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## Storied soccer player with local roots to be inducted into hall of fame

■ Daniel Bushman

A star on the local pitch before embarking on an incredible career, both as a player and coach, Joan McEachern will be inducted into the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame later this year. Already named to the Canada Soccer Hall of Fame in 2009, recognized as part of the 2012 Canada Soccer Centennial Timeline as one of the top 30 women’s footballers and inducted into the Soccer Hall of Fame of British Columbia in 2019, McEachern, who played soccer in Lanigan will now be joining other notable names in the Saskatchewan Hall of Fame.

Announced in April as an inductee, McEachern, who attended the University of Saskatchewan and later Simon Fraser University is part of a class of seven that will enter the prestigious hall. For the now resident of British Columbia, receiving the call was a real honour. “I know I haven’t lived in Saskatchewan for quite some time but I was born there, I grew up there and went to university there. Really, Saskatchewan is still home and I was really proud and really honoured. Neither my mom or dad are alive but both were born in Saskatchewan and I thought of them because they would have been so proud.”

Born Apr. 12, 1963 in LeRoy and growing up on a farm in the Sinnett area, during her time in high school, McEachern left a lasting impact in the creation of the soccer program in Lanigan. From there, she not only transformed the programs at the University of Saskatchewan and later Simon Fraser University but on a national level as well.

“It is funny because I only started playing competitive soccer when I was 17 after Ed Horn started the program in Lanigan,” shared McEachern. “Before that I was learning the game on the farm.”

With the farm her parents owned right across the road from her uncle and aunt’s place, McEachern along with her three older brothers and younger sister and their nine cousins got together and played what she described as a hybrid between soccer and rugby. “You could pick up the ball and run but you would get tackled or else you could dribble the ball and just get pushed off of it. Being one of the youngest, I learned to dribble the ball because getting pushed off the ball was much less painful than getting tackled.”

The time spent on the farm along with

competing on the field in Lanigan eventually paved the way for McEachern to play soccer in university. With a Bachelor of Science (Honours) Degree in Computer Science from the University of Saskatchewan and a Master’s Degree in Economics from Simon Fraser University, on the pitch, McEachern flourished and became one of the top soccer players in the country.

Gaining national attention, at 24 years old, Joan made her debut for Canada on July 5, 1987. The athlete who would go on to make 31 appearances for Canada, representing the country at the 1988 Women’s International Tournament in China PR and scoring her first international “A” goal on June 3, 1988 in Foshan, CHN (FIFA International Women’s Tournament).

Earning a silver medal with Canada at the 1991 CONCACAF Women’s Championship/FIFA World Cup Qualifiers for China 1991, Joan played in a career-high 19 consecutive Canada matches from 1987 to 1991. She finished third with Canada at the 1993 CONCACAF Women’s Invitational Tournament and the following year, won a silver medal at the 1994 CONCACAF Women’s Championship/FIFA World Cup Qualifiers for World Cup in Sweden 1995. McEachern also represented Canada at the FIFA Women’s World Cup Sweden 1995, part of the first Canadian women’s team to do so.

When she left international football, McEachern ranked sixth in international “A” appearances with Canada Soccer’s Women’s National Team.

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### Hall of fame career

First playing competitive soccer in Lanigan before embarking on a journey that would include stops at the University of Saskatchewan and Simon Fra-

ser University, at the age of 24, Joan McEachern would make her national debut against Sweden (pictured above). From there, the athlete competed in a number of national and international events including at the World Cup in 1995. Following a prestigious career which also included coaching, later this year McEachern will be inducted into the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame.

- photo courtesy Joan McEachern

### Having a ball

Pictured left: the original team after winning Lanigan’s first soccer tournament at Sports Day 1980. Pictured back row: coach Doug Kiloh, Joan McEachern, Kathy Possberg, Amber Craven, Darla Magnusson, Denise Dobko, Karen Possberg, Della Magnusson, Patsy Senko, and coach Ed Horn. Front row: Theresa Walsh, Anita Campbell, Karen Bodnar, Maureen Hurley, Charlotte Greer, Georgina Morrow, Peggy Gibney, and Sadia Zamen.

