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WHAT royal wedding?

The papers and airwaves are full of wedding talk this week. Wherever you look, you can't miss seeing a hurrying Prince Charlie or a smiling or weeping Lady Di.

Our main attention is focused on Katherine the Great — one of the time-honored nicknames for our No. 3 daughter — and the Prince Paul who will become her husband by the end of the week.

They picked out their 8-11 wedding date last November, they'll have you know, long before anyone knew Prince Charlie was serious about Lady Di. And when the news of that other engagement came out they did a bit of fretting that they might be really upstaged by having the royal vows spoken the same day as theirs.

But the prince and Di have had the decency to get themselves safely off center stage in time for the dawn of our family's big day. And the local court will breathe sighs as fervent as was the royal one when everything has transpired according to schedule.

I DON'T KNOW about Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth, but if she's anything like this mother she hasn't had much time to read about her son's wedding. Too many details to tie up before everyone takes a walk down the aisle.

She probably is settling more matters of protocol and writing more checks, but she's missing the fun of putting the finishing touches on a bridal gown and seeing a complicated pattern turn into a pretty bridesmaid dress. And I'm sure she never had the chance to help adjust that same pattern for a very pregnant bridesmaid sister. That sort of thing probably wouldn't be done in the court of St. James, but I'm glad it is in ours.

The queen didn't make emergency trips to advise other bridesmaid dress makers, either, and probably she wasn't commissioned to check with creators of bridal bouquets and wedding cakes. She didn't have to worry about the schedules of planes flying two members of the wedding party into town the night before the nuptials.

Nor did the queen get to gather the family and cook up a storm to prepare on the day before the wedding for the party that will follow the rites.

AND THE QUEEN had to settle for the Archbishop of Canterbury as officiating clergy in the cathedral. We get a daughter, successfully progressed in seminary study to be ordained and ready to officiate for her sister's wedding.

Between the times of my writing and others' reading, I'll decide whether to rise early for the vows of Prince Charlie and Lady Di and the queen's misty moments.

But I'll be up bright and early a few days later for the summer's big wedding. We've got to get her to the church on time.

Residents renovate rather than switch

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State University, and Alison, 18, who just graduated from Southfield High School.

Both native Detroiters, they met in Sunday school in the sixth grade. He is employed by the Detroit Edison Co.

"When we started out with the renovation, we thought we had a specific idea," McDonough says. "But people often overlook going to an architect at all. We wanted to move the garage and put in a greenhouse, but Walter said no."

Reddig added there was little play of light before and now that has been achieved.

"Suburban homes are not usually placed to let the sun come in at particular times. Now there's more awareness of that."

A bedroom area two steps up was not included in the renovation project. Outside, the house was painted to change its look.

For Nancy and Tim McDonough, it was a thoroughly pleasant experience.

to watch as much of their home was gutted and recreated into a more functional space for them.

Precautions needed when cooking pork in microwave ovens

Microwave ovens can perform magic in minutes, but homemakers should be certain to allow enough cooking time to assure the complete doneness of pork roasts and chops.

Carolyn Lackey, Michigan State University Extension food and nutrition specialist, notes that pork must be cooked throughout to destroy any microorganisms that might be present.

Pork has been known to contain trichinae, she explains, small threadlike worms that cause trichinosis in man. Though trichinosis occurs only rarely in this country, anyone cooking pork should still take precautions against it.

"Cooking is the best way to make raw pork safe from trichinosis," Lackey says. "Pork heated to 170 degrees throughout is recommended."

Though most cooks are aware of that necessity, Lackey believes that the increasing use of microwave ovens mandates a reminder of the importance of following proper cooking procedures.

Microwave cooking involves different principles than cooking in traditional ovens, she points out.

"Microwaves heat the food directly," Lackey explains, "but do not cook the food from the inside out as some people think. When thick foods like roasts are cooked, the outer layers are heated and cooked primarily by microwaves, but the inside is cooked mainly by the slower conduction of heat from the hot outer layers."

Cold spots in a cooked product may result from variations in the distribution of water in the food, the uneven distribution of microwaves or the blockage of the microwaves by bone in meat. If temperatures in these pockets do not reach at least 170 degrees F, trichinae, if present, may not be killed.

Lackey advises that consumers follow manufacturers' guidelines for cooking meat in microwave ovens and recommends these additional precautions when cooking pork:

- Rotate dishes during the cooking period.
- Let the product sit for several minutes after cooking, as recommended by manufacturers, to assure more uniform temperature distribution in all parts of the product. (The effectiveness of this "dwell" time can be increased if the food is wrapped in aluminum foil after cooling.)
- After the dwell time, check various places with a meat thermometer. If any part has not reached at least 170 degrees F, cook the meat more thoroughly. Be certain to check the temperature at the center of the cut and near the bone.
- If a meat thermometer is not available, make sure that no pink color is present in the meat or juice. Make small cuts next to the bone and into the thickest part of the meat to check for doneness.

AAA promotes Hubrecht

Farmington Hills resident Herbert M. Hubrecht has been named to the new position of director of Corporate Security at Automobile Club of Michigan in Dearborn. He had been Auto Club's director of auditing since 1980.



Herbert M. Hubrecht
new director

Hubrecht joined Auto Club as an executive trainee in underwriting in 1950 after earning a degree in business administration at Wayne State University.

He was transferred to Internal Audit in 1951 and was named supervisor there in 1958 and manager in 1960.

He is a certified internal auditor and a member of Electronic Data Processing and Auditors Association, the American Society of Industrial Security and Institute of Internal Auditors.

He is a member of Nardin Park United Methodist Church and of two masonic organizations, Detroit Lodge 2, F & A.M. and Detroit Consistory, where he is a 32nd degree Mason.

He and his wife Betty have four children.

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