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EAST WINS ACC CROWN

By Jim Tierney Manchester Herald

MIDDLETOWN — Two years ago East Catholic rode the strength of senior righthander Kevin Greene all the way to the Class I state championship. Greene sported an impressive 9-1 mark as a sophomore.

Last season, largely due to an injury, Greene was unable to gain any successful rhythm and experienced a disappointing campaign on the mound.

This is a new year, however, the old Kevin Greene is back.

In the All Connecticut Conference Tournament championship game Friday night at Palmer Field, Greene outduelled senior righthander Al Walania of No. 1 seed Notre Dame of West Haven and the third-seeded Eagles earned their first-ever ACC title with a 3-2 victory in 10 innings.

Both Greene and Walania, who will attend Notre Dame University, went the distance. Greene scattered seven hits, walked two and struck out six while East acquired 10 hits off Walania, who walked three and struck out 12.

For 21-year Eagle Coach Jim Penders, it was his eighth conference championship with the last being a share of the Hartford County Conference in 1984.

East, which defeated Notre Dame in all three of its meetings this year, is now 16-4 and will wind up its regular season at Stratford today at 1 p.m., which will be its fifth game this week. Notre Dame is 16-5.

"It was an incredible pitching performance," a happy Penders said. "Kevin's back to his sophomore year right now, he really is. It would take a heck of a club to beat us right now. I was pleased with the way we hit the ball today. I'm going to enjoy this one."

On Thursday, East defeated Fairfield Prep, 7-4, in a 13-inning marathon in which senior southpaw Marc Mangiacio pitched all 13 innings.

East scored the winning run in the top of the 10th. Mangiacio led off with a walk. Senior Paul Dumais, who had three hits for the second day in a row, then singled to centerfield. One out later, pinch-hitter Rob Desmond was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Senior Jimmy Robinson, who had two hits, lifted a shallow



DIVING BACK — Notre Dame's Jim Tonelli dives back into first base before East Catholic first baseman Jimmy Robinson gets the throw during Friday night's All Connecticut Conference championship game at Palmer Field in Middletown. East's Kevin Greene outduelled ND's Al Walania as the Eagles won the title with a 3-2 10-inning decision.

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PAST AND FUTURE — Sgt. S.T. Johnson of Manchester salutes after placing a wreath on the Korean War veterans memorial in Munro Park as a young fan watches. Thousands attended the town's Memorial Day parade and service Monday. More pictures on page 5.

Memorial Day memory touches hearts of many

By Nancy Concelman Manchester Herald

Among the hundreds of veterans who came to the town's Memorial Day service Monday, World War I veteran John Carter was unique.

Carter, 91, is the only living member of Company G, Yankee Division, a group of infantrymen who left their homes in Manchester to fight in World War I. Carter enlisted in the U.S. Army in June 1917, when the war was just two months old and he was 19.

Though his comrades from Company G are dead, Carter was not alone Monday. He stood among veterans of World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War on the platform in Center Park as a crowd of spectators gathered for the ceremony.

Like many others, Carter remembered. "I have too many memories," Carter said. "When you think of the boys that we left behind during the war and the many that came back handicapped in so many ways."

But sadness was mixed with pride as Carter and fellow veterans marched by thousands of people who stood under sunny skies and watched the parade.

Firefighters, police officers, school bands, members of the Board of Directors

and town employees also marched in the parade, led by Parade Marshal Ronald Osella, a town director and major in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Along the way, Osella and his staff laid wreaths at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Korean War and World War II memorials.

For Darrell Stark of Stafford, the march up Main and East Center streets was a far cry from a march he and thousands of others took in 1942 after the Japanese defeated American and Filipino forces on the peninsula of Bataan in the Philippines.

Stark, 86, is a U.S. Army veteran who was in the Philippines when World War II began. He and other soldiers were forced to march down the coast of Bataan to a Japanese prison camp in what is called the Bataan "death march."

"I have a lot of vivid memories," Stark said. "I'm still coping with some of them today."

Stark and Frederick Towle of Manchester received the POW Service Medal at the ceremony.

Dennis Sines of Manchester, who was an Army sergeant for one year in the Vietnam War, found something positive in war.

"The best memory I have is the friendships we developed and the strength they all are."

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LAST ONE — John Carter of Hartford is the only surviving member of Company G, Yankee Division, a group of infantrymen from Manchester who fought in World War I.

\$4.1 million set aside for state tax studies

By Judd Everhart The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Buried in the tax and budget bills debated last week in the House and Senate is some \$4.1 million for studies of the state tax system and state government in general.

Similar studies have been done in the past and have resulted in sweeping reforms. The entire state government structure was reorganized after one such study in 1972 and dramatic tax increases were approved as a result of an examination of the state's tax system 10 years later.

Two key Republicans say the new tax study could well be used as an excuse to make one more argument for a state personal income tax.

House GOP Leader Robert G. Jaekle of Stratford called the tax study "scary" because the panel doing the study will be required to

examine an income tax. "It sounds to me like the first legislative step toward passage of a state personal income tax," Jaekle said. He sought unsuccessfully to have the study removed from the budget and tax bills, but was voted down by the majority Democrats.

"What are we studying it for?" asked Sen. James H. McLaughlin, R-Woodbury, ranking Republican on the tax-writing Finance Committee. "This kind of report begins to have a life of its own. It becomes the document that rationalizes (legislation) toward that end."

But Senate President Pro Tem John B. Larson, D-East Hartford, dismissed McLaughlin's assertions, saying, "I expect this study will be given to major tax changes then."

