

about people

Child's party an experience

I plead guilty. I am one of those mothers who gives her kid the brushoff when she asks five months in advance, "How many more days until my birthday?"

A four-year-old puts a lot more stock in this type of social function than I do, maybe that's why she starts working on me so early. Two weeks ago I ran out of excuses — her birthday party was just around the corner and it was time to face the music.

Her original list of friends she wanted to invite included her entire preschool class of 25, six neighbor kids and two from church. I didn't feel as if I wanted to start

The night before the party, I remembered about the cake. A slight oversight, but nothing that couldn't be whipped up while the family slept. It didn't look like it fell until the next morning, when the layer cake took on the appearance of a bundt cake.

It looked pretty good after the frosting and candles camouflaged the surface. Thank goodness kids aren't too critical of cake and ice cream.

Balloons go with parties like aspirin go with headaches. There is no better way to start a day of a birthday party than by blowing up a couple dozen balloons. I have decided either my lungs are getting weaker or somebody is making balloons out of recycled inner tubes.

The first guests started to arrive an hour before the scheduled time. Soon the kitchen was full of coats, assorted boots and a few unfamiliar faces of sisters and brothers of friends. I still had the punch to make, the table to set and a glass of wine to drink. More children began to trickle in around the appointed time, accompanied by a few trusty mothers whose rings I immediately kissed.

A half gallon of melted ice cream and a pitcher of lemonade later, the party was officially christened and so was my rug. My girl blew out her candles a split second before her bangs ignited, but she took that as a manifestation that her wish came true.

The high point of the party was the opening of presents. The little ones who had been sitting so nicely in a circle, squeezed in for a better look. The instant snapshot I took shows my daughter's extended arm stretching upward from the huddle of bodies tossing out paper.

I had a temporary loss of sanity halfway through the party brought on by noisemakers and games. I thought I was recovering when a little boy asked, "What's for dinner?"

When I asked him why he didn't go home with his sister, he replied, "Because she didn't come to the party. I came with the boy next door."

"Terrific," I told him. "Get your coat, the party's over."

BPW to install officers Wednesday

Margaret Young, first vice president of the Oregon Federation of Business and Professional Women, will be the installing officer for the Sandy club's Installation Dinner this Wednesday, June 3, at 7 p.m. at the Matherhorn Restaurant, 3 N.E. 82nd Ave., Portland.

Rosella Bourgo, president; Florence Schmitz, vice president; Esther Hoffmann, recording secretary; Judy Bowman, corresponding secretary, and Roberta Kennedy, treasurer. Eula Ten Eyck, Sara Berger and Lani Staab will be installed as members of the Executive Board.

Marguerite Kehrl of the Sandy BPW Club has been appointed North Willamette District director by the new State President Louise Mitchell of Klamath Falls.

At the May 20 Fireside Meeting, Rosella Bourgo announced the following chairperson appointments for the coming year: Eula

Ten Eyck, By-Laws; Phyllis Benson, Finance; Lani Staab, Founding; Florence Schmitz, Program; Ruth Baumbach, Legislation; Corinne Christopherson, Membership; Sara Berger, Public Relations; Helen Nelson, Young Careerist; and Hazel Stoffer, Hospitality.



Margaret Schmale's Bits and pieces

catering parties this early, so we whittled the children down to six and that almost took a week.

Not being totally insane at the onset, I made the invitations to brothers and sisters, figuring most of the mothers would also show up to help out.

Thanks to the worldliness of her sister, my youngest girl was informed that she had to have a theme for her party: happy birthday plates just weren't enough. Everything from nut cups to wrapping paper had to match. She caught on real quick; soon I had a list of strawberry shortcake items that almost reached the local stationery store. Her party was not only getting more complicated, it was becoming more expensive.

Head Start program taking applications

The Clackamas County Head Start program is now taking applications for the fall, 1981 session.

The Head Start program is for children from low-income families and handicapped children. It is sponsored by the Clackamas County Children's Commission, Inc.

The purpose of the program is to provide experiences for eligible preschool children which are

planned to help them grow socially, emotionally, physically and mentally.

The program also includes medical and dental services for the child enrolled.

Sandy area children must be four or five years old to be eligible.

Anyone interested in enrolling their children or volunteering for the program should contact Davie Anne Bartlett at 1089 SE 7th, West Linn, Oregon.

Locals join music tour

Two local youths will travel with the Portland Youth Philharmonic to Charleston, S.C., for Spoleto Festival USA, an internationally acclaimed celebration of the arts.

Karen Anderson, a cellist from Boring, and Timothy Crisp, a French horn player from Eagle Creek, will accompany the Philharmonic.

The tour, from June 3-10, will also include a special performance in Washington, D.C.

The Spoleto festival is a 17-day event, and includes music, theater, dance, film, opera and visual arts. This is the fifth season for the festival, which is the United States' counterpart to the Spoleto Festival in Spoleto, Italy.

Brightwood couple has child

Peggy and Bill Conerly of Brightwood welcomed the birth of their first child.

Scott William Conerly was born May 17 at Good Samaritan Hospital in

Portland. He weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces at birth and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents of the child are Hazel and Bill Conerly of Houston, Tex.

Sytsma on UO dean's list

A Sandy woman is one of 475 undergraduates named to the winter term dean's list at the University of Oregon.

Marcia Ruth Sytsma, a sophomore majoring in

chemistry, was named to the list.

To make the list, students must be in the top five percent of their school, carry 12 or more hours.

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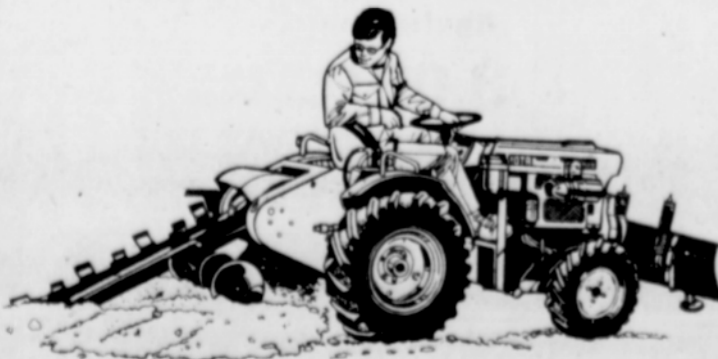
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