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Metropolitan Planning Organization Director Christopher Evilia presents maps and proposed amendments for the Waco Metropolitan Transportation Plan at the Waco Transit Administration building Monday. The plan includes proposed usages for money from President Barack Obama's stimulus plan.

Waco roads may lead back to work

Organization looks to transportation for local job opportunities

By Brittany Hardy Staff writer

The Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization will meet three times this week to discuss ways to improve transportation and get Texans back to work.

These three public meetings will be informal with information available as participants arrive and opportunities to ask the staff questions and fill out comment forms, in order to highlight the changes proposed to the Waco Metropolitan Transportation Plan, or MTP, and Transportation Improvement Plan and seek comments on these changes.

"I-35 is always going to be a major priority, but what about other projects? That's what will be discussed at the meetings," said Marlene Neill, City of Waco Community Promotions Specialist.

The Waco MPO meets to discuss transportation needs after they have received funding or when they are applying for funding from federal or state governments.

The community will receive funds as a result of Congress adopting the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan, according to an MPO press release, which is the formal name of President Barack Obama's stimulus plan.

"The economic stimulus plan is the plan that congress has been

debating for the last two months or so to create jobs through the building of infrastructure," said director of the MPO Christopher Evilia. "Now we have to figure out which plans could begin quickly.'

As a result of this plan, the region is set to receive about \$7 million for highways and bridges, and \$3 million for public transportation.

In these three public meet-ings, discussion will be held to determine the top priorities for using funding. The MPO staff have come up with some preferred situations, but the public will be asked to give their suggestions about how funds coming from the Waco Metropolitan Area should be used to get

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Regents approve new programs, facilities

Campus to welcome new Ph.D. program and softball complex

By Ashley Corinne Killough Staff writer

Baylor's Board of Regents approved on Friday a new doctoral program in curriculum and teaching in the School of Education and announced a naming gift from Ted and Sue Getterman of Waco for the Getterman Softball Practice Facility.

Beginning in Fall 2009, the new Ph.D. program will allow

that include mathematics education, social science education and science education. After completion, graduates will work as both teacher educators and educational researchers in local schools.

"The addition of doctoral studies will not only meet Baylor's mission of providing worldwide leadership in selected areas of expertise, but the presence of doctoral students will add value to our undergraduate teacher education program and work with local schools," said Dr. Jon Engelhardt, dean of the School of Education, in a news release building tover. The new practice facility In other business, the

will be constructed adjacent to the Getterman Stadium, which was built in 2001 with the largest gift to women's athletics in Baylor history. The multi-purpose training facility will include retractable batting cages, pitching areas and other player development resources. The board also approved the

renovation of the Baylor Tennis Center building. The project will involve improvements to the men's and women's locker rooms and lounges, the visitor's locker room and the video room, as well as other renovations to coaches' offices and the board continued discussions on the search for Baylor's next president but made no official announcements on the process.

Dr. Howard Batson, chairman of the board, said that while he brought the regents up to date on the search process, Batson said they have yet to establish a selection committee or any formal procedures.

"The one thing I'm hearing from folks on campus is that we need some time to heal," Batson said. "We're happy that things are going so well with Dr. Garland. The most common thing



Courtesy of Baylor University The Board of Regents announced a naming gift from Ted and Sue Getter-

students to specialize in fields

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man Friday for the newly approved 1.3 million softball complex. The complex will be constructed adjacent to the Getterman Stadium, as shown in the map.

Obama faces challenge with health care

The First

Editor's note: This is the second installment of the "First 100 Days" series taking a look at President Barack Obama's first months in office.

By Trent Goldston and Brittany McNamara Reporters

As 2009 commences, President Barack Obama crosses the political threshold

and comes face to face with the harsh realities of a quickly decaying America.

100 Days One of the first obstacles he must conquer is the all too familiar issue of health care, which

affects Americans of all social standings and is quickly developing into a national crisis. In an attempt to navigate through the chaos of modern politics, local experts share their opinions and provide insight.

No one has been able to establish why health care costs so much more in the U.S. for basically the same product," said Dr. Matthew Brogdon, professor of political science.

In regard to health care, the modern political landscape of the United States is fractured by two opposing mindsets. On the conservative side lies a desire to protect competition among health care providers and allow private choice to the individual citizen. In contrast to the conservatives is a progressive movement, desiring health care reform that includes

provisional health care to the public. President Obama himself rests at the more progressive side of the spectrum. Although this tension exists, all agree there is need for improvement.

"There's almost no one in Congress that doesn't want some form of health care reform," Brogdon said. "The question lies in what form it will take.'

One of the preliminary efforts in which Óbama's staff is involved is to revitalize the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). In most states, the program has been exclusive to families earning

an income at or under 180 percent below the Federal Poverty Level; which translates into an income of approximately \$30,000 to \$40,000 a year per family. Under Obama's alterations to the program, children in households of families with a cumulative income of under \$65,000 would become eligible for free health care. "Similar to public education, it is a valid social-insurance goal to ensure that children get health care, as they do an education,' said James W.

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> ployed to pay the full premium themselves, but still offered them coverage. Under the new revision to the program, the government will pay up to twothirds of the premium cost.

> One of the more controversial discussions in the Obama staff is to extend wider coverage under Medicare. With anxiety around the issue already,

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Administration appointed for auto rebuilding

By Ken Thomas and Tom Krisher The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama plans to appoint senior administration officials, rather than a single "car czar," as had been discussed, to oversee a restructuring of the auto industry.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and National Economic Council Director Lawrence Summers will oversee the across-the-government panel, a senior administration official said Sunday on the condition of anonymity because no announcement had been made.

"The president understands the importance of this issue and also understands that the auto industry affects and is affected by a broad range of economic policies," the official said.

As the teams move forward, Obama "wants to make sure that we're getting the expertise and input of agencies across the government," the official said

Obama and his aides face difficult choices on the fate of the U.S. auto industry, weighing the cost of pouring billions more into struggling companies against possible bankruptcies that could undermine plans to jump-start the economy.

General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC are racing against a Tuesday deadline to submit plans to the government.

The plans are to be followed by weeks of intense negotiations ahead of a March 31 deadline for the final versions of the reports.

GM and Chrysler are living off a combined \$13.4 billion in government loans.

If they don't receive concessions by March 31, they face the prospect of having the loans pulled, followed by bankruptcy proceedings.

Any bankruptcy would be particularly painful, with some economists predicting the country could lose 2 million to 3 million jobs this year and the unemployment rate, now 7.6 percent, could swell past 9 percent by the spring of 2010.

In television interviews Sunday, White House senior adviser David Axelrod didn't respond directly when asked if the U.S. economy could

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Editorial

Stanford Facebook course comical

There was a time when Facebook only infiltrated classrooms of colleges and universities when boredom with a lecture had set in. Well, now Facebook is the lecture ... for parents.

