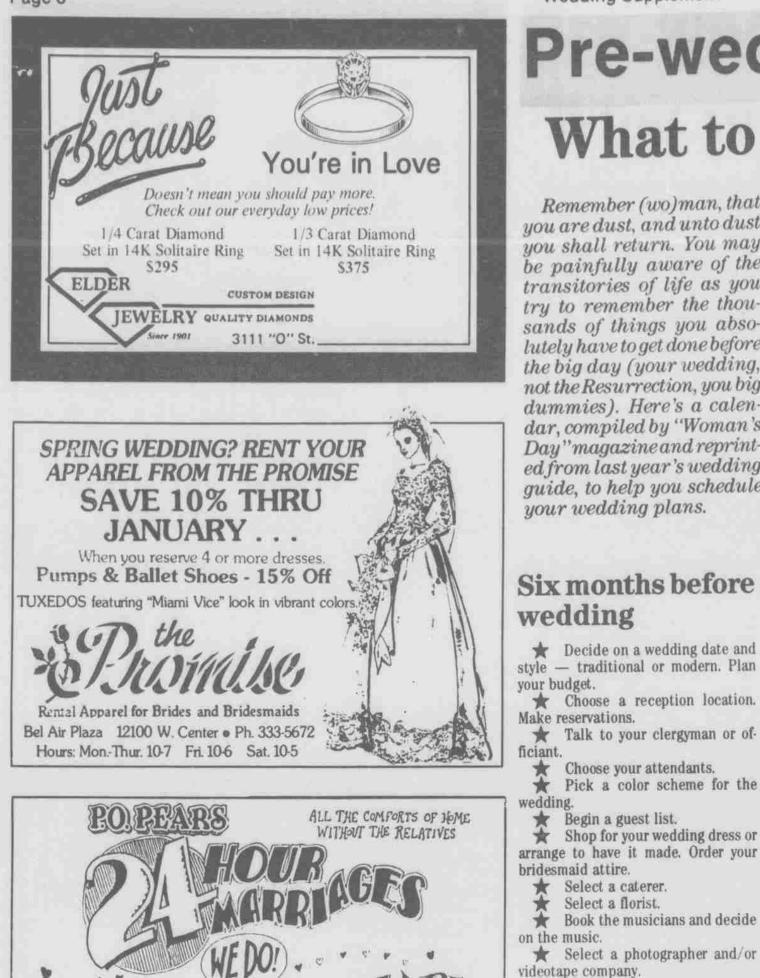
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# **Pre-wedding plans** What to do, when to do it

Remember (wo)man, that fore wedding you are dust, and unto dust you shall return. You may be painfully aware of the announcements and stationery. transitories of life as you try to remember the thou- seau. sands of things you absolutely have to get done before attire. the big day (your wedding, men. not the Resurrection, you big dummies). Here's a calendar, compiled by "Woman's and blood tests. Day"magazine and reprinted from last year's wedding tions. guide, to help you schedule your wedding plans.

# Three months be-

Finalize the guest list. Order wedding invitations,

\* Begin shopping for your trous-

Shop for the mothers' wedding

Order wedding attire for the

Arrange for attendants' fittings. Schedule physical examinations

Finalize all details of reception. Make your honeymoon reserva-

\star Sign lease on new residence.

#### Two months before wedding:

Arrange for the wedding re-

Buy presents for each other.

Order the wedding rings.

trait to be taken at your final fitting.

#### **One month before** wedding:

Apply for a marriage license. Order flowers for the ceremo-

ney and reception.

Order personal flowers.

Shop for shoes.

Decide on jewelry. Go for your final gown fitting

Book the musicians and decide and wedding portrait.

Plan bachelor party and bri-×. ★ Select a photographer and/or desmaids' party.

🖈 Make hotel reservations or Start planning your honeymoon. lodging arrangements for out-of-town Start looking for an apartment guests.

\* Arrange transportation for the \star Register with bridal registries. bridal party.

🚖 Make beauty salon appointments for the wedding party.

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\* Send wedding announcement and bridal portrait to your local paper. \* Look into new insurance cover-

age or make necessary policy changes.

