife” opens Friday.

TV Academy: All Emmys to be presented live

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Actors Jim Parsons and Chandra Wilson reveal nominations for the 61st Primetime Emmy Awards in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The television academy is scrapping its “time-shifting” plans and will present all 24 Emmy Awards during the September telecast.

The Academy of Television Arts & Sciences announced last month that it would pre-tape eight awards presentations and acceptance speeches, including some in the writing category. Members of the Writers Guild of America blasted the academy for the plan in a letter signed by some of the top TV show-runners.

The academy says the decision was made to “mend relationships within the television community” and allow the telecast producer to focus on “creative elements” during the live show.

The Writers Guild of America and Screen Actors Guild issued separate statements Wednesday applauding the decision.

“We appreciate that the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences has decided to present all 24 awards live on this year’s Primetime Emmy Awards,” the WGA statement read.

“We look forward to developing a more collaborative relationship between the Writers Guild and the Academy.”

The 61st Primetime Emmy Awards will air at 8 p.m. Sept. 20.
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.

While a robust social network is becoming as mainstream as listing your name in the White Pages, students are discovering that their Facebook profiles can work for or against them when employers look to social networking to prescreen potential employees.

When the man in a sleek suit who acted as an interviewee on Monday does not match up with the man pictured pasted out in an alley in a Facebook photo album titled, "Blacked Out Bar Hops," employees might reject someone who appears on a sham employee's profile.

According to a 2008 study by Career Builder.com, 22 percent of employers said they look at applicant social networking sites in the hiring process, and an additional 9 percent plan to do so in the same way.

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. If you like of it, put it on the Internet, then it's fair game."

Whether you have something to hide, Facebook clearly writes your profile on the wall. It is lit up in the way, your profile work in their favor.

The new Facebook profile feature allows users 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 doing for dinner.

Instead, social networking sites can be used to build visibility and credibility, to post work clips and get the employer's attention. Employers can make their profiles work in their favor.

While Facebook is generally used as a way to connect with friends, social networking sites have to be just a place to post party pictures, comment back and forth with friends and update your friends on what you are doing for dinner.

What remains ambiguous is how severely employers judge potential employees' profiles. While I do not believe that how a person behaves in a particular way is 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 doing for dinner.

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—Jeff
Response to "BLOG: Why boomer- ing kids move home"

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

—Cameron
Response to "Driving under the influence of a cell phone."

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Giants avoid three-game sweep by Dodgers

Janie McCauley
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — Tempers flared. Emotions ran wild.

Bench cleared and managers were tossed.

Everything one would expect from a Dodgers-Giants game, especially this year with both clubs in the playoff chase.

Juan Uribe hit a game-ending two-run homer with one out in the 10th inning and San Francisco avoided a three-game sweep by archival Los Angeles with a 4-2 victory Wednesday.

Brian Wilson (3-4) pitched 1 1-3 innings with four strikeouts and two walks.

Sandoval claimed he was hit by a pitch in the ninth but stood for several moments before running, thinking his ball was a home run. Bengie Molina was intentionally walked, and Edgar Renteria raced out of the dugout and pointed at the pitcher.

"They said it hit the bat. I don't want to do something like (charging, yelling at the pitcher or catcher) that I want to stay in the game. I didn't know what was going on until I reached first base. I wanted to get to a place where I could calm down," he said.

Bucs was already long gone.

Travis Ishikawa drew a lead-off single, driving in two runs, and the Giants had a 4-2 lead in the top of the 10th.

"I was watching the game here, there, everywhere. I got a good workout today," Bochy said of what he did after his second-inning ejection. "It was an intense game, an important game and a lot happened ... I was worried about running out of managers today.

Travis Ishikawa drove a leadoff walk in the 10th from Guillermo Motz (3-4), and Randy Winn lined out before Uribe connected for his fifth homer.

Tim Lincecum pitched into the ninth and had only allowed two hits before Rafael Furcal beat out an infield single. Andre Ethier hit a tying RBI single two batters later.

"The people got what they wanted to see," Dodgers manager Joe Torre said. "Lincecum was amazing, as he always is. Just two