**Provost search down to three**

Final candidates for the provost position all bring unique aspects to the table.

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Through his work on the Council, he has increased endowments by more than $500 million to expand research. In his free time, he enjoys playing piano, tennis and reading mystery novels.

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**Poll shows Schwarzenegger’s job approval down**

A recent poll shows 45 percent of likely voters approve of his job performance, while 47 percent disapprove.

**Poll finds three counties still in smog**

The findings released Thursday reflect a negative trend that began in January when the governor announced plans for a special election this year and proposed a set of controversial ballot measures.

The all-female voters are split over two of Schwarzenegger’s three proposed initiatives.

**House passes budget targeting Medicaid cuts**

The 214 to 211 vote approved a budget that instructs lawmakers to freeze or cut spending in many domestic programs.

**Budget blueprint**

- **Total spending**: $72.5 trillion
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- **Department of Defense**: $419.5 billion
- **Homeland Security**: $32.5 billion

**California still leads the nation in smog**

The American Lung Association reported that air pollution dropped for many counties nationwide in recent years. California remains the nation’s ozone capital.

**State set to adopt nation’s toughest pollution standards**

Supporters of the new guidelines say Californians will save millions each year to medical costs and low productivity.

**Poll**

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Schwarzenegger is on the down side of a major statewide poll for the first time: 47 percent of likely voters surveyed by the Public Policy Institute disapproved of his job performance, while 43 percent approved. And 8 percent are undecided. In January, the poll found 60 percent approval for the governor and 33 percent disapproval.

While the numbers indicate growing dissatisfaction with Schwarzenegger, the poll’s author said a lot could change in the coming weeks. Two big events could give Schwarzenegger a chance to clarify his goals for the state, the release of his revised budget plan expected in mid-May and his pending decision on whether or not to hold the November special election.

“We’re seeing now several months of growing doubts about the governor’s leadership,” said poll director Mark Baldassare. “It’s been a period in which the governor has not been able to get his message out as effectively as some of his opponents.”

After enduring enormous popularity during most of his first year in office, Schwarzenegger’s standing has dipped since he proposed the special election, which is opposed by Democrats and their primary supporters in the labor movement.

Public employees unions, including firefighters and police groups, have come out strongly against his spending cap; while the state’s powerful teacher’s union is equally opposed to the special election. The governor’s third proposal, which would give the authority for drawing legislative districts to retired judges, is attracting opposition from the labor groups as well as the state’s majority party, the Democrats.

Reed Dickens, spokesman for Citizens to Save California, a committee organized by Schwarzenegger supporters to back his initiatives, said the poll does not influence the slate of big spending by the unions on a statewide media blitz criticizing the governor and his ideas.

“This is very early and we are being outspent in a major way,” he said, estimating unions are spending $33 million a week on TV and radio ads.

Baldassare said that the governor has paid the past to be capable of changing voter sentiment, but the challenge now will be to maintain it.

The slide shown in the new poll is similar to that measured in the field four months ago. In September, the Field Poll measured approval for the governor at 65 per­ cent with disapproval at 21 percent.

In February, the survey found 54 percent of voters favor his job performance with 35 percent disapproving and 11 percent had no opinion.

The new Public Policy poll found 55 percent of likely voters supported the governor’s ballot measure to toughen the time he takes teachers to gain tenure. The poll found, however, that 44 percent support Schwarzenegger’s measure to impose pre-eligibility tests on state opera­ tion.

The governor’s restructuring mea­ sure was not part of the poll.

Schach is part of the American Society of Landscape Architects and received the president’s medal from them in 2002. She has helped her college to receive more than $20 million in loans. She also played a part in expanding the study abroad programs. Schach is currently the Vice President for Education and on the Board of Directors for the Landscape Architecture Foundation.

“1’m leadership style can be described as visionary, creative, entrepreneurial, energetic, straightforward, decisive, consistent, respectful and cooperative,” Schach said in a statement.

The open forums will be held in University Union, room 220. Schach will be on campus May 2, from 10 to 11 a.m. Schach’s forum will be held May 9 from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

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Most states have until at least 2012 to fully comply with the federal standard, Lander said.

A coalition of groups representing the interests of the automobile and technology industries have united to oppose the new state guideline. The alliance includes the California Chamber of Commerce, which says the new standard would hurt the economy.

