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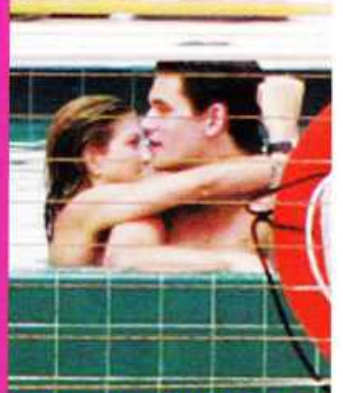
# People

**ALL THE  
DETAILS!**

## JENNA BUSH'S TEXAS WEDDING



- Tearful vows
- Gorgeous gowns
- The full menu
- The guests
- And more!



**JOHN AND JEN**  
Could This Be  
Love?



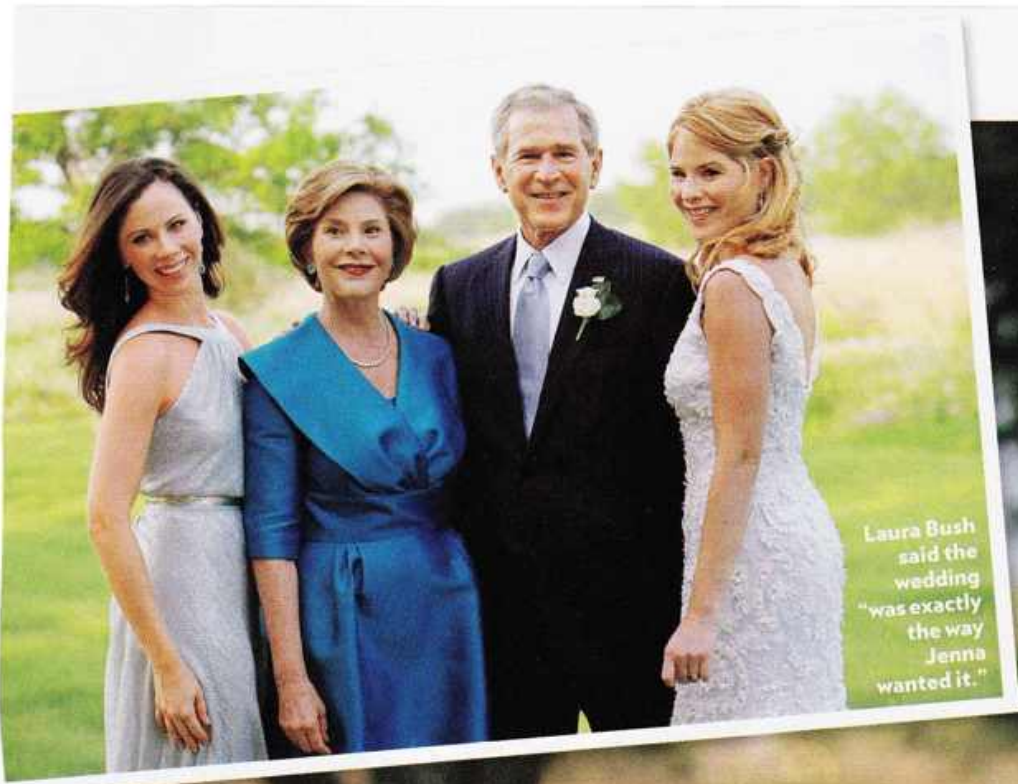
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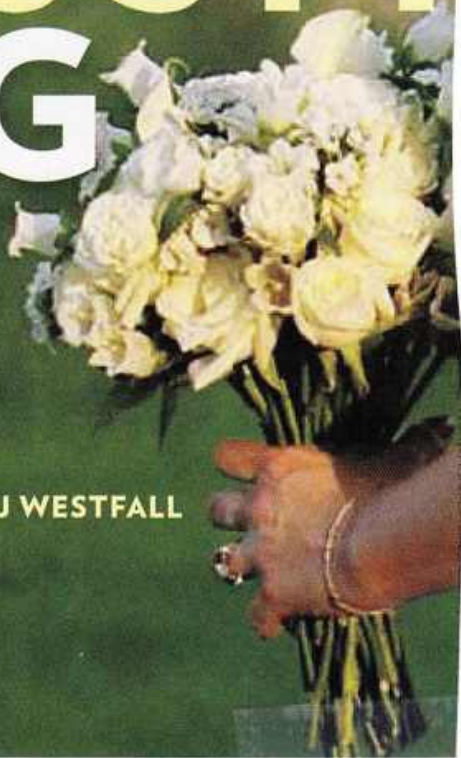
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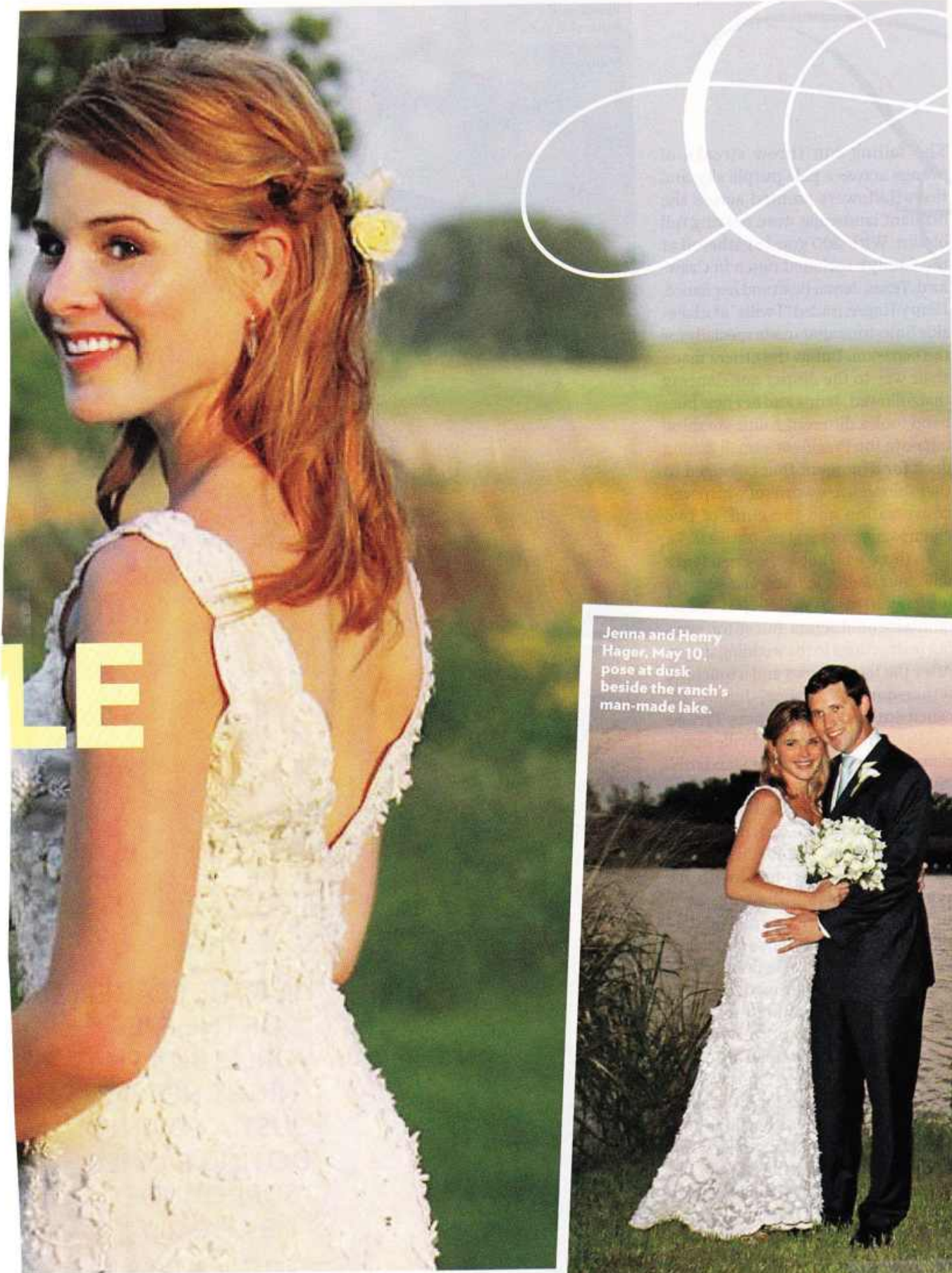
*Jenna Bush's*

