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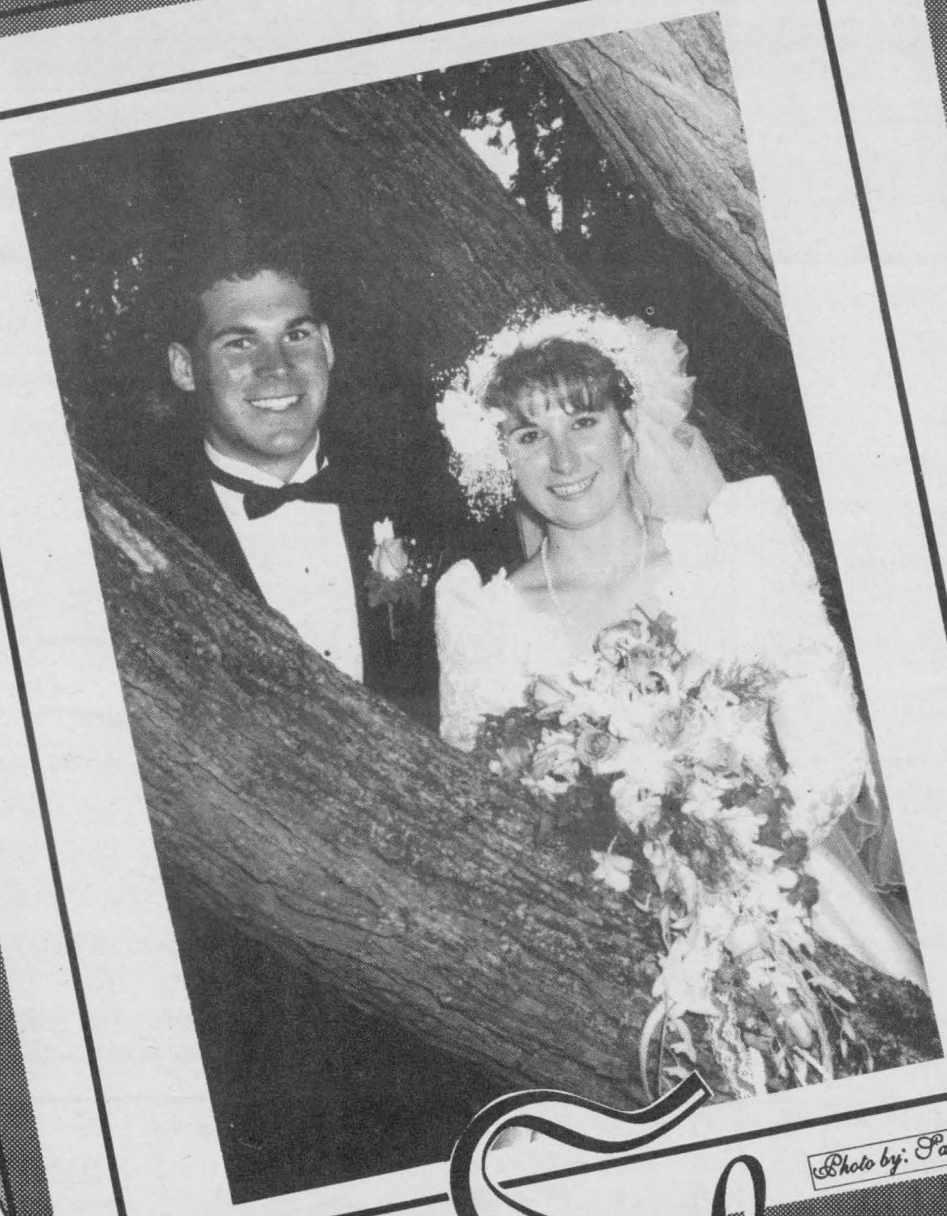


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Always be on the Lookout for that perfect wedding Location

Everyone is searching for that perfect location for their wedding. The problem is where to begin looking. The internet can help as can the entertainment section of your daily newspaper, party site guides and word of mouth (Others who have used certain locales). Everyone is looking for originality, something no one else has done, something totally different from what their friends are doing. And while this creativity is wonderful, you must also ensure that the location works for you on an emotional, practical and financial level.

Holding your wedding at a location other than a traditional one, a church, hotel, country club, or catering hall can certainly be a celebration of your ultimate fantasy. It does however require extra logistical planning on your part. Everything from the service you choose (some religions require that you hold the ceremony in a house of worship) to the gown you will wear (a cathedral-length gown could be cumbersome on a boat) has to be considered.

