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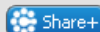
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Carmen Miranda has nothing on Carlos Betancourt, who through the wonders of digital photography and image-editing techniques, was able to build the impressive headgear he wears in his self-portrait "Totem for Light I (Carlos)" with nary a glue gun burn.

The Puerto Rico-born, Miami-based artist is one of six Latin American artists featured in "Photographic Encounters: Humanity in Nature," an exhibit presented by Ruiz-Healy Art for and curated by New York art critic and scholar Graciela Kartofel.

The exhibit, for the photography festival Fotoseptiembre USA, opens with a reception at 6 p.m. Thursday at the City of San Antonio International Center, 203 S. St. Mary's St., and continues through the end of the month.

Other Fotoseptiembre openings this week:

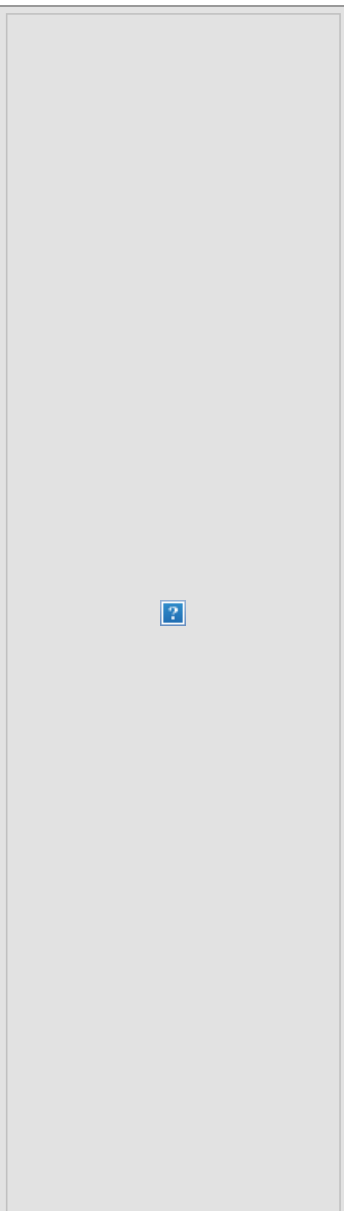
"Pictures Without a Story": Photographs by James Gonzalez on display at San Antonio Meeting Center, 660 N. Main Ave. Opening reception from 6-9 tonight.

"So Much Art, So Little Time": Joan Frederick's photos will go on display Tuesday at the Carver Community Cultural Center, 226 N. Hackberry St.

San Antonio Visual Artists: Exhibit of new photos opens Tuesday with a reception at 6:30 p.m. at the group's space in Rivercenter mall.

"Deep in the Heart of Iraq: Photos of the Texas Seabees": Leslie Shively's exhibit opens with a reception from 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Blume Academic Library at St. Mary's University.

For a complete listing of Fotoseptiembre USA exhibits and events, go to www.safotofestival.com.



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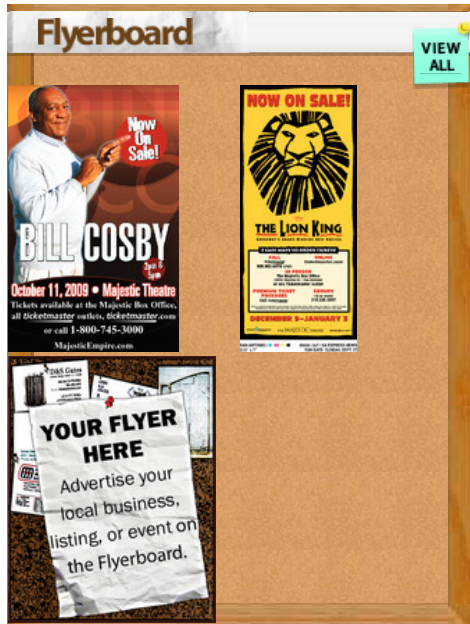
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