# TEXAS STY WEDDING

A WORLD AWAY FROM THE  
WHITE HOUSE, THE PRESIDENT'S  
DAUGHTER SAYS HER 'I WILLS'  
IN THE GRASS AND  
DANCES UNDER THE  
STARS TILL MORNING

BY SANDRA SOBIERAJ WESTFALL





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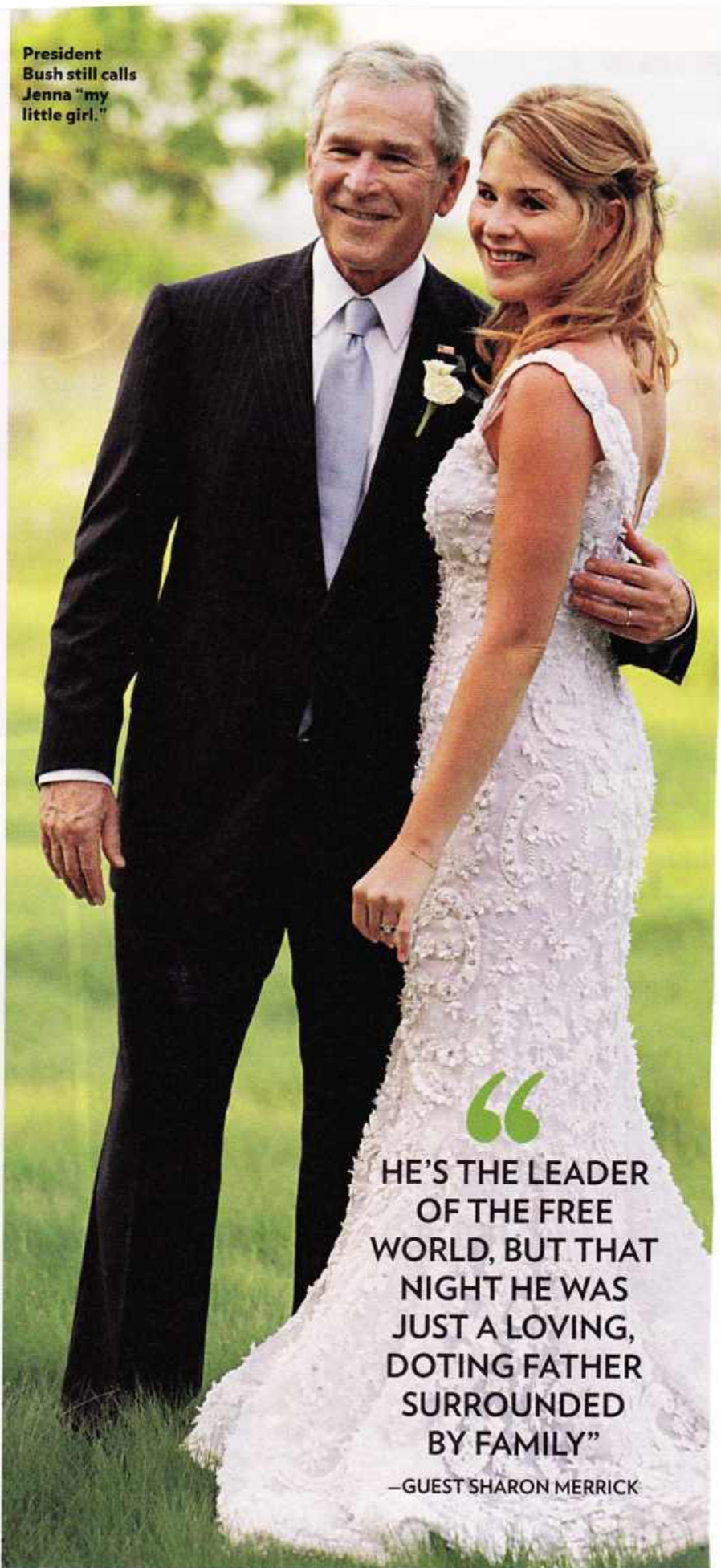
Jenna and Henry Hager, May 10, pose at dusk beside the ranch's man-made lake.

