

Mum: Wobbly British parent is final survivor of World War II generation

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Childlike cursive writing in her turquoise medical folder reveals she weighs 121 pounds and stands 4-11. Hug too hard and she will break in half.

Our touch is featherlight. There is nothing left to say: No tears, no gushing speeches in this family.

"Thanks for everything, Pat," she whispers. I have made a show of running hither and yonder, performing what the British call "admin," ending her old lease. I am the family Radar O'Reilly.

I hover awkwardly while one wheel of her Zimmer frame squeaks a slow cadence toward the recreation room. The walk takes a full two minutes until she can join five other residents

for the seated exercise class led by Linda, a ponytailed staffer with a flight-attendant smile. Mum lowers her bottom onto a high-backed chair, turns and faces her instructor.

Time to wave goodbye to the family sportswoman, pencil thin from age not exercise, whose adulthood of tennis, badminton and lawn bowls once filled a glass-fronted cabinet with trophies.

My family are all jocks. Dad's sports were soccer, cricket, tennis and bowls. Mum's brother was a champion rifle marksman who succumbed — at age 78 — during a bicycle endurance race. Her nephew, who is 62, and a granddaughter who is nearly 40, run marathons. Even I used to jog around soccer fields with a

'YOU DID WHAT YOU HAD TO.'

May Webb, Londoner, aged 93, on surviving the blitz in World War II

whistle, trying to look the part.

My last image is her tussle-haired, prune-wrinkled face and her salmon stretch-waist pants and cardigan that, incongruously, blend with the lounge furniture. She waves both arms, not quite in unison but with moderate vigor, pointing gnarled fingers that will never straighten again.

Adventures

I wrote and memorized her 11-minute eulogy on the flight back from Dad's funeral nine years ago. There will be little to add.

At the crematorium, no

one will wear a dark tie. A sickly child, she attended an outdoor school for the undernourished, fed three meals a day. Mum joined the tide of 827,000 wartime kids evacuated from London when Hitler's bombs rained down. It triggered rural adventures, unfamiliar chores, and a welcome taste of chocolate and real eggs. Back in the capital as a late teenager, wearing a Red Cross uniform, she bandaged air raid survivors' wounds after the Luftflotten had done its dirty work. "You did what you had to," is all she will ever comment.

She married her office

boss, they honeymooned on a tandem bicycle, and she quit smoking Woodbines, the crane operator's brand of choice, when her first son was born.

She had trained as a fine dressmaker, then, in one of life's ironies, had no daughters. However, my brother and I wore "exclusive" hand-stitched clothes during the 1960s, mostly purple. It is the uniform tunic color worn by her care home staff.

Fair play

She taught me to love to read. She taught me not to lie, cheat or steal. She was patient on the court, but adult racquet handles never fit my girlie hands.

In amateur competitive tennis without an umpire, if you or your opponent are in any doubt whether the ball

has landed in or outside the white line you must play the point over. Mum and Dad insisted on it; it was the most assertive I ever saw them. It is a simple philosophy for sports, for life. Work hard, play hard. But play fair.

Every time Mum says she is "ready to go" I block my ears. But sometime soon, my brother will phone to signal game over.

This mummy's boy will never be ready for that call, however gentle his tone.

Tom Brokaw was right to label them the "Greatest Generation."

And in my family, my 93-year-old Mum is the last one standing, albeit on wobbly legs.