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Of the government management study, Rapoport said that

"in general, there's a mistrust on the part of the public that government does not manage as effectively and efficiently as it can," he said.

Rep. Miles S. Rapoport, D-West Hartford, one of the General Assembly's strongest supporters of tax reform — an income tax tied to cuts in other taxes — is looking forward to the results of the tax study.

He agreed to vote for the tax package and budget in large part because the studies were included. He said he has "no doubt the tax study will point the direction toward tax reform in the future, maybe not next year, but in the near future."

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Peace plan holds hope for Europe

By Terence Hunt The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — President Bush and the Western allies hammered out a last-minute compromise over nuclear missiles today and ended unity-minded NATO summit talks.

The 16 summit leaders disposed of a potentially disruptive issue by embracing a compromise formula for U.S. Soviet negotiations on reducing — but not eliminating — short-range nuclear weapons. Bush told reporters he would never accept a nuclear-free Europe.

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ved that to Minister Shevardnadze," Bush said.

Baker said in an interview on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America" show that plans for a Bush-Gorbachev summit will depend on the Soviet leadership's reaction to the president's latest proposals.

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Bush praises a 'double hit' at the summit

By Walter R. Mears The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — President Bush today claimed a "double hit" for the NATO summit and said proposals to reduce conventional forces in Europe and a compromise on modernizing short-range nuclear weapons demonstrated that the Western alliance can adapt to changing circumstances.

He said he'd be willing to meet with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev later this year if "something constructive" could come from such a summit.

At a news conference at the conclusion of a two-day NATO meeting which gave his most

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Bush's bold stroke: promise and pitfalls

By Barry Schwed The Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — With one stroke, President Bush has cut through years of hand-wringing over Soviet troop levels. But problems remain because it is still difficult to determine who has how many troops, airplanes and artillery and where they all are.

Even so, Bush won wide allied endorsement at the NATO summit meeting here Monday for his four-part conventional arms reduction proposal.

"I congratulate him on this far-sighted step with which he has once more impressively affirmed the United States' leadership," said West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who has clashed bitterly with the United States on the issue of nuclear arms.

Bush wants the conventional arms talks between NATO and the Warsaw Pact in Vienna put on the fast track. In fact, he wants a treaty signed in six to 12 months and implemented by 1993, at the latest.

That is faster than even some enthusiastic supporters of the plan think possible. Former U.S. arms control director Ralph Earle praised the initiative but called Bush's timetable "overly optimistic." Earle,

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who negotiated the 1979 Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty with the Soviet Union, predicted the Vienna talks would take at least two years to reach fruition.

For 15 difficult years, East and West debated a cutback in Central Europe. They gave up in despair earlier this year, primarily because of disagreements over how many troops the Soviets had in the region.

Now, NATO and the Warsaw Pact are working on a larger canvas — the vast expanse of Europe from the Atlantic Ocean to the Ural Mountains in the

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TODAY

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Some weddings are memorable for their disasters

By Nancy Pappas
Manchester Herald

Everyone hopes that their wedding day will be memorable. Unfortunately, some nuptial events are remembered for disasters — such as lost fathers, smashed cakes and plastic fountains spewing wine like the geyser, Old Faithful.

The Herald put a call out to local ministers, photographers and caterers, asking them to recall some of the humorous events which made tying the knot truly unforgettable.

The Rev. James Meek of Community Baptist Church says that he often tells the following story at wedding rehearsals: A very lovely and vivacious acquaintance of his was being married, and four of her ex-

boyfriends showed up in tuxedos, each waiting (and, one presumes, hoping) to step in for the groom. Fortunately, there were no last minute substitutions, since the "official" bridegroom didn't back out.

Undaunted, the would-be-grooms sat together, dabbing their eyes conspicuously with handkerchiefs as the wedding proceeded. This ensured an embarrassed bride, and a groom whose self-control was sorely tested. (He never did "sock it to 'em.")

On that occasion, the bride got more attention than she desired. But ironically, while she is often the focal point of the day, the bride is sometimes overlooked in some surprising ways.

For example, photographer Kenneth C. Burkamp once found

"She lost her balance, leaning over in such tight quarters, and fell backwards — right into the wedding cake!"

— Kenneth C. Burkamp

himself ferrying a forgotten bride from her home to the church. Burkamp says he generally goes first to a bride's home to get pictures of her preparations before heading over to the ceremony. On this occasion, "We were taking the photographs, and one by one or a few by few, gradually everybody's leaving home," Bur-

kamp recalled.

Burkamp and the bride were finally left alone, and the photographer asked his subject how she was getting to the church.

"She thought her father was taking her, and I pointed out that he was already gone," Burkamp said. "Well, I ended up having to clean out the back of my car so that I could take the bride over to the church."

A forgetful father also figures into one of Meek's stories. He recalls a wedding at which he officiated when the bride's father slipped away from the church "for just a moment" to check on things at the reception hall. Unfortunately, time also slipped away from dear old dad. The organist had been playing filler music for about 20 minutes before papa was located.

"Of course no one knew what was going on, or why there was such a delay," Meek said.

Wedding cakes can also present some unusual problems. People may talk about times when the layers shifted and slipped, or the bride's aim was so bad that the groom wound up wearing frosting on his upper lip.

But Burkamp, a veteran of 34 years of wedding photography, recalls a time when it was the bride wearing the frosting — on her derrière.

"The bride went into the rabbi's office to sign the contract, and it was a very, very small office, with quite a few of us in there," Burkamp said. "Well, she lost her balance, leaning over in such tight quarters, and fell back-

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Abby offers tips to make your wedding perfect

By Abigail Van Buren

What makes a perfect wedding?

