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# Despite tuition freeze at Tech, budget outline calls for salary increases

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Texas Tech faculty members may have dollar signs their eyes throughout the next few months.

Members of the Texas Tech Board of Regents met during the last 10 days to draft a preliminary outline of Texas Tech's operating budget for the fiscal year 2009, a draft which they will discuss, possibly modify and approve during their next meeting in August.

While the proposed budget does not call for an increase in tuition and fees, it does plan for increases in faculty and staff salaries.

In May, Chancellor Kent Hance laid out specific priorities for the board, said Beverly Cotton, interim vice president for administration & finance. Proposed priorities are additional dollars that the university will need for spending in 2009, which sums up to approximately \$3.7 million. One of the priorities includes a 2 percent salary raise for faculty and staff.

Gene Wilde, professor of fish biology said, 1 percent of the proposed raise for faculty and staff will come from fund balances, which are accounts with unexpended money that carry forward from one year to the next. The remaining funds that will be used for the salary increases most likely will come from reallocations of funds within various colleges and departments.

Since the board decided not to increase tuition or additional student fees this year, Wilde said, the potential challenge the board faces for the upcoming year is that the fund balances that paid for 1 percent of the raise will largely be used. There will need to be some mechanism established in the future to replenish the additional funds.

"Nevertheless, the chancellor and board remained committed to funding the faculty and staff raise," he said. "This raise was one of the Chancellor's top items for new funding in the next year. The Chancellor and Board of Regents followed through on their promise."

There are no programs at Tech in dire need of additional funding that will not receive money because the board froze tuition rates, Cotton said, and the board is using fund balances for various strategic initiatives. However, there will be some challenges resulting from the freeze that the board will need to address in 2010.

The budgets for the other parts of the system — like the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and the system's recent acquisition, Angelo State University — all were discussed at the board's meetings, Cotton said.

"Every year we have an operating budget," she said, "and we have to set that in advance so the board approves it."

The 2009 operating budget is set at approximately \$601 million, which is a 3.6 percent increase from last year's operating budget at approximately \$580 million. Cotton said the increase percentage is considered normal, though at a bare minimum.

From the 3.6 percent increase in budget, \$3.8 million will fund performance-

based merits awarded to faculty and staff, Cotton said. Also, \$2.5 million will go to the development of Tech's emergency contact system, strategic planning office expansion, technology commercialization and other priorities proposed by the chancellor.

Cotton said the operating budget summary is still in draft mode and will not be finalized until the board meeting in August. Typically, the summary would have been approved in May. But the board delayed their decision on no tuition increase this year, causing its approval to be pushed to August.

Funding for Tech is divided into four groups: education and general, designated, auxiliary and current restricted funds.

Cotton said education and general funds are regulated tax dollars from the state. Designated funds primarily consist of students' tuition fees. Auxiliary funds are used to provide student, faculty and staff services such as athletics, student housing, hospitality services and park-

ing. Current restricted funds consist of federal grants and contracts, which can be spent towards specific research or gifts for debt services — such as the Jones AT&T Stadium.

Although the board decided in May to freeze tuition rates for the upcoming year, Cotton said, there still is an approximately 2.2 percent increase in the university's available funds.

"The reason for the increase is because we're using fund balances," she said. "It's not because we have more income."

For fiscal year of 2009, budget for the education and general funds is set at approximately \$217 million, designated funds is set at approximately \$187 million, auxiliary funds is set at approximately \$124 million, and current restricted funds is set at approximately \$73 million.

The board is scheduled to meet on Aug. 7 to approve finalize the operating budget summary.

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## Cotton named interim vice president to fill Anderes' vacancy

BY MIA WALTERS  
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It is not every day that someone has two full-time jobs.

Texas Tech administrators appointed Beverly Cotton as university's Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance. Cotton, who also will serve as the Assistant Vice President for Budget and Resource Planning Management, will fill Thomas Anderes' position until a permanent president is found.

Cotton said she is ready to hold both job titles and responsibilities.

"I have a high energy level, so a lot of (the responsibilities) complement each other," Cotton said, "but yes, it will be challenging."

