

The Cold Spell Cure

Dear Tim:

Is God's furnace on the fritz? I'm freezing my assets off here.

—Frozen on Friar

Dear Frozen:

I know what you mean. A couple of weeks ago it was so cold I almost considered putting a space heater in my shorts. I thought better of it after Glenda reminded me that she had the fire department on speed dial for a reason. You don't need a supplemental heat source to keep warm this winter. What you need is a heaping bowl of one of our signature soups. We make them fresh every day and keep them in these cool little cauldrons back by the meat counter. Ham and bean, chili, and clam chowder are some of our staples, but you never know what you'll find. All of them are sure to tempt your taste buds and defrost your derriere.

Dear Tim:

Is it true what they say about the squeaky wheel always getting the grease?

—Rusty on Rushmore



DEAR TIM

Dear Rusty:

Indeed it is. As I'm sure you can imagine, I was always the well-behaved boy in school. Others got the teacher's attention through misbehavior, rambunctiousness or good old-fashioned brown-nosing. I was always quiet, obedient and reserved, and received a glaring lack of attention as a result. Though my subsequent prison record has now been expunged, my early life of

blind compliance is a cautionary tale. If squeaky wheels are a problem around your house, give them the attention they deserve. A lightweight lubricant like 3-in-1 oil or WD-40 might also do the trick. We've got both in the household products section in aisle 5.

Dear Tim:

Be honest. You're Sonny to Glenda's Cher, aren't you?

—Fashionista on Fairlington

Dear Fashionista:

It's true. Only one of us could be an icon, so I became a politician.

Dear Tim is presented as a public service by Tim Huffman, owner of **Huffman's Market** at Tremont Center in Upper Arlington. Tim is not a licensed psychologist, though it's been suggested he have his head examined. Write to him in care of Huffman's Market. If you do, Tim's wife Glenda says you're only encouraging him.