



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.

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A hot story in the news this week has been a study that has been heavily criticized for what it had to say about San Antonio's Vista Ridge mega-deal to pipe huge amounts of water in from Bastrop County to meet the growing city's future needs. The study has been called inaccurate, opinionated and "an embarrassing joke" by city and San Antonio Water System officials.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Ron Nirenberg, San Antonio City Councilman, District 8; Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief, The Texas Tribune

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The General Land Office has contracted to pay millions for three buildings that house tourist traps across the street from the Alamo. It promises to be the first step toward an ambitious plan to dignify the environs surrounding the Texas Shrine of Liberty.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Diego Bernal, State Representative, District 123; Jose Menendez, State Senator, District 26; Ross Ramsey, Executive Editor/The Texas Tribune

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Five years ago the federal government agreed to a land swap that would clear the way for an ambitious Hemisfair Park redevelopment. The Feds would give the city an iconic federal courthouse in exchange for an abandoned city police headquarters. Now the federal government is dragging its feet, and the folks more upset than the city officials are the federal judges.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Xavier Rodriguez, United States District Judge, Western District of Texas; "Andrés Andújar, CEO, HemisFair Park Area Redevelopment Corporation; Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief/The Texas Tribune

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Since the advent of DNA as a highly-reliable tool for identifying criminal suspects, we have been confronted with an uncomfortable fact: We have sent more than a few innocent people to prison and possibly to execution for murder, rape and other crimes. In recognition of this fact, first-year District Attorney Nico Lahood has set up a little-known office designed to investigate serious innocence claims, and do right by those wrongfully convicted.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Ross Ramsey, Executive Editor, the Texas Tribune; Jay Brandon, Bexar County Conviction Integrity Unit

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First air date/time: October 30, 2015 8pm

The deadline is fast approaching for college presidents to create policies on how to deal with the new Texas Campus Carry law. It is a task they may not relish. Next year anyone with a licensed concealed carry permit will be allowed to bring guns to four year public college campuses. University presidents can designate some parts of campus as gun free.

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

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When it comes to enforcing laws in San Antonio, the police department and sheriff's office have something in common. They're not going to ask a person about his or her citizenship status during an arrest. Some would say that makes us a "Sanctuary City," and both the governor and the lieutenant governor have been in the news the last two weeks promising to crack down on sanctuary cities.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Susan Pamerleau, Bexar County Sheriff; Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief/The Texas Tribune

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First air date/time: November 13, 2015 8pm

Change is coming to Broadway in the form of slower traffic and wider sidewalks. It is not temporary construction but a long term plan to create an urban environment from near downtown up into Alamo Heights. The plan is to make Broadway itself a fitting front to all the development that has popped up along it.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Pat DiGiovanni, CEO, Centro San Antonio; Marise McDermott, President and CEO Witte Museum; Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief/The Texas Tribune

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First air date/time: November 20, 2015 8pm

Governor Greg Abbott says Texas is standing firm against allowing Syrian refugees to come here. Abbott says it is all about security and preventing future terrorism. While the debate takes place on whether his position is legal or not how the issue looks to local experts in refugee settlement.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Jonathan Ryan, Executive Director, Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services; Patty Vela, Director, Mission Advancement at Catholic Charities; Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief/The Texas Tribune

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First air date/time: December 4, 2015 8pm

It's been nearly 70 years since Congress passed and Lyndon Johnson signed the Fair Housing Act. Only The following year President Richard Nixon squelched efforts by Housing and Urban Development Secretary George Romney to use the law to promote the desegregation of neighborhoods. Now HUD Secretary Julian Castro has initiated efforts to undo decades of federal policies that actually reinforced segregation.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Julian Castro/ Secretary, Housing and Urban Development; Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief/The Texas Tribune

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First air date/time: December 11, 2015 8pm

Tonight's guest is, again, former San Antonio mayor and current HUD Secretary Julian Castro. That's a job that comes with built-in controversies. We'll discuss a number of them, and how he has handled them.

Participants and their affiliations, titles: Julian Castro/ Secretary, Housing and Urban Development; Evan Smith, Editor-in-Chief/The Texas Tribune

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First air date/time: December 18, 2015 8pm

The deadline to file for political office in San Antonio and across the state has passed. We know who the candidates are. We know who they are running against. Early voting begins just nine weeks from now so tonight we have a special all-politics broadcast.

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