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Moore Street Open House

Sharetta Butcher, manager of the Intel Computer Clubhouse at the Moore Street Salvation Army and Tedale Sheferaw, a senior at Jefferson High School, page through a Portland Community College class catalogue during an open house at the inner north Portland facility. The clubhouse provides mentorship and after school support to youth ages 10 to 18. The center features state-of-the-art technology including a computer lab and recording studio.

Dear Deanna!

I'm a freshman in college and planned to leave so I can party during spring break. The only problem is my elderly father has taken vacation to come and see me on campus. We're very close but right now, my priority is to have a good time with my friends. How do I tell my dad to do something else because I have plans? --Shania; A&T College, Greensboro, N.C.

Dear Shania:

You should be ashamed to consider kicking your father to the curb. You can party any time. If your dad was smart enough to send you to college I know he's smart enough to have given you advance notice. You knew he was coming but you're too weak to face your friends and make this choice. Use math to make the decision. One father, plus three more years of college equals "Hello Dad, glad to see you."

Dear Deanna!

I'm a minority with strong Republican viewpoints but I feel I need to vote Democratic to support the cause. I'm not a sell-out and I don't try to be white or anything like that. I just think differently about politics and don't

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know if I should vote Republican or not at all. Then again, if I don't vote as a Democrat, that may cause my family to suffer because of their economic level. --Rob; Portland, Ore.

Dear Rob:

When the chips fall and your back's against the wall, your loved ones will be there and not the Republican Party. Black, white, politics or no politics—you have to handle your business for the family. If the writing's on the wall and you know first hand the direct effect your vote could have on your family you know the decision. Sign the form, pull the lever and punch the card in the Democratic spot where your heart is.

Dear Deanna!

I've been trying to settle a dispute about Martin Luther King and Malcolm X. Most people I ask in public forums won't touch this issue. Yes, it's true both leaders wanted the same things for civil rights but Martin was scared to fight and Malcolm X was always ready to bust somebody in the face. Am I right or wrong? --Moses; Oklahoma, Okla.

Dear Moses:

Focus on the spirit and nature of each leader rather than trying to determine which mode of empowerment is correct. In other words imagine Martin Luther King and Malcolm X in a coffee shop. Martin would be content going to a table, sitting down and having a cup of coffee. Instead of Malcolm X wanting to sit down, he would rather be the owner behind the counter making the money. Although they're doing different things, the important thing is—they're in there.

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