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Let's Talk About It Elections

By Yvette Tello

With numerous allegations of voting irregularities making headlines in the media, do you believe that your vote genuinely holds significance and can influence outcomes? Are elections prone to manipulation, in your opinion? What's your perspective on the electoral system? Let's talk about it...

Frances Casales Potter: "Your vote is incredibly valuable if you believe in preserving democracy in our country. The hard truth is, our democracy was at risk of being lost, and not voting only exacerbates that risk. There are those who are actively working to transform our nation into one ruled by a dictator, resembling countries like Russia or Venezuela. By voting, you have the power to shape the future for your children and ensure that democracy prevails."

David Lemon: "I think you're suffering from a severe misunderstanding. Your voting is the part that's bolted onto the electoral system. Not the other way around. It's not intended to make any votes count. As designed it doesn't even require elections. It is a system that allows an arbitrary number of states to negotiate and choose a leader for their union. Voting only shows up as a consequence of your state deciding at some point in the past to hold a popular election in order to determine how it would allocate its electors instead of your state legislature just appointing them. Currently all 50 states do this, but not all of them have always held elections for this purpose."

Ron Lane: "No, because the state imposed 'winner takes all' distribution effectively disenfranchises all who voted for the other candidates and allows a candidate to 'win' the EC vote while winning less than a majority in the popular votes."

Gary: "The president and vice president are elected by the states. The idea of 'every vote mattering' is a made-up talking point. That's not how a federal republic works."

Mike Jones: "First, I'd say to them that the electors who make up the Electoral College

are chosen through the votes of people in the states and that most states have laws requiring the electors to vote the way the people choose. Second, and much more importantly, I'd point out that there are a lot of other races on the ballot and those may be just as important as the Presidential race."

Anne Horacio: "I would say that person is probably not intelligent enough to vote anyway, so leave them alone. The popular vote is not how presidents are elected... We are a representative republic not a direct democracy. Do they not teach 5th grade civics any more?"

Rich Holton: "The Electoral College does decide who becomes president of the United States. But voting determines who is in the Electoral College. However, I can understand that someone from a non-swing state might feel their vote is pointless. That's one of the big problems with the current method of determining our President — it makes many people's votes irrelevant. On the other hand, I would say this year in particular, surprises may occur in some non-swing states. So it's important to grit your teeth and vote, even if it seems pointless. You never know how things will work out."

Don Emerson: "I think that I would point out that the reason the Electoral College has on very rare occasions decided our presidential election, is that the election itself was literally 'too close to call' based on a count of the popular vote. In recent years, many of our presidential elections have been literally, within a 1% or 2% margin one way or the other, with the popular vote so close that from a practical standpoint it is a tie. When tens of millions of votes are cast, a margin of a few thousand, or even a million or so, is a very close race. So I would point out that our voter turnout is ridiculously low in the US, and that if we want to quit allowing the Electoral College to snatch a razor thin victory away from a deserving candidate, and hand the country over to someone who is not fit for the office, our voter turnout needs to improve, considerably. On average, around 45% of our eligible voters do not cast a ballot in even the most crucial elections. If they would participate,

it would be possible to bury an unfit candidate in a landslide of popular votes. And if we did that, there would be no need or opportunity for the Electoral College to intercede in our elections."

Brenda Jacono: "I doubt I would say much. If someone believes it is pointless then that's what they believe. It is difficult to change minds and you can explain to them how the whole thing works and they will probably not change their mind anyway. Unless I truly believed that they might have a sincere interest in learning about how things work, then I'd let it go."

Thomas Hunter: "No. The electoral college gives less populated states more power in deciding who becomes president. And it is what the founding fathers of the country wanted."

Eric Widdison: "In 2020, U.S. Presidential election, primarily focused on the chance of then-President Donald Trump winning another term. Trump's prospects were effectively dashed following the election, particularly when Joe Biden secured enough votes in Pennsylvania to make it nearly impossible for Trump to catch up. A formal congressional challenge to the electoral vote, suggests that some House Republicans and possibly a Senator might support such a challenge. Even if such a challenge were made, it would not alter the ultimate outcome of the election. The House of Representatives would have had to decide whether to reject votes for Biden or accept alternate electors who voted for Trump. The primary consequence of challenging the electoral votes would have been a delay in certifying Joe Biden as the winner, possibly affecting his inauguration. Nonetheless, no matter what transpired, there was no way to keep Trump in office beyond January 20, 2021, and he had indeed lost the election. The 2020 election results were certified, and Joe Biden was inaugurated as the 46th President of the United States on January 20, 2021, following the legal processes and constitutional norms of the election."

About the Cover Artist: Tamara Merino

Courtesy of the City of San Antonio,
Department of Arts & Culture

Tamara Merino, based in Chile, is a National Geographic Explorer, documentary photographer and visual storyteller who focuses on subterranean communities, identity, human rights, environment, and climate change.

