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## Oppenheimer

By Dr. Jim Haas

*Albuquerque, New Mexico; July 16, 1945: An ammunition magazine exploded early today in a remote area of the Alamogordo Air Base reservation, producing a brilliant flash and blast, which were reported to be observed as far away as Gallup, two hundred and thirty five miles northwest. No casualties were reported.*

This newspaper item was the only public report at the time of the work of physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer and his team of scientists and technicians at a secret laboratory at Los Alamos, New Mexico. The flash was that of the first atomic bomb, code-named Trinity, that detonated when high explosives squeezed a plutonium sphere about the size of an orange to the size of an eyeball, simultaneously releasing beryllium neutrons into this supercritical mass. Ten or so of those neutrons hit plutonium atoms at random, starting a chain reaction where uncountable plutonium atoms flew apart, fissioned, transforming themselves briefly into every element in creation—helium, iron, sulphur, gold, strontium—in a few millionths of a second. In the process, Einstein's equation did its work and a gram or so of matter, one-third the weight of a penny, became energy announcing itself as millions of degrees of heat, millions of pounds of pressure, and light clearly visible from the moon. It fused the sand of the desert beneath it to glass.

The place where this happened was a flat, dry valley known since early

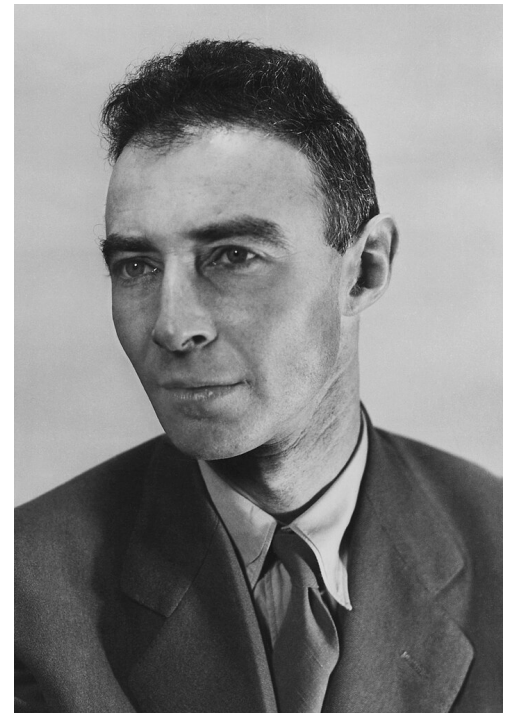
Spanish times as the *Jornado del Muerto*, the Journey of Death. It was chosen for its isolation and because it was closer to Los Alamos than other possible sites in southern California and Padre Island, Texas.

*Jornado del Muerto* was a prophetic name. Four hours after Trinity, the cruiser U.S.S. *Indianapolis*, carrying nuclear components of a bomb destined for Hiroshima on August 6, sailed from San Francisco for a B-29 base on Tinian Island in the western Pacific. On August 9, another bomb was flown over Kokura Arsenal, but clouds obscured the aiming point, so it was dropped on the alternative target of Nagasaki. Within the week, the Japanese government surrendered ending World War II. After six years and sixty million deaths, the killing stopped.

In human terms, Hiroshima and Nagasaki were not the deadliest places of the time. Stalingrad and Auschwitz were far deadlier, and much of Tokyo and most other Japanese cities had been gutted by conventional bombing, killing or maiming millions. The target list for atom bombs was short; there weren't many left to destroy.

The moral question of targeting civilians had already been answered at London and Coventry by the Germans and at Hamburg, Berlin, and Dresden by the British and Americans. Cities were inviting targets.

The movie *Oppenheimer* is based on the 2005 biography *American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer* by Kai Bird and Martin Sherwin. The book won a Pulitzer Prize, and the movie has de-



buted to wide acclaim including by *New Yorker* film critic Anthony Lane with his dry wit: When Oppenheimer learns that German scientists have split the atom and says, "That's impossible," Lane writes, "I was hoping that he'd shout out 'Fission: impossible!' but you can't have everything." Lane's review includes a drawing of Oppenheimer with his pipe, the rising smoke forming a mushroom cloud.

In his 1986 Pulitzer Prize history of the Manhattan Project, *The Making of the Atomic Bomb*, Kansas Citian Richard Rhodes quotes Oppenheimer at a 1946 staff recognition ceremony on his last day at Los Alamos: "[Our] pride must be tempered with a profound concern. If atomic bombs are to be added to the arsenals of nations ... the time will come when mankind will curse the names of Los Alamos and Hiroshima." That time hasn't come. Yet.



