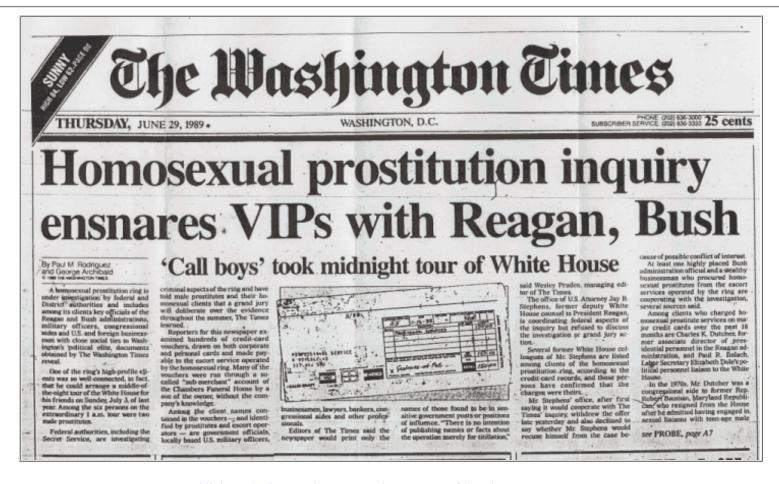
#### The Franklin Coverup Scandal

The Child sex ring that reached Bush/Reagan Whitehouse



Click on the image above to see large scans of the above newspaper.

This was the biggest scandal in the history of the U.S.A history. The story received some newspaper coverage but there was a TV News Media blackout on the subject. For this reason, most Americans have never heard of it.

Former republican Senator John Decamp was involved in the production a documentary called "Conspiracy of Silence" it was to air May 3, 1994 on the Discovery Channel. This documentary exposed a network of religious leaders and Washington politicians who flew children to Washington D.C. for sex orgies. At the last minute before airing, unknown congressmen threatened the TV Cable industry with restrictive legislation if this documentary was aired.

Almost immediately, the rights to the documentary were purchased by unknown persons who had ordered all copies destroyed. A copy of this videotape was furnished anonymously to former Nebraska state senator and attorney John De Camp who made it available to retired F.B.I. chief, Ted L. Gunderson. While the video quality is not top grade, this tape is a blockbuster in what is revealed by the participants involved. You can purchase a VHS copy at this link. Or you can view an online copy at this page. Franklin Cover up video page

Boy prostitutes 15 years old (and younger) were taking midnight tours of the Whitehouse. There are 19 more Washington Times articles in full text about this case available here at this link.

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Once, Mr. Spence's influence with the Washington power elite appeared almost limitless, demonstrated by his ability to arrange midnight tours of the White House. The Times has confirmed that Mr. Spence arranged at least four midnight tours of the White House, including one June 29, 1988, on which he took with him a 15-year-old boy whom he falsely identified as his son.

One man Mr. Spence apparently cultivated was a uniformed Secret Service officer assigned to the midnight shift at the White House. The officer, Reginald A. deGueldre, was interrogated for more than 10 hours last week about his association with Mr. Spence. Five Secret Service agents, armed with search warrants, searched his house for nearly two hours Friday night, although they wouldn't say what they were looking for. The agents seized several photographs from Mr. deGueldre's home.

Mr. deGueldre said he has been told he will be called to testify before a federal grand jury.

According to one law enforcement official, Mr. deGueldre failed the portion of a polygraph test
involving favors he may have done for Mr. Spence.

The story was also covered in the New York Times and other major east coast newspapers, but because of the links to Whitehouse and control from the top the story was killed..

There are two main suspects in the child ring were Craig Spence and Lawrence E. King Jr. here are some pictures of them. Both were involved in the republican party. King sang the National athem at two republican national conventions during the 1980s. He served time in jail for bank fraud and is now living somewhere on the east coast.. Spence was an important republican lobbyist, he committed sucide. Several of his partners went to jail for being involved in the adult part of the homosexual sex ring. Democrats were also involved in this as well, so don't expect them to expose the sex ring.

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## Lobbyist Is Arrested in New York

Craig J. Spence, a Washington lobbyist who is a subject of a Federal investigation of male prostitution in Washington, is facing cocaine and gun possession charges in New York, the Manhattan District Attorney's office said yesterday.

Mr. Spence, 48 years old, was arrested July 31 at the Barbizon Hotel at 140 East 63d Street in Manhattan. Gerald McKelvey, a spokesman for District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau, said Mr. Spence had called the police to say a man in his room had just robbed him of \$6,000 at gunpoint.

When the police arrived, Mr. McKelvey said, they found Mr. Spence and another man, Casey Regan, 22, in the room arguing. Mr. Spence told the police that Mr. Regan had stolen a gun from him and then used it to rob him. The police also found a small amount of cocaine in an envelope, Mr. McKelvey said.

Mr. Spence was charged with criminal possession of a loaded .32-caliber,



Craig J. Spence, who faces cocaine and gun charges.

#### Lurid, Mysterious Scandal Begins Taking Shape

#### By WILLIAM ROBBINS

pecial to The New York Times

OMAHA, Dec. 15 - For several weeks a Federal investigation has riveted attention here on a failed local credit union formed to help the poor, on \$38 million that it is missing and on its manager, a nationally active Republi-can politician whom the Government accuses of embezzling at least some of the funds.

Now the inquiry, joined by state investigations, is widening and has begun to take on the stark trappings of lurid melodrama

The collapse of the credit union and the Government's lawsuit alleging em-bezzlement were the extent of the case, at least on the public record, until last Monday. Then rumors that had been circulating in Omaha for much of the last month made their way into re-marks presented to the Executive Board of the State Legislature in Lincoln. The speaker was State Senator Ernie Chambers of Omaha, who said he had received numerous reports, to which he clearly gave credence, that instances of child sexual and physical abuse were linked to the scandal. . .

ports of sexual abuse and that they were a subject of its own criminal inquiry into the credit union affair. And the office of the Nebraska Attorney General said it had directed the state police also to investigate the reports.

If sensation has begun to character ize the case, so has mystery. The vari-ous investigators, their efforts barely begun, decline to speak of them in de tail. Mr. Chambers himself says he wants to disclose just enough to encourage those with information on the

#### Reports of sexabuse add to a theft case.

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The suit was brought last month in Federal District Court here, where Mr. King has filed a motion denying all the allegations of embezzlement.

Mr. King's lawyer, William Morrow, has declined to make him available for press interviews. But Mr. Morrow said his client contended that personal pay-ments and contributions of more than \$4 million that Mr. King made this year and last, all of them itemized by the Government in documents that it filed with its suit, had come from his own accounts at the credit union. Records to support that contention are not available, Mr. Morrow said; because all the credit union's papers have been seized by Federal agents.

As for the inquiries into sexual ald article Tuesday in which Mr. O'Hara, the F.B.1. agent, was quoted as say "We are looking for credible wit-

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Lawrence E. King Jr., manager of the Franklin Community Federal Credit Union, which is the focus of widening inquiries.

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For a good complete overview of this story read

Chapter -XXI- Omaha George Bush: The Unauthorized Biography - by Webster G. Tarpley & Anton Chaitkin The book is free online text form at this link Chapter -XXI

Decamp also wrote a book called the Franklin Coverup which is available from amazon and other places online. Here is a link to the Amazon page

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#### The Franklin Cover-up

Franklin Community Federal Credit Union, raided by federal agencies in November 1988, sent shock waves all the way to Washington, D.C. \$40 million was missing. The credit union's manager: Republican Party activist Lawrence E. "Larry" King, Jr., behind

whose rise to fame and riches stood powerful figures in Nebraska politics and business, and in the nation's capital.

In the face of opposition from local and state law enforcement, from the FBI, and from the powerful Omaha World-Herald newspaper, a special Franklin committee of the Nebraska Legislature launched its own probe. What looked like a financial swindle, soon exploded into a hideous tale of drugs, Iran-Contra money-laundering, a nationwide child abuse ring, and ritual murder.

Nineteen months later, the legislative committee's chief investigator died-suddenly, and violently, like more than a dozen other people linked to the Franklin case.

Author John DeCamp knows the Franklin scandal from the inside. In 1990, his "DeCamp memo" first publicly named the alleged highranking abusers. Today, he is attorney for two of the abuse victims.

Using documentation never before made public, DeCamp lays bare not only the crimes, but the cover-up—a textbook case of how dangerous the corruption of institutions of government, and the press, can be. In its sweep and in what it portends for the nation, the Franklin cover-up followed the ugly precedent of the Warren Commission.

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Senator John W. DeCamp

During 16 years in office, former state Senator John DeCamp was cited, even by his enemies at the World-Herald, as one of the most effective legislators in Nebraska history. A highly decorated Vietnam War veteran, in 1975 he initiated Operation Baby Lift, which evacuated 2,800 orphaned Vietnamese children. He practices law in Lincoln, Nebraska, is married, and is the father of four children.





In the Franklin Coverup book it talks about the possible killing of a child at the Bohemian Grove. Here is the link to scans from the book about the killing.

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#### **Update 3/26/2005**

Bush Jr. continues in has father's Homosexual footsteps, by having callboys visiting the Whitehouse. Again the press plays the whole thing down.

#### From the article above:

"Cable television news reports have recently linked an alleged male prostitute to the present White House since George W. Bush permitted James Guckert to use an unprecedented Secret Service-approved alias (Jeff Gannon) while having access to the White House for two years as a pool reporter serving the younger Bush--before which Gannon had advertised himself on internet pornography sites as a male "escort" charging \$200 an hour. [Gannon is the subject of independent news reports which have referred to him as the former kidnapped Des Moines, Iowa paperboy Johnny Gosch--forced into child sex-slavery.] John DeCamp told this writer "I believe Johnny Gosch and Jeff Gannon are one and the same person--but I am not in a position to know positively."

"George W. Bush has not explained how Guckert/Gannon--who had advertised himself as a male escort--could apparently operate in the White House as a reporter for two years using a Secret Service-approved alias and regularly be called upon by George W. Bush and press secretary Scott McClellan during nationally televised presidential press conferences."

More Scans from the Washington Times circa 1989 added below. Showing how the GOP and Democrat Barney Franks were involved in the franklin coverup. Click to read





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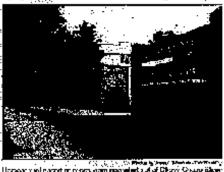
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George W. Bush, the Male cheerleader.



#### Ever the showman, George W. Bush below, with a group of friends dressed in wigs in a skit

ANDOVER, Mass. -- Perhaps there have been other presidential candidates who have dressed in drag, flaunting their legs from beneath a (fairly short) white skirt. But George W. Bush is probably the only one who has done it in front of a camera.

A photograph showing George and friends wearing wigs and employing falsies to fill out their sweaters appears in a yellowed copy of the school newspaper of Phillips Academy here in Andover, near Boston. It was 1963, and George, then a high school senior and head cheerleader.

#### Bush's Male chearleader roommate.

You will note in The Atlantic article quoted earlier how "in 1984 Bush flew to Tennessee to accompany the Republican Senate nominee and Bonesman ('67) Victor Ashe on a seven-city tour." Victor Ashe- besides having been a fellow Skull and Bones member, roommate and cheerleader with George W. Bush – has a public reputation of being a sodomite in Knoxville, Tennessee where he is mayor.

More top Republicans found to be Homosexuals. Mainstream media ignores it.

#### The Outing: David Dreier and his straight hypocrisy.

Dreier was living with his (Male) chief of staff, Brad Smith. "Brad was like an invisible presence," she said. "They really have the routine down slick."

It appears that he is the highest-paid chief of staff to any House committee chair. Smith's \$156,600 salary is just \$400 less than that of White House chief of staff Andy Card and Bush political commissar Karl Rove.





David Dreier attends the Bohemian grove as well.

Gingrich was travelling with one of his Congressional allies, Representative David Dreier (Republican, Claremont, California), who is seen at the left of the photo above right

Nixon Tape Discusses Homosexuals at Bohemian Grove_		
Nixon: "The Bohemian Grove, which I attend from time to time It is the most faggy goddamned thing you could ever imagine"		
Representative Ed Schrock from Virginia, ended his re-election campaign last month after Rogers put on his Web site an audiotape of Schrock trolling for tricks on a gay chat line.		
Congressman Ed Schrock returned to Capital Hill this week, a month after announcing he would not seek re-election in Virginia's 2nd Congressional District. Schrock said allegations made on a website that he solicited gay sex forced him remove himself from a re-election bid.		
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# Homosexual prostitution inquiry ensnares VIPs with Reagan, Bush

By Paul M. Rodriguez and George Archibald

A homosexual prostitution ring is under investigation by federal and District authorities and includes among its clients key officials of the Reagan and Bush administrations, military officers, congressional aides and U.S. and foreign businessmen with close social ties to Washington's political elite, documents obtained by The Washington Times reveal.

One of the ring's high-profile clients was so well-connected, in fact, that he could arrange a middle-ofthe-night tour of the White House forhis friends on Sunday, July 3, of last year. Among the six persons on the extraordinary 1 a.m. tour were two male prostitutes.

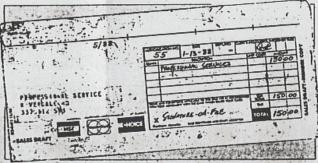
Federal authorities, including the Secret Service, are investigating

#### 'Call boys' took midnight tour of White House

criminal aspects of the ring and have told male prostitutes and their homosexual clients that a grand jury will deliberate over the evidence throughout the summer, The Times learned

Reporters for this newspaper examined hundreds of credit-card vouchers, drawn on both corporate and personal cards and made payable to the escort service operated by the homosexual ring. Many of the vouchers were run through a so-called "sub-merchant" account of the Chambers Funeral Home by a son of the owner, without the company's knowledge.

Among the client names contained in the vouchers—and identified by prostitutes and escort operators—are government officials, locally based U.S. military officers,



businessmen, lawyers, bankers, congressional aides and other professionals

Editors of The Times said the newspaper would print only the names of those found to be in sensitive government posts or positions of influence. "There is no intention of publishing names or facts about the operation merely for titillation."

said Wesley Pruden, managing editor of The Times.

The office of U.S. Attorney Jay B. Stephens, former deputy White House counsel to President Reagan, is coordinating federal aspects of the inquiry but refused to discuss the investigation or grand jury action.

Several former White House colleagues of Mr. Stephens are listed among clients of the homosexual prostitution ring, according to the credit-card records, and those persons have confirmed that the charges were theirs.

Mr. Stephens' office, after first saying it would cooperate with The Times' inquiry, withdrew the offer late yesterday and also declined to say whether Mr. Stephens would recuse himself from the case because of possible conflict of interest.

At least one highly placed Bush administration official and a wealthy businessman who procured homosexual prostitutes from the escort services operated by the ring are cooperating with the investigation, several sources said.

Among clients who charged homosexual prostitute services on major credit cards over the past 18 months are Charles K. Dutcher, former associate director of presidential personnel in the Reagan administration, and Paul R. Balach, Labor Secretary Elizabeth Dole's political personnel liaison to the White House.

In the 1970s, Mr. Dutcher was a congressional aide to former Rep. Robert Bauman, Maryland Republican, who resigned from the House after he admitted having engaged in, sexual liaisons with teen-age male

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prostitutes. Mr. Dutcher also worked on the staff of Vice President Dan Quayle when he represented an Indiana district in the House.

A charge also was discovered against the credit card of a former White House staffer who prepared the president's daily news summary in the Reagan administration. Todd A. Blodgett said he had not made the

One of the ring's big-spending clients is Craig J. Spence, Washington socialite and international trade consultant, according to documents and interviews with operators and prostitutes who say they engaged in sexual activities with Mr. Spence.

Mr. Spence' spent upwards of \$20,000 a month for male prostitutes who provided sex to him and his friends, said to include military personnel who also acted as his "bodyguards." It was Mr. Spence who arranged the nocturnal tour of the Reagan White House. Repeated attempts to reach Mr. Spence, by telephone, fax machine and personal visits to his home, were unsuccess-

Credit-card vouchers confirm that Mr. Spence charged thousands of dollars on American Express and Visa cards, sometimes making \$600 charges against his cards several times a day, drawn in behalf of an escort service called Professional Services Inc.

Professional Services is one of several umbrella companies used by operators supplying male prostitutes as escorts, as advertised in Washington tabloid newspapers and the telephone Yellow Pages.

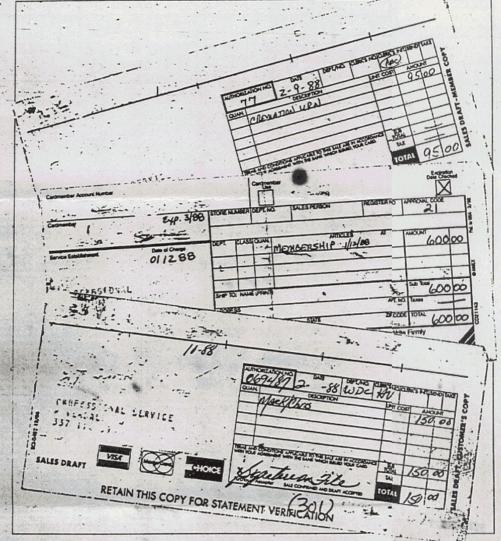
Members of major news organizations also procured escort services from the ring, credit-card documents show These include Stanley Mark Tapscott, who was an assistant managing editor of The Washington Times.

Mr. Tapscott, whose resignation on June 20 was accepted, said he had not procured homosexual escorts or sexual services of any kind. He said in an interview that he had talked to two women he arranged to meet through the escort service as part of an investigation of dial-a-porn services he had initiated a year earlier when he was editor of the newspaper's Money section. The charges were made against his company American Express card. His editors knew of no such investigation.

Before joining The Times, Mr. Tapscott worked for the Office of Personnel Management in the Reagan administration.

Managers of the escort ring said that "a few women" were used for clients who called with specific requests, but that the regular stable

was altogether male.



These are three of hundreds of credit card slips, obtained by The Washington Times, made out to Professional Services Inc. Names and card numbers of the customers have been deleted here, although they are on the originals.

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Because "closet" homosexuals in government service can easily be "turned" through blackmail for espionage purposes, Gen. Graham said, "we have always in intelligence tried very hard not to be giving classified information to known homosexuals."

Those interviewed by The Times confirmed there were blackmail attempts by male prostitutes who wanted money and other favors to protect clients' secret sexual lives.

The clients interviewed say a Feb. 28 police raid on a house at 6004 34th Place NW was set off by reports of blackmail and possible credit-card fraud and complaints by District hohouse on May 18, the agency a knowledged its involvement in the investigation.

Secret Service spokesman Bob Snow said the agency participated in the search and seizure operation because of its jurisdiction over creditcard fraud. "We come into such operations usually at the request of a U.S. attorney . . . if the fraud involves \$10,000 or more. . . . We are not involved in any local prostitution investigation," Mr. Snow said.

Witnesses to the February raid said 12 Secret Service agents in blue parkas entered the house and spent several hours collecting and removing hoves of files

cort services operating under such names as Jovan, Man-to-Man, Metrodate. Ultimate Models and Ulti-

mate First Class.

In addition to credit-card fraud, the investigation is said to be focused on illegal interstate prostitution, abduction and use of minors for sexual perversion, extortion, larceny and related illicit drug trafficking and use by prostitutes and their clients.

One of the chief operators of Professional Services Inc. and a regular client of the service speculated in separate interviews that the investigation would be restricted because his names" were involved

The documents show that a number of clients - lawyers, doctors and business executives - used corporate credit cards to procure escort services and that a number of military officers from the United States and allied countries charged male escort services.

One former top-level Pentagon officer said that for the past eight years, military and civilian intelligence authorities have been concerned that "a nest of homosexuals" at top levels of the Reagan administration may have been penetrated by Soviet-backed espionage agents posing as male prostitutes, said one former top-level Pentagon official.

were blackmailed by the prostitutes.

Operators of the ring told The Times that videotapes, audio tapes and still photographs were made of sex acts performed by clients and the call boys, including perverted

Documents show that customers were charged for "videotapes" from the operation.

In an attempt to hide the nature of credit-card charges for some clients, Professional Services billed them for innocuous items such as a "cremation urn" or "prayer cards." One of the ring's "credit-card processing" companies was established by Robert A. Chambers, a funeral director whose family owns Chambers Funeral Home.

Mr. Chambers, who declined to be interviewed, was said to have arranged with the Sovran Bank in Silver Spring to establish the submerchant account in the Chambers Funeral Home credit accounts in the name Professional Services Inc. It is through this sub-merchant account that credit-card vouchers and checks were processed from the male escort services.

Following the Feb. 28 police raid on the 34th Place residence, Cham-

request of W.W. Chambers, the patriarch of the family business, canceled the unauthorized Professional Services account, according to the company's comptroller. Robert Chambers was fired by his father from the company at the time, a company official said.

Mr. Vinson, Professional Services' call-boy "dispatcher," is a trained mortician who also once worked for the clerk of the U.S.

House of Representatives. Mr. Balach, who at one time had given his power of attorney to Mr. Manos, with whom he had a "love

Mr. Balach said his financial losses occurred after Mr. Manos threatened to expose to his government superiors his homosexual involvement with the prostitution ring. Mr. Balach said he informed his superior at OPM, Edward Guss, of the blackmail attempts and other problems involving Mr. Manos,

The Times has-been unable to locate Mr. Manos, who reportedly has returned to the District in recent weeks.

Mr. Dutcher, who now heads a private consulting firm called The Dutcher Co., was charged with placing Reagan-oriented conservatives into the career Civil Service during the closing years of Mr. Reagan's presidency.

He describes himself as "bisexual" and said "stress" drove him to seek out a male prostitute. "I only used the service once. I only saw the person once. This person was there no longer than 35 minutes," Mr. Dutcher said.

He confirmed paying \$155, which was charged to his Visa card. The sexual encounter was brief and the sex "was safe - extremely ... I've had friends who died of AIDS," said Mr. Dutcher.

Mr. Dutcher said he never used his White House personnel position to place anyone in a government position whom he knew to be homosexual. "My priority was my job, not my private life," he said.

According to a credit voucher, Todd Blodgett's account was charged \$325 on May 19, 1988, for male escort service "referral" by Professional Services.

Mr. Blodgett, a Republican National Committee staffer assigned to conduct "opposition research" against Democratic candidates nationwide, said in a series of interviews that a friend who is homosex was altogether male.

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A major concern, said the former official with longtime ties to top-ranking military intelligence officers, was that hostile foreign intelligence services were using young male prostitutes to compromise top administration homosexuals, thus making them subject to blackmail

"We have known for many, many years that there is a department of the KGB [Soviet intelligence] whose job it is to prey on sexual deviants," said retired Lt. Gen. Daniel Graham, former head of the Defense Intel-

blackmail and possible credit-card fraud and complaints by District hotel operators about prostitution activities

In the raid, spearheaded by the Washington Field Office of the U.S. Secret Service, authorities found a telephone switchboard operation serving a half-dozen homosexual es-

cort services.

Secret Service agents and District police vice investigators confiscated financial records, as well as ledgers, photos, diaries, telephone records, Rolodexes and client lists of the prostitution network, during the raid and with subsequent subpoenas issued by D.C. Superior Court.

Although the confiscated material was turned over to District police on the scene, witnesses and law enforcement agents say the Secret Service kept one box of files containing names and other information about high-level government officials who were clients of the male escor business.

District police officials say that, to their knowledge, this is the first time the Secret Service has ever become involved in such a raid in this area.

Initially, the Secret Service denied it was involved in the raid, but after a second raid of the 34th Place several hours collecting and removing boxes of files.

Rederal and District investigators have since interrogated several prostitutes working for the ring, as

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tigation would be restricted because "big names" were involved.

"Henry Vinson [the operator] said a high-level official is going to try to block the investigation and may succeed," said Mr. Balach, the labor secretary's liaison to the White House. Mr. Vinson said he believes a highly placed federal official, whom he would not name, is working to derail the investigation, but he would not elaborate.

Authorities have been investigated.

Authorities have been investigating possible credit-card fraud by the ring operators since last fall.

As early as last October — months before the police raid at 34th Place — Mr. Balach was interviewed by investigators about grand larceny he said was committed against him by a male escort named Jason Michael Manos.

In an interview, Mr. Balach said he met and befriended Mr. Manos, last summer following a paid "date" set up by "Man-to-Man," one of the escort groups advertised by operators of Professional Services. Interviews with friends of Mr. Balach confirmed his relationship with Mr. Manos.

According to Mr. Balach, who first procured homosexual prostitutes from the network in June 1988, several clients, including himself, Manos, with whom he had a "love relationship," said he had been bilked out of more than \$40,000 through fraudulent use of his credit cards, forged signatures on checks and insurance polices.

Mr. Balach is still involved in civil litigation with a local bank over payment of thousands of dollars of MasterCard charges by Mr. Manos in Mr. Balach's name.

Mr. Balach said in an interview that Mr. Manos tricked him into taking a trip last fall-to Greece in pursuit of employment with a Greek shipping tycoon for whom Mr. Manos had provided homosexual services.

When Mr. Balach returned from Athens, he found that Mr. Manos had taken \$4,000 from his bank checking accounts—"my bank accounts were in the negative" — cashed savings bonds and opened up about a dozen charge accounts in his name at major department stores along the East Coast.

Also, Mr. Manos stole and demolished his car while Mr. Balach was on the trip to Greece, he said.

"This was a nightmare in my life," Mr. Balach said, explaining that his involvement with Mr. Manos was brought about by "loneliness, laziness." views that a friend who is homosestual used his card to procure a male escort.

Mr. Blodgett brought the friend, Boston antiques dealer Benedict J. Hastings, to an interview Tuesday to substantiate his claim that he had done nothing illicit. "I am innocent," Mr. Blodgett said.

Mr. Hastings said Mr. Blodgett allowed him to use his American Express card and apartment on numerous occasions, and that he in turn allowed Mr. Blodgett to use his credit card on occasion.

Mr. Hastings said he used Mr. Blodgett's credit card to procure a male escort unbeknownst to the Republican staffer.

Mr. Hastings said the person was hired as a bartender at a quickly arranged party in Mr. Blodgett's District apartment. "I needed ... someone who would wear just a black bow tie and [under]shorts," he said.

Mr. Blodgett said Mr. Hastings reimbursed him in cash for this and other charges when he returned to town. He said he did not know the details of those transactions until this week and that he "trusted" his friend of six years.

• Jerry Seper contributed to this report.

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By Ted Gunderson http://educate-yourself.org/tg/tgvideosandbooks1sep02.shtml September 1, 2002

A True Story About Sex, Child Abuse, Murder and Drugs, Covered up By Authorities

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Rep. Mark Foley's pedophile case at the Capitol is nothing new. Read all about those who planted the seeds of this operation. Are they still at work?

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#### SEX AND THE CAPITOL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

KARLYN BARKER, WASHINGTON POST, JULY 24, 1990: The alleged leader of what authorities have called the largest male prostitution operation in the Washington area surrendered to federal agents yesterday and pleaded not guilty to racketeering charges that have been filed against him and three alleged accomplices. Henry W. Vinson, 29, of Williamson, W.Va., a coal miner's son accused of setting up the homosexual escort service, was arraigned in U.S. District Court here yesterday afternoon after turning himself in to Secret Service agents . . . At a news conference after the arraignment, [U.S. Attorney Jay] Stephens said the investigation into the alleged prostitution ring "is concluded" and that the indictment, which was unsealed yesterday, focused on those who allegedly set up the ring rather than on clients who reportedly patronized it. Asked about earlier reports that some of those clients included high-level officials in the Reagan and Bush administrations, Stephens said the investigation had not revealed "additional conduct which suggests criminal conduct on behalf of other people." . . . The Vinson case provoked additional notice after The Washington Times published reports last summer suggesting that the alleged prostitution ring had been patronized by government officials. The Times named as clients several low-level government employees and Craig J. Spence, a Washington lobbyist and party-giver who, the paper said, took friends and prostitutes on late-night tours of the White House. Spence was found dead in a Boston hotel room last fall, and authorities ruled his death a suicide . . . To date, however, investigators have disclosed no evidence linking any high-level government official to the escort service.

TIMOTHY MAIER, INSIGHT, Oct. 20, 1997: Blackmail, lies and deceit may be the only fitting description of the 1993 Seattle Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, or APEC, summit where dignitaries from 17 countries are reported to have been placed under electronic surveillance by American agents. As Insight first reported last month, the Clinton administration is said by intelligence and security specialists -- who admitted being involved -- to have bugged the conclave and then provided classified secrets to the Democratic National Committee. This in turn allegedly was used as bait to barter with potential big-buck donors for large contributions to the Democratic coffers, sources in and out of government claim. This week the story continued to develop with new twists and turns. Former officials of the National Security Council, or NSC, and high-level economic advisers tell Insight they remain deeply concerned that classified information may have been leaked for political purposes. "That would make it blackmail," says a former senior-level Bush appointee who asked not to be identified because of an ongoing business relationship with the Clinton administration. "I find the story totally credible. I wouldn't put it past this administration." Insight also detailed in earlier reports a series of alleged criminal activities, including the procuring of boys to engage in sexual activities with diplomats; FBI agents accepting thousands of dollars of kickbacks; and, the most serious offense, the White House providing top-secret trade information to two West Coast law firms working off the books for the DNC . . . The FBI is believed to have bugged more than 300 locations, with electronic audio and video surveillance devices used to monitor 10,000 to 15,000 conversations -- much of it real-time data that was bounced from satellites to the NSA. The monitoring stations usually were placed near a Secret Service perimeter or Naval Intelligence facilities. And many of the targets concerned large contracts with Vietnam, sources say . . . The boys are believed to have been 15 to 17 years old. As shocking as this may be, some say it's routine. A former Bush economic adviser observes, "The sex? That's done all the time. If a foreign diplomat wants a companion, the State Department provides it. It doesn't matter if it's a man or woman. They have a special fund set up for that." Another former NSC official who requested anonymity says other countries also do it. "I was offered every sexual favor you can imagine. I turned it down all the time. After a while they left me alone and stopped offering me."

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• "MINGO MESS BAFFLING TANGLE" The Charleston Gazette, Editorial; Pg. P4A, July 03,

In which we hear of the appointment of a coroner who had been convicted of bribery and who supposedly had been married to a Henry Vinson, a mortician who had operated a "call boy" service utilized by White House officials

This is the hook into a long story.

We now turn to some news stories that appeared in the *Washington Times* more than a decade ago, but apart from a few having to do with Barney Frank, these stories have never generated much attention. We then recover as full a story as can be constructed from accounts in the press, in chronological order.

• "'CALL-BOY' SERVICE PROSPERS USING HIGH FINANCE, HIGH TECH," Paul M. Rodriguez and George Archibald, *The Washington Times*, June 20, 1989

In which we see Henry Vinson's name first surface, along with Robert Chambers, a funeral director, who operated a call boy network that laundered money through umbrella organizations in the District of Columbia area, Florida, Kentucky and West Virginia.

"POWER BROKER SERVED DRUGS, SEX AT PARTIES BUGGED FOR BLACKMAIL,"
 Michael Hedges and Jerry Seper, *The Washington Times*, June 30, 1989

In which we learn of Craig J. Spence, who arranged midnight tours of the White House, threw lavish parties for the famous and powerful where cocaine was generously served, spent \$20,000 a month on male prostitutes from a D.C. prostitution ring, and bragged of connections to the CIA, whom he worried might kill him and then make it look like a suicide.

• "RNC CALLS SCANDAL A 'TRAGIC SITUATION," George Archibald and Paul M. Rodriguez, *The Washington Times*, Friday, June 30, 1989

In which we learn of the resignation of an aide to Secretary of Labor Elizabeth Dole, and of the reaction of Rep. Barney Frank, who is "not surprised" by the revelations.

• "White House mute on 'call boy' probe," Frank J. Murray, *The Washington Times*, July 7, 1989

In which we learn that President Bush followed the story, and that a Uniformed Division officer of the Special Service, Reginald deGueldre, arranged the midnight White House tours for Craig Spence and two male prostitutes, and was moonlighting as Spence's bodyguard.

• "Spence was target before raid on ring," Jerry Seper, and Michael Hedges *The Washington Times*, July 10, 1989

In which we learn that Craig Spence brought a 15-year old boy on at least one of his midnight tours of the White House, that Spence asked detailed questions about the Delta Force operations, that he partied with former U.S. Attorney Joseph diGenova and his wife, Victoria Toensing, and

- that he bragged of having blackmailed a high-ranking Japanese politician, Motoo Shiina.
- "Spence ma[y] be Shiina's downfall," Edward Neilan, *The Washington Times*, July 18, 1989

In which we hear of the connections between Motoo Shiina, groomed to be a future prime minister of Japan, and Craig Spence: how Spence had made more than \$700,000 from Shiina's Policy Study Group, and how Spence had refused to pay back a loan made by Shiina for the purchase of Spence's house.

• "First lady not worried about hookers' tour of White House," Paul Bedard, *The Washington Times*, July 10, 1989

In which we learn that First Lady Barbara Bush was not concerned about the security questions raised by midnight White House tours, but did think it good that the Washington Post had not followed the Times' story.

• "Secret Service furloughs third White House guard," Jerry Seper, and Michael Hedges, *The Washington Times*, July 26, 1989

In which we hear that, contrary to earlier White House claims, 1 a.m. tours were "totally out of the ordinary." We also learn that Spence introduced a 15-year old boy to Ted Koppel in the Nightline studio right before one of the tours.

• "SEX PARTY HELD AT AUSSIE EMBASSY 'WE'RE NOT TALKING CROCODILE DUNDEE HERE," Michael Hedges and Jerry Seper, *Washington Times*, July 28, 1989

In which a woman who worked for one of the prostitution rings linked to Spence claimed she worked a party held at the Australian embassy. She also claimed that one of her military clients told her Spence was blackmailing him.

• "SPENCE ELUSIVE, SAID TO BE EVERYWHERE BUT ISN'T," Jerry Seper and Michael Hedges, *Washington Times*, Thursday, August 3, 1989

In which we learn that Spence has disappeared, but has told his friends not to take any account of his death at face value. We also discover that Ted Koppel is a longtime friend, and that the Special Service is not as interested in credit card fraud as they are in Spence's military and political connections.

• "SPENCE ARRESTED IN N.Y., RELEASED BIZARRE INTERVIEW IS NO NIGHT ON THE TOWN," Jerry Seper and Michael Hedges, *Washington Times*; August 9, 1989

In which Craig Spence is interviewed and speaks of his own death and of the connections he had to powerful people who will pretend never to have known him.

• Spence arrested in N.Y., released; Once-host to powerful reduced to begging, sleeping in park, Michael Hedges, and Jerry Seper, *The Washington Times*, August 9, 1989.

More from Craig Spence's interview. Highlights include his hint that Donald Gregg arranged the

late-night White House tours. Spence also speaks of more significant secrets that he plans to take to the grave.

• "Sex sold from congressman's apartment: Frank's lover was 'call boy," Paul M. Rodriguez and George Archibald, *The Washington Times*, August 25, 1989.

The only story that received much attention. A male prostitute, identified by the alias Greg Davis, entertained clients in the apartment of Rep. Barney Frank. Frank admitted having a relationship with the prostitute, but denied knowledge of the use of his apartment for illicit purposes.

• "Sex sold from congressman's apartment: School used as base for sex ring," George Archibald and Paul M. Rodriguez, *The Washington Times*, August 25, 1989.

In which we learn that Barney Frank's call boy also did business in a local public school.

• "THE GOBIE STORY: Frank's 'call boy' tells all," George Archibald, and Paul M. Rodriguez, *The Washington Times*, September 1, 1989.

In which Stephen L. Gobie, whose professional name in the underground prostitute trade is "Greg Davis," insists that Rep. Barney Frank knew of the use of his apartment as a base for prostitution. Gobie also reveals that one of his clients was Craig Spence.

• "IN DEATH, SPENCE STAYED TRUE TO FORM," Michael Hedges, and Jerry Seper, *The Washington Times*, Monday, November 13, 1989.

Craig Spence is found dead in a Boston hotel room. Near his body is a newspaper clipping that details legislative efforts to protect CIA agents called to testify before government bodies. Friends of Spence reported that he had claimed the CIA used the call boy service to compromise other federal intelligence officials and foreign diplomats. One friend quoted Spence as saying, "Casey's boys are out to get me,"

• "SPENCE AS MUCH AN ENIGMA IN DEATH AS HE WAS IN LIFE," Jerry Seper, and Michael Hedges, *The Washington Times*, November 13, 1989.

In which we learn how slow had been the federal investigation into the allegations swirling around Craig Spence. Spence himself had been handed a subpoena more than two months before his death, but was never called to testify. Officials of the Reagan and Bush administrations, identified in The Times as having used the call-boy service, had not even been contacted by law enforcement officials. One witness reported: "They asked me what I thought Spence wanted to know about the Delta project."