- photo submitted by Ed Horn and taken from scrapbook History of Team by Anita Campbell





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In addition to her role on the Canadian team, in club competition, the soccer player was a four-time Canada Soccer National Championships winner (Jubilee Trophy in 1985, 1986, 1988, and 1994). She was named Most Valuable Player at Canada Soccer's National Championships in 1985 and a runner-up at Canada Soccer's Women's All-Star Championship winner in 1987.

"The whole journey was amazing and unique," recalled McEachern noting the one regret she had was only playing two years at the U of S. "I wish I would have been able to play four years there, that is how much I enjoyed that experience and I know I would have enjoyed it even more. But I am really proud that I came from Saskatchewan, went to the U of S and started in Lanigan before ultimately making the national team. I was an assistant coach in 2003 to 2015 with a university team in B.C. so not being able to play four years at the U of S, I was able to live it out as an assistant coach and I really really enjoyed that."

Reflecting back over her career, Joan considers herself fortunate to have been able to achieve a number of memorable milestones. "First and foremost when I made my debut," said the current

university economics teacher. "Everyone says that is a highlight in their career and it is a special feeling pulling on that jersey. The other big highlight for me was at two tournaments. The first came during the 1988 invitational tournament in China which was a FIFA test tournament to essentially see if women's soccer was good enough for the World Cup. In that tournament you were playing for Canada but you were kind of playing for women's football all over the world. They had a World Cup three years later so obviously we know the answer to how well the test tournament went. Then the first World Cup qualifying tournament in Haiti was a highlight. We came in second to the United States who went on to win the World Cup that year but it was a really a cool experience."

Keeping an eye on Joan's career right from the outset was her high school soccer coach, Ed Horn. A teacher for many years at Lanigan Central High School, Horn who now resides in Candle Lake recalled the impact McEachern had on the local program during the late 1970s. "It was Joan's enthusiasm and drive that motivated many of her classmates in LCHS to start to play organized soccer in 1979. From this hard work and many more practises than games, the team moved from

losses to wins by the indoor season of 1979-'80. By the fall of 1980 the team was involved in provincial soccer finals."

Finding success aided by the leadership from McEachern, Horn was encouraged to take all the coaching courses available along with physio, taping and officiating courses to try and stay ahead of the curve for development and success. By doing that, it allowed for the team of 11 to keep growing. "It takes a commitment from a great many players and their parents for all of this to work. Joan, as a senior player when we started was a leader in this team development. She led by example."

With help coaching from Doug Kiloh and later Dave Cook, Horn said the program which included McEachern as a senior player was able to get off on the right foot. "As a result of those first soccer teams (Lakers and Lazars), work ethics, natural skills and determined efforts, Lanigan became a female soccer force to be recognized in the province. They became provincial champs, both indoor and outdoor, many times attending provincial, western and national championships in the 1980s and '90s. When the SHSAA started having provincial championships, Lanigan had a perennial presence, winning several bronze and silver medals (losing out to Evan Hardy) and one gold placing in 1991."

With McEachern pushing ahead as a leader, both through skill and determination, in those early years, Horn said many of the younger players looked up to her. "Joan was a role model to countless other players who came behind her. These players went on to play for provincial select teams, the U of S Huskies and other senior or recreational teams



Inducted into a number of hall of fames, Joan McEachern (above) not only paved the way for women's soccer in Canada but following her career as a player, she also was an assistant coach at

the university level. McEachern who played soccer in Lanigan will be inducted into the Saskatchewan Hall of Fame later this year.

- photo courtesy Joan McEachern

around the province and Western Canada. Many also became coaches."