By Sharon Hoover

The “Good Bugs, Bad Bugs” class at the Turner Garden has always been a favorite with the Turner Summer Camp kids and this year was no exception. Don Crim, WYCO Master Gardener taught the class. He brought plastic replicas of many insects and explained the differences between the good and bad, engaged the kids in deciding which was which, and indicated some could be both bad and good. After the discussion, each

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child was given a net to collect a bug from the garden avoiding bees and wasps because they sting. Once collected, the children had to try to identify each bug captured. Everyone had a good time.

Turner Recreation’s fall schedule has been emailed to those who subscribe. If you are interested in receiving their emails and updates go to [www.turnerrecreation.org](http://www.turnerrecreation.org). Along with sports activities are dates for Elderbears luncheon, Spooktacular, Turner Days, Thanksgiving dinner, etc.

If you have a child or grandchild that will be 3 or 4 years old on or before August 31, you might want to choose Turner USD202 for preschool. Teachers are certified. Transportation is provided. Options are full or half day sessions. By the end of preschool, students will be able to recite the alphabet, use new vocabulary words, count to thirty, play appropriately with others, put together simple words and much more. Must be fully potty trained to qualify. For more information, visit [www.turnerusd202.org/preschool](http://www.turnerusd202.org/preschool).

I may be getting ahead of myself but if you like Jazz, a tribute to Charley “Bird” Parker called “Bird Lives!!” is being held on August 26 from 11am-5pm, a NEKCK Historic Heritage Trail Kickoff and finale - Unveiling of Charley Parker mural (by “Lucky” Easterwood) at Community Boxing & Fitness Youth, 2055 N 17<sup>th</sup>, KCK. Free to the public, live music, bike rides & giveaways, 2 bouncy houses, family fun event, and art sale. Bring lawn chairs and coolers. Vendors or questions - contact [mtownsend@northeastkck.org](mailto:mtownsend@northeastkck.org).

Volunteers are needed at Friends of Yates. They are looking for office assistants, donation organization, garden maintenance, and culinary support. For more information contact Carlen Davis 913 321-1566 or email [foy@friendsofyates.org](mailto:foy@friendsofyates.org).

Until next time, stay safe and be kind to those around you. Continue to pray for the brave Ukrainians fighting for the right to remain free.



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# Chamber reports on legislative success

**By Murrel Bland**

The Kansas City, Kansas, Area Chamber of Commerce celebrated its legislative success, issuing its “scorecard” at a luncheon meeting of its Congressional Forum Friday, July 21 at Legends Field.

Areas of legislative concern included early education and workforce development, economic development, transportation, K-12 and post-secondary education, the University of Kansas Medical Center and the crime of battery against a healthcare worker.

The Chamber opposed a child-care bill because of potential unintended consequences. The bill passed the Kansas House and Senate, but was vetoed by Gov. Laura Kelly. The veto was sustained.

A bill would allow STAR bonds

to be used to finance major amusement parks; such projects also would be eligible for financing by special obligation bonds. The successful provision was part of the Mega budget bill that passed.

Passage of a Kansas Senate bill will allow the transfer of \$220 million from the State General Fund to the Build Kansas Matching Grant Fund. Local units of government could apply for matching funds for infrastructure projects. The Unified Government estimates that bridges in Wyandotte County need more than \$1 billion in repairs; two of these prospective projects are the James Street and Kansas Avenue bridges.

A Senate Bill which passed will allow tax credits for those enrolled in baccalaureate degree programs such as education and

healthcare. Another successful House bill creates tax credits for apprenticeship programs.

A provision inserted in the Omnibus Budget bill will direct the Legislature to review funding for the proposed Cancer Center building at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

Another successful Senate bill

defines battery against a healthcare worker.

John Frederico, the lobbyist for the Chamber, said the 2024 session will be affected because it is an election year.

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## New Elimination of Court Related Fees Policy Adopted

At the July 13, 2023, commission meeting, the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas (UG) commissioners amended an ordinance to reduce the impact fines and fees have on our community. The Board formally

amended Section 23-13 of the Code of Ordinances to eliminate all UG-related fees for people with Municipal Court business.

The amended ordinance eliminated a fee of \$30 that was

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# Guest Editorial

## Quotes To Ponder

By Tom Valverde

The criminal statutes which the Special Counsel, Jack Smith listed in his Target letter to the former president were in three categories in the Grand jury investigation into the role that Trump played in the January 6 attack on the US Capitol. Target letters are sent to put a defendant on notice of the sorts of felonies that he might be charged with.

