



TEXAS WEEK with Rick Casey

30 minute weekly news program

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

Program number: 425

Program length: 26:46

First air date/time: July 11, 2014 8pm

Program description: Mayor Julian Castro was confirmed overwhelmingly by the Senate this week and will be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. San Antonio could have an interim mayor to serve until next May within two weeks. We will have one of the two leading candidates tonight and the other next week.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Ray Lopez, City Councilman, District 6; Ross Ramsey/Executive Editor/The Texas Tribune

Program number: 426

Program length: 26:46

First air date/time: July 18, 2014 8pm

Program description: By this time next week, San Antonio should have a new Mayor. Julian Castro intends to resign on Tuesday before taking over as the new Housing and Urban Development Secretary for President Obama. Once that happens, the remaining council members will vote for one of their own to serve as interim Mayor until the May 2015 City elections. Technically, while all ten council members are eligible, we have identified two front runners for the office. Last week, we spoke with District 6 Councilman Ray Lopez and this week, we focus on District 2 City Councilmember, Ivy Taylor.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Ivy Taylor, San Antonio City Councilmember, District 2; Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief/The Texas Tribune

Program number: 427

Program length: 26:46

First air date/time: July 25, 2014 8pm

Program description: San Antonio finds itself in another summer of water restrictions. The drought has not broken and there is a call for the San Antonio Water System to add additional water sources. SAWS

has responded in ways we could not have imagined twenty years ago. We are treating brackish water while storing water in wet times in a nearby aquifer and buying huge amounts of water from profit making companies.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Robert Puente, President & CEO/San Antonio Water System; Ross Ramsey, Executive Editor/The Texas Tribune

Program number: 428

Program length: 26:46

First air date/time: August 1, 2014 8pm

Program description: This past week saw a stunning reversal of the streetcar proposal for San Antonio. In advance of a report from the city on the validity of petition signatures that might have forced a public vote on the project, San Antonio's new mayor, Ivy Taylor, announced the city was backing out. County Judge Nelson Wolff, one of the project's most vocal cheerleaders, said county-appointed members of the VIA board would also be asked to cancel the project. What led to the decision, and what are the ramifications -- both for VIA and for the broader political lay of the land?

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Vianna Davila, Transportation Reporter, San Antonio Express-News; Gilbert Garcia, Opinion Columnist, San Antonio Express-News; Ross Ramsey, Executive Editor/The Texas Tribune

Program number: 429

Program length: 26:46

First air date/time: August 8, 2014 8pm

Program description: The U-S Congress is on a five week vacation after approving a House bill that Republican supporters said would solve the ongoing humanitarian crisis on the border. But it clashed with a bill passed by Senate Democrats. Even in the highly unlikely event that the House bill passed in the Senate, President Obama promised to veto it. Meanwhile, immigrants from Central America continue to cross the U.S.-Mexico border in south Texas, seeking asylum in the United States.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Henry Cuellar, U.S. Representative, 28th District; Joaquin Castro, U.S. Representative, 20th District; Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief/The Texas Tribune

Program number: 430

Program length: 26:46

First air date/time: August 15, 2014 8pm

Program description: It certainly isn't the first time a professional football team has raised local sports fans hopes by showing interest in moving here.. then, signing new contracts in their home cities. We seem to be the ultimate bargaining chip. Currently, the Oakland Raiders are the latest to join this club. That being said... it looks like local leaders are mounting a full court press to try and make it happen this

time. We'll hear from two Express-News reporters who are leading the pack when it comes to exclusive reports on this story.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Josh Baugh/Senior Reporter, San Antonio Express-News; Tom Orsborn/Sports Reporter, San Antonio Express-News; Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief/The Texas Tribune

Program number: 431

Program length: 26:46

First air date/time: August 22, 2014 8pm

Program description: Last week's indictment of Governor Rick Perry is being called a political persecution by his Republican allies and flimsy by even some Democrats and liberal media. We'll check it out with two top Austin reporters who have been covering the story.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Peggy Fikac, Austin Bureau Chief, San Antonio Express-News; Jay Root, Reporter, The Texas Tribune; Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief/The Texas Tribune

Program number: 432

Program length: 26:46

First air date/time: August 29, 2014 8pm

Program description: Uber and Lyft are two ride sharing companies that let customers use a smart phone app to get rides. The rides are provided by part time drivers who use their personal cars to offer services. The city's transportation code currently does not allow for such a free-wheeling set-up. Even so, Uber and Lyft are operating in town while the city decides whether to change the code or to shut down their operations.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Shirley Gonzales, City Councilmember, District 5; Ron Nirenberg, City Councilmember, District 8; Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief/The Texas Tribune

Program number: 433

Program length: 26:46

First air date/time: September 5, 2014 8pm

Program description: The way we fund our schools in Texas has been ruled unconstitutional.... Again. Last week, District Judge John Dietz ruled the system not only violates the law in how it funds schools, but also in the way it distributes money to the districts... and, oh yes, there's that matter of creating a de facto state property tax. Attorney General Greg Abbott is looking to the state supreme court to overrule the judge... but if that doesn't happen.. it will be up to state legislators to come up with something when then convene in January.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Brian Woods, Superintendent, Northside School District; Scott Hochberg, State Representative, Committee on Public Education; Ross Ramsey, Executive Editor/The Texas Tribune

Program number: 434

Program length: 26:46

First air date/time: September 12, 2014 8pm

Program description: If you drive anywhere near the Eagle Ford where record amounts of oil and natural gas are being brought to the surface, you'll probably see flames atop many pipe stacks. These stacks are "flaring" natural gas. Two reporters from the San Antonio Express-News recently conducted a yearlong investigation into the environmental impact of this flaring. As a result, the top Bexar County official is calling for state agencies to look into it as well.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: John Tedesco, Investigative Reporter, San Antonio Express-News; Jennifer Hiller, Reporter, San Antonio Express-News; Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief/The Texas Tribune

Program number: 435

Program length: 26:46

First air date/time: September 26, 2014 8pm

Program description: Over the past few decades thousands of veterans have returned to live in San Antonio -- from Vietnam, from Afghanistan, from Iraq. They all have stories, but relatively few of us get to hear them. Playwright Jonathan Wei has come up with an innovative way to help us. He turns veterans into actors and their stories into theater. The San Antonio Telling Project opens at the Tobin Center Wednesday. After you hear from Mr. Wei and from one of his veteran/actors, chances are you'll want to go.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief, The Texas Tribune; Jonathan Wei, Executive Director, The Telling Project; Donna Engeman, Survivor Outreach Services Program