

# Cooking . . . a Civilized Thing

By JOHN DASH

"I had a wonderful World War II," she says, the deliciously crackled voice spilling about in the quiet of Sibley's executive board room.

It was during the war that she met her husband Paul. She was working for the Office of Strategic Services in Ceylon and he was constructing and photographing models of enemy installations in New Delhi.

That meeting was later to blossom into a marriage which has seen the couple become perhaps the world's best-known promoters of excellence in food.

Julia Child, Paul, and her friend and co-worker Elizabeth Bishop were in Rochester last week, at Sibley's "Kaleidoscope" festivities. She to demonstrate her inimitable cuisine and to autograph copies of her latest cookbook, From Julia Child's Kitchen, a chatty, fun-filled collection of recipes of her own device.

Julia signed up with the OSS simply because I wanted to see some action, but they thought I was a little too tall to have a good cover, so they shipped her off to Ceylon for an office job on a tea plantation.

"The officers' quarters were palm thatched huts," she says.

The marriage and Paul's work with the State Department brought the couple to Paris, where Julia enrolled in the great cooking schools of France.



Julia Child, by Paul Child

The couple has devoted 25 years to their arts, Julia learning, cooking, experimenting writing, demonstrating, Paul drawing, photographing, promoting. Paul notes the two work side by side in the kitchen.

Life these days for the Childs is somewhat simpler than it has been in recent years. The nationally

televised show The French Chef is no longer in production and Julia is glad about it.

The demands of a weekly program "tain't my bag," she chortles. But she's quick to inject that she would love to do a special.

Paul's memories of that time are even less enthusiastic — "It was beyond tiresome, it was impossible," he announces.

For the Childs today there is a cooking school they and friends have founded in Paris. There is travel. There are institutes they attend. There is their passion of 25 years: excellent cooking.

Why cooking? "We are preserving a bit of civilization," Paul states.

## ALL IN THE FAMILY



Sarah Child

Sombody once said — but I can't remember who — that parents should give great consideration when picking out a name for a new baby as to how it will sound when echoed over the treetops and down the street. Calling a kid to supper could, if the appellation is too fancy, too long, too unusual, become a traumatic experience for all concerned.

I thought of that the other day as I went searching for a couple of mine and spotted at the end of the street a knot of three little girls who answer to Sarah, Cara and Tara. There's another even smaller Kara (this one has the Irish spelling) who lives farther down the street as well as a Carrie.

So add to the list of restrictions above. Try to steer clear of a rhyming pattern and check if need be the trend toward Christian names before signing the mortgage papers. Otherwise the child could grow up thinking he or she is part of a nursery verse or worse that names like house numbers vary only a little from one abode to the next.

I'm only jesting, of course. I happen to like all those little girls' names, as well as the little girls attached to them.

Besides think what it must have been like 50 years ago when a mother began her litany with "Shirley, Gertrude, Mildred, Mabel." No doubt they sounded just as mellifluous to them as the popular kids' names do to us today.

There is a fluidity, a softness to the girls' names today, e.g. Lisa, Linda, Laura and Sharon, Sherry, Shelley. The boys names on the other hand are crisp and attention-getting and remind me of characters in Irish and English novels: Mark, Scott, Todd, Mike, Steve, Peter, Brian.

Sometimes a beginning letter will prevail as the popular sound. J's for example are very big in our neighborhood: Jenna, Jennifer, Johanna, Jonathan, Jeannie, Janita, John, Jerry, Jeff, to name some.

Ks don't fare too poorly either: Kristen, Kimmie, Kevin, Kurt, Karen, Ken, Katie.

Some names I love to roll around on my tongue enjoying the romantic bent of Tamara, Suzette, Randall and Marcia. Andrew manages to be both poetic and solid at the same time. Donna conjures up an image of a dark-eyed senorita, which she is.

And for a touch of spice, lifting us out of the realm of the ordinary there are the lovely Indian names: Sundeeep and Sunil, Tanu and Neerav.

Not bad, the variety, for one American neighborhood.

## SOME THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER

By Ed Sulowski

CHILDREN AT THE FUNERAL. If you are wondering whether your children or those of other members of the family should be involved in the funeral, authorities agree that even as early as age 3, children have awareness of and respond to death. They must know the truth the funeral tells and should be allowed to attend the services if they desire. They should not be denied the experience of this significant part of their life. If they are, it might have future troublesome emotional implications because they could develop a sense of abandonment instead of belonging. However, no unwilling child should be made to participate.

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# Work Under Way For Justice, Peace Unit

The steering committee for the formation of a diocesan Justice and Peace Commission has begun meetings, according to its convener, Dr. Evelio A. Perez-Albuérne.

Human Development Office at 750 W. Main St. in Rochester and can be reached at 328-6400.

The J and P commission was approved by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan earlier this year and Fathers Joseph Reinhart and Charles Mulligan were designated to implement plans for it.

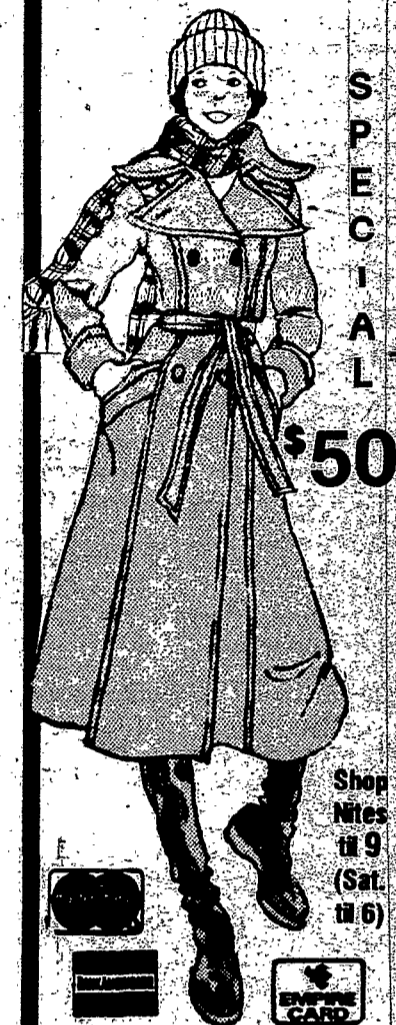
The steering committee consists of 11 members. In addition to Perez-Albuérne and Fathers Mulligan and Reinhart, they are the Rev. James Anderson, an Episcopal priest; Sister Phyllis Bernardo, RSM; Jose F. Betancourt, a native of Chile and assistant professor of geography at Brockport State; Mary Jo Brach of the Judicial Process Commission; Dr. Michael Dei-Anang, a native of Ghana and professor of African History at Brockport State; The Rev. Joel Gajardo, a native of Chile and a Presbyterian minister, co-director of the Commission on U.S./Latin American Policy Study at Cornell University; Dr. John Kowalski, assistant professor of biological science at Brockport State, and Casimer Lopata of Xerox.

The committee, according to Perez-Albuérne, has been working to initiate identification of resources within the diocese and elsewhere to derive maximum impact at minimum expense.

It will continue and revise the World Hunger Campaign which will be staffed by Sister Susan Schantz, SSJ, under the aegis of a commission task force. A communication network will be established to reach people throughout the diocese.

"We want to hear from anyone interested," stressed Perez-Albuérne. He pointed out that the committee is working out of the

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