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Notes on Koresh

(AP)—The leader of the Branch Davidian religious sect, born Vernon Howell, changed his name to David Koresh in 1985. Some accounts said Howell, 33, changed his name to advance his music career. But during a rambling interview with CNN Sunday night, Howell said Koresh was the Hebrew name of Cyrus, the Persian king commanded to overthrow Babylon in the Old Testament. "Of course the nature of that prophecy is that God said he surnamed him," Howell said. "It's a family name and it says don't argue with your mother and your father. So we believe that our god is male and female."

Cult standoff leaves 4 federal agents dead

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WACO — Two gun battles erupted Sunday as more than 100 law officers tried to arrest the leader of a heavily armed religious cult. At least four federal and two cult members, including a child, were killed in the shootouts.

As the ensuing standoff neared 12 hours at 9 p.m., two children in the cult's compound were released after a statement was read on an area radio station. Two more children were released an hour later, followed by two more around 11 p.m. and two toddlers shortly after midnight. The eight children were taken to a command post about a mile from the

compound. The battles began when federal agents hidden in livestock trailers stormed the main home of the sect, witnesses said. The agents had warrants to search the compound for guns and explosives and to arrest its leader, Vernon Howell, said Les Stanford of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Washington.

ATF spokesman Jack Killorin in Washington said the cult received a telephone tip just as the agents were moving into place.

"We have reports that there was a phone call as the operation was moving into place," he said. "There was subsequently a statement from Mr. Howell that the ATF and National Guard were on the way."

Killorin said the agency had undercover agents monitoring "statements and attitudes within the camp," and levels of tension were increasing.

He said the agency had information some members had wanted to leave, but were being kept against their will.

"Increasingly they posed a threat both within and without the compound," he said.

Four federal agents were killed in the assault that began about 9:30 a.m. One sect member killed also was reported killed in the ensuing 45-minute shootout.

Then about 7 p.m., three members of the Branch Davidian sect came out of the compound armed

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Waco newspaper uncovers story of local religious sect

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WACO — A newspaper's decision to publish stories about a religious cult that battled with 100 heavily armed lawmen Sunday followed inaction on the part of local officials, the newspaper editor said Sunday.

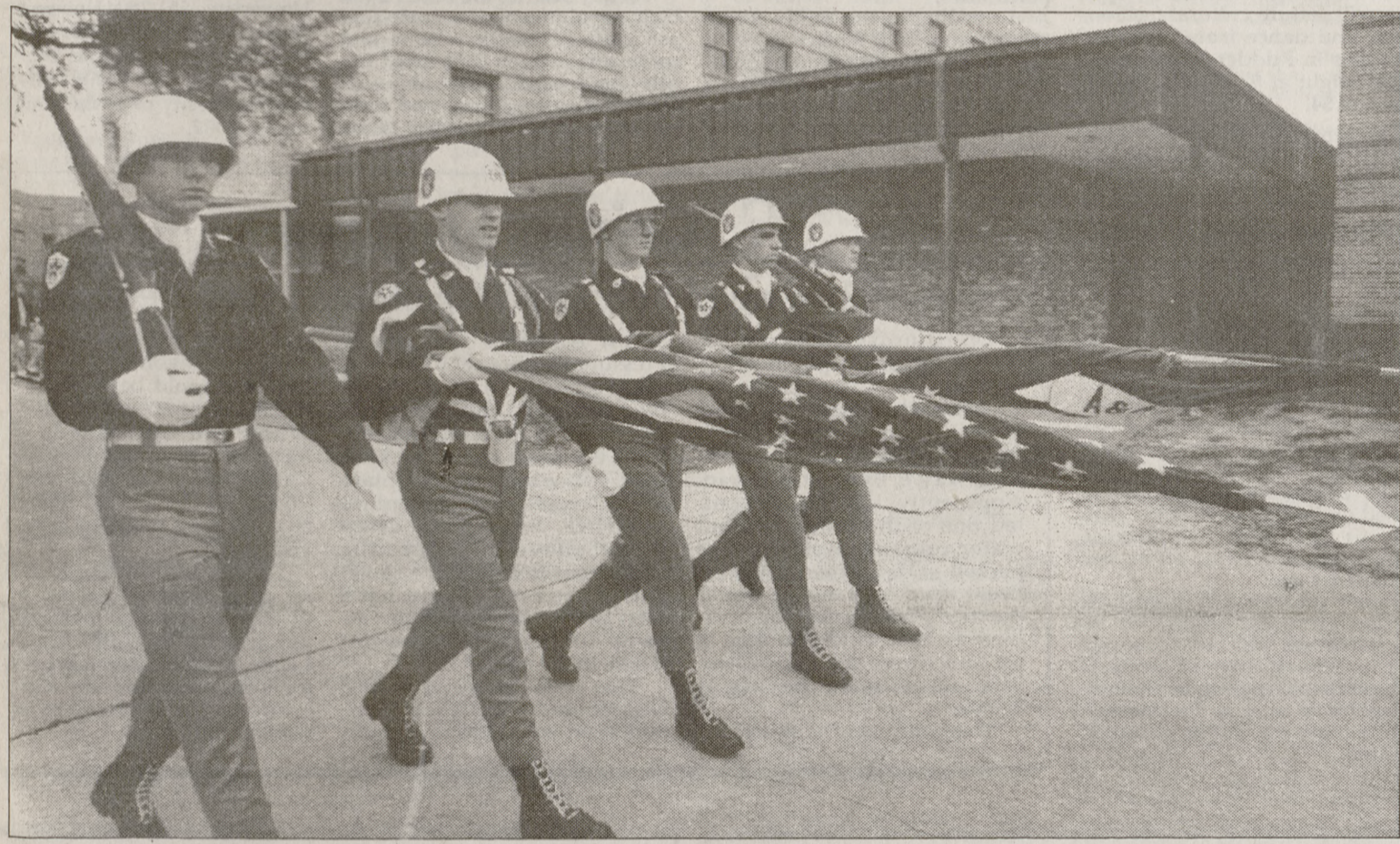
Bob Lott, editor of the Waco Tribune-Herald, said that after eight months of investigation the newspaper decided to begin printing a seven-part series about the Branch Davidians sect on Saturday.

