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Toxic Lead found in Candy

based Environmental Health Coali-

the state to better regulate Mexican

said Leticia Ayala, of San Diego- 1993 and found high levels of lead

tion, a nonprofit group that urged newspaper reported.

in one of every four samples, the

nia children who suffer lead poi-

soning - about 3,000 over the past

three years - have eaten Mexican

candy, according to state statis-

tics. About three-quarters of them

are Hispanic.

As many as 15 percent of Califor-

Many Mexican candies still contain lead

(AP) - More than 100 brands of candy sold in California, most of them from Mexico, have tested positive for dangerous levels of lead in the past decade and little has been done about it, a newspaper reported.

In nearly every case, the candy mostly marketed to Latino kids action was taken against the Mexican manufacturers, the Orange County Register reported in cerns about lead poisoning led to a Sunday's editions, citing state and federal records.

The public was rarely informed in gasoline in the 1980s. of test results, the newspaper

"Children are eating poison," 1,500 tests on Mexican candy since

candies. State officials said they lack the resources to tackle the problem and

have little jurisdiction over Mexican candy manufacturers. "We have a lot more responsibilities than looking for lead in

candy," said Jim Waddell, chief of the state Health Department's Food and Drug Branch. Lead poisoning can cause brain stayed on store shelves and no and nerve damage and result in intelligence and behavioral problems, particularly in children. Con-

> the 1970s and on lead compounds The state Department of Health Services has conducted more than

ban on lead-based house paint in

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that Rubio and manager Ricardo Cordero breached a contract with Pacific Communications Group, which sought more than \$1 million in damages. Judge Malcolm Mackey threw out claims for punitive damages.

Rubio, 33, wasn't in court when the jury's verdict was read. She had testified earlier in the trial.

A complaint filed in April 2003 Latin singer Paulina Rubio claimed Rubio had failed to appear in a planned 20-minute performance for the news media at the unveiling of a new Mercedes-Benz model.



shows off her wardrobe during an interview for the Billboard Latin Music Conference, Wednesday, April 28, in Miami Beach, Fla. (AP Photo)

Menudo Revived!

Menudo's original six members, from left, Miguel Cancel, Ricky

Melendez, Johnny Lozada, Ray Reyes, Charlie Masso, and Rene

Farriat, pose for a photo at the Fashion Cafe in New York, in this

dren, artisans and vendors from the 9 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6

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Producers see gap in 'tween' market

'70s and '80s, is being revived.

June 17, 1998 file photo. (AP Photo)

Menudo Entertainment bought all the merchandising and property are planned for this summer in the rights about a month ago from Latin United States and Latin America. record executive Oscar Lloyd, and Plans are for finalists to be nationally is working with talent agencies and televised and judged by a celebrity radio stations in its search for band panel with worldwide viewer voting. members, company spokeswoman Cathy Callegari said Wednesday. ternates will be selected.

"Our aim is to target the 'tween market," Callegari told The Associ- eventually record an album in both ated Press. "We feel there's a void English and Spanish, but the boys

(AP) — Menudo, the popular young like Britney Spears and they Puerto Rican teen pop band of the get old really quick and move into

a new age of fans." Auditions for boys ages 10 to 16

Five band members and two al-

Callegari said the new group will there. What happens is, artists start don't need to be bilingual.

'Zapata' Faces Criticism

(AP) — "Zapata," the year's day, acknowledging that his epic, most anticipated movie in Mexico, whose full title is "Zapata, The already has drawn criticism for Hero's Dream," at times strays from failing to accurately depict the historical fact by failing to depict country's famous revolutionary Emiliano Zapata's violent dark side.

Distributed by the Mexican com-Writer-director Alfonso Arau pany Videocine, it will open in 650 faced the Mexican media Tues- theaters across the country Friday.

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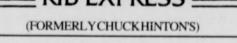
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