

**H**arriet Stone was a woman in her 50's that enjoyed life and adventure. She had divorced Robert Stone ten years ago after he was unwilling to subordinate his career to hers. They were the parents of two children, a boy Eugene "Rocky" Stone and a girl Susan Stone Green.

Harriet was the president of "I Grow" (net worth \$4.2 million), a rapidly expanding company which has the formula for a working hair restorative. In fact, it is a permanent cure for baldness.

"I Grow" is being courted by several large drug and cosmetic companies and rumors have it that Harriet had been offered at least \$8 million in cash for the company. As the sole owner, she would make a bundle.

Harriet liked to entertain and was felt to be a social climber. Her childhood days on an Oklahoma feedlot left their mark.

It is now Saturday. On Wednesday, Harriet's body was found laying across the dinner table of her home, a wound by a sharp instrument in her back, noticeable by a small hole and a slight amount of blood. The time of death is set at 4:47 PM, based on a mantle clock found laying on the floor, no longer running (just laying around). There is no evidence of a struggle, but Harriet did have a look of great anguish on her face. The discovery of the body was made by Ms.

Francine Baker at approximately 6:45 PM, Wednesday.

During the preliminary investigation, glass the back door was found. On the back porch, it appears a window pane was broken, possibly to gain access to the home. Further investigation revealed that it appears several paintings are missing from the walls, as well as a VCR and television set. The bedroom was ransacked with the jewelry case turned upside down. Police have no idea if any jewelry is missing. On the small desk in the bedroom a copy of a Visa Statement for \$4890.00 in new purchases in the past month was found. The name has been left off the statement. A crumpled race track betting ticket was found under one corner of the bed.

Also on the desk was a draft document to set up a trust with "Save the Whales and Porpoises" as the beneficiary. The amount of the trust was to be \$6 million.

*The police suspect foul play and have called all of you to a meeting tonight so they can ask some questions. You want to solve the case quickly so you can go home early. You hate to miss the late news and the talk shows. They are so stimulating. Surely you have some questions to ask and can help move things along.*

# THE STORY