President Bush still calls Jenna "my little girl."

The falling sun threw streaks of orange across a pale purple sky, and the wildflowers painted across the brilliant landscape were nearing full bloom. With 200 guests gathered at the family's secluded ranch in Crawford, Texas, Jenna Bush and her fiancé, Henry Hager, traded "I wills" at a lakeside limestone altar made specially for the occasion. But as the others made their way to the dinner and dancing that followed, Jenna and her new husband took a different route, stepping out onto the President's small fishing dock for a moment that belonged to them alone: a few words of whispered conversation and the clink of two champagne glasses at moonrise.

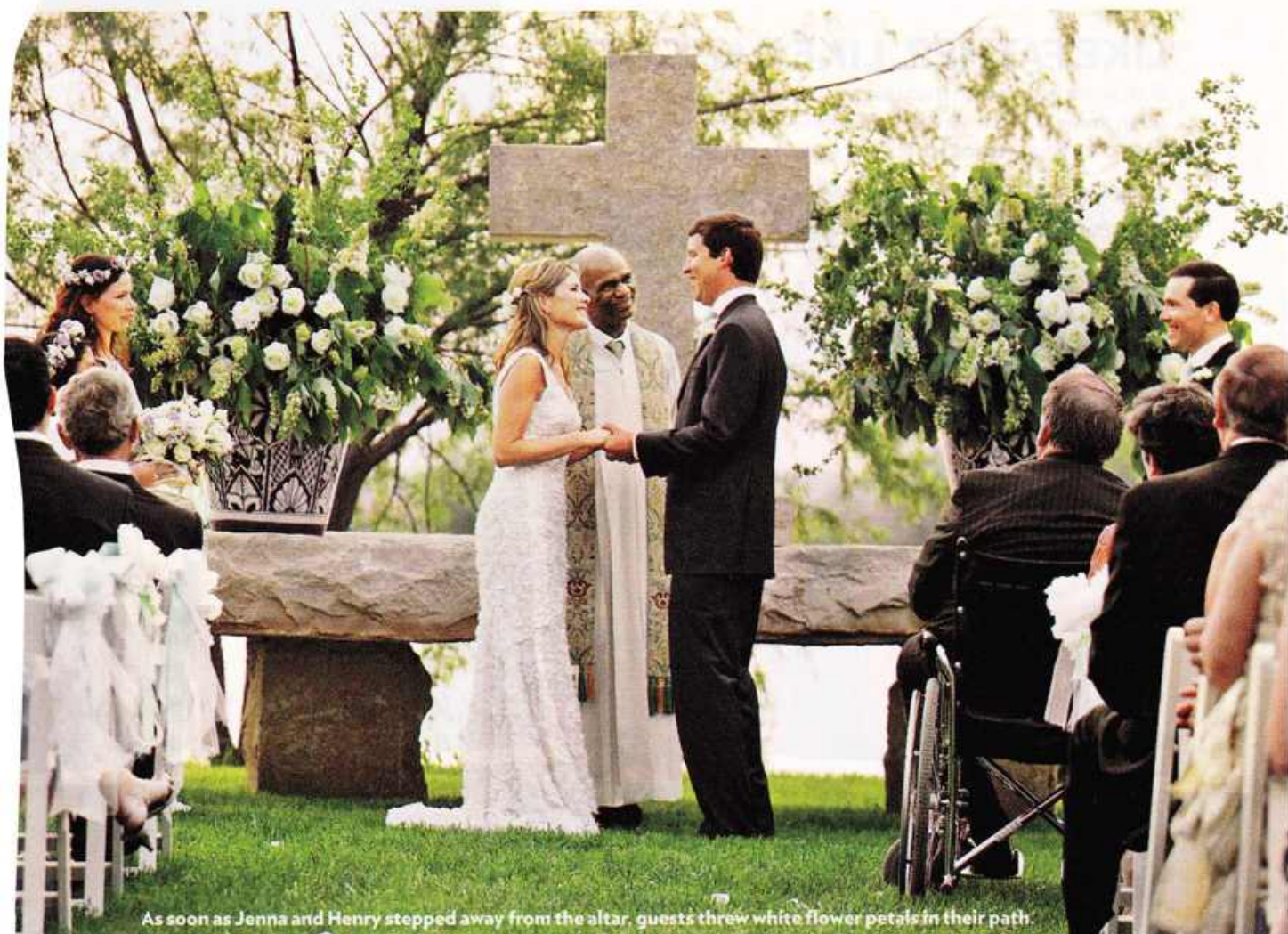
To those who know the President's daughter well, the natural beauty of her May 10 ranch wedding was all so quintessential Jenna. But so too were her instructions to the wedding singer. After the tearful vows and a touching father-daughter dance, Jenna, 26, called out to the stage where Tyrone Smith and his band of Nashville musicians were playing wedding standards. "Super T," she said, "pick it up!"

