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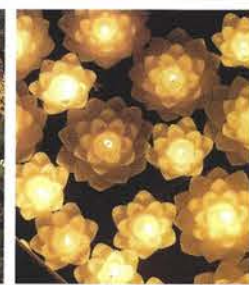
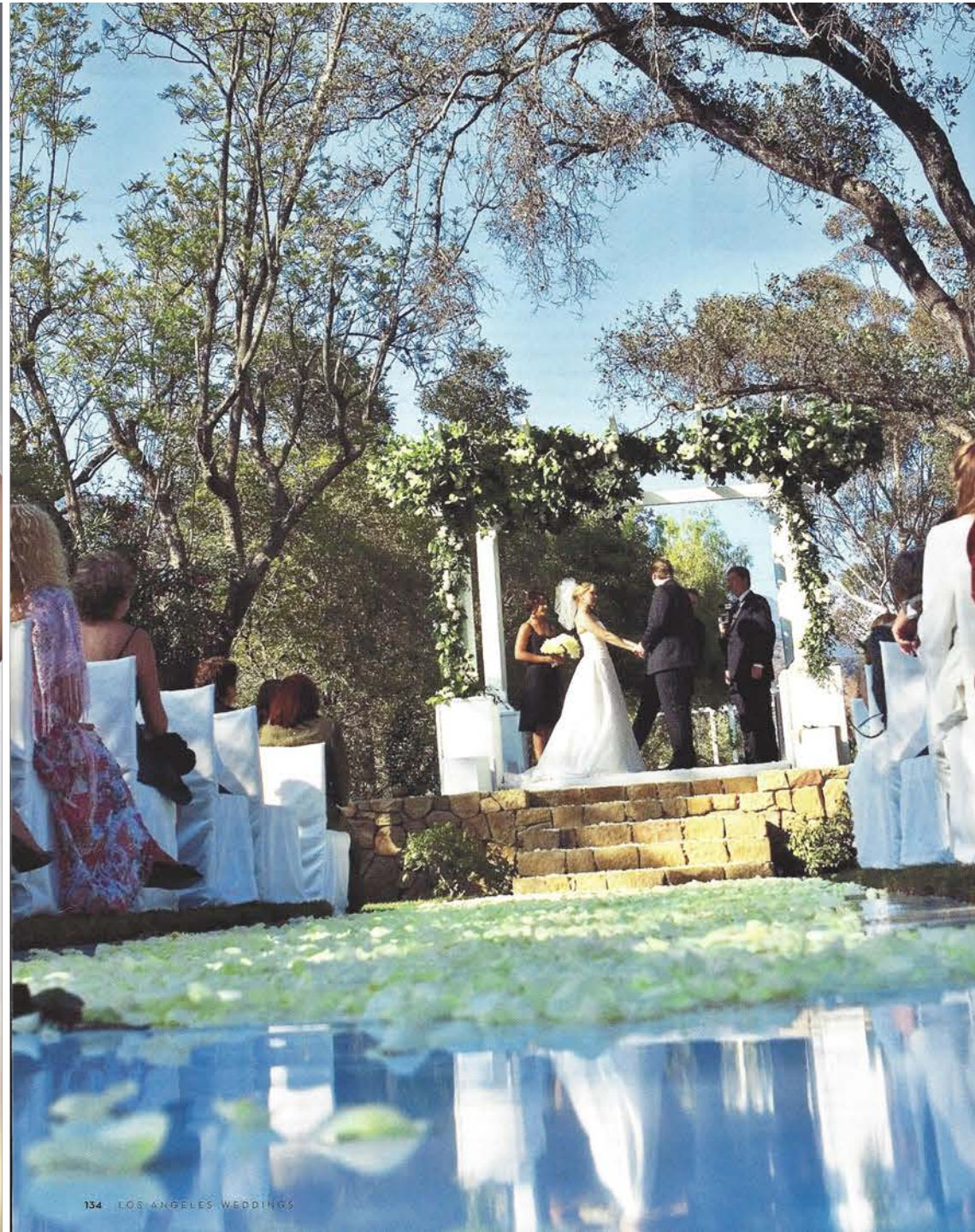
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**surprise elements** Lavish hors d'oeuvres included Lobster Ravioli on a Spoon and Baked Camembert on Melba Toast with Berry Compote. The elaborate outdoor ceremony site morphed into a dance floor as guests dined in a grand tent within which the lighting changed dramatically with each course.



As professionals with international travel schedules, Sharifa Adham and Eduardo Burillo had crossed paths several times in different countries before they "officially" met. The first time was in Marbella, Spain, which neither of them remembered until years later when Sharifa was re-introduced to Eduardo via the exclusive networking Web site, aSmallWorld.net. She was seeking business advice from Eduardo, and the two realized just how parallel their lives had been. Their professional relationship turned romantic after two months of emails and phone conversations, and when Sharifa discovered that she and Eduardo would both be back in Marbella during the same week, she invited him and his cousins to stay with her. Four months later, Eduardo proposed.

They were married aboard her family's yacht off the coast of Spain in a very intimate ceremony with only fifteen guests in attendance. With many more people in their lives with whom to share their happiness, Sharifa and Eduardo decided to hold a second wedding at her parents' home in Beverly Hills. "I always thought that my family home would be the most meaningful place to host our wedding reception," says the bride. But it would require that the property undergo an extreme makeover (thanks to the event designer Linda Pittelli of the Los Angeles company Eventful) to accommodate 200 guests in luxurious style. "Just when we thought we had experienced the most memorable moment of our lives," explains the bride, referring to their European nuptials, "we returned to Los Angeles to see our home transformed into a place that seemed suspended in the stars."



SHARIFA ADHAM & EDUARDO BURILLO  
 JUNE 3, 2006 BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA  
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