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Alpha Delta Pi celebrates its 10th Mardi Gras Mocktail Blend-Off. Go to dailyskiff.com to read more about the event.

NEWS

The College of Science and Engineering will host its own career fair for the first time next week.
Tomorrow



NEWS

Performing art students will pool their talents to raise money for AIDS awareness with this year's AIDS Outreach Center Benefit Concert.
Tomorrow



POLITICS

YEAR IN REVIEW



President Barack Obama addresses the media in the Brady Briefing Room of the White House in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 9. The president's health care reform efforts have been met with mixed reviews by members of the Fort Worth community.

Health care source of contention

By Ashley Melnick
Staff Reporter

Despite differing perspectives on campus and around the community, there is a consensus that President Barack Obama had a complicated first year. However, community members will not as easily agree on his approach to health care.

Steve Maxwell, a Fort Worth attorney and chairman of the Tarrant County Democratic Party, said Obama's first year has been a roller coaster filled with wars, economic crises and bipartisan discord.

"To take that on, just in and of itself, to be able to process it

all, is an accomplishment all by itself," Maxwell said.

Hannah Goble, an assistant professor of political science at the university, said she believes the Obama administration tried to learn a lesson from the Clinton administration on how to undertake health care reform. Goble said the Clinton administration drafted a health care bill in the White House, leaving Congress out of the plan.

"The Obama administration does the opposite task, where they say, 'We want to have these broad policy goals, and then you in Congress can actually work out the details yourself,'" Goble said.

Carolyn Cagle, an associate pro-

fessor of nursing, said there are a lot of good ideas out there regarding a national health care system.

"I like the idea, and I hope it will stay in legislation about covering pre-existing conditions and looking at community programs that focus on groups of people to promote health," Cagle said.

Michael Bennett, a senior political science and religion major, said he has reservations about a national health care system.

For a primer on health care overhaul, go to page 4.

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EDUCATION

Prof: Funding rejection harmful

By David Stein and Marshall Doig
Staff Reporters

Gov. Rick Perry's decision not to compete for up to \$700 million in federal money for education may be a move that will make Texas schoolchildren suffer, a university professor said.

James Riddlesperger, a political science professor, said Perry's decision will only put funding for Texas education further behind.

"That money will be spent," Riddlesperger said. "It's already been appropriated. It's going to be spent somewhere, and what that means in terms of Texas is it puts Texas even farther behind in the competition than they would be."

According to a New York Times article, Texas officials spent more than 700 hours preparing the application for the grant, known as Race to the Top. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation funded more than \$250,000 to hire consultants to assist the state in the process, according to the article. Perry's decision came just six days before the Jan. 19 application deadline.

According to the Department of

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MINISTERS WEEK

Canadian novelist to visit campus

By Rachel Wilson
Staff Reporter

Author William Paul Young said he wasn't trying to write a best-seller when he wrote "The Shack." He merely wrote the story for his six children, with no intention of it being published, according to the author's Web site.



Young

Young will speak tonight as part of the Ministers Week activities sponsored by Brite Divinity School.

"The Shack," which was on The New York Times Best-Seller List for nearly a year, is a story that offers a unique perspective on the nature of God, especially in the midst of suffering, according to Brite's Web site.

Kelsey Milbourn, a sophomore musical theatre major, said she thought the book was phenomenal.

"It was perfectly suspenseful and fantastical without proving or disproving the validity of the wild, shocking story," she said.

The book follows the story of a man, Mack Philips, whose daughter was abducted on a family vacation, and evidence that she might have been murdered is found in an abandoned shack, according to a summary on Young's Web site. Four years later, Philips receives a note from God inviting him to the shack where the evidence was found.

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CORRECTIONS

An article in Wednesday's issue implied that Erin House and Dustin Naegle, Froggie Five-O employees, supported a proposal to extend the program's service hours during a Student Government Association meeting. House and Naegle attended the meeting to answer questions about the service, not to help pass the legislation. For more information, read the letter to the editor on page 3.

The same article also incorrectly credited Saman Sadeghi as the author of an SGA resolution that promoted that all university transportation systems be equipped with better signs outlining routes and times. The resolution was written by the Campus Advancement Committee of which Sadeghi is not a voting member.

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PECULIAR FACT

SAUQUOIT, N.Y. — An 11-year-old boy faces assault and weapon charges for trying to stab a classmate with a pencil over a math problem Monday.

