**Women of Achievement Month**

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**7TH ANNUAL INLAND EMPIRE SYMPHONY ASSOCIATION**

**Sinfonia Mexicana Concert Set For April 11**

**Goal of 500 Guests**

Institute for Social Justice Annual Installation Banquet set for April 2

With a goal of 500 guests for their Annual Board of Directors Installation Banquet, the Institute For Social Justice (ISJ) has scheduled its major fundraising event for April 2, 1992, at the National Orange Show Restaurant, San Bernardino.

According to Jesse Velenzuela, Associate Director and event coordinator, the main theme for the year, "Latino Empowerment '92" has generated enthusiasm and interest. "We have had a series of meetings since the first of the year and support for ISJ has increased. This support is probably as a result of ISJ's social activities for many years and our priorities for increased activities as a result of this being an election year," he said.

Dr. Armando Navarro, ISJ Executive Director, in a prepared statement, stated, "While a range of outstanding Latino oriented service and advocacy groups exist throughout the Inland Empire, the complexity and volume of our interests and unaddressed needs represents a formidable challenge and creates an opportunity for the formation of alliances and coalitions. We, at ISJ in 1992, are optimistic that Latinos can make a difference and we feel that the Latino community is capable of developing substantial progress. Therefore, Latino empowerment is the emphasis for the event."

Mel Albiso, ISJ Chairperson, added, "Our blue ribbon committee has assisted by promoting this event and assuring a good attendance. The thrust of the event is to raise funds for the 1992 ISJ projects and activities, while sending a strong message throughout the Inland Empire that there is a combined effort to encourage increased commitment to our Latino communities."

Mariaelena Garcia will serve as the program's mistress of ceremonies. Ms. Garcia is an Outreach Coordinator at UCR Agricultural Extension and well-known community activist who serves the area's Hispanic population via radio/television programs and is involved in numerous community projects. Newly ordained Auxiliary Bishop Gerald Barnes of the Catholic Diocese of San Bernardino will be presented to the audience and will give the invocation.

Persons wishing information or reservation may contact the ISJ Office at (714) 888-0207.

The Inland Empire Symphony Association and Sinfonia Mexicana Committee announced the 7th annual Sinfonia Mexicana Concert on April 11, 1992 at 8:15 P.M. at the California Theatre of Performing Arts.

Maestro Eduardo Diazmunoz has, again, been invited to conduct the Inland Empire Symphony Orchestra. The performance will feature works of Mexican classical and contemporary composers.

The concert's program will include past favorite arrangements such as Huapango, Sones de Mariachi and Estrellita. In addition, audiences will be treated to a premiere performance of Maestro Mateo Oliva's Mosaico Nacional II, best described as a musical flight of indigenous themes from Mexico's diverse regions and customs.

The Association and Committee have been diligently working throughout the year to bring the very best of Mexico's symphonic music to the Inland Empire, according to Susan Feller, Association director.

Florencio Garza, Committee chairperson, has indicated that this will be an outstanding performance and every citizen in the Inland Empire should take advantage of this opportunity by attending the concert.

Tickets are on sale at the Inland Empire Symphony Association office located at 362 W. Court Street, San Bernardino or call for reservations at (714) 381-5388.

**Women on the March in March**

March has been designated as 'Women of Achievement' and 'Social Worker Recognition' Month. There are numerous Hispanic women in the Inland Empire who have achieved high goals in their chosen professions. The Inland Empire Hispanic News has profiled four women from selected professional fields for this issue.
Brown announces funds to fight Inland Empire Drugs, Crime

Rep. George E. Brown, Jr. (D-San Bernardino, Ontario, Riverside) today announced two federal grants to fight crime and drugs in the Inland Empire. The San Bernardino County Police Chief’s Association will receive $220,500 to expand anti-drug trafficking operations in the county. And the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department will receive $245,000 to improve its information sharing through computer link-ups.

Both grants are part of the Justice Department’s High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program, and will provide special drug-fighting resources for the rest of 1992 and the first eight months of 1993.

"Bringing Federal assistance to the Inland Empire to help fight crime and drugs is one of my highest priorities," said Brown, who led the fight in 1990 to have San Bernardino and Riverside Counties included in the HIDTA program.