"Facebook for Parents" is a new course being taught at Stanford University this month and seats are filling up fast. The four-part lecture series is being offered for free to all parents with the intention of teaching subjects such as "The ABC's of Facebook."

Linda Phillips and her brother, BJ Fogg, a Stanford psychologist, are teaching the course with the intention of helping to educate parents about what their children are doing online. It is tailored for parents with children under the age of 18.

Linda Phillips cites "respon-sible parenting" as a reason behind teaching the course.

What was originally a college social networking Web site, Facebook has grown to more than 175 million members worldwide.

2004, Facebook's popularity has skyrocketed with membership spanning across countries, college campuses, high schools, business companies, households and, now with the Stanford courses, classrooms.

It's mind-boggling to think that an institution such as Stanford University would even consider offering a class solely devoted to Facebook.

Stanford, located in Palo Alto, Calif., is ranked fourth in U.S. News and World Report's Best Colleges 2009 ranking. One would think that a college of such standards wouldn't even consider offering a Facebook course, let alone actually doing it.

The university's decision to direct the course toward parents causes us to scratch our head even more.

The idea behind the class is to equip parents with tools to be more responsible for their child's online activities, but really it only translates to a recipe for trouble.

Nothing is more surreal or embarrassing than having to After being founded in contemplate accepting a friend



request from mom or dad, but it's becoming a growing trend.

According to an article by McClatchy, adults over the age of 35 account for 3.6 million, or 9 percent, of Facebook's 2007 demographics. These older users are considered the fastest growing demographic of users, according to the statistics available on the Facebook Web site.

Some parents may have the good intention of keeping track of their child's social life, but there is a fine line between parenting and snooping. By using and encouraging Facebook as a means of keeping tabs on a child, it can only lead to overstepping boundaries.

What ever happened to par-

directly in order to find out where they're going and with whom? It's silly to think that a parent would resort to Facebook in order to dig up the details of their child's Friday night.

Not to mention, there are privacy settings on Facebook that can prevent certain friends from viewing certain things. So even if parents were "friends" with their children on the Facebook, it could still mean that they could be completely out of the loop with what their child is really doing. This is all under the assumption that a child will actually accept a parent's friend request in the first place.

With younger children, it's ents talking to their children understandable that a parent

would want to keep up-to-date about online activities. With child predators constantly preying on young Internet users, it's a worry that all parents are entitled to have. It's a completely different story with older children. The boundaries of cyber space can only reach as far as profile privacy settings will allow.

It's ridiculous to think Stanford would take the time to teach the mechanics of Facebook to parents and even more ridiculous that it would be used as a tool for parenting. Nothing can replace actual interaction with a child and keeping lines of communication open. Wall posts, tagged photos and status updates can't substitute for actual parenting.

sports take

Upcoming games are no cakewalk

I'm glad the men's basketball team beat the Aggies on Saturday.

The season started out so promising. The Bears ran through all the little, inconsequential teams just as they should have. They put up a big victory over Arizona State. For the longest time, their only loss was to a Wake Forest team that was ranked No. 1 for a brief period of time.

Baylor worked itself all the way up to No. 19 by week seven of the

season and all was well. After making it to the NČAA tournament last year and having all their best players



back. the Bears were making good on the expectations most everyone had for them.

Then there was a hiccup loss to South Carolina.

The No. 19 Bears lost to the unranked Gamecocks in Waco? Yes, but they only lost by one point, it's early in the season, and every team is allowed some lapses.

So went my logic.

And my logic seemed vindicated when Baylor beat Texas Tech 73-61 in Waco to start off conference play. This was the team that's a sure bet to make it to the tournament and maybe even win a few games after all.

Then the Bears lost to the Aggies in College Station.

Uh-oh. Another hiccup? Yes, but the Aggies are a solid team. Sure they utterly dominated the Bears on the glass, but it's a tough conference and it was a road game. As long as the Bears do well at home everything should be fine.

Ágain my logic seemed solid. A close overtime victory over Oklahoma State had me worried, but the Bears pulled it out in the end and once again seemed secure in their place as one of the best teams in the Big 12. A road win over Kansas State, who has turned out to be better than most anyone thought this year, made me even more certain of the Bears' greatness. It didn't even seem out of the question that they could pull upsets against teams like Oklahoma and Iexas Then they played Oklahoma and Texas, and I was promptly put back in my place. I found the two losses in a row to be disheartening, but it wasn't the end of the world. It wasn't like we were going to lose six in a row or anything like that. Hiccup. Hiccup. Hiccup. Hiccup Six? We lost six? In a row? How did it come to this? Sure it's a tough league and some of those game were on the road but six? What is this the Titanic? It sure felt like it. If it wasn't yet, there was definitely an iceberg coming straight for the Bears in the form of a rematch with A&M. Thankfully, the H.M.S. Baylor was able to make the turn and avoid the dark frozen Aggie mass. The question now becomes how far will the ship be able to make it. It's already shown itself to be more rickety vessel than it was built up to be and the remaining schedule is still pretty vigorous. The Bears still have plenty of icy bodies in their way, most daunting of which are road games at Oklahoma State and Texas. Home games against Colorado and Nebraska won't be cakewalks either and the Bears have put themselves in a position where they need to dodge all of them. But even if they don't, I'm still glad they beat the Aggies on Saturday. A&M's visible frustration at the end of the game made the win that much sweeter. Hopefully more sweet wins are still to come. The Bears need them. Joe Holloway is a senior journalism student from Marshall and is a sports writer for The Baylor Lariat.

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point of view Asking questions elevates conversation

We are taught from an early age to silence the voice within that asks, "Why is that law?" "It just is." "Why is that tradition?" "Because it always has been." "Why do I have to do that?" "Because I said so.

Intrinsically, from the time we become conscious of the world, we know these answers are illogical, and that, on some level, they are not truth, but slowly we stop asking questions. Conformity is not simply preferable, but mandatory in order to exist in our culture.

How do we find confidence in our ideas and learn to use our immense power for good?

This thought has consistently entered my mind. My thoughts con-stantly wander back to this overwhelming question. I have brought BY BRITTANY HARDY it up to people I respect, and have been met by varied responses. "Do you have confidence in your ideas?" Most say sometimes. "When do you have the most confidence?" "When I know what I'm talking about." "When I'm around people who are my same age." "When I'm passionate about the topic or have had a lot of exposure to the idea." "What are the hindrances?" "I fear asking dumb questions." A college degree represents knowledge, but a life well lived and an affinity to go beyond surface level garners wisdom. Encourage both yourself and your peers to not succumb to the pitfalls of fearful idleness.

