

# **Gray County Relay For Life wrapup happens tonight**

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It's time for the wrap-up.

Gray County's Relay For Life event in June attracted about 18 teams worth of people who helped raise over \$65,000 to help the fight against Cancer.

In all, that's at least 200 people who helped drive this event.

Now it's time to decompress, evaluate and congratulate one another for doing an outstanding job. The Gray County Relay For Life wrap-up kicks off at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Recreation Park, officials said.

"The 'wrap-up' means all our money has been turned in and all certificates have been given to team captains," Christy Robinson, chair for the Gray County American Cancer Society and Relay for Life explained Monday. "We're also going to have

pizza."

One truly great development: This is the first year that scholarships have been given out as part of Relay For Life, Robinson said.

"These were college scholarships — three of them," she said.

And the battle against Cancer continues. Toward September and October, look for the Gray County residents to get involved in breast cancer awareness, Robinson added.

Those involved are tireless people — such as Melissa Day Denton, who wrote on Facebook back in June, "3:30 a.m.: We are still up fighting Cancer! Exhausted but still here!"

Or Pamela LaBombard McDowell, who wrote in June, "Come get (your) dogs ... and support Relay for Life!!"

Anyone with any questions about the wrap-up should call Robinson at 663-2856.



Sat. tournament to benefit cancer victim

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This upcoming Saturday at Hidden Hills Golf Course, a benefit tournament will be played for Mandy Medley with an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

Mandy is a resident of Pampa — as are her parents Deb and Tim Thomas and she is fighting lymphoma, a form of cancer that effects the blood.

Medley has fought this disease and even had it in remission for two years.

Recently, doctors discovered that the cancer was once again active.

Jessica Preston, tournament coordinator and friend of the family said the tournament and other activities are to help the family with expenses when Medley goes to M.D. Anderson in Houston for bone marrow transplant — to see if doctors can help her fight it back into

Staff photo by Gayden Hays

Pause: The talented Lady Harvesters take a break during their winning match against Palo Duro at the Randall tournament this past weekend.

remission.

"This is to help the family with the bills," she said.

The tournament will consist of four player teams in a Florida scramble format. Each team can have only one player with a handicap of eight or less, and a minimum total team handicap of 45.

The cost for the tournament is 200 per team of four players, this includes the players Cart and Green Fees.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams in each flight. Flights and prizes will be determined by the number of entrees.

David Teichmann said he will also have additional prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive.

To inquire further about the event, contact Teichmann at 806-669-5866.

# AgriLife meeting set for August 30 in Gray County Annex

Participants can win special education one drift and two general, McGinty units. A fee of \$10 will be charged. said. Program topics

### **FROM CONTRIBUTED REPORTS**

A "Right-of-Way" meeting, planned by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service office in Gray County, is set for Aug. 30 at the Gray County Annex, 12125 E. Frederic Ave.

A registration fee of \$10 will be charged and the event will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 3 p.m., said Brandon McGinty, AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agent in Gray County. Lunch will be provided.

Participants can earn five Texas Department of Agriculture private pesticide applicator continuing education units - one in laws and regulations, one integrated and presenters will be:

Weed Identification, McGinty.

· Laws and Regulations, Steve Boston, Texas Department of Agriculture, Lubbock.

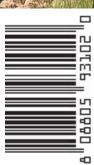
 Herbicides and Uses, Howard Pierson, Alligare representative, Ovilla.

• Ornamental/Turf Insect Controls, Dr. Ed Bynum, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Amarillo.

• Drift Management, representative of Winn Field Chemicals.

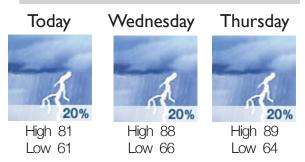
Those planning to attend should RSVP by Aug. 27. To RSVP or for more information, contact McGinty at 806-669-8033.







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# Obituaries

### Dorothy M. Decker Wright

AMARILLO - Dorothy M. Decker Wright, 95, of Pampa died Saturday, Aug. 18, 2012. Funeral Services will be held today, Tuesday August 21, 2012, at 10 a.m. at LaGrone Blackburn Shaw Funeral Directors Coulter Road Chapel 8210 S. Coulter Rd. Burial will be at Noon in West Park Cemetery in Hereford.

Mrs. Wright was born March 16, 1917 in Hereford, Texas to John and Caroline Decker. Mrs.



Wright

Wright attended several schools in the Hereford and Canyon areas. She graduated from high school in 1935. She then attended West Texas Teacher's College. Mrs. Wright was in the ministry from 1937-1953. She spent the last 5 years of that time in the Philippines spreading the Gospel. Mrs. Wright lived in several places spreading the Gospel before marriage. Dorothy married Allen Wright of Oakley, Kansas in 1957. They moved to Amarillo in 1966. She resided in Amarillo until June 2010 when she moved to Pampa, TX to be closer to her nephew and niece Keith and Patricia Winkler who were also her caregivers.

Mrs. Wright was preceded in death by her husband, her parent's, three brothers and six sisters.

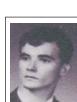
Survivors include her nephews, nieces, and great and great great nephews and nieces and a host of many dear friends.

Memorials: In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorials to BSA Hospice of Amarillo or West Park Cemetery in Hereford.

Please visit our online guestbook at: www.lagroneblackburnshaw.com.

### Tracy Lee Worley

PAMPA — Tracy Lee Worley, 62, died Aug. 14, 2012 in Amarillo. Services will be held at a later time. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Worley

### George Davis Smith

PAMPA — George Davis Smith, 79, died in Pampa on August 16, 2012. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 22, 2012, at First Baptist Church with Rev. Barry Owens, associate pastor, and Joe Mabry, officiating.

