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Callers divide on 'kids here' apartment issue

This week's Oral Quarrel question asked readers: How do you feel about the state Supreme Court's decision restricting families with children to designated buildings in a complex?

I feel very good about the decision. Those of us who don't have children have the right to what is known legally as quiet enjoyment of our premises in an apartment. I like kids, but they make very bad neighbors.

I feel families with children should be restricted to designated buildings in a complex.

Absolutely. Older people who have

oral quarrel

raised their families should not have to put up with the noise that children are bound to make. However, it's not just kids that are noisy. I moved out of Muirwood because of the unbearable night and day racket that the young, childless couple upstairs made.

Yes, I totally agree with the ruling. I feel that working people don't need teenagers next door or young children crying when they have to maybe work midnight and sleep during the day and children are up making all kinds of noise. It's totally unfair. There's no reason they couldn't be restricted to their own building.

I think families with children should be restricted to the designated buildings in a complex.

They (children) should be allowed in all buildings of a complex or none at all.

It's absurd.

Suppose a newlywed couple moves into a building that's designated for no children, and then they have children. What are they supposed to do? Move to another

building in the complex or move out completely? It's ridiculous.

I feel the Supreme Court decision is right. I am an older citizen and I have rights too and I don't like children in my building. Not that I dislike children, but, I have done my dues and I feel the older people have a right as well as the younger people. I think this is a very good solution to a problem.

I have found young "adults" and even some older adults to be more destructive, more untidy and prone to noisier parties which are more offensive to me than little children play. Ask any maid who works in a motel.

I feel they are treating children as if they were animals. As soon as we begin

segregating people according to age, we have lowered our standards to the utmost degree.

I feel that the next restriction would be to restrict someone who had to have a seeing-eye dog. People must learn to live with people and with domesticated animals.

The end result of this decision could lead to the invasion of the right of a family to live peacefully as a three-generation family.

I don't agree with the Supreme Court's decision about restricting families with children. I do not agree with that at all.

Hard to believe what's happening to dollar

This is a very peculiar period we are going through in our lifespan and it may be well to see the newspapers for the coming generation to see how really surprising it was.

The peculiarity is noticeable in our cash dealings. Can you imagine a young fellow only several years out of college turning down a contract calling for \$600,000 a year for working little more than a half day at a time?

Well, it sounds odd but that's what Kirk Gibson, the Tiger outfielder, did. He wanted \$735,000 and a four-year contract. To counter that demand the Tigers offered him \$600,000. He laughed at the offer.

Then the Tigers relented a bit and offered him \$675,000 for a single year. He reluctantly signed, but let it be known that

at the end of the coming season he would dicker again for a long-term contract. Now the Tigers are wondering.

JUST IMAGINE that contract when the president of the United States gets only \$200,000 a year and must bear the problems of an entire nation day and night.

Then we must look at the contract given Willie Hernandez, the relief pitcher. He wanted \$4.5 million for a four-year contract that was to start in 1985. But he calmed down and signed without the delayed salary portion that was supposed to take him through 2010.

But these demands paled when compared to the contract given Doug Flutie, the young Boston College quarterback, who signed for what was announced as



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\$7,000,000 over four years. How unusual can it get when the sports teams are meeting most any demands.

If these things are unusual take a look at the fight game. Within a few weeks Tommy Hearns, the Detroit, will meet Marvin Hagler in Las Vegas and each fighter is guaranteed \$1.5 million — even if the fight goes only one round. Aside from that unusual figure each fighter is

guaranteed 35 percent of the television income.

HOW UNUSUAL is this? Well, Joe Louis, considered one of the best fighters of all time, earned only \$5,000,000 during his career and he defended the heavyweight title 14 times.

Then to get away from sports, General Motors announced during the past week that it had earned the largest profit in the entire history of the company and it ran into billions of dollars. And yet, with all that profit, there was no reduction in the prices of the cars. If anything the new models will bring higher prices because of the latest trimmings in the way of performance.

And let us look at the lowly hamburger

that once sold for 10 cents. It is now more than \$3 on the hotel menu and more than a dollar even at the fast food places.

Just imagine, if you can, a slice of apple pie in the hotel dining rooms costing more than \$1. And the slice you get is not the usual one quarter of the full size.

Years ago all pie of this kind sold for a nickel and it was one-fourth of the pie. In fact The Stroller's mother baked pies for the upper class in our little town, and we delivered them on Sunday mornings for only 25 cents a pie.

So, with all this happening now, one can imagine what the upcoming generation will think if they happen to get a copy of the present day newspapers.

They'll have a difficult time believing what they read.

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FLARES OF ARTHRITIS
You may have wondered what people who have arthritis mean when they talk about a "flare" of their condition.
A flare is the sudden appearance of pain and swelling in many joints. Besides being sudden, this pain is unrelenting and of such intensity that it can incapacitate the individual.
It is not known why flares occur, extreme physical exertion, emotional strain, or changing weather are inadequate explanations. Indeed, flares are notorious for awakening a person from a calm sleep or bringing to an end a period in which the individual felt almost free of joint complaints.
An increase in medication or adding new drugs often has little influence in stopping a flare. Injection therapy, getting steroids into the most inflamed joints, seems to work best to end the episode and permit the individual's usual medicine to take control. However, even when such treatment is successful, the flare that came up in hours may take days or even weeks to resolve.
When one is in an arthritis flare, it is unlikely that strict adherence to medication schedules and determination not to give in, will end the attack. Rather, it is best to seek a doctor's care without delay.

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Who'll prepare your tax return this year? It's time to start choosing a professional, and to undertake the planning that may help you shelter some of your income from taxes.
If your income is fairly straightforward and deductible expenses minimal, you might satisfactorily use a short-form return and do it yourself or with the help of a tax preparer. But with more income, and more deductions, as the return becomes more complicated, you're going to want a tax professional.
Why? Because it's worth the difference to put your tax return in the hands of someone with the knowledge to find every likely loophole, and the experience to know which are acceptable. And as you reach the higher brackets, you'll get the advice you need on sheltering some income from taxes.
Some free help is available from the IRS. Revenue employees will answer your questions (but the tax court has challenged some of their answers) and prepare the simplest returns. There are also independent and chain tax preparers who go up at tax season. Their workers may not be experienced enough to catch all legal deductions.
A certified public accountant can handle most complex returns and are familiar with shelters and investing. His or her tax know-how can save you more than the fee.
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