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Today's weather OUTLOOK

High pressure is blocking rainfall

Temperatures rising to triple digits are expected through mid-week across many parts of Texas as a high-pressure dome kept most moisture away.

Early-morning temperatures today ranged from the 60s to low 80s. Extremes were 64 degrees at Marfa and 88 at Laughlin Air Force Base near Del Rio.

Also, it was 71 degrees at Conroe and 81 at Odessa.

Winds were mostly southerly at 5 to 15 mph in most of the state, but southeasterly at 10 to 15 mph along the Rio Grande plains and the eastern Big Bend, with light and southerly conditions over far West Texas.

Patchy mid- and high level clouds covered far West Texas and the extreme northern Panhandle.

The National Weather Service forecast only a slight chance of afternoon and evening showers or thunderstorms through Wednesday for far West Texas, the western Panhandle, Guadalupe Mountains and Big Bend.

Most daytime highs through Wednesday were expected to range from the 90s to over 100 degrees in the Rio Grande plains and near 105 in the Big Bend. Some readings in the 80s could cool coastal areas and the far western mountains.

Lows overnight should range from the 60s to 70s.

Partly cloudy skies

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, lows in the upper 60s, south winds 10 to 15 mph, becoming variable.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, highs 90 to 95, variable winds 5 to 15 mph, becoming southeast.

Wednesday night: Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, lows 65 to 70.

Extended forecast

Thursday: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms, highs in the mid-90s.

Friday and Saturday: Partly cloudy, lows in the upper 60s, highs in the upper 90s.

Hereford weather

Monday's high, 92; low, 67; no precipitation; year-to-date rainfall, 11.19 inches.



BRAND/Dan Cooper

Child Injured — Hereford Fire Chief Bob Murray begins an inspection at the scene of a house fire in which a 13-year-old girl was injured. The child, Estephanie Salinas, was transported by helicopter to the University Medical Center in Lubbock, where she is in critical condition. The cause of the blaze at 304 Brevard has not been determined, although investigators believe it might have been started by combustion of cleaning chemicals. Investigators (at right) survey the damage at the rear of the house.



Budget work under way

By Donald M. Cooper

Hereford Brand Managing Editor

An item on the agenda that didn't require an action was the area of highest interest for the Deaf Smith County commissioners.

County Auditor Dan Warrick presented a draft of a proposed Fiscal 2001 county budget to the commissioners Tuesday, along with a summary of the benchmark 2000 tax rates.

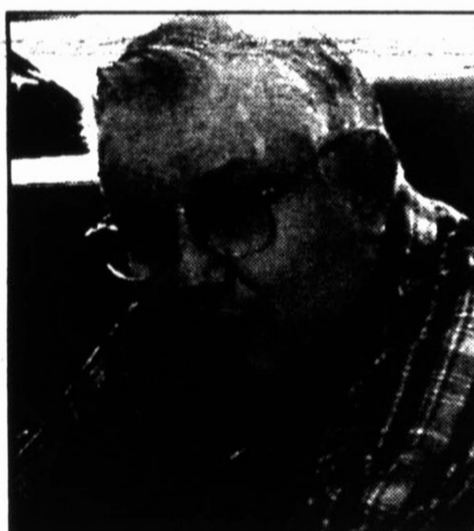
The proposal, which is expected to undergo several revisions before a final budget is adopted for the year beginning Oct. 1, projects revenue of \$4,066,151, up from the \$3,879,689 budgeted for FY 2000. Projected expenses are \$4,221,256, up from the current year's anticipated \$3,908,238 in spending. The estimated shortfall in this package is \$155,105.

The draft budget as prepared contains a 3-percent pay raise for county employees, excluding the county judge and commissioners.

The effective tax rate, computed

by the Deaf Smith County Appraisal District, is 53.55 cents per \$100 valuation. The effective rate is the rate necessary to generate about the same amount of revenue as the current rate. The 53.55-cent rate would generate \$3,112,866. The tax rate for this year's budget is 54.97 cents, which generated \$3,195,410.

The commissioners can set a tax rate of up to 55.15 cents per \$100 valuation with-



DAN WARRICK

Deaf Smith County auditor presents preliminary Fiscal 2001 budget to county commissioners.

out having to conduct a public hearing. This rate is the lower of the rollback tax rate or 103 percent of the effective tax rate.

The preliminary projects general fund revenues of:

- Ad valorem taxes, \$2,726,451;
- Interest, \$83,150;
- Sales tax, \$360,000;
- State revenue, \$40,000;
- Fees, \$361,950;
- State/jury fees, \$158,100;
- Fines, \$241,000;
- Miscellaneous, \$94,500;
- Rents, \$1,000.

The preliminary budget projects general fund expenditures of:

- County judge, \$84,651;
- County clerk, \$172,071;
- Non-department, \$1,082,030;
- General maintenance, \$160,599;
- District clerk, \$100,146;
- Justice of the peace, \$118,954;
- Criminal district attorney, \$256,927;
- County auditor, \$44,910;
- County treasurer, \$79,700;
- Tax assessor/collector, \$112,120;
- Jail, \$710,077;
- Sheriff, \$725,566;
- District judge, \$37,378;
- Adult probation, \$9,180;
- Social services, \$85,540;
- Library, \$246,911;
- Museum, \$61,929;
- Extension office, \$122,497.

In other business, the commissioners approved Precinct 1 Commissioner Wayne Betzen's request to solicit sealed bids on one of the precinct's older pickups. Betzen has not decided which of two vehicles will be put up for bid. The commission also paid monthly bills.

BUDGET WOES

■ Presumptive GOP presidential nominee may have to deal with \$750 million state budget shortfall

HOUSTON (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush, the likely GOP presidential nominee who has presided over five years of Texas prosperity, faces a possible \$750 million state budget shortfall that could come up in the battle over the White House.

An emergency spending bill that state legislative leaders say could nearly wipe out an expected \$1 billion surplus looms on Texas legislators' agendas in January.

Deficits anticipated in the state Medicaid program, prison system, nursing home patient care and inside two agencies that miscalculated last year's financial needs are making the emergency support necessary in what's described as Texas' first major budget pinch since 1991.

"These just aren't little dollars," House Appropriations Chairman Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, told the *Houston Chronicle*.

But Linda Edwards, Bush's press secretary, said that the budget crunch would mean cuts in state services.