Burial will be Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Smith was born August 11, 1933 in Ada, Oklahoma. He graduated from both Ada High School and East Central University in Ada with a Bachelor's degree in science. He married Georgia L. Parsons on July 3, 1953. He coached girls' basketball for 9 years in Oklahoma and then moved to Pampa to take the position of director of the Pampa Youth and Community Center where he worked for 17 years. George was responsible for the



planning and designing of the health club and the track at the youth center. He then went to work for Celanese, retiring after approximately 15 years of service. George was a very active member of First Baptist Church, serving as deacon and singing in the choir. He taught in the church nursery and throughout Sunday school Smith classes. He loved to trav-



el with Georgia. He was a very loving husband, father and grandfather.

SURVIVORS: his wife: Georgia L. Smith of the home; 3 sons: Scott A. Smith of Pampa, Cary Smith and wife Cheryl of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Bryan MacLeod and wife Miryam of Parker, Colorado; a grandson: Dakota MacLeod of Denver, Colorado; a granddaughter: Kayla Smith of Chandler, Arizona; and a sister: Ima Jean Erwin and husband Mickey of New Waverly. He was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers and 1 sister.

MEMORIALS: First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, Texas 79066-0621.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley. com

### Robert "Rob" Ott

PAMPA — Robert "Rob" Ott, 42, died August 13,

2012 in Pampa. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, August 22, 2012, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Arockia Raj, associate pastor of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Mr. Ott was born De- Ott cember 5, 1969 in Ros-

eville, California. He moved to Waco where he was a mud logger in the oilfield business for over 15 years. He married Janine Monteleone on March 2, 2004 in Ely, Nevada. He moved to Pampa in 2010 with Great Plains Well Logging, Inc. Rob enjoyed exercising and running in 5K and 10 mile runs. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather, and will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his wife: Janine Ott of the home; a daughter: London Powell of Robinson; a son: Jaydon Ott of Jensen, Utah; a stepdaughter: Jayme McGraw and husband Jayson of Walsenburg, Colorado; 2 stepsons: Jesse Boddicker and wife Paula of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and James Jolly and wife Kristina of Clarksville, Tennessee; his parents: Robert and Judith Ott of Garden Valley, California; a brother: Shawn Ott of Garden Valley, California; a sister: Lynette Anspaugh of Georgetown, California; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

MEMORIALS: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Attn: Memorial/Honor Program FH, One St. Jude Place Bldg., P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 300, Memphis, Tennessee 38148-0552.



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### **Weekly Menus**

### **Pampa Senior Citizens Center**

MONDAY, August 20

Chicken fried steak or chicken & dumplings, mashed potatoes, spinach, beets, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, German chocolate cake, banana pudding, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

**TUESDAY**, August 21

Moch filet mignon or tuna casserole, scalloped potatoes, fried okra, corn, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, Boston creme pie, chocolate sundae cup, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

### WEDNESDAY, August 22

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, broccoli casserole, carrots, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, cherry chip cake, dutch apple pie, fruit cup, hot roll, cornbread

### **THURSDAY**, August 23

Chicken strips or taco salad, steak fries, green beans, cheese hominy, pinto beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, orange streusel bundt cake, lemon pie, fruit cup, hot roll, combread

### FRIDAY, August 24

Cod fish/hushpuppies or chicken & ham tetrazini, potato wedges, brussel sprouts, beans, slaw, tossed salad, Jell-O, turtle brownie, pineapple square, fruit cup, garlic breadstick, hot roll, cornbread

### **Meals on Wheels**

MONDAY, August 20 Chicken pot pie, pickled beets, corn, apricots **TUESDAY**, August 21 Lasagna, green beans, garlic bread, salad WEDNESDAY, August 22 Eggs/sausage, pancakes/hashbrowns, peaches THURSDAY, August 23 Sloppy joes, tater tots, cole slaw, mixed fruit FRIDAY, August 24 Salmon patties, macaroni/cheese, pickled beets, apricots





# **MORNING***RUSH*

THE FOLLOWING WERE THE TOP STORIES IN THE WALL STREET JOURNAL ON MONDAY:

1. Gu Kailai, the wife of ousted Communist Party official Bo Xilai, was found guilty and given a suspended death sentence on Monday for the murder of British businessman Neil Heywood. The judgment paves the way for an announcement on how the party plans to deal with Bo.

2. Aetna has struck a deal to buy Coventry Health Care for \$5.7 billion in cash and stock, a move that will make Aetna one of the largest providers of government-financed health care.

3. General Motors is close to reaching an agreement with labor representatives to shorten the workdays at some of its German plants, a move to help stem financial losses in its European operations.

4. The Chicago Mercantile Exchange Group plans to establish a European derivatives exchange and will submit its license application to the U.K.'s Financial Services Authority "within days."

5. Lee Raymond, the brusque former chairman and chief executive of Exxon Mobil, will have the last say on James Dimon's role in the "London Whale" trading fiasco-an arrangement that presents risks for both men.

6. Belize, a Central American nation with an economy the size of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, is running out of money to pay its debts. But the tiny country is playing hardball with its lenders.

7. Novartis AG goes to India's Supreme Court on Wednesday to seek patent protection for its blockbuster cancer drug Glivec in a case that could deliver far-reaching ramifications for multinational pharmaceutical companies operating in India.

8. Royal Dutch Shell is spending billions of dollars to drill the first oil wells in U.S. Arctic waters in 20 years, backed by an Obama administration eager to show it wasn't opposed to offshore exploration.

9. Asian consumers have kept their countries' economies humming while exports to Europe and the U.S., long key sources of growth, have been a drag. Now there are signs consumer spending also is ticking down, which is bad news for one of the global economy's few bright spots.

10. U.S. regulators are delaying rules that would allow hedge funds and other firms to solicit investors more broadly, a win for advocates who said hasty changes to solicitation rules could increase fraud.



