David's

Whirlwind Wedding

This is the bombshell of the year!

David Cassidy (27) had only met actress Kay Lenz (24) on January 16. Just 77 days later, he was standing with her at the altar in Las Vegas—his brother Shaun was the best man.

BRAVO describes how the strictly secret wedding came about and how it went.

At 7:30 in the morning, the phone rang in the studio where the TV series "Hardy Boys" was being filmed. Shaun Cassidy was wanted. His brother David was on the line, and it was terribly urgent. Filming was interrupted, and Shaun ran anxiously to the phone. "For God's sake, what's happened?" he asked.

"Will you be my best man? I'm getting married," David said excitedly. Shaun had to sit down and stammered at least twenty times, "Is that really true, really true?"

Kay Lenz, on the other hand, had called her closest friend, Jayne Zinsmaster.

"I ran over to her like a madwoman," Jayne said. David and Kay hadn't slept all night, discussing the big decision. They were so happy. Shaun and I had to promise not to tell anyone,"

No one except Kay and David's mother was informed. So it came to pass that on Sunday evening, April 3, all their friends, acquaintances, and fans heard the news from the television announcers with the message "David Cassidy and Kay Lenz are married"

Married! Beaming with happiness, the Cassidy couple leave the Little Church of the West in Las Vegas. On the left is best man Shaun.

Kay and David had decided to get married quietly and secretly in Las Vegas with only a few close friends and family members (Kay's mother, Mrs. Lenz, David's mother, Evelyn Ward, Shaun, agent Herb Malinas, and Jayne Zinsmaster were the only guests) in order to avoid a big fuss. "If we had had a wedding in Los Angeles, we would have had to invite hundreds of people so as not to hurt anyone's feelings," David explained. On Saturday, April 2, they flew to the gambling paradise of Las Vegas in the Nevada desert and checked into the Riviera Hotel. Neither David nor Kay were nervous, just terribly in love...

The next morning, Kay was being dressed by Jayne, who was to be the maid of honour at the ceremony, and her mother (also named Kay Lenz). That's the custom. Kay wore a white strapless dress and her hair was pinned up and decorated with flowers (that's how David likes her best).

According to American custom, Jayne slipped an old-fashioned garter over one of the bride's thighs. Jayne wore the same dress in pink (it is also an American custom for the bride to buy her maid of honor's dress).

At the same time, David Cassidy was dressed in a separate room by Shaun and Kay's agent Herb Malinas, the brides guide.