Bruce Magnani, the chamber’s legis­ lative advocate, said the proposed standard is so restrictive it approaches limiting the amount of ozone pollution to what occurs naturally in the air, 0.40 million parts per million.

“I think it could only have negative impacts on the economy because it’s so strict. No one knows how they’re going to implement this,” Magnani said. “But some level of regulation is necessary!”

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ATTORNEY General Bill Lockyer dropped plans to run for governor Thursday and said he would instead run for state treasurer, citing a wish to add the character attacks and money chase required to take on Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Lockyer said he was confident he could have won the Democratic nomination for governor and was eager to see Schwarzenegger defeated. But he said he had little appetite for a rusty campaign and the partisan nature of the governor's job.

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Overweight Americans are healthier than ever, thanks to better maintenance of blood pressure and cholesterol levels

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CHICAGO — Being overweight is no worse now as a big killer as the government thought, ranking, No. 7 instead of No. 2 among the nations leading preventable causes of death, according to a startling new calculation from the CDC.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated Tuesday that packing on too many pounds accounts for 25,814 deaths a year in the United States. As recently as January, the CDC came up with an estimate 14 times higher: 365,000 deaths.

The new analysis found that obesity — being extremely overweight — is indisputably lethal. But like several recent smaller studies, it found that people who are modestly overweight actually have a lower risk of death than those of normal weight.

Biostatistician Mary Cirace Kovar, a consultant for the University of Chicago National Opinion Research Center in Washington, said "normal" may be set too low for today's population. Also, Americans classified as overweight are eating better, exercising more and managing their blood pressure better than they used to, she said.

The study — an analysis of mortality rates and body-mass index, or BMI — was published Wednesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Last year, a CDC study listed the leading causes of preventable death in order as tobacco use, poor diet and inactivity, leading to excess weight; alcohol, germs, toxic pollutants; car crashes; guns; risky sexual behavior; and illicit drugs.

Using the new estimate, excess weight would drop behind car crashes and guns to seventh place — a ranking the CDC is something to make official, underscoring the controversy inside the agency over how to calculate the health effects of obesity.

Last year, the CDC issued a study that attributed 400,000 deaths a year to mostly weight-related causes and said excess weight would soon overtake tuberculosis as the top U.S. killer. After scientists inside and outside the agency questioned the figure, the CDC admitted making a calculation error and lowered its estimate three months ago to 365,000.

The new study attributes 111,909 deaths a year to obesity, but then subtracts the benefits of being modestly overweight, and arrives at the 25,814 figure.

CDC Director Dr. Julie Gerberding said because of the uncertainty in calculating the health effects of being overweight, the CDC is not going to use the new figure of 25,814 in its public awarenes campaigns. And it is not going to scale back its fight against obesity.

"There's absolutely no question that obesity is a major public health concern of this country," she said.

Gerberding said the CDC will work to improve methods for calculating the consequences of obesity.

CDC spokesman Tom Skinner said the agency will probably start using a range of estimates for obesity-linked deaths.

Dr. John Manson, chief of preventive medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, said "the CDC is not convinced the new estimate is right."

"I think it's likely there has been a weakening of the mortality effect due to improved treatments for obesity," she said. "But I think this magnitude is surprising and requires corroboration."

The analysis was led by Katherine Flegal, a senior research scientist with the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics. The study that had to be corrected was conducted by a different arm of the CDC, the Division of Adult and Community Health, and its authors included Gerberding.

Between 1994 and 2003, dementia was diagnosed in 713, or about 7 percent, of study volunteers. The study data showed that roughly 7 out of 100 normal-weight people developed dementia. Among overweight people, the risk was almost 8 out of 100 and for obese people, it was 9 out of 100 people, she said.

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LONDON — The most convincing research so far suggests that being fat in your 40s might raise your risk of developing dementia later in life.

In a study that followed more than 10,000 Californians for almost 30 years, researchers found that the fatter people were, the greater their risk for Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia. The results were published online Friday by the British Medical Journal.

"This adds another major reason for concern about the obesity problem and it is now unfurls yet another area," said Philip James, an obesity expert who was not connected with the research and who heads the International Obesity Task Force.

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LOS ANGELES — When a show reaches an impressive 350 episodes, it's fair to reflect on its mortality. So how long can "The Simpsons," which hit the milestone Sunday, keep going?