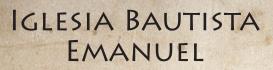
11. A federal court jury this week is set to begin tackling a question that has consumed the mobile-device market: Did Samsung Electronics Co rip off features of Apple Inc's iPhone and iPad? But there are actually many questions.

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# Viewpoints

# **Today in History**

August 21 is the 233rd day of the year (234th in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 132 days remaining until the end of the year.

## **EVENTS**

• 1192 – Minamoto Yoritomo becomes Seii Tai Shōgun and the de facto ruler of Japan. (Traditional Japanese date: July 12, 1192)

• 1331 – King Stephen Uroš III, after months of anarchy, surrenders to his son and rival Stephen Dušan, who succeeds as King of Serbia.

• 1680 – Pueblo Indians capture Santa Fe from Spanish during the Pueblo Revolt.

1689 – The Battle of Dunkeld in Scotland.
1770 – James Cook formally claims eastern Australia for Great Britain, naming it New South Wales.

• 1772 – King Gustav III completes his coup d'état by adopting a new Constitution, ending half a century of parliamentary rule in Sweden and installing himself as an enlightened despot.

• 1778 – American Revolutionary War: British forces begin besieging the French outpost at Pondicherry.

• 1808 – Battle of Vimeiro: British and Portuguese forces led by General Arthur Wellesley defeat French force under Major-General Jean-Andoche Junot near the village of Vimeiro, Portugal, the first Anglo-Portuguese victory of the Peninsular War.

• 1810 – Jean-Baptiste Bernadotte, Marshal of France, is elected Crown Prince of Sweden by the Swedish Riksdag of the Estates.

• 1821 – Jarvis Island is discovered by the crew of the ship, Eliza Frances.

• 1831 – Nat Turner leads black slaves and free blacks in a rebellion.

• 1852 – Tlingit Indians destroy Fort Selkirk, Yukon Territory.

• 1863 – Lawrence, Kansas is destroyed by Confederate guerrillas Quantrill's Raiders in the Lawrence Massacre.

• 1879 – The Virgin Mary, along with St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist, reportedly appears at Knock Shrine in Knock, County Mayo, Ireland.

• 1888 – The first successful adding machine in the United States is patented by William Seward Burroughs.

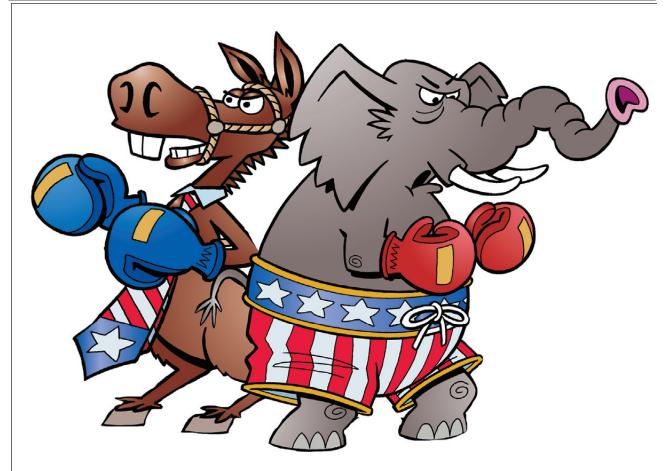
• 1911 – The Mona Lisa is stolen by a Louvre employee.

• 1918 – World War I: The Second Battle of the Somme begins.

• 1942 – World War II: a Nazi flag is installed atop the Mount Elbrus.

• 1942 – World War II: the Guadalcanal campaign: American forces defeat an attack by Imperial Japanese Army soldiers in the Battle of the Tenaru.

• 1944 – Dumbarton Oaks Conference,



# DECISION PAMPA: 2012

## Charlie Daniels: On the subject of competing ...



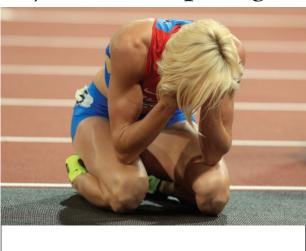
### CHARLIE DANIELS Columnist

Editor's Note: This column was originally published Aug. 13, 2012.

I can't speak for anybody else but my wife and myself have been immersed in the Summer Olympic games from London the last few days. Of course the athleticism has been incredible, the best planet earth has to offer and whether seasoned veteran or rookie they gave it their all, even the athletes who came to the games knowing that their chances of winning a medal were about as likely as growing wings, left nothing on the field of competition with the exception of a couple of shameful examples of jockeying for position by intentionally losing a preliminary match. It's obvious that all the athletes, without exception, have worked to the extent of human endurance to achieve strength and physical perfection in preparation to pit their talent against the world's best. The Olympics brings out the finest in human qualities and the very concept of the games plays havoc with the nanny state mentality, where personal responsibility is discouraged and competition is graded on a curve, where work ethic is based on whatever you can get by with.

lete march into the stadium during opening ceremonies you can take for granted that person has been through the fire, stood tall against crushing competition, reached down deep inside and tapped that pool of special talent God gave them, ignored the pain and proved that they deserved a place on the team.

The Olympics also defies the proposition that only the privileged have a chance to do great things. Some of the athletes come from extremely humble backgrounds and their parents made huge sacrifices to get them the training and conditioning it would take to pursue their dreams. you'll And never see a greater display of Nationalism as the athletes wrap themselves in the flags of their nations in their victory celebration and stand proud and often teary eyed as their national anthem is played. There is no apology here; there is no criticism or pandering and it's wonderful to see. Granted, there are very few people who have the talent to make an Olympic team but the attitude required, and believe me it all starts with an attitude, applies to, not only becoming a world class athlete, but to every endeavor mankind undertakes. It's called giving your best, it's called going for the fences every time you come to bat It's called going for the gold and if you develop that attitude and that habit, you're going to make something out of your life.



prelude to the United Nations, begins.