Sunday morning, as the second installment was being read in Waco homes, law enforcement officers moved in on the cult's compound. At least four agents from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms were killed and 14 other agents were injured at the sect's compound, east of Waco.

Ducking bullets were four newspaper reporters, a photographer and two television newsmen. The photographer's car and a TV van were hit and the van served

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Flag Guard marches to Military Review



RICHARD GARCIA/Special to The Battalion

Members of the Flag Guard march across the Quad on their way to Kyle Field for Military Review on Saturday. The review was part of Military Weekend that began on Friday with the Air Assault on

Duncan Field. The assault "rescued" Corps Commander Matt Michaels from the Student For Change organization.

Trade center closes in bomb aftermath

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The World Trade Center bomb blast will shut it down for at least a week, officials said Sunday as foreign banks, shippers, law firms and other tenants scrambled to set up shop elsewhere.

New York's neighboring commodity exchanges planned to reopen Monday, however, under a special exemption from safety officials. But all other businesses in the landmark 110-story twin towers needed to relocate under desperately short notice.

Fifty-thousand people work at the complex which gets an average of 80,000 daily visitors. Like a vertical city at Manhattan's southern tip, it's become critical to the region's economy, with commercial tentacles that extend around the globe.

The cost of the damage, relocation, and lost business was impossible to ascertain Sunday. Many businesses spent the weekend trying to grapple with the damage caused by Friday's noontime explosion in an underground park-

ing garage. The FBI said Sunday a bomb caused the blast, but would not speculate on who detonated the bomb, or why.

The blast killed five people, injured more than 1,000 and knocked out the center's emergency command center.

FBI verifies cause of building blast

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The FBI confirmed Sunday that a bomb caused the explosion at the World Trade Center.

James Fox, head of the New York FBI office, said agency explosives experts came to that conclusion. "It was their opinion that it was caused by a bomb," he told WCBS-TV.

Also Sunday, Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly told a news conference that there had been 40 telephone calls claiming responsibility for the blast noontime Friday in the 110-story twin towers.

Professor says women must crack 'glass ceiling'

By MATARI JONES

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Women have a tougher climb up the corporate ladder than men because men are groomed from birth about the "do's" and "don'ts" of corporate America, said Dr. Marilyn Kern-Foxworth, Texas A&M University journalism professor.

Kern-Foxworth said the people a person associates with can make a difference in his or her career, an advantage men seem to have over women.