The former coach of the Lanigan soccer team said while Joan was having a tremendous career in high school, it almost came to an end following graduation. He cites Bruce Hoggard and the U of S soccer program

for allowing her journey to continue. "Joan excelled and moved on furthering her education and improving her game. The path she took was not easy as female soccer is not a lucrative sport."

As her coach heaped praises of how incredible Joan's career was, McEachern was quick to note the importance Ed's role in her journey has been. "His decision to start that team literally changed my life. I never would have been involved in soccer if it wasn't

for that. Soccer has defined my entire life and I met all of my friends through soccer. It was a major impact on my life. Ed not only impacted my life but I know he impacted a lot of players. There were a number of people from Lanigan who played at the U of S not only with me but later on. Ed is a really great guy and I think he needs to be applauded."

Retiring as a player in 1996, McEachern was thrilled that throughout her career she (see page four: **SOCCER**)

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# The Lion’s Roar

■ submitted by Lion Oz Lutz

The final draw - last 50 tickets - in our Ultimate Odds lottery took place Wednesday, Apr. 26. Congratulations to Richard and Karen Hyra whose ticket was the last one to be drawn. Their prize is \$4,000. There were also nine other prizes won:

## RCMP Report

### Humboldt RCMP investigating after firearm pointed at vehicle

On Apr. 21, 2023 at approximately 8:20 p.m., Humboldt RCMP received a report a firearm was pointed at a group of individuals travelling in a vehicle.

Investigation determined three individuals were in a vehicle travelling on 9th Street in Humboldt. An SUV pulled in front of it, stopped and the occupants got out and approached the victims’ vehicle.

The victims drove away. The SUV began to follow them as they travelled on Hwy. 5 towards Muenster. They turned around and passed the SUV, which had stopped. A male occupant of the SUV pointed a firearm at them. The victims continued driving to a safe location and informed police of the incident. No injuries were reported to police.

Humboldt RCMP have been investigating since and are now asking members of the public to report any information about this incident.

The vehicle is described as a black, full-size SUV, possibly a Cadillac Escalade or a GMC Yukon.

One suspect is described as a tall Caucasian male with a slim build, wearing all black. The second is described as a tall Caucasian male with a beard, with a slim build, wearing all black.

Anyone with information should contact Humboldt RCMP at 306-682-2535. Information can also be submitted anonymously by contacting Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

### RCMP respond to hoax 911 call

On May 2, 2023 at approximately 3:10 p.m., the Indian Head RCMP detachment received one of the most urgent and serious reports a detachment can get: a homicide and an armed, active suspect. The caller, who seemed genuinely terrified, reported witnessing a shooting inside a residence in Montmartre. The caller claimed to be hiding inside a room from the killer.

Saskatchewan RCMP is prepared for these critical calls and an immense police response began immediately.

When Indian Head RCMP arrived, they were fully equipped with hard body armour and the resolve to enter a dangerous situation, only to soon realize the call was a hoax. The occupants of the residence reported having no knowledge of the call. Police made certain all occupants were safe and there was no active threat.

The true identity of the caller is unknown at this time. Indian Head RCMP have launched a public mischief investigation to determine the origin of the call.

By the time the hoax was realized, the following resources had been engaged: Indian Head RCMP used an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) drone to obtain a closer view of the residence and the activities inside; Fort Qu’Appelle RCMP and the Saskatchewan Highway Patrol who helped to secure the residence to ensure the threat was contained and residents in the community were safe; Saskatchewan RCMP Police Dog Services; a Conservation Officer from the Provincial Protective Services Branch; a Saskatchewan RCMP Crisis Negotiator from Regina; Emergency Medical Services were on standby to stage in the event of any injuries; Saskatchewan RCMP’s Divisional Operational Communication Centre in Regina; SaskTel, who was working to help gather information to trace the origin of the call; and a request for assistance from Saskatchewan RCMP’s Critical Incident Response Team, Regina Police Service, and the Saskatchewan Protection and Response Team in the event the incident escalated.

Over the time period of this response, from approximately 3 to 5 p.m., Saskatchewan RCMP received 53 calls for service unrelated to this incident requesting police assistance across the province.

