

On the Record

30-minute weekly program Thursdays at 7:00pm on KLRN

Hosted by veteran journalist Jim Forsyth of WOAI radio, On the Record features interviews with San Antonio's key players in politics, business and community activism. Each week, Jim also hosts a roundtable discussion with local journalists who keep a pulse on important issues impacting our city.

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First air date/time: April 2, 2020 7:00pm

This week On The Record with T.J. Mayes, we pack in a full half hour of vital information about San Antonio's battle with COVID 19 with guest Dr. Dawn Emerick, Director of Metropolitan Health. Don't miss this very important show, tonight at 7pm on KLRN. You can also catch one of the repeats of the show: Saturday at 5:30pm, Sunday at 12Noon, and Sunday afternoon on KLRN 9.3 at 5:30pm.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable): Dr. Dawn Emerick, Director, Metro Health

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First air date/time: April 9, 2020 7:00pm

San Antonio plans to fight COVID-19 with groups acting as "strike groups". This week On The Record, host T.J. Mayes talks with the Mayor and philanthropist Gordon Hartman, who is heading up the group effort, about what they will do and how it will impact the pandemic and help the community.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):
Mayor Ron Nirenberg
Gordon Hartman, Founder, The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation

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First air date/time: April 16, 2020 7:00pm

Dr. William Henrich, President of UT Health, San Antonio, joins host T.J. Mayes tonight with the latest information on how the city's largest health system is handling COVID-19. Dr. Henrich offers insight into testing, trials, the curve, and PPE's. We also hear from Eric Cooper, President of the San Antonio Food Bank, about how their organization is handling an unprecedented need for food. On the Reporter's Roundtable, Express News Business Editor Greg Jefferson shares his thoughts on how San Antonio's economy can recover from this massive shut-down.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable): Dr. William Henrich, President, UT San Antonio Eric Cooper, President/CEO, SA Food Bank Greg Jefferson, Business Editor, Express-News

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First air date/time: April 23, 2020 7:00pm

This week On The Record, host T.J. Mayes talks with Sheriff Javier Salazar about keep the jail safe –for both deputies and inmates – in this midst of the coronavirus pandemic. VIA President & CEO Jeffery Arndt talks about the metro transits efforts to keep their drivers and passengers safe from the virus. And on the Reporters Roundtable, Express News Reporter Emilie Eaton and T.J. discuss her recent column on complaints by inmates that the county is not doing enough to keep them safe from COVID-19 in the jail.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable): Jeffrey Arndt, President & CEO, VIA Metropolitan Transit Bexar County Sheriff Javier Salazar Emilie Eaton, Express News Reporter

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First air date/time: April 30, 2020 7:00pm

"Our neighbor's health is our health". That's the takeaway from SA2020's COVID-19 dashboard and President/CEO Molly Cox. She's one of the guests on our show tonight with host T.J. Mayes. Where will we find optimism in the struggling post-COVID economy? There's plenty, according to Jenna Saucedo-Herrera, CEO of the San Antonio Economic Foundation, a group that is closely watching and guiding local business recovery. On our weekly Reporter's Roundtable, find out why some small companies are returning their PPP loans, and how this pandemic compares to those of the past when it comes to money and business. This week's reporters are Michael Taylor, columnist for the San Antonio Express News, and Tony Quesada, Editor-In-Chief for the San Antonio Business Journal.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable): T.J. Mayes, Host Jenna Saucedo-Herrera, CEO, SAEDF Molly Cox, President/CEO, SA2020 Michael Taylor, Columnist, SA Express News Tony Quesada, SA Business Journal 314

First air date/time: May 7, 2020 7:00pm

This week On The Record, Mayor Nirenberg talks with host T.J. Mayes about what keeps him up at night with the COVID-19 pandemic, and why it's important that he and other local leaders instill confidence for the business community. Then, Marina Gonzales, President and CEO of Child Advocates of San Antonio (CASA) explains why cases of child abuse will increase over the next few months and what can be done about it. For our Reporters Roundtable, Sanford Nowlin, Editor –In-Chief of the SA Current discusses Texas AG Ken Paxton's tear over mail-in ballots, and Brian Chasnoff, columnist with the SA Express-News shares his thoughts on why opening businesses doesn't necessarily mean customers will show up.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):
T.J. Mayes, host
Mayor Ron Nirenberg
Marina Gonzales, President & CEO, Child Advocates of San Antonio
Brian Chasnoff, Columnist, SA Express-News
Sanford Nowlin, Editor-In-Chief, SA Current

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First air date/time: May 14, 2020 7:00pm

Texas is reopening. But it's not all good news for local businesses. Hear what the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Richard Perez says about the return of customers to business, and why the next step for success is to make customers feel safe. Also this week, Host T.J. Mayes talks with Dr. Erika Gonzalez, CEO of South Texas Allergy & Asthma Medical Professionals about how the COVID-19 pandemic could have changed the future for telemedicine. On our Reporters Roundtable, Brendan Gibbons with the Rivard Report gives us the details on the new Vista Ridge pipeline, including an interesting pairing of two groups who usually disagree on issues. And Gilbert Garcia with the San Antonio Express News shares his view of AG Ken Paxton's letter to city & county officials, and the call for watching your language when you talk about the coronavirus.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

