

# 'Easter Mom'

## Saks produces hat full of tricks

In a business best known for high pressure salesmanship, split-second scheduling, and here-today-gone-tomorrow styles like the Mini and the Midi, the fashion industry is seldom given sufficient credit for providing uncontrived fun and festivity for the public.

Some of the most colorful highjinks seen locally are planned by Saks Fifth Avenue's Annie Bower, of Birmingham, who admits that the littlest fashion plates are her favorite customers.

Ms. Bower has made a tradition of creating off-beat entertainment for her pint-size clients, including a recent pre-Easter show that enlisted the talents of some unusual participants.

Ms. Bower's mother, Marmi Bower,

sued up to delight the toddler set with an award-winning interpretation of the Easter Bunny. The role was a new one for Mrs. Bower, her daughter said, following previous appearances as a kangaroo and Martha Washington.

Other members of the Bower theatrical company include Ms. Bower's father, Todd, and sisters, Mindy and Amy, who have appeared as George Washington, Alice in Wonderland, and Betsy Ross.

What's next for the Bower repertory company? Anything's possible, conceded Ms. Bower, before dissolving into giggles. When there are children to provide an audience, almost anything can happen.

— Jeanne Whittaker



This season the littlest fashion plates were fascinated by the Easter Bunny. On other occasions, Marmi Bower might greet them as a kangaroo or Martha Washington.

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The creative mind behind the colorful fun at Saks' fashion specials for the toddler set is Annie Bower, right, a fashion coordinator with a special talent for enjoying her work.

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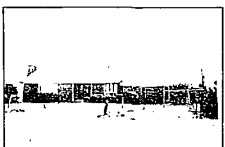
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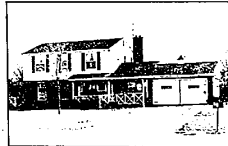
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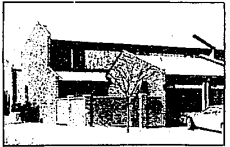
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