Anderes, who left Tech to fill a administrative position within the University of Wisconsin system in his native state, recommended Cotton to Tech's former president, Jon Whitmore, she said. Whitmore then made the final decision and appointed Cotton.

Administrators plan to find a

permanent replacement for Anderes' permanent by April 2009, Cotton said, at which point she will remain in her budget and resource planning management position.

Cotton said she does not anticipate encountering any problems during her term and therefore does not foresee a need to make any major changes.

"Dr. Anderes left everything in good shape," she said. "He prepared everything to succeed. We have ongoing daily operations but nothing unexpected."

Elmo Cavin, executive vice president of finance and administration in the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, said an interim is necessary. Rather than filling the position now, administrators wanted to give Guy Bailey, Tech's new president, an opportunity to choose whom he works with.

Cavin said it is important that the new president have the chance to choose his own team.

"Not to mention most people do not want to accept a job — say, as a permanent chief financial officer — if they don't know who their boss is going to be," Cavin said.

Cavin has worked with Cotton in various capacities since her arrival at Tech in 1999 and said he believes she is an appropriate choice for interim.

"I think so because of the fact that she has had about nine years experience here at Tech," he said, "and has a diverse background as far as in internal audit and working with the systems' chief financial officer for six years and now head of the TTU budget operations."

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Photo by Ruben Castillo. Steve Brook, a surgical resident at the UMC, drives to the basket against Hugh Shanon, a graduate student from Shamrock, at the Rec Wednesday afternoon.

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## Lubbock doctors discuss concerns with Texas Medical Board

BY MATT COBB  
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A democratic approach to medicine came to Lubbock on Tuesday evening.

The Texas Medical Board held a Town Hall in the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center to give doctors and the public a chance to voice their input about regulation of the medical profession.

Eight medical professionals from Lubbock convened to discuss problems facing the medical field and to offer suggestions to members Texas Medical Board, the governing body in charge of licensing and evaluating Texas's doctors.

Mari Robinson, director of enforcement of the Texas Medical Board, said the board recently has seen a significant increase in the amount of complaints that are being filed by both patients and doctors, and they are trying to improve upon their operations.

"We're trying to give out information," she said. "We're trying to hear people's concerns, answer their questions and just really develop better communications with our licensees and the community. That's the point."

Robinson said everything discussed was written down and will be put on the Texas Medical Board's Web site.

The issues discussed pertained to a wide range of topics, from malpractice

lawsuits to the processing of paperwork.

"We're going to put all of this stuff together into a report at the end of the summer," Robinson said. "We're going to talk



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**MARI ROBINSON ADDRESSES healthcare issues at a town hall meeting held at the Health Sciences Center Tuesday evening.**

about what improvements and suggestions and changes can be made from that final report."

This meeting was one of 13 that the Texas Medical Board is hosting across the state, Robinson said. Members of the board are traveling to cities all across Texas to learn more about the issues and concerns people have with the medical field.

Though Lubbock is the seventh largest city on the board's tour, it had the smallest turnout of any city they

have been to thus far, she said.

"This was the smallest turnout we've had in any city," Robinson said. "We had eight people here tonight, and the lowest before this had been 12 in the other college town (College Station) we had been to."

In addition to the Town Hall meeting, the Texas Medical Board held a seminar Wednesday to assist people who recruit or credential physicians, said Jaime Garanfio, director of the customer affairs division of the Texas Medical Board.

"The seminar is designed to help those who assist or recruit physicians to come in and get licensed in Texas to help them learn about our process so they can make it faster," she said, "(which helps the board to) assist the physicians who are coming in the licenser process."

Most of the people who come to the seminars are credentialing staff from hospitals, graduate medical education staff and sometimes physicians themselves, Garanfio said.

"The more they know about what we do, the more they can help gather the correct information and make sure it's all put together in the right format," she said. "Because sometimes doctors just aren't the best at filling out the right forms."

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## Economy weaker than hoped in Q4

WASHINGTON (AP) — The country didn't get the energetic rebound in economic growth hoped for from the government's tax rebates in the second quarter, and the economy jolted into reverse at the end of 2007, raising new recession fears.

