

# Inspired by the movies

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## JULIE and MICHAEL

Rehearsal Dinner – Chappaquiddick Beach Club 🐾 Ceremony and Reception – Tom's Neck Farm 🐾 Brunch – Edgartown Yacht Club  
Wedding Planner – Julie Hatt of Vineyard Weddings 🐾 Celebrant – Rabbi H. Hirsch Cohen 🐾 Rehearsal Dinner Caterer – Tea Lane Caterers  
Reception Caterer – Annie Foley Catering and Party Planning 🐾 Cake – l'étoile 🐾 Flowers – Flowers on the Vineyard by Louise Sweet  
Music – Sultans of Swing 🐾 Rentals – Big Sky Tent and Party Rentals and Classy Comforts 🐾 Transportation – Marlene's Taxi  
Gown – Tulle 🐾 Hair and Makeup – Wave Lengths Salon and Day Spa 🐾 Favors – Chilmark Chocolates



**THE NEW YORK POST GOT THE DETAILS WRONG** when it reported that Chelsea Clinton's nuptials were the reason for the elegant tents going up early last September on Chappaquiddick, the smaller sandy island off the island of Martha's Vineyard.

The couple who in fact exchanged their vows on Chappy that weekend, Julie Dangel and Michael Milberg, got all the details right – wedding details that reflected their love of Vineyard casual and the Island's blue sky and waters, details that reflected their attention to family, friends, food, and the environment. "But it definitely added more fun to the occasion," Julie says of the *Post's* Page Six gossip story peddling the Clinton wedding rumor. Julie and Michael had guests coming from both coasts, "and everyone e-mailed that story around, with the pictures of our set-up, the week before."

Julie's parents built a summer house on the Vineyard the year she was born. Now she and Michael live and work in Los Angeles. So they used their experience as film producers to make their Island wedding something extraordinary, even without the celebrity press. "When you do a set, you create a moving city, with bathrooms, food, a generator, a budget," Julie explains. The couple took on the challenge of producing all that on Chappy, where even in summer the last ferry to

Edgartown (the nearest place with a shop) leaves at midnight. "That was pretty tight for the caterer," says Julie, "but everybody made it."

Though guests came from Boston, where Julie grew up, Georgia, where Michael grew up, and from many places in between, the theme of this production was local and environmental. "Our save the dates, invitations, menus – they all were on recycled paper printed with soy ink. Jim Eddy [of Big Sky Tent and Party Rentals] got us a green diesel generator. We tried to use local flowers and food," says Julie. "It was as environmental as you can be when you're creating a little town in the middle of a yard with 200 people flying in from all over."

The couple hosted a welcome barbecue at a home in Edgartown. "It was casual, like Martha's Vineyard," says Julie. "Then we had this great rehearsal dinner at the Chappy beach club. By the time the wedding came, everyone was already very comfortable and we'd had a chance to talk to everyone, so at the actual reception they all knew each other. Everyone was friends and they were like, 'Get out there and dance, you don't have to catch up with us now.'"

Big Sky provided a dance floor with real flooring that makes a rolling landscape level. Julie's father gallantly