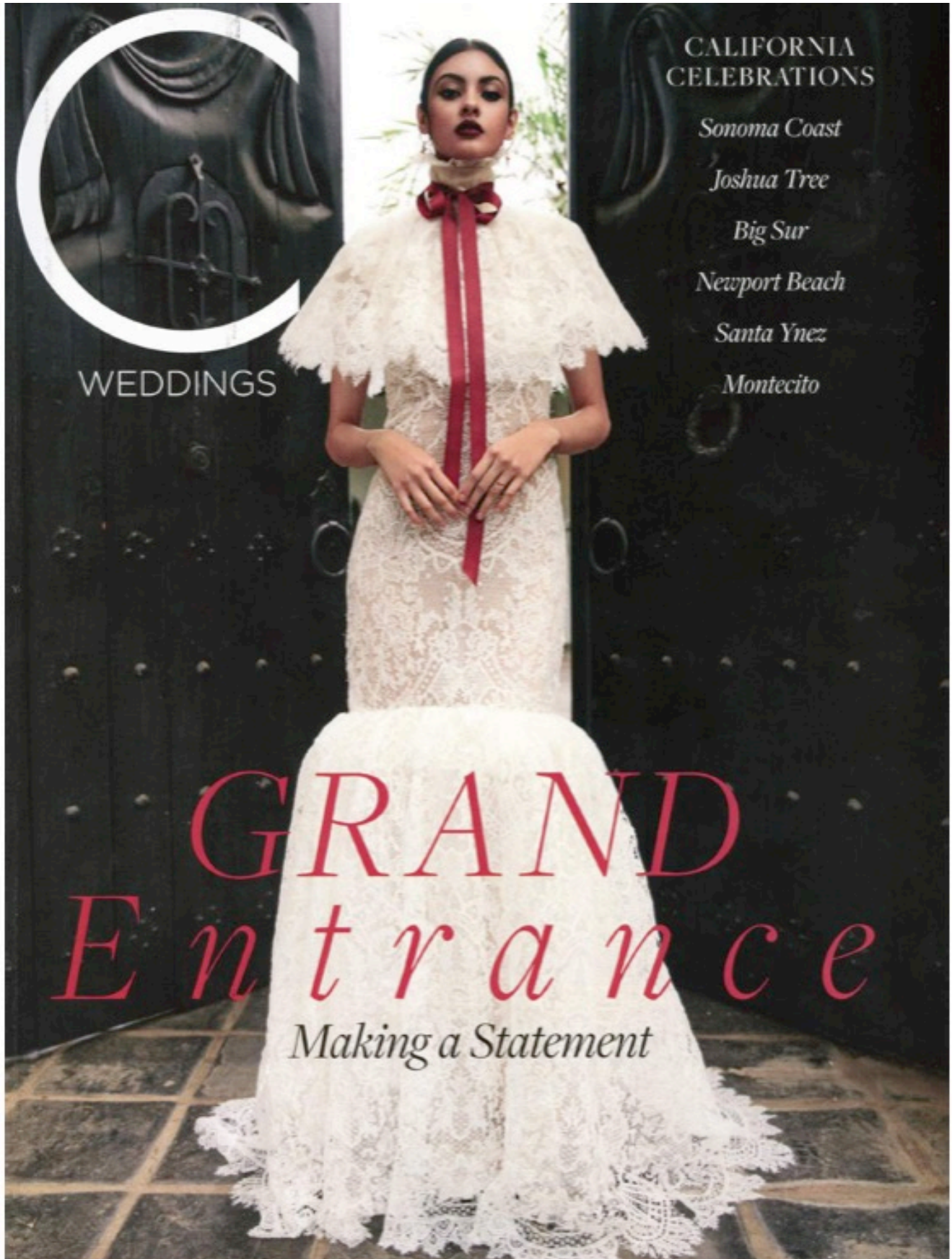


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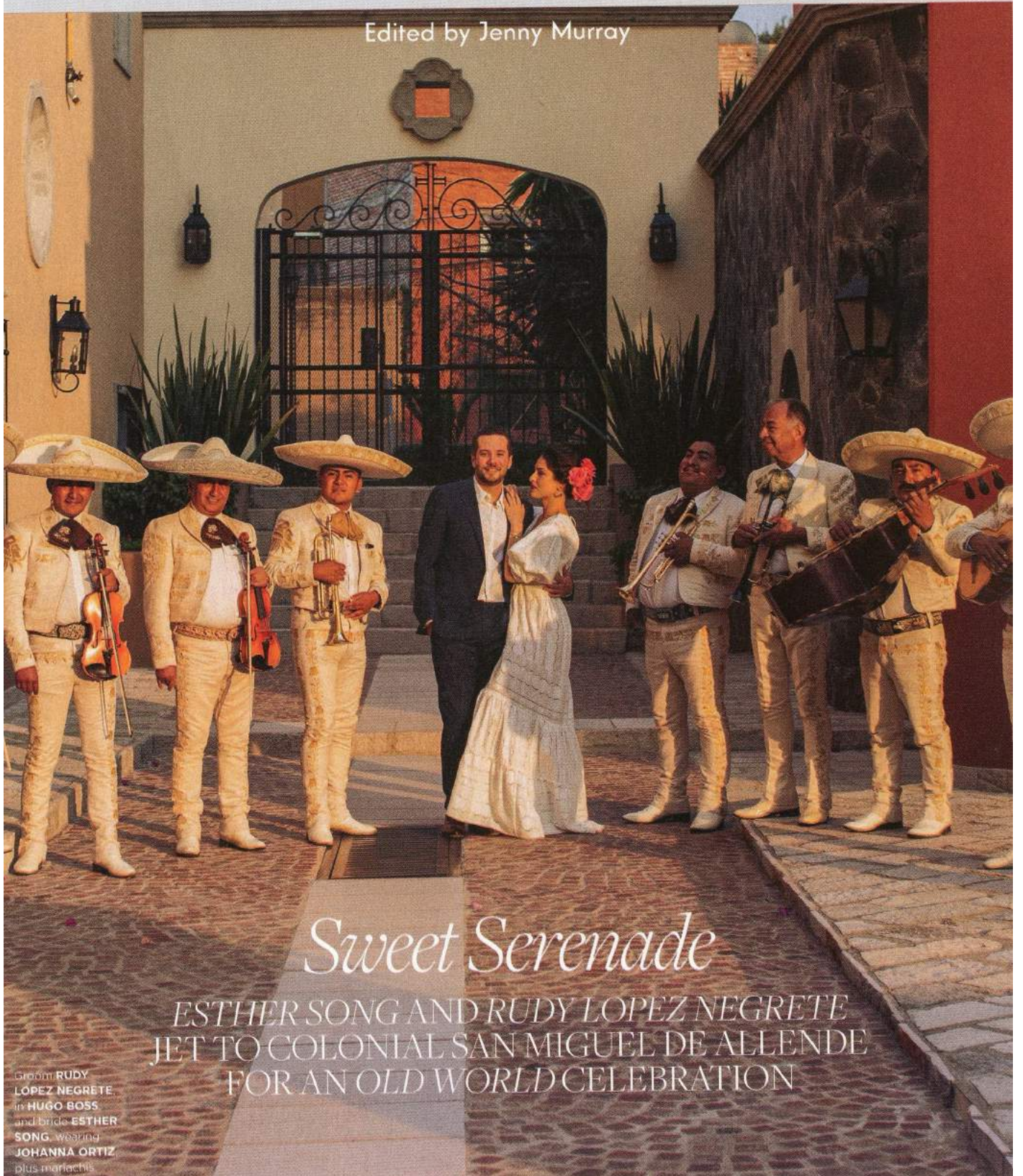
Sonoma Coast
Joshua Tree
Big Sur
Newport Beach
Santa Ynez
Montecito

WEDDINGS

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Sweet Serenade

ESTHER SONG AND RUDY LOPEZ NEGRETE
JET TO COLONIAL SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE
FOR AN OLD WORLD CELEBRATION

Groom: RUDY
LOPEZ NEGRETE
in HUGO BOSS
and bride: ESTHER
SONG, wearing
JOHANNA ORTIZ
plus marfachs

Case Study



ANCIENT GREEK SANDALS

Iris pearls sandals, \$260, ancient-greek-sandals.com.



