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All force entries into these classes are limited.

Summer I	May 26 & 27 - Thurs. & Fri. 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
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Wednesday, April 13, 1994

Barge collides with Columbus ship replica

The Associated Press

CORPUS CHRISTI — Two replicas of the vessels that ventured on Christopher Columbus' historic voyage in 1492 were hit by a 20th century navigational problem Tuesday.

An out-of-control barge struck and damaged the replicas of the Pinta and Santa Maria, two of three wooden vessels on loan from the Spanish government. The Nina, moored closest to land, was not scathed.

"These are ships and accidents happen," said Rick Stryker, president of the Columbus Fleet Association, which lobbied to bring the replicas to Corpus Christi as tourist attractions.

The Pinta and Santa Maria were never in danger of sinking because all damage occurred above their water lines, authorities said. Stryker said the hardest-hit Pinta will be taken to an Aransas Pass shipyard for repairs.

Two tug boats lost control of the empty barge as it passed under Harbor Bridge on its way to a refinery in the Port of Corpus Christi, according to the U.S. Coast Guard.

The barge, owned by Dixie Carriers Inc. of Houston, first hit the Pinta and pushed it into the Santa Maria.

Authorities said Pinta had damage to its hull, internal structure, gangway, anchor, mast and cross piece.

The Santa Maria had some internal damage and a 2-foot-diameter hole above its main deck.

"These are very sturdy ships and they are well taken care of," Stryker said. "They will weather this."

He had no idea how much the repairs will cost.

"I wish I could say, 'Oh, it's going to be cheap and it won't take very long,' but I don't know," he said.

About 100,000 people have visited the ships known as "Los Barcos" and "Las Carabelas" since they arrived in Corpus Christi in 1992, Stryker said.

Spain sent the ships here to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Columbus voyage to the New World.

Mark Buese, vice president of administration for Dixie Carriers, said his company and the Coast Guard were investigating the accident.

"It's under investigation and I have no comment on liability," Buese said by telephone from Houston.

Crews reported that winds shifted as the boats pushed barge under the bridge, Buese said. An assisting tug found itself out of position, counter a north wind blowing the barge toward Barge Dock No. 1, where Los Barcos are moored, Buese said.

Remember the Alamo? Critics question battle's accuracy

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — They're fighting at the Alamo again. This time, it's the legend that's under siege.

On one side are the traditionalists who see the Alamo as an undeniable symbol of Texas pride and independence. On the other are the revisionists who see it as just a big lie perpetuated by a "redneck culture."

Reputations of longtime heroes like Davy Crockett and Jim Bowie, killed more than a century ago defending the fort, are now under attack.

Some of the allegations seem downright blasphemous: Bowie took part in an elaborate slave-running scam. Crockett was a washed-up politician who didn't even wear a coonskin cap. William Barret Travis, the Alamo's commander, suffered from syphilis.

What in Sam Houston is going on here?

"I think there's just kind of a general re-evaluation of the Alamo that is occurring, not just

among Mexican-Americans but among other people," said Avelardo Valdez, a sociologist at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

For more than a century, the tale of the Alamo was the same: In 1836, fewer than 200 Texans fighting for independence defended a fortress against more than 4,000 Mexicans.

The Mexicans won; all the Texans were killed. But their bravery was celebrated, and "Remember the Alamo" became a rallying cry when Texas fighters marched to victory at the Battle of San Jacinto.

Today, the cry is over how to remember the Alamo. Was it a heroic struggle for freedom or a ruthless display of imperialism and racism?

"I still feel that Mexican-Americans do not view the Alamo as something that symbolizes some kind of symbol of freedom or liberty. ... I still believe they see it more as a symbol of racism," Valdez said.

Defending the Alamo — and its reputation — this time is the Daughters of the Republic of

Texas, a group of mostly white women who trace their ancestors to when Texas was a nation, from 1836 to 1845.

The Daughters have managed the site since the state entrusted it to them in 1905.

But critics scorn the group as an exclusive club. Valdez calls the Daughters representative of an archaic "redneck culture" that doesn't represent Texas' increasingly diverse population.

"This exclusive little clique has nevertheless succeeded in convincing many that their baseless mythology is fact," San Antonio Express-News columnist Carlos Guerrero wrote. "As they see it, Texas history is about how freedom-loving Anglos came to Texas and brought civilization to the local savages."

Guerra, Valdez and others want to force the Alamo's caretakers to show off a larger slice of the monument's multicultural history.

"You have a history here that needs to be all-inclusive. But the history we have here is exclusive," said Gary Gabehart, president of the Inter-Tribal Council of American Indians in San Antonio.

EMS

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to let us in since they are always locked from the outside."

Reznicek said the ambulance arrives at campus destinations relatively quickly.

"We are usually not on the phone more than two minutes," she said. "From the time the ambulance comes in, it takes an average of three to four minutes for the ambulance to arrive."

EMS officials said the ambulance arrived at 1:39 p.m.

Students from the class waited outside for the ambulance, said it took close to 10 minutes for the ambulance to arrive. When it did arrive, students saw the emergency lights and sirens were not on and the driver stopped to let pedestrians cross the street in front of it.

Eric Scott, deputy chief of EMS, said they have adopted a new system of priority dispatch, which is modeled after a system used in Seattle and Los Angeles.

Scott said different emergency situations are treated in different ways.

The student was taken to and treated at St. Joseph's Hospital.

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