More than half of adults in state are overweight

Jim Wasserman

SACRAMENTO — Californians, the land of body worshipers and exercise fanatics, is getting alarmingly fat, with more than half of all adults overweight, according to a new study.

The study released Tuesday estimates that overweight and inactive Californians cost $21.7 billion a year in medical bills, injuries and lost productivity.

It noted that a decade of overeating and sitting in front of the television has given California "one of the fastest rates of increase in adult obesity of any state in the nation," and there is no sign the rise is slowing.

Officials cited a 109 percent increase in overweight Californians between 1991 and 2001.

Nearly 53 percent of Californians over 25 are overweight, and more than 17 percent are obese, or extremely overweight, the study found.

The rates among Hispanics, blacks and adults with less than a high school education are even higher and exceed 60 percent, said the study, which was prepared for the California Department of Health Services. State health officials said California slipped from the sixth-most obese state nationally in 1991 to 27th in 2001, and represented the third-fastest-growing state for obesity behind New Mexico and Georgia.

Last year, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ranked Alabama as the nation's most overweight state.

The California findings come in a report led by former bodybuilder Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who Crusades against obesity, page 2

New art exhibit opens today

Art and design senior Jonathan Mitro checks the lighting for a painting that will be displayed at the Waiting Room art exhibit. The exhibit will be in the University Art Gallery today through May 1.

BY THE NUMBERS

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Students fight SLO homelessness

The seventh annual Walk to Fight Homelessness will begin at the Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter at 10 a.m. Saturday

Allison Doody and Maggie Wilson

The walk represents the awareness of homelessness in our community," said JoJo Pederson, program coordinator at see Homeless, page 2

Federal court questions rights of Guantanamo detainees

The Bush administration is concerned that if detainees are tried outside of military commissions, they will be privy to classified information

Petrey Yost

WASHINGTON — A federal appeals court Thursday questioned whether a Guantanamo Bay Naval Base detainee has a right to be present for his crime trial, giving the Bush administration hope it may use military commissions to try prisoners there.

The three-judge panel reacted strongly when a lawyer for Salim Ahmed Hamdan told them "it makes no sense to say that we adhere to international law and the first thing we do at the beginning of a trial is violate a canon of international law."

Legal systems of other countries don't allow a defendant to be present for all parts of a trial, Appeal Judge Raymond Randolph replied. Judge John Roberts added that some countries don't allow cross-examination of witnesses.

"This is the law in Rwanda," but should not be in the United States, rebutted the detainee's lawyer, Charles Swift.

The question is crucial to the see Commissions, page 2

The lawyer for Salim Ahmed Hamdan, a Yemeni who was a driver for Osama bin Laden and being held at Guantanamo Bay, speaking outside federal court in Washington Thursday.
Overweight
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against junk food in schools and wants vending machines stocked with fresh vegetables, milk and other healthy products. California grows half the nation's fresh fruits, nuts and vegetables.

"If we didn't know this is a bad thing to eat junk food day after day and nothing else, we could say we don't know any better," said A.G. Kawamura, an Orange County farmer who heads Schwarzenegger's Department of Food and Agriculture. "But we do know better.

Schwarzenegger, even while trying to tame California's budget deficits, has proposed a new $6 million "obesity initiative," said Susan Cuyler, chief of the DHEC cancer prevention and nutrition section. That includes money to help local groups generate more interest in healthier food and marketing it more aggressively to children.

Food officials are also talking with fast-food chains about helping increase consumer demand for healthier food and marketing it more aggressively to children.

Fast-food chains said consumer demand will lead them to change their offerings. Cuyler said. But by charging the same amount of money for healthy food as they do for fat-laden meals, they create a disincentive to buy the healthier food, she said.

"The obesity epidemic is more than a public health crisis; it is an economic crisis," said Kim Bebie, Schwarzenegger's secretary for health and human services. She said employers can save money and maintain a healthy work force by offering nutritious food at work and opportunities to exercise.