"The budget will be tight, but the state will be able to maintain current levels of services and perhaps

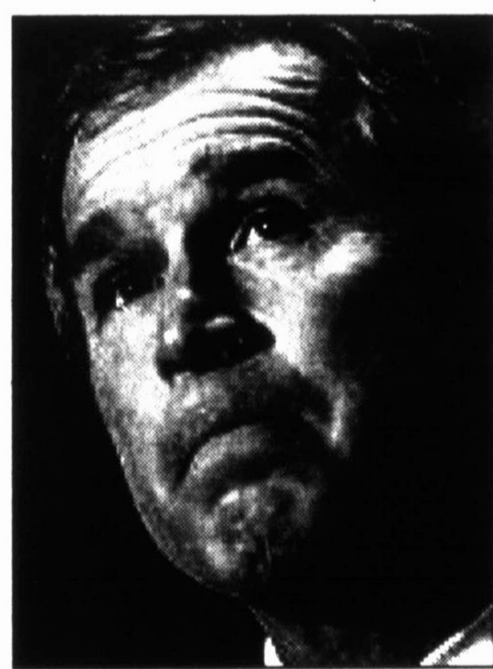
even expand or improve in limited areas," she told the newspaper.

Texas' healthy economy will provide enough new revenue to cover about \$2.5 billion in increased government operating costs caused by inflation and population growth, said Junell and Senate Finance Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant.

But they added that little money will be available for anything else. That includes \$110 million to \$250 million required for constructing new prisons. The health insurance program for retired Texas teachers, TRS-Care, will also run out of money in August 2001 if it does not receive \$400 million in state funding in the next Legislature.

Legislative Budget Board staff members are scheduled to brief legislative leaders today on the projected size of the emergency appropriations bill, which has been estimated at up to \$750 million, to keep the current state budget in the black and how much money specific agencies need to balance their budgets.

Rising health insurance costs have eaten much of a \$3,000-a-year pay



GEORGE W. BUSH

Texas governor and presumptive Republican presidential nominee is facing a possible \$750 million state budget shortfall.

raise Bush and lawmakers gave working teachers in 1999 and nearly two-thirds of the \$100-a-month pay raise given to state employees. Also, state prison guards have protested that the average \$1,600-a-year pay raise Bush gave them administratively in May wasn't adequate.

Two years ago, Bush pushed a \$1.7 billion tax cut through the Legislature. Edwards defended the governor's budget decisions.

"The governor and the Legislature made budget decisions based on the best information available at that time," said Edwards.

Greenspan: Education vital to U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the new high-tech economy, government must go beyond simply wiring classrooms for the Internet and establish specific guidelines for how computer skills are taught, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Tuesday.

In a speech to the National Governors' Association, Greenspan said government has no greater challenge than making sure it properly educates students to keep pace with a rapidly changing economy.

"If we are to remain pre-eminent in transforming knowledge into economic value, the U.S. system of higher education must remain the world's leader in generating scientific and technological breakthroughs and in preparing workers to meet the evolving demands for skilled labor," Greenspan told the governors.

Greenspan stressed that schools must not only do a better job of educating young students but also must beef up their resources for retraining workers at various stages of their careers.

"The heyday when a high school or college education would serve a graduate for a lifetime is gone," Greenspan said. "Today's recipients of diplomas expect to have many jobs and to use a wide range of skills over their working lives."

Greenspan spoke at the governors' annual meeting in State College, Pa. Copies of his remarks were released in Washington.



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LIFESTYLES

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Fear of bad news causes some to fear physicians

Dear Ann Landers: A few months ago, I had a conversation with some colleagues at work. I was shocked to learn that these smart, educated women were terrified of going to doctors, and avoided them completely. One was even a breast-cancer survivor who never returned for follow-up visits.

One month after that conversation, my sister and her son spent the weekend at my house. On her way home, she developed breathing difficulties, and yet refused to go to the hospital. When she got home, her breathing became more labored. Her son called the paramedics, but my sister locked herself in the bathroom and wouldn't open the door. When they finally reached her, it was too late. She went into cardiac arrest and couldn't be revived. She was only 44 and died of heart failure — on my birthday.

Aside from the pain of losing her, I can't shake the anger. Yes, she had multiple risk factors, but what really killed her was her fear of doctors. Medicine can be wonderful, but it is useless to those who refuse to avail themselves of the miracles of modern science.

I don't know how my sister developed such a phobia, but I am sure many others have this same terror. It would be comforting to think some of your readers might learn



Ann Landers

something from what I have written, and make an appointment today to see their doctor. — A Grieving Sister in North Brunswick, N.J.

Dear Grieving Sister: You ask why people fear doctors. The answer is — the fear of bad news. Your letter might encourage those who have this problem to entertain second and third thoughts. Thank you for writing.

Dear Ann Landers: I am an avid reader of your column, and know that some people give you a lot of grief, but you take it in your stride, and print the mean letters along with the compliments. Bless you. A friend of mine received this poem on her 80th birthday, and sent me a copy. It made me smile. I hope you will find it suitable for your column. Your senior readers will surely see themselves. Best wishes from — Alice L.

Dear Alice: I loved your contribution, and am happy to print it. Thank you: Eighty Today, dear Lord, I am 80, and there's much I haven't done. I hope, dear Lord, you'll let me live until I'm 81. But,

if I haven't finished all I want to do, Would you please let me stay awhile, until I'm 82? So many places I want to go, so much I want to see — Do you think you could manage to make it 83? Many things I may have done, but there's so much left in store, I'd like it very much to live to 84. And if by then, I'm still alive, Then, I'd like to stay to 85. The world is changing very fast, so I'd really like to stick And see what happens to the world when I am 86. I know, dear Lord, it's a lot to ask, and it will be nice in heaven, But I'd really like to stay around until I'm 87. I know by then I won't be fast, and sometimes, I'll be late, But it would be oh-so-pleasant to be around at 88. I will have seen so many things and had a wonderful time, So, I'm sure that I'll be willing to leave at 89. (Well — maybe.)

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July 11, 1804: Burr kills Hamilton

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Today in history

Today is Tuesday, July 11, the 193rd day of 2000. There are 173 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History

On July 11, 1804, Vice President Aaron Burr mortally wounded former Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton in a pistol duel near Weehawken, N.J.

On this date

In 1533, Pope Clement VII excommunicated England's King Henry VIII.

In 1767, John Quincy Adams, who would become the sixth president of the United States, was born in Braintree, Mass.

In 1798, the U.S. Marine Corps was formally re-established by a congressional act that also created the U.S. Marine Band.

In 1864, Confederate forces led by Gen. Jubal Early began an abortive invasion of Washington D.C., turning back the next day.

In 1934, Franklin Roosevelt became the first U.S. presi-

dent to travel through the Panama Canal.