I think it's one that is everything the bride and groom want it to be — with the understanding that they take time to explore not only what they want, but how to get it.

First, men and women marry at an older age today. They still fall in love in their teens, but they wisely choose to wait until their careers are established before they "take the veil."

Many are marrying in their mid- to late 20s rather than immediately upon graduation from high school or college. This means the bride and the groom are likely to be more involved in the "planning AND PAYING" stages of a wedding than couples were in the past. No longer is the bride's family expected to shoulder the full financial burden. (Hokey — it's about time!)

Second, because most brides and grooms work and see them-

Advice from Abby

This special section contains wedding advice from Abigail Van Buren, author of the popular "Dear Abby" column, which appears daily in the Manchester Herald.

self as equal partners, yet another social phenomenon is occurring. Many grooms expect to be more involved in planning the wedding.

Today's groom has no intention of sitting on the sidelines while one of the most significant events of his life is being planned.

And finally — but just as critical — is the impact that divorce has on weddings. I can tell you that confusion reigns as brides and grooms try to stage happy events involving all the parents, grandparents, stepparents and other "blended family" members, without hurting anyone's feelings.

Some couples are marrying for the second or third time, which puts a new spin on old traditions.

Fulfilling great expectations also means planning the details of your wedding to consider any previous marriages and divorces that may have taken place in your families.

The flawless wedding is possible, all right. But it "happens" when the bridal couple knows how to mix practical detail with the emotional insights and special kindnesses that will make their wedding memorable for its warmth.

Sound like a challenge? It is — and it will require planning. And where better to begin than with a short list of what to avoid.

■ **Honest Error 1: The Forgotten Father.** This is the guy who wants the best for everyone, whether he's the father of the bride or the groom, yet he is often the last to be asked about HIS expectations for this wonderful

event. Only after the plans have been laid is he included — and then it's usually to pick up the tab.

Put Dad at the top of the list of people to be consulted from the very beginning. I'm told that one bride's father's only contribution to the wedding was, "Just get married by the end of the year so you can file joint tax returns."

Good advice!

■ **Honest Error 2: The Misunderstood Mom.** Today's mother of the bride is put in the most bewildering position. Where once she was the guardian of family traditions, wedding and otherwise, now she's likely to find herself at the mercy of new social situations that lead to confusion.

The important thing to remember about that confusion is this: It signals that a new solution is just around the corner. Believe me, nothing is seen more often in today's weddings than new solutions. So settle in with your

daughter and study the options together.

■ **Honest Error 3: Short Shrift for the In-Laws.** This can happen easily — forgetting to include the groom's parents as ideas are tossed around in the early stages of planning.

Be sure to take time to consider the expectations of these "terrific parents" as wedding plans fall into place.

■ **Honest Error 4: The Bride's Wish is Everyone's Command.** Sorry, but reality intrudes in some matters. The '70s and '80s may have raised our tolerance level of couples living together without marriage, but it happens to have worked both ways.

Heaven help the woman who neglects to run the planning chart past her husband-to-be. What if you want to polka and he wants jazz, you want it low-key and he wants pizzazz?

Get the picture?

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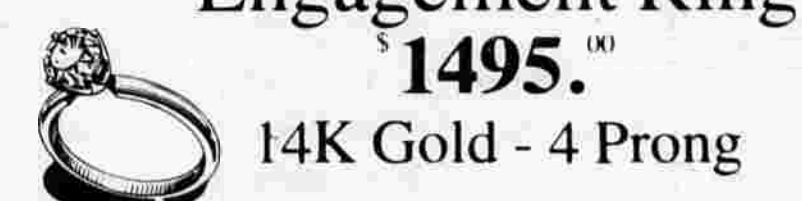
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Planning is the key to success

By Abigail Von Buren

For a successful wedding, planning is absolutely essential. No bride and groom want to spend their wedding day worrying about details. These precious moments when you pledge your troth to one another should be exactly that — a time to think of just you two. Anxious over cakes and caterers, gowns and guests, belongs to another day. So let's talk about planning.

Planning every single detail of your wedding is the only way you can pull off an event that involves as many people, places and emotions as a wedding.

1. Know what is right for you. Begin with your image of the perfect wedding, but be realistic over constraints of time, location and finances. Keep your arrangements easy to manage. If a family affair is important to you, have you chosen a site fairly close to family members? If it's the rainy season, are you avoiding an outdoor event? Be wary of holidays when parades or community events could hamper your plans. Think over how much time the bride, the groom and others who may be involved will have to spend on planning and execution.

2. Keep detailed lists, which should include the following:

- Ceremony (location, arrangements with clergy)
- Reception (location, caterer)
- Invitations/announcements
- Gifts (registry, recording, thank-yous)
- Attirements (flowers, photography, music)
- Honeymoon (travel plans, visas, packing)
- Personal (doctor, lawyer, change of name)

As you plan your wedding, you should mark each item on the list with the initials of the person responsible and add that to your individual lists.

3. Check your lists regularly. Take time each week to go over the master list and update each other on what has been accomplished, what is running late, what remains to be done. As you get closer to the date, you will want to do this daily.

4. Stay flexible. Some one element of your plans is bound to be hard to do or too complicated to manage. Set it aside for a while or think up an alternative. Don't let one frustration get in the way of enjoying all the rest of your planning and celebration.

5. Get help. You can't do everything yourselves. Do you need a bridal consultant to take charge of a few things — or everything — for you? If so, talk with two or three and choose the one you think understands best what you want. Tell each how much you want to spend and how much of their time you might need.

