

Dealing With Door-To-Door

Dear Tim:

What's with door-to-door solicitors these days? It used to be they were selling encyclopedias or second-class cookware. Now they're all out to convert you to some cause or candidate or something. And these guys won't take no for an answer. They all have an offer you can't refuse. Who trains these people – the mob? I'm all for freedom of speech, but I refuse to be strong-armed. What do you think?

—Slammed on Slate Run

Dear Slammed:

I'm not much for strong-arm tactics either, unless of course it's Strongarm Ruby Red Ale. It's a brand new brew that's smooth and flavorful, and we stock it with all our specialty beers in aisle 1. We've got some great summer selections, too, like Samuel Adams Summer Ale and Sierra Nevada Summerfest, plus a few frothy newcomers like Stone India Pale Ale and Wittekerke. All are available every day – even Sunday – and one (or two) may help soothe you. Or you could



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just not answer the door. Your call.

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Our daughter is about to graduate from high school, but still hasn't made plans for college. We only want what's best for her, but we're a little concerned that she hasn't shown much interest in continuing her education. A few of her friends have decided to work odd jobs or travel after graduation rather than go straight on to school. I'm just afraid if she doesn't go now, she may never get around to it. She says I'm being pushy and paranoid. I

say I'm being a good parent. What do you say?

—Concerned on College Hill

Dear Concerned:

I say you're both right. At this age (OK, at every age) kids have a mind of their own. They have ideas and dreams to explore and sometimes (OK, most of the time) they don't have anything to do with what we hope for or expect of them. That's just normal teenage behavior. You're right to push her about school, because nothing can take the place of an education. At the same time, you need to trust the work you've done up to now instilling that value in her. If school's right for her, she'll go when the time comes. In the meantime, celebrate your daughter's accomplishment and keep encouraging her. I'm sure she'll make you proud either way. Graduation party supplies are in aisle 5, and be sure to talk to Steve, James or Glenda about your catering needs. They've got piled-high party trays no one can say no to.

*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.*