



TEXAS WEEK with Rick Casey

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Texas Week with Rick Casey brings you this week's most important stories, people and issues, in depth.

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San Antonio is working on a sustainability plan to prepare for the over one million additional people who will call our area home in the next twenty five years. Other city plans are focused on comprehensive planning and transportation. Public meetings are being held around the city in order to gather input on issues such as air quality healthy food even ways to increase the number of trees.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Douglas Melnick, Chief Sustainability Officer, City of San Antonio; Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief/The Texas Tribune

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COPS/Metro, the community organization once considered radical, turns 40 this year. By the time the legendary Good Government League was half that old, it was dead. The death of COPS/Metro has frequently been forecast, but leaders say they are not only still kicking, but are growing.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Maria Tijerina, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Leader; Jorge Montiel, Lead Organizer, COPS/Metro; Ross Ramsey, Executive Editor/The Texas Tribune

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First air date/time: February 12, 2016 8pm

San Antonio is growing — and proud of it. But a side effect is that it appears we are about to lose our standing as one of the largest cities that doesn't violate federal clean air standards. We'll hear about the implications from an air quality expert with the Alamo Council on Governments and the San Antonio Express-News's environmental reporter.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Brendan Gibbons, Reporter, San Antonio Express-News; Brenda Williams, Natural Resources Director, AACOG; Evan Smith, CEO/The Texas Tribune

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First air date/time: February 19, 2016 8pm

When Ruth Jones McClendon took early retirement from her long held state representative seat late last year due to health problems six candidates threw their hats in the ring to replace her. Early voting starts soon for a runoff between the two survivors who are Barbara Gervin Hawkins and Mario Salas. We will talk with both about the issues in the campaign.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Barbara Gervin-Hawkins, (D) Candidate for State Representative #120; Mario Salas, (D) Candidate for State Representative #120; Evan Smith, CEO/The Texas Tribune

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Four years ago Republican Susan Pamerleau won election as the first female sheriff in Bexar County. She had no opponent in the Republican primary. Two Democrats are in a runoff to challenge Pamerleau in November. Early voting begins Monday and election day is a week from Tuesday. Both Democrats are veteran law enforcement officers and they are here to talk about the race.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Javier Salazar, Democratic Candidate for Bexar County Sheriff; Andy Lopez, Democratic Candidate for Bexar County Sheriff; Evan Smith, CEO, The Texas Tribune

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First air date/time: March 4, 2016 8pm

Alamo Heights student David Molak committed suicide last January after months of Internet taunts and name calling. It was enough that law enforcement officials investigated possible charges of cyber bullying. Last week District Attorney Nico LaHood announced no indictments would be sought because there was insufficient evidence under current laws. State Senator Jose Menendez says he wants to fix that in the next legislative session.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Nico LaHood, Bexar County District Attorney; Jose Menendez, State Senator, San Antonio; Ross Ramsey/Executive Editor, The Texas Tribune

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Kelton Morgan, Republican Strategist; Christian Archer, Democratic Consultant; Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief/The Texas Tribune

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First air date/time: March 11, 2016 8pm

: Texas is still recovering from dramatic family-planning cuts made four years ago. Those cuts devastated the women's health safety net. While Texas continues to face the challenge of restoring the safety net for women's preventive health care two new programs will be coming out in July to help improve access to basic health screenings and preventive care.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Janet Realini, MD/President, Healthy Futures of Texas

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First air date/time: March 18, 2016 8pm

Long-time San Antonians know Ernesto Cortes as the man who 40 years ago built Communities Organized for Public Services, or COPS, into one of the most powerful community organizations in the nation. In the decades since, Cortes has organized similar organizations that have won victories at city halls around the state throughout the Western half of the nation. Now he is initiating a more ambitious effort — a statewide coalition to alter the political currents of the Texas Legislature.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Ernesto Cortés, Executive Director, West/Southwest IAF Regional Network

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What is the state of Muslim San Antonio in the wake of the shootings in Orlando? Would it surprise you to learn a Muslim delegation attended an LGBT rally to mourn the tragedy? Joining us this week is a Muslim leader to discuss the Orlando killings and recent events in San Antonio.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Sarwat Husain, President of the Council on American-Islamic Relations