However, when faced with a dilemma over a decision, consult someone who knows you both well. The bride's best friend, for example, may not be a fashion expert, but she understands the

bride's style and can help her choose between 14 wedding gowns better than any clerk.

6. No bride, no groom, no parent should be involved with any of the details on the day of the wedding. That's mandatory!

You can be involved in every tiny decision up to — but excluding — the wedding day. And that goes especially for the mothers of the bride and the groom.

I suggest you find a close friend (or a bridal consultant) you can

"brief" shortly before the wedding. Ask this person to be the "manager of the day" so that the bride, groom and all parents are free to enjoy the celebration. Nor should the person be either the best man or the maid of honor. It should be someone not in the wedding party.

This is so important! If anyone needs to be free of worry on the day of a wonderful, beautiful wedding — it's the bride, the groom, and their families.

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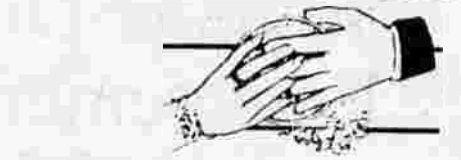
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Your paper trail: from guests to gifts to gratitude

By Abigail Van Buren

Your invitations and thank-you notes tell more about you and your fiancé than you might imagine. Within seconds, the recipient knows exactly what kind of people you are. Use the same style stationery for everything — from your carefully worded formal invitations (engraved or handwritten) to your thank-you notes. The stationery store of your choice will have someone who can help you select the most appropriate paper, type style and wording.

I can, however, underscore some basic rules that apply to all wedding invitations:

1. Determine the exact number of guests to be invited and place your wedding invitation order so you will receive them in time to address and mail them.
2. The guest list should be divided equally between the bride and groom. Give special thought to inviting the parents of the bride and groom, as well as relatives who will not be able to attend but would treasure the invitation. Do not invite casual acquaintances or coworkers unless you enjoy a personal friendship outside the office.
3. I recommend ordering your invitations at least three months in advance so you have plenty of time to address the envelopes and receive your responses from your guests.

Please note that every word is written out on an invitation — that means no abbreviations. Each guest is addressed with full name and address, including the word "street" or "avenue."

Send your wedding invitations four to six weeks ahead of time, with the request that each guest "RSVP" (which in French means "repondez s'il vous plait" and in plain English means "Please let me know whether or not you plan to attend"). Each invitation should include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the response. Should you not have a

response by two weeks before your wedding date, telephone ask, "Was your invitation received?"

Some people are careless, others incurable procrastinators, and there are those rare instances when an invitation goes astray. (This rarely occurs, but it has happened.)

Also, if you choose an enclosure card for the RSVP that says simply "Please Reply" and provides space for the names, then be prepared for some absent-minded folk to write only "We're coming!" or "Sorry, we can't make it!" — with no name attached. To save time and frustration, lightly pencil a number inside the envelope flap that matches the guest's name on your list. That gives you an instant reference. That also underscores the vital importance of keeping lists (and copies of lists) of every detail of your wedding plans.

3. To do this, make a wedding invitation list. This should have enough space for a master list on those to whom invitations have been sent, their responses, and the total number of guests attending the wedding and/or reception. If your guest list is limited for any reason, you may want to send announcements of your marriage, to be mailed as soon after the wedding as possible.

If your guest list numbers more than 90, I recommend using a separate notebook for both the

guest and gift lists. Make copies periodically and keep them in a safe place where they will not be "lost."

4. Order at least 12 extra invitations for last-minute guests and to keep as mementos.

5. I heartily recommend performing this "clerical" chore together. Grooms should be encouraged to take part in the preparations — let's hope they are planning to be full-time partners in their marriages!

These rules are for all wedding invitations. But if you are like most of us, you will have at least one sticky issue to deal with during this stage of wedding planning, whether it's deciding how to announce your second marriage or naming your divorced parents on an invitation in such a way that no feelings are hurt.

A dilemma encountered by many divorced people and older men and women whose parents may be deceased or will not be involved with wedding plans is whether or not parents' names should be included on invitations. It is certainly acceptable for a bride to say:

The honor of your presence is requested at the marriage of (or "wedding reception of") Mrs. Amanda Blake and Mr. James Maple, etc.

Once upon a time, etiquette decreed that a divorced woman could not send engraved invitations to her wedding ceremony. I say, why not? With so many "second-timers," I think that old

rule deserves to be discarded. You have two options. Generally, all the invitations and announcements are in the name of the parent with whom the bride is living — that's usually the mother. Let's assume, too, that your mother is remarried. Your invitation should read:

Mrs. Margaret Mason requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter Amanda (etc.) ...

However, I prefer a different form, which I recently saw for the first time. The parents of the bride and groom were divorced and remarried. Both families were helping the bride and groom

with expenses, although the bridal pair was paying for half of the wedding themselves. They wrote:

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Photographs: Lovely memories are made of these

By Abigail Van Buren

Your wedding photos, whether formal or candid, become one of your most prized possessions. This does not mean you have to spend a fortune or have thousands of pictures shot, but you do need to give careful thought to these lovely visual memories.

I urge that you have only professional photographers take both the formal portraits AND the candid shots at your wedding and reception. Many brides have been disappointed with the photos shot by friends or family members who meant well, but were unfamiliar with the proper lighting, the right angles or how to make your favorite people look their very best.

Begin the selection process by asking for recommendations from friends or others who have been married recently and were pleased with their wedding photographs.

