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## Council reviews homeless camping, panhandling bans

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San Marcos City Councilmembers held a lengthy conversation regarding homeless camping and panhandling in the city limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction. The council's discussion

was originally meant to see what the San Marcos Police Department needed to help with enforcing bans on camping and panhandling, which drew concern from multiple San Marcos residents in public comment. "Enforcing bans on public camping and panhan-

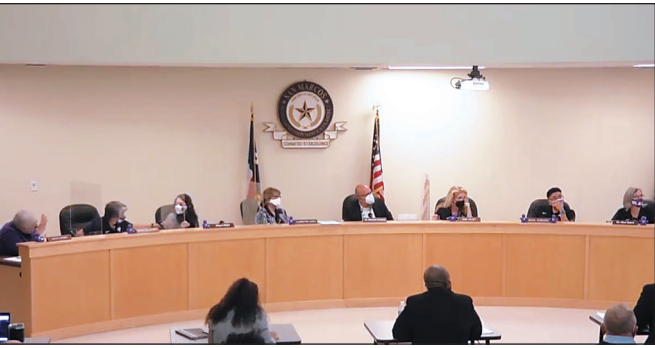
dling is unequivocally the worst way to address homelessness in our community," said Adrianna Montoya, Texas State University student. "There is not a single valid reason or justification for arresting and fining people experiencing homelessness and frankly

it's shameful that certain councilmembers even considered bringing this to be discussed at city hall." Councilmember Shane Scott, who placed the item on the agenda, clarified his intention regarding the discussion, saying that the item was written in a way

that was "a little deceiving." "The reason why I wanted to put it on here is so we could actually maybe think a little bit outside the box now and say 'Okay, since that doesn't work, why don't we focus on things that will work' and push those elements now," Scott said.

The council further discussed its concerns surrounding law enforcement getting involved with the homeless. "I don't think we want to see anybody in jail, we don't want to put them in a harder spot," said council mem-

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Above, the San Marcos Consolidated ISD Board of Trustees discuss real estate appraisal and potential sale of land where Centro Cultural Hispano de San Marcos is located. Screenshot via SMCISD YouTube

## SMCISD board tables appraisal on Centro property after community voices concerns

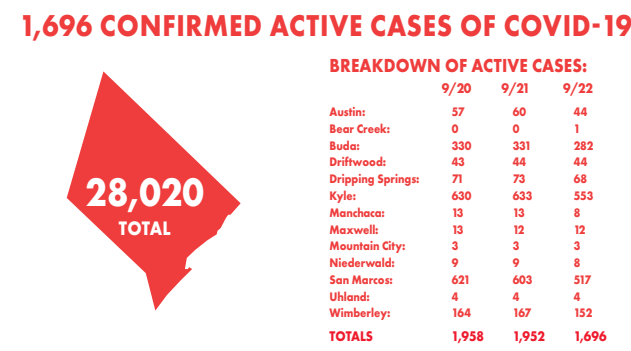
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San Marcos community members voiced their concerns regarding an appraisal and possible sale of the property where Centro Cul-

tural Hispano de San Marcos is located during a recent school board meeting. The San Marcos Consolidated ISD Board of Trustees was set to dis-

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## 3 Hays County residents die of COVID-19, 128 new cases recorded Wednesday



There have been 28,020 total cases in Hays County, with 25,968 recoveries and 356 COVID-19 related fatalities, according to the county. Updated 9/22/21

Daily Record infographic by Colton Ashabraner

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A San Marcos man in his 70s; a San Marcos woman in her 50s; and a Kyle woman in her 40s were among those who died of the coronavirus. Hays

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## SMHS senior named National Merit Scholar Semifinalist, College Board recognizes Rattlers



Above, Jeremy Laue, who was named a National Merit Scholar Semifinalist, poses for a photo with his family. Below, Cassandra Amaya, Jake Darling, Teagan Korzeniewski, Gael Martinez-Alvarado and Alfonso Salazar were all named to the College Board National Rural and Small Town Scholars Recognition Program. Photos courtesy of San Marcos Consolidated ISD

**STAFF REPORTS**

Several San Marcos High School students were recently recognized for their academic successes. SMHS senior Jeremy Laue was named a National Merit Scholar Semifinalist. SMCISD

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## LBJ Museum reschedules Gala for January amid virus concerns

**STAFF REPORTS**

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced the Lyndon Baines Johnson Museum of San Marcos to reschedule its 15th year celebration to Jan. 22, 2022. The January event will feature Dr. W.F. Strong, Texas story-teller, at the Holiday Inn Express, 105 Bintu Drive. The evening will include a reception, dinner, silent auction — and some Tall Texas Tales. "Given increases in COVID cases among the unvaccinated and breakthrough cases in the vaccinated population, we decided to postpone the Gala out of an abundance of caution." Museum President Wayne Kraemer said in a statement. The event — originally set for Sept. 25 at the LBJ Museum, located at 131 N. Guadalupe St. — displays special exhibits honoring President Johnson's formative years at Southwest Texas State Teachers College (now Texas State University) in San Marcos. Strong, the gala's featured speaker, is a Fulbright Scholar and Professor of Communication and Culture at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. Strong grew up in Texas and his storytelling influences range from Mark Twain, on whom he wrote his doctoral dissertation, to former public-radio host Garrison Keillor. Strong grew up working on farms and ranches in South Texas and so has had

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UNLEADED \$2.62  
DIESEL \$2.79

Sam's Club  
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87°

TONIGHT  
Mostly clear, east wind  
56°

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