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## Advice to brides: Hire a consultant

By **Beth Narans**  
 Senior Editor

When most people think of wedding coordinators, the first thing that comes to mind is the movie, "Father of the Bride." Franc, a wedding coordinator played by Martin Short, virtually takes over the wedding, sparing no details or costs to the bride and her family.

The portrayal in that movie, however, is a far cry from the truth, Beth Alberts said. Alberts is a wedding coordinator from Special Moments Wedding and Party Shop, 4848 Normal Blvd., in Lincoln.

"When people ask me about consulting, I don't take charge like Franc," Alberts said. "I like to go through the things they're interested in and work from there."

Alberts can advise the bride about caterers, bakeries, photographers, music and flowers. But most people like to do a lot of that themselves, she said.

"People are more interested in hiring me for the actual wedding day," she said.

On that day, a lot of brides don't have time to decorate the reception hall and make sure everything, such as the cake and flowers, is where it should be. Alberts said that was where she could come in handy.

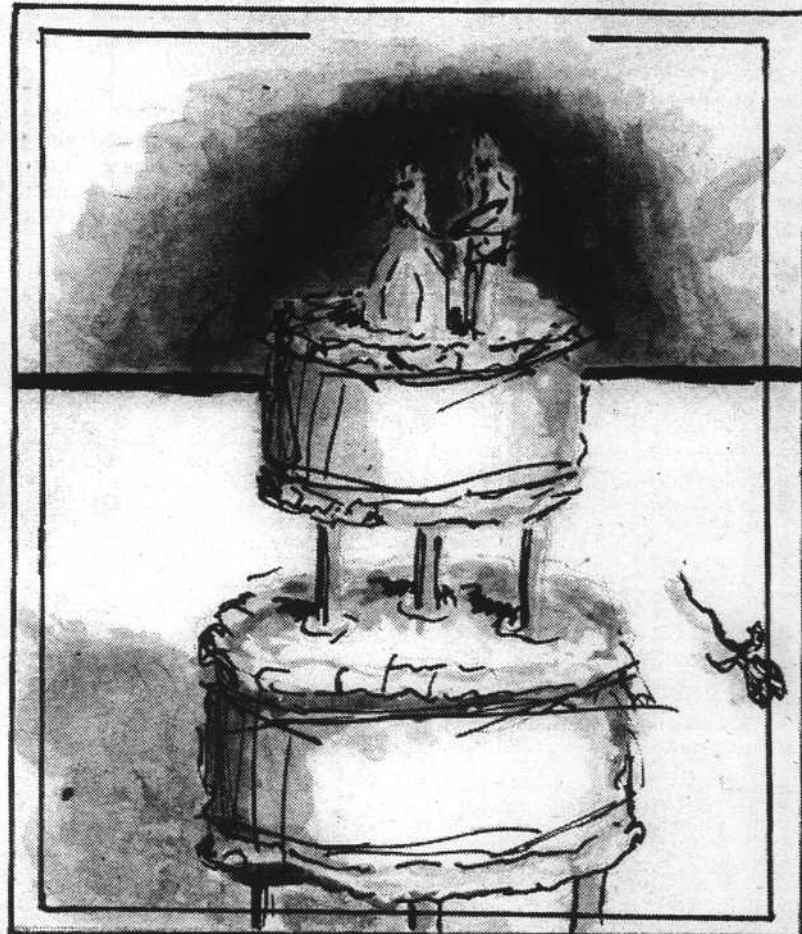
"I'm a part of everything, but not actually a part of it such as family as concerned. I can help everything work out really comfortably."

Usually Alberts charges 30 dollars an hour for her time. When it comes to doing the entire wedding, such as arranging the flowers and providing further consulting, she works out a different rate.

"My job is mainly to be here to answer questions and give advice," she said. "The biggest advantage is that you don't have to worry whether it will get done or not. It will."

Alberts spends a lot of her time with mothers of brides, who often find themselves running very short on time.

Jeanie Schommer, whose daughter



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**BETH ALBERTS**  
 wedding coordinator

Becci was married Dec. 2, found Albert's services a lifesaver.

"I wanted to make all the decorations myself," Schommer said, "but I ran out of time. I bought all the mate-

rials, and she put them together. Then she went out and set everything up. It gave me a real peace of mind for the

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