Weather also plays a big role in locations. Always plan ahead and ensure a tent, heaters and umbrella in case of inclement conditions.

Sites can relate to your tastes: Urbane Legends...from a loft to a lush fairytale setting can be created. In Ship Shape , whether a yacht or a catamaran this will present the perfect nautical backdrop. A wedding in a Vineyard lends a European flavour to your nuptials. Historic Houses are the past perfect setting for vows. A

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Hoy ~ Lang

Gary & Dawna Hoy of Mountain and Jack & Elaine Lang of Shawville are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, ***Terri & Ian.*** The wedding will take place on Saturday, July 28, 2001 at the St. Andrew's United Church, Hallville, Ontario.

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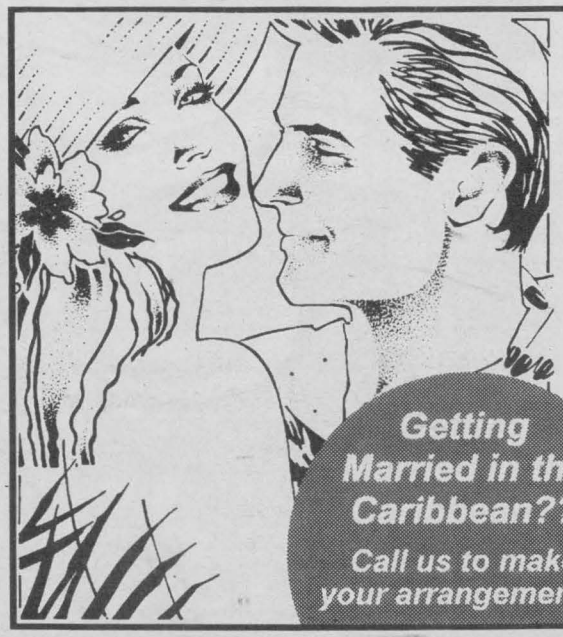
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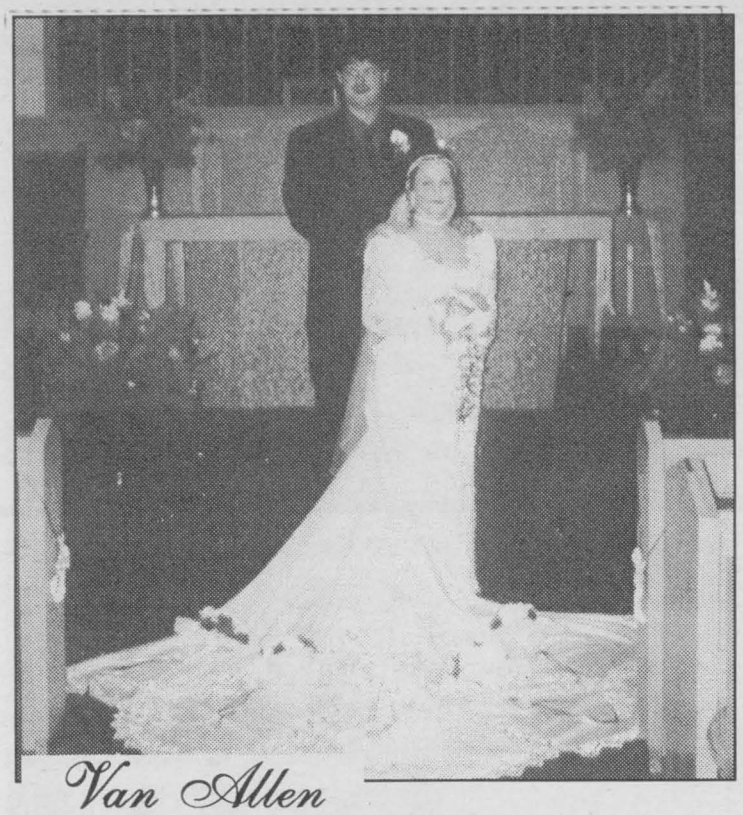


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Van Allen ~ Hill

Wayne & Cynthia Van Allen (nee Hill) were united in marriage on Saturday, September 23, 2000. Cynthia is the daughter of Vivian & John Vallieres and the late Allan Hill. Wayne is the son of Bruce Van Allen and the late Francoise Van Allen.

Wedding traditions come from all over the world

The veil

The lifting of the veil at the end of the ceremony symbolizes male dominance. If the bride takes the initiative in lifting it, thereby presenting herself to him, she is showing more independence.

