

Children Who Wait

Roberto — Learning To Trust

Roberto is in the spotlight of the Children Who Wait this week.

The Council of Adoptive Parents (CAP) says of him:

Roberto is a 12-year old boy from a large family who has been rejected in the past and is now afraid of getting close to people.

Several of his siblings have found homes, but Roberto is still waiting.

He will need to continue in therapy until he can learn to trust again. While not outgoing with peers or adults, Roberto gets along well with younger children.

He is very creative and spends a lot of time drawing, painting and making things. He does well in school, especially in science and social studies, but needs a small group structure. He loves animals and enjoys taking care of them.

Roberto needs a concerned and loving family who can work



with him so that he can reach out to other people again.

The Children Who Wait have various backgrounds, range in age from pre-school through early teens, some are from minority races or are mixed racially. Some are siblings; and some are mentally, physically and/or

emotionally handicapped.

Roberto is one of more than 1,000 children registered with the New York State Adoption Exchange who are waiting for adoptive placement.

In addition, Roberto and more than 200 other children are listed in THE CAP BOOK, a photo listing service of CAP.

Adoptive patterns have changed in recent years. Once there were many healthy infants available for adoption. Today, however, a great emphasis is being placed on finding homes for children agencies once considered "hard to place."

Once adoptions were done by childless couples. Today, families with six and more children are adopting. Even singles are becoming adoptive parents.

Children are being placed across racial and religious lines, and to ease the financial burden of adoption, financial subsidies are available.

What is being sought are loving, caring, adoptive homes that can meet the needs of the child.

For general information about adoption, the following agencies should be contacted:

Catholic Family Center, 546-7220; Monroe County Department of Social Services, 442-4000; Northaven, Inc., 266-4330; the Council of Adoptive Parents (CAP), 288-7989.

For further information about Roberto, THE CAP BOOK should be contacted at 436-5070.

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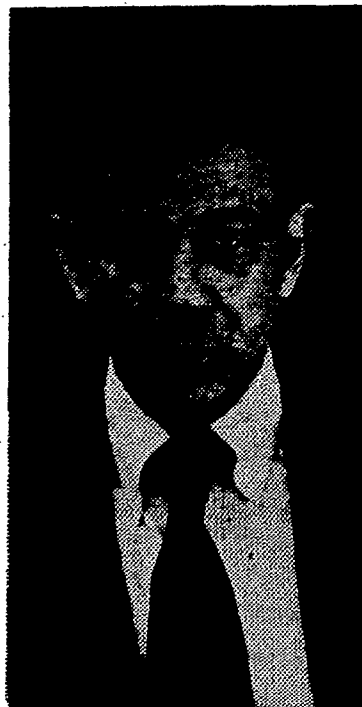
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ALL IN THE FAMILY



Sarah Child

I am no expert but I strongly suspect that there are few things in a marriage which give a husband more satisfaction than the opportunity of saying "I told you so." And this is particularly true, I suppose, if his mate happens to be one of those strong-willed, dogmatic types who has neither read, seen or heard it all — and "all" happens to be contrary to what friend husband is espousing (pun intended).

In our years as man and wife I have provided more than one such opportunity for my husband and in return have received my comeuppance. With interest.

Once such incident centered around my eternal battle of the waistline. In a ten-year period I had joined and rejoined both Weight Watchers and Diet Workshop more times than even I could keep track of. Both group recommended eating so-called "free foods" at the least hint of hunger between meals.

"Wrong, wrong, wrong," remonstrated my husband, watching me consume 10 ounces of limp broccoli at 3 in the afternoon.

"You shouldn't be afraid of hunger pangs," he said, "Everytime your stomach is growling, your body is burning that extra weight." It's a good sign, he reiterated.

I refused to listen. Who was he, I thought, against the likes of Jean Nidetch and Lois Lindauer.

But, alas and alack, Lois and Jean's methods never did work for me and in desperation I finally consulted a psychologist, an expert in weight reduction.

The psychologist whose advice cost considerably more than my helpmeet's told me, "View hunger as a positive thing. Look upon it as a good, healthy condition. It means you are in the driver's seat."

Well, it's been some time since I received that advice but I've not yet heard the end of it around here and am not likely to.

I was reminded of it the other day as I surveyed a pile of "treasures" destined for the garbage. Another pile of still usable objects were marked for the Salvation Army and a third group, mostly baby items, were for a new nephew whose parents acquired him and a new apartment almost simultaneously.

Earlier in the Fall I had rid the house of a lot of duplicate and outgrown items in the garage sale and I'd already begun a box for the church's clothing drive at Thanksgiving.

For the first time since we'd moved in it was possible to see that the rooms had sharply defined corners instead of rounded, undefinable masses.

"Gee," I said, my eyes open in astonishment, "what a difference in keeping house. I shoulda cleared out some of this stuff long ago. How many copies of the New York Times' 'Nixon Resigns' edition does a girl need anyway?"

For a minute I thought the man who lives by the motto "If you're not to going to use it tomorrow get rid of it" was going to throw something. But happily I'd removed all missile sized objects in my cleanup campaign.

Safety Program Slates Expert

As part of its "Safety on the Streets" Week, Oct. 26 through Nov. 1, the Rochester Safety Council is presenting a program on personal safety on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 7 p.m.

The program, to be presented at The Party House, 677 Beahan Road, will feature a film entitled "It could happen to you!" and a talk by policewoman Jeanne Bray, an expert in self-defense for women. She is a nationally recognized authority on personal safety and has been a member of the Columbus, Ohio Police Department for 12 years. Tickets for the dinner and seminar may be purchased from the Rochester Safety Council at the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce or from any Rochester region office of First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Rochester.

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