

Championships

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ESPN wrapped up with a highlight show Sunday afternoon.

The women's 1,500 featured an epic battle between Eugene favorite Suzy Favor Hamilton and seasoned veteran Regina Jacobs. Favor Hamilton led through 1,300 meters, but Jacobs used a fast final 200 to close the gap and pull ahead at the finish line.

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runner

"It was a very conservative pace," Jacobs said. "I knew it was going to come down to the last kick. I've watched enough tapes, so I knew I was going to have a chance at the end."

Jacobs almost pulled off a rare triple at the meet. The Oakland, Calif., native added a title in the 800 and almost won the 5,000 as well. Only a stunning, blowout-from-the-start performance by Olympian Marla Runyan in the 5,000 could prevent Jacobs from achieving the treble.

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Jacobs wasn't the only athlete to pull off multiple wins at the meet. Seilala Sua won the shot put and discus events, marking her rise to prominence as the nation's top thrower.

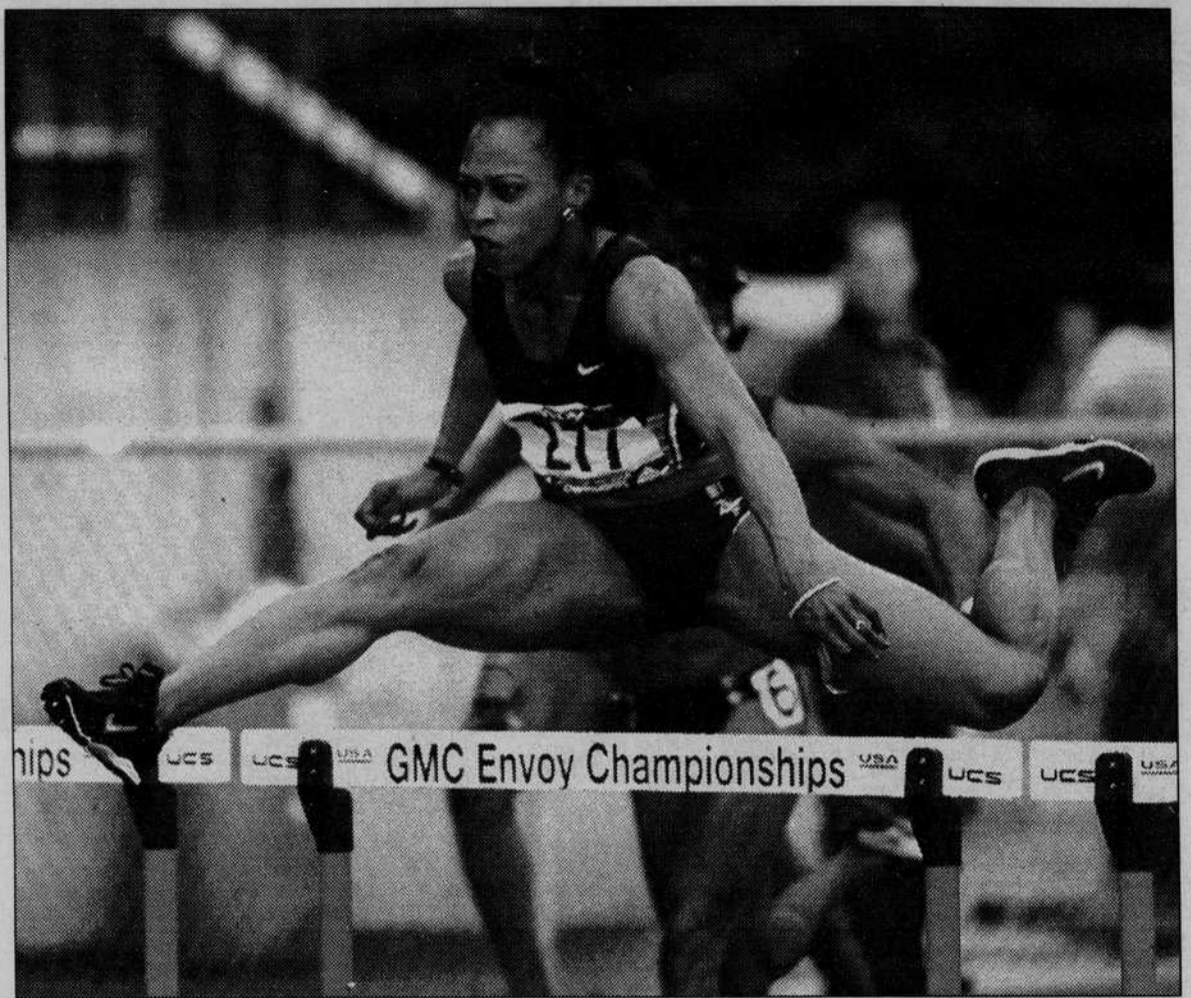
On the men's side Friday, Savante Stringfellow added a long jumping national title to his NCAA Championship from three weeks ago. The outspoken jumper, who calls himself "Superman," also won last year's NCAA title.

