



FOR THE

Perfect Wedding

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Take your time when choosing flowers

The hardest thing about choosing floral arrangements is deciding between all of the different varieties available. The following tips should make the decisions easier.

- Start shopping for a florist four to six months before your wedding.
- Ask florists you're considering to show you photos of the weddings they've done in the past.
- Consider the overall style of your wedding when choosing

arrangements.

Freestanding sprays of daisies or chrysanthemums are nice for the altar.

- Small bouquets tied with ribbon dress up aisle seats.
- Florists should be asked if they supply the white aisle runner that is unrolled before the bride enters.
- The bridal bouquet should be the star of the show containing flowers in colors matching the bridesmaids' dresses mixed with traditional whites.
- Bridesmaids' flowers should

be similar to yours but less elaborate. Flowers should match their dresses too. A basket of rose petals or a tiny bouquet is perfect for the flower girl.

The groom's boutonniere should be a flower contained in your bouquet, and it should be similar to the ushers'.

Dads, ushers and special male guests should wear flowers matching the bridesmaids' dresses or traditional white or ivory.

Order corsages for the mothers of the bride and groom as well as other honored female guests. Keep the colors of their dresses in mind as much as possible when ordering.

Centerpieces for the tables should fit in with the style and color of the other arrangements. Keep these arrangements low enough to ensure they do not interfere with conversation.

The florist can make an extra bouquet for you to toss if you choose to keep your bouquet.

Think of other places you might like to have floral arrangements. The cake table at the reception, on top of the cake or at the end of the receiving line are several options, your home if photos will be taken there before the wedding.

Teas or tea parties are back

Whatever happened to the tradition of bridal tea? In our mother's and grandmother's time, a bridal tea party was given before a wedding the brides' friends.

It was a festive, all-female event, similar to the modern-day bridal shower. However, the purpose of the tea party was purely social. It was a time for members of the bride's and groom's family to get to know each other.

In keeping with the etiquette of the era, guests were invited on a weekday afternoon between the hours of 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. Tea was served by waiters or friends, usually from a silver tea service. Light refreshments of delicate sandwiches, fruit or pastries were also provided.

Changes in lifestyles and the increasing number of women working outside the home probably contributed to the decline of the old-fashioned bridal tea. But, with a few changes in schedule and scope, today's brides can still enjoy this warm, friendly custom.

Actually, a tea party is a great way to entertain family and

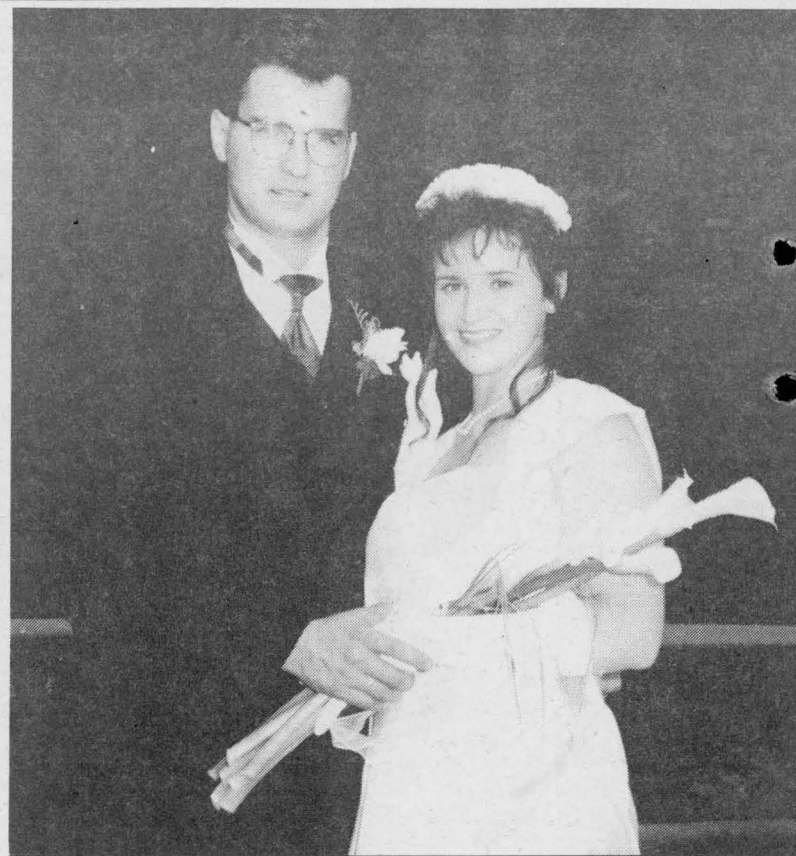
friends with a minimum of fuss. To update the bridal tea for the '90s, try moving it to a Saturday or Sunday, extend invitations to both men and women, and offer a self-serve buffet with a full complement of elegant dessert items.

Of course, the centerpiece of any tea party is the tea. So update the liquid refreshments by providing an assortment of teas.

Be sure to include such old-fashioned black tea favourites as Earl Grey and English Teatime, in both regular and decaffeinated varieties. Then, spice up your selection with popular flavored teas like lemon tea. Add a few herbal teas, such as mint tea and orange and spice, and there will be something for everyone.

You'll be pleasantly surprised at the ease and elegance of a bridal tea. It's a warm custom you and your guests will enjoy and a tradition worth keeping for the next generation.

If you're thinking about a bridal tea, a handsome tea chest filled with specialty teas can grace any table.



On August 2, 1997 at St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Glen Nevis, Rev. Eric Roy blessed the marriage of Dominique Roy and Normand Sabourin. Dominique is the daughter of Donald and Diane Roy of North Lancaster and Normand is the son of Hubert and Cécile Sabourin of Green Valley. The happy couple has since returned from a superb two-week trip to the Western provinces and now reside in their new home in Alexandria.

