



Self-Help Farming

Photos by Susan McKinney

For the past few weeks some of the folks in the Brown Square area have been picking flowers and harvesting vegetables they've grown in a community garden. The garden is one of the projects of Wedge, the community self-help program in the neighborhood. A parcel of unused land was reclaimed, spaded and planted by neighbors who had no tillable space themselves. Among the vegetables grown were corn, squash, radishes, and spinach. Another project Wedge is engaged in is home repair. Funds for the programs came through the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA).



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Msgr. Richard K. Burns, pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle, greets Casey Jacobs at the opening of the parish's new nursery.

Youngest Parishioners Get Sunday Playroom

Fairland was unveiled last Sunday in the music room at St. Thomas the Apostle school. It is the parish's gift to the youngest of young churchgoers — those not yet old enough for the preschoolers' religion program.

Characterized from children's stories, are represented larger than life in murals designed by Elaine Casey and painted by her with the help of Barbara Kell and Evelyn Mack.

Working all summer, the three also camouflaged the tile cabinets, posts and radiators with colorful paintings, and made checked gingham curtains for the windows. Their crowning achievement is a picture of the Virgin Mary, surrounded by children and the beauties of nature. Karen Sadler will be responsible for staffing the room with babysitters during the morning Masses.

ALL IN THE FAMILY



Sarah Child

A few weeks back I wrote about a new cookbook printed exclusively in Italian that my husband had given me.

The limitations of using an English-Italian dictionary were also discussed and I wondered aloud in print if anyone could tell me what the difference might be among *zucchero* (sugar), and *zucchero semolato* and *zucchero al velo*.

Hopeful that someone might come across it and translate it for me it was with great appreciation that I found the following letter in the mail the next week, postmarked Geneva.

Dear Ms. Child:

I know the meanings of the 2 kinds of Italian sugar.

Semolato has the connotation of a seed or grain — so it is granular.

Semola can also mean bran or freckle.

The other word, "*al velo*" *Velo* literally means, veil, crape, gauze, pretext or film.

So I would say it means a thin layer of sugar which would be icing sugar, glazing sugar or confectionary sugar.

Whatever Italian I have learned, I learned while a graduate student at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

in the early 1940's I have also studied some on my own since

Sincerely,
Desmond Dolan

Dear Mr. Dolan

I think you've got it. After receiving your note I went back over some of the recipes in the "*Dolci*" section and noticed that those calling for *zucchero semolato* and *zucchero al velo* were items such as little cakes etc. which would call for granulated sugar inside and confectioner's sugar on the outside.

Many thanks

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