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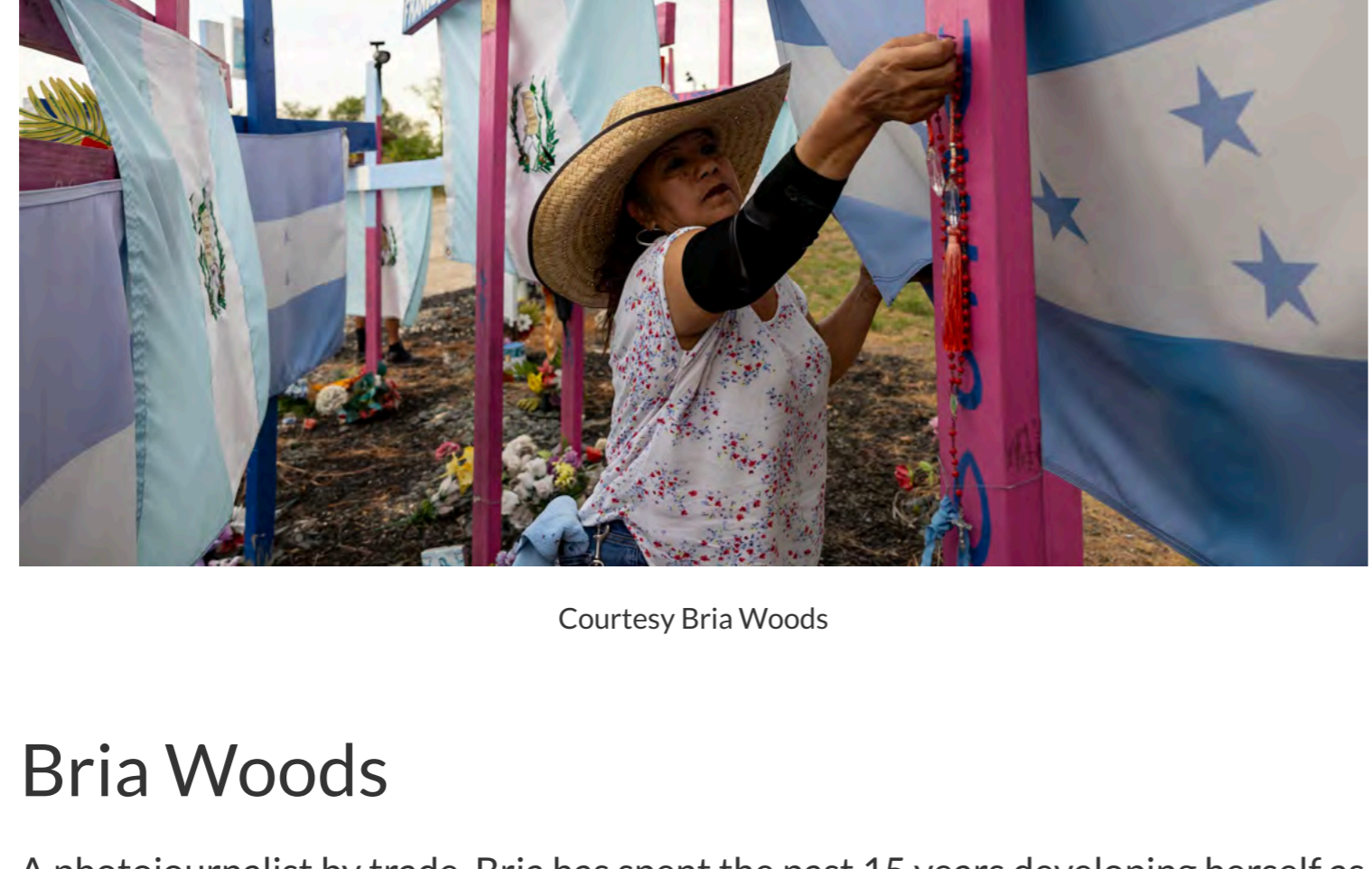
Meet five San Antonio photographers whose works will be showcased

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September marks 30 years of Fotoseptiembre, a month-long festival that celebrates all photo-based art forms and offers exhibitions throughout San Antonio, the Texas Hill Country, Austin, and online. Founded by photographer, video artist, and composer Michael Mehl in the mid-90s, Fotoseptiembre has become an inclusive platform for artists to present their works to broad audiences through both in-person and online galleries.