Jack Smith listed the following offenses in his Target letter to the former president:

1. Conspiracy to commit offenses against or defraud the US.
2. Witness tampering
3. Deprivation of Rights under Color of Law

Offense #1. refers to two or more people entering into an agreement to do wrong to violate the laws of the United States; to defraud the States out of a free and free election.

Offense #2. Cassidy Hutchinson at first, had a White House lawyer who of course, was on team Trump. He was looking out for Trump's best interests; not her interests. Later, she hired a new lawyer that had her best interests at heart. When she appeared before the January 6 Committee, she told the full truth about crimes committed by Mark Meadows and Donald Trump.

Smith has a wide range of different crimes to be able to charge Trump with. The "Blue Book of Federal Crimes lists more than 30 that are under the Witness Tampering Statute. One that Jack Smith may have been referring to in the latest Target letter is the Obstructing of an official proceeding. Hundreds of the Far-Right mob involved in the Capitol attack, have been convicted of obstruction of an official proceeding; the work of the Congress in the certification of the results of the presidential election."

#3. The Deprivation of Rights law refers to the Federal law under Section 241 that's been used

to indict whenever someone tries to fraudulently interfere with an election. For example, there was a case involving stuffing a ballot box with fraudulent ballots. What does this do? It deprives all voters in that jurisdiction of the full value of their vote.

Jack Smith has identified all the injured parties with the breaking of these three laws. With #1., the United States is defrauded of a free and fair Election. In the case of #2. It's the US Congress. Lastly, in #3 it's the American people that are the victims.

Other Crimes may still be presented by Smith. A charge of leading an Insurrection may still be coming. This one is important because if convicted, this Statute forbids the guilty party from ever holding public office. State crime convictions are also important because those cannot be pardoned by a president in the future. It is highly probable that Donald Trump will be indicted in Washington DC by the Grand jury for his role in January 6. The Special Counsel has been most thorough in bringing in evidence and key people to provide sworn testimony. One of those is the Chief counsel for Donald Trump is Sarah Matthews.\*

In a related story in the New York Times that described how, Jack Smith is known to have been looking into Trump's Save America PAC that raised as much as \$250 Million. The Times story said that, Donors were told that the money was needed to fight election fraud, even after Trump had been told repeatedly that there was "no evidence" to back up his claims.

Telling supporters the money will be used for X, then not used for X but, instead, for Z. That's the essence of fraud," said Victoria Nourse, former Chief counsel for Joe Biden as vice-president.

\*Sarah Matthews was interviewed on CNN and had this to say about the former president, "He preys on his supporters, he lied to them and that results in these people giving him money.

They think that they're helping to save democracy, they think they are helping to save Donald Trump. All because they think the election was stolen. Yet, Trump has been told repeatedly that there is no election fraud by his claims of there being substantial fraud. Trump was also told repeatedly that he lost but, he is not willing to accept that fact."

Sarah Matthews goes on, "It is really disgusting to see him take advantage of his base. Ultimately, that is what led to the deadly attack on the nation's Capitol. These folks would have never been there that day, unless Donald Trump told them that Mike Pence had an authority to overturn the election. Trump was told that his vice-president did not have that authority."

There are so many of Trump's alleged crimes and offenses to keep track of. The Manhattan district attorney received a letter in 2022 from a former well-known Mafia prosecutor, Mark Pomerantz, upon his leaving the probe into the Trump organization The letter was published by the New York Times

"There was evidence sufficient to establish Mr. Trump's guilt beyond a shadow of a doubt of allegations he falsified financial statements to

secure loans and burnish his reputation as a wealthy businessman."

It was Trump's CFO who ultimately paid for Trump's habitual crimes. He was sentenced to time in Rikers Island prison. The Investigation of Trump's financial management began shortly after the investigation into hush money payments to Stormy Daniels.

The district attorney expanded its probe into the Trump organization business practices. So far, there are 3 trials scheduled for 2024. Other Trump Criminal Court cases are also expected in the near future when he is charged with election interference in Georgia.

Most reasonable people cannot wait to see Trump finally be held to account for his multiple transgressions. As of last Thursday, it was revealed in court under sworn testimony by Rudy Giuliani that he had fabricated the entire allegation of a "rigged" election in order to help Trump steal the 2020 election victory from Joe Biden.

There was never a stolen election. No matter what penalty all involved with the scheme to keep Trump in office, it will take years to fix the damages done to the United States by their deceit.