The Commerce Department reported Thursday that gross domestic product, or GDP, increased at an annual rate of 1.9 percent in the April-to-June period. That marked an improvement over the feeble 0.9 percent growth logged in the first quarter of this year and the outright contraction in the economy during the final quarter of last year.

Still, the second-quarter rebound wasn't as robust as economists had hoped; they were forecasting growth at a 2.4 percent pace. The pickup, while welcome, isn't likely to be seen as a signal that the fragile economy is growing healthier. There are fears that as the bracing tonic of the tax rebates fades, the economy could be in for another rough patch later this year.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrials were off nearly 40 points in morning trading

following two days of gains.

The health of the economy is the top concern of the public — and by extension politicians including candidates vying for the White House.

Of the latest GDP news, President Bush said: "It's not as good as we'd like it to be, but I want to remind you a few months ago there were predictions that the economy would shrink this quarter," he said.

Instead, GDP contracted by 0.2 percent, on an annualized basis, in the last three months of 2007, according to annual revisions released by the government.

That contraction reflected the deepest cuts in 26 years from builders clobbered by the housing slump and cautious spending by consumers spooked by all the fallout.

The fourth-quarter's dip marked the worst showing since the third quarter of 2001, when the economy was last in a recession. The government's previous estimate for the final quarter of last year was in positive territory — but not by much — at an anemic 0.6 percent growth rate.

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# 'Party school' reputation can be utilized to work in U. Texas's favor

BY DAVE PLAYER  
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On July 28, The Princeton Review released their annual college lists, and sadly, the University of Texas dropped dramatically in the most important ranking this side of NCAA Football. Despite the allure of student hangout areas like Sixth Street and West Campus, the University fell in the Review's list of top party schools, dropping from No. 1 in 2006 and No. 3 in 2007 to a lowly No. 8 this year, and falling behind seemingly tame schools such as Randolph-Macon College and Ohio University. If this trend continues, UT is well on its way to becoming a glorified library. But UT should learn to benefit from its party-school reputation.

The school needs to embrace its good-times image. University and city officials are wrong to assume that Texas' reputation as a party school is a detriment to the school's goal of educating young Texans. If anything, our inclusion in this prestigious group can be viewed as a blessing.

The lively social scene Austin offers gives UT students a venue to release the stress generated by our school's rigorous academic environment. The school has excelled on the academic front while fostering its party reputation, proof that the two are not mutually incompatible. By promoting its academic accomplishments, UT can maintain its image as an elite university while not compromising students' desires to party. It is that very duality of achievement and

amusement that makes UT such a unique university in the first place.

When the University of Texas was first bestowed with this so-called "dubious honor" from the Princeton Review, some groups were not pleased. School and city officials disapproved of UT's reputation as a party haven and have slowly worked to reverse that perception. Some University initiatives such as the e-CHUG alcohol education program work to curb dangerous behaviors before students begin to overindulge. But let's face the facts. While it is important for drinkers to be aware of the dangers of alcohol poisoning, many are already sufficiently knowledgeable about drinking before coming to UT, a by-product of years of underage drinking in high school. That past experience,

coupled with society's image of college as an outlet for wild behavior, means that the majority of students will at least try to explore the plethora of parties that Austin has to offer to receptive Longhorns.

Since the majority of parties in our city take place away from UT and thus outside the jurisdiction of the school, reining in students requires cooperation from city authorities. City officials are able to exert some control over the amount of partying going on off-campus by changing noise restrictions and withholding the permits necessary for student organizations like fraternities to hold parties with large groups of people. One proposal being considered by the city would limit the number of permitted parties at a residence to 12 per year, and any

party with 49 or more people already requires a city permit.

Ultimately, though, despite efforts to limit our reputation as a "party school," such a recognition can be utilized in UT's favor. For every student who avoids UT for its party-centric reputation, there are five more who seek it out for that very reason. A larger pool of applicants allows the admissions department to be even more selective in issuing acceptance to the school. Added selectivity raises the standards of incoming students, making the student body academically stronger. There is a reason applications to UT have increased in the past decades. As much as the University may like to believe, it's not because of the PCL or the Blanton Museum.

