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EPA demands Valley cleanup

By Garance Burke

Associated Press

Two California regions plagued with the nation’s worst air quality must send in plans to clean up their sooty air or risk losing federal highway funding, a top U.S. Environmental Protection Agency official said Monday.

Regional EPA Administrator Jared Blumenfeld said state air-quality managers are years late in submitting plans to meet federal pollution standards for airborne dust, smoke and soot in Southern California and the San Joaquin Valley.

The microscopic pollution particles have been linked to premature deaths, as well as respiratory problems, heart attacks and lung cancer.

“If you’re living in the worst air quality neighborhoods in the nation, you expect EPA to deal effectively with getting reductions that have been promised,” Blumenfeld said. “We need to make sure that we are getting back on track and that we are getting clean air for residents.”

Monday’s announcement effectively pressures the California Air Resources Board on notice to show EPA how the regions will lower emissions of soot from fireplaces, dust from farm land and exhaust from diesel engines to acceptable levels.

Blumenfeld said the proposal and any potential financial sanctions wouldn’t become final until regulators get public input over the next 60 days.

“We agree these rules are critical to achieving federal air quality standards,” board spokeswoman Gennet Paauwe said in a statement Monday.

“The rules go before the board in December, and we expect to submit them to EPA before the end of the year.”

Fine particle pollution composed of airborne specks that are just one-thirtieth the width of a human hair — is endemic in the agricultural valley and the South Coast Air Basin, which includes Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

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Letters to the editor

Office hours help students

Have you ever noticed that many students do not attend professors’ office hours because of complicated schedules? But students should start taking advantage of their office hours.

Office hours allow professors to work along with students during a one-on-one discussion to answer their questions, the opportunity to get to know the professors better or allow the professors to know the students better. Professors may teach more than one course per semester; moreover, they need to keep track of the students in their classes. However, students often cannot attend these office hours because of their busy schedules, or they cannot even find time to attend these office hours.

Professors also suggest meeting in office hours rather than during class time because office hours are set aside to help students in providing additional support. Therefore, professors highly encourage students to attend and take advantage of the help that is provided. Students should meet with their professors according to their personal schedule because they can be a resource to help them succeed. They can also be a reference for a resume. Professors have many connections with other faculty members and can suggest many options of courses that can further students in their major.

Lisa Wang

FIGURATIVE SPEAKING

By John MacIntyre

Universal Press Syndicate

Despite screaming headlines proclaiming the death of the printed book due to burgeoning digital content and electronic reading devices, the percentage of college students who purchased an electronic book of any kind during July, August, and September, according to findings of a study by OnCampus Research:

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CITATION: Where money goes

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By Sam Hananel Associated Press

A Connecticut woman who was fired after she posted disparaging remarks about her boss on Facebook has prompted a first-of-its-kind legal case by federal authorities who say her comments are protected speech under labor laws.

The National Labor Relations Board alleges that American Medical Response of Connecticut Inc. illegally fired Dawnmarie Souza from her job as an emergency medical technician late last year after she criticized her supervisor on her personal Facebook page and then tagged Facebook messages about the negative comments with supervisors and employees.

The complaint, filed Oct. 27 by the board’s Hartford, Conn., regional office, could set a precedent for employers to heed as more workers use social networking sites to share details about their jobs.

“It’s the same as talking at the water cooler,” said Lafe Solomon, the board’s acting general counsel. “The point is that employees have protection under the law to talk to each other about conditions at work.”

Federal labor law has long protected employees’ rights to espouse or disapprove of their supervisors or co-workers on their own time about their jobs and working conditions, including remarks that may be critical of managers. The law applies whether or not workers are covered by a collective bargaining agreement.

NLRB officials claim the Connecticut ambulance company has an unlawful policy that prohibits employees from making disparaging remarks about supervisors and depicting the company “in any way” over the Internet without permission.

“This is the first complaint we’ve issued over comments on Facebook, but I have no doubt that we’ll see more,” Solomon said. “We have to develop policies as we go in this fast-changing environment.”

The trouble for Souza started when her supervisor asked her to prepare an investigatory report when a customer complained about her work, according to the complaint. Souza claimed she was denied time off. Love how the company “in any way” over the Internet without permission.

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Later that day Souza logged onto her Facebook page from a home computer and wrote: “Looks like I’m getting some time off. Love how the company allows a 17 to be a supervi- sor.”

A 17 is the code the company uses for a psychiatric patient. Souza also referred to her supervisor with two expletives. Her remarks drew supportive Facebook postings from other employees.

John Barr, an attorney representing the company, said the real reason Souza was fired was because of two sep- arate complaints about her “rude and discourteous ser- vice” within a 10-day period. He said Souza would have been fired whether the Facebook comments were made or not.
Fresno State honors American veterans

By Karlene Mello
The Collegian

The Fresno State Student Veterans Organization gave a special thank you to American veterans yesterday, presenting a ceremony to veterans in the Memorial Court in front of the Kennel Bookstore in honor of Veteran’s Day tomorrow.

The free event caught the attention of students, faculty and staff with the sounds of bagpipes and the voice of Dr. Paul M. Oliaro, vice president for student affairs and U.S. military veteran.

Physical recreation major Julie Audell served in the Air Force for four years and three months as a Ground Radio Journeyman, where she helped maintain and repair radios.

