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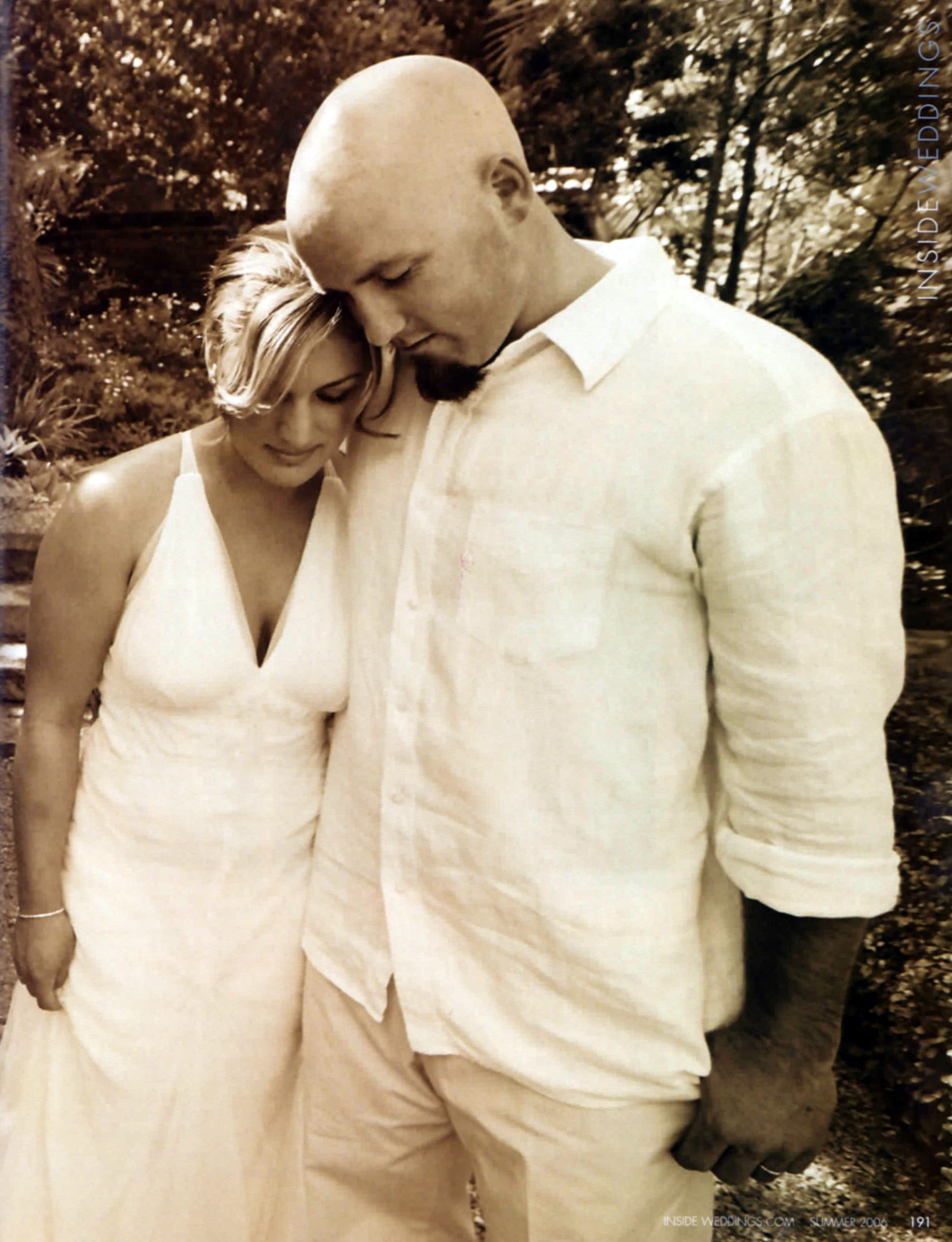


AMY LACERTE & JOSH PHILLIPS
MAY 20, 2005 MONTECITO, CALIFORNIA
PHOTOGRAPHED BY ELIZABETH MESSINA

Encore eclectic

Four months into their friendship, Amy Lacerte and Josh Phillips shared their first kiss. Some time later, on a surfing trip in Indonesia, Josh proposed to Amy on a pristine stretch of beach with only their shadows as witnesses. They spent the next two weeks vacationing alone together and enjoying their engagement in an idyllic way: by themselves and removed from any pressures that might interrupt their bliss.

