

FOR A VERY SPECIAL LADY

Mad at Mom? Send her a message with our Mother's Day gift ideas

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What to get that wonderful woman in your life for Mother's Day? Flowers, chocolates, a gift certificate to her favorite spa?

No way. Been there, done that.

Why not show her you really care this year with some interesting, not-so-fabulous gifts? If nothing else, she'll probably think twice before calling you at 8 a.m. on Saturday "just because."

Of course, that's because she probably won't be speaking to you at all.



GET A GIFT CARD

Gift cards or certificates are great if you want your mom to pick out her own gift – as long as the card is for a place she'll actually enjoy. If that's not your thing, try an Arch Card. Nothing says "Happy Heart Attack" like a sack full of free food from McDonald's. You can even refill it online for her on her birthday, or any other special time of the year. It's the gift that keeps on giving. To get your Arch card, visit www.mcdonalds.com/usa/shop/arch-card.html.



I THINK I ... LOVE YOU?

Gaylord Opryland is offering a David Cassidy package May 11-14, sure to wow throwback moms the city over. And depending on how much you love her (and are willing to spend), you can even get her into his personal space.

Basic Package — Includes 1-2 nights room accommodations, a reserved ticket to the David Cassidy concert May 13 at 8 p.m. and Mother's Day brunch.

VIP Package — Includes all of the above plus a David Cassidy CD, a meet-and-greet with the man behind the shag and reserved VIP seating at the concert.

An extension to three nights of any package will add a free spa treatment at Relâche the Spa at Gaylord Opryland. Packages start at \$159. Call 888-999-OPRY or visit www.gaylordhotels.com for more details. Come on, get happy.

Of course, this is actually pretty cool if your mom happens to be a David Cassidy fan. ATR means no offense to getting happy or past-their-prime Partridges.

CRUISE, KEEP YOUR PLACENTA

If Mom has a high grossout factor, this might be just the ticket to get her out of your hair. Try a tin of delectable cookies frosted with the photo of your sonogram.

Seriously, if you have a photo of your sonogram, you need to do this. The cookie company, Good Fortunes, will scan your image on edible paper with edible ink, then create as many cookies as you want. The treats are made from graham crackers with white chocolate, sprinkled with edible confetti or nonpareils. Festive!

Picture This Sonogram Cookies by Good Fortunes are available at www.goodfortunes.com for \$27/dozen.



SHOW HER YOU REALLY KNOW HER



For those into DVD box sets, a favorite TV show is always a great idea. Why not surprise your mom with a classic? The complete fifth season of "The Golden Girls" can be yours to give for only \$39.99 at www.amazon.com. Originally aired in 1985, take your mom back in time with antics of those crazy gals. That Blanche!

LAST-DITCH EFFORT — A GOOD BOOK

Let her know you're in tune with what's happening in her life. A copy of "MenOPop: A Menopause Pop-Up and Activity Book" should do just that. Make her feel like an old lady and a child, all at once! Available at www.amazon.com for \$19.95.