When a fawn begins to develop his antlers, he wrestles against the buck. Upon first attempt, the buck dominates the fawn enough to show the fawn that he is still the head of the household. As the fawn's antlers continue to mature, and the two continue to spar, the wrestling against the father becomes more and more formidable. Once the fawn's antlers are fully-grown, he has properly learned how to use them.

As college students, we have ideas, we are developing antlers, but most of us are clueless when it comes to using them. We are easily discouraged from the fight and may shy away from conversations that push us beyond comfort.

Here we are, as the leaders of the free world. Yet most of us know very little about the free world and have nearly no clue now to use the freedom and power that is in our possession. So, how do we begin to channel our knowledge into productive wisdom that engulfs the great power we have been given? How do we obtain the confidence to ask hard questions and push ourselves to a higher potential? I recently sat down with the founder of Falling Whistles, Sean Cassara. The story behind Falling Whistles is the story of Cassara's trip to the Congo, in which he met five young imprisoned boys. Cassara and a friend learned the boys were starved and beaten. The young boys told Cassara that when child soldiers are too small to hold the weapons, they're given a whistle, and put to the front line of battle

The young boys are instructed to use their whistles to create noise to scare the enemy and to then take the first line of bullets. As the young boys fall, their bodies are used as barricades.

I was overwhelmed by the magnitude of this issue, the utter depravity that exists in our world, and whether there was anything we could do about it. Cassara provided me with insightful encouragement.

I asked Cassara a few of these questions and we discussed some of these ideas. Falling Whistles suggests that people have "salon-style" discussions: open conversation in coffee shops, living rooms, and at the dinner table, questions are asked and differing opinions are welcomed.

How can you have confidence in



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your ideas if they are unable to stand up against rebuttal? The conversation in America has to be elevated to a higher level every day. Do not let today pass you by as an opportunity to use your ideas to benefit the world around you. Ask questions

Our generation is overflowing with potential, but most of us feel helpless. It is our job as citizens to be unafraid. It is our job to heal the hurt, protect the vulnerable, be the voice of the voiceless and help for the helpless.

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New Baylor staff member to help alleviate hunger issues

By Sommer Ingram Staff Writer

The Center for Family and Community Ministries is kicking off a new statewide hunger alleviation project, the Texas Hunger Initiative, with the help of a new staff member, Jeremy Everett. Everett will join Baylor later this month to serve as director of the program.

"Right now, 1.3 million people in Texas are considered hungry," Everett said. "By simply organizing the resources we already have and utilizing those, we can make some major headway toward cutting that number down."

The Baptist General Convention of Texas' Christian Life Commission is partnering with Everett and the School of Social Work to develop the capacity of

the state.

"We just strive to reach the point where everyone who is hungry has access to food."

Jeremy Everett new staff member to serve as director of Texas Hunger Initiative

Funding for the project, initially \$100,000 over three years, comes from grants and BGCT sources.

existing organizations that are we do have hunger right here addressing hunger throughout on our doorsteps and for us to join hands with the Baptist General Convention to respond to such a basic human need is where Baylor needs to be," said Dr. Diana Garland, dean of the School of Social Work. "We need to respond with research and scholarship in ways that are very practical.

Bear County, McLennan County, Val Verde County and El Paso County will serve as the pilot areas for the system. An evaluation of the current condition of these areas will be performed, and new strategies will be implemented by increasing awareness through education measures and community development.

"Baylor students will help do an assessment to figure out "For us to recognize that what each particular area needs,

where the gaps of service are, and then we'll build a plan for each," Everett said. "El Paso is one of the most underserved areas of the state – they don't even have a food bank of their own. We hope to expand their capacity.'

Everett, who has lived in San Antonio for the past five years, has a network of food providers in the area that he plans to work with to increase distribution and help with education about things like food stamps.

While living in San Antonio, Everett worked to develop the area's first social enterprise, Guadalupe Street Coffee. Located in the heart of the West Side, a historically low-income area of the city, the center provides educational support for local youth and focuses on increasing graduation rates.

"This is an area of about 200,000 people and has about a 50 percent drop-out rate," Everett said. "We worked to develop this to encourage youth to graduate not only from high school, but college as well. Once it opened we could also employ people in the community."

Everett, a Truett Seminary graduate, has been drawn to dealing with inner city issues since his days at Baylor when he worked with Mission Waco.

"Jeremy has a track record of working with communities and congregations," Garland said. "He's someone deeply committed to the Gospel.'

Everett acknowledges that this project is an ambitious task, and predicts that structures for alleviating hunger can be up and running around the state in approximately six years.

"That's not to say that we will have overcome hunger in six years, because you can overcome hunger today but then just have to do it again tomorrow," he said. "We just strive to reach the point where everyone who is hungry has access to food."

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There are currently 19 food banks around the state that have clear-cut procedures for measuring success in alleviating hunger that Baylor will adopt.

"Hunger is a failing of our society and poverty is allowing people to fall through the social web," Garland said.

"This is so much bigger than giving people free meals. It's tackling the forces that keep people hungry," Garland said. We need to be engaging across disciplines to make sure we have an impact on the intractable needs of our society."

Possible truck-sized meteor sighting unrelated to satellite collision

By Jeff Carlton The Associated Press

DALLAS - The fireball that blazed across the Texas sky and sparked numerous weekend calls to authorities was probably a meteor and not falling space junk from last week's satellite collision, officials said Monday.

The Federal Aviation Administration said the fireball appeared to be a natural phenomenon, and a University of North Texas astronomer said more specifically that it was probably a pickup truck-sized meteor with the consistency of concrete.

The object was visible Sunday morning from Austin to Dallas and into East Texas. In Central Texas, the Williamson County sheriff's office received so many emergency calls that it sent a helicopter aloft to look for debris from a plane crash.

The FAA backed off its weekend statement that the fireball possibly was caused by falling debris from colliding satellites plummeting into the atmosphere. That assertion was rebuffed Sunday when a major with U.S. Strategic Command said there was no connection to the sightings and last week's collision of satellites from the U.S. and Russia. The FAA had a weekend warn-

ing out to pilots to watch out for satellite debris but rescinded the warning Sunday, FAA spokesman Roland Herwig said.

Herwig acknowledged Monday that "we are no longer saying it might have been satellite debris.'

"We suspect a natural phenomenon, but we are not the experts on that," Herwig said.

Preston Starr, the observatory manager at the University of North Texas, said he believes the object was a carbonaceous meteor "about the size of a pickup truck. It was a slow mover, and probably has the consistency of concrete."

