White House Black Stenographer Stripped of Clearance

Killian Brumfield Swift, 31, who "made no secret I was gay," contends the White House violated his rights by stripping him of his clearance and branding him a "security risk."

He held a White House pass for nearly two years while working for Koba Associates, Inc., a minority-owned business that has a contract to transcribe presidential speeches and press briefings, and another company that preceded it.

On Jan. 2, 1984, he was informed he was no longer eligible for a White House security pass but was not told why, Swift's lawyer, Harvey Friedman, said.

The White House and Justice Department have refused to comment on grounds that a lawsuit could be filed.

"I made no secret I was gay," said Swift, who previously worked for the Geological Survey and graduated summa cum laude from Federal University of the District of Columbia.

Friedman said Koba was forced to fire Swift because the White House informed Koba he was a "security risk."
"It's fundamental law
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tha an individual should be notified of charges by the government," Friedman said. "We want to know if there is a procedure for such dismissals."

Otherwise, Friedman said, Swift may sue.

Friedman said Koba is willing to hire Swift back "if he gets his White House pass back."

Swift said at first he thought of accepting his dismissal, but "after a lot of soul searching" and no job available, "I thought maybe there's more to this."

He said he did not have top security clearance, which would have given him access to classified documents, nor did other stenographers in the firm.

A Justice Department official, who asked not to be identified, denied Swift was labeled a "security risk."

But he declined to explain why his pass was lifted, saying "we don't believe people have a right to a pass to the White House. We're not going to provide any reasons."

SR. CITIZENS EXERCISE CLASSES SET

The Stewart/Mojave Sports Center located at 275 N. Mojave Rd., is now taking registration for senior citizens exercise classes. Remember, for good health, proper physical fitness is as important...as the food you eat!

For more information, please call the center at 386-6563. This class is sponsored by the City of Las Vegas, Department of Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Activities.

JACKSON AVENUE MERCHANTS
CHRISTMAS PARADE PLANNED

Dec. 15 is the date slated for the Third Annual Jackson Avenue Merchants Parade with the festivities commencing at 12 noon. The parade will start at the corner of Lake Mead and "H" Street and end at Jackson and "E" Street where a stage area will house the guest entertainers. Participants include Love All People, the Westernettes and Western Riders, the Las

Vegas Highsteppers, Nellis Air Force Base Honor Guard as well as local choir and dancing groups. KCEP radio will broadcast live remote and special guest star Santa Claus will distribute candy-filled stockings to the children.

The theme of the parade is a "Mardi Gras Christmas" with a \$100 prize to be awarded to the most outstanding float.

WEIGHT LIFTERS' CONTEST

Attention Weight Lifters! The Doolittle Community Center, 1900 W. Lake Mead and "J" Street, will be presenting it's Second Annual Amateur Olympic Bench Press Contest on Monday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. Trophy awards will be given to first and second place winners in each weight classification."

For further information, please call the center at 386-6374. This event is sponsored by the City of Las Vegas, Department of Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Activities.

Man stabbed by woman in stable condition

A man stabbed by his girlfriend after he apparently beat her was listed in stable condition at Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital Monday night, Metropolitan Police and hospital officials said.

Andrew Henry, 20, was assaulting Connie Wilson, 19, when she picked up a knife and began stabbing him, police said. Officers arriving on the scene at 1177 Hart St. about 10 a.m. found Henry lying halfway out of a car in the driveway.

Wilson was interviewed by detectives,

but then released after it was determined she had retaliated in selfdefense, officials said.

Friday last day for EOB election

Friday, Nov. 30 is the last day community-minded citizens can file for a seat on the Economic Opportunity Board of Directors. The requirements to become a candidate are only that you be at least 18 years of age and obtain signatures of 15 supporters who reside in your geographic area.

All candidates who have filed by Nov. 30 will compete in a runoff election to be held Dec. 11th. The 5 persons receiving highest number of votes in their respective areas will represent the low-income in Clark County, Nevada. Members will serve 3-year terms on the Economic Opportunity Board of Directors. Candidates wishing to file may do so at the EOB Administrative Offices, 2228 Comstock Drive.

Be Careful of Electrical Connections on Christmas Trees

African leaders huddle for 20th summit of OAU

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia—African leaders began arriving in Addis Ababa Sunday for the 20th summit of the Organization of African Unity amid an unprecedented drought that has swept across the continent.

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