

Notas Y Más

May 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



Exhibit Reopening 2021
¡Printing the Revolution! The Rise & Impact of Chicano

Graphics, 1965 to Now

Smithsonian American Art Museum
Washington D.C. (8th & G Sts, NW)

Virtual Conversation Series

An online series that examines Chicano graphics & its impact.

May 13, 6:30pm - ¡Printing the Revolution! Virtual Conversation
Topic: **Creating in a Digital Sphere**

For info & tickets go to **EventBrite:**
bit.ly/printing-the-revolution



CineFestival 2021, the nation's oldest Latino film festival sponsored by the **Guadalupe**

Cultural Arts Center returns **July 8-11, 2021**. The 42nd edition focuses on Chicano, Latinx & Native American cinema, with an emphasis on Texas films. Depending on public health guidelines the festival may be held in virtual format, or as a mix of virtual and live. For updates check info@guadalupeculturalarts.org or call **210.271.3151**.



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court. My rent payments had been applied to these fines. I'm the single mother of 4 children. One of my sons is autistic and has epilepsy. My other son was placed with me by CPS after his parents went to prison. I was doing all I could and had nowhere else to go. You can imagine the stress, pain and fear I was in, as well as the confusion. Why was this happening to me when I did everything I was supposed to? My then 14 year old daughter attempted suicide. She is a bright, kind and loving child who used to attend Saturday school voluntarily to get extra tutoring. Currently at 16, she volunteers with food distribution in the community, takes all AP courses and wants to be a Veterinarian. All while holding a part time job at McDonald's. So much potential and life, yet she was almost lost because she said she felt like a burden. She never should have felt that way, but office personnel banging on your door is hard to hide. NONE of this should ever had happened. Luckily I found help with my neighborhood association and Esperanza Peace & Justice Center who connected me with legal aid. I was able to appeal and keep my apartment. 6 months later my case was dismissed. During my ordeal, I engaged in community advocacy and found several other families were in the same situation but unfortunately didn't receive help in time or simply left when they received notices to vacate because they had no hope of paying these fees.

Public housing is made up of the poorest of the poor, including many elderly & disabled individuals and several single mothers, all of which have the most to lose. When rent is paid, no loopholes should allow the funds to be funneled elsewhere. No family should lose their home over a technicality. No person should lose their life to hopelessness. Thank you for your time."

The Historic Westside Residents Association and Esperanza saved my life. They stood by me when no one else would. My neighbors and fellow residents would have been lost without them. I can never express the gratitude or respect I hold for the amazing individuals who fought by my side and are by my side still. Of course my situation has improved since then. I hope and pray that it will continue to improve in the years to come. I work hard. Hundreds of people have put time, effort, sweat, blood and tears into the community here on the Westside. The difference between us and them is they're playing politics and we are fighting for our lives. Don't downplay our plight. We matter just as much as the suits you're talking to. And no one tells our story better than us.

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



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