Such objects bombard the planet on a daily basis. Objects as large as the one spotted Sunday enter the atmosphere about eight or 10 times a year, Starr said. It was probably moving between 15,000 miles per hour and 40,000 miles per hour and was likely visible for several seconds

The object was unlikely to be satellite debris, Starr said, because the trajectory was wrong and debris would be too small and too slow for so many to have seen it during the day.

"It would have looked like a blip, and nobody would be able to notice if it were a daytime entry," Starr said.

Starr described the object as a bolide, a term used by astronomers to describe a meteor with an exploding brightness. That's the description given by those who saw the fireball, saying it was reddish orange and left a trail of white smoke

Starr said it's likely the meteor struck ground somewhere. He doubted it would have left a crater and guessed what's left of it would be smaller than the size of a fist

Emergency operators in at least six East Texas counties received calls about the object. Several people in the Dallas area reported seeing the meteor. In Williamson County, north of Austin, a sheriff's department helicopter spent 45 minutes searching for a possible plane crash after receiving numerous calls about a fireball.

'That's why we don't have any doubt that what they saw is what they saw. We are fairly certain that whatever happened, happened," said Detective John Foster, a spokesman for the Williamson County sheriff's department. "We believe them. But we couldn't find it. We tried."



Associated Press/NASA

This image provided by NASA shows an artist concept of an Iridium satellite in earth orbit. Two big communications satellites collided in the first-ever crash of its kind in orbit over Siberia Feb. 10, shooting out a pair of massive debris clouds and posing a slight risk to the international space station. An object that was visible Sunday from Dallas to Austin was probably a meteor and not debris from last week's collision, according to officials. The collision involved an Iridium commercial satellite, which was launched in 1997, and a Russian satellite launched in 1993 and believed to be nonfunctioning.



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New study reassures teens with high cholesterol levels

By Jamie Stengle The Associated Press

DALLAS (AP)- Fewer than l percent of American teens are likely to need cholesterol drugs, says a new study that offers some reassuring news on the childhood obesity front.

Last year, the American Academy of Pediatrics issued eyebrow-raising new guidelines: Doctors were urged to consider cholesterol drugs for more kids, even as young as 8, if they had high levels of "bad cholesterol,' or LDL, along with other health problems like obesity and high blood pressure.

Now, a new study published online Monday in the American Heart Association's journal Circulation helps allay concerns that "many, many" children might need to be on cholesterol drugs, said Dr. Stephen Daniels, lead author of the pediatric guidelines.

"The concern was I think, because there's an increasing level in obesity, that it would lead to higher and higher cholesterol levels. They don't seem to be going up," he said.

The new pediatrics guidance was based on growing evidence that damage leading to heart disease begins early in life.

At the same time, recent research has shown that cholesterol-fighting drugs are generally safe for children.

For the new study, research-

10,000 children who took part in a national government health survey from 1999 to 2006.

Of those, about 2,700 in the 12-to-17 group had LDL levels measured.

About 5 percent to 7 per-cent of these youth had elevated LDL

Then the researchers checked those numbers against the pediatric academy guidelines, advising other factors that should be weighed in recommending medication

*"You really are empow*ered by your diet and activity."

> Dr. William Scott Cardiologist

About 0.8 percent fit the profile of those needing treatment with cholesterol-lowering drugs to ward off future heart problems

Based on 25 million Americans in that age group, the findings translate to about 200,000 young people.

"I think it provides some perspective on the issue," said lead study author Dr. Earl Ford, medical officer in the U.S. Public Health Service.

Ford said that he'd noticed that after the academy guide-

ers looked at data from about lines came out last July, one thing missing from the debate was how many children might be affected.

"I think a lot of people thought large numbers of children were probably going to be put on medications for long periods of time," he said.

When total cholesterol levels, which include both LDL "good" cholesterol, HDL, and were measured for all ages, 6-17, researchers found that roughly 10 percent had levels that were too high.

The study doesn't provide specifics for one of the more disturbing aspects of the new pediatrics guidelines: that some children as young as 8 might need cholesterol-fighting pills.

LDL readings for children under age 12 weren't available.

However, Ford believes the results from the older group probably apply to the younger children as well.

'This just confirms that it's a conservative set of recommendations," said Daniels, pediatrician-in-chief at Children's Hospital in Denver.

Cardiologist Dr. William Scott, a pediatrics professor at University of Texas Southwest-ern Medical Center, said that unless a child has a genetic predisposition to high cholesterol, regular exercise and an appropriate diet will help keep cholesterol in check.

You really are empowered by your diet and activity," said



Basketball Jones

Baylor forward Anthony Jones hits a three point shot over Bryan Davis Saturday against Texas A&M University. The Bears won 72-68. For the full story, see www.baylor.edu/Lariat

Pilot's actions in Flight 3407 under investigation, families visit site

By Larry Neumeister and Ramit Plushnick-Masti The Associated Press

CLARENCE, N.Y. (AP)-Investigators on Monday scrutinized the pilot's actions in the final moments of Flight 3407 and tried to determine whether anything on the airplane broke mid-flight, while families of the victims placed roses at the crash

After a seemingly routine flight, the airplane endured a 26-second plunge before smashing into a house in icy weather about six miles from Buffalo Niagara International Airport on Thursday night, killing 49 people on the plane and one on the ground.

Though ice has emerged as a possible factor, the cause has remained elusive in part because there was no distress call from

the pilot, no mechanical failure has been identified and the plane was so severely damaged.

Shortly before the crash, the crew notified air traffic controllers that there was significant ice buildup on the windshield and wings even though they had turned on the plane's deicing system 11 minutes after leaving Newark, N.J

National Transportation Safety Board member Steve Chealander drew attention to the crew's actions when he said Sunday that the pilot appeared to ignore recommendations by the NTSB and his employer that the autopilot be turned off in icy conditions.

The autopilot remained on until an automatic system warned that a stall could occur, pushed the pilot's yoke forward and shut the autopilot off.

Chealander acknowledged

that it was possible that the pilot overreacted by yanking the voke back, further destabilizing the plane, but he said that was one of an almost unlimited number of possibilities.

Kirk Koenig, president of Expert Aviation Consulting of Indianapolis and a commercial aviation pilot for 25 years, said the airplane may have been in a predicament that would challenge even the most experienced pilots.

For example, if ice were forming on the wings, the pilot would want to put the nose of the plane down and increase power; if the icing were on the tail, the opposite would have been required, pulling the nose up and reducing power.

Things happened so quickly and they were so low to the ground that it would not have mattered if Chuck Yeager and

Neil Armstrong were flying the plane; there wouldn't have been a different outcome," Koenig said

The plane's deicing system was apparently working, the NTSB has said.

That system includes strips of rubber-like material on the wings and tail that expand to break up ice, then contract and expand again to break up new ice.

