

Time For Mother's Day

Dear Tim:

What's the best thing to do for my mother on Mother's Day? Although I'm sure she appreciates them, candy and flowers seem kind of cliché. I've done the brunch thing, too, but this year I'm looking to do something different. Any ideas?

—Momma's Boy on Mumford



DEAR TIM

Dear Momma's Boy:

Speaking as someone who's married to a mother, I can tell you that the one thing they appreciate more than anything else is your presence. Don't get me wrong, cards and gifts are great. But the thing that makes them happiest is the time you make to spend with them – whatever it is you decide to do. And if what you decide to do takes you by our store, stop in. We're hosting a special high tea for Mother's Day on Saturday, May 13 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. We'll have something special for all the moms, and the time you spend will make a memory she won't forget.

Dear Tim:

I just had another one of those supposedly timesaving electronic gizmos fail on me. To make matters worse, the guy at the place I bought it from told me they might be able to fix it for me, but then again they might not. And if they could, he said it would likely cost more to fix it than the thing cost in the first place. What happened to the day when things were made by hand and you could actually get them fixed?

—Ticked on Teeway

Dear Ticked:

I'm afraid with all of these mass-produced electronic gadgets, those days are over. But there are still a few things that are made the old-world way. Like Pasta DiToni's. They make over 20 varieties of delicious pastas right here in Columbus – all by hand – they're available in our bulk pasta section back by the deli. And here's something else you'll appreciate about Pasta DiToni's – you fix them once and they're done.

Dear Tim:

I hear Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes finally had their baby. It's about time. The longer that thing went on the more I was convinced the whole thing was a publicity stunt to hype his new movie. Any chance of that kid having a normal upbringing?

—Stargazer on Stratton

Dear Stargazer:

That'll be the *real* Mission: Impossible.

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