

# Packwood fails to report money sources

PORTLAND (AP) — Sen. Bob Packwood filed reports with the Federal Election Commission that fail to identify the occupations of about 51 percent of individual contributors who gave him \$200 or more. *The Sunday Oregonian* reported.

Packwood's disclosure statements from 1991 through Election Day 1992 reveal Packwood apparently could not determine what Grammy winner Quincy Jones and others — each of whom contributed \$1,000 or more to the senator — did for a living.

The others include these prominent names: John Chafee, a Republican senator from Rhode Island; David Rockefeller, a former Chase Manhattan Bank chairman; and the late Steven J. Ross, who once headed Time Warner Inc.

Federal election law requires candidates to make a good-faith effort to identify their contributors' names, mailing addresses, occupations and employers. The law's intent is to help voters determine where a candidate's allegiances lie.

"If voters knew that beforehand, they might think twice about the people they cast their votes for," said Donna Edwards of Congress Watch, a public interest lobbying group.

The newspaper reported that Packwood could easily identify hundreds of his contributors, especially longtime friends and major financial backers. But since 1986, Packwood has

ranked first or second among Senate candidates for failure to identify major contributors in campaigns raising \$1 million or more.

Packwood declined to be interviewed by *The Sunday Oregonian* for its story. But Geoffrey D. Brown, the senator's campaign treasurer, said contributors failing to identify themselves receive a letter from Packwood's campaign asking for the information.

"The criticism really ought to be leveled at the contributors to some extent," Brown said. "They have as much of a responsibility to give us the information as we have to try and get it."

Using computer databases from the National Library for Money and Politics, newspaper stories and business directories, *The Oregonian* identified more than 80 percent of Packwood's recent contributors.

About 1,700 individuals who collectively gave Packwood \$1.1 million were on the paper's target list.

One of the people, Sam Klein, gave Packwood three personal contributions totaling \$1,500 between August 1991 and October 1992. Klein lives in Boca Raton, Fla., and Packwood's report describes Sam Klein as "retired."

However, law enforcement officials describe Klein as a former Cleveland bookie with ties to Gerardo "Jerry" Catena, the late boss of the Genovese crime



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family of New Jersey.

Several years ago, Nevada Gaming Control Board investigators took a picture of Klein playing golf with Catena in Boca Raton.

Klein did not return phone calls from the paper to his Florida office.

The senator's reports do not identify former Tennessee Sen. Howard Baker Jr., who served as President Ronald Reagan's chief of staff and is now a registered lobbyist. And they do not identify Alan "Punch" Green, who was President George Bush's Oregon campaign manager in 1988 and then served as U.S. ambassador to Romania.

The newspaper said Packwood claimed he could not learn the business or occupation of other big donors such as Lawrence Weinberg, a Beverly Hills, Calif., developer and for-

mer Portland Trail Blazers owner Oregon lumbermen Rob Freres and L.L. "Stub" Stewart; or Peter F. Bechen, president of PacTrust.

An analysis by the Portland paper indicates a large portion of the people not fully identified were lobbyists, lawyers and corporate executives.

"There are corporations that can tap into their tiers of executives," said Edwards of Congress Watch. "One CEO can put together \$60,000 or \$70,000 or more and get it to a candidate. The candidate knows where it's coming from."

Political action committees can give a maximum of \$10,000 per election. While individuals are limited to \$2,000, there is no limit on how many people from one organization can make donations.

For instance, Packwood received dozens of contributions from Nike Inc. of Beaverton.

Packwood's campaign filings seem to indicate he received only \$5,500 in donations from Nike sources: \$3,000 from Nike's corporate political action committee, \$2,000 from Nike chairman Phil Knight and \$500 from Carl K. Davis, the company's director of international trade.

But *The Oregonian* identified more than 235 Nike officials and family members whose individual donations to Packwood totaled \$34,750. Counting the PAC money, the total Nike-related gifts added up to at least \$40,250.

# Car plunges into river; baby likely drowned

(AP) — A six-month-old baby was presumed drowned after her mother's car went out of control and plunged into the rain-swollen Willamette River near Eugene Saturday morning.

The mother, Colleen Elizabeth Luther, and a passenger, Robert James Grosdidier, 21, were able to escape the car, but they could not reach the child after the accident at 11:45 a.m.

The baby, Clarissa Luther-McLean, was strapped into a child carrier in the back seat.

The Lane County sheriff's department said Luther's car was headed north along the river when it left the roadway, crossed back across the roadway and struck a mailbox and a pile of rocks. The car then crossed the road again and plunged into the river.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was notified and was to begin limiting the water flow from a dam upstream to help divers locate the car, the sheriff's department said.

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