## Thirteen college survival tips for incoming freshman to keep in mind as they begin classes

BY EVAN PELLEGRINO  
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### 1. Talk to the person next to you.

The auditorium-style classes can be a bit intimidating, but remember: Everyone is in the same boat. Try to get a phone number or two — it will come in handy if you ever sleep in and miss class. You might also make a new friend.

### 2. Go to professors' office hours.

The first couple of weeks can be a bit chaotic, but once things calm down, it would be wise to put a face behind your name on the teacher's roster. Go to their office hours, and just say "Hi." Don't worry about not having anything to say. Just show up, introduce yourself, and they'll take care of the rest. It goes a long way.

### 3. Ask questions.

Need help with anything? There are plenty of UA staff members whose job it is to help you, but they won't come to you. If you're having a problem of any sort or need advice, ask for help. When

in doubt, call the UA switchboard (520-621-2211), and they will put you in touch with the appropriate department.

### 4. Set goals

College is also a time to develop your future. What are you here for? Is it to get a degree? To network? To party? To get a job? Whatever it may be, try to be aware of your purpose for being here, and make the most of it. Have a plan and stick to it. If you're still working on creating a goal, don't worry - it will come.

### 5. Find a balance.

Don't be a perfectionist or a party animal. Try not to freak out about class, but don't spend too much time with a beer bong or someone else's tongue in your mouth either. Often the biggest problems I've seen with freshmen is the struggle to find a balance between school and socializing.

### 6. Start a resume.

Keep track of your experiences and accomplishments. Hopefully they will start to accumulate. Don't wait until you graduate or start looking for internships to collect everything together on paper. Don't worry about the format either - just jot things down on a file in your computer.

### 7. Have an open mind.

Let go of your predispositions about college right now. Don't hold yourself back by what you think you know and expect. This isn't a book or movie about college; it's the real deal. If you think you know about an experience before going into it, you might feed into your stereotypes. Go your own way.

### 8. Be healthy

Whether you choose to work out at the Student Recreation Center, organize a weekly game of basketball with friends or toss around a Frisbee on the Mall, it's important to stay active. It will help you with your studies. Eating well is equally important. Try to stay away from fast food - it's quick and easy but makes the body and mind sluggish.

### 9. Stay away from credit cards.

Credit card companies prey on college students. Don't dig yourself into a financial hole.

### 10. If you like to party, be smart.

Watch out for UAPD. They like to hand out minor-in-possession tickets. Reading the Arizona Daily Wildcat's Police Beat, it seems that almost daily

someone gets busted for being drunk and rowdy or puffing weed in the dorms. If you like to party, just be smart about it.

### 11. Practice safe bedroom policies.

I'm not your seventh grade sex-ed teacher, but just be smart.

### 12. Remember: It's not a race.

There's the old expression that

finishing in four years is like leaving the party at 10:30. If you need an extra year, or two, or three, more power to you.

### 13. Relax.

I think the most important thing you can do on your first day of class, and before exams, is to take a few deep breaths. Try to be present, stay centered and keep your head straight. Remember, it's just college.

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# LA officials set sights on limiting paparazzi

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The paparazzi keep taking their shots, but not always the kind they're after. Lately it's a jab from a star's bodyguard — or his surfer pals — or the metallic pinch of handcuffs slapped on for lingering too long.

And more push-back may be coming.

Wary of the scrums of photographers chasing celebs at the airport, on the beach and through the streets, some Los Angeles-area leaders are contemplating tougher regulations against the people who make their living by catching celebrities off-guard.

Officials from celeb enclaves in and around Los Angeles such as Beverly Hills, West Hollywood, Malibu and Calabasas are convening Thursday for the first time to discuss ways to combat shutterbugs, whose tactics have grown more aggressive and confrontational in the past few years.

Their goal is for each city to adopt its own ordinances to punish aggressive paparazzi, while keeping the rules uniform in the places where celebrities live, work and play.