As Saskatchewan’s provincial police service, RCMP respond to all incidents of this magnitude in a similar manner. RCMP released this list of agencies and specialized units to help illustrate the scope of its operational response required for an unpredictable, potential life-and-death situation. This investigation took time from call-takers and officers who could have been helping

\$100 for every 10th ticket drawn. Those winners are: 1. Justin and Chantel Foley, 2. Philip and Cindy Riemer, 3. Ryan Dale, 4. Gerald Bernauer, 5. Don Williams, 6. Shawn Wolfe, 7. Hugh Sandercock, 8. Leigh Brookbank, and 9. Craig Bartel. Congratulations to the winners and to all those who supported this fundraiser.

Celebrate Lanigan days will be happening June 23 to 25. The Town of Lanigan asked for a donation to help with advertising costs. We sent a cheque for \$150. We will see you there!

someone in a real life-threatening situation.

RCMP cannot emphasize enough the importance of ensuring 911 calls are reserved for police-related matters and REAL life-threatening emergencies.

If you have a complaint, please report it to your local RCMP detachment or by calling 310-RCMP from anywhere in the province.

### Victim of human trafficking located by Saskatchewan RCMP Roving Traffic Unit near Swift Current

On May 4, 2023 at approximately 2 p.m., officers from the Saskatchewan RCMP Roving Traffic Unit (RTU) stopped a vehicle for speeding on Hwy. 1, near Swift Current.

The car had an Ontario licence plate and was driven by a female under the age of 16, who was the lone occupant.

Investigation by police determined the female was reported as missing from Ontario and was a suspected victim of human trafficking. Officers requested assistance representatives from the Ministry of Social Services in Swift Current, who accompanied the female to the hospital to receive medical care. Transportation is being arranged to return the female to her home.

No charges are anticipated to be laid, as such, Saskatchewan RCMP will not be identifying any further details of the female to protect her privacy.

Saskatchewan RCMP worked in consultation with the Hamilton Police Service and the Swift Current RCMP Saskatchewan Trafficking Response Team (STRT) to gather and corroborate information

on this investigation. The RCMP STRT supports the Saskatchewan RCMP’s mandate of keeping communities safe and aims to stop or disrupt inter and intra-provincial criminal groups involved in the trafficking of controlled substances and firearms, as well as human trafficking.

Hamilton Police Service has taken carriage of the ongoing investigation due to the area of police jurisdiction.

The Saskatchewan RCMP takes a victim-centred, trauma-informed response to human trafficking

It is important to remember, this crime has no borders, which is why the Saskatchewan RCMP works interjurisdictionally to investigate these complex files and works closely with municipal police agencies and government partners across the country.

Saskatchewan RCMP reminds the public that anyone can be a target for human trafficking.

If you or someone you know may be a victim of human trafficking, call the Hotline at 1-833-900-1010 or submit an anonymous tip online. The Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline is confidential and operates 24/7, 365 days a year. It offers services in more than 200 languages. It’s accessible to deaf, hard-of-hearing and non-verbal people.

To report a crime, or for police assistance, contact your local RCMP detachment or the police service of jurisdiction in your area. If you wish to report a crime anonymously, you can also contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Call 911 if you suspect someone has been trafficked and is in immediate danger.

# Jansen

Louise Shannon

I hope everyone is feeling well and was able to celebrate Mother’s Day.

I spent a day in the hospital but I am feeling a lot better now. There is a lot of yard work to do since the weather is so warm. I appreciate everyone who helps me out. It looks like the

“bloomers” are starting work on the community garden. All the greenhouses are open all over the place. The ticks are doing their thing too.

Happy birthday to Carol Robson, Jodi Wacker, Dennis Schindel and Ken Ewen. Belated birthday to George Leffler.

# Viscount

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The Gr. 3/4 class at Viscount Central School did a fantastic job of weeding, trimming and tidying up the front flower beds at the school. They worked hard and were happy to help their school community.

