

Pilots charged with tax evasion

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FORT WORTH — Two Justice Department lawyers from Washington will serve as prosecutors in the trial of 10 Braniff International pilots charged with using a scam church to

avoid income taxes. The Justice Department lawyers were called in after U.S. Attorney Jim Rolfe disqualified himself and his staff as he had represented one of the pilots prior to taking his current feder-

al post. Trial for the pilots and disbarred Minnesota lawyer Jerome Daly was scheduled for March 1. All the defendants have pleaded not guilty. U.S. District Judge David O.

Below said he would not rule before next week on a defense request to dismiss an indictment against the men.

Defense lawyers argued the grand jury overstepped its authority, violating the U.S. Constitution, by inquiring about beliefs in the Basic Bible Church of America, which Daly heads.

IRS officials have described Daly as a "well known tax protester."

the small society

by Brickman



City dwarfs the mission

Remember the Alamo?

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SAN ANTONIO — The Alamo, an unassuming, stone-faced structure diminished by the skyscraping hotels that overshadow it, — the "cradle of Texas liberty" — seems caught in a time warp that plunked the mission into the midst of downtown commotion.

"Is this it? This little thing?" said a surprised tourist from Louisiana as he stood, camera in hand, before the cracked mission walls.

"That's what everybody says," said Charles Long, the Alamo's curator for the past 12 years. "They say how small it is, but this only represents a tenth of what the Alamo was. And they're surprised that it's in the middle of town. They say they've been driving all day on the edges of town looking for it."

The mission, small as it may be, and the massacre that took place there 146 years ago sparked the famed battle cry "Remember the Alamo!" that spurred Texans through their successful battle for independence from Mexico. More than 3 million tourists pass through the reverently quiet mission every year. "The Alamo is all things for all people," Long said. "Every-

one has a certain feeling for the Alamo."

Located on a busy downtown avenue, surrounded by streets that bear the names of its heroes, the 250-year-old mission complex includes the original Spanish church, 2.5 acres of landscaped gardens and fountains, the old Army barracks, a library and meeting room.

A huge marble cenotaph, or empty tomb, built in 1936, commemorates the 100th anniversary of the battle. Carved into it are the likenesses of Texas' most famous heroes — Davey Crockett, Jim Bowie, William Travis, James Bonham — along with the names of all 188 men who died in the bloody 13-day siege.

Spanish Catholic friars established the mission in the 1730s, to help educate and Christianize the Indians and keep the French from moving in from Louisiana and usurping Spanish land in Texas.

"People from everywhere came here for the free land that Texas was offering to anyone who would fight," Long said. "Doctors and lawyers and scholars all served as privates, coming here for the free land and where the grass was greener in Texas." When Santa Anna's troops surprised the Alamo on Feb. 23,

1836, the 188 men believed reinforcements were on the way from Goliad. As the battle raged on with the Texans outmanned by 25 to 1, commanding officer Lt. Col. William Travis dispatched an impassioned letter to the people of Texas and all Americans in the world.

"Our flag still waves proudly from the walls — I shall never surrender or retreat," Travis said in the note, which is inscribed on a bronze plaque inside the mission. "I call on you in the name of liberty, of patriotism and everything dear to the American character to come to our aid, with all dispatch.

"If this call is neglected, I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible and die like a soldier who never forgets what is due to his own honor and that of his country — victory or death." Reinforcements never came and only "strong will for survival" kept the Texans fighting, Long said.

"On the 13th day, they just ran out of supplies and the Mexicans came in over the north wall," Long said. "Santa Anna let 16 women and children go and killed all 188 men and burned their bodies."

In an effort to preserve the deteriorating mission, the Daughters of the Texas Revolu-

tion organized and signed agreement with the state to operate and maintain the Alamo.

"They've (the DTR) kept up since 1905 through donations and souvenir sales," said. "I'd say the DTR has the state \$80 million over years by running it."

The DTR employs more than 40 full-time employees, including five gardeners. Decades of donations of artifacts have turned the mission into one of the state's best historical museums.

The coonskin cap worn by John Wayne, who portrayed Crockett in the movie "The Alamo," is on display in the barracks building along with Santa Anna's kingly white robe.

Native Texans, who have been known to be boastful about their state, still seem to have reverent respect and pride for the Alamo.

"It reflects our spirit," Dallas resident whispered as he stood in front of the mission baptistry.

The white cenotaph on the mission bears an inscription that exemplifies that spirit: "From the fire that burned their bodies rose the eternal spirit of sublime heroic sacrifice which gave birth to an empire state."

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Oral Roberts OK after wreck

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Roberts and his wife were shaken up but otherwise unhurt in a three-car collision Saturday, but a 19-year-old woman was seriously injured in the accident, authorities said.

Roberts, 63, and his wife, Evelyn, 63, of Tulsa, Okla., were driving in the West Hollywood area when the accident occurred

Saturday afternoon.

The Roberts' vehicle — traveling westbound on Fountain Avenue — reportedly drifted into the eastbound lane and collided with a car driven by Tami Moore of Los Angeles, California Highway Patrol Officer Monty Keifer said. Keifer said Miss Moore's car

skidded 80-feet in an apparent attempt to avoid the Roberts' vehicle, then spun out of control and struck a third car driven by Raymond Montero, also of Angeles.

Paramedics administered emergency treatment at the scene before taking the Roberts and Moore to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Montero was not injured in the accident.

A hospital spokesman said Mrs. Roberts, who was driving the couple's 1982 Mercedes-Benz, was treated for a headache and then released. Roberts was examined but not treated.

Miss Moore, who was transferred to County-US Medical Center, was treated for facial and leg cuts and released Saturday night, a nurse supervisor said.

A CHP officer said no citations have been issued pending the completion of an investigation.

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