Delicious desserts are piece of cake

NEW YORK (AP) — Baking delicious desserts can really be a piece of cake — just as long as you follow the recipe.

Pastry chef Flo Braker, who is also a California caterer, food consultant and author, gives some personal tips in Family Circle magazine.

• Preheat oven 15 to 20 minutes before baking. This ensures even heat distribution and prevents uneven cooking.

• Use a warm, not hot, liquid to dissolve and activate yeast. Liquid over 110 degrees will destroy the yeast cultures.

• Store nuts in the freezer: They should be kept in an airtight container. Always taste nuts before adding to a recipe as their high oil content can cause them to spoil.

• Mark the date of purchase on all spices: After a year on your shelf they will lose flavor and should be replaced.

Begin the selection process by asking for recommendations from friends or others who have been married recently and were pleased with their wedding photographs. Ask to see some of their photos before you contact the photographer. The more pictures you examine, the more you will know about the different photographic styles from which you may choose.

Then select two or three photographers whose work appeals to you and make an appointment to do the following:

- Examine their portfolio of prints from a variety of weddings so you will have an idea of the range of the photographer.
- Ask about their approach to photographing a wedding. When do they prefer to shoot the formal portraits? How do they set up for the wedding ceremony? How do they shoot candid and for how long? Does the photographer bring extra equipment in case something malfunctions?
- Is the photographer aware of the guidelines for wedding photos established by your church or clergy? If not, be sure the photographer checks on this.
- During this time, you can determine whether or not you think the photographer will understand what you want to be reflected in the photos of your

special day. Also, this is a person you will be looking at and reacting to throughout your wedding, so be sure you feel comfortable with him so that you can relax.

Discuss the photographer's fees. Are there packages that might have different prices depending on the amount of time you plan to keep the photographer busy shooting? How many prints do you get? Keep in mind that you may want one set for yourselves, but others for in-laws or parents, and still other prints for some of the people in your wedding party.

How much will all these cost? Arrange the dates as soon as possible. The best wedding photographers are usually booked very far in advance.

More and more couples are having their ceremonies — even their receptions — preserved on videotape. If you are interested in video for your wedding, be sure to

consider the following:

- Is video allowed at your ceremony? Some clergy people object to the intrusive cameras. You will need to have the use of video approved beforehand.
- Use a professional. Hobbyist have cameras that may be perfect for family gatherings, but a wedding poses special problems with lighting, sound and distance that require professional equipment.
- You must have an experienced person behind the camera. Struggling to watch a shaky, uncomposed picture is no fun. And how disappointing it will be if some of the right moments are missed!
- Ask to see samples of other weddings they have videotaped and check for quality by judging the accuracy of the colors as well as the sharpness and steadiness of the picture.
- I get many questions from young couples today asking about how to handle wedding photos when parents and future in-laws

have been divorced or are separated. Thoughtful attention to etiquette is required so that everyone feels comfortable and included in the family portraits.

If this is a situation in your family, consider these guidelines:

First, the bride and groom make the final decision. I advise all parents and step-parents to set aside their hurt or anger for this one day and follow the wishes of the bridal pair.

Second, the bridal couple should be considerate of all family members. If you want a photo with your natural parents together, you may also want a picture with each of your parent's new families, too.

Your photos can become a source of fond memories for all the people who love you. Be aware of bitter feelings YOU may have — and set them aside.

There is no right or wrong way to handle your wedding photos while trying to adapt to all the feelings that usually result from divorce. Be considerate of all parties.

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Let's not forget about the cake

By Abigail Von Buren

Like weddings, which are no longer decreed by tradition, wedding cakes now come in many different shapes, sizes and colors. The traditional tiered white cake has given way to delicious concoctions of chocolate cake, carrot cake, poundcake — whatever you love — decorated with pastel touches on the white icing or gracefully strewn with real flowers.

Some weddings have a "groom's cake," too, which is a dark fruitcake, cut and boxed, for guests to take home. Wedding lore says the unmarried might sleep with this under their pillow and hope to dream of the person they may marry.

If you have been married before, your cake should be ever so slightly more conservative — that means dispense with a fancy bride and groom on the top tier. It

does not mean go short on confection. The cutting of the cake takes place after the bridal party has finished eating. The bride goes to the small cake table. The groom stands to her right, the groomsmen to both sides of them. Using a ribboned silver cake knife, the bride cuts the first piece from the bottom tier — and she and the groom share it — politely offering each other bite-sized morsels. Then the cake is served to the guests. Some family traditions encourage the bride and groom to freeze the top tier to be eaten on their first anniversary.

Here's what you should do when planning your wedding cake:

■ Choose your baker. This may be the person catering the reception, or the caterer may recommend a baker. Don't hesitate to show the baker some pictures of cakes that interest you. Decide on

the type and size and cost of the cake. ■ One month before your wedding, re-confirm the cake plans, the date and time of arrival. Check, too, who will be accepting the cake and making payment. Are there any special instructions for the handling and cutting of the cake? ■ Be sure you have a proper silver cake knife that can be used for cakes on birthdays and other family events.

■ If you are an adventurous bride who chooses to bake her own wedding cake, allow plenty of time. Have a back-up plan in the event that you have a mishap in the oven.

■ Check with family and friends to see if you have any special cake traditions, such as the groom's cake or the freezing of a section of your cake for the future.

Bridal registry saves time

NEW YORK (AP) — If you're planning a big wedding, register your gift preferences with one or more stores. It makes shopping easier for the guests, and you will receive gifts you will enjoy using for years to come. "A lot of young women seem a little shy; they haven't thought of registering," says Michael Bellevue of Cartier. "They may be hesitant because they feel like they are asking for gifts."