Merino's work has appeared in numerous publications globally, including National Geographic, The New York Times, The Washington Post, Time Magazine, Der Spiegel and Die Zeit, among many others. Merino was named to National Geographic's 2020 class of Emerging Explorers and was honored with the Magnum Foundation's Inge Morath Award that year.

Her photographs have been exhibited throughout the United States, Germany, Greece, Chile, Argentina, India, and around the world. Merino is the co-founder of Ayün Fotografas, a collective of women photographers and storytellers brought together to diversify the way we tell stories in our own region through a solutions-based narration promoting change.

Merino does lectures and presentations for National Geographic and teaches workshops on "documentary photography and storytelling" in various countries including for National Geographic Learning.

Her photographs in this exhibition are from Brazil and the United States.



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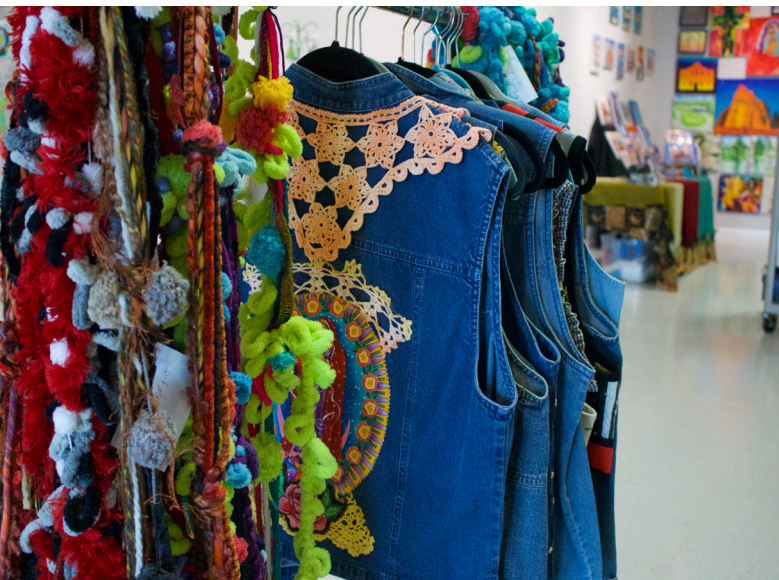
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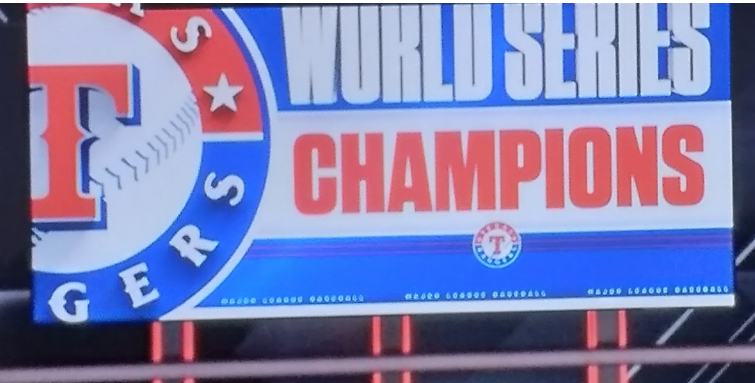
Por Franco

La base de seguidores en Bexar County del equipo Texas Ragers con sede en el estadio Globe Life Field en el suburbio de Arlington, Texas [Dallas County], celebraron en grande la captura de su primer Serie Mundial ganada en cinco partidos ante Diamondbacks de Arizona en su sede el estadio Chase Bank en Phoenix, Arizona. Donde siguieron la serie del doble partido jugado en el estadio Globe Life Field en cinco partidos ganaron su primer Serie Mundial en 63 años de existencia de la franquicia del estado de la Estrella Silitaria.



Ambos teams fueron producto en su clasificacion del Wild Card en la Liga Nacional (Arizona) y Liga Amicana [Texas], qué dieron la sorpresa a sus aficionados para disputar el Clásico de Octubre en el mejor béisbol del planeta. Texas Rangers con su timonel en jefe Bruce Bochy. Con el apoyo del presidente de la franquicia Neil Leibman, logró armar una alineación dura de vencer. Por el lado de DBacks apodado "Serpientes" en la mercadotecnia internacional, con su manager Torey Lovullo, pudieron salir adelante en su clasificacion viniendo del "Comodín", y ganar el banderín de Liga Nacional en postempo-

rada. Arizona un club joven de expansión en la temporada 2001 se coronó campeón de la Serie Mundial. Por lo qué nunca ha sido descartado como un rival grande por vencer. Rangers por su lado en los dos últimos años se distinguió como una máquina triunfadora alentando a sus seguidores para un mejor futuro en Grandes Ligas donde



ahora son los monarcas. Resultados: Rangers ganó el primero en extra innings gracias al cuadrangular pegado por el jardinero cubano Adolis García, qué puso la pizarra 6-5. García, quien con un salario de más de setecientos mil dólares le echó ganas y sobresalió en la serie. Por lo qué ahora se considera que Texas Rangers lo van a compen-

sar con estratosferica cantidad de millones de dólares para volver a fichar por largo plazo. El segundo partido Arizona lo ganó 9-1 carreras. La serie se traslado al estadio Chase Bank Field en la ciudad de Phoenix, qué lamentablemente fue su propia tumba, perdiendo tres partidos consecutivos con marcadores de 3-1. 11-7 y blanqueada de 5-0.

