

Bruns-Baker wedding had holiday colors

The Dec. 27 wedding of Gigi Alicia Bruns of Sandy and Benjamin Baker of Boring had a look of Christmas. The ceremony was performed in front of a Christmas tree and poinsettias were used to decorate, along with red roses, holly and baby's breath.

The bride wore her mother's diamond and ruby cross.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. George Edward Bruns of Sandy. The groom is the son of Alfred Baker of Boring.

Mrs. George Bruns served as honor attendant, and Alfred Baker served as the best man.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Alaska last summer.

'Treasure' is lunch topic for women

"Sharing God's Treasures" is the theme of this month's Aglow Luncheon meeting of the Hoodland Chapter of Women's Aglow.

The group will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 22 from 11 a.m. till 2:30 p.m. at the Living Way Fellowship in Sandy. Participants should take a salad; rolls and beverage will be provided. Baby-sitting will be offered in the same building.

Bring a friend of neighbor to give her a special treat this New Year. For more information, call 622-4526, 668-4972 or 630-3730.

Australian studies American schools

by JAN COOLEY

The weather may be wet and windy, but as far as Sandy Ramsden is concerned, this is summer vacation.

It really is summer in her part of the world — Queensland, Australia. When she left in mid-December, the temperature in Brisbane was 103 degrees.

So why come to East County? To study American schools. Ramsden, an assistant principal at a large public school in Queensland, is here on a teacher exchange program.

While in East County, she was a guest of the Centennial School District and Lynch Meadows teacher Kathi Patterson. Last summer, Patterson was an exchange teacher to Australia and Ramsden was her hostess.

This is Ramsden's fifth visit to the United States. But even if it was her first, she probably would feel right at home.

"We are bombarded constantly by things American," she said about her homeland. "I'm quite used to hearing Americans."

However, the children in Patterson's third-fourth grade class are not accustomed to listening to Australian accents.

"When she was showing us slides, she pronounced aluminum funny," said third-grader Anna Shaw. It sounded like "al-you-min-ee-um."

She also called cookies "biscuits," checkmarks "ticks," periods "full stops" and sweaters "jumpers." The children were charmed.

Ramsden was equally charmed by Patterson's students. She praised Americans for their friendliness and added, "The children, I think, are basically the same all over the world."

She should know. In addition to her extensive travels throughout the United States, she has been to South America, Mexico, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Singapore and parts of Malaysia. This is the first time she has traveled as an exchange teacher. She has not found many major differences in teaching methods.

"Many of the things they do here, we also do in Australia," she said. "It goes back to the individual teacher and the administrators of the school."

The biggest difference is the lack of textbooks in Australian classrooms. Teachers use visual aids such as maps, slides and photographs. But examples and explanations come from the teachers. Ramsden, who has been an educator for more than 15 years, has taught with and without texts. She prefers without.

"It challenges my brain to think about things," she explained. "You are allowed a lot more freedom in your teaching style, I guess."

Australian teachers also have freedom in their work hours. They are not required to be at school until 15 minutes before classes start and they may leave right after school. Much of their preparation, said Ramsden, is done at home.

While their hours may be somewhat flexible, their salaries are not. Teachers' salaries are determined by the state government without benefit of contract negotiations. And teachers receive no medical insurance benefits, she said.



Gigi and Benjamin Baker

Les McCann to play at FM station party

KMHD 89, Mt. Hood Community College's FM radio station, is celebrating its first anniversary with Les McCann and his Magic Band.

The party will be held Sunday, Jan. 13 at Key Largo, 31 NW First Ave., Portland. There will be two shows, one at 8 p.m. and the second at 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door. For ticket information, call 223-9919.

Coffee to assist women returning to college life

Women thinking about returning to school are invited to a returning women's coffee Tuesday, Feb. 5 at Mt. Hood Community College.

The coffee will be held from 9 a.m. to noon in MHCC's Town and Gown Room. Call 667-7315 or 667-7319 for reservations.

Participants will learn how to update old skills or acquire new ones and explore new directions and interests. MHCC staff members and women who already have returned to school will be on hand to answer questions.

