

Peak Tailgating Technique

Dear Tim:

There are only two home games left before the Buckeyes battle Michigan. That means I've got two games left before my tailgating technique needs to be at its absolute peak. It's about to get down to brass tacks, Tim. What have you got for me?

—Tailgater on Teter



DEAR TIM

Dear Tailgater:

What have we got? It's more like what haven't we got. If you're a make-your-own sandwich man we've got deli trays, lunchmeats, breads, buns and condiments. If you're more of a get-it-to-go guy, we've got ham, turkey, roast beef and sub sandwiches ready-made and ready to go. If you're a griller we've got salmon, chicken, strip steak, tenderloin, lamb chops, sirloin patties and hot dogs. If you're a snacker we've got dips, chips and spreads. Put it all together with some ice-cold beverages from aisle 1, a soundtrack from The Best Damn Band In The Land, a little face paint and a cornhole game and I think you'll be good to go. Be sure to pace yourself, though. You

don't want to peak too soon. You've got to leave it all out on the parking lot on November 18.

Dear Tim:

Our class is starting to raise money for a trip to Washington, DC this spring. Any chance you could help us out with a little donation?

—Beggar on Belrose

Dear Beggar:

I admire your gumption, but I've got an even better fund-raising idea for you. It's Mr. Pastie®, the old fashioned, oven-baked meat pie turnover. You can buy them in bulk and sell them to your family, friends and

neighbors. Hot for a bake-off or frozen for the freezer, there's nothing quite like Mr. Pastie. With five tasty varieties, it's the item to choose when your fundraiser is overdue for something new. And when you get them here I'll toss in a 10 percent discount to help get you even closer to the capitol.

Dear Tim:

I'm a big fan of *The Simpsons*. Thankfully they rerun two episodes a day right about the time I'm getting home from work, so I seldom miss the chance to catch up with my favorite TV family. In one episode, Homer quenches his thirst with several cans of clam juice. I was thinking about trying it. Do you have any?

—Tooned In on Tewksbury

Dear Tooned:

We do. But I think it's more of an ingredient than a thirst-quencher. You're welcome to try it and see. Aisle 3. And don't say I didn't warn you. Because based on what I've seen of *The Simpsons*, Homer isn't someone whose judgment I'd substitute for my own.

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