Also on Friday, veteran distance runner Bob Kennedy won a close 5,000-meter race in a victory that "meant a lot," according to Kennedy. The 30-year-old was returning from an injury last year that caused him to finish sixth at the Olympic Trials.

Many more athletes made big impressions at the U.S.A. Championships. Breaux Greer won the javelin competition with a meet-record throw of 279-7. Stacy Dragilia pole vaulted a mighty 15-1 3/4, breaking the Hayward Field record.

There were almost too many stories to count from the weekend's meet. The single fact remains that Jennings' words rang true.

The 2001 revolution started in Eugene.



Track and field legend Gail Devers, long fingernails and all, was able to outlast the field in the 100-meter hurdles Sunday. R. Ashley Smith Emerald

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 26). You're very smart this year, and you'll retain what you learn, so why not study new ways to manage money? You're naturally good at that, but it never hurts to get better. You'll have more to give to your favorite charity. You can become the expert you've always admired. Don't wait; this may take a while.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 5 — Work gets in the way of everything you'd rather be doing. But even if you're independently wealthy, you still have to do it. Household chores even interfere with travel plans tonight. Might as well relax. It's just the way it is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — You're in a good mood, but it still might be hard to discuss a delicate topic. The way your sweetheart or child has been spending your money, for example. It'll be easier if you include this person in your budget planning, and he or she might even be of some help.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 5 — Continue the cleanup you started yesterday. Don't worry about running out of things to do. Instead, be careful so that you don't end up with a bigger mess. Don't blindly follow another's suggestion. It's not going to work.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — You're getting into new territory, and that can cause anxiety. Don't dismay if things are different than you expected. Some of them may be much better than the way they were before. But watch where you're going.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 5 — Seems like everybody's after your money. Did you just win the lottery? Whether you did or not, you're learning. There's never enough money for everything you could spend it on, so use another of your natural talents. Become selective.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Too bad, but you'll have to be the one who tells them. Somebody has to do it. Nicely, if possible. An older person and a younger person have concocted grandiose schemes. Trouble is, they

won't work. You may be the only one who understands the numbers. Be gentle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct 22) — Today is a 5 — Postpone any travel plans you might have had for a couple of days. Thursday and Friday will be much better, even for running errands across town. The details are plaguing you now. Be careful not to leave the keys in the car, or the puppy in the living room.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Neither a borrower nor a lender be — not right now, anyway. A deal negotiated now is too apt to be a disappointment to everyone involved. Don't buy or sell, either. Avoid these kinds of transactions for a couple of days, and you'll save a world of trouble.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 5 — Not everything is going against you, although it may feel that way at times. Actually, you have some powerful allies. One of them could be a big help now. If you can't get your point across by yourself, call for intellectual reinforcement. A slightly different choice of words may do the trick and make the sale.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — Some of your old suppositions require review. You'll want to get rid of them; they're just taking up space in the back of your mind. For example, you're outgrowing your fears of inadequacy. You're not covering them up with false bravado. You're disproving them with facts. Get used to it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — Don't make any dates for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Tell your friends and loved ones you'll see them Thursday or Friday. Lock yourself into your cubicle, and turn off the phones. You need to focus on a difficult task.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — You're not being analyzed, but your recent work may undergo some scrutiny. Is it the building inspector coming to see if you've done the wiring right? Mistakes are not flaws in your character. They're just mistakes. Fix them.

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