Aviation safety consultant Eric Doten said it is possible to turn on the system too early. Ice can form over the inflated bladders; when the bladder contracts and inflates again, it cannot inflate far enough to break up the ice, he said.

Also Monday, relatives of the victims made their first trip to the scene. They left red roses dangling from temporary fencing and in a semi-circle on the

The plane landed diagonally, with the tail toward the back of the house and the nose facing the street, allowing it to miss the homes on either side.

The destroyed home's four front steps remain standing, but lead nowhere.

"We feel it's a miracle that more houses weren't destroyed and more people killed," said Ora Ganschow, 79, who lives four blocks from the site.

Wearing blue dress uniforms, members of the Clarence Center Volunteer Fire Co. carried single long-stemmed roses ,one for each victim ,to the altar, placing them into a crystal vase as a soloist sang "Amazing Grace."

Authorities said gawkers continue to be a problem, forcing officials to again close a road that leads to the suburban Clarence neighborhood.

Three people have been arrested, including a man caught hiding behind a home and videotaping the crash site Friday.

Much of the plane has already been removed.

A crane was brought in to move the engines so investigators could determine whether the engines and their blades were intact when they hit the ground.

The captain, Marvin Renslow, 47, was believed to be handling the duties of the pilot during the final moments aboard the Dash 8 Q400 plane, operated by Colgan Air.

He had 3,379 hours of flying experience but had only flown the Dash 8 since December.

The flight's first officer, Rebecca Lynne Shaw, 24, had 2,244 hours of experience and had flown the Dash 8 for 774 hours.



Great directing can't save action-packed 'The International'



Clive Owen plays "Louis Salinger," an Interpol agent with a rocky past out to expose the corrupt International Bank of Business and Credit in the thriller "The International."

By Tyler Barnes Contributor

The tagline reads "They control your money. They control your government. They control your life. And everybody pays."

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Unfortunately, "The International" fails to control the viewer's attention for its two-hour duration. In the tradition of James Bond or Jason Bourne, "The International" aspires to be a globe trotting who-dun-it where the good guys face an impossibly powerful enemy, but flat characters, poor writing and inconsistent pacing distract from what could have been a grand action film reflecting today's distrust of banks and high finance.

Clive Owen plays Louis Salinger, an Interpol Agent with a rocky past whose partner dies

mysteriously while investigating the International Bank of Business and Credit, or IBBC. Naomi Watts plays Eleanor Whitman, a New York District Attorney and Salinger's other partner in investigating the bank.

The two attempt to expose the IBBC for funding various criminal, terrorist and war activities which range from the Russian Mob to an African Civil War. The pair travel to Germany, New York City and throughout Italy tracking leads hoping to uncover information to stop the bank.

The IBBC, however, always seems to be one step ahead of the pair. Every time the two get close to a breakthrough, something happens to the investigation so that each lead turns into another dead end. The IBBC is shown to be so powerful and far reaching that Salinger disregards international law and turns to vigilantism to try and defeat the bank.

The film is directed by Tom Tykwer, the man who brought audiences the critically acclaimed "Run Lola, Run." The directing of the film is first class. The viewer can see in every shot how much time and thought went into each scene.

For example, there is a point where hitmen hired by the IBBC face off against Salinger and NYPD detectives in the Guggenheim Museum of Art in Manhattan. The camera shots cut every few moments to follow each individual throughout the spiraling museum; this way the viewer is able to see nearly every perspective of the ensuing gunfight.

By using this montage method, Tykwer is able to create suspense through confusion by putting the viewer into the direct perspective of each detective.

Another directing and cinematography achievement is the scenery. Tykwer gives the viewer sweeping panoramas of the beautiful Italian coast, as well as a foot chase through the isolated streets and rooftops of Istanbul, which makes the bad guy being chased truly look like there is no one to help him.

The weakness is found in Eric Singer's script, which, by extension, trickles down into the performances by Owen and Watts. Singer's script does not allow the viewer to get to know the characters, let alone empathize with them.

Both actors try their hardest to give life to their respective characters, but most of the time they are wooden or static at best. When it is mentioned that Salinger's explosive temper was the reason why he left Scotland Yard for Interpol, the dialog indicates a foreshadowing that this fact will play a major roll later in the film — which it does not. The added dialogue feels trite, adds little to the overall plot and feels like a failed attempt by Singer to fill out his characters.

Also, the film is inconsistent in tone. The strained dialogue between the characters does less to advance the plot and more to drag the weight of pointless conversation into the next action scene.

Overall, "The International" exhibits high-quality filming, and the action is very satisfying. But, the poor writing and bland performances in between the action scenes drag the movie down from classic thriller to simple action movie.

Grade: B-

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters:

1. "Friday the 13th," \$45.2 million.

- 2. "He's Just Not That Into You," \$23.4 million.
- 3. "Taken," \$22.2 million.
- 4. "Coraline," \$19.1 million.

5. "Confessions of a Shopaholic," \$17.3 million.

6. "Paul Blart: Mall Cop," \$13.2 million.

7. "The International," \$11 million.

- 8. "The Pink Panther 2," \$10.5 million.
- 9. "Slumdog Millionaire," \$8.72 million.

10. "Push," \$7.3 million.

Source: imdb.com





ness and Credit in the thriller "The

Courtesy Touchstone Pictures and Jerry Bruckheimer, Inc./MCT Hugh Dancy, left, and Isla Fisher co-star in Touchstone Pictures' romantic comedy, "Confessions of a Shopaholic."

Fisher dazzles in 'Shopaholic'

By Kelli Boesel Entertainment Editor

When it comes to high-quality films, "Confessions of a Shopaholic" may not be on most critics' must-see list. When it comes to romantic comedies that are 100 percent directed at a female audience, "Shopaholic" is infectious and worth the time and money.

The film follows the life and addiction of Rebecca Bloom-

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wood (Isla Fisher), a young New York journalist who has 12 credit cards, a closet full of designer clothes and \$16,000 dollars of debt.

Rebecca's ultimate dream is to write for Alette, a high fashion magazine that is part of the Dantey-West publishing machine. After losing the job at Alette, Rebecca decides to interview at Successful Savings, another magazine in the same publishing family. She figures if she can get into the Dantey-West family, she can work her way up to Alette.

Clearly unqualified for the job at the financial magazine, Rebecca flops in the interview with the editor of the magazine, Luke Brandon (Hugh Dancy), and returns to an apartment that she shares with her best friend, Suze (Krysten Ritter). After of drunken night of

After of drunken fight of bill opening, Rebecca decides to win a job at Alette by writing an article about how shoes are like investments for women. In the same mindset, she decides to write a hate letter to Brandon at Successful Savings.

In a twist of fate, the letters get mixed up in the mail; therefore sending the hate letter to Alette and the article to Successful Savings.

