

The Children Who Wait

Meet Corinne and Robert

Believe it or not, these two beautiful children are hard to place. Corinne and Robert are among more than 1,000 children across New York who are listed with the New York State Adoption Exchange, and among the more than 200 children for whom the Council of Adoptive Parents (CAP) is working especially hard to find adoptive homes.

We call them The Children Who Wait.

In its efforts to find homes for these children, CAP publishes a photo listing called The CAP Book. It is from this book the Courier-Journal is drawing this series.

The CAP Book reads:

"Corinne is an appealing 7-year-old. She is quiet and well-behaved but does smile and giggles frequently. Corinne does well in school but must be pushed to work to her capacity.

"She is an attractive child with a dark complexion and kinky black hair. Corinne enjoys good health but is slightly underweight.

"Robert is an attractive 9-year-old who is in good health. He is well-behaved and very serious at times. Robert is active and enjoys the outdoors. His biggest problem at home and at school is apathy and he too needs to be pushed.

"He has a dark brown complexion and kinky black hair.

"Robert should be placed with his sister, Corinne, as they are quite close.

Children are considered hard-to-



CORINNE



ROBERT

place for a variety of reasons. Some have mental, physical and/or emotional problems, some are older. The age range for The Children Who Wait runs from infancy through early teens. Some children are from a minority race and some are racially mixed. Some are sibling groups who should not be separated.

The one thing they all have in common is the need for an adoptive family.

In years past there was a great emphasis on placing healthy infants in adoptive homes. Today however, a special drive is underway to find loving and secure homes for children like Corinne and Robert.

Persons considering adoption of The Children Who Wait should know of the dramatic change in adoptive patterns in recent years. Today both couples with large families and singles are taking these children into their homes.

Children are being placed across religious and racial lines. Financial subsidies are available to ease the burden of adoption. The basic requirement is a loving, caring environment that can meet the needs of the children.

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 Robert and Corinne THE CAP BOOK should be contacted at 436-5070.

'Potsie' to Be Circus Star

Anson Williams, who is "Potsie" of the rollicking group of juvenile stars on "Happy Days," the popular TV series seen in Rochester on Tuesday nights, will be the in-person celebrity on this year's Shrine Circus.

As usual, the circus, the 52nd annual show, will have a four-day run at the War Memorial. Dates are Feb. 18 to 21 with afternoon and evening performances daily. There will be three shows on Saturday with the extra performance at 10 a.m. The Wednesday night performance is sold out.

Again this year the Shriners will provide free transportation, refreshments as well as admissions for some 10,000 handicapped and underprivileged children and many senior citizen groups. These admissions and the entertainment are paid for by the Shriners who contribute to a Circus Daddies Fund each year.

'Heritage' Theme Of CDA Contest

Our Catholic Heritage is the theme of a writing contest sponsored by Court Our Lady of the Cenacle, Catholic Daughters of America. March 1 is the deadline for poetry, essays, skits, songs, posters and other art.

The contest has divisions for all age levels from fourth grade through college. Local winners will enter the state CDA competition, and state winners will go on to the national. Details have been supplied to the Catholic schools of the Rochester area and are available also from the chairwoman, Mrs. Nelson Schum, 482-9600.

going to walk to school, minus 9 or no, minus 9. Later in the day it dawned on me our son who likes to wear flannel pajamas in July and August had gone to school in his thinnest jeans and sneakers instead of warm corduroys and boots in spite of my direct threats. The head of the house remembered before he left for work that today was the last day to pay the property tax and I'd have to go to Town Hall despite the zero visibility. And our youngest who has been asking for pancakes for lunch for two weeks insisted on holding me to my promise before she'd go off to kindergarten.

To top everything off the yellow split pea soup simmering on the back of the stove to cheer my spirits and welcome the crew home from work and school refused to thicken.

But did I go to pieces? No way. There was a time (two weeks ago?) when such a day would have started me ranting and raving. But I am a more mature and wiser person now, a veritable calm in the middle of a storm. Okay, so that's a bit of an exaggeration. But my screams seldom hit high C any more.

For I have discovered one simple and unalterable truth about Blue Mondays. And that is there's nary a thing you can do about them but sit them out. The less resistance you put up, the easier it will be and if you just grit your teeth, smile in all the right places, tomorrow will soon be here.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Sarah Child

As I write this the thermometer is registering a high for the day 2 degrees up from a minus 9 and as the blizzardy 40 m.p.h. winds shake the house I wish passionately that I were in Palm Springs, Miami Beach, or almost any other point south.

On the other hand the weather seems befitting for this is a Blue Monday. I have a feeling it would be a Blue Monday if it were June, the skies were blue, and the temperatures in the seventies.

Blue Mondays have little to do with climate; time of the year or day of the week for that matter. A Blue Monday can occur on Friday, Wednesday, during lunch or Saturday night.

I could tell it was Blue Monday almost as soon as I got out of bed. The scale was up a half a pound. The oldest who has just been made a safety patrol guard insisted she could not wait for the bus and was

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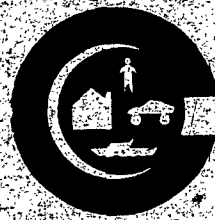
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FAMILY PLANNING

An informational meeting on natural family planning is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, in the library at Holy Rosary School, 420 Lexington. The Family Life Office invites all interested persons to attend.

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