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'Rebirth' mural looking like dream come true

Chicano art movement masterpiece appears alive again thanks to artists

By Molly Glentzer

The face of the little boy didn't look right to Leo Tanguma. Not childlike enough.

He added some skin to make the forehead larger. He extended the lips, so they protruded a little more — "more Chicano," he said, gestures he's learned through trial and error during many decades as a painter.

Another artist, the urban street painter Gonzo 247, stood beside Tanguma, admiring, watching, learning and working slightly faster as he added muscle definition to the arm of a female figure next to the boy.

Under their small paintbrushes, "The Rebirth of

Our Nationality" extended about 120 feet in either direction at 5900 Canal. Tanguma first painted the monster wall, one the largest canvases of the Chicano art movement, in the early 1970s, with the help of students from Texas Southern University and community volunteers, climbing 18 feet high on rickety ladders and scaffolds.

"I don't know how we did it," he said, admiring the ease of working on Gonzo's scissor lift.

Harris County, the building's current owner, commissioned Gonzo to re-create the badly faded and peeling mural last year, with Tanguma as a consultant. Now in his 70s, Tanguma

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Leo Tanguma, right, and Gonzo 247 work Friday on "The Rebirth of Our Nationality" that Tanguma painted in 1974 on Canal Street in Houston.

Sources: He was aware of payoff before his denial

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WASHINGTON

President Donald Trump knew about a six-figure payment that Michael Cohen, his personal lawyer, made to a pornographic film actress several months before he denied any knowledge of it to reporters aboard Air Force One in April, according to two people familiar with the arrangement.

How much Trump knew about the payment to Stephanie Clifford, the actress, and who else was aware of it have been at the center of a swirling controversy for the past 48 hours touched off by a television interview with Rudy Giuliani, a new addition to the president's legal team. The interview was the first time a lawyer for the president had acknowledged that Trump had reimbursed Giuliani

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