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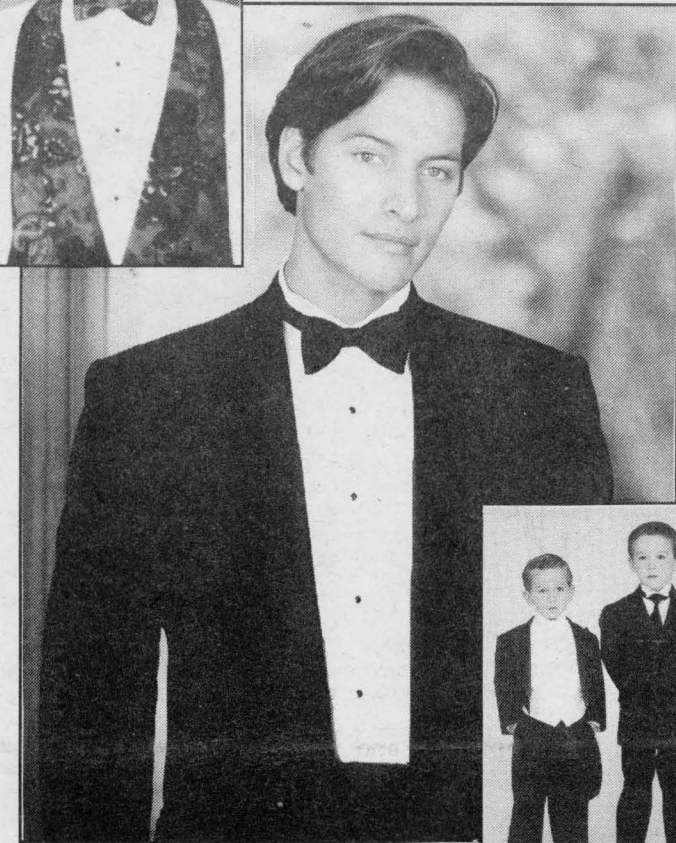
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What better way to congratulate newlyweds than to give them a gift that can help them achieve and maintain a healthy life?

"Mayo Clinic Family Health Book" has been a popular choice as both a wedding and shower gift.

The hardcover, comprehensive book, which has been recognized as the No. 1 medical reference, helps couples find accurate answers to questions like how to handle and store food properly, how to get motivated to exercise regularly, ways to manage stress, and how to safety-proof their home.

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Another affordable wedding gift of health from Mayo Clinic is the newly published "Mayo Clinic Guide to Self-Care." This book provides solutions for everyday health problems to help people of all ages prevent illnesses and stay well.



Alex Titley and Lucille Proulx were married June 18, 1955 at St. Alexander Parish in Lochiel.

Be sure to thank everyone who helped make your wedding day special

In the weeks prior to the actual wedding ceremony, the bride's house will start to look like it does at Christmas.

Packages and boxes of all shapes and sizes from various guests and well wishers will be arriving daily. In this time of excitement, organization is needed to keep track of who sent what gift.

One of the most important tasks that the bridal couple must complete is the overwhelming job of writing thank-you notes to all who sent gifts.

Wedding gifts are given to both the bride and groom. When writing a thank-you note, be sure the signature reflects both of them. Writing the notes is not just the task of the bride, so be sure to put the groom to work. One idea is for the groom to write to his friends and the bride to hers. It is fine to sign only one name, so long as the writer says, for example, "Tad and I thank you for the wonderful toaster."

Make sure the gift is specifically mentioned in the note, keeping in

mind that monetary gifts should never be referred to by dollar amount. A guest should be able to see that the couple appreciated, as well as remembered, the gift that was given to them.

The note should say exactly how the gift will be used. Additionally, if the gift needed to be returned, either because it was a duplicate or it simply could not be used, never inform the sender; a simple thank you is enough.

Be prompt in sending thank you notes. Although it is perfectly acceptable to send a thank you up to three months after the wedding, couples should start writing before the wedding for gifts received in advance. This eliminates a lot of work and informs guests that the gifts were received and not lost during shipping.

Finally, couples should share any special memories they have of their guest from the wedding. Not only will they be thanking the guest for the gift, but most importantly, they'll be thanking him or her for coming.

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Bridal registry of the '90s

Move over china patterns, silverware and crystal stemware. Although these traditional wedding gifts still top bridal-registry lists, brides and grooms of the '90s register for items that will help them in their everyday lives.

Changing with the times, bridal registries are starting to reflect these new lifestyle priorities. Today, they have expanded to include more nontraditional items, like sporting goods, artwork, furniture and electronics. Equally surprising is the rise in those items geared towards working from home.

Home-office products like digital cordless phones, digital cameras, personal copiers, plain-paper fax machines, notebook computers, PC companions and multifunction units (which combine faxing, copying, printing, scanning and phone functions into one) are the newest trend.

Now that an increasing number of professionals telecommute and run home-based businesses, it's no wonder that these types of items are finding their way onto bridal registries. Many young married couples are trading their 9-to-5 jobs for home businesses where they can work together and find more fulfillment through flexible work hours and being their own boss.

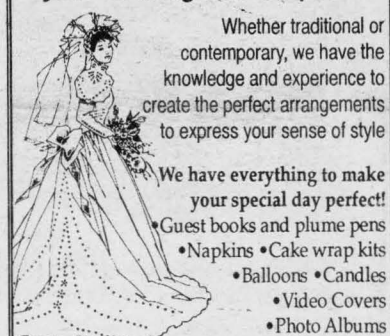
Forty four percent of all U.S. households will support some

form of home-office activity over the next year, reports BIS Strategic Decisions, a market-research firm in Norwell, Mass. This means that almost half of all U.S. households conduct business or work-related activities from their home.

This trend is so pervasive that even those people who don't work from home are dedicating office space in their homes.

