

Little Letter Layoff

Dear Tim:

Where you been?

—Fan on Fairfax

Dear Fan:

Writer's block.

Dear Tim:

The ladies at the salon tell me that putting cucumber slices over my eyes will make me look rested and fresh and take years off my age. You know cucumbers. What do you think?

—Baggy on Brixton

Dear Baggy:

Cucumbers are good for a lot of things. Salads in particular. But I have no idea what they can accomplish when you lay them on your face. I've always found that the easiest way to take years off your age is simply to lie about it. But promoting deception doesn't seem like good advice. So if tired eyes are a considerable concern for you, maybe give the cucumber thing a shot. Or just get more sleep. Whatever works. You'll find cucumbers in the fresh



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produce section in aisle 1. Better wait until you get home to put them on, though.

Dear Tim:

What's with all these fancy new grocery stores in town? Fresh this and Whole that. What have they got that you don't have?

—Loyal on Leeds

Dear Loyal:

The first thing they've got is new, which is a good thing

to be for a while. The second is real estate, which is also a nice little commodity. Plus they've got a fine offering of fresh and organic items, which are quite popular these days. Then again, so do we. And we've got a store where we know you by name, special order the stuff you like and carry your bags right to your car. And if those are things you like, chances are you're shopping in the right place. And thanks for doing so.

Dear Tim:

Why did the turkey cross the road?

—Jokester on Jervis

Dear Jokester:

To get away from our friends at Bowman Landes.

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