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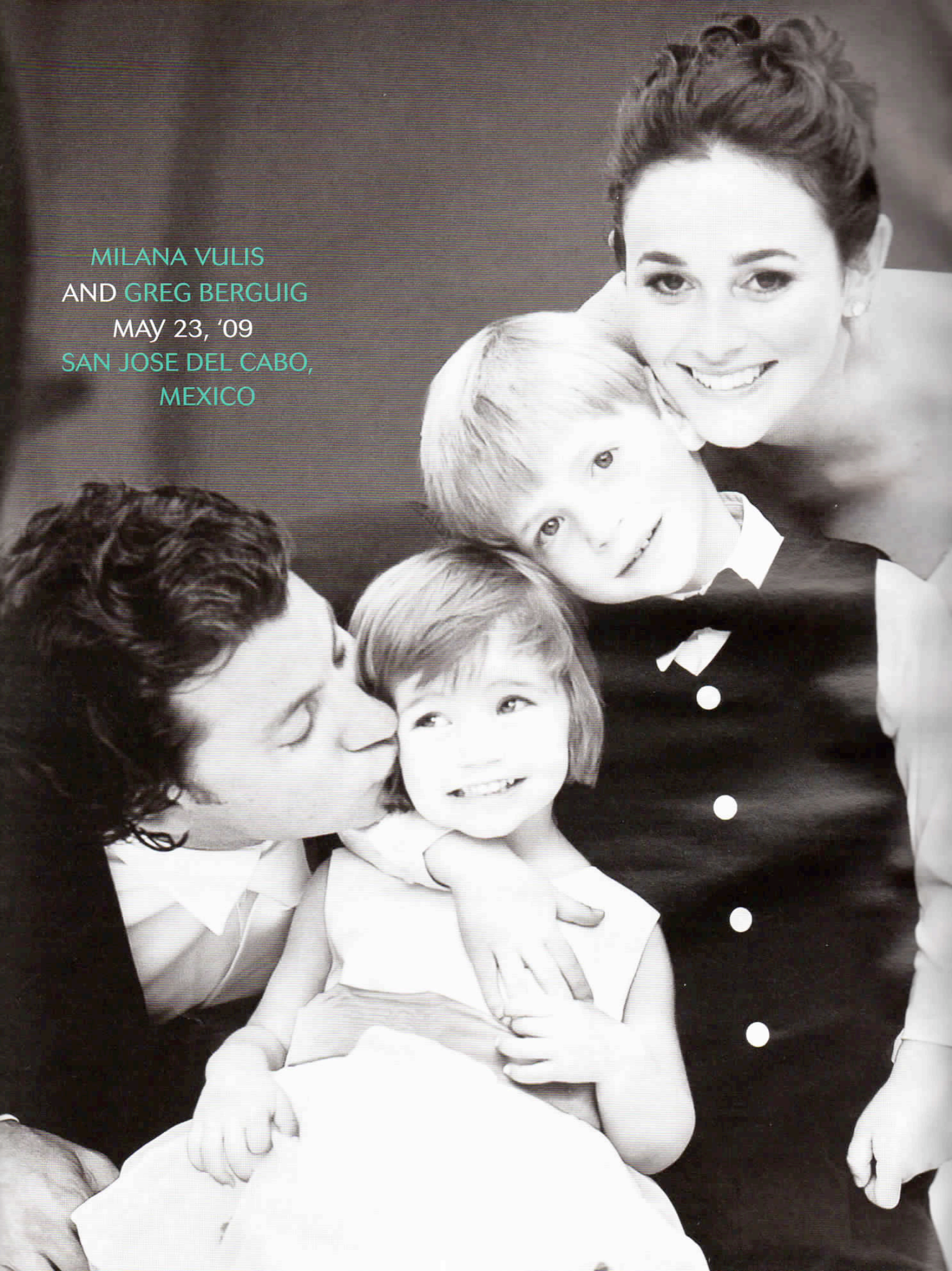
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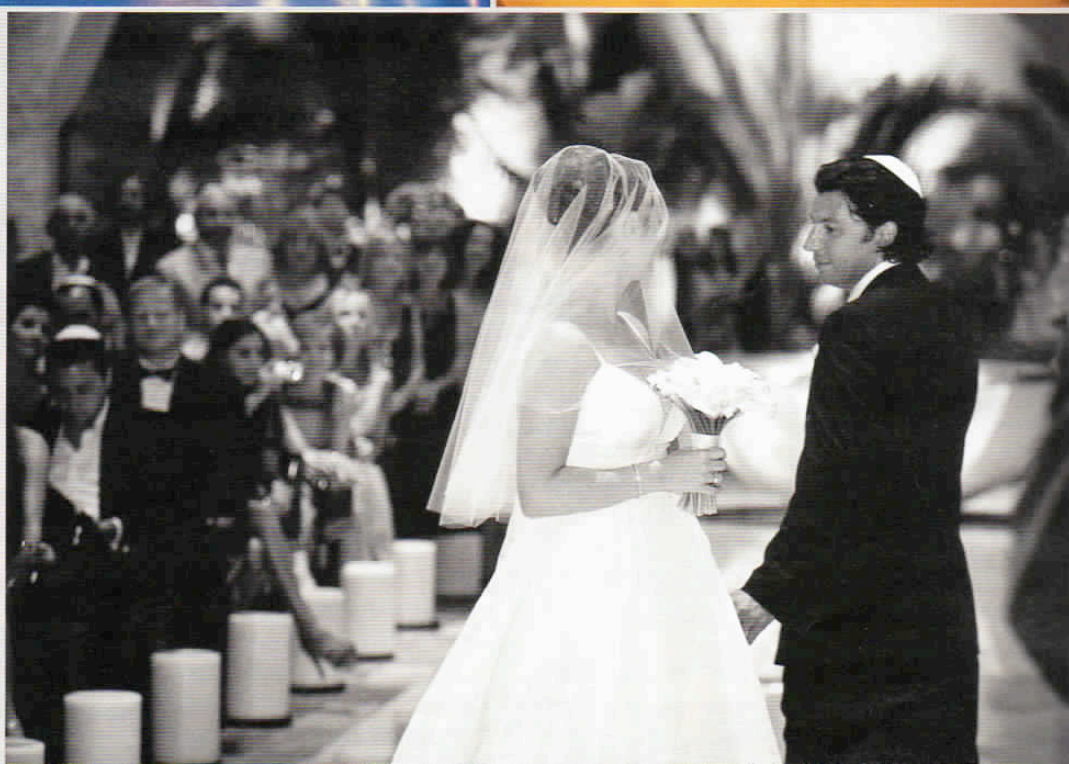
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Although Milana Vulis and Greg Berguig were only 10 years old when they shared their first kiss instigated by a game of Truth or Dare at summer camp, it would take several years and many miles from their Bay Area hometowns for the two to fall in love.