T.J. Mayes, Host

Richard Perez, President & CEO, San Antonio Chamber of Commerce

Dr. Erika Gonzalez, M.D., CEO of STAAMP; 2020 Chair of San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Brendan Gibbons, Environmental Reporter, Rivard Report

Gilbert Garcia, Metro Columnist, San Antonio Express News

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First air date/time: May 21, 2020 7:00pm

On The Record this week, host T.J. Mayes talks one-on-one with Dr. Dawn Emerick, Director of Metro Health, on what our post COVID-19 world will look like. Also, Dr. Emerick explains what you need to know about antibody testing. Casandra Matej, President & CEO of Visit San Antonio details how the tourism industry will rebound from the pandemic.

On the Reporters Roundtable, Express News reporter Joshua Fetcher explains how the city and county are spending federal COVID-19 relief dollars, and Scott Huddleston with the Express News talks with T.J. about the small business loan program.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable): T.J. Mayes, Host Dr. Dawn Emerick, Director, Metro Health of San Antonio Joshua Fetcher, Reporter, SA Express News Scott Huddleston, Reporter, SA Express News

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First air date/time: May 28, 2020 7:00pm

This week, On The Record with T.J. Mayes, we talk with Bexar County Nelson Wolff about COVID-19 recovery. What key indicators are local leaders considering as they try to balance reopening and keeping the virus from spreading? Then, we hear exciting news about the Space Force and why San Antonio could become very involved in the project from Maj. Gen. Juan Ayala, the city's military liaison. On the Reporters Roundtable, how is COVID-19 affecting performance venues and the local arts? Richard Marini with the Express News is covering this story. And while everyone is focusing on COVID-19, issue in immigration are still looming. Hear the details on what is happening from Silivia Foster-Frau with the Express News.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable): T.J. Mayes, Host Maj. Gen. Juan Ayala, Military Liaison, City of San Antonio Silvia Foster-Frau, Immigration Reporter, San Antonio Express News Richard Marini, Features Reporter, San Antonio Express News

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First air date/time: June 4, 2020 7:00pm

This week, On The Record extends to a full hour to discuss the racial injustice crisis that is gripping our community. Mayor Nirenberg and Police Chief William McManus talk with host T.J. Mayes about how the city is handling the daily downtown protests, Reporters Joey Palacios (Texas Public Radio) and Emilie Eaton (San Antonio Express News) detail their first hand experiences in covering the protest as it turned violent, and protest organizer Kimiya Factory explains why she created the first protest we had downtown. We also talk with downtown business owners Uchennaya and Christian Ogba on how their business is being affected by the protests, and Express News columnist Gilbert Garcia gives an overview of how the press is covering these weeks of racial strife and protests.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable): T.J. Mayes, Host Mayor Ron Nirenberg Police Chief William McManus Kimiya Factory, Protest Organizer Uchennaya Ogba, Business Owner Christian Reed Ogba, Business Owner Joey Palacios, Reporter, Texas Public Radio Emilie Eaton, Criminal Justice Reporter, San Antonio Express News Gilbert Garcia, Columnist, San Antonio Express News

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First air date/time: June 18, 2020 7:00pm

The impact of COVID-19 on our community reaches far beyond masks and testing. The economy, already sputtering from round 1 of COVID closures, will now have to weather round 2. Bexar County Commissioner Precinct 4 Tommy Calvert joins host T.J. Mayes this week for a discussion on how we can stay afloat economically. Commissioner Calvert also delves into how he would like to see policing reform in the county. On the reporters roundtable, Express News Health Reporter Lauren Caruba shares her stories from weeks of covering COVID-19. Then, Sanford Nowlin, Editor-In-Chief of the San Antonio Current, discusses the Governor, COVID-19, and the downtown protests.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable): T.J. Mayes, Host County Commissioner Tommy Calvert, Pct. 4 Lauren Caruba, Health Reporter, San Antonio Express News Sanford Nowlin, Editor-In-Chief, SA Current

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First air date/time: June 25, 2020 7:00pm

"Everybody is gonna get a squeeze". That's the word from City Manager Erik Walsh on how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the upcoming city budget. Cuts are certain. Hear his conversation with T.J. Mayes tonight on On The Record.

What about jobs in the post COVID-19 era? Adrian Lopez, CEO of Workforce Solutions Alamo, talks about where people will find those jobs, and he details how WSA is training for "upskills" in the new era.

Then, on Reporters Roundtable, Alia Malik, Education Reporter for the Express News, discusses what the upcoming school year looks like, for both parents and teachers. Then, Bruce Selcraig, reporter for the Express News, dishes the details on why the city says VIA is way off on its budget numbers over the next few years.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable): T.J. Mayes, Host Erik Walsh, City Manager Adrian Lopez, CEO of Workforce Solutions Alamo Alia Malik, Education Reporter, Express News Bruce Selcraig, Reporter, Express News