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keep track of what's registered for and what's been purchased. And if your recordkeeping isn't so hot, printouts come in handy after the wedding when writing thank-yous.

Hayes says it helps having a bridal coordinator on hand because folks who aren't computer-friendly can get frustrated trying to use the equipment.

"We don't simply hand people a list of registered items and say, 'Here they are, go find them.' This is a service-oriented system that's designed to help the gift buyer as well as the bride," she says.

Jacobson's stores are in Livonia, Birmingham, Rochester, Ann Arbor and Dearborn.

### TRENDY TOPPERS

For many couples, the decoration that adorns the top of the wedding cake is as important as the cake itself. Today, many couples place a porcelain Lladro bride and groom figure on top of the cake in place of plastic figures or flowers, says Novi-based Heslop's.

The Lladro collectibles, priced from \$175 to \$400, often are purchased by a relative before the wedding to use on the wedding cake.

Heslop's has eight metro-Detroit locations, including stores in West Bloomfield, Livonia, Rochester, Troy and Novi.

### NEW MEN'S LOOK

Diamonds may still be a girl's best friend, but the attraction is rubbing off onto their significant others, according to Taylor-based Meyer Jewelers.

These days, more men are wearing wedding bands accented with diamonds. The jeweler attributes the trend to the brides-to-be, who now take a big role in helping select their fiancée's wedding ring.

Women also are wearing less conventional rings. In place of the traditional bridal set (a diamond ring and wedding band), many women are opting for a one-piece design.

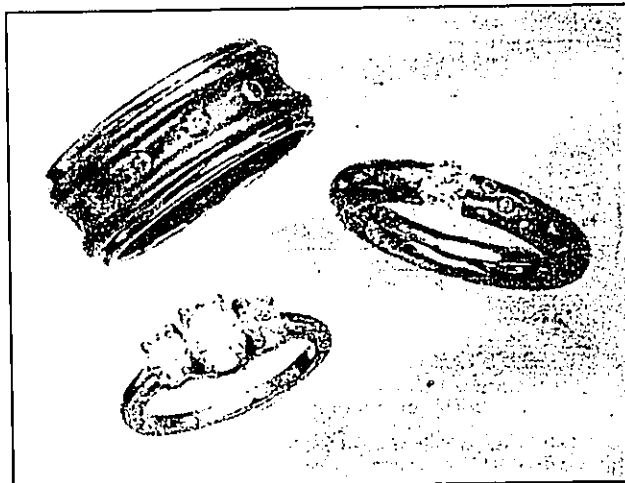
Meyer has 13 metro-Detroit locations, including stores in Livonia, Southfield, Troy and Novi.

### TIFFANY UNVEILING

Every year, many couples choose a traditionally styled engagement ring — the solitaire Tiffany setting created by Tiffany & Co. in the 1870s.

Now, more than a century after the Tiffany setting, comes the jeweler's new wedding set — a pair of gold rings with each diamond cradled in platinum. The engagement ring features a deeply set stone, while the wedding ring includes several smaller stones evenly placed in a gold curved band.

Tiffany & Co. is at The Somerset Collection, Troy.



**Go platinum:** Platinum, a lustrous white metal, is growing in popularity because today's consumer appreciates its value and lasting attributes. Couples like platinum's understated elegance and durability. Some designers combine the precious metal with 18 karat gold for a contemporary look. At David Wachler & Sons Jewellers, Birmingham.

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