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for lounging, and advice from the experts on
avoiding those sticky prewedding faux pas.

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Sitting Pretty

You love the youngest members of your family or your best friend's three-year-old, but kids don't always make the ideal wedding guests. Why not park them with **Newport Nannies**, a nannying service, while the festivities are going on?

Owner-director Jennifer DeLuise, a newlywed herself, will babysit the little darlings at the reception or back at the hotel while their parents dance the night away, often at one of the Newport mansions or an area hotel. Last summer DeLuise was nanny for twenty-two different families from as far off as California and Texas. She is certified in CPR and first aid, she says, and sometimes calls in reinforcements for larger groups of children. Her biggest job? The time she was nanny for fifteen kids at Newport's Ocean Cliff. "They rented out the whole gatehouse for us. It was a lot of fun." *Newport Nannies Professional Childcare Services; rates are \$100 per child for six hours or less; www.newportnannies.com*



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Well Connected

When Annmarie Giordano Therriault was planning her wedding in 2004, she was stumped. How hard could it be to find place card and table card holders, cake toppers or even the right shoes? Pretty hard, as it turned out. After surfing the web for these difficult-to-get items, Therriault started her own bridal shopping website, www.couture-bridal.com, to save other couples the trouble. The site features hundreds of items, everything from bridal spa kits to toasting flutes to bubbles in mini champagne bottles to fun, personalized favors. Business was so successful, in fact, that Therriault opened a bricks-and-mortar bridal boutique at 577 Tiogue Avenue in Coventry in the fall of 2005. Along with many of the products featured on the website, **Couture Bridal** will include a honeymoon planning service (Giordano is a certified travel agent), and she promises to be an advocate for brides making some expensive decisions. "Your wedding," she says, "is the only day you can be selfish and get away with it."