Over an event-filled weekend in the low hills of central Texas, the two sides of the former Jenna Bush—Jenna Hager, now, with no hyphen or "Bush" lingering as a middle name—were on colorful display: the well-connected sophisticate who wore an Oscar de la Renta gown and helped design her own Anthony Nak quartz-and-diamond earrings and the unpretentious former sorority girl who playfully jumped in a creek at her bridal luncheon. From yoga at Friday's kickoff lunch for 30 friends and relatives to the nacho chips and chili con queso dip that fortified wedding guests who lasted till 3:30 a.m. on Sunday, the President's daughter, who once stuck out her tongue at news photographers, had *her* wedding *her* way—without press or protocol.



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SURROUNDED  
BY FAMILY”

—GUEST SHARON MERRICK



As soon as Jenna and Henry stepped away from the altar, guests threw white flower petals in their path.

The guest list of family and close friends was hardly designed for name-dropping. Former presidential adviser Karl Rove, Henry's old boss during a White House internship, was the only nonfamily VIP in attendance. Vice President Cheney didn't make the cut. And one gate-crasher nearly wrecked the fun. First Lady Laura Bush revealed later that, while the bride and groom were 50 miles away at the rehearsal dinner May 9, tornado-force winds overturned the ovens used by Houston caterer Jackson Hicks in Crawford and tore away the sides of the reception tent. "But everyone worked wildly," said Mrs. Bush, "and you couldn't even tell the next night."

The celebration started at midday Friday in the town of Salado, an old stagecoach stop about an hour south of the heavily guarded Bush ranch

## BARBARA BUSH: IS SHE NEXT?

Jenna's minute-older twin likes to call her sister her "wombmate." An '04 Yale grad, Barbara has worked in the education department of Manhattan's Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum since '06 and is as likely to be spotted at a society affair as a New York Rangers hockey game or a party in artsy Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Fashionable (she interned for Proenza Schouler) and a jewelry connoisseur (she helped Henry design Jenna's ring), Barbara dates Jay Blount, an '05 Yale who went with her to a state dinner for Queen Elizabeth II last year. The sisters are close: On the *Today* show last month, Jenna revealed that they sleep in the same bed every Christmas Eve. So will the older sib head to the limestone altar anytime soon? Says a source: "She's feeling no pressure." —**BETH PERRY**



"We're best friends... not competitive," says Barbara.

