

For Immediate Release:

Converge Entertainment LLC (of Los Angeles) will be screening the synopsis trailer for the feature documentary **DEATH OF A small TOWN** at The Border Theatre in Mission on Sunday, April 6, 2008 at 7:00 pm. Admission is free.

DEATH OF A small TOWN chronicles the devastating social, legal, and environmental issues surrounding the Helena Chemical Plant in Mission, Texas, which was finally demolished in February of 2008. Converge Entertainment was on location last month for 23 days to capture every stage of demolition of this historical landmark, often referred to as a tomb stone by area residents.

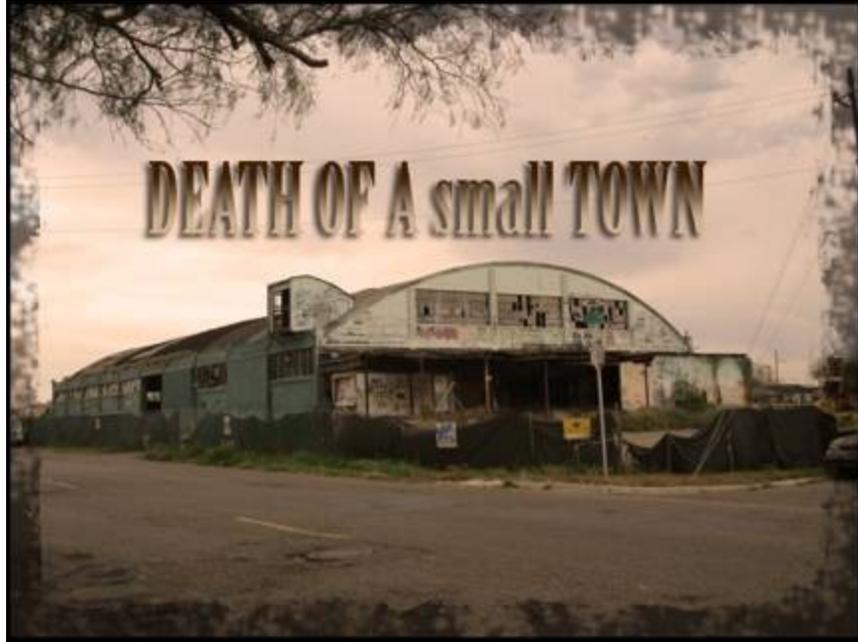
Laura Perez who also co-wrote and co-produced **Harvest of Redemption** (also shot in the Rio Grande Valley) is directing the film. She is a native of Mission. The issue is not just one that I am passionate about, but I am eager to provide a voice for these people who have been silenced for too long, says Perez. Jackie Zepeda, Producer (originally from San Juan) adds, This injustice is so tragic, we were drawn to the cause and know what a powerful instrument film can be. We hope this film will help spread awareness not just across the nation, but the world.

The 4 minute trailer will provide a glimpse of what the feature film will entail. Converge Entertainment has merely begun the lengthy process of production, but hopes that sharing the trailer will unite area residents that have been affected by the plant and encourage them to stand in solidarity, says Nicole Zepeda, Associate Producer (originally from San Juan).

The Helena Chemical Plant in Mission, Texas housed over 20 chemical companies from 1950-1972 which produced 18 pesticides and chemicals - 8 of which were named part of "The Dirty Dozen" by the United Nations, targeting them as the "world's most dangerous chemicals." According to the UN, these chemicals "are among the most dangerous of all man-made products or wastes, causing death, disease and birth defects among humans and animals" and were singled out for "urgent action." Although the plant designated a Superfund and was put on EPA's national priority list in 1980, it was not until 28 years later that the site was actually demolished.

You can read more about the issue on an official website that an activist group has put together at <http://www.mission-texas.com/>

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