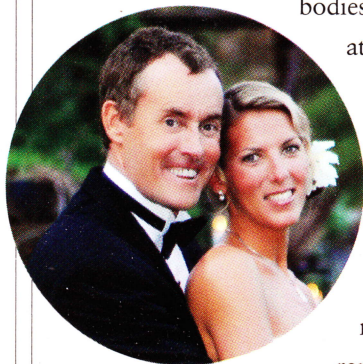


## get hitched without leaving home

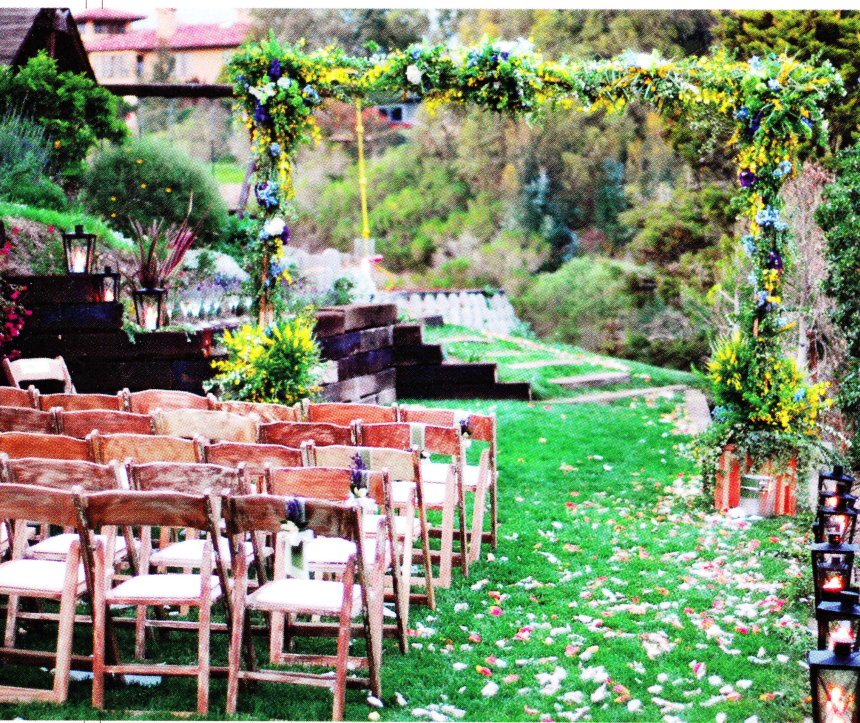
*Scrubs* star **John C. McGinley** proposed to yoga instructor Nichole Kessler in their Malibu backyard, but when it came to choosing a location for their April 7 nuptials, the pair initially had Bali and other exotic spots on the brain. "Yet the truth is, we're both home-



**John C. McGinley & Nichole Kessler**

bodies," says Kessler. "We love to have people at our house. So we thought: How much better would it be to have our wedding at home?" If, like Kessler, you prefer a cozy, personal setting to a larger, more formal venue, you too might consider tying the knot at your own casa. As to the logistics, don't fret: In most areas there are companies that rent out all manner of tables and chairs. You may have to shrink your guest list (McGinley and Kessler hosted just 31

people), but the bride feels the result was well worth it: "At the end of the day, every single person came up to me to say, 'If I were to do it all over again ...' It was just so intimate." —**Nicole Logan**



At McGinley and Kessler's backyard ceremony, guests were given cones filled with flower petals to sprinkle onto the grass aisle. "It created a wonderful energy," says the actor. "Everyone participated in their own way"

Handmade nylon tulle veil, Lynn Kiracofe for Lara Hélène Bridal Atelier, price available on request; 212-452-3273.

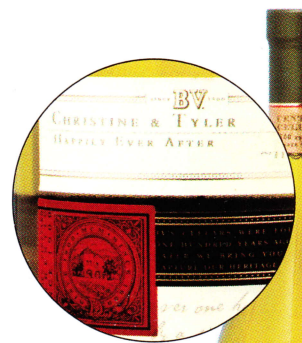


## wear a piece of family history

Love the *idea* of wearing Mom's dress or your grandmother's embroidered veil more than the garments themselves? N.Y.C. designer Lynn Kiracofe—who created a wedding heirloom for **Brooke Shields**—will take treasured antique swatches and fabrics (ranging from gowns to scraps of lace) and artfully sew them into a tulle or net veil (\$1,500–\$6,000 depending on materials and size; [lynnkiracofeweddingveils.com](http://lynnkiracofeweddingveils.com)). —**J.C.**

## put a message on the bottle

Although customized wine labels may not be a news flash, locating a source for elegant, understated versions that don't cost a fortune can be a tricky task. Enter Northern California winery Beaulieu Vineyards, which allows you to create free, easy-to-design labels online. Using them is a subtle way for brides to personalize their wedding celebration with a splash of style. —**N.L.**



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