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Homegrown health activist helping the world's poor

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Gill vs. breast cancer

Weightlifting champ going back to Gay Games

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Sports champions are often measured by their strength, courage and commitment. We admire them for their determination and hail them as our role models, leaders and teachers.

But when you take a moment to reflect about these top competitors—like Muhammad Ali, Billie Jean King and Michael Jordan—you find one characteristic that, while sometimes overlooked, is perhaps one of the most crucial to success. Champions can talk a pretty big game.

Given her gift of gab, two-time Gay Games powerlifting gold medalist Sue Gill isn't much different. Yet while she heads into the 2002 Games this November a model of self-confidence vying for a threepeat, this year's event holds a little more weight of the sentimental nature.

Just two short years ago, the Corvallis resident was diagnosed with breast cancer, which would have stopped most people from heading Down Under. But with Gill, you'd never guess the struggle endured because she makes it clear that while she might have been down, she was never out.

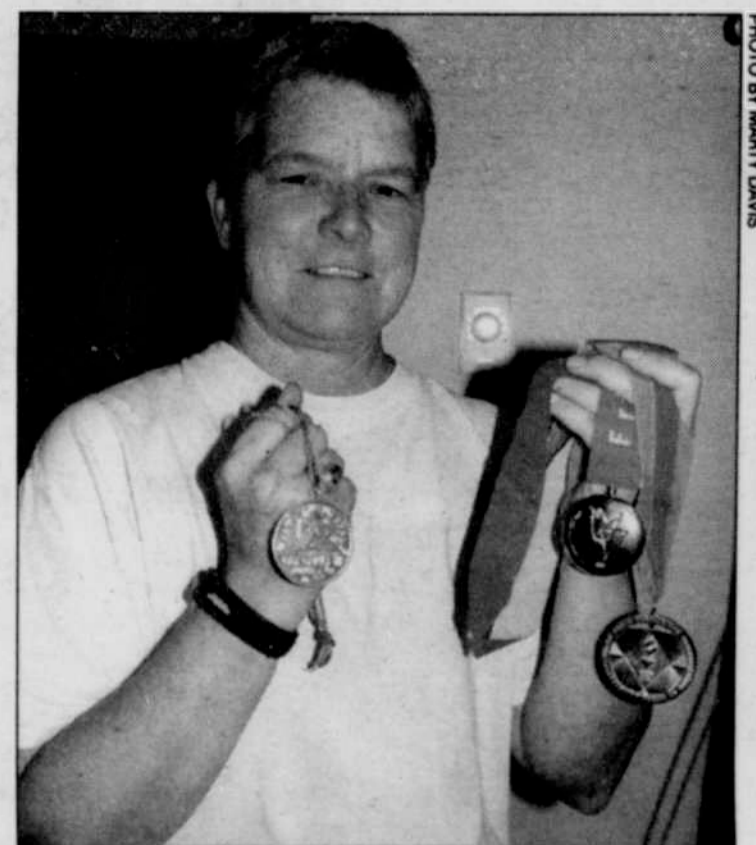


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