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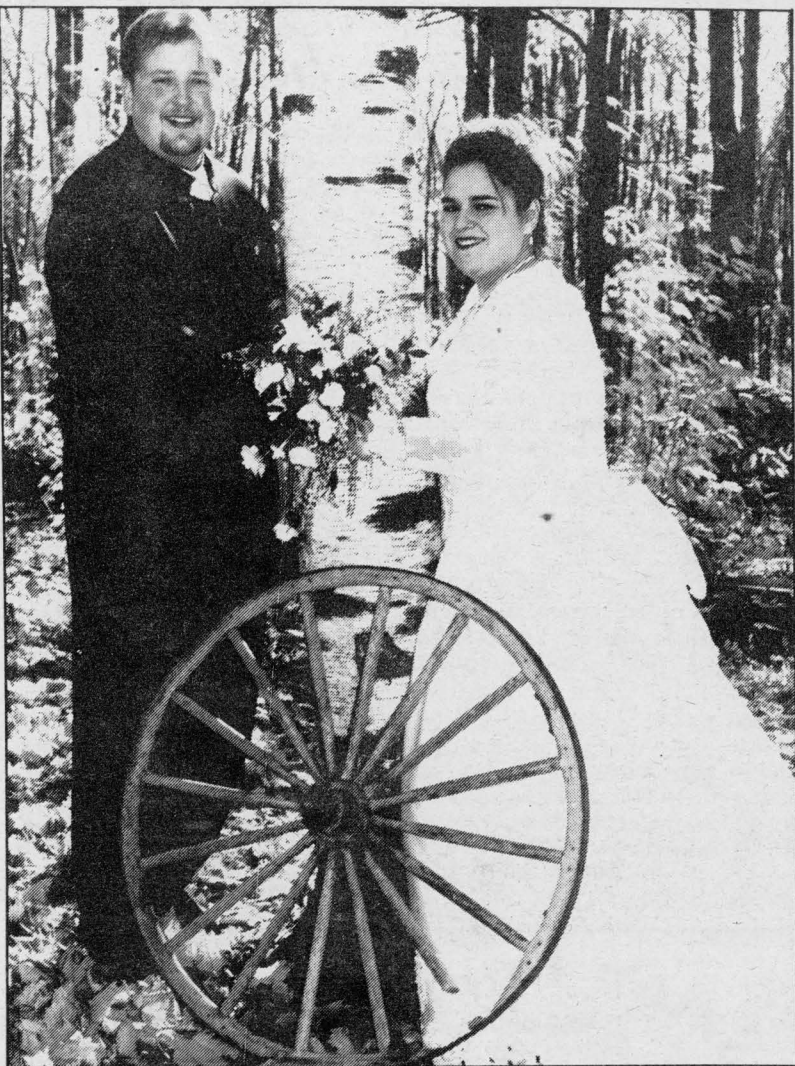
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The final countdown:

A few helpful hints to keep yourself from going crazy

After all those months, and even years, of planning, your wedding day has almost arrived. However, with the wedding almost one month away, the final details must be taken care of. You may be driving yourself crazy trying to remember everything that needs to be done, so the ceremony and reception will go off without a hitch.

To ease the tension you may encounter during the next month, Modern Bride magazine offers some helpful tips to ensure that all tasks will be completed, so you can relax and enjoy your wedding day.

THE MONTH BEFORE YOUR WEDDING

- Develop an orderly system of tracking guests' responses.
- Discuss the bachelor party with your fiancé. Suggest the event be scheduled at least a week before the wedding day.
- Call the caterer, and finalize the menu. Be sure the cake has been ordered.
- Give your caterer a reliable estimate of the number of guests expected at the reception.
- Confer with the florist to be sure everything is ordered. Confirm the time that flowers will be delivered and decorations will be completed.
- Arrange the transportation schedule for the wedding party.
- Make certain you are insured against damage or loss in transit.

TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Set a date with your fiancé to get your marriage license.
- Be sure all clothing and accessories for the bridal party are in

order.

- Submit your wedding announcement and photograph to the society editor of your local newspaper.

- Change your name on your bank account, Social Security card, license, insurance and other documents if you are assuming your husband's last name.

- Call guests who have not responded to their invitation to ask if they'll be attending.

ONE WEEK BEFORE THE WEDDING

- Confirm ceremony vocalists and musicians, and recheck your musical selections.
- Present a small gift or note of appreciation to friends and relatives who did special favors and made the planning run smoothly.
- Add last-minute acceptances, and phone your caterer with the final guest count.

- Do a final check on details with your florist, caterer, sexton, clergy, musicians and photographer.

- Finalize your honeymoon plans, and begin packing.

ONE DAY BEFORE

- Have a manicure, pedicure and even a massage to pamper yourself.
- Attend the rehearsal. Review all important duties with the principals in the wedding party.
- Give ushers the list of guests to be seated in the reserved section.

THE WEDDING DAY

- Rest and thoroughly relax in a nice, warm bath.
- Allow plenty of time to dress — about two hours before the ceremony, if possible.
- Have a wonderful wedding, and enjoy every moment.

Looking (and seeing) your best

There's nothing more important to a blushing bride than looking her best on her wedding day. From whitening her teeth to spending a small fortune on a wedding gown, a bride-to-be can go to extremes to create precisely the right image. Yet brides who wear glasses often overlook an essential element — the right eyewear can not only eliminate ugly flashbulb glare, it also can add youthful flair. Among the latest innovations:

- Anti-reflective coatings on eyeglass lenses enable a future spouse and wedding guests to see the bride's eyes more clearly by eliminating unwanted reflections. They also reduce glare in wedding photos and can even enhance night vision (if an evening reception is planned).
- High-index lenses make individuals of all ages look more

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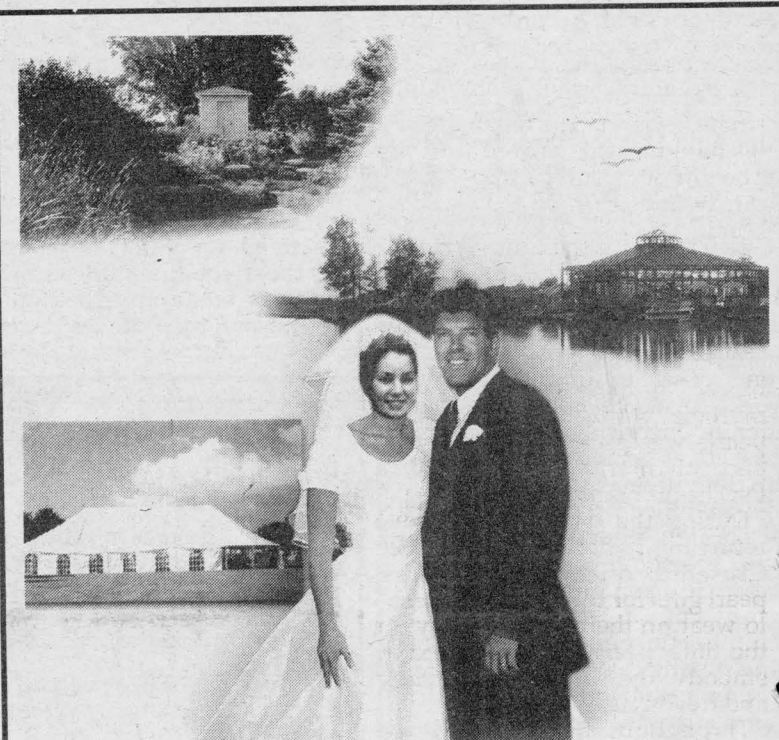
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Pearls are considered the first wedding gem

Like most glowing brides-to-be, you probably dream of the perfect wedding. An eloquent exchange of vows, a beautiful gown, a scrumptious cake and a handsome groom are all elements of any memorable wedding ceremony.