In 1955, the U.S. Air Force Academy was dedicated at Lowry Air Base in Colorado.

In 1977, the Medal of Freedom was awarded posthumously to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

In 1979, the abandoned U.S. space station Skylab made a spectacular return to Earth, burning up in the atmosphere and showering debris over the Indian Ocean and Australia.

In 1980, American hostage Richard I. Queen, freed by Iran after eight months of captivity because of poor health, left Tehran for Switzerland.

In 1989, actor Laurence Olivier died at age 82.

Ten years ago: Leaders of the Group of Seven nations concluded their summit in Houston by encouraging Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev to enact reforms in return for Western aid.

Five years ago: The U.N.-designated safe haven of Srebrenica fell to Bosnian Serb forces. The United States normalized relations with Vietnam.

One year ago: A U.S. Air Force cargo jet, braving Antarctic winter, swept down over the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Research Center to drop off emergency medical supplies

for Dr. Jerri Nielsen, a physician at the center who had discovered a lump in her breast.

Today's Birthdays

Actress Brett Somers is 73. Actor Tab Hunter is 69. Singer Jeff Hanna (Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) is 53. Singer Bonnie Pointer is 49. Actor Stephen Lang is 48. Boxer Leon Spinks is 47. Actress Mindy Sterling is 47. Actress Sela Ward is 44. Reggae singer Michael Rose (Black Uhuru) is 43. Singer Peter Murphy is 43. Actor Mark Lester is 42. Singer Suzanne Vega is 41. Rock guitarist Richie Sambora (Bon Jovi) is 41. Actress Debbe Dunning is 34. Actor Michael Rosenbaum is 28. Rapper Lil Kim is 25.

Thought for Today: "False democracy shouts Every man down to the level of the average. True democracy cries: All men up to the height of their fullest capacity for service and achievement." —Nicholas Murray Butler, American educator (1862-1947).



Rotary sweetheart — Cassidy Hicks recently was named Rotary Club Sweetheart. She is the daughter of Dennis and Cindie Hicks of Hereford.

Promoters cancel Ross' tour

NEW YORK— Concert promoters SFX have pulled the plug on a tour by the reconstituted Supremes.

The Supremes — Diana Ross, Lynda Laurence and Scherrie Payne — performed in 12 cities before last week. Then dates were canceled Friday on Long Island, N.Y., Sunday in Washington and Monday in Pittsburgh.

Ross, in a statement, said she was "severely disappointed" SFX had decided to cancel the tour.

Prior to Ross' statement, a spokesman for SFX would only confirm that three concert dates had been canceled. He did not return several phone calls after her statement was released.

The tour suffered from bad karma ever since it was revealed that Mary Wilson and Cindy Birdsong, who performed with Ross in the Supremes in the 1960s, refused to join because they felt they weren't being paid enough.

Ross soldiered on with Laurence and Payne, two women who had joined the Supremes after she had left in

1969, but they sang in some arenas to more empty seats than fans.

"I would sing the same if there were 10 people in the audience or 10,000," Ross said. "I love the music and the fans, and I will find a way to reconnect with them as soon as possible."

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The serving line drew steady business Saturday evening at the King's Manor Methodist Homes' annual Founders Day barbecue and auction.

Veteran writers to highlight PPW's 80th anniversary

Special to The Brand

AMARILLO — Panhandle Professional Writers Association celebrates its 80th anniversary by honoring mystery writer D.R. Meredith, historical romance writer Jodi Thomas and historical writer Frances Clegg-Ferris during its bimonthly meeting this weekend at the Amarillo Senior Citizens Center, 1217 S. Tyler. The three long-time members of the organization also will be featured speakers for the day's program.

Any writer, published or unpublished, new or advanced, is welcome to attend. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Admission is free.

Thomas will launch the morning program at 10 a.m. with "Let's Spotlight on the Plot Line." Thomas will share her expertise in weaving plots and subplots within a work, as well as her methods for developing scenes. Clegg-Ferris will speak from 11:20 a.m.-12:10 p.m. on research opportunities in the writing of historical fiction.

Meredith will open the afternoon session at 1:15 p.m. with "Doing Murder? Don't Stop With One." She will discuss how to create an amateur sleuth and develop a series character, supporting cast and the right setting for a mystery.

Meredith is known for her unique ways of doing in her victims and has created three

highly acclaimed mystery series set in the Texas Panhandle. "The Sheriff and the Branding Iron Murders" and "The Sheriff and the Folsom Man Murders" won the "Oppie" for Best Mystery of 1984 and 1985 respectively and were selections of the Detective Book Club. Her latest books, "Murder by Volume" and "By Hook or by Book," featuring female sleuth and paleopathologist Megan Clark were released this year.

Clegg-Ferris has written 37 family histories published in the "Families of Fisher County" and has conducted extensive historical research in West Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. Her historical fiction is based on first-hand accounts and original data.

Thomas just celebrated the release of her 15th novel, "To Wed in Texas," which made *The New York Times* and *USA Today* bestseller lists. In 1998, Thomas received the Career Achievement Award from *Romantic Times* for her contributions to women's fiction over the last decade.

For reservations, call Ginger Porter at 371-8114 during the day or e-mail her at signtag@netzero.net by July 12. Lunch costs \$7.

For more information, call Nan Rinella, publicity chair, at 359-6181 or visit PPW's website at <http://users.arn.net/~ppw> or call "IN TOUCH" line at 376-100, code 1247.

'Harry Potter' transforms his creator J.K. Rowling

By Audrey Woods

Associated Press Writer

EDINBURGH, Scotland — J.K. Rowling, creator of the boy wizard Harry Potter, is running a few minutes late for an interview.

A slight figure in black trousers and a trim red-suede jacket, she slowly descends the hotel staircase, scanning the lounge for a reporter and photographer.

"Are you looking for me?" she asks, apologetic, a little flustered and far too polite to consider the obvious — that most reporters would happily wait much more than five minutes to talk with a literary phenomenon like Joanne Kathleen Rowling who up to now has revealed so little about herself.

After a quick trip upstairs, she drops her handbag onto the floor outside her suite and crouches to rummage in it for the key.

"I know I have it here!" And so she does — to the door, and to the hearts and minds of millions of children, their teachers, their parents and a lot of other adults who like her books simply because they're fun to read.

As the steadily growing band of fans knows, Harry Potter goes to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry and shares desperately dangerous adventures with his friends, Ron and Hermione, and a troupe of the most imaginative characters to find

their way onto the printed page in years.

Rowling's transformation from struggling single mother to best-selling author is well-known, and the 34-year-old's star is still ascending.