## LIKE FATHER, LIKE DAUGHTER

Both Jenna and her dad shed tears as George Bush walked her down the aisle. Later, the President's voice faltered as he began his toast. "You'll have to forgive me," he said. "I'm an emotional wreck."

1992

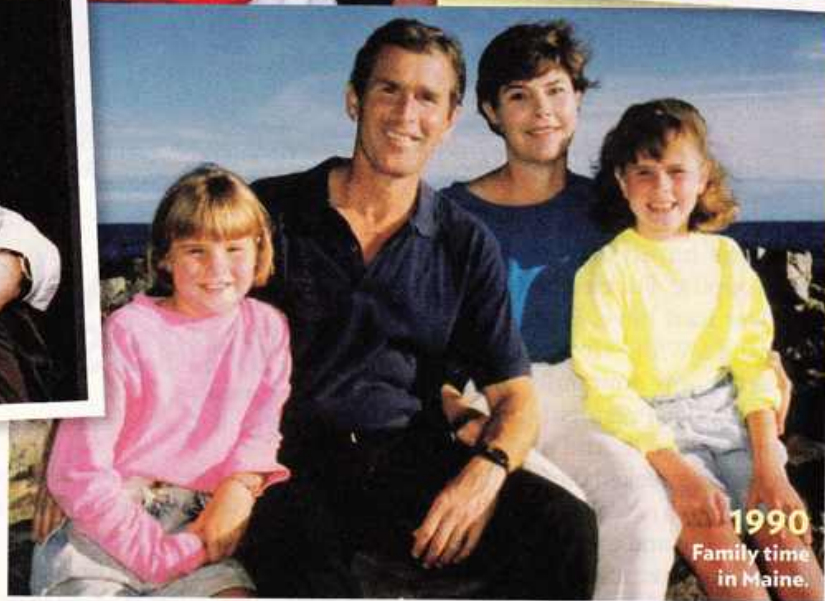
Taking a break from politics.



1992  
The GOP  
convention in  
Houston

1994

Dad wins the Texas governor's race.



1990  
Family time  
in Maine.

(where a no-fly zone precludes prying from the sky). Jenna bounced into Salado's Inn on the Creek for an al fresco lunch with the 14 members of her "house party," twin sister Barbara and others, with red pepper hummus (Jenna's request) and M&Ms inscribed with the words "Marry Me Henry." Grabbing one of the hot-pink and yellow parasols serving as decorations, the bride-to-be hammed it up for a White House photographer by splashing in a creek as First Lady Laura Bush and others watched from a porch, attended by a pair of mas-

seuses. Next, an instructor put Jenna and her girlfriends through a 30-minute yoga workout—plus squats, lunges and crunches. "Afterward all the girls said they felt so much better, so relaxed," says Neissa Springmann of Austin, who led the exercise.

For that evening's rehearsal dinner at a B&B in Salado, hosted by Henry's parents, Maggie and John Hager, the

chairman of the Republican Party in their home state of Virginia, Jenna traded her yoga pants for a sleeveless dress with white bodice and black ruffled skirt. Florist Ginny Swalley decorated the room with peach and green hydrangeas and white roses. "It was a very SOUTHERN LIVING look," she says. "That's what the groom's mother wanted, that it represent their family's

lifestyle." After the toasts, a cake was wheeled out for Henry—it was his 30th birthday—and Jenna led her sweetheart out onto a deck for a surprise: a marching band playing "Happy Birthday." "Henry just stood there grinning, saying, 'This is awesome,'" says Belton High School associate band director Scott Dudley.

