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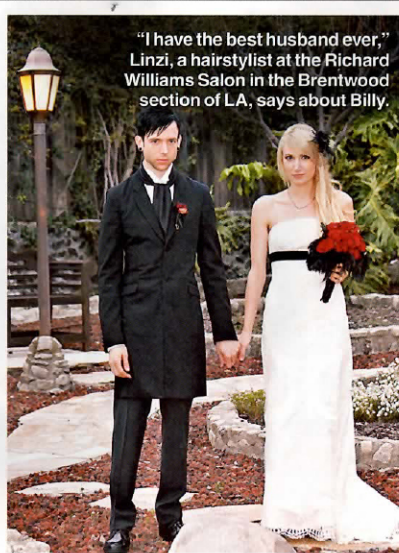


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Nicole, here with Joel and the bride and groom on March 1, "looked elegant in a V-neck black dress," says an insider. "Joel wore a black tux—but he usually wears black anyway."



Guests wore black, but there were pops of red in the flowers and decorations," Linzi tells *Life & Style*.



"I have the best husband ever," Linzi, a hairstylist at the Richard Williams Salon in the Brentwood section of L.A., says about Billy.

Nicole and Joel sat at the bride and groom's Dracula table, nicknamed after the newlyweds' dog. Other tables were named for their cats.

All eyes are usually on the bride at a wedding. But when Linzi Williamson tied the knot with Good Charlotte guitarist Billy Martin, even she couldn't help noticing one of her stunning guests—Nicole Richie. "She looked gorgeous," Linzi tells *Life & Style*. Less than two months after the birth of their daughter,

ty with pals on a special night next couple to say 'I do'?

Joy!



"You beat us on the marriage, but we got you beat on the baby!"

—Joel Madden, in his wedding toast to the bride and groom

Harlow, Nicole and Joel Madden came out to celebrate the March 1 nuptials of Joel's bandmate at the Stone Manor in Malibu. "Our wedding was perfect," Linzi says. "I loved having Nicole there. We were so happy to have her and Joel as our guests. My husband has great, supportive friends."

And Nicole and Joel had a blast—while no doubt picking up tips for their own

wedding. As *Life & Style* has reported, the duo have hired a wedding planner who's scouting locations in L.A.

"Nicole and Joel are totally in love," the couple's pal, *American Idol* host Ryan Seacrest, tells *Life & Style*. And they've got Nic's dad, singer Lionel Richie, behind them. "Lionel says that if Nicole were to take the next step, he would advocate that," says Ryan.



"Nicole made such a good impression on everyone," says Linzi, here cutting the cake (by L.A.'s Cake Divas) with Billy.



Paris Hilton didn't attend the wedding, but she and beau Benji Madden celebrated at the couple's joint bachelor-bachelorette party at L.A.'s Geisha House and Lucky Strike on Feb. 28.

But at their friends' wedding, Nicole, 26, and Joel, 29, weren't focused on themselves. Joel's wedding speech, in which he called the bride and groom the ideal couple, was "really touching," says Linzi. And, she notes, "Nicole was so sweet to everyone from out of town who had never been to L.A. We're all so happy to have her as a part of our group, and

we couldn't ask for a better match for Joel."

Nicole and Joel made the wedding one of the few recent nights they stayed out late—even though they had a great reason to rush home. "Harlow is seriously the cutest baby ever," Linzi tells *Life & Style*. "She looks so much like Nicole, but she's starting to look more like Joel. Nicole's so happy to be a new mom."