— The Associated Press

TODAY'S WEATHER



35 29
HIGH LOW

Rain or Snow

Tomorrow: Mostly Cloudy
42 / 30

Saturday: Mostly Sunny
59 / 37



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DISASTER RELIEF

Campus groups to hold vigil for Haiti

By Cameron Lakey
Staff Reporter

The university might be far removed from the crisis in Haiti, but two student organizations are doing their part to encourage student involvement in the disaster relief efforts.

Members of Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity Inc. and The Interested Ladies service group of Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority Inc. will hold a candlelight prayer vigil for Haiti tonight on the steps of Sadler Hall.

Lambda Theta Phi Vice President Juan Martinez, a junior communica-

tion studies major, said this nationwide effort by the two organizations serves not only as a tribute to those who lost their lives in the earthquake, but also as a way to provide hope to those still suffering in Haiti by offering the university's support.

The two organizations will be accepting monetary donations as well as canned food items or supplies to aid in the relief effort, Martinez said.

"At TCU we generally pay \$40,000 a year to come (here)," Martinez said, adding that students rarely take time to reflect on how much that amount could help those suffering in Haiti. "Just taking that ideal into consideration, we as a community can gen-

erate so much more to a population that has less than adequate funding."

Diana Gonzalez, a sophomore early childhood education major and member of The Interested Ladies of Lambda Theta Alpha, echoed Martinez's statements and said that even the smallest donations could go a long way in helping the relief effort. She said the groups did not have a projection of how much money they hoped to raise through the event.

According to the event's Facebook page, 93 people have confirmed their attendance as of Wednesday, but Gonzalez said everyone, including community members, are welcome to attend.

QUICK NEWS

Official: Branding incident did not involve fraternity

The university has determined that the TCU chapter of Kappa Sigma fraternity was not involved in a Jan. 9 branding incident that reportedly occurred in Colorado, but individual students are still being investigated, a university official said Wednesday.

"The university has completed its investigation and found that the fraternity was not involved," said Don Mills, vice chancellor for Student Affairs said.

The incident under investigation was reported by sophomore pre-

business major Amon "Chance" Carter IV, a member of the fraternity. Carter reported that the incident occurred in Breckenridge, Colo., during a ski trip with several other members of the fraternity.

According to a Feb. 4 Breckenridge Police Department press release, the incident is being investigated as a criminal assault, although it has not been determined whether a crime was committed. Breckenridge police could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

Mills said that while the university had completed its investigation of the

fraternity, an investigation about the involvement of between 18 to 24 individual students was ongoing. Mills said he could not speculate on the punishment of individual cases, but said that if students are found guilty, they could receive anything from a warning to a suspension. The investigation began more than three weeks ago, he said.

The university cannot release the names of the students whose involvement is under investigation, Mills said, citing students' privacy.

—Staff reporter Kayla Mezzell

NEWS

OBAMA

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"I have a problem with the government having more say in people's everyday lives; (that's) kind of my main problem with it," said Bennett, who serves as president of TCU College Republicans. "And we're looking at how the government handled other things, and that hasn't been very good. Look at Medicare and Medicaid."

Maxwell said he is concerned not only about how the proposed health care system would work, but also how it is going to be paid for. He said he believes a comprehensive and far-reaching health care bill will be passed, but it will be expanded or contracted depending on the support the bill receives.

Goble also said she believes a health care bill will be passed.

"I think there is some basic agreement on policy points that I think they can get through both the House and the Senate," Goble said. "But it will not be, I would suspect, the comprehensive reform that Obama was hoping for."

Cagle said she believes parts

of the bill will be passed, but some alterations will be done, such as testing out some additional access for certain parts of the population or changing available services.

"I think the health care reform will try to cover younger generations, and some of that will be by mandating private insurers, health care insurers, and allow younger generations to stay under parental policies," Cagle said.

If college students were given the option to buy health insurance, many would choose not to because they do not consider themselves to be in need of health care services, Goble said.

Bennett said he believes many students would not want the additional financial obligation like health insurance.

"You wouldn't want extra fees on top of, you know, paying tuition or student loans and rent and everything else and have to pay an extra, however much they decide is the right amount, just because you need to buy into their health care option," Bennett said.

Maxwell said Social Security

"I think the health care reform will try to cover younger generations, and some of that will be by mandating private insurers, health care insurers, and allow younger parental policies."

Carolyn Cagle

associate professor of nursing

received much resistance in the 1930s, but when it went into effect, many Americans realized it was vital to their well-being at the time.