"This is a response to their lack of responsible behavior," said Los Angeles City Councilman Dennis Zine, an outspoken paparazzi critic and organizer of the task force.

Zine proposed a "personal safety zone" around celebs earlier this year that police officials said would be virtually unenforceable. He's also floated the idea of legitimizing the paparazzi — who are freelancers by definition — by giving them credentials, and in turn, clear rules.

The paparazzi have provided plenty of fodder for scrutiny of late.

Last week, Halle Berry said she's seeking criminal charges against photographers who she says trespassed in her backyard to get shots of the Oscar-winning actress and her four-month-daughter. The same day, guards for Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie got into a bloody tussle with a pair of camouflage-wearing paparazzi near the couple's home in France.

And in June, a group of Malibu surfers fought with photographers who were trying to get shots of Matthew McConaughey on the waves last month.

Photographers still routinely swarm Britney Spears, including at Los Angeles International Airport, where police in June had to break up the group to allow her to pass. And earlier this month, Los Angeles police said they warned a pair of shooters to leave a fire access road near Spears' house, then arrested them when they returned 45 minutes later to find them still lingering.

Zine and other civic leaders say they're concerned that left unchecked, the aggressive photographers will either drive away entertainers, or worse — harm them or an innocent bystander. A recent inquest partially blamed pursuing paparazzi for the 1997 deaths of British Princess Diana and her boyfriend Dodi Fayed in France, a scenario Zine and others say they hope to avoid in Los Angeles.

Malibu residents often complain about aggressive photographers, from high-speed car chases to photographers lurking outside schools or blocking store exits, said Mayor Pro Tem Pamela Conley Ulich, who is also a task force member. Some photographers have even mistaken a non-famous resident

for a celebrity, creating confusion and fear.

Malibu already has strict guidelines for film shoots, and similar regulations may be necessary for photographers, she said. In other words, the paparazzi frequently are not gathering news, she said, but rather "creating entertainment."

For the paparazzi's part, Zine's idea of registration is one the shooters themselves have considered.

"Certify photographers to work as paparazzi," suggested Arnold Cousart, a co-founder of photo agency JFX Direct. That way, he said if they get into trouble, police will know who is legit and who isn't.

Cousart said he has considered compiling a handbook so fellow paparazzi know their rights and don't exceed them. But he predicted that any broad rules enacted by the task force would miss the mark.

"There is a better way," he said. "They just need to sit down with the proper folks."

As erratic and dangerous as the scrums appear to outsiders, some paparazzi lament the lost days of shooting celebs surreptitiously with telephoto lenses. They're now within arms-length of other shooters, and stars or their bodyguards.

During the June scramble at LAX, a photographer accused one of Spears' bodyguards of pushing his camera too hard into his face. Other photographers have accused actors Woody Harrelson and Pierce Brosnan of rough treatment in civil suits; both cases remain unresolved.

Zine said he wants to solicit input from the paparazzi, but the task force's likely roster is comprised mostly of law enforcement

officials, prosecutors and politicians.

Los Angeles-area law enforcement officials so far have preferred to use existing laws — such as the loitering statute used to arrest the photographers near Spears' house — rather than endorse new regulations.

"As it stands today, the sheriff's department is confident and comfortable that the laws that exist provide enough to ensure the safety and security of residents," said Steve Whitmore, a spokesman for Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca.

Baca is expected to participate in the task force because he prefers to be involved in discussions about new regulations, Whitmore said.

He noted that enforcing current regulations can be difficult, as the Malibu surfer melee revealed: Despite numerous online videos of the altercation, Whitmore said neither the paparazzi nor anyone else has yet to present investigators with an unedited

version that could reveal what really happened. No arrests have been made.

For their seemingly divergent interests, Zine and Cousart agree on one point: something has to change.

"It hasn't been the same since 2003," said Cousart, who said he would much rather shoot stars from a distance. But online video, which has become as lucrative as still pictures, requires close-ups of celebs and, in many cases, engaging them in unwanted conversations.