Impressed with the shoe article, Brandon decides to give Rebecca the job. After a rough start where she has to Google financial terms, Rebecca starts to advise the readers on how to invest their money under the alias of "The Girl in the Green Scarf."

If it weren't for the flawless performance of Fisher, "Shopaholic" wouldn't be nearly as funny. Despite the sometimes frustrating decisions that Rebecca makes, you can't help but root for her. A quirky Fisher brings the right amount of eccentricities from her previous roles in "Wedding Crashers" and "Definitely, Maybe," and carries the movie entirely on her own.

The pairing of Fisher with Dancy is an interesting choice.

Dancy is a little bland, but his cute smile and British accent make him a passable romantic lead. Fisher and Dancy are a prime example of "opposites attract," blending his cool demeanor with her spastic charm.

When talking about a film that has the word "shopaholic" in the title, it's imperative to talk about the clothes. Patricia Field, who designed costumes for "The Devil Wears Prada" and "Sex in the City," styles Fisher in bright, bold colors. Even women who aren't particularly in tune with the latest fashion trends will leave the film liking at least one, if not multiple, outfits. Not only are the clothes beautiful, but they fit Rebecca's eccentric personality.

The greatest success of the film is the up-and-down journey Rebecca takes. Even up to the very end, audiences get the sense that her journey is really beginning, not ending. Overall, the film does exactly

Overall, the film does exactly what it sets out to do. It's a guiltypleasure romantic comedy that showcases Fisher as an endearing comedian with great clothes. It's not the greatest love story of the decade, but it's the perfect film for a night out with the girls.

Grade: B-

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Sports briefs

Baseball America tabs Volz, Miller on preseason All-America team

Juniors Aaron Miller and Kendal Volz were named to Baseball America's preseason All-America list Monday, marking the sixth and seventh times a player has garnered the nomination in program history. Volz, a right-handed pitcher from Bulverde, allowed one unearned run in 14 innings while pitching for the USA Baseball National Team this summer on his way to a stafflow 0.00 ERA.

His nomination to the first team marks the second such nomination in Baylor history. Miller, an outfielder from Channelview, was the first underclassman to lead the team in home runs (12) since Chris Durbin in 2001.

The team kicks off the season with a three-game series against the University of the Pacific, with the first game coming at 6:30 p.m. on Friday.

Danielle Wilson named Big 12 Player of the Wĕek

Junior post Danielle Wilson was named Big 12 Women's Basketball Player of the Week for her performance against Oklahoma State University and the University of Missouri.

The Bay Shore, New York native averaged 22.5 points, 12 rebounds, and 3.5 blocks per game over the two-game stretch, which saw her collect her 13th and 14th double-doubles of the season. She tallied a career-high 26 points against the Tigers on 11-of-13 shooting in leading the Lady Bears to a 29-point victory.

The team faces a rematch with senior All-American Courtney Paris and the No. 2 University of Oklahoma Sooners at 2 p.m. Saturday in Norman.

No. 2 equestrian downs No. 5 OSU

The No. 2 equestrian team continued their winning streak with a fifth consecutive victory Saturday against Oklahoma State University. With the win the team moves to 10-2 on the season and is now one win away from the Big 12 title.

The Lady Bears swept the Cowgirls 5-0 in Western Horsemanship, and junior Lindsay Douglas took home her second MVP award of the season. The team also took home a 7-3 victory in Hunter Seat, where senior Nicole Brown won MVP honors.

The Lady Bears will take on No. 12 Kansas State University Wildcats Feb. 21 at the Willis Family Equestrian Center.

Softball goes 5-0

By Nick Dean Sports writer

Baylor reclaimed the tournament trophy this weekend in the Getterman Classic with a perfect 5-0 record. The Lady Bears tallied 32 runs, including two home runs, while freshman lefthanded pitcher Whitney Canion threw 24 strikeouts.

The Lady Bears faced advanced pitching staffs, something Baylor will need to prepare for down the line.

"When you see the good pitches in the Big 12, you are going to have to extend some bats and wear (the pitcher's) arm down," Baylor softball head coach Glenn Moore said.

Senior first baseman Alex Coyler noticed the competition's vigorous pitching, too.

"We saw some great competition and the pitching staffs were really on," the Houston native said. "For our team to come out here and hit as well as we did boosted our confidence."

Senior third baseman Brette Reagan and junior catcher

Courtney Oberg both knocked balls over the fence this weekend. There hadn't been a home run from the Baylor offense since the 2007 College World Series.

"I made some adjustments to my swing," the College Station catcher said. "It was a relief, for sure.

On the other side of the game, Baylor's defense has a new addition, Whitney Canion. The Aledo native has already been a critical powerhouse for the Bears early in the season. Canion has pitched three complete game shutouts, 55 strikeouts and a total of 37.2 innings.

"Our defense has been amaz-ing," Canion said. "I would stay on the mound and throw all day

Other than her pitches, Canion's demeanor and leadership is prevalent on the diamond.

'She is a phenomenal pitcher, athlete and friend." Colver said. 'We definitely need her.'

The Lady Bears will be heading to No. 14 University of Houston Wednesday for a doubleheader.



Stephen Green/ Lariat Staff

Baylor third baseman Brette Reagan bats against the Stephen F. Austin Lady Jacks Sunday afternoon at Getterman Stádium. Reagan and the Lady Bears will head to No. 14 University of Houston Wednesday for a doubleheader.

have shot at NCAA Tournament Hardwood Bears still

By Brian Bateman Sports editor

For the men's and women's basketball teams, the regular season is coming to a close.

While that might be a relief for some squads without hope for the postseason, both the men and women have five games to impress the NCAA Tournament selection committee.

Here is a quick breakdown of the remaining games and what they mean for the Bears and Lady Bears.

Baylor men (16-9, 4-7)

The Bears are sitting at No. 8 in the Big 12 Conference. The top four teams receive automatic bids, but there's only one possible - but unlikely - scenario for the Bears to reach No. 4. Should the Bears win their

remaining games, Baylor would have a 9-7 conference record – the same record as last year. If the Bears lose once, Baylor

fans should hope it's to the University of Colorado or Iowa State University. A loss against a Big 12 North school would count less than one to a South school in terms of tiebreakers.

Should the Bears lose a game against a South team, they can finish no higher than No. 7, and a loss to the University of Nebraska will net them no higher than No. 6.

That wouldn't be the end of the road, though. Should the Bears have a winning record in their final five games, a win or two in the Big 12 Tournament in Oklahoma City would mark the Bears as a "hot team" - something the committee always likes to see in the Tournament.

Should the Bears finish 2-3 or 1-4, then the Bears best hope would be winning the Big 12 Conference Tournament. The winner of the spring break contest receives an automatic bid to the Tournament.

