

# Notas Y Más

April 2018

Brief news items on upcoming community events.  
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or mail to: 922 San Pedro, San Antonio, TX 78212.  
The deadline is the 8th of each month.

Green Spaces Alliance hosts its 1st Saturday tour of *Bulverde Oaks Nature Preserve* on **April 7th**, 9am-12pm at the NW corner of Judson Rd and Loop 1604. Register free at: [greensatx.org/bulverde-oaks/](http://greensatx.org/bulverde-oaks/) to reserve your spot.

Registration for Green Spaces Alliance's *Picture Your World Youth Photography Contest* is open. **Deadline: Monday, April 9th** by **5 p.m.** Register online at [bit.ly/picture\\_your\\_world](http://bit.ly/picture_your_world).



Trinity University's *Alvarez Seminar 2018* organized by the MAS (*Mexico, the Americas, and Spain*) program features *Latina Poetry Across the Americas*. On **April 19th**, **Analia Sotelo**, award-winning author and poet and author of «*Virgin Territory: Latinidad, Femininity & Artistic Practice*» will speak at the **Holt Center** at 6pm on how you can craft your own space as artists and intellectuals and how your writing can act as a vehicle for sharpening an awareness of self and community. Refreshments served @ 5:30pm. Check the *MAS Alvarez Seminar* on Facebook or go to: [bit.ly/mas\\_alvarez](http://bit.ly/mas_alvarez)

The SoL (Source of Light) Center at **University Presbyterian Church**, 300 Bushnell, offers courses throughout the year. In April courses include: *Causes and Implications of Rohingya Genocide* with **Sarwat Husain** on Tuesday, **April 24th** from 7-9 p.m. with first hand stories from the Rohingya. **Tuition** is \$20 thru April 17th; and on Wednesdays, **April 11th & 18th—Ancient Wisdom: Shahrazad as Healer** with **Marga Speicher** from 7-9pm exploring the storyteller's teachings. **Tuition** is \$35 through April 4th. Check: [upcsa.org/sol-calendar](http://upcsa.org/sol-calendar).



**April 20th** is **A National Day of Action to Prevent Gun Violence in Schools**. Inspired by the courageous young people in Parkland, Florida, the **Network for Public Education** is joining with national organizations, schools and communities on the anniversary of the Columbine Massacre to say **"No more!"** Wear orange that day and organize an event to stand in solidarity across the country and demand action **NOW**. See: [networkforpubliceducation.org/national-day-action](http://networkforpubliceducation.org/national-day-action)

The *Mexican American Studies Program* at **UTSA** sponsors a *MAS Social Studies Teachers' Academy* **June 25-29** for secondary teachers in the South Texas region that aligns with the **Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills** in social studies, and meets the specific content area for *Mexican American Studies*. It is offered for a \$50 fee at the **Institute of Texan Cultures**, 801 E. César E. Chávez Blvd., M-Th from 8:30am-4:30pm and Friday, 8:30am-1:30pm. Contact **UTSA's MAS** office at 210.458.2675 or [mas.ssacademy@gmail.com](mailto:mas.ssacademy@gmail.com).



**Galería Guadalupe** at 723 Brazos has *The Other Side of the Alamo* on exhibit through **July 20th** featuring 26 artists and more than 40 works curated by **Ruben C. Cordova**, Ph.D. Selected Chicano/a artists counter the mainstream myths of the Alamo's iconic status through traditional and non-traditional paintings, sculptures, and installation work. Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm or Saturday & Sunday, 11am-5pm. Free! See: [www.guadalupeculturalarts.org](http://www.guadalupeculturalarts.org)



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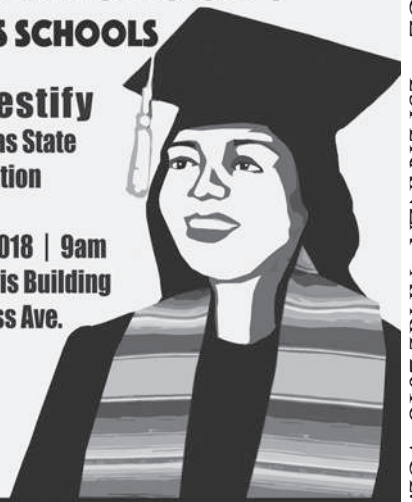
**Hays St. Bridge Update:** The Historic & Design Review Commission of San Antonio rejected a developer's proposal to erect a 5-story apartment building next to the Hays Street Bridge on March 9, 2018. It was the second try for approval by the developer and the second win for the Hays St. Bridge Restoration Group. The first hearing in December 2017 was for approval of a 4-story building. The Bridge, listed on the National Register of Historic Places and a Texas Historic Civil Engineering Landmark is of great appeal to developers who hope to use the bridge for their purposes. The 5-story building would have blocked the view of the iconic landmark used by the public. The vote against the developer was bittersweet as the Restoration Group's founder, Douglas Steadman, was buried 2 days before. His son, Darryl, testified against the development saying that his father commented on his deathbed, "I should have never allowed the city of San Antonio to hold the land for me while I went to build the park and raise funds for it, because those crooks have stolen the land that belongs to the public." Mr. Steadman spent 50 years of his life to preserve the Bridge and co-founded the Hays Street Bridge Restoration Group. The developer may appeal the decision to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the City Council, but residents, preservationists and activists will continue the fight for Mr. Steadman. Meanwhile, litigation is pending on the land donated to the Restoration Group that the City gave away.

## APPROVE MAS

**MEXICAN AMERICAN STUDIES  
FOR TEXAS SCHOOLS**

**Rally & Testify**  
before the Texas State  
Board of Education

**Wed, April 11, 2018 | 9am**  
**William B. Travis Building**  
**1701 N. Congress Ave.**  
**Austin, Texas**



**Sign & share the petition: [bit.ly/2Fg1Gmn](http://bit.ly/2Fg1Gmn)**  
**More info at: [facebook.com/approveMAS](https://facebook.com/approveMAS)**  
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