Her fourth Potter book, "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," to be released at midnight Friday by Scholastic, isn't just flying off the bookshelves, it's whizzing directly into millions of hot little hands courtesy of mail order.

Did the creator of this magic world have the slightest inkling that so many people would take Harry to their hearts — and in 40 languages?

"Never in a million years," she says, still a bit stunned by it all and a little edgy in the days before publication of book four. She is intense and serious about her work, but down-to-earth and quick to laugh.

"Certainly, according to all the publishers that turned Harry Potter down, I was quite right in thinking that if ever it got published it would sell very many copies," she says.

"One of them felt that anything in a boarding school wouldn't sell these days," she adds with a smile. "But the one thing all of them said was it was much too long, which is kind of scary when you think that book four is over 600 pages. It even surprised me, how long it was."

Each book is longer than the previous one. And three volumes of the saga are yet to be written.

The whole series — which has sold 35 million copies worldwide — has been plotted out since 1995, when Rowling finished book one, "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone," writing in Edinburgh cafes while keeping body and soul just barely together after the failure of her marriage.

"I was incredibly skint (broke)," she says. During a Christmas visit to her sister in Edinburgh in 1993, she figured that the city was small enough so she could walk anywhere with her daughter's stroller and save the bus fare.

She had been a storyteller as a child in western England and never really stopped, even while studying French at Exeter University and working as a bilingual secretary. She eventually went to Portugal to teach English as a second language and used her free time to work on a story about a boy wizard. Transplanted in Edinburgh, she settled into the cafes and began bringing Harry and his friends to life.

Pilot Club adopts budget for year

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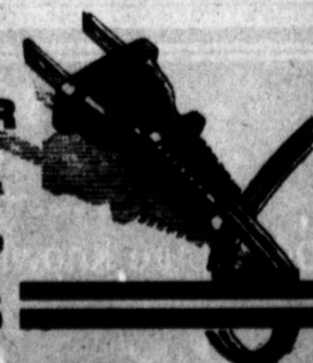
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Hereford sends 14 to state

Hereford Track Club finding success

The Hereford Track Club traveled to Lubbock Saturday and qualified fourteen members for the state meet competition later on this month.

In the Bantam Class, the foursome of Jessica Blakely, Jordan Foster, Desta Franks and Kayla Leonard placed first in the 400-meter and 1600-meter relays.

Ray Carrizales also qualified for state in the Bantam Class by finishing first in the discus and shot putt events.

Another qualifier, Justine Shermer, came from the Midget Class in the long jump event. Shermer placed first in the event earning her a berth to the state meet. Ashton Paetzold, Shayla Wilcox, Jessica Shelton and Shermer placed second in the

400-meter relay earning a state berth along with the 1600-meter relay team consisting of Paetzold, Lucinda Carrizales, Wilcox and Shermer who placed first in the event.

Carrizales also qualified for state in the 800-meter run with her second place finish.

Luis Perez qualified for state in the Intermediate Class. Perez placed second in the long jump event and second in the 400-meter run.

Other results on Saturday in the Bantam Class included Leonard's fourth place finish in the long jump. Foster also placed fifth in the long jump, and Mitchell McCulloch placed sixth in the long jump.

Cason Cole placed third in the 400-meter run while Franks placed fourth in the 100-meter dash followed by McCulloch in sixth.

In the 200-meter run, Fos-

ter placed third, Leonard placed sixth and McCulloch placed third.

Other results from the Midget Class included Paetzold's third place finish in the long jump, and Shermer's sixth place finish in the 400-meter run. L. Carrizales also placed third in the 200-meter run.

In the Intermediate Class, Jeremy Blakely came in third in the 1600-meter run and fourth in the 800-meter run. Carlos Perez also placed fifth in the 800-meter run along with a fourth place finish in the 400-meter run.

The Lubbock Coronado Texas Amateur Athletic Foundation Meet was held Saturday, July 8.

The meet signified the end of the regular season with those placing first or second moving onto the next round.



COURTESY PHOTO

State Qualifiers—Pictured above are the regional champions of the 400-meter and 1600-meter relays. Team members are Kayla Leonard, Desta Franks, Jordan Foster and Jessica Blakely.

Armstrong surges ahead

Armstrong appears invincible after uphill stage

LOURDES-HAUTACAM, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong's seven-mile uphill burst accomplished more than giving the American cyclist the yellow jersey at the Tour de France.

It also served as a warning to the Texan's tour rivals that a superhuman effort will be needed to dislodge him from the top of the standings.

Armstrong, who came in 42 seconds behind stage winner Javier Ochoa of Spain, took a 4-minute, 14-second overall lead over Germany's Jan Ullrich, the rider the U.S. Postal Service team sees as his biggest threat.

His other rivals are even further back, and though Armstrong won't admit it, Monday's stunning performance makes

the biggest prize in cycling.

"It is a long race. It is three weeks, and this is only the first day in the mountains," Armstrong said. "It is a hard Tour de France this year. I suffered last year and know not to count on anything."

"Form is a funny thing. It comes slowly, but can go away quickly. The candle can burn out quickly, especially in this weather."

Armstrong, who came back from cancer to win last year's tour, was in stunning form in atrocious weather on Monday.

The U.S. Postal Service rider from Austin, Texas, used a dramatic attack in the final climb up the 1,500-meter peak at Lourdes-Hautacam to finish second in the day's stage, a 127-mile trek from Dax that was the first mountain portion of the race and 10th of 21 stages

challengers with ease.

"Armstrong came through like a plane at the end," Frenchman Richard Virenque said. "He is definitely the man to beat."

The 28-year-old Texan, who said before the tour began that the race really started with the mountains on July 10, goes into Tuesday's hilly 135-mile stage from Bagneres-de-Bigorre to Revel full of confidence.

"Today was about good tactics," Armstrong said. "It was a good day for me. I like these conditions."

Armstrong said Ochoa deserved the stage victory, but he was delighted with his own performance.

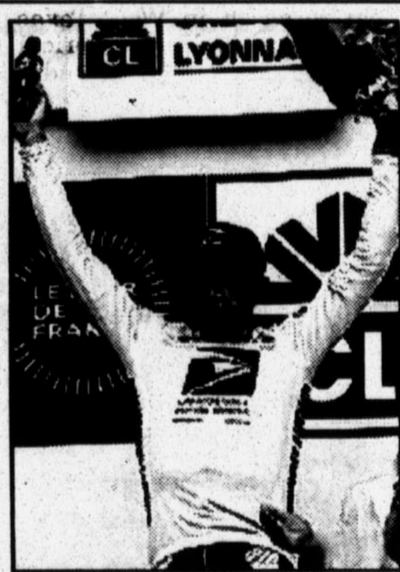
"Ochoa rode hard and led for so long. Probably 99 percent of the people there were Spaniards cheering him," he said.

