



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, Jim also hosts a roundtable discussion with local journalists who keep a pulse on important issues impacting our city.

First air date/time: July 1, 2021 7:00pm

This week On The Record, host Randy Beamer sits down with Sheriff Javier Salazar to find out why there might be more crime in the area this summer.

Then, it's time to talk budget. Scott Huizenga, Office of Management and Budget Director with the city, talks about the 2-billion dollar budget, and why they city wants to hear from YOU about what all that money should be spent on.

COVID-19 is still with us. Even though masks are off, the new Delta Variant is surfacing. We get the information you need about how to remain safe from Dr. Jason Bolling, Epidemiologist with University Health.

And on Reporter's Roundtable, Express News Columnist Gilbert Garcia and Randy discuss the this week's border visit by former President Trump and Governor Abbott, and weigh in on why all eyes are on the next race for Governor in Texas. Could a Texas actor or a previous candidate be in the mix?

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

Randy Beamer, Host

Sheriff Javier Salazar

Scott Huizenga, Office of Management and Budget Director, City of SA

Dr. Jason Bowling, MD, Infectious Diseases Specialist, UT Health SA

Gilbert Garcia, Columnist, Express News

First air date/time: July 8, 2021 7:00pm

This week On The Record, District 9 Councilman John Courage talks with host Randy Beamer about his efforts to get more homeowners in San Antonio a tax break. Then, find out about UTSA and it's push to get an eastside home historical recognition with Dr. Charles Gentry. On the Reporters Roundtable,

Express News Business Reporter Madison Iszler gives us the scoop on the sale of one of San Antonio's iconic restaurants, Taco Cabana.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

Randy Beamer, Host

John Courage, Dist 9 Councilman

Dr. Charles Gentry, Researcher, UTSA Center for Cultural Sustainability

Madison Iszler, Reporter, Express News

First air date/time: July 15, 2020 7:00pm

This week On The Record, host Randy Beamer talks with Pct. 3 County Commissioner Trish DeBerry about why she is pushing for more help in the court system for domestic and elder abuse victims. Then, Sheriff Javier Salazar joins Randy with details on the BCSO now patrolling the Riverwalk. We talk about the meeting this week the Alamo Citizens Advisory Committee with Tri-Chair Aaronetta Pierce, and how their group will help design interpretation materials for the museum and plaza. And on Reporter's Roundtable, Taylor Goldenstein, Austin Bureau Reporter for the Express News, shares insight on the Texas Democrats exodus to D.C.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

Randy Beamer, Host

Trish DeBerry, Pct. 3 County Commissioner

Sheriff Javier Salazar

Aaronetta Pierce, Tri Chair, Alamo Citizen's Advisory Committee

Taylor Goldenstein, Austin Bureau Reporter, Express News

First air date/time: July 22, 2021 7:00pm

To mask or not to mask? Do I need a booster if I'm already fully vaccinated? These are some of the questions we get answers to from Dr. Bryan Alsip, Chief Medical Officer of University Health, as we talk about the latest surge of COVID-19 in South Texas.

Host Randy Beamer then talks with State Rep. Diego Bernal (D-123) about the Democrats hold out in D.C., and how they are handling the days in hotels as the special session continues in Austin.

Then, Deborah Jarmon, CEO/Director, San Antonio African American Community Archive and Museum (SAAACAM), stops by to share her thoughts on the preservation of the AME Church discovered at San Pedro Culture Park.

On Reporter's Roundtable, Ben Olivo, Editor of the SA Heron, discusses the new President of SAHA and the new plans for a high rise near Market Square.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

Randy Beamer, Host

Dr. Bryan Alsip, Chief Medical Officer of University Health

State Rep. Diego Bernal (D-123)

Deborah Jarmon, CEO/Director, San Antonio African American Community Archive and Museum (SAAACAM)
Ben Olivo, Editor of the SA Heron

First air date/time: July 29, 2021 7:00pm

Masks are back. Mayor Nirenberg talks about the city's efforts to mask up and get people vaccinated across San Antonio. Then, we hear from Ovidia Molina, President of the Texas State Teachers Association, on why they are pushing Governor Abbott to mandate masks in public schools before the start of the new school year. And, is the city's vital hospitality industry recovering from the first wave of COVID-19 that shut down hotels and travel? New President and CEO of Visit San Antonio, Marc Anderson, talks with host Randy Beamer about their plans to bring people back to the city. Finally, the battle of the Alamo continues with challenges to the "original" story of the Alamo and how that historical story will be told. Scott Huddleston with the Express News explains.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

Randy Beamer, Host

Mayor Nirenberg

Ovidia Molina, Pres., Texas State Teachers Association

Marc Anderson, Pres./CEO, Visit San Antonio

Scott Huddleston, Reporter, Express News

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

Tuesdae Knight, SAGE Pres/CEO, Host

Annette Rodriguez, Pres/CEO, San Antonio Children's Shelter

Reed Williams, Chair, Committee On Emergency Preparedness

Rep. Roland Gutierrez

Cher Miculka, Chair, SA Board of Realtors

Diego Mendoza-Moyers, Business Reporter, SA Express News

First air date/time: Aug. 5, 2021 7:00pm

This week On The Record, Host Michael Taylor talks with Dr. Larry Schlesinger, President and CEO of Texas Biomedical Research Institute, on what drives the misinformation about the COVID-19 vaccine.

Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff joins us to discuss the area's rising COVID-19 rates, and he has a dire prediction for the area if vaccination rates don't increase.

Next up is Antonio Guillen, with KWEX TV, discussing the growing concerns over the crisis at the border, and how the Governor is battling the feds for control

Have you heard about the Great Springs Project? It's a big effort, but it would connect a trail along hill country springs between San Antonio and Austin. The Project's CEO Garry Merritt fills us in on the details.

And finally, have you been seeing more scooters on downtown streets? They're back, and SA Report's Waylon Cunningham talks about how the city plans to control scooter mania as people get back onboard.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

Michael Taylor, Host

Dr. Larry Schlesinger, President/ CEO, Texas Biomedical Research Institute

Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff

Antonio Guillen, Reporter, KWEX TV

Garry Merritt, CEO, Great Springs Project

Waylon Cunningham, Reporter, SA Report

First air date/time: Aug. 12, 2021 7:00pm

This. Is. Serious. This week On The Record, we deep dive into COVID-19 and the new Delta variant.

Host Randy Beamer gets a direct line into University Hospital with Dr. Jan Patterson, Infectious Disease Specialist with University Hospital, on what it's really like on the front lines of COVID-19.

Next, Dr. Larry Schlesinger, Pres./CEO, Texas Biomedical Research Institute, gets the facts full on about this contagious virus. Hear the real information about the vaccine, the variant, and the long term effects of COVID-19.

Finally, Metro Health Assistant Director Dr. Anita Kurian tells you where you can get the free vaccine in San Antonio.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

Randy Beamer, Host

Dr. Jan Patterson, Infectious Disease Specialist, University Hospital

Dr. Larry Schlesinger, Pres./CEO, Texas Biomedical Research Institute

Dr. Anita Kurian, Assistant Director, Metro Health

First air date/time: Aug. 26, 2021 7:00pm

This week On The Record, Host Randy Beamer delves into the city's historic billion dollar budget with City Manager Erik Walsh, who explains the "enhanced investment in infrastructure" and other details of the proposed budget. We hear from Pct. 3 County Commissioner Trish DeBerry about the proposed \$2.8 Billion dollar budget they are considering, along with why she turned down a raise in the new budget. Then, Sanford Nowlin with the SA Current expands on his recent column about COVID Misinformation. Is he right that it's all about the online clicks?

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

Randy Beamer, Host

Erik Walsh, City Manager

Trish Deberry, Dist. 3 County Commissioner

Sanford Nowlin, Editor In Chief, SA Current

First air date/time: Sept. 2, 2021 7:00pm

Host Randy Beamer breaks down COVID-19 issues facing San Antonio Independent School District with Superintendent Pedro Martinez, who says he will stay strong in his mandates for masking and staff vaccinations despite lawsuits from AG Ken Paxton.

Then, we look at a new report on San Antonio's Brackenridge Park with Brackenridge Park Conservancy Executive Director Lynn Osborne Bobbitt, who shares what the report said, and why repairs to the historic downtown gem are so badly needed.

Next, San Antonio Board of Realtors Chair Cher Mikulka joins Randy to talk about the crazy local housing market, and exactly what is driving up the costs of housing.

Finally, on Reporters Roundtable, EN Metro Columnist Gilbert Garcia shares his thoughts on a possible election match up between Rep. Lyle Larson and former DA Nico LaHood.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

Randy Beamer, Host

Pedro Martinez, Superintendent, SAISD

Lynn Osborne Bobbitt, Exec. Dir., Brackenridge Park Conservancy

Cher Mikulka, Chair, SABOR

Gilbert Garcia, Metro Columnist, Express-News

First air date/time: Sept. 23, 2021 7:00pm

This week On The Record, host Randy Beamer talks with Mayor Nirenberg on how the city is working to move the economy past the pandemic, and how the budget for the next year is still supporting arts and culture in San Antonio. Then, CPS Energy Pres/CEO Paula Gold-Williams discusses the upcoming rate increases, and the status of CPS Energy's lawsuit against energy providers during winter storm Uri. Gilbert Garcia, columnist for the Express-News, shares his thoughts on the 2022 Texas gubernatorial race. And on Reporter's Roundtable, Camilla Sauers, writer for the Express-News, talks about her recent story on the aging Institute Of Texan Cultures.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

Randy Beamer, Host

Mayor Ron Nirenberg

Paula Gold-Williams, CEO/Pres, CPS Energy

Gilbert Garcia, Columnist, Express-News

Camille Sauers, Writer, Express-News

First air date/time: Sept. 30, 2021 7:00pm

This week On The Record, host Randy Beamer talks with two city councilmen who have very different takes on the city's new budget and the process by which it is approved. District 10's Clayton Perry and District 1's Mario Bravo share their thoughts. Next, The San Antonio Symphony is on strike for the first time since 1985. Hear from Mary Ellen Goree, Chair of the Musicians Union, about why they are picketing. Then, the growth in the area is a gold mine for developers. Express-News Business Reporter Madison Iszler discusses her recent stories on developments planned for the Guadalupe River near

Canyon Lake, and on the southside near Missions Espada and San Juan, and why in both cases, residents are fighting the plans.

Participants and their affiliations, titles (if applicable):

Randy Beamer, Host

Clayton Perry, Dist. 10 Councilman

Mario Bravo, Dist. 1 Councilman

Mary Ellen Goree, Chair, Musicians of the San Antonio Symphony

Madison Iszler, Business Reporter, Express-News