Baylor women (21-3, 9-2)

The Lady Bears are in much better standing than their male counterparts. Last year, a conference-record eight schools made it into the NCĂA Tournament.

With over half of the conference ranked in the AP Top 25, even a 0-5 record won't keep the Lady Bears out of the Tournament.

However, head coach Kim Mulkey still has a shot at both the Big 12 Conference title and a possible No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

The University of Oklahoma

Men's remaining schedule		Women's remaining schedule		
Saturday	@ OSU	Saturday	@OU	
Feb. 24	@ ISU	Feb. 25	vs. TTU	
Feb. 28	vs. CU	Feb. 28	@UT	
March 2	@ UT	March 4	@KU	
March 7	vs. NU	March 7	vs. TAMU	

holds a two-game lead over second place Baylor. For the Bears to win the conference title, they would need to win out and have Oklahoma fall to a member of the Big 12-South. If the Sooners lose to the University of Texas, then the winner will be chosen

by a draw. If they lose to another South school, then that universities record and Texas' record would be compared, as they defeated the Lady Bears. The school with the better record will hand the team they defeated the Big 12 regular season title.

sets record

By Julie Sessions Reporter

This weekend proved to be a big win for the Bears as the men's 4x400-meter relay team won its 33rd-straight race and set a new world-leading time at the Texas A&M Invitational in College Station.

Junior Trey Harts, sophomore Marcus Boyd, junior J.T. Scheuerman and senior Quentin Iglenart-Summers took Baylor to a 3:06.67 time first-place win over rival Texas A&M University in the fifth and final heat Saturday afternoon. "Georgia put out a good time the day before (in the 4x400), so we went out there and did what we had to do," Boyd said. "We set the state record and we're looking to set the Big 12 record at the championship in two weeks." Boyd, who ran the second leg in the relay for the men's team, clocked in a personal best time of 46.61 and recorded his first NCAA provisional time of the year. "We got in a good meet this past weekend," head coach Todd Harbour said. "The men's side with the 4x400 was a world record time and national-leading best, and Marcus Boyd in the quarter-(mile) was amazing." The women also covered substantial victory ground this weekend, with junior Danielle Bradley and freshman Cate Westenhover finishing second and third in the women's mile. Each recorded NCAA provisional qualifying times in the event,

with Bradley clocking in at an impressive 4:42.36 and Westenhover a 4:46.66.

Having just returned from the New Balance Invitational the previous weekend in New York, N.Y., and with little downtime before the A&M Invitational, keeping everyone healthy was a big challenge for the Bears in College Station. But by no means was it anything they couldn't

handle.



Women's tennis goes 1-2 in ITA Championships

Freshman Nina Secerbegovic and the women's tennis team downed No. 11 University of North Carolina, 4-3 in the opening round of the ITA National Indoor Championships in Madison, Wis., but fell in their next two matches to No. 14 University of Notre Dame and No. 8 Duke University, respectively.

The Bosnia and Herzegovina native defeated Laura Reichert, 3-6, 7-5, 6-1 in just her third dual match of her career.

In the 4-3 loss to the Fighting Irish, the team narrowly lost the doubles point after Cosmina Ciobanu and Kali Krisik defeated Taylor Ormond and Jelena Stanivuk, 9-8, in the tie-breaking match. For the match against Notre Dame, the Lady Bears went down to the wire until a near 6-4, 6-3 loss by Secerbegovic to Ciobanu that ended the match.

In the Blue Devils' upset of No. 4 Baylor, the team dropped another close match when No. 43 Ellah Nze defeated No. 32 Csilla Borsanyi, 6-2, 5-7, 6-4, on court two.

The team now heads into their Feb. 21 match with No. 15 University of Miami, Fla. with a 3-2 record.

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Quentin (Iglehart-Summers) ran the 4x400 with a 101 degree fever, and he was a warrior," Harbour said. "So after the emotional trip to New York, which took it's toll physically on us, and this past meet, we want to make sure we get the team rested up for what's up next.'

And coming up next for the Bears in two weeks is the highly anticipated Big 12 Championship. The event will take place again in College Station, and as it will include the best of the best in indoor track, keeping everyone healthy is a major priority for the Bears.

For the Big 12 Championships, we're looking for a big performance as far as distance, our relays and our individuals," Taylor said. "The important thing for us is definitely to stay healthy. We're taking this upcoming weekend off to rest up, rebuild our workouts, get back up to 100 percent and be ready

The Big 12 Indoor Championships will take place Feb. 27 and 28 at the Gilliam Indoor Track in College Station.

Baylor's results from TAMU Invitational

Men's 4x400-meter relay 1. Baylor - 3:06.67 P

2. Trey Harts - 6.72 P 3. Whitney Prevost - 6.74 P

Men's 800-meters

1. Chris Gowell - 1:50.26 P

Men's mile 2. Zac Flowers - 4:13.24 3. Marcus Boyd - 46.61 P

Women's 800-meters 3. Nichole Jones - 2:11.13

Women's mile

2. Danielle Bradley - 4:42.36 P 3. Cate Westenhover - 4:46.66 P

Women's 3,000-meters

1. Nichole Jones - 9:40.60 2. Jodi Hulett - 9:43.83

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from faculty I'm hearing on campus is 'don't rush."

In the fall, Student Government, Faculty Senate and the Baylor Alumni Association each passed a resolution requesting inclusiveness, more specifically voting rights, in the selection of the next president.

In the previous search process, these constituency groups were each represented on an advisory committee that sat in on interviews and provided input but lacked voting power.

As part of the preliminary stages for the upcoming search, Batson said he has asked certain constituency groups to choose a few representatives who might serve in some capacity in the process. But Batson has contended before that the actual selection of the president is the exclusive responsibility of the board.

"The board is very obligated to listen to the constituency

members of the Baylor family. But the board is not obligated to give them voting rights. As defined by our governing documents, selecting a president is the duty of the board," Batson said in an interview with the Lariat earlier in the week.

After reviewing the search practices of more than 20 universities, Batson said there's no one, single way of conducting a search.

He said the board intends to conduct a national search and seek input from all of Baylor's constituency groups, including the Waco community and the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

"The notion that the Baylor family was left out of the last search was folly. There are some universities that have an eclectic approach to the committee, but at the end of the day, they still have to send the recommendations to the board of regents,' Batson said. "The exact model we're going to use has not been

set forth, but to say one does not have input because one does not have a vote is a play on words and gross misperception."

Batson said he has no plans of taking the position and feels content with his current place of employment.

