



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: 414

Program length: 26:46

First air date/time: April 4, 2014 8pm

Program description: Beginning this fall, the core curriculum at the Alamo Colleges will change. A humanities course requirement will be replaced with a learning framework course called E-D-U-C 1300. It focuses on leadership strategies including those outlined in Stephen R. Covey's book, "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People." Faculty members and even the presidents of all five colleges in the system are opposed to the change. Bruce Leslie, the chancellor of the district, ordered the change, saying it is part of a broader effort to align students' education with workforce needs. Now, the dispute has attracted the attention of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, which accredits four of the district's five schools. In mid-March, it sent letters to district officials asking for an explanation of the process and of the reasons.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Celita DeArmond/President, American Assoc. University Professors at SA College; Craig Coroneos/Instructor of Humanities/Northwest Vista College; Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief/The Texas Tribune

Program number: 415

Program length: 26:46

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

Program description: The commander of Fort Hood announced that Ivan Lopez, the soldier who killed four and wounded 16 people last week, was being treated for P-T-S-D or Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Since that tragedy last week at the Killeen Army base, veterans and doctors who treat this malady have been debating the diagnosis and the stigma. Express-News columnist Roy Bragg reported from Killeen last week that the locals blame the mental health problems of troops on the Army's policy of using a smaller number of soldiers to do more work. They point to suicides, family violence and child-abuse cases that have reached alarming levels.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Roy Bragg/Columnist, San Antonio Express-News; Ross Ramsey, Executive Editor/The Texas Tribune; Harry Croft, MD/Psychiatrist

Program number: 416
Program length: 26:46
First air date/time: April 18, 2014 8pm

Program description: What started out earlier this year as a fight on the social media site, "Twitter" was played out earlier this week as a televised debate. San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro and Republican Lt. Governor Front-Runner Dan Patrick confronted each other over the topic of immigration. Castro advocates granting legal residency to young people brought by their parents into the United States without papers. Patrick, a tea party-backed radio talk show host has condemned what he calls the "invasion" of immigrants coming across the Texas Border. Tonight, we'll present some of their arguments and analyze the debate.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief, the Texas Tribune

Program number: 417
Program length: 26:46
First air date/time: April 25, 2014 8pm

Program description: With its extension from Brackenridge Park on the north to the last of four missions on the south, the 13-mile San Antonio River Walk has become one of America's great linear parks. But some low-income residents of a mobile-home community not far from downtown are not expected to enjoy the new amenities. A developer wants to build a \$75 million, 600 unit complex but there's a problem. In order to do so, an estimated 300 residents, mostly senior citizens, will be displaced and some may not be able to afford their next home. The controversy has intensified the city's discussion of the issue of gentrification, the process of older, often inner-city neighborhoods attracting affluent buyers with a mixed impact on lower-income residents.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Gilbert Garcia/Opinion Columnist, San Antonio Express-News; Mike Greenberg, Former Express-News Columnist, Author "The Poetics of Cities"; Ross Ramsey, Executive Editor/The Texas Tribune

Program number: 418
Program length: 26:46
First air date/time: May 2, 2014 8pm

Program description: San Antonio has seen three separate threats of violence in the past week on local school campuses. A city-wide threat last week caused many parents to keep their children home rather than risk the consequences. Then, two threats this past week at a North East High School caused more absences. Fortunately, in each case, no one was hurt and in one case, a suspect was arrested after being caught with weapons on campus. But the damage to the school district's bottom line may be much worse. The reason? Some state education funding is tied to attendance and when the kids aren't in school, the district's lose money... in this case.. millions of dollars.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Mike Villarreal, State Representative, District 123; Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief, The Texas Tribune.

Program number: 419

Program length: 26:46

First air date/time: May 9, 2014 8pm

Program description: Call it a streetcar named politics. The firefighters' union is fighting it. The billionaire Koch brothers may drop big bucks to try to kill it. And it is expected to be the centerpiece of Republican Carlton Soules' campaign to unseat longtime County Judge Nelson Wolff. We'll talk to two journalists who have been following the twists and turns.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Gilbert Garcia/Metro Columnist, San Antonio Express-News; Vianna Davila/Transportation Reporter, San Antonio Express-News; Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief/The Texas Tribune

Program number: 420

Program length: 26:46

First air date/time: May 16, 2014 8pm

Program description: It has been said that the fundamental question of all political issues is this: Who pays and who benefits? That is certainly the case with a current controversy at City Hall. The San Antonio Water System has voted 6-1 to more than double certain fees charged to real estate developers to cover the increased costs to the city of providing water and sewer service to new subdivisions and commercial developments. An advisory committee made up largely of developer interests had voted 11-1 for smaller increases in the fees. City council will make the final decision this month.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Amy Hardberger/ Water Law Professor, St. Mary's Law School, SAWS Capital Improvements Advisory Committee (CIAC) Susan Wright, Susan Wright/ District 2, Capitol Improvement Advisory Committee, (CIAC)

Program number: 421

Program length: 26:46

First air date/time: May 23, 2014 8pm

Program description: Mayor Julian Castro is likely to be the new secretary of Housing and Urban Development. He has denied any interest in the job in the past but that has apparently changed. Meanwhile at least seven council members already appear eager to replace him with an uncounted number of politicians from outside City Hall exploring their possibilities.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Josh Baugh, City Hall Reporter, San Antonio Express-News; Gilbert Garcia, Opinion Columnist, San Antonio Express-News; Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief/The Texas Tribune

Program number: 422
Program length: 26:46
First air date/time: May 30, 2014 8pm

Program description: It's been one of the stranger political run-off seasons in memory. The Democratic side drew little attention, with only one state-wide race. In it a little-known businessman faced a woman who compares the leader of her party, President Obama, to Adolf Hitler. On the Republican side, a candidate who didn't make the run-off in the important lieutenant governor's race released 30-year-old psychiatric records of the front-runner. And in the important attorney general's race, the front-runner virtually went into hiding after records surfaced showing he had been fined for securities violations.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief/The Texas Tribune; Ross Ramsey, Executive Editor/The Texas Tribune

Program number: 423
Program length: 26:46
First air date/time: June 6, 2014 8pm

Program description: It is a huge federal agency tasked with providing care and assistance to America's veterans. Now, the Veterans Administration is under fire after allegations are made that delays in treatment are causing many veterans to die. The VA budget has been increased, but the demand may be too great when you combine the older veterans with the younger ones coming home from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Sig Christenson, Military Reporter, San Antonio Express-News; Queta L. Marquez, Bexar County Veterans Service Officer

Program number: 424
Program length: 26:46
First air date/time: June 27, 2014 8pm

Program description: Tens of thousands of immigrant, unaccompanied children are pouring into Texas and across the southwest U.S. border. Republicans and Democrats agree this is a humanitarian crisis... Texas Senator Ted Cruz and Texas Attorney General and Republican Gubernatorial Candidate Greg Abbott were in San Antonio this week blaming the surge on President Obama's policies. But is it more complicated than that?

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Jonathan Ryan, RAICES Executive Director; Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief/The Texas Tribune