

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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This week, the first case of Ebola was diagnosed in the United States, and it's close to home ... specifically in Dallas. While many citizens worry about the virus spreading, we're talking with two experts to separate fact from fiction so you can better understand the issues involved.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Dr. Anil T. Mangla/Chief Epidemiologist/Metropolitan Health District; Ricardo Carrion/Biosafety Level 4 Laboratory, Texas Biomedical Research Institute; Evan Smith/Editor-in-Chief/The Texas Tribune

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Four years ago Bexar County District Attorney Susan Reed began her fifth term in office after defeating Democratic challenger Nico LaHood by eight points. Next month it is a rematch as Reed and LaHood compete again. Both candidates join Rick for a discussion of the issues in the race. It is their only appearance together so far in this campaign.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Nico LaHood, Democratic Candidate, Bexar County District Attorney; Susan Reed, Incumbent Bexar County District Attorney; Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief/The Texas Tribune

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When Carlton Soules quit his seat on City Council to run against County Judge Nelson Wolff, the election was expected to be a referendum on VIA's controversial street car project, which Judge Wolff strongly supported. Since then, in the wake of a massive petition drive opposing the project, Judge Wolff joined

Mayor Ivy Taylor in pulling the plug on the streetcar lines. Mr. Soules had said before and says now there are other issues.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Carlton Soules, (R), Candidate for Bexar County Judge; Nelson Wolff, (D) Bexar County Judge; Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief/The Texas Tribune

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First air date/time: Oct 24, 2014 8pm

Texas has thirty six congressional districts but the Legislature has drawn them so efficiently that only one is considered competitive in the upcoming election. That race has drawn millions in outside advertising. Republican Will Hurd who is a former CIA agent is taking on incumbent Pete Gallego of Alpine to represent District twenty three which runs from San Antonio all the way to El Paso.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Will Hurd, Republican Challenger, 23rd Congressional District; Pete Gallego, Congressman, 23rd Congressional District; Ross Ramsey, Executive Editor/The Texas Tribune

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First air date/time: Nov 7, 2014 8pm

With the General Election of November now behind us, the time has come to evaluate the results and try and determine the impact on our courts and our local, state and national government.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Kelton Morgan, Republican Political Strategist; Christian Archer, Democratic Political Strategist; Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief/The Texas Tribune; Ross Ramsey, Executive Editor/The Texas Tribune

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Through the years more plans probably have been developed for improving the Alamo site than there were heroes who died there. But coming up with funds for doing anything ambitious has typically faced odds as long as those faced by Travis and company. Now City Councilman Diego Bernal, who co-chairs the latest committee to come up with ambitious plans, says \$22 million may be available to do some serious work. In addition, Bernal has just announced he will be resigning from his council seat in order to run for Mike Villarreal's newly vacant State Representative seat.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Diego Bernal/ San Antonio City Councilman, District 1; Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief/The Texas Tribune

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First air date/time: Nov 21, 2014 8pm

According to Forbes Magazine, San Antonio is a top ranked city in terms of job growth and business investment and has a low unemployment rate of 5 percent. It is also a city where 20 percent live in poverty. That asterisk on the city's success has brought back the discussion on whether or not San Antonio should raise its minimum wage. The local Communities Organized for Public Service or COPS and Metro Alliance is calling for a wage increase for public employees with the hope that, down the road, postal workers, school cafeteria workers, city council clerks and others can also receive boosts. But is an increase to the minimum wage bad for business?

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Reed Williams, Businessman, SAWS Trustee and Former City Councilman; Ross Ramsey, Executive Editor/The Texas Tribune; Mike Phillips, Leader with COPS/Metro Alliance

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

More than 10 Republican governors have agreed to expand Medicaid under President Obama's Affordable Care Act, and the list is growing. Meanwhile, some very Republican-friendly groups in Texas are pushing the Legislature to do the same. Governor Rick Perry has been a staunch opponent of the move despite Texas ranking No. 1 with 27 percent of Texans lacking health insurance. But Perry will be replaced in January, so what are the prospects for Texas working some kind of a deal with the Obama Administration?

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Anne Dunkelberg, Associate Director/Center for Public Policy Priorities; John Hawkins, Senior Vice President/Texas Hospital Association; Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief, The Texas Tribune

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A look back at the news that shaped San Antonio in 2014, the news that is impacting the city now and what we can expect in the news for 2015.

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

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For 15 years the University of Texas Health Science Center here in San Antonio has helped pioneer a movement toward using literature to train doctors, especially in the areas of ethics and empathy. We will be joined by a San Antonio physician, an author himself, who has taught the medical school's course on "Medicine through Literature" for years. Also joining us will be the author of a book that is used in that course. Marine veteran Phil Klay's book "Redeployment" has been heralded as the best work of literature to come out of our wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Phil Klay, Author "Redeployment"; Dr. Jerald Winakur/Center for Medical Humanities & Ethics at the UT Health Science Center