Such relaxation left them ready, when they returned, to start planning the wedding of their dreams. Both Amy and Josh knew they wanted to get married in an intimate ceremony on the beach in Maui, and they did so in March of 2005. Several months later, they threw a "celebration party" just outside Santa Barbara and invited 180 friends and family members to an elaborate, unique reception that was every bit the fanciful experience they hoped it would be.



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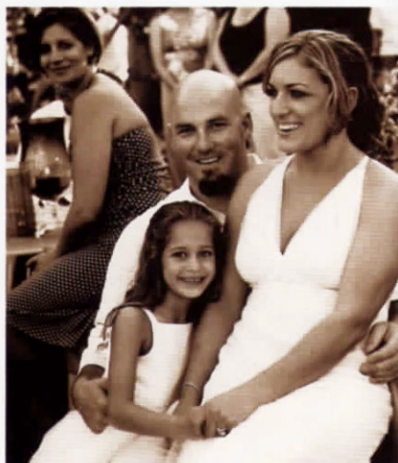
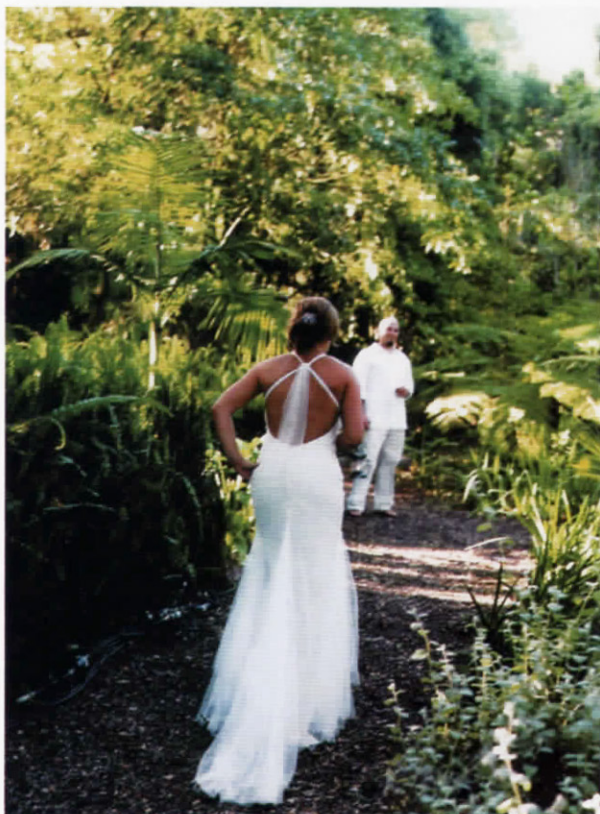
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And with those guests who weren't interested in dancing off the calories beneath huge hanging disco balls, the custom-made blue suede pool tables were a huge hit. A video montage of Amy and Josh's relationship was also projected onto three white panels that billowed in the evening breeze. The colorful pashminas gifted to the female guests (the men received hand-painted tile coasters courtesy of Josh's company) came in handy, especially since the after-party in the cool, foggy Santa Barbara morning was about to be revealed. A romantic hideaway, nestled in another area of the property, was accessible by walking along a little trail or by hitching a ride in a Cadillac Escalade golf cart. Once arrived, guests were drawn into a Moroccan lounge done up in seductive shades of raspberry, chocolate brown and vanilla for late-night snacks and desserts. Among the offerings, mini White Castle cheeseburgers, fries and breakfast burritos and huge bricks of white chocolate from which guests chiseled off pieces to eat. Everything was washed down with freshly brewed espresso and glasses of port. "Can you tell we love food?" jokes Amy.

Satiated and relaxed, the bride and groom congregated with loved ones on daybeds around a long fountain, while mellow partiers curled up on sofas inside tented nooks to take in the soothing sounds of a Spanish guitarist. Without a single speaker to be found, it was a wonderfully intimate setting with which to end the night.

It wasn't Amy and Josh's last opportunity to let it all soak in, however. They were able to spend another two weeks alone together on another stretch of beach, reliving the excitement of their unique celebrations while on their honeymoon in Barbados.

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