"Whenever major, radical change takes place on the scope of a social security program or a Medicaid/Medicare program, or now, a national health care system, it's extraordinary, unprecedented and occurs only at unique times in our nation's history," Maxwell said. "This may not be the time for that national health care system."



PAUL MOSELEY / MCT

Texas Gov. Rick Perry makes an appearance at the Tarrant County Republican Party Headquarters in Fort Worth on Jan. 20. Perry decided not to compete for up to \$700 million in federal money for education.

EDUCATION

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Education's Web site, the competition will award \$4 billion to encourage states to improve teachers, overhaul schools and adopt common academic standards. Texas was one of four states eligible in Category 1, which meant the state was eligible for the grant's largest award, between \$350 million and \$700 million. New York, California and Florida were also eligible for Category 1 funding. Texas was the only Category 1 state not to apply.

In a Jan. 13 press release from Perry's office, he wrote that the money should be available to states with no strings attached. It would cost Texas taxpayers \$3 billion or more to realign the education system with a standard national curriculum, according to the press release.

Brooke Terry, senior policy analyst for the Texas Public Policy Foundation, said that although it is not specifically clear that states would have to adhere to a national curriculum if they accepted Race to the Top funds, the possibility of being held to national standards prompted Perry's decision to not apply for them.

"I think there's a real fear, since we don't really know what the national curriculum looks like, that it will be lower quality than what we currently have," Terry said.

Melody Johnson, superintendent of the Fort Worth Independent School District, said that she was dis-

appointed in the governor's decision, adding that her district needs the funds, especially because of a state funding formula for public schools "fraught with problems."

She said that although the FWISD and the Austin Independent School District have the same demographics, Austin receives \$99 million more from the state because it is classified as a property-wealthy district while Fort Worth is a property-poor one.

Because of a freeze on school systems' income by the Texas Legislature at the 2005-2006 fiscal year levels, Johnson said the only way to get more money for the FWISD is to raise property taxes, which it is unlikely to do because of the current economic situation.

Johnson said the grant money could have been used by the district to create mentoring programs, open a school for boys and extend the school day and year for schools that need improvement.

Terry said that the money would not have made much of a difference because the amount distributed would be equal to spending \$75 per student, a tiny sum compared to the over \$11,000 per student per year she said the state spends.

Terry also said school districts could cut costs to make more funds available for other purposes.

"My question (to the districts) is, 'Have you really looked at how efficient you can be?'" Terry said.

The four areas states are being asked to focus on with Race to the Top funds:

- Adopting standards and assessments that prepare students to succeed in college and the workplace and to compete in the global economy
- Building data systems that measure student growth and success and inform teachers and principals about how they can improve instruction
- Recruiting, developing, rewarding and retaining effective teachers and principals, especially where they are needed most
- Turning around the country's lowest-achieving schools

Source: U.S. Department of Education, www.ed.gov

About 85 percent of a district's total costs are for personnel, and districts that pay teachers extra for just having a master's degree could save \$124.5 million by not paying that extra salary, Terry said.

"There's a lot of things they can do (to cut costs)," she said. "If you can make a difference on your employee/staffing ratios and where you decide to put people as far as what your priorities are, that can make a big difference in your budget."

YOUNG

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His trip to the shack and what he discovers changes his life.

On Young's Web site, author David Gregory described "The Shack" as "an exceptional piece of writing that ushers you directly into the heart and nature of God in the midst of agonizing human suffering."

Junior religion and social work major Erin Taylor said "The Shack" gave her a new understanding of God's love and compassion.

"Through an unbearable pain, it showed the presence of

"Through an unbearable pain, it showed the presence of God in different ways..."

Erin Taylor
junior religion and social work major

God in different ways and gave hope and comfort to those who have been through similar situations," Taylor said.

Young's publicist said the author was not available for an interview before the event.

The Shack: Is God Really This Good?

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even bigger feats.

Capua now regularly trains for and competes in a potpourri of races, ranging from 5Ks to an Ironman Triathlon. He attempted the Ironman race once before, but dropped out during the final leg. After altering his diet to better fit his training, Capua said he'll be ready to successfully tackle the 140.6-mile swim-bike-run race this fall.

If Capua has half of the belief in himself that he has in others, he should be able to fly through the finish line. His mother, Janet Capua, said he has a way of finding the hidden potential in a person. His sureness in the abilities of others allows him to help others accomplish things they never thought possible, she said.

"They won't do it for themselves necessarily, but they'll do it for him," she said. "If he tells them they can do it, they'll take that all the way to the bank, because they believe it... They're not convinced, but he's a wonderful convincer."