Veils came into vogue in the United States after Nelly Curtis wore a veil at her wedding to George Washington's aid, Major Lawrence Lewis. Major Lewis saw his bride standing behind a filmy curtain and commented to her how beautiful she appeared. She then decided to veil herself for their ceremony.

The veil was worn in countries in the Far East to keep evil spirits away and protect the face. The general public throught a veil symbolized youth and virginity. In Europe, the bride had to have her face covered while her father bargained her. The veil was used for a shawl and the dress for a party dress in the early 19th century.

A bride's handkerchief

Early farmers thought a bride's wedding tears were lucky and brought rains for their crops. Later, a crying bride meant that she'd never shed another tear about her marriage. Today, we carry a handkerchief to dab away the tears of happiness and joy. How special to keep your wedding hanky and pass it down from mother to daughter, capturing all the love and emotion of such a special event, from one generation to another.

The blue satin garter

Why this "Something Blue"? In ancient Israel, brides wore a blue ribbon to signify fidelity. The garter-throwing derives from a bawdy ritual called "flinging the stocking". In Britain, the guests would playfully invade the bridal chamber. The ushers grabbed the bride's, maid's and groom's stockings. They took turns sitting at the foot of the bed, flinging the stocking over the heads of the couple. Whoever's stocking landed on the bride's or groom's nose, would be the next to wed.

Today, many brides will wear two garters, the one they wish to keep as a memento of the wedding day, possibly to be displayed on the groom's rear view mirror, and another to be retrieved and tossed by the groom to all the young, unmarried men attending the event. The "toss garter" is likely to be in the colour of the wedding, and not as elaborate as the more decorative garters kept by the bride.

Why do attendants dress alike?

The bridal party, according to sources, is the need for witnesses. Others say the purpose is to dress up several people in celebration clothing so the demons would have a hard time finding the bride. Groomsmen served as

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Once you select a baker/decorator, don't settle for a carbon copy of a cake made for a previous wedding. Instead, provide ideas so that your cake is designed especially for you and your groom. Start with an ornament you love and pair it with fresh flowers keyed to your color scheme. Or, personalize you cake with a special frosting flavor.

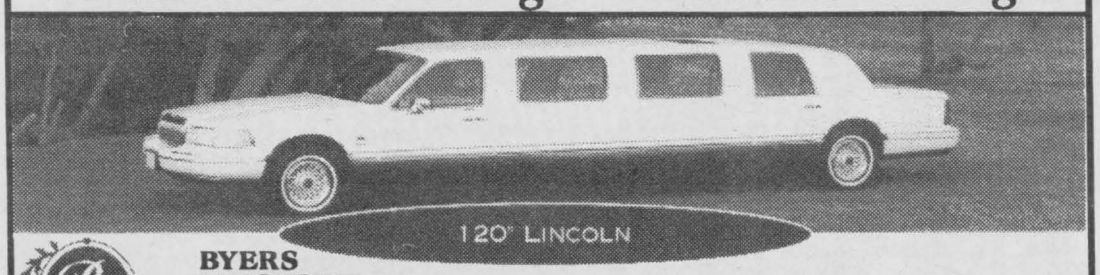
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Wedding cake ornaments are available to fit any style. Choose from graceful swans floating on lace, gentle doves amidst tulle and soft roses, wedding bands with shimmering pearls, and many more. For the classic cake topper, the wedding couple, you might select a flowery base, a pearl-trimmed arch or a lattice gazebo.

In addition to the cake itself, give some extra attention to the cake service. The tablecloth should enhance the beauty of the cake, not detract.

An attractive arrangement of plates, napkins and forks also will help make your cake the focal point. And, a small spray of flowers, ribbon or lace tied to a carefully-chosen cake knife and server is an elegant touch.