Rangers en Arlington tuvieron inolvidable desfile de campeón qué con ello satisfacció todos los años de espera entre su noble afición. DBacks eliminó a Filis y Rangers al ex campeón Astros de Houston. En ka serie mundial destacaron en el quinto partido el lanzador abridor Nathan Eovaldi, el segunda base Marcus Semien y el campo corto Corey Seager. Elegido como el MVP. Benito Martínez [El Venado], manager y jugador local en San Antonio del club Rangers SA afiliado al circuito Masters 50+ Potranco Baseball League. En breve dijo lo siguiente. "Yo mire a Rangers jugando muy bien. El manager Bruce Bochy, hizo un line up ideal, para dejar atrás marca de 63 años sin ganar una Serie Mundial. Contó con buen pitcheo y potente defensiva y ofensiva. Arriba Texas Rangers!!!". Fotos de cortesía. Foto del Venado Martínez por Franco.



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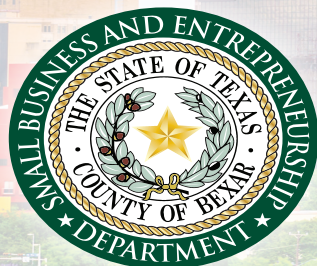
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MODERATOR: Texas Statewide HUB Program

PRESENTERS: Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)
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Love You Always Jules



By Natasha Gonzales

Too often we hear phrases such as “only the good die young” or “taken too soon” but rarely do we think we will be in a position to say this about someone we know, yet here we are. This article is dedicated to a beautiful Marine veteran who was taken too soon but deserves to be known by those who didn’t get a chance to know her. Jules this one is for you....

Jules Gatica, born at 0845 on September 21st, 1992, in San Antonio, TX was a proud Marine Corps veteran, pillar of the veteran community, non-profit worker through Heroes Sports, prior bartender at the VFW in Helotes, avid

hunter, huge Cowboys fan, friend, daughter, sister, and animal lover.

Following her childhood dream, after graduating from Lee High School, she enlisted in the Marine Corps as 0431 embarkation specialist. Gatica was very successful in her time during her active duty, moving up in rank and making friends all over the world. She worked as an overseas contractor in Kuwait but she missed home. Once Jules returned home, she realized she missed her fellow brothers and sisters in arms.

Jules created a new circle of brothers and sisters composed of several veterans here in San Antonio. She

found welcoming arms at her favorite spots around the city, including multiple VFW posts, Thirsty Horse Saloon, Heroes Sports non-profit foundation, the homes of her friends and family as well as local veteran group SATMAR (San Antonio Texas Marines). She enjoyed attending Spurs games & Missions games with friends as well as time at the gym and pamper sessions. Gatica was known for being selfless and kind, going as far as to drive clear across town at all hours of the day to help friends in need.

On the evening of November 2nd, 2023, a tragic car accident took the life of Jules Gatica. We lost an

amazing soul. Dozens of family and friends took to social media and honored her in ways that we all knew her; hilarious, joyful, sassy, loving and kind. She was like a sister to many and will be missed dearly.

Jules. Your smile lit up every room you walked into. You made friends

everywhere you went with your infectious energy and love for life. Nothing scared you and you knew life was meant to be enjoyed. Your witty humor and sarcasm is how we reminisce since we lost you. You will forever be young and forever in our hearts. Love you always.

Latino Artist Joao Quiroz Blends Mexican Memories with San Antonio Images

By Dr. Ricardo Romo

Joao Quiroz's first art lessons came from visiting the churches in the surrounding towns of his home in Zacatecas, Mexico. Church art had many facets notably religious statues, wall paintings, and murals. His hometown, which is no longer on the map, proved too small for the family. When he was seven, his family sought a better life and school opportunities for their children and moved to Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, one of Mexico's major cities.

In Monterrey, Mexico's largest industrial center, Quiroz attended secondary schools equivalent to American high schools and studied graphic design at Monterrey's UNAM campus. He showed promise as an artist when at age eighteen he was selected to illustrate



Joao Quiroz, "El Tocolote" Courtesy of the UNAM, San Antonio, Texas.
Photo by Ricardo Romo.

a UNAM book on short stories.

Upon graduation from the UNAM, Quiroz found work in Monterrey as a print media illustrator. Quiroz also a

guitar player, formed a rock and roll and blues band in his spare time. He followed the tradition of many Latino artists who engage in music as a secondary vocation. Quiroz worked for various newspapers in Monterrey, but also returned briefly to Zacatecas and lived and worked in Nuevo Laredo for two years. Nearly five years ago, he moved with his wife to San Antonio.