With a multitude of great artists participating in this year's Fotoseptiembre, here are five San Antonio-based photographers you won't want to miss. Exhibit details below.



Courtesy Bria Woods

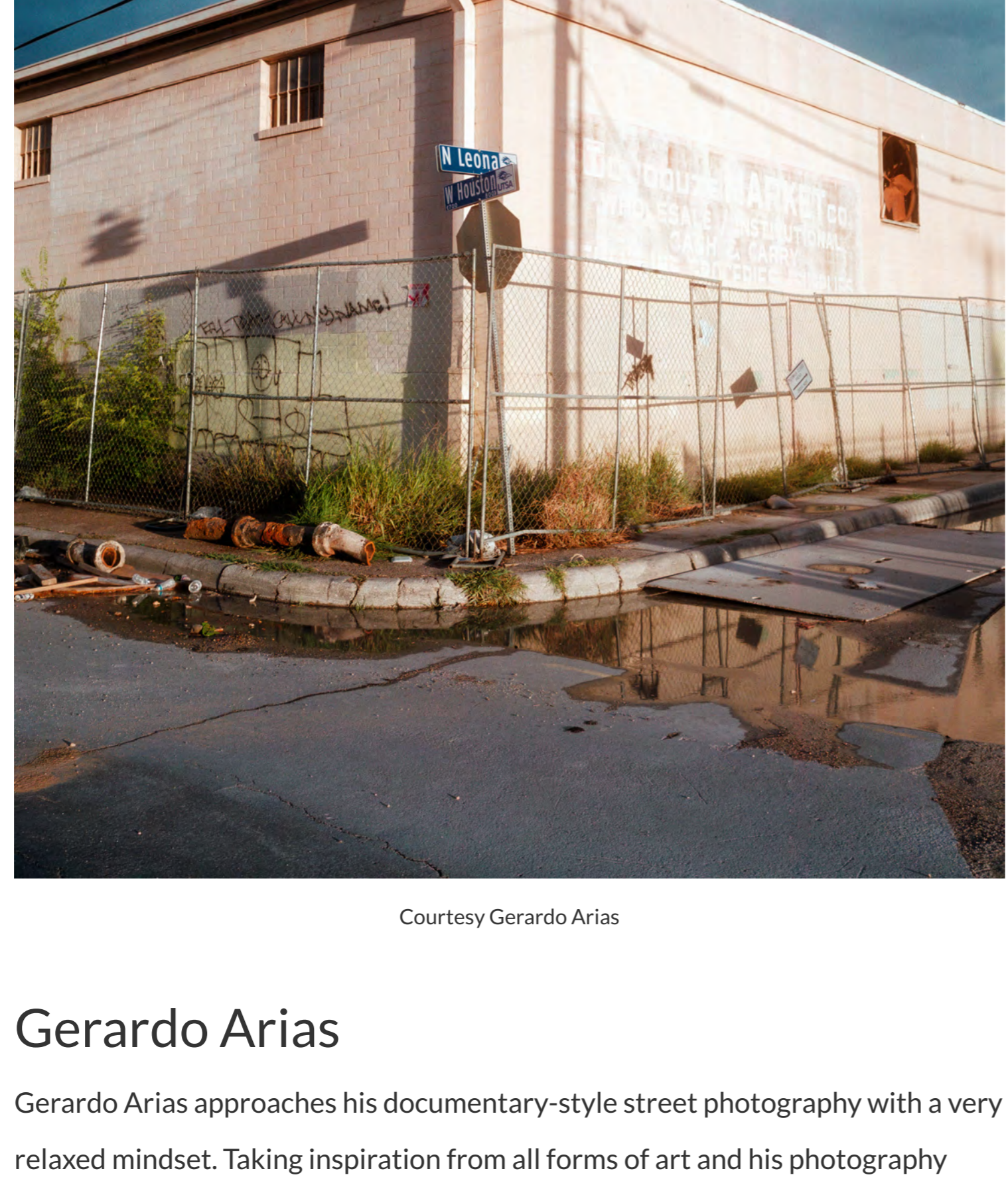
Bria Woods

A photojournalist by trade, Bria has spent the past 15 years developing herself as a true storyteller behind the lens. Her work, which she describes as conceptual, emotive, and full, draws from arthouse and documentary films. Specializing in portraiture, multimedia installations, and photojournalism, Wood's images expertly spotlight womanhood, marginalized communities, and personal experiences that have profoundly influenced her life. Wood's photography offers audiences an authentic perspective on her subjects, as seen in her previous installations, The Herstory Project and Portraits of the Crossroads.

Woods will be showing her photography as a part of Duelo on Sep 12.

Instagram: @briawoodsphotography

Website: www.briawoods.photo



Courtesy Gerardo Arias

Gerardo Arias

