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Battle looms at Alamo over fiscal operations

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NANTONIO (AP) — Another e has erupted over the Alamo, state lawmakers firing questions at the monument's fiscal operaat its stewards, the Daughters of Republic of Texas.

o state representatives want information about a \$1.8 milbudget surplus, which was gen-ed largely by souvenir sales to 3 million people who visit the of the Alamo. o each year.

ate Reps. Orlando Garcia amd y Beauchamp, both San Antonio nocrats, vow to urge the legisre at its next sesson to put the and the state-owned mission pletely under state oversight.

This issue is not the No. I priorof state business next session," rcia said. "But it will be brought We're serving notice that the mo isn't their exclusive shop.' Meanwhile, state agencies are try-

ing to determine who has responsibility for the mission while avoiding

being caught in the cross fire. In 1905, the state made the DRT official custodians of the Alamo cha-

pel and grounds. For Majorie Hardy and Peggy Di-brell, officers of the DRT's Alamo Committee, the legislators' questions are a challenge to DRT stewardship of the Alamo

'We don't quarrel with state oversight, since we've always been under the state," Dibrell told the *Dallas Morning News.* "We've always filed an annual fiscal report to the governor's office and the Texas Historical Commission.

"If the governor wants to send someone down to check our books, we'll welcome him - but not every member of the state legislature," Hardy said. Members of the DRT are descen- troversy began.

dants of the heroes and pioneers of the Republic of Texas. The key battle in Texas' war of independence from Mexico was fought at the Alamo in 1836, when a force of

1905. All proceeds come through sales to tourists and DRT members volunteer their work at the mission. State agencies including the His-torical Commission, the State Archives and the governor's office have begun searching for annual financial reports the DRT says it has filed with them.

By late last week, the only report found by the governor's office was dated Oct. 27, 1988, after the con-

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Adoptive families fight to win right to abused youths' records

ALLAS (AP) — A judge's ruling that information in the records, and kitchen, later to be found as Tina is no constitutional clause or l precedent requiring the state to one day. parents everything about the dren they adopt will be appealed seven adoptive parents of abused

udge Barefoot Sanders ruled ents, who want the Department Human Services to disclose all reds about the children they adopt.

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Tina shook when, earlier this year, she saw police photographs of a battered and bruised toddler and another piece of furniture would be

learned it was her. The Chandlers and five other sued the state in U.S. District Court in Dallas last May to make information that is availble on a "special needs" basis easier to obtain.

raced through the house, ripping up furniture in a rage. "She was so full of hate," said Mrs.

shredded or stabbed.

Fearing for their lives, the Chanbedroom doors. They enrolled Tina in therapy when she was 10. Since then, they estimate her treatment has cost about \$150,000 - most of which was paid by insurance.

The parents also want help with ering medical bills that came h their children's emotional treat-

Photos and information the state vided about the abuse a child sufed from her biological parents we the girl's adoptive parents, Rev. ob and Cherry Chandler of Dallas, eir first clue about the depth of eir adopted daughter's emotional roblems

"We were told if we'd be patient ad give her lots of love, she'd be Mrs. Chandler said of her pted daughter, Tina, now 13. Ve didn't know that we needed

Now the families say they'll appeal Sanders' ruling and lobby legislators for help.

The Chandlers, like many families who adopt abused children, suffered their daughter's violent through rage without knowing how to help her

When Tina joined the family in November 1978, the 3-year-old colored her new parents' walls and carpets with black marker.

As her anger grew, Tina stole money and jewelry from the Chandlers and their two sons.

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The Chandlers sought more details of Tina's history at the urging of their daughter's therapist.

When the Department of Human Services refused to provide the information, the Chandlers obtained horrifying details and photographs from an attorney who represented Tina's interests when the state revoked her biological parents' custody rights.

For the first time, the Chandlers learned that Tina had been sexually and physically abused since she was 2 weeks old.

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