"I don't see any end in sight," creator and executive producer Matt Groening told The Associated Press. "Those are reassuring words for the millions of fans who have remained loyal to the Simpson family through 16 seasons, and counting. Writers are already at work on episodes for 2005-06, the 17th season."

The key to its longevity is simple, Groening said: "We try to keep surprising the audience. That's what you're looking for in television, surprise."

As long as the show can meet that burden — "we'll keep going."

Executive producer Al Jean, who has been with the animated comedy since it was spun off Tracey Ullman's variety show in 1987, said: "I don't know what the future holds, but we're making music at 'Swing Sweet, Low P.Q. Bach.'"

"I'm particularly proud of our recent episodes," Jean said. "I think they're as sharp and surprising as anything we've done since the beginning of the show." Groening said.

(He concedes that some fans carp the new episodes are inferior to old ones, being measured against a fond memory is a standard problem for comedies, Groening agrees.)

"Nothing lasts forever," Jean said. "But I do think this past year, in my view, is one of the best we've had in a long time."

For those who contend the show's satirical boldness has ebbed, Jean notes it has tackled the subject of gay marriage and pregnancy to a future episode that will make hay out of the assisted suicide.

"The Simpsons" has been able to turn any number of subjects into comedic fodder with scant interference from the network, virtually unheard of on television.

Groening attributes the freedom to the clout of executive producer James L. Brooks, a TV and movie heavyweight whose credits include "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," "Taxi" and "Terms of Endearment."

On Sunday's 350th episode (8 p.m. EDT), Ray Romano is heard as the voice of Homer's best friend, a rooster. But there's a mystery behind the character that Jean compares to the film "A Beautiful Mind."

In a bonanza for viewers Fox is running two new "Simpsons" episodes back-to-back for the next three weeks. In Sunday's second episode (8:30 p.m. EDT), an aging Bart has to send a fitness camp with Albert Brooks voicing one of the instructors.

Although the "Simpsons" has logged the most seasons of any TV sitcom, it has yet to match the episode count of two others: "The Adventures of Ozzie & Harriet," which holds the record at 435 episodes, and "My Three Sons" with 330.

A very Groening said he has his own dream: "I want to get to 366 so we have a leap year."
Food pyramid shifts guidelines

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Should there be strict prohibitions on sex changes? Sex changes are not permitted by the Bible.

let's assume that a form of salvation for sinning embryos does exist...
**Flashback**

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"It was a wonderful and amazing experience playing on the Olympic team," Aughinbaugh said. "We got to travel all over the world and played against the best teams in the world." Aughinbaugh would stay with the Olympic team through 1986 and then another year. She took a break to complete her Major League Volleyball contract in 1988.

She graduated in 1988 from San Diego and came back to San Luis Obispo to work for the firm she had interned with while she had been an undergraduate at Cal Poly. Eventually she would branch out and start her own firm, which currently resides in Santa Maria.

Aughinbaugh was happy to get the chance to come back to the Central Coast and make a living here.

"Absolutely I wanted to come back here and work," Aughinbaugh said.

Her greatest achievement though may have come in 1988 when she was inducted into the Cal Poly Hall of Fame.

"It was very cool," Aughinbaugh said. "It was a huge honor and now that I serve on the committee that elects the new inductees it is more than special. It was astounding but even more so was the honor. On the committee I really enjoy serving on it and looking back at the careers of so many athletes and seeing what they have done since they left Cal Poly."

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**Bertoni**

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finish in its five-year history — will be enough for a spot in the NCAA West Regional. Bertoni's already qualified for the Regional, his third straight, which will be held May 19-21 at the Stanford Golf Course. The Paso Robles High School graduate shot rounds of 66 and 71 Monday. He finished the 54-hole tournament with 17 birds en route to his third victory of the year and his eighth career win.

Mustang junior Casey Stroshab tied a school record by shooting a final-round 76, carded an eagle on his way to a 70 in Tuesday's second round.

Freshman J.J. Scurich finished just behind, jumping from 18th place with a 68, matching his career best accomplished twice before. He had opened with rounds of 73 and 75. Scurich also won the Western Intercollegiate earlier this month and finished second the following week in the Bitem/Pacific Coast Intercollegiate.

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Support Cal Poly sports!
**Track and field is back at home**

**Cory Harris**

**Mustang News**

For the last time this year, Cal Poly students will get a chance to watch track and field on campus as the Mustangs host the five-way meet starting Saturday.