Tutors needed for foreign students

Tutors are needed to teach English to refugees from Romania, Indochina, Ethiopia or Afghanistan. Volunteers can sign up for as little as one hour per week. Contact Gayle Gjestland at the Mt. Hood Community College Maywood Park Center, 256-5463.

Student charged in bombing

TROUTDALE — A Columbia High School student has been charged with arson for setting off a time bomb in an empty locker.

The small bomb was in a shoe box with a clock, a six-volt lantern battery, two model rocket engines, a fire cracker and other parts. It exploded at about 11:40 a.m. in the locker near where students were eating lunch in the commons.

The bomb tore the locker's shelf, floor and top loose, dented the walls and did some damage to three adjacent lockers. Principal Cy Butterfield said damage was minimal.

Portland Fire Bureau investigator Lt. Charles Powers and Troutdale police officer John Kelly interviewed several students and school staff members, resulting in the arrest of a 16-year-old male student who lives in Troutdale. The student was cited for arson and released but the case will be referred to juvenile authorities because first-degree arson is a felony.

McTeague named

The Oregon secretary of state's office is investigating a complaint that state Rep. Dave McTeague, D-Milwaukie, violated election laws during his campaign.

A resident in House District 25, which covers most of Damascus and Boring, filed the complaint Friday that McTeague apparently listed jobs in the state Voters' Pamphlet he never held.

Students to revise Dr. Seuss

by JAN COOLEY

DAMASCUS — "How radical!" hardly sounds like a phrase from Dr. Seuss, prolific author of children's books. But that's how the script reads for "Dr. Seuss Revisited," a play written and performed by Damascus Middle School students.

The students gave a new sound to old favorites such as "Yertle the Turtle," "Green Eggs and Ham" and the famous "Cat in the Hat."

"No way man!" "Awesome..." "Totally cool shades," and a disgusted, "You're really gross," were some of the updated lines ushering from the lips of fish, birds, blob busters and the infamous cat in the hat.

Eighth-grader Lana Cancilla played the hip cat who tried to talk children into misbehaving. It was her

first acting experience. She was nervous as she waited inside an oversized red-and-white striped hat for her cue to go on stage, she confessed. But once in front of the footlights, she felt transformed into her character.

"Hey, I'm cool," she remembers thinking as she strutted on stage. "I can do this."

Also in the scene was eighth-grader Jenny Stuart, whose part as a pink goldfish required her to be in perpetual motion. She moved her arms and swim fin-clad feet during her entire performance.

"I got tired," she admitted.

All the cast members were eighth-graders.

"But we had a lot of help from seventh-graders," Cancilla added quickly.

In addition to writing the skits — in their own language — and playing the parts, students designed and built the sets and designed and assembled the costume.

"All this stuff — all of it — was done in four weeks," said Cancilla.

Performances of "Dr. Seuss Revisited" are scheduled at the Damascus Middle School gymnasium, 14151 SE 242nd Ave., 7:30 p.m. Thursday. There is a 50-cent admission charge for the Thursday performance.



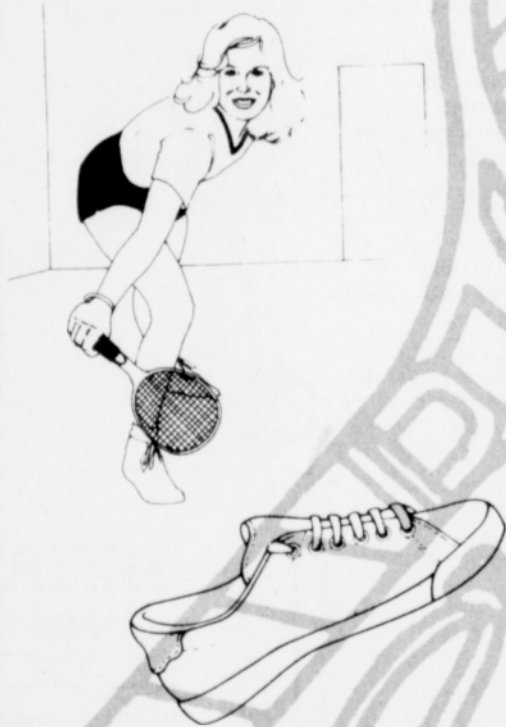
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