



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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In the first of a series focusing on key area races in the March 1 primary election, we'll hear from both House Speaker Joe Straus and his chief opponent, Tea Partier Jeff Judson.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Jeff Judson, Candidate, State Representative, District 121, Joe Straus, House Speaker, District 121; Ross Ramsey, Executive Editor/The Texas Tribune

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First air date/time: February 5, 2016 8pm

Last year Trey Martinez-Fischer and Jose Menendez faced off in a special election to replace State Senator Leticia Van de Putte. It was an expensive and high profile campaign by both. Now they are in a rematch and they'll be here to talk about it.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Trey Martinez-Fischer, State Representative, District 116; Jose Menendez, State Senator, District 26; Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief/The Texas Tribune

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Ten years ago, Carlos Uresti defeated long time Senator Frank Madla for a seat in the Texas Senate. Madla died in a house fire a few months after the defeat. Now his widow, Helen Madla, a South San School Board Trustee, is challenging Uresti. Is this more than a grudge match?

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Helen Madla, Candidate, State Senate, District 19; Carlos Uresti, State Senator, District 19; Ross Ramsey, Executive Editor/The Texas Tribune

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

San Antonio in recent weeks has become part of a national conversation on accountability of police officers. This week the family of a man who was killed by an officer who thought his cell phone was a gun. Earlier we learned of a man who was permanently injured by officers who beat him severely, mistakenly thinking he was a suspect they had been chasing.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Mike Helle, President, San Antonio Police Officers Association; Evan Smith, Editor in Chief, The Texas Tribune.

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First air date/time: February 26, 2016 8pm

The School Boards of two San Antonio school districts are targets of the Texas Education Agency. In both cases, the boards are unable to work together and allegations were made that a majority of one board possibly had broken the law. We will look into what is being done to address the problems.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Rey Saldana, SA City Councilman, District 4; Ross Ramsey, Executive Editor/The Texas Tribune

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

The votes from Super Tuesday are in — so what did San Antonians and Texans have to say? In two high-profile races, San Antonians voted by large margins to keep House Speaker Joe Straus over a more militant Republican challenger and State Senator Jose Menendez over a more moderate Democratic challenger.

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

: Police Chief William McManus wants to be part of a national effort to reform police culture. As police union president Mike Helle made clear here a couple of weeks ago the union is not pleased. It has scheduled a vote of no confidence in McManus. The chief join us to respond.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: William McManus, Chief, San Antonio Police Department; Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief/The Texas Tribune

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

San Antonio's footprint is just under 500 square miles. It is the state's second largest and the nation's 7th largest city. And it's about to become even larger. How much, will soon be determined once questions are answered about the current annexation plans. Mayor Ivy Taylor joins me to help answer some of those questions.

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

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First air date/time: March 25, 2016

For many years the San Antonio Independent School District seemed to be so focused on meeting state mandates to do better with low-performing students that it did virtually nothing for high achieving students. As one father told me, "My son was no problem, so they put him on a shelf." In more recent times, the districts have started a number of initiatives to raise the ceiling as well as the floor. But none has been as ambitious as a new academy which will challenge high-achieving students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Pedro Martinez, Superintendent, SAISD; Lisa Riggs, Director of Curriculum and instruction, SAISD; Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief/The Texas Tribune