## Fees Policy

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previously assessed automatically when an accused person submitted a plea of guilty or no contest. Additionally, the amended ordinance defines a process for an ability to pay hearing, clarifying the options available to individuals without the financial means to pay fines and fees.

Last year, the Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kansas joined the second cohort of the Cities & Counties for Fine and Fee Justice (CCFFJ) program. With five other communities across the country, the Fines and Fees Justice Center is providing customized technical and strategic assistance concerning policy, research, communications and data as tools to evaluate fine and fine reform. The cohort communities are each pursuing reforms that include eliminating criminal justice fees — the

surcharges, penalties, and interest that drive up debt and make even a traffic ticket unaffordable for people living paycheck-to-paycheck.

"We have undertaken this important reform as part of the CCFFJ cohort," said Administrative Judge Meaghan E. Shultz. "The changes in this ordinance not only eliminate the \$30.00 court costs but it also formalizes the 'ability to pay' process. I have been holding these hearings since taking the bench in 2019 but appreciate the support of the Commission in formalizing these steps for the future."

The Municipal Court retains the authority to assess fees for service of process, witness fees, fees for transcripts and depositions, fees for examination and evaluation, probation fees, community service fees, expungement fees, and fees for expenses incurred in serving a warrant. All state fees at the Municipal Court will remain in place.



# HSMO Presents Warm Weather Safety Tips: Cats Too!

This summer, the Humane Society of Missouri's (HSMO) Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACT) has responded to dozens of calls from concerned St. Louis citizens reporting dogs being left in hot cars, and this week we've even rescued two cats. With temperatures forecast to be in the 100s over the next few days, HSMO would like to take this time to remind pet parents that leaving ANY animal in an uncooled vehicle during this heat is not only illegal in Missouri, but extremely dangerous, killing dozens of pets every year.

It's important for pet owners to remember the Humane Society of Missouri's life-saving motto:

**70° & Over, Don't Take Rover!**

HSMO shares the following tips for keeping pets safe on hot, sunny days:

- \* Never leave a pet unattended in a parked car when the temperature is near or above 70 degrees. The temperature inside a car can soar past 100 degrees very quickly and temperatures above 110 degrees can be fatal in minutes.

- \* Act immediately if you see a distressed animal in an unattended car. Call the police and the Humane Society of Missouri's Animal Cruelty Hotline at (314) 647-4400 as soon as possible. A pet showing signs of distress such as heavy panting, unresponsive behavior, seizure or collapse, needs immediate attention.

- \* Apply cool water to your pet's extremities if they show signs of heat exhaustion. If your pet is displaying symptoms, place a cool, wet towel around their neck or pour cool water over their body, especially the abdomen and between the hind legs.

Schedule an appointment with your veterinarian as soon as possible.

- \* Make sure outdoor pets always have access to shade and fresh clean water. Do not use bowls made of metal as they will become extremely hot if left out in the sun. Take frequent water breaks if walking or jogging with your dog. If you leave your pet outdoors for an extended period, check to make sure they will have shaded areas all day. Asphalt and concrete heat up quickly. If it's too hot to keep your hand on the pavement for 10 seconds, it is too hot for a dog's paws.

- \* Keep pets inside when temperatures exceed 90 degrees. There will be days when the temperature skyrockets and it becomes too hot for pets to remain outside. Bring them indoors and keep them in a safe and secure place such as the basement, especially if your home is not air conditioned. Rising temperatures inside the home can be just as deadly as the outdoor heat.

Find all of these tips and more at [hsmo.org/donttakerover](http://hsmo.org/donttakerover).

To report an animal in heat-related jeopardy, call the Humane Society of Missouri Animal Cruelty Hotline at (314) 647-4400 and your local police immediately.

About the Humane Society of Missouri Animal Cruelty Task Force  
The Humane Society of Missouri's Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACT) is one of the largest animal rescue/disaster response teams in the United States. For more than 40 years, ACT has worked side by side with state, local and city law enforcement officials to investigate and help prosecute animal abusers.

