

Vexed About Vampires



DEAR TIM

Dear Tim:

What's the deal with all these movies and TV shows now about vampires? I know it was just Halloween and all, but this seems like overkill.

-Bitten on Brittany

Dear Bitten:

I'm not sure about this one myself. I mean, you expect to see a few extra horror movies around Halloween, but I can't really put my finger on the vampire thing. If people are this interested in blood suckers, you'd think they'd be making movies about insurance companies. I guess it's just another one of those here-and-gone trends – like adjustable rate mortgages and Kate Gosselin hairdos – and that we should just take it with a grain of salt. Of course, if you're going to take it

with a grain of salt, get the good stuff. We've got Morton Salt in the classic 26-ounce cardboard canister in aisle 3, and that never goes out of style.

Dear Tim:

Why do I so dread visits to the dentist? My dentist is wonderful to deal with and I never seem to have major problems. Am I just weird?

-Freaked on Friar

Dear Freaked:

I don't think so. I read that 20 percent of the population has some form of "dental phobia." It might be triggered by a bad past experience or the pain of a previous procedure, but it's certainly not uncommon. I think the reason most people fear the dentist is because they haven't been taking care of their teeth and gums and aren't too keen on hearing about it. My advice is, talk to your dentist about your fear. I'm sure he sees it all the time and might have some helpful suggestions. I'd also invest in a good firm tooth brush and some dental floss. We've got both in aisle 5. Use them every day and you'll have one less reason to fear the den-

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