Armstrong's powerful late surge took him past 1998 winner Marco Pantani, 1999 third-place finisher Fernando Escartin and Virenque, and was reminiscent of his blistering form a year ago.

One of four riders to break away from the pack in the first half of the race, Ochoa won the stage in 6:09:32, after starting the day in 122nd place, 13:01 behind the leader.

Armstrong was looking forward to the stage, saying all along that he can dominate other top riders in the mountains, where the tour usually

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overall. In rain and cold, Armstrong — who started the day in 16th place — stormed past

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Sosa dominates home run derby

ATLANTA (AP) — Sammy Sosa finally has a home-run title.

Just not THAT home-run title.

Sosa, edged by Mark McGwire the last two years for the single-season record and major league lead, ended Ken Griffey Jr.'s two-year reign as Home Run Derby champion, hitting the longest, loudest and largest number of shots at Turner Field on Monday night.

The Chicago Cubs star, at the center of what he described "as a hurricane happening to me the last month," beat Griffey 9-2 in the finals and hit 26 overall, 14 more than any other player.

He got the fans standing and shouting with a pair of 508-foot shots — one to the 755 Club in the left-field upper deck and one that came to rest atop the second green better's backdrop in straight-away center, below the scoreboard.

"I came here to put on a show. I didn't necessarily come here to get the win, but I

guess I got the win," Sosa said.

Sosa, at the center of what he said has been "a hurricane happening to me the last month," was angry the Cubs wouldn't extend his contract, set to expire after next season, and asked them to trade him.

After talks with the New York Yankees fell through, Sosa's agents told the Cubs on Sunday that he doesn't want to be traded, and would use his rights as a veteran to block any deal.

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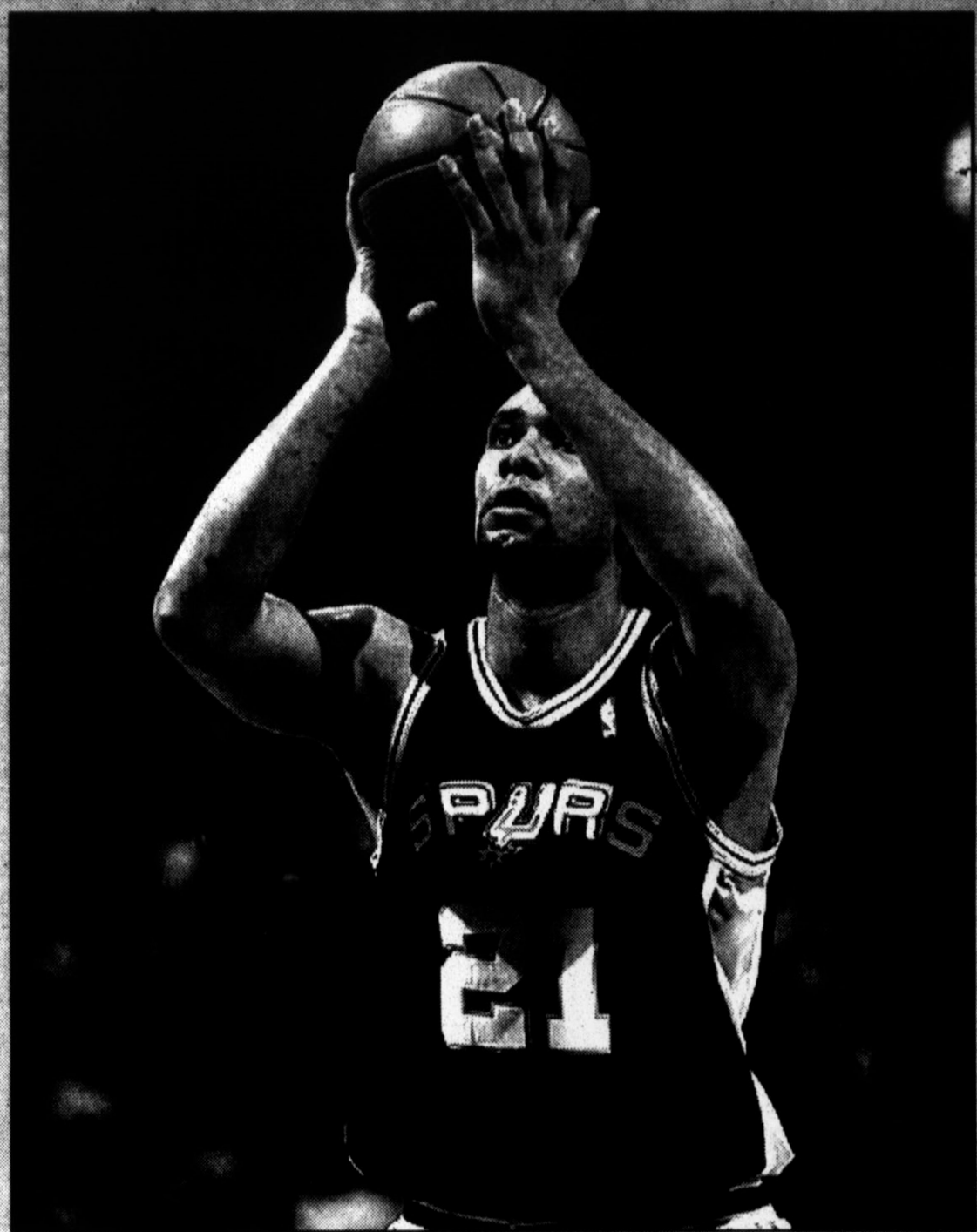
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STAYING A SPUR



Staying a Spur?—Spurs forward Tim Duncan decided not to join Grant Hill and the new look Orlando Magic.

Duncan stays loyal

Prize free agent staying put

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Turns out Orlando was not so magical after all.

Tim Duncan — the biggest prize in this year's NBA free-agent pool — announced Tuesday he will remain with the San Antonio Spurs, spurning an offer to play with the Orlando Magic.

"Orlando had a lot to offer. I went down there and had a good time. When it came down to it, I just liked what I had here," Duncan said at a news conference Tuesday morning.

Despite the Spurs aging lineup, Duncan said he believes the Spurs can challenge the NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers for next year's title.

"I think we have a great opportunity with myself, and David (Robinson) at the core of the whole thing and the fact that we have won it before." The Spurs won the 1999 NBA championship.

