

Death toll at 14 in cult standoff, official reports

□ Leader backs down on promise to surrender after audiotape is broadcast

WACO, Texas (AP) — An armed religious cult's leader failed to surrender as promised Tuesday and military vehicles surrounded his compound as a standoff dragged on into a third night. A source said the death toll was at least 14.

Authorities have confirmed that four federal agents and at least two people inside the compound were killed in gun battles Sunday. But a federal official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press Tuesday at least 10 were dead inside the compound.

Officials have said about 75 people were in the compound, but cult leader David Koresh has claimed more.

Eighteen children and two adults have been released since the siege began, and on Tuesday evening Bryan Gilbert, spokesman for the state Children's Protective Service, said as many as 20 more children could be released soon.

Later, several buses and minivans left the compound, but federal agents said the activity was merely a shift change.

In a 58-minute taped statement broadcast earlier Tuesday on Texas radio stations at the FBI's request, the cult leader said: "I, David Koresh, agree upon the broadcasting of this tape to come out peacefully with all the people immediately."

"Even a man like Christ has to meet with unbelief," said Koresh, 33, who thinks he's Jesus.

"I'm sure you're all aware of how I'm involved in a very serious thing right now," Koresh said. "I am really concerned about the lives of my brethren here and also really concerned even greater about the lives of all those in this world."

Buses and other military vehicles moved nearer within minutes of the broadcast's start. But hours after the broadcast ended, Koresh hadn't surrendered.

Negotiations with him continued into the night, ATF spokesman Jack Killorin said. He said agents were prepared to wait "a long time ... we don't have a time frame for this." He added that the cult members likely had plenty of food and water, but officials were "working so it does not go on for a month."

The siege began Sunday morning as about 100 ATF

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It's a bird, it's a plane ... OK, it's a dog



Photo by Jeff Paslay

Junior history major David Spector takes his girlfriend's dog, Hataali, to the field between Gerlinger Annex and the cemetery to throw sticks for the dog to retrieve Tuesday. "As soon as Hataali gets to campus he doesn't listen to me because he knows he can get a lot of sympathy from people," Spector said.

Americans help out El Salvador

□ Group to meet in Texas before beginning five-week journey

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Though El Salvador is no longer making U.S. headlines, the Central American country hasn't been forgotten by everyone.

Two Eugene residents, both members of the local Committee in Solidarity with the Central

American People, joined fellow activists last weekend in a 32-vehicle caravan that will take much-needed supplies to El Salvadoran community organizations.

Catherine Harris and Ross Bondurant left Eugene Saturday for a five-week journey that will include nearly two weeks in El Salvador. People from as far away as Massachusetts, Virginia and Florida are also making the trip. The entire caravan is scheduled to meet in Texas late

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Major earthquake fault found under Portland

□ Aerial magnetic survey detected fault line in September

PORTLAND (AP) — A second major fault lies directly beneath downtown Portland, raising the possibility of a major earthquake causing catastrophic damage in the heart of the city, scientists said Tuesday.

"We can expect an earthquake of up to magnitude 7 in the Portland area," Dr. Richard Blakely, a geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey, said at a news conference.

The October 1989 earthquake that rocked the San Francisco Bay area measured 7.1 on the Richter scale. It killed 63 people.

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WEATHER

Mostly cloudy skies returning with a few showers possible. High temperatures will make it up to the lower 60s.

Today in History

In 1991, motorist Rodney King was severely beaten by Los Angeles police officers after a high-speed chase. The beating was captured on home video.



LAWSUIT FROM THE PAST

KLAMATH FALLS (AP) — A former student has filed a lawsuit alleging she was sexually abused 10 years ago by a Klamath Union High School teacher.

Heather Wayland, now 24 and working for a law office in Sacramento, Calif., accused Barry Gottula of molesting and abusing her on school grounds and off when she was 14 and pressuring her to keep quiet. Her lawsuit was filed in Klamath County Circuit Court. It seeks unspecified damages for physical, mental and emotional pain and suffering.

Gottula, a former basketball coach now serving as athletic director and teaching English, issued a statement saying he was innocent.

SPORTS

The Oregon rugby team crushed Washington State this weekend 43-0.

Sean Morris scored three times, and Seth Niederberger, Bradley Neilson and Dean Smith all scored once to lead the Ducks to the victory Saturday.

Oregon has two games this weekend. Saturday it will play Washington at 1 p.m., and Sunday it squares off with Southern Oregon at 9:30 a.m.

Both games will be played at South Bank field. The team is making a run at the West Coast Finals, which will be held next month at Oregon State.