Gerardo Arias approaches his documentary-style street photography with a very relaxed mindset. Taking inspiration from all forms of art and his photography peers, the film shooter doesn't dwell on capturing the perfect shot. Instead, he focuses more on candid photos of run-of-the-mill things like automobiles, dilapidated buildings, and people going about their everyday lives. The results are striking, soft color palette still images with bright pops of light that evoke a timeless vintage vibe.

Arias will be showing his photography as a part of the Street Supreme Showcase on Sep 6.

Instagram: @jaygnar



Courtesy Lindsey Hurd

Lindsey Hurd

Lindsey Hurd's still life photography allows her to channel her creativity by transforming everyday objects into something completely original. Taking influence from all the weird, wonderful, and ordinary things she encounters daily, she often uses natural and found items like seashells, leaves, and flowers in her pictures. Through these specialty crafted collages, Hurd is able to tell stories, invoke deep thoughts and elicit emotion.

Hurd's exhibition "At Home" will take place Sep 6.

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Courtesy Lewis Steven Rodriguez, Jr.

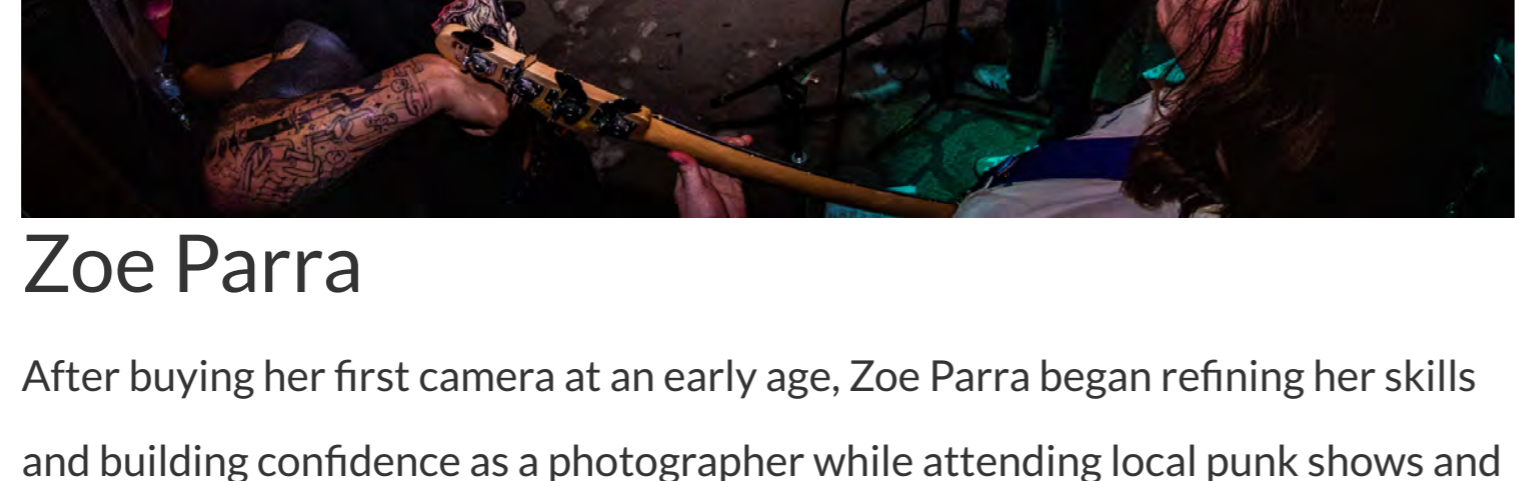
Lewis Steven Rodriguez, Jr.