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#### Notice of Hearing 2023-2024 Budget

The governing body of Unified School District 202 will meet on the 5th day of September 2023 at 6:15 PM at 800 South 55th St. Kansas City, KS 66106 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information, including budget profile, building needs assessment and Board state assessments review is available at Administrative Service Center on the district website and will be available at this hearing.  
The Amount of 2023 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2023-2024 Budget. The 'Est. Tax Rate' (column 7), shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

Code 99 Line	2021-2022 Actual		2022-2023 Actual		2023-2024 Proposed Budget		
	Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Budgeted Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2023 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)
<b>OPERATING</b>							
General	06 30,147,654	20.000	31,169,679	20.000	33,379,249	3,838,152	20.000
Supplemental General (LOB)	08 9,304,884	13.172	9,705,562	13.653	10,430,113	2,989,090	13.443
<b>SPECIAL REVENUE</b>							
Federal Funds	07 4,160,215		6,987,550		6,304,656		
Adult Education	10 0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Preschool-Aged At-Risk	11 179,600		248,401		553,300		
Adult Supplemental Education	12 0		0		0		
At Risk (K-12)	13 7,674,166		7,836,295		12,016,000		
Bilingual Education	14 752,204		761,869		200,000		
Virtual Education	15 54,600		42,000		0		
Capital Outlay	16 5,261,201	7.695	3,190,995	7.283	16,881,831	2,046,835	8.000
Driver Training	18 0		0		0		
Declining Enrollment	19 0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary School Program	22 0		0		0		
Food Service	24 2,335,593		2,178,464		5,156,000		
Professional Development	26 3,280		13,399		100,000		
Parent Education Program	28 278,308		283,234		696,000		
Summer School	29 0		0		0		
Special Education	30 7,279,705		7,225,049		9,875,100		
Cost of Living	33 0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Career and Postsecondary Education	34 844,185		810,455		1,307,100		
Gifts and Grants	35 257,193		255,801		992,100		
Special Liability Expense Fund	42 0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
School Retirement	44 0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45 0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Reserve Fund	47 372,333		633,584				
KPERS Special Retirement Contribution	51 4,180,073		4,402,310		4,842,541		
Contingency Reserve	53 0		0		0		
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55 740,768		209,743				
Activity Fund	56 389,601		436,233				
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>							
Bond and Interest #1	62 7,546,228	13.451	7,554,380	13.413	6,830,376	2,890,748	13.000
Bond and Interest #2	63 0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	64 0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Special Assessment	67 0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Temporary Note	68 0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
<b>COOPERATIVES</b>							
Special Education	78 0		0		0		
<b>TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES</b>	100 81,761,791	54.318	83,945,003	54.349	110,569,419	11,764,825	54.443
Less: Transfers	105 18,062,286		19,002,781		16,347,488		
<b>NET USD EXPENDITURES</b>	110 63,699,505		64,942,222		94,221,931		
<b>TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED</b>	115 8,916,066		9,883,094		11,764,825		

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\* Tax Rates are expressed in Mills

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<b>OTHER</b>							
Historical Museum	80 0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board	82 0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83 0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0	0.000
Recreation Commission	84 1,175,866	6.000	1,818,356	5.983	2,080,057	1,334,102	6.000
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86 181,169	1.000	194,746	0.997	201,050	222,381	1.000
<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>	129 1,357,035	7.000	2,013,102	6.980	2,281,107	1,556,483	7.000
<b>TOTAL TAXES LEVIED</b>	125 \$10,095,617		\$11,396,320		\$13,321,308		
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128 \$154,078,750		\$161,355,681		\$191,907,617		
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130 \$168,507,343		\$190,021,510		\$222,356,750		
Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay	129 \$172,818,134		\$208,328,805		\$255,854,373		
<b>Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1</b>							
General Obligation Bonds	135 61,105,000		57,795,000		52,005,000		
Capital Outlay Bonds	140 0		0		0		
Temporary Note	145 0		0		0		
No-Fund Warrant	150 0		0		0		
Lease Purchase Principal	153 0		0		0		
<b>TOTAL USD DEBT</b>	155 61,105,000		57,795,000		52,005,000		

\* Tax Rates are expressed in Mills

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#### Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate for the 2023-2024 School Year

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	2022-2023			2023-2024	
	Actual Tax Levied	Actual Tax Rate	Neutral Tax Rate	Estimated Tax Levied	Est. Tax Rate
General	\$3,220,124	20.000	18.866	\$3,838,152	20.000
Capital Outlay	\$1,522,264		7.283	\$2,046,835	8.000
Bond and Interest #2	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
<b>ALL OTHER FUNDS</b>					
Supplemental General (LOB)	\$2,589,640		13.653	\$2,989,090	13.443
Adult Education	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
Cost of Living	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
Special Liability Expense Fund	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
Bond and Interest #1	\$2,544,076	13.413		\$2,890,748	13.000
No-Fund Warrant	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
Special Assessment	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
Temporary Note	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
Historical Museum	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
Public Library Board	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
<b>Sub Total - All Other Funds</b>	\$5,133,716	27.066		\$5,879,838	26.443

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