For Hager, an Eagle Scout who worked on his father's run for lieutenant governor of Virginia, the weekend meant joining an even loftier political dynasty. Called Hank by the President, Henry has told friends he is annoyed by the press's attention to his relationship with Jenna; he is so wary of taking advantage of her family that he refuses to request White House tours for his buddies. The pair first met when they both worked at George Bush's 2004 reelection headquarters. "On Election Day, they were friends. By the Inaugural, they were an item," says Henry's friend Adam Piper, also active in GOP politics. Jenna had just moved to Washington, D.C., after graduating from the University of Texas with an English degree. It was a time of transition, she said when she took the unusual—but totally Jenna—step of making her own toast at the reception. "She told the story of how she wasn't prepared for Washington's bitter winters," recalls one guest, "but that falling in love with Henry made her not notice the cold so much."

Jenna put their relationship to the long-distance test when she began a nine-month UNICEF internship in Latin America and the Caribbean, where she conceived the idea for *Ana's Story: A Journey of Hope*, her bestselling book about a single mother with HIV, released last fall. Henry, an MBA student at the time, dusted off his passport to keep the romance alive, and Jenna excitedly planned the details of his time there, including asking her colleagues to recommend fishing spots. "If he could be outdoors every single day all day, he would," says Jenna.

No real surprise, then, that Jenna overruled her parents' wishes for a White House wedding, opting instead

## The Details

From the dinner and dancing to Jenna's Dress No. 2, "every single part made it wonderful," says wedding guest Lela Rose. A closer look at the small things that made the big day unique:



### THE RING

Henry reset his great-grandmother's diamond with two matching sapphires.



### THE COSTUME CHANGE

After dinner, Jenna donned this Silver Medallion metallic dress for dancing (\$995; neimanmarcus.com).



### THE BRIDAL PARTY DRESSES

Barbara wore blue silk by Rose, who dressed the house party in seven shades of chiffon.

### THE WEDDING SINGER

White House fave Super T performed old-school hits like "Celebration." "Everybody got down!" he says.



### THE SWAG

The house party made off with Lela Rose travel bags with cranberry toner and faux eyelashes (\$100; Beauty.com).





Mrs. Bush says workers scrambled after wedding-eve winds destroyed the tent.

## The Menu

Fried oysters on tostadas, pork flautas, mango fresco, shrimp Mexicali

Lump Gulf crab parfait, layered with avocado and heirloom tomatoes, with fresh basil olive oil (pictured above)

Grilled Rio Grande ranch flat iron steak with roja sauce with arbo chilis; potatoes with poblano pepper gratiné; spinach sautéed with pine nuts

Bride's Cake: Tres leches      Groom's Cake: Chocolate

Late-night snacks: Churros with chocolate, chips with chili con queso, breakfast burritos

for what she described to Larry King as a natural setting to match her "unglamorous" personality. Jenna and her father walked down the aisle to "Trumpet Voluntary" played by a San Antonio mariachi band. The bride's grandparents, former President George Bush and his wife, Barbara, took turns reading from *Corinthians* ("Love is patient, love is kind . . ."), and Pastor Kirbyjon Caldwell of Houston, a spiritual adviser to Bush (and a supporter of

Barack Obama), conducted a traditional service.

Afterward, with luminarias lighting the paths of the ranch and lights hung in the trees, the newlyweds danced to Taj Mahal's "Lovin' in My Baby's Eyes." Then the President led

his daughter to the dance floor for "You Are So Beautiful," toward the end of which he motioned to Jenna's sister Barbara to join them on the dance floor. The First Lady danced with Henry's father, who uses a wheelchair since an adult bout with polio. "He was out on the dance floor all night," says a guest. "He wheeled his chair around to the beat and Mrs. Bush twirled around him." After an intermission, bandleader Tyrone "Super T" Smith changed from a tuxedo into a superhero costume—and the all-night party got started in earnest.