• 1944 – World War II: Canadian and Polish units capture the strategically important town of Falaise, France.

• 1945 – Physicist Harry K. Daghlian, Jr. is fatally irradiated in a criticality incident during an experiment with the Demon core at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

• 1959 – President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs an executive order proclaiming Hawaii the 50th state of the union. Hawaii's admission is currently commemorated by Hawaii Admission Day

• 1961 – Motown releases what would be its first #1 hit, "Please Mr. Postman" by The Marvelettes.

• **1963 – Xa Loi Pagoda raids:** the Army of the Republic of Vietnam Special Forces loyal to Ngo Dinh Nhu, brother of President Ngo Dinh Diem, vandalises Buddhist pagodas across the country, arresting thousands and leaving an estimated hundreds dead.

• 1968 – Nicolae Ceauşescu, leader of Communist Romania, publicly condemns the Soviet led Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia, encouraging the Romanian population to arm itself against possible Soviet reprisals.

• 1968 – James Anderson, Jr. posthumously receives the first Medal of Honor to be awarded to an African American U.S. Marine.

• 1969 – An Australian, Michael Dennis Rohan, sets the Al-Aqsa Mosque on fire, a major catalyst of the formation of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation.

• 1971 – A bomb exploded in the Liberal Party campaign rally in Plaza Miranda, Manila, Philippines with several anti-Marcos political candidates injured.

• 1976 – Operation Paul Bunyan at Panmunjeom, Korea.

• 1979 – Soviet dancer Alexander Godunov defects to the United States.

• 1982 – Lebanese Civil War: The first troops of a multinational force lands in Beirut to oversee the Palestine Liberation Organization's withdrawal from Lebanon.

• 1983 – Philippine opposition leader Benigno Aquino, Jr. is assassinated at the Manila International Airport (now renamed Ninoy Aquino International Airport).

• 1986 – Carbon dioxide gas erupts from volcanic Lake Nyos in Cameroon, killing up to 1,800 people within a 20-kilometer range.

• 1991 – Latvia declares renewal of its full independence after the occupation of Soviet Union.

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CHARLIE DANIELS

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### Olympics-London victory parade brings Tokyo to standstill

Aug 20 (Reuters) -Japan's Olympic medallists brought downtown Tokyo to a standstill on Monday in an opentop bus victory parade witnessed by around 500,000 flag and fanwaving supporters.

The convoy of five buses caused gridlock as fans and shoppers in Tokyo's upmarket Ginza district help celebrate Japan's record haul of 38 medals (seven gold, 14 silver and 17 bronze) at the London Olympics. People working in offices above street level leant precariously out of windows to cheer as the athletes navigated through a vast sea of supporters in Japan's first Olympic celebratory parade of its kind.

Attended by 71 of the country's 76 medallists in total, the athletes, sporting their red Olympic jackets, waved as fans crammed the pavement in swelter-

ing summer heat and screamed their names and messages of congratulations.

One athlete carried placards in support of the northeast region of Japan devastated by last year's deadly tsunami.

"Japan's sportsmen and women have done so much to lift spirits since last year's disaster," 33-year-old sales assistant Yurie Miyajima told Reuters. disaster," "They were fantastic in

London."

Some of the biggest cheers were reserved for the Japanese women's soccer team, who took the silver medal in London after their stunning World Cup success in Germany last year. Japan's 'Nadeshiko'

team - named after a frilly pink carnation had come to embody the spirit of a nation battling to recover from the tsunami and subsequent nuclear crisis.

## Don't tax Olympic medalists or other winners

### TERRY SAVAGE Creator's Syndicate

As a fitting finale to the successful U.S. Olympic "need" a tax team, the president has break. announced his support for a bill to make the winners' medals, and the cash awards that go with them, free from federal income America. Even the Olympic taxes. President Barack Obama was responding to a bill proposed by Republican Sen. Marco and accomplishment by Rubio of Florida to make the winnings tax-free. And several state legislatures of their success and who have also introduced bills to eliminate the state tax on the winnings.

Clearly, both political parties can come together on the value of rewarding argument sort of makes excellence instead of punishing it by taxing success.

The big question is: Why can't they agree on that same principle in real life, acknowledging that profits are the rewards of excellence determined by free markets?

of those gold medals for a edged that. moment. It turns out they aren't really made even mostly of gold, despite the in the top 1 percent - elite, photos of athletes biting special, successful through into them — a traditional their own untiring efforts measure of testing pure and innate, special athletic gold, which is softer than alloyed metals.

gold medal is worth only winnings? Do we really about \$655 — reflecting have the temerity to tax the fact that there is only 1 their efforts, to share in the percent gold in those large results of their hard work? discs, with the remainder Is there an excuse to say largely made up of sil- that they don't "need" the ver. The silver medals are rewards of their hard work worth about \$335, and the as much as others? bronze less than \$5 each, It's hard to make a case based on the metal weight for taxing success when it

reported \$10 million in endorsements do not

Which brings us right back to the tax

debate we're having here in spirit cannot overshadow the divide between those who want to tax success determining who is "worthy" of keeping the rewards should have the rewards of their personal efforts taxed and distributed to benefit others who are more needy. Put in those terms, the you squirm.

There is no denying that the success of these athletes did not come from the "community" — although their supporters cheered them on. It came from their personal efforts to be best at what they do. Even the Let's set aside the value president has acknowl-

These gold, silver and bronze medalists are indeed abilities.

Does anyone have a In fact, the gold in each "right" to a piece of their



because they are the winners, they not only inspire us, but they create jobs for us. They should be encouraged, not hit with special tax penalties. And that's The Savage Truth.