"Men tend to socialize with people who can make a difference," she said. "They socialize, go play golf and transmit information to and from each other while women socialize with people who are not in a position to

make decisions and make a difference."

Kern-Foxworth said women need more formal and informal mentors to teach them the unwritten rules and guidelines of the business world. This is why women do not advance to top executive positions, she said.

Tawny Britton, president of the A&M chapter of the National Organization of Women, agrees.

"The labor force is separated by barriers from society," she said. People are taught that girls do one thing and guys do another, she said.

This phenomenon is called, the "glass ceiling" — a superficial barrier which systematically prevents women and people of color from climbing from one level to a higher one in corporate America.

There are two consequences for women who cannot crack the glass ceiling. On one hand, women are thrust toward becoming entrepreneurs, so they can become their

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Faculty wages up 2.1 percent in Texas

By MELODY DUNNE

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Faculty salaries at Texas public universities increased an average of 2.1 percent last year for professors and associate and assistant professors, according to a survey by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

On average, the first three academic ranks now earn \$46,201 annually, up from \$45,254 in the 1991-92 school year.

Dr. James Morgan, deputy speaker of the faculty senate, said the increase in salaries is low considering the cost of living increase was greater than the raise. Salaries have not risen during the last decade because of Texas' economic woes, he said.

The average budgeted faculty salary for professors at Texas

A&M University for nine months in 1992-93 was \$62,764. The highest budgeted salary and the lowest budgeted salary for this period are \$159,876 and \$30,582, respectively.

The University of Texas' average budgeted salary was \$70,295 for professors, and their highest and lowest budgeted salaries for this term are \$195,312 and \$29,767.

Morgan said most likely there will not be any substantial raises during the next few years because the Legislature cannot afford to give raises while the Texas economy is slow.

Dr. Jerry Gaston, executive associate provost, said the 2.1 percent increase is the average increase paid to professors, assistant professors and associate professors. It does not include people

Highest average salaries of professors and associate and assistant professors in Texas

University of Texas	\$57,224
Texas A&M University	\$51,280
University of Houston	\$50,763
University of Houston-Clear Lake	\$45,813
Texas Tech University	\$45,571
University of Texas at Arlington	\$45,087

JENNIFER PETTEWAY/The Battalion

who changed rank.

A study completed annually by the Office of Planning and Institutional Analysis compiles data

from A&M's peer institutions, schools comparable to A&M in

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International Week

Campus organization invites students to 'Discover the World at Texas A&M'

By CHERYL HELLER

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Celebrating the diversity of different cultures at Texas A&M University, the International Students Association kicks off its 14th annual International Week today.

Tim Debysingh, vice president of programs for the International Students Association, said "This week gives international students a chance to show off their cultures and gives Americans a chance to see how different they really are." Under the theme, "Discover

the World at Texas A&M," International Week activities begin with a planned opening ceremony in the MSC Flagroom featuring speeches and musical performances.

The mayors of Bryan and College Station also plan to present a proclamation declaring March 1-6 as International Week.

More than 45 campus organizations will hold craft and art displays in the MSC today from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Money for

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Future of Russia draws speculation

Former ambassador says military may take over country

By KEVIN LINDSTROM

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The Russian military may take control of its country in an attempt to restore order in Russia, said a former U.S. arms negotiations ambassador Saturday at the conference for the Southwest Association of Slavic States.

Dr. Richard Staar, former ambassador to the Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction negotiations between the U.S.S.R. and the U.S. from 1981 to 1983, said "The Russian military may see itself as the only group capable of main-

taining order in Russia.

"My feeling is that maybe the armed forces will take over," he said. "They've got a monopoly of the instruments of mass violence. If the military takes over, I don't think they are capable of running the country, but they could hold it together for a certain period of time."

Dr. Roger Reese, associate professor of history at Texas A&M University, said there was a low probability the military would impose its will on the country.

"I see a long list of possibilities and a military dictatorship is low on that list," he said. "There are a

lot of people who say they know the way to keep Russia together. The military is just one of them."

Staar said because the Yeltsin government seems unable to maintain public confidence the opportunity for the military to take control of Russia may appear.

"The armed forces are not necessarily committed to the agenda of the government in power," he said. "The highest military leaders publicly say they will support the government in power, but when senior officers in the field

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