

Notas Y Más

July/Aug 2021

Community meetings and art events are currently on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Check websites, FB or call 210-228-0201 for virtual meetings and arts programming for each month. www.esperanzacenter.org



Gemini Ink offers workshops this summer including *Sifting and Sorting: Developing Fiction from Family Anecdotes* with **Diane Gonzales Bertrand** via Zoom on **Wed, July 14 & 21** from 6:30-8:30pm. Cost: Nonmember \$125; Member \$105; Student: \$75 For a schedule of classes offered check: geminiink.org/events/



SA's **Main Plaza**, home of **San Fernando Cathedral**, offers free activities all summer long from movies, to live music to *The Saga* light show screened on the Cathedral's facade. Check mainplaza.org



San Antonio Catholic Worker House, 626 Nolan, seeks donations

of the following: small bags of chips, peanut butter crackers, small bags of nuts or trail mix, granola bars, 12 oz disposable coffee cups and plastic forks & spoons. Call 210.224.7736 or visit sa-catholicworker.org

SNAP Survivor's Network of those Abused by Priests, meets virtually every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7-9pm. Contact **Patti Koo** at 956.648.7385 or snappkoo@gamil.com or **Zac Zepeda** at 210.317.7511 or zzsnap@snapnetwork.org for info.



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Give to the Esperanza in spirit of solidarity so we can continue to speak out, organize and fight for our communities for another 30 Years. Your support is needed NOW more than ever! Thank you for your gifts!

Send donations to Esperanza

Esperanza Peace And Justice Center
922 San Pedro Avenue
San Antonio, TX 78212

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Call 210.228.0201 or

email: fundraising@esperanzacenter.org

Visit www.esperanzacenter.org/donate for online giving options.

¡Mil Gracias!

9am, Friday. Menace and staff came to change my locks. I wasn't allowed in for 3 weeks. "What about beds, dishes, clothes and internet for the kids' school? 3 weeks?" Menace started to mansplain, I cut him off. "I have a back injury, I can't carry furniture. I can go to the other unit while they work but need to come back at night." Menace replies, "You are not allowed to enter this unit for 3 weeks." I asked, "What about my stuff?" He countered with, "That's why we gave you a unit." They expected me to take my kids to an empty unit that has stairs, for 3 weeks with no entrance to my unit? With my back and my son's seizures? I finally lost it. So I made calls.

The contracted crew arrived while I was on the phone. They had been told I'd be there by staff the day before and had no idea why I was told differently. Estimated 2 days. It ended up being 4. Strangely. I got a call 2 weeks later from staff telling me they were done. I wonder how often maintenance waits weeks to close out completed orders? I'm grateful for our Interim CEO, but change has to happen with staff on all levels, and first responders coming on to property.

To get more of my misadventures, check out my blog on westsidedefender.org

BIO: Kayla Miranda, a housing advocate organizing in the Westside of San Antonio, resides at the Alazán Apache Courts with her children.

Rudy & Albert Garza

Lifetime friends and brothers, Rudy and Albert Garza passed away this summer weeks from each other. A memorial service was held for both on May 28th at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church where they were remembered as part of a close knit family who enjoyed being together for family gatherings and holidays. Both Rudy and Albert loved to travel and served in the U.S. Armed Forces: Albert in the US Air Force and Rudy in the US Army. Rudy regularly attended Esperanza events striking an imposing figure with his wide brimmed Mexican sombreros and beautiful Mexican shirts. Esperanza staff and buena gente extend our condolences to their families and friends, especially their sisters, Estela Villarreal and Rosie Zertuche who was a part of MujerArtes and continues to produce beautiful artwork, nichos and clayware. May Albert and Rudy continue their adventures in the world beyond. In this world they will be missed.

Los hermanos Garza: Albert (l) and Rudy (r), presentes! —QEPD

