



Ron Stockman (middle) comforts Cookie Szakacs' husband, Bob Szakacs, and her son Jeff across from the University Bookstore Tuesday. Cookie, who owned a hot dog stand by the University Bookstore, passed away last weekend.

Hot dog vendor's death shocks campus

Merchant: Cookie Szakacs' ran hot dog stand 15 years, became familiar to University area

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Kat Pudwill stares at the fresh flowers adorning the corner hot dog stand in disbelief.

A bright pink sign, placed on top of the cart by family members, announces the death of Judith "Cookie" Szakacs. For 15 years, Szakacs operated her familiar hot dog cart at the corner of 13th Avenue and Kincaid Street.

Szakacs died at her home Saturday from a cerebral hemorrhage. She was 52.

"I'm shocked," Pudwill said. "I just saw her here on Friday."

Like many University students, Pudwill says she didn't know Cookie very well — aside from buying a few hot dogs. But, like Frog and his joke books, Cookie's hot dog stand was a constant to the University's ambience.

"She was just a fixture. You assume she is going to be there everyday," said Kristie Proudfoot, an employee at Folkways Imports Inc. on 13th Avenue. "I thought it was always nice having a familiar face around. It makes it seem more like a neighborhood."

Lou Malick, manager of Shutterbug, agreed. "She's always been there," he said. "I bought a couple of hot dogs, and she was real nice to me."

Memorial services for Cookie have been scheduled for 2 p.m.

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NATIONAL

Ways and means head indicted on 17 charges

Felony: Rep. Rostenkowski will lose House chairmanship because of jury's allegations

WASHINGTON (AP) — A grand jury today indicted Rep. Dan Rostenkowski on 17 felony counts, alleging he stole more than a half-million dollars from the government in two decades and then tried to obstruct a federal investigation of his office.

The charges, painstakingly detailed at an afternoon news conference by U.S. Attorney Eric Holder, will immediately cost Rostenkowski his chairmanship of the House Ways and Means Committee. Even before the indictment was released, Rostenkowski defiantly professed his innocence and predicted he would be vindicated at trial.

"Truth is on my side," Rostenkowski said in a statement Monday night. He was not in Washington today.

In a methodical presentation, Holder alleged a "very reprehensible, very offensive" pattern of corruption by the 35-year incumbent, from padding his official payroll with workers who performed few or no official duties to using his office account to buy lavish gifts for friends and onverting cars leased by the government to personal use.

Holder said some of those on the congressional payroll were required to give some of the money back to Rostenkowski's Chicago office manager. The indictment charged that ghost employees endorsed their paychecks and gave them to the office manager, who would pay them in "substantially smaller dollar amounts of" cash.

The office manager kept the remaining cash in her desk or file cabinet, "which often contained several thousand dollars of public money."

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Job market looking strong to some college graduates

Careers: Students who work hard at job search are usually successful

CORVALLIS (AP) — While the odds are still poor for finding a good job right after graduating from college this year, there are exceptions.

Shelly Martin, an Oregon State University senior, is a chemical engineering major who has already been offered up to \$42,000 a year by Chevron Chemical Co.

Martin, who has yet to accept an offer, has already been making money as an intern in her field, recently earning up to \$3,000 a month.

"I've been marketing myself for years," Martin said. "I've put

myself in the position where I'm a top recruit for Oregon State."

Many of her classmates do not enjoy such a strong bargaining position.

A national survey by Northwestern University showed that 30 percent of the companies responding said they would cut employees this year.

A study by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicted that 30 percent of college graduates entering the labor force between now and 2005 will be unemployed or find work for which they are overqualified.

"It's not enough to have a degree anymore," said Shirley Gregory, the career planning and placement director at Oregon State.

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GOOD MORNING

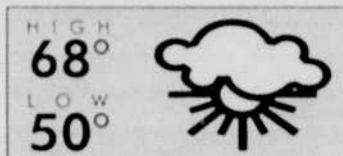
► Two University students discovered a decomposing body in a pickup truck behind the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity Sunday, May 22. Police identified the man as 37 year old Mark Stevens Crain of Grants Pass.

Crain was apparently returning from a doctor's appointment in Salem and pulled into the alley at 1000 Alder St. to rest, police speculate. Crain is said to have suffered from epilepsy and a recent back surgery.

His family reported him missing on Friday and told police he left home without his epilepsy medication.

According to police, the two students who found Crain noticed a strong odor in the area, but at first believed it to be garbage. Only when the odor increased the next day was the cause identified.

Toxicology tests due in three



or four weeks should indicate a cause of death.

► **BELLFOUNTAIN, Ore. (AP)**

— Her ears were long and pointy, her nose was black and wet, and her fur coat was soft and new. The only problem was that she didn't look anything like her mother.

Lacy, a 2-year-old Great Dane, had adopted an abandoned fawn.

Ellis Conn, found dog and deer lying together on Saturday night, when he returned to his farm in the foothills of the Coast Range.

Lacy was licking the little spotted deer, which Conn guessed to

be a day or two old. When he picked the fawn up, Lacy growled. When another dog on the farm trotted up, Lacy attacked it.

The fawn seemed to like the idea of Lacy being its mother. The deer tried to nurse on the Great Dane, and Lacy stayed close to the baby doe.

On Sunday, the family brought the deer to the Chintimini Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Lewisburg. It will be moved to a volunteer's farm and bottle-fed until ready to graze on its own, said director Becky Picton.

Jody Conn said his dog mothered the fawn right up to the moment the animals were separated. The Great Dane whimpered and fought to get loose when Conn and his father took the deer out of their pickup truck to turn it over to the refuge managers.