McVeigh blames FBI for Waco fire

DENVER (AP) — In a letter to an Oklahoma City newspaper made public Tuesday, Timothy McVeigh blames the FBI for the 1993 fire that killed 81 people at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas.

'The public never saw the Davidians' home video of their cute babies, adorable children, loving mothers or protective fathers," McVeigh wrote in a letter excerpted for today's weekly Oklahoma Gazette.

Nor did they see pictures of the charred remains of children's bodies. Therefore, they didn't care when these families died a slow, torturous death as they were gassed and burned alive at the hands of the FBI.

Authorities claim McVeigh bombed the federal building in Oklahoma City to retaliate for Waco on the two-year anniversary of the siege.

Cult leader David Koresh and 80 of his followers died by fire or gunshot wounds six hours after the FBI started filling the compound with tear gas during a raid that ended a 51-day standoff. Davidians and their attorneys blame the government for starting the fire. FBI officials said the blaze was started by sect members.
In the letter, McVeigh referred to FBI agents

as "wizards of propaganda" who molded the facts to fit their own purposes.

McVeigh's attorney, Stephen Jones, said the letter was authentic. It was written to Gazette reporter Phil Bacharach in November, several months after he interviewed McVeigh in prison.

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> Timothy McVeigh on trial for Oklahoma City bombing

McVeigh, 28, is charged with murder and conspiracy in the April 19, 1995, Oklahoma City bombing that killed 168 people and injured hundreds more. If convicted, he could face the

Jury selection in the case continued Tuesday, with a prospective juror dismissed after telling the judge the government spent too much money protecting McVeigh's right to a

"She could not serve as a fair and impartial juror in this case," said U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch.

The woman, who immigrated to the United States from Germany 40 years ago, told Matsch she disagreed in particular with his decision to move the trial from Oklahoma to Denver. Matsch gave her a lengthy explanation of why he made that decision, saying he needed to ensure a fair trial.

'But it does cost the government a lot of money," she said.

The woman was only the second prospective juror to be publicly dismissed, following Matsch's dismissal last week of a woman who cried as she explained how stressful she thought the trial would be.

The judge has said he would make all other decisions on dismissals in private. Late into the seventh day of jury selection, 41 prospects had been questioned.

► Nation

Texas ranks third in foreign population

WASHINGTON (AP) - More than 2 million people living in Texas last year were born outside the United States, making Texas one of only six states nationally with a foreign-born population of more than a million.

Eleven percent of the 19 million people living in Texas were born in another country, the Census Bureau said in a report issued Tuesday.

Some 24.5 million people in the United States last year were born elsewhere — accounting for 9.3 percent of the population. That figure is up sharply from the 4.8 percent low recorded in 1970 but remains well below the century's high of 14.7 percent in 1910.

California was the premier destination for the foreign-born, accounting for 8 million people. New York was second with 3 million. Three other states joined Texas with foreign-born populations of 1 million or more: Florida, New Jersey and Illinois.

Parking fines plagu chief of ticket write

NEW YORK (AP) - The le New York City's union of parking writers has apparently given rank-and-file a lot of business

Robert Cassar's car was to week after he failed to pay \$5,000 in parking fines, the Ne Post reported Tuesday.

Cassar, president of Local the Communications Workers ica, said those penalties came of another \$5,000 he has p parking violations in recent y

"Nobody likes to have the summonses," he said. "But that it shows that my guys doth

Cassar said his car was after he agreed to pay \$4,91 fines and penalties on 39 ti sued between 1993 and 1999

Cassar was a traffic age becoming president of the member union four years a claims officials in the city Trai tion Department have a vent

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In 1682, the French explorer Robert La Salle reached the Mississippi River. In 1833, the nation's first tax-supported public li-

brary was founded in Peterborough, N.H. In 1865, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered

his army to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia.

In 1939, singer Marian Anderson performed at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., after she was denied the use of Constitution Hall by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In 1940, Germany invaded Denmark and Norway. In 1942, during World War II, American and Philippine defenders on Bataan capitulated to Japanese forces; the surrender was followed by the notorious "Bataan Death

In 1947, a series of tornadoes in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas claimed 169 lives

In 1959, NASA announced the selection of America's first seven astronauts: Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Gus Grissom, Wally Schirra, Alan Shepard and Donald Slayton.

In 1963, British statesman Winston Churchill was made an honorary U.S. citizen.

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► Weather

Today



Mostly cloudy, 30 percent chance of showers, winds east 10-15 mph.

Tonight

Cloudy, 20 percent of showers, shoutheast winds near 15 mph.

Tomorrow



Cloudy, 30 percent chance of showers, southeast winds 10-15 mph.

Highs & Lows

Today's Expected 70°F

Tonight's Expected 60°F

Tomorrow's Expect High 73°F

Tomorrow Night ExpectedLow

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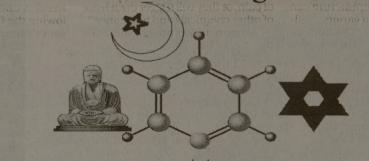
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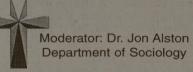
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