

EL OBSERVADOR

'Alamo' Movie Touches Nerve in Mexico



Actor Billy Bob Thornton as Davy Crockett, left, fights off a Mexican soldier in a scene from Touchstone Pictures' "The Alamo," in this undated publicity photo. (AP Photo)

(AP) — Mexican audiences cringe in watching "The Alamo," which depicts this country's most reviled traitor, one of its most humiliating defeats and events that ultimately cost Mexico half its territory.

There is scant comfort in the fact that Mexican forces won the 1836 battle of the Alamo: The movie closes with the Battle of San Jacinto one month later, which Mexico lost - along with Texas. Within a dozen years, Mexico went on to lose most of what later became California, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Nevada and Arizona.

An audience at the Mexico City premiere Wednesday gasped at the final scenes of the Mexican army defeat at the hands of Texans - "in 18 minutes," according to the film.

Iglesias in India

(AP) — King of Latino music, Enrique Iglesias brought his Latin rhythm to Bombay, India earlier this month in a rare concert.

Popsinger Enrique Iglesias arrived in India's entertainment capital to promote his latest album "Seven," as thousands of fans lined up for last minute tickets ahead of Sunday's concert. "This is my first trip to India. There are some warm and friendly people here," Iglesias told reporters after arriving in Bombay.

Rael Fernandes, a 20-year-old Indian fan, said: "He is the king of Latino music."

"He is not only a fantastic singer, but a great dancer,"

Fernandes said.

Iglesias also performed in the southern Indian city of Bangalore last Tuesday.



Enrique Iglesias performs at a live concert in Bombay, India. (AP photo)

Cultural Festival at Portland Area Libraries

The Multnomah County Library is celebrating literacy with cultural festivals and other multi-language events over the next two weeks.

Día de Los Niños y Día de Los Libros activities will include traditional Mariachi and other Latin musical performances, flamenco dancing, bilingual storytelling and

puppetry, piñata-making workshops and more. These fun multicultural events celebrate the power and magic that books bring to children.

Several neighborhood libraries will present free cultural activities in multiple languages as part of this internationally-recognized event.

Families are invited to attend a variety of performances and activities in both English and Spanish at the following neighborhood libraries: North Portland Library, Saturday, April 24, 1-5 p.m.; Rockwood Library, Saturday, April 24, 1-5 p.m.; Midland Library, Thursday, April 29, 4:30-8 p.m.; Gresham Library,

Friday, April 30, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; St. Johns Library, Friday, April 30, 2-5 p.m.; Gregory Heights Library, Saturday, May 1, 1-5:00 p.m.

For more information, including a complete schedule of events, visit the library's Web site www.multcolib.org/libros/dia/ or call 503-988-4332.

RELIGION

Holy Redeemer Opens Doors

State's most diverse Catholic school takes new students

Applications for the 2004-2005 school year are now being accepted for Holy Redeemer Catholic School in northeast Portland. For parents who have been thinking of giving their children a private education, now is the time to apply.

Holy Redeemer is opening its doors at an open house at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 25.

The school is the most diverse Catholic school in the state. As a kindergarten through eighth grade school, it is called a Rainbow Place where cultural differences are celebrated. More than half of the students are minorities and represent

different religious preferences, ethnic and economic backgrounds.

Holy Redeemer has a lot to offer students including an excellent music program with two choirs and an orchestra, along with an extensive sports program. Its students exceed national testing standards in math, reading and language, and maintain a 96 percent high school graduation rate.

"Students at Holy Redeemer receive an excellent education along with individual attention to develop the gifts and potential of each child," says Principal Anna Raineri.

Families interested in receiving a tour or enrolling in the school may contact the office at 503-283-5197 or e-mail office@holyredeemerportland.org.

Beloved Community Member Dies

Phyllis R. Ollison

Services were held for Phyllis R. Ollison, who died earlier this month.

She was the fifth of nine children, born to Robert and Martha Ollison on Sept. 3, 1956, in Portland.

Phyllis attended Vernon Elementary School and Adams High School. She worked at Good Samaritan Hospital as a teenager and was 4th runner up for Ms. Oregon.

Phyllis pursued her career and education in the United States National Guard. She attended the Army Health Science University in Texas and Baylor University.

While in the military, she met and married her first husband, Vernon Cropper. Through their union, two children, Vernon Cropper II and Andre Cropper were born.

After her divorce from Cropper, she married her husband of 19 years, Lawrence White. Through their union, Tyren, Tamyra and Robert White were born.

Phyllis worked as a laboratory assistant for Good Samaritan Hospital.

Lifelong Resident Dies

Phyllis Renee White

A funeral service was held on Friday, April 16 in Stone Tower Seventh-day Adventist Church for Phyllis Renee White, who died April 9 at age 47.

Phyllis Ollison was born Sept. 3, 1956, in Portland, where she lived all her life. A graduate of Adams High School, she was a computer programmer.

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