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## Investigation reveals other Koresh plans

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Branch Davidian cult leader David Koresh was obsessed with rock star Madonna and even entertained vague plans to kill her, according to a published report Tuesday.

Koresh also had a so-called "hit list" of 10 or more people who had defected from the cult, the Houston Chronicle said in a copyright story.

Geoffrey Hossack, a private investigator, said those who had been in the sect told him Koresh had a fixation on Madonna that graduated from obsessive desire to wanting to kill her.

Hossack, who took affidavits from a number of cult members and compiled data on Koresh for several months, said he learned that Koresh had decided that, "if he couldn't have Madonna, no man would."

The "hit list" was never known to have been in written form, but Koresh referred to it during "Bible studies" and in private.

The list primarily targeted a group of Australians who became concerned in 1989 that Koresh was planning to sacrifice a child. In 1990, the Australians hired Hossack in an unsuccessful attempt to convince U.S. authorities the cult was dangerous.

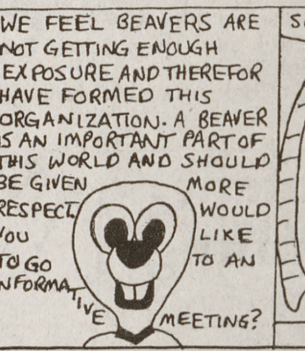
No children are known to have died at the hands of the Branch Davidians until an April 19 fire devoured the rural compound outside Waco. Koresh and dozens of followers, including 17 children, died either by fire or gunfire.

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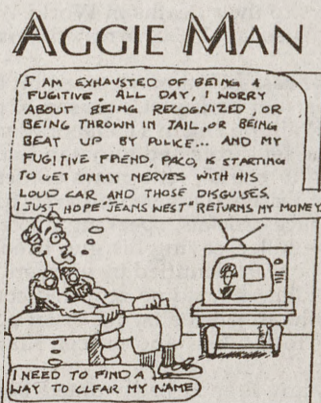


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## Women

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attracting women to the field.

"We have programs specifically tuned to women and minority recruiting and retention," Watson said. "We're being as proactive as we can."

A student chapter of the Society of Women Engineers is active on campus.

The engineering department also sponsors summer conferences in which junior high and high school students can learn about the opportunities available to women in engineering, Watson said.

Watson said they also discuss engineering with incoming freshmen in an effort to attract women to the College of Engineering.

Bonne Bejarano-Sandars, coordinator of Student Life Orientation and chairperson of the gender issues committee, said she tries to use inclusive language and urges her orientation leaders to do the same.

"We refer to new students as men and women and not guys and girls," Bejarano-Sandars said. "But I can't guarantee all the orientation leaders will do these things."

Bejarano-Sandars said even though calling someone a woman instead of a girl seems like a small difference, it can do much to improve the atmosphere.

"These little things set a tone," Bejarano-Sandars said. "It's real easy to police yourself on the big things, but often it's the little

things that go unnoticed and will make a difference in the end."

But Bejarano-Sandars said students already have opinions on gender issues that are difficult to alter when they come to A&M.

"Before we ever get the new student, they have already been trained to go into a gender-specific career," Bejarano-Sandars said.

But Bejarano-Sandars said she does what she can to be sensitive to gender issues.

"In my little piece of the pie, I try to be as inclusive and sensitive as possible," Bejarano-Sandars said.

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—Dr. John Koldus,  
V.P. for Student Services

Watson said getting new students interested in engineering will help attract women to the field.

"If you look across the United States, we're higher (in numbers of women engineering students) than the rest of the nation," Watson said. "It looks like the number of women in the College of Engineering is going up."

Watson said A&M has done a better job recently in recruiting women to the College of Engineering.

"In the last three years we've seen the per-

centages of women in the College of Engineering continuing to go up," she said. "The graduation rate of women in engineering is going up as well."

Dr. John Koldus, vice president for Student Services, said the University has been assessing its needs in the area of women's issues and will try to spend more time, money and effort on it.

But Koldus said women are still choosing careers they were socialized to choose.

"Women are still conditioned by their public school experiences not to look toward places like the College of Engineering," Koldus said. "I don't think we've gotten that message across to women yet."

Koldus said A&M does its best to recruit women for male dominated fields.

"I don't think it's because we don't recruit women," Koldus said. "It's that they are not interested in these fields yet."

Van Hightower agreed, but said intensive recruiting would help attract more women to these fields.

"Women have a sense of where they belong and where they don't in every college," she said. "A lot of this starts at an early age."

Watson said the number of women choosing engineering as their career would probably increase if there were more women in the field to serve as role models.

"The number of women with Ph.D.s is very small," Watson said. "We're not graduating enough women."

Watson said A&M is not the only university dealing with this disparity.

"This is a nationwide issue," she said.

## Student

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representative would be excluded from closed meetings.

Porter Wilson, a legislative assistant for Rep. Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock), said his office was originally opposed to the bill because it would split the representation of single-campus schools. After the bill was amended to make student body presidents eligible for the position, Duncan felt it was supportable, he said.

Wilson said nearly 30 bills died because of the legislative deadline and felt it was because of timing rather than active blocking that

the Student Regent Bill did not pass.

Texas A&M Regent Alison Leland Briscoe said there are a lot of competing interest groups that would like to have a seat on the board.

This concern was voiced by other legislators who worry that if students gain a seat, other factions would demand representation.

"I think it would be a great opportunity for a student to learn and contribute to the work the regents do," she said. "On the other hand, we have seven institutions, so the person would have to represent them also."

Briscoe said she thinks communication with students is always important, and a year-long term would be enough time for a representative to make a contribution.

Briscoe said she thinks other regents would react to a student regent as something new for Texas. "It's something we would have to work on," she said.

Jeff Clark, an assistant to Rep. Bob Hunter (R-Abilene), who abstained from voting on the bill, said regent meetings are already open to the public, and a student regent position would be "just one more hurdle to the administration staff as they work with changing policy."

"The avenues for communication are already there," Clark said. "He [Hunter] felt this would be an unnecessary move at this time."

There are enough ways to represent students, he said, including student government which has that as its primary purpose.

Walker said student government will continue to work toward the creation of a student regent position and will attempt to re-introduce the subject if the governor calls a special session later this year.

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