Maybe his degree in marketing has boosted his aptness for persuading people outside of their ring of comfort. He has done it for countless runners, and non-runners, through his coaching in TriFrogs and Team in Training, an organization that helps people prepare and fundraise for races that support blood cancer cure research.

"He'll meet somebody for the first time, he'll walk right up and introduce himself and then immediately turn the focus to them of what he can be doing to support them."

Jason Eagar
director of student programs and young alumni

Between training, coaching and teaching cycling classes at the University Recreation Center, Capua makes time to run a restaurant with his mother.

How does he do it all? His mother said he manages it all by staying true to himself and pursuing his passions.

"He knows himself well," she said. "I think he has an unbelievable amount of kindness in him and he's also kind to himself."

This kindness is evident in nearly every facet of his life. Take Z's Cafe, the restaurant he and his mother founded. The cafe at the Fort Worth Community Arts Center gives work opportunities to Samaritan House residents, people whom most companies wouldn't give a second glance. These employees are HIV-positive and come from low-income, homeless backgrounds. Many

of them require psychological or medical treatment. Capua puts the same sort of faith in his employees that he puts in those with whom he trains. It helps them find the good and the talent in themselves, his mother said.

"(There are) people who start (training who) don't know why they're out there," Capua said. "They don't think they can do it, but I know they can do it because I've seen people just like them do it before."

Eagar said Capua's dedication to helping others is evident from the first time he meets someone.

"He'll meet somebody for the first time, he'll walk right up and introduce himself and then immediately turn the focus to them of what he can be doing to support them," Eagar said.

Although people close to Capua will tell you his primary goals revolve around helping others achieve theirs, he does have a 100-mile-sized goal in the back of his mind.

He wants to run 100 miles without stopping. He said he wants to push his body to the limit the same way he has pushed others to theirs.

Don't be surprised if a couple years from now, you hear about a man who finished a 100-mile race and ran back to cheer on another runner. Capua's track record shows he isn't capable of accomplishing his goals without helping someone else along the way.

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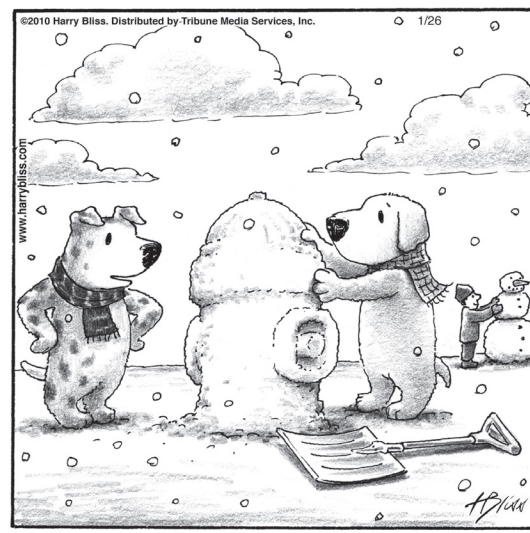
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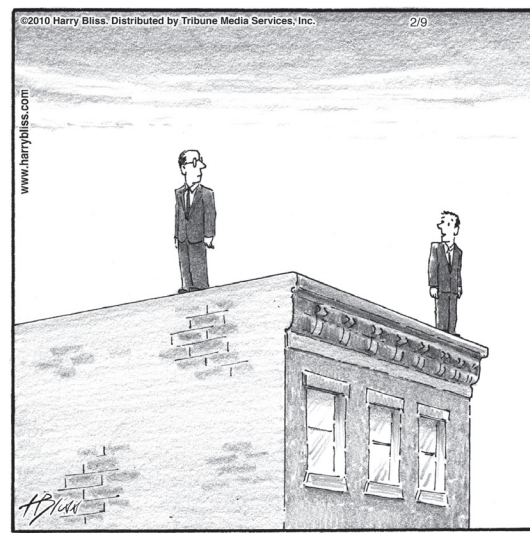
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Tri Frog running coordinator Carlo Capua instructs runners prior to a workout at Lowden Track Complex on Tuesday.

PAIGE McARDLE / Staff Writer

Local runner encourages, inspires others

By Paige McArdle
Staff Writer

A number of runners had already crossed the finish line, but a group was still running up the final hill of a 5K race last fall. Jason Eagar, director of student programs and young alumni at the university, had helped pace the group throughout the race. But during that last incline on the Worth Hills loop at TCU, it received an extra boost from someone else.

