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: 1/6/2021

This week On The Record, Sheriff Javier Salazar talks with Host Randy Beamer about a former BCSO Lieutenant who was fired after taking part in the Jan, 2021, attack on the Capitol.

Then, the latest on what we know about the Omicron variant from Dr. Jean Patterson, virologist with Texas BioMedical Research. We also delve into how the variant is impacting school teachers and students with Melina Espiritu-Azocar, lead organizer for ATF, NISD

Finally, the view for San Antonio's business and economy in 2022 from Ed Arnold, Managing Editor, San Antonio Business Journal

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

Randy Beamer, Host

Sheriff Javier Salazar

Dr. Jean Patterson, Texas BioMedical Research

Melina Espiritu-Azocar, Lead Organizers, ATF NISD

Ed Arnold, Managing Editor, SABJ

First air date/time: 1/13/21

This week On The Record, CPS Energy plans a rate increase for customers, and the company's Rate Advisory Committee Chair Reed Williams offers an explainer on the increase and how it was vetted and researched. Then, Host Randy Beamer talks with Blanquita Sullivan with the River Road Neighborhood Association on why they are opposed to renovation plans for the Sunken Garden Theatre. Then, Brendan Gibbons, Assistant Manager with the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance, discusses concerns over a new housing development near Helotes where water that recharges the aquifer will be affected.

And, on Reporters Roundtable, Express News Reporter Scott Huddleston covers the county's \$1.3 Million dollar investment in additional COVID-19 testing.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

Randy Beamer, Host

Reed Williams, Chair, CPS Energy Rate Advisory Committee

Blanquita Sullivan, River Road Neighborhood Association

Brendan Gibbons, Assistant Manager, Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance

Scott Huddleston, Reporter, Express-News

First air date/time: 1/27/2022

This week On The Record, host Randy Beamer talks with Mayor Nirenberg about the state's efforts to "take back" a section of Broadway, and how the city plans to fight back. Next, District 1 Councilman Mario Bravo shares what he heard during a town hall on the proposed renovation of Sunken Gardens, which has the Brackenridge Conservancy and neighbors at odds over the plans. Then, the latest on negotiations between the Symphony and it's musicians, who have been on strike since last year. And on Reporter's Roundtable, Express-News Business Editor Greg Jefferson dives deep into the decision by the city to raise rates for CPS Energy customers.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

Randy Beamer, Host

Mayor Nirenberg

Mario Bravo, Dist. 1 Councilman

Corey Cowart, Exec. Dir., San Antonio Symphony

Greg Jefferson, Business Editor, Express News

First air date/time: 2/3/22

This week On The Record, Host Randy Beamer talks with District 2 Councilman Jalen McKee-Rodriguez about requests he has for City Council to consider, including freezing SAWS and CPS rates for seniors and the disabled. Then, Metro Health Medical Director Dr. Junda Woo clears up a lot of misconceptions about Omicron. Randy talks about the effort to take mental health professionals to local schools with a new mental health mobile unit —Talli Dolge, CEO of the Mobile Mental Wellness Collaborative explains how it works. And on Reporter's Roundtable, Elena Bruess, Environmental Reporter for the Express-News discusses her article on SAWS approved water service for a very controversial home development over the aquifer recharge zone.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

Randy Beamer, Host

Jalen McKee-Rodriguez, Dist. 2 Councilman

Dr. Junda Woo, Medical Director, Metro Health District

Talli Dolge, CEO, Mobile Mental Wellness Collaborative

Elena Bruess, Environmental Reporter, SA Express News

First air date/time: 2/10/22

This week On The Record, Host Randy Beamer explores the distribution of millions of dollars in ARPA funds by the city council this week. District 3 Councilperson Phyllis Viagran and District 9's John Courage share their thoughts on the financial distributions.

Then, Bexar County Sheriff Javier Salazar talks to Randy about the new collective bargaining agreement with the deputies – one that will give a 15% pay raise to deputies.