Sunday, May 7, Viscount School of Dance held its spring recital, A Night on the Town, at the Viscount Central School. They also did a bottle drive May 9.

Well, anyone who knows me knows it is the long weekend and it is garage sales Saturday, May 20 in Viscount. So excited as always, love the sales and visits!

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon.

Have a great week everyone. Be safe and enjoy the May long weekend!

### submitted by Grand Knight Murray Phillips

Saturday, Apr. 29, St. Alphonse Knights of Columbus Council #6529 held its annual Super Supper fundraiser.

Fifty-three tickets were sold and those present enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by brother knight Chef Paul Wheeler and his wife Ely.

The meal consisted of Greek honey lemon glazed pork back ribs, pineapple sweet and sour pork back ribs, Mexican white rice, Braeburn apple coleslaw, black pepper butter carrots and mixed spring greens tossed salad. The dessert cakes were made and donated by Barb Dale.

A 50/50 draw was held and the winner was JoAnne Phillips. Wine pull was won by Gordon Gusikoski.

Successful bidders for the silent auction were: Jade Palfy, Kim Palfy, Monica Palfy, Murray Phillips, JoAnne Phillips, Larry Vols, Mike Kirzinger, Laura Boon, Greg Wagner, Karen Slattery, Debbie Croteau, Tammy Isaacson, Michael Pastor, Kevin Zarycki, Don Koch, Cindy Binsfeld, Trudy Okemow, Bill Comeault, and Giselle Camm.

Father Andrew said grace before the meal. We greatly appreciated the businesses and individuals for donating prizes for the silent auction and to the community, family, friends and parishioners for supporting our fundraiser. Funds raised support local groups and charities.

Sunday, May 7, after 10:30 a.m. mass, St. Alphonse Knights of Columbus put on a Mother’s Day breakfast. Pancakes, sausage, ribs, boiled eggs, fruit tray, veggie tray, coffee and juice were served. There were 30 in attendance. A goodwill offering was graciously accepted. Both events were held in the St. Alphonse R.C. Church Auditorium.

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was able to help draw attention to the program in Lanigan along with the coaches and players. “There were all of these girls who wanted to play soccer and we did. I am really happy that there is a spotlight being put on those early years in Lanigan. Ed is amazing and what he did was amazing and also the players I played with were amazing.”

Able to earn a spot on Canada’s National Team, Horn said because of Joan’s hard work and ability to persevere, Soccer Canada later recognized her accomplishments by inducting her into the Canada Soccer Hall of Fame. McEachern also received a spot in the British Columbia Soccer Hall of Fame for her role on the national team and for helping to coach a university club for 12 years.

“Being inducted into the Canada Soccer Hall of Fame, I was totally surprised,” said McEachern from her home in B.C. “I know a lot of the people who are inducted like a lot of my teammates. That was just really special for sure. Then the B.C. Soccer Hall of Fame and now this one in Saskatchewan. This one being a multi-sport hall adds a different dimension and that is really cool.”

Seeing McEachern’s name etched in halls both nationally and provincially, Horn felt it would only be fitting that she be recognized by her home province as well. Lobbying for the player he once had the privilege of coaching, over the past few years Horn began reaching out to parents of girls who played with Joan and the players as well. With help from Lanigan residents Jack and Mardelle Robson, Horn was able to collect

a number of contacts and eventually see Saskatchewan honour and recognize the athlete.

“It is only fitting that Saskatchewan Soccer made Joan an Honorary Life Member at their AGM in 2022 and started the process to have Joan inducted into the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame this year. A pioneer in women’s soccer in Saskatchewan will now be in the Saskatchewan Hall of Fame. It is time. Congratulations!”

