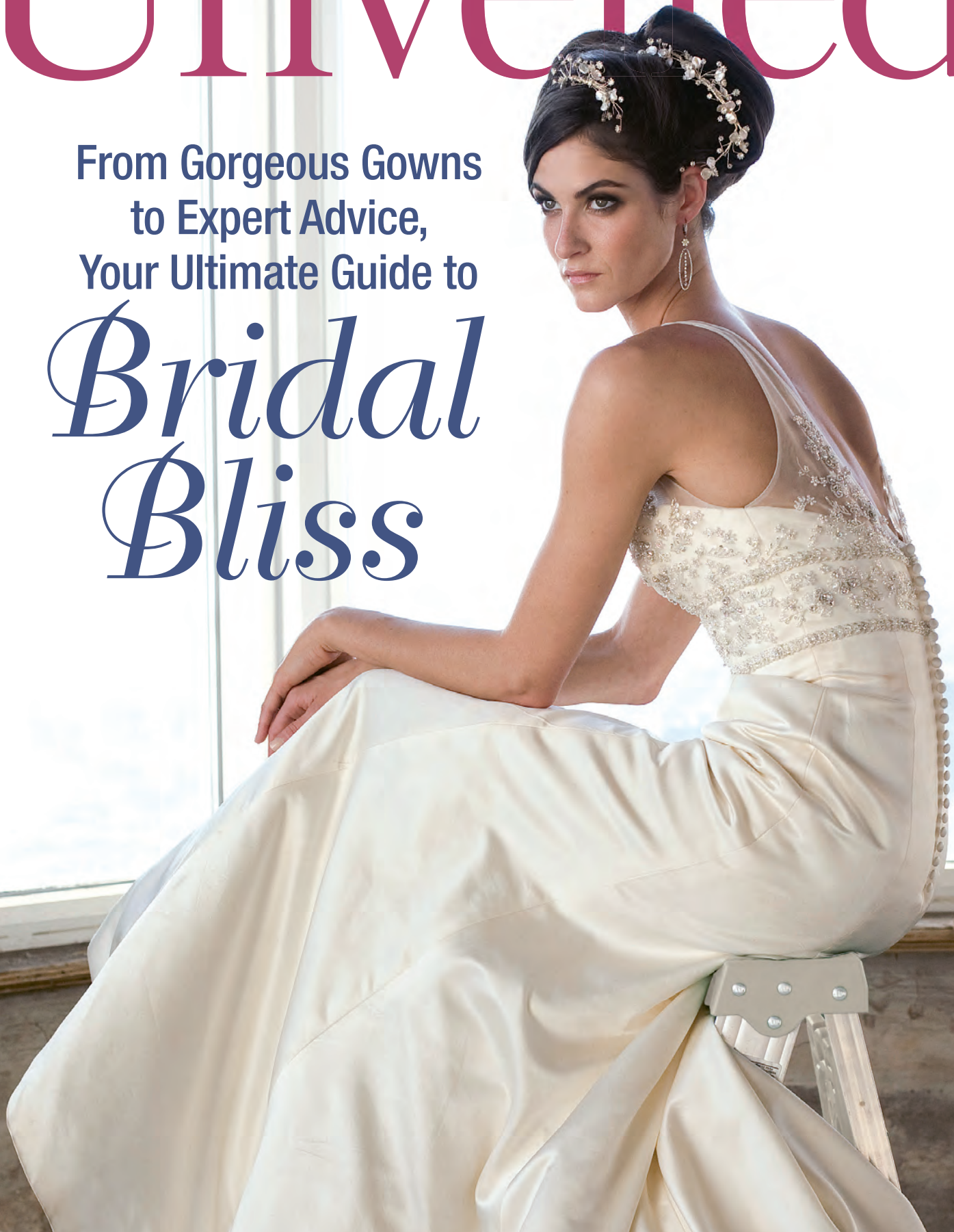


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to Expert Advice,
Your Ultimate Guide to

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Joyful DECLARATIONS

Moments from seven of the year's superlative weddings



Amy McCarthy and Dan Hinote

Date: July 25, 2008

Ceremony and Reception:

Colorado's Keystone Ranch, before several hundred 1950s-attired friends, family, and Hinote's St. Louis Blues and former Colorado Avalanche teammates

Spotted in the Crowd:

Accompanying the bride's sister, Jenny McCarthy, was beau Jim Carrey, whose take on '50s garb had him in a full Fidel Castro outfit, including beard. Similarly stunning: Blues defenseman Jay McKee, who arrived wearing a blond wig and white dress.