This will be Cal Poly’s second and final event held at home. The team will be facing tough competition in Cal State Northridge, UC Santa Barbara, Sacramento State and Fresno State.

The biggest hurdle for the team is attracting Big West conference champions Cal State Northridge Matadors.

“We are hopeful that we will be competitive,” track and field coach Terry Crawford said. “We will be excited if we break even out of the four teams. Northridge probably comes in as the strongest team in the meet for the men with depth across the board.”

**From afterthought to the Hall**

**Brian J. Lambdin**

Sandra Aughinbaugh’s life has never gone exactly to script. But despite the twists her life has taken, Aughinbaugh always reached her goals and is right where she wanted to be.

Aughinbaugh grew up in Whittier and in high school played volleyball, basketball, and softball. She had played softball since she was nine, and besides volleyball, that was the only other sport she considered playing in college.

She hadn’t even considered coming to Cal Poly and was leaning toward Colorado State, where she had already been accepted. But after visiting here with a friend, Aughinbaugh decided to come to Cal Poly.

During that first visit, she tried out for the volleyball team. All that got her was an invite to an open tryout she couldn’t attend. Aughinbaugh came to Cal Poly not to play sports, but to study political science and go to law school.

All that would change though once she got to Cal Poly.

During her freshman year in 1986, Aughinbaugh was playing recreational volleyball with some friends from the dorm when one of the assistant volleyball coaches spotted her.

“I lived in the dorms and I spent a lot of time playing volleyball,” Aughinbaugh said. “One of the assistant volleyball coaches spotted me and asked me to come and practice with them. I only practiced that year because the season was already under way, but by the time next season rolled around I was on the team.”

While at Cal Poly Aughinbaugh received many national awards that highlighted just how successful she was while playing for the Mustangs.

In 1982, she was a first team All-American selection and 1983 she was the U.S.Volleyball Association “Player of the Year.” She would be a U.V.B.A. All-American selection in 1984 and 1985.

Her name is imprinted all over the record books as well. She is first overall in kills in a season with 630, she is fourth in career kills with 1,355, and she is sixth in service aces during a season with 60.

Upon graduating in 1984 Aughinbaugh decided to attend McGeorge Law School in Sacramento. Those plans were short lived though. In 1985 she was invited to play on the U.S. Women’s Team, and she moved to San Diego to train with the team. While down there, she enrolled in the law program at the University of San Diego.

Her life took another turn that she had not expected, but Aughinbaugh was enjoying the ride.

**Football draws the big game against Troy**

**Amanda Strachan**

Cal Poly announced the 2005 football schedule and for the third time in four years the team will open the season against a Division 1-A team.

On Sep. 3, the team will travel to Alabama to face Troy University.

“They’ve made a move recently into the upper echelon,” Ellerson said. “They played in the bowl game last year, they knocked off Missouri in their opener. They are playing name brand people.”

The Trojans are coming off their first bowl berth in school history and an overall finish of 7-5 in their league. Cal Poly hasn’t faced a Division 1-A team since 1994.

“They don’t play us so that we would come and beat them, but we think it’s a more fair fight than they do,” Ellerson said. “We know it’s an uphill fight but at the same time it’s their opener. They graduated 14 starters a year ago. They are going to be a young team.”

Originally the team was due to face Texas Sate in its opener.

“We owe them a game, but they don’t want us to return it until 2007,” Ellerson said. “We’ve got a reputation. We are starting to get that other reputation where people don’t have to play us don’t want to play us.”

The team will return to Mustang Stadium for two home games against Sac State on Sep. 10 and Montana State the next week.

After two games on the road the team will host North Dakota State University on Oct. 8.

“I would argue a year ago that I thought North Dakota State was probably the best team we played,” Ellerson said. “We were fortunate enough to win that one.”

Montana State will also present a challenge for the Mustangs when they meet the Bobcats at home on Oct 22.

“It’s one of the more difficult places to play. With the crowd and the noise, you basically have to be prepared to run your offense without making any noise,” Ellerson said.

Playing at Montana is something that Ellerson said has advantages for the team besides "Playing in the bowl game was a big thing for Troy."

“If we get ourselves into a playoff situation, which I think is going to happen,” Ellerson said. “Inevitably we’ll have to go to Montana. So we have to be prepared going there and playing there.”

Overall the team will play six home games, two against Great West Conference teams.

In the future, coach Ellerson wants to add San Jose State and San Diego.