Acquaintances as teenagers, it was while both were students at Brown University in Providence, R.I., that a friendship blossomed. Although family members say they saw it coming from a mile away, it wasn't until their senior year that the two admitted that friendship had grown into love.

"It was just such a natural progression from being best friends and then taking it one step further," recalls Milana. "There was never a





clear moment of when it became love.” Greg remembers, “We became really close in college. We were each other’s support. Senior year it was just like: this makes sense.”

Often apart in the ensuing years as each followed their respective career paths—Milana is in medicine; and Greg in business—the couple was finally able to live together, settling into Brooklyn in the summer of 2007. One year later Greg decided it was the perfect time to propose.

After a cooking class that Milana had arranged as a seventh anniversary gift, Greg surprised her with a detour to the New York Botanical Garden. “He kept making us go from one location to another until finally he

found the perfect spot behind some rocks near a waterfall,” Milana says. “He squatted down on one knee and proposed. I don’t remember everything he said, but I do remember him saying ‘I love you’ over and over and over again.”

With nine months to plan the wedding before Milana was due to begin her residency, they began searching for a warm, outdoor location. And Mexico’s Cabo Azul Resort in Los Cabos provided the perfect location for the multi-day event.

Friday evening 180 guests enjoyed a welcome Shabbat dinner, complete with challah bread specially made by the resort’s chef. Prior to Saturday’s sunset wedding





ceremony, the bride and groom posed for pictures—the first time they saw and talked to each other that day—while guests enjoyed a cocktail hour.

The ceremony opened with the flower girl and ring bearer singing a traditional Jewish song for the Havdalah service. Family members served as bridesmaids and groomsmen as the two exchanged vows in the resort's magnificent open-air chapel overlooking the Sea of Cortez. Candles, fire torches and a chuppah designed by Milana herself elegantly decorated the space.