• <u>"Prostitutes corroborate Frank stories," Paul M. Rodriguez, *The Washington Times*, February 2, 1990.</u>

In which other prostitutes corroborate Gobies' claims that Rep. Barney Frank knew of his use of the congressman's apartment for use as a bordello. Gobie also claims that Craig Spence was one of his clients and had tried to recruit him to help "in a sordid scheme to blackmail the powerful

politicians invited to his lavish parties." Gobie claimed that Mr. Spence said to him, "Do you know what kind of power you can have over people if you've got something on them? . . . I need boys and girls for people in government and high-level businessmen for my parties, for individuals, for whatever comes up."

• MINGO HIRES CONTROVERSIAL DOCTOR, Maryclaire Dale, *The Charleston Gazette*; *News*, July 01, 1997.

Returning full circle to the Mingo case, we find the newly appointed medical examiner of Mingo County arguing that the fact that she is a physician argues in favor of her having the position over the previous nominee, a funeral home owner. Shafer argues: "A physician has nothing to gain from a suicide. A mortician does. He would probably process the body for burial," she said. "I don't think it's [the funeral industry] a charity business." Ironically, Shafer's "husband" is Henry Vinson, a former mortician and coroner who is linked, as we saw above, to the child sex ring scandals. We also learn that his lawyer is the legal commentator Greta van Susteren.

#### MINGO MESS BAFFLING TANGLE

The Charleston Gazette Editorial; Pg. P4A July 03, 1997, Thursday

PERHAPS world chess champion Garry Kasparov (or his nemesis, the Deep Blue computer) would have the mental capacity to keep track of the amazing complexities involving Mingo County public officials.

Vinson vowed that he'd never be convicted, because he said his "call boy" service had been utilized by officials of the Moore administration in Charleston and by officials of the Reagan-Bush White House in Washington.

#### Consider:

State Sen. Truman Chafin, D-Mingo, was indicted on federal wiretap charges in his messy divorce, but was found innocent.

Former Mingo Sheriff Gerald Chafin - no relation to Truman, and part of a rival Democratic faction - likewise was indicted on federal wiretap charges, supposedly stemming from an attempt to blackmail a "whistleblower" deputy, but likewise was found innocent.

Ex-Sheriff Chafin, a mortuary owner, was appointed coroner by Mingo

County's commissioners - but state rules require that coroners be physicians, so he couldn't take the post.

Next the commissioners gave the job to **Dr. Diane Shafer of Mingo County, who previously was convicted of bribery in nearby Kentucky.** (She had been under investigation in Kentucky for suspected overbilling, but she married the overbilling investigator and gave him \$ 42,500. They both were convicted of bribery, and he of bigamy, but the convictions were set aside. West Virginia's Board of Medicine has set August hearings on whether to revoke her license.)

Meanwhile, Dr. Shafer may - or may not - have married a former Mingo coroner, Henry Vinson, who was convicted of running a male prostitution ring in Washington, D.C.

Vinson, also a mortician, had been ousted as Mingo coroner after he was convicted of making harassing phone calls to a rival funeral home director. Then he was accused in a paternity suit. Next he moved to Washington, where he was charged with operating "Dream Boy," a male escort service.

While the Washington investigation was in progress, Vinson "died" and his obituary was printed by newspapers around West Virginia - but his sister in Mingo County said the obit had been phoned to papers as a hoax.

In 1990, Vinson vowed that he'd never be convicted, because he said his "call boy" service had been utilized by officials of the Moore administration in Charleston and by officials of the Reagan-Bush White House in Washington. But the next year, he pleaded guilty and got a five-year prison term.

Now Vinson's sister says she thinks he's married to Dr. Shafer. Reporter Maryclaire Dale (who is white) called Dr. Shafer's office Monday and talked to a man who called himself "Henry Shafer." When she asked if his name is Henry Vinson, he screamed: "Would you like to come and have sex with me, you [racial obscenity]?" Is this another count of phone harassment?

Well, that's just this week's developments in murky Mingo, where public officials have always been bizarre.

Matewan Police Chief Sid Hatfield led strikers in a historic shootout with Baldwin-Felts detectives; Sheriff Johnie Owens "sold" his elected office to another politician for \$ 100,000; Kermit Fire Chief "Wig" Preece and his relatives sold drugs from the firehouse - that's public life in the Deep South coal county.

Mingo residents must wonder if they're living in a zoo.

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#### 'CALL-BOY' SERVICE PROSPERS USING HIGH FINANCE, HIGH TECH

Paul M. Rodriguez and George Archibald The Washington Times; Final Section: NATION Page: A7 Thursday, June 29, 1989

Elaborate telephone switching equipment and out-oftown check cashing and credit card processing centers make it possible for Washington's homosexual escort services to launder hundreds of thousands of dollars annually from clients.

Professional Services Inc., the dry name that appears on customers' American Express, Visa and MasterCard bills when they charge their sexual liaisons with male prostitutes, is a cover for half a dozen different call services linked in a gigantic regional sex-for-hire network, according to an investigation by The Washington Times.

The upscale Northwest Washington residence that served as a switchboard center for dispatching male prostitutes to local hotels, clients' homes and other meeting places was raided Feb. 28 by federal and local police authorities investigating interstate prostitution and credit card fraud.

The escort firm has relocated and - using a 50-line Merlin computerized call-forwarding system - is still in

After paying "membership" fees in the \$150 range, clients paid additional amounts for so-called "referrals" billed on an hourly basis. The vouchers reflected fees ranging from \$60 to \$1,100 for individual referrals. Most charges were in the \$150 to \$225 range.

Clients and prostitutes said the amounts charged depend on the number of escorts procured (**some clients hire several for big parties**), the length of time prostitute services are used and the type of sexual service provided.

Robert Chambers, who handled Professional Services' credit card processing, is a 35-year-old funeral director whose family owns and operates the Chambers Funeral Homes throughout the Washington area.

Mr. Chambers used his family's funeral business to set up Professional Services' "sub-merchant" account with a Sovran Bank branch in Silver Spring. Credit card charges and checks were deposited in the Sovran account, while cash paid for escort services usually was deposited at other area banks, including Riggs, National Bank of Washington and First American.

These accounts were usually in the names of the escort operators - principally Henry W. Vinson, a 28-year-old owner-dispatcher for the services, and Jimmy Mako, 27, who pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor drug charge stemming from the February police

operation while local authorities try to track down individual call boys with information gathered from seized documents.

In want ads placed in local tabloid newspapers and Yellow Pages telephone directories, Professional Services hawks its wares under such names as Man-to-Man, Dream Boys, Ultimate First Class, Metrodate and Jovan.

In its own investigation of the male escort service raided in February and again May 18, The Times has obtained extensive financial records that reveal how the homosexual network handled its credit card and check cashing needs by using legitimate umbrella organizations in the Washington area, Florida, Kentucky and West Virginia.

Members of the law enforcement team investigating Professional Services, which includes the Secret Service and the Metropolitan Police, said a special federal grand jury is expected to hand up indictments based on violations of federal credit card statutes, mail fraud laws and banking regulations that bar illegal activities, such as prostitution.

Operators of the male escort service under investigation denied in dozens of interviews that they have broken any federal laws.

But credit card vouchers obtained by The Times reveal many instances of apparent double billing and what appear to be forged signatures.

As one law enforcement official explained, customers of such services are highly unlikely to call up credit card companies to complain that they had only one \$150 session - not two - with one of Professional Services' prostitutes.

Call boys interviewed by The Times admitted that in the course of their work as "escorts" they regularly engaged in sex for hire with male clients.

#### raid on the switchboard headquarters, 6004 34th Place NW.

Sovran canceled Professional Services' account after the comptroller of Chambers Funeral Home discovered the secret sex-for-hire card processing scheme. Mr. Chambers now funnels charge slips through another licensed credit card processing company, Executive Services, in Suitland.

Part of the regional escort network is directly linked to employees at dozens of hotels in the area, those interviewed said. Besides helping to arrange "special" rooms for clients, these hotel employees also help to expedite guest requests for male and female sex.

There also are special phone banks located in each of the hotels - some public pay phones and other private lines - reserved for the homosexual network. Telephone pagers are used extensively to send call boys from one liaison to another.

Operators of the homosexual escort ring confirmed that female prostitutes were occasionally provided if clients requested such services.

Among hundreds of charge vouchers obtained by The Times were those of about a half-dozen women who availed themselves of the male escorts.

Gay clubs throughout the Washington area are used by call boys to pick up clients. Many call boys also work at these clubs - some of them "strip" joints - and typically are recruited there by the escort services.

Bars and clubs catering to a homosexual clientele include The Chesapeake House, Brass Rail, Knob Hill, The Follies, Lost and Found, Tracks, and La Cage Aux Follies.

Photo, This house, at 6004 34th Place NW in Washington, was the switchboard center for a male-prostitution ring until it was raided Feb. 28., By Gary M. Hopkins/The Washington Times

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#### POWER BROKER SERVED DRUGS, SEX AT PARTIES BUGGED FOR BLACKMAIL

Michael Hedges and Jerry Seper The Washington Times; Final Section: A Page: A1 Friday, June 30, 1989

Craig J. Spence, an enigmatic figure who threw glittery parties for key officials of the Reagan and Bush administrations, media stars and top military officers, bugged the gatherings to compromise guests, provided cocaine, blackmailed some associates and spent up to \$20,000 a month on male prostitutes, according to friends, acquaintances and records.

How a man whom even his closest friends describe as a flawed, malevolent personality managed to court Washington's biggest names is a quintessential Washington story.

The 48-year-old D.C. power broker has been linked to a homosexual prostitution ring currently under investigation by the U.S. Attorney's Office. Its clients included several top

"When I got back from Japan, some anonymous person suggested that he (Mr. Spence) might be using cocaine. Well, of course my antennae went up right away and I checked those rumors out... and found much to my surprise that people suspected the worst," Mr. diGenova said.

At that point, Mr. diGenova said, he severed his relationship with Mr. Spence. "When you compared it to his other eccentric behavior, it made sense. But I had no evidence whatsoever," he said.

Mr. diGenova said he never took his concern that Mr. Spence might be using drugs to authorities.

Others interviewed said they witnessed drug use and other crimes at parties thrown by Mr. Spence but also never shared their observations with law enforcement officials.

The saga of Mr. Spence, described by one friend as "Washington's Jay Gatsby," began unraveling when federal and D.C. police raided a male prostitution ring in Northwest Washington and discovered credit-card vouchers signed by Mr. Spence and others.

But for several years - even as publications such as The New York Times were describing Mr. Spence as Washington's ultimate power broker -acquaintences noticed bizarre behavior.

Mr. Spence was generous with cocaine at his parties, according to several people who said they witnessed drug use at the exclusive Kalorama house.

government and business officials from Washington and abroad.

Among the clients identified in hundreds of creditcard vouchers obtained by The Washington Times and identified by male prostitutes and escort operators - are government officials, locally based U. S. military officers, businessmen, lawyers, bankers, congressional aides, media representatives and other professionals.

Mr. Spence's influence appeared unlimited, aptly demonstrated by his ability to arrange midnight tours of the White House, according to three persons who said they took part in those tours.

"It was a show-the-flag time for Craig Spence," said one person who went on a July 3, 1988, tour that included two male prostitutes. "He just wanted everyone to know just how damned powerful he was," said the person. "And when we were strolling through the White House at 1 o'clock in the morning, we were believers."

One man who was on the tour but asked not to be named for fear it would damage his business said it was cleared by a uniformed Secret Service guard whom the man had seen attending Mr. Spence's parties as a bodyguard.

"For once in his life, Craig was doing something nice. We just thought, neat, we get a free midnight tour of the White House," the man said. Another person on the tour said the group walked through all the public areas of the White House and "even took pictures of ourselves in the barber's chair."

After arriving in Washington in the late 1970s, Mr. Spence was hosting parties during the early Reagan years attended by, among others, journalists Eric Sevareid, Ted Koppel and William Safire; former CIA Director William Casey; the late John Mitchell, attorney general in the Nixon administration; conservative activist Phyllis Schlafly; Ambassador James Lilley; and Gen.

"I know he was a coke freak," said the business associate who was on the White House tour. "A lot of people saw it. His behavior spoke for itself."

Several friends said Mr. Spence bragged that U.S. military personnel, for whom he had built a gymnasium in El Salvador, had smuggled cocaine back to him when they returned to the United States.

"I heard he was selling drugs, or smuggling drugs into the country from El Salvador," said a friend who worked closely with Mr. Spence. "He went down there two or three times or maybe more. He was trying to interest a Japanese firm with buying a fishery in El Salvador.

"I found out the United Nations had rejected a similar scheme; they found if you put more boats in there the fish would just get smaller. So I told him that it was no good," the former associate said.

U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration officials said this week they had no evidence of any such operation.

Others said the drugs came from a more mundane source - midlevel dealers in Northwest Washington.

How a man whom even his closest friends describe as a flawed, malevolent personality managed to court Washington's biggest names is a quintessential Washington story.

Mr. Spence arrived in Washington in the late 1970s. Even intimate friends said his depiction of his background was as shifting as his guest list. What can be confirmed is that he attended Syracuse University and worked as a journalist with ABC in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War.

One former friend, who became acquainted with Mr. Spence in Tokyo, said that the latter had a "falling out" with ABC News because of his political views. The former friend said Mr. Spence was a hard-line

#### Alfred M. Gray, the commandant of the Marine Corps.

Arnaud de Borchgrave, editor-in-chief of The Times, went to dinner once at Mr. Spence's home to honor Mr. Lilley.

Efforts to reach Mr. Spence in the past week were unsuccessful. He contacted The Washington Times yesterday in response to a telefaxed message but hung up when queried about his activities.

According to many current and former friends, Mr. Spence was a dangerous friend to cultivate. Several former associates said his house on Wyoming Avenue was bugged and had a secret two-way mirror, and that he attempted to ensnare visitors into compromising sexual encounters that he could then use as leverage.

One man described having a limousine sent to his home by Mr. Spence and being brought to a gathering at which several young men tried to become friendly with him. "I didn't bite; it's not my inclination," the man said. "But he used his homosexual network for all it was worth."

The man, a business associate of Mr. Spence who was on the White House tour, said: "He was blackmailing people. He was taping people and blackmailing them."

One former friend said he saw an 8-foot-long, two-way mirror overlooking the library of Mr. Spence's home which, he said, he was later told was used for "spying on guests."

Georgetown University law professor Richard Gordon said he was a close friend of Mr. Spence's until his "behavior began deteriorating quite markedly."

Mr. Gordon recalled being at a gathering at Mr. Spence's home and having a conversation with veteran NBC and CBS correspondent Liz Trotta.

conservative and was opposed to what he described as "the liberal treatment of the news by the network."

Mr. Spence made good contacts in Japan and among Chinese expatriates, often bragging of his close association with former Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone and appearing in public with a Chinese businessman who once served as an unofficial representative of Communist China in Washington, sources said.

The businessman said this week that he did not know exactly what work Mr. Spence did, but that he often bragged about his contacts with Japanese businessmen and political leaders, particularly Mr. Nakasone.

He described Mr. Spence as "strange," saying that he often boasted that he was working for the CIA and on one occasion said he was going to disappear for awhile "because he had an important CIA assignment."

According to the businessman, Mr. Spence told him that the CIA might "doublecross him," however, and kill him instead "and then to make it look like a suicide."

The businessman also said he attended a birthday bash for Roy Cohn at Mr. Spence's house. He said Mr. Casey was at the party. "One time he stormed into another party with a big, white hat and an entourage of security guards," the businessman said. "It was all rather bizarre."

Mr. Spence's trump card in courting the rich and famous apparently was his access to high-ranking orientals at a moment when Japan was flowering as an economic giant and relations with China were thawing.

"Craig had an interest in the Japanese economy," said Mr. Gordon. "He was very interested in breaking through the bureaucratic level and getting people to come to seminars.

"He developed a kind of genuine and effective

"We were sitting in a corner, talking about our mutual concern about Craig's physical condition. He came down later and said he had been listening to us and didn't appreciate it at all," Mr. Gordon said.

Ms. Trotta, contacted in New York City, yesterday confirmed Mr. Gordon's comments and said it was "one in a series of incidents" in which she began to question Mr. Spence's emotional and physical stability.

"He was fragmenting right before our eyes," she said.
"I was very concerned about him."

One former Reagan administration official who worked at the U.S. Information Agency and is an open homosexual said he went to private parties at Mr. Spence's home and saw a great deal of recording and taping equipment.

"It was my clear impression that the house was bugged," he said. Another man, an Air Force sergeant who worked for Mr. Spence as a bodyguard, said: "The house was definitely bugged. I can't say what he was doing with the information. I don't know that. But he was recording what occurred there."

Several others confirmed that Mr. Spence had bragged on several occasions that he had his house bugged and that conversations between guests often had been overheard. They said Mr. Spence often would come down late to parties he hosted and told close associates that he had been listening to what was being said about him.

Several people also said Mr. Spence boasted about getting control of the million-dollar home on Wyoming Avenue by blackmailing clients in Japan.

William Harbin, a former U.S. Foreign Service official who worked for Mr. Spence in the mid-1980s, said: "He pretty much blackmailed a Japanese client. He had represented this firm in Washington, the Policy Study Group.

"The Japanese put up the money for Spence to buy a

influence among important doers and thinkers in Washington and from New York," Mr. Gordon said. "I met some interesting senators and representatives at his parties."

He was doing extensive business with Japan in the early 1980s, some of which former Reagan administration officials said appeared to violate trade laws.

Mr. Gordon said he warned Mr. Spence of the need to be registered as a lobbyist, and documents show that in January 1985 he became a registered agent lobbying for Japanese businesses.

A January 1982 New York Times profile of Mr. Spence was headlined "Have Names, Will Open Right Doors." The article quoted a Washington Post columnist in 1980 saying of Mr. Spence: "Not since Ethel(D-) Kennedy used to give her famous Hickory Hill seminars for great minds of our times during the days of Camelot has anyone staged seminars successfully on a continuing social basis in Washington. That's what Craig Spence has been doing."

Mr. Spence was described in the New York Times as "something of a mystery man who dresses in Edwardian dandy style, a former television correspondent who now wears many hats, including international business consultant, party host, registered foreign agent and something called 'research journalist.' "

Those who knew Mr. Spence best were astonished by his ability to court the rich and powerful.

"He conned people into going to parties - big people, Cabinet members and personalities and so forth," said Mr. Harbin, who wrote research papers that Mr. Spence peddled to Japanese clients.

"Everybody likes to go to a free party around here. He'd have a photographer there, get his photo taken with a great man, and use that," he said. big house on Wyoming Avenue," Mr. Harbin said. "I heard he later had a quarrel with this Japanese because he was really using this house to advance his own purposes, not for the Japanese. But he threatened to expose that they had transferred the money illegally, so it made the Japanese back down."

Another longtime friend confirmed that Mr. Spence bragged about the Wyoming Avenue deal, saying he had beaten "a very rich, old-line Japanese family."

Secret Service spokesman Bob Snow, when asked yesterday for records about Mr. Spence's visits to the White House, said only the White House counsel could authorize release of the material.

C. Boyden Gray, the White House counsel, said he did not know why Mr. Snow referred The Times to him, adding that he was unaware that his office was required to release such information. "I just don't know anything about that," Mr. Gray said. "But maybe there's something I don't know about." Federal law enforcement authorities, including the Secret Service, involved in the probe of the homosexual prostitution ring have told prostitutes and their clients that a grand jury will deliberate over evidence gathered in the ongoing investigation throughout the summer.

Hundreds of credit-card vouchers, drawn on both corporate and personal accounts and made payable to the Washington-based escort service operated by the homosexual ring, have been examined by The Washington Times.

Mr. Spence, a former ABC-TV correspondent who covered the war in Vietnam, was one of the biggest spending clients of the homosexual prostitution network, according to credit-card vouchers obtained by The Times. For example, on Oct. 5, 1988, he made four separate payments totaling \$1,525 with his American Express card for male escorts from Professional Services Inc.

On. Oct. 8, he paid \$600 for male escorts, and another \$600 payment Oct. 20, the documents show. There

"He was quite secretive, but from what I could see these things had little or no substance," Mr. Harbin said. "Usually a grain of truth, but he'd build a pile of lies on top of it. Usually he'd start with a photograph of himself with some guy and build a lie around it that he was his top adviser. Nakasone was one."

Mr. Spence also bragged about social companions, telling friends that he had hosted Mr. Cohn, Rock Hudson and others at his Wyoming Avenue home.

The former Reagan administration aide said he decided to sever a friendship with Mr. Spence when he witnessed him trying to force his off-duty military bodyguards into homosexual acts.

"I'm openly gay myself," he said. "Most gays find that type of behavior reprehensible."

Several people who attended Mr. Spence's parties remarked at what one guest called "his personal honor guard." "I don't know where he got them, but he liked to surround himself with tall, handsome, stalwart young men. He liked to surround himself with decorations," one frequent guest said.

Mr. Spence has been living on Massachusetts Avenue in recent months, friends said. His legitimate business contacts have "one by one dropped away," said one close friend.

He has told a number of his friends that he plans to leave the country by Aug. 15. Mr. Spence also has said his health is failing.

"I can unhappily confirm that. He has been in ill health. I am not truly aware of what it is that is wrong with him," said Mr. Gordon.

<sup>\*</sup> Paul M. Rodriguez contributed to this report.

were some months when Mr. Spence spent as much as \$20,000 for male escorts hired to provide him sexual services, according to documents and interviews with prostitutes who served him.

Many of Mr. Spence's guests soured on his hospitality when his darker behavior emerged. A case in point is his relationship with former **U.S. Attorney Joseph diGenova.** 

According to Mr. diGenova, he attended a few of Mr. Spence's parties both as U.S. attorney and after he left the government to enter private practice. He eventually traveled to Japan last December on a business trip with Mr. Spence and Wayne Bishop, chairman of the Washington law firm of Bishop, Cook, Purcell & Reynolds, where Mr. diGenova works.

Photo, Power broker Craig J. Spence demonstrated his influence by providing late night strolls through the White House for groups of selected friends., By Richard Kozak/The Washington Times

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#### RNC CALLS SCANDAL A 'TRAGIC SITUATION'

George Archibald and Paul M. Rodriguez The Washington Times; Final Section: A Page: A1 Friday, June 30, 1989

Republican and conservative political leaders reacted cautiously yesterday to a report in The Washington Times that key Reagan and Bush administration officials are ensnared in a federal probe of homosexual prostitution.

"There's no reason for

"I don't know anything about it," said White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater. "Nothing at all."

At the Pentagon, spokesman Pete Williams, commenting on The Times' article, said he was unaware of any Defense Department investigation into credit card fraud or homosexual conduct by members of the military.

Democratic National Committee officials declined to comment on GOP involvement with the call boy ring.

But Rep. Barney Frank, Massachusetts Democrat and a self-proclaimed homosexual who several weeks ago threatened to reveal a list of Republican homosexuals in Congress, said he was "not surprised" by the revelations. Rep. Barney Frank,
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Goodman, a
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Atwater.

"It's a personal situation. It's a

tragic situation if people have to resort to prostitutes," the GOP spokeswoman said. "But there's no standard for people in the federal government that's different than for the average Joe on the street."

However, a top Labor Department adviser to Secretary Elizabeth Dole resigned yesterday after acknowledging to The Times that he had procured male prostitutes and was subjected to blackmail threats by one of the call boys.

In a letter announcing his resignation as Mrs. Dole's political personnel liaison to the White House, **Paul R. Balach** wrote: "I hereby resign my position this date due to the public disclosure of activities concerning my personal life."

Mr. Balach said in an interview late yesterday he was told by the department's solicitor, Robert Davis, he must either resign or be fired. He said he was not allowed to talk to Mrs. Dole about the matter.

"They said they reached this decision with a great deal of pain because I was a valued employee. But they thought that the cloud surrounding me would not allow me to continue to hold a political job in the administration," he said. Because almost all Republican homosexuals are "in the closet," Mr. Frank said, "there's an impression that there aren't any Republicans. . . . This is the proof of the prejudice in our community."

Bias that forces homosexuals to maintain secrecy about their sexual orientation is an "obvious waste of human talent," he said. "People ought to be judged by their work, not whether they are gay. The whole blackmail issue wouldn't exist if we didn't have this fear of homosexuals."

The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force and the Human Rights Campaign Fund, a gay and lesbian civil rights group, echoed Mr. Frank's remarks.

"The Washington Times story is a rank attempt to sensationalize a fact that should come as no surprise to anybody: that there are gay people in the Republican Party and in this Republican administration," the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force said in a statement. "The story The Times does not tell is the story of the repression and fear that still mars the lives of gay individuals in politics."

The group also challenged the possibility raised in The Times' story of **threats to national security from the blackmail of homosexuals in sensitive government positions**, saying there has never been "even one single documented case of gay-related espionage" in the past 40 years.

In Republican political circles, there is a clear division between those who want to clean out homosexuals from government and "more pragmatic types" who are tolerant of their private behavior but hate any kind of scandal that will hurt the party, said one close adviser to Mr. Atwater.

"The pragmatists want it (disclosures of the homosexual prostitution ring) to go away. They hope there's no more to come," the adviser said.

"I had no idea such stuff was going on," said Morton Blackwell, president of The Leadership Institute, "I think they are protecting Elizabeth, and frankly I would do the same thing," Mr. Balach said. "I live paycheck to paycheck. They promised me that they would try and find me another position somewhere in the government, but I just don't know. . . . Somebody else is going to clean out my office. They didn't want me to come back into the office."

According to documents obtained by The Times, the homosexual prostitution ring includes not only Reagan and Bush administration officials but military officers, congressional aides and U.S. and foreign businessmen with close social ties to Washington's political elite.

U.S. Attorney Jay B. Stephens confirmed in a statement yesterday that his office "has been investigating allegations involving credit card fraud" following a Feb. 28 raid on the call boy ring's Northwest Washington headquarters. But Mr. Stephens refused to discuss the matter further.

A Justice Department spokesman said the investigation was being led by the Secret Service.

But the spokesman denied that the government was investigating the possibility that homosexuals who held senior posts during the Reagan administration were compromised by blackmail or by Soviet agents who may have used young male prostitutes for espionage purposes.

The White House distanced itself yesterday from reports that top-level Republican officeholders and Pentagon brass were involved in the homosexual prostitution ring.

which gives political training to young Republicans.

"I think it is time to sit down and write a paper for young conservatives who are washed over by all of this propaganda saying some people are naturally, genetically irresistably inclined to this kind of (homosexual) behavior," Mr. Blackwell said.

"We Republicans stand for traditional values and cannot continue to stand if we fall significantly away from them," he said.

"If this (The Times' disclosures) proves to be true, then it would explain a certain resistance to pro-family policies on the part of the Reagan administration which were popular and in the interests of the administration," said Paul Weyrich, president of Coalitions for America.

"You can understand an administration's reluctance to get involved in something if they're going to have to pay dearly to be on the unpopular side of an issue," he said.

"But it is hard to understand why they would resist certain policy decisions which were popular with the public and which were in the national interest: for example, treating AIDS as a public health issue and requiring testing, which was vehemently opposed at the policy level of the administration,."

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## White House mute on 'call boy' probe

Frank J. Murray The Washington Times; Part A;
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Administration officials continued yesterday to stonewall reporters on the growing federal "call boy" investigation, apparently hoping the scandal will fade before President Bush is asked his view of a late-night White House tour that reportedly included two male prostitutes.

"Mr. Bush knows about the story. Yes he does. He's aware of the story," said one White House source who, like virtually all the others, insisted on anonymity.

Treasury
Secretary
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Brady, who
heads the
Secret Service,
reluctantly
conceded
yesterday at
the White
House that the
agency is
looking into
the July 3,

1988, tour - one of several arranged by a Secret Service officer for lobbyist Craig J. Spence.

Meanwhile, White House sources confirmed that President Bush has followed the stories of the latenight visit and Mr. Spence's links to a homosexual prostitution ring under investigation by federal authorities since they were disclosed June 29 in The Washington Times. But top officials won't discuss the stories' substance, reportedly even among themselves.

"Mr. Bush knows about the story. Yes he does. He's aware of the story," said one White House source who, like virtually all the others, insisted on anonymity.

"Sir, were any Secret Service policies violated by Officer deGueldre's moonlighting relationship with Craig Spence, and, if so, what actions have you taken to correct that?" he was asked.

"Would you repeat that again?" Mr. Brady requested.

"Yes, sir, I'm talking about the UD [Uniformed Division] officer, Reginald deGueldre, who was working moonlighting for Craig Spence and who arranged the tours for him. I'm wondering if any Secret Service policies are violated by such moonlighting, and whether these visits to the White House are . . . "

Mr. Brady interrupted at that point and said, "I can't give you a precise answer on that now. We'll certainly look into it."

"You don't know if your own Secret Service is conducting an investigation into something that's been this prominent?" the secretary was then asked.

"I am sure they're looking into it," he said. "The nature of that investigation I cannot report to you at this time."

A Treasury Department spokeswoman said later, "The director of the Secret Service is looking into whether or not any policies have been violated" by the moonlighting or admission of outsiders to the White House compound.

She said neither Mr. Brady nor the Secret Service would comment on additional matters involved in a criminal investigation by the U.S. Attorney's Office of the homosexual prostitution ring that Mr. Spence patronized.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater and several of his deputies have said repeatedly that they do not know if Mr. Bush considered it appropriate for male prostitutes to be touring the White House at 1 a.m.

Press officers have rebuffed repeated requests to obtain Yesterday, while talking informally to several reporters Mr. Bush's reaction and decline to discuss investigations or fallout from the disclosures.

"I don't have anything on that," said Deputy Press Secretary B. Jay Cooper, the latest member of the press office to respond.

"There's no gain in talking about it," explained an official who declined to be quoted by name. "It only makes the story grow and helps keep it alive."

The president has not had "serious discussion" about the reports even with his most senior aides, including Chief of Staff John Sununu, according to another source.

Reports on the matter have been included in the Daily Press Summary, a comprehensive half-inch-thick digest of print and broadcast media stories and editorials prepared by a division of the White House press office for the president and aides throughout the complex.

Because the summary is an internal document, officials would not disclose its reports on the news stories. One official said, "I'm sure that the story was summarized, but the president also reads The Washington Times and The Washington Post."

Mr. Brady, the ranking administration official to speak publicly about the episode, appeared nonplussed when asked yesterday about Reginald A. deGueldre, a uniformed White House officer who moonlighted as Mr. Spence's bodyguard and arranged the late-night White House tours.

at the White House, Mr. Fitzwater parried one question this way: "What are they saying, that you should have sexual-preference checks on people that come into the White House?"

He also said, "We don't have any involvement that I know of."

Although he has talked repeatedly to individual reporters, including those for The Washington Times, Mr. Fitzwater has not held a general briefing since before the prostitution ring stories broke, largely because of the holiday weekend and because administration experts gave briefings on Mr. Bush's European trip, which begins Sunday.

The last of those briefings was scheduled for today, but Mr. Fitzwater reportedly was considering holding a general briefing as well, his first in nine days.

Mr. Fitzwater and his staff have declined consistently to say if they would take the question to Mr. Bush, a practice done only rarely and generally only on matters they expect the president might be willing to discuss.

One senior official, who insisted on anonymity, said it was unlikely any staff member would ask Mr. Bush such a question, discounting any threats to security and portraying it as a sordid sex matter beneath presidential dignity.

Photo, Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady concedes a probe is under way., Photo by Kevin T. Gilbert/The Washington Times,

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### Spence was target before raid on ring

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Craig J. Spence, the Washington lobbyist and power broker, was the subject of a Secret Service investigation even before a February raid on a homosexual prostitution ring to which he has been linked, The Washington Times has learned.

Mr. Spence arranged at least four midnight tours of the White House, including one June 29, 1988, on which he took with him a 15-year-old boy whom he falsely identified as his son.

The Secret Service last week expanded its investigation with inquiries about friends and associates of Mr. Spence.

Two of those friends are former U.S. Attorney Joseph diGenova and

his wife, Victoria Toensing, a former deputy assistant attorney general for the Justice Department's criminal division.

During interviews last week with friends and associates of Mr. Spence, the Secret Service made copies of photographs from a July 4, 1988, party showing him mugging for the camera with Mr. diGenova and Miss

Efforts to reach Mr. Spence during the past three weeks have been unsuccesful. He telephoned The Times on June 29 in response to a telefaxed message but hung up when asked about his activities. His fax machine number has since been disconnected.

Mr. diGenova was nominated by President Reagan to be U.S. attorney in 1983. Prior to that, he was an assistant U.S. attorney in the Washington office, chief counsel and staff director of the Senate Rules Committee and chief minority counsel for the Senate Judiciary Committee.

In 1981, as chief counsel for the Senate Rules Committee, Mr. diGenova was responsible for overseeing the Reagan transition after Republicans gained control of the Senate in the 1980 elections. From June 1975 to April 1976, Mr. diGenova was counsel to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, the so-called Church Committee that investigated allegations of CIA and FBI wrongdoing.

Mr. diGenova announced his resignation as U.S. attorney in January 1988, and he left office to begin his private practice on March 1.

Miss Toensing, who also is in private practice, was chief counsel for the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence from 1981 to 1984 when she resigned to join the Justice Department as a deputy assistant attorney general.

At Justice, she headed the criminal division's procurement fraud unit and was instrumental in a number of high-profile indictments, including several involving General Dynamics. She also was responsible for the investigation and prosecution of terrorists.

A number of photographs, including more than a dozen

Toensing, who in one photo is draped in an American flag.

It was on that same weekend that Mr. Spence arranged a 1 a.m. tour of the White House, which one participant said included two male prostitutes.

The Secret Service also wants to talk to Mr. Spence, but has been unable to locate him, according to persons the agents have interviewed.

Mr. diGenova couldn't be reached yesterday for comment. He has been interviewed twice by The Times over the past two weeks. In the first conversation, he described a fleeting contact with Mr. Spence which, he said, was based solely on mutual business interests.

In a second conversation, he said he attended a few of Mr. Spence's parties, as U.S. attorney and later after he left the government to enter private law practice. He eventually traveled to Japan last December on a business trip with Mr. Spence and Wayne Bishop, chairman of the Washington law firm of Bishop, Cook, Purcell & Reynolds, where Mr. diGenova works. Business contacts made on the trip proved fruitful and are still being pursued, he said.

"When I got back from Japan, some anonymous person suggested that he [Mr. Spence] might be using cocaine. Well, of course my antennae went up right away, and I checked those rumors out . . . and found much to my surprise that people suspected the worst," Mr. diGenova said.

At that point, Mr. diGenova said, he severed his relationship with Mr. Spence. He said he didn't report his findings or concerns to authorities.

Although the Secret Service hasn't said what sparked its interest in Mr. Spence, one of the persons questioned by the Secret Service said investigators appeared to be "interested" in the connections the lobbyist had made.

from the 1 a.m. White House tour, were taken over the July Fourth weekend in 1988 by a participant in Mr. Spence's revelries. The photos, copies of which were obtained last week by The Times, have been reviewed by the Secret Service.

Of the several snapshots of the July 4, 1988, tour reviewed by the Secret Service, only two - both of which included Mr. diGenova and his wife - were copied.

Craig Spence was a registered lobbyist for several Japanese firms through 1987 and established close friendships with a number of leading Japanese politicians, including Motoo Shiina, considered by Tokyo analysts to be an inside favorite to replace scandal-plagued Sousuke Uno as prime minister.

Mr. Spence and Mr. Shiina were embroiled in a real estate deal involving the house in Kalorama, a two-story Victorian showpiece valued last year by real estate agents at \$1.15 million.

By the time a lawsuit filed by Mr. Shiina over the property was settled, the Japanese official had admitted in court papers to giving Mr. Spence \$345,000 in cash.

Mr. Spence has told several current and former friends that he obtained the money to buy the house by blackmailing Mr. Shiina. Mr. Shiina has denied he was blackmailed by Mr. Spence.

The lobbyist moved in November 1988 from the Kalorama house, on Wyoming Avenue, to an apartment on Massachusetts Avenue NW, but apparently his operations remained unchanged.

A female prostitute who worked for the escort service that supplied Mr. Spence with call boys, said he hired her to have sex with young military men in his parttime employ.

The prostitute, describing herself as retired, said Mr. Spence ordered her to engage in those assignations in certain specific locations in his Massachusetts Avenue

The Secret Service was the lead agency in a Feb. 28 raid on a house on 34th Place NW used by a homosexual prostitution ring, a ring with which Mr. Spence spent up to \$20,000 a month, according to call boys, his friends and documents obtained by The Times.

The federal investigation, headed by the office of U.S. Attorney Jay Stephens and conducted by Secret Service agents, appears to be aimed at determining whether Reagan and Bush administration officials and others were compromised by Mr. Spence, through the use of female and male prostitutes and with electronic audio and video eavesdropping at parties at his house in the fashionable Kalorama neighborhood in Northwest Washington.

Another focus of the probe, persons interviewed by the Secret Service have told this newspaper, is whether White House security was compromised by the latenight tours arranged by Mr. Spence.