Quiroz is a member of the San Antonio Artists Collective [SAAC] which helps emerging artists connect with art buyers and other artists. SACA also assists artists in preparing their resumes and artist statements. I found their description of Quiroz helpful in understanding his creative approach. SACA noted that Quiroz's "artistic vision blends the worlds of

landscape, expressionism, and impressionism, creating a unique tapestry of colors and emotions that reflect his multicultural experiences."

Quiroz is known for his landscapes, but in recent years has expanded his skill for painting portraits. He recently completed a series of small murals and religious paintings at a Catholic church in La Coste, Texas. The artist reflected on his artistic approach in an interview, explaining that he "studied classical styles," but mostly considered himself a neo-impressionist. He added, "But I still love street art and exploring new materials."

Artists are known to be inspired by the great masters and Quiroz is no exception. He took time during his early years of painting to visit Italy and has been greatly influenced by seeing Van Gogh's

marvelous "Starry Night" at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. Over the past five years, Quiroz has painted numerous San Antonio iconic locations with a Van Gogh-influenced starry night sky. A blue night sky with bright cosmic stars dominates an urban landscape painting of San Antonio framing the Tower of the Americas, the Frost Bank Building, and several other skyscrapers. This painting serves as a prime example of his Van Gogh-inspired work.

Quiroz is also a portrait painter, and his many paintings at a new solo show at the UNAM in San Antonio are principally a blend of humorous caricatures and portraits. At this exhibit, Quiroz included fanciful day-of-the-dead caricature portraits of an accordion player, a dancer with a pachuco-style hat, and a singer with an exaggerated wide mouth.

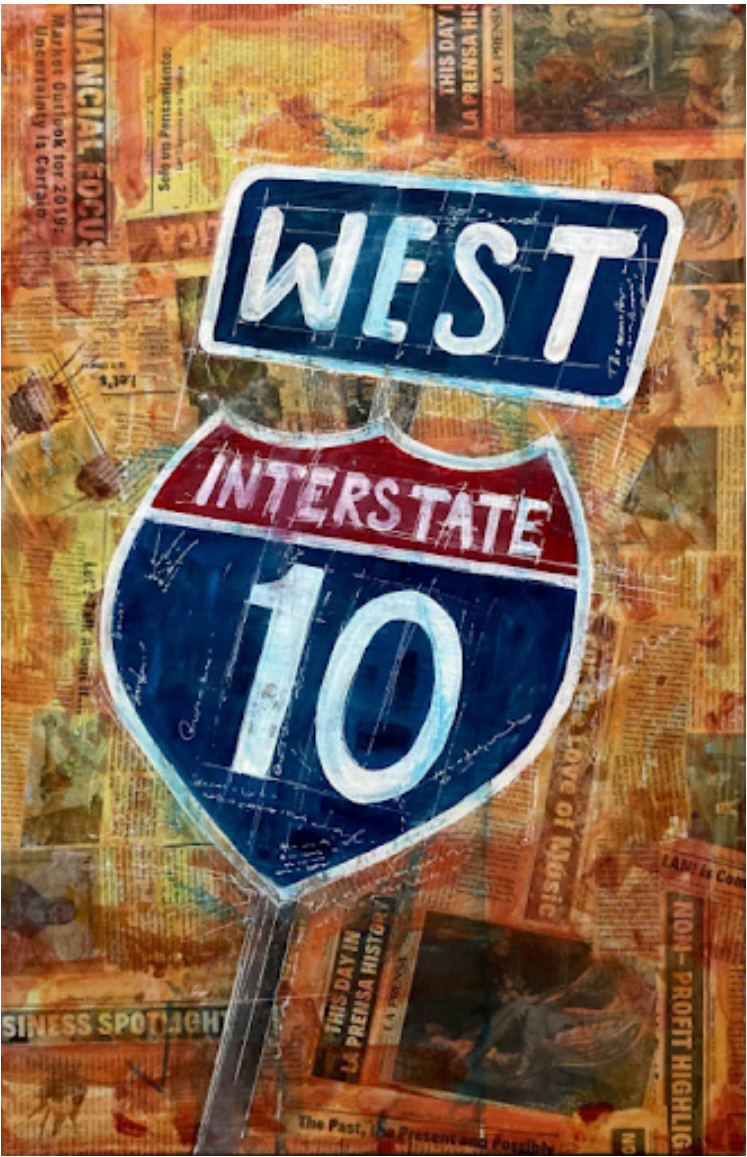
I especially liked Quiroz's "Paloma Negra" painting, a modernist depiction of a woman musician dressed in a Mariachi outfit with a large Mexican sombrero and playing an electric guitar with her extended and bright red fingernails. Her dark glasses are framed like the black wings of a paloma. Quiroz told an interviewer "As a Latino, I have a sense of humor that allows me to approach difficult subjects in an aesthetically attractive way. I try to capture movement and feelings."