If Duncan had joined the Magic, he would have played with recently acquired Grant Hill, a former Detroit Pistons player and five-time all-star, and challenged for supremacy in the Eastern Conference.

News accounts said the Magic offered Duncan a six-year contract worth \$67.5 million.

Duncan could sign a seven-year deal worth \$86.5 million if he re-signs with San Antonio, although he is considered more likely to sign a shorter deal. Duncan has a nonbinding commitment to the Spurs and cannot officially sign a contract with the team until Aug. 1. No details of the

Spurs deal were announced.

Lon Babby, Duncan's attorney, said it was good for Duncan to decide.

"He's got to this point. Now, I have a lot of work to do," Babby said, referring to the deal he has to craft with the team. Neither would say if they would ask for a long- or short-term deal with the Spurs.

Duncan said he felt relieved he's made his decision.

"It was rather annoying," he said about the attention. "I'm glad the process is over and people will stop following me."

Helicopters flew overhead when he visited Orlando, and he'd been followed by media prior to his decision.

John Gabriel, Orlando Magic general manager, said, "We tried to exhaust every opportunity. We tried to change his mind and sway him. We made a battle out of it. We took the best shot that we could."

The news was a welcome relief for Spurs fans, who pleaded for his return to the team he guided to the 1999 NBA title. Fans in the Alamo city dotted the community in recent weeks with billboards and placards reading: "Stay Tim, Stay!" Duncan was the Most Valuable Player for the championship series.

With the Spurs' lineup, the 24-year-old Duncan is considered the key to San Antonio's future. Without him, the Spurs would be left with a brand-new \$175 million arena for the 2002-2003 season and without one of the game's superstars.

Orlando pushed hard to sign both Duncan and Hill, who has said he will sign with the Magic on Friday. Both play-

ers traveled to Orlando on the same weekend and were treated to stays in one of the theme-park city's top resort hotels and luxurious parties hosted by Magic executives.

Duncan even met Tiger Woods, who lives nearby.

The Magic have the NBA's coach of the year in Doc Rivers and enough salary cap room to sign two of the league's top free agents.

But the Spurs applied their own pressure. Veteran center Robinson, who along with Duncan gives San Antonio the most formidable front-line duo in the league, returned early from a Hawaii vacation to persuade Duncan to stay.

Wimbledon gets higher ratings

The numbers were certainly strong for Wimbledon as a whole, particularly Saturday and Sunday.

The average big-market overnight rating for NBC's nine days of Wimbledon coverage — some live, some tape-delayed — was a 3.7, an increase of 12 percent over last year's 3.3.

The Williams sisters, Venus and her younger sister, U.S. Open champion Serena, played a large part in that jump.

On Saturday, when Venus Williams' straight-set defeat of defending champion Lindsay Davenport made her the first black woman to win at Wimbledon since Althea Gibson in 1957-58.

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"I don't want to talk about a contract right now because I want to wait until the year's over and relax," Sosa said. "Whatever happens from there, happens. I would love to stay in Chicago. This is the city I want to stay with. But if it doesn't work out, you know, if I have to go, I don't have a choice."

With injuries to Mark McGwire, Barry Bonds and Manny Ramirez, there wasn't nearly the drama of last year, when Griffey won, but McGwire conquered the Green Monster at Fenway Park, with hundreds of fans filling Lansdowne Street to catch the balls.

Before Monday's competition, scalpers were dumping tickets with \$50 face value for \$10 each.

"Mark McGwire is one of the guys everybody is looking

at," Sosa said. "Because he was not here today, I came here to represent him."

What started off as a listless, humid night sparked up immediately when Sosa started swinging. No other player totaled more than 12.

"Sammy made it look easy," said Griffey, who has won the derby three times overall. "When people in the first couple of rows of the upper deck are looking up, that's power. I didn't hear oohs and aahs for my wallscrapers. I heard them for Sammy's upper-deck shots."

Sosa, who lost out to McGwire 70-66 for the home-run record two years ago and 65-63 for last year's title, made flashbulbs sparkle and fireworks explode in the night.

In the semifinals, Sosa beat Boston's Carl Everett 11-6 and

Griffey topped Toronto's Carlos Delgado 2-1.

Griffey and Sosa tied 2-2 in the first round of the finals, which was split into two rounds with each player allowed five non-homer swings each.

Sosa, practicing his swing in the runway between rounds, then went ahead with a 429-foot homer to left, took a pitch, and connected on four straight swings — hard, long shots of 476, 488, 477 and 443 feet. He added two more, at 460 feet and 508, while fans in the crowd of 50,118 stood clapping, chanting his name and bowing, much like the Wrigley Field bleacher bums pay homage to him back home in Chicago.

After Sosa finished, he high-fived Griffey and both players hugged.

Sosa thanked his pitcher,

Chino Cadahia, the Atlanta Braves' minor league field coordinator.

"He used to be my manager when I was in the minor leagues in Texas (Gastonia in 1987). He knows where I like the ball," Sosa said. "He was throwing me some cookies today. I have to thank him for that."

Griffey, who won titles in 1994 at Pittsburgh's Three Rivers Stadium, 1998 at Denver's Coors Field and last year, then failed to homer in five straight swings.

Last year, Sosa bombed out at Fenway, hitting just one home run.

"I came here the last three years and I didn't do anything," he said. "I came here today with a different plan. I went up there trying to give myself an opportunity. I took a few pitches."

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is won or lost. Good climbers can make up dozens of minutes in the overall standings.

While Ochoa looked exhausted at the end, Armstrong was virtually sprinting in the final miles. But about two-thirds of the way through the stage, he had problems.

Led by strong climbers Kevin Livingston and Tyler Hamilton, U.S. Postal led a charge from the pack approaching Col D'Aubisque, 37 miles from the finish.

The strategy initially worked, with Armstrong moving away from his main rivals, but Livingston and Hamilton couldn't keep up the pace, leaving Armstrong isolated.

About 8 miles from the finish, Armstrong was more than 10 minutes behind the leader, in a group with Pantani, Alex Zulle and Ullrich.

Pantani attacked, followed easily by Armstrong, but Zulle and Ullrich struggled to keep up. Armstrong suddenly accelerated, surging past Pantani and going after another group ahead of him, which included Virenque.

Armstrong overtook Virenque and clearly had plenty of energy left, falling short of only Ochoa.

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City man stabbed to death

A bar fight in Amarillo has left one Hereford man dead and another man injured. Gary Don Skelton, 26, died early Saturday at Northwest Texas Hospital from stab wounds he received during a fight in the parking lot of Buster's Lounge, 2204 E. 27th Ave.

