

'Bachelor' Sean Lowe Says He Won't Invite Emily Maynard to His Wedding



By Meghan Fitzgerald

Bachelor, Sean Lowe, and bride-to-be, Catherine Guidici announced their plans to say 'I do' very very soon! UsMagazine.com reports how Lowe will most likely not be inviting Emily Maynard to their dream wedding. Although he still likes and respects Maynard, he doesn't think it is appropriate for her to be invited. The happy couple stated that they will get married on TV, [Hollywood Life](http://HollywoodLife.com) reports. The two continue to plan their wedding as they move on with their lives!

What are some things to consider about inviting your exes to your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Inviting your exes to your wedding is never, and I say never, an easy thing to do. What if you rekindle love? What if they try to ruin your dream day? What if your groom and your ex get into a fight? The questions are endless for brides considering inviting their exes to their weddings. Cupid has some advice on this:

1. Danger: Inviting your ex to your wedding will cause danger. However much you preach on their changed ways, or how civil you guys are; there will always be a slight bit of chaos. Seeing your ex at your wedding is not something you exactly want to do, you may think at the time it is a great idea however, at the wedding, it is not. Feelings can be brought back up with the sight of them, you could say something inappropriate. Just make sure you know inviting your ex has danger written all over it.

2. "Just friends": In all honesty, after you have had sex with another person, you will never be 'just friends' again. It is proven so. Especially if this person was of a romantic value. This being said, you and your ex will never be 'just friends.' Stop thinking it is possible, and just realize that it is not! The sooner you realize you two can never be friends again, the sooner you'll realize that you probably shouldn't invited them to your wedding.

3. Showing off: Alright ladies and gents, did your ex drive you crazy, humiliate you, break your heart and step on it? Are you now happy and wish to show that son-of-a-bitch how better off you are without them? If you are answering yes to all of this, than you are relatively right for considering inviting your ex. You are going to get married, why not rub some salt in the wounds of your ex? Have fun!

Have you ever invited your exes to your wedding? Share your experience below.

Why 'The Bachelor' Sean Lowe and Bride-to-Be Catherine Giudici Are Waiting for Marriage



By Andrea Surujnauth

The Bachelor's Sean Lowe and Catherine Giudici are excited to

finally be public about their love for one another."I'm just so excited that the secret is out," says Lowe. After having a romantic proposal in Thailand on national television, Guidici is happy to get the chance to be in a normal relationship with her man. "Now, we can be a normal couple and hold hands in public!" she exclaims. However, as excited as they are to be together at last, [People](#) reported that the two are waiting until after they are married to be intimate with one another. "From my perspective, I've lived life kind of selfishly for a long time. Now, I'm going to try to live it the way I know to be right." says Lowe who is a born-again virgin and a conservative Christian. How does Giudici feel about this? "I honor him," she says. The two will be tying the knot on national television for an ABC special.

What are some ways to know your values match with your partner's?

Cupid's Advice:

Having the same values as your partner is a good sign that the two of you will have a long lasting relationship together. But how are you supposed to know whether the two of you have the same values? Cupid is here to tell you:

1. Religion: Having a partner that has the same religious beliefs as you is a good way of being sure that they have the same values as you. Even if the two of you do not have the same exact religion, you and your beau could still have the same values if you both hold your religions close to your heart or if you both don't believe in religion at all.

2. Family: How your partner treats his family is a great way of knowing whether or not the two of you have similar values. If your sweetheart loves their parents and keeps them close, then you have a family person on your hands. Are you the same way? Then you two have similar family values which is important if your planning on getting married.

3. Money: Do you and your sweetie have the same values when it comes to money? If your beau buys whatever makes them happy at the moment or spends paychecks on luxury items, be sure that you have the same lifestyle. If you are a big money saver, then you two do not have the same financial values. Be careful, you do not want to spend your lifetime fighting with your partner over money.

How do you tell whether or not you and your partner have similar values? Comment below and let us know!

‘The Bachelor’ Sean Lowe Chooses His Bride-to-Be





By Meghan Fitzgerald

This past Monday, *The Bachelor* hunk, Sean Lowe, proposed to the goofy yet beautiful graphic designer, Catherine Giudici, 26. [People](#) reports that the last episode took place in Thailand filled with romantic dates and the final two both meeting Lowe's parents. The emotional season came down to one girl, Catherine. [E! Online](#) announced that very shortly after Lowe proposed, Giudici jumped to Instagram to post a picture of the 3 carat Neil Lane engagement ring. The couple have not set a date, but plan on marrying very soon!