Joao Quiroz, "Ajuuua!." Courtesy of the UNAM, San Antonio, Texas.
Photo by Ricardo Romo

Quiroz has lived in San San Antonio for only five years, but he has been quick to culturally adapt to his new environment. He initially found studio space at the Pearl but has now settled in Southtown at the Freight Studios. His studio is across the street from commercial artist and design guru Andy Benavides and next door to artist and muralist Albert Gonzales.

Quiroz’s compositions of landscapes, buildings, and portraits are mysterious and fascinating. In his paintings, he touches on his memories of Mexico and builds on his exposure to familiar depictions of everyday life in San Antonio and cultural icons from the borderlands.



Joao Quiroz, Interstate 10. Courtesy of the artist.



Joao Quiroz, San Antonio Skyline. Courtesy of the artist.



Joao Quiroz, The Pearl. Courtesy of the artist.



Joao Quiroz, “Paloma Negra.” Courtesy of the UNAM, San Antonio, Texas. Photo by Ricardo Romo



Joao Quiroz, Monterrey, Mexico. Courtesy of the artist.



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**Por: Dr. Giri Chilukuri,
Vicepresidente de Servicios
de Salud, Texas, Humana**

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Frequently Asked Questions: Veterans' Housing Policy

Q1: What is the purpose of the veterans' housing policy?

The veterans' housing policy aims to end source of income discrimination against veterans with Section 8 vouchers. It ensures that veterans, who rely on these vouchers as a lawful source of income, have equal access to housing opportunities.

Q2: What is source of income discrimination?

Source of income discrimination refers to the unfair treatment of individuals based on their lawful source of income, such as Section 8 vouchers. This policy prohibits housing providers from refusing to lease or rent a property to a person solely because they rely on these vouchers.

Q3: Is it legal for a city in Texas to pass such a policy?

Yes, it is legal for a city in Texas to pass a policy prohibiting source of income discrimination against veterans with Section 8 vouchers. The policy aligns with Texas Local Government Code, Sec. 250.007(b), which protects military veterans from source of income discrimination.

Q4: How does this policy benefit veterans?

This policy ensures that veterans can use their Section 8 vouchers as a lawful source of income to secure housing. It provides veterans with equal opportunities to access safe, decent, and quality housing in the city of San Antonio.

Q5: How will the policy be enforced?

The policy will be enforced through regular inspections, monitoring, and investigation of complaints filed by tenants who believe they have been subjected to source of income discrimination. The city will take appropriate enforcement actions, including penalties, fines, and mandatory compliance training for housing providers found in violation of the policy.

Q6: What should I do if I believe I have experienced discrimination under this policy?

If you believe you have been denied housing or faced discrimination solely because of your Section 8 voucher as a veteran, you can file a complaint with the City's Fair Housing Division, Office of Equity, or the Neighborhood and Housing Services Department. They will investigate your complaint and take appropriate actions.

Q7: Can landlords refuse to rent to veterans with Section 8 vouchers under this policy?

No, landlords cannot refuse to rent to veterans solely because they have Section 8 vouchers. The policy prohibits such discrimination based on the source of income, ensuring equal access to housing for veterans with lawful vouchers.

Q8: Can landlords still screen tenants based on other criteria?

Yes, landlords can still screen tenants based on factors such as rental history, credit checks, and references. However, they cannot deny housing solely based on the tenant's lawful source of income, including Section 8 vouchers.

Q9: How will landlords be informed about this policy?

The City of San Antonio will provide notice of this policy to landlords through various means, such as publication on the official City website, distribution to housing provider associations, and dissemination through local media outlets. Landlords are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the policy and its requirements.

Q10: What if I have more questions or need further information?

If you have additional questions or need further information about the veterans' housing policy, you can contact the City's Fair Housing Division, Office of Equity, or the Neighborhood and Housing Services Department. They will be able to provide you with the necessary guidance and support.

This policy was drafted by the Vote To Increase Renters Rights Movement and and supported by:



For more information contact: texashousingadvocate@gmail.com

Housing Choice Vouchers

AND HOW THEY SERVE LOW-INCOME PEOPLE IN TEXAS



WHAT IS A HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER?

Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) allow families with the lowest incomes to afford the cost of rental housing in the private market. Vouchers are paid directly to landlords and cover the difference between the rent that a household can afford to pay and the rent that the landlord charges.

HOUSEHOLDS USING VOUCHERS FACE MANY CHALLENGES

22% of the population is below the poverty line in the average tract where a HCV holder resides in Texas.

only **7%** of apartment complexes reported accepting vouchers in a 2020 study across 4 Texas counties.

Sources: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, "Picture of Subsidized Households", 2021.
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DEBUNKING COMMON MYTHS ABOUT VOUCHER HOLDERS

MYTH: Voucher holders are "bad" tenants likely to damage units and not pay rent on time. There are strong incentives for voucher holders to be good tenants that are built into the HCV program. Many households wait years to receive their voucher and they realize they could lose it if they damage the unit, do not pay rent on time, or are evicted for a similar reason.