Finally, on Reporter's Roundtable, Waylon Cunningham with SA Report shares his recent series on how many local apartments are being bought up by investors looking for a quick buck – often at the expense of the renters.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

Randy Beamer, Host

Phyllis Viagran, D3 Council

John Courage, D9 Council

Sheriff Salazar

Waylon Cunningham, SA Report

First air date/time: 2/17/22

This week On The Record, host Randy Beamer gets into the weeds on the city's \$1.2 Billion dollar bond package with City Manager Erik Walsh and Bond Committee Tri-Chair Brandon Logan. Key word with this bond package- Infrastructure! It's the biggest bond package the city has ever put before the voters, and the most input from the community on a bond package ever.

Then, a look at the Express-News editorial board's recommendation for the primary election. EN Editorial Board members Josh Brodesky and Cary Clack explain how they come up with deciding which candidates to recommend to voters.

And the DeLorean is coming back – so we hear! DeLorean has announced San Antonio as the site for its international world headquarters. We get the details from Diego Mendoza-Moyers, business reporter for the Express-News.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

Randy Beamer, Host

Erik Walsh, City Manager

Brandon Logan, Tri-Chair, SA Bond Program 2022

Josh Brodesky, Editorial Page Editor, Express News

Cary Clack, Columnist/Editorial Page Columnist, Express News

Diego Mendoza-Moyers, Business Reporter, Express News

First air date/time: 2-24-22

This week On The Record, leaders with the Domestic Violence Coalition join host Randy Beamer to talk about their efforts to curb domestic violence through collaboration and changes in the court system. Judge Monique Diaz and Deputy City Manager Maria Villagomez are our guests.

Then, the city's newly approved program Ready to Work SA is getting national attention. The employer driven program will help train people for jobs. Hear the details from Michael Ramsey, Executive Director of Workforce Development and Doug McMurray, chair of the Ready To Work SA advisory board.

On Reporters Roundtable, Karly Williams, Producer/Writer with the San Antonio Business Journal explains how and why new luxury, designer stores are popping up on the city's northside.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

Randy Beamer, Host

Judge Monique Diaz, 150th District Court

Maria Villagomez, Deputy City Manager

Michael Ramsey, Executive Director, Workforce Development

Doug McMurray, Chair, Ready To Work SA advisory board

Karly Williams, Producer/Writer, San Antonio Business Journal

First air date/time: 3/10/22

This week On The Record, Host Randy Beamer talks with San Antonio Police Officers Association President Danny Diaz about the long awaited agreement on the contract between the city and the Officer's Union. Diaz explains what was agreed upon, and why the new faces at the table made all the difference in finally reaching an agreement.

Next, a report from the group Hill Country Alliance states "the window to save the Texas Hill Country is closing within this generation". HCA Manager John Rooney explains why the state, and locals, need to do something now before we lose the streams, hills, and caves of the hill country.

On Reporter's Roundtable, Chris Tomlinson with the Express-News and Houston Chronicle, shares information from his current column on how plastics in Texas are impacting every one of us, and why recycling plastics may not be working like we think it does.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

Randy Beamer, Host

John Rooney, Texas Hill Country Conservation Network Manager, Hill Country Alliance

Danny Diaz, President, SAPOA

Chris Tomlinson, Columnist, SA Express-News & Houston Chronicle

First air date/time: 3-17-22

This week On The Record, Host Randy Beamer talks with University Health President & CEO George Hernandez about the new health district created between the County and UH, and why it will help with both community health care and training for healthcare jobs.

Next, CPS Energy Interim CEO Rudy Garza discusses the topics in the news lately about the energy utility- lawsuits, former board members speaking out, the Spruce plant closure, rates, and the search for the new CEO.

Finally, on Reporters Roundtable, Madison Iszler, business reporter with the San Antonio Express News shares the details on her story about the latest "no-go" for development plans at the Lone Star Brewery.

