On the Record

30-minute weekly program

Thursdays at 7:00pm on KLRN

On the Record features interviews with San Antonio's key players in politics, business and community activism. Each week, also features a roundtable discussion with local journalists who keep a pulse on important issues impacting our city.

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First air date/time: 10/21/21

This week On The Record, host Joey Palacios of Texas Public Radio talks about the states redistricting with St. Mary's Law Professor Al Kaufmann. Will the efforts by the Republican-led legislature to redraw districts get thrown out by the court? Hear what the Professor thinks will happen. Then, Assistant City Manager Rod Sanchez talks about the upcoming bond project going before the voters next spring. We hear from Mike Flores, Chancellor of Alamo Community College District, on the future of the San Antonio College newspaper, The Ranger. And wrapping it up is Express News Reporter Scott Huddleston, discussing the new research that indicates John the slave from the Alamo may not have existed.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

Joey Palacios, Host

Al Kaufmann, St. Mary's University Law Professor

Rod Sanchez, Assistant City Manager

Mike Flores, Chancellor, ACCD

Scott Huddleston, Reporter, San Antonio Express News

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First air date/time: 10/28/21

This week On The Record, Sheriff Salazar shares why he wants to use his own choice of a consulting firm for the Bexar County Jail. Then, Judge Monique Diaz talks about Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and how community leaders are working to lower the cases of domestic violence. We hear from Animal Care Services Director Shannon Sims about the new "outdoor" rules for dog owners, and finally Express News/ Houston Chronicle columnist Chris Tomlinson about his recent column on why Texas needs to change its "beef" culture to help fight climate change

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

Randy Beamer, Host

Judge Monique Diaz, 151st Civil Court, Bexar County

Sheriff Javier Salazar

Shannon Sims, Director, ACS

Chris Tomlinson, Columnist, Express-News/Houston Chronicle

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First air date/time: 11/4/21

This week On The Record, we dive into the city's Non-Discrimination Ordinance, and the call to expand it to small businesses. District 2 Councilman Jalen McKee-Rodriguez talks with Randy Beamer about why he is asking council to expand the ordinance. District 9's John Courage also weighs in on the discussion, citing concerns he has heard from local business owners. Then, we'll look at the economic impact of UTSA's $28-million dollar contract with football coach Mike Traylor. Ed Arnold, managing editor of the San Antonio Business Journal, leads that discussion. Finally, on Reporter's Roundtable, SA Heron Editor-In-Chief Ben Olivo explains the concern residents in the King William District have as investors turn homes into airBnB rentals.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

Randy Beamer, Host

Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, Dist. 2 Council Rep

John Courage, Dist. 9 Council Rep

Ed Arnold, Managing Editor, SA Business Journal

Ben Olivo, Editor-In-Chief, SA Heron

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First air date/time: 11/18/21

Host Randy Beamer dives into economic development this week, starting with Geekdom CEO Charles Woodin talking about their new cyber-security accelerator. Then, we move onto the airport with SA Airports Director Jesus Saenz, Jr., who details the new expansion plan that City Council will be voting on soon. And noting how important the downtown area is to our top economic driver, tourism, we visit with SA Conservation Society President Kathy Rhoades to discuss why her organization is pushing for a master plan for the ever-increasing downtown murals. Finally, on Reporter's Roundtable, Express News Money Columnist Michael Taylor explains how waking up to bad coffee led him to a column on the city's database of development incentives.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

Randy Beamer, Host

Charles Woodin, CEO, Geekdom

Jesus Saenz, Jr., Director of SA Airports

Kathy Rhoades, President, SA Conservation Society

Michael Taylor, Columnist, SA Express News

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First air date/time: 12/16/21

This week On The Record, host Randy Beamer talks with Express News Publisher and CEO Mark Medici about what it takes for a print newspaper to stay relevant in the digital age. Next up is the hot local political topic of the day – the race for County Judge. Political strategist Colin Strother puts in his two cents about how that race is shaping up. We turn to the environment next, hearing out the city's "cool pavement" pilot project from Doug Melnick, the city's Chief Sustainability Officer. And on Reporters Roundtable, hear about a brand new newspaper in San Antonio- The Community Impact Newpaper- from Editor Tricia Schwennesen.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

Randy Beamer, Host

Mark Medici, Publisher/CEO, San Antonio Express News

Colin Strother, Political Consultant

Doug Melnick, City of SA Chief Sustainability Officer

Tricia Schwennesen, Editor, The Community Impact Newspaper

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Other specials aired in this quarter by KLRN:

BUSINESS OF BUSINESS – SAN ANTONIO

First air date/time: 12-15-21

Hosted by Henry Cisneros, The Business of Business – SA takes a look into various sectors of the San Antonio economy and how they are faring in this post-pandemic time. Some of the topics covered: Is tourism on the rebound in San Antonio? How will the growing "metroplex" between San Antonio and Austin affect our economy? How are local businesses handing the new post-pandemic workforce shortage? Are state politics conducive or detrimental to San Antonio's economy? Why is higher education important to our future growth? How important are tech start-ups to our economy?

This hour long presentation covers a variety of areas that are all vital to the economic growth of San Antonio.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

*Henry Cisneros, Host

*Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff

*UTSA President Taylor Eighmy

*ACD Chancellor Mike Flores

*Rebecca Viagran, Director of Workforce Development and Community Partnerships, TAMUSA

*Mayor Ron Nirenberg

*Richard Perez, President, San Antonio Chamber of Commerce

*Tom Tunstall, Senior Research Director at The University of Texas at San Antonio Institute for Economic Development

*Robert Thrailkill, Board Chair, Visit San Antonio

*Michelle Madson, President & CEO, San Antonio Hotel & Lodging Association

*Lloyd Potter, Ph.D. Professor & Director, Institute for Demographic and Socioeconomic Research UTSA, Texas State Demographer

*Charles Woodin, CEO, Geekdom

*Jim Perschbach, President/CEO, Port San Antonio

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