Mr. Stephens has said only that his office is investigating "possible credit-card fraud" in connection with arrests made in the 34th Place raid. But numerous sources have told The Times that the Secret Service is asking about Mr. Spence's activities.

Secret Service agents on Friday also asked a former Spence colleague detailed questions about attempts by the lobbyist to obtain information about the Delta Force, an elite U.S. commando team involved in top-secret military operations.

The former friend said Mr. Spence had given a gold Rolex watch to a highly decorated Vietnam veteran who is now associated with Army anti-terrorist units. Later, according to the former friend, Mr. Spence alluded to the gift of the watch and asked the veteran detailed questions about the Delta Force operations.

The Vietnam veteran was one of six persons on the July 3 White House tour, arranged by Mr. Spence. A uniformed Secret Service guard, who admitted the

apartment, enabling him to eavesdrop on the encounters. One of her clients, an enlisted man stationed at a local Army base, confirmed that he worked for Mr. Spence, and the prostitute's account.

"Some of the men were married," she said. "They told me he was using what I did with them against them."

Once, Mr. Spence's influence with the Washington power elite appeared almost limitless, demonstrated by his ability to arrange midnight tours of the White House. The Times has confirmed that Mr. Spence arranged at least four midnight tours of the White House, including one June 29, 1988, on which he took with him a 15-year-old boy whom he falsely identified as his son.

One man Mr. Spence apparently cultivated was a uniformed Secret Service officer assigned to the midnight shift at the White House. The officer, Reginald A. deGueldre, was interrogated for more than 10 hours last week about his association with Mr. Spence. Five Secret Service agents, armed with search warrants, searched his house for nearly two hours Friday night, although they wouldn't say what they were looking for. The agents seized several photographs from Mr. deGueldre's home.

Mr. deGueldre said he has been told he will be called to testify before a federal grand jury. According to one law enforcement official, Mr. deGueldre failed the portion of a polygraph test involving favors he may have done for Mr. Spence.

Photo, In a snapshot copied by the Secret Service, Craig J. Spence (right) and former U.S. Attorney Joseph diGenova watch Mr. diGenova's wife, former Deputy Assistant Attorney General Victoria Toensing, clown at a party.; Photo, Reginald A. deGauldre, a uniformed Secret Service officer, holds the door to the White House open for two of the six persons who were given a tour at 1 a.m. on July 3, 1988. The tour, arranged by Craig J. Spence, is the subject of a Secret Service probe. The photo was taken by another tour pa [rticipant.]

group to the White House and served as an unofficial host, also told The Times that he had received a gold Rolex watch worth about \$8,000 from Mr. Spence but said Mr. Spence had asked for nothing in return.

Mr. Spence collected key officials of the Reagan and Bush administrations, media celebrities and high-ranking military officers, among others, for his glittery dinner parties at his Kalorama home. According to friends, visitors to Mr. Spence's Wyoming Avenue NW house and records, the host eavesdropped on some gatherings to compromise guests and blackmailed some associates with threats to disclose their indiscretions.

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#### **CORRECTION:**

Due to an editing error, a story Monday in The Washington Times incorrectly said that photographs of former U.S. Attorney Joseph diGenova and his wife, Victoria Toensing, an ex-deputy assistant attorney general, were taken during a July 3, 1988, tour of the White House arranged by former Washington lobbyist Craig J. Spence.

Mr. diGenova and Ms. Toensing did not go on the July 3 tour, which, according to one participant included two male prositutes. However, the couple did attend a party at Mr. Spence's house on the same weekend, during which the photographs were taken.

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### Spence ma[y] be Shiina's downfall

Edward Neilan The Washington Times, Part A; Pg. A1 July 18, 1989, Tuesday, Final Edition

#### **TOKYO**

apanese nuclear-physicist-turned-politician **Motoo Shiina** has been described here as "a good friend of the United States" - and as a shrewd businessman who may have passed U.S. aerospace secrets to the Soviet Union.

Mr. Shiina, 54, a member of

Mr. Imai said political circles around Nagatacho - the Tokyo area akin to Washington's Capitol Hill - are talking more and more these days about stories in The Washington Times about Mr. Spence and Mr. Shiina.

He said some rumors hold that the Central Intelligence Agency cooked up the whole thing to discredit Mr. Shiina.

"I hope Mr. Shiina is not such a bad guy as was described in recent Japanese periodicals' reports," said Mr. Imai. "It has been believed that he will sooner or later become foreign minister. But because of this scandalous news, he may have some difficulties in reaching a Cabinet post or beyond.

The magazine
"Shukan Shincho," a
popular weekly, raised
past allegations that
Mr. Shiina leaked
sensitive U.S.
information to the
Soviet Union allegations the
magazine said have
never been explained.

Japan's lower House of Representatives, has been keeping an extremely low profile lately amid a swirling scandal involving his relationship with Craig J. Spence, a onetime U.S. lobbyist for Japan and business

unprecedentedly defensive campaign," he said.

An article profiling Mr. Shiina published 10 years ago in The Daily Yomiuri English-language newspaper began:

elections for which they are waging an

" 'What should I say about myself?' he asks smilingly, taking a slow, deep drag at his cigarette between sips of hot, steaming coffee which Hideko, his charming wife, had served. Meanwhile, outside, the gently falling snow had blanketed Shiina's quite ample garden, giving up an impression of serene quiet.

"The news that Mr. Shiina was closely associated with

Mr. Spence was quite a shock to LDP members and

those in the Diet. But a possible examination into the

matter will not come before the July 23 Upper House

"In his well-modulated voice, Motoo talked of what he calls his 'humble' existence.

"Not so, for this diminutive (5 feet, 5 inches) man has been his father's active and devoted campaigner for a number of years. His father is Etsusaburo Shiina, former vice-president of the ruling Liberal-Democratic Party, Diet member, ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs, ex-Minister of International Trade and Industry (MITI) and ex-Minister of Finance."

The article said Mr. Shiina spent his campus days at Nagoya University, graduating in 1954 with a major in nuclear physics, a field in which he was awarded a scholarship by the U.S. State Department for one-year's study of nuclear reactors at the Argonne National Laboratory in Chicago.

Leaving his infant daughter behind with his mother, a friend was found to sponsor Hideko's stay in the United States. "It was quite tough for both of us, but somehow we managed," he told The Daily Yomiuri, crediting his success to his wife's devotion and care.

On his return to Japan in 1954, the younger Shiina set up his own company which manufactures precision instruments. He founded two other companies, one a

associate of Mr. Shiina's.

Mr. Shiina has declined to answer telephone inquiries on his dealings with Mr. Spence, but has responded cautiously to direct questions through a lawyer, Chikahiko Soda. The questions have dealt mainly with a loan by Mr. Shiina to Mr. Spence to purchase the Wyoming Avenue NW house where homosexual parties took place.

"If his [Mr. Shiina's] involvement in any of this is true, then it would create a serious political problem for Shiina and his political life will probably be damaged considerably," said Hisao Imai, a well-known Japanese political commentator.

Mr. Imai, head of the Japan Commentators Association and a former political editor of Sankei Shimbun newspaper, said yesterday that there is hope among younger ruling Liberal Democratic Party members that Mr. Shiina will be a future party leader or even prime minister.

"If we lose him, this is a great loss not only for the LDP [the ruling Liberal Democratic Party] but for the nation," Mr. Imai said.

"The reason that Mr. Shiina is touted as a rising star is that he has been previously untainted by any scandal and he is an internationalist," said another political commentator, Kan Ito.

With his own independent style of diplomacy he has established himself as a leading expert on U.S.-Japan relations, analysts said.

Although several Diet members speaking anonymously yesterday described Mr. Shiina as a "true internationalist" and "good friend of the United States," one Japanese magazine came close to calling him a spy for the Soviet Union.

The magazine "Shukan Shincho," a popular weekly, raised past allegations that Mr. Shiina leaked sensitive U.S. information to the Soviet Union - allegations the magazine said have never been explained.

The magazine quoted a newsman covering the Japan Defense Agency as saying that General Dynamics Corp. in 1979 allowed Mr. Shiina to photograph on microfilm specifications of the new F-16 fighter.

In exchange, the newsman was quoted as saying, Mr. Shiina agreed to lobby for the company's involvement in the joint U.S.-Japan production of the FSX jet fighter.

The magazine noted that stories surfaced in Japan that the technical data of the F-16 was leaked to the Soviet Union by "the son of an influential Japanese politician." No name was given, but the magazine followed with a description of Mr. Shiina's father, the late Etsusaburo Shiina, who was a former LDP kingmaker and holder of several key Cabinet posts.

But Mr. Ito said yesterday, "Any charges that he is soft on the Soviet Union doesn't add up in my opinion. He's always speaking out about the Soviet buildup in Northeast Asia."

Mr. Ito also said, "Mr. Shiina is regarded as well-informed on foreign affairs and defense matters and has been known to criticize both ruling and opposition

joint venture with an American firm, according to newspaper reports that provided no additional details.

Mr. Shiina's lawyer said yesterday of his client's business affairs, only that he resigned as an officer of the Tokyo-registered company Samutaku Co. Ltd. on becoming a Diet member in 1979 but still holds a large number of shares in the company and remains an adviser.

In addition, Mr. Shiina in 1979 was a board member of two non-profit organizations - the World Economic Information Service and the Asian Club, the latter funded by MITI.

Mr. Shiina told a reporter at the time that World Economic Information Service collates and studies economic information from all over the world for the guidance of the Japanese government and business world."

The Asian Club, established in 1975, aimed at "promoting economic goals." Mr. Shiina told an interviewer prior to his first election that he devoted much time to a private organization called Participation which sent out Japanese artists and musicians to various Southeast Asian countries.

On July 5, The Washington Times published a story describing a business deal between Mr. Shiina and Mr. Spence in which the latter made more than \$700,000 in four years working for Mr. Shiina's Policy Study Group.

Mr. Spence also bought a Kalorama house using cash loaned to him by Mr. Shiina. When he refused to pay back the loan, Mr. Shiina sued.

\* Special correspondent Hiroyasu Tomaru contributed to this report.

members for talking nonsense on those subjects in the Diet."

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### First lady not worried about hookers' tour of White House

Paul Bedard The Washington Times; Part A; WORLD; Pg. A10 July 10, 1989, Monday, Final Edition

WARSAW, POLAND

First lady Barbara Bush said yesterday that the Secret Service investigation of a late night White House tour that reportedly included two male prostitutes has not raised security questions the first family is worried about.

Mrs. Bush added that "I'm not into all of this" and said it was "good" that The Washington Post wasn't following The Times' story.

Speaking publicly for the first time about the July 3, 1988, tour arranged by former Washington lobbyist Craig J. Spence, Mrs. Bush said she and her husband have no fears of Mrs. Bush added that "I'm not into all of this" and said it was "good" that The Washington Post wasn't following The Times' story.

Ever since The Times first reported the tour on June 29, the White House has avoided comment. Last week, Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, who heads the Secret Service, reluctantly confirmed reports of a Secret Service investigation.

Presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the service hasn't raised security concerns for the White House as a result of the probe.

White House officials have said that the midnight tours such as those arranged for Mr. Spence do not threaten the First Family's security because they are allowed only in office areas and not the residence.

The tours for Mr. Spence, who has been linked to a federal investigation of a Washington homosexual prostitution ring that catered to government, media and business officials, were set up by Reginald A. deGueldre, a uniformed White House officer who moonlighted as the lobbyist's bodyguard.

Mr. Fitzwater said the Secret Service is "looking into the action" of the officer.

a security breach.

"Not at all," she told reporters on Air Force One shortly after it took off from Andrews Air Force Base en route here for the first leg of a 10-day European trip by President Bush.

Mrs. Bush, noting that she reads all of the stories printed in the Daily Press Summary, a half-inch thick digest of stories in the print and electronic media, said the reports about the scandal uncovered by The Washington Times haven't alarmed her.

"There haven't been a lot of stories in our house about it," she said.

White House officials have said any staff member with the proper credentials such as those held by Mr. deGueldre can give private tours, and after-hours tours are encouraged because they don't disturb those working during the day. The tours commonly include a view of the Oval Office.

"I think they've [The Times] overblown the White House angle. No one knows who these guys are," said one administration official, referring to the associates of Mr. Spence named so far in The Times.

But, he added, the White House continues to closely follow the story.

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## Secret Service furloughs third White House guard

Jerry Seper, and Michael Hedges The Washington Times; Part A; NATION; Pg. A3 July 26, 1989, Wednesday, Final Edition

The Secret Service, looking into possible security breaches at the White House during late-night tours arranged by former Washington lobbyist Craig J. Spence, has placed a third White House guard on administrative leave.

One law enforcement official said that, while many Secret Service officers and others have taken relatives and friends through the White House on special tours, they usually occur between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., and that 1 a.m. tours - as arranged by Mr. Spence - are "totally out of the ordinary."

Officer deGueldre has acknowledged knowing Mr. Spence and attending parties the Washington lobbyist held at his Wyoming Avenue mansion. The officer also admitted during interrogation by the Secret Service, according to an affidavit filed in U.S. District Court, that he removed valuable china and other items from the White House, some of which ended up in Mr. Spence's house.

Officer deGueldre also told The Washington Times he had accepted an \$8,000 gold Rolex watch from Mr. Spence. It is not clear what Mr. deGueldre did for Mr. Spence, if anything, or what favors might have been expected.

The officer has denied any wrongdoing.

Mr. Spence's name surfaced following a Feb. 28 raid by the Secret Service, Metropolitan Police and U.S. marshals on a house at 6004 34th Place NW, where a homosexual prostitution ring was operating. Credit card vouchers showed that the lobbyist, who has worked as a registered foreign agent for various Japanese organizations, spent as much as \$20,000 a month on call boy services.

Mr. Spence has not been available for comment.

Alleged credit card fraud involving a number of escort services that sent male prostitutes to the 34th Place house is currently under investigation by the office of U.S. Attorney Jay Stephens. Mr. Stephens has declined to discuss the matter.

The Secret Service has jurisdiction over credit card crimes.

According to several people who were on the White House tours arranged by Mr. Spence, the Washington lobbyist put together at least four tours of the presidential mansion last year, two of which - June 29 and Nov. 22 - he attended personally.

The June 29 tour, according to several of Mr. Spence's friends, occurred after the Washington lobbyist visited the ABC television studios of Nightline and introduced a 15-year-old boy, identified as his son, Will, to anchorman Ted Koppel.

Several of the persons who went on the White House tours have been interviewed by the Secret Service about Mr. deGueldre and Mr. Spence. **Those** interviewed said investigators were concerned

The June 29 tour, according to several of Mr. Spence's friends, occurred after the Washington lobbyist visited the ABC television studios of Nightline and introduced a 15-year-old boy, identified as his son, Will, to anchorman Ted Koppel.

Secret Service officials also interviewed a captain on the White House security detail for more than seven hours over the weekend, although he remains on the job, according to law enforcement officials.

The reason for the lengthy

questioning of Capt. Joseph Shober - four hours Saturday and three hours Sunday - was not immediately known, and Capt. Shober was not available yesterday for comment.

He was the supervisor of Officer Reginald A. deGueldre and the other suspended officers during the period when the late-night White House tours,

including one July 3, 1988, that reportedly included two male prostitutes, occurred, officials said.

The uniformed Secret Service officer who was placed on administrative leave Monday night, whom Secret Service spokesman Rich Adams refused to identify, worked some of the same midnight shifts as Officer deGueldre and another uniformed guard placed on administrative leave last week.

Mr. Adams also declined to comment on why the third officer was relieved of his duties or why Capt. Shober was questioned. "This is an internal matter and beyond that I just can't comment," he said. "It is an ongoing investigation, and we are talking to a number of people. Just because we're talking to someone does not make them a subject of the investigation."

The Secret Service investigation, authorities said, is aimed at determining if White House security was breached during late-night tours arranged by Mr. Spence and attended by several of his friends.

about possible security breaches and about Mr. Spence's connections to well-placed military and government officials, but that the agents did not elaborate.

One tour participant said some of the items allegedly taken out of the White House by Mr. deGueldre might have been smuggled out during at least one of the Spence-arranged tours. The participant said Mr. deGueldre handed over a sealed box containing "somethign that rolled around" and asked that it be hand-delivered to Mr. Spence.

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A portion of the editorial said: "One child, who has been under psychiatric care, is said to believe that she saw George Bush at one of King's parties. This is the same person whose story of a severed head was looked into. Neither tale could be verified."

That sounds familiar, Satanism, child abuse, and grave desecration is not new.... We hear about it in the news and we see some kid dressed in black with suicidal lyrics.. but where did they learn this behaviour?

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The litmus test for the next president, The Clintonistas must not be pardoned.

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### SEX PARTY HELD AT AUSSIE EMBASSY 'WE'RE NOT TALKING CROCODILE DUNDEE HERE'

Michael Hedges and Jerry Seper Washington Times; Final Section: A Page: A1 Friday, July 28, 1989

Three female prostitutes took part in a sex party at the Australian Embassy in November that included several members of the embassy staff, according to one of the women involved who worked for an escort service now under federal investigation.

She said she had been to Mr. Spence's house on at least four occasions and that during each visit she had sex with young soldiers whom Mr. Spence bragged he was blackmailing

The prostitutes had sex with at least three men each during the party that lasted a little longer than three hours, said the woman. She said she was paid \$800 in "crisp, new \$100 bills" after

"I saw no good reason to disbelieve her story," said Tony Coghlan, the Network Ten bureau chief in New York City who interviewed the former prostitute. "She came to us in good faith and didn't ask to be paid.

"I talked with her at great length and grilled her about the incident and the embassy. It was my feeling she was telling the truth," he said.

Mr. Coghlan said the factors which led to the embassy staff concluding the episode probably did not occur did not impress him, and that he found the woman's depiction of the event consistent with his knowledge of the embassy and Australian customs.

Neale Prior, a reporter for the Sydney Morning Herald, said his newspaper published a story yesterday recounting the television report. He said the paper planned a follow-up account in today's editions.

"This story has only broken in Australia four hours ago," Mr. Prior said yesterday. "If more comes out on it, there will be a big reaction here."

Yesterday, Brett Bayly, press officer at the embassy, said, "Frankly, we're just puzzled. We haven't been able to take it any further."

Kunjurit "Dennis" Singh, the man who operates

the job.

The young blonde former prostitute, who asked that she not be identified, described the men she had sex with as middle-aged, adding, "We're not talking Crocodile Dundee here."

The escort service which employed the woman is one of several tied to a Washington area homosexual prostitution ring that serviced officials of the Reagan and Bush administrations, military officers, media representatives, lawyers, businessmen and others.

The former prostitute also said she had sexual encounters with U.S. military personnel at the behest of former Washington lobbyist Craig J. Spence, a major client of the male call-boy ring, and with a high-ranking Canadian diplomat at his waterfront Georgetown home.

She provided details about her jobs, including the names of some clients, which have been confirmed by The Washington Times.

Both the diplomat and one of Mr. Spence's soldier-bodyguards have admitted they had sex with the woman under the exact circumstances she described.

The U.S. Attorney's Office is probing alleged credit card fraud involving the escort services, and the Secret Service is looking into possible security breaches that may have occurred during late-night tours of the White House arranged by Mr. Spence for his friends. Two male prostitutes went on one of the tours, according to a person who participated in the 1 a.m. White House walk-through.

The former prostitute, who was interviewed on several occasions by The Times, described in detail paid sexual meetings with foreign diplomats, both in their homes and in Massachusetts Avenue embassies, scheduled through Jet Set, the escort service which the woman said supplied the Australian Embassy party.

the Jet Set escort service, admitted that the three women worked for the service during 1988, but he declined to name specific jobs on which they were dispatched.

"This is confidential, like a dating service," Mr. Singh said. "I can't tell you who was dating whom."

He said the men and women working for him were paid only to spend time with clients, adding that he was unaware of any illegal sexual activities which occurred on these dates.

One of the prostitutes employed by Mr. Singh said she was given a W-2 form at the end of the year listing her job as "escort."

The former prostitute provided names of some of her embassy clients, including a key official at the Canadian Embassy for whom she said she was hired for sex at his Georgetown house.

The Canadian official originally denied the encounter. But after he was provided with detailed information about himself, his habits and his Georgetown home - all described by the former prostitute - he said his personal life was "none of the newspaper's business" and asked that his name not be used to spare him embarrassment.

Wesley Pruden, managing editor of The Times, said when the newspaper first broke the sex ring story that names of participants would not be made public unless their involvement appeared to compromise U.S. or friendly nation security.

The former prostitute, who has taken a legitimate job and said she has put her past behind her, also in a relatively brief period had sexual liaisons with a number of wealthy businessmen while working for an escort service at 34th Place NW, which federal authorities raided in February, according to her recollections and diaries she kept at the time.

The service was one of several that, according to

The woman said that during the late afternoon November embassy party, the group, which included the two other women she came with, a few other women she believed were prostitutes and a dozen or more men, met in one large office-type room.

"The men I had sex with took me one at a time into a smaller room nearby which was like an office, it had office-type furniture," the woman said.

The men never identified themselves beyond first names, she said. "There wasn't a lot of small talk. We were there for one thing."

The woman also described the interior of the embassy, correctly gave its address and location on Massachusetts Avenue, and depicted the furnishings of the room where she said the sex occurred.

Australian Embassy officials, when told on July 6 of the woman's allegations concerning the party, originally said they would turn the information over to U.S. Attorney Jay Stephens for a full investigation.

However, John McCarthy, minister of congressional liaison for the embassy, said during a second interview with The Times that he and his staff had conducted an extensive internal investigation - coordinated by Australian Federal Police stationed at the embassy - and, while not ruling out the possibility that the November affair had occurred, had concluded that the woman's story was "improbable."

A report of that investigation concluded, "We cannot completely exclude that a clandestine function did occur, but our investigations have made clear that it would have required a great deal of planning beforehand to gain entry surreptitiously."

The report said, "The embassy's investigations produced no corroboration of the allegations."

An Australian television station, informed of the woman's charges by The Times, met with the former prostitute and determined that her story was valid. A

federal authorities and others, accepted cash, checks and credit cards to pay for prostitution activities - from both men and women.

The former prostitute said she had worked on numerous occasions for Mr. Spence, the once powerful Washington lobbyist whose name has surfaced in the probe of the homosexual prostitution ring. She said she had been to Mr. Spence's house on at least four occasions and that during each visit she had sex with young soldiers whom Mr. Spence bragged he was blackmailing.

One of the soldiers, now working on a prestigious detail at Fort Myer, admitted he worked for Mr. Spence, and also that he spent time with a female prostitute while at Mr.Spence's Massachusetts Avenue apartment. He said he was paid several hundred dollars to provide security at various parties Mr. Spence hosted.

The former prostitute said on one occasion Mr. Spence forced her to take a bath with two men and him, which degenerated into "an unhappy outing."

The woman said that one of the soldiers contacted her a few months after the bathtub incident and told her Mr. Spence had shown pictures of them having sex to the soldier's wife and that it led to a separation.

The soldier told her that Mr. Spence initially blackmailed him into "beating up a couple guys" to keep his wife from finding out, she said. But Mr. Spence "burned him anyway" because the soldier refused to have sex with him, the woman said.

Photo, The Australian embassy in Washington., By The Washington Times story concerning the allegations ran yesterday on an Australian network news program.

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I bet you get yanked from the board, I think the establishment wants Bush in office no matter what the cost.

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### SPENCE ELUSIVE, SAID TO BE EVERYWHERE BUT ISN'T

Jerry Seper and Michael Hedges Washington Times, Final Section: A Page: A1 Thursday, August 3, 1989

Where in the world is Craig Spence?

A lot of people say they know, but the sightings of Mr. Spence, the mysterious Washington lobbyist who wined and dined the city's power elite while patronizing a call-boy ring now under U.S. investigation, so far are as reliable as the sightings of Elvis.

A former college classmate of Mr. Spence's, who doesn't profess to know where he is, is nevertheless willing to speculate about what disguise he might be wearing.

The woman said she attended Boston University with Mr. Spence in the 1960s and that for two years he faked an Australian accent, that only through recent press accounts did certain old friends learn that he had not been the Australian exchange student he said he was.

Recently, Secret Service agents investigating how Mr. Spence might have breached White House security with late-night tours searched with a warrant his Massachusetts Avenue apartment. The building manager said federal authorities had searched the

Some friends of Mr. Spence cling to the fanciful story - told often by the shadowy lobbyist - that he is on "one last desperate mission" for the CIA. He often predicted his own demise, cautioning friends not to take any account of his death at face value.

He (Mr. Spence, not Elvis) was seen on a bus at 28th and P streets last week.

Or the flamboyant Washington influence peddler recently made several appearances at a Georgetown disco - sans cape.

Or the man the

U.S. Secret Service has sought - apparently unsuccessfully - to answer questions about midnight tours of the White House, is hiding out in a friend's New York City apartment.

Or he's curled up along a canal in Italy with his favorite book, "Death in Venice."

Or he's in Tokyo, sipping martinis with his favorite bartender, Hirosumi Toyama, at the Tokyo Hilton.

Or he's at his boyhood hometown, Boston - or was that in New Hampshire?

Or he's in the green room on the "Nightline" set at the ABC-TV studios in Northwest, waiting to be interviewed by his longtime friend, Ted Koppel.

One member of Washington's netherworld, a procurer of prostitutes who claimed to have subcontracted lots of work for Mr. Spence, says he knows for a fact that Mr. Spence has been staying in Clearwater, Fla., with a Washington lawyer.

Reporters investigating that particular late-night tip lost While Mr. Spence has been a scarce commodity in the

apartment at least twice.

One tenant of the building reported agents were staking out the place and "looking very obvious." Nevertheless, the agency was said to have been consistently thwarted in its efforts to interview Mr. Spence.

Mr. Spence had led some of his friends to believe that he was seriously - perhaps even terminally - ill. To others, he fostered the image of a man pursuing one last main chance in the Far East or in Europe.

His recent activity was quite a departure from a man who once created the illusion of great influence.

When Mr. Spence resurfaces, he must deal with a federal investigation headed by the office of U.S. Attorney Jay Stephens. Mr. Stephens' office insists for the record it's an investigation of credit-card fraud.

But other law enforcement authorities, among others, say the Secret Service was interested in Mr. Spence even before the February raid on a homosexualprostitution ring headquarters that led to the capitol's summer scandal.

One person the Secret Service questioned for more than three hours said investigators were "interested" in Mr. Spence's connections to well-placed government and military officials.

This person, one of six who took a July 1988 White House tour arranged by Mr. Spence, said Secret Service investigators indicated that their concern about the former lobbyist "did not result as an outgrowth of the February raid."

**Questions asked by Secret Service investigators** about Mr. Spence's activities were "not specifically and singularly tied to credit-card fraud," as suggested by Mr. Stephens. The service still won't talk about what it's doing.

enthusiasm when they found out the lawyer had died in flesh, his spirit lingers among many of his friends. January.

Some friends of Mr. Spence cling to the fanciful story - told often by the shadowy lobbyist - that he is on "one last desperate mission" for the CIA. He often predicted his own demise, cautioning friends not to take any account of his death at face value.

Several say they have experienced a rash of hangup calls at odd hours.

"It's what Craig used to do when he was upset with someone," said one friend. "It's classic behavior for him."

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## SPENCE ARRESTED IN N.Y., RELEASED BIZARRE INTERVIEW IS NO NIGHT ON THE TOWN

Jerry Seper and Michael Hedges Washington Times; Final Section: A Page: A1 Wednesday, August 9, 1989

NEW YORK -

He must have thought he was still wearing his redlined black cape, his wide-brimmed black felt hat and his trademark silk handkerchief dangling at a precise angle from his tailored Edwardian-cut suit. He walked from chair to chair in the apartment, staying only briefly in each spot. He pointed, grabbed, poked and pushed at the reporters to make a point or to avoid a question. He intermittently leaned forward to strike out at his questioners and then leaned back in a defensive mode, lowering his body into whatever chair was at hand.

He refused to answer inquiries he deemed "stupid" and said several times he was going to "terminate" the interview, jumping out of a chair to run to the door. He nearly left on one occasion but couldn't figure out how the locks on the sturdy wooden door worked.

His plain white knit shirt was wrinkled and soiled, with smudge marks but New York City 9mm handgun. "The Spence said. "Just or rear."

Mr. Spence threatened on four occasions to kill himself. He had planned to do so last week, he said, but New York City police had taken away his loaded 9mm handgun. "That's the great terminator," Mr. Spence said. "Just open your mouth and point to the rear."

"How do you think a little faggot like me moved in the circles I did?" Mr. Spence asked, his hand fondling the razor blade like the flesh of a lover. "It's because I had contacts at the highest levels of this government.

on the back and shoulders from a night on a bench in Central Park. His high-top white Reebok athletic shoes were scuffed, his pants rumpled and loose.

With his belt missing, an unshaven Craig J. Spence - the

onetime Washington lobbyist of the rich and powerful who is a focus of a federal investigation - kept tugging at his pleated khaki pants to keep them from falling down.

"Do you know who you are talking to?" he demanded in a loud voice as he moved his back along a wall of a friend's fashionable East Side apartment, his right hand tightly clutching a razorblade dispenser from which he slid a double-edged blade. "Do you have any idea who I am?"

So began a rambling, eight-hour interview of Craig Spence, the object of a monthlong search by print and television reporters and agents of the Secret Service. The interview ran from midafternoon Monday until shortly before midnight.

Federal authorities have been pursuing him as part of an investigation into allegations of credit-card fraud involving a Washington-based homosexual prostitution ring he frequented and possible security breaches during late-night tours of the White House that he arranged.

After an initial and volatile discussion about suicide and a tense moment in a narrow hallway during which he menaced two reporters with the razor, Mr. Spence decided to hold court to "impart a few words of"

The only suicide weapon he had left was the white plastic dispenser of cheap double-edged razor blades, which he displayed threateningly. He fingered the dispenser constantly throughout the interview, pushing one of the blades halfway out to create a knifelike effect.

"The man who cuts himself across the veins is looking for help," Mr. Spence said, his right hand moving the razor slowly along his outstretched left arm. "The man who cuts down the vein is looking to die."

He pulled the razor along his arm lengthwise and smiled, then suddenly moved the thin blade to the chest of one of the two reporters and then to the other. There was silence for a few seconds, then he spoke.

"I am not a person to fool with. You should know that by now," Mr. Spence said.

His threat soon ended, however, when he remembered he hadn't eaten dinner. A mugger in Central Park, he said, had taken his last \$100, borrowed the day before from a friend, who also had paid off the last \$400 of a \$5,000 bill for three days in the penthouse at the Parker Meridien. His credit charges had exceeded the card's limit, and he had had no cash to make up the difference.

"I felt sorry for him," said the friend, who asked not to be identified.

The friend, in whose apartment the interview took place, later discovered that \$300 stashed in a jewelry box was missing.

Once he arrived at a nearby restaurant, Ronasi Ristoranti Italiano, Mr. Spence's mood changed again. He became loud and demanding, ordering the waiters around with the snap of his fingers and shouting various vulgarities obviously aimed at shocking both the restaurant's employees and its patrons.

He issued cooking instructions to the chef and chastised the busboys for almost everything.

wisdom" and to "educate the unwashed" about journalism, politics, government operations, life and death.

"Death, you know, is only painful to the ones you leave behind," he said, congratulating himself on what he suggested was an excellent quote and encouraging the reporters to write it down. "As a matter of fact, I'm looking forward to it.

"At 48, I'll still look good in hell."

What followed was bizarre, highlighted by moments of brilliance and wit, outrageous and obnoxious behavior, unbridled and spontaneous humor, and profound and unrelenting bragging.

"How do you think a little faggot like me moved in the circles I did?" Mr. Spence asked, his hand fondling the razor blade like the flesh of a lover. "It's because I had contacts at the highest levels of this government.

"They'll deny it," he said, his voice rising with anger. "But how do they make me go away, when so many of them have been at my house, at my parties and at my side?"

Mr. Spence's recollections of times past are filled with the names of many of Washington's powerful and those of influential men and women from other countries. Most of the claims are documented in dozens of filings at the Department of Justice, which are required of lobbyists who work for foreign governments.

What they all had in common, Mr. Spence said, was that they used him for their personal gain, and when things went bad, they forgot his name.

"I can't think of one person who hasn't benefited personally from knowing me," he said. "I had the world at my house, and now they don't know who I am."

During the interview, Mr. Spence picked continually at

Mr. Spence, a frequent visitor to Italy, found nothing on the menu to his liking. He ordered a special pasta dish with red, white and green noodles - "just like the Italian flag, but you probably didn't know that," he shouted at the waiter. He demanded minestrone soup, but only after being assured that the vegetables in it were fresh.

He complimented one of the reporters for his choice of wines, selected only because it happened to be the least expensive on the menu, and then proceeded to order three bottles of it.

While lecturing those at his table on proper etiquette, Mr. Spence spilled his wine, knocked over his water glass (which flooded his appetizer of baked clams) and blew his nose on the white linen tablecloth.

After ordering chocolate cake for dessert, he berated the waiter because the piece was too small. "I want to see something brown on this white plate," Mr. Spence shouted. "I see nothing here now." The waiter, quite unhappy at this point, cut another piece and returned it to the table. His waiter's benediction, "enjoy," seemed forced.

At the dinner's end, Mr. Spence borrowed \$10 for cab fare to the Plaza Hotel on Central Park South, where he said he had left his luggage. He said he'd be available to continue the interview in an hour.

He disappeared into the night, not to be seen again.

Photo, Craig J. Spence, By Peter Kolk/Special to The Washington Times

Photo, The Secret Service has searched Craig Spence's Massachusetts Avenue apartment twice to see if his late-night tours breached White House security., By Peter Kolk/Special to The Washington Times

his nose and rubbed his finger across the outline of his shabby mustache. He snorted and coughed up mucus. He constantly rubbed his left eye until it was red, and he said his vision was blurred.

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### Spence arrested in N.Y., released; Once-host to powerful reduced to begging, sleeping in park

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### **NEW YORK**

Craig J. Spence, the once-powerful Washington lobbyist under scrutiny by the Secret Service for latenight White House tours and theft from the presidential mansion, was arrested here last week for carrying a loaded gun and crack cocaine.

Among those who frequented his parties were journalists Eric Sevareid, Ted Koppel and William Safire; former CIA Director William Casey; the late John Mitchell, attorney general in the Nixon administration; conservative activist Phyllis Schlafly; then-Ambassador to Korea (now to China) James Lilley; and Gen. Alfred M. Gray, commandant of the Marine Corps.

Arnaud de Borchgrave, editor-in-chief of The Times, said he went to dinner once at Mr. Spence's home, to honor Mr. Lilley.

Even in recent months, Mr. Spence insisted, he retained enough cachet to set up large business negotiations such as one between the Washington law firm of Bishop, Cook, Purcell and Reynolds - represented by former U.S. Attorney Joseph diGenova - and a major computer manufacturer, Compaq.

He said influential persons such as Mr. diGenova, although aware of his increasing use of drugs, courted him for his network of business connections.

Mr. diGenova was in Hawaii yesterday and could not

Mr. Spence, who has spent recent weeks prowling this city's finest hotels, cutting deals with inmates to protect himself Mr. Spence hinted the tours were arranged by "top-level" officials, including Donald Gregg, national security adviser to Vice President Bush and now ambassadordesignate to South Korea.

"Who was it who got Felix Rodriguez [the CIA's former Costa Rica station chief, who became embroiled in the Iran-Contra affair] in to see Bush?" in jail and eventually sleeping on a bench in Central Park, faces up to eight years in prison.

Monday, in a tense eight-hour interview with The Washington Times at a friend's apartment where reporters had tracked him, Mr. Spence said the discovery in 1986 that he had AIDS triggered his descent into

using call boys and crack.

In a conversation that plumbed the depths of morbidity and self-pity, Mr. Spence caressed a shiny, double-edged razor blade he said he would ultimately use to kill himself and alluded frequently to his impending suicide, a move he said he would take before AIDS debilitates him.

Asked how he thought he would be remembered in Washington, he quoted Carl Sandburg: "Does it matter in the dust and the cool tombs . . . "

Mr. Spence said he left Washington early in July after becoming aware - through news accounts - of the Secret Service investigation. He spent several nights in expensive hotels in New York, rapidly spending his diminishing funds, according to hotel records and his account.

be reached for comment. A secretary, told of the nature of the inquiry, said she could not divulge Mr. diGenova's vacation telephone number. In earlier interviews, the former federal prosecutor said he went to Japan with Mr. Spence and Mr. Bishop in 1988 on business.

"When I got back from Japan, some anonymous person suggested that [Mr. Spence] might be using cocaine. Well, of course, my antennae went up right away and I checked those rumors out . . . and found much to my surprise that people suspected the worst," Mr. diGenova said.

At that point, Mr. diGenova said, he severed his relationship with Mr. Spence. "When you compared it to his other eccentric behavior, it made sense. But I had no evidence whatsoever." he said.

