

Entranced By Dancing

Dear Tim:

I'm a little reluctant to admit it, but I've really gotten into this show *Dancing With The Stars*. I admit the premise is sketchy and everything about the show is a little over the top, but there are dramatic and voyeuristic qualities to it that keep me watching. In fact, I'm pretty sure I'd tune in even if the dancers weren't has-been celebrities and blatant publicity-seekers. What's the draw here?

-Dance Fan on Dierker

Dear Dance Fan:

I'm not sure what exactly attracts us to shows like this, but they've figured it out. It may be the personalities or the manufactured drama or the interactive voting, but they've got us hooked. And while that's not necessarily a bad thing, it's hard to get too caught up in who's getting voted off a dancing show while there's so much real drama going on in the world at the moment. There's a time for everything, though, so I say enjoy the dancing. And if



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you want to put a little salsa in your own life, check out Mrs. Renfro's Homemade Salsa in aisle 2. It's not as exciting as watching Brooke Burke twirling around in half a dress, but it's got a little kick to it, too.

Dear Tim:

I've already managed to get to the bottom of my trick-or-treat bag, and by all accounts I had quite a haul this year. And as hard as it is to admit

my mom was right to say I should take it easy on the sweets, I can see her point now. I'm feeling pretty sluggish and even a little queasy. And that's not the worst part. I have a dentist appointment this week, too. Can you help a trick or treator out?

-Treated on Tremont

Dear Treated:

I'm always here for the trick or treaters. Here are three things you can do: First, try some Pepto-Bismol. It should settle your stomach. If you have some at home, ask your mom for help so you take just the right amount. If you're out, she can pick some up in aisle 5. Second, brush and floss your teeth. You should be doing that anyway, but it sounds like this situation may require some extra effort. You can't fool a dentist, but you can do your best to hide the evidence. And third, listen to your mom from now on. She's smarter than you think. And not just about candy.

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