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## Diary sheds light on senator's relationship with lobbyists

☐ Sen. Bob Packwood kept detailed entries recording secret happenings on Capitol Hill.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Bob Packwood wrote his own headline for the behind-the-scenes dealings with lobbyists that helped lead to his downfall: "Republican Fat Cat Buys off Senator with Job to Senator's Wife.

That diary entry, dated Dec. 10, 1990, is part of a rare glimpse into the backroom connections among money, politics and lobbyists that usually are only whispered about on Capitol Hill, if they are mentioned at all.

The Oregon Republican had not slept the night before, worried that his divorce proceedings would have to go to a public trial and the arrangements he had made with lobbyists and political backers to reduce his alimony payments would become known, resulting in headlines like the one he wrote.

The Justice Department earlier this year declined to prosecute Packwood for soliciting jobs for his former wife from the lobbyists.

Yet the diaries provide unusual insights into how lobbyists and business executives sometimes exploit personal connections inside the Capitol. Excerpts were released last week by the Senate Ethics Committee.

In one blunt entry, Packwood wrote that Ronald Crawford, a lobbyist with the firm F/P Research Associates, was helpful to him in raising money from Washington political action committees "because much of his income is dependent on his relationship with me. He has got a vested interest in my staying in office

In another, Packwood recounted a 1990 dinner conversation with Crawford in which the lobbyist offered to put up \$7,500 a year to help support Packwood's wife, Georgie, after their marriage

"If you're chairman of the Finance Committee, I can probably double that," he quoted Crawford as saying. Packwood, who at the time was a senior minority member of the tax-writing panel, later told the Ethics Committee the remark was meant as a joke.

Packwood's entries underscore that access to

the powerful is the commodity that nets lobbyists their six-figure salaries.

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Once, he wrote, he let a group of officials from the American Iron and Steel Institute into his office only because Crawford was their lobbyist. Another time, Crawford came to Packwood's office with a prospective client after explaining, "People hear that you're tough to get to, and they know I can get to you." Packwood wrote that he responded, "Well, that's a happy relationship for

And on Sept. 13, 1989, Packwood recorded: "Ron Crawford was in. He had a special problem involving the transfer of partnership properties. ... what its tax consequences are. He said his client was Shell Oil and this was very, very important to him personally. He said, 'I know how much you hate the oil companies.' I said, 'Ron, I still hate the oil companies but I'll do you a

Crawford, in a deposition before the ethics panel, said he didn't offer Georgie Packwood a job based on any request from the senator, but said he had considered hiring her part-time. He acknowledged that his contacts with Packwood and his former aides were important to his lobbying business.

A lot of the former staffers are sprinkled throughout the administration," he said. An annual party for Packwood associates at his home is just an attempt to enhance my own business opportunities through those people, contacts, whatever they might be," Crawford added.

Two of Packwood's job solicitations for his former wife underscored the importance of personal relationships forged when lobbyists begin their careers as congressional aides.

Steven R. Saunders, who represents Japan's Mitsubishi Corp. in Washington, worked for Packwood for four years on Capitol Hill; Tim Lee, owner of an Oregon freight logistics company and a major Packwood fund raiser, once was an intern for Packwood.

Saunders had an interest in a patent dispute between his employer and a U.S. competitor that had landed in Congress' lap, the Ethics Committee found. Lee, although not a lobbyist, had an interest in legislation to overturn a Supreme Court decision that could have hurt his trucking business, the panel said.

## Plane crash into house killing 12

Monday · September

SHACKLEFORDS, A plane carrying bers of a skydiving crashed into a house ploded on Sunday, l man sitting on his ba

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The plane, a Beecher Queen Air BE-65, went do about 6:45 p.m. just east Shacklefords, about 40 m east of Richmond. It crash about 15 minutes after take from West Point Municip Airport, said Arlene Salad spokeswoman for the Feder Aviation Administration.

## Gingrich urges against independent candidacy

□ The current Speaker of the House wants Gen. Colin Powell to remain in the current party system.

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Newt Gingrich urged retired Gen. Colin Powell to give up

any idea of an independent candidacy, say-Sunday that having a president outside the current party sys-tem is "a joke" that could lead

Gingrich, in an interview NBC's

America. He makes no comm ment to lead such a party.

Gingrich, R-Ga., strongly urg him against that course. "I thin it's frankly in the long run a joke he said. "This country is a par country. ... There is no magic ind pendence of people who are ju able to stand up and magical produce a government. An independent president

disaster fo. this country, he said.
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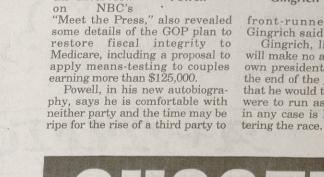


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former chair-

Gingrich said. Gingrich, like Powell, says he will make no announcement of his own presidential intentions until the end of the year. He has stated that he would take a pass if Powell were to run as a Republican, but in any case is leaning against en-





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