#### **Two weeks before** wedding:

\* Confirm the final guest list. Inform the caterer.

🛨 Decide on seating arrangement for reception. Write place cards,

\* Try on your wedding gown and veil with wedding hairdo and makeup. Change your name and address on all credit cards, charge accounts, bank accounts and important documents.

\* Notify the post office of your new address.

Set your new home in order. Confirm honeymoon reservations.

#### **One week before** wedding:

★ Finalize all details with the caterer, musicians, florist, baker, photographer and limousine service.

Tell your attendants the date and time of rehearsal.

\* Inform the best man and maid or matron of honor of any special responsibilities.

Check to see that attendants' wedding attire is satisfactory.

\* Prepare the wedding announcements for mailing on wedding day.

Start packing for your honey-\* moon.

Have the bachelor and bridesmaids' parties.

#### **One day before** wedding:

Relax and enjoy!

\* Choose a reception location. Talk to your clergyman or of-Choose your attendants. Pick a color scheme for the

Reserve rental equipment, if any. Arrange for the wedding por-

Six months before Mail invitations. hearsal and party. Decide on a wedding date and

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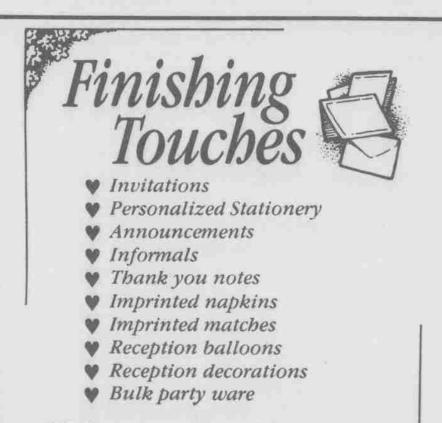


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## **Rings popular throughout history**

T EW YORK (AP) — The history of the ring, like the ring itself, literally has no beginning and no end, research by the Jewelry Industry Council shows. Excavations have turned up rings from as far back as 1400 B.C.

Begin a guest list.

Select a caterer.

Select a florist.

or house.

Shop for your wedding dress or

The French digs at Enkomi,

Cyprus, in 1930 unearthed a massive ring of electrum, a light yellow alloy of gold and silver, with two figures on it. It depicted a draped seated figure on a throne approached by another wearing a lion's skin and horns.

"While 3,400 years ago may seem astounding, consider that some historians venture to guess that Neanderthal man wore rings as early as 30,000 B.C.," says Kae McCulloch, fashion director of JIC.

Rings have long played an important role with humankind, she points out. They have served as door keys, money, even validity of citizenship. In Roman times, key-shaped rings were

either worn on the thumb, or suspended from a girdle. Free men and freed slaves in Rome were privleged to wear gold rings denoting their citizenship around 40 B.C.

Roman gladiators wore heavy wide rings - forerunners of today's brass knuckles, and used for the same purpose.

Satirist Juvenal (50-130 A.D.) described "summer and winter" rings: open filigree "for hot weather" and heavily gemmed ones "best for winter.'

"Surely vanity inspired the thumb ring of Hindu women that held small mirror so milady could easily check her coiffure," McCulloch says.

Watch rings made their appearance in the 17th century, making up in beauty and design for their shortcomings in timekeeping, she adds.

"Today, we are most familiar with wedding, engagement, cocktail,

school, birthstone and eternity rings,' she notes, "but throughout history, rings have included everything from the infamous poison rings of the borgias to innocent perfume rings.

Memorial rings with a strand of the deceased's hair commemorated the dead and were given to family and friends. Posy rings, sometimes called gypsy rings since gypsies sold them, carried mottos: "For a kiss...take this."

Signet rings, coronation rings, ecclesiastical and religious rings, are all part of the ring story. Many rings have historic significance, McCulloch points out. Caesar learned of the murder of the great Roman general Pompey when the general's seal ring was brought to him.

An early diamond engagement ring, from Maximilian of Austria to Mary of Burgundy in 1477, can be seen today at the State Museum of Vienna.



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