Mr. diGenova said he never took his concern that Mr. Spence might be using drugs to authorities and said he had never witnessed cocaine use by Mr. Spence or others at the parties.

A spokeswoman for Compaq, which is based in Houston, said yesterday that the firm had no record of any contact with Mr. Spence. She said, however, that there had been dealings with Mr. Bishop's law firm, but she declined to say what they were.

By Monday, Mr. Spence's flash had been replaced by the grim residue of his recent three-day stay in a New York City jail and a fitful night on a Central Park bench during which, he said, muggers had lifted the last few dollars he'd borrowed from a friend.

Located by reporters at the stylish apartment of a friend near Central Park, Mr. Spence first resisted, then relished describing his career.

After initial jobs in Massachusetts politics and as a correspondent for ABC News in Vietnam, Mr. Spence began focusing on Far Eastern affairs, he said.

Mr. Spence said his "genius" was in recognizing

He was arrested July 31 at the Barbizon Hotel on East 63rd Street in Manhattan. According to police records, police took Mr. Spence into custody after a disturbance there. A loaded 9mm pistol was seized, along with a small amount of crack.

He spent parts of the next three days in jail before being released on personal recognizance Aug. 2. He faces another hearing Aug. 28. Maximum sentences for the charges against him total eight years in prison.

Mr. Spence's account of the episode considerably colored the drab prose of police reports. He said he had set up a meeting with a call boy who arrived with drugs.

When the male escort attempted to steal \$10,000 in cash and traveler's checks from his room, according to Mr. Spence and police reports, Mr. Spence started the ruckus that led to the arrest.

"They put me in the Tombs [slang for the New York jail] for three days without a phone call," Mr. Spence said. "I survived by offering to be the valet to the biggest thug there, a man appropriately named Heavy, and giving him half my bologna sandwich. I had to teach him not to pronounce it 'val-ay' like some parking attendant."

Mr. Spence, who is central to an investigation into the theft of Truman administration china from the White House and a male call-boy ring raided in February by D.C. police and federal agents, has eluded Secret Service agents and reporters since his dealings were first reported by The Times on June 29.

Mr. Spence, 48, who is being sought by the Secret Service to testify early next week before a grand jury empaneled by U.S. Attorney Jay Stephens, said the latenight tours could not have been set up by uniformed Secret Service Officer Reginald deGueldre. Officer deGueldre and another officer were suspended without pay last week as a result of the ongoing White House investigation.

before other U.S. observers that Japan was headed for economic greatness and in being able to identify and help Japanese Diet members on the way up.

"I became a very significant intellectual force in Japan," he said with typical braggadocio. "I created three members of the Japanese Diet. It's called perspicuity. I saw a future prime minister in an obscure little man named [Yasuhiro] Nakasone when all our spastics here didn't see that."

Mr. Spence claimed he coached Mr. Nakasone on dealing with the United States, advising him to buy President Reagan a saddle for a present rather than golf clubs and always to mention the former president's movies just before the press was admitted for photo opportunities to ensure the two would be engaged in animated conversation.

Among his achievements, Mr. Spence said, was producing a "brilliant" position paper that persuaded the Japanese to allow the Palestine Liberation Organization to open an office in Tokyo.

He also said he greatly enhanced the reputation of Motoo Shiina, a powerful member of the Diet, Japan's parliament, who is considered Japan's top expert on defense issues and a likely future prime minister.

"Motoo's father, Etsusburo, who was a great man, asked me to help his son, who he saw as playboy," Mr. Spence said. "I made Motoo Shiina in the United States, then he sued me."

The lawsuit over a house on Wyoming Avenue NW, in a fashionable neighborhood of homes of senior diplomats, began when Mr. Shiina sought the return of \$345,000 he had lent Mr. Spence to purchase the property. Eventually, the suit would be dropped on the day Mr. Shiina was to give a sworn deposition.

The settlement terms led to Mr. Spence's company's getting \$68,000 from the Policy Studies Group headed by Mr. Shiina. Mr. Spence agreed to repay Mr. Shiina \$379,000 at 5 percent interest.

"Reggie couldn't have arranged anything," Mr. Spence said. "Poor Reggie is a nice guy. I gave him a Rolex watch unsolicited, and he later gave me this little 'dish,' as Rosalyn Carter would say, out of the Truman china. I didn't ask for it.

"Reggie's like an elevator operator pushing the buttons. But he is not the guy who can clear it for you to get in the elevator."

Mr. Spence hinted the tours were arranged by "toplevel" officials, including Donald Gregg, national security adviser to Vice President Bush and now ambassador-designate to South Korea.

"Who was it who got Felix Rodriguez [the CIA's former Costa Rica station chief, who became embroiled in the Iran-Contra affair] in to see Bush?" Mr. Spence asked when pressed to say who got him inside the White House. He agreed that he was alluding to Mr. Gregg.

Mr. Gregg yesterday dismissed the allegation as "absolute bull." Vacationing in Delaware, Mr. Gregg said the only time he met Mr. Spence - at an April party the lobbyist arranged for former South Korean Prime Minister Nam Duc Woo - he found him to be "a thoroughly unpleasant character."

"It disturbs me that he can reach a slimy hand out of the sewer to grab me by the ankle like this," Mr. Gregg said. "The allegations are totally false."

Mr. Spence said all of the parties he held at his Kalorama home were bugged by "friendly" intelligence agents.

He described in detail how he rigged his apartment with listening devices in electrical outlets in the walls after he was approached by an intelligence agency that he refused to identify.

"They basically just wanted to be sure that nothing was being said that shouldn't be said," he said.

The money was repaid when Mr. Spence sold the house for \$900,000, and he kept the approximately \$500,000 profit.

Mr. Spence said yesterday that he had forced Mr. Shiina's attorneys to drop the suit by threatening to reveal that the money was "hot."

"The money came into the country illegally from Hong Kong, and I knew it," he said. "That's why I could be so sarcastic in my deposition. I knew they wouldn't push it."

Mr. Shiina has denied any wrongdoing in the case. He has specifically denied any violations of currency exchange laws.

Mr. Spence said he later turned his lobbying talents to China, with the intention of establishing high-level influence there. "They have no money. What were they going to pay me with - rice?" he asked. "I did it to make contacts."

Throughout this period, Mr. Spence admitted to leading a dual-level existence, with separate but strong excitements.

On the surface, he threw dazzling parties and weighty seminars, ensnaring Washington celebrities.

A profile of Mr. Spence in The New York Times in January 1982 was headlined "Have Names, Will Open Right Doors." The article quoted a Washington Post columnist saying of Mr. Spence in 1980: "Not since Ethel Kennedy used to give her famous Hickory Hill seminars for great minds of our times during the days of Camelot has anyone staged seminars successfully on a continuing social basis in Washington. That's what Craig Spence has been doing."

Mr. Spence was described in The New York Times as "something of a mystery man who dresses in Edwardian dandy style, a former television correspondent who now wears many hats, including

He boasted that he had "created" important Japanese politicians, conducted covert operations for Central American governments and traveled in a circle of high-ranking closet homosexuals in Washington. He said he would not identify homosexuals in the Bush administration.

"I'm not going to smear the Republican Party," he said.

Mr. Spence described other midnight White House tours, including one he said he arranged for a group of powerful Japanese businessmen who, he said, photographed themselves in the Oval Office.

He alluded frequently to even deeper mysteries.

"All this stuff you've uncovered, to be honest with you, is insignificant compared to other things I've done. But I am not going to tell you those things, and somehow the world will carry on without knowing," he said.

After he became aware of Secret Service interest in his activities, Mr. Spence said he destroyed audio tapes and hundreds of photographs, many obtained surreptitiously during his parties. By the time the Secret Service raided his apartment in July, he said all that was left behind was his AZT anti-AIDS medicine.

A Secret Service source confirmed that the agency served a search warrant at the Massachusetts Avenue apartment and that agents did in fact find vials of AZT.

Careening from the wit that had won him powerful friends to glum resignation that "my life is over," Mr. Spence reserved his deepest bitterness for former acquaintences who he said have now forsaken him. "I've had the world at my house and now they don't know who I am," he said. "But they did come, didn't they?"

Mr. Spence said that he frequently used call-boy services and that he liked "handsome young blond, 19-year-old boys," but he said he had not spent \$20,000 a month for them, as reflected in credit card documents

international business consultant, party host, registered foreign agent and something called 'research journalist.' "

One former friend, William Harben, said of those days: "He conned people into going to parties - big people, Cabinet members, and personalities and so forth.

Everybody likes to go to a free party around here."

That description early paralleled Mr. Spence's depiction of the guests at his soirces. "The town [Washington] is full of phonies," he said Monday. "All of these people I helped have turned on me."

The business was lucrative. Mr. Spence earns \$200,000 a year as a consultant for Becton, Dickinson & Co., a New Jersey-based firm that makes health care products for physicians, laboratories, pharmacies and the general public. He has worked for the firm since the fall of 1981 and, according to a Becton, Dickinson spokesman, is under contract until March 1990.

In documents filed with the Justice Department, Mr. Spence said he made \$666,774 working for the Policy Study Group, a company of which Mr. Shiina was president between 1979 and 1983.

He made many thousands more for other foreign and domestic companies but said Monday that he had no access to money. He said his accounts had been "frozen" but refused to elaborate.

Mr. Spence admitted Monday to a second lifestyle he kept hidden from most, in which he pursued young "military-looking" men. He bragged of many sexual conquests of otherwise straight men, including several servicemen stationed in the Washington area.

Mr. Spence said he discovered he had AIDS "about three years ago" after going to Johns Hopkins Medical Center on the advice of his doctor.

GRAPHIC: Box, On the trail of Craig J. Spence

obtained by The Times. These charges were inflated illegally by one escort service manager, he said. He declined to elaborate but said he fired his accountant over the matter - although it was never turned over to authorities.

During his hour as a Washington host, Mr. Spence dressed in Edwardian finery and lived extravagantly, affecting touches such as scarlet-lined capes and stretch limousines.

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# Sex sold from congressman's apartment; Frank's lover was 'call boy'

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A male escort ran and provided homosexual and bisexual prostitution services from a U.S. congressman's house on Capitol Hill on a periodic basis from late 1985 through mid-1987, The Washington Times has learned.

"I had reason to believe that he Davis did not receive regular paychecks because "I tended to pay for some of his expenses. He had use of the car, I bought him a lot of meals, I bought him food to use here, and I paid for his lawyer," Mr. Frank said.

Describing his four years with Davis as "a sexual relationship that turned into a friendship," Mr. Frank said he also paid for the prostitute's court-ordered psychological counseling stemming from four felony convictions in 1982: possession of obscene material, production of obscene items involving a juvenile, oral sodomy and possession of cocaine. Davis also was convicted in 1975 of cocaine distribution.

Mr. Frank said he wrote at least four letters to Alexandria probation officials on behalf of Davis. The letters had been obtained by The Times from Alexandria criminal records with a signed privacy waiver from Davis. "I had instructed him [Davis] not to use my apartment for his illegitimate purposes ... It just never occurred to me that he'd bring people over. I guess I was lied to."

might be trying to do that," said Rep. Barney Frank,
Massachusetts Democrat, who confirmed in an interview with The Times on Wednesday that the escort had access to his house in the 200 block of 8th Street SE.

In one of the letters, dated March 10, 1986, Mr. Frank told the Alexandria probation officer: "Mr. [Davis] works for me on personal and political matters which should not be paid out of my congressional allowance."

Each of the letters signed by Mr. Frank has the letterhead, "Congress of the United States, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.," lists the committees the congressman serves on and the addresses of his Washington and home-district offices.

Two of the letters include the disclaimer "Not Printed At Government Expense." Mr. Frank said it is his personal stationery.

"And when I found out about it, I kicked him out [in August 1987]," Mr. Frank said.

Mr. Frank said he knew that the call boy - who asked to be identified by his professional name Greg Davis - was a practicing prostitute. But he denied knowing that his former lover was involved in a prostitution ring.

"I thought I could get him to stop," Mr. Frank said of Davis, whom he employed with personal funds as a housekeeper and chauffeur.

A senior-level Senate staffer, whom The Times has interviewed and chosen not to identify, confirmed this week that he called Davis' "massage" advertisement in City Paper, a District weekly newspaper, "about two years ago" and went as instructed to meet the male escort at a Capitol Hill house.

Davis told him the house was Mr. Frank's, and from the aide's description and documents obtained by The Times, the place they met has been identified as the congressman's home.

Davis said that when he used Mr. Frank's residence to operate the escort services, he or an accomplice would transfer the escort services' telephone calls from his residence to the congressman's number via call-forwarding.

"I needed those letters to continue to operate my escort services in Washington," Davis said. "As a condition of my probation, I was not supposed to live outside of Virginia and I had to have a reason why I was still in D.C.," he said.

On two occasions the probation officer visited Davis at Mr. Frank's Capitol Hill residence.

Chevy Chase Elementary School principal Gabriel A. Massaro - another Davis client who met Mr. Frank through the call boy - went to the congressman's house for one of the meetings with probation officials, both Davis and Mr. Massaro told The Times.

Mr. Frank said he was aware of the meeting with the probation officials but did not attend them.

Mr. Massaro said Davis lived during this period in an apartment in the 1000 block of 25th Street NW.

"I never lived at Barney's house," Davis said.

"It was a favor for me," he said, referring to Mr. Frank's decision to write letters to the probation department.

But Davis said Mr. Frank was constantly worried about

The prostitute, who was living with a fiancee at the time, said he used the ploy because she was unaware of his activities.

Davis also said that he serviced customers at the congressman's house.

A former call girl who worked with Davis and often spoke to Mr. Frank on the phone confirmed this telephone switching operation. She said that she helped run the escort services, and also had sexual relations with clients in Mr. Frank's basement home.

Mr. Frank confirmed that he sometimes spoke to the female escort but assumed she was just a friend of Davis', not a prostitute. He also said that on at least one occasion he remembered a "strange phone call" from somebody asking for Davis and his service.

"The guy said a woman's name that he was supposed to meet," Mr. Frank said. "I was suspicious, but could not prove anything at the time."

The congressman also said that he was told by his landlords several months before asking Davis to leave that there were "strange things going on" in the apartment with lots of people "coming and going."

Mr. Frank said, too, that "one time, somebody came to the door and I told him to get out."

When asked why he did not inform the police about Davis' activities, Mr. Frank replied: "I had reason to believe that he was doing that [running an escort service], but I didn't have anything to take to a judge or to the cops."

Mr. Frank initially denied either knowing of or condoning Davis' profession. But during questioning, he acknowledged that he was aware that his lover was a working prostitute.

"I had no idea that he was doing anything other than personal [prostitution]," Mr. Frank said.

the escort activities being discovered by the probation department, police and the news media.

"He was concerned about security and he was concerned about the publicity if this were to come out," the prostitute said. "He was concerned about the things that a person would be concerned about.

"Yet the excitement, the thrill, so to speak, with being connected to that type of world, which he found to be titillating in various ways, obtaining vicarious thrills being around this type of world, he [Mr. Frank] didn't discourage it, and he was fully aware of the situation as it occurred," Davis said.

Interviews with resident managers and an owner of one of the apartments at the 25th Street location confirmed that Davis had a rented apartment there and was running his male and female prostitution services from the dwelling.

One of those prostitution services called Saxons eventually was disbanded and Davis then opened his own services providing heterosexual, homosexual and bisexual sex-for-hire. The services were called Touch of Class, Male Ad and Bi-Couples, according to Davis.

When Mr. Frank first responded to Davis's prostitution ad in The Washington Blade, he paid for one hour's worth of sex, Davis said.

"The first time the cost was \$80," the prostitute said.
"He [Mr. Frank] called and asked for Greg and he asked me if I was versatile [willing to assume either a male or female sex role]".

The two had sex at Mr. Frank's basement townhouse apartment in the early evening of April 1, 1985, Davis said.

"He said he would like to see me again . . . and at the door he asked me if I had recognized him," the prostitute said. Mr. Frank, according to Davis, "said his picture had appeared in The Washington Blade . . . It was very, very abnormal to be told who he really was."

"I knew that he personally did some [sex-for-hire] stuff, but had no idea" about a larger operation that advertised in local newspapers, including City Paper and The Washington Blade, a weekly gay newspaper, the congressman said.

Mr. Frank, one of two openly homosexual members of Congress, said he met Davis by responding to Davis' "escort/model" advertisement in The Washington Blade.

"I met him sexually and had a personal relationship with him," Mr. Frank said.

He said he subsequently allowed the male escort to use his house and car for almost 18 months after first having paid sex with him in April 1985.

Mr. Frank also said that Davis accompanied him on several politically oriented functions and also helped to arrange a speaking engagement at a conference put on by the American Association of School Administrators.

Davis said he accompanied Mr. Frank to the White House in 1986 to witness President Reagan's signing of immigration and naturalization legislation.

"He said he was on probation and I tried to help him out. I got him a lawyer and I hired him [Davis] to work for me - no governmental money," Mr. Frank said. "He was my driver, my housekeeper . . . who took care of the car and took it to get it inspected."

The congressman said he wrote a letter to the U.S. Capitol Police authorizing Davis, who also has been linked to the homosexual prostitution ring now under investigation by federal authorities, to have access to the House garage as his driver. Mr. Frank also said Davis played on his congressional softball team.

"That was the only official thing I did," Davis said.

Mr. Frank said he did not withhold federal income taxes or Social Security from Davis's salary. "I

Davis said he "wasn't blown over or anything . . . I've been with priests and others in public office . . . It was just kinda strange."

Davis said Mr. Frank continued to purchase sex from him for several weeks and was provided discounted or free sex as their relationship grew.

Davis also said that he later arranged discounted and free sex for Mr. Frank from other male prostitutes in return for use of the lawmaker's house to run the escort services.

"That's an absolute lie," Mr. Frank said in an initial interview on Wednesday. But yesterday the Massachusetts Democrat said he did remember discussing with Davis procurement of male prostitutes for himself.

"He did offer that [call boys] to me. . . . We talked about it . . . and I put him off and finally told him no," Mr. Frank said.

The congressman said he never knew such sexual services were being provided to others at his house while he was at his congressional office or out of town.

"I had instructed him [Davis] not to use my apartment for his illegitimate purposes," Mr. Frank said Thursday. "It just never occurred to me that he'd bring people over. I guess I was lied to."

When asked how he could not have known that his admitted prostitute friend was having sexual liaisons with paying clients in his own bed, Mr. Frank said, "I was emotionally vulnerable at that time. I guess I was still coming to terms with being gay... It was a difficult period."

Concerning Davis' actions, the congressman said, "He suckered me."

considered him to be a consultant," he said.

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# Sex sold from congressman's apartment; School used as base for sex ring

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A male prostitute convicted of drug trafficking and sex offenses against a minor used the Chevy Chase Elementary School in late 1987 to run his prostitution operation after the school's principal began buying sex from him, an investigation by The Washington Times has revealed.

The principal,
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conceded in a two-hour interview with The Times Wednesday that he had a fouryear Davis said he and a woman partner in the "Bi-Couples" business also ran a female prostitution operation called "Touch of Class," which advertised in City Paper, a District weekly newspaper.

In his interview with The Times, Mr. Massaro, who is married, at first denied procuring sex from the male prostitute.

But as the interview continued, and a photograph of himself with Davis in the audience of a 1986 telecast of the Phil Donahue show, the principal said he had had a longtime, secret sexual liaison with Davis.

"That's not true [previous denials of having homosexual sex with Davis]," Mr. Massaro said about 30 minutes into the interview. "I did. Yes, I did. But it was nothing, though. I mean it was. . . . " His voice trailed off as he fought back tears.

"My son died very suddenly [in 1984] and I met [Greg] through a friend" - another education professional, he said. The friend, whom he declined to identify, gave Mr. Massaro the prostitute's telephone number listed in his escort advertisement in The Washington Blade.

"I began to know [Greg] and I got to know him very

The call boy was allowed to sleep and use phones in the school even after the principal left at 5 p.m., while teachers and the children were still involved in afterschool activities such as chorus, Mr.

Massaro said.

relationship with the prostitute and provided him with a guidance counselor's office and telephone at the model "magnet school" even while children were in classes elsewhere in the building.

The 48-year-old principal also confirmed that he told the school's custodian to give the prostitute - who told The Times that he has also worked for a homosexual prostitution service now under investigation by federal authorities and the subject of earlier articles - unlimited access to the building.

Their relationship ultimately soured, Mr. Massaro said, in part because the prostitute used his credit card number without his permission to pay for a personal ad in The Washington Blade, a weekly newspaper of the homosexual community.

"I knew he was an escort, but I didn't know he was running an escort service," Mr. Massaro said. "I couldn't condone it from going out of here . . . He may have done that, but I did not know that."

The escort, who asked to be identified as Greg Davis, the alias he uses in personal ads, told The Times he was at the school at Mr. Massaro's invitation "on a fairly regular basis" during October and November 1987 and that he regularly used drugs in the building during that time.

Davis said Mr. Massaro "was very aware of what I was doing and what was going on" when he was at the upscale Montgomery County school, which enrols

well," Mr. Massaro said. "He became also a surrogate son to me . . . I don't want you to think I behaved this way with my son. I had a normal father-son relationship with my own son, John."

Mr. Massaro's son died at age 19 in August 1984 of a viral infection resulting from drug abuse, the principal said.

Mr. Massaro acknowledged frequent payments in cash and by check to Davis ranging from \$20 to \$100. He also gave the call boy gifts of clothing and restaurant outings, and the loan of his car when the principal went to the beach with his wife and daughter.

After Davis lost his bank account, Mr. Massaro paid for his trysts with checks made out to Davis's roommate, also the call boy's homosexual client and a social friend of the elementary principal, he said. The roommate has confirmed the arrangements.

Both Davis and Mr. Massaro said the call boy was not only a sex partner to the principal but also a family friend. However, Mr. Massaro said neither his wife nor daughter knew about his secret homosexual sex life.

Mr. Massaro acknowledged that he attended a meeting between Davis and his Alexandria probation officer at the Capitol Hill home of Rep. Barney Frank, Massachusetts Democrat, another client whose home the call boy used to perform sexual services.

"We [Mr. Massaro and Mr. Frank] tried to help him through it [the probation]," the principal said. "[Davis] invited me over [to Mr. Frank's house] one day and said, 'Hey, I'd like you to meet with this person,' and he was trying to get off [probation]. I don't even remember all the details . . . I went as a friend of [Davis's] who could vouch for him as being the person who was trying to pull his life together."

On some days, Davis said he would arrive at the Chevy Chase school as early as noon, when classes were still in session.

about 350 children, aged 9 through 12, in the third through sixth grades.

"I would be allowed to use the telephones to check my [computerized answering] service and to set up appointments [with homosexual and heterosexual clients], as long as they weren't set up at the school - that was the arrangement," the prostitute said in one of several interviews.

### Davis said Mr. Massaro also explained to him how to turn off the school's audio security system so his calls would not be overheard.

Mr. Massaro confirmed that such listening devices were installed in the school ceilings but denied telling Davis how to have the security system turned off.

## "How would I know that these devices were in operation at the school unless he had warned me about them?" Davis asked.

"I normally used the time between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m. to set up the appointments for that evening with any of the ladies or myself. And then after 10 o'clock I would have a person who was used as the driver for the [escort] services pick me up at the school. He would pick me up about 10 p.m.," Davis said.

### On at least one occasion, Davis claimed to have performed homosexual sex with a client in the guidance counselor's office.

The 45-year-old man who came to the school to have sex with Davis "was a regular client that I knew," the prostitute said. "When I told him that he was going to come to a school, at first he sounded concerned on the telephone. In a joking sort of manner, he asked me if he was being set up.

"... The client, after thinking about it for a couple of minutes, said, 'Well, it might be a kick.' That was his response. In other words, it was a turn-on for him," Davis said.

"There were times when the guidance counselor's office was not available to me," the prostitute said. "I would actually use the principal's office itself, and he would move to another location and I would sit at his desk using his telephones on his desk."

The phone numbers listed in his escort advertisements were call-forwarded to a Maryland-based answering service called Compu-Voice, he said.

"It's all done by computer. When a client calls the answering service, they hear my voice, recorded by remote from a telephone using a series of code numbers. I would call my own phone number and, through punching in a series of code buttons [on the telephone dial] I was able to obtain access to my own system, and I was able to obtain the messages from the system, and then erase them after I had recorded them into the appointment book," Davis said.

"I let them know on the tape that I usually returned calls within one hour. And at the time that I was at the school, I would check in every 15 minutes," he said. "And I would go ahead and set up the appointments for the evening until Bobby [the man who would drive him to his sexual liasons and supply him with illegal drugs] would arrive."

## Davis said he used cocaine in the school with Bobby and that the two men often raided the school's cafeteria for their dinner.

"Bobby and I would make something to eat, we'd play a little basketball [in the school gym], we'd do some coke, and then we'd go out to meet the appointments and to meet the ladies and obtain the commissions from their appointments."

On several occasions Davis said he and Bobby "did use cocaine in the guidance counselor's office," Davis said.

Davis said Mr. Massaro "instructed me on how to have the [school's audio] security system turned off so that the conversations would not be overheard [when he The Times has been unable to locate the customer to confirm Davis' story.

The prostitute said that Mr. Massaro did not know "that I had met a client at the school."

"He knew me well enough to know that that was possible and told me that that was not supposed to be done," Davis said. "For the most part, I agreed. I went along with it because it was a threat to the security of the [prostitution] service to have anybody come to the school."

Davis also said Mr. Massaro never knew that his driver went into the school or about the drug use in the building. "I would be there maybe three out of the five nights a week," the prostitute said.

Mr. Massaro said Davis came to the school several times a week during the two-month period in question.

The principal's secretary, Peggy Monday, confirmed Davis's access to the school, but said she saw him no more than once a week. Mrs. Monday said that Mr. Massaro explained Davis' presence at the school by saying the man was a friend of his.

"I would either use his [principal's] office or I would use a guidance counselor's office upstairs" on the school's second floor where 6th grade classrooms and a science lab are located, Davis said.

Told that Davis had given The Times a detailed accounting of his call boy activities and criminal convictions, the principal conceded that he was aware of Davis' work as a prostitute.

Mr. Massaro said he knew the prostitute was still on probation for felony drug and sex offenses and undergoing court-ordered psycho-sexual therapy when he allowed him to use the school's facilities.

A former school counselor, Mr. Massaro said he talked to Davis's sex therapist about his court-ordered treatment after the call boy's felony conviction in 1982

was conducting his prostitution business]. They [security listening devices] were in operation after 5 p. m. when all the administration leaves," he said.

"I would call the security of the school system, report in . . . I would call in and tell them that I would be there until 10 p.m. doing work for Dr. Massaro," Davis said.

The prostitute said he "never stayed overnight [at the school] or anything like that. I would take a nap there maybe - there was a couch there - because I was running around a lot from place to place at the time."

Mr. Massaro said he helped Mr. Davis move from one apartment to another on several occasions during their relationship, and allowed the male escort to store his personal effects and furniture in the school's basement machine room in 1987 while he was looking for a new place to live.

His landlord found out that he was running a prostitution operation and kicked him out of the apartment, Davis said.

Mr. Massaro said the relationship ultimately soured just over a year ago when Davis started stealing from him.

"I loaned [Greg] my car, and he literally stole it. He never returned it. He finally did return it. I sent him money and he did return it," the principal said.

Also, Davis used the principal's credit card number without permission to pay for his escort ads in The Washington Blade, Mr. Massaro said.

A spokesman for the newspaper's publisher confirmed "a problem" that caused The Blade to cancel Davis's ads but would not elaborate.

"I just used very poor judgment, what can I tell you?" Mr. Massaro said. "It was just stupid. I just never thought it through. I just thought I was helping somebody."

on four charges: possession of obscene material, production of obscene items involving a juvenile, oral sodomy and possession of cocaine. Davis was convicted in 1975 of cocaine distribution.

"There were some afternoons when he just had nowhere to go, so I would just let him come here to the school and just use the bathroom and stuff like that," Mr. Massaro said.

"[The prostitute] used that [counselor's] office," the principal said.

Asked if he authorized the escort free use of school phones, Mr. Massaro responded, "Oh, yes."

Pressed whether Davis might have molested or tried to molest any children at the Chevy Chase school, the principal said, "Oh God, no. He couldn't have. I don't think so. No."

Davis said he had no dealings with any of the children who attended the elementary school.

The call boy was allowed to sleep and use phones in the school even after the principal left at 5 p.m., while teachers and the children were still involved in afterschool activities such as chorus, Mr. Massaro said.

"I introduced him to one of the custodians and the custodian just let him use the facility," he said. "I told him [the custodian] that he was my friend."

"I would leave at five and I thought he [the prostitute] would leave shortly thereafter, but before the custodian would close the building," Mr. Massaro said.

Davis said he advertised his services as an "escort/model" in the classified section of The Washington Blade. He also advertised homosexual escort services under the name "Male Ad" and services for bisexual threesomes under the name "Bi-Couples."

After the car and credit card incidents, Mr. Massaro said he told Davis, " 'Hey, you've got real problems and I can't help you.' So that was it and he just left. And I guess it was then that I really realized that he was a drug abuser."

Asked if Davis had ever used drugs in his presence, Mr. Massaro said he "may have" smoked marijuana. "I don't remember that. He may have. He never used anything else, though, other than pot. I don't think I ever knew that, until very recently. . . .

"I've never used the stuff. I don't know what it's like. And we talked about that in trying to get off it and trying to help him get off it . . . Our lives just became very intertwined and I guess I felt as though I could save him."

Davis, for his part, said that the relationship with Mr. Massaro soured because of a lack of "sensitivity" and "a lack of interest" on his part sexually towards the principal.

Mr. Massaro characterized Davis's action in going public as "an effort to get back at me."

He said Davis "was always going to sell his story and I was going to write a book for him and make him famous . . . He said he had a very interesting life, and one day we were going to sit down and write a book, and I guess that's what he's doing."

Photo, Homosexual escort services were operated out of Chevy Chase Elementary School and the Capitol Hill basement apartment of Rep. Barney Frank., Photos by Joseph Silverman/The Washington Times To: Dexter Wang

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## THE GOBIE STORY; Frank's 'call boy' tells all

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Stephen L. Gobie wanted a sugar daddy, but Barney Frank turned out to be "Sweet'n Low" instead - "a sweet guy, low on cash."

Gobie insisted again as he has in previous interviews that he used the congressman's apartment as a base for a prostitution service - with Mr. Frank's knowledge.

That's what he called his congressional sex partner, Gobie said in exclusive interviews with The Washington Times.

"In this business, the term 'sugar daddy' is

popular for a person that supports you and sponsors you financially as well as otherwise," the prostitute said. "In this case, I had a nickname for Barney - it was 'Sweet'n Low' - sweet guy, low on cash, that's what the

Instead, Gobie turned to marijuana and other drugs after his return to Fairfax County and expulsion from West Springfield High for truancy during his senior year in 1974. He never received his diploma, although he subsequently passed the General Educational Development test, the equivalent of high school completion.

"I didn't start using drugs until after the trouble started in Springfield, smoking marijuana and experimenting with every drug you could think of - everything," Gobie said.

The serious run-ins with the law then began, court records show. In 1975, Gobie was convicted of a misdemeanor marijuana possession charge in the District. Later that year, he received a five-year suspended sentence in Fairfax County for distribution of cocaine and served three years probation.

In 1977-78, Gobie said he attended Chowan College in Murfreesboro, N.C., a fundamentalist Southern Baptist school and one of few colleges that would accept him "to get a school record that would enable me to transfer" to the University of South Carolina, where he hoped to join a girlfriend.

But it didn't work out. At Chowan, "I raised the roof off the place," he said. "I threw extensive parties and I was responsible at that time for the entertainment at parties, whether it be females or whether it be party favors - drugs and things like that."

moniker stood for . . . And I told him that . . . And he said, 'Hey, I'm only a congressman, I don't make a million dollars a year.' "

Gobie called "preposterous" the Massachusetts Democrat's claim that he was the male hustler's Henry Higgins, intent on helping him straighten out his life while paying him about \$20,000 a year to be Mr. Frank's housekeeper and driver.

"The true story is there were no such compensations anywhere near that level of money . . . I would say the total dollar value that came to me from the beginning of the relationship [was] maybe less than \$2,500," Gobie said.

Gobie insisted again as he has in previous interviews that he used the congressman's apartment as a base for a prostitution service - with Mr. Frank's knowledge.

One of his clients was Washington power broker and former Japanese lobbyist Craig J. Spence, who has been linked to the homosexual prostitution ring being investigated by federal authorities.

Gobie also said he would willingly appear before the House ethics committee which is expected to investigate Mr. Frank's relationship with the prostitute, "if my lawyer told me that it was in my best interest."

Mr. Frank has acknowledged purchasing sexual services from Gobie after contacting him through an advertisement in The Washington Blade, a newspaper catering to the homosexual community.

The congressman also has admitted knowing of Gobie's continued work as a prostitute while on Mr. Frank's personal payroll from mid-1985 to early 1987 and while Gobie continued to have unlimited access to his house in the 200 block of Eighth Street SE.

But Mr. Frank has denied knowledge of Gobie's operating a prostitution service from his house and has requested the ethics probe in part out of fear that Gobie

Gobie said his parents were divorced in 1979 and left the area. The prostitute said he hasn't seen his family, including two younger brothers and an older sister, since. By then, at age 21, he had decided to reject the family name and start a new life as a male escort.

"I met a woman one day in Hecht's clothing store," he said. "I was trying on a suit and she asked me if I had ever done any modeling work. She was just a customer, a very elegant looking woman, a very attractive older woman. And she approached me and asked me if I wanted to have lunch with her. She picked me up."

Gobie says of the 47-year-old woman, whom he refuses to name: "I owe everything to her. I'll never do anything to hurt her in any way."

"Our first discussion centered around modeling and advertising, things like that," he said. Then I went to her apartment . . . She took me under her wing . . . I worked for her. She was a madam. She operated an underground escort operation of mostly females, but she had a few select males also. She had extensive women clientele that she had a hard time finding suitable escorts for. It was very hard to find gentle young men.

"It's easier to find women than men [escorts], apparently - men who have the inclination and the capabilities, who have what it takes to be successful with women as an escort."

Women clients - middle-aged and older women, both married and widows - place more emphasis on obtaining male escorts who are charming, entertaining, good conversationalists and socially attentive, Gobie said, while male homosexual clients are more interested in obtaining "animalistic" sex.

"Male clients are more sexually oriented. They very seldom care about character, personality, sense of humor, things like that," he said.

Since becoming an escort, Gobie said he has personally

will embellish his story to improve the chances of selling it as a book.

The differing accounts in this unfolding story of a troubled 18-month liaison between one of the House's leading liberals and the man Mr. Frank says pushed him into publicly acknowledging his homosexuality seem to capture the inherent contradictions in both of their lives.

Mr. Frank, a portly middle-aged Boston career politician when he met Gobie, led the fight in the state legislature in the 1970s for urban "combat zones" for prostitutes. Calling the world's oldest profession "a victimless crime," Mr. Frank now says he was victimized by Gobie.

The prostitute, in turn, a 28-year-old hooker when Mr. Frank answered his ad for "hot bottom and large endowment," rejects being labeled homosexual or bisexual. Instead, he said he's a heterosexual who isn't good at deviant sex.

"My proclivities, my heterosexuality, precluded me from being a successful escort for men because sex was almost non-existent, and the strength of my relationships with men was strictly on my character, personality and my sense of humor," Gobie said.

"But being able to to have people call you and respond [to ads], and continue to be successful and have repeats - people calling you again - is difficult. And then I realized that I was not going to make it as an escort, either for women or for men . . . So I thought if I was going to make it at all, I would make it actually running escort services as a madam because I have a good sense for business."

Coloring Gobie's accusations, however, are a series of criminal convictions dating to 1975. He was convicted at 17 for the felony sale and possession of cocaine in Fairfax County.

Gobie was convicted on four felony counts in 1982: possession of obscene material, productions of obscene

serviced "more than 500" women clients and "hundreds" of male clients, but would not be more specific.

"There was never an occasion, even before the AIDS crisis, I was [ever] involved in any unsafe sex practices," the prostitute said. "I always took precautions . . . using condoms."

Asked if clients always want him to use condoms, Gobie responded, "No. Sometimes clients are willing to pay thousands of dollars for you not to use condoms. In that case, alarm bells would go off in my head, and those are the people that I wouldn't think of having sex without a condom no matter what the dollar figure was.

"Those are people that are potentially dangerous to you," he said. "Their motivations might be sinister, in that they might have contracted a disease from some escort in the past and now, through some sort of revenge motive, try . . . to infect other people in that business as a way of getting back."

However, in dozens of interviews over the last two months, Gobie has given details of sexual acts including an explicit tape-recorded description of his first sexual encounter with Mr. Frank in April 1985, and it was clear that neither Gobie nor his sex partners were wearing condoms.

This week, Gobie said he had recently been tested for AIDS and the results were negative.