But Bellevue says gift registry makes sense for everyone. "The bride gets what she wants. There are fewer duplications and exchanges, and she always knows exactly who gave her which gift."

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It's time to check out the music

By Abigail Von Buren

You have two musical decisions to make: the music for the ceremony and the music for the reception. The selections for both may be similar or each quite different.

First, check with your clergyman regarding any restrictions that may apply to the ceremony itself. Often, the music is strictly prescribed and you may not have many choices.

If you are allowed to do whatever you please, a traditional choice is an organist and a soloist playing and singing reli-

gious favorites. Another very popular choice is a string quartet playing classical or popular favorites of the bride and groom. Very often friends and family are included as performers.

Needless to say, it is never appropriate for you to sing or play for your own wedding — you are already the center of attraction with plenty to do. If you do wish to perform, save it for the reception.

The reception is where you can let loose and be "creative" in your choice of music. Choose from classical or swing tunes, from ethnic folk dances or rock 'n' roll. Invite friends to play, hire

bands or quartets, even taped music is acceptable. It all depends on what kind of party you are having.

Don't pose pictures

Professional-looking photographs are easier to come by if you don't pose subjects that look contrived, says Bob Goldblatt, president of K Custom Photographics. "Try to get the spontaneity of the moment and don't ask people to smile," Goldblatt says.

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Some tips on how to get published

Here are a list of the most commonly asked questions to the Manchester Herald's bridal coverage.

QUESTION: How do I get my wedding or engagement announcement into the Herald?

ANSWER: That's an easy one. There's a form to fill out which you can get by either sending us a self-addressed stamped envelope or by picking up a wedding or engagement form at the Manchester Herald's office, 1 Brainard Place. The office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

QUESTION: Can I submit my own write-up?

ANSWER: Yes, you may as long as you include all the standard information. Be sure to put a phone number the Herald can call during the day in case there are any questions.

QUESTION: Do the forms have to be typed?

ANSWER: No, they don't but if you can't use a typewriter, print as plainly as possible, to avoid errors.

QUESTION: What about pictures?

ANSWER: If you have a wedding photographer, request a black and white glossy. As for size, 5 by 7 inches is suggested. In both the engagement and wedding photos, you can have either

the woman alone or the couple.

QUESTION: How long does it take before my write-up is published?

ANSWER: The Herald prints its bridal write-ups on Saturdays. Figure on about 10 days from the time you submit the write-up until it appears. Wedding write-ups should be submitted before the wedding, to appear the Saturday after your wedding.

QUESTION: What if my wedding has already happened. May I still submit it?

ANSWER: Yes, you may. There are no time limits on wedding news. Obviously, though, your friends and family will want to see it in as soon as possible.

QUESTION: How much is this going to cost me.

ANSWER: Nothing. It's a service of the newspaper.

QUESTION: What about a color photo?

ANSWER: Sorry, color photos are not accepted. They don't reproduce well enough to use.

QUESTION: What if I don't have a wedding photographer?

ANSWER: We'll accept your own photos, as long as they are black and white, of good quality and contrast, and suitable for newspaper reproduction. If you're not sure, bring the photo to the Manchester Herald and let someone on the staff look it over.

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Wedding disasters

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wards — right into the wedding cake! Someone had left it in there to be out of the way.
The bride was terribly upset, Burkamp said, but the bridesmaids were able to get her cleaned up.
"And I think they managed to smooth out the cake fairly well. It looked pretty good," Burkamp said.

Another cake-and-dress disaster was witnessed by photographer John Nassiff. The cake was topped with a fountain of cascading, brightly-colored liquid. At the reception the groom, who had had several drinks,

knocked into the cake, sending colored liquid spurting all over the table and the bride herself. The bride, who was mortified, locked herself into the bathroom, and wouldn't come out for about three-quarters of an hour. The groom spent an equal amount of time in the parking lot. Finally, it was Nassiff's escort who made peace and got the reception back on track.

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How to handle your money on your honeymoon

By the Editors of Changing Times

Wherever you go abroad, you'll need three kinds of money — credit cards, traveler's checks and cash — but how much of each depends on a number of factors.

Your dollar will buy a bit less this summer in Europe. A less-heated U.S. economy will mean lower interest rates, pushing down the exchange rate for the buck. But there are still some ways to get the most for your money overseas, starting with choice of destination.

This year, Eastern Europe offers adventurous travelers that continent's best bang for the buck. "Yugoslavia, Hungary and Poland are starting to emerge as tourist attractions," says Richard Copland, who runs Hillside Travel in the Bronx, N.Y. A good hotel in Budapest costs less than \$100 a night, he says, would probably cost \$400 in Paris.

Likewise, parts of South America are a travel bargain. Says Copland, "Argentina and Chile are both outstanding destinations. Accommodations are excellent, hotel prices are reasonable. The finest hotel in Buenos Aires costs no more than \$150 a night." The American dollar has not been hurt in South America, and shopping is "beyond belief" in Chile and Argentina, he says.

The old standbys, France and Britain, are most affordable if you stick to the countryside. "A couple can travel for less than \$50 a day and stay in comfortable bed-and-breakfast places in both countries," says Rick Kaplan, president of Martin's Travel in Los Angeles.

Kaplan also recommends cruising as a way to see a lot of Europe on the cheap. Cruise lines tend to subsidize the airfares in their rates. "I can send a family of four on a 14-day cruise of European capitals for around \$1,000 a person, which includes all meals, all entertainment and air travel from the West Coast. You're not

advised Changing Times. This leaves the entire credit limit available. Or, apply for an increase in your limit before leaving town.

