









# AuCoin discusses future plans



AuCoin, who lost his bid to unseat Sen. Bob Packwood by a razor-thin margin last November, is looking forward to life as a private citi-

zen after 18 years in the U.S. House AuCoin, who was a journalist before becoming a congressman, recently attended a workshop in

Seattle for mystery writers He will be a visiting professor at Pacific University in Forest Grove, where he will lecture on po-

AuCoin said he retains a devotion to the written word, privately subsidizing a program for young writers and writing most of his own

speeches and articles. "The written word requires exactness of thought. If we lose that, we encourage vague thinking," he told The Oregonian in an interview

at his comfortable northwest Washington home. He also is keeping his options open in case he is offered a political appointment in the Clinton administration.

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However, he would prefer to write, teach, consult or consider business offers rather than take a routine post.

AuCoin came to Washington in 1975 as part of the "Watergate Class" of lawmakers determined to change the way the federal government did

"It was a heady time," said AuCoin, who was then 32. "There was high idealism. This was a group that wanted to make changes - and we 'I would be honored to be offered a challenging job where I could continue to make a difference."

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Among the accomplishments he cites:

- His authorship of the first arms control measure initiated by Congress - the ban on flight testing of anti-satellite weapons enacted at the height of the Reagan defense buildup. The measure won him an award from the Union of Concerned Scientists.

- Portland light rail, which he called "one of the most significant things to ensure livability of the Portland area.'

Environmental measures, including the 1984 bill that doubled the amount of federally protected wilderness in the state, creation of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, the moratorium on oil exploration off the Northwest coast and the 200-mile fishing zone that protects U.S. fisheries.

AuCoin also was a leader in some House legislation later killed by the Senate or presidential vetoes, including a series of battles against restrictions on abortion.

"I came here with the ideal that I wanted to make a difference in our life as a national community and a people," AuCoin said. "We didn't get the whole job done, but I'm proud of what I

## Jailed photographer eats filmed evidence

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) - A news photographer jailed by the Peruvian military ate his videotape piece by tiny piece for fear it would be used against him as evidence of sympathy for a guerrilla

Jeremy Bigwood, 42, of Vashon Island, returned home Saturday after being jailed for filming a guerrilla strike in the South American nation. He said the Peruvian military considered the filming an act sympathetic to the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement.

Bigwood, who works for the New York-based Gamma-Liaison

photo agency, was jailed Jan. 8.

. night I was arrested, they put me in a room with two guards," he said. "While they were sleeping. I got my hands on the tape. They were going to use it against me. It was evidence.

So I ate the tape. About half of it.

Slowly unwinding the tape, tearing off and ingesting bite-sized

pieces took about five hours, Bigwood said.

He later destroyed the rest of the tape Jan. 10 in the lavatory of the plane transporting him to secret police headquarters in Lima. When he arrived, he told his interrogators he must have accidentally left the tape in Moyobamba.

They were a bit upset," he said.

Bigwood, who had been in Peru since November, said he won't

"I can't go back to Peru. I've been told I have a hit out for me from the army. I go back, I'm shot on sight," he said.

Thousands of Peruvians have died since 1980 in the government's battle with the Tupac Amaru guerrillas and those of the larger Shining Path movement.

#### Truckload of poultry overturns

PORTLAND (AP) - Traffic was fowled up on a Portland roadway early today when a truck carrying about 5,000 live chickens overturned, dumping startled poultry onto the roadway.

The accident occurred about 4 a.m. on the exit from Interstate 5 to Oregon 99E on the east bank of the Willamette River

The flatbed truck owned by Lynden Farms was driven by Michael Belgard, 35, of West Linn, who was not injured.

The exit ramp was closed for 2 hours while police corralled the birds.

An undetermined number of the birds were killed in the crash.

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