However, as most women who have graced the halls of matrimony will tell you, their wedding ensemble would not have been complete without a lustrous strand of cultured pearls.

Since a cultured pearl necklace often adds a finishing splash of elegance to any wedding gown, they are often a bride's gem of choice on her special day. Although pearls have become synonymous with brides, most people don't realize how and when that special bond was formed, or why pearls have become a staple of any bride's wardrobe.

Looking back in time, you can understand how the long-lasting relationship between pearls and brides has come about and how it will survive for many years to come.

One of the earliest relationships between brides and pearls is illustrated in ancient Hindu writings more than 3,000 years before the birth of Christ. According to these tomes, Krishna, the most revered god of Hindu worship, dove to the depths of the sea to collect a single, perfect pearl as a gift for his daughter on her wedding day. The gift of a pearl symbolized the purity and truth of the wedding bond.

Other cultures that associated pearls with brides include the ancient Greeks. They believed pearls could prevent brides from crying and would ensure marital bliss. Another story in Greek mythology tells how a strand of pearls was given by Hymen, the god of marriage, to princess Psyche on her wedding day.

During the dark ages, knights returning home from the Crusades often brought back pearl gifts for their "fair maidens" to wear on their wedding day. At the time, pearls were believed to embody the virtues of chastity and devotion.

Throughout the Middle Ages and into the Renaissance, pearls were used exclusively in wedding ceremonies by European nobility. Weddings in the royal families of Burgundy and Tudor were described as being "awash in a sea of pearls."

Serving as emblems of regality and honor, the lustrous gems would retain a special place in bridal history forever.

With the advent of cultured pearls in the 1920s, what had once been a gem reserved for only the



Today's bride loves to wear cultured pearl jewellery on her wedding day.

powerful and wealthy, now would be available for all brides. According to tradition passed down through the centuries, a gift of pearls usually was bestowed upon the bride by either her groom or his family. This simple token is a wish of love, good fortune and a long, happy marriage.

For those seeking to buy a gift of cultured pearls for the bride, it is important to choose a piece of jewelry that will last a lifetime and bring many years of joy.

Since cultured pearls are products of nature, they are seldom, if ever, perfect. Every pearl grown by an oyster has its own individual identity. However, when choosing a strand of cultured pearls, it is important to keep several quality points in mind.

Probably the most important aspect, as far as quality is concerned, is the luster of the pearl. Luster is the clear shine on the surface of the pearl. It should be clear enough to reflect the images of objects near the pearl.

Another important factor is the surface of the pearl. It should be relatively free of damaging blemishes that appear as cracks, bumps or pits.

Finally, all the pearls in a strand should be closely matched in terms of color, size and shape. They should all combine together to give an appearance of uniformity within the necklace.

Just as cultured pearls celebrate the bride, they also celebrate the wedding. They make fine gifts for the bridal party. Bridesmaids will be delighted with gifts of inexpensive, yet lovely, freshwater cultured pearl necklaces or bracelets, while cultured pearl tie tacks, tie bars, cuff links or shirt studs are handsome tributes to the men in the wedding party.

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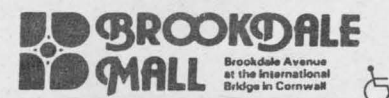
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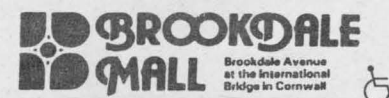


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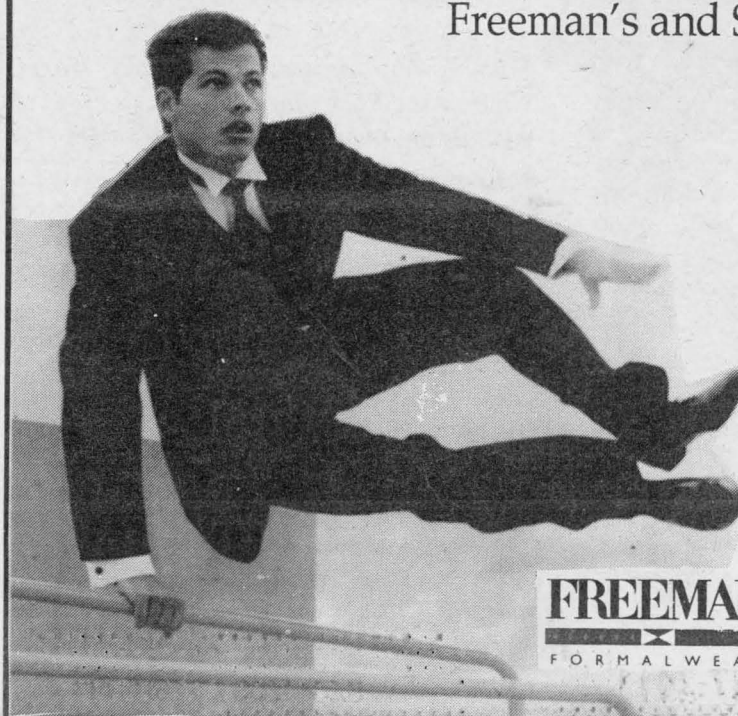
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Maurice and Lise Menard (nee Vaillancourt) celebrated their 20th anniversary this year. They were married in Glen Robertson.

Organization is the best cure for jitters'

It's normal for the bride to get a case of "wedding jitters" before the ceremony. However, it is vital that all of the last-minute details have been taken care of.

Here are some helpful hints:

- Place a note on the front door reminding the bride and her attendants to take gloves, pocket-books and bouquets.
- Assign someone to check out the reception site to make sure that all the flowers have been delivered, the cake has arrived and seating cards are out.
- If the bride or family members want centerpieces taken home, tell someone beforehand to be in charge of collecting them.
- Give a list of special group photos to be taken, perhaps of cousins, classmates and office mates to the photographer.
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While there is nothing wrong with giving flower vases, some couples want to give out something a little more unusual.

Creative favours do not necessarily mean expensive favours. There are plenty out there that you and your guests will enjoy and, surprisingly, cost very little.