Lewis Rodriguez, Jr., better known as Lewsr, is a veteran of the San Antonio photography scene with over 20 years of experience. While some would brand his style as street photography, Lewis prefers to call himself "The Streets Photographer." His work focuses on authentic snapshots of everyday life, often capturing scenes from his daily commute as well as highlighting the city's West side. His gritty yet captivating images reveal a side of San Antonio that usually goes unnoticed. Inspired by graffiti artists who create for the love of their craft rather than for profit, Rodriguez's photography reflects a deep passion for art and the urban environment.

Rodriguez will be showing his photography as a part of the Street Supreme Showcase on Sep 6.

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Zoe Parra

After buying her first camera at an early age, Zoe Parra began refining her skills and building confidence as a photographer while attending local punk shows and creating short films and horror studying film at St. Mary's University. Her love for the punk scene and horror cinema led her to specialize in concert and horror/surrealist photography. Parra takes the "fly on the wall" approach in her photography, striving to capture life's cinematic moments. Her stark contrasting light and vibrant colors allow viewers to truly immerse themselves in her images.

Parra will be showing his photography as a part of the Street Supreme Showcase on Sep 6.

Instagram: @vibrant_horror_production

Fotoseptiembre Exhibits

Street Supreme Showcase

6 p.m.-midnight, September 6

The Annex at Blue Star, 1414 S. Alamo St.

