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CALENDAR THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY
Rodeo: Neal McCoy, 7 p.m., Travis County Exposition Center; rodeoaustin.com.

TUESDAY
College baseball: Texas hosts Rice, 6:05 p.m., Disch-Falk Field.
Concert: Gilberto Gil, 8 tonight and Thursday, Hogg Memorial Auditorium; texasperformingarts.org.
Rodeo: Doobie Brothers, 7 p.m., Travis County Exposition Center; rodeoaustin.com.

WEDNESDAY
Execution: Henry Skinner scheduled to be put to death for triple murder in Pampa.

THURSDAY
Comedy: Rich Vos, 8 p.m. today, 8 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Cap City Comedy Club, 8120 Research Blvd.; \$5.50-\$49.95; 467-2333, www.capcitycomedy.com.

FRIDAY
Concert: Megadeth, Stubb's, doors at 6 p.m.; stubbsaustin.com.
Rodeo: Steve Wariner, 7 p.m., Travis County Exposition Center; www.rodeoaustin.com.
College baseball: Texas travels to Texas Tech, 6:30 p.m.; first of three games.
New movies: 'How To Train Your Dragon,' 'Greenberg.'

SATURDAY
Civil rights: Annual Cesar Chavez March begins at Terrazas Library (1105 E. Cesar Chavez St.) and ends at City Hall (301 W. Cesar Chavez St.); includes music, poetry and speakers; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Concerts: Long Center Second Anniversary Celebration with Hall & Oates, 8 p.m.; thelongcenter.org. Jerry Jeff Walker, 8 p.m., Paramount Theatre; austintheatre.org.
Rodeo: Kevin Fowler, 7 p.m., Expo Center; www.rodeoaustin.com.

SUNDAY
Music: A Service of Silence, Sacred Music and Sacred Texts, featuring Conspirare Symphonic Choir, 5 p.m.; St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 8134 Mesa Drive; free; www.stmattsaustrin.org.
Anniversary: Armstrong Community Music School celebrates 10 years with an open house, 2 to 5 p.m., 901 Barton Springs Road; 472-5992, www.austinlyricopera.org.

CONGRESS

House approves health care bill



Charles Dharapak ASSOCIATED PRESS

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- GOP, tea party leaders distance themselves from protesters who taunted lawmakers with racial, gay slurs, **A4**
- What the health care overhaul could mean to your wallet, **A4**
- Area lawmakers weigh in on the health care legislation, **A5**

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From left, Rep. Steny Hoyer, Rep. John Lewis, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Rep. John Larson head to the Capitol to vote on the health care overhaul Sunday. The bill passed the House 219-212 after weeks of intense wrangling for votes.

Landmark legislation will help insure millions; GOP united against overhaul

By David Espo
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Democratic-controlled Congress approved historic legislation Sunday night extending health care to tens of millions of uninsured Americans and cracking down on insurance company abuses, a climactic chapter in the century-long quest for nearly universal coverage. A second, smaller measure — making changes in the first — passed later Sunday 220-211. It now goes to the Senate, where it needs a simple majority to pass. Widely viewed as dead two months ago, the initial bill cleared the House on a 219-212 vote. Republicans were unanimous in opposition, joined by 34 dissident Democrats. Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, was the only member of the Central Texas delegation to

vote for the bill.

President Barack Obama watched the vote in the White House's Roosevelt Room with Vice President Joe Biden and about 40 staff aides. When the long sought 216th vote came in — the magic number needed for passage — the room burst into applause and hugs. An exultant president exchanged a high-five with his chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel.

Democrats also turned back a Republican attempt to undo passage of the bill. The vote was 232-199 against the GOP effort.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said the legislation awaiting the president's approval would extend coverage to 32 million Americans who lack it, ban insurers from denying coverage on the basis of pre-existing medical conditions and cut deficits by an estimated \$138 billion over a decade. If realized, the expansion of coverage would include 95 percent of all eligible individuals under age 65.

Across hours of debate, House

CENTRAL TEXAS ■ TRANSPORTATION

Challenges remain as MetroRail gets rolling

Paying for expansion, other area projects won't be easy

By Ben Wear
AMERICAN-STATESMAN STAFF

So, if you're reading this after 5:25 a.m. today, MetroRail is a rolling reality. Really. Finally.

But now, as the saying goes, comes the hard part. For Capital Metro, its image battered by the serial delays getting the Red Line open, the agency faces the week-to-week, month-after-month challenge of making 19 daily one-way runs between Leander and downtown Austin safely and efficiently. And the transit authority, its savings depleted by the \$105 million MetroRail project and other new facilities built in recent years, must find the money somehow to expand the line's meager capacity.

Money is likewise the challenge for the City

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See videos and photos and check out a passenger's guide to help you get around on Central Texas' new commuter rail.

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TRAVIS COUNTY ■ CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Gobert trial spurs security changes at jail

Officials are searching guards, might paint over cell windows

By Steven Kreytak
AMERICAN-STATESMAN STAFF

From the window of his cell in the downtown Travis County Jail, Milton Dwayne Gobert noted the type of truck a guard in his cellblock drove to work and where in the county garage that jailer parked, according to testimony at Gobert's capital murder trial this month.

Gobert had intended to kill the jailer, take his keys and escape in his truck as part of an elaborate jail-break plan, according to the testimony.

That plan never materialized, and Gobert is now on death row for the 2003 killing of Mel Kernena Cotton, his ex-girlfriend's friend, who was stabbed and cut 107 times. But the plan's disclosure during Gobert's recent trial has Travis County sheriff's office supervisors considering painting over the jail windows to keep inmates from seeing out.

The idea is among a series of improvements being considered or implemented in the wake

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Milton Dwayne Gobert
Killer had plan to escape jail, according to testimony.

U.S. MILITARY

Updated Cold War spy plane dodges retirement

U-2 can detect roadside bombs, intercept phone calls in Afghanistan

By Christopher Drew
THE NEW YORK TIMES

The U-2 spy plane, the high-flying aircraft that was often at the heart of Cold War suspense, is enjoying an encore.

Four years ago, the Pentagon

was ready to retire it. But Congress blocked that move, saying the plane was still useful. And so it is. Because of updates and changes in the use of its powerful sensors, it has become the most sought-after spy craft in a very different war in Afghanistan. As it shifts from hunting for nuclear missiles to detecting roadside bombs, it is outshining even the unmanned drones in gathering a rich array of intelligence used to fight the Taliban.

All this is a remarkable change

from the U-2's early days as a player in U.S.-Soviet espionage. Designed to find Soviet missiles, it became famous when Francis Gary Powers was shot down in one while flying across the Soviet Union in 1960 and again when another U-2 took the photographs that set off the Cuban missile crisis in 1962. Newer versions of the plane have gathered intelligence in every war since then and still monitor countries such as

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Similar to bocce ball, French game petanque has loyal local following

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