The San Bernardino County grant will be used to crack down on drug traffickers’ money-laundering operations and asset forfeiture procedures. The county will also expand interdiction efforts through cooperation and interaction with the Drug Enforcement Agency and Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In Riverside County, HIDTA funds will be used to purchase and install computer software that will expand intelligence sharing within the county. This will allow the county’s law enforcement agencies to share information in a timely fashion and will ultimately lead to greater efficiency in finding and arresting suspects.

"Drug trafficking in the Inland Empire has increased as the population exploded," said Brown. "San Bernardino County is now considered by the Sheriff's office to be the West Coast hub for the storage and transportation of large quantities of marijuana, cocaine and heroin. I have redoubled my efforts to insure that law enforcement has the necessary federal assistance for fighting this scourge."

Brown is Chairman of the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology. He is a member of the Task Force on Crime and Drugs of the Democratic Caucus.

San Bernardino City "Women of Achievement"

Rachael Krasney, San Bernardino City Clerk; Cathy Mendoza, Water Dept.; Sandy Paulsen, Planning Dept.; Margie Flores-Vance, Mayor's Office.

Public Education: Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:

Public education in California is being seriously threatened and could soon be on the Endangered Species list. Why and how, you may ask, could that happen in a state that leads all others in innovation and productivity and has more GNP than some nations?

It could happen if the proposed Parental Choice in Education initiative is placed on the November ballot and if enough Californians are led to believe that the loss of a billion dollars in education funds will somehow improve public schools.

Beginning with the 1995-96 school year, this proposed initiative would provide a $2,500 voucher for each K-12 student currently attending private schools, including church-operated schools. Public schools students would be eligible to receive the $2,500 voucher in 1993-94. With more than 500,000 students currently enrolled in private or church-sponsored schools (and realizing that for every $2,500 voucher given the net loss in public education funds will be $10,000) we’re talking about a cost of more than $1 billion dollars.

The proposal also specifically prohibits any regulation of private schools with regard to teacher competency, curriculum, and minimum graduation requirements. Private schools do not have to accept hard-to-educate or Special Education students. The private school buildings will not have to be earthquake safe; unbelievable, but true.

It is incredible that while public education funding (including Lottery money) continues to shrink, a group of individuals develop a plan that most surely will bankrupt the public school system by subsidizing private school education with public tax dollars and it does not contain one word relating to improvement of public education.

We urge all citizens concerned about our youth and public education not to sign the initiative petitions. If you want to help public schools, visit one and volunteer your services, write to your legislators encouraging them to maintain adequate funding for public education, attend a school board meeting and listen to the problems public schools are dealing with or talk to teachers, principals, school district administrators, and, by all means, get a copy of the initiative and read it for yourself before you agree to sign the petition. Do not allow yourself to be misled about an issue that is so very vital to our future.

Sincerely,

E. Neal Roberts
Superintendent

Maggie Blaylock
President San Bernardino Teachers Association

Bonnie Treadaway
President California School Employees Association, Chapter 183

Delfina Bryant
President San Bernardino School Managers

Register & Vote
Growing Latino electorate poised to effect election outcomes

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Four and a half million Latinos are expected to cast ballots in the November Presidential election according to a study released by the National Association of Latino Electorate and Appointed Officials (NALEO). According to NALEO's study, based on Census voting data from the last decade, the overall electorate grew by less than 10% while the Latino electorate grew by 51%.

Based on its analysis of Latino voting patterns during the last decade, NALEO found that between the 1980 and 1988 Presidential elections the Latino vote in Texas grew by 53% and by 41% in California. NALEO estimates that in the 1992 elections, over one million Latinos will vote in Texas and approximately one million Latinos will vote in California. Figure 1 estimates the number of Latinos expected to vote in several key states.

Latinos: The Swing Vote in 1992?

"Traditionally, we have always spoken of potential Latino political clout. The Latino vote in 1992 is so large that Latino electoral strength is now a political reality in key states. In Texas, only 4% of the statewide Latino vote will shift the overall Texas vote by 1% in November's elections. In California, the comparable figure is 5%," says NALEO Director Harry Pachon, Ph.D. Figure 2 shows the percentage of the total vote in California and 4.3% of the total vote in Texas. Conversely, if the Democratic candidate can equal Ann Richards' percentage of the 1990 Latino vote in Texas (7.4%), this would represent 10.3% of the overall Texas vote and 6.8% of the overall California vote in the upcoming election.

