

The Exodus Of Spring

Dear Tim:

Is it just me or does everyone in this town leave for Spring Break? I don't think I have a friend or neighbor who's in town this time of year. Is there some kind of super vacation sale going on that I'm not aware of? Is Florida more welcoming in March than February or April? Are we trying to tempt as many thieves into town as possible? No one's going to read this letter, are they?

-Alone on Alliston

Dear Alone:

Probably not. Listen, nobody is more aware of how few people there are in UA during the middle of March than me. I can always tell by the tumbleweeds in the aisles. But this isn't an entirely bad thing, is it? You can walk right in and be seated at the Chef-O-Nette, Moretti's and the Old Bag of Nails. You have Northam Park all to yourself. And you'll always be first in line at the register when you shop at Huffman's. So cheer up. You're not alone. You own this town!



DEAR TIM

Dear Tim:

Don't get me wrong, I enjoy having an Arena Football League team in Columbus. The idea that I get to follow football for an extra few months out of the year is fine by me. But why do we have to move every sport indoors? Football in arenas? Baseball in domes? Indoor soccer? Are we that afraid of the elements? I tell my kids to go play outside and they look at me like I'm nuts. What happened to us?

-Outdoors on Oldham

Dear Outdoors:

I'm with you. I think certain sports should only be played outdoors. And if it gets the kids out of the house, all the better. If you're looking for some outdoor family fun, be sure to join us Saturday, March 29 for the annual Tremont Center April Fools Breakfast. There'll be lots to eat and do, including catching flying pancakes, which is technically a sport.

Dear Tim:

How are you celebrating St. Patrick's Day?

-Erin on Broad

Dear Erin:

I don't really *celebrate* St. Patrick's Day anymore. A few too many years and too many pints have put me on the sidelines. But don't let me spoil your fun. We've got a wide variety of green-bottled beers in aisle 1. Celebrate the Irish in all of us, and please drink responsibly.

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