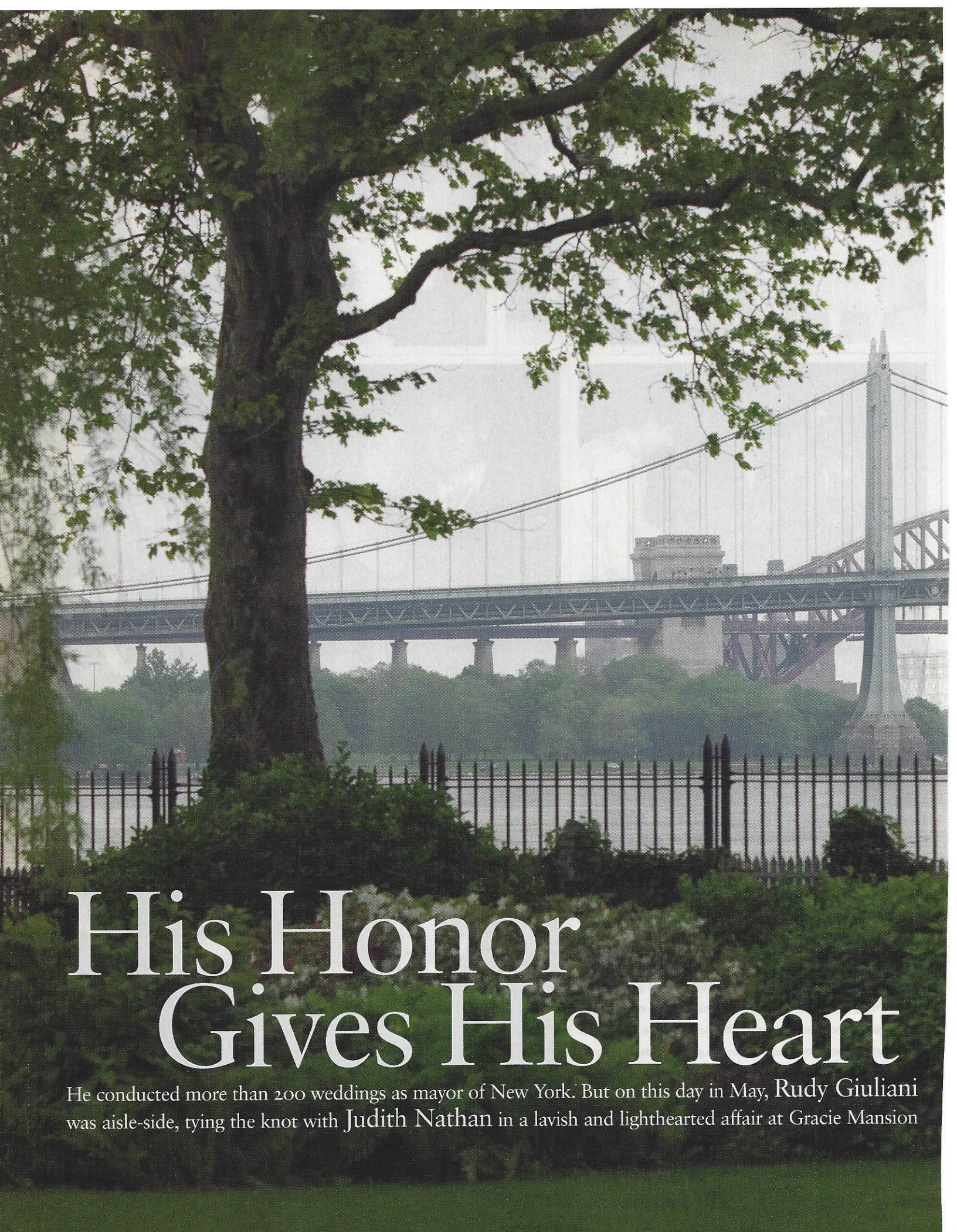


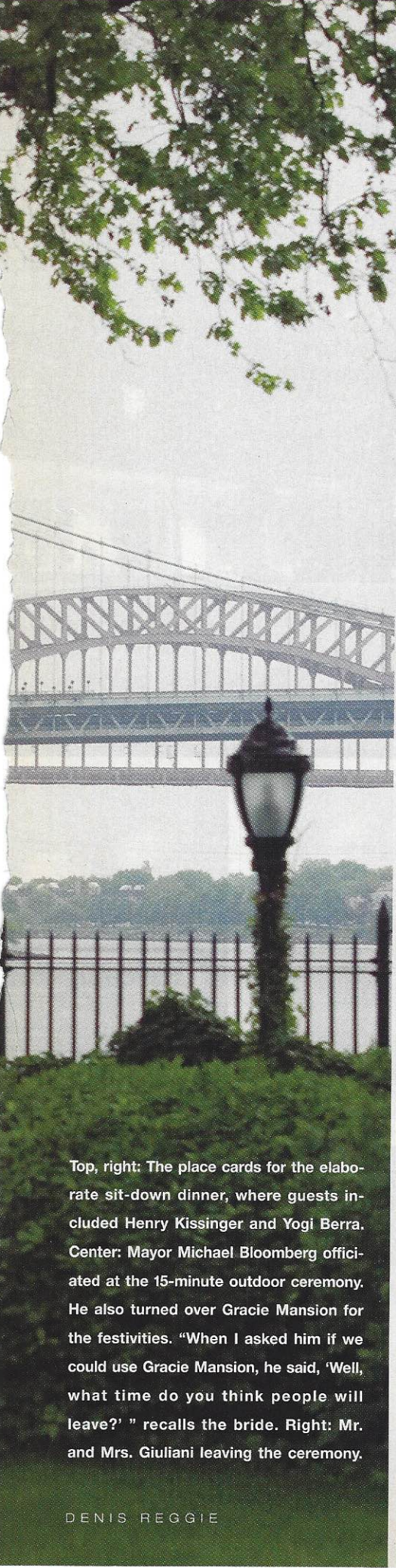
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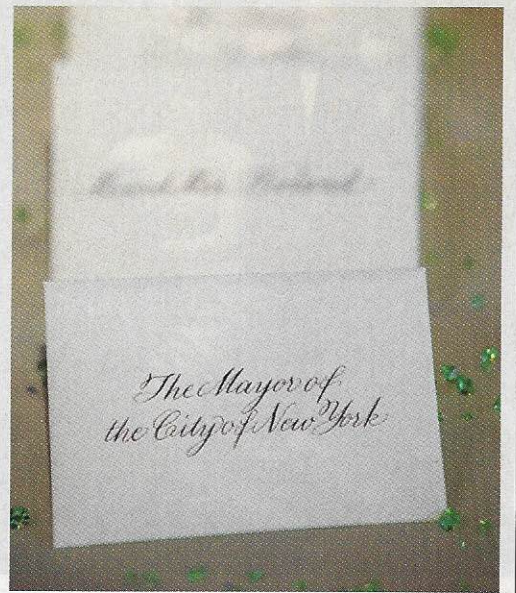
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Top, right: The place cards for the elaborate sit-down dinner, where guests included Henry Kissinger and Yogi Berra. Center: Mayor Michael Bloomberg officiated at the 15-minute outdoor ceremony. He also turned over Gracie Mansion for the festivities. "When I asked him if we could use Gracie Mansion, he said, 'Well, what time do you think people will leave?'" recalls the bride. Right: Mr. and Mrs. Giuliani leaving the ceremony.

Rudy the romantic? Who knew the former nerves-of-steel New York City mayor had it in him to get down on one knee in Paris and use such sweet nothings in his proposal as to bring tears to Judith Nathan's eyes?