NALEO is a non-partisan civic affairs and civic action organization whose constituency is the more than 4,200 Latino elected officials nationwide. Copies of the 35 page report with tables and graphs entitled "The Latino Vote in 1992" may be ordered from NALEO for $10.00.

Colton High School MEChA Reactivates MEChA

Colton High School MEChA students and parents planning for future projects at recent parent support group meeting.

After a lapse of six years, Colton High School students have reactivated the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano De Aztlán (MECHA) which meets every Thursday at 2:30 in room 601. MECHA is a national organization of Chicano/Latino students which supports students in achieving academically, identifies issues and strives toward solutions that affect Latino students, and encourages students to become involved in programs for the betterment of the community.

Diana Vasquez, the newly-elected president stated, "we started the group in Colton High because we felt that students needed to be organized and meet to discuss issues that affect all of us. We also felt that many of us can do positive things for ourselves and the school."

Since being organized in October, 1991, the group has been active. According to Ms. Vasquez, they attended the SDSU MECHA High School Conference, are going to the Los Angeles County Museum of Arts to see the exhibit of the '80 Centuries of Mexican Art, various fundraisers and bowling twice a month.

"Our future projects are parent booster reception on March 26, Superintendent Dr. Herbert Fischer will be the keynote speaker and former CHS alumni will be presented. Our second big event is the Cinco de Mayo Week, when we will have Mayor Frank Gonzales to help with the ribbon-cutting ceremonies. Other events for the week will be folklorico dances, pinatas, marachas, a queen contest and the highlight will be career day," she said.

One of the goals for the group is to get parents involved with the students in their activities and according to the chairperson, parents are slowing joining the parent support group. The parent support group president is Faustino Chavez.

Other MECHA officers are Arlene Diaz - vice president, Marci Hernandez - secretary, Cecily Herrera - treasurer, Esther Ramirez - sergeant at arms, Jacki Baca - historian and Lisa Adame - publicity.

Persons wishing to contact Ms. Vasquez may call at (714) 825-7867.

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Fly Safely.

1. Always use dry string, wood and paper in your kite.
2. Never use wire or any metallic material.
3. Don't fly your kite in the rain.
4. Don't cross streets or highways when kite flying.
5. Always fly kites away from TV and radio antennas.
6. Always fly your kite far from power lines. Don't try to retrieve kites caught in power lines.
7. Hold on to metallic balloons outside. When metallic balloons escape, they may touch power lines, and that can be very dangerous.
Vera Gutierrez is an active leader in Colton Schools DATE program

She coordinates the "Quest/Skills for Adolescents" program for junior high school students and the "Here's Looking at You, 2000" program for high school students. Both programs teach self-esteem and offer strategies to help students avoid negative influences and pressures.

In addition, Gutierrez has offered workshops for parents of students with discipline problems and recently completed training of school psychologists in suicide prevention. She will offer a six-week workshop for parents of teenagers starting March 17.

She also is a leader of the Community Team, a group of Colton community members which was formed last fall to develop alternatives to drugs and gangs for young people.

Before joining the Colton Joint Unified School District in May 1985, she served as a program coordinator and consultant for Hase and Associates in San Bernardino, where she conducted employee assistance programs for companies, including GTE and Red Devil Fireworks.

A Redlands resident, Gutierrez has a bachelor's degree in psychology from UC Riverside and a master's degree in public health from California State University, Northridge.

Vera Gutierrez

Burbank principal gives leadership to innovative educational programs

Mary Helen Campos Calles Anderson

Strong leadership makes Burbank School a good place for students.

Student achievement is getting better every day at Burbank Elementary School in San Bernardinod - thanks to the hard work of Principal Mary Helen Campos Calles Anderson and her dedicated faculty and staff.

