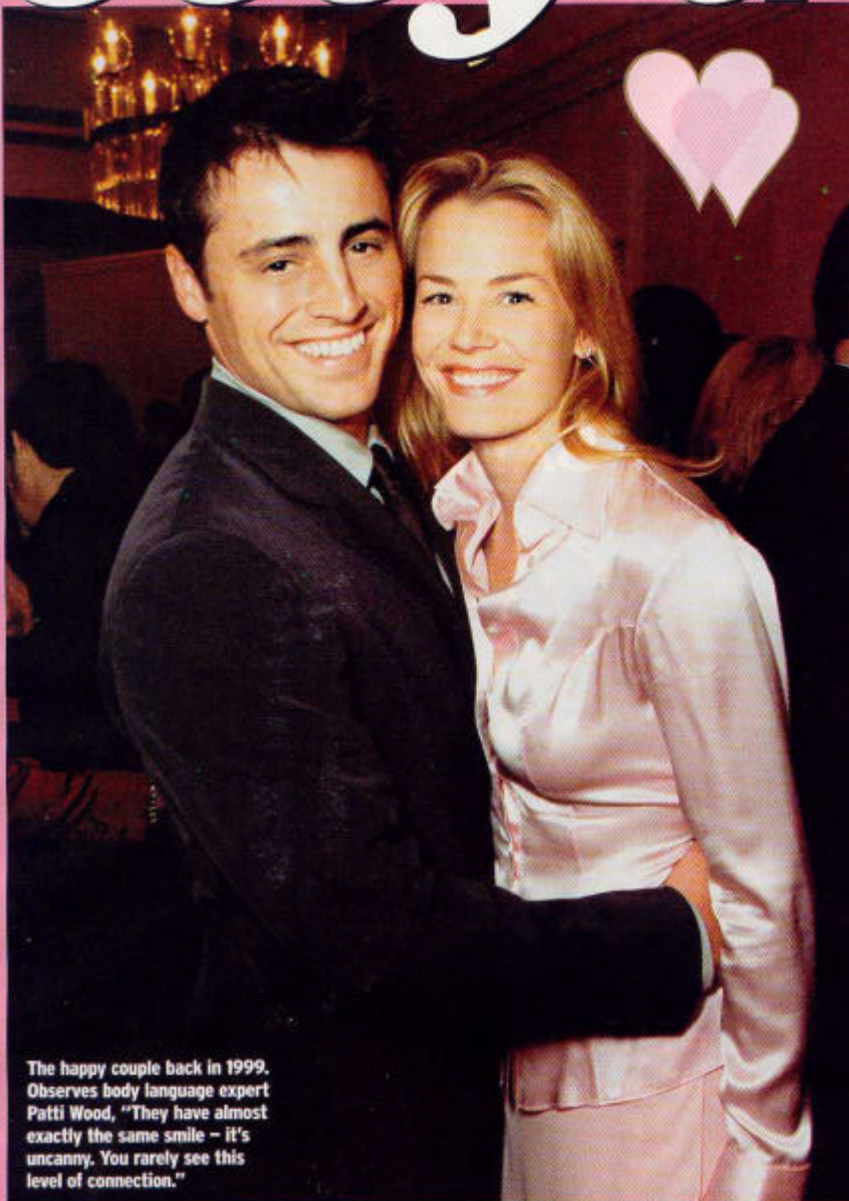


LeBlanc and Melissa McKnight ...definitely in love says Patti Wood.
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Matt LeBlanc & Melissa McKnight

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The happy couple back in 1999. Observes body language expert Patti Wood, "They have almost exactly the same smile - it's uncanny. You rarely see this level of connection."

IT HAD ALL THE MAKINGS of a great Hollywood drama: suspense, big-name stars and a breathtaking seaside setting. Indeed, for the entire week leading up to May 3, after local workers were booked for a bride and groom whose identities weren't revealed, it seemed the whole Hawaiian island of Kauai couldn't stop wondering which mystery couple was going to say "I do." Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck? Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin (who were vacationing on the island)? Calista Flockhart and Harrison Ford?

So it came as a surprise, then, when the undercover couple turned out to be *Friends* star Matt LeBlanc, 35, and former model Melissa McKnight, 38 — a twosome who had been engaged for so long (almost five years!) that speculation about their big day was hardly at a fever pitch. Yet, in a small, understated ceremony (even by civilian standards) less than a month after the couple signed a prenuptial agreement, the two exchanged vows in front of about 50 family members and pals (Jennifer Aniston, Lisa Kudrow and Courteney Cox included) on a bluff overlooking Anini Beach on a private 12-

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