How do you know if your partner is 'the one'?

Cupid's Advice:

In many relationship cases, you may think 'the one' appears. There are numerous ways to determine whether or not your partner is 'the one.' Although this process can be excruciating it is worth it in the end to determine if you have found the person you will spend the rest of your life with. Cupid has some advice on your partner being 'the one':

1. Love: Are you willing to jump in front of a bus for your partner? Put aside the exaggeration, and focus on the things you are willing to do for your partner because you love them. Love is one of the easiest ways to determine if your partner is 'the one' or not. Depending on what type of love it is, it could be for the long haul. This 'the one' love needs to be constant, painful, hopeful, passionate, frustrating love. It needs to make you want to rip your hair out because you love your mate so much.

2. Treats you right: It is necessary for you partner to treat you right in general. It is especially important for your beau to treat you like a princess if you consider him 'the one.' Ask yourself a few questions on how your partner treats you. Do they kiss you gently, tell you how much you mean to them, do they do chores, celebrate anniversaries birthdays, sacrifice their weekends for family events? You need to make sure the relationship is filled will your mate treating you more than right.

3. Makes you feel special: Does your mate make you feel like you are the only one in their world? Do you see them as if they're the only one around? No matter the circumstance does your beau make you feel special? Like you're the luckiest person in the world because you're with them? If all the answers to these are yes than you may have 'the one' on your hands. Tie this rule in with the other one and determine if you have found the love of your life!

How did you know your partner was 'the one'? Share your comments below!

Celebrity Couple: Elle Macpherson Is Engaged to Billionaire Jeffrey Soffer



By Andrea Surujnauth

Elle Macpherson and billionaire real estate developer, Jeffrey Soffer, are engaged. According to UsMagazine.com, the couple dated in the past, but split up in March 2012. While the two were broken up, Macpherson briefly dated financier Roger Jenkin. Macpherson and Soffer rekindled their relationship in November when he got into a helicopter accident and injured his vertebrae. News of their engagement was first announced on *Access Hollywood*. This will be Macpherson's second marriage. She was previously married to fashion photographer Gilles

Bensimon. Macpherson also has two sons with ex-boyfriend Arpad Busson, 15-year-old Arpad Flynn and 10-year-old Aurelius Cy.

How do you keep money issues from affecting your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Money seems to be the center of many marital issues. How can you avoid having money issues mess up your relationship? Cupid is here with some advice:

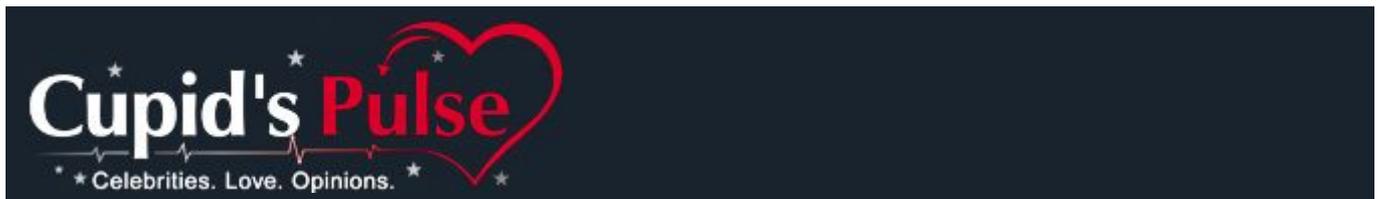
1. Compatibility: When choosing a life partner, be sure to choose someone that has the same type of lifestyle as you. This does not mean that if you are wealthy, you should only go after a wealthy partner. Choosing someone with the same lifestyle as you means that if you are someone who enjoys living a luxurious lifestyle, you should choose someone who feels that same. If you like to spend your money on cars and vacations, being in a relationship with someone who rather save money can cause issues between the two of you. You need to choose someone that has similar values about money as you do.

2. Budget: When planning your budget, this should definitely not be done by only one person. The two of you should come together to do the budget. You are in a relationship so finances are something that needs to be done by both of you.

