PARENTS' WEEKEND 2000

Nomination forms are now available for:

ADVISOR OF THE YEAR

STUDENT ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

If you think an ADVISOR or RECOGNIZED STUDENT ORGANIZATION should receive this award please nominate them! Nomination forms can be picked up in the Department of Student Activities, 127 Koldus Due March 23, 2000 by 5:00pm

Leaders In Crisis

1999-2000

Student Conference on National Affairs Registration Deadline: March 17, 2000 Late Registration: March 24, 2000

Current Speakers

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Senior Pastor for Wedgwood Baptist Church in Fort Worth

Former Director of the CIA

President of the American Branch of the Kurdish Relief Foundation

Registration Online at http://scona.tamu.edu
Or Come by our Tables at the MSC 3/21-23/00
Registration Fee \$20 for Texas A&M Students

-March 30-April 1, 2000-

The Texas A&M University Student Media Board is accepting applications for

Editor AGGIELAND

Qualifications for editor in chief of the Aggieland yearbook are:

- Be a Texas A&M student in good standing with the University and enrolled in at least six credit
 hours (4 if a graduate student) during the term of office (unless fewer credits are required to
- Have at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point ratio (3.00 if a graduate student) and at least a
 2.00 grade point ratio (3.00 if a graduate student) in the semester immediately prior to the
 appointment, the semester of appointment and semester during the term of office. In order for
 this provision to be met, at least six hours (4 if a graduate student) must have been taken for
- Have completed JOUR 210 (Graphics) and JOUR 301 (Mass Communication, Law and Society), or equivalent
- · Have demonstrated ability in writing through university coursework or equivalent experience;
- · Have at least one year experience in a responsible position on the Aggieland or comparable college yearbook

Application forms should be picked up and returned to Francia Cagle in the Student Media office, room 014A Reed McDonald Building. Deadline for submitting application: noon Wednesday, March 22, 2000. Applicants will be interviewed during the Student Media Board Meeting beginning at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, in room 221F Reed McDonald.

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The Texas A&M University Student Media Board is accepting applications for Editor

THE BATTALION

Summer 2000

Fall 2000 (The fall editor will serve Aug. 14 through Dec. 15, 2000.)

May 22 through Aug. 11, 2000.)

Qualifications for editor in chief of The Battalion are:

- · Be a Texas A&M student in good standing with the University and enrolled in at least six credit hours (4 if a graduate student) during the term of office (unless fewer credits are required to
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 this provision to be met, at least six hours (4 if a graduate student) must have been taken for
- Have completed JOUR 301 (Mass Communication, Law and Society), or equivalent;
- Have at least one year experience in a responsible editorial position on The Battalion or comparable daily college newspaper,

 OR –

Have at least one year editorial experience on a commercial newspaper,

Have completed at least 12 hours journalism, including JOUR 203 and 303 (Media Writing 1 and II), and JOUR 304 (Editing for the Mass Media), or equivalent.

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The Fed said it was increasing its tart for the federal funds rate to 6 percent It also raised its mostly symbolic dis-

unt rate, the interest that the Fed ges to make direct loans to banks, by uarter-point to 5.50 percent from 5.25 The long-expected increase had little

mediate impact on Wall Street. A quarrhour after the increase was announced, ne Dow Jones blue-chip stock average as virtually unchanged; the Nasdaq inex had dropped 18 points and the yield on -year Treasury bonds was unchanged. In a statement explaining its decision, he Fed said it continues to remain conmed that the rapidly growing economy could foster inflationary imbalances that

would undermine the economy's record economic expansion.'

The Fed's quarter-point increase in the funds rate was expected to be quickly followed by announcements from commercial banks that they were boosting their prime lending rate by a similar quarter point, from the current 8.75 per-

cent to 9 percent. The prime rate is a key benchmark for millions of loans, from home equity and credit card balances to short-term loans

for small businesses The Fed had already raised rates four times in quarter-point steps since June to slow the economy and keep inflation under control. The increases have done little to either slow the economy or its main

engine — consumer spending. The Fed said future "risks are weighted mainly toward conditions that may generate heightened inflation pressures in the foreseeable future.

This statement does not guarantee that there will be future rate increases but it puts financial markets on notice that the Fed continues to be worried about in-

In recent speeches, Federal Reserve

worries that too-rapid growth could derail the record-breaking economy, which is in the 108th month of uninterrupted growth. Many economists took those remarks as a signal that higher interest rates would be forthcoming.

The economy grew by a breakneck 6.9 percent annual rate in the final three months of 1999 and many economists believe growth in the current quarter will come in around 5 percent, far above the 3.5 percent rate the Fed would like to see at this stage of the economic expansion.

Greenspan has warned in recent speeches that the strong consumer demand, which he said was being powered by the surge in wealth created by the stock market, cannot continue to outstrip supply without triggering serious inflation problems.

To some Fed watchers, Greenspan's warning seemed to indicate the Fed was aiming its interest rate increases squarely at the high-flying stock market, prompting some in Congress to question what business the Fed has in trying to jack up interest rates in order to make stock prices fall.

Federal funds Discount rate 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 '00 rate, effective Wednesday, to 9 percent. Other banks are expected to follow suit.