Joining McEachern as part of this year’s hall of fame athlete inductees is Jaime (Cruikshank) Boyer of Saskatoon for multi-sport, Ryan Getzlaf of Regina for hockey, and Hayley Wickenheiser OC of Shaunavon for hockey. In the Builder Category, Wynyard’s Lorne Lasuita will be honoured for multi-sport while Bethune’s Bernadette McIntyre will be inducted for curling and Saskatoon’s Noreen Murphy will be recognized in softball.

“What a class, wow!” a humbled McEachern said. “I looked at the list of inductees and gasped a little bit. I’ve been inducted into the Canada Soccer Hall of Fame so you have a little connection with the people you get inducted in with. That is neat and obviously to be inducted not only with athletes in the Saskatchewan Hall of Fame but builders as well, there are just some really incredible people.”

The ‘magnificent seven’ as dubbed by the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame will be honoured during the 55th annual induction dinner and ceremony at the Conexus Arts Centre in Regina on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023.



Pictured: Joan McEachern had a tremendous career competing for Canada and will see her name etched in another hall of fame, this time in Saskatchewan. - photo courtesy Joan McEachern

# Look What’s Cooking by Laura Novecosky

## Fantastic Steak Marinade

- Ingredients:**
- 1/3 cup oil
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**Directions:**  
Mix the sauce well together. Trim the steaks so there is not a lot of fat and check for gristle and remove if possible. Pour the sauce into a Ziploc bag, then place the steaks in the bag and squeeze the bag until the steaks are covered in the marinade. I like to marinate the steaks for about four hours prior to barbecuing them but one hour will do. The more tender steaks need less time. I place the baggie of steaks and marinade on a plate in the fridge to settle until I am ready to barbecue.

## uncomplIcATed - The Loving Notes Within Her Voice, Her Eyes So Bright With Laughter ~ All The Things She Meant To Us Live On Forever After



■ by Arlene Martin

There are days when I wish I could scoop mother from Heaven and have a chat. So many things to tell her, my heart feels heavy, having lost her so young. She would be surprised to learn we are living near the yard where Randy grew up and that I became a farmers’ wife for twenty years. I would mention our two cat sanctuaries and the hundreds of cats that have come, gone and the many still with us – so many that have been dropped like trash at our farm. Not having grandchildren in our lives, she would understand our passion and the love we have for every one of them, past and present. Then I know the conversation would go back in time to the farm where I grew up and the animals we loved and cared for. She would tell me how father enjoyed his horses and

how gentle he was with the cattle, pigs, chickens and cats that shared that fleeting moment in time. I know there would be no lull in our conversation.

Mother would think it is good I am still writing. Her green eyes would sparkle as I tell her I no longer am an editor, but I still write for the newspaper that was one time “my baby.” With concern she would tell me she is relieved I no longer have that stress but she is so happy I am still writing. I would open my laptop and show her my blog and I would delight in telling her that people from all over read it. I know my computer folder of prairie sunsets (see back page: **ARLENE**)