According to an Amarillo Police Department news release, officers responded to a call shortly before 2 a.m. and found Skelton in the west parking lot of the club.

The release indicated another victim was located a few blocks from the bar. He was transported to N.W.T.H., where he was treated and released.

Buster's owner, Leonard Guerrero, said security personnel had asked Skelton to leave, but he had seen Skelton in the parking lot near closing time.

Bar security personnel notified Guerrero of a fight and then called 911.

Officers, after speaking with a number of eyewitnesses, later arrested three brothers, Domingo Cortinez, Jr., 29, Michael Cortinez, 26, and Randy Cortinez, 25, and charged them with murder. All three were held in the Potter County Detention Center, pending a bond hearing. Bond had not been set at press time.

No further details are available. Amarillo Police Department were not sure of the type of knife used during the incident.

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Specifically, Greenspan suggested that states, local school systems, labor unions and business groups should work together to develop appropriate standards for teaching information technology skills in the classroom.

He said these standards are needed because schools now too often narrowly interpret their job as simply teaching students how to type on the computer or permitting students to do research on the Internet.

"Incorporating new technologies into the educational process ... must involve more than simply wiring the classroom," Greenspan said.

He told the governors that teachers must be provided with the necessary skills to effectively teach students how to navigate the information superhighway.

Greenspan in his prepared remarks said nothing about future Fed actions regarding interest rates. The central bank has raised rates six times over the past year in an effort to slow economic growth and keep inflation in check.

Fed policy-makers passed up the chance to raise rates for a seventh time at their last meeting June 27-28 but many analysts believe there will be another rate increase at the August meeting.

Greenspan did use his speech to repeat his views that the explosion in use of the computer and other high-tech devices associated with the boom in information technology had boosted America's productivity growth, the amount of output for each hour of work.

There is currently a debate in the economics profession over how much of the boost in productivity in the past four years is the result of sustainable forces and how much simply reflects a temporary spillover after two decades of lackluster productivity growth.

Greenspan said an intriguing part of the productivity boom has been that U.S. companies have benefited more than their counterparts in Europe and Japan.

"These countries, of course, have also participated in this wave of invention and innovation, but they have been slower to exploit it," Greenspan said.

Pentagon checking Star Wars test data

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon is doing a second-by-second analysis of the latest test failure of its proposed national missile defense system, as it prepares for what has become an even more critical test as early as October.

"We're going to press forward," said Lt. Col. Rick Lehner, spokesman for the troubled program. "This particular malfunction doesn't do anything to degrade our confidence in the overall technology that's been developed."

Defense Secretary William Cohen, in Beijing for a meeting with Chinese defense chief Gen. Chi Haotian on Wednesday, said the second failed test out of three was disappointing but does not mean the Clinton administration will give up the goal of having the system ready to defend against incoming missiles by 2006.

Cohen said he will tell the Chinese, who oppose the U.S. missile defense and regional missile defenses are needed to counter a "proliferation of missile technology."

When he returns, Cohen is to appear before the Senate Armed Services Committee to defend the program before Congress for the first time. The committee chairman, Sen. John Warner, R-Va., said Congress would conduct an "in-depth analysis" of the latest tests.

The next test of the system designed to knock incoming missiles out of the sky with an unarmed "kill vehicle" is set for October or November and will be very similar to the one that had a double failure Saturday. The interceptor vehicle failed to separate from its second-stage booster—and a decoy bal-

loon from the incoming rocket, designed to deceive the interceptor, failed to inflate.

"It would have been desirable to have two successful intercepts, but it doesn't mean the technology is not there yet," Cohen said en route to Beijing, adding that he remains convinced a national missile shield is needed.

Cohen said he had not decided whether to recommend that President Clinton proceed with construction for the system's ground-based radar in Alaska — the next step in a plan for 100 missiles to protect against limited nuclear attack from present or future enemies or terrorists.

Rep. Curt Weldon, a House Armed Services subcommittee chairman, agreed.

"Should it slow down where we're going? No. Will it? Probably," said Weldon, R-Pa., chairman of the military research and development subcommittee.

Weldon accused Clinton of not really supporting the system and predicted he'd use the booster failure as an excuse for not going ahead.

Also on Capitol Hill, Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, asked the Pentagon inspector general to investigate the failure of a decoy balloon in Saturday's test.

That would have made the test suspect even if it had succeeded, he said the Pentagon knows the system can't tell a decoy from a real incoming missile. "The American people deserve an investigation of this matter to determine whether the performance failure of the balloon decoy was indeed the result of a technical malfunction," Kucinich said in a letter to the inspector general. He

and 50 other House Democrats earlier asked the FBI to investigate allegations by some scientists that the tests were rigged.

John Isaacs, president of the anti-nuclear Council for a Livable World, said Tuesday that the test failure should "slow the program down significantly."

The bottom line is that the national missile defense is still not ready for prime time. For proponents, Saturday's missile miss offered stark evidence of the vulnerability of American cities to long-range missiles that might be developed by countries like North Korea or Iraq. Had the missile been armed and aimed at a real target, an American city could have been destroyed.

For critics, it underscored the folly of committing \$40 billion or more to a missile shield that has angered Russia, China and Europeans and probably wouldn't work anyway.

Top administration officials said after the test failure that they expect Clinton to make a decision by the end of summer. No matter what the president decides, his successor is likely to make the important decisions on future construction and deployment.

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Clinton hopes to prod Barak, Arafat to deal

WASHINGTON— President Clinton launches a hands-on drive today for peace between Israel and the Palestinians and for a place in history as a peacemaker.

It's not an easy task. By his own and other accounts, no conflict in the world is more intractable.

Clinton hopes to push Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat into an agreement in a little more than a week and then go off to Japan for an eight-nation economic summit.

"This is really, I think, a matter of trying to come to grips with the issues on the merits," Clinton said Monday.

He encouraged Barak not to be distracted by his political woes at home, and the Israeli leader again signaled his determination to come to terms with Arafat although he said the outcome could be "heart-rending" for Israelis.

The core issues Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright are set to mediate at the Camp David, Md., presidential retreat have defied solution in the seven years since Israel agreed to begin turning over territory to the Palestinians.

They range from the hot-button issue of Jerusalem, part of which the Palestinians seek for a state but which Barak insists will never be divided, to claims of Arab refugees to homes in Israel from which they say they were ousted at Israel's founding a half-century ago.

Protestant protests reaching climax

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — The hijacked cars are burning, the shops all closed, the buses and trains canceled, the tourists long gone, the police earning their overtime in full riot gear.

