

Pay less, get more



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few business cards to the dolphins. And just because you sell insurance in Westland doesn't mean you can't hunt for prospects in Jamaica.

(4) MAKE NON-CASH contributions. What does this percentage mean in terms of personal luxury? For every 100 bucks you earn, you give back the price of a lunch at Carl's Chop House. For every \$1,000 you make, you give up two nights at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. And for every \$100,000 you accumulate, you donate the price of a new BMW 325i to Uncle Sam.

Meanwhile, you eat at Wendy's, sleep at Motel 6 and drive a Tempo. Fortunately, despite the sweeping tax reforms of the 1986 Congress, there are still a few loopholes. Loopholes big enough to drive a truck through. Or in the case of our next example, a motor home.

Today, you can still deduct the interest on your mortgage for a second time. Creative folks stretch the definition of "second home" to include everything from an RV to a houseboat.

BUT JUST because you can't afford a full-sized Winnebago doesn't mean you can't join in. As I see it, even your Ford Pinto can qualify as a vacation home. If you make a few adjustments. To be prepared for an unannounced inspection by the IRS, keep a toaster/oven plugged into the cigarette lighter, rig up a chemical toilet in the backseat and hang some laundry from the sun visor. For the lived-in look, toss in a month's supply of chicken bones and junk mail.

Here's some more sure-fire deductions:

- (1) Become a fashion model. Even if you're ugly enough to break mirrors, there's plenty of tax incentive to register with an agency — you can deduct your wardrobe, dry cleaning and cosmetic surgery.
- (2) Deduct for child care. Instead of hiring a babysitter, start paying yourself a modest \$5 an hour and multiply it times 24 hours a day. Each week, you'll be able to deduct \$840 from your gross.
- (3) Deduct your vacations. By attending a pool-side lecture on kidney stones, a doctor can write off two weeks in Maui. So can you. Next time you're at Sea World, hand out a

Help kids understand each other

Dear Barbara, My kids argue all the time. Sometimes they even end up hitting one another. My daughter is 12 and my son is 9. There are some times (too few) when they seem to love one another and play well together.

Both children have come to me and told me that they hate one another. This hurts me. I tell them that it is not nice to talk about their brother/sister this way. I have had no luck.

I have two sisters and a brother. We are close. I do not remember battles like these when I was growing up. I have tried to watch what my friends do with these kinds of problems but they also seem to have little luck.

Tired of Keeping the Peace

Dear Tired of Keeping the Peace, Often the way a person signs his letter is the best tip off as to what his particular problem is. That is true in your case. You need to take the emphasis off "Keeping the Peace" and put it on helping your children understand themselves.

You stand a better chance of cre-

ating peace, if they are motivated to be problem solvers than if you are the artificial peace keeper.

"Siblings Without Rivalry" and "Between Brothers and Sisters," by Adele Faure and Elaine Mayhew, are two books which address the subject of sibling relationships. They offer this guidance:

Some bickering between siblings should be allowed. They cite statistics in which the message is siblings who are allowed to bicker are closer to one another in adulthood than those who are not. Those who were not allowed to argue with their brothers and sisters grew up polite but distant from one another.

In other words, there was no intimacy between them. A comparison here can be made to spouses who, on their way to achieving harmony, must expect some conflict. In children, we cannot expect the conflict to be as civilized as it is supposed to be in adults and so we must be tolerant of wilder behavior.

Telling your daughter what "she really feels" will confuse her and possibly alienate her from you. Affirm her feelings. Ask "Why do you



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feel that way about your brother?"

With a younger child, you might say, "You feel that way because he constantly goes in your room and touches your things." Try to encourage your children to talk about themselves. After they have been allowed that expression, then you can introduce values like tolerance and

sharing. They will be more open to learning from you, if they feel accepted.

You are setting a good example by being able to share with your own siblings. Is the relationship with your husband a similarly good role model for closeness?

All that has been advised holds true as well when your children hit. But when this happens, intervention needs to be more immediate. Again, the principle of the problem solving rather than acting out should be offered. Let your children know that their feelings are valid but that they must find more civilized resolutions to the problems that have caused them.

It would be great if you could let me know if you tried these suggestions and whether or not they worked.

Barbara

If you have a question or comment for Barbara Schiff, a trained therapist and experienced counselor, send it to Street Sense, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Want 'the real thing?' Then it's CDs

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at reasons why compact discs are the future.

• They won't wear out. Unlike those of those warped, scratched, grooveless hunks of vinyl many of you still buy.

• They take up less room. They're really do. They're half the size of albums.

• They're just as personal as albums. Yes, compact discs contain cover art and lyrics, too.

• You can toss them around without damaging them too much. Just try this with any Top 40 selection you bought recently. Say, how about the latest from White Snake?

• They don't scratch or skip easily.

• Compact discs sound much better than albums. They reproduce near-studio quality sound. If you don't believe me, just listen to any original Beatles version of "Sgt. Peppers Lonely Hearts Club Band" then try a digitally remixed version on compact disc.

• Bigger is better. Compact discs

are rapidly out-selling albums everywhere. Why? For many of the reasons mentioned above, and more. There is also a financial reason, too. Compact discs cost more, which means record companies make more money and the artist's percentage of sales is more. Publicity sells, and besides, Americans are fascinated with high technology.

• America, an early '70s band that imitated Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, would never release original music on compact discs. Thank God. They broke up years ago.

• Your parents and older brothers and sisters buy them.

• They take up less room. Really. Compact discs are to the music industry as Ford Escorts are to the auto industry — small, efficient and tremendously popular. Whoops, already tried this one, sorry.

• And, as Wayne Felt said, "There are only three things that approach perfection. The geometric shape of a baseball diamond, Kattleen Turner's legs, and compact discs."

Who can argue with any of that logic?

Albums: Good sound for less

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can appreciate pitch, can CDs make Bob Dylan sound better? Can't do.

Can CDs improve Mic Jagger's diction? Can't do.

The truth be known, I don't object to excellent reproduction. Prices of CD players and CDs will fall and become affordable — in time.

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