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FRIDAY EVENING		A - Charter Astoria Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach											MARCH 1	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	Fresh Off-Boat (N)	Speechless (N)	20/20 Interviews and hard-hitting investigative reports.				News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News at 6pm (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	Fresh Off-Boat (N)	Speechless (N)	20/20 Interviews and hard-hitting investigative reports.				KOMO4News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	The Voice "The Blind Auditions Season Premiere"		Dateline NBC				KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight Show	
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	MacGyver	Hawaii Five-0 "Ka'owili'oka'i" (P)	Blue Bloods "Mind Games"				News (N)	(35) Colbert	
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	MacGyver	Hawaii Five-0 "Ka'owili'oka'i" (P)	Blue Bloods "Mind Games"				KIRO 7 News (N)	(35) Colbert	
9	KRCW	(9) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	The Voice "The Blind Auditions Season Premiere"		Dateline NBC				News (N)	(35) Tonight Show	
10	KOPB	(10) Places to Love	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Whose Line Is It? Whose Line Is It?	Penn & Teller: Fool Us	News (N)	Friends			Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Last Man St. (N)	The Cool Kids (N)	The Inspector Lynley Mysteries "Natural Causes"	Masterpiece Mystery! "Sherlock: The Six Thatchers"			News (N)	Page Six TV	
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	8pm Prime News (N)		9pm Prime News (N)	Big Bang Theory	Family Guy		American Dad!	The Game	
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Last Man St. (N)	The Cool Kids (N)	Proven Innocent "A Minor Confession" (N)	Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)			Most Wanted	The Simpsons	
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	*** Transformers (2007, Action)	Megan Fox, Josh Duhamel, Shia LaBeouf.					(15) Transformers	(07) Shia LaBeouf.	
22	KZJO	(22) Black-ish	Black-ish	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
29	ESPN	(29) (5:00) NBA Basketball	Washington vs Boston (L)		NBA Basketball Milwaukee Bucks at Los Angeles Lakers Site: Staples Center -- Los Angeles, Calif. (L)			(10) SportsCenter (N)				SportsCenter (N)		
29	ESPN2	(29) NCAA Gymnastics	Georgia at Louisiana State University (L)		SportsCenter The day's news in the world of sports. (N)			SportsCenter (N)		UFC "Mauricio Rua vs. Jon Jones"		Now or Never (N)	NBA Basketball	
61	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	Crashletes	Dude Perfect (N)	Henry Danger	Cousins for Life	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	The Office 2/2		Friends	Friends	
62	DISN	(32) Jessie	Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Bunk'd	Jessie	Andi Mack	Stuck in Middle	
64	FAM	(34) (5:30) *** Ghostbusters (1984, Comedy)	Harold Ramis, Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray.	*** Ghostbusters II (1989, Comedy)	Sigourney Weaver, Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray.	*** Identity Thief (13, Comedy)	Melissa McCarthy, Amanda Peet, Jason Bateman.					(15) The Brothers Grimsby		
65	FMC	(35) Movie	(45) *** The Other Woman (2014, Comedy)	Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Leslie Mann, Cameron Diaz.	*** The Lucky One (2012, Drama)	Traylor Schilling, Blythe Danner, Zac Efron.	(05) *** The Bucket List (07) Morgan					Mariners Access	Edgar Martinez	
68	ROOT	(38) NCAA Basketball	Portland at St. Mary's College		MLB Baseball Spring Training Milwaukee Brewers vs. Seattle Mariners Site: Peoria Stadium -- Peoria, Ariz.			PBA Bowling Indianapolis Open		Fair Game (N)	TMZ Sports (N)	Boxing Classics	Boxing	