MYTH: Voucher holders bring crime to properties and their surrounding communities. Studies find no evidence that an increase in households using vouchers results in increased crime in a neighborhood. Rather, households with vouchers tend to move to areas where crime is already high.

MYTH: Accepting vouchers will negatively impact property values. Similarly, studies find no evidence that increased voucher use causes property values to decline in high-income neighborhoods.

Sources: Bell, A., Sand, B., and Knapick, B. Prohibiting discrimination against renters using housing vouchers improves results: Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, <https://www.cbpp.org/research/housing/prohibiting-discrimination-against-renters-using-housing-vouchers-improves-results> (accessed February 2023).
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Housing Choice Vouchers are one of the most important tools for achieving housing stability for low-income people. But an absence of regulation allows landlords to discriminate based on false assumptions, and keeps the program from being able to help low-income people access decent housing in a quality neighborhood.

SOLUTIONS: SOURCE OF INCOME PROTECTION

Source of income (SOI) protection can help ensure HCV holders' ability to access decent housing in a neighborhood of their choice. SOI protection laws prohibit rental property owners from denying prospective tenants on the basis of their source of income, including federal benefits like HCV vouchers and Social Security. Jurisdictions can be allowed to protect SOI locally or a state can protect SOI statewide. SOI protection can also be written into HOA law.

For further information, please reach out to Ben Martin, research director, ben@texashousing.org

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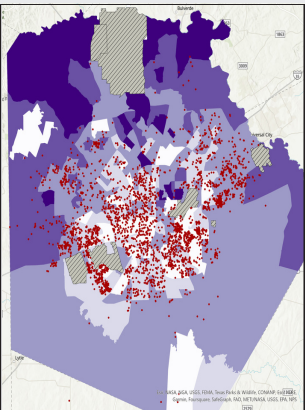
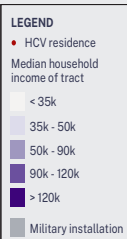
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1 in 2 HCV recipients in San Antonio will not find a landlord who accepts it before it expires.²

only **7%** of apartment complexes reported accepting vouchers in a 2020 study across 4 Texas counties.³

MOST HCV HOLDERS END UP IN LOW-INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS IN SAN ANTONIO

Many landlords refuse to accept vouchers, often due to false ideas and stereotypes regarding people who use vouchers.⁴ Because of a lack of options where they can use their voucher to rent, voucher holders cluster in the city's lowest income areas.



1. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, "Picture of Subsidized Households", 2021.
2. Opportunity Home San Antonio, 2019.
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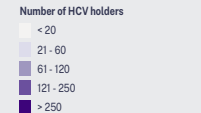
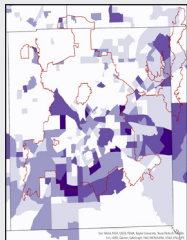
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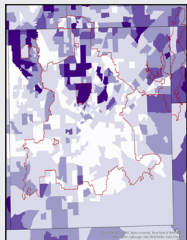
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Number of HCV Holders by Census Tract



Median Household Income by Census Tract



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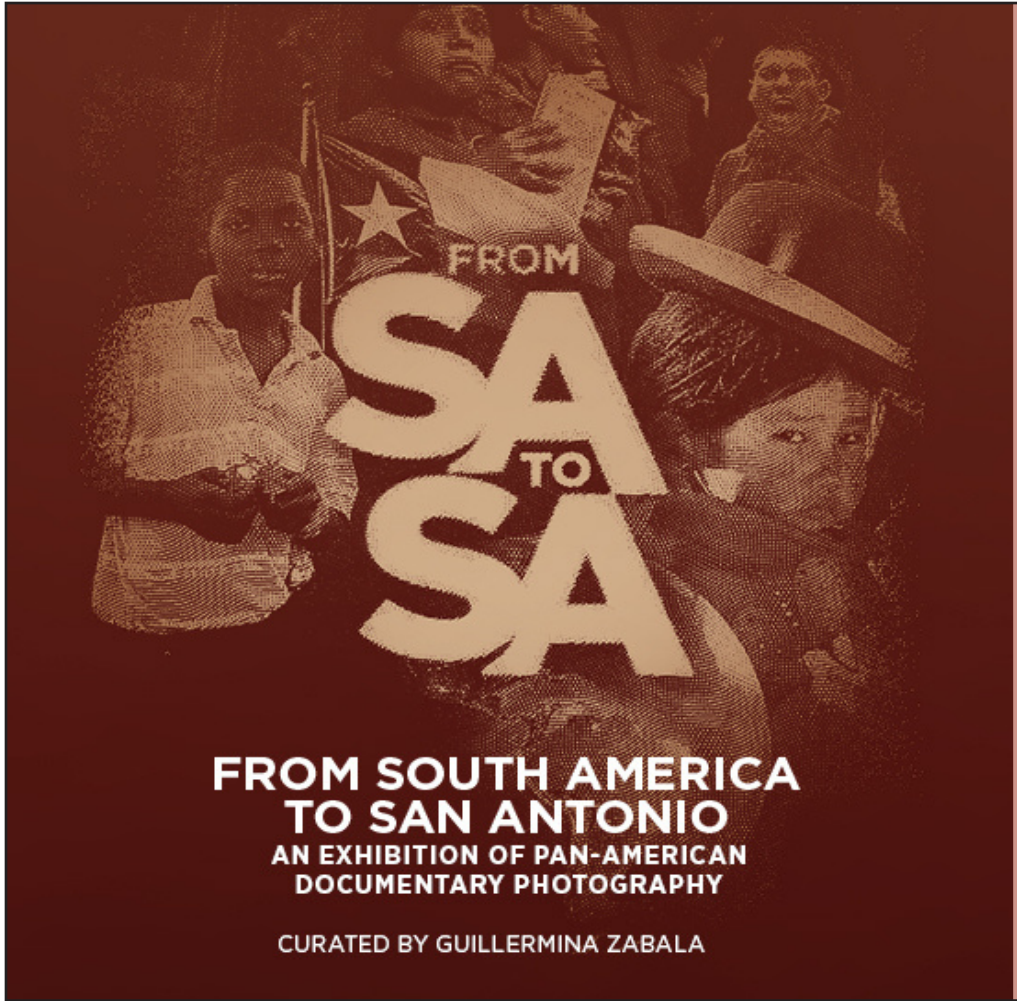


