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Home music teachers try again

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blended families. These trends must be reflected in our Mother's Day cards.

Non-traditional cards

In addition to "traditional" mom greetings, there are cards honoring stepmothers, child-care providers, friends, teachers and "other" moms.

The "other" mom category is a big one, lots of different designs for special women who have played a part in someone's life. One of these cards reads: "The world is kinder, warmer, lovelier... because of women like you."

A new selection of blank Mother's Day cards are available for those who prefer to write their own message.

Hallmark has tripled its business in cultural heritage cards since its Mahogany line, aimed at blacks, was introduced in 1988, according to Helgager.

Hallmark would like you to consider this 1993 offering, from its Shoehorn line, a card with character grins out at mom saying, "Since it's Mother's Day, I have a confession to make. You know how you used to make me eat cooked carrots?"

Inside the card: "Well, put it this way, the dog probably had really good eyesight."

What about this one from the Murray's Law line, by Leslie Moak Murray, for the Design Cards Company, available in specialty shops: A smiling mom is pictured, wearing a halo and carrying an apple pie under the heading: "Mom, you're so kind and generous, always thinking of others, never complaining..."

Inside the card: "That is sick!" Or why not send mom this observation on life, again from Shoehorn?

A silly-looking man grins out at mom: "Mom, for Mother's Day I wanted to wish you the happiest day you've ever had."

Inside the card: "But I guess there's no topping the day I was born!"

Brenda Wilson of Plymouth selected two Mother's Day Dolls from an exclusive card collection at the Sideways Shop in downtown Plymouth. The \$3 glossy cardboard cutouts are suitable for framing. Each is a color photograph of a costumed woman at a different stage of life.

Maggie Chubb, a sales consultant at the gift shop, said another unique line of greetings, Elephant Cards, are a must for children just learning to read to give to mom.

"They are bright and colorful and simple," she said. "At \$1.50 per card, they won't break your pocketbook. We carry several unique lines of greeting cards — something for everyone."

Three-dimensional cards

At Concourse Hallmark in Bloomfield Plaza, owner Elaine Schram suggested a special three-dimensional card that mom can perch on a desk or dressing table. These cards cost \$3.50 to \$4.

The card shops all have unique Mother's Day gift displays up front, tempting you to buy more than just a card. Some Hallmark shops are offering a free bag of ribbon-tied potpourri with every \$10 purchase this weekend.

Martha J. (she about revealing her last name) raised nine children now grown and living across the globe. She said is clearing off her hall table in anticipation of all the Mother's Day cards she'll receive.

"And I also get a lot of bouquets," she laughed. "Sometimes the florist rings my doorbell on Mother's Day with flowers in both hands and at his feet... but just between you and me, I'd rather have the money."

Spoken like a true mother of nine children.

BY TIM RICHARD
STAFF WRITER

State lawmakers again are working bills to protect home music teachers from being zoned out by cities and townships.

"The majority can't interfere with the rights of a minority to earn a living," said Sen. David Honigman, R-West Bloomfield, chair of the Senate Local Government Committee.

"You (local units) can't regulate them out of existence," he said.

Honigman and Sen. Jack Fax-on, D-Farmington Hills, are sponsors of three bills (SB 507, 509 and 510) amending city, township and county zoning acts to prevent

them from prohibiting home music lessons and home tutorials.

The committee Tuesday gave them 5-0 approval and sent them to the full Senate floor for debate as early as next week.

The bills were prompted three years ago by the difficulties of piano teacher Betty Stasson with the ordinance of West Bloomfield Township.

"It happened in West Bloomfield, which changed its ordinance real quickly," said Honigman. "But some big cities have these ordinances, and they are slow to change."

The Senate passed the measures last session, but they died in the House and had to be started over again this year.

The situation prompted Honigman, a philosophy student before he became a lawyer, to produce an essay on the balance between local units' right to use police powers and an individual's right to earn a living.

Honigman said zoning ordinances prohibiting home tutorials could be misused in a vendetta between neighbors. "These bills will spare people legal expenses and the embarrassment of a public fight," he said.

Also supporting the bills were Sens. George Hart, D-Dearborn, a former city councilman; Jim Berryman, D-Adrian, a former mayor; Joel Gougeon, R-Bay City, a former county commissioner; and Jon Cisky, R-Saginaw, a former law enforcement officer.