Construction
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one of them could and did answer any question posed to them by the judges," said faculty adviser, Nick Watry. "A team member passing as the project answered a question about estimating the cost of the project and was versa."

Watry said the students prepared by getting to know their teammates strengths and weaknesses and executing those talents during the competition in Reno. The students on the team met each week for about a month at Watry's house for dinner.

"They learned it all here at the Construction Management Department of College of Architecture and Environmental Design, so executing that knowledge professionally and efficiently was so important, and I think that is why they won," Watry said.

After the competition, the students were offered employment opportunities by recruiters from several national construction management firms.

"It was rewarding because it wasn't just about the project, but also a chance to get recruited by great companies," Webb said.

Cal Poly's first-place team participated in the national competition in Las Vegas on March 15.

Homeless
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sons.

Hamdan, who was a personal dri-
ver for al-Qaeda terrorist leader Osmas bin Laden, won a favorable ruling in November from U.S. District Judge James Robertson, a Clinton appointee who brought the military commissions to a halt by say-
ing their procedures were unlawful. Last November's ruling is "an extraordinary intrusion into the executive's power" to defend the United States, the government said.

At the heart of the legal battle is the fact that Bush has declared inter-
ational treaty protections do not apply to Saleh Ahmed Hamdan and all others deemed by the U.S. govern-
ment to be linked to al-Qaeda.

The judge's decision five months ago halted the trial of Hamdan, who joined bin Laden in 1996, and all others deemed by the U.S. govern-
ment to be linked to al-Qaeda.

Richard K. Simon, director of humanities and English professor at Cal Poly, passed away Monday surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with cancer. The campus community is invited to attend a memorial celebration for him Sunday at 10 a.m. The service will be in the business rotunda with a reception immediately following in the rose garden.

For more information, contact Terry San Filippo at 756-1216
SACRAMENTO — In a dramatic policy reversal Thursday, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger backed off his plan to privatize California's public employee pension system, saying "misconceptions" by firefighters and police officers that it would strip them of death and disability benefits had come to dominate the issue.

Schwarzenegger, who launched an aggressive pension reform initiative in January, said he would wait until the June election to put it on the ballot if lawmakers didn't craft a compromise measure in coming months.

SAN BERNARDINO — Hundreds of residents who evacuated following a Union Pacific train derailment were allowed back home early Thursday as crews worked to remove the remaining cars, authorities said. The evacuation was lifted about 3 a.m. and residents will be reimbursed for expenses, said Union Pacific spokesman Mark Davock.

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IN OTHER NEWS

ROCKPORT, Mass. — A Harvard economics professor has been accused of neglecting the standard market practice of paying for goods and services by trying to steal a truckload of manure from a horse farmer.

Stable manager Phillip Casey said Martin Weitzman, Harvard University's Ernest E. Monrad Professor of Economics, has been stealing manure from Charlie Lane's Rockport farm for years.

Police said Casey found Weitzman on the property last Friday, so he blocked in Weitzman's pickup truck and called police.

Weitzman got angry, Casey said, then offered to pay for the manure he'd already taken. But Casey said Weitzman wouldn't budge because he wanted the thefts to stop.

"He offered me $50 for it and then $40 for it," Casey said.

Casey said the land was marked private property and Weitzman, 63, had been warned before.

"He's been doing it for years," Casey told the Gloucester Daily Times.

The farm sells the manure for $35 a truckload and also uses it to fertilize a pasture.

Rockport police officer Michael Marino said Weitzman, who lives in neighboring Gloucester, is charged with larceny under $250, trespassing, and malicious destruction of property for tearing up some land with his tires.

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STATE NEWS

SANTA ANA — In an effort to prevent the 4th District Court of Appeal from moving to the University of California, Irvine, the city offered to sell the state two acres of downtown land for $1.

The property would be the site of a $17 million courthouse. UC Irvine sees an appellate court on campus as a major step toward establishing a much-wanted law school and the university

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NATIONAL NEWS

WASHINGTON — If Congress passes an energy bill Americans may see more daylight-saving time.

