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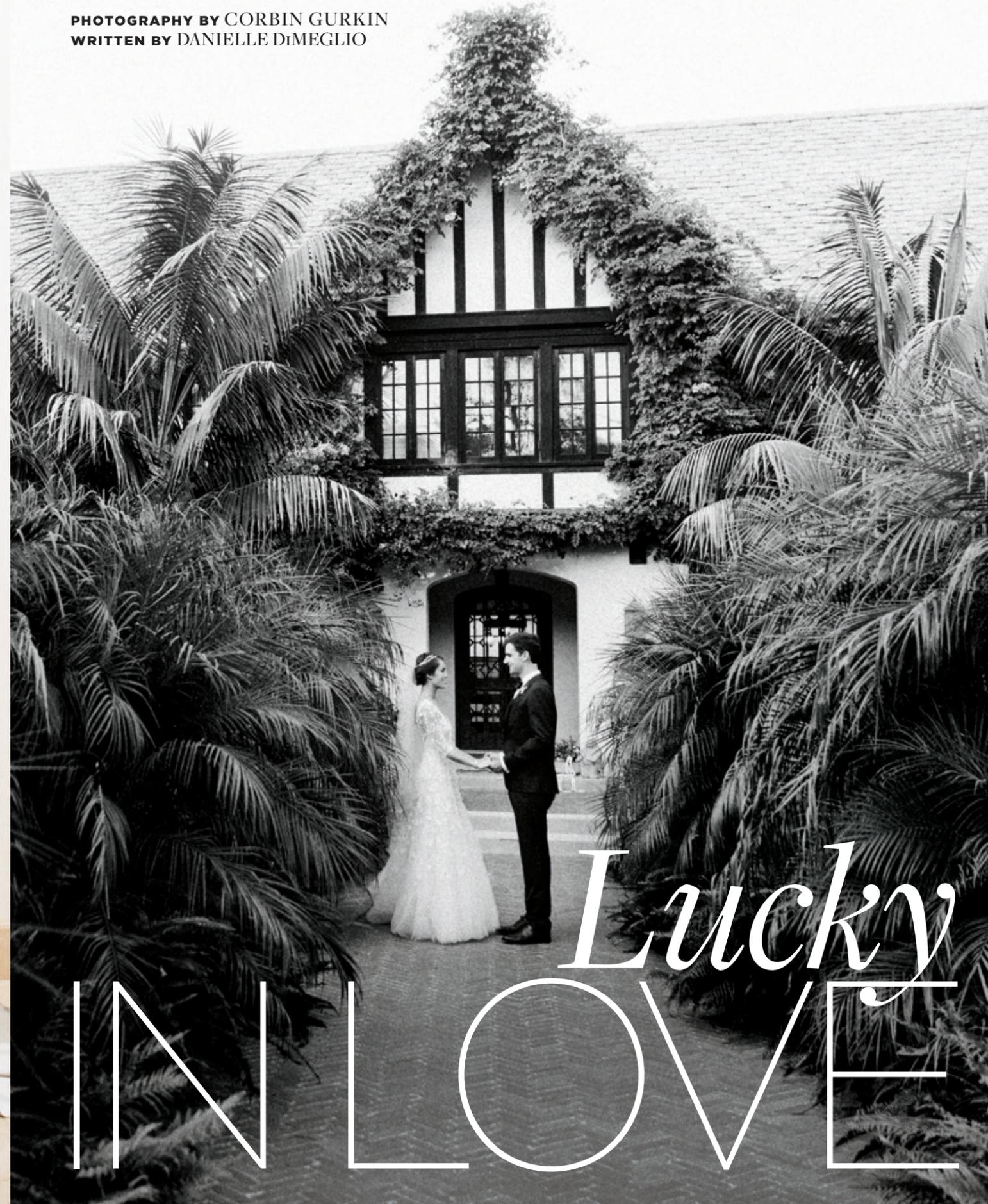


Teddy Montesano's mother and sister make last-minute adjustments to her **MONIQUE LHULLIER** ensemble. *Opposite:* The bride and groom share an intimate moment after the ceremony.



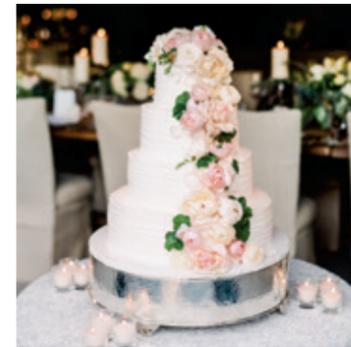
Longtime SWEETHEARTS Teddy Montesano and Blake Muller EXCHANGE VOWS at the bride's stunning SANTA BARBARA FAMILY ESTATE

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In the reception tent, a custom-made chandelier by **MINDY RICE DESIGN** hangs over the romantic tablescape for a "natural, understated look," says the bride. Monogrammed "M" napkins add a personalized touch to the rustic, European-inspired dreamland.



Clockwise from above: A four-tiered confection from **CHRISTINE DAHL PASTRIES**. The newlyweds during their reception. Teddy and her father, Gene Montesano, take the floor. Written vows are exchanged. The alfresco ceremony setting.



◆ Teddy has "challenged me to follow my dreams, cried and laughed with me, taken care of and consoled me, but most importantly, [she's] loved me," said Blake Muller, as he recited his written vows before 210 guests in an open-air ceremony to his now-wife, Teddy Montesano, at her family's Santa Barbara home.

Though both grew up in the coastal town, the couple's paths first crossed at a Stanford University football game in Palo Alto when Blake's mother and younger brother, an old friend of Teddy's, decided to introduce the two. To their surprise and delight, the matchmaking ploy eventually led to seven inseparable years of dating, a perfect New York proposal and a spectacular fall wedding.

For Blake, an assistant coach for the men's tennis team at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and Teddy, a Pilates instructor, the wedding venue was predestined long before they met. "My sister and

I always said we'd get married in the same place my parents renewed their vows for their 10-year anniversary," she says. And sure enough, on a warm October weekend, the bride stepped out onto that same garden aisle in a lace-embellished Monique Lhuillier gown, arm in arm with her father, Gene Montesano, restaurateur and founder of Lucky Brand Jeans.

White and green blooms by florist Mindy Rice festooned the ceremony and reception areas, where wedding planner Meryll Brown curated the bride's elegant garden party vision. The black-tie affair concluded with an after-party into the early morning, followed by a dreamy honeymoon in Argentina. •

VENUE Private residence, Santa Barbara
PLANNER Meryll Brown Events **FLORIST** Mindy Rice Design **CATERING** The Food Matters, Christine Dahl Pastries **ENTERTAINMENT** Santa Barbara String Quartet, de Bois Entertainment band Karizma, DJ Michael Ober **RENTALS** Classic Party Rentals, Rivre Works **DRESS** Monique Lhuillier **TUXEDO** Bonobos