

Notas Y Más

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Brief news items on upcoming community events.
Send items for Notas y Más to: lavoz@esperanzacenter.org
or mail to: 922 San Pedro, San Antonio, TX 78212.

The deadline is the 8th of each month.

Trinity University's 2016 Álvarez Seminar, Siqueiros Internacional, is a series on the great Mexican muralist's artwork that continues with guest pláticas on February 9th, 17th and 25th. Find a complete schedule of the *Álvarez Seminar* at www.trinity.edu/MAS

Gemini Ink's Chicana Great Books Series moderated by Patricia Portales takes place at their location on 1111 Navarro St. (*unless otherwise noted). Free. The schedule includes: **House on Mango St.** by Sandra Cisneros on **February 9th**, **Under the Feet of Jesus** by Maria Viramontes on **March 8th**, **Chicana Falsa & Other Stories** by Michele Serros (*at **Barrio Barrista Coffeehouse**, 3735 Culebra Rd.) on **April 5th** and **Sonnets to Human Beings** by Carmen Tafolla on **May 10th**. Contact: geminiink.org or call 210.734.WORD.



The Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center presents the 38th Annual **CineFestival** from February 19-February 27, 2016. For a complete schedule or tickets visit guadalupeculturalarts.org

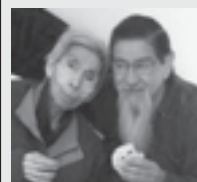
Life and Death on the Border 1910-1920 is on exhibit at the **Bullock State History Museum** in Austin through April 3rd. It re-examines the events and context that represent some of the worst racial violence in U.S. history. Through a display of rare artifacts, photographic records, court documents, newspapers, family histories and eye witness accounts, the exhibit provides a fresh perspective on a little-known story that shaped the Mexican American civil rights movement. Check: <http://www.thestoryoftexas.com/visit/exhibits/life-and-death-on-the-border> or Refusingtoforget.org



Pablo Miguel Martinez, executive director of **San Antonio Cultural Arts** of San Antonio, invites community folks to check the website for job postings at: www.sananto.org/job-opportunities-2016.html Those interested in Chicano grassroots cultural arts organizing be sure to check this out!



Many thanks to Dale and Janine Lasater who made a donation to Esperanza Peace & Justice Center in memory of Michael Ingraham.



Laura Sanchez

Many of you will recall Laura Sánchez and her husband, Marcos, who led Proyecto

Hospitalidad during the civil wars in Central America. Laura and Marcos hosted families in their home and tended to the social, medical and other needs of the refugee community. Laura had been living with her daughters in another state and has recently returned to San Antonio. She is very ill. Her family and she would welcome cards and good wishes during this difficult period. Please send your cards or letters to Laura Sanchez c/o Esperanza Peace and Justice Center, 922 San Pedro, San Antonio, TX 78212. Our community needs to thank someone who did so much for so many for a very long time. The family has started a GoFundMe page for expenses related to Laura's care. To donate see: www.gofundme.com/gn9a6kvw

—Gracias, María A. Berriozábal

Gilbert Garcia



September 28, 1946 - January 7, 2016

Gilbert Garcia passed away quietly from complications of living with diabetes. He leaves behind his loving wife and sweetheart of 47 years, Mary Garcia, his daughter, Patsy, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Gilbert, an army veteran, was also a musician who chose to operate the historic conjunto venue, Lerma's Nite Club, with his wife. When Lerma's shut down in July of 2010, Gilbert and Mary went before the City of San Antonio with many community members to ask that the city stop demo-

lition proceedings. That led Mayor Julian Castro to lobby council members to have Lerma's recognized as a city landmark. The State of Texas followed asking the Federal Government to add Lerma's Nite Club to the National Register of Historic Places. Eventually, Lerma's was one of the few Latino Heritage sites deemed worthy of preservation. With Mary and Gilbert's blessing the Esperanza Peace and Justice Center now oversees the work of fundraising and future restoration and preservation of Lerma's. Preservation Texas listed Lerma's as one of the Most Endangered Places of 2014. Recently, Lerma's received \$500,000 from the city to go towards preservation of the structure. Gilbert's dream was to see Lerma's reopened and he hoped to once again manage the club with Mary. The dream to restore Lerma's continues. We invite everyone to join us as we gather funds to make Lerma's Nite Club live again to preserve the legacy of conjunto music. To share your stories, photos or resources in the effort to restore Lerma's call Esperanza at 210.228.0201 or check the Lerma's facebook or www.savelermas.org for more information. Gilbert's dream is very much alive!



—J. Branch, SA Express-News