Lawmakers crafting energy legislation approved an amendment Wednesday to extend daylight-saving time by two months, having it start on the last Sunday in March and end on the last Sunday in November.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Under pressure in the latest interim government for Iraq, one of Saddam Hussein's most implacable enemies took oath as president Thursday and quickly named another longtime foe of the ousted dictator to the powerful post of prime minister.

The new government's main task will be to draft a permanent constitution and lay the groundwork for elections in December, although some worry that the two months of political wrangling taken up in forming the leadership hasn't left enough time.

VATICAN CITY — A steady stream of new pilgrims joined the massive crowds vying for a chance to bid farewell to Pope John Paul II on Thursday. Meanwhile, the Vatican released his last will and testament, in which the pontiff suggested he considered the possibility of resigning in 2000, at a time when he was already ailing and when the Roman Catholic Church was beginning the new millennium. John Paul wrote the testament over the course of his 26-year pontificate, starting in 1979, the year after he was elected. The document, released Thursday, asked that all his personal notes be burned.

CAIRO, Egypt — An explosion apparently set off by a man on a motorcycle hit an outdoor bazaar in Cairo's Old City on Thursday, killing a French woman and an American man and wounding at least 19 other people, officials said.

The wounded were 10 Egyptians, two Americans, two Turks, two Italians, two French people and one Briton, said Egyptian deputy health minister Ahmed Adel.

Two witnesses at the scene said the explosion seemed to have been set off by a man on a motorcycle, perhaps carrying a bomb.

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Berkeley chancellor vows to up minority enrollment

University chancellor said he hopes to reverse the effects of affirmative action that have had on diversity at Berkeley.

Michelle Locke
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERKELEY — The chancellor at University of California, Berkeley, says black and Hispanic enrollment on campus is shockingly low and he doesn't think that's what voters intended when they banned affirmative action.

Chancellor Robert Birgeneau, the former president of the University of Toronto who was appointed to lead Berkeley last September, stopped short of declaring war on Proposition 209, the 1996 ballot measure outlawing consideration of race or gender in public hiring and education.

However, he said campus officials will look for ways to work within the system to change the admissions picture and he hopes to keep the issue at the forefront by speaking out.

"Part of what I'm trying to accomplish here as a new chancellor is just saying, 'Look, this really is a critically important issue,'" Birgeneau said Thursday. "They just concluded that at the most selective institutions of high education in this state they didn't want race to be a factor."

In a March op-ed piece in the San Diego Union-Tribune, Connerly said Birgeneau has "a higher level of contempt for the people than any UC official I encountered during my term as regent."

In the private world, wrote Connerly, Birgeneau would either be fired or taken behind the woodshed for revealing such disregard for the people who pay the bills."
"Leave it to Chance," a new romantic comedy by a group of Cal Poly students, will premiere at the Performing Arts Center Saturday.

Along with the film, there will be a pre-show concert featuring three bands from the film’s soundtrack.

The independent, feature-length film was written, produced, directed, acted and promoted entirely by the group of students, none of whom had prior experience in filmmaking.

"It’s about a young couple, Charlie and Kalin, who break up because they need time off and space," said Bernard Badion, writer and director and business senior. "That’s what the movie is based on. What is space and what is a break and how the couple gets through it."

The idea came about when Badion listened to a discussion on the end of a relationship. Badion said he found the concept interesting and began to ask people their definition space in a relationship. He then began writing the script, which was completed in September 2004.

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Since "Leave it to Chance" is a low-budget independent film, there were many challenges the crew faced in production acquired. The film has more than $35,000 in production costs, only $2,000 of which came from sponsors, donations and fundraisers. The rest has been out of pocket mostly from Badion and other crew members, producer and business senior Eileen Chiao said.

"In the beginning, I distributed a letter about who we are, what we are going to do and how big this project is to people and we tried to find people who would support the independent film," Chiao said. "We found many sponsors that way and everyone has been helping out giving a little here and there which helps when our production costs are so high."