"If you don't, you're practically letting these guys take you over," he said.

Zine likened any likely solutions to enforcement measures that average citizens would understand.

"You can smoke, but you can't smoke in certain areas," the councilman said. "You can go 55 miles-per-hour, but you can't do it in a school zone. So we're not saying you can't take the picture."

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## Attorney: Spears' wants no contact with Sam Lutfi

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An attorney for Britney Spears said Wednesday that he will not seek an extension for a restraining order against Osama "Sam" Lutfi, but that doesn't mean the pop star wants her former sidekick back in her life.

"Britney has made clear to everyone that she does not want to be further harassed or contacted in any way by Osama 'Sam' Lutfi, now or at anytime in the future," Spears' attorney Samuel D. Ingham III said in a statement to The Associated Press.

Lutfi, for the time being, seems willing to go along with those wishes.

He called the AP late Wednesday and released the following statement: "Mr. Lutfi and Mr. Spears have mutually agreed in private that no hearing or order is necessary at this time."

He declined further comment.

Attorneys for Spears and her father, James, are expected to appear in a Los Angeles courtroom Thursday morning to give an update on the conservatorship. A hearing on a temporary restraining order barring Lutfi from having contact with the pop singer was also scheduled for Thursday. The order issued earlier this year required Lutfi to stay 250 yards away from Spears or her homes.

Lutfi represented one of the strangest twists in Spears' downward spiral earlier this year. The singer's mother accused Lutfi — who described himself as a friend and sometime manager — in court papers of keeping Spears a hostage in her own home, drugging her and taking over her finances.

He was a fixture in Spears' life during

a period when the star exhibited erratic behavior, including being photographed without underwear, and occasionally looking dazed in public and had to twice be hospitalized.

Spears' father has control over his 26-year-old daughter's personal life and finances.

That power negates the need for a restraining order against Lutfi since James Spears' role as conservator allows him to decide who sees his daughter, according to Ingham's statement.

He serves as a court-appointed counsel representing Spears' interest in the ongoing conservatorship case.

"During the temporary conservatorship, the conservators have the power to insure that Lutfi will not harm Britney anymore," Ingham wrote.

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# Students steer clear of Kansas nudist resort, cite anxiety about body image

BY BRYAN CISLER  
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In a society where only the prettiest of faces makes it onto television, and in a country where billions of dollars are spent on plastic surgery to fix the most minor flaw, Lake Edun stands apart from the rest. Here, at this all-nude lake on the

outskirts of south Topeka, men aren't judged by the size of their members and women with breasts that hang from their bodies like tube socks full of sand can feel proud of who they are.

Director of the lake, Webb Garlinghouse, said people came to the park to become more comfortable with their bodies, whether they are perfect or not.

"They have a better body concept," Garlinghouse said, "People come out here with all kinds of body flaws and they are comfortable."

Lake Edun has been operating for 25 years and is open year-round. Webb said an average weekend usually brought 25 to 75 people to the park.

While the lake has sand volleyball courts, hiking trails and canoes for its members, the one ingredient the naturalistic facility lacks is new blood. Webb said that there has been a gradual decrease of college students in the last 20 years, mainly because younger people are becoming more concerned about their body images and are afraid to show their imperfections to the world.

"How sick is this is that you go to a gym

class and you don't take a shower because some other guy might be looking at you," Garlinghouse said. "To me this illustrates a grave sickness on our society."

Mike, a middle aged man who traveled all the way from Nebraska to go to Lake Edun, said he thought the media had made it difficult for younger people to be proud of who they really were.

"We want to look at the beautiful people, but we don't think we can participate," Mike said.

Garlinghouse said another major concern among young people was the fear of pedophiles at nudist resorts. He said that Lake Edun did background checks on everybody who becomes a member.

Another fear among men is they are afraid of becoming embarrassed if

they happen to get aroused when they are nude, Webb said it isn't much of a problem.

"Usually the first time men come out here they are too nervous to get a woody," Garlinghouse said, "If it happens it is no big deal, they can just cover it up with a towel or they can go jump in a lake."