Terry Savage is a registered investment adviser and is on the board of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. She appears weekly on WMAQ-Channel 5's 4:30 p.m. newscast, and can be reached at www.terrysavage. com. She is the author of the new book, "The New Savage Number: How Much Money Do You Really Need to Retire?



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of these prizes.

for silver and \$10,000 for applies to entrepreneurs money is taxable income to dreams. the winners.

In fact, it is relatively small. activities that benefit socithan \$182,000 for a gold medal, and a Russian gold is worth roughly \$135,000 euros into real gold!)

American amateur athletes who have relied on sponsors to pay their way, the

Olympic superstars including LeBron James, competitors. Kobe Bryant, each with

is so clearly the result of But the U.S. medal win- personal effort. But lately ners also get cash prizes: it appears less easy to see \$25,000 for gold, \$15,000 how that same principle bronze. The award money whether they are founders comes from the U.S. of companies like Apple Olympic committee. Under or Microsoft or just smallcurrent tax laws, that business owners with big

This is not an argument (By the way, that cash against all taxes. We need prize bounty is not unusual. taxes to fund government An Italian gold medal win- ety. But it is an argument ner would receive more against levying special taxes against those who are most successful. Sure, the Olympians would likely in U.S. dollars. My advice strive for victory in future to those winners: quick- games even without finanly convert from rubles or cial rewards. Great Britain doesn't pay any bonus to For most struggling medal winners, and their teams were very successful.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2012:

You will approach life with far greater intensity than in the past. You will do whatever you need to do to root out an issue. A key partnership plays a much stronger role in looking at some of life's basic issues. The superficial has no role in your life. If you are single, you will have zero tolerance for playing games, or even courtship. Realize that this attitude could be a liability, especially if you are attached. Try to be less judgmental and more accepting. SCORPIO might have deep thoughts but could be hard to deal with.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

 $\star\star\star\star$  You have a lot of panache, and you do not hesitate to display your passion and core feelings. By midday, you might decide to focus on a project, even if you are by yourself. Your creativity emerges no matter what you do. Tonight: Return calls and emails.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\* You easily get sidetracked, no matter what you are doing. Honor your priorities despite others inadvertently breaking into your plans, in need of your help. You juggle this burden with sensitivity to others. A child or loved one steals the scene. Tonight: Be responsive to a friend or family member.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Focus on completion and getting the job done. You could be overtired or withdrawn. When you become inspired, you feel like anything is possible; however, it will be your tremendous effort that makes a difference. It is you who makes a situation change. Tonight: Relax.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

 $\star\star\star\star$  Understanding comes from getting past a self-imposed restraint. Also, be willing to verbalize your goals and desires. An associate lets you know that he or she has had a change of mind about a detail, but not the whole idea. Tonight: Express your naughty side.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

 $\star\star\star$  You could be far more possessive than you think you are. Try to be more selfaware, and listen to a partner's feedback. You might want to break a bad habit, especially if it encumbers your interpersonal communication. Tonight: Curb a desire to go on a spending spree, if possible.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$  You have a strong reac- How about some blues?

tion, which is unlike your normally logical stance. You let others know if they cross you. Someone close to you might not be sure of what is going on, and could test this newfound assertiveness. Confirm meetings and any information that does not sound correct. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You definitely know what you want, but getting someone to respond as you'd like could be a different story. Once more, you are reminded that you can control only yourself. Remain diplomatic yet clear. This person needs to know where you are coming from. Tonight: Go shopping for that special item.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You seem to be in your element; however, someone else might not be on the same mental plane as you. You cannot seem to get your point across. It is as if this person's mind is impenetrable. Demonstrate compassion, but don't put all your eggs in one basket. Tonight: Choose a high-energy activity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Understand that you are in a reflective stage right now that will not last much longer. Gather all the information you need in order to make a solid decision about a project. You do not always need to be fiery when expressing your feelings. Subtlety works, too. Tonight: Do not swallow your anger.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Aim for more of what you want, and focus on the more social aspects of your life. Be willing to verbalize more of what you desire, and you will manifest just that even more easily. Others work with you. Tonight: A friend could be too assertive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**\*\*\*** When you take charge, others step back. You could have some difficulty sorting through a knot of confusion. You might need to go past that point to achieve the results you desire. You are fiery and direct in your word choice. Tonight: A must appearance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**\*\*\*\*** Your ability to incorporate many different perspectives to resolve a problem comes forward right now. Listen to your sixth sense about a misunderstanding. There might not be a way to sort it out immediately. Consider letting it go. Tonight: How about some blues?



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A group of youngsters in colorful superhero costumes try to attract the attention of drivers on the corner of Sommerville and Hobart Monday afternoon with signs bearing messages such as, "Jesus Is The Real Superhero." Photo by

## Phyllis Diller, sassy deliverer of rapid-fire comedy, dies at 95



### Diller

Phyllis Diller, whose sassy, screeching, rapidfire stand-up comedy helped open the door for two generations of funny women, died on Monday at her home in Brentwood, Calif. She was 95.

Diller, who became famous for telling jokes that mocked her odd looks, her aversion to housekeeping and a husthat held a make-believe cigarette from which she continually flicked imaginary ashes. (Diller, who did not smoke, later discarded the cigarette holder.)

Her hair was the blond flyaway variety, sometimes looking as if it was exploding from her scalp; her eyes were large and ferocious, her nose thin and overlong (she ultimately tamed it through plastic surgery). And then there was that unforgettable, ear-shattering voice, which would frequently explode into a sinister cackle that seemed perfectly matched to her image as the ultimate domestic demon.

