

# Loving Longer Hours

**Dear Tim:**

What's this I hear about you working longer hours? That doesn't sound like you.

—Concerned on Concord

**Dear Concerned:**

You're right. It doesn't. In fact, if I could fit a hammock in my office, I'd probably stop working altogether. But then you'd be missing out on all the farm-fresh meats and produce, specialty items and wonderful people we have here, and that would be a major loss, wouldn't you agree? We figured you'd rather have more of that than less, so we've decided to stay *open* longer hours. You'll find us here Monday through Saturday from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm and Sunday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Now there's no guarantee I'll be here during all that time. As a matter of fact, you can bet on it. But that may be a blessing in disguise.

**Dear Tim:**

Free hot dogs? For everyone? Are you crazy?

—Doctor on Dodridge



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**Dear Doctor:**

No. Just patriotic. Nothing's more American than hot dogs, and we'll be giving them away today from 9:00-10:00 am at the northwest corner of Northwest Blvd. and Northam Road in celebration of our nation's independence. That's not all. We've got coolers full of Popsicles, too – the kind that put red, white and blue rings around American kids' mouths. So come out and see us, enjoy the parade and be a part of a community tradition that's as enjoyable as the Fourth of July.

**Dear Tim:**

Why aren't more fruits made into sauces? Applesauce seems to have been a big hit. Cranberry sauce has its own holiday. Why no pineapple sauce? No grape sauce? It seems kind of inconsistent and puzzling. You know some people. What have you heard?

—Saucer on Chaucer

**Dear Saucer:**

You raise an interesting question. And while I know some people, I assure you I've heard of no fruit-growers conspiracy theory that's keeping other fruits from winding up in sauces. Maybe they're just waiting for a big-idea guy like yourself to suggest it. In the meantime, we've got plenty of apple and cranberry sauce to keep you satisfied for now. Try aisle 2. And the closest thing I've got the grape sauce is wine, which you'll find in aisle 1. Maybe you should open a bottle. It might help you ponder this mystery some more.

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