Carlo Capua had finished the race minutes ago, but appeared alongside the group out of nowhere, encouraging runners by name to give it everything they had left during that final push. Ask almost anyone who's been in a race with him and they'll tell you he did the same thing for them. When Capua crosses the finish line, he's not done with the race. It's not in his character to run a race just for himself. His motivation in finishing is to

go back and help others, said Eagar, who coaches the TCU triathlon club, TriFrogs, with Capua. Eagar met Capua in 2000 when they joined the same fraternity at TCU. He said it was obvious to him then that Capua was a genuine and passionate person. "He just gives you who he is, and it's very easy to interact with him (and) accept him for that," Eagar said. "He's very quick to accept

you for who you are." His openness and acceptance of others is not the only thing that allows him to successfully interact with people from all walks of life. His positive demeanor is highlighted by the neighborly smile that he constantly wears, said Morning Meteorite Gallery director Teresa Moss, who has trained with Capua. "His smile is one of those warm, welcoming smiles...it just immediately kind of breaks

down your defenses you might have up," Moss said. Capua, who now makes running a marathon look like a Sunday stroll, said he hated running prior to his first race. He had never been a runner, but had always wanted to finish a marathon. During his third year at TCU, his friends approached him about a marathon that would raise money for cancer research, the disease that killed his grandfather.

"It wasn't the running that got me into it," Capua said. "It was really the doing it in honor of my grandfather and the challenge." Capua wore a bracelet with his grandfather's name while training for the marathon to remind him whom he was really running for. At the time, crossing the finish line was the greatest achievement in his life, he said. Now, he's conquering

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You've Been Crushed!

While the Owls and Angels have been flying with Cupid they passed through TCU and crushed on the following list of boys and would like to invite you to their Crush Mixer this Friday, February 12, at 10:30 at Blue Mesa.

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BASKETBALL



Sophomore guard Ronnie Moss dodges a Utes defender set up by freshman forward Nikola Cerina in the Horned Frogs' game against Utah on Wednesday night. For a recap of the basketball game, go to dailyskiff.com.

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FEATURES

Health Care FOR DUMMIES

An update on health care reform

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At a Glance

As of now, the future of both health care bills remains uncertain. When Republican Scott Brown was elected to the open Massachusetts seat in the Senate on Jan. 19, the Democrats lost the 60-vote supermajority in the Senate. Republicans now have enough votes to block legislation in the chamber.

Currently, Democratic leaders are working to combine the Senate and House bills into one piece of legislation. Once together, the new bill would once again have to pass through the House and the Senate and then to the desk of President Barack Obama.

The goal now is to ensure that some form of health care reform is passed, regardless of whether or not it's through the current House and Senate bills, said first lady Michelle Obama in an interview with Larry King.

On Feb. 25, Obama and Republican leaders will attend a televised health care summit, which will include attempts at negotiations for bipartisan health care reform.

What does it mean for you?

Full-time students are covered under their parents' or guardian's health insurance until graduation. Upon graduation, the options are find a job that offers health insurance, buy private health insurance or don't get sick. In certain states, the cut-off age for coverage under a parent or guardian's health insurance is 19; however, at least 30 states have enacted legislation to expand coverage regardless of student status. The young adult must be an unmarried dependent to remain insured.

In Texas, unmarried dependents can remain under their parents' or guardian's health insurance until they are 25.



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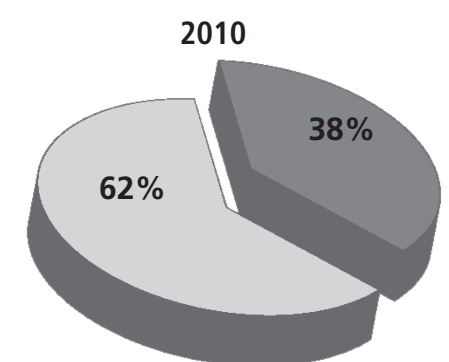
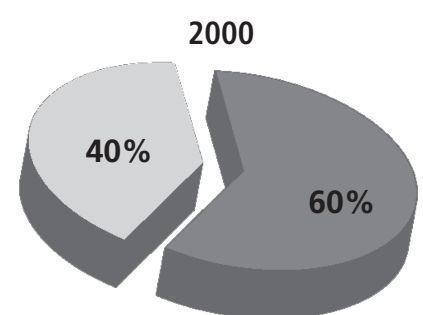
Why is there a need for reform?