Giving out creative favours not only improves the chances that

every guest will leave with a gift, but that your wedding will be remembered for a long time to come.

The following favours are fun items that your guests are sure to enjoy, but are not too expensive.

- A small box of delicious dark and white chocolates, personalized with the couple's name and wedding date on the box.

- A customized mini champagne bottle that comes complete with a label bearing the couple's name, wedding date and a personalized message.

- Live seedlings ready for planting that can grow strong and last for years to come. These favours allow you to share your love with a gift that grows. Aside from being unique, these favours help give something back to nature.

- Small fishbowls filled with live goldfish. These pets make a great gift for guests to take home to the kids and, hopefully, can ensure that people won't put it on a shelf and forget about it. Every time they see the fish, they'll be reminded of your wedding. A pet shop should be able to give you a good deal for buying the bowls and fish in bulk.



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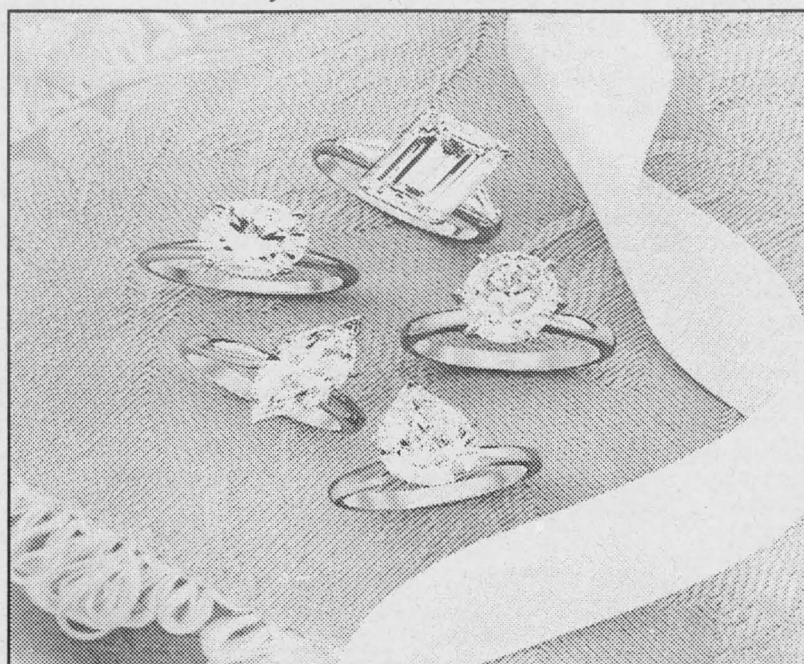
The key to buying a diamond engagement ring

The diamond engagement ring has been a symbol of love and romance since 1477 when Archduke Maximilian of Austria gave Mary of Burgundy a gold ring set with a diamond as a token of his love. Today, the tradition of the diamond engagement ring continues. According to a new consumer survey, 70 percent of all brides-to-be receive

a diamond. A diamond is an expression of individuality. Just as love is unique, no two diamonds are alike. Each diamond has its own personality and sparkle. Therefore, when purchasing a diamond engagement ring, it is important to become an informed consumer.

A little knowledge can go a long way to help unearth the best quality diamond within a budget. Understanding diamonds requires knowledge of the four C's: cut, color, clarity and carat weight. These four variables are key to answering the elusive question as to why two diamonds of equal size may not be of equal value.

Cut — Although diamonds can be cut in several shapes, like oval, marquise, pear or round, it is the quality of the cut that gives the stone its brilliant sparkle. Light is reflected best when all of the facets are perfectly propor-



A diamond engagement ring is a symbol of love and romance. No two diamonds are alike, so when selecting a diamond, consumers should visit a reputable jeweller whom they know and trust.

tioned.

• **Color** — The best color is no color. A totally colorless diamond best allows white light to pass effortlessly through it and be dispersed as rainbows of color.

• **Clarity** — The term "clarity" refers to a diamond's lack of naturally occurring inclusions, often called "nature's fingerprints," most of which are not visible to the naked eye. The fewer the inclusions, the more valuable the diamond.

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Deciding how much to spend on a diamond engagement ring

is very personal and obviously depends on income. Most people find the two months' salary guideline to be helpful in determining how much to spend. Most importantly, choose the finest-quality diamond affordable, because a diamond engagement ring is a unique symbol of commitment that will be treasured for many years.

To find out how to get the best diamond, consumers should visit a reputable jeweller whom they know and trust. The diamond engagement ring is an investment in a couple's future and, like love, can grow more precious with time.

Creative planning makes adventurous weddings

Growing up, many people envision the wedding of their dreams. After years of dreaming, when people finally get to plan their own wedding, they want every aspect of it to be perfect.

The majority of couples marry in a place of worship, a hotel or a catering hall; however, some are starting to become a little more adventuresome when planning their weddings. Since this will be one of the most important days

in their lives, they want it to be exactly the way they always dreamed it would be.

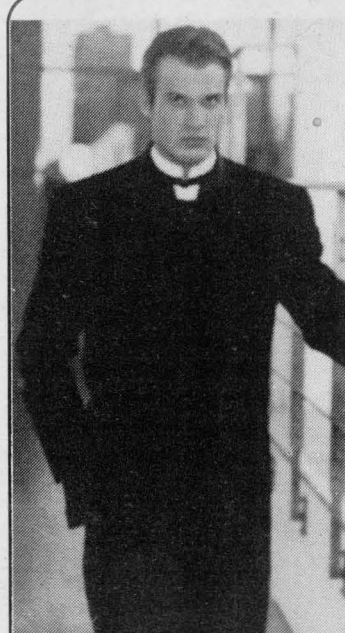
Whatever way couples choose to celebrate their upcoming nuptials, they should remember the most important people to think about when planning the wedding are themselves. Ideally, a wedding is a once-in-a-lifetime event; people should do their best to make it everything they always dreamed it would be.

