

Missing Grandma's Goodies

Dear Tim:

Nothing puts me in the holiday spirit more than the smells from my grandmother's kitchen. She whips up some of the tastiest holiday treats you can imagine. And cookies, cakes and pies are just the start. She makes her own candy, too, and she always makes too much so she can send some home with us. I'm drooling just thinking about it. Unfortunately I'm not going to be able to make it home for the holidays this year, so I'm missing out. Have you get anything to help fill the confectionery void?

—Grandmamma's Boy
on Bedford

Dear Grandmamma's Boy:

First, I'm sorry you won't be making it home for the holidays. Missing out on those times and traditions is tough. Second, I'm afraid nothing can take the place of your own grandmother's kitchen and the good things that come out of it. All we can hope to do is come close. But I think we can. We've got a whole line of homemade baked goods from Grandma's Baking Day. There are cookies, muffins,



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scones and more. And though they won't replace your grandma's goodies, maybe they'll put you in the spirit of the season and elicit some fond family memories.

Dear Tim:

Friday is the holiday cookie exchange at work. Needless to say, I haven't made a single batch. What's worse is Judy Johnson will have her typically inhuman display of frosted cutout cookies that she never fails to tell us she slaved over for hours. I'm looking to one-up Judy without lifting a finger. What have you got?

—Jealous on Jervis

Dear Jealous:

That's a pretty competitive office you've got there. Remind me to stay out of your line of work. But if you want ready-made cookie perfection, pick up some of our Der Dutchman Cookie Dough from the refrigerated case at the back of aisle 6. There's chocolate chip, sugar, peanut butter and snickerdoodle to name a few. Just scoop them out of the can and bake. You'll have dozens of enviable baked goods in no time. The trash talk will be up to you.

Dear Tim:

Better holiday movie: *It's A Wonderful Life* or *Christmas Vacation*?

—Flicks on Fifth

Dear Flicks:

I guess it depends on your perspective. One shows how the holidays can bring out the best in people. The other shows how they can bring out the worst. But I guess if I had to choose, I'd go with *Vacation*. You just can't beat the high holiday comedy of a Christmas-crashing cousin-in-law in a second-hand RV.

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