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Opinion

The First Amendment
Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

"I never considered a difference of opinion in politics, in religion, in philosophy, as cause for withdrawing from a friend." —Thomas Jefferson (1800)

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How lucky I was to be in my mother's heart

Editor's note: On Mother's Day each year, Don Saxon reads the following letter to his mother, Gladys, who passed away June 2, 1980. He wrote the letter to read to her the last time he saw her, with his family, during her funeral. We would like to express our appreciation to Don for sharing his letter with us and our readers in anticipation of Mother's Day tomorrow, when he will once again read it aloud in memory of his mother as he has for the last 38 years.)

I remember Mother when I was a kid. Not only for the things she gave us, but for the

kind things she did.

I remember Mother when I would cut my finger or get a sliver in my toe, and the things she did to comfort us that only a mother

GUEST VIEWPOINT

By Don Saxon

Son of Gladys Saxon, who passed away in 1980

would know.

She would always give us a big hug and kiss if we began to cry, then she would bandage it and tell us to try and make it ply.

And as our children got older and troubles

came about, we knew she was always there to help talk our troubles out.

So if you think you have troubles (and most people think they do), just remember your mother and all the troubles she went through for you.

I knew sometimes when she got lonesome, because she would call me up and say, "I stayed at home and waited but no one came around today."

So when the days get lonely and things seem to be falling apart, I realize how lucky I was to have been a part of my Mother's heart.

Your loving son, Don.



Breast pump was only one sacrifice Mom made for you

Tomorrow, it will be Mother's Day. For many it means sending a flowery card that says all the wonderful things you'd say if only you had a thesaurus and someone from Hallmark breathing down your neck.

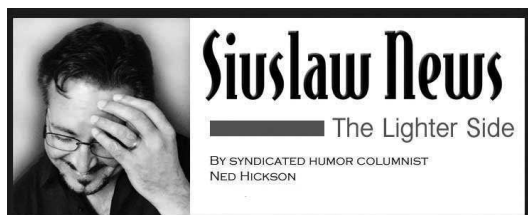
The true meaning of Mother's Day has been lost over the years thanks to greeting cards filled with heartfelt phrases like:

If your love was an ocean, you would've drowned me as a child.

Or,
When I think of love, I think of you. Because of this, you have no grandchildren.

Or,
With every smile, I remember a special moment that will never ever be forgotten.

Happy beated Mother's Day!
The true meaning of Mother's Day, as any mother will tell you,



has absolutely nothing to do with flowery cards or fond memories — and everything to do with sacrifice. That's right. You want to let Mom know you really care? Forget about comparing her to "a beautiful rose laden with thorns of caring," and, instead, remember all the stuff she endured for you even before you had a memory.

If you're not sure where to begin, I have two words for you: Breast Pump.

True, not every mother utilized this torture device, but the mere thought that she could have is reason enough to be grateful. And remember that

These cravings came as a direct result of your needs inside the womb even though, in many cases, those needs could gag Bizarre Foods host Andrew Zimmern.

But she did it anyway, in spite of the fact that, as you were developing and shaping, so was she: Developing swollen feet the size of couch cushions, and taking the shape of a giant Weeble capable of destroying Tokyo. Keep in mind that during this process she was still merrily preparing for your arrival by hanging borders, assembling mobiles, making

trips to the doctor, all while visiting the bathroom once every three minutes.

Then, to show your appreciation upon arriving into the world, you treat her to an episiotomy. Chances are, you won't find any of this in a greeting card. Mainly because there are very few phrases that rhyme with "episiotomy."

(Although "The things you taught-a me since your episiotomy" has potential.)

For all of those reasons, and so many more, I want to say "Thank You" to my own amazing mom and all the wonderful mothers out there, especially those celebrating their very first Mother's Day this year.

You know who you are. And if you don't, try turning down that breast pump a notch or two...