

Missed Easter Treats

Dear Tim:

I just got back from a business trip overseas and I completely missed Easter. I usually like to spoil my nieces and nephews with a little something, but I'm afraid I may have missed the boat. Do you happen to have any leftover goodies I can scrape together for some belated Easter baskets?

—Late Aunt on Leeds



DEAR TIM

Dear Late Aunt:

We've always got something – whether it's a holiday or not. We've still got a few tasty Easter treats on the table in the back by the deli. We've got Esther Price candies in the case between aisles 1 and 2. We've got the always-popular Anthony Thomas Buckeyes. And we've got a variety of sweets in aisle 5 and even a few impulse items by the registers. Hopefully that will help you cobble something together that the kids will like. I'm sure the fact that you remember them at all will make them very happy. But let's not kid ourselves – the goodies will make them even happier. You're a good egg. Have fun.

Dear Tim:

With taxes due on Monday and me having done nothing to prepare, I'm thinking about buying one of those do-it-yourself tax software programs to do the job for me. I think you just plug in some numbers and it spits out the forms all nice and neat. Sounds like the perfect solution for a last-minute guy like me. What do you think?

—Procrastinator on Prestwick

Dear Procrastinator:

To be honest with you, I may not be the guy to ask

about this. My computer and I get along about as well as I do with my proctologist, and doing my taxes feels a lot like my annual exam. If you're planning on doing them on your own, good on ya. I'd suggest loading up on coffee, because it may be a long weekend. We've got some great unique blends in the back between aisles 4 and 5. If you find that doing your taxes on the computer isn't as easy as it sounds (and it never is), you might want to have an accountant on speed dial. Try to avoid the ones with "lots of IRS audit experience." Good luck.

Dear Tim:

Do April showers bring May flowers?

—Flower Girl on Folkstone

Dear Flower Girl:

That's what they say. But why wait for May? We've got flowers now. We've got them fresh cut in the cooler case between aisles 1 and 2 and in ready-to-hang baskets out front. Take your pick and enjoy.

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