"I'm happy serving as the pastor of First Baptist Church Amarillo, and I'm not seeking a career change. The presidential search committee should conduct a national search to find the best possible president to lead Baylor," Batson said. "It's only natural that there might be internal candidates from the board, the administration and among the faculty, as well as external candidates being sought by the presidential search committee."

During the first week of February, the Baylor Alumni Association contracted Baselice & Associates, Inc., a third-party national research organization based in Austin, to survey a random selection of BAA members on the qualities they're looking for in Baylor's next president.

"We simply feel that surveying our members and asking for their opinion is not only constructive to an inclusive process but also the responsible way to serve as an independent voice on their behalf," said Jeff Kilgore, CEO of the Alumni Association. "At the end of the day, I think people simply like to be asked what they think and to know that it matters."

John Barry, vice president for marketing and communications, said the administration received some documents related to the survey from the Alumni Association late Thursday afternoon but has not had time to look at the materials.

"Further, it is our understanding that the BAA has not yet publicly released any of the survey findings, and so it would be inappropriate for us to comment until they do," Barry said.

Batson, who also had not reviewed the findings, said Friday he had no intentions of rely-

ing on the results as the board continues with the search process

"We don't need any third party measuring the Baylor family and telling us what the Baylor family is looking for in the next CEO. We're going to do that ourselves. We'll have fair questions, and those questions will be in such a way that we can really measure what we need to measure." Batson said.

To make the search open and inclusive, Batson announced that the board plans to set up a Web site where anyone can communicate directly with the regents and contribute recommendations or concerns.

"I wouldn't say the survey doesn't have any value, I'm just not going to spend a lot of time looking at it because we want to hear directly from the Baylor family," Batson said. "The regents didn't have the opportunity to help shape the survey, so it's probably not going to yield the information we desire.³

The board also heard from Student Government representatives on issues regarding students. In a 10-minute presentation, student body officers advocated for more improvement in the academic advising system. They highlighted cases where students have needed to prolong their education or take additional summer school courses to compensate for incorrect advisement.

Out of concern over the country's rising unemployment rates and bleak economic conditions, Student Government also lobbied for special attention on enhancing Baylor's career services

"We think Baylor has great students, and we think those great students should be able to get great jobs when they leave," said Student Body President Bryan Fonville. "The regents generally seemed interested in what we had to say, and I hope we continue those conversations as we move forward.'

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college students are left weary of what the future may hold.

"The government might as well hand you a bill on the first day of work, with a letter from Uncle Sam, requiring that in addition to taxes, we'll get you to take out a mortgage to cover unfunded liability for Medicare," Henderson said.

President Obama is no stranger to the impending crisis and see's the solution in modernizing the system.

"We'll restore science to its rightful place, and wield technology's wonders to raise health care's quality and lower its cost," said President Obama in his inaugural address.

A key administrative goal is to bring the health care system into the digital age.

"By streamlining information technology in the medical system, costs will be lowered because doctors can more efficiently diagnose patients," Brogdon said.

Transferring existing medical records into a digital format, allows patients to receive health care more easily because doctors will be able to access their records without the hassle of paperwork.

Progress in the health care issue was on its way with Obama's nominee for Secretary of Health and Human Services, Tom Daschle, until Daschle had to leave due to past tax violations.

With the sudden removal of Daschle, many Americans are left with uncertainty and confusion.

"It's not clear to me after Daschle stepped down," Dr. J. Allen Seward, department chair of finance, insurance and real estate, said. "Obama has been very middle ground, and until specific proposals emerge, most have been forced into speculation."

Any predictable change is going to be coupled with the progress of the Stimulus Package

"I would expect any significant changes to health care policy in the first 100 days to come under the auspices of economic recovery," Brogdon said. "If President Obama can associate health care reform with economic recovery, he can paint opponents of his reforms as impediments to recovery."

This type of political maneuvering will require finesse.

On the other hand, the debate over health care policy will be harder for the president to win if Republicans can disconnect it from economic recovery and tackle it as a separate issue," Brogdon said.

Now more than ever, tensions are high for the appointment of the next Secretary of HHS, in hopes that the decision will recapture the confidence of the American people.

One thing is certain, no matter what direction our country takes, we are surely moving into history

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Texans back to work.

"Waco and surrounding communities have a board where they work together on transportation issues so when we receive funding from federal or state governments, we determine how we are going to spend that. We decide our priorities and develop plans from there," Neill said.

The Waco MPO announced that they had completed work on a draft of Connections 2030-

the Waco MTP. This plan is the 25-year vision of what city future transportation needs are, Evilia said. The plan identifies necessary projects and what needs to be done to address those needs.

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and the programming of operational dollars, Evilia said. "It is a four-year-plan and we are into the second year," he

> said. For a project to appear in the plan, it has to first be included in the MTP.

"Only projects for which we have case in hand can be included in the TIP, so a lot of projects that we are thinking about can only just now be included in the TIP, and we have to decide which are the right projects to be included in this document," Evilia said.

The first meeting was held Monday.

The second meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. today at the Waco Transit Administration Building, located 301 South Eighth Street, Suite 1.

The third meeting will be held on Thursday at 6:30 p.m., at the City of Woodway Public Safety Office, 920 Estates Dr., Woodwav

Copies of the draft amendments to the MTP and Transportation Improvement Plan may be viewed online at www. waco-texas.com/mpo.htm.

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withstand a GM bankruptcy. Nor did he directly address a question about whether the Obama administration would let GM go into bankruptcy.

"I'm not going to prejudge anything. I think that there is going to have to be a restructuring of those companies. I'm not going to get into the mode of how that happens. We'll wait and see what they have to say on Tuesday," he told "Fox News Sunday.'

Executives at the two automakers have said bankruptcy is not an option because consumers would not buy cars from a company that might go out of business.

"How that restructuring comes is something that has to be determined," Axelrod said.

"But it's going to be something that's going to require sacrifice not just from the auto workers but also from creditors, from shareholders and the executives who run the company. And everyone's going to have to get together here to build companies that can compete in the future."

Enter the President's Task Force on Autos. That group will use officials from the departments of Treasury, Labor, Transportation, Commerce and Energy.

Members of the National

Economic Council, the White House Office of Energy and Environment, the Council of Economic Advisers and the Environmental Protection Agency will also be involved, according to the administration official.

Obama also plans to name restructuring expert Ron Bloom a senior adviser to Geithner.

He will not be the "car czar' pointman many labor and business leaders expected. Bloom, a former consultant to the United Steelworkers of America, will be doing much of the financial analysis for the administration.

Geithner is expected to be the only Cabinet secretary to be part of the panel, the senior administration official said. Deputy secretaries, however, would be involved.

Obama "felt it was important to have the treasury secretary as his official designee to oversee these loans," the senior administration official said.

GM spokesman Greg Martin said the company welcomed the task force.



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