69	FS1	(39) NASCAR Truck Racing	Strat 200 (L)		*** Hancock (2008, Action)	Charlize Theron, Jason Bateman, Will Smith.						*** Battleship (12, Sci-Fi)	Alexander Skarsgard, Taylor Kitsch.	
43	SPIKE	(43) Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom									
44	HIST	(44) (15) South Park	(50) South Park "Hummels and Heroin"	(25) South Park		South Park	South Park	Comedy Central Roast "Justin Bieber"	Watch as comedians put "The Biebs" to fire.			NotHappening (N)	Chappelle's Show	
45	COM	(45) Ancient Aliens				Ancient Aliens: Declassified Episodes of the show with additional information. (N)								
46	A&E	(46) (5:00) Live PD				Live PD: Roll Call (05) Live PD: Rewind	Live PD Live access inside the country's busiest police forces. (L)							
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes to the Dress		Say Yes-Dress "Empire State of Bride"		Dr. Pimple Popper "Mic Drop Pop" (N)	Pimple "Every Rosacea Has Its Thorn"	Dr. Pimple Popper "Scared Cyst-Less"					Dr. Pimple Popper "Popping Popeye"	
48	DISC	(48) Gold Rush "Make It Rain"		Gold Rush: Dirt "Big Red is Dead" (N)		Gold Rush: The Dirt Pt. 1 of 2 (N)	Gold Rush: White Water "Cold War"	Parker's parents visits and offer help. (N)				(05) Bush People	"Launch Special" (N)	
49	NGEO	(49) Drugs "The Real Wolves of Wall Street"		Southern Justice "Kentucky Wild"		Southern Justice "Hillbilly Heroin"	Southern Justice "Guns and Getaways" (N)	SouthJustice "Not So Neighborly" (N)				(05) Southern Justice	"Hillbilly Heroin"	
50	TNT	(50) Bones "The Past in the Present"		Bones "The Future in the Past"		*** The Accountant (2016, Crime Story)	Anna Kendrick, J.K. Simmons, Ben Affleck.				(45) *** Four Brothers	(05) Tyrese Gibson, Mark Wahlberg.		
51	AMC	(51) (3:35) Cast Away (00, Drama)	Tom Hanks.	*** Gran Torino (2008, Drama)	Christopher Carley, Bee Vang, Clint Eastwood.	*** Gran Torino (2008, Drama)	Christopher Carley, Bee Vang, Clint Eastwood.							
52	USA	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Game"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	
53	FOOD	(53) Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins "Rockin' New Orleans"		Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	Diners, Drive-Ins	
54	HGTV	(54) Buying and Selling "Shacking on Up"		Buying "Starter Home to Forever Home"		My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	My Dream Home	
56	FX	(56) (5:00) *** Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation (15)	Simon Pegg, Tom Cruise.	*** Captain America: The Winter Soldier (2014, Action)	Scarlett Johansson, Sebastian Stan, Chris Evans.								Movie	
57	CNN	(57) Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		Cuomo Prime Time				CNN Newsroom		
58	FNC	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		The Five				Hannity	The Ingraham Angle	
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank				Shark Tank	Paid Program	
61	BRAV	(61) Don't Be Tardy...	Don't Be Tardy...	Don't Be Tardy...	Don't Be Tardy...	Don't Be Tardy...	Don't Be Tardy...	Don't Be Tardy (N)	Don't Be Tardy...	Don't Be Tardy (N)	Don't Be Tardy...	*** Friday (1995, Comedy)	Chris Tucker, Nia Long, Ice Cube.	
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) Hugo (11, Adv)	Asa Butterfield.	(15) *** The Age of Innocence (1934, Romance)	John Boles, Lionel Atwill, Irene Dunne.			(45) *** Logan's Run (1976, Sci-Fi)	Richard Jordan, Jenny Agutter, Michael York.					
65	SYFY	(65) *** 47 Ronin (2013, Action)	Hiroeyuki Sanada, Tadanobu Asano, Keanu Reeves.	*** Limitless (2011, Mystery)	Anna Friel, Bradley Cooper.							*** Futurama	(25) Futurama	
69	RFD	(62) Texas-Reporter	FarmHer	Chasing-Madison	The Jimmy Dean Show	Rural News (N)	Country Reunion "Gettin' Together" 1/3	Texas-Reporter	Chasing-Madison	Time Life Library				

