

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.

Program number: 723 Program length: 26:46

First air date/time: July 7, 2017 8pm

At his first City Council meeting as mayor, Ron Nirenberg led his council colleagues in voting 9-1 to work toward meeting the goals of the Paris Accord on climate change. San Antonio joins more than 300 cities in responding to President Trump's decision to withdraw from the accord. Nirenberg, together with Paula Gold-Williams, CEO of CPS Energy, will join me to discuss how they intend to turn the council's words into action.

Ross Ramsey of the Texas Tribune will join us from the Tribune's offices to talk about a landmark New Yorker article that is stirring up Austin.

And in my Last Word, I've got some advice for District Attorney Nico LaHood.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Ron Nirenberg, San Antonio City Mayor Paula Gold-Williams, CEO of CPS Energy Ross Ramsey, Executive Editor of the Texas Tribune

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District Attorney Nico LaHood recently won a grand jury murder indictment against Genene Jones. She's the notorious pediatric nurse convicted of murdering one small child and suspected of killing quite a few more in the 1980s. It won't be an easy prosecution, but possibly the only way of keeping Jones in prison after serving just 33 years of a 99-year sentence. To learn the background of the Genene Jones story, including the scandalous way the county's Medical Center Hospital handled the issue of an extraordinary number of small children dying on her shift, we'll hear from Peter Elkind. He is the author of "The Death Shift," a widely-acclaimed book on the case.

Ross Ramsey of the Texas Tribune joins from the Tribune's offices to talk about xxxxxxxxxx.

And in my Last Word, a recent Texas Supreme Court decision made national headlines. They were outrageously wrong.

Program number: 725 Program length: 26:46

First air date/time: July 21, 2017 8pm

Evan Smith and Ross Ramsey from the Texas Tribune explain the extraordinary dynamics of the Legislature's special session.

In the last word Rick Casey has a high praise for the Texas Legislative.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Ross Ramsey, Executive Editor of the Texas Tribune Evan Smith CEO of the Texas Tribune

Program number: 726 Program length: 26:46

First air date/time: July 28, 2017 8pm

Much has been written and said in the wake of this week's terrible tragedy, the deaths of immigrants locked in an unairconditioned and unvented truck parked in a Wal-Mart parking lot on San Antonio's southwest side. We will look at the magnet that lures desperate migrants to brave the increasingly difficult and dangerous path to the United States. Joining me will be a University of Texas professor who has studied the phenomenon for decades.

Evan Smith of the Texas Tribune will join us from Austin to discuss the latest developments in the Legislature's special session.

Last word, a remarkable article by one of America's top journalists focuses on the Department of Energy and its leader, our very own Rick Perry — and why we should be scared, very scared.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Evan Smith, CEO of Texas Tribune University of Texas professor

Program number: 727 Program length: 26:46

First air date/time: August 4, 2017 8pm

It is some of the most alarming medical news in memory. Since 2010 the rate of maternal morbidity—the death of Texas women in child birth or shortly after — has nearly doubled. It is higher than the national average, which itself is the worst of the world's industrialized nations. Texas has a task force working to figure out the reasons, but now Bexar County has established its own task force. We will be joined by the physician who is chairing the task force, and by a city health official who will spearhead it. Evan Smith of the Texas Tribune will join us from Austin to discuss the latest developments in the Legislature's special session. (subject to change). And in my last word, I agree with those who say we should leave the Confederate Monument in Travis Park. But we should give it a companion monument. Or two.

Participants and their affiliations, titles:

Dr. Margaret Kelley, Obstetrician/gynecologist

Dr. Junda Woo, Medical Director at Metropolitan Health District

Program number: 728 Program length: 26:46

First air date/time: August 18, 2017 8pm

The controversy over Confederate monuments was already underway here in San Antonio before last week's tragedy in Charlottesville. City Council will soon take up the question of what to do with the statue in Travis Park. Bexar County has already removed some Confederate memorials. County Commissioner Tommy Calvert will join me to talk about that and the current controversy.

Ross Ramsey of the Texas Tribune will join us from Austin to discuss the sudden end of the Legislature's special session — and its implications for House Speaker Joe Straus of San Antonio.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: County Commissioner, Tommy Calvert

Program number: 729 Program length: 26:46

First air date/time: August 25, 2017 8pm

One of the least exciting and most important issues city government deals with every year is its budget. This year the negotiations include a new dynamic, something called an "equity lens." We'll talk to two North Side councilmen who you would think might oppose the notion. You'd be wrong. Evan Smith of the Texas Tribune discusses the issue of race. In the Last Word Rick Casey talks about the speech comedian and civil rights activist Dick Gregory, who died last week, gave at St. Mary's university on 1968

Participants and their affiliations, titles: John Courage, representative of the north-central District 9 Clayton Perry, representative of the northeast-side District 10

Program number: 730 Program length: 26:46

First air date/time: September 1, 2017 8pm

Interview with Julian Castro.

For San Antonio Dreamers, undocumented young people brought to the United States as children, Tuesday was a nightmare. President Trump, through his severest immigration hawk, announced the end of President Obama's order protecting dreamers from deportation. We'll learn the story of one of the Dreamers, and how she plans to respond.

Evan Smith of the Texas Tribune will join us to discuss the response by Governor Greg Abbott and the state government to Hurricane Harvey.

And in my last word, San Antonio Congressman Lamar Smith, one of the nation's fiercest skeptics on climate change, seems to have changed his tune. Now he's a salesman for it.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Andrea Fernandez, UTSA student

Program number: 731 Program length: 26:46

First air date/time: September 7, 2017 7pm

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And in my last word, some reflections on the state of San Antonio's news landscape as this program ends its run of nearly seven years.

Participants and their affiliations, titles:

Carey Latimore, Trinity University Professor for the History Dept.

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Carey Lattimore, Professor, Trinity University