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Invitación Torneo Thanksgiving 2023

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El tradicional Torneo Thanksgiving qué se jugará en el estadio Potranco Baseball Field propiedad del artista Eloy Rocha, sé volverá a disputar con cuatro grandes equipos durante el fin de semana del 25 y 26 de noviembre.

Sus organizadores Juan Sánchez [El Rielero Mayor], y el coach Servando Hernández [de Rieleros], una vez más estarán uniendo esfuerzos con el presidente Simón Sánchez y Mr. Rocha.

Sánchez, quién se ha distinguido por su énfasis de presentar personalidades del béisbol durante la apertura y en las premiaciones del equipo campeón y jugador MVP, logró reunir para éste cotejo a los clubes Tuzos de Palaú, Piratas de Sabinas, Bobcats y Cardenales.

Por ello hacen la invitación

al público y fanáticos para qué ése fin de semana acudan al complejo deportivo Potranco Baseball Field y sé diviertan con las espectaculares acciones que serán ejecutadas por beisbolistas de gran calidad deportiva.

En liga del softball Slowpitch Dawgs Champions con sede en Normoyle Park, el equipo Softball Kings del manager y jugador Papo Garza y su coach-jugador John Santos, ganaron su doble jornada. Destacando el pitcher derecho Sergio Treviño, con jonron solitario, triple y single con 2 RBI's ante Shockers.

Resultados categoría Masters: Tuzos 8 Broncos 0. Ubaldo Montelongo, ganó en la lomita y sus compañeros destacaron en el bateo; Panchito Medina 4-3. José Martínez 4-3, Coyo González 4-2 y Johnny López 3-2, con lo

qué sé perila cómo líder de bateo. De acuerdo al timonel Luis Ríos.

Reds 8 Rangers 6. El Doc, Faustino Cortinas en relevó de Abdon Orozco ganó el partido, Luis Sánchez perdió en relevó a René de la Garza, quién sigue en debacle lanzando y con el madero al hombro. Yankees actual campeón ganó el clásico al ex campeón Astros de Pedro Espinoza. Perdió Alfredo Obregón con relevó de Greg Carrera. Moisés Cervantes sé anotó la victoria y su manager Luis Velázquez el salvamento.

Rol de juegos domingo 12 de noviembre campo 2 de Potranco Baseball Field. 9:30am Broncos del magnate Roberto Garza se medirá ante Reds de Jimmy Martínez. 11:30am Rangers del Venado Benito Martínez vs Astros. El gran clásico 1:30pm entre Tuzos [4-1] vs Yankees (4-1).

En resultados de la novena fecha con la qué sé cerró temporada Liga Abierta dominical Potranco en

honor de Franco La Prensa Texas. Maceteros 1-0 ante Pericos. Derrota para Kevin García y relevó de Eduardo Pérez. Victoria para Jheyson Manzueta quien Poncho a 20 rivales dejando en el campo al duro Pericos.

Cardenales blanqueo a Jalisco 12-0. Con triunfo para Nathanael Martínez en 7 episodios con Grand Slam de Adriel Labrada, quien al parecer sé llevará el trofeo de campeón jonronero 2023.

Rieleros de JP Reza doblegó a Piratas de Sabinas 7-3 con victoria para Michael Cuevas y gran relevó de Luis de Luna. José López perdió y

tuvo relevó del gran lanzador Matt Harrell.

