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## Feliz Cinco de Mayo

Portland Guadalajara Sister City Association's Cinco de Mayo Fiesta is a family-oriented, fun-filled event featuring four stages of live entertainment, delightful activities for children, artisans and vendors from the United States and Mexico, a world-class carnival and delicious food from throughout the region.

The fiesta is at Waterfront Park, from May 5 through 9, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to



9 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$5 for kids and seniors, with free admission before 2 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and fireworks at 9:45 p.m. Friday.

For more information, visit [www.cincodemayo.org](http://www.cincodemayo.org).

## Toxic Lead found in Candy

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 — stayed on store shelves and no action was taken against the Mexican manufacturers, the Orange County Register reported in Sunday's editions, citing state and federal records.

The public was rarely informed of test results, the newspaper found.

"Children are eating poison,"

said Leticia Ayala, of San Diego-based Environmental Health Coalition, a nonprofit group that urged the state to better regulate Mexican 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 and nerve damage and result in intelligence and behavioral problems, particularly in children. Concerns about lead poisoning led to a ban on lead-based house paint in the 1970s and on lead compounds in gasoline in the 1980s.

The state Department of Health Services has conducted more than 1,500 tests on Mexican candy since

1993 and found high levels of lead in one of every four samples, the newspaper reported.

As many as 15 percent of California children who suffer lead poisoning — about 3,000 over the past three years — have eaten Mexican candy, according to state statistics. About three-quarters of them are Hispanic.



Menudo's original six members, from left, Miguel Cancel, Ricky Melendez, Johnny Lozada, Ray Reyes, Charlie Masso, and Rene Fariat, pose for a photo at the Fashion Cafe in New York, in this June 17, 1998 file photo. (AP Photo)

## Menudo Revived!

Producers see gap in 'tween' market

(AP) — Menudo, the popular Puerto Rican teen pop band of the '70s and '80s, is being revived.

Menudo Entertainment bought all the merchandising and property rights about a month ago from Latin record executive Oscar Lloyd, and is working with talent agencies and radio stations in its search for band members, company spokeswoman Cathy Callegari said Wednesday.

"Our aim is to target the 'tween market," Callegari told The Associated Press. "We feel there's a void there. What happens is, artists start

young like Britney Spears and they get old really quick and move into a new age of fans."

Auditions for boys ages 10 to 16 are planned for this summer in the United States and Latin America. Plans are for finalists to be nationally televised and judged by a celebrity panel with worldwide viewer voting.

Five band members and two alternates will be selected.

Callegari said the new group will eventually record an album in both English and Spanish, but the boys don't need to be bilingual.

## Mexican Pop Star Fined

(AP) — A jury has awarded \$57,500 to a public relations firm that sued Mexican pop star Paulina Rubio for not performing at the 2003 Los Angeles Auto Show.

The Superior Court jury found 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 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.



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

## 'Zapata' Faces Criticism

(AP) — "Zapata," the year's most anticipated movie in Mexico, already has drawn criticism for failing to accurately depict the country's famous revolutionary hero.

Writer-director Alfonso Arau faced the Mexican media Tues-

day, acknowledging that his epic, whose full title is "Zapata, The Hero's Dream," at times strays from historical fact by failing to depict Emiliano Zapata's violent dark side.

Distributed by the Mexican company Videocine, it will open in 650 theaters across the country Friday.

## Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs

16th Annual Conference Luncheon & Trade Show

May 6, 2004, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

OREGON CONVENTION CENTER - Exhibit Hall A

All businesses are welcome to attend our Free Trade Show!

### Program Outline

- Trade Show 10:00 am - 4:00 pm (Closed 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm for lunch)
- Workshop 10:30 am - 11:30 am "Insured Your Business Future" (See Below)
- Lunch 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm (\$45.00 per lunch)

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### FREE Workshop: "Insured Your Business Future" (Insurance Options for Small Businesses)

Room A103

PRESENTERS: Christine Zinter, AON Benefits Consultant - employee health insurance; Andrea Marzette, Port of Portland Risk Manager; and Don Shanklin, BR & R Bonding

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