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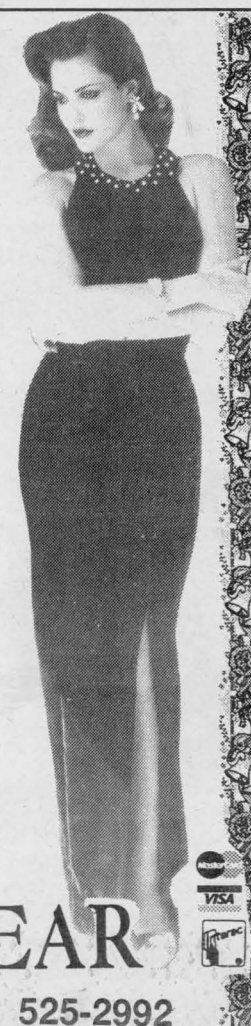
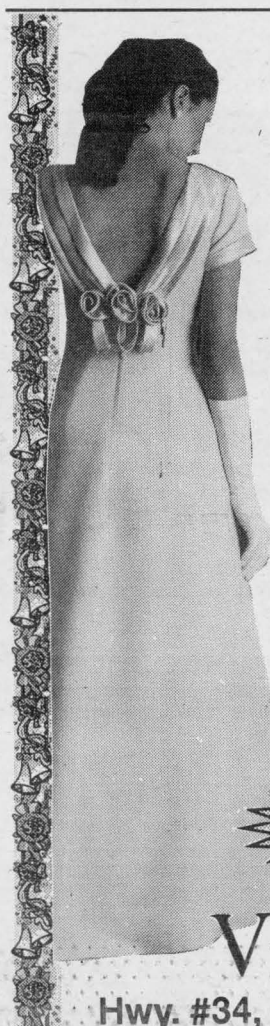
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Platinum wedding rings symbolize beauty and strength of you union

Today, many couples are saying "I love you forever" with platinum wedding rings.

According to a recent survey conducted by the national magazine *Modern Bride*, three times as many brides are considering platinum wedding rings.

Jewelers predict that interest in this precious metal will continue to grow.

What is platinum's allure? Many people are choosing platinum rings because the bride's mother or grandmother wore platinum jewelry, while others are starting their own family tra-

ditions by buying platinum wedding bands.

Platinum is as traditional as weddings themselves. Its radiance and colour beautifully showcase a diamond's natural sparkle, and its rarity adds to its appeal. In fact, platinum is the rarest metal on earth, and wearing this precious metal exemplifies the uniqueness and value of your lasting love.

Because of platinum's density and weight, and because it represents strength it is uniquely desirable for men's wedding bands.

Honeymoon easiest part of saying I do

All-inclusive resorts are one of the most desirable honeymoon choices for couples walking down the aisle today. According to Geri Bain, travel editor of *Modern Bride*, 31.2 percent of the magazine's readers are looking for an all-inclusive resort for their honeymoon. Travel agents concur. According to Cathy Pelaez, vice president of Liberty Travel, one of the largest travel agencies in North America, all-inclusives are among the "most popular options" for their honeymoon clients.

Why are all these couples seeking all-inclusives? Simple. It's the easiest part of planning one's nuptial celebration and perhaps the most ideal way to spend a honeymoon.

When planning a wedding, there are a myriad of details to consider and organize: booking the hall, planning the seating chart, ordering the flowers and cake, hiring the band and photographer, buying the dresses and meeting for fittings, and on and on. It's more complicated than putting on a Broadway play.

And, there are so many people to consider: bridesmaids and groomsmen, parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins, friends, etc. Not to mention what the bride and groom want!

With all the stress of planning and arranging the details and keeping everyone happy, most couples want their honeymoon to be as carefree and relaxed as possible. The best all-inclusives provide just that.

When planning a wedding, there is a cost at every turn. However, says Pelaez, at an all-

inclusive resort, "you pay one price up front, and you don't have to worry about money again the entire time that you're there."

The top all-inclusives cover everything: accommodations, all food and beverages, land and water sports, nighttime entertainment, airport transfers, taxes, and gratuities. It's incredibly relaxing, because everything is already arranged and you don't have to dip into your wallet every time you want a drink, go waterskiing or see a show. In fact, most couples say that they do more at an all-inclusive because they don't have to think about the cost.

For couples who wish to marry and honeymoon at the resort some provide wedding coordina-

tors take care of all the details, the bride and groom can concentrate on each other. Packages include a luxuriant wedding celebration dinner, personalized menus prepared by top chefs, minister and attendants, champagne, live music from local musicians, beauty amenities like manicures and massages, even a salon attendant to help couples look their best. They can be designed to suit the needs of the couples' desires, from a wedding for a few to a celebration for a few hundred.

The best part of the all-inclusive experience is that not only is it easy — you book the resort, and you're done — but, as Bain relates, "you get everything, and you don't have to scrimp on anything."



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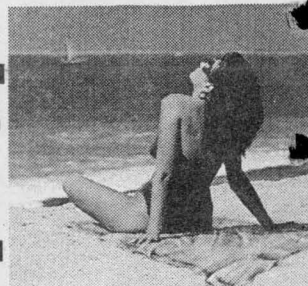
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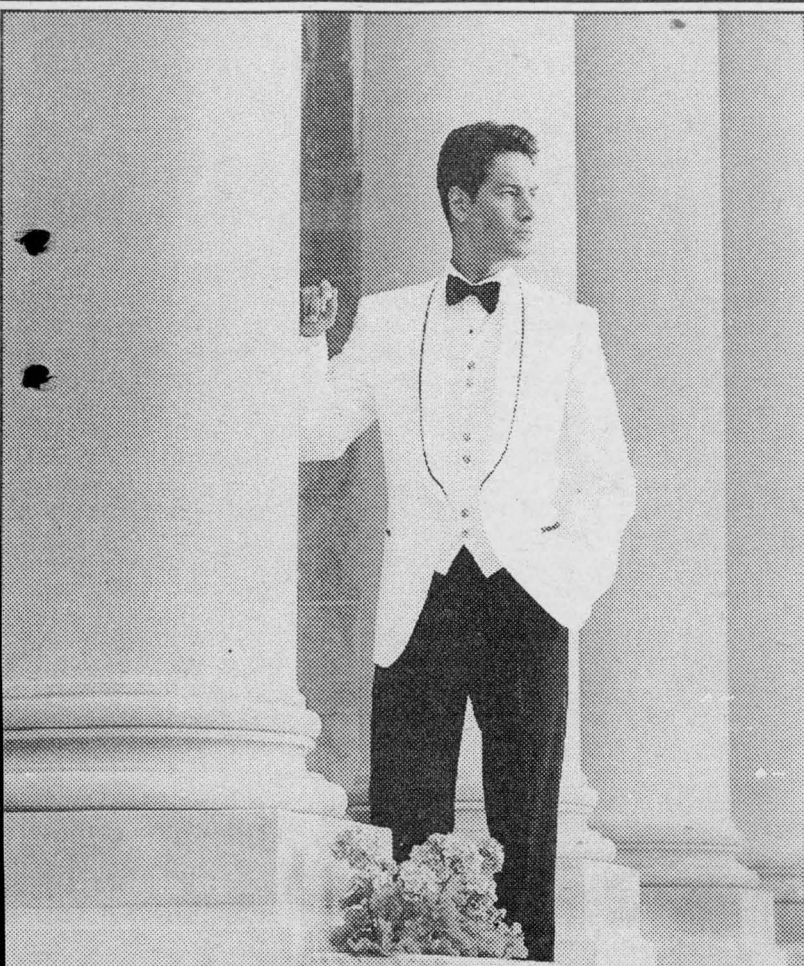
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A bride's intimate secrets