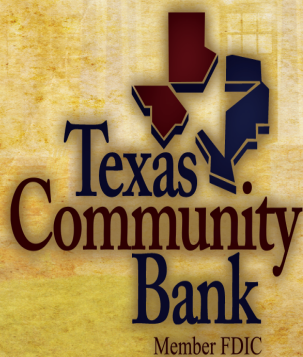
Con su derrota Piratas dirigidos por Sergio De Luna y el coach Iván Rubinsky sé empataron en cuarto lugar con Águilas de Nicho Jacome, por lo qué este domingo a las 12pm jugarán interesante partido por desempate. En las fotos aparecen Sergio Treviño de Softball Kings. Acción Astros vs. Yankees y tiro a primera base por "Speedy" Gustavo Torres. Juan Sánchez y Servando Hernández directivos de Rieleros y organizadores del Torneo Thanksgiving 2023. (Fotos de Franco).



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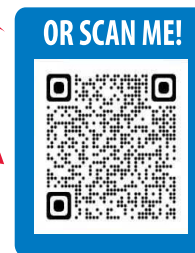
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The 2023 Mazda Mx5 Delivers



I don't know about you, but I love having the opportunity to drive a sports car to review. The 2023 Mazda MX-5 Miata is a sports car that is sure to turn heads. It is available in three trims: Sport, Club, and Grand Touring. The exterior of the car is sleek and stylish, with a low profile and a sporty look. The car is available in a variety of colors, including Soul Red Crystal Metallic, Snowflake White Pearl Mica, and Jet Black Mica¹. Despite the small size of the Miata, it has always been more than capable of giving anyone that loves to hit the road in a sporty ride, an enjoyable, energized ride that they will want to do again and again.

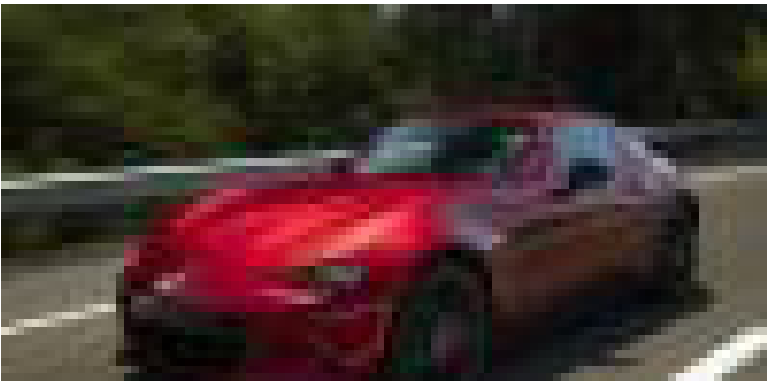
The interior of the car is just as impressive as the exterior. The dashboard is well-designed and features a range of electronics, including a 7-inch touchscreen with display, wired Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, HD Radio, Blue-

tooth, a six-speaker audio system, two USB ports, keyless entry and push-button start². The seats are snug and comfortable, with leather upholstery, heated seats and Recaro sport seats available as options². The car can seat two adults comfortably. The compact Mazda MX-5 has a cozy interior that makes the experience seem a bit more personal, with a snug fit in the seats, and all the controls on the dashboard easily within reach.

The car is powered by a SKYACTIV®-G 2.0 DOHC 16-valve 4-cylinder engine with Variable Valve Timing, which delivers 181 horsepower and 151 pound-feet of torque³. For a car that has such a light curb weight, that 181 horsepower and 151 bound feet of torque is going to have you nailed to the seat, and have you feel like you just got shot out of a cannon. The car comes standard with a SKYACTIV®-MT 6-speed manual transmission, but



Automotive Review by Albert Flores



an automatic transmission is available as an option. Personally, you have to drive this car with a standard shift, it makes the experience more interactive, to have control on just how fast the car gets its push from the transmission. The MX-5 has a rear-wheel drive and a rear-limited slip differential that adds to the car's ability to respond quickly to your every wish. Of course, you want to know the Mazda MX-5 has some serious safety features if you are going to push it to the limit of the engine's capability. The car has a range of safety features, including blind-spot monitoring, rear cross-traffic alert, and lane departure warning

The car also has a suite of airbags, including side-impact and knee airbags, and a roll-over protection system.

In terms of mileage, the 2023 Mazda MX-5 Miata delivers an EPA-estimated 26 mpg in the city and 34 mpg on the highway¹. The car has a fuel tank capacity of 11.9 gallons, which gives it a range of up to 404.6 miles on the highway which is impressive. top. The Club trim adds 17-inch dark silver aluminum alloy wheels, a limited-slip rear differential, and heated seats⁶. The Grand Touring trim comes with 17-inch bright aluminum alloy wheels, adaptive front lighting, and leather-trimmed seats⁶.

In conclusion, the 2023 Mazda MX-5 Miata is a thrilling sports car that is sure to impress. With its sleek exterior, comfortable interior, and impressive performance, it is a car that is sure to turn heads. The car is available in a range of trims and colors, so you can choose the one that best suits your style. Whether you're looking for a car to take on a weekend road trip or a car to drive every day, the 2023 Mazda MX-5 Miata is a great choice. For me this would make a great second car, just to take out on a spin and let the air glide through my thick locks of hair.



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