Among Diller's few female predecessors was Jean Carroll, sometimes called "the female Milton Berle," who made numerous appearances in nightclubs and on Ed Sullivan's variety show, where she mined her marriage and family for laughs. There were others: Minnie Pearl got laughs as an outrageous Southern spinster, Moms Mabley as a raunchily outspoken black philosopher. But Diller's hard-hitting approach to one-liners inspired by Bob Hope, who became an early champion — was something new for a woman. Her success proved that female comedians could be as aggressive or unconventional as their male counterparts, and leave an audience just as devastated. She cleared the way for the likes of Joan Rivers, Roseanne Barr, Whoopi Goldberg, Ellen DeGeneres and numerous others. Although Diller used writers to help create her act, she estimated that she wrote 75 percent of the jokes herself. Her approach to humor was methodical. "My material was geared toward everyone of all ages and from different backgrounds, and I wanted to hit them right in the middle," she explained in her autobiography, "Like a Lampshade in a Whorehouse: My Life in Comedy" (Tarcher, 2005), written with Richard Buskin. "I didn't want giggles — I could get those with my looks — I wanted boffs, and I wanted people to get the joke at the same moment and laugh together. That way I could leave everything to my timing." She liked jokes that

piled on the laughs in rapid succession. A favorite of hers was this one: "I realized on our first wedding anniversary that our marriage was in trouble. Fang gave me luggage. It was packed. My mother damn near suffocated!"

Phyllis Diller was born Phyllis Ada Driver on July 17, 1917, in Lima, Ohio, the daughter of Perry Driver, an insurance executive, and the former Frances Ada Romshe. As a child she developed a strong interest in classical music, became accomplished on the piano and other instruments and sang well; by the time she got to high school, she also had an interest in writing and dramatics. In 1935, her last year at Central High School, she was voted the school's most talented stu-

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she read a self-help book, "The Magic of Believing" By Claude M. Bristol. Inspired by its message of empowerment, she began to write her own comedy routines, hired a drama coach to give her more stage presence, and took whatever paid or unpaid performing jobs she could get: at hospitals, women's clubs, church halls. she made her bona fide professional debut at the Purple Onion, a San Francisco nightclub, in 1955. At first her act contained as much singing as joke-telling, with Diller's persona more mock sophisticate than housewife from hell — her signature numbers included "Ridiculous," a parody of the Eartha Kitt number "Monotonous" — but she gradually developed the character and the look that would make her famous.

deprecating humor, she was concerned about her appearance, especially as she began to detect signs of aging in her television appearances in the early 1970s. She became one of the first celebrities not just to have plastic surgery but also to acknowledge and even publicize that fact. By the 1990s she had had more than a dozen operations. There were. among other things, two nose jobs, three face-lifts, a chemical peel, a breast reduction, cheek implants, an eyeliner tattoo and bonded teeth. She never tried to conceal this fact and even kept a plastic surgery résumé, which she would give to anyone who asked. And she continued to make jokes about her appearance. "The ugly jokes would remain a part of my act because my image was already so well established," she wrote in her autobiography. "Audiences had bought into it because, facially at least, it had been the truth, and for them it would continue to be the truth." Although Diller was a frequent guest on other people's variety shows, her own network television ventures — "The Pruitts of Southampton" (1966-67), a sitcom, and "The Beautiful Phyllis Diller Show" (1968), a variety hour — were both short-lived. Late in life she had a recurring role on the soap opera "The Bold and the Beautiful" and did voice-over work on various cartoon shows, including "Family Guy." Her movie career was not particularly distinguished. While she made a number of films, including three with Bob Hope — "Boy, Did I Get a Wrong Number!" (1966), "Eight on the Lam" (1967) and "The Private Navy of Sgt. O'Farrell" (1968) — none were as funny as she was. But her career was not limited to movies, television or stand-up comedy. Between 1971 and 1981 she appeared as a

piano soloist with some 100 symphony orchestras across the country under the transparently phony name Dame Illya Dillya. Although her performances were spiced with humor, she took the music seriously. A review of one of her concerts in The San Francisco Examiner called her "a fine concert pianist with a firm touch."

She also appeared on Broadway, stepping into the lead role in "Hello, Dolly!" for three months in late 1969 and early 1970. She painted, too. And she wrote a number of books, including "Phyllis Diller's Housekeeping Hints," "The Joys of Aging and How to Avoid Them" and, most recently, her autobiography. marriage Her to Sherwood Diller lasted 26 years; in 1965, the same year the Dillers divorced, married she Warde Donovan, an actor. That marriage, too, ended in divorce. She never remarried, but she was the companion of Robert Hastings, a lawyer, from the mid-1980s until his death in 1996. Diller is survived by a son, Perry; a daughter, Suzanne Mills; four grandchildren; and a greatgranddaughter. When she appeared in Las Vegas in May 2002, three years after suffering a heart attack, Diller announced that this would be her last stand-up performance. She stuck to that decision. Her final performance was captured in the 2004 documentary "Goodnight, We Love You," directed by Gregg Barson. Asked by Bob Thomas of The Associated Press in 2005 whether she missed performing, Diller answered: "I don't miss the travel. I miss the laughter. I do miss the actual hour. I don't want to sound like I'm on dope, but that hour is a high; it's as good as you can feel. A wonderful, wonderful happiness, and great power."

band she called Fang, was far from the first woman to do stand-up comedy. But she was one of the most influential. There were precious few women before her, if any, who could dispense one-liners with such machine-gun precision or overpower an audience with such an outrageous personality.

One chestnut: "I once wore a peekaboo blouse. People would peek and then they'd boo.'

Another: "I never made 'Who's Who,' but I'm featured in 'What's That?' "

Diller, a 37-year-old homemaker when she took up comedy, mined her domestic life for material, assuring audiences that she fed Fang and her kids garbage soup and buried her ironing in the backyard. She exudedan image that was part Wicked Witch of the West (a role she actually played in a St. Louis stage production of "The Wizard of Oz") and part clown.