(MS) — It's the day you've always dreamed of and the day you'll remember for the rest of your life. It's the day you'll spend so much time planning, right down to the last detail. And, it's the day you deserve to look your most beautiful.

While finding the right wedding dress traditionally has been one of a bride's biggest challenges, increasingly, modern brides are discovering that what goes under the gown is as important as the wedding dress itself.

From feminine, lacy silhouettes to the traditional bride who wants to show her romantic side to sleek, simple shapes for the modern bride to body-shaping lingerie for fashion's sheer and body-conscious designs, dressing from the inside out for that special day has never been easier — more comfortable.

Bridal lingerie is synonymous with romance, and that means a long renewed interest in lace. The exquisite beauty and delicate feel of handmade lace has made it much sought after for special occasions since it was introduced in the late 16th century. And, now, lace is made even better than ever, thanks to Lycra®. Lace with Lycra® not only brings luxuriousness to your trousseau, but also brings a new dimension in comfort, fit and softness. It moves when you move, relaxes when you relax and isn't itchy like traditional lace used to be.

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No matter what your fashion preference, intimate apparel made with Lycra® gives brides the support and freedom of movement you need to be confident, comfortable and beautiful on one of the most important days of your life.

Bridal makeup to last beyond the moment

After you've invested so much to make your wedding day unforgettable, the last thing you want is a makeup mishap!

To avoid any potential of a makeup disaster, treat yourself to a consultation. Many salons offer makeup consultations and even lessons for a nominal fee.

There are even places like The Body Shop that offer a makeover service and lessons completely free of charge. Best of all, the makeup specialist actually will listen to your needs and give you what you want.

The following list of makeup tricks was created by Colourings makeup specialists at The Body Shop to ensure that you are a vision of loveliness on your special day.

Covering all bases

Start with a clean, moisturized face. Go for the natural look. The secret to natural-looking makeup is wearing a foundation and concealer that exactly matches your skin. Always test a shade on your forehead or jawline. If you can't see it, then you've got the right one. Make sure that your makeup is blended into your neck, so there is no line of demarcation. After applying foundation and concealer, use a cotton puff to touch translucent powder to set the foundation

and to absorb excess oils.

All about eyes

Keep the eyes looking "natural." Start off with the brows: Use a bit of Colourings Eyebrow Makeup to fill in wherever the hair growth is sparse. Never reshape a brow with color.

Apply a light shade of eye shadow on the area between your brows and your upper lashes, then apply a darker shade along the upper lash line to enlarge and emphasize the eye shape. For added definition, apply a smudge of brown/black eye liner between the lower lashes. Finish off with two coats of black/brown mascara.

The blushing bride

When blush is properly applied, you barely notice it. Using a good brush is the key to a perfect application. The ideal brush is round, so its sides can be used to blend the blush. Choosing the right color is most

important. For most skin tones, nutmeg and rose shades are great, now the only concern is to get it on the right part of your face. Apply your blusher to your brush, put the brush right on the center of your cheek, then lightly stroke outward toward the center of the ear, covering the entire cheekbone area. Take a look in the mirror: If your attention goes straight to your cheeks, you have too much on. Your eyes should always be the focus. A little translucent powder can correct this problem.

Sealed with a kiss

To get the appearance of fuller, more sensuous lips, line the lips with a pencil toned to your natural lip colour. With your mouth open, start lining at the cupid's bow as close as possible to your natural lip line. Close mouth to check the shape. Fill in with lipstick.



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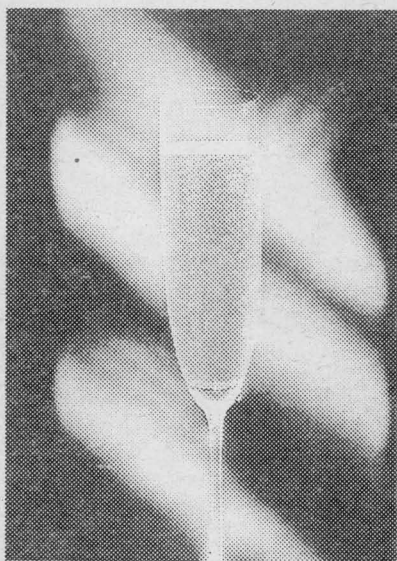
Champagne is the most romantic of wines, and it's a time-honored tradition to toast the new bride and groom with a shimmering glass of champagne or sparkling wine.

Wedding planners offer the following tips for selecting and serving just the right bubbly for your special day:

- Figure on one bottle of sparkling wine for every six to eight guests.

- Have the tables set with tulip-shaped glasses or champagne flutes. The wide, shallow glass so often seen at weddings is the worst choice for sparkling wines. A tall, slender glass allows the fine bubbles to rise without disappearing too quickly.

- Consider a California sparkler. These native wines have made great strides in recent years, and wine connoisseurs say the quality of many California sparkling wines is equal to their French counterparts from the famous Champagne region. (Only sparkling wines made in Champagne can be called "cham-



Champagne and sparkling wines let your wedding day shine.

pagne," so California wines with bubbles are called "sparkling wines.")

Many of the California wineries are owned by French houses. One of the best is Roederer Estate, the California sibling of the centuries-old firm of Champagne Louis Roederer, makers of the famous Cristal champagne. The Roederer Estate Brut is more affordable than real champagne, but many critics believe it's just as good.

