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• STAFF APPLICATION •

Fall '99

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 _____ Columnist

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 _____ Web Designer

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 Front and inside page design
 _____ Page Designer

RADIO
 _____ Anchor
 _____ Reporter

SPORTS DESK
 _____ Sports Writer
 _____ Page Designer

COPY DESK
 _____ Copy Editor

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Please type your responses on a separate piece of paper

- 1) Why do you want to work at *The Battalion*, and what do you hope to accomplish?
- 2) What experience do you have that relates to the position you are applying for? (include classes, seminars)
- 3) What do you believe is the role of *The Battalion* on campus?
- 4) What changes do you feel would improve the quality of *The Battalion*? (give special attention to the section you're applying for)

Please attach a resume and samples of your work (stories you have written for publications or classes, pages you have designed, photos, drawings or other creative samples).
 Turn applications in to Room 013 of Reed McDonald by 5p.m.

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NEWS

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Atlanta killings renew gun-control arguments

ATLANTA (AP) — This spring's Colorado school massacre gave gun control advocates much to further their agenda. They had a villain: the TEC-DC-9, a banned, cheap semiautomatic pistol favored by drug dealers. They had a regulatory problem: lax sales rules at gun shows.

But Mark O. Barton's shooting spree last week in Atlanta, which took nine lives, is another story.

Half the nation's police officers carry the 9 mm Glock-19 semiautomatic pistol assembled a dozen miles from the brokerage firms where Barton killed six of his victims. His other weapon, a Colt .45 pistol, is the gun Tom Hanks aims at a tank in the final scene of *Saving Private Ryan* and the gun Sgt. Alvin C. York used to single-handedly capture 132 Germans during World War I.

While the Atlanta killings have energized gun control advocates, they provide few clear examples of the narrow issues gun control advocates have recently pursued.

Child-safety locks would not have deterred Barton. Police had no evidence he got his guns illegally or bought them at a gun show where sales rules are lax.

The latest slayings strip the debate to the most basic question — should handguns be banned entirely, said Josh Sugarman, executive director of the Washington-based Violence Policy Center.

"Until we start talking about banning handguns in this country, this is America's future," Sugarman said. "We'll have shootings in schools, in office buildings, in malls. In America, wherever you're amid a large concentration of people, you're at risk."

Friday, a group of Colorado students stood at the site of the May massacre at Columbine High School to renew their call for stronger curbs on handgun ownership.

Atlanta and Columbine "taught us all that violence can happen everywhere, not just in the inner city, not just by hardened criminals," said Ben Gelt, a recent Denver high school graduate who organized student gun control advocates following the Littleton shootings.

Bill Powers, a spokesperson for the National Rifle Association, criticized efforts to "score political points off of a tragedy" and said he does not expect the Atlanta shootings to lead to significant changes in gun law.

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Killer's wife remembers

LIZELLA, Ga. (AP) — Mourners packed church yesterday for the funeral of Leigh Ann Barton, the first of 12 victims in her husband's shooting spree last week, as a pastor urged them to follow her murder to cloud our memory."

Girl Scouts in uniform passed out tissues at the service.

Mark O. Barton, 44, killed his wife and two children from a previous marriage Tuesday night in her suburban area south of Atlanta. It was the first of a string of murders that would become Georgia's worst killing this century.

On Wednesday, Barton bludgeoned to death two children from a previous marriage Tuesday night in her suburban area south of Atlanta. It was the first of a string of murders that would become Georgia's worst killing this century.

"I'm afraid there's a temptation to be lulled by the horrible events of last week," Doug Davis told about 400 mourners at the Baptist Church, 11 miles west of Macon, where Ann Barton grew up. "If we give into that temptation, we do a great disservice to Leigh Ann."

gun ban in America, that's a debate they'll have to have with the American people," Powers said.

Glock Inc. and Colt's Manufacturing Co. Inc. are among the dozens of gun makers whose lawsuits filed by Atlanta, 15 other cities and counties since November. The suits allege makers recklessly or unfairly put guns in the hands of criminals.

Yet unlike the low-cost, high-powered weapons used in Littleton and elsewhere, weapons used in Atlanta have drawn comparatively little attention.

"If you believe the manufacture and sale of handguns is at all legitimate, certainly the Colt .45 Glock would meet the description of a handgun," said Naomi Paiss, a spokesperson for Handgun Control Inc., a Washington group that advocates for gun control.

GOP split over tax plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans determined to pass \$792 billion in tax cuts met stiff opposition yesterday from Democrats and the White House making the case against cuts of any size.

"We are much further apart than the public understands," Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, said.

GOP and Democratic moderates still held out hope for an autumn compromise that would give Americans a tax cut over the next decade and preserve needed government spending programs.

But one moderate, Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I., said there was a good chance neither side would get what it wanted.

"I think it's a shame," he said. GOP leaders in both chambers have given their deputies until the

end of the week, when Congress departs for its August vacation, to settle differences in House and Senate tax cut bills and gain final passage of a bill President Clinton has pledged to veto.

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The bill actually will not go to the president until September, giv-

ing supporters a chance to make their case to their constituents before they vote on the bill.

The bill passed by the House and Senate both total \$792 billion over 10 years but differ in details.

The House offers an automatic 10-percent tax cut, while the Senate would lower the 15-percent tax bracket to 14 percent starting in 2006, gradually phasing out the lower bracket.

The White House and Democrats said the tax cuts would up most of the estimated \$1.2 trillion in non-Social Security surplus projected for the next decade. The bill would take away money from Medicare, education and down the debt.

Fired scientist denying nuclear secrets

WASHINGTON (AP) — The scientist suspected of passing vital U.S. nuclear weapons secrets to the Chinese declared his innocence yesterday in his first public interview and suggested he had been singled out because of his Chinese heritage.

"The truth is I'm innocent," Wen Ho Lee said in an interview with CBS' "60 Minutes" that was being broadcast yesterday. "Suddenly, they told me I'm a traitor. ... I just don't understand this."

Lee was fired in the spring from his security sensitive job at the Energy Department's lab in Los Alamos, N.M., after he had been under investigation for possible espionage since 1996.

Evidence emerged after his firing that Lee had shifted thousands of classified atomic weapons codes to an unsecured computer.

Lee has not been charged with any crime.

In the interview, Lee said it was common practice for scientists to download information from classified computers and transfer it to unclassified computers.

But he said he used three passwords on his unsecured computer so "it's almost impossible for

anybody to break in. You sometimes I even had a key to break in myself."

Asked why he was sitting for the espionage investigation, Lee said his best explanation was that authorities needed a "goat" and as a Chinese person in Taiwan, "they think I'm for them."

Lee, an American citizen since 1974, came under scrutiny in 1996 after it became evident the Chinese may have obtained secret design information on the W-88 nuclear warhead. Lee worked on that program and had made several trips to China. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, also interviewed by "60 Minutes," denied Lee was a scapegoat.

"This man massively violated our security procedures at Los Alamos," he said, referring to proper contacts with Chinese officials and violations of security rules by his transfer of secrets to unclassified computers.

The Justice Department has not decided whether to prosecute Lee with any crime. But the Los Angeles Times reported yesterday a legal brief submitted to the court stressed that Lee had exercised "considerable care" to protect security of nuclear codes by transferring to an unclassified computer system.



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