Source: Compiled from AP wire reports

Interest rate hike

rate by a quarter of a point

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The Federal Reserve raised the

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Glock Inc. refuses to sign gun-control deal

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The deal-breaker was the creation of an outside "oversight commission," made up of local, state and federal ofcials, who would supervise the gun

Last week, Smith & Wesson, the nation's largest gun manufacturer, agreed to make its handguns more childproof by installing safety locks and developing "smart gun" technology. Smith & Wesson also agreed to the same oversight commission that

Smith & Wesson accepted the restrictions in exchange for some protection against lawsuits. At least 15 of 29 cities and counties that had sued the gun industry have agreed feet hanging out the v to drop Smith & Wesson from their

> Any changes at Glock, however, will not be made with an eye toward avoiding lawsuits, Jannuzzo said.

"Nobody's going to drop any of these lawsuits unless we sign on to the commission," Jannuzzo said. "And we will never do that.

Instead of adopting the entire agreement, Glock will consider "sensible and workable" parts of the plan,

Such elements might include keeping an electronic record of sales and requiring employees to pass a written exam. Those steps go beyond current amputate my arm le federal law.

Robinson challenges Kennedy for senate seat by revealing past

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"A lot of people ask me [how he is] be-

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ical opponent has made character an issue — his own character. Republican Jack E. Robinson III opened his campaign to

unseat the 37-year Senate veteran Tuesday by issuing an 11page report detailing all of the dirt he could dig up on himself. It includes topics such as "Liquor," in which he expresses a preference for scotch, gin and brandy, and "Restraining

Order," in which he defends himself against allegations made

by a former girlfriend. "I am willing to basically put my personal background out there for everyone to review and I would trust the citizens of the commonwealth to make their own decisions at the appropriate time," Robin-

son said at a news conference. Robinson, a 39-year-old wealthy business executive and political neophyte, reports in exhaustive detail on a drunken driving arrest in the mid-1980s and a relationship that ended in a restraining or-

der against him. His dirty laundry list also includes flunking the bar twice in New York and once in Texas ("I didn't really study for them") and being accused of plagiarism (a court ruled against him and his book on Pan Am

airlines was never released). 'I think it's awfully tough to be introduced this way. The big advantage is, of course, he's running against Teddy Kennedy," Republican consultant Charley Manning said. He added: "Let's face it, even with the Robinson report, Teddy's

resume on all these hijinks far outweigh anything Jackie did." Robinson's background was too much for the state's top Republican, Gov. Paul Cellucci, who withdrew his endorse-

nature of some of these allegations makes it pretty impossible for him to get this campaign off the ground," Cellucci said. The Republican State Committee joined Cellucci in with-

drawing its support. In a statement put out following the governor's announcement, Robinson said he was disappointed, but also felt liberated to "run a John McCain style campaign, free form the restrictions, good old boy rules and double-crossed tactics.'

> Robinson said he wasn't looking to bring up Kennedy's much-Robinson's report or his candidacy. "The senator runs for an office, not against his opponent," he said. Robinson, a graduate of Brown

University and Harvard Business School who spent most of his business career in the airline and cellular industries, lives in Greenwich, Conn., but said he is moving this week to his parents' home in Boston.

Saying he was born in Boston and educated at schools throughout the state, Robinson shrugged off any suggestions that he was a carpetbagger.

Questions of Robinson's past surfaced almost immediately after he confirmed he would run for the Senate last week. In his report, Robinson said he was stopped by police in Boston after having a couple of glasses of wine with dinner.

While he was being searched, the officer found a "martial arts implement" in his coat. Robinson said he didn't know how it got there. A charge of carrying a dangerous weapon eventually was dismissed, and a breath-test showing only 0.04 did not lead to a drunken driving charge, he said.

As for the restraining order, Robinson said the woman he called Jane was upset because he wanted to break off their relationship and made up the sexual assault allegation against him.

Fire Department Batta Maureen Reagan calls for Alzheimer's research funding

ue workers rushe WASHINGTON (AP) — Maureen the St. Francis Media Reagan, a daughter of the former presiin Lynwood, where had dent, said Tuesday more money is needed air condition late Mortohelp combat Alzheimer's disease, which d hospital spokesper has ravaged her father and will strike even ore Americans as the population ages.

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ediately determine Mor Alzheimer's Association, which Tuesday his van left the highway leased an analysis of census data that 's wife, Bryn Risler, salf finds the number of Americans with Alzheimer's will more than quadruple in ach show and wondered the next 50 years. "Alzheimer's disease doesn't make

Risler was. They ever special arrangements for presidents or first ew he was hurt," By adies, or anyone else for that matter," she told the Senate Appropriations subcomittee on health.

"When it takes hold it follows its own course of destruction, frequently ravaging cause I think they hope that somehow

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- Maureen Reagan

Reagan's assessment that her father can no longer conduct a sensible conversation because of the disease. ple jigsaw puzzles because of failing motor She said he remains "a handsome devil"

and that he seemed pleased when she

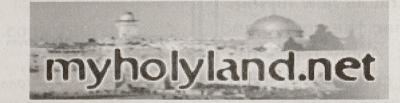
brought him a cake decorated with green icing on St. Patrick's Day.

According to the association's analysis, by 2025, California will lead the nation with more than 800,000 people with the fatal brain disorder, followed by Florida with about 700,000. Texas, New York and Pennsylvania round out the top five.

"An estimated 14 million baby boomers are living with a sentence of Alzheimer's disease today," said Steven DeKosky, chairperson of the association's medical advisory council.

In her testimony, Maureen Reagan said: "For my father and Nancy and all the individuals and caregivers across America who are praying for help, I plead with you to redouble your efforts this year," she said. "We must be the last generation of American families to live without hope and with your help we will be."

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