

Mitigating The Munchies

Dear Tim:

Do you ever get those cravings late a night? The ones where you've got to have something salty? There's no real reason for it, and you know it's not good for you, but you've got to have something to munch on. We always called them the munchies, and I hate to admit it, but I've trod into more than a few stores in my rattiest sweats looking for an after-hours snack-mix fix. You know what I'm talking about?

—Late Night Snacker on Larwell

Dear Snacker:

I know what you're talking about. We get the munchies, too. In fact, we've got the Munchies right now. Munchies brand snack mixes, that is. We've got Cheese Fix and Flamin' Hot Cheddar Mix to choose from. They're in aisle 6 along with just about anything else you might crave late at night. But if you don't mind, try getting your cravings dialed in a little earlier. We close at 8:00 and those sweats aren't leaving



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much to the imagination any more.

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According to the ads for all these do-it-yourself home-improvement stores, it's fall fix-up time. What exactly do I need to fix and when?

—Helpless on Henthorn

Dear Helpless:

Don't listen to all that improvement mumbo-jumbo. I think you're perfect just the way you are. What you need to do during the fall is not fix up, but stock up. Stock up on all the things

you'll need to enjoy football season and the new TV schedule. Things like drinks and snacks and frozen foods. Because you don't want to be wasting your time insulating the attic when you could be watching the Buckeyes or figuring out who's going to be the next one to wig out on *Lost*.

Dear Tim:

After all their antics and bad press, what's the chance of Tom Cruise and Mel Gibson ever working again?

—Movie Fan on Mumford

Dear Movie Fan:

Good question. I suppose it's possible that the next time you see either of them in a Blockbuster, it could be because they're working there. I doubt it, though. But if they're willing to stock shelves and can take good care of the customers, I've got a gig for them. And unlike those two loons, we don't discriminate.

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