Most of the people who go to Lake Edun regularly eventually end up becoming friends. Many members said the different backgrounds among the people at the lake kept them coming back. Lake Edun had residents come in wheelchairs, and even a blind woman made it out to the park.

"I think it can be a very growing experience and a healthy experience if they allow it to be," Garlinghouse said.

## THE BIZ' BRIEFLY

### 'Girls Gone Wild' founder settles another lawsuit

PANAMA CITY, Fla. (AP) — "Girls Gone Wild" video founder Joe Francis has settled another of the many legal cases against his soft porn empire.

The 35-year-old multimillionaire reached a settlement this week with a Panama City woman who said she was 16 when filmed flashing her breast in 2002. Her picture was on the cover of a popular video.

Francis' attorney says the woman will not be paid but will be freed of a countersuit alleging she abused the legal process.

### Cheech and Chong reunite as feud goes up in smoke

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Their feud finally having gone up in smoke, Cheech and Chong say they're eager to get back on the road for their first comedy tour in more than 25 years.

The duo said their "Light Up America" tour will kick off Sept. 12 in Philadelphia.

"We're definitely still smoking," Chong said when asked.

"I get transfusions now," quipped Marin.

"I like the taste," Chong said. "I'm old fashioned."

Marin told AP Radio earlier this month that he and the 70-year-old Chong had recently decided that if ever they were to reunite the time was now because, "You're not getting any younger and neither am I."

### New York jewelry company sues Wyclef Jean

NEW YORK (AP) — The company founded by the New York businessman known in the hip-hop world as "Jacob the Jeweler" has sued Wyclef Jean, claiming he owes money for watches and jewelry he bought.

Jacob and Company Incorporated says in Manhattan court papers filed Tuesday that the hip-hop star bought several items between March 2002 and January 2006 for \$765,100. The company says Jean still owes \$319,680, despite "repeated demands for payment."

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# Michael Phelps' wave takes sport of swimming to new heights

(AP) — Check out the newsstand. Yep, it's another magazine with Michael Phelps on the cover.

Flip on the television. There's a good chance you'll see the world's greatest swimmer pitching everything from credit cards to energy bars.

Log on to the computer. If you want a behind-the-scenes look at what Phelps was like as a sports-crazy youngster growing up in Baltimore, it's not too hard to find footage of his gawky years.

Phelps already has taken the record book into uncharted waters.

His impact outside the pool might be even greater.

"Everything changed because of him," fellow swimmer and three-time Olympian Aaron Peirsol said. "Because of Tiger, golf got more recognition. Because of Mike, we're on TV a lot more. ... Because of him, people are getting to know our sport a lot better."

Swimming didn't start with Phelps, of course.

The U.S. produced stars such as Matt Biondi, Janet Evans and Rowdy Gaines, all of whom captured the country's imagination. But swimming was usually stuck a notch below track

and gymnastics on America's once-every-four-years radar, and most its athletes has little staying power once the flame was doused.

Although Mark Spitz, who won a record seven gold medals at the 1972 Munich Games, managed to carve out a prosperous living from his swimming accomplishments, his was a boat largely sailing solo, zipping along atop the waves while everyone else watched from shore.

Now, along comes Phelps, a Spitz for this generation.

In Beijing, the gangly 23-year-old who loves hip-hop and tricked-out cars will take another shot at Spitz's iconic record, having come up just short four years ago when he won six gold medals and two bronzes in Athens.

In all likelihood, Phelps already has surpassed Spitz when it comes to making money off the butterfly, taking advantage of a rapidly changing media world that those around him — led by his team of agents at Octagon — are eager to explore, and exploit.

He has a long list of high-profile sponsors, including Speedo, Visa, PowerBar, Omega, AT&T, Rosetta

Stone, Hilton and Kellogg's. (By the way, he doesn't like pickles, so there's no need for Vlasic to make a pitch.) He took part in a much-ballyhooed photo shoot for Vogue that also included LeBron James. He's been out front on several well-known magazines, currently appearing with good friend and rival Ryan Lochte on the cover of Men's Journal. He'll even make a pitch to the good ol' boys when his face is painted on Jeff Burton's car for NASCAR's Aug. 3 race at Pocono, just days before the opening ceremonies in Beijing.