- To insure most, if not all, of the people currently uninsured.
- The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office projected that the health care overhaul will save \$1.3 trillion over 20 years.
- To try to keep premium costs under control in the long term.
- The average insurance company rejects coverage to people with pre-existing conditions such as heart disease, high blood pressure, cancer, type 2 diabetes and asthma.
- To expand coverage under a family insurance plan from 19 to 26 years old.
- Insurance companies also decide how much to charge on insurance policies based on gender. Currently, women pay a higher premium than men.

The Facts

Percent of small businesses offering health insurance to employees

■ Health Insurance ■ No Health Insurance



- Roughly 55 percent of the insured currently have private coverage, and that won't change under the health care proposals.

- The number of people without health insurance coverage rose from 45.7 million in 2007 to 46.3 million in 2008.

The Bill-Breakdown

The House Bill

- Passed Nov. 8, 2009
- Cost (10-year estimate): \$1.06 trillion
- Provides \$602 billion in subsidies from 2013-2019
 - Helps cover an additional 36 million people
- Provides greater financial assistance for families and individuals making up to:
 - Individuals: \$32,490 per year
 - Family of four: \$66,150 per year
- Reduced premiums for lower income families and individuals
 - Example: A family of four making \$44,100 would pay no more than \$2,425 per year to purchase health insurance in the new health insurance market
- Adding a 5.4 percent income tax surcharge on high-income individuals and households to help pay for health care reform
 - Individuals making more than \$500,000 per year
 - Couples or families making more than \$1 million per year

What they have in common

- Both versions would mandate that most people, subject to some exceptions, be required to buy health insurance, just like people are required to buy auto insurance.
- Both would provide subsidies for low-income individuals to help them pay for health insurance.
 - Premiums, the periodic payment paid for an active insurance policy, would be reduced for lower income individuals and families.
- Both agree that some of the cost for health care reform can come from Medicare/Medicaid savings – the rest of the cost is where the bills disagree.
- Both would reform insurance laws.
 - Insurers would be barred from charging higher premiums based on a person's gender or medical history. However, both bills allow insurance companies to charge higher premiums for older customers.
 - Insurance companies would no longer exclude or reject coverage for people with pre-existing conditions.
 - Insurance companies would be prohibited from issuing lifetime caps on the amount of money insurance companies pay for people with chronic illnesses.

The Senate Bill

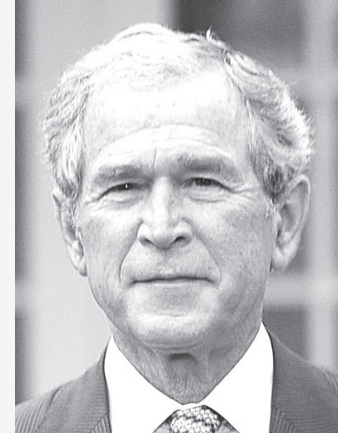
- Passed Dec. 24, 2009
- Cost (10-year estimate): \$849 billion
- Provides \$436 billion in subsidies from 2014-2019
 - Helps cover an additional 31 million people
- Provides greater financial assistance for families and individuals making up to:
 - Individuals: \$43,320 per year
 - Family of four: \$88,200 per year
- Reduced premiums for lower income families and individuals
 - Example: A family of four making \$44,100 would pay no more than \$2,778 per year to purchase health insurance in the new health insurance market
- Adding a 40 percent tax on insurance companies that provide high-cost plans valued:
 - Above \$8,500 for individuals
 - Above \$23,000 for families
 - NOTE: The tax would only apply to the difference between the values set by the bill and the actual amount of the plan.
 - Example: A \$24,000 family plan would be taxed 40 percent of the \$1,000 difference between the value set by the bill and the plan, thus the insurance company would pay \$400 in taxes for that plan.

History of Major Health Care Reform

1994 – The Clinton administration drafted the Health Security Act, a bill meant to provide universal health care, mostly behind closed doors. The Clinton administration received heavy criticism for preparing the bill without the aid of both Democratic and Republican leaders. The bill remained in debate for almost a year before it was completely shut down in September 1994.



1997 – Under the Clinton administration, Congress passed the State Children's Health Insurance Program, originally known as the Children's Health Insurance Program. It extended coverage to uninsured children and pregnant women in middle class families. As of 2006, about 65,000 children are enrolled in the program. In 2009, Obama expanded SCHIP to cover an additional 4 million children and pregnant women.



2003 – President George W. Bush signed the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act. Also known as the Medicare Modernization Act, it introduced tax breaks and subsidies for prescription drugs.