Gobie entered the male escort world through a prominent free-lance photographer for leading Washington-area homosexual publications whom he was introduced to by his female madam friend. The photographer "eventually got me involved in the modeling and escort work through the male scene" - including work for some of Washington's homosexual businesses and nightclubs, Gobie said.

"I did advertisements, endorsements for the [homosexual] bars in town and things like that . . . I was the first 'Mr. Rascals,' ' he said, referring to the

items involving a juvenile (taking photos of a 15-yearold girl with whom he was having sex), oral sodomy and possession of cocaine.

Gobie, whose professional name in the underground prostitute trade is "Greg Davis," grew up the son of a Marine Corps master sergeant who was a budget analyst at the Pentagon.

"He was a very strict conservative person from the military, . . . your traditional gung-ho Marine . . . He wanted to lock me in my room for the rest of my life until I agreed to get a haircut," Gobie said.

way, Gobie said. He defied all his parents' moral values and teachings.

"At six, I performed oral sex on my first female. She reciprocated. She was five," Gobie said. "I was having orgasms from age nine on . . . My father came to me at the age of 14, I believe, the first time in the basement of my house to discuss sex with me, and I cut him off right away and I said, 'Dad, I probably know more than you do at this point.' "

By age 14, Gobie had been labeled "incorrigible" by Fairfax County juvenile authorities for skipping 9th grade classes at West Springfield High School and refusing to return home on Friday afternoons.

"Me and my friends at 15 were watching X-rated movies on the family projector down in the basement when my family was watching TV upstairs," he said. "A friend of mine worked at a medical building as a janitor at night and he got them out of the psychiatrist's office who used them for sexual marriage counseling."

A year away from home during his sophomore year at a southwest Virginia boarding school failed to mend Gobie's ways, despite his claims of a promising record.

"I was a standout basketball player [at the private school]. I played for the school team. And I also brought my grades back up to an acceptable level," he prominent Dupont Circle homosexual bar Rascals.

Gobie said he also worked at some of the area's posh hotels as a concierge and front office manager as a legitimate "front" for his escort activities from 1978 to 1984. "Hotels are very valuable places to make contacts," he said.

Gobie said he worked at such hotels as The River Inn in Georgetown, Guest Quarters in Foggy Bottom, the Bristol Hotel, Quality-Inn at Pentagon City and the Regency Raquet Club condominium complex in McLean.

It was an unhappy boyhood marked by rebellion all the But the roof on his legitimate fronts caved in when he was convicted on the four felony charges in Alexandria in 1982.

> All but four months of his five-year prison sentence was suspended, and Gobie was placed on probation for three years, during which he was ordered to undergo psycho-sexual therapy at the Washington-based Human Sexuality Institute.

> "I was forced into the underworld by my probation and by the nature of the charges and the fact that my probation officer was breathing down my neck to try to try to let everybody in the world know what was going on," Gobie said. "I felt as though I couldn't go through legitimate avenues for work anymore, and the logical thing for me to do was to establish my own escort service.

"I knew that there was a ton of money to be made," he said. "And I knew that I could get away with it if I could provide myself with some sort of official cover to deceive and mislead the probation department, which I did."

That "official cover" was employment by Mr. Frank, who allowed the prostitute to use his house and wrote to the Virginia probation department saying he had hired Gobie as a personal employee, Gobie claimed.

Mr. Frank acknowledged writing the letters but denied

said. "I wasn't real concerned with making straight As. That wasn't a goal of mine. If it had been, I would have."

they were intended to mislead or deceive probation officials.

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# IN DEATH, SPENCE STAYED TRUE TO FORM

Michael Hedges, and Jerry Seper The Washington Times; Final Section: A, Page: A1 Monday, November 13, 1989

**BOSTON** -

Craig J. Spence, the once-powerful lobbyist who entertained and influenced Washington's elite, died Friday much as he had lived: dressed in a tuxedo in Boston's most expensive hotel, listening to Mozart with three dollars in his pocket.

Now, many questions may

In an interview with The Washington Times in August, Mr. Spence made frequent allusions to his work with the Central Intelligence Agency, a connection CIA sources deny.

But on the bed near him when he died, according to two Boston detectives who handled the investigation, was a newspaper clipping detailing efforts by CIA Director William Webster to initiate legislation giving protection to CIA agents called upon to testify before government bodies.

Mr. Spence had been subpoenaed to appear before a federal grand jury in Washington probing his connections to a call-boy network suspected of committing credit-card violations, to late-night White House tours he arranged and the gift of a Rolex watch to a Secret Service officer who allegedly gave Mr.

Mr. Spence told several friends that the call-boy operation was being investigated by the U. S. Attornev's Office and other federal authorities as a possible CIA front. He told the friends that the CIA used the service to compromise other federal intelligence officials and foreign diplomats.

never be answered about the man who was a focus of a federal grand jury investigation for **spending** \$20,000 a month on male prostitutes, orchestrating unauthorized late-night tours of the White House and possibly bribing a Secret Service officer and a member of the Army's Delta Force.

Spence pieces of the Truman china collection in return.

He had boasted to reporters for The Times that - if he testified - he would provide a wealth of damaging information into the workings of the call-boy ring, bribery of Japanese and U.S. officials and other sordid

matters.

"All this stuff you've uncovered (involving call boys, bribery and the White House tours), to be honest with you, is insignificant compared to other things I've done. But I'm not going to tell you those things, and somehow the world will carry on."

On a mirror in Room 429 of the Ritz Carlton Hotel, Mr. Spence on Friday left his final enigma in the form of a suicide note.

With a black felt-tip marker he had written, "Chief, consider this my resignation, effective immediately. As you always said, you can't ask others to make a sacrifice if you are not ready to do the same. Life is duty. God bless America."

As a postscript, he wrote, "To the Ritz, please forgive this inconvenience."

Mr. Spence was found by hotel employees Friday afternoon lying on his bed, fully clothed, with a telephone cradled in his ear and a Walkman headset containing a cassette tape of Mozart's "A Little Night Music" around his neck, police detectives and other sources said.

Boston's medical examiner had made no official finding on the cause of death yesterday. "That may

But, despite the subpoena, Mr. Spence apparently never appeared before a grand jury.

During the past few weeks, Mr. Spence told several friends that the call-boy operation was being investigated by the U.S. Attorney's Office and other federal authorities as a possible CIA front. He told the friends that the CIA used the service to compromise other federal intelligence officials and foreign diplomats.

One friend quoted him as saying, "Casey's boys are out to get me," an apparent reference to former CIA Director William Casey, now deceased. Mr. Casey and Mr. Spence were friends, and the former CIA director attended parties hosted by the former lobbyist.

Mr. Spence had come to Boston several days before his death with frequent companion former Air Force Sgt. Ron Paganelli and his dog, Winston, according to police investigators.

take as long a couple weeks," said a spokesman for the office. Mr. Spence's body was being held by the medical examiner, who had performed an autopsy, while police tried to contact his survivors.

Found hidden in a false ceiling in the bathroom were seven small packets of Xanex, a prescription anti-depressant, with one pill removed, Detective Sgt. James McDonald said. Also found were Mr. Spence's will and birth certificate.

Mr. Spence was attired in the style he affected at his lavish dinner parties, according to the police report: "black Tux with white shirt, bow tie, white suspenders, black socks and shoes."

"There was no sign of foul play whatsoever, no marks on the body," said Boston Police Detective Robert Harrington. "It was as if he had fallen asleep talking on the telephone."

The door of the hotel had been barricaded with the room's other double bed and a chair, according to a police report. Hotel maintenance workers had to saw through the door to enter the room. The only other way into the room was through a fourth-floor window facing a busy street.

Mr. Spence may have attempted to save himself after taking an intentional overdose, according to police investigators.

"Someone from Washington called the hotel that day and said a Craig Spence had called the caller and may be sick," said a police detective. "But the hotel couldn't find a Mr. Spence registered. It turned out he had checked in under an alias, C.S. Kane." Friends theorized the alias was an ironic takeoff on Orson Welles' fictional hero Citizen Kane, whom Mr. Spence often said he admired.

During his stay at the elegant Ritz Carlton, just off the Boston Common, he entertained as many as six or seven guests in his \$285-a-night room, according to hotel employees.

He had arrived at the hotel Nov. 4. Mr. Spence told a hotel worker with whom he had become friendly that he was in town to meet with a former boss, one-time Massachusetts Speaker of the House John Davoren, police said. But that meeting never occurred, they said.

Hotel employees said he was an eccentric guest, making frequent demands of the staff for chocolate truffles, fresh flowers and other appointments but then somewhat arbitrarily tipping \$200 or \$300 at a time. He spent much of his stay traveling in limousines to meet friends, police said.

During a lengthy interview at a Manhattan apartment in August, Mr. Spence frequently alluded to deep mysteries. "All this stuff you've uncovered (involving call boys, bribery and the White House tours), to be honest with you, is insignificant compared to other things I've done. But I'm not going to tell you those things, and somehow the world will carry on."

He also talked frequently of suicide, saying repeatedly, "My life is over." He reserved deep bitterness for high-powered friends he said had forsaken him. "I've had the world at my house, and now they don't know who I am," he said. "But they did come, didn't they?"

Photo, Craig J. Spence, who once said he was "looking forward" to death, was found dead Friday in his room at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Boston.,

By Peter Kolk/Special to The Washington Times

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# SPENCE AS MUCH AN ENIGMA IN DEATH AS HE WAS IN LIFE

Jerry Seper, and Michael Hedges The Washington Times; Final Section: WORLD Page: A11 Monday, November 13, 1989

"The rumors of my death are greatly exaggerated." - Craig J. Spence, two weeks ago at a Washington dinner party.

The room where Craig J. Spence died was awash in the small mysteries and ironies that had followed him and that he had perpetuated - since he came to Washington in the late 1970s, already an enigmatic figure with strange Asian connections and friends in high places.

tours testified before the grand jury two weeks ago and was asked about the tours, missing china out of the presidential mansion and **Mr. Spence's interest in the U.S. military's top-secret Delta Force**. The witness, a longtime acquaintance of Mr. Spence's who had spent considerable time as a guest in his home, was not asked any questions about credit cards, Mr. Spence's alleged involvement with the homosexual call-boy ring or about the ring itself.

A participant in one of the late-night White House

The witness - who was among those taking the July 3 White House tour - also described a lengthy interview with Mr. Strasser, Secret Service agents and then a brief questioning period before the federal panel.

"They pulled out a picture book containing the White House china collection and asked me about the Truman china," said the witness, who asked not to be identified. "They wanted to know if I had seen anything like that. They strongly intimated that more things were missing."

Mr. Strasser, according to the witness, also asked during the private discussion and before the grand jury about the gift by Mr. Spence of an expensive Rolex watch to a U.S. Army sergeant. The sergeant, who also participated in the July 3 White House tour, allegedly was asked by Mr. Spence for information on Delta Force, a special forces counterterrorism unit based in Fort Bragg, N.C.

"They asked me what I thought Spence wanted to know about the Delta project," the witness said. "I said it could mean he was just interested in the

On the bed was a newspaper clipping referring to CIA undercover agents. Scrawled on the mirror was

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a note written
to some
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"chief," which
also contained
an obscure
phrase in
Japanese,
"Nisei Bei,"
which means
secondgeneration
American.

But hidden from view, in the room's false

ceiling, were personal papers, including a birth certificate describing his arrival as a small-town, middle-class boy - a heritage he spent his life trying to restyle.

"Death, you know, is only painful to the ones you leave behind," Mr. Spence told The Washington Times during an interview in August. "As a matter of fact, I'm looking forward to it. At 48, I'll still look good in hell."

The focus of a summer sex scandal, Mr. Spence was found dead Friday in his room at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Boston. He had celebrated his 49th birthday just three weeks ago at a lavish Washington party.

The Ritz was among Mr. Spence's favorite hostelries, one of several posh accommodations he demanded in his frequent travels throughout the United States, Europe, South and Central America and the Orient.

"I've always been a first-class person in a second-class world, but I've learned to adjust," he said in the interview. "But there are places I've found where a civilized man can exist with some style and dignity."

Mr. Spence's name surfaced this summer after The Times identified the former lobbyist and prominent social host - who could arrange unauthorized late-night

young guys there or something else."

The questioning by federal authorities became most detailed when it turned to the subject of the late-night tours. "They asked if we went in any offices, if I had seen any documents or if any documents had left the White House," the witness said.

Secret Service officials have publicly stated there was no breach of security during the tours and that they had no concern that entry was made by the late-night visitors into unauthorized areas of the White House.

Mr. Spence also gave an \$8,000 Rolex watch to Secret Service uniformed officer Reginald A. deGueldre, who was assigned to the White House security detail. Mr. deGueldre has admitted in an affidavit that he gave Mr. Spence a piece of Truman china from the White House collection.

In August, Mr. deGueldre and another Secret Service officer, who has not been identified, were suspended indefinitely without pay and a third was placed on administrative leave with pay. Secret Service officials said at the time that the suspensions were the first step to possible criminal prosecution of the two men, although none has yet taken place.

Mr. deGueldre said recently he had not been approached by any federal authorities for an interview or asked to testify before the grand jury. "I have no idea what is going on," he said. "I have not heard from anyone at all."

The grand jury witness said federal authorities also inquired about Mr. Spence's alleged drug use. In his interview with The Times, Mr. Spence admitted to being a heavy cocaine user. He was arrested for possession of cocaine in New York last summer.

The witness also was shown a collection of photographs of male youths between "14 and 17 or 18 years old" and asked if any were a youth Mr. Spence lived with and introduced as his son. "They were a rough bunch of customers," the witness said.

tours of the White House for his friends with a single telephone call - as a major client of a homosexual prostitution service being investigated by the Secret Service, Metropolitan Police, the U.S. Attorney's Office and a federal grand jury.

That investigation centered on a homosexual callboy service that operated out of a house on 34th Place NW. The ring's clients, according to hundreds of credit-card vouchers obtained by The Times, included government officials, military officers, foreign and U.S. businessmen, lawyers, bankers, congressional aides, media representatives and other professionals.

The vouchers showed that Mr. Spence spent as much as \$20,000 a month for call boys from various escort services run by the ring, including Man-to-Man, Dream Boys, Ultimate First Class and Jovan. He admitted in the interview with The Times that he had used credit cards to purchase sexual services, but strongly hinted of having "firsthand information" about people "high in government" who also were involved.

During the past few weeks, Mr. Spence told several friends that he knew "for a fact" that the call-boy operation was being investigated by the U.S. Attorney's Office and other federal authorities as a CIA front. He told the friends the CIA used the service to compromise other federal intelligence officials and foreign diplomats.

Mr. Spence claimed in the interview that he had worked for the CIA on numerous occasions and had been instrumental in a number of covert actions in Vietnam, Japan, Central America and the Middle East - a claim denied by the agency.

"How do you think a little faggot like me moved in the circles I did?" he said. "It's because I had contacts at the highest levels of this government.

"They'll deny it. But how do they make me go away, when so many of them have been at my house, at my parties and at my side?" "The photographs looked like things that might have been found in the house they raided. I was asked if Craig had a son, and I said I didn't believe he did."

In the August interview, Mr. Spence admitted to using the 34th Place call-boy service, but said the amounts of the charges had been inflated by someone connected with the operation. As a result, he said, he fired his accountant over charges he said he had not authorized.

The accountant, Peter Chase, denied he had been fired and said all the credit-card charges had been verified and each contained Mr. Spence's signature. He steadfastly has declined to comment specifically about his former client, but did confirm that records involving Mr. Spence had been subpoenaed by the Secret Service, that no one from the U.S. Attorney's Office had talked with him and that he was not scheduled to appear before the grand jury.

Mr. Spence, who said in August that he had AIDS and who threatened to commit suicide rather than die of the disease, was scheduled for a hearing Feb. 2 in New York City on weapons and drug charges. He was arrested July 31 at the Barbizon Hotel on East 63rd Street with a 22-year-old Brooklyn man identified by police as Casey Regan, an alleged male prostitute. Two other hearings, one in September and the other last week, had been postponed.

Police seized a loaded .32-caliber pistol and confiscated a small quantity of a white powder believed to be cocaine after a report of a disturbance at the hotel.

During his days as one of Washington's premier hosts, Mr. Spence dressed in finery and lived extravagantly, affecting touches like scarlet-lined capes and stretch limousines.

Among those who attended his parties and were featured at seminars he sponsored were journalists Eric Sevareid, Ted Koppel, William Safire and Liz Trotta; former Ambassadors Robert Neumann, Elliott Richardson and James Lilly; the late John The grand jury investigation begun in June by U.S. Attorney Jay Stephens was described as a "credit card" probe. It is not clear, however, how vigorous federal prosecutors have been nor where the case may be headed.

The Times, in contacting a number of principal witnesses and active participants in the case, discovered that few of them had been interviewed and only a handful asked to testify before the grand jury. Several key figures had not been contacted at all. Those who were questioned were being asked mainly about national security concerns and possible security breaches at the White House.

Among those not contacted by law enforcement officials or the grand jury were:

- \* Officials of the Reagan and Bush administrations who were identified in The Times as having used the call-boy service and paid with credit cards.
- \* Those running the prostitution ring raided in February, and persons who kept the credit-card records of visits with prostitutes by people who worked in the Reagan and Bush White Houses.
- \* Any of several high-profile friends of Mr. Spence's who attended parties at his Kalorama home or spoke for pay at numerous seminars he sponsored as a registered foreign agent.
- \* Prostitutes who said they serviced Mr. Spence and military personnel whom the former lobbyist hired as bodyguards.
- "I haven't heard one word from the U.S. attorney, the FBI or anyone else," said one of the men whom Mr. Spence got into the White House for a 1 a.m. visit on July 3, 1988. "The Secret Service talked to me back in the summer, after the stories were out, but nothing since then."

Mr. Spence was one key figure who was handed a

Mitchell, attorney general in the Nixon administration; Mr. Casey and other CIA officials, including Ray Cline, former deputy director of intelligence for the agency; former Lt. Gen. Daniel O. Graham, an expert on the Strategic Defense Initiative who now heads High Frontier Inc.; Sen. John Glenn, Ohio Democrat, and Sen. Frank Murkowski, Alaska Republican; and Joseph diGenova, former U.S. attorney in Washington, and his wife, Victoria Toensing, a former deputy assistant attorney general.

Arnaud de Borchgrave, editor-in-chief of The Times, attended a party for Mr. Lilly hosted by Mr. Spence at the former lobbyist's Kalorama home.

Following the August interview in New York, Mr. Spence returned to Washington and reportedly stayed with friends. He maintained a high profile on the bar and restaurant circuit, and was spotted at several places during the past two months.

Meanwhile, several members of Congress, federal officials, military officers and others have told The Times that they are concerned that the lavish parties and Japanese-sponsored seminars thrown by Mr. Spence, at which the elite of Washington and officials from Japan, China and elsewhere mingled, might have compromised U.S. security.

Rep. Helen Delich Bentley, Maryland Republican, for one, recently questioned the former lobbyist's ties to the Japanese government in a speech on the floor of the House. Citing news articles in the United States and Japan, Mrs. Bentley asked whether plans for the F-16 jet had been transferred by Mr. Spence to a Japanese government official, Motoo Shiina, and later turned over to the Soviet Union.

"I bring this to the floor today, Mr. Speaker, because I am frankly puzzled that these stories are out - in print both in Japan and in America -and there seems to be no official investigation into what to me are very grave charges," she said.

subpoena more than two months ago but had yet to testify. What arrangements had been made with the former lobbyist are not known. Mr. Spence vowed during the August interview, however, that he would "never be brought back alive before any damned hearing."

Photo, Craig Spence

Mr. Stephens has declined to comment on the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan Strasser, who is handling the matter before the grand jury, also has refused comment. A spokeswoman, Judy Smith, said yesterday that the U.S. Attorney's Office would have no comment on Mr. Spence'sdeath or its potential impact on the investigation.

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## Prostitutes corroborate Frank stories Moreover, Mr. Frank has admitted fixing parking

Paul M. Rodriguez The Washington Times; Part A; Pg. A1 February 2, 1990, Friday, Final Edition

Penthouse magazine's anxiously awaited account of sexual adventuring by congressmen quotes a female prostitute as corroborating Steven L. Gobie's earlier story that Rep. Barney Frank knew Gobie was operating a bordello in the congressman's Capitol Hill apartment.

Moreover, Mr. Frank has admitted fixing parking tickets that Gobie had obtained while servicing clients using the congressman's Chevrolet Chevette. Although Mr. Frank told The Times he could not remember how many tickets he fixed using his congressional immunity, Gobie estimated the number at between 50 and 60.

Gobie told Penthouse that "those letters kept me in operation. . . . The letters and Barney's [congressional] perks were worth far more to me than any fees I could have charged him. I wasn't a gold digger, but I'm not a dumb escort, either."

The woman, identified only

In fact, Gobie told the magazine that it was Mr. Frank who came up with the idea of hiring the call boy as a driver and providing a cover for the prostitution According to Gobie, Mr. Spence told him, "Do you know what kind of power you can have over people if you've got something on them? . . . I need boys and girls for people in government and high-level businessmen for my parties, for individuals, for whatever comes up."

as Lyn, said
Mr. Frank
called the
apartment
from his office
before coming
home to see
whether she
had finished
with her
"trick."

She called Mr. Frank's claim that he didn't know what was going on in his Eighth Street SE apartment in his absence

business, which catered to men as well as women.

"He said, 'You can use me as a reference to the probation people,' " according to Gobie, who said he listed Mr. Frank's house with Virginia law enforcement authorities as his address.

Mr. Frank said in an Aug. 23 interview with The Times that he allowed Gobie to use the apartment as "his house," but admitted that the call boy never lived there - even though the congressman told probation officials and at least one court-appointed social worker that the apartment was Gobie's home address.

Another prostitute, whom Penthouse identified as Ricky, also backed Gobie's claims that Mr. Frank benefited from the prostitution operation with reduced rates for sexual acts.

Ricky, described as an "especially . . . trim, six-foot blond," told the magazine that Mr. Frank paid him a discounted \$100 fee on one occasion for a sexual tryst arranged by Gobie and that he agreed to waive his usual referral fee as a favor to the congressman.

Gobie said he made about six prostitutes in all available to Mr. Frank at reduced rates.

Mr. Frank acknowledged in a Sept. 25 Newsweek magazine interview that he purchased sexual services from several male prostitutes but did not elaborate other than to say: "I knew it was wrong, but I just couldn't sit home."

Gobie, according to Penthouse, said Mr. Frank also daydreamed about living a secret life as a paid escort. "He said, 'If I'd been 20 years younger, I would have liked to have tried hustling. . . . I think it would be a thrill to get paid for sex," Gobie quoted the congressman as saying.

The Penthouse article also expanded on the relationship between Gobie and Craig J. Spence, the former lobbyist who was under investigation by the U.S. Attorney's Office in connection with

## ''baloney.''

The explicit magazine article about Gobie and the sexfor-hire world in which he said he procured prostitutes for famous clients - "Washington's Mayflower Madam" - was written by Art Harris of The Washington Post and Rudy Maxa of Washingtonian magazine.

"Barney would call and ask, 'Are you entertaining company?' " the female prostitute told the authors. "And I'd say, 'Yeah, but they're about to leave.' And he'd say, 'I'll give you 20 or 25 minutes.' "

Many of the details of Gobie's Penthouse story had been reported earlier by The Washington Times, but the article nevertheless cast new light on the underground world to which Gobie says he introduced Mr. Frank.

Mr. Frank's office did not return telephone calls from The Times seeking comment on the Penthouse article. The congressman also would not be interviewed by the authors of the magazine piece. Mr. Frank, 49, whose actions are under investigation by the House ethics committee, has acknowledged purchasing sexual services from Gobie, 33, and other male prostitutes. He also has admitted employing Gobie as a personal assistant while knowing that Gobie continued to work as a call boy, but has insisted that he did not know that the services of prostitutes were being sold from his apartment.

The congressman has said he threw Gobie out in the summer of 1987, ending their two-year relationship, after he discovered the call boy was running a prostitution business from the apartment.

"Barney was hot," Gobie told the magazine. "He said, The landlord found out what's going on. One of your girls asked if this was the place to come for escort interviews. . . . Do you realize what could happen if The Washington Post got a hold of this?' "

But Mr. Frank has conceded that he remained in touch with Gobie through New Year's Day 1988, even allowing the prostitute continued use of his car with its congressional license plate.

In the Penthouse article, Gobie said Mr. Frank even offered him \$10,000 to \$12,000 to help him relocate to Florida. Gobie, who once said he thought about opening up an escort business along Florida's "gold coast," said he rejected the offer.

Gobie has said Mr. Frank, whom he dubbed Sweet 'n' Low for "sweet guy, low on cash," was aware of the larger prostitution operation and delighted in being told about the call boy's sexual encounters.

Mr. Frank also has admitted to using congressional stationery to write several letters to Virginia probation officials to persuade them to shorten Gobie's probation stemming from felony convictions for drug offenses and for sex offenses involving a minor girl.

alleged bribery of Secret Service officers, unauthorized White House tours and credit card abuse connected to a male prostitution ring he frequented.

The magazine said Mr. Spence had agreed to "provide lurid details of Washington's bisexual wonderland." But before the interview could occur, Mr. Spence committed suicide in Boston on Nov. 10.

In the magazine, Gobie - who was not a source of The Times on the Spence story - also confirmed many of the things others had said about the **lobbyist with ties** to the upper echelons of the Reagan administration.

He said Mr. Spence tried to recruit him to help "in a sordid scheme to blackmail the powerful politicians invited to his lavish parties."

Gobie also said he "sexually serviced" Mr. Spence for money three times and, according to the magazine, "watched [the lobbyist] snort cocaine and then do situps as he hung upside down, half-naked, in gravity boots."

According to Gobie, Mr. Spence told him, "Do you know what kind of power you can have over people if you've got something on them? . . . I need boys and girls for people in government and high-level businessmen for my parties, for individuals, for whatever comes up."

The magazine quoted Gobie as saying Mr. Spence was "the most dangerous man I'd ever met. If he hadn't turned into such a crackhead, he could have blackmailed half this town. He used to say, 'Hey, foreign intelligence agencies are doing it.' "

\* Michael Hedges contributed to this report. The Washington Post

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# MINGO HIRES CONTROVERSIAL DOCTOR

Maryclaire Dale The Charleston Gazette; News; Pg. P1A July 01, 1997, Tuesday

A Williamson doctor facing an August medical licensure hearing and a possible criminal retrial in Kentucky was recently named Mingo County's medical examiner.

"A physician has nothing to gain from a suicide. A mortician does." who was charged with bribing a

Diane Shafer,

Kentucky hearing examiner she later married, will replace

former sheriff

and funeral home owner Gerald Chafin, who had been named county coroner earlier in the month. Shafer is apparently now married to or involved with Henry Vinson, the former Mingo County coroner who served time in prison for running a Washington, D. C., male prostitution ring which reached the White House.

Since 1975, all West Virginia counties have been required to have a physician serve as a county medical examiner, responding to homicides, suicides, accidents and questionable deaths. The examiner's role is to

Shafer to a hearing, now set for Aug. 20, 21 and 22, on charges she fraudulently signed four disability papers during a period when her West Virginia license was suspended.

Shafer said Monday someone approached her to apply. "Well, people ask me to do house calls. This is certainly less work than that," she joked, when asked why she wanted the post.

She said the job should be held by physicians as opposed to funeral directors. "A physician has nothing to gain from a suicide. A mortician does. He would probably process the body for burial," she said. "I don't think it's [the funeral industry] a charity business."

She could not be reached for comment later in the evening about her relationship with Vinson.

Shafer, who ran unsuccessfully for the House of Delegates in 1996, gave her age Monday as 42.

According to a story published under her byline in a Temple University alumnae magazine, she graduated from Temple's medical school in 1976.

The story described her long days working in an impoverished Appalachian community.

Shafer collected more than \$ 500,000 in a six-year period from the West Virginia Workers' Compensation Fund alone.

survey the body, talk to police on the scene, and gather information for the state medical examiner offices in Charleston, Morgantown and Wheeling.

The Mingo County post had been vacant for about a year, forcing police to wait up to two or three hours for a medical examiner to come from Charleston.

In early June, Mingo County commissioners appointed Chafin county coroner. He has had his own legal troubles in recent years, having been twice indicted on federal wiretap charges that were later dismissed.

"I told them he really doesn't fit the guidelines. Do you have a physician down there? Then she [Shafer] called," **State Medical Examiner Irwin Sopher** said.

Sopher knew of Shafer's controversial history, which included a bribery conviction in Kentucky that was later overturned, the current loss of her Kentucky medical license and a prior suspension of her West Virginia medical license.

"Well, she has a license to practice medicine, and I discussed some of these things with her, and I think she'll be able to handle some of this," Sopher said. "The job is mainly a reporting position.

"They don't do examinations, or actual autopsies."

He said the job pays \$50 per case, making it difficult sometimes to attract physicians. At times, nurses, dentists, funeral directors or other people have served as interim coroners, as is currently the case in about six counties, Sopher said.

Sopher said the Mingo County medical examiner would typically handle about 60 cases a year.

Shafer's criminal conviction on bribery charges in Kentucky was overturned in 1995 by the state's Supreme Court.

The retrial had been set for earlier this year but was

During the time of her licensure troubles, when she had an office in Kentucky but no license and a license in West Virginia but no office, she was photographed handing pieces of paper presumed to be prescriptions to patients out of her car at a small airfield in Mingo County.

Chafin said Monday he was not upset Shafer replaced him. "If we have an M.D. that is agreeable, then it is to be an M.D.," he said. Sopher, told later that Shafer appears to be involved with Vinson, said he wanted time to think about the situation before commenting on her fitness for the job.

Vinson's sister, Brenda Copley of Fort Gay, said Monday that as far as she knew, Vinson married Shafer after his late 1995 release from federal prison.

A man who answered the phone at Shafer's medical office Monday initially identified himself as Shafer's husband, Henry Shafer, and said he could answer questions about her medical examiner appointment.

"We were married years ago, and then we tried it again recently," he said.

Later in the day, the same man denied saying he was her husband and made a series of sexually explicit and racist remarks when asked if his name was actually Henry Vinson.

"Would you like to come and have sex with me, you f--n--- b--. What the hell is your problem?" he shouted loudly into the office telephone line.

Several longtime Williamson residents said Monday Shafer has been seen around town with Vinson.

Vinson served as Mingo County coroner from 1985 to 1986 before resigning after a widow complained he left her husband's body in a funeral home for 42 days because of her inability to pay him. In 1990, he was charged with running prostitution rings which advertised in Washington newspapers under the names "Man to Man" and "Dream Boys."

apparently postponed. Shafer said she thinks the charges will be dropped. She was convicted in Kentucky state court of bribing Gregory Holmes, a Kentucky hearing examiner who was reviewing charges she overbilled insurers for her work. Holmes, a blind and already married 39-year-old lawyer, cleared her of wrongdoing 10 days after they were allegedly married and after Shafer allegedly gave him \$ 42,500. Holmes, who denied marrying Shafer, was convicted of bigamy and bribery. A medical board panel in West Virginia found probable cause to take

Prosecutors said the business made \$ 500,000 to \$ 1 million between 1987 and 1989, and clients included low-level staffers in the Reagan and Bush White House.

Vinson, who was represented by lawyer-turnedlegal commentator Greta Van Susteren, eventually pleaded guilty to racketeering and credit card fraud charges in the 43-count indictment.

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[From 'Connecting the Dots: Nathan Landow']:

## Then, there is this AP credited bookreview and summation:

During a 1982 investigation into the use of "drugs and sexual activity to lobby congressmen," Shoffler did indeed advise congressional investigators to look into a male prostitution ring that serviced Capitol Hill. The veteran police detective believed that the sex ring might be linked to high-flying Washington lobbyist, Robert Keith Gray, who had more than a few connections to CIA folk. According to Peter Dale Scott, some Washington investigators also suspected that the gay sex ring was connected to DC crime boss Joe "the Possum" Nesline.

Most interestingly, the Watergate madam, Heidi Rikan, was a girlfriend of mobster Joe "the Possum" Nesline, whose alleged connection to the Capitol Hill gay sex scandal a decade later aroused the suspicion of Washington detectives.

Assorted boyfriends and former husbands of both Rikan and her sometimes roommate, Maurine "Mo" Biner (who married key Watergate figure John Dean, which makes Mo a pivotal character, according to scandal revisionists) were associated with the Quorum, an early 1960s "swingles' club run by Bobby Baker, a former aide to Lyndon Johnson. Scott surmises that all roads led to Baker's club for a reason: the Quorum functioned a lot like the mob-and-intelligence-infested sex traps of the 1970s.

It was Bobby Baker who introduced President Kennedy to an East German bombshell named Ellen Rometsch, whom JFK, true to form, promptly bedded. Scott speculates that J. Edgar Hoover leaked

word of this international indiscretion to the press. Whether or not Hoover was behind the leaks, they nearly ignited a global scandal.

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[And who was one of Nesline's best buddies, and landlord? Yep. Nathan Landow. Mr. Landow knows the 'game', and has for a long time.]

### Click. Customs report on Finders Investigation.

The individual further advised me of circumstances which indicated that the investigation into the activity of the Finders had become a CIA internal matter. The MPD report has been classified SECRET and was not available for review. I was advised that the FBI had withdrawn from the investigation several weeks prior and that the FBI Foreign Counter Intelligence Division had directed MPD not to advise the FBI Washington Field Office of anything that had transpired.

No further information will be available. No further action will be taken.

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## 'Call boy' leader gets 5 years

Paul M. Rodriguez The Washington Times, Part A; NATION; Pg. A3 June 13, 1991, Thursday, Final Edition

The head of the District's largest male prostitution ring was sentenced to 63 months in jail yesterday after an unusual tirade by U.S. District Court Judge Harold Greene directed at the U.S. Attorney's Office.

"I can't recall a single case in which the government has asked for departure before just because somebody pleaded guilty and got others to plead.... I don't think it's warranted... because there are sentences being handed out [more severe] for crimes below this."

The judge specifically criticized U.S. **Attorney Jay** Stephens' office for seeking a departure from mandatory sentencing guidelines for Henry W. Vinson, operator of the callboy ring.

"Why propose this departure?"

Judge Greene asked. "I can't recall a single case in which the government has asked for departure before just because somebody pleaded guilty and got others to plead.... I don't think it's warranted... because there are sentences being handed out [more severe] for crimes below this."

Judge Greene's rebuke followed a panel discussion Friday in which Mr. Stephens suggested that federal judges in Washington stop complaining about being overworked and having no room to tailor sentences to specific crimes.

The ring included a small number of female prostitutes. Over a two-year period, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office, the ring generated between \$500,000 and \$1 million in revenues.

At his sentencing, Vinson told the judge that "my behavior has certainly not been very complimentary. I'm sorry if I did hurt society."

He had pleaded guilty to one count each of credit card fraud and conspiracy to violate the Racketeering, Influence and Corrupt Organizations Act.

Ten days ago, Robert Chambers, 39, of Upper Marlboro, son of the owner of The Chambers Funeral Home, was sentenced to 41 months for helping to operate the prostitution ring, which went under various names in the District area, such as "Man-to-Man," "Jovan" and "Dreamboys."

Two other manager-prostitutes of the ring - James A. Macko, 29, of Michigan, and James T. Smith, 23, of Florida - were sentenced to federal prison earlier this year.

The investigation of the ring was triggered when police raided a house in the 6000 block of 34th Place in Upper Northwest in February 1989.

In his remarks yesterday, Judge Greene excoriated Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan Strasser for seeking a waiver from the mandatory sentencing guidelines that became effective in November 1987. Judge Greene said Mr. Strasser's request was "one of the worst" made "by the faceless departure committee."

The committee is an internal group in the U.S. Attorney's Office that determines whether a defendant's cooperation merits a sentencing waiver.

"I don't think that's warranted" because Vinson was the leader of a "sophisticated scheme," Judge Greene said, noting that others in the case had received stiff sentences.

Mr. Stephens, in an eight-page statement, said that federal judges in the District spend an average of only 13 hours a week in the courtroom and only five or six hours of them on criminal cases.

Federal judges, including Judge Greene, bristled at Mr. Stephens' comments and said they have been swamped with an influx of small-time criminal drug cases.

Yesterday's sentencing of Vinson, 29, of Williamson, W.Va., culminated a two-year investigation of the prostitution ring by the U.S. Secret Service, the Internal Revenue Service and District police.

Vinson's lawyer, Greta Van Susterne, said the judge's decision would dampen efforts by prosecutors to gain cooperation from defendants. "You'd have to be crazy to cooperate when the whole point of such cooperation is to get something in return."

In an apparent contradiction, Mr. Strasser sought a waiver from federal guidelines but in a separate sentencing memorandum called for a harsh sentence because the prostitution ring was cavalier about the spread of the AIDS virus.

Madeleine Albright backhandedly teasing the "good ol' boys" about <u>"Bohemia Grove"</u> as well. Wink, wink, nudge, nudge. Just what kind of "bonding" is she referencing? Rituals of any particular kind?