It's the 4th effort by developers that has fallen by the wayside.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

Randy Beamer, Host

George Hernandez, Pres/CEO, University Health

Rudy Garza, Interim Pres/CEO, CPSEnergy

Madison Iszler, Business Reporter, San Antonio Express News

First air date/time: 3/24/22

This week On The Record, Host Randy Beamer hears how SAMMinistries plans to spend nearly \$14-million dollars received from the feds on the homeless in San Antonio. SAMMinistries President and CEO Nikisha Baker lays it out for us.

Then, District 20 Congressman Joaquin Castro runs down some of the local projects that have just landed federal funding, including housing, Port San Antonio, and internet access for low-income communities.

Did you know there is a new reach of the San Antonio Riverwalk that will be called the "Spirit" reach? Randy Beamer took his camera to find out where the reach will be, and who is involved in the development.

Finally, On Reporter's Roundtable, Express-News reporter Elena Bruess helps us understand the issues surrounding Medina Lake – why it is virtually disappearing, and what has to happen for the water to come back and fill up the beloved hill country lake.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

Randy Beamer, Host

Nikisha Baker, Pres/CEO, SAMMinistries

Congressman Joaquin Castro, D-TX20

Elena Bruess, Reporter, Express News

Included in "Spirit Reach" package:

Sister Yolanda Tarango

Congregation of the Sisters of the Incarnate Word

Ted Flato

Lake Flato Architects

Dr. Tom Evan, President

University of the Incarnate Word

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First air date/time: 3/31/22

This week On The Record, host Randy Beamer talks with Bexar County Republican Party Chair John Austin about the proposed \$1.2 Billion dollar bond for the city of San Antonio, and why he is opposed to it.

Then, Trinity University Associate Professor Dr. Carey Latimore steps in to discuss plans for the Alamo, and why he is involved in telling the story of the historic battle to include everyone.

Next, Krystal Jones, Interim Executive Director for the City's Arts and Culture Department, talks with Randy about what we are seeing as art in all its forms – music, theatre, public art – returns after COVID.

Finally, on the Reporter's Roundtable, Express-News Business Editor Greg Jefferson shares his thoughts on the proposed underground tunnel from Elon Musk, mainly – why he thinks it's a bad idea.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

Randy Beamer, Host

John Austin, Chairman, Bexar County Republican Chair

Krystal Jones, Interim Exec. Director, Dept. of Arts & Culture – City of SA

Dr. Carey Latimore, Associate Prof. –History, Trinity University

Greg Jefferson, Business Editor, SA Express News

First air date/time: 4/7/22

This week On The Record, host Randy Beamer gets the latest on COVID in San Antonio – the new variant, that fourth booster, and whether all the togetherness at Fiesta will send the infection numbers back up. See what you need to know from Dr. Jason Bowling, Director of Hospital Epidemiology at University Hospital.

Next, how will the new hybrid workplace impact San Antonio? We turned to business expert and Managing Editor of the San Antonio Business Journal, Ed Arnold, to find out. Check out what he says about the future of working from the office versus home, and what might happen with all the empty office buildings.

On Reporters Roundtable, Editor of the SA Current, Sanford Nowlin, shares his thoughts on Governor Abbott's border effort "Operation Lone Star" – and he has a surprise when it comes to looking at the data on border arrests.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

Randy Beamer, Host

Dr. Jason Bowling, Hospital Epidemiologist, University Hospital

Ed Arnold, Managing Editor, San Antonio Business Journal

Sanford Nowlin, Editor, SA Current

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TEXAS TALK

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Texas Talk features interviews with Texas' key players in politics, business and community. Texas Talk is co-produced with the San Antonio Express News.

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Texas Talk Host Gilbert Garcia talks with former Texas House Speaker Joe Straus about his background, his years in the Texas legislature, and his plans

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

Gilbert Garcia, Host

Frmr. House Speaker Joe Straus