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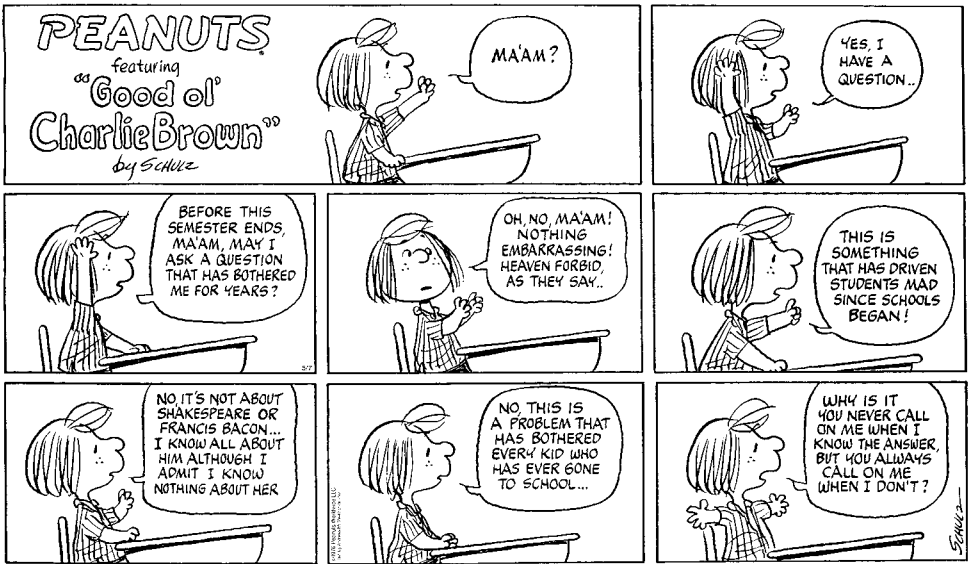
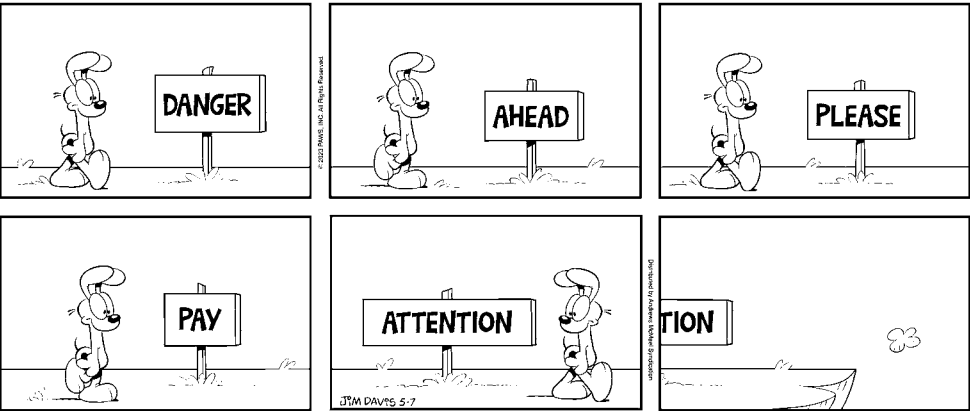
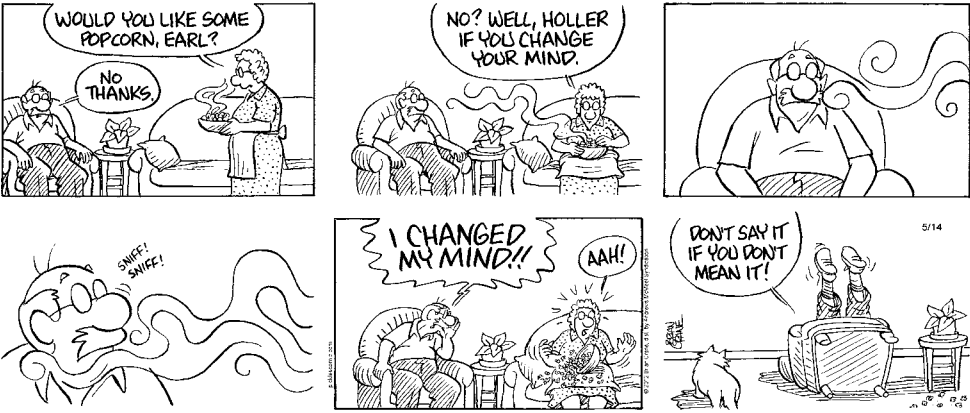
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ACROSS

1 Neither a majority nor a minority

5 Just sitting around

9 Woolly female animals

13 Chef who founded World Central Kitchen

15 Fake

16 Avatar 2 setting?

17 Bank that "never sleeps," informally

18 "You can credit me"

19 Engages in a fight

21 Galaxy Tab S8 Ultra competitor

23 Tranquil

24 Ideal course of action

27 World Central Kitchen, e.g.: Abbr.

30 Comedian Ali

31 Unfathomably long time

32 Gets the hang of

35 \_\_\_\_moco (rhyming Hawaiian dish)

37 "Act normal while we share this special moment"

40 Chain whose showrooms resemble mazes

41 Cough drop brand promoted with a yodel

42 Lawn roll

43 Little devils

45 Whole lot

46 Slow-cooked dishes

48 Pointillist Georges

50 Green of Austin Powers movies

52 Partial floor covering

55 Room for error

59 Aviation prefix

60 Prankster's annual cry

62 Stuff (in)

63 "Family Matters" character with the catchphrase "Did I do that?"

