

Upset Special

Dear Tim:

Could you believe the Super Bowl? What an upset. I figured a team like the Patriots that had pretty much steam-rolled the league all year wouldn't have any trouble finishing off an average team like the Giants. I guess it just goes to show you what can happen on any given Sunday.

-Football Fan on Fairmont

Dear Fan:

I was surprised myself. And so was my bookie. Come to think of it, I haven't heard from him in a while. Hmmm. Anyway, I'm having a hard time feeling bad for the Boston-area fans right about now. Even if they lost out on an historic undefeated season, they've still won three Super Bowls and two World Series in the last six years. It's about time they had to cry in their beer again. As a matter of fact, if you know any down-and-out Pats fans, tell them we've got Samuel Adams Boston Lager in the refrigerated case in aisle 1. That ought to cheer them up.



DEAR TIM

Dear Tim:

I've kept my New Year's resolution of cutting calories for over a month now, which is a personal record. Now I see you've put the quick-serve ice-cream case back at the front of the store right by the front door. Are you trying to blow this for me?

-Losing It on Leeds

Dear Losing:

I have to tell you, as much as I empathize with your struggle, it was nothing personal.

You're in the business of avoiding ice cream and I'm in the business of selling it. It's just a bad coincidence. I tell you what I'm going to do. I'm forbidding you from buying any of the treats in that case until you've reached your goal. And if I have to put an alarm on the case just for you, I will. That's how much I want you to succeed. Besides, that means more ice cream for everyone else.

Dear Tim:

Who'd have thought that crying on camera could win you a presidential primary? Is this what we can expect from President Hillary?

-Politico on Portland

Dear Politico:

I'm more interested in what we can expect from First Man Bill. Speaking of meltdowns, have you tried our sharp cheddar in the deli? Makes for great nachos.

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