An attractive feature of credit cards for travelers is safety. If your card is lost or stolen, federal law limits your liability to a maximum of \$50, and you're not liable for any unauthorized use once you report it missing. Also, if the airline you're ticketed on stops flying before your scheduled departure, you are virtually guaranteed a quick refund for the price of unused tickets.

Traveler's checks: If these are stolen or lost, they're refundable — one important reason to carry them. Also, if you get some in foreign currency, you don't have to worry about exchange rates and extra fees. If you're economical, you'll want to consider the trend in the value of the dollar. By buying checks in a foreign currency before you go, you may get a more favorable exchange rate than if you wait. Shop around when you're buying traveler's checks. Some banks have an up-front fee, often 1 percent, but such well-known checks as American Express and Thomas Cook may be available

with no fee.

Cash: As for cash, you should start out with two kinds: U.S. \$1 and \$5 bills and the currency of whatever country you'll be visiting first. Keep enough cash in small denominations for taking care of cab rides, tips and other miscellaneous expenses that may crop up before you get settled in. PIN means personal identification number, and you need one to withdraw cash from automated teller machines. You probably have a bank card with a PIN, and you should also apply for a PIN for your American Express, Visa or MasterCard. Thousands of overseas ATMs will accommodate American Express cards and Visa cards. And MasterCard will introduce foreign ATMs in June.

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Vote discrepancy questioned in 8th

By Alex Girelli
Manchester Herald

The re-election of Thomas E. Landers as president of the Eighth Utilities District by a margin of 7 votes May 24 has been clouded by the possibility that about a dozen more people cast ballots than were checked off on the voting list used at the district's annual meeting.

Gordon Lassow, Landers' opponent in the race, said today he was unaware of any claim about a discrepancy and has no plans to

raise a question. But his campaign manager, Betty Sadloski, said she plans to check with state election officials to see if anything can be done.

John D. LaBelle Jr., the district's legal counsel and the moderator who presided at the election meeting, said he will look into the problem, but added, "My gut feeling is that nothing can be done."

LaBelle said he doesn't know if the checkoff count is wrong. It could be wrong, he said, if some voters entered the gym of Wad-

dell School by different entrances and bypassed the checkoff process.

Told about Sadloski's plan to check with the state election officials, Landers said, "I hope she does."

Sadloski said she counted the number checked off on the voting list several times Tuesday night, coming up with totals of 257 and 259. She then counted them in company with District Director Samuel Longest, a Lassow supporter, and they came up 247.

But 269 votes were cast at the

meeting, LaBelle disqualified two of the written ballots and declared Landers a winner by 137 votes to 130 for Lassow.

The presidency was the only contested office.

Sadloski said she and Longest gave the list to Mary Beth Litrico, district clerk, and have asked her to recount and inform them by letter of her result.

Landers said today that he learned Tuesday night that Sadloski and Longest went into the district office after hours, found the key to a locked cabinet where

the voting list was stored and delivered the list to Litrico at home.

He said Litrico phoned LaBelle, who told her to return the list to the locked cabinet and to keep the key in her possession.

Sadloski said that Longest was permitted to deliver the list to Litrico. She said LaBelle told him it would.

LaBelle confirmed both versions of the account.

Sadloski said since Longest is a

district director, he has a right to enter the office.

"If Tom is trying to make it look as if I've done anything wrong, he's crazy," Sadloski said.

This morning, LaBelle said he has not looked at the law yet. But he said the use of the checkoff list was not legally in effect. Later in the meeting, the district voters voted officially to institute use of the list in future elections.

He said there is a multitude of reasons why a discrepancy could

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Bush urges leveling of Berlin Wall

By Terence Hunt
The Associated Press

MAINZ, West Germany — President Bush today challenged the Soviet Union to bury the Cold War by ending the division of Europe, starting by tearing down the Berlin Wall.

"Let Europe be whole and free," he declared.

In a major speech clearly aimed at Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, the president said popular demands for democratic reforms are sweeping through the communist world, forcing a re-examination of Cold War fears and security precautions.

"The world has waited long enough," said Bush, who plans to visit Poland and Hungary in July. "The time is right. Let Europe be whole and free."

"The Cold War," he said, "began with the division of Europe. It can only end when Europe is whole."

Triumphant after his debut at the NATO summit in Brussels, Belgium, the president spoke in the Rhine River city of Mainz before an audience in the Rheinoldhalle theater. Four blocks away, about 250 demonstrators protested Bush's visit under a heavy police guard.

The protesters waved banners and placards reading "Bush Go Home," "Bush Is Not Welcome Here" and "Bush — Hands Off Nicaragua." The main bridge spanning the Rhine River was sealed off, and helicopters circled the hall where Bush spoke.

In the capital of Bonn, boats crammed with security agents in diving gear watched over the nearby Rhine when Bush made a farewell visit to U.S. Ambassador Vernon Walters. "Youth are the

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Reginald Pinto/Manchester Herald

METS MADNESS — Kerry Tedford, 15, shows off her collection of more than 1,000 baseball cards in a room filled with New York

Mets memorabilia. She also owns a Mets watch and a record called "Get Metsmazed" that features different players singing.

Mets score high with Kerry

By Nancy Conzelman
Manchester Herald

Kerry Tedford is upset because her mother threw away a leaking pen. "Mom, that's the pen that Mackey Sasser touched," Tedford laments. "I had to dig it out of the garbage before."