64 Majors in music, say?

65 Suffragist Julia Ward \_\_\_\_

66 Chemicals that sound made-up?

DOWN

1 \_\_\_\_ water (sacred liquid)

2 Sparkling Italian wine

3 Intro

4 Gesture akin to "How embarrassing!"

5 Wedding words

6 AstraZeneca product

7 Jay who cameoed as a mechanic on "Home Improvement"

8 Name hidden in "best estimate"

9 Salad green

10 It's often played in the dark

11 Admitting a mistake

12 Strike, biblically

13 Boysenberry product

14 March Madness org.

20 Stitch

22 23andMe offering

24 Foot treatment, informally

25 "Oho!"

26 "Snowbird" singer

28 El \_\_\_\_ (artist from Crete)

29 They might bring you to tears

33 Cochlea's organ

34 Missouri Botanical Garden's city, for short

36 Betting statistics

38 Bars with kegs

39 Grossly extravagant

44 Cutting-edge tool?

47 Word after "music" or "string"

48 Pile of poker chips

49 Dumpster contents

51 Alternative to Cosmopolitan

53 Currently working on

54 Enlarged

56 Ceased slumbering

57 Brews in 38-Down

58 French fashion monogram

61 "\_\_\_\_ heard enough"

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and sunrises pictures would make her smile because she loved my photography as much as my poetry and writing. She would touch my laptop screen and tell me she always believed in me, then holding my hand she would softly tell me how beautifully brilliant every sunset is

from HER view.  
I would open a cupboard door to show her the tiny bags of flour and sugar and she would laugh that I still have no interest in baking. She would be amused when I tell her of the many times father drove to our farm, and sitting with a cup of coffee, I'd offer a selection of chocolate bars. Mother

would grin when I told her he always remarked, "I see you were baking again," as she would comment about fathers' quick humor.  
I would tell her about Randy and how kind he is, not just to me, to our sons - but he has been a caring, giving neighbour and friend, helping out so many people and even strangers. She

would nod and say, "I knew he would be a good man."  
She would notice and touch my hands seeing my contorted, twisted fingers. I would softly say, "Yes, mother. Arthritis." I would show her the lengthy vertical trail of stitches on both my knees and tell her I got new ones that work better. Her reply - a teardrop.

Her next question would be only one word, "Migraines?" I would nod but inform her that now there is effective medication. She would notice that my speech was sounding different and squeezing my hand, hoped that I could still sing. Hands still linked, both maimed by arthritis, softly I tell her I am recovering from a bad

stroke. I'd squeeze her hand again and tell her yes, OH YES - I still sing and it comes easy.  
She would ask about her grandsons, for they were just teens when she left us. I know mother would hear and share my pride while conveying they have become strong, compassionate, good and loving men.

But mostly I would just look at her with love, trying to encompass and embrace all the years since her passing for I am today, much older than her last earthly age.

Every morning at first sight of myself in the bathroom mirror, I now see mother looking back at me. The resemblance grows keener with time. I know she's in there for I see her in my eyes and feel her spirit deep inside my soul.

Happy Mother's Day dear friends. If this is your first without your mom, I am sorry. Truly. There is no easy way to get through this day. If you are able to be with your mom, one thing I ask. Listen, just listen the way she speaks your name. She was the one who decided it and there is absolutely no one who can say it so exclusively, so lovingly because it comes from that sacred place ~ your mothers' heart.

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Every time you've called for a ride, stayed sober to drive, walked or took the bus – it all matters.

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Take care out there.