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# U.S. EXPANDS PROBE OF 'CALL BOY' RING

Paul M. Rodriguez and George Archibald The Washington Times; Final Section: A Page: A1 Thursday, July 6, 1989

A Secret Service officer assigned to the midnight shift at the White House was interrogated for more than 10 hours Monday about his association with Craig J. Spence - Washington lobbyist; host to the capitol's political, business and media elite; and patron of homosexual call-boy services - and the officer was said to have failed a lie-detector test.

Officer deGueldre said he understands, given his free access to the White House and the president's living quarters, why the Secret Service is concerned about the Spence tours.

Mr. Spence, said one law enforcement official close to the case, also asked Officer deGueldre to intervene on his behalf to help clear Secret Service records of a 1987 arrest at a White House gate for disorderly conduct, described by one source as a lewd sex act.

Three persons who went along on the post-midnight tour of the White House arranged by Mr. Spence July 3, 1988, recalled being admitted by a uniformed Secret

The officer, Reginald A. deGueldre, accepted a gold Rolex wristwatch valued at \$8,000 in return for "unspecified favors" from Mr. Spence, for whom he arranged at least four middle-of-the-night private tours of the White House for high-ranking military officers, well-known figures in the news media and male prostitutes.

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Officer deGueldre has been told he will be called to testify before a federal grand jury.

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Service officer named "Reggie."

"Reggie met us at the gate, and he was the one who let us in," one man said in an interview. "There was another guard who was obviously upset by this."

The three persons also remembered seeing "Reggie" at various parties given by Mr. Spence at which "Reggie" appeared to be serving as a bodyguard or security man for the host.

Others said Mr. Spence used "Reggie" to arrange other White House tours, including one that Mr. Spence took with a 15-year-old boy, whom he identified as his son Will.

That tour, according to former friends and associates of Mr. Spence, occurred June 29, 1988. The "son" had a Southern accent and was actually a male prostitute who provided sexual services for Mr. Spence and several male friends.

Mr. Cramer, the Secret Service spokesman, declined to answer questions about these tours, too. All inquiries about Mr. Spence's past White House dealings and visits were covered by the gag order imposed by the U.S. Attorney's Office, he said.

Evidence concerning Mr. Spence - even information about his past White House connections - is being tightly held by the Secret Service "because it's tied into a criminal fraud case we are investigating."

"We're under orders from the U.S. attorney. . . . The U. S. attorney has restricted us from commenting on that case at all, or anything peripheral to it, because of the judicial tie-in," Mr. Cramer said.

Mr. Stephens' office, which first agreed to discuss the call-boy ring investigation with reporters for The Times last week but later in the day declined to do so, did not respond to inquiries yesterday.

The U.S. Attorney's Office to date has said only that it is investigating "possible credit-card fraud" in

Office.

U.S. Attorney Jay Stephens, meanwhile, widened his investigation of the homosexual prostitution ring, which has ensnared Mr. Spence and several key Reagan and Bush administration officials.

Mr. Stephens' office is now looking closely at the White House tours and the activities of Mr. Spence, 48, a consultant to Japanese government officials and others.

John Pyles, the Secret Service special agent assigned to direct the investigation of allegations of breaches of White House security, said only, "We're not in a position to talk about this."

Mr. Pyles and Secret Service spokesman Allan Cramer said they were ordered to refer inquiries about the investigation to Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan Strasser, who is preparing evidence for presentation to the federal grand jury.

"You'd have to ask them why they referred you to me," Mr. Strasser said yesterday. "There is nothing I care to say to you about this at this time."

The Secret Service, after accounts were published in The Washington Times, has talked to people who took the July 3, 1988, White House tour set up by Mr. Spence, several of those interviewed say.

The agents are investigating possible security breaches by those who entered the White House compound as well as by Officer deGueldre, The Times was told.

One of those reached yesterday by the Secret Service said questioning focused on Mr. Spence and his associates. Questions were also asked about Mr. Spence and the use of cocaine.

Officer deGueldre failed the portion of a polygraph test involving favors he may have done for Mr. Spence, the law enforcement official said. The Secret Service officer visited on several social occasions with Mr. Spence, who was said to have held out the offer of a high-paying security industry job in Florida to him.

Officer deGueldre, who said he immediately reported himself to his superiors when the story of the late-night Spence visit appeared in the June 29 editions of The Washington Times, said he had done nothing wrong.

"To this day, I still believe that Craig is still an American hero," the Secret Service officer said. "The guy never hit on me. . . . My relationship to him was officer to citizen. . . . That's how I met him - when I was walking the street (as a patrolman in the embassy area of the fashionable Kalorama neighborhood where

connection with arrests made in raids on a house on 34th Place NW, described as the headquarters of a homosexual prostitution ring operating as an escort service.

The Times learned that the FBI is eager to investigate illegal interstate prostitution activities and other possible federal violations incurred by operators of the homosexual prostitution ring, but evidence confiscated by the Secret Service during raids on the house on 34th Place in February and in May is not being shared with the bureau.

This evidence includes information involving highlevel government officials and political celebrities who were clients of the ring.

Several law enforcement authorities said relations between local and federal law enforcement agencies have been strained by the Secret Service's behavior in the call-boy case.

The Secret Service - an agency within the Treasury Department whose 1,900 special agents and 960 uniformed personnel are charged with investigating currency counterfeiting and credit-card fraud as well as protecting the president and vice president - is largely dependent on the Metropolitan Police Department, U. S. Capitol Police, National Park Police, the FBI and other law enforcement agencies, Mr. Cramer acknowledged in an interview yesterday.

For example, when the Secret Service arrests anyone on the White House grounds, the person is turned over to D.C. police for "processing, transportation and lock-up," Mr. Cramer said. He declined to discuss allegations that the Secret Service had "frozen out" the FBI in the call-boy investigation.

Craig Spence was linked this week to a Japanese politician, Motoo Shiina, a leading member of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party who is considered an inside favorite to succeed Prime Minister Sousuke Uno.

Mr. Spence lived).

"The first time he called me was maybe five years later," Officer deGueldre said. "He said he wanted to be my friend and invited me to a party. . . . I was shocked.

"I was introduced on a one-to-one basis with some very important people. . . . I met top brass, politicals . . . I was invited to a lot of functions at Craig's house. There was all kinds of heavy types there."

But, the officer added: "I had no idea about sex, drugs, nothing like that. . . . A lot of stuff now makes sense though. . . . I always suspected he worked for the CIA."

Federal court records in Washington revealed that Mr. Spence and Mr. Shiina engaged in a bitter lawsuit in 1984 over the ownership of a house on Wyoming Avenue NW, valued last year at \$1.15 million. The two-story Victorian house in which Mr. Spence later lived, was planted with electronic bugs and video recording equipment that, according to homosexual call boys and others who routinely visited the house, was used to make incriminating tapes to blackmail guests.

Mr. Spence has told several current and former friends that, after obtaining the money, he blackmailed Mr. Shiina by threatening to reveal that the cash to buy the house had been brought into the country in violation of currency regulations. Mr. Shiina settled the lawsuit out of court after he was ordered to answer questions about the money's origins.

\* Michael Hedges and Jerry Seper contributed to this report.

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## A little outrage for the children?

Wesley Pruden The Washington Times; Part A; NATION; PRUDEN ON POLITICS; Pg. A4 August 25, 1989, Friday, Final Edition

O.K., you guys over there on 15th Street, if you sleep through this one, too, you ought to go back to Dubuque to sell shoes.

That's the energy and curiosity level of a lot of Washington reporters. They get a press flack's lie and that satisfies them.

When last we left those wonderful folks at The Post, they were explaining that the way to cover the Great Summer Sex Scandal, starring Craig Spence and a

cast of frightened dozens, was to tell their readers that actually there's no story there.

"The Bombshell That Didn't Explode" is the way Eleanor Randolph, the O.P. media critic, described on Aug. 1 the story that everybody in town has been talking about since the story broke here June 29. The Wall Street Journal even did a story about how The Times had got the best of The Post.

"Journalists have been left debating whether The Times published a blockbuster or a 'blockbluster,'" she wrote. The second 'l' in "blockbluster" was supposed to be the equivalent of a nudge and a wink from the classy Miss Randolph.

Leonard Downie Jr., the managing editor at The Post, stroked his chin whiskers, put on his wise-old-owl look, and told her: "... we [had] already reported about this raid and we wondered what more there was in this story that we would want to publish." What he

he would wait, as befits a proper New York Timesman, to see whether there was anything in the story about "public policy." (He ought to thinka little faster, since he's keeping Mr. Nelson's California readers waiting.)

"Other reporters around Washington said they were interested in pursuing the story but decided against it when they checked with the Secret Service and other investigative agencies and were told the raid was relatively routine."

Alas, she's probably right. That's the energy and curiosity level of a lot of Washington reporters. They get a press flack's lie and that satisfies them.

Fortunately for the community, that doesn't satisfy The Times, and in particular it doesn't satisfy Paul Rodriguez and George Archibald, the two reporters whose work is arrayed across the top of Page One this morning.

Despite the lady-like grunting and straining by Miss Randolph, seeking to explain why The Post never considered this a story, her editors have in fact tried to keep the story in sight. They ran not once but twice a story on the White House guard's accepting a gold watch from Craig Spence. Despite The Post's disdainful insistence that the story is merely about a commonplace local prostitution ring, its editors devoted 60 inches of newsprint to profile Henry Vinson, the "madame" of the ring. Despite scoffing at the importance of mid-level White House figures, as named in The Times' coverage, they ran a fanciful front-page story, citing unnamed sources (one of whom is said to be John Belushi, interviewed by Bob Woodward at Forest Lawn) about Fawn Hall, a mere secretary at the White House, who was supposed to be snorting coke.

But not to be too hard on Miss Randolph, who was only doing what she was told, and whose heart may not be in the debunking, anyway. Her husband, Peter Pringle, a reporter for the London Independent, has written several stories about the call boy scandal, with none of The Post's pouting skepticism.

didn't say, but what his readers could only conclude, was that he couldn't get anybody to find out. So he just wondered.

The usual suspects were brought in to help. Jack Nelson of the Los Angeles Times conceded that his newspaper defers to The Post and The New York Times to decide what's news in Washington, and said he sent reporters out to see whether there was a story and they couldn't find anything.

Howell Raines of The New York Times seemed, as usual, a bit dazed by it all. He agreed there was "obviously some kind of investigation going on," but danged if he could figure out what it was about. He said

Now, with this morning's disclosures, a little domestic harmony can descend on the Pringle/Randolph breakfast table. "The bombshell" has exploded at the seat of Ben Bradlee's pants.

This morning's accounts show the male prostitution ring to have reached into Congress, the White House and a public elementary school. The disclosures about Barney Frank won't surprise many of us. But unless this city, the Congress, the journalists who live here, and the U.S. attorney's office have lost the last vestige of public and private decency, we can expect a little outrage in behalf of our children.

Wesley Pruden is managing editor of The Times.

West Virginia's Chief Medical Examiner Sopher, who hired Diane Shafer was on the medical team that examined the remains in Oswald's coffin to determine the identity of the exhumed corpse.

## MINGO HIRES CONTROVERSIAL DOCTOR

Alexandra Colen, "Some Post-Christian Realities," *The Human Life Review*, Spring 1997 issue, pp. 53-60.

The author, a member of the Belgian Parliament and former lecturer at the Universities of Ghent and Antwerp, discusses the pervasiveness and excesses of pedophilia and pedophilia-related murders and underground events ("The Pink Ballets") in Belgium. Pink Ballets and Protected Pornographers ... "Post-Christian Realities" by Alexandra Cohen (Human Life Review, Spring 1997)

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# Other Franklin coverup newspaper scans.

# Lobbyist Is Arrested in New York

Craig J. Spence, a Washington lobbyist who is a subject of a Federal investigation of male prostitution in Washington, is facing cocaine and gun possession charges in New York, the Manhattan District Attorney's office said yesterday.

Mr. Spence, 48 years old, was arrested July 31 at the Barbizon Hotel at 140 East 63d Street in Manhattan. Gerald McKelvey, a spokesman for District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau, said Mr. Spence had called the police to say a man in his room had just robbed him of \$6,000 at gunpoint.

When the police arrived, Mr. McKelvey said, they found Mr. Spence and another man, Casey Regan, 22, in the room arguing. Mr. Spence told the police that Mr. Regan had stolen a gun from him and then used it to rob him. The police also found a small amount of cocaine in an envelope, Mr. McKelvey said.

Mr. Spence was charged with criminal possession of a loaded .32-caliber pistol, a felony that carries a maximum seven-year sentence, and with criminal possession of an illegal drug. He was released on his own recognizance. Mr. Regan was charged with possession of the gun and the drug and also with armed robbery.

At his arraignment in Manhattan Criminal Court on Aug. 1, Mr. Spence said that he met Mr. Regan on Times Square and that they returned to his hotel room.

works as a loader in a warehouse, Mr. McKelvey said.

Mr. Spence's court-appointed lawyer life to himself.



Craig J. Spence, who faces cor caine and gun charges.

did not return a reporter's telephone calls, and his business in Washington, Craig Spence Associates, does not have a listed number.

The Secret Service, the District of Columbia Police Department and the United States Attorney's office in Washington are investigating Mr. Spence's alleged patronage of a homosexual escort service there. In the 1980's, he built a reputation as an influ-Mr. Regan lives in Brooklyn and ential lobbyist who represented many Japanese concerns and threw extravagant parties but who kept his private

# A Lurid, Mysterious Scandal Begins Taking Shape in Omaha

### By WILLIAM ROBBINS

Special to The New York Times

OMAHA, Dec. 15 - For several weeks a Federal investigation has riveted attention here on a failed local credit-union formed to help the poor, on \$38 million that it is missing and on its manager, a nationally active Republican politician whom the Government accuses of embezzling at least some of the funds.

Now the inquiry, joined by state investigations, is widening and has begun to take on the stark trappings of lurid

melodrama.

The collapse of the credit union and the Government's lawsuit alleging embezzlement were the extent of the case, at least on the public record, until last Monday. Then rumors that had been circulating in Omaha for much of the last month made their way into remarks presented to the Executive Board of the State Legislature in Lincoln. The speaker was State Senator Ernie Chambers of Omaha, who said he had received numerous reports, to which he clearly gave credence, that case, among others: instances of child sexual and physical abuse were linked to the scandal.

Mr. Chambers did not describe the nature of that linkage and has consistently-declined to identify the sources: of the reports, going only so far as to tell The Omaha World-Herald that they were people "I consider credible," But participants in a closed meeting that followed the Executive Board's public had been transported around the country by airplane to provide sexual favors, for which they were rewarded.

#### Three Related Inquiries

The Executive Board, which acts for the full Legislature in periods of adjournment, had been called into session bers as vice chairman, had been given tiona mandate to look into the broader case

were a subject of its own criminal inquiry into the credit union affair. And the office of the Nebraska Attorney General said it had directed the state police also to investigate the reports.

If sensation has begun to characterize the case, so has mystery. The various investigators, their efforts barely begun, decline to speak of them in dewants to disclose just enough to en-

# Reports of sexabuse add to a theft case.

affair to give testimony before the legislative committee.

As a result, there are these large gaps in public knowledge about the

gif child prostitution was involved how vast was it?

gif foster homes were involved, which ones?

"Nick O'Hara, special agent in charge of the F.B.L's Omaha office, says his investigation centers also on money-laundering, but he will not elaborate.

9State Senator Loran Schmit, chairvolved," but the Senator declines to say dressing, lavish celebrations and exin what way.

session Monday, Mr. Chambers said young men. the activities of Lawrence E. King Jr., the credit union's manager for the last 18 years and the central figure in its

None of the investigators have de-

ports of sexual abuse and that they dren were transported or paid with any of the money that the Government's suit accuses him of diverting from the Franklin Community Federal Credit

The suit was brought last month in Federal District Court here, where Mr. King has filed a motion denying all the allegations of embezzlement.

Mr. King's lawyer, William Morrow, tail. Mr. Chambers himself says he has declined to make him available for press interviews. But Mr. Morrow saidcourage those with information on the his client contended that personal payments and contributions of more than \$4 million that Mr. King made this year and last, all of them itemized by the Government in documents that it filed with its suit, had come from his own accounts at the credit union. Records to support that contention are not available, Mr. Morrow said, because all the credit union's papers have been seized by Federal agents.

As for the inquiries into sexual abuse, Mr. Morrow noted a World-Herald article Tuesday in which Mr. O'Hara, the F.B.I. agent, was quoted as saying, "We are looking for credible wit-

"I think," said Mr. Morrow, "that he is saying the F.B.I: has no credible evidence."

#### A Flamboyant Figure

Mr. King is a 44-year-old Omaha resident who wholly or partly owns "Dallas" is filmed and organized a several small businesses here and lives with his wife and school-age son in a session say he told of boys and girls, man of the legislative committee, says large house in one of the city's better leans, an organization he heads, the some of them from foster homes, who "a responsible law-enforcement per- neighborhoods. He is a tall, expansive son" has told him "that drugs were in- figure well known for his costly style of tensive travel, sometimes in chartered In the Executive Board's public jets and often with an entourage of

In 1972 he headed a national political organization, Black Democrats for George McGovern. But he gained



Lawrence E. King Ir., manager of the Franklin Community Federal Credit Union, which is the focus of widening inquiries.

generously at Republican National Conventions. At the 1984 gathering, in Dallas, where he sang the national anthem on the convention floor, he rented the ranch where the television series at this year's convention, in New Or-Council on Minority Americans, held another spectacular celebration, this one in a building-where stored paraphernalia of the Mardi Gras provided a dramatic backdrop.

#### Dismay in Omaha

Mr. King's trouble with the authorities came to the surface early last greater prominence after he had month when officials of the Governto organize a committee that would in-collapse, were "just the tip of an ice-greater prominence after he had month when officials of the Govern-vestigate only the credit union's sol-berg, and he's not in it by himself." But switched parties a while later, serving ment's National Credit Union Adminislapse. But by the end of the day Mon-day, the committee, with Mr. Chambers added nothing that day, the committee, with Mr. Chambers added nothing that for a time as vice chairman of the Nation, acting on information from the tional Black Republican Council, an of F.B.I. and the Internal Revenue Servficial affiliate of the Republican Party, ice, arrived at the offices of the Frankand becoming a familiar figure on the lin Community Federal Credit Union as well. Clared that Mr. King personally reThen the Omaha office of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation acknowledged that it had independently received re
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ment suit against Mr. King, whose sal-ary as Franklin Community's manager had been less than \$17,000 a year.

The development spread shock among the city's business and political leaders. Some of them, including Mayor Walt Calinger, had been devoted supporters of the credit union, in the belief that by helping to attract deposits there they were providing a source of funds for the poor north Omaha-area-that-Franklin Community had been created to serve.

- The suit said Government investigators had been able to find Franklin Community assets totaling only \$2.5 million. It put the amount of missing money at \$34 million, a figure that the National Credit Union Administration has since revised upward, to about \$38 million. Most of the missing funds, the suit said, are reflected in Franklin Community records showing that at least \$35 million in certificates of deposit sold by the credit union are out-standing as liabilities, including more than \$33 million recorded in "a-second and seeret set of books."

Documents filed with the suit itemize large payments that the Government says Mr. King made with money from Franklin Community accounts. Among them were more than \$1 million to American Express for credit card charges; \$148,000 to limousine services in Omaha, New Orleans and the New party there for black Republicans. And York City, area; \$120,000 for car leases; hearly \$60,000 to jewelry stores; \$55,000 in rent for his Washington home; \$45,000 to a charter-plane service, and various sums in donations to charitable and political organizations, including \$25,000 to Citizens for America, a group of conservative lobbyists, and \$18,000 to the Human Rights Campaign Fund, a political action committee for homosexuals that focuses chiefly on AIDS-related issues.

In all, the listed payments, for periods of the last two years that totaled 18 months, amounted to \$4.6 million. Where did the rest of the missing \$38 million go? "It's been a massive operation reconstructing the whole thing,"

# Nebraska Inquiry Is Given File on Sex Abuse of Foster Children

#### By WILLIAM ROBBINS

Special to The New York Times

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 22 - A state file containing reports of physical and sexual abuse of foster children, based on interviews with some of the children and including one instance reminiscent of slave auctions, has been turned over to the Executive Board of the Nebraska Legislature.

People familiar with the file's contents describe it as a voluminous compilation of reports acquired over the last two years by the State Foster Care Review Board from a variety of child care professionals, including schoolteachers and social workers.

#### Good Parties and Bad Parties

Three leading officials of the review board, which monitors the quality of care in Nebraskan foster homes, submitted the file Monday in a closed meeting with the Executive Board. It will be used by an investigative committee that the Executive Board had already begun forming to look into earlier reports of child sexual abuse and how that abuse might be linked to the collapse of a small Omaha credit

# 'There were good parties, and some were bad parties.'

One of the reports in the file, according to a source familiar with it, is an ac count by an interviewer of a narrative provided by a reputed victim, who described parties at various places, including Omaha and cities to which she was flown on the East Coast.

"The way she described it, some were good parties and some were bad parties," said this source, who went on to describe scenes of abuse, including one in which the victim, a teen-ager, was made to stand nude at a party while she was offered at auction to the highest bidder.

"I don't know if they-can prove it," the source said, "but if one-tenth of what that girl is saying is true, I'd sure hate to have her talking about me."

The foster care agency's submission of the file is among the latest developments in a case that began surfacing

Nov. 4, when the Government's Na- counted any link between the credit sides the report of auctioning of the tional Credit Union Administration shut down the Franklin Community Federal Credit Union in Omaha. The agency, which oversees the nation's federally chartered credit unions and insures their deposits, subsequently filed suit against Lawrence E. King Jr. Franklin Community's manager and treasurer, charging him with diverting millions of dollars of the institution's money to his own purposes. In all, the agency says, Franklin Community is missing \$38 million.

Mr. King has not been accused of personally engaging in child sexual abuse. But a number of widening Federal and state investigations into the credit union's collapse are aimed in begar part at determining whether any of the jects. money he is accused of embezzling was

#### Some Mystery Remains

chairman of the National Black Republican Council, an official affiliate of the Republican Party, has denied all alle- dating back several months to spur gations of embezzlement, and in an in- various investigative agencies to look

union case and child abuse.

The number of children involved in that abuse remains something of a mystery, as does the identity of any foster homes involved. The person who spoke of the contents of the foster care agency's file declined to discuss these elements of the case.

One of Franklin Community's employees, a man hired to sell large certificates of deposit that are said to have provided most of the funds that kept the credit union operating, said in a recent interview that on the day it was shut down, agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation immediately began asking questions on other sub-

"They asked me about child pornogever used to transport children or to raphy, drugs and Larry King's life pay them for sexual favors. raphy, drugs and Larry King's life style, in exactly that order," he said. Subsequently, he said, he was called be-fore a Federal grand jury in Omaha Mr. King, a 44-year-old former vice and asked to describe his job activities.

The source who spoke of the file's contents said that it reflected efforts terview last week his lawyer dis- into the possibility of abuse. And be- mon for victims of child abuse."

services of a teen-ager, the source said. it contains information from other interviews, including some from a child care specialist, Julie Walters, who moved from Omaha late last year to take a position as a juvenile probation officer in Cincinnati.

Mrs. Walters, reached by telephone, told of interviews with two teen-agers who, she said, described physical cruelty to children at foster care homes as well as sexual abuse of teen-agers at parties in Omaha, New York, Chicago and Washington.

Earlier this week, she told an Omaha reporter of a teen-ager's description of a party involving sex between "more than two people, same sex and opposite

"It's a horrible thing for me professionally and emotionally," she said in the telephone interview, "to go through watching kids disclosing things that are very traumatic for them, verbalizing situations in which they were victims and saying they knew that nothing would ever be done about it."

But, she added, "that is not uncom-







George Bush: The Unauthorized Biography --- by Webster G. Tarpley & Anton Chaitkin

# Chapter -XXI- Omaha

On the morning of June 29, 1989, pandemonium erupted in the corridors of power in the nation's capital. ``Homosexual Prostitution Probe Ensnares Official of Bush, Reagan," screamed the front-page headline of the *Washington Times* with the kicker ``Call Boys Took Midnight Tour of White House."

The *Times* reported, ``A homosexual prostitution ring is under investigation by federal and District authorities and includes among its clients key officials of the Reagan and Bush administrations, military officers, congressional aides and U.S. and foreign businessmen with close ties to Washington's political elite."

The exposeé centered on the role of one Craig Spence, a Republican powerbroker known for his lavish "power cocktail" parties. Spence was well connected. He celebrated Independence Day 1988 by conducting a midnight tour of the White House in the company of two teenage male prostitutes among others in his party.

Rumors circulated that a list existed of some 200 Washington prominents who had used the call boy service. The Number Two in charge of personnel affairs at the White House, who was responsible for filling all the top civil service posts in the federal bureaucracy, and Secretary of Labor Elizabeth Dole's chief of staff, were two individuals publicly identified as patrons of the call boy ring.

Two of the ring's call boys were allegedly KGB operatives, according to a retired general from the Defense Intelligence Agency interviewed by the press. But the evidence seemed to point to a CIA sexual blackmail operation, instead. Spence's entire mansion was covered with hidden microphones, two-way mirrors and video cameras, ever ready to capture the indiscretions of Washington's high, mighty and perverse. The political criteria for proper sexual comportment had long been established in Washington: *Any kinkiness goes, so long as you don't get caught.* The popular proverb was that the only way a politician could hurt his career was if he were ``caught with a dead woman or a live boy" in his bed.

Months after the scandal had died down, and a few weeks before he allegedly committed suicide, Spence was asked who had given him the "key" to the White House. The *Washington Times* reported

that ``Mr. Spence hinted the tours were arranged by `top level' persons, including Donald Gregg, national security advisor to Vice President Bush''@s1 and later U.S. ambassador to South Korea.

We have already had occasion to examine Don Gregg's role in Iran-Contra, and have observed his curious performance when testifying under oath before congressional committees. Gregg indignantly denied any connection to Spence, yet it is public record that Spence had sponsored a dinner in Gregg's honor in the spring of 1989 at Washington's posh Four Seasons Hotel in Georgetown.

George Bush was less than pleased with the media coverage of the prostitution charges and kept abreast of the scandal as it mushroomed. The *Washington Times* reported in an article titled ``White House Mute on Call Boy Scandal," that ``White House sources confirmed that President Bush has followed the story of the late night visit and Mr. Spence's links to a homosexual prostitution ring under investigation by federal authorities since they were disclosed June 29 in the *Washington Times*. But top officials will not discuss the story's substance, reportedly even among themselves.

"Press officers have rebuffed repeated requests to obtain Mr. Bush's reaction and decline to discuss investigations or fall out from the disclosures." @s2 By midsummer, the scandal had been buried. The President had managed to avoid giving a single press conference where he would surely have been asked to comment.

As the call boy ring affair dominated the cocktail gossip circuit in Washington, another scandal, halfway across the country in the state of Nebraska, peaked. Again this scandal knocked on the President's door.

A black Republican who had been a leader in organizing minority support for the President's 1988 campaign and who proudly displayed a photo of himself and the President, arm in arm, in his Omaha home, was at the center of a sex and money scandal that continues to rock the Cornhusker state.

The scandal originated with the collapse of the minority-oriented Franklin Community Credit Union in Omaha, directed by Lawrence E. King, Jr., a nationally influential black Republican who sang the national anthem at both the 1984 and 1988 Republican conventions. King became the subject of the Nebraska Senate's investigation conducted by the specially created ``Franklin Committee" to probe charges of embezzlement. In November 1988, King's offices were raided by the FBI and \$40 million was discovered missing. Within weeks, the Nebraska Senate, which initially opened the inquiry to find out where the money had gone, instead found itself questioning young adults and teenagers who said that they had been child prostitutes. Social workers and state child-care administrators accused King of running a child prostitution ring. The charges grew with the former police chief of Omaha, the publisher of the state's largest daily newspaper, and several other political associates of King, finding themselves accused of patronizing the child prostitution ring.

King is now serving a 15-year federal prison sentence for defrauding the Omaha-based credit union. But the magazines *Avvenimenti* of Italy and *Pronto* of Spain, among others, have charged that King's crimes were more serious: that he ran a national child prostitution ring that serviced the political and business

elite of both Republican and Democratic parties. Child victims of King's operations charged him with participation in at least one satanic ritual murder of a child several years ago. The *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *Village Voice* and *National Law Journal* covered the full range of accusations after the story broke in November of 1988. King's money machinations were also linked to the Iran-Contra affair, and some say that King provided the CIA with information garnered from his alleged activities as a "pimp" for the high and mighty.

*Pronto*, the Barcelona-based, largest circulation weekly in Spain with 4.5 million readers, reported that the Lawrence E. King child prostitution scandal "appears to directly implicate politicos of the state of Nebraska and Washington, D.C. who are very close to the White House and George Bush himself."

The weekly stated that Roy Stephens, a private investigator who has worked on the case and heads the Missing Youth Foundation, ``says there is reason to believe that the CIA is directly implicated," and that the ``FBI refuses to help in the investigation and has sabotaged any efforts" to get to the bottom of the story. Stephens says that ``Paul Bonnacci directly accused President Bush of being implicated" in the affair when he testified before the Franklin Committee.@s3 Bonnacci, who had been one of the child prostitutes, is identified by leading child-abuse experts as a well-informed, credible witness.

Lawrence King was no stranger to President Bush. And Lawrence King was no stranger to Craig Spence. Several of the Omaha child prostitutes testified that they had traveled to Washington, D.C. with King in private planes to attend political events which were followed by sex parties. King and Spence had much in common. Not only were they both Republican Party activists but they had gone into business together procuring prostitutes for Washington's elite.

Bush's name had repeatedly surfaced in the Nebraska scandal. But his name was first put into print in July 1989, a little less than a month after the Washington call boy affair had first made headlines. Omaha's leading daily newspaper reported, ``One child, who has been under psychiatric care, is said to believe she saw George Bush at one of King's parties."@s4

A full three years after the scandal had first made headlines, Bush's name again appeared in print. Gentleman's Quarterly (GQ) carried a lengthy article, viewed by many political observers in Nebraska as an attempt to refute the charges which would not die, despite the termination of all official inquiries. The GQ piece disputed the allegations as a conspiracy theory that went out of control and resonated because of some mystical sociological phenomena allegedly unique to Nebraskan rural folk who will believe anything and burn ``with the mistrust of city life that once inflamed the prairie with populist passion." Numerous polls over the last few years have recorded over 90% saying they believe there has been a ``cover up" of the truth.

*GQ* reported that yes, there was theft, corruption and homosexuality in this story, "but no children were ever involved in this case." In fact, "the only child even mentioned was a 9-year-old boy, whom the least reliable of Caradori's witnesses claimed to have seen in the company of George Bush at one of Larry King's Washington parties."

Gary Caradori was a retired state police investigator who had been hired by the Nebraska Senate to investigate the case, and who had died mysteriously during the course of his investigations.@s5

Sound crazy? Not to Steve Bowman, an Omaha businessman who is compiling a book about the Franklin money and sex scandal. ``We do have some credible witnesses who say that `Yes, George Bush does have a problem.'... Child abuse has become one of the epidemics of the 1990s," Bowman told GQ. Allegedly, one of Bowman's sources is a retired psychiatrist who worked for the CIA. He added that cocaine trafficking and political corruption were the other principal themes of his book.@s6

It didn't sound crazy to Peter Sawyer either. An Australian conservative activist who publishes a controversial newsletter, *Inside News*, with a circulation of 200,000, dedicated his November 1991 issue entirely to the Nebraska scandal, focusing on President Bush's links to the affair. In a section captioned, ``The Original Allegations: Bush First Named in 1985," Sawyer writes,

• "Stories about child sex and pornography first became public knowledge in 1989, following the collapse of the Franklin Credit Union. That is not when the allegations started, however. Indeed, given the political flavor of the subsequent investigations, it would be easy to dismiss claims that George Bush had been involved. He was by then a very public figure...."

If the first allegations about a massive child exploitation ring, centered around Larry King and leading all the way to the White House, had been made in 1989, and had all come from the same source, some shenanigans and mischievous collusion could be suspected. However, the allegations arising out of the Franklin Credit Union collapse were not the first.

Way back in 1985, a young girl, Eulice (Lisa) Washington, was the center of an investigation by Andrea L. Carener, of the Nebraska Department of Social Services. The investigation was instigated because Lisa and her sister Tracey continually ran away from their foster parents, Jarrett and Barbara Webb. Initially reluctant to disclose information for fear of being further punished, the two girls eventually recounted a remarkable story, later backed up by other children who had been fostered out to the Webb's [sic].

These debriefings were conducted by Mrs. Julie Walters, another welfare officer, who worked for Boys Town at the time, and who had been called in because of the constant reference by the Webb children and others, to that institution.

Lisa, supported by her sister, detailed a massive child sex, homosexual, and pornography industry, run in Nebraska by Larry King. She described how she was regularly taken to Washington by plane, with other youths, to attend parties hosted by King and involving many prominent people, including businessmen and politicians. Lisa specifically named George Bush as being in attendance on at least two separate occasions. "Remember, this was in 1985," emphasized the Australian newsletter.

The newsletter reproduces several documents on Lisa's case, including a Nebraska State Police report, a

State of Nebraska Foster Care Review Board letter to the Attorney General, an investigative report prepared for the Franklin Committee of the Nebraska Senate, and a portion of the handwritten debriefing by Mrs. Julie Walters. Peter Sawyer says that he obtained the documents from sympathetic Australian law enforcement officers who had helped Australian Channel Ten produce an exposeé of a national child prostitution ring Down Under. The Australian cops seem to have been in communication with American law enforcement officers who apparently agreed that there had been a coverup on the Nebraska scandal. Subsequent investigations by the authors established that all four documents were authentic.

Mrs. Julie Walters, now a housewife in the Midwest, confirmed that in 1986 she had interviewed the alleged child prostitute, Lisa, who told her about Mr. Bush. Lisa and her sister Tracey were temporarily living at the time in the home of Kathleen Sorenson, another foster parent. Mrs. Walters explained that at first she was very surprised. But Lisa, who came from a very underprivileged background with no knowledge of political affairs, gave minute details of her attendance at political meetings around the country.

### From Julie Walters' 50-page handwritten report:

• 3/25/86. Met with Kathleen [Sorenson] and Lisa for about 2 hours in Blair [Neb.] questioning Lisa for more details about sexual abuse.... Lisa admitted to being used as a prostitute by Larry King when she was on trips with his family. She started going on trips when she was in 10th grade. Besides herself and Larry there was also Mrs. King, their son, Prince, and 2-3 other couples. They traveled in Larry's private plane, Lisa said that at these trip parties, which Larry hosted, she sat naked ``looking pretty and innocent" and guests could engage in any sexual activity they wanted (but penetration was not allowed) with her.... Lisa said she first met V.P. George Bush at the Republican Convention (that Larry King sang the national anthem at) and saw him again at a Washington, D.C. party that Larry hosted. At that party, Lisa saw no women (``make-up was perfect--you had to check their legs to make sure they weren't a woman").

The polygraph test which Lisa took only centered around sexual abuse committed by Jarrett Webb. At that time, she had said only general things about Larry's trips (i.e. where they went, etc.). She only began talking about her involvement in prostitution during those trips on 3/25/86...

Lisa also accompanied Mr. and Mrs. King and Prince on trips to Chicago, N.Y. and Washington, D.C. beginning when she was 15 years old. She missed twenty-two days of school almost totally due to these trips. Lisa was taken along on the pretense of being Prince's babysitter. Last year she met V.P. George Bush and saw him again at one of the parties Larry gave while on a Washington, D.C. trip. At some of the parties there are just men (as was the case at the party George Bush attended)--older men and younger men in their early twenties. Lisa said she has seen sodomy committed at those parties....

At these parties, Lisa said every guest had a bodyguard and she saw some of the men wearing guns. All guests had to produce a card which was run through a machine to verify who the guest was, in fact, who they said they were. And then each guest was frisked down before entering the party.@s7

The details of the accusations against Mr. Bush are known to be in the hands of the FBI. A Franklin Committee report stated:

• Apparently she [Lisa] was contacted on December 19 [1988] and voluntarily came to the FBI offices on December 30, 1988. She was interviewed by Brady, Tucker and Phillips.

She indicates that in September or October 1984, when [Lisa] Washington was fourteen or fifteen years of age, she went on a trip to Chicago with Larry King and fifteen to twenty boys from Omaha. She flew to Chicago on a private plane.

The plane was large and had rows of two seats apiece on either side of the interior middle aisle.

She indicates that King got the boys from Boys Town and the boys worked for him. She stated that Rod Evans and two other boys with the last name of Evans were on the plane. Could not recall the names of the other boys.

The boys who flew to Chicago with Washington and King were between the ages of fifteen and eighteen. Most of the boys were black but some were white. She was shown a color photograph of a boy and identified that boy as being one of the boys on the plane. She could not recall his name.