"The best moment was when I walked down the aisle and we both stepped under the chuppah," says Milana. "It was as if we

were the only two people there and we were truly part of a spiritual experience."

At the reception, a band from Israel played "Bésame Mucho" as the newlyweds shared their first dance. The resort's chef prepared a multi-course meal and a traditional French croquembouche. Beachside fireworks at midnight added to the celebration.

Sunday evening's relaxed, all-white barbecue beach party, complete with a local Mexican band, capped the weekend's events. "That last night there," Greg says, "what a great way to start off our marriage."

> **Written by April C. Miller**

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BLAIR RICH
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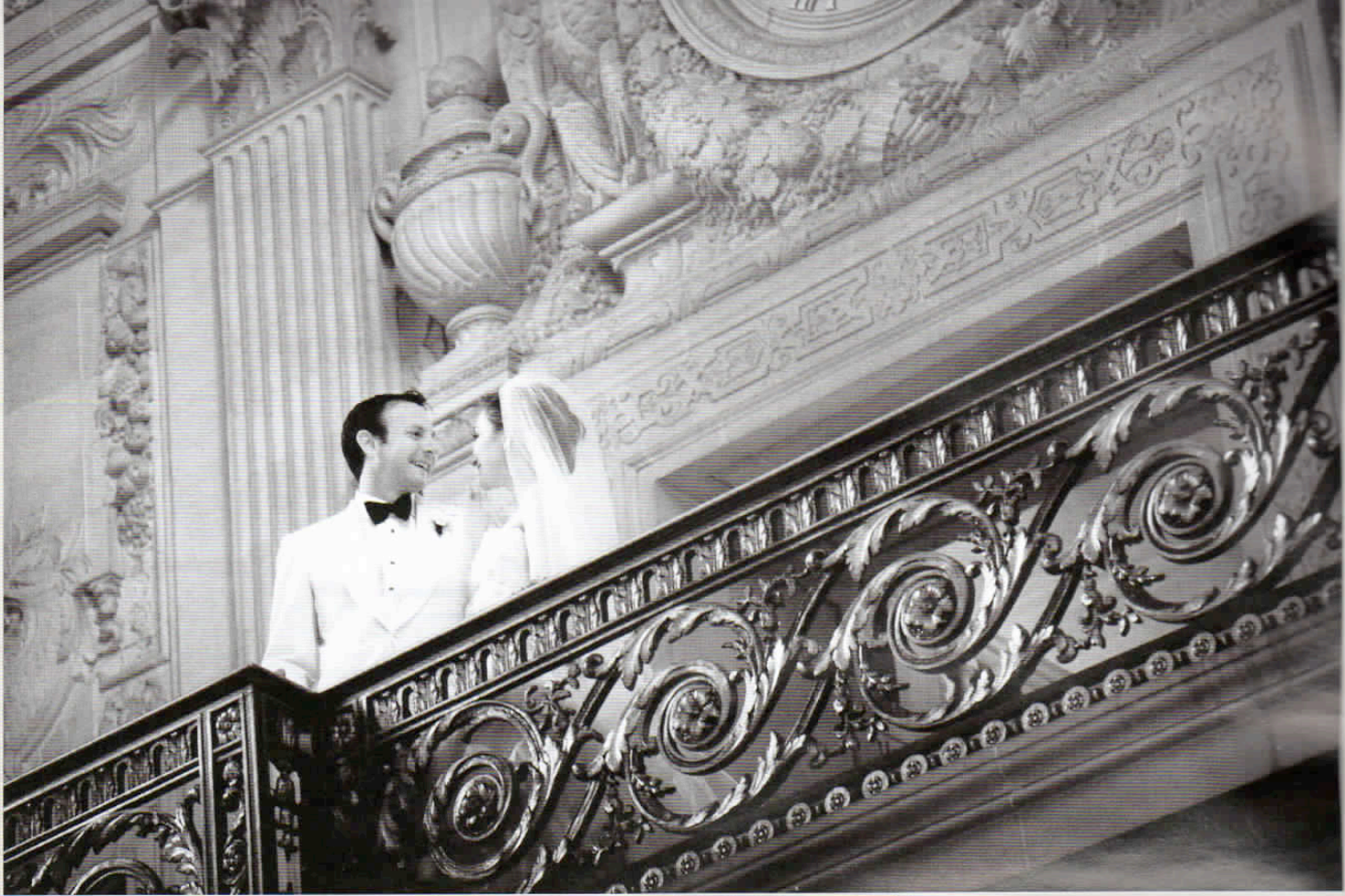
> **FEATURE WEDDING:** “We’ve embraced our passion for adventure” and are not “shy about living life to the fullest.”