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A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
2	KATU	(2) (5:30) NBA Basketball	Golden State Warriors at Philadelphia 76ers (L)		KATU Special (N)	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Paid Program	20/20			News (N)	(35) HonorWrestle	
4	KOMO	(4) (5:30) NBA Basketball	Golden State Warriors at Philadelphia 76ers (L)		KOMO 4 News	Seattle Refined	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	20/20			KOMO4News (N)	(35) HonorWrestle	
5	KING	(5) KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Evening	Saturday Night Live (L)		Saturday Night Live			KING 5 News (N)	Sat. Night Live	
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN 6 News (N)	Weekend News (N)	Entertainment Tonight	Weekend	Ransom "Indiscretion" (N)		NCIS: Los Angeles	48 Hours			News (N)	(35) Amer.Ninja	
7	KIRO	(7) Weekend News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Paid Program	Grown	Ransom "Indiscretion" (N)		NCIS: Los Angeles	48 Hours			KIRO 7 News (N)	(35) Wipeout	
9	KRCW	(9) NBC News (N)	Naturally (N)	Vets Saving (N)	Champion Within	Paid Program	Saturday Night Live (L)		Saturday Night Live			News (N)	Sat. Night Live	
10	KOPB	(10) Great British Baking	"Bread"	Travel: Art Wolfe	Stevens' Europe	Doc Martin "All My Trials"		Father Brown "The Kempleford Dragon"	Shakespeare "The Rascal Cook"			Secrets Six Wives	"Behaved, Died"	
12	KPTV	(12) *** Sniper (1993, Thriller)	Billy Zane, J.T. Walsh, Tom Berenger.			9-1-1 "Awful People"		Proven Innocent "The Burden of Truth"	10 O'Clock News (N)			To Hell and Back	"Shanty on 19th"	
13	KPDx	(13) Mike & Molly	People Now	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	8pm Prime News (N)		9pm Prime News (N)	NCIS: New Orleans "Suspicious Minds"			Saving Hope "Miss You"		
13	KCPQ	(13) Sounders FC (N)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	9-1-1 "Awful People"		Proven Innocent "The Burden of Truth"	News (N)	Most Wanted		To Hell and Back	"Shanty on 19th"	
20	TBS	(20) (5:30) *** Blended (2014, Comedy)	Drew Barrymore, Bella Thorne, Adam Sandler.	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Drop the Mic (N)	Joker's Will (N)		Full Frontal	Miracle Workers	
22	KZJO	(22) Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)	Most Wanted			Bones "The Pathos in the Pathogens"	Person of Interest "Allegiance"	
29	ESPN	(29) (5:00) UFC UFC 235 (L)		NCAA Basketball (L)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)				SportsCenter (N)		
29	ESPN2	(29) (5:00) NCAA Basketball (L)		NCAA Basketball (L)		College Basketball Top Ten (N)		College Basketball Top Ten (N)	UFC UFC 235 Anthony Smith faces off against champion Jon Jones. Preliminaries					
61	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Henry Danger (N)	CousinLife (N)	Knight Squad (N)	SpongeBob	The Office	The Office	Friends	Friends	
62	DISN	(32) Jessie	Jessie	Bunk'd	Andi Mack	Andi Mack	Stuck in Middle	K.C. Undercover	K.C. Undercover	K.C. Undercover	Jessie	Andi Mack	Stuck in Middle	
64	FAM	(34) (4:45) Mulan (98)	(50) *** Beauty and the Beast (91, Ani)	Voices of Richard White, Angela Lansbury, Paige O'Hara.	(55) *** The Lion King (94)	Jonathan Taylor Thomas.	(05) Noah (2014, Drama)	Jennifer Connelly, Emma Watson, Russell Crowe.				Space Jam (96, Com)	Michael Jordan.	
65	FMC	(35) Movie	(25) *** Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (16)	Asa Butterfield, Eva Green.									(55) FXM Presents.	
68	LIFE	(36) Who's Stalking Me? (2019, Thriller)	Michael Welch, Cara Santana, Chelsea Ricketts.	The Killer Downstairs (20', Thriller)	Marcus Rosner, Donna Benedicto, Cindy Busby.	(05) Cheerleader Nightmare (2018, Drama)	Melissa Ponzio, Taylor Murphy.					H.S. Basketball WIAA Tournament	H.S. Basketball WIAA Tournament	
68	ROOT	(38) (5:00) H.S. Basketball WIAA Tournament	H.S. Basketball WIAA Tournament Boys 4A Championship		MLS Soccer FC Cincinnati at Seattle Sounders FC Site: CenturyLink Field -- Seattle, Wash. (L)			Soccer SheBelieves Cup United States vs. England					NCAA Basketball	
69	FS1	(39) (5:00) MLS Soccer	Chi/LA (L)		*** John Wick: Chapter 2 (17, Act)	Common, Ruby Rose, Keanu Reeves.	*** John Wick: Chapter 2 (2017, Action)	Common, Ruby Rose, Keanu Reeves.				John Wick (2014, Action)	Keanu Reeves.	
43	SPIKE	(43) (5:00) *** John Wick: Chapter 2 (17, Act)	Common, Ruby Rose, Keanu Reeves.	*** John Wick: Chapter 2 (2017, Action)	Common, Ruby Rose, Keanu Reeves.							The Interview (14, Com)	James Franco.	
44	COM	(44) Movie	*** Due Date (2010, Comedy)	Robert Downey Jr., Michelle Monaghan, Zach Galifianakis.	A man must drive cross-country in order to make it to his child's birth on time.									
45	HIST	(45) Ancient Aliens "The Animal Agenda"		Aliens "They Came From the Sky"		UFO Cover Ups: Secrets Revealed	The cover up of UFO experiences is explored. (05) UFO Conspiracy: Hunt The history of allegations involving alien phenomena.							
46	A&E	(46) (5:00) Live PD				Live PD: Roll Call (05) Live PD: Rewind	Live PD Live access inside the country's busiest police forces. (L)							
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes "Not with Those Chubby Arms"		Say Yes to the Dress "Bionic Bride" (N)	To Be Announced					(05) Say Yes to the Dress	(05) Say Yes to the Dress	
48	DISC	(48) (5:00) Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid "Bad Blood"		Naked and Afraid "The Hunted"	Naked and Afraid "Loaded for Bear"	Naked and Afraid (N)				Ed Stafford: First Man Out "Thailand"		
49	NGEO	(49) Locked Up Abroad "Panama"		Bloods and Crips: L.A. Gangs		Tijuana Drug Lords	Power of Fear	Narco Wars: In Their Own Words				Power of Fear		
50	TNT	(50) (5:15) *** The Accountant (16, Cri)	Anna Kendrick, J.K. Simmons, Ben Affleck.	*** American Sniper (2014, War)	Sienna Miller, Luke Grimes, Bradley Cooper.	*** Under Siege (1992, Action)	Tommy Lee Jones, Gary Busey, Steven Seagal.					*** Live Free or Die Hard (07)	Justin Long, Bruce Willis.	
51	AMC	(51) (5:00) *** The Fugitive (93, Thriller)	Sela Ward, Tommy Lee Jones, Harrison Ford.	*** Thor: The Dark World (2013, Action)	Chris Hemsworth, Tom Hiddleston, Natalie Portman.	*** The Avengers (2012, Action)	Chris Evans, Scarlett Johansson, Robert Downey Jr..					(15) Tempt Island	"Mixed Messages"	
52	USA	(52) *** Thor: The Dark World (2013, Action)	Chris Hemsworth, Tom Hiddleston, Natalie Portman.	Chopped "Gold Medal Games: Frying"	Chopped "Gold Medal Games: Grilling"	Chopped "Gold Medal Games: Fast!"	Chopped "Gold Medal Games: Baking"							
53	FOOD	(53) Chopped												