She indicates that she was coerced to going on the trip by Barbara Webb.

She indicates that she attended a party in Chicago with King and the male youths. She indicated George Bush was present.

She indicates that she set [sic] at a table at the party while wearing nothing but a negligee. She stated that George Bush saw her on the table. She stated she saw George Bush pay King money, and that Bush left the party with a nineteen year old black boy named Brent. Lisa said the party George Bush attended was in Chicago in September or October 1984. According to the *Chicago Tribune* of October 31, 1984, Bush was in Illinois campaigning for congressional candidates at the end of October.

Lisa added more details on the Chicago trip, and told why she was sure it was George Bush she had seen. According to a May 8, 1989 report by investigator Jerry Lowe, ``Eulice [Lisa] indicated that she recognized George Bush as coming to the party and that Bush had two large white males with him. Eulice indicated Bush came to the party approximately 45 minutes after it started and that he was greeted by Larry King. Eulice indicated that she knew George Bush due to the fact that he had been in political campaigns and also she had observed a picture of Bush with Larry King at Larry King's house in Omaha."

There is no question that Lisa and Tracey Webb were abused in the way they claimed. But, in keeping with the alleged pattern of coverup, a Washington County, Nebraska judge in December 1990 dismissed

all charges against their abusers, Jarrett and Barbara Webb. The judge ignored presented testimony of the 1986 report by Boys Town official Julie Walters. The report stated: ``Lisa was given four polygraph tests administered by a state trooper at the State Patrol office on Center Street in Omaha. The state trooper, after Lisa's testing was completed, told [another foster parent] he tried to `break Lisa down,' but he was convinced she was telling the truth."@s8

Furthermore, numbers of foster care officials and youth workers debriefed the sisters. All of them fully believed not only their general story of abuse, but specifically their account of Bush's involvement. The March 1986 report on Bush was incorporated into the Foster Care Review Board's official report presented to the Senate Franklin Committee and to law enforcement. As Kathleen Sorenson wrote in a report dated May 1, 1989, ``This was long before he [Bush] was president. It seems like there were more exciting people to `lie' about if that's what they were doing."@s9

The rumors about Mr. Bush were given new life when Dr. Ronald Roskens, the head of the Agency for International Development (AID), found himself the object of controversy. *Executive Intelligence Review* reported in the fall of 1991 that Dr. Roskens is the subject of a scandal in which he is being charged with violating federal laws and ethics codes, according to the Oct. 6 *Washington Post*. A report prepared by AID Inspector General Herbert Beckington, dated April 5 and leaked to the *Post*, charges Roskens with accepting thousands of dollars in payments from ``different organizations in compensation of his and his wife's travel expenses" while Roskens was on official government travel. He also took money for a private trip from a company ``from which Roskens had agreed to divest himself as a condition of his presidential appointment."

The inspector general concluded that the money accepted by Roskens was a clear conflict of interest and violated federal law against earning non-government income. But on Sept. 4, after reviewing the charges, the Department of Justice ... informed Beckington that it had decided not to prosecute--giving no explanation for its decision. The White House is reviewing the case.

Congressional investigators are already looking into the allegations. Should they scratch below the surface, they will find that this is not the first time Roskens has been touched by scandal. Although President Bush promised that he would not tolerate even the appearance of impropriety in his administration, Congress should not be surprised if the White House threatens to start `breaking legs' in Roskens's defense.

It is not just that Roskens is a personal friend of the President--although he is.... [A]n unimpeded investigation into Roskens could expose the link between Bush's little publicized birth control maniamuch of which is carried out through the State Department's AID in the Third World--and the sexual depravity rampant in U.S. political and intelligence elites. Any such scandal could shatter the illusions of Bush's conservative base, many of whom still accept the President's claims to being `pro-life,' `antidrug,' and an American patriot. It should also make anyone who thinks of the propaganda about Bush being the `education President,' deeply queasy.

Roskens left his home state of Nebraska for the nation's capital in early 1990 enmired in controversy. He had been fired suddenly as president of the University of Nebraska, in a secret meeting of the state Board of Regents in July 1989. No public explanation was given for his removal. Yet, within weeks, the White House offered Roskens the high-profile job in Washington. The administration knew about the controversy in Nebraska, but Roskens passed an FBI background check, and was confirmed to head AID.

The FBI appears to have overlooked a Feb. 19, 1990 investigative report by the late Gary Caradori [see footnote 5 below], an investigator for the `Franklin Committee" of the Nebraska Senate. He wrote, `I was informed that Roskins [sic] was terminated by the state because of sexual activities reported to the Regents and verified by them. Mr. Roskins [sic] was reported to have had young men at his residence for sexual encounters. As part of the separation from the state, he had to move out of the state-owned house because of the liability to the state if some of his sexual behavior was `illegal.'"@s1@s0

There has been no independent confirmation of the accusation. As of late December 1991, a congressional committee was looking into the charges.

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A telling feature about this book is the clear cut reputation and standing of its author and the circumstances behind his involvement in the story.

Of all the dodgy conspiracies and tall tales circulating today, none is more compelling, possible or disturbing as this and moreover the tide of evidence would suggest the author is telling the truth. This book stands up like no other as it accuses figures of complicity in actions that are virtually libellous. Yet has faced no litigation action, except one case where the author won.

And another case where his client's abuse and mental anguish was recognised by the court that tellingly was late in the 1999's in relation to a figure central to the story. Not to mention the original court case that's central to the book, in relation to Larry King. ( this is all public record now.)

I cannot stress how important this book is, it remained fresh in my mind for weeks.

This is one book that has to be read, if you're American the material in this book would shock you. I watched a recent episode of Oprah about missing children in America In which a statistic was used which shocked me. 2,000 children go missing in the United States every single Day!!!

That links to this book in so many ways, an absolutely terrifying, yet fascinating read. I couldn't stop reading until I stopped myself physically due to the sheer unease it caused me, but I was soon back to it. I would recommend this book higher than any other. Put simply it is a terrifying portrayal of how corruption and power can demand silence on the immoral and disturbing actions of those in privileged and powerful positions.

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John Decamp's dilemma was whether to confront the problem of the crimes and cover-up or just look the other way and take the easy way out. Being a man of integrity and courage is not as easy and glamorous as being hero on TV. There were a lot of death threats and strange deaths of people who got involved with prosecuting the case. Some lost their seats in the legislature and some had financial setbacks purposely caused by their enemies. It could be that the case involves a blackmail situation in which politicians are tempted with illicit sex and drugs and then pressured to vote the blackmailer's way or else wrongdoings will be made public. That's one of the reasons why you want your representatives to be incorruptible

The case also involves the S and L crises, the Iran Contra scandal, and the pedophile group NAMBLA, Omaha boys town, girls club, the FBI, Omaha police, and locally, nationally, and internationally known VIPs.

An Omaha newspaper took sides during the trial and presented the story as being a feverish fantasy cooked up by the victims. One of the victims was even convicted of perjury, but once you read Decamp's explanation of the details of the case, you see that this shouldn't have happened.

Decamp has been in cases in which people have been falsely accused of child abuse; he does not think this is one of them. He says to falsely accuse someone of abuse is the worst thing you can do, except abuse or let others abuse and then cover it up.

Decamp eventually got involved in other cases which had the government or law enforcement doing something unethical against citizens and then often the media would get the story wrong. He covers such cases as the OKC bombing, Montana Freemen/Militia, and Gordon Kahl, the tax protester. He wonders why OKC crime scene was destroyed so quickly. The Montana Freemen weren't actually trying to take over a town; it was just a case of police paranoia. Law enforcement officials shot Gordon Kahl because of a suspicious police bulletin that said he was armed and dangerous. They handled the situation in "shoot first, ask questions later" manner.

It's always scary when authorities become corrupt, because the citizen can't trust them to protect them when crimes are being committed since some of the authorities are committing the crimes. Although there seems to be some trustworthy people in government that could be turned to in the Franklin Case, there weren't enough of them around to override the authority of corrupt officials. According to the Franklin case, it seems many corrupt prominent people are involved in violent satanic cults. This scandal deserves much more coverage than its gotten.

Decamp gives us a good look at how sleazy politics and the legal system can be. In order to win an election, you always have to get on the good side of the "kingmakers" and then do as they say once you're in office. Corrupt officials in the legal system were often able to make sure that the truth would not be believed in the Franklin case

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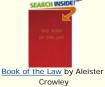
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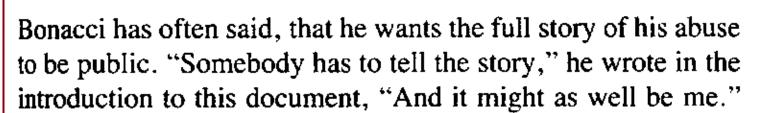
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# Snuff Film made at the Grove?

excerpt from the book Franklin Coverup.

# **PAUL BONACCI**



Gruesome as it is, Bonacci's report to me harks back to the early cries for help, from Loretta Smith:

I went in January of '84 on every trip. I was paid by men King knew for sex. In the summer of '84 sometime I went to Dallas Texas and had sex with several men King knew in a hotel.

I flew on YNR Airlines and Kam Airlines normally for King. I never had much personally to do with King, only went where he told me to go.

In or on July 26th I went to Sacramento, Ca. King flew me out on a private plane from Eppley Airfield [in Omaha] to Denver where we picked up Nicholas, a boy who was about 12 or 13. Then we flew to Las Vegas to a desert strip and drove in to Las Vegas and to some ranch and got something. Then flew on to Sacramento.

We were picked up by a white limo and taken to a hotel. I don't remember the name of it. We meaning Nicholas and I were driven to a area that had big trees, it took about an hour to get there. There was a cage with a boy in it who was not wearing anything. Nicholas and I were given these tarzan things to put around us and stuff.

They told me to f the how and stuff. At first I said no

things to put around us and stuff.

They told me to f--- the boy and stuff. At first I said no and they held a gun to my balls and said do it or else lose them or something like that. I began doing it to the boy and stuff. And Nicholas had anal sex and stuff with him. We were told to f--- him and stuff and beat on him. I didn't try to hurt him. We were told to put our d---s in his mouth and stuff and sit on the boys penis and stuff and they filmed it. We did this stuff to the boy for about 30 minutes or an hour when a man came in and kicked us and stuff in the balls and picked us up and threw us. He grabbed the boy and started f---ing him and stuff. The man was about 10 inches long and the boy screamed and stuff and the man was forcing his d--- into the boy all the way. The boy was bleeding from his rectum and the men tossed him and me and stuff and put the boy right next to me and grabbed a gun and blew the boys head off.

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The boys blood was all over me and I started yelling and crying. The men grabbed Nicholas and I and forced us to lie down. They put the boy on top of Nicholas who was crying and they were putting Nicholas hands on the boys ass. They put the boy on top of me and did the same thing. They then forced me to f--- the dead boy up his ass and also Nicholas they put a gun to our heads to make us do it. His blood was all over us. They made us kiss the boys lips and to eat him out. Then they made me do something I don't want to even write so I won't.

After that the men grabbed Nicholas and drug him off

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After that the men grabbed Nicholas and drug him off screaming they put me up against a tree and put a gun to my head but fired into the air. I heard another shot from somewhere. I then saw the man who killed the boy drag him like a toy. Everything including when the men put the boy in a trunk was filmed. They took me with them and we went up in a plane. I saw the bag the boy was in. We went over a very thick brush area with a clearing in it. Over the clearing they dropped the boy. One said the men with the hoods would take care of the body for them.

I didn't see Nicholas until that night at the hotel. He and I hugged and held each other for a long while. About two hours later the men or Larry King came in and told us to go take a shower since we had only been hosed off at some guys house. We took a shower together and then were told to put on the tarzan things. After we were cleaned up and dressed in these things we were told to put on shorts, socks and a shirt and shoes and driven to a house where the men were at with some others. They had the film and they played it. As the men watched they passed Nicholas and I around as if we were toys and sexually abused us.

They made Nicholas and I screw each other and one of the men put the dead boy's penis in mine and Nicholas' mouth. I didn't want to write this because the man forced me to bite the boys' penis and balls off. It was gross and I saw the film where it happened and started freaking out remembering what they made us do afterwards to the boy. They showed us doing everything to the boy. I was there for about 5 days attending parties but only recall cutting my wrist which is why I stayed two days in a hospital under a name I can't recall. Some guy paid for me.

# **PAUL BONACCI**

In other testimony, Bonacci said that Larry King was smiling and laughing the whole time the film was being shown, and that "the men with the hoods" were a Satanic group which planned to use the dead boy in some sort of ceremony. He also named the director of the snuff film, whom they had picked up in Las Vegas, as "Hunter Thompson."

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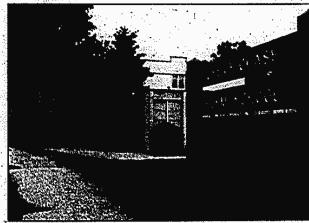
# School used as base for sex ring

By George Archibald and Pablin, Bodriguez

A male prostitute convicted of drug trafficking and sex offenses against a minor used the Chevy Chase Elementary School in late 1987 to run his prostitution operation after the school's principal began buying sex from him, an investigation by The Washington Times has revealed.

The principal, Gabriel A. Massaro, conceded in a two-hour interview with The Times Wednesday that he had a four-year relationship with the prostitute and provided him with a guidance counselor's office and telephone at the model "magnet school" even while children were in classes elsewhere in the building.

The 48-year-old principal also confirmed that he told the school's custodian to give the prostitute — who told The Times that he has also worked for a homosexual prostitution service now under investigation

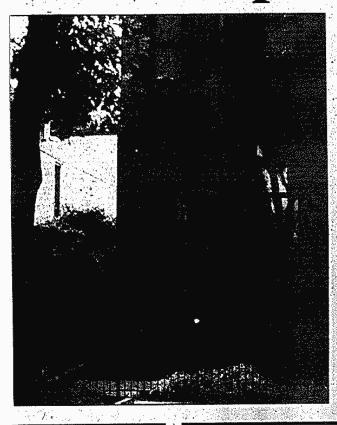


Homosexual escort services were operated out of Chevy Chase Elemi School and the Capitol Hill basement apartment of Rep. Barney Frank

"[The prostitute] used that [counselor's] office;" the principal said.:... Pressed whether Davis might have molested or trie molest any children at the Chevy Chase school, the principal said, "Oh God, no. h couldn't have. I don't think so. No."

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# Frank's lover was 'call boy'

By Paul M., Rodriguez and George Archibald THE WASHINGTON TIMES

A male prostitute provided homosexual and bisexual prostitution services from the apartment of U.S. Rep. Barney Frank on Capitol Hill on a periodic basis from late 1985 through mid-1987, The Washington Times has learned.

"I had reason to believe that he might be trying to do that," said Rep. Barney Frank, Massachusetts Democrat, who confirmed in an interview with The Times on Wednesday that the escort had access to his house in the 200 block of 8th Street

"And when I found out about it, I kicked him out [in August 1987]," Mr.

Mr. Frank said he knew that the

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A little outrage for the children, please. Pruden on Politics, Page A4.

# Power broker served drugs, sex at parties bugged for blackmail

By Michael Hedges and Jerry Seper

Craig J. Spence, an enigmatic figure who threw glittery parties for key officials of the Reagan and Bush administrations, media stars and top military officers, bugged the gatherings to compromise guests, provided cocaine, blackmailed some associates and spent up to \$20,000 a month on male prostitutes, according to friends, acquaintances and records.

The 48-year-old D.C. power broker has been linked to a homosexual prostitution ring currently under investigation by the U.S. Attorney's Office. Its clients included several top government and business officials from Washington and abroad.

Among the clients identified in hundreds of credit-card vouchers obtained by The Washington Times - and identified by male prostitutes and escort operators - are government officials, locally based U.S. military officers, businessmen, lawvers, bankers, congressional aides, media representatives and other professionals.

Mr. Spence's influence appeared unlimited, aptly demonstrated by his ability to arrange midnight tours of the White House, according to three persons who said they took part in those tours.

"It was a show-the-flag time for Craig Spence," said one person who went on a July 3, 1988, tour that included two male prostitutes. "He just wanted everyone to know just how damned powerful he was," said the person. "And when we were strolling through the White House at 4 o'clock in the morning, we were believers."

One man who was on the four but asked not to be named for fear it would damage his business said it was cleared by a uniformed Secret Service goard whom the man had seen attending Mr. Spence's parties as a bodyguard.

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Power broker Craig J. Spence demonstrated his influence by providing late night strolls through the White House for groups of selected friends.

# RNC calls scandal 'tragic situation'

By George Archibald and Paul M. Rodriguez THE WASHINGTON TIMES

Republican and conservative political leaders reacted cautiously yesterday to a report in The Washington Times that key Reagan and Bush administration officials are ensnared in a federal probe of homosexual prostitution.

"There's no reason for cleaning anybody out [of office because they used homosexual prostitutes," said Leslie Goodman, a spokeswoman for

Republican National Committee Chairman Lee Atwater.

"It's a personal situation. It's a tragic situation if people have to resort to prostitutes," the GOP spokeswoman said, "But there's no standard for people in the federal government that's different than for the average Joe on the street."

However, a top Labor Department adviser to Secretary Elizabeth Dole resigned vesterday after acknowledging to The Times that he

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"For once in his life, Craig was doing something nice. We just cerned about him."

One former Reagan administration official who worked at the U.S. Information Agency and is an open. homosexual said he went to private parties at Mr. Spence's home and



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Mr. Gordon said he warned Mr. Spence of the need to be registéred as a lobbyist, and documents show that in January 1985 he became a registered agent lobbying for Japdoing something nice. We just thought, neat, we get a free midnight tour of the White House, the man-

Another person on the tour said the group walked through all the public areas of the White House and "even took pictures of ourselves in the barber's chair."

After arriving in Washington in the late 1970s, Mr. Spence was hosting parties during the early Reagan years attended by, among others, journalists Eric Sevareid, Ted Koppel and William Safire; former CIA Director William Casey; the late John Mitchell, attorney general in the Nixon administration; conservative activist Phyllis Schlafly; Ambassador James Lilley; and Gen. Alfred M. Gray, the commandant of the Marine Corps.

Arnaud de Borchgrave, editor-inchief of The Times, went to dinner once at Mr. Spence's home to honor Mr. Lilley.

Efforts to reach Mr. Spence in the past week were unsuccessful. He contacted The Washington Times yesterday in response to a telefaxed message but hung up when queried about his activities.

According to many current and former friends, Mr. Spence was a dangerous friend to cultivate. Several former associates said his house on Wyoming Avenue was bugged and had a secret two-way mirror, and that he attempted to ensnare visitors into compromising sexual encounters that he could then use as leverage.

One man described having a limousine sent to his home by Mr. Spence and being brought to a gathering at which several young men tried to become friendly with him. "I didn't bite; it's not my inclination," the man said. "But he used his homosexual network for all it was worth."

The man, a business associate of Mr. Spence who was on the White House tour, said: "He was black-mailing people. He was taping people and blackmailing them."

One former friend said he saw an 8-foot-long, two-way mirror over-looking the library of Mr. Spence's home which, he said, he was later told was used for "spying on guests."

Georgetown University law professor Richard Gordon said he was a close friend of Mr. Spence's until his "behavior began deteriorating outte markedly."

Mr. Gordon recalled being at a gathering at Mr. Spence's home and having a conversation with veteran, NBC and CBS correspondent Liz

Trotta.

"We were sitting in a corner, talking about our mutual concern about Cralg's physical condition. He came down later and said he had been listening to us and didn't appreciate it

at all," Mr. Gordon said.
Ms. Trotta, contacted in New York
City, yesterday confirmed Mr. Gordon's comments and said it was "one
in a series of incidents" in which she
began to question Mr. Spence's emotional and physical stability.

saw a great deal of recording and taping equipment.

"It was my clear impression that the house was bugged," he said.

Another man, an Air Force sergeant who worked for Mr. Spence as a bodyguard, said: "The house was definitely bugged. I can't say what he was doing with the information. I don't know that. But he was recording what occurred there."

Several others confirmed that Mr. Spence had bragged on several occasions that he had his house bugged and that conversations between guests often had been overheard. They said Mr. Spence often would come down late to parties he hosted and told close associates that he had been listening to what was being said about him.

Several people also said Mr. Spence boasted about getting control of the million-dollar home on Wyoming Avenue by blackmailing clients in Japan.

William Harbin, a former U.S. Foreign Service official who worked for Mr. Spence in the mid-1980s, said: "He pretty much blackmailed a Japanese client. He had represented this firm in Washington, the Policy Study Group.

"The Japanese put up the money for Spence to buy a big house on Wyoming Avenue," Mr. Harbin said. "I heard he later had a quarrel with this Japanese because he was really using this house to advance his own purposes, not for the Japanese. But he threatened to expose that they had transferred the money illegally, so it made the Japanese back down."

Another longtime friend confirmed that Mr. Spence bragged about the Wyoming Avenue deal, saying he had beaten "a very rich, old-line Japanese family."

Secret Service spokesman Bob Snow, when asked yesterday for records about Mr. Spence's visits to the White House, said only the White House counsel could authorize release of the material.

C. Boyden Gray, the White House counsel, said he did not know why Mr. Snow referred The Times to him, adding that he was unaware that his office was required to release such information. "I just don't know anything about that," Mr. Gray said. "But maybe there's something I don't know about."

Federal law enforcement authorities, including the Secret Service, involved in the probe of the homosexual prostitution ring have told prostitutes and their clients that a grand jury will deliberate over evidence gathered in the ongoing inves-

tigation throughout the summer.

Hundreds of credit-card volchers, drawn on both corporate and personal accounts and made payable to the Washington-based escort service operated by the homosexual ring, have been examined by The

Washington Times.

Mr. Spence, a former ABC-TV correspondent who covered the war in Vletnam, was one of the biggest spending clients of the homosexual.



The Times. For example, on Oct. 5, 1988, he made four separate payments totaling \$1,525 with his American Express card for male escorts from Professional Services Inc.

On. Oct. 8, he paid \$600 for male escorts, and another \$600 payment Oct. 20, the documents show. There were some months when Mr. Spence spent as much as \$20,000 for male escorts hired to provide him sexual services, according to documents and interviews with prostitutes who served him.

Many of Mr. Spence's guests soured on his hospitality which his darker behavior emerged. A case in point is his relationship with former U.S. Attorney Joseph diGenova.

According to Mr. diGenova, he attended a few of Mr. Spence's parties both as U.S. attorney and after he left the government to enter private practice. He eventually traveled to Japan last December on a business trip with Mr. Spence and Wayne Bishop, chairman of the Washington law firm of Bishop, Cook, Purcell & Reynolds, where Mr. diGenova works.

"When I got back from Japan, some anonymous person suggested that he [Mr. Spence] might be using cocaine. Well, of course my antennae went up right away and I checked those rumors out... and found much to my surprise that people suspected the worst." Mr. diGenova said.

At that point, Mr. diGenova said, he severed his relationship with Mr. Spence. "When you compared it to his other eccentric behavior, it made sense. But I had no evidence whatsoever," he said.

Mr. diGenova said he never tookhis concern that Mr. Spence might be using drugs to authorities.

Others interviewed said they witnessed drug use and other crimes at parties thrown by Mr. Spence but also never shared their observations with law enforcement officials.

The saga of Mr. Spence, described by one friend as "Washington's Jay Gatsby," began unraveling when federal and D.C. police raided a male prostitution ring in Northwest Washington and discovered credit-card vouchers signed by Mr. Spence and others Times were describing Mr. Spence as Washington's ultimate power broker — acquaintences noticed bizarre behavior.

Mr. Spence was generous with cocaine at his parties, according to several people who said they witnessed drug use at the exclusive Kalorama house.

"I know he was a coke freak," said the business associate who was on the White House tour. "A lot of people saw it. His behavior spoke for itself."

Several friends said Mr. Spence bragged that U.S. military personnel, for whom he had built a gymnasium in El Salvador, had smuggled cocaine back to him when they returned to the United States.

"I heard he was selling drugs, or smuggling drugs into the country from El Salvador," said a friend who worked closely with Mr. Spence. "He went down there two or three times or maybe more. He was trying to interest a Japanese firm with buying a fishery in El Salvador.

"I found out the United Nations had rejected a similar scheme; they found if you put more boats in there the fish would just get smaller. So I told him that it was no good," the former associate said.

U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration officials said this week they had no evidence of any such opera-

Others said the drugs came from a more mundane source — midlevel dealers in Northwest Washington.

How a man whom even his closest friends describe as a flawed, malevolent personality managed to court Washington's biggest names is a quintessential Washington story.

Mr. Spence arrived in Washington in the late 1970s. Even intimate friends said his depiction of his background was as shifting as his guest list. What can be confirmed is that he attended Syracuse University and worked as a journalist with ABC in Southeast Asia during the Victnam War.

One former friend, who became acquainted with Mr. Spence in 'lb-kyo, said that the latter had a "falling out" with ABC News because of his political views. The former friend

ment of the news by the network."

Mr. Spence made good contacts in Japan and among Chinese expatriates, often bragging of his close as sociation with former Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone and appearing in public with a Chinese businessman who once served as an unofficial representative of Communist China in Washington, sources said.

The businessman said this week that he did not know exactly what work Mr. Spence did, but that he often bragged about his contacts with Japanese businessmen and political leaders, particularly Mr. Nakasone.

He described Mr. Spence as "strange," saying that he often boasted that he was working for the CIA and on one occasion said he was going to disappear for awhile "because he had an important CIA assignment."

According to the businessman, Mr. Spence told him that the CIA might "doublecross him," however, and kill him instead "and then to make it look like a suicide."

The businessman also said he attended a birthday bash for Roy Cohn at Mr. Spence's house. He said Mr. Casey was at the party.

"One time he stormed into another party with a big, white hat and an entourage of security guards," the businessman said. "It was all rather bizarre."

Mr. Spence's trump card in courting the rich and famous apparently was his access to high-ranking orientals at a moment when Japan was flowering as an economic giant and relations with China were thaw-

"Craig had an interest in the Japanese economy," said Mr. Gordon, "He was very interested in breaking through the bureascratic level and

getting people to come to seminars.
"He developed a kind of genuine and effective influence among important doers and thinkers in Washington and from New York," Mr. Gordon said. "I met some interesting senutors and representatives at his

parties." .

He was doing extensive business with Japan in the early 1980s, some

has anyone staged seminars successfully on a continuing asocial basis in Washington. That's what Craig Spence has been doing."

Mr. Spence was described in the New York Times as "something of a mystery man who dresses in Edwardian dandy style, a former television

A January 1982 New York Times

profile of Mr. Spence was headlined

Have Names, Will Open Right

Doors." The article quoted a Wash-

ington Post columnist in 1980 saying

of Mr. Spence: "Not since Ethel Ken-

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New York Times as "something of a mystery man who dresses in Edwardian dandy style, a former television correspondent who now wears many hats, including international business consultant, party host, registered foreign agent and something called 'research journalist.'"

Those who knew Mr. Spence best were astonished by his ability to court the rich and powerful.

"He conned people into going to parties — big people, Cabinet members and personalities and so forth," said Mr. Harbin, who wrote research papers that Mr. Spence peddled to Japanese clients.

"Everybody likes to go to a free party around here. He'd have a photographer there, get his photo taken with a great man, and use that," he said.

"He was quite secretive, but from what I could see these things had little or no substance," Mr. Marbin said. "Usually a grain of truth, but he'd build a pile of lies on top of it. Usually he'd start with a photograph of himself with some guy and build a lie around it that he was his top adviser. Nakasone was one."

Mr. Spence also bragged about social companions, telling friends that he had hosted Mr. Cohn, Rock Hudson and others at his Wyoming Avenue home.

The former Reagan administration aide said he decided to sever a friendship with Mr. Spence when he witnessed him trying to force his offduty military bodyguards into ho-

mosexual acts.
"I'm openly gay myself," he said.
"Most gays find that type of behav-

ior reprehensible."

Several people who attended Mr. Spence's parties remarked at what one guest called "his personal honor

guard."
"I don't know where he got them, but he liked to surround himself with tall, handsome, stalwart young men. He liked to surround himself with decorations," one frequent guest

said.

Mr. Spence has been living on Massachusetts Avenue in recent months, friends said. His legitimate business contacts have "one by one dropped away" said one close friend.

He has told a number of his friends that he plans to leave the country by Aug. 15. Mr. Spence also

has said his health is fulling,
"I can unhappily confirm that. He
has been in ill health. I am not truly
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said Mr. Spence was a hard-line conservative and was opposed to what he described as "the liberal trent-

with Japan in the early 1980s, some of which former Reagan administration officials said appeared to violate. trade laws.

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 Paul M. Rodriguez contributed to this report.

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had procured male prostitutes and was subjected to blackmail threats by one of the call boys.

In a letter announcing his resignation as Mrs. Dole's political personnel liaison to the White House, Paul R. Balach wrote: "I hereby resign my position this date due to the public disclosure of activities concerning my personal life."

Mr. Balach said in an interview late yesterday he was told by the department's solicitor, Robert Davis, he must either resign or be fired. He said he was not allowed to talk to Mrs. Dole about the matter.

"They said they reached this decision with a great deal of pain because I was a valued employee. But they thought that the cloud surrounding me would not allow me to continue to hold a political job in the administration," he said.

"I think they are protecting

Elizabeth, and frankly I would do the same thing," Mr. Balach said. "I live psycheck to psycheck. They promised me that they would try and find me another position somewhere in the government, but I just don't know.... Somebody else is going to clean out my office. They didn't want me to come back into the office."

U.S. Attorney Jay B. Stephens confirmed in a statement yesterday that his office "has been investigating ailegations involving credit card fraud following a Feb. 28 raid on the call boy ring's Northwest Washington headquarters. But Mr. Stephens refused to discuss the matter further

A Justice Department spokesman said the investigation was being led by the Secret Service.

But the spokesman denied that the government was investigating the possibility that homosexuals who held senior posts during the Reagan administration were compromised by blackmail or by Soviet agents who may have used young male prostitutes for esplorage pur-

The White House distanced itself yesterday from reports that top-level Republican officeholders and Pentagon brass were involved in the homosexual prostitution ring.

"I don't know anything about it," said White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater, "Nothing at all."

At the Pentagon, spokesman Pete Williams, commenting on The Times' article, said he was unaware of any Defense Department investigation into credit card fraud or homasexual conduct by members of the military.

Democratic National Committee officials declined to comment on GOP involvement with the call boy

But Rep. Barney Frank, Massachusetts Democrat and a selfproclaimed homosexual who several weeks ago threatened to reveal a list of Republican homosexuals in Congress, said he was "not surprised" by the revelations.

Because almost all Republicanhomosexuals are "in the closet." Mr. Frank said, "there's an impression that there aren't any Republicans. .. This is the proof of the prejudice

in our community." Bias that forces homosexuals to maintain secrecy about their sexual

orientation is an "obvious waste of human talent," he said. The National Gay & Lesbian Task

Force and the Human Rights Campaign Fund, a gay and lesbian civil rights group, echoed Mr. Frank's remarks.

"The Washington Times story is a rank attempt to sensationalize a fact that should come as no surprise to anybody: that there are gay people in the Republican Party and in this-Republican administration," the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force said in a statement. "The story The Times does not tell is the story of the repression and fear that still mars the lives of gay individuals in politics.".

The group also challenged the

possibility raised in The Times'. story of threats to national security from the blackmail of homosexuals in sensitive government positions. saying there has never been "even one single documented case of gayrelated espionage" in the past 40 усага.

In Republican political circles, there is a clear division between those who want to clean out homosexuals from government and "more pragmatic types" who are tolerant of their private behavior but hate any kind of scandal that will hurt the party, said one close adviser to Mr. Atwaler. --

"The pragmatists want it [disclosures of the homosexual prostitution ring) to go away. They hope there's no more to come," the adviser said.

"I had no idea such stuff was going on," said Morton Blackwell, president of The Leadership Instituté. which gives political training to young Republicans.

"I think it is time to sit down and ... write a paper for young conserva-المحتلف المحار المحارف والما

lives who are wastice over by all of this propaganda saying noise people are naturally, genetically irrepastably inclined to this kind of bottosexual behavior." Mr. Black wall

said. proves to be true, then it would explain a certain resistance to profamily policies on the part of the Reagan administration which vere popular and in the interests of the administration," said Paul Weyrich, president of Coalitions for America.

You can understand an administration's reluctance to get involved in something if they're going to have to pay dearly to be on the sugopular. side of an issue," he said.

"But it is hard to understand why they would resist certain policy decisions which were popular with the public and which were in the national interest: for example, treating AIDS as a public health issue and requiring testing, which was vehomently opposed at the policy level of the administration, he said.



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# GEORGE W. BUSH'S JOURNEY The Cheerleader

# Earning A's in People Skills at Andover

# By NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF

NDOVER, Mass. -- Perhaps there have been other presidential candidates who have dressed in drag, flaunting their legs from beneath a (fairly short) white skirt. But George W. Bush is probably the only one who has done it in front of a camera.

A photograph showing George and friends wearing wigs and employing falsies to fill out their sweaters appears in a yellowed copy of the school newspaper of Phillips Academy here in Andover, near Boston. It was 1963, and George, then a high school senior and head cheerleader, was leading a skit intended to mock rival schools.

Governor Bush's student days were in most respects supremely undistinguished, and anyone hoping to find reassurance about his candidacy through signs of great intellect or gravitas in those years will be disappointed. There were many other students then who seemed far more likely to emerge as political leaders.

Yet there was one important area where young George did excel: people skills. It was in high school that he first seemed to cultivate them and exhibit them, using the tactics that show through in that photo -wisecracking showmanship -- to carve out an identity for himself, an identity that is more subdued today





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Ever the showman, George W. Bush could feign a nap, below, or lead a group of friends dressed in wigs in a skit intended to mock rival schools, top.

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but otherwise intact.

It was also then that George W., while forging countless loyal friendships, also began to turn some people off with what they saw as arrogance, emptiness and a tendency to smirk and be dismissive.

In his stump speeches today, Mr. Bush comes across not as a policy maven or intellectual but as a politician motivated in large part by optimism and a yearning to "lift the spirit of America," as he puts it. In all this, there is perhaps an echo of a boy at Andover long ago who finally found his niche by building coalitions across cliques and lifting the spirits of his school.

In an institution that respected brains and brawn, George seemed to overflow with neither. He was a mediocre student and no more than a decent athlete, and he paled in comparison with his father and namesake, who had been brilliant at everything he did.

Yet, in the end, George found alternative ways to claim the stage and become popular. Against the odds, he emerged by force of personality as a significant figure on campus.

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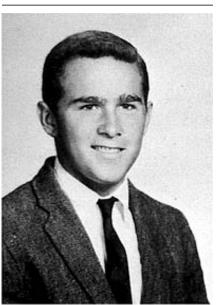
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Phillips Academy Yearbook A senior at Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., in 1963-64.

No one thought of George W. Bush as a future politician, and he seemed oblivious to the civil rights struggle and other issues of the day. But he worked hard to remember everyone's name and managed to worm his way into the limelight. Early on, he showed one of the most fundamental political skills: the ability to make people feel good.

"You can definitely see the germination of leadership there, even though the activity was not anything you would call political," said Randall Roden, a childhood friend of George who also attended Andover. "He was learning those skills, or perfecting them, at Andover."

Portraits of the youthful George W. tend toward the extremes, presenting him either as a paragon of decency, street smarts, charisma and quips, like some Republican John F. Kennedy, or else as a spoiled dolt who (as was said of his father) was born on third base believing that he had hit a triple. Yet the George whom classmates recall is no such caricature, one way or the other, but rather the more complex image of the nervous, excited and exuberant boy with a thick Texas accent who showed up for classes at Andover in

# A Question of Privilege

hat if George W. Bush's father had been an ordinary Texas oilman named Smith? Or, to ask it another way, how much of his achievement has been his own? This is a question that dogs him today as a presidential candidate, and it does seem that from the very beginning, Mr. Bush got a crucial helping hand in life because of his name and family connections. Otherwise, he would probably not have been admitted to Andover and then Yale.

This question of privilege is one that rankles Mr. Bush, and when he was asked about it in a long interview about his past, he became prickly.

"I think I'm asked that all the time," Mr. Bush scolded. "It's interesting, they always use the word 'Smith,' too." He deepened and modulated his



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George W. Bush takes the call, surrounded by classmates at Phillips Academy.

voice to mimic a television interviewer: "'Would you be standing here as presidential candidate if your name were George Smith?' Well, you know, it's not George Smith. It is George Bush. And how did it influence? I don't have any idea."

In fairness, aside from help with admissions committees, the name was not the eye-opener then that it is now. Young George's father was an obscure Texas oilman until he ran for the United States Senate in 1964, the year George graduated from Andover. His grandfather, Senator Prescott Bush of Connecticut, occasionally visited George at Andover in a car with the senatorial "Connecticut 2" license plates, but several friends from that era insisted in interviews that they did not even know back then about his grandfather and did not see George as anyone special.

