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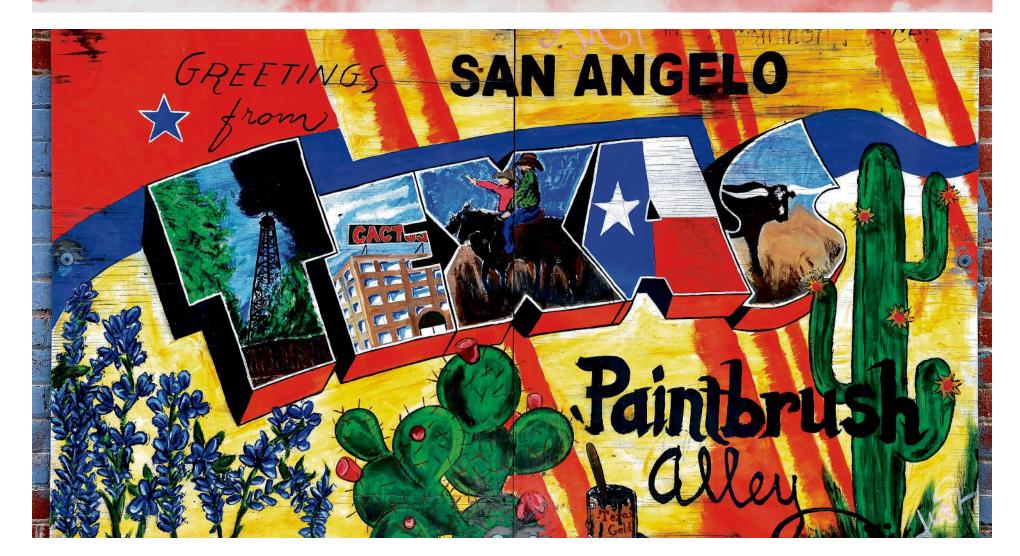


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TOP: A sign welcomes visitors to San Angelo's Paintbrush Alley. MIDDLE: A mural in the Pop Art style seems to answer a question of what makes a Texan in San Angelo's Paintbrush Alley. **BOTTOM: Figures appear** on brick walls on a pair of murals based upon the 1956 movie "Giant"

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