"At Home" An Exhibition by Lindsey Hurd

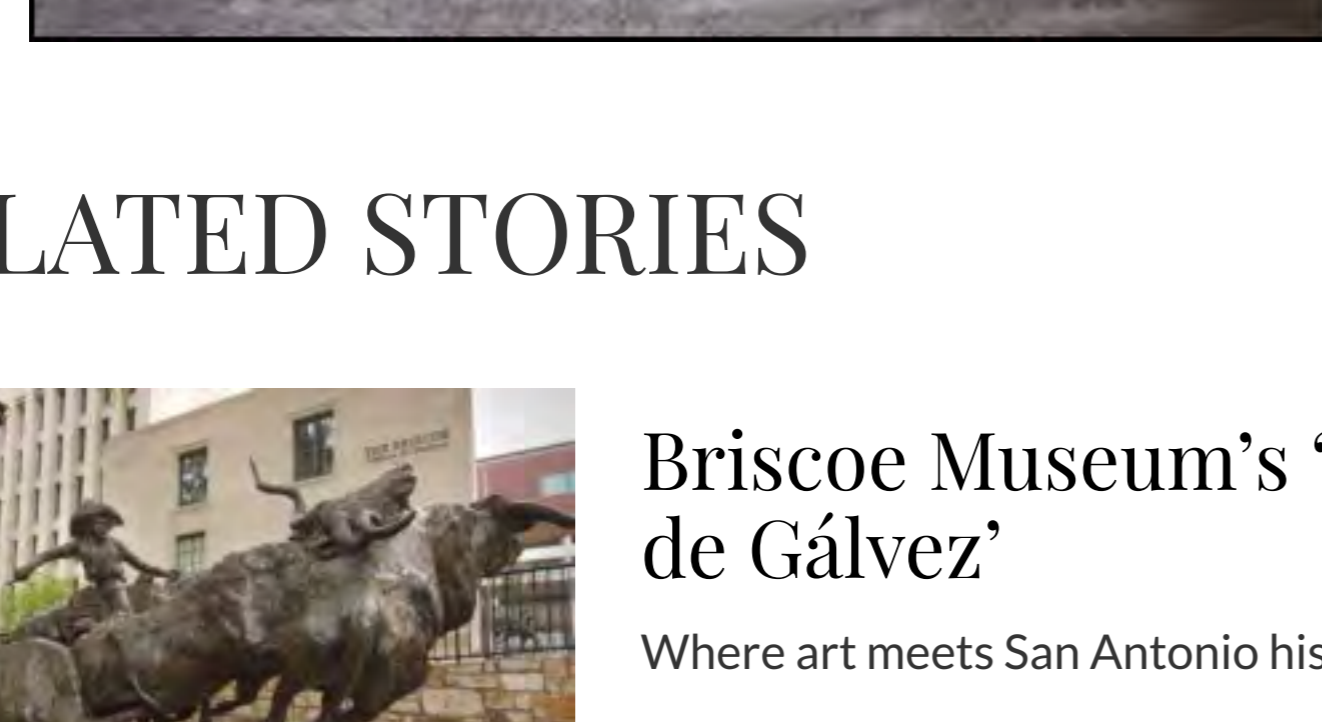
7-9 p.m. September 6

MBS Gallery, 1115 S. Alamo St.