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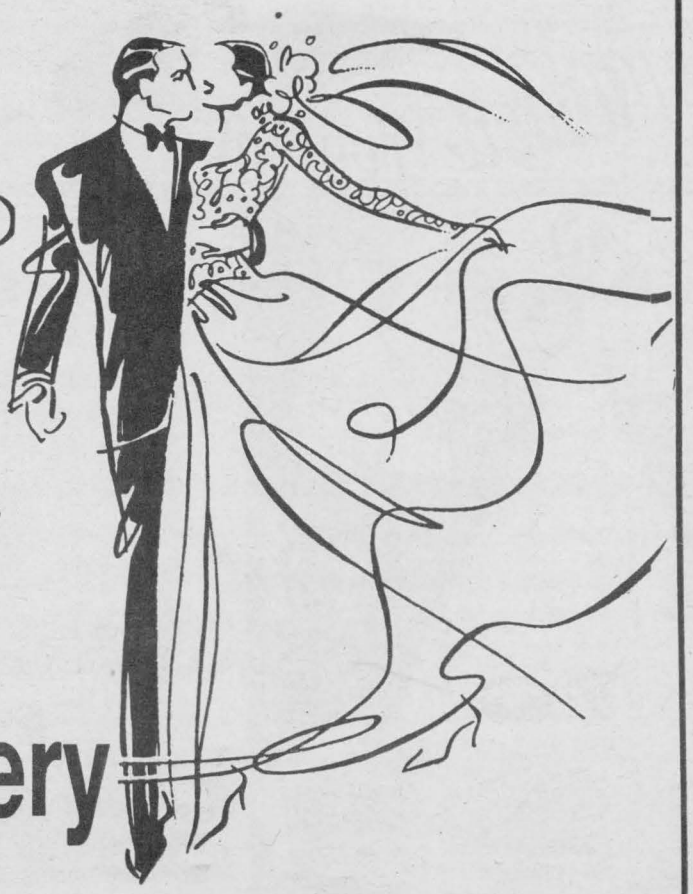
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Shaver ~ Hamilton

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Weather can be a concern in the spring

Weather can be predicted while at the same time being unpredictable. Where does this leave a bride? Do you HOPE for the best, EXPECT the worst and PLAN for everything. This way you will be prepared for anything that Mother Nature throws your way, whether it be snows, sleets, wind or sweltering heat. Try to remember that no matter what the weather, a little humour and a BIG umbrella can improve just about anything.

April showers may bring may flowers, but for a bride hoping to say "I do" in the spring, the wet weather can be a heartache, as well as a headache. In addition to the threat of downpours, the main concern in spring is the threat of severe weather that can go from large hail to damaging winds or tornadoes within a single day. This does NOT mean that a bride should let a damp climate ruin her day. It always pays to be prepared...like renting a nearby covered site if you are looking at an outdoor wedding locale, provide a rain card with an alternative location and phone number for guests to call and have an umbrella close by, just in case.



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* Start shopping for your dress.
* Select your attendants.
* Decide on the ceremony and reception sites and reserve both.
* Book your baker for the cake, the photographer, videographer, florist and musicians or DJ.

9 months before:
* Visit your clergy or justice of the peace with your fiance.
* Choose and order your dress and accessories.
* Begin your guest list and have your fiance begin his as well.
* Consult a travel agent about honeymoon arrangements.
* Consult the Internet for help in all areas.
* Register for gifts.

6 months before:
* Plan the details of the wedding with all the professionals concerned.
* Call the limousine driver and make the necessary arrangements.
* Order the invitations and announcements.
* Complete the honeymoon plans with your fiance.
* Set a date to order the attendants dresses.
* Discuss plans for out of town guests accommodations.
* If necessary secure rentals for tables, chairs, linens etc.

3 months before:
* Finalize your guest list from those of your fiance and yourself.
* Make appointment for dress fitting.
* Shop for honeymoon clothing.
* Order the wedding rings.
* Check requirements for blood tests and licence.
* Make appointment with hair stylist for yourself and make arrangements for your attendants.
* Discuss the rehearsal dinner with your fiance.

6-8 weeks before:
* Mail the invitations.
* Buy your fiance's wedding gift.
* Choose the gifts for your attendants.
* Pick up the rings.
* Plan your bridesmaids' party.
* Write your Thank You notes as gifts arrive.
* Send your announcement to the newspapers.

2 weeks before:
* Get the marriage licence with your fiance.
* Submit request lists to the photographer, videographer and musicians or DJ.
* Confirm honeymoon reservations.
* Address your announcements to be ready to mail them on the wedding day.