"Well, you'll have to dig it out again," Kerry's mother, Karen, says.

For a New York Mets fanatic like Kerry Tedford, a pen used by catcher Mackey Sasser is worth nothing through the garbage to find.

The 15-year-old met Sasser in April when she caught a ball during a pre-game warm-up and Sasser later signed it.

"I asked him out but he didn't respond," Tedford says.

The ball sits on a shelf above her bed at the family's 53 Westerly St. home along with figurines of the Mets and autographed, framed pictures of three of the players. Newspaper articles about the Mets are taped to the walls next to posters and pennants.

Like other 15-year-old girls, Tedford has a collection of dolls and stuffed animals, which are crammed on another shelf in the room.

But it's the collection stashed under the bed that makes Tedford different from many other girls her age — or girls any age.

She pulls five large binders from under the bed that contain more than 1,000 baseball cards, 300 to 500 of which are Mets cards.

Sales tax jumps to 8% on July 1

Senate goes along with House tax bill

By Judd Everhart
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Connecticut's sales tax, already the highest in the nation at 7.5 percent, will jump to 8 percent on July 1 under a \$664 million tax increase bill now headed for the governor's desk.

On Tuesday night, the Democratic-controlled state Senate reluctantly agreed to go along with the House version of the tax bill, which also increases business, real estate, capital gains, interest and dividends taxes.

The additional money will be used to balance a \$6.82 billion budget for the year beginning July 1. The Senate had approved that budget earlier in the day Tuesday.

Senate President Pro Tem John B. Larson, D-East Hartford, who had announced in April that the Senate Democrats would not agree to a half-point increase in the state sales tax, said he was forced to put aside his personal beliefs because "part of leadership... is to develop a consensus."

The Senate Democrats said that by buying the House bill, they could finish the 1989 session by the mandatory adjournment date of June 7 and avoid a special session.

Democratic Gov. William A. O'Neill indicated earlier Tuesday that he would sign it into law. The new taxes would be effective July 1.

The final vote, which followed less than a hour's debate, was witnessed by House Speaker Richard J. Baiducci, D-Newington, whose leadership as the new speaker had been tested on the tax debate.

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Schools may benefit from budget package

By Andrew Yurkovsky
Manchester Herald

Larger education grants in the Legislature's \$6.82 billion budget may lead local educators to seek restoration of some items that had been cut from their budgets, officials say.

Under the Legislature's budget passed Tuesday, which still needs the approval of Gov. William A. O'Neill, the formula for state education aid to towns would be more generous than the one O'Neill proposed in February.

O'Neill revised the formula passed by the Legislature last year, providing less money than had been promised.

Manchester stands to gain \$360,000 under the Legislature's budget, Coventry \$49,331, Bolton \$7,739 and Andover \$16,765.

Manchester, Bolton and Andover have already set their school budgets based on the smaller amount of aid under the governor's budget. But officials in Manchester and Bolton said the

He said afterward he was happy and relieved and said he doubted he could have gotten any other tax bill through the House.

The House had approved the tax bill with just two votes to spare, just before 6 a.m. Saturday after a 16-hour debate.

Two Senate Democrats, John W. Atkin of Norwalk and James H. Maloney of Danbury, joined all 13 Republicans in voting against the tax bill.

The sales tax increase is included in a package that also calls for increases in business, real estate, capital gains, interest and dividends taxes.

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"Everyone has to compromise," he said.

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additional money in the Legislature's plan could pay for items that have been cut.

In Coventry, where a budget has not been adopted yet, cuts made to the school budget by the Town Council could also be restored, Coventry School Superintendent Nathan Chesler said Tuesday.

On Tuesday, the state Senate passed the same budget plan that had been passed last week by the House.

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Economy up, cooling talk of recession

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's chief economic forecasting gauge shot up 0.8 percent in April as it reversed course after posting declines in the previous two months, the Commerce Department said today.

The upward turn in the Index of Leading Economic Indicators allowed the index to steer clear of the traditional signal of a forthcoming recession — three declines in a row.

The index, designed to foretell economic activity six to nine months into the future, had dropped a revised 0.8 percent in March and 0.3 percent in February.

Analysts said April's upturn, which had been widely anticipated, was consistent with the view that while the economy is slowing, there still is enough strength left to power the record peacetime expansion through its seventh year.

House passes Prague's DWI bill

HARTFORD (AP) — A tough drunk-driving law that gives motor vehicle officials the power to suspend the licenses of drivers arrested for failing a blood-alcohol test is headed for the Senate after winning easy approval in the state House of Representatives.

Under the so-called administrative per se law approved by the House Tuesday, drivers' license would be automatically suspended by the state Department of Motor Vehicles 30 days after the person was arrested and failed a breath test.

Current state laws provide for automatic license suspension for drivers who refuse to take the test. The drivers who take the test and fail can still keep their licenses and often avoid any license suspension by enrolling in alcohol education courses.

The vote in the House was 142-4, sending the bill to the state Senate.

The vote represented a surprising easy first-round victory for Rep. Edith Prague, D-Columbia, whose crusade for tougher drunk-driving laws stalled last year when a similar bill was defeated, largely through the opposition of the powerful lawyers

who run the Legislature's Judiciary Committee.

But this year, the committee's House leaders — William Wollenberg, R-Farmington, and Richard Tulisano, D-Rocky Hill — agreed to support a per se bill.

After considerable wrangling, Prague and Wollenberg agreed to support the same bill, and Tulisano opposed it only after helping to draft it.

Wollenberg described the bill as "one of the toughest drunk driving per se bills in the country."

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