3. Emergency fund: Create an emergency fund together. When financial problems arise, that's when relationships tend to get rocky. If there is an emergency fund, you two lovebirds will be able to avoid fighting over money if any problem occurs that calls for some extra cash.

How do you keep money issues from affecting your relationship? Share your ideas below.

Celebrity News: Kristin Cavallari Is Planning Summer Wedding to Jay Cutler



By Andrea Surujnauth

Kristin Cavallari and fiancé Jay Cutler are planning their wedding for the second time together. According to [People](#), the two were previously engaged, but split up in July 2011. The lovebirds got engaged for the second time in November 2011. The couple are registered at Williams-Sonoma and their list contains about 70-items all adding up to over \$4,000. The pair has not announced their wedding date, but their registry has

July 13th as their big day. The couple has a son, Camden Jack, who was born in August 2012.

How can you decide what is the best time of year for your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

When choosing a date for your wedding, it may be difficult to find a day that will be perfect for both you and your guests. You want nice weather for your wedding and you want everyone to show up. How can you choose the perfect date? Cupid has some ideas that you should consider:

1. Important events: When choosing when to have your wedding, you should consider which days need to be off the table. You do not want your wedding on Superbowl weekend or the weekend before Christmas otherwise many of your guest will not show up. Consider what holidays and sporting events might be important to your guests because you want as many people as possible to come celebrate your big day with you!

2. Superstitious days: If you are superstitious, you may want to shy away from having your wedding on the 13th of any month. Think about the future, do you really want your anniversary to land on friday the 13th?

3. Seasons: Consider if you want a winter wonderland themed wedding, winter would be perfect for you. Do you want a hot summer weather? Flowers and breezy spring weather? Or the colorful scenery of the fall? Think of what weather would go with your wedding the best.

How did you choose a date for your wedding? Comment below and let us know.

Celebrity Britney Spears says: I'm 'So Excited and Happy' for Jamie Lynn Spear's Engagement



By Meghan Fitzgerald

According to [People](#), Britney Spears went straight to Twitter on Monday morning to congratulate her sister Jamie Lynn Spears on her recent engagement. It seems little Spears is moving on her way in the world! [Huffington Post](#) announced that Britney, 31, said, "So excited and happy for my sister, congrats

@jamielynnspears – love you.” Even though Spears recently went through a breakup from her fiance, Jason Trawick, she is still able to be happy for her sister. Good for you, Jamie Lynn and Jamie Watson!

How do you know when it's the right time to get engaged?

Cupid's Advice:

Knowing when it is the right time to get engaged is more than confusing. Not only is it confusing however, it is challenging to determine. Some people say 'when you know, you know' yet, this is not always the case. You may know, but not entirely know. It really is simply a enormous, confusing process. Cupid has some advice for this:

1. Trust: Do you trust your mate with your entire life? Can you tell your partner anything, no matter how they will react or what the circumstance is? If you answer these first two questions with a 'no', you may want to reconsider getting engaged right time. You know it is the right time to get engaged when your mate knows every little aspect of your life. What your favorite pizza topping is, how many people you have dated, your deepest darkest secrets, the entirety of your life.

2. Love: Love is all you need ladies and gentlemen. Of course there are a few exceptions where the love is not reciprocated and an engagement may not work out. However, in most cases, if love is evident, go out and buy that ring darling! The type of love present needs to be specified in the books. This is not some silly-little puppy love we are talking about, the love present needs to be full blown true love. If you have that, go for gold! Literally!

3. Happiness: Does your beau make you happier than you've ever been in your entire life? Do you make your partner happier too? Is the happiness between the two of you equal? Hopefully

if you're considering engagement, these answers are a 'yes.' If you can not see a life without your mate because you will be miserable, you know. You know you're ready when your sad when your partner leaves for the bathroom.

When did you know it was the right time to get engaged? Share your experiences below.

Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux Can't Wait to Wed



By [Andrea Surujnauth](#)

According to [People](#), Jennifer Aniston “is crazy about Justin [Theroux] and can’t wait to be his [wife](#).” A source tells the magazine that “she plans on privately changing her name to Theroux. She likes the way it sounds and jokes that [Jennifer Theroux] sounds very posh.” The source also spilled the beans about the couple already having their wedding bands designed and Aniston already having a wedding dress in mind. Plus, the twosome have set a date. The two lovebirds got [engaged](#) on August 10, 2012 when Theroux [popped the question](#) while they were celebrating his 41st birthday.