Yes, Belfast is in full sum-

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mer bloom once again. And the most hard-line Protestants are getting their marching shoes on for their biggest day out, the Glorious Twelfth, a one-sided holiday that many Catholics dread.

Halfhearted appeals by the Orange Order brotherhood for supporters to protest peacefully over restrictions on their July parades have done little to deter more than a week of riots, attacks on Catholic properties and tense confrontations with police.

Authorities are hoping the worst will be over once more than 80,000 Orangemen march Wednesday in a dozen mass demonstrations across Northern Ireland. They're officially commemorating the July 12, 1690, triumph of the Protestant King William of Orange over the forces of Catholic James II, although many Catholics and moderate Protestants think the marches are more about asserting control over a country where the Catholic minority is growing.

The night before, the Eleventh Night, when Protestants gather round towering bonfires of garbage to talk and drink heavily, is traditionally when sectarian passions burn most deeply.

"This disorder can't go on much longer. It never does in Northern Ireland. Even die-hards get tired out — but it is a very dangerous time all the same," said Cyril Donnan, the senior policeman in Portadown, a cauldron of anti-Catholic sentiment southwest

of Belfast and the epicenter for this month's province-wide turmoil.

Overnight, several hundred young Protestant men again rallied at the spot north of Portadown where British army engineers have erected obstacles blocking the Orangemen's path through the town's main Catholic district.

Tiny tribe pins plans on casino payoff

JAMUL, Calif. — The Jamul Indian Tribe — all 56 of them, with their six acres of reservation land — have big dreams for a future that only money can bring.

A new community center to replace one lost to fire; new homes and a health clinic, maybe even a museum. Executives of the tribe say it all could be had with the \$5 million to \$7 million a casino could generate monthly.

The tribe's Vegas vision comes with big hurdles: competition from neighboring casinos that are large by comparison and opposition from residents of the ranch country 20 miles east of San Diego.

"If I could find a business that could make as much money as a casino, then I would do it," said Carlene Chamberlain, 45, vice chairwoman of one of California's smallest tribes.

San Diego County already has three other casinos on the Barona, Viejas and Sycuan reservations, which have 7,000, 1,600 and 640 acres, respectively. Barona, the largest, has devoted about 200 acres to its casino and resort.

On the Jamul reservation, two of the six acres are taken up by a cemetery. That leaves a parcel the size of three football fields for a gambling hall with 2,000 Las Vegas-style slots, restaurants and parking.

It's a big plan for a tribe with just 30 members.



Singing the gospel — A gospel group (from left), Monty and Karen Smith, Darla Stengel, and Peggy and Chuck Danley, provided entertainment Saturday evening at the King's Manor Methodist Home's annual Founders Day barbecue and auction.

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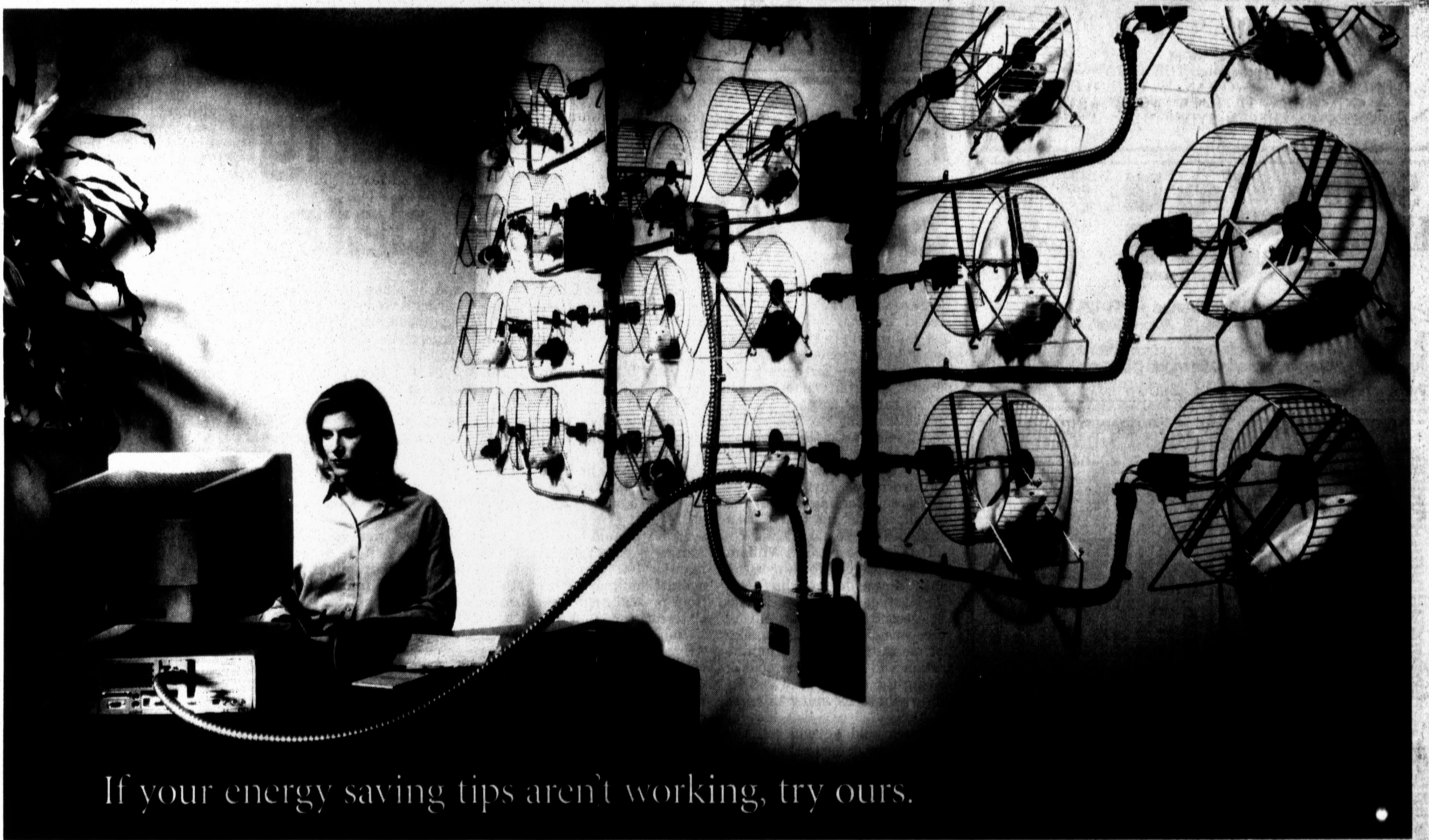
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