In her many television appearances she would typically sashay onstage wearing stiff, outsize, hideous metallic dresses (she did this, she said, so she could lie to her audiences about the state of her body, which was really trim and shapely), highheeled shoes or boots studded with rhinestones, and a bejeweled collar better suited to a junkyard dog or a fur scarf she claimed was made from an animal she had trapped under the sink. Slinking along on skinny legs, her feet invariably pointed outward, penguin-style, she originally carried a long bejeweled cigarette holder

dent.

After briefly attendthe Sherwood ing Conservatory of Music in Chicago, she entered Bluffton College in Bluffton, Ohio, near Lima, with thoughts of becoming a music teacher. She met Sherwood Anderson Diller in her senior year in college, and they were married in 1939.

She never taught music. The Dillers moved to California, where he was an inspector at a Navy air station and later held various other jobs - none, by Diller's account, for very long. They struggled financially, even with Diller working too. She wrote a shopping column for a newspaper in San Leandro and advertising copy for a department store in Oakland, then moved on to a job as a copywriter, continuity writer and publicist for a radio station in Oakland before joining a San Francisco station as director of promotion and merchandising.

She started to move toward a career in show business without realizing it. She was poor and unhappy, and she would meet other poor and unhappy women at the Laundromat and have them in gales of laughter with her account of her home life. She also tried to inject humor into the advertising and publicity copy she wrote. Word spread about Phyllis Diller, and soon she was being asked to give presentations at parties and P.T.A. meetings.

Her husband thought she should be paid to make people laugh. She lacked the confidence to do it until

She was soon being booked at nightclubs all over the country, and she became nationally known after several dozen appearances on Jack Paar's "Tonight Show," beginning in 1958.

She was believable as well as hilarious when she talked about her husband, Fang; her motherin-law, Moby Dick; and her sister-in-law, Captain Bligh. She was so believable that shortly after she divorced Sherwood Diller in 1965, his mother and sister sued her for defamation of character in an effort to keep her from talking about them in her act. She insisted that she was talking about a fictional family, not them, and eventually settled out of court.

Diller was never really the grotesque-looking woman she made herself out to be; her body, in fact, was attractive enough that when she posed nude for a Playboy photo spread the pictures ended up not being published — the magazine was going for laughs, and decided that they looked too good to be funny.

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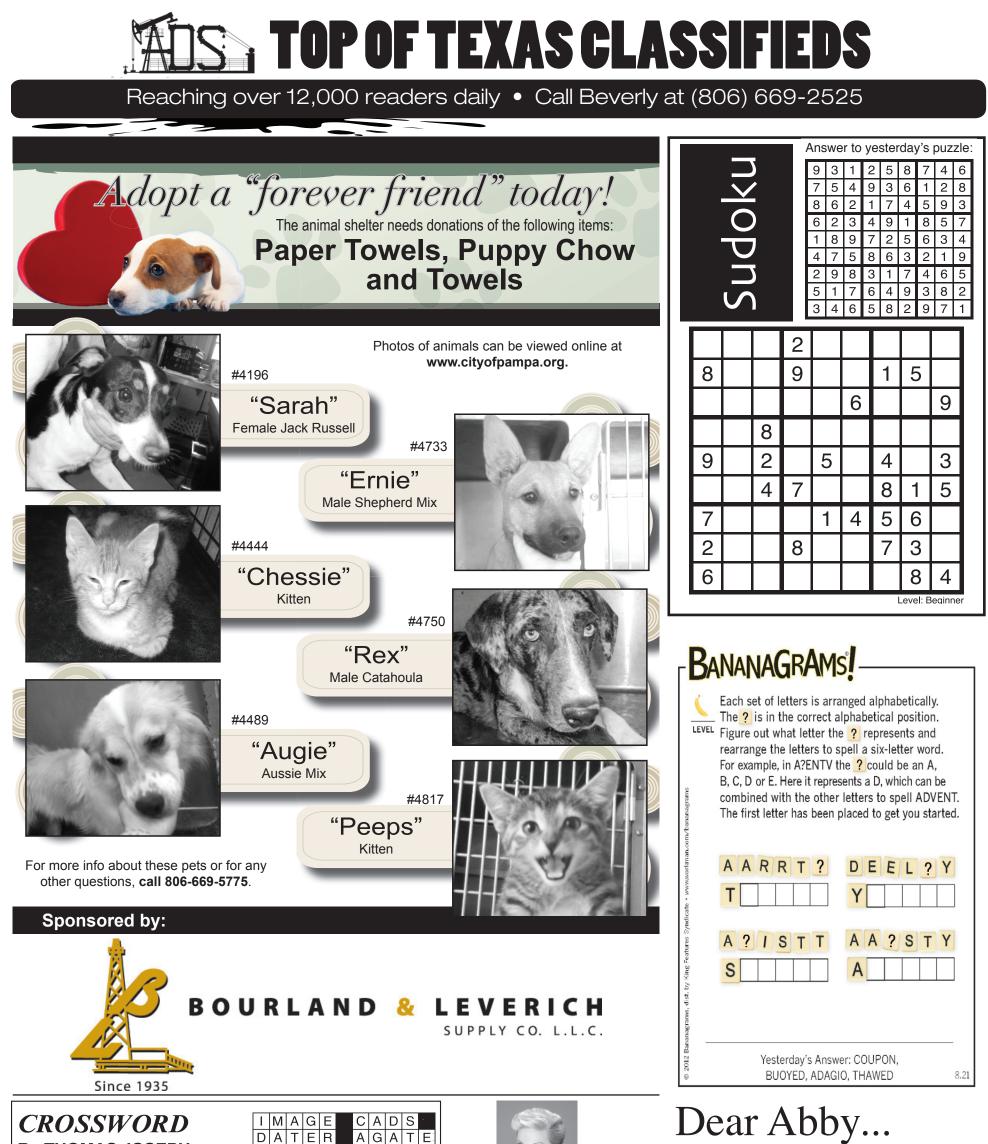
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You can find us after work at sports bars with friends having a beer, early morning weekhot rod or motorcycle like the one we had - or wanted - in not doing what YOU like to do. Think about the guy you were married to who had to be dragged or nagged to the outings you enjoy.