The chapter 1 program for kindergarten through third grade students was completely remodeled and Rose Leyva, resource teacher, is working with the second grade students while aides and tutors provide other students with daily one-to-one tutoring sessions. Third through sixth graders have daily lab sessions, and so many upper grade students are scoring above 90% on their Jostens Lab (computerized learning) tests.

Last Fall the faculty and staff challenged students to read 10,000 books by April. Teachers called the program Reading For Fun and evidently the students agreed with what this name said. By January they met their goal, and in February the original goal of 10,000 had been exceeded by 4,073 books. And they are still reading.

Several hundred students at Burbank have won homework awards and 25% of students had perfect attendance during the third quarter of the school year.

As important as academic achievement is at Burbank, the students have many other activities at which they excel. The Burbank chorus, for instance, performed at the Target Store on Orange Show road just before the holidays. It was their seventh annual visit and the students sang while senior citizens and handicapped individuals shopped. Target gave each student a U.S. flag, cookies and a candy cane. Students earned a tree which they decorated and raffled off.

The Vanir Development Corporation has adopted 30 Burbank and provides many wonderful services to the school. At Christmas, Vanir provided a bilingual Santa Claus and gave each student a book. In exchange, the students performed at a holiday luncheon for parents and Vanir employees. Another local business, El Pelo Loco, presents over 20 academic and art-certificates each month. Students thanked them by decorating their restaurant during the holidays. Burbank parents are an integral part of the school and are very active as volunteers as well as taking part in PTA, school site council and bilingual education committee. Parents find advantages too. There are English classes for limited or non-English speaking parents, and parenting classes in both Spanish and English led by school counselor, Dr. Lorraine Hartik, and school secretary, Grace Guerra Fleming.

Burbank School is named for famed horticulturist, Luther Burbank, and Arbor Day (his birthday) is always special at this school. This year Vanir Development donated three pine trees and students helped to plant them.

The driving force behind all the positive things that happen at Burbank School is its principal, Mary Helen Campos Calles Anderson. Mrs. Anderson, a graduate of the San Bernardino City Schools, has had an exceptional career with her hometown district. She began teaching at Burbank in 1979 and within two years became a bilingual resource teacher at Mt. Vernon Elementary. Later she was assigned to a districtwide bilingual position and then became an assistant principal again at Burbank. In 1986 Mrs. Anderson was named the principal at Marshall Elementary followed by her appointment to Burbank in 1988.

Whatever the challenge, she has shouldered each new responsibility with intelligence, energy and enthusiasm. She has earned and deserves her reputation as an excellent educational leader.

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Carlotta Monsalve

She has a presence about her of grace, warmth, confidence, friendliness and nobility all wrapped into one. She displays the quiet, gentle, distinguished beauty of a doña that can only be acquired through life’s experiences and maturity.

She is Señora Carlotta Monsalve, MS, a social service practitioner for the county of San Bernardino’s Child Protective Services in Rancho Cucamonga.

On first contact, one is struck by Carlotta’s dedication to her work in serving and helping Hispanic children in particular and all children in general.

She was born in Medellin, Colombia and attended school at the El Colegio de La Presentacion, and the Centro Comercial Antioqueño where she received her Certified Public Accountant Degree. Concurrently, she attended the Instituto Colombo Americano for six years where she learned English and received a Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting.

She came to the United States and settled in New York City in 1960, where she attended Hunter’s College and received a Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting.

In 1974 the family moved to California, where her love of learning led her to continue her education by earning a Bachelor of Social Work Degree from Cal State Los Angeles, and a Master of Science Degree from Cal State Dominguez.

As her children grew up, Carlotta found herself a dedicated volunteer for the church and their school. It was a personal experience, during these years, that brought Carlotta to finally concentrate her career on social work, specifically in serving children.

In 1970, Carlotta’s six year old son complained he couldn’t move his legs. Carlotta said she was terrified. “I did everything I knew to do,” she said. In her panic it was her son who said: “But we haven’t prayed yet.”

It was then, Carlotta said, that she remembered the Biblical story of a man who threw himself over a boy who couldn’t walk and began to pray. In that story, the boy got up and walked.

“I did the same with my son” Carlotta recalls. “I threw myself over him and prayed hard that he would walk again.”

