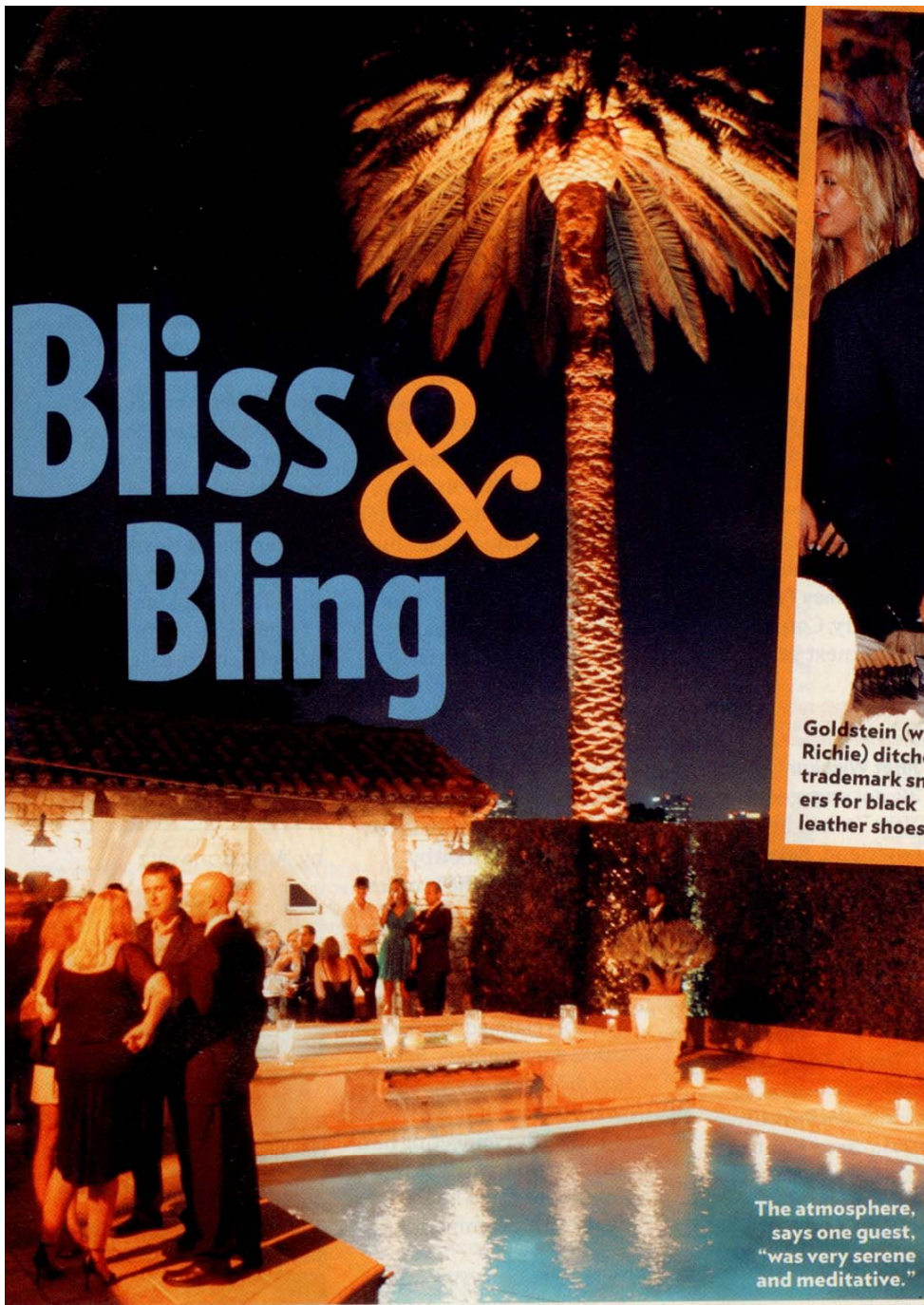


Bliss & Bling



Goldstein (with Richie) ditched his trademark sneakers for black leather shoes.

The atmosphere, says one guest, "was very serene and meditative."

Nicole Richie and DJ AM celebrate their engagement with a bash at Lionel's house

Talk about ringing in their engagement! Moments before Nicole Richie and Adam Goldstein took their places as hosts of a July 14 bash to celebrate their happy union, Goldstein (a.k.a. DJ AM) pulled his fiancée aside and presented her with an emerald-cut diamond ring—a com-

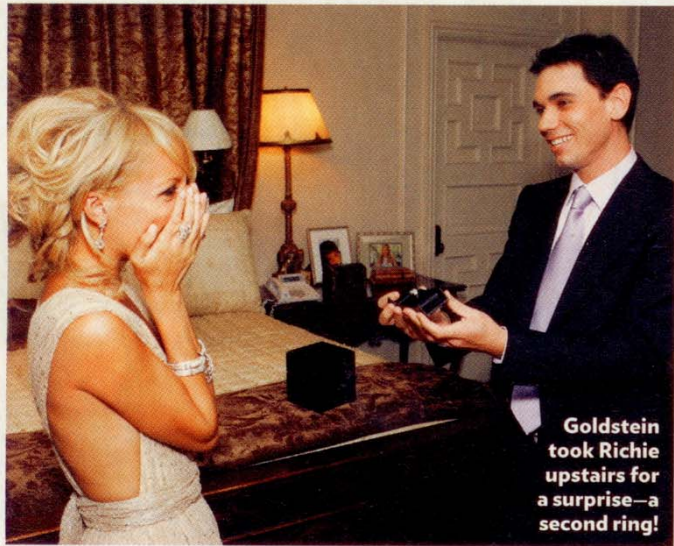
panion for the diamond-and-pink-sapphire band Goldstein slipped on her finger when he popped the question in February. Says a Richie pal: "She was totally shocked."