The story is based in Sunnyvale; it has a few scenes shot in Lake Tahoe, but the majority of scenes were filmed in recognizable areas around San Luis Obispo such as tree-lined Murray Street and the downtown Mission Plaza.

Even though the cast is predominantly Asian-American, the cast and crew said they are not trying to portray the film as only an Asian-American story.

"We just look Asian, but we are Americans in an American film," actor and business senior Chau Tran said. Badion added that Asian-Americans in Hollywood films are often typecasted and play stereotypical roles.

"Everyone that I know is Asian grew up in America, and we all went through the same things as everybody else; relationships, high school and college," Badion said.

The next step is to enter the film into major film festivals such as Sundance, in hopes of finding a distributor who will pick up the film and distribute it so it can get into the mainstream theaters, Badion and Chiao said.

In 2004, Badion also created "I分布," a short Asian American film, that won awards at a number of film festivals across the country. Since "Leave it to Chance" is a feature film, Badion said when asked about his plans after graduation, "I am really serious about this. I will end up moving to Los Angeles after graduation, and depending on how well this movie does, we will go through the film festival circuit. If it takes off, I will be doing that for a while."

The pre-show concert will feature performances by Filipina Cultural Exchange’s Choir, Tim Cagayat, 8 Past and Xariusound from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The event, including the concert and the showing of the film, will be held Saturday, in the PAC and will run from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tickets are $20 for adults and $15 for students and children. For more information about the film, the cast and crew, the soundtrack and trailers, visit the film’s website at www.leaveittochance.info.
Be safe during mating season

Spring is in the air. As you look around, flowers are in bloom, birds are chirping, bees are buzzing and it's officially skirt and short season on campus. As pheromones emanate from that botte in your math class, don't be too tempted to fulfill your fantasies until you know your options (and we're not talking about blondes vs. brunettes). Ladies, listen up. Here are some helpful hints on contraception available on campus, for less than you'll spend on that fake bake.

Women have a wide assortment of birth control methods to suit a variety of lifestyles. But women aren't the only ones who should be involved in the choice. After all, it takes two to tango. Men should also explore the different forms of contraception and be diligent in following a method.

For women, the classic form of birth control is oral contraceptives, and they have much improved since first introduced in 1969. Although they still contain synthetic estrogen and progesterone, man-made hormones such as those used to control menstruation and reproduction, the new generation of OCs contain lower levels of these hormones and are much less harmful.

Different varieties of "the pill" work in different ways. The most popular, the combination pill, contains both estrogen and progesterone and prevents pregnancy by blocking the growth and release of an egg from the ovary each month. The other OC, the minipill, contains only progesterone and prevents pregnancy by altering the chemistry of the uterus and cervix so the ovum is unable to conceive. When used correctly, this method is approximately 99 percent effective. The great thing about today's pills is women can choose the dosage that is right for them.

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Advantages
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Prevents menstruation and its uncomfortable side effects
Decreased risk of developing certain cancers/diseases

Disadvantages
Maximum usage is two years
Severe reduction of calcium absorption
Decreased sex drive

Nuva Ring
A small, flexible plastic ring that is inserted into the vagina.

Advantages
99 percent effective
Easy to use, just replace once a month
Low incidence of side effects

Disadvantages
No long-term studies
Partner may be able to feel it in the cervix
Risk of blood clots may be greater than in other low-dose forms

Stacy West and Jane Wilson are nutrition senators and members of the Peer Health Nutrition Team. Contact them at 756-6181.
Baseball

Mustang start this weekend are expected to be Brett Bengal (297) at first base, Brent Walker (272) at second, Drew Gillmore (238) at shortstop, Josh Landrum (281) at third base, Brandon Roberts (323) in left field, Jimmy Gardiner (228) in center, Matt Cooper (328) in right, Kyle Blumenthal (357) behind the bat and Sean Alexander (200) at JL or Owen (273) as designated hitter.

