



ALL IN THE FAMILY Sarah Child

* When the three-year-old spits on the kitchen floor and explains she is just showing you how the baseball players on TV do it . . .

* When the whole national political scene seems to be crumbling and the only thing on the boob tube is two football games and one World Series final . . .

* When you're out enjoying your new found freedom and get home in time to warm up four different leftovers for your breadwinner's dinner . . .

* When the scale at Weight Watchers reads 10 pounds more than your scale at home . . .

* When the kids play house and you realize the one who is doing the harpie Mother role is unconsciously imitating you . . .

* And when you wake up to frost one morning and realize the green tomatoes that were going to make relish are now shriveled and black . . .

Then you know that things could be better.

* When the kids say your homemade pizza is the very best they've ever eaten anywhere . . .

* When your husband gives you a backhanded compliment by saying there are times when he wishes he had a dim-witted wife . . .

* When you get a kind thank you note for something you've written . . .

* When your little sister who is 18 years younger tells you that she has been mistaken for you and makes no reference to your advanced age . . .

* When after bowling three straight gutter balls you get a strike in the tenth frame . . .



Black Sisters Name Director

Sister Mary Shawn Copeland, OP, has been appointed executive director of the National Black Sisters' Conference. A member of the Dominican Sisters of Adrian, Mich., Sister Mary Shawn moved into her new position following the resignation of Sister M. Martin-dePorres Grey, RSM, who headed the conference as president and executive director from its inception in 1968. A native of Detroit, the 26-year-old nun has been active in the Black Lay Catholic Movement in Detroit, has served as chairman of the National Black Sister's Conference, Michigan region, and is a member of the board of directors of the National Office for Black Catholics. [RNS]

Avon Couple Returning To Mexico

An Avon couple are about to leave home for their 15th winter of mercy in Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Whalen will head for the

PERCUSSION RECITAL

"An Avante-Event" flute and percussion recital featuring unusual percussion instruments, will be presented in the Nazareth Arts Center Auditorium Monday, Nov. 5 at 8:15 p.m. Flutist Leone Buyse and percussionist Ruth Cahn will perform both solo and duo works from Ingholf Dahl, Peter Tanner, Edgar Varese and Karlheinz Stockhausen, among others. Both musicians are faculty members in the music department of Nazareth College.

Indian village of St. Ann Tepetitlan to staff a clinic there and three other clinics in nearby villages — an area jolted by the recent earthquake which did extensive damage in that area.

Last year, the Whalens report, they provided basic medical care for more than 350 adults and

children each month. They also assisted in pre-natal educational programs, blood analysis and Vitamin B injections. All four mission clinics are named in honor of St. Martin de Porres and are linked to parish churches there.

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In Marathakara, south India, a young Indian girl in training to be a Franciscan Clarist Sister will learn, among other things, how to care for orphans. Her training costs \$300 all told (\$12.50 a month, \$150.00 a year), a small investment for a Sister's lifetime of service. Like to be her sponsor? We'll send you her name and she will write to you.

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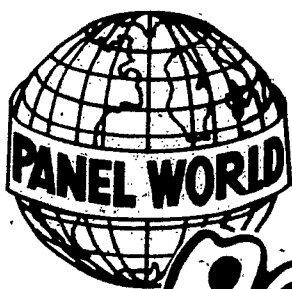
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