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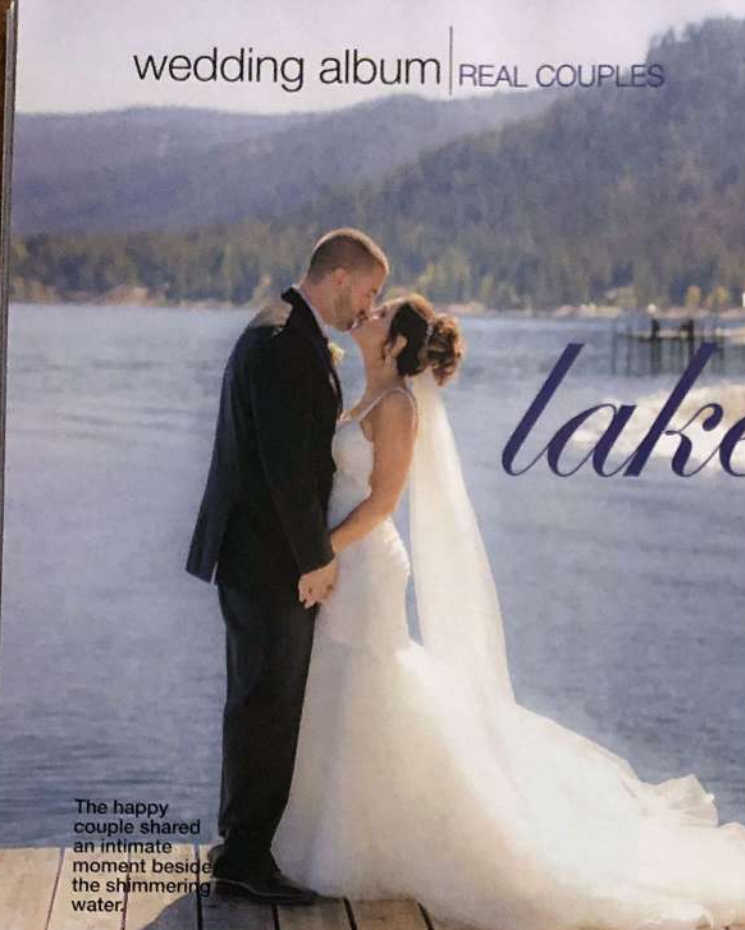
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Towering pine trees and panoramic views set a romantic backdrop for **Talia and Brock's** Lake Tahoe nuptials.

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lakeside love



The happy couple shared an intimate moment beside the shimmering water.



The elegant tablescapes featured crisp, ivory linens and all-white floral arrangements.

TALIA GARIBALDI & BROCK BANDONI

RECEPTION LOCATION: THE CAROUSEL ESTATE
IN TAHOE CITY, CALIFORNIA

NUMBER OF GUESTS: 113

After nine years of dating, Brock excitedly popped the question to Talia in their home before leaving for their anniversary dinner. The high school sweethearts spent the next year scoping out the ideal secluded location to tie the knot. They decided upon the Carousel Estate, an expansive, 11-bedroom property in Tahoe City, so family and friends could gather for the weekend-long celebration. "Brock and I spent a lot of time at Lake Tahoe in college," Talia said, "so it felt like the perfect place to continue making special memories." The rustic outdoor space paired with chic, minimalist decor and linens made for a stylish, woodland affair. Steps away from the shorefront ceremony guests gathered under dreamy, translucent tenting for the reception and dancing festivities that followed. At one point, the bride and groom were asked to sit in the center of the dance floor so Talia's brother could recite a comedic, heartwarming poem about their loving history and newly exchanged vows. The newlyweds ended the evening by walking down the lakeside pier to watch the sunset and enjoy a private moment as husband and wife. "It was truly a day surrounded by more love than we could've ever imagined," Talia said. — *Kate Watson*

Event Planner: Merrily Rocco **Cake:** Sugar Pine Cakery
Florist: B & B Designs **Invitations:** Vera Wang Weddings
Hair: Megann Guerrero **Makeup:** Kathy Swinney

Personal Touches

- A signature cocktail called the "Tali-Oh Tahoe" was a play on both the bride's name and the lake.
- Talia's brother got ordained so he could officiate the ceremony, making the waterfront event all the more sentimental.
- The bride's grandfather, a retired professional accordion player, took to the stage to play "New York, New York" with the band.

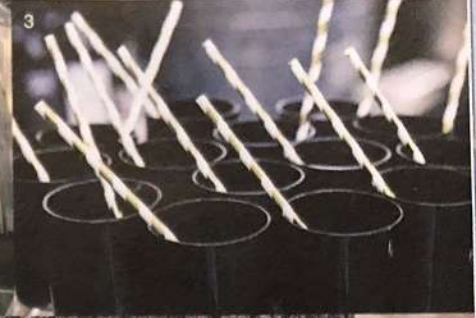
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1. Twinkling string lights and crystal chandeliers were placed above the glossy black-and-white checkered dance floor.
2. Guests wrote loving notes on a wide wooden frame.
3. Beverages were served in dark, matte glasses with gold and white swirled straws.
4. Heart-shaped wreaths of mixed ivory blossoms and lively greenery hung on tree trunks.
5. The three-tiered cake consisted of carrot, vanilla and chocolate flavors.
6. The scenic ceremony had a petal-carpeted aisle leading to a lush blooming archway.
7. Leafy garlands and flowers lined tables numbered with black cardstock.