The Mustangs have been on a tear of late. After beating UCSC 9-4 in a makeup non-conference game Monday, Cal Poly had a 9-2 win last Friday over Cal State Northridge as Brandon Roberts went 3-for-4 and Garrett Olson picked up his sixth win with 11 strikeouts in seven innings, allowing two runs and eight hits.

Jimmy Shull pitched seven scoreless innings Saturday with two walks and five strikeouts, allowing four hits. Roberts and Kyle Blumenthal each had three hits. In Sunday's finale, Mike Bille picked up his school-record 10th win and Josh Landrum capped a 3-1 tie with a seventh-inning sacrifice fly.

Gary Daley's 25-inning streak without allowing an earned run came to an end Sunday but Blumenthal reached base safely in all 14 plate appearances of the series to earn Big West Conference Player of the Week honors.

It marks the second time that Blumenthal has earned the award this season. Blumenthal also was honored after going 6-for-10 in the Fresno State series, reaching base safely in his first eight plate appearances finishing with a .733 on-base percentage in the series.

SPORTS

Friday, April 8, 2005

Golf

Heather McGinnis with an 82 for a 233 total and a tie for 47th place and Jessica Forin with a final-round 88 and a 240 total for a 62nd-place tie.

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SPORTS
First baseman Brett Berglund, who is currently batting .297, swings away in the Mustangs' win over Cal State Northridge on Friday.

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

He was an All-Conference selection in both sports while quarterbacking the football team and pitching for the baseball team. The fact that he played two sports while attending school may be a rare occurrence today, but when Tollner was playing, it happened often.

"Back then it was easier to play two sports. It was not as demanding the training was not year round," Tollner said. "I liked both sports and I got the permission of both coaches, so I did it."

Playing both had its rewards and its drawbacks. He was on the football team that crashed in 1969 and, although he survived, 22 other people on the plane passed away.

"I lost some very dear friends and that was very hard. My injuries lasted about a year," Tollner said. "Going through something like that was a real value to life and an appreciation that is very strong. You handle difficulties better because you feel fortunate to be here."

His record came in 1962 when he got an invite to play in the Pan American games for the United States against other nations of the Americas. "It was a great experience," Tollner said. "Baseball at the time was not an Olympic sport and this tournament was held in Sao Paulo, Brazil. We played against the Latin players who were like professionals. The tournament gave me a chance to sign with the Detroit Tigers, but I turned it down. I had success, but not enough to convince me that I could play in the majors."

Upon leaving school, Tollner took a job at Woodside High School in the bay area. He was the head coach of the baseball team and an assistant coach on the football team. From there he moved to San Mateo College to be offensive coordinator and by 1973 he had become the offensive coordinator at San Diego State. From there on out, he would coach strictly football and leave baseball behind.

"I liked coaching football more. I had a feel for the sport, and I liked the team aspect and the camaraderie," Tollner said. "I got great satisfaction from that."

When he moved to Brigham Young University after the San Diego State job, he had the opportunity to coach two very talented quarterbacks. Steve Young and Jim McMahon. Both went on to quarterback teams to Super Bowl victories in the NFL. Young did it with the San Francisco 49ers in 1995, and McMahon led the Chicago Bears to the championship in 1986.

One of these great quarterbacks almost had to change positions and one could only speculate how the history of the NFL would be different had that happened. "They were both talented players and they loved to practice and compete. Young was better at McMahon on the depth chart and they almost moved him to defense. He was a tremendous athlete and a tough guy," Tollner said. "I wanted to switch to defense, but he said he didn't, so he stayed at the quarterback position."

Tollner became the head coach of the USC football program in 1983 and had success there. He led his team to a Rose Bowl victory in 1985 and even when he was fired in 1987 he led the team to a 7-4 record and a Citrus Bowl appearance, but the team lost to Notre Dame.

"It was a great experience to be able to coach a team in the Rose Bowl," Tollner said. "At that time there was no championship game and this was the highlight game of all the bowl games. We played Ohio State and the win was a great thing to go home with."

Tollner has had quite a career. Four decades of coaching and still going strong.