But the bride-to-be quickly regained her composure as guests such as Quincy Jones, Nicky Hilton, Mischa Barton

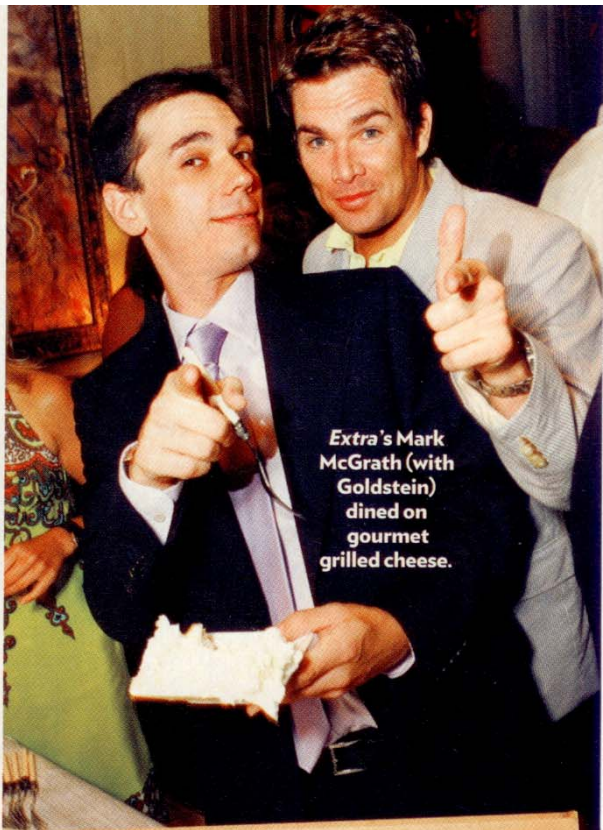
and Brandon Davis looked on (Barton and Davis, who recently split up, kept their distance). At the Beverly Hills home of Lionel Richie, Nicole's dad, friends and family nibbled on sushi and black cod, while Goldstein took a spin at the turntables. Slightly after 10 p.m., guests turned their attention to Richie, 23, wearing a vintage Halston gown, and Goldstein, 32, who joined hands to cut a one-tier wedding-style cake. A choked-up Lionel toasted the happy couple, who plan to wed next summer, with

Nicole's mom (and Lionel's ex), Brenda Richie, and best friend Masha Gordon following suit. "Every time they got separated, they were always looking for each other," a guest says. "It was clear how much they are in love."

By Marisa Wong. Chris Gardner in Los Angeles



Goldstein took Richie upstairs for a surprise—a second ring!



Extra's Mark McGrath (with Goldstein) dined on gourmet grilled cheese.

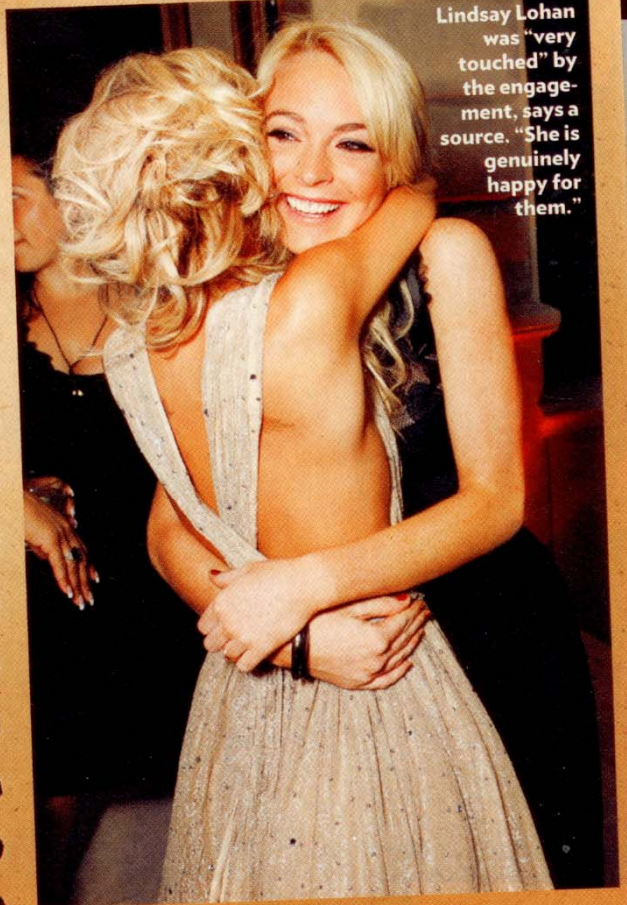
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Richie showed off her new rock—which she pairs or alternates with her engagement ring—to an admiring Mischa Barton. Richie “absolutely loves the new ring,” a pal says. “She has been saying that it’s the most amazing present she’s ever gotten in her life.”



Nicole, Brenda Richie, Goldstein and Lionel share a happy moment.



Lindsay Lohan was “very touched” by the engagement, says a source. “She is genuinely happy for them.”