“To me, Veteran’s Day is a reminder of all the sacrifices that I, veterans before and after me and current active military members make for our country,” Audell said.

Unfortunately, I don’t think that Veteran’s Day means much to anyone who doesn’t have a tie to the military,” Audell said.

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Keynote speaker Paul M. Oliaro participated in the Army ROTC in graduate school before becoming an Army officer for two years. He’s now the vice president for student affairs at Fresno State.

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By Karin Laub
Associated Press

ARIEL, West Bank (AP) — An artists’ boycott of a $11 million performing arts center opening Monday in the Jewish settlement of Ariel is giving a new twist to a pressing question — where should Israel’s permanent borders run?

Leading Israeli playwrights, actors and artists say they will not cross the “Green Line” — Israel’s frontier before it was re-established in the West Bank in 1967 — to perform in the new theater in Ariel, an Israeli enclave of 19,000 people.

The artists wrote in a letter explaining the boycott that Ariel was built in the heart of a war-won land to prevent creation of a Palestinian state.

Ariel’s defenders say most Israelis want the settlement to be annexed to Israel in any future peace deal. In an angry backlash led by hawkish Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman, they have threatened to strip the protesters of their government subsidies.

The argument flared as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu arrived Sunday in the U.S., where Vice President Joe Biden and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton were expected to press him to renew a moratorium on settlement housing starts. Netanyahu has refused to reimpose the construction curbs that ended in September, to upgrade Ariel’s college to a full-fledged university. The letter drew support from dozens more Israeli academics and authors, including writers Amos Oz and David Grossman, as well as foreign artists, among them Oscar-winning actress Vanessa Redgrave and Chia Nixon of “Sex and the City” and playwright Tony Kushner.

Last week, those calling for a boycott wrote another letter urging artists scheduled to perform in Ariel to reconsider.

By Maddie Shannon
The Collegian

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News Briefs

Brief news for the brief attention span

NEW YORK (AP) — Conan O’Brien was welcomed back to television by more than 4.1 million viewers, while his winning numbers had minimal effect on his late-night opponents.

The former host of “The Tonight Show,” who reclaimed the “Tonight Show” chair from him. Starting at 11:35 p.m. Eastern, “Tonight” attracted 3.5 million viewers. But “Tonight,” which overlaps with “Conan” by 25 minutes, was down by just 100,000 viewers. Season-to-date, “Tonight” is averaging 3.6 million viewers, according to the Nielsen Co.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Famed architect Frank Gehry says an expansion at the Philadelphia Museum of Art won’t be visible to people from the outside but will “knock their socks off inside.” Gehry joined dignitaries, philanthropists and art aficionados Tuesday at the city’s 82-year-old neoclassical landmark for the start of construction on a new loading dock for the museum to reopen some beautiful pedestrian entrances. That work should be done in 2012.

Afterward, tons of dirt and rock will be excavated for a massive underground gallery space.

What It Do?

How are you doing, what’s going on, what’s new.

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The Fresno State football team poses for a photo for the Nov. 21, 1956 issue of The Collegian.
NEVADA: Brown leads ‘D

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PLAYOFF: Nevada next step in WAC title pursuit

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control their own destiny, with the Broncos having the most realistic shot at an outright WAC championship. Because Hawaii has already played the conference’s top-three teams, they need a Boise State loss to happen for a shot at the WAC title.

The Broncos still have an important date at Nevada in three weeks, and can only have their WAC title quest derailed if the improbable happened: losing two of their final four conference matchups.

If Fresno State is able to take down the top-two ranked opponents in the final two weeks, it would share the WAC title for the first time in 11 years, likely with Boise State and Hawaii, assuming those two schools win their other conference games.

Fresno State has never beat both Nevada and Boise State in the same season, but looking down the road could spell trouble for Hill’s squad as it tries to focus at the task at hand.

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By Ben Ingersoll

Soccer to face UCF in NCAA first round

The Knights travel cross country with a 14-4-3 record but lost in the second round of the Conference USA Tournament to Memphis. The NCAA Tournament consists of 64 teams, and Zwaschka is delighted to be a part of the mix.

“It’s a thrill and exciting to be going on to the NCAA Tournament,” Zwaschka said. “It’s an opportunity that a lot of players and teams don’t get to take. We’re going to relish the moment and do our best.”

Central Florida’s loss in its conference tournament was just the team’s second loss in 16 games. The Knights are lead by Conference USA Offensive Player of the Year Tashia Jewell who lead the conference in points with 32 and was third in the nation in assists with 12.

The first-round game is slated to begin at 8 p.m.
**Nevada brings No. 2 offense to Fresno**

By Vongni Yang  
The Collegian

Fresno State gave Colin Kaepernick his first opportunity in 2007, when the Bulldogs defense knocked then-starter Nick Graziano out of the game, paving the way for Kaepernick. In his first live-action game as the replacement quarterback, Kaepernick almost rallied Nevada from a 42-20 third quarter deficit, eventually losing 49-41. Kaepernick threw and ran for 246 total yards and two touchdowns in a 41-28 rout.

Senior Colin Kaepernick dominated the Fresno State defense the last time he played at Bulldog Stadium. Kaepernick threw and ran for 246 total yards and nine touchdowns en route to a 63-17 beat down of the Vandals.

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