George W. had generally enjoyed a privileged upbringing, particularly after he moved with his family at the age of 13 to Houston from the West Texas oil town of Midland. There the family settled into a large house with a pool on a 1.2-acre lot, and George attended the eighth and ninth grades at Kinkaid, an excellent private school.

The specific benefits of his family heritage became clear in 1961, when George was accepted by Andover, one of the country's premier high schools. Then an all-male institution, Andover had a college-level faculty and an amazing \$80,000 budget just for mowing the lawns and planting the grounds.

It was also exceptionally difficult to get into, and George had already encountered problems with admissions officers. He had been rejected by St.

John's, the best private school in Houston.

(A family friend vaguely recalled the rejection, but when Governor Bush was interviewed he said he knew nothing of this. Later, after checking with his parents, he went out of his way to confirm, without any apparent embarrassment, that he had indeed been rejected.)

Andover was far more competitive than St. John's. A contemporary magazine article says 80 percent of Andover applicants were then being turned down, and it seems unlikely that George would have been admitted to Andover entirely on his own merits.



Phillips Academy Yearbook

George W. Bush as the head cheerleader at Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., in fall 1963, in a role that some classmates now see as a precursor of his political rise as presidential candidate.

But he did not need to be. The

Andover admissions process calculated a numeric score for each applicant, ranging from 4 to 20, and then gave a 3-point bonus to any son of an Andover graduate. George's father had been a star graduate, still beloved by teachers there.

This may diminish George's achievement in getting into Andover but it does not erase it. Even among sons of Andover graduates, fewer than half were admitted at that time. Mr. Bush says he has no recollection of his grades at Kinkaid, but a friend from that time says he was an A student, and it was those grades and his activities as a class officer and athlete that, along with his pedigree, put him over the top at Andover.

# Adjusting to Andover

he adjustment to Andover was a rough one for young George, who had been wrenched from sunny Texas and a school where he had effortlessly been a good student. At Andover, in contrast, George's first grade on an essay (about his sister's death from leukemia when he was 7) was a zero, boldly written in red ink along with the teacher's scrawled comment: "disgraceful."

"It was a shocking experience," Clay Johnson, a fellow Texan in the class of '64, said of Andover. "It was far away from home and rigorous, and scary and demanding. The buildings looked different, and the days were shorter. We went from being at the top of our classes academically to struggling to catch up. We were so much less prepared than kids coming from Massachusetts or New York."

And young George had another concern. "He had this fear that generation after generation had gone to Andover," Mr. Johnson said, "and he would fail after three weeks."

As a presidential candidate, Mr. Bush has emphasized education policy and

the need to raise expectations. That theme, he suggested, is rooted in those hours spent slaving over assignments at Andover.

"If you want to translate real-life experience, I understand what it means for people to raise expectations," he said. "When I talk about high expectations of schools, Andover has high expectations, at least when I went there. And it was rigorous. I mean it was very rigorous academically, and I'm a better person for it."

Yet despite the pressure, young George seems to have remained remarkably sunny. Classmates remember him as cheerful and exuberant. When snow began falling in October of his first year, he bounded outside in excitement to catch the flakes and try to gather enough for a snowball.

"My memory of living with George was that it was probably the funniest year of my life," recalled Donald E. Vermeil, a roommate at Andover. "George is just an incredibly funny guy. He had a way of keeping everything light and entertaining without offending people or getting out of line."

Andover was rife with cliques, and George fell into the jock crowd, which was disproportionately made up of boys from beyond the Northeast. Although George had always had a foot in the privileged blue-blood world of the Northeast -- he frequently visited his wealthy maternal grandparents in Rye, N.Y., as well as the family retreat in Kennebunkport, Me. -- he hung out less with the ubiquitous New Yorkers and more with the jocks who also felt a bit out of place and overwhelmed by the schoolwork.

"He was less of a jock; he was more of a jock hanger-on-er," said Peter Schandorff, a classmate. "He was a member of teams, but he never really distinguished himself in sports."

Those who played basketball, baseball or football remember George as moderately talented but exceptionally scrappy, sometimes too much so. Once the coach had to pull him out of a basketball game when he became angered at a referee's call and hurled the ball at an opposing player.

# A Rebel From Texas



eorge W. Bush was a slob.

School rules required boys to wear jacket and tie during meals and classes. He tested these rules by frequently wearing sneakers (without socks), ancient pants, a wrinkled shirt, a disastrously knotted tie and sometimes an army jacket. Friends say his aim was not just to rebel but also to remind everyone that he was a Texan, not a preppy.

Students all ate in the Commons, an elegant dining hall with high ceilings, somber portraits and dark wood paneling -- the formal atmosphere undermined by the pats of butter that the boys sent hurtling at one other or at the walls, where they stuck if catapulted with enough force. George and the other jocks mostly sat together at one end of the Commons, while the academic types and nerds sat on the other end.

Most of the time, there were only 2 blacks among the 240 students in the

class of '64, although in their final year they were joined by the son of the prime minister of Somalia. (He proved to be a useful resource to the teenage boys because he had several wives and, under pressure, revealed something of the mysteries of sex.)

"Much to my astonishment, the fellows from the South, especially the guys from George's little Texas group, were more friendly than their Northern counterparts," recalled Conway A. Downing, a black student from Virginia. "At least with respect to African-American guys in the class, he got along very well with them."

José R. Gonzalez, a Puerto Rican, has the same memory of Mr. Bush, as unusually friendly, open and unpretentious.

"A guy from Puerto Rico was sort of unusual at Andover," Mr. Gonzalez recalls, "but it didn't bother him."

Mr. Gonzalez remembered being invited once to spend Thanksgiving vacation with George at his grandfather's house in Connecticut. It was only after he arrived at the house that he figured out that the grandfather was a United States senator.

"He took pains to get along with everybody," recalls Thomas B. Eastland, a classmate. "He was building coalitions throughout."

Yet there are others who recall things very differently, and who remember limits to that inclusiveness.

One of Mr. Bush's political problems today is a perception among some voters that he is arrogant, an empty suit smirking condescendingly at the world, and that perception seems to have first manifested itself at Andover. That is when he developed his smirk (which his friends insist is simply a self-deprecating smile), and even then it irritated some classmates who saw him as no more than an empty polo shirt.

While Mr. Bush charmed his way into the most desirable social circle, some recall say that he was dismissive of other students and practiced his putdowns on them.

"George was very much in the 'cool' group, and it seemed to me that he wasn't that interested in those who weren't," said Robert P. Marshall, a more scholarly classmate.

" 'Inclusive,' " Mr. Marshall added, "is about the last word I would have used to describe how George was at Andover."

Matthew J. McClure, who was then on a lower social plane than Mr. Bush's crowd, also remembers Mr. Bush's social skills as directed only at others who were "in," while disdaining the less fortunate.

"When I was at Andover, I was not part of the cool crowd, and George was," Mr. McClure said. "If you were not cool, then George ignored you. When you're that age and the people who are cool ignore you, it's unpleasant, and that was my experience."

# **Raising School Spirits**

eorge W. found his avenue to prominence on campus by leveraging his enthusiasm and affability. One steppingstone was his role as head cheerleader, which gave him a chance to ham it up in front of crowds.

George initiated a series of humorous pep talks and skits in the weekly school assemblies, but school officials fretted that they simply drew attention to the cheerleaders rather than to the football team. G. Grenville Benedict, the dean of students, urged the cheerleaders to tone it down and perhaps call off the skits.

That drew a swift rebuke from the school newspaper, the Phillipian, which ran a lead editorial in defense of "Bush's antics."

In the end, Mr. Benedict grew extremely fond of George. The next head cheerleader, Michael M. Wood, said he was taken aside by Mr. Benedict and told that George had raised Andover's school spirit to its highest level since Mr. Benedict had joined the school, in 1930.

More than cheerleading, though, George's claim to fame at Andover was organizing a huge intramural stickball program. Stickball, played with broomsticks and a tennis ball on a field, a variant of the kind played on the streets in New York City, had been an informal pastime at Andover for several years.

But at the weekly assembly in April of his senior year, George stood up and announced the formation of a stickball league. He was wearing a top hat like a circus showman, and instead of a brief announcement, he offered a 20-minute speech that had much of the audience in stitches.

"I was his roommate and I don't remember him rehearsing or practicing," said John Kidde. "And he got up, and you can see why he's doing what he's doing today. He announced how he was high commissioner of stickball, and he got some chuckles, and he just kept going. He was making it up as he went along. And he started talking about rules, and it was very funny. It was a riot."

The stickball league was popular among the students in part because it was seen as subversive, spoofing Andover's somber athletic traditions. Instead of the earnest sports matches that were rigidly controlled by adult coaches, the stickball league was entirely run by the students and was dedicated to fun rather than excellence, just like the high commissioner himself.

George chose team names for their appeal to adolescent tastes. There were the Nads, so that fans could scream "Go, Nads!" And there were various other risque names, or else respectable-sounding ones that cleverly had unprintable acronyms. Team members printed personal nicknames on their white T-shirts -- McScuz, Vermin, Zitney and the like.

"Stickball was a way to send up Andover and let off some of the inevitable senior year springtime steam," recalled David T. Mason, a classmate. "To George's eternal credit, it did this without getting anyone expelled."

The season culminated in a tournament and eventually a grand-championship game umpired by George himself, in which the Steamers faced the Beavers. Throngs watched as the teams dueled, with the 6-foot-9 Steamer pitcher (Root) facing off against a skinny but wily junkballer (Zitney) for the Beavers. After a dropped fly ball, the Steamers won 3-0.

"The Beavers were heartbroken, but it had been a hell of a season," recalled Zitney, more formally known as Peter T. Pfeifle. "I doubt there has ever been anything like it again since that spring of 1964. Stickball was the thing, and Bush was stickball."

Friends found that George became increasingly self-confident as he realized that he had a talent for social leadership.

"It was part of his self-image and what built his confidence," said Mr. Roden, his childhood friend. "He knew he could get people to do things."

# **Precursors of Politics**

eorge was particularly admiring of a legendary history teacher, Thomas T. Lyons, and later majored in history at Yale. Yet he exhibited little intellectual curiosity, and he also was largely oblivious to politics.

"We certainly didn't talk about world affairs," recalls Mr. Bush's girlfriend in those years, Debbie Taylor, with whom he danced the twist, played tennis and listened to the Crystals' song "He's a Rebel."

"I thought he was kind of studly," Ms. Taylor recalled, laughing. "He played tennis well. He could drive. Not to belittle anything that he is, but he could drive and that was important. He was more assertive and certainly more outgoing than some other guys. I thought he was good-looking.

"I was 15," she added, laughing at herself.

George was not involved in student government. But some classmates now think that his roles as stickball commissioner and head cheerleader were precursors of politics. When Governor Bush talks about making America feel better about itself -- well, some classmates think back to their old stickball commissioner.

"At the time the whole stickball thing seemed like a grand prank, without political overtones," said Bryce Muir, a classmate. "Looking back, it was an inspired scheme with definite political implications."

Mr. Bush himself does not claim, of course, that his student activities qualify him for the White House. Asked about his leadership at Andover, he said sarcastically, "Well, I think the stickball commissioner makes me perfectly suitable to become the president."

Ever since Andover, Mr. Bush has consistently demonstrated the same kind of leadership: not a powerful intellect or dazzling policy expertise but rather an exceptional ability to make friends, work a crowd, cheer people up and take them all in his direction. As Texas governor, for example, he worked

with Democrats as well as Republicans, built successful coalitions and became a popular figure without typically becoming immersed in policy details.

# A Helping Hand at Yale

eorge fretted among friends about the pressure to get into Yale, which his father and grandfather had attended, and he hit the books largely with that goal in mind.

Mr. Benedict, the dean, looked over George's transcript and College Boards and then suggested in a kindly way that he apply to some easy colleges in addition to Yale. So George applied to University of Texas as his "safe school," but in the end Yale accepted him.

Yale, like Andover, gave a helping hand to alumni sons in the admission process -- far more than now -- and it seems unlikely that Mr. Bush would have been admitted into Yale otherwise.

There were no class rankings, but George never made honor roll even one term, unlike 110 boys in his class. His College Board scores (leaked by some current Yale students and reprinted in The New Yorker) were 566 for the verbal part and 640 for math. Those were far below the median scores for students admitted to his class, as published in his Yale class's 25th reunion book: 668 verbal and 718 math.

So if his father and grandfather had not been stars at Yale, and his grandfather had not been a Yale trustee, George almost certainly would have ended up at the University of Texas.

Several of George's classmates went to Harvard instead, and one of them, Mr. Schandorff, became friendly there with a young Tennessean named Al Gore. It is, of course, difficult to compare a high school pupil with a college student, but Mr. Schandorff recalls George Bush and Al Gore as strikingly different.

Mr. Schandorff says that George was energetic, memorable and a constant cheerleader, but never showed any political interest, deep thoughts or long-term ambition. In contrast, he says he found the youthful Al Gore immersed in politics, very intelligent and fiercely ambitious.

"I always thought Gore might be president," Mr. Schandorff recalled. "We talked about things like that. He talked about buying The Nashville Tennessean and working his way up to be president. We laughed and he said, 'What job would you like in the cabinet?' I said, 'National cruise director.' "

As he graduated from Andover, George was a well-known character on campus, a young man with warm and loyal friends but not one who seemed destined for greatness. He was not a finalist in voting for "most likely to succeed," "most respected," "politico," or any of the other main categories. But, in a reflection of his people skills, he did come in second for "big man on campus."

What would those Andover students have thought if they had been told back

then that George W. Bush would become a candidate for president?

"The reaction," said William T. Semple, a classmate, "would have been gales of laughter."

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# **PURITAN NEWS WEEKLY**

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# CORRUPTION IN HIGH PLACES III: SKULL AND BONES SOCIETY

By J. Parnell McCarter

Puritan News Service

When it comes to Bill Clinton, it does not take in-depth investigation to discover his degenerate moral compass: it is on the surface. At least by the end of his Presidency his Big Bible and Southern Baptist membership could fool only the most gullible of citizens. But with the Bush Family, including George W. Bush, more thorough investigation is required. In this article, we shall share with you just some of the information we have found.

Let's first consider some articles that address George H.W. Bush's and his son George W. Bush's membership in the Skull and Bones society and what this membership implies regarding their ties to moral degeneracy. During the 1980 Presidential campaign George W. Bush's membership in Skull & Bones became an issue. In response, *The Atlantic* magazine ran a series of articles detailing the findings of their investigation. Here is an excerpt of *The Atlantic* (http://www.theatlantic.com/issues/2000/05/robbins2.htm) from these articles:

"The initiation ceremony, held in April, involves as many alumni, or "patriarchs," as possible, one of whom in each instance serves as the supervisor, known as Uncle Toby. The Inner Temple is cleared of furniture except for two chairs and a table, and Bonesmen past and present assemble: Uncle Toby in a robe; the shortest senior, or "Little Devil," in a satanic costume; a Bonesman with a deep voice in a Don Quixote costume; one in papal vestments; another dressed as Elihu Yale; four of the brawniest in the role of "shakers"; and a crew of extras wearing skeleton costumes and carrying noisemakers...at one point in the proceedings every initiate kisses the slippered toe of the "Pope." At last the initiate is formally dubbed a Knight of Eulogia. Amid more raucous ritual he is cast from the room into the waiting arms of the patriarchs...

Yet Skull and Bones was not relegated entirely to George W.'s past after he graduated. In 1971, having been rejected by the University of Texas Law School and needing a job, Bush called a Bonesman, Robert H. Gow. Gow, who later told The Washington Post that

his Houston-based agricultural company had not been looking for anyone at the time, hired Bush as a management trainee. In 1977, when Bush formed Arbusto Energy, his first company, he once again applied to Skull and Bones for financial aid. With assistance from his uncle Jonathan Bush (Bones '53), he lined up \$565,000 from twenty-eight investors. One of them contributed \$93,000 -- the California venture capitalist William H. Draper III (Bones '50). Twelve Bonesmen (including family members)and the son of a patriarch gave a total of \$35,500 to Bush's 1998 gubernatorial campaign. At least forty-six Bonesmen or sons of patriarchs have given approximately \$1,000 apiece to his presidential campaign -- the maximum allowed by law.

Not surprisingly, loyalty often flows in the other direction. In 1984 Bush flew to Tennessee to accompany the Republican Senate nominee and Bonesman ('67) Victor Ashe on a seven-city tour. Ashe lost to Al Gore..."

Here is an excerpt from a *Yale Herald* article at <a href="http://www.yaleherald.com/frosharticle.php?">http://www.yaleherald.com/frosharticle.php?</a>
<a href="http://www.yaleherald.com/frosharticle.php?">Article=810</a> providing more information about the debauched cultic character of Skull and Bones:

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Behind the sacred walls of Yale's secret societies

# BY MOLLY BALL AND EMILY BELL

While the past three presidents of the United State hold Yale degrees, two of them are members of one of Yale's more infamous secret societies: President George W. Bush, DC '68; and his father, former President George H.W. Bush, DC '48. Recent exposure in the big-budget thriller Skulls and a more intellectual Atlantic Monthly article has only added to the mystique and notoriety (or infamy) of Yale's exclusive societies.

Although societies such as Skull and Bones, Book and Snake, and Scroll and Key are inextricably linked to the Yale name, these societies play a small part in the lives of most undergraduates, since they consist solely of a few seniors. Nonetheless, the looming and mysterious presence of their respective "tombs" and the awe they inspire make secret societies a very intriguing aspect of the Yale environment.

There are reportedly about a dozen senior-only secret societies, only a few of

which have tombs. The oldest, Skull and Bones, was founded in 1832. Not all secret societies date back that far; some formed in response to the entrenched elitism of their better-known counterparts. Most choose juniors and conduct interviews at the end of each year, though some societies actually accept applications...

The dark, ancient "tombs" where the societies meet add to their air of bizarre mystery. Hardly noticeable to the casual passer-by, the tombs have few or no windows and are enclosed by locked gates. One rarely sees anyone go in or out, and the details of what transpires inside are kept secret. Rumor has it that Skull and Bones has the highest water bill in all of New Haven—enough to fill several swimming pools every month. Rumpus, Yale's campus tabloid, routinely reports on societies' alleged naked parties and debauched rituals.

Most societies meet Thursdays and Sundays for dinner. Sometimes a guest from the community, such as a professor or local businessman, is invited to speak. Often, societies have members present their "autobiographies," revealing personal details—from childhood scars to sexual exploits—using props or slides. "Normally, you become friends with people and then get to know them; here, you get to know people and then you become friends with them," one tapped junior said..."

The Today Show, in a segment entitled "Skull and Bones, the Ivy League, and the Hidden Paths of Power", noted Alexandra Robbins investigation into Skull and Bones:

Sept. 4 — Inside a cold, foreboding structure of brown sandstone in New Haven, Conn., lives one of the most heavily shrouded secret societies in American history. Yale's super-elite Skull and Bones, a 200-year-old organization whose roster is stocked with some of the country's most prominent families: Bush, Harriman, Phelps, Rockefeller, Taft, and Whitney. Journalist Alexandra Robbins, herself a member of another of Yale's secret societies, interviewed more than a hundred Bonesmen and writes about the rituals that make up the organization. Read an excerpt from her book 'The Secrets of the Tomb' below....

Information about Alexandra Robbins' book 'The Secrets of the Tomb' can be found at <a href="http://">http://</a>

# www.secretsofthetomb.com/excerpt.php.

Despite the very disturbing nature of the ritual and activity of Skull and Bones, it should be noted that George W. Bush has never repented of and rejected it. To the contrary, there is evidence that he is still enslaved by the moral degeneracy that characterizes Skull and Bones.

For example, George W. Bush's association with sexual perversion in Skull and Bones has spilled over into his government appointments while president. At http://www.puritans.net/news/sodomy010203.htm we ran an article on the Bush record on sodomy. It is a record marked by a significant number of high level appointments of sodomites.

Furthermore, there is evidence that sexual perversion is a continuing aspect of George W. Bush's own personal life. Specifically, there is evidence that George W. Bush has on-going sexual relations with a fellow Skull and Bones member (Victor Ashe) who was George W. Bush's roommate at Yale. You will note in *The Atlantic* article quoted earlier how "in 1984 Bush flew to Tennessee to accompany the Republican Senate nominee and Bonesman ('67) Victor Ashe on a seven-city tour." Victor Ashe- besides having been a fellow Skull and Bones member, roommate and cheerleader with George W. Bush – has a public reputation of being a sodomite in Knoxville, Tennessee where he is mayor. For example, the Knoxville Green Party has this to say at its website <a href="http://www.geocities.com/knoxvillegreenparty/greendwijokes.html">http://www.geocities.com/knoxvillegreenparty/greendwijokes.html</a>:

"It's rumored that NOxVile's mayor, Victor/Victoria Ashe, whose momma (who took Vic's place when busted for "underage legislating") was arrested for hit-and-run while hiding out at the mayor's house, is suspected of two arrests. One was in Washington DC and the other was in Atlanta, while he was a state legislator. They allegedly involved arrests while picking up homosexual prostitutes in public restrooms while dressed in a dress. Our mayor also was allegedly introduced on live TV as "The gay mayor from Knoxville," at a national mayor's conference in San Francisco. Mayor Ashe is rumored to have refused changing Gay Street's name to something less, er, gay, preferring instead the name "Gay Way." And, of course, as a lying, two-faced politician, he supports George Bush banning gays from military employment (he said while the TV news braodcast alleged the Republican mayor was a Democrat while bragging about about taxing and spending the city into bankruptcy)."

It is disturbing that George W. Bush would have close ties with a man of such a poor reputation. Consider, for example, this item from an article at News Max (http://www.newsmax.com/archives/articles/2001/8/17/183848.shtml):

Ashcroft Is Bush's 'Johnny Appleseed'

John L. Perry Saturday, Aug. 18, 2001

"...In East Tennessee, solid GOP territory, Ashcroft had \$200,000 to bestow on the police of Knoxville, whose Mayor Victor Ashe was George W. Bush's roommate at Yale University..."

And consider this item from an article at <a href="http://www.usmayors.org/uscm/us\_mayor\_newspaper/">http://www.usmayors.org/uscm/us\_mayor\_newspaper/</a> documents/07\_23\_01/ashe\_fannie\_mae.asp:

"President George W. Bush has announced the appointment of Knoxville Mayor Victor Ashe, a Past President and current member of the Executive Committee of The U.S. Conference of Mayors, to the Board of Directors of Fannie Mae, the nation's largest source of financing for home mortgages. Ashe is the first mayor to serve on Fannie Mae's Board of Directors."

Even more disturbing than George W. Bush's close ties with Victor Ashe past and present are multiple allegations of homosexual relations coming from former Secret Service agents who worked for the Presidential Administration. Skolnicks' Reports, which is linked from *Puritan News Weekly*, chronicles this testimony.

Below is more information relating to this sordid story:

http://www.mail-archive.com/ctrl@listserv.aol.com/msg95880.html -

SKOLNICKS: "Some top U.S. military flag officers are aware of the correctness and validity of our exclusive stories of George W. Bush and his male sex-mate since University and Skull & Bones initiation and up to date. These flag officers are gravely concerned with the national security ramifications of this relationship which is not a private and personal matter. The situation has caused the murder of a magazine photo editor [The CIA's National Enquirer in Ft Lauderdale, Florida - the first person killed by anthrax post 9-11-2001, with entire building permanently shut down by FBI] as well as causing George W. Bush to be subject to blackmail and compromise of Bush resulting in his conveyance to sworn enemies of the United States, and giving them aid and comfort, of U.S. financial, industrial, and military secrets."

With that in mind, the following web sites mention suspicions that Victor Ashe, Mayor of Knoxville, Tennessee, is W's longtime gay partner. Ashe is an open homosexual, who has been described in news stories as sexually active and promiscuous. This would place him at high risk of contracting AIDS, and he may have then passed it onto President Bush (as Skolnick claimed):

http://www.democraticunderground.com/duforum/DCForumID12/2819.html http://www.mail-archive.com/ctrl@listserv.aol.com/msg95880.html

Skolnick later said that O'Neill was sacked as Treasury Chief because he was unable to stop Secret Service agents from leaking the Ashe affair to the press, or from quitting their jobs in disgust (Secret Service reports to the Treasury Department), among other things:

http://www.skolnicksreport.com/ootar22.html

Returning again to *The Atlantic* and *Yale Herald* articles on Skull and Bones, you will recall how the initiation ritual included both sexually perverse acts as well as an act of deference to the Pope. We have noted in other *Puritan News Weekly* articles and book reviews how sexually perverse acts seem to be part and parcel of the "religious" activity of certain high level Vatican officials. The late Malachi Martin – a former Vatican official- has testified to this fact. As noted at http://www.puritans.net/news/malachimartin.htm:

"Martin claims that a good deal of the child molestation occurring now is actually Satanic worship. Part of the Luciferian rites of many of the priests, nuns, and hierarchy. He intimates that many who engage in this kind of "worship" are indeed secret Masons."

The documented rituals of the Skull and Bones society also have all the marks of Satanic ritual, with someone actually playing the Devil, and with sexual perversion incorporated into the ceremony. Such wickedness in persons of high political estate places the U.S. government at high risk.









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# The Outing

David Dreier and his straight hypocrisy

By Doug Ireland

Thursday, September 23, 2004 - 12:00 am

**The latest target** of a Capitol Hill outing campaign — designed to expose closeted homosexual Republicans who oppose civil rights for gay people — is San Gabriel Valley Congressman David Dreier.

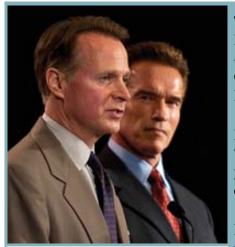


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The powerful 12-term congressman — chairman of the House Rules Committee, chairman of the California Republican House delegation, co-chairman of Californians for Bush, chairman of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's transition team — is in the cross hairs of Mike Rogers and his Blogactive.com Web site, whose outing campaign has already forced one GOP congressman out of politics. Representative Ed Schrock, a reactionary from Virginia, ended his re-election campaign last month after Rogers put on his Web site an audiotape of Schrock trolling for tricks on a gay chat line.

Now, Rogers — a former development director for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force — has given Dreier the "Roy Cohn Award, in recognition of 24 years of working against gay and lesbian rights while living as a gay man yourself." He is pummeling Dreier with almost daily revelations as a response to the GOP's anti-gay crusade for a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriages.

Rogers' campaign against Dreier got a major boost when it was taken up by Raw Story, the hot new liberal gadfly newsblog. Raw Story — which is edited out of Cambridge, Massachusetts, by 23-year-old John Byrne, who is also gay — last week published an interview with Dreier's Democratic opponent in 1998 and 2000, Dr. Janice Nelson, who said she

was aware during her 2000 campaign that Dreier was living with his chief of staff, Brad Smith. "Brad was like an invisible presence," she said. "They really have the routine down slick."

Nelson, a professor of pathology, says she came forward when she read on Raw Story that *Hustler* — the Larry Flynt magazine — was working on an exposé of Dreier's secret gay life. Mark Cromer, the mag's features editor in charge of its outing of Dreier, is a former reporter for a string of Valley newspapers in Dreier's district, including the *Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*, the *San Gabriel Valley Tribune* and the *Pasadena Star-News*. Cromer said his mag's exposé on Dreier — part of a package on sexual hypocrisy by Republican spear-carriers in the "culture wars" — will be published in November. And he accuses the papers in Dreier's district, all of which spout a conservative, anti-gay editorial line, of having a "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy toward the congressman and his relationship with Smith. These papers are all owned by Media News Group (MNG), whose CEO, Dean Singleton, is a major contributor to Republican campaigns. Opinion pages editor Steve Scauzillo said he could not comment on the Dreier matter without the approval of MNG higher-ups.

Raw Story has provided some fascinating details about Smith. It appears that he is the highest-paid chief of staff to any House committee chair. Smith's \$156,600 salary is just \$400 less than that of White House chief of staff Andy Card and Bush political commissar Karl Rove. By comparison, the chief of staff to the chair of the House Judiciary Committee makes \$126,000, while the chief of staff to the chair of the House Ways and Means Committee makes just \$100,696. New Jersey Democratic Governor Jim McGreevey was recently forced to resign when it was about to become public that he had put his boyfriend on the public payroll at a salary slightly less than the one which Dreier pays Smith.

Neither Dreier, Smith, nor the congressman's press secretary would return several telephone calls and detailed voice mails seeking comment. A staff member on Monday hung up the phone when I called back.

I have always taken the view that outing a gay person should be approached with caution, and that in doing so one should strictly adhere to the Barney Frank Rule. As articulated by the openly gay Massachusetts congressman during another anti-gay GOP witch-hunt over a decade ago, when Frank threatened to out a number of gay-baiting Republican fellow congressmen, the rule insists that outing is only acceptable when a person uses their power or notoriety to hurt gay people.

Dreier clearly meets that standard, for his voting record is strewn with anti-gay positions. To cite just a few: He opposed the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), which would have banned discrimination against gay people in hiring; voted for the gay-bashing Defense of Marriage Act; voted for banning adoption by gay and lesbian couples in the District of Columbia (3,000 miles away from Dreier's district); voted to allow federally funded charities to discriminate against gays in employment, even where local laws prohibit such bias; and voted against the Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

Dreier is not just a political homophobe but a heartless AIDS-phobe as well, voting against the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program designed to give shelter to the impoverished sick, and against funding for the federal ADAP program that furnishes the poor with the AIDS meds they need to stay alive.

Dreier can probably survive outing in his district and be re-elected, and it won't hurt him much with Arnold and his cronies either. But Dreier's days as a key member of the ultra-homophobic Hastert-DeLay House GOP leadership may be numbered. The telegenic Dreier has often served as the GOP leadership's spokesman on the TV chat-show circuit. It will be interesting to see whether, the next time Dreier shows up on *Crossfire* or Chris Matthews' show, he's asked about the contradictions between his anti-gay voting record and his hitherto-secret life.

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Nixon comments, "But it's not just the ratty part of town. The upper class in San Francisco is that way. The Bohemian Grove, which I attend from time to time . . . It is the most faggy goddamned thing you could ever imagine with that San Francisco crowd. I can't shake hands with anybody from San Francisco."

See the Bohemian Grove archive for further research.

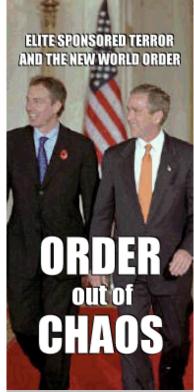
**Update: Full transcript from Harper's Magazine article** 

ALL THE PHILOSOPHER KING'S MEN.(President Richard Nixon, John D. Ehrlichman, and H. R. Haldeman)(Brief Article) Harper's Magazine, Feb, 2000, by James Warren

From a May 13, 1971, conversation among President Richard Nixon, John D. Ehrlichman, and H. R. Haldeman. On October 5, 1999, the National Archives made available to the public 445 hours of previously unreleased Oval Office tapes. The following dialogue was transcribed by Chicago Tribune reporter James Warren.

RICHARD NIXON: We're going to [put] more of these little Negro bastards on the welfare rolls at \$2,400 a family--let people like Pat Moynihan and [special consultant] Leonard Garment and others believe in all that crap. But I don't believe in it. Work, work--throw 'em off the rolls. That's the key.

JOHN D. EHRLICHMAN: The key is Reagan's neutrality. If Reagan blasts this thing and says it's not strong enough on the work-requirement end, that







will be very bad.

NIXON: I have the greatest affection for them [blacks], but I know they're not going to make it for 500 years. They aren't. You know it, too. The Mexicans are a different cup of tea. They have a heritage. At the present time they steal, they're dishonest, but they do have some concept of family life. They don't live like a bunch of dogs, which the Negroes do live like.

EHRLICHMAN: The Mexican American is not as good as the Mexican. You go down to Mexico--they're clean, they're honest, they're moral.

NIXON: Mexico is a much more moral country.

EHRLICHMAN: Monterrey, Cuernavaca. Go into slum areas, and by God they come out with clean shirts on a Sunday morning.

NIXON: The church. You find a helluva lot less marijuana use in Mexico than the United States.

EHRLICHMAN: The unions are actually a stronger force down there than the church.

NIXON: For what?

EHRLICHMAN: For conduct and social policy.

NIXON: ... CBS ... glorifying homosexuality.

EHRLICHMAN: A panel show?

H. R. HALDEMAN: No, it's a regular show. It's on every week. It's usually just done in the guy's home. It's usually just that guy, who's a hard hat.

NIXON: That's right; he's a hard hat.

EHRLICHMAN: He always looks like a slob.

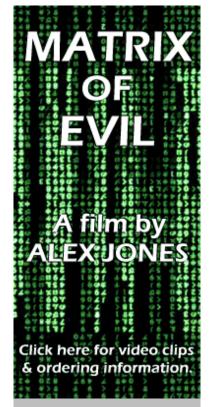
NIXON: Looks like Jackie Gleason.

HALDEMAN: He has this hippie son-in-law, and usually the general trend is to downgrade him and upgrade the son-in-law--make the square hard hat out to be bad. But a few weeks ago, they had one in which the guy, the son-in-law, wrote a letter to you, President Nixon, to raise hell about something. And the guy said, "You will not write that letter from my home!" Then said, "I'm going to write President Nixon," took off all those sloppy clothes, shaved, and went to his desk and got ready to write his letter to President Nixon. And apparently it was a good episode.

EHRLICHMAN: What's it called?

NIXON: "Archie's Guys." Archie is sitting here with his hippie son-in-law, married to the screwball daughter. The son-in-law apparently goes both ways. This guy. He's obviously queer--wears an ascot--but not offensively so. Very clever. Uses nice language. Shows pictures of his parents. And so Arch goes down to the bar. Sees his best friend, who used to play professional football. Virile, strong, this and that. Then the fairy comes into the bar.

I don't mind the homosexuality. I understand it. Nevertheless, goddamn, I don't think you glorify it on public television, homosexuality, even more than you glorify whores. We all know we have weaknesses. But, goddammit,



what do you think that does to kids? You know what happened to the Greeks! Homosexuality destroyed them. Sure, Aristotle was a homo. We all know that. So was Socrates.

EHRLICHMAN: But he never had the influence television had.

NIXON: You know what happened to the Romans? The last six Roman emperors were fags. Neither in a public way. You know what happened to the popes? They were layin' the nuns; that's been goin' on for years, centuries. But the Catholic Church went to hell three or four centuries ago. It was homosexual, and it had to be cleaned out. That's what's happened to Britain. It happened earlier to France.

Let's look at the strong societies. The Russians. Goddamn, they root 'em out. They don't let 'em around at all. I don't know what they do with them. Look at this country. You think the Russians allow dope? Homosexuality, dope, immorality, are the enemies of strong societies. That's why the Communists and left-wingers are clinging to one another. They're trying to destroy us. I know Moynihan will disagree with this, [Attorney General John] Mitchell will, and Garment will. But, goddamn, we have to stand up to this.

EHRLICHMAN: It's fatal liberality.

NIXON: Huh?

EHRLICHMAN: It's fatal liberality. And with its use on television, it has such

leverage.

NIXON: You know what's happened [in northern California]?

EHRLICHMAN: San Francisco has just gone clear over.

NIXON: But it's not just the ratty part of town. The upper class in San Francisco is that way. The Bohemian Grove, which I attend from time to time--it is the most faggy goddamned thing you could ever imagine, with that San Francisco crowd. I can't shake hands with anybody from San Francisco.

Decorators. They got to do something. But we don't have to glorify it. You know one of the reasons fashions have made women look so terrible is because the goddamned designers hate women. Designers taking it out on the women. Now they're trying to get some more sexy things coming on again.

EHRLICHMAN: Hot pants.

NIXON: Jesus Christ.

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#### **Congressman Schrock Returns to Washington**

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Congressman Ed Schrock returned to Capital Hill this week, a month after announcing he would not seek re-election in Virginia's 2nd Congressional District.

Schrock said allegations made on a website that he solicited gay sex forced him remove himself from a re-election bid.

He resigned from the campaign on August 30th, but not from Congress - and after taking time off, returned to the nation's capital on Wednesday.

During his nearly month-long absence, Congress was in session for two weeks, and records indicate that of the last 50 roll call votes, Schrock missed 39 of them.

Some of the votes were on major some of them major appropriation bills, including votes on funding for the departments of Education, Labor, and Health and Human Services. Schrock was one of 32 members of congress who did not cast a vote on these bills.

Schrock also missed the arguments over how much to spend on transportation, and did not vote on a bill to have more accountability for attorneys.

He was only one of 14 members of Congress who did not vote on a tax relief bill.

Schrock's staff says he was taking care of his family, something anyone would do under the circumstances.

But Schrock, a long time opponent of gay rights, has not provided any facts for his abrupt retirement - not denying the allegations or the audio tapes that the website claims is Schrock soliciting sex from men.

WAVY News 10 traveled to Washington, D.C., to talk with the congressman, but were told by his staff that until our crew left the capital, Schrock would stay on the House floor - a place where television crews are prohibited.

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