## Premarital ruling reversed; agreement stands in divorce

By Lee Rood Staff Reporter

Until recently, if a couple drew up a premarital agreement to protect their assets in the event of a divorce, that document could be considered void by the state of Nebraska.

The documents were void because Nebraska Supreme Court justices felt that including divorce with death in the agreement might encourage divor-

On Jan. 16 the high court virtually reversed its stand on the issue in Busekist vs. Busekist and decided that premarital agreements including provisions for divorce can stand up in a state court.

Lincoln attorney David Webb said the court's decision is a good one.

was little sense in drafting a premarital agreements will stand up in courts. agreement because the contracts didn't ment makes a lot of sense, he said.

"Love is great, but you have to con- all the assets involved. sider reality too," Webb said.

are used mostly to protect the assets tracts can still be overruled. and estates of people who want their their spouses.

the contracts are usually drawn up when people are beginning their second marriages to "protect" themselves and other has the right to a divorce. provide for children from earlier mar-

Before the ruling, Webb said, there he still doesn't believe some of the

Bollerup said Nebraska lawyers and necessarily stand up in court. But now, judges don't like the agreements beconsidering current divorce statistics, cause they encourage divorce, because the latest decision to honor the agree- attorneys can do little bargaining with them, and because couples rarely know

So while the court may have reversed In Nebraska, premarital agreements its decision, Bollerup said, the con-

In other states, premarital agreevaluables to go to someone other than ments have been drawn up to protect one spouse from another in other ways. Several Lincoln attorneys agreed that Some couples have written up guidelines to their marriages and if one party does not follow the guidelines, the

Bollerup said that those agreements are not needed in this state because But attorney Richard Bollerup said Nebraska has "no-fault" divorces. Nebraskans need no grounds for a divorce, Bollerup said, but residents of other states may need to prove their spouses unfit before they can divorce them.

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and reception can be a delicate matter, her church. The bride's and groom's since it involves many personal prefermothers should confer and agree on the ences. Here are some suggestions from number of invitations allocated to each Bridal Originals of New York on how to party. An effort should be made to handle the task:

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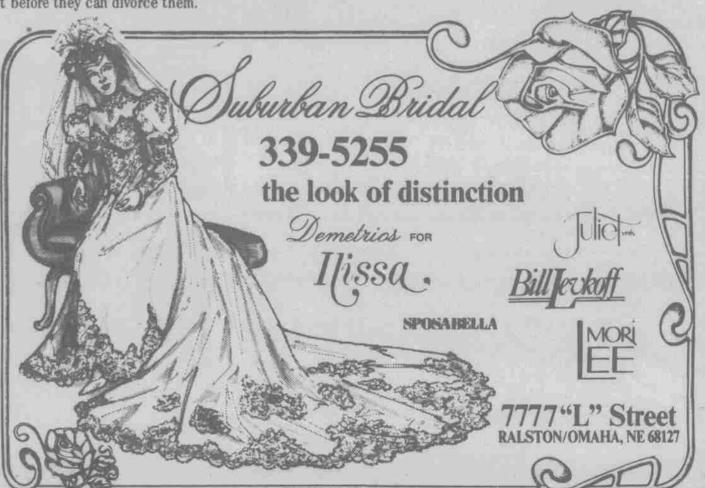
It is a good idea to keep your guest list arranged on three-by-five cards in alphabetical order. This makes it easy to subtract and add cards, depending on who accepts or declines. Gifts can be noted on the cards, making it easier to write thank you notes after the wedding.

If the bride and groom are from the same town, the names are generally evenly divided. If you come from different areas of the country, it is likely that the bride's guest list will be larger, Ms.

Drawing up a guest list for a wedding since the wedding is frequently held at avoid duplication.

> Try to order the invitations at least four months in advance of the wedding. Check your yellow page directory for the names of engravers and printers who specialize. Avoid costly errors by making sure that you give the printer the correct time, place and spelling of all names to be printed on the invita-

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