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From the editor...

The stories in this year's Observer & Eccentric bridal section share a common theme. The topic is decisions.

Our main story (Page 3) focuses on the decision to marry, one of the most important an individual makes in his life and yet one which seems to be re-evoked quite readily today.

In interviews with two psychologists and a minister, we look at what should be considered in selecting a mate for a good, lasting marriage.

Our main feature (Page 3) addresses the decisions that come with a wedding and offers tips on what to consider in choosing rings, a florist, a photographer, the hall.

On pages 5-7, two happily-married couples talk about what contributed to their success, including the decision to commit themselves to marriage.

Gerry Maynard of Family and Children Services, in an interview on Page 8, touches on the considerations that should be contemplated before deciding to remarry.

Readers may turn to Page 10 for a list of questions to ask before marrying and to Page 23 for a list of books for further reading on the issues which arise with marriage.

A light story (Page 12) with an accompanying chart (Pages 16-17) looks at the role astrology plays in compatibility, and another light story (on Page 21) peaks at the impact computers may have on meeting Mr./Ms. Right.

— Karen Hermes Smith



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