Photographer: Steve Peterson





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Katherine Drinen and Marc Lazar

Date: September 13, 2008

Ceremony and Reception:

The Chase Park Plaza, outdoors by the pool, with a menu of seasonal, local food and a wine selection curated to impress even the most dedicated oenophile (Lazar owns Cellar Advisors, a wine-cellar management company)

Dancing the Night Away:

After dinner, the newlyweds and their guests headed inside to the Chase's Café Eau for drinks, dancing—and delicious late-night hot dog and coffee bars.

Photographer: Jon Koch





Jennifer Carnoske and Miguel Cotignola

Date: June 21, 2008

Ceremony:

Hanley Road Baptist Church in Clayton, where the multiple-location church known as The Journey has its Hanley Road Campus

Reception:

At Moulin in Lafayette Square,
with a menu by Vin de Set chef Ivy Magruder

SLM Connection:

Cotignola, one of *St. Louis Magazine's* 2006 Top Singles, met his bride-to-be at a Keystone party at Mandarin Lounge—a party he got tickets to via the magazine.

Photographer: Sarah Carmody



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Nicole Marino and Dana Rodriguez

Date: April 26, 2008

Ceremony:

The Shrine of St. Joseph, site of the only Roman Catholic Church—authenticated miracle in the Midwest

Reception:

The Coronado Ballroom, with a subtle midcentury Hollywood nightclub theme, including staging custom-built for the band and graceful feather accents

Naming Rights:

The couple's signature martini, served during cocktail hour at the reception, was named "Because of Jenny" as a tribute to the woman who introduced the couple.

Photographer: Pam Bredenkemp



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Jeanne Roberts and Jay Johnson

Date: August 30, 2008

Ceremony:

The Cloisters, a 14th-century French monastery on Paradise Island, Bahamas, with the bride's uncle, the Rev. Joseph Cazer, presiding

Reception:

The Atlantis Resort, where the newlyweds danced to Prince's "Adore" and Bahamian music; the next day, guests were transported to the Roberts family Castle on the Beach in Nassau—the bride is the daughter of developer Michael Roberts Sr.—for a splash party

Who's Who:

The wedding party included maid of honor Keshia Knight Pulliam of *The Cosby Show* and bridesmaid Aliké Boggan of *Deal or No Deal*. Guests included TV's Judge Glenda Hatchett and former ambassador to Tanzania Charles Stith.

Photographer: Kevin V. Williams





McKenzie Lange and Graham Goldwasser

Date: September 20, 2008

Ceremony:

St. Peters Episcopal Church at Warson and Ladue, with luscious florals by Amie Hemenway and Ann Rabbit and a wedding dress by Vera Wang

Reception:

Bellerive Country Club, where guests enjoyed cake from Lubeley's Bakery and music by Dr. Zhivegas and Curt Landes

By Design:

Designer Hemenway and Cosmopolitan Events brought personal touches to all the day's events—including treats in dog bowls and a canine ice sculpture in honor of the couple's beloved dog, Tuck.

Photographer: Patti Gabriel



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Scott Lowenbaum and Russell Strom

Date: May 17, 2008

Ceremony:

Temple Israel in Creve Coeur, presided over by Rabbi John Franken; the ceremony was the first gay wedding in the congregation's 122-year history

Reception:

Union Station's Grand Hall; artist Lowenbaum (on the right in the top right photograph) personally spray-painted nearly 200 yards of chiffon to decorate tables

Jet Set:

Soon after the wedding, the couple flew off to New York City, where Lowenbaum is plying his art and Strom is beginning a residency in neurosurgery.

Photographer: Katherine Bish