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The watering can’s attached note seemed “awfully sentimental for lunch on a Saturday,” but Blair Rich was unsuspecting, even when she spied her beau “standing in the backyard beaming.” Keith Sherman’s hectic morning involved visiting her dad, chilling rosé, picking up her favorite foods, spring cleaning, then, anxiously awaiting Blair’s return. Even after she noticed the beribboned Meyer lemon tree—a culinary accessory she’d long coveted—Keith had to coax her to water it before she discovered the ring box concealed within its branches.

They’d discussed marriage, but Keith’s diamond purchase was a gamble. “I am not the easiest person to shop for,” admits Blair, who was delighted with his selection. They’d also envisioned a destination wedding, but with Blair’s demanding executive job at Warner Bros. and her 90-year-old father’s limited travel range, they narrowed their search. “My mom made us this massive binder” featuring every venue “from the southern tip to the northernmost part of the state,” says Blair, who recognized immediately that San Francisco offered the requisite sophistication and beauty they were looking for.





After a fruitless New York dress search, Blair beseeched Keith's help. "I'm absolutely not going with you," he asserted, questioning why she hadn't tried Monique Lhuillier's L.A. salon. The gown on display caught her eye during a drive-by, and although she was in jeans and had no appointment, she had to try it. "It looked like it was made for me," says Blair. Lhuillier cut her vacation short to begin customizing the gown.

Guests became acquainted over dim sum Friday and all 170 donned black and white, as requested, for Saturday's celebration. As she climbed into a vintage Rolls Royce with her father, Blair was "much calmer"



than she'd imagined. Keith nervously descended City Hall's massive staircase, but as the Pacific Boychoir sang, the couple's nephews and nieces processed, and Blair appeared "laughing and smiling," he felt relaxed and elated.

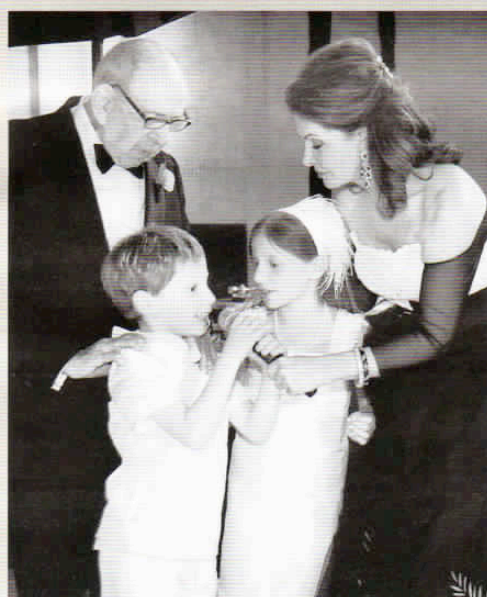
Mayor Gavin Newsom conducted the service; a rabbi oversaw traditions from Keith's faith. As guests exited, lion dancers escorted them to the Asian Art Museum. "Everyone was clapping and cheering" as the newlyweds ascended stairs to join the cocktail party on the loge, Keith remembers. "It was definitely one of our favorite moments."

Blair's mother was instrumental in the Art Deco and film-inspired design of Samsung Hall, where smoked-mirror tabletops were graced with platinum-painted Manzanita trees and fragrant gardenias bathed in spotlight. "It was the most gorgeous room I have ever seen," Blair raves. "Everything was perfection."

Blair collaborated with the caterer on an extraordinary menu; Keith teamed with the sommelier to pair wines; Blair's brother, Anthony Rich, produced the day's musical entertainment. Once DJ Mr. Best spun the last tune at 5 a.m. and their after-party suite at



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the St. Regis cleared, "Our minds were just racing: We were desperate to hang on to what we remembered," Blair recalls.

Following Sunday brunch at the St. Regis, the couple traveled to Big Sur. They'll honeymoon in early 2010, likely in Africa. Their careers—he's in commercial real estate—make their time together precious. "We've embraced our passion for adventure" and are not "shy about living life to the fullest," says Blair, whose cooking isn't the only thing that's now infused with zest.

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