In other business, the Senate panel approved Honigman's bill allowing city councils to write longer contracts with hired city managers.

The problem, he said, is that "a future city council cannot be held to a contract approved by the last city council."

Thus, if a council that approved severance pay for a manager, a future council could fire the manager without being held to the severance amount.

The bill was requested by the Michigan Municipal League, a statewide association of cities and villages.

'Potty parity' bill in jeopardy

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A last-minute ambush may have crippled three years of work on the women's restrooms "potty parity" bill.

On nearly a party line vote, state Senate Republicans Thursday amended the House-passed bill to apply only to public buildings "with occupancy of more than 300."

Final Senate action is due

Tuesday.

"Who are we trying to satisfy?" demanded Sen. Fred Dillingham, R-Fowlerville. With David Honigman of West Bloomfield and Joanne Emmons of Big Rapids, he was one of three Republicans to vote against the amendment.

There was no opposition in committee. There was no opposition by any of the local units of government. There was no opposition in committee.

The amendment was sponsored by Senate majority leader Dick Posthumus, R-Alto, so late in the debate that for several minutes copies were unavailable.

"The problem exists in larger facilities," said Posthumus. Despite Dillingham's demands, he didn't reveal who wanted the change or what kinds of buildings might be affected.

"We're not hearing what the objections are," chided Sen. Debbie

Stabenow, D-Lansing, a supporter of the bill.

"There's a certain amount of hysteria," said Sen. Lana Pollack, D-Ann Arbor, another supporter. "Next we can expect a repeal of the 19th Amendment (women's vote). There's no end of feeling threatened around here. The gentleman who authored the amendment clearly never had to stand in line (outside a women's room in a theater or stadium)."

Your mother is somewhere on this page.



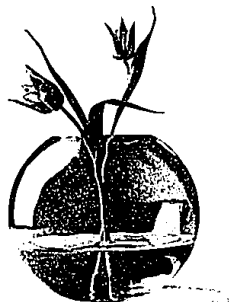
Blue grape buffet plates and black 3-tier plate rack. Set of 6 plates, \$18.95. Reg. \$23.70. Rack, \$23.95. Reg. \$29.95.



Optic swirl vase, \$29.95. Reg. \$34.95.



Heart-shaped waffle maker, \$39.95. Reg. \$49.95.



Ball vase, \$9.95. Reg. \$14.95.



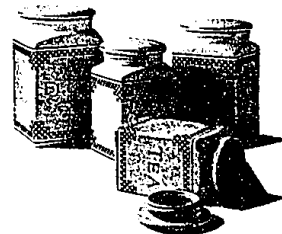
Chimes of Kyoto wind chimes, \$31.95. Reg. \$39.95.



Embossed ceramic pitcher, \$14.95. Reg. \$18.95.



Terra cotta bird bath, \$19.95. Reg. \$24.95.



Blue check ceramic canisters. Set of 4, \$67.95. Reg. \$84.95.

Cleanup

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At the Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights, grounds manager Tom Pettio is ready to try out his super sucker vacuum hose.

"I modified the sweeper truck with 20 feet of hose that will get me down into planters and inside curbs," he said. "I'll be able to reach all the leaves, popcorn packing, cellophane and cigarette butts that blow across the parking lot all winter and lodge in the corners."

He is responsible for three acres of turf, dozens of flower beds and shrub gardens all around the mall. He sees to it that 8,000 parking spaces remain free of snow, clearly marked, and without potholes.

Soon, Pettio will start planting annuals around the center beginning with 50 flats of impatiens, begonias and petunias.

Try reaching dust bunnies in the corner of ceilings 100 feet high.

"Our shoppers don't expect to see dust here," said Tom Miles, manager of the Somerset Collection. "But what's really frustrating is keeping those stainless-steel and glass entrance doors smudge-free all day long. Our housekeepers must wipe them down several times each day."

Audience sought

WKBD-TV in Southfield is looking for interested people to be part of a television studio audience for a discussion on the "Tobacco war: Whose air is it anyway?"

Taping will be at 5 p.m. Friday at the Southfield studios, 26905 W. 11 Mile Road.

For reservations, call James Giroux at 353-7089 at any time.

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