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Eight outstanding law students are participating in the 2011 Lathrop & Gage Summer Associate Program.
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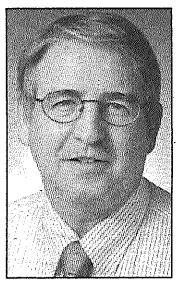
Cutting out the fat: Colorado leads U.S.

Jabba the Hut wouldn't like it here in the Centennial State.

Seems that Colorado has the smallest percentage of obese residents — so enjoy the sense of superiority over the other 49 gout-ridden, high-cholesterol, artery-clogged states — according to a report from the **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**.

Street Talk



Bruce Goldberg

Texans like to say "everything's bigger" in that annoying place, but more likely, they mean "everyone." Thus they clog up even more space when invading Colorado's ski areas.

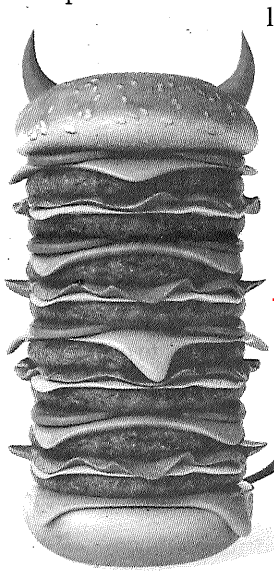
Colorado's adult obesity rate is at 19.8 percent, the foundation says.

The bad news is, that's up from 10.7 percent 15 years ago. But we still lead the nation — and what does that tell you about your fellow Americans? Urp!

May we suggest you steer your child toward the medical field? Or to become a dietitian or athletic trainer? The nation's weighty trend guarantees they'll never starve.

Still, let us celebrate Colorado's success in an appropriate manner, by:

- Buying a salad at Denver-spawned **Mad Greens**.
- Once that's out of your system, also buy one of the brownies that Mad Greens cleverly places near the cash register. Follow that with:
- A trip to the **Maggie Moo's** or **Sweet Action** ice cream joints.
- Anything from the bakery at **Cook's Market**, **Zaidy's Deli**, **New York Deli News** or **Paradise Bakery**.
- A glut of frozen yogurt places have opened. Remember, "glut" is merely the first syllable of "glutton."
- And finally, a visit to the city's pastry shrine, **The Market** on Larimer Street, where the sugar-fueled voices in your head can argue over Spring Fling, Double Chocolate Cake, Old-Fashioned Chocolate Cake, Carrot Cake and other eye-popping goodies.



GET A JOB: For a more responsible approach to life, check out how they're integrating students into the business world at **Arrupe Jesuit High School**, 4343 Utica St., Denver.

The school is in its eighth year, and all members of its five graduating classes have been accepted into college, including all 57 members of the class of 2011. "About 60 percent of our graduates are the first in their family to graduate from high school; about 90 percent are the first in their family to fill out a college application," says **Tom Mallory**, director of the Corporate Work Study Program.

That program helps all students in grades nine through 12 to find jobs, and their pay helps cover about two-thirds of their tuition. "It's very meaningful to the students," Mallory says. "About 80 percent are on a free or reduced-lunch program. They take pride in the fact that they're helping themselves, helping their families, in a college-preparatory program.

"What's equally powerful is showing these kids what's possible if they work hard and get a good education. We're showing them what's possible, putting them in settings that they would never have the opportunity to see otherwise."

There are 93 businesses that hire the students, mostly for entry-level office tasks — filing, copying, scanning, being a receptionist, etc. Something new is the school's involvement with a nursing home, which requires students to have a certified nursing assistant credential before they can work there. So two Arrupe Jesuit students are going through the credentialing program.

"This is brand new for us," Mallory said. "We're really excited. We have a lot of kids who are interested in health care."

The most placements are made with law firms and health care companies, with about 15 in each category.

The school is modeled after Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Chicago, which opened in 1996, and is part of the Cristo Rey Network.

Info: www.arrupejesuit.com and 303-455-7449.

WHEELY NICE GUY: **Randy White** is CEO of the **Wheel Pros Cycling Team** in Denver. And he believes so much in **The Children's Hospital Colorado**, he's paying more than $14,000 to cover entry fees for 47 riders for the Courage Classic. That annual three-day bicycle-tour fundraiser takes place July 23-25 in Summit County.

"I've asked them to raise at least double that," White says. "I'm hoping we can average $700 to $1,000 person."

And they get matching American Racing jerseys; that's the name of one of the brands carried by Wheel Pros, which sells custom wheels for cars, trucks and SUVs.

"I think Children's Hospital is a wonderful place," says White, who also works on the Hope Ball for the **Cancer League of Colorado**. "I've been fortunate that it hasn't touched my children. But we have a lot of friends who have gone through it, and they've helped them tremendously."

NO NEIGH-SAYERS: **Thought Equity Motion** — which sells footage of sports, news, entertainment and other good stuff — gets a mention at the end of "Buck," the outstanding documentary about horse trainer **Buck Brannaman**, now playing at the **Chez Artiste**, 2800 S. Colorado Blvd.

Turns out the Denver company supplied footage of Brannaman from a 1998 clinic, taken from a CBS Sunday morning news feature titled "The Real Horse Whisperer."

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