That afternoon, without realizing his legs worked again, Carlotta’s son ran out to meet his father, who was returning home from work. Carlotta considers this to be a miracle the result of prayer.

Due to her promise, she began her career of serving children when she entered social work, first with Los Angeles County in 1986, then with San Bernardino county in 1989.

Her work day at the Rancho Child Protective Services office begins at 7 a.m. and doesn’t end until 6:30 p.m. A normal day includes visiting children in the home where she monitors the progress of the parents to determine if they are in compliance with the service plan that has been prepared to help them overcome their problems.

Her other duties include providing transportation, language translation for her clients, going to court on behalf of children, writing court reports, or contracting with other agencies for service her clients may need.

Carlotta’s caseload is approximately 40-46 children, which represents 25-32 families. Because she is bilingual, she carries ALL of the Spanish speaking only cases in the Rancho office.

“We, as social workers, do make a difference,” Carlotta said, “knowledge that I am doing something to make people’s lives better,” is what she likes best about her work at Child Protective Services.

She also finds time to teach two classes of Spanish to her peers at the Rancho office. Carlotta Monsalve is a many faceted person. In addition to her three careers, she is also a published poet. Her first book, Paisajes Poéticos (which means Poetical Landscapes in English) is romantic poetry and was published in Colombia in 1979. Cur-
United Way of Inland Valleys sets aside $15,000 for child abuse

The United Way of the Inland Valleys announced the availability of $15,000 for child abuse services. Nonprofit agencies that meet specific criteria are invited to apply.

The Child Abuse Services Fund, now in its seventh and final year, was made Riverside.

Nonprofit agencies who provide human services within the service area of the Inland Valleys United Way are eligible to apply. The service area includes the communities of Banning, Beaumont, Cabazon, Cherry Valley, Glen Avon, Jurupa, Mira Loma, Pedley, Rubidoux, Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake, Wildomar, March Air Force Base, Moreno Valley, Perris, Nuevo, Lakeview, Temecula, Murrieta and Riverside.

The grant period will be July 1, 1992 through June 30, 1993. Grant applications are available by calling Mary Ehinger at the United Way of the Inland Valleys, (714) 782-0851. All applications must be received no later than 3:00 p.m., May 1, 1992. Awards will be announced on July 1. Funding will begin on July 1, 1992.

For further information call Elaine Crabtree at (714) 782-0550.

Edison to sponsor Business/Education Partnership Fair set for March 25

ROSEMAD, Calif., January 29, 1992 - Southern California Edison announced today that it will host a business and education Partnership Fair on March 25, 1992 during Educational Partnership Week. Hundreds of educators are attending the Partnership Fair to compete in Edison’s "Step Up to Support Education" $100,000 grant competition.

Nearly 500 educators in Edison's service territory have applied to showcase their program entries at the Fair. The competition is dedicated to promote and fund new, and existing innovative programs for "at-risk" students, kindergarten through high school.

"Since education and business go hand-in-hand, Edison is pledging $100,000 to fund the educational programs of its choice, Edison is also encouraging other companies to attend the Partnership Fair by inviting them to select and provide financial support and resources for educational programs. Company-pledged funds go directly to the program chosen by the sponsoring business," said Tami Welsh, Edison's manager of educational services.

A Partnership Fair Catalog is available through Edison that describes each educational program and includes location and funding needs. The Partnership Fair will be held at the Sheraton Industry Hills Resort in the City of Industry, California.

For more information about the Partnership Fair, please contact Edison's Educational Services Department at (818) 302-0248.

Colton Kindergarten Registration Announced

Registration for kindergarten students and other children entering the Colton Joint Unified School District for the first time next year will begin April 6 at year-round elementary schools and May 4 at traditional schools.

Parents may register children at school offices from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. through June 18. Children do not need to be present at the time of registration.

To enter kindergarten, children must be five-years-old on or before December 2, 1992. Parents must bring a legal birth certificate or verification of birth date and shot records.

Immunizations include polio, DPT (diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus), measles, rubella and mumps. Only students with these immunizations will be permitted to attend school.

All children must have a health check-up before entering first grade. A physical examination before kindergarten will meet this requirement.

