

Senator's bookkeeper testifies in fraud trial



(AP) — The bookkeeper for state Sen. Peg Jolin said her boss kept close track of her campaign accounts, bolstering the prosecution's claim that Jolin tried to steal from them.

Jolin, 40, is charged with mailing out a fund-raising letter in November 1990 asking lobbyists for donations to cover a campaign deficit of more than \$10,000 when her campaign actually showed a \$28,000 surplus.

Shirley Raymond, Jolin's longtime bookkeeper and campaign secretary, testified Tuesday that Jolin directed lobbyists to send contributions to her Cottage Grove home where she opened the contribution letters before passing them along for processing.

"Peg was very aware of the money that came in," Raymond said. "I think she's pretty meticulous at keeping track of the money."

Jolin, a Democrat, was indicted in May on nine felony counts of undue influence after a state investigation. The six-term legislator also was charged with seven misdemeanor counts of theft.

In opening statements to a Lane County Circuit Court jury Tuesday, Jolin's attorney, F. William Honsowetz, maintained that Jolin had not committed any crime in soliciting contributions following her successful 1990 re-election bid.

Lobbyists would have given Jolin money regardless of whether her campaign was in debt or had a surplus, Honsowetz said.

Clinton couldn't save AuCoin

PORTLAND (AP) — Les AuCoin had hoped Democrat Bill Clinton's surge would help him defeat Republican Sen. Bob Packwood.

But the coattail effect never materialized for AuCoin, whose Senate bid wilted in the face of a barrage of Packwood TV ads attacking AuCoin's bad checks and other supposed character flaws.

Clinton, who easily captured Oregon's seven electoral votes Tuesday, went out of his way to give AuCoin maximum exposure during his campaign stops in Oregon.

At a campus rally in Eugene, Clinton and AuCoin stood together with their hands joined overhead as thousands of on-lookers cheered and photographers recorded the event for newspapers and TV.

AuCoin tried hard to link himself to the economic changes promised by Clinton. Packwood and his Republican "cronies" brought economic misery to millions, AuCoin said, and the time had come to toss them out of office.

Clinton's coattails did help others in Oregon political races. In the First District congressional race, for example, newcomer Elizabeth Furse credited her strong showing to voters' perception that she was part of a Clinton-led movement to put the economy back on track.

Unfortunately for AuCoin, the image many voters had of him came from Packwood TV ads that portrayed AuCoin as a congressional check bouncer with a lousy voting record.

Meanwhile, Clinton's strong performance in Tuesday's election showed Oregonians didn't buy President Bush's assertion that Clinton is a radical environmentalist who would bring more misery to the beleaguered timber worker.

Amy Chapman, state director of the Clinton/Gore campaign, said Bush's call for overhauling the Endangered Species Act didn't impress people. Clinton instead has proposed a summit of environmentalists, timber interests and others to try to find a way to preserve old-growth forests and keep the timber in-

dustry alive.

"There is no easy solution to this problem, and it would have been irresponsible for Clinton to say there was one," she said.

Chapman said the Bush administration's overall handling of the economy and its rejection of Oregon's health rationing plan did nothing but enhance Clinton's standing in Oregon.

"Clinton has said the health care system has to be overhauled, and he commended the people of Oregon for coming up with a solution of our own," she said.

Oregon Republican Chairman Craig Berkman was surprisingly blunt in his assessment of why Bush fell flat in Oregon and around the country.

"He didn't do a good job of defending the things he did to help the economy," Berkman said. "It was an abysmal campaign. I think he came across as whining."

Voters change House, Senate

PORTLAND (AP) — Republican leaders were very happy Wednesday after they saw their minority role in the Oregon Senate expanded by a net gain of four seats in the general election.

"I'm more than elated," said Senate Minority Leader Gene Timms, R-Burns.

The GOP will go from 10 to 14 seats in the Senate for the 1993 Legislature, which begins in January. Timms had said before Tuesday's election he'd be happy to wind up with 13 seats in the 30-member Senate.

Meanwhile, the party line—up in the House remained unchanged as the GOP

hung onto control by a 32-28 count with all precincts reporting.

Sen. Wayne Fawbush, D-Hood River, who has served in the Legislature since 1977, lost to Republican Wes Cooley. Fawbush had to run in a district altered by reapportionment last year.

Democratic Sen. Scott Duff of Adams, a freshman appointed to fill a vacancy, was defeated by Republican businessman Gordon Smith of Pendleton.

Rep. Rod Johnson, R-Roseburg, won the Senate seat vacated by retiring Senate President John Kitzhaber, D-Roseburg.

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seek schooling or employment after leaving Sunrise House. Larson then requests regular reports on Morris' progress at Sunrise House.

After reminding Morris of her right to appeal her sentence, Larson smiles and wishes her good luck.

A sheriff's deputy directs Morris to leave the courtroom. She folds her arms across her chest and rubs her up-

per arms, slowly walking out of the room.

After the last two prisoners enter "not guilty" pleas, Larson adjourns the arraignment session at 2:45 p.m.

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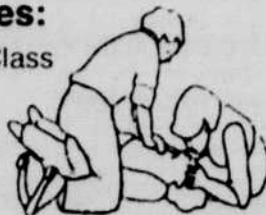
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