



**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: 619

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First air date/time: July 1, 2016 8pm

The Supreme Court overturned a Texas law that had shuttered roughly half the abortion clinics in Texas and threatened to cut the number in half again. We will talk to the head of the largest abortion clinic in South Texas about the practical results of the decision by the high court.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Jeffrey Hons, CEO, Planned Parenthood of South Texas; Ross Ramsey, Executive Editor, The Texas Tribune

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First air date/time: July 8, 2016 8pm

In the next 25 years Bexar County is expected to add a stunning 1.1 million people to the 1.9 million who already live here. And you thought traffic congestion was bad now. Mayor Ivy Taylor, an urban planner by training, a year and a half ago kicked off a process to develop a new master plan to deal with this and other problems related to such growth. Council is expected to vote on the massive plan late this summer. We'll hear from the lead Express-News reporter for a 24-page special section that lays out the landscape for this growth and the issues in dealing with it.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Vianna Davila, Reporter, San Antonio Express-News; Evan Smith, CEO, The Texas Tribune

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First air date/time: July 15, 2016 8pm

San Antonio's skyline is about to get a stunning new headquarters for Frost Bank designed by Cesar Pelli, one of the world's great architects. But this is only part of the plans by Rackspace billionaire Graham Weston and his small real estate team to revitalize the seamy northwest side of downtown.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Randy Smith, President, Weston Urban; Irby Hightower, Principal, Alamo Architects; Ross Ramsey, Executive Editor, The Texas Tribune

Program number: 622  
Program length: 26:46  
First air date/time: July 22, 2016

For the past two weeks the San Antonio federal courthouse has been flooded with tales of gruesome murders and widespread bribery of government officials. But why was the dirty laundry of the vicious Zeta Cartel being displayed in San Antonio and what lessons should we draw from it.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Jason Buch, Staff Writer, San Antonio Express-News; Guillermo Contreras, Senior Reporter, San Antonio Express-News; Evan Smith, CEO/The Texas Tribune

Program number: 623  
Program length: 26:46  
First air date/time: July 29, 2016 8pm

It should not be a surprise that as an African-American mother, Ivy Taylor believes that black lives matter. As the mayor of the nation's seventh largest city, she also is very concerned about the effectiveness, safety and morale of police officers. Mayor Taylor will join us to talk about efforts to improve both sides of what some people -- on both sides -- see as a chasm.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Ivy Taylor, San Antonio Mayor; Evan Smith, CEO, The Texas Tribune

Program number: 624  
Program length: 26:46  
First air date/time: August 5, 2016 8pm

We may learn as early as next week whether members of San Antonio's police union have ratified the long-sought contract. But this week a member of City Council announced that he couldn't. We'll hear from Councilman Rey Saldana about why he isn't signing on.

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

Program number: 625  
Program length: 26:46  
First air date/time: August 12, 2016 8pm

San Antonio's mayor and City Council this week voted on an extensive plan to deal with as many as a million new residents over the next 25 years. But was the plan strong enough to deal with issues of sprawl and protection of the environment? We'll hear from two councilmen who took opposing positions during the deliberations.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Ron Nirenberg, City Council, District 8; Joe Krier, City Council, District 9; Ross Ramsey, Executive Editor, The Texas Tribune

Program number: 626  
Program length: 26:46  
First air date/time: August 19, 2016 8pm

State Representative Diego Bernal visited all 55 public schools in his district this summer. He met with principals and teachers and asked them what would make help you do your job better. His hope was that he could persuade his legislative colleagues to provide some of those things.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Diego Bernal, State Representative, District 123; Evan Smith/CEO/The Texas Tribune

Program number: 627  
Program length: 26:46  
First air date/time: August 26, 2016

After two years of often bitter negotiations and a court fight, San Antonio's police union has overwhelmingly ratified a new contract. City Council will vote on that contract this week, but not without controversy. City Manager Sheryl Sculley will join me to discuss the contract and the issues surrounding it.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Sheryl Sculley, SA City Manager; Evan Smith, CEO, The Texas Tribune

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Program length: 26:46  
First air date/time: September 2, 2016

Bexar County District Attorney Nico LaHood stunned many San Antonians this week by appearing in a video asserting forcefully that vaccinations cause children — including his son — to contract autism. In the video, produced by an anti-vaccination group, LaHood asserted that the vast majority of doctors and scientists who say there is no connection between autism and vaccines are either dishonest or weak.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Lillian Ringsdorf, MD/Regional Medical Director/Texas Department of State Health Services; Luis Antonio Castagnini, MD, Santa Rosa Children's Hospital

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Program length: 26:46  
First air date/time: September 9, 2016

The San Antonio City Council has voted to annex several suburban areas. But the size of the annexation plan proposed by staff was drastically reduced. This could signal a fundamental shift for the city which has relied heavily on annexation over the past half century to become the seventh largest in the nation.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Ron Nirenberg, City Councilman, District 8; Lew Moorman, Founder & Chairman, Tech Bloc; Evan Smith, CEO/The Texas Tribune

Program number: 630

Program length: 26:46

First air date/time: September 16, 2016

San Antonio Independent School District trustees have unanimously voted to ask their voters in the November election for tax increases with one for operating expenses and the other for capital improvements.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Pedro Martinez, Superintendent, San Antonio Independent School District; Evan Smith, CEO/The Texas Tribune

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First air date/time: September 23, 2016

A lawsuit over equal representation on the Edwards Aquifer Authority board filed by the League of United Latin American Citizens has been pending in federal court for the last two years. It is a lawsuit that is justified on its face but that could end years of water peace ending fierce battles of the past.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Roland Ruiz, General Manager, Edwards Aquifer Authority; Robert Puente, President/CEO, San Antonio Water System; Evan Smith, CEO/The Texas Tribune

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First air date/time: September 30, 2016

Right after Democrat Joe Farias resigned his state representative seat in the summer of 2015 three Democrats and three Republicans raced to replace him. The top two finishers were Democrat Tomas Uresti and Republican John Lujan. A face off in the January runoff election resulted in Lujan winning the seat by 171 votes, with a turnout of only 4 percent. The two men's November 8th rematch will draw more than 10 times as many voters.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Tomas Uresti, (D) Candidate, State House #118; John Lujan (R) Incumbent, State House #118; Evan Smith, CEO/The Texas Tribune