The President lasted until 1 a.m. He told reporters the next morning it was an "awfully special" weekend. "Our little girl Jenna married a really good guy," he said. After a honeymoon at a secret location, Henry and Jenna plan to settle in the \$440,000 19th-century row house they recently bought in Baltimore, where he will begin work in June, earning a base salary in the low six figures, with Constellation Energy Group. Jenna, who taught at a Washington charter school, has filed an application with a local charter school. If the pastor who married the couple is any judge, the young woman who has always insisted on doing things *her* way is now, in marriage, equally determined to do things *their* way. "Henry and Jenna both love life. They both have a sense of humor," says Rev. Caldwell. "They both love each other, and I think they like each other too."

With **Anne Lang** in Crawford, **Darla Atlas** in Salado, **Beth Perry** in Los Angeles, **Susan Keating** in Washington, D.C., and **Melody Simmons** in Baltimore





# MailBag

“What a breath of fresh air. Jenna and Henry did things their way and had a joyous at-home wedding” **Janice Broussard** Katy, Texas

## JENNA BUSH'S WEDDING

Jenna Bush had a chance to get married in the White House. Instead, she chose a simple wedding in her parents' backyard. I can't help but think someone has raised this young lady with an admirable set of values. Congratulations to Jenna and Henry. I wish them nothing but happiness.

**Christopher Ann Hanna** Springfield, Mo.

I really enjoyed your touching article about Jenna Bush's recent marriage. It was heartwarming to find out how special her wedding weekend was and how her parents helped to make it that way. As much as some people criticize our President, this article showed that underneath it all, he is just like any

father who would give the world to see his daughters happy.

**Lisbeth Saveri** Bethlehem, Pa.

As the mother of the bride, Laura Bush couldn't have looked more beautiful. I was surprised to see that our First Lady looks 20 years younger than she did 20 years ago. Whatever her secret fountain of youth is, I'd love to know about it.

**Estelle Soto** via e-mail

With a 20-year-old son in Iraq I have a hard time caring about Jenna Bush's wedding. If she were to join the Army, then I would be excited.

**Audrey Saller** Orange, Calif.

## BRAD AND ANGELINA

I had my doubts when I first heard that Angelina and Brad were a couple. I liked Brad with Jennifer Aniston and was sorry to hear that they were splitting. Having said that, it seems to me that Brad and Angelina have found something in each

other that both had been searching for. And I am truly happy for them.

**Alicia Van Coillie** St. Clair Shores, Mich.

## SEX AND THE CITY

I applaud Kristin Davis. Many people dealing with alcoholism still keep the problem hidden and private. It's wonderful that a beautiful, funny and smart woman like Ms. Davis can talk openly about her recovery.

**Katharine Rosalen** Oak Ridge, N.J.

The great thing about Sarah Jessica Parker is that she can wear anything and get away with it. Although I wasn't a fan of the hat she wore to the London premiere of *Sex and the City*, SJP is the only one on the planet who could wear something like that and still look good.

**Jo Rodriguez** East Meadow, N.Y.

## SELENA GOMEZ

Kudos to Selena's mother, Mandy Teefey, for raising such a down-to-earth and responsible daughter. It's a shame more parents don't raise their children in such a well-grounded way.

**Vicki Buda** Baltimore, Md.

**Correction:** On page 166 of our May 26 issue, we incorrectly credited one of the floral rings to About Attitude. The tritone yellow enamel flower ring is from Kenneth Jay Lane. Retail price is \$115, and it can be purchased at 877-953-5264.

# BODY AFTER BABY

Many readers thought celeb moms who slim down quickly after having babies enjoy a distinct advantage over the typical postpartum mother. "Most American women have no dietitian and no trainer to help them get back to their pre-baby state two months after giving birth," writes Katie Maki, a nurse from Ontonagon, Mich. "This is not a realistic picture of what it means to be a full-time mom in our society." Marci Warhaft-Nadler of Ontario adds, "I'm

always frustrated when magazines choose to print the impossible-to-maintain regimens of stars as a guide for us 'normal' people." But Monica Beville of Blytheville, Ark., says Hollywood moms still have to do the work: "Even with all the professional help, these ladies had to eat properly and do the exercise to lose the weight—and I think they look great!"



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