LUNYA

washable silk robe, \$248, lunya.com.



TOM FORD

ultra-rich lip color in Le Mepris, \$55, tomford.com.



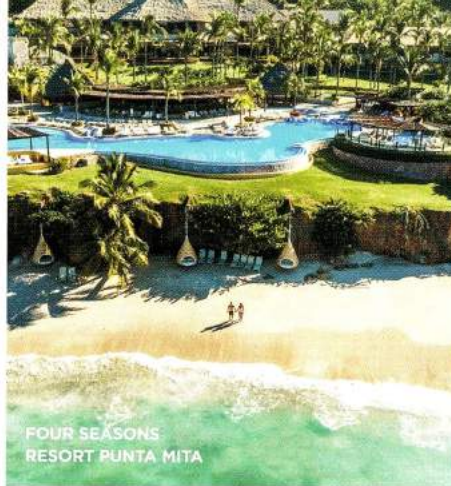
HEIDI MERRICK

Vicent swimsuit top, \$90, and bottom, \$95, heidimerrick.com.



RIMOWA

Original Cabin luggage, \$1,150, rimowa.com.



MEXICO, TE AMO

Like a fine reposado, Mexico gets better with age. Home to some of the world's most lavish resorts, the country's Pacific Coast remains a classic destination for Californians embarking on a romance trip. And a few beloved properties are making it easier than ever to indulge: Fresh on Cabo's scene and celebrating its one-year anniversary is **Montage Los Cabos** (from \$595/night, montagehotels.com), set on the halcyon swimming beach of Santa Maria Bay. Couples can wed on one of three oceanfront lawns with verdant turquoise landscaping and host receptions in a ballroom; or choose to simply cleanse and reconnect under a blanket of stars with the help of the resort's



shaman. Whatever the mission, the Twin Dolphin Couple Journey — with a breathing meditation, guided tea ritual and side-by-side massage — ensures a happy start. A few miles up the beach is perhaps the most seductive stay anywhere: **Las Ventanas al Paraíso, a Rosewood Resort** (from \$710/night, rosewoodhotels.com). That's thanks in part to having an actual Department of Romance, able to magically produce private fireworks shows or intimate dinners when lovebirds aren't swimming in infinity pools to underwater music or gazing at the galaxy through their own rooftop telescope. The **Four Seasons Resort Punta Mita** (from \$895/night, fourseasons.com) has introduced the idea of a Soulcation — think Huichol blessings, chakra-balancing rituals, intention-burning ceremonies, Reborn mud rituals, dreamcatcher-making, sea-foraging, Hakali massage, and mole and mezcal at the new gastronomic Mexican highlight, Dos Catrinas. Heading south may just be the surest way to wedded bliss. KATHRYN ROMEYN



The two-bedroom Reef villa at **WALDORF ASTORIA MALDIVES ITHAAFUSHI**.

MALDIVES

ISLAND TIME

Paradise found, indeed. Days at **Waldorf Astoria Maldives Ithaafushi** — the deluxe hotelier's first resort in the Indian Ocean — may comprise tooling around on a chartered yacht, swinging from a daybed beside the infinity pool (on the deck of your overwater bungalow) and discovering the surreal show beneath the surface. You'll also have the chance to savor Miyazaki wagyu beef and Alba white truffle, washed down with Krug bubbles, from a bamboo nest designed for two perched high in tropical treetops. Or you can always slip into spa-induced bliss with a couple's Starlight Ocean Massage, set to lapping waves in a private candlelit garden. From \$2,000/night. waldorfasteria3.hilton.com. K.R.