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6-8 p.m. September 12

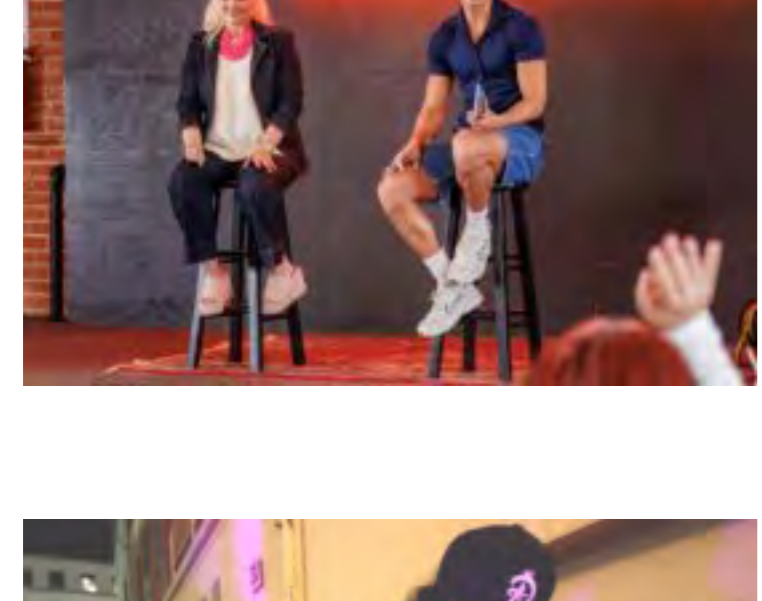
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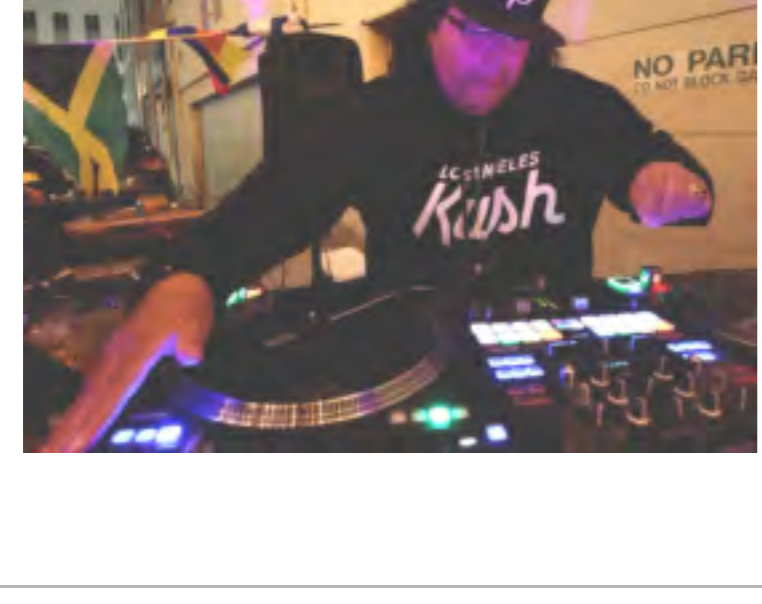
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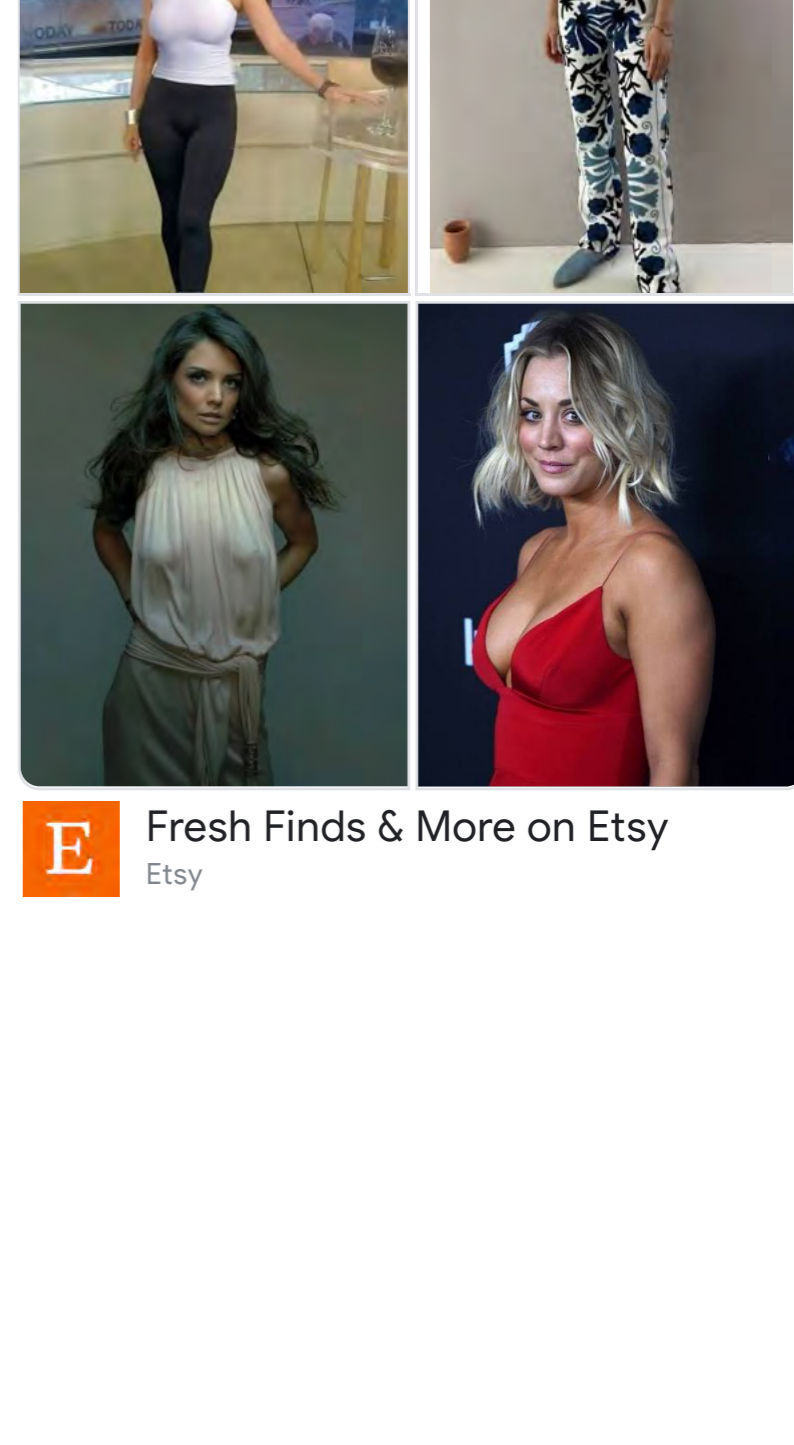
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