"When you look at this sport 10 years ago," Phelps said, "you never saw swimmers on a magazine cover. It's something I really always wanted."

But Peter Carlisle, who leads the Olympic and action sports division at Octagon, is looking beyond mainstream media to put Phelps before a whole new bloc of potential fans, the Gen Y'ers and Gen Z'ers who hook up at MySpace, surf for videos on YouTube, go to blogs for their news fix.

For this demographic, television and magazines and newspapers are old-fashioned remnants of their parents' generation. Octagon went a

different route, launching www.swimroom.com and touting it as the first social networking site for swimmers. There are blogs and instructional videos and, of course, merchandise to buy.

Carlisle could see the future when he signed Phelps as a 16-year-old. He gave the swimmer's mother, Debbie, a video camera and told her to capture all the behind-the-scenes coverage she could. Now, professional crews tail Phelps and Octagon's other clients, capturing hundreds of hours of video that is catalogued, stored and sure to show up on a DVD or some other moneymaking venture down the road.

"Now, you can buy a high-def camera for next to nothing, then watch high-def videos online," Carlisle said. "All the kids are doing that. It becomes a great connector to the general public. There's a huge market out there, and if you want to promote swimming, it's that much easier."

After Beijing, he wants to take it a step further. Instead of the cross-country bus tour that Phelps and several of his teammates went on four years ago, Carlisle envisions a high-tech "Swimming With The Stars" that

wouldn't require so much travel and could reach even more kids.

"The tour becomes less bricks and mortar, so to speak, less driving on asphalt to get to real buildings," the agent said. "That was a hell of a lot of work. Those guys were exhausted when it was over. If we can connect with more people in a more efficient way, that would be a huge victory. I'm confident we can. We're working on some really cool concepts."

For those who cover the sport through more traditional means, Carlisle's strategy is a bit unnerving. He can simply take Phelps' message straight to the public without the scrutiny of a reporter asking potentially tough questions, or following up when the swimmer doesn't provide a straight answer.

Already, some media members grumble quietly about the tight leash Phelps' handlers — the folks at Octagon and coach Bob Bowman — keep on him. Some have even quipped that when Phelps speaks, often in clichés ("I can't worry about eight gold medals until I win the first) and generalities ("I just wanted to get in the water and race"), you can barely see Carlisle and Bowman moving their lips.

## James scores 20 in debut, leads US over Turkey 114-82

MACAU (AP) — LeBron James scored 20 points and was a defensive force Thursday night in his exhibition debut, helping the U.S. Olympic basketball team overcome some early sloppy play to beat Turkey 114-82 in its first game in China.

Carmelo Anthony added 17 points and Dwight Howard had some powerful dunks while finishing with 14.

The Americans allowed 10 field goals in the first quarter, then only 10 combined over the next two periods. They improved to

2-0 in Olympic tuneup play and face Lithuania here Friday before moving on to Shanghai for their remaining two games.

James was 8-of-9 from the field and finished with six rebounds, five steals and four assists in 23 minutes, sitting out the fourth quarter.

The NBA's leading scorer sprained his right ankle when he stepped on another player's foot during a scrimmage early last week. The injury was considered mild and James likely could have played Friday against Canada, but the U.S.

staff opted to rest him to avoid further swelling before the long flight to Asia.

He said before practice Wednesday he was ready and needed just seconds to prove it, grabbing a rebound on the first possession of the game and driving the length of the court for the opening basket.

The next 15 minutes were a struggle, even against an opponent without NBA players Hedo Turkoglu and Mehmet Okur.

The Americans yielded an alarming number of open shots and offensive rebounds for most of the first half and committed 10 turnovers. Even beating the quicker U.S. team downcourt on a couple of occasions, Turkey used a 10-2 spurt to grab a 27-24 lead on Ender Arslan's 3-pointer with 1:42 remaining in the first quarter. The Americans were ahead just 31-30 after the period.

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