"We were about to go to a black-tie dinner when he took my hands in his and said, 'You look so beautiful tonight, you need something beautiful to match,'" the bride recalls. Then he pulled out an engagement ring that complemented her favorite antique diamond-and-sapphire earrings. "He had snuck them out of the house and brought

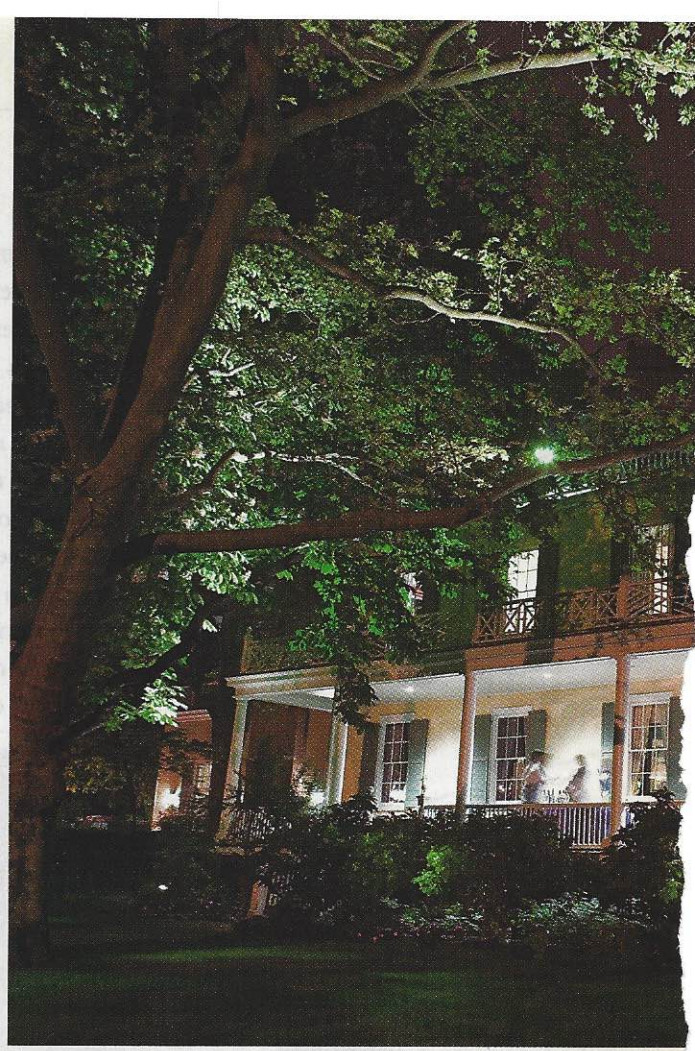


them to a jeweler to have the ring made."

"The man is all about *amore*," confirms Irish tenor Ronan Tynan, who sang "Ave Maria" at the Gracie Mansion wedding. Current mayor Michael Bloomberg officiated—his first time performing a marriage.

The couple took just six months to pull together their nuptials (his third, her second), to which they invited 500 people. "We expected declines because the invitations went out three weeks before," says Nathan, who has taken Giuliani's name. But from a list that included Donald Trump, Joe Torre and Barbara Walters came just three regrets.





Judi oversaw most of the details, like the silver photo-album favors engraved with an image of the mansion, while the groom dealt with some personal stuff: Just before the ceremony, Judi found a blue box from Piaget outside her suite with a pearl, diamond and onyx necklace inside. “When I opened it, I burst into tears,” she says. Rudy, handsome in his Brioni tuxedo, also got misty as his bride walked down the main staircase wearing a Fred Leighton tiara and a Vera Wang gown of silk duchesse satin with a halter neckline and mermaid silhouette. The mayor’s proclamation? “She looked absolutely radiant.”

With his son, Andrew Giuliani, and her daughter, Whitney Nathan, as attendants, the pair exchanged vows to “love, honor and obey” under a chiffon-draped tent facing the East River. Afterward the formal, three-course dinner served in the ballroom (orchestrated by planner Jennie Esterow and catered by Great Performances) featured herb-roasted rack of lamb and truffle-crusted wild striped bass.

The revelry lasted until 3 A.M.—and the couple say the well-wishing hasn’t stopped since. “To this day people who don’t know us write to say how happy they are for us,” says the bride. “I say to Rudy, ‘Do you have any idea how lucky we are—not just to have this kind of outpouring of support, but to have each other?’” —Sheryl Berk