City of Fontana seeks Community Relations Commission Members

The City of Fontana is soliciting applications for appointment by the Mayor and City Council to the Bureau of Franchises. The Bureau of Franchises regulates operation of taxi cabs, ambulances, rubbish collection and towing vehicles, reviews appeals and conducts hearings on rates for services, new applications for franchises and cable TV applications.

Persons wishing further information forms and additional information on the function of this Commission contact Commission Secretary, Martha R. Steenbok, phone 350-7603. Applications should be submitted to the City Clerk's Office by March 20, 1992.

Martha R. Steenbok
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The City of Fontana is soliciting applications for appointment by the Mayor and City Council to the Community Relations Commission. The Community Relations Commission serves in an advisory role to the Council in its efforts to foster good intergroup relations between all people of the community regardless of race, sex, national origin, age, religion, economic status or physical or mental disability. The Commission will promote activities that present a more positive image of the City, encourage equal employment opportunities, relieve community tension and promote an environment of racial harmony.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to serve on this Commission should contact Martha Steenbok, Commission Secretary, phone 350-7603. Applications should be submitted to the City Clerk's Office by March 20, 1992.

Martha R. Steenbok
Commission Secretary

Property Tax Update

Any owner of taxable property within San Bernardino County that has had property damaged or destroyed by a misfortune or calamity, may within sixty (60) days after such misfortune or calamity, apply for reassessment of such property by filing a "Damaged Property Reassessment Application" with the Assessor, R. Gordon Young.

To qualify for a reduction of current taxes the damage to the property must be in excess of five thousand dollars ($5,000). You may contact your local assessor's district office or call (714) 387-8307.
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Colton's Connie "Paddy" Cisneros: Interest in her children's future has led her into community involvement

Born and raised in Colton, attending the Colton schools, and graduating from Colton High School, Connie "Paddy" Cisneros is considered one of the most involved persons in the Inland Empire.

Married to her husband, Ernest, for 33 years, they are the parents of five children, Patricia, Arturo, Sheila, Ernest Jr. Roman and two grandchildren, Carla Aurora and Carlos Ernesto.

"Because my husband and I have always had an interest in our children and strongly believed that involvement with them was very important," she said, "I have, for many years, volunteered with organizations that would have a direct effect on their future."

The organizations that Mrs. Cisneros speaks of are the PTA (she has held offices at the local, middle and high school, and has been active in numerous projects, including clothes closets, health clinics, bond drives, school aide, etc., receiving the Paul Rogers PTA Honorary Service Award for Outstanding Service to Community and Children, Little/Pony League, A.U.W., March of Dimes, Easter Seal, Heart Fund, VFW Auxiliary, Girl Scouts, Inland Manpower Association, and many others.

Mrs. Cisneros' educational and civic involvement for many years was an inducement for her to run and be elected to the Colton City Council. She has currently held the council seat for 16 years!

During her council tenure, Mrs. Cisneros has been mayor pro tem (two years), in addition to being a member of: the city's redevelopment agency commission (current chairperson), San Bernardino Association of Government, OMNITRANS, County's Affirmative Action Commission and Commission on Status of Women and Norton's Inland Valley Development Agency.

"I have always had a deep concern for issues that affect our city and region. Beyond volunteering on many organizations, I feel that representing the citizens on the council and regional boards would have a more direct benefit for them. By establishing goals and objectives and achieving them is the best service that can be provided to our citizens. Throughout these many years, this job has been both challenging and rewarding, where fair, equitable and honest, decisions have to be made, but it has been far from easy," she stated.

Membership has also included the Colton Women's Club, Colton Junior Women's Club and Colton Business and Professional Club (president), the latter selected Mrs. Cisneros as "Women of Achievement" for her accomplishment in government, community, and as a wife and mother.

She was, in addition, selected by The Southern California's "Women of Achievement" for her community and political involvement; voted as one of Colton's five most influential people in 1979; honored by Concerned Citizens for Better Government for outstanding accomplishment; and honored by the Association of Colton Educators as one of Colton High's successful alumni.

"Many years ago my lifelong commitment was to serve my family, the youth and the city. Throughout these many years, I have not deviated from that commitment," say Mrs. Cisneros.

Connie "Paddy" Cisneros

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