

Packwood revisits Washington as lobbyist

■ **POLITICS:** Former senator chooses occupation popular to public officials

By Jim Drinkard
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Barely a year after leaving the Senate under charges of sexual harassment and improper dealings with lobbyists, Bob Packwood is back in business — as a lobbyist. He joins a growing list of his former colleagues.

Packwood filed papers to incorporate his new lobbying firm, Sunrise Research, just 11 days after the legal one-year moratorium on lobbying expired last month. He registered two weeks later to lobby for a business coalition on estate tax issues, a subject he oversaw as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

Packwood joins the fast-growing ranks of former public officials who have come through the "revolving door" to cash in through lobbying on knowledge acquired in government service. Often the new jobs reap multiples of former salaries in Congress.

"It's one of the worst abuses in Washington," said Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., who hopes to try again with Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., next year to enact stiffer curbs on the practice.

Current law mandates a year-long cooling-off period before former lawmakers and aides can directly lobby their one-time colleagues. The restriction has had little discernible effect on the number who continue to enlist in the influence business.

Rep. Charles Wilson, D-Texas, who had already decided not to

seek reelection this year, resigned his House seat after Congress adjourned in October. That started the one-year clock ticking a bit sooner, rather than waiting until the next Congress is seated in early January. Wilson already has signed on with the firm Hooper Hooper Owen & Gould, which lobbies primarily on energy questions.

Another House member headed for the lobbying fold is Rep. Bill Brewster, D-Okla., who will work for the firm R. Duffy Wall and Associates at a salary "quite a bit better" than his congressional pay of \$133,600. He said he expects to focus on energy and health care.

Other former lawmakers expected to look for work in the influence business are Reps. Steve Gunderson and Toby Roth, both R-Wis.; Jim Chapman, D-Texas; Jack Fields, R-Texas; Sen. J. Bennett Johnston, D-La., whose son Hunter is a lobbyist; and Rep. Sam Gibbons, D-Fla., whose son Clifford also is in the lobbying game.

"I plan to make a little noise every once in a while," the elder Gibbons said. Tax and trade areas, both the province of his former committee, House Ways and Means, will be his specialties.

And Dan Meyer, House Speaker Newt Gingrich's chief of staff, is leaving the Capitol for the private sector. He hasn't detailed his plans, but one former boss — ex-Rep. Vin Weber, R-Minn. — is among Washington's most well-connected lobbyists.

The path is well worn. Two years ago, at least 25 of the 91 members who resigned, retired or were defeated for reelection registered later as lobbyists, according

to the Capitol Hill newspaper *Roll Call*. A 1995 study of 353 former lawmakers found that about one in four turned to lobbying.

Packwood, who could not be reached for comment, was quite familiar with lobbyists when he was in the Senate. He wrote in his diaries about arrangements he had sought with "fat cat" influence brokers who could produce income for his former wife to reduce his alimony payments.

In one blunt diary entry, Packwood wrote that a lobbyist helped him raise campaign money "because much of his income is dependent on his relationship with me. He has got a vested interest in my staying in office."

Those relationships and the access they provide — along with knowledge of how the institution works — are the commodities that these high-profile lobbyists are selling.

Guy Vander Jagt, a former GOP House member from Michigan who now lobbies for the firm Baker & Hostetler, retains a convenient parking space for his dark green Jaguar when he makes calls at the Capitol. Among his clients: the American Football Coaches Association, pharmaceutical giant Bristol-Myers Squibb, the Edison Electric Institute, Jordache and Travelers insurance.

John Sununu, former New Hampshire governor and President Bush's chief of staff, recently signed up to represent a wholesale firearms distributor on trade matters, including the importation of curios and relics.

Former Sen. Dave Durenberger, R-Minn., represents Bristol-Myers

Squibb and the city of Duluth; former Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., lobbies for Herbalife, Glaxo Wellcome, Hoffman-LaRoche, Pfizer, Genentech and more than a dozen other companies.

Former Rep. Butler Derrick, D-S.C., works for Turner Broadcasting, Southern Pacific, Owens-Illinois and American Home Products, among others; ex-Rep. Peter Hoagland, D-Neb., represents Kellogg, the National Grain and Feed Association and the Korean Soybean Processors Association; and former Rep. Mike Andrews, D-Texas, lobbies for Enron Corp., the investment firm Goldman, Sachs, and the University of Texas.

Less visible, but more numerous, are former congressional aides who sell their expertise to the private sector.

In just the last few months, new registered lobbyists include Donald Richbourg, former staff director for the House Appropriations defense subcommittee, representing Litton Systems and Penobscot Bay Medical Associates; Darryl Nirenberg, former staff director for Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., on the staff of the lobbying firm Patton Boggs; and David Krawitz, chief of staff for former Sen. Don Riegle, D-Mich., lobbying for Baxter Healthcare Corp.

Grey Staples, a former professional staff member on the House Natural Resources Committee, represents water users and the city of Newport Beach, Calif., on water and lands questions. And Margo H.K. Tank, former counsel for the House Banking Committee, is lobbying for the Consumer Mortgage Coalition.

Rescuers continue to search for survivors of quake

■ **DESTRUCTION:** Residents of Nazca are facing the loss of clean water, electricity and phone service

By Carla Salazar
The Associated Press

NAZCA, Peru — Rescuers looking for up to 60 miners trapped in a gold mine found two bodies and three survivors Wednesday and said they believed others remained trapped by a powerful earthquake that rattled southern Peru.

Army patrols set out Wednesday morning for the Huanca mine, 480 miles southeast of Lima, which caved in during Tuesday's magnitude-6.4 quake. They navigated roads blocked by landslides and washed out by recent flooding.

As the sky cleared Wednesday afternoon, police commandos skilled in high-altitude rescues took off in helicopters.

Officials, meanwhile, lowered the number of

dead and injured from the quake, which did the most damage to Nazca, a tourist town of 25,000, and nearby small towns.

Eleven people have been confirmed dead and 560 were injured, civil defense Gen. Julio Alcocerhe said. Earlier government statements had put the figures at 15 dead and 700 hurt.

In addition to the Huanca mine, the area has a network of formal and informal mines, many simply holes dug into the sides of mountains. It was unclear how many people were trapped in those mines, Alcocerhe said.

"It is not known if there are more dead, but there are people trapped," he said.

Nazca police and fire fighting teams with search dogs set out for some of the smaller gold mines. Otakar Lukac, a firefighter, said his crews rescued 10 people from the smaller mines on Wednesday.

Mining Minister Alberto Pandolfi arrived to survey the damage in Nazca, where 95 percent of the homes, most of which were abode or

brick structures, were damaged in the quake, said Haide Luz Torres, Nazca's mayor.

"We are in ruins," Luz Torres said.

The quake also destroyed the Nazca jail, where 50 prisoners were being held, injuring some slightly. They were moved to a jail in Ica, farther north, officials said.

President Alberto Fujimori, who is on an official state visit to Asia, announced in Tokyo that Japan had promised to fly emergency aid to the affected areas.

Locally, Jorge Lopez, head of the social security office in Nazca, said a military plane had arrived with food, medicine and tents Wednesday morning.

Terrified Nazca residents spent Tuesday night in the street, huddled under blankets in front of their ruined homes. Even those whose houses remained intact sought refuge in the street, fearful of the frequent aftershocks.

"It was horrible," resident Saturnina Pereyra said of the quake. "It moved like waves."

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