1 week before:
* Pack and get your going away outfit ready.
* Give the FINAL guest count to your caterer.
* Give the bridesmaids' party.
* Check the final details with all the wedding professionals.
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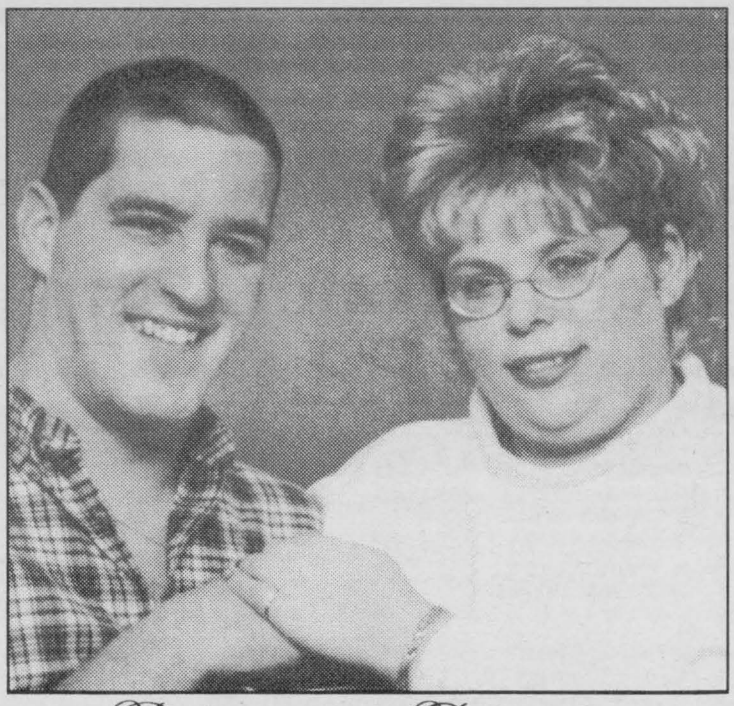
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Belanger ~ Desrochers

Becky Belanger & Yanick Desrochers are pleased to announce their forthcoming marriage. The wedding will take place on Saturday, November 17, 2001 at the Knox Presbyterian Church in Iroquois at 7 p.m. Reception to follow at the Iroquois Legion. Becky is the daughter of Raymond Norton of Morrisburg and Renee Norton of Cornwall and Yanick is the son of Gracya and the late Jean-Maurice Desrochers of Ottawa.

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Traditions

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guardians of the bride in the middle ages. Their job was to take her safely to the altar and give her to the groom. The tradition of the best man goes back to when the groom needed a companion, usually his best friend, to assist him in capturing the bride.

It was once common that the bride, groom and all their friends walked to the church together on the morning of the wedding, afraid that someone, maybe a rejected suitor, would spot the happy couple and put a curse on them. The groom's friends wore clothes almost identical to his and the women costumed themselves like the bride. These disguises tricked evil wishers into letting the real bride and groom live happily ever after. Of course, today we dress our attendants alike for the beauty and pageantry of the event.

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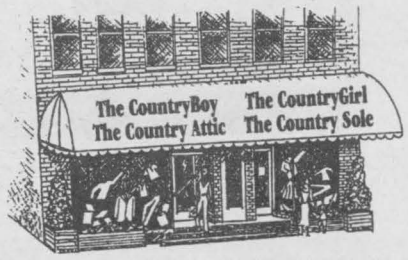
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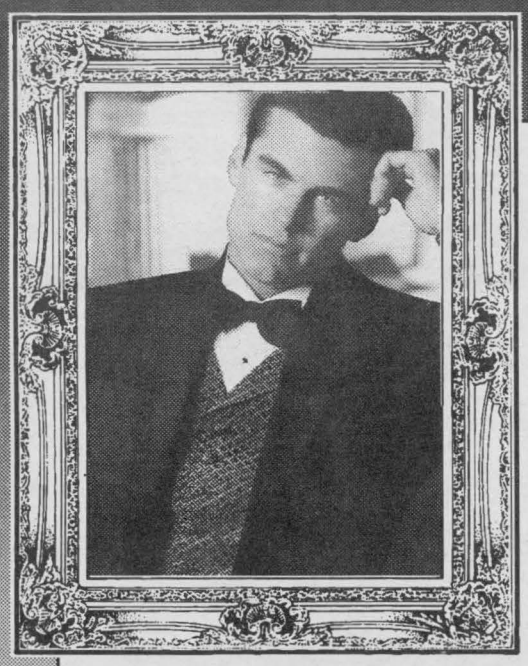
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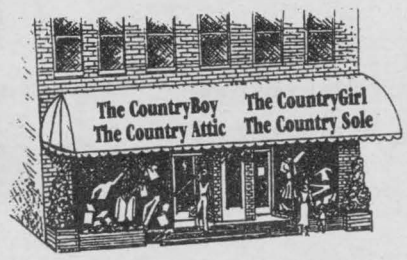


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