Step back, be honest and really look at yourself. How do you act, dress, talk? Would what he enjoys and remem- you a higher class of bum. ber, he's not going to change,

DEAR ABBY: I'd like to and if he did, he wouldn't failed Dating 101. There's 58-YEAR-OLD

don't measure up to the stan- these ladies need to find new hunting grounds. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I had to chuckle at "Where the Boys Aren't." Most guys would pay ends on the lake or stream handsomely for the addresses fishing, kicking back watching of the clubs where women go a game on TV or working on a to meet men. What is "Where" doing that prevents her from meeting all the men she wants? high school. We are NOT on a My guess is she doesn't walk cruise, at the mall, upscale bar up and introduce herself. She or wine tasting. In short, we're doesn't grasp that dating rules get reversed at some point. She's hoping to be swept off her feet like a schoolgirl.

My advice to older women is to stop hanging out in escape You want to find a guy in literature and move over to your age range? That's easy. the magazine rack. After a certain age, even sex won't sell itself like it used to. Drive your own car and, if you plan YOU date you? Do YOU mea- to stay after the introductions, out there. The next time you sure up to the standards you buy your own drinks. Arrive see a middle-aged man with have set for the right guy? If in pairs only with an agreethere's something you would ment to split up if opportunity change, then change it. Take knocks. And remember, going the time to see who he is, to expensive bars will only net "Where" has repeatedly

respond to "Where the Boys be what you wanted anyway. hardly a middle-aged guy CONTENT, SECURE, in America who would turn down a woman who offered him a pizza, a cold beer and a DEAR SINGLE MAN: quiet Friday night at home. I'd the same diners and attending Thank you for taking the even help with the dishes. But the same churches. But we time to write. Apparently, everything about her spells HIDDEN AGENDA! NAMELESS IN FLORIDA

DEAR ABBY: We're all at the gym burning off that 40-year-old fat. LAWRENCE IN MAINE

DEAR ABBY: I can speak only for myself. Yes, I AM at home watching bad cable TV - not because I want to, but because some of us choose to be here for our elderly parents. We're not out and about except to take our mothers on errands, our dads for haircuts and both for medical appointments, on top of managing their finances and looking after their home.

Guess what? Society looks down on us because we have put their needs ahead of ours. We might not be at the typical social events, but we're a little old lady in the grocery store, bump into his cart and you might find a nice, lonely guy like me. - TONY IN CONNECTICUT



By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

# Sports Pampa prepares for X-country

### Lady Harvesters expect to battle for District 1-3A

#### **BARB AMRHEIN** For The Pampa News

Seniors Terra Truitt and J'Cee Holmes are expected to lead the Lady Harvester cross country team this season when they open the new campaign Sept. 1 at the Borger Invitational.

Holmes and coach Mark Elms think the girls have a chance to win the district title and possibly finish among the top three in Region I and qualify for the state meet in November.

"I'm excited," said Holmes who won the overall female title at the Sunray 5K (3.1 Miles) road race Friday night in 20 minutes 35 seconds. "We have a full team this year. I think we'll have a

good team."

Numbers have been a problem for the Lady Harvesters, but Egan expects to have at least five strong scoring runners this year to allow Pampa to enter the team competitions.

"Right now we have six girls that look good," Elms said. "I don't want to jinx us, but we look good."

Truitt qualified for the state meet as an individual last year by finishing in the Top 10 at the region meet and should lead the team along with Holmes who has been one of the better runners in the district the past three years.

"Terra and J'Cee give us a strong one and two punch," Elms said. "The other four are running

close and improving every day, so I think we're looking good."

While the class 4A and 5A girls will move up to the 3.1 mile distance run by every other state except one, the class 1A and 3A superintendents voted to keep the two mile distance.

"We'll keep our two mile distance and see how it goes," Elms said when asked if his team would enter any meets against state Class 4A powers Canyon High and Canyon Randall.

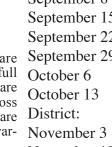
VARSITY GIRLS ROSTER: J'Cee Holmes, senior; Claire Hopkins, senior; Terra Truitt, senior; Vanessa Ontiveras, sophomore; Yesenia Soria, sophomore; and Reata Collins, freshman.

While the girls are expected to field a full team, only two boys are currently out for cross country this year who are

BOYS OUTLOOK:

expected to run at the varsity level. Juniors Jose Hernadez and Alex Marrufo will participate in cross country for the third consecu-

tive year. Hernadez, who finished among the top 15 at district as a sophomore hopes to finish in the first ten this year to earn a trip to the Region I meet. Marrufo is returning after an injuryriddled sophomore season that kept him from competing in the district meet.





### Harvester and Lady Harvester Cross **Country Tentative Schedule:**

	September 1	At Borger Invitational			
	September 8	At Perryton Wolf Creek Classic			
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	September 22	At Rebel Run, Amarillo			
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[-	November 3	Region I-3A at Lubbock			
-	November 10	State meet at Georgetown			



Staff Photo by Gayden Hays Harvester Senior Josh Owen catches a ball for a gain Saturday during practice.



Staff Photo by Gayden Hays Ryan Smith rolls out of the pocket during the Harvesters practice with Lubbock.



Staff Photo by Gayden Hays

Junior Varsity player Kody Maddox pulls away from Lubbock Estacado, defender.

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Staff Photo by Gayden Hays Coaches discuss offensive plays with the Varsity offense as fans watch practice.



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