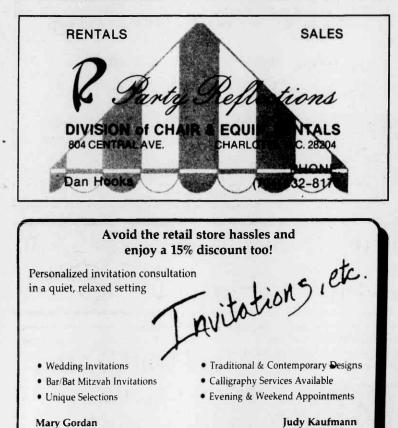
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Wilson-Shimberg

Marc and Nancy Wilson of Charlotte announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Michelle Wilson, to Clifford Roy Shimberg of Charlotte. The groom-elect is the son of Miriam and Irwin Shimberg of Mint Hill. A March 20 wedding is planned at the Belk Chapel at Queens College.

Shea-Citron

Mindy Allyson Citron and James Edwin Shea Jr. were married Sept. 19 in Charleston, SC.

The bride is the daughter of Myrna Citron and Martin Citron, both of Charlotte. She is a news reporter and anchor with WCSC-TV in Charleston.

The groom is the son of Elizabeth Shea of Charleston and the late James Shea. He is a graduate of Murray High School and Trident Technical College. He is a traffic coordinator with Westinghouse Electric Corp. in Charleston.

The couple live in Charleston.

Greenfield-Stanley

Julie Diane Stanley and Dr. Russell Howard Greenfield were married Sept. 20 at Temple Beth El.

The bride is the daughter of Betty and James Stanley of Charlotte. She is a graduate of Garinger High School, Appalachian State University and Central Piedmont Community College. She is a registered nurse with Carolinas Medical Center.

The groom is the son of Sophie Greenfield

of Greensboro and the late Alexander Greenfield. he is a graduate of Jericho High School, Brandeis University and the Chicago Medical School. He is on the faculty of the department of emergency medicine with Carolinas Medical Center.

Lerner-Martin

Donna Martin and Gary Lerner were married on Aug. 23 at the Emerald Hills Country Club in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The bride is the daughter of Susan and Dr. Joel Martin of Hollywood, Florida. She received a BA from Smith and did her graduate studies at UNC-CH. She is employed in Environmental Health.

The groom is the son of Lynn and Paul Edelstein and the late Sam Lerner of Charlotte. He received his BA degree from Emory University and is studying for his MBA at George Washington University.

This wedding will long be remembered by the wedding party and guests as it took place during the time of Hurricane Andrew. What a way to start a honeymoon! They did, however, manage to leave the next day on their honeymoon trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The couple live in Arlington, VA.

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Jews of Georgia

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the Black Sea, whose natives are Sunni Moslems; Ajar (Atchar), north of Turkey with its capital, Batumi, whose natives are Turkish Moslems; and South Ossetia, in the Caucasian foothills, with its capital in Takhinvali, whose natives are Indo-Iranian.

Georgia - History

Christianity was introduced in Georgia in 330 CE and despite a sizable Moslem minority, the country remains predominantly Christian. The Georgian language, one of the Caucasian group, has an ancient literary tradition.

The country enjoyed a golden age in the 12th century, which ended with the Mongol invasion in 1220. By the 15th century, the united monarchy had disintegrated into squabbling princedoms under the hegemony alternately of Turkey and Persia. This situation continued until the 19th century when the area fell under Russian dominance; Russian hegemony .prevailed, with the exception of a short period of independence in 1918-21, until the recent disintegration of the USSR.

On April 9, 1991, the then president of Georgia, Gamsakhurdia, declared the country's independence, and with independence came the call to disband the autonomous regions.

The autonomous region of South Ossetia had already initiated its bid to secede from Georgia and join the Soviet Union, and bitter fighting broke out in January 1991 when Georgian militia were sent to quash secessionists. The situation in Ossetia is now under control, but the threat of renewed tensions remains.

Skhumi, a popular Black Sea resort for the privileged in the former USSR, was the center of conflict during the recent outbreak of hostilities in Abkhazia. Abkhazians have nevertheless been persistent in their demands over the years and the recent strife is seen as part of the historic conflict between the secessionist Abkhazians and the central government in Georgia.

It is generally believed that the central government will use all necessary force to maintain a united Georgia and that secessionists in South Ossetia and Abkhazia are unlikely to relinquish their aims. Both of these groups receive support from the Russian side of the border; uaranteeing a continuation of the conflicts.





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