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AWAY WE GO! A trio of save-the-date alternatives that save cash, too: Vintage-style postcards, like these Hula Honeys from Chronicle Books, are isle-dyllic for faraway weddings with small guest lists (you'll have to handwrite each message). Or use your digicam to make a video of your wedding site and send it as an attachment to an e--save the date (give Luddites a phone call). Or go low-tech and relay the info on paper airplanes; paperairplanes.co.uk has how-to's on folding some beauts.



VA-VA-VA-VERA Gown guru

Wang's first collection of lingerie is sure to be unveiled on a thousand honeymoon nights; like the lace-edged cami-and-pant set seen here, the separates are chic and charming, a romantic's answer to racy.

TOOTHY TIMES Brides with gummy grins flock to New York cosmetic dentist Elisa Mello for gum lifts; most women come in four months before the wedding so they're in prime smiling shape for all the parties. Laser-adverse? Check out the snap-on smiles offered by Mark Liechtung, also in Manhattan, who can give you a set of temporary Julia Roberts choppers ideal for the wedding pictures, if not for the wedding meal.



EAT TO THE BEAT Speaking of food, the latest way to jazz up your reception is to give your feast a soundtrack. Food and wine consultant Eric Weiss has invented something called The Taste of Music, The Sound of Food and Wine. In tandem with keyboardist/guitarist David Sancious (an original member of Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band), he'll come up with music for each course, so your South African sauvignon blanc and capon ravioli will be served to a sweetly melancholy piano trill, while the Domaine de Nizas and roasted veggies with farmer's cheese are paired with bluesy French chords.

SOMEZING IN ZEE AIR Here's one wedding detail we bet you haven't obsessed over quite yet: the smell. All that's about to change, with aromatherapy systems becoming standard in upscale hotels. At the Hilton Arc de Triomphe in Paris, Iliana Guiot-Guillin, the hotel's Mistress of Scents, can arrange for your reception guests to enjoy the fragrance of fig leaves, burned wood, wild ivy, the seashore, or a field of summer strawberries.

The Light of Your Life

All eyes are typically on the bride, but if you don't mind sharing center stage, get your groom a pair of illuminated cuff links from iKuffs.com. LEDs (light emitting diodes) do the trick; the batteries last 120 hours, so he can keep and going, and...



MONKS THE WORD We know brides who've flown the band cross-country, and others who've paid for photographers to jet in from Europe, but this is a first for us: the couple who flew not one, not two, but three monks all the way from Asia to bless their vows at the Four Seasons on Hawaii's Big Island. For information on Spy finds, turn to Shopping Guide.