- If budget is a concern, consider a "two-tier" system — buy several cases of a lower-priced sparkler for the majority of your guests and a few special bottles for the wedding party.

- Want to really make a statement? Don't reserve the sparkling wine for just the toast. Instead, serve sparkling wine throughout the entire meal and enhance the occasion's festive mood.

"The French have long known that champagnes and sparkling wines are perfect partners for a wide range of foods," says Roederer Estate winemaker Michel Salgues. Today's adventurous chefs serve sparkling wines with everything from light fish and poultry dishes with cream sauces to spicy ethnic foods. Ask your caterer for menu suggestions.

- Consider champagne or sparkling wine as gifts for the bridal party and anyone else who helped smooth the way for a perfect wedding day. A bottle of champagne and a champagne bucket will let them relive the happiness of your wedding with their own special someone.

- Give special guests — mom and dad, grandma, and your favorite cousin — corks from champagne popped for the occasion. Mark the corks "Sarah and Mike's Wedding," with the date, for a wonderful wedding memento.

And, when the wedding's over, let the romance live on. Create your own everyday champagne traditions, and keep the sparkle alive.

Equip your kitchen with the best tools around

After you've chosen your china pattern and unwrapped the last piece of stemware, it's time to buy functional items to help you cook every day — not just when company arrives for dinner.

When you're equipping your first kitchen, remember that half the battle of being a good cook is having the proper tools to do the job.

According to experts, there are three indispensable tools to outfit your new kitchen: a food processor, cutlery and cookbooks.

Food processors are great time-saving tools and now are available in large sizes (9- and 11-cup) and smaller sizes.

High-quality kitchen cutlery can last a lifetime, but quality also makes knives safer and more comfortable to use. Choose knives with a metal bolster between the blade and handle to add weight and balance and to ensure safety. Knives with high-carbon steel are best.

The most popular cookbooks for newlyweds offer tips from professional chefs on making tasty gourmet recipes that are easy to prepare. These books also include menu planning, nutritional information and tips for outfitting your kitchen.

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Don't miss a moment: Capture memories

More than 25 million couples get married each year. And, one of the most frequently heard complaints by all of them is that things happened so quickly they hardly even remember their own wedding! That's why photography is so important.

Next to the bride and groom, the most important person at the wedding is often the photographer. To help ensure wedding memories are recorded for years to come, Eastman Kodak Co. offers the following tips:

Going to the chapel — Some of the best memories happen even before "the big day," for example, the bride trying on veils, the flower girl rehearsing her part, the groom at his bachelor party. To make sure these spontaneous moments are recorded, delegate attendants as official record keepers. Arm them with one-time-use cameras, and let them snap away.

Bridal shower blues — Sure, the bridal shower is fun, but what's a girl to do when it's time to send out thank-you notes and she can't remember which guest gave which crystal wine decanter? As each gift is opened, have the maid of honor snap a shot of the bride with the gift and the guest who gave it to her. The benefits: There's no gift confusion, it's easier than writing everything down, and with a quick note scrawled on the back, the photos serve as personal

thank-you cards.

Get the guests involved — One of today's biggest wedding trends is for brides to place one-time-use cameras on tables, inviting guests to capture candid moments.

Keep your photos organized — It's always important to keep your photos organized and in a safe place, but people often forget about storing their negatives. Then, when they want to make reprints, the process is a nightmare! The new Kodak photofile index system makes it easy to store negatives — and find them later. When consumers develop any roll of Kodak film and ask for the Kodak photofile index system, they'll receive a 4-inch-by-6-inch print with an index of each photo, along with their respective negative frame numbers and, of course, their prints. For easy retrieval and storage, the negatives are included with the photofile.

The honeymoon doesn't have to end — Make your wedding day live on by using photos creatively. There are dozens of great

ways to use the pictures guests take with one-time-use cameras. Consider using these candid shots as thank-you notes, for scrapbooks, home decorating, etc.

Display your photos for a lifetime of memories — Don't settle for only one photo album — frame your wedding photos, so they can be viewed at all times. Also, friends and family will love receiving framed enlargements of special wedding photos that include them. All Kodak frames feature nonglare glass and UV protection to protect and preserve your prints.

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Give bridal party gifts with a personal touch

First, there's the maid of honor who went to 28 bridal shops with you to pick out just the right dress. There's the best man who convinced you to get the bigger carat. You can't forget the bridesmaids who stuffed your invitations or the groomsmen who wore uncomfortable shoes just for you. Then, there are the parents who stayed strong as you endured every possible roller-coaster emotion. How do you repay those friends and family members who, through the stress of it all, helped you get ready for your wedding day?

You want each gift to be the perfect gift to say thank you and so much more to these special people. You want a gift that says exactly what you're feeling and reflects the taste of the recipient. The way to do that is with an engraved gift, a gift that carries your personal message. In fact, more than half of all new brides choose engraved gifts for those in their wedding party.

Many places carry an outstanding variety of gifts at affordable prices, all which can be engraved or monogrammed with a personal message.

What are the hot bridal-party gifts today?

Traditional gifts still seem to be the most popular, pendants and crystal or porcelain boxes for bridesmaids and pens, tankards and flasks for groomsmen.

Picture frames, money clips, clocks and key rings are also popular gifts. For the flower girl and ring bearer, carousel horses and train banks are always well-received. Engraving the gift, adding your personal message, remains very popular for bridal-party gifts.

Drum says a number of people bring in gifts they may have purchased elsewhere to be engraved. Those gifts run the gamut from family heirlooms to some that are more adventure-some.

Other unique gifts that stores have been asked to engrave, include power saws, bullets, spatulas and swords.

Monogramming gifts is becoming very popular, in addition to the traditional engraved gifts. People want to personalize the gifts they are giving. Silver-plated trays and engraved solid brass door knockers also make special wedding gifts.

Try to make shopping for your wedding-party gifts an easy and fun part of your wedding plans.

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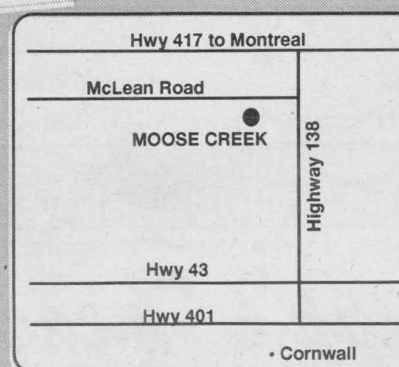
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