What are some last-minute ways to prepare for your wedding?

Cupid’s Advice:

Planning a wedding calls for a great deal of organization and work. Time seems to be running out, but your to-do list keeps getting longer and longer. When you are down to the last-minute preparations, what are some things you can do to make sure it all goes well? Cupid has some suggestions for you.

1. Plan your outfits in advance: Get your [wedding ensemble](#) ready to go by making sure every accessory, including your jewelry, veil and shoes, are all in one place. Lay them out in the room where you’ll be getting ready, and you won’t have to worry about forgetting anything. It’s also smart to plan your outfits for other weekend activities, like the bridesmaids’ luncheon, rehearsal dinner and Sunday brunch.

2. Prepare an emergency kit: Put together an emergency kit for your [big day](#). Include a sewing kit, extra money, portable iron, makeup, hair brush, hair spray, tissues, camera, breath mints, tape and safety pins. This way, you’ll have a quick fix for any situation.

3. Stay in communication: Go over all of the [wedding](#) details with your family and friends, and make sure everyone is on the same page. If you have forgotten something, turn to your Maid

of Honor or mother for help. Assign different responsibilities to different people so that no one – including you! – feels overwhelmed.

What are some last-minute ways to prep for your wedding day? Comment below and let us know!

Christina Applegate Ties the Knot with Longtime Boyfriend



By Andrea Surujnauth

Christina Applegate tied the knot with her longtime boyfriend,

Martyn LeNoble. According to [People](#), the two had a a private ceremony at their home in Los Angeles. Applegate, 41, and LeNoble, 43, have been together since 2008. These lovebirds got engaged in 2010 on Valentine's Day. The couple have a 2-year-old daughter together, Sadie Grace. This is both Applegate's and LeNoble's second marriage.

How do you know when you're ready to marry your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

You have been dating for a while and now you are think marriage. Are you and your partner ready to tie the knot? Cupid is here to help you decide:

1. You enjoy every moment: A major sign that you are ready for marriage is if you enjoy every moment with your sweetheart, no matter how small or how boring. If you even enjoy doing chores together or just sitting together in the car, that's love.

2. You're both ready to burn the little black book: If you are both ready to give up all old flames and give up dating, then wedding bells are definitely in the air for you two lovebirds.

3. You have long term plans together: If you two have long term plans together then your relationship is ready for marriage. Planning your life years down the road together shows that marriage is on both of your minds and you are already planning for it.

How do you when your relationship is ready for marriage? Comment below and let us know.

Backstreet Boy Singer Nick Carter Proposes to Girlfriend Lauren Kitt



By Jessica Conigliaro

Backstreet Boy singer Nick Carter planned the perfect proposal to girlfriend Lauren Kitt last week. Carter brought her to a secluded island in the Florida Keys, [People](#) reports. The ocean behind them—and their dog sharing the moment—set the scene for his romantic gesture. Kitt graciously said yes and jumped to hug her new fiancé.

What are some ways to surprise your spouse-to-be with an engagement?

Cupid's Advice:

You have been dating your partner for over 2 years and want to pop the question. You have discussed getting married dozens of times, but want the proposal to come as a surprise. Cupid gives some advice on how to make the moment romantic:

1. Create a scene: Proposing in public can be risky; what if she says no in front of everyone? The fact that you took a risk like that will make her feel loved and special. Propose in front of all her friends. This will make her realize how excited everyone is for her—which will make her giddy as well.

2. Make it spontaneous: You don't necessarily have to plan the exact day and time to propose. Carry the ring around with you; the moment may come when you least expect it. You might find yourself going to a carnival. Proposing on the top of a Ferris wheel is the epitome of romantic. Her feet will literally be swept off the ground.

3. Someplace memorable: Think of a location that holds a special meaning for both of you. Pop the question at her favorite restaurant or the place you first met her. She will notice how much time and effort you put into planning the proposal—and will realize it's her turn to start planning the wedding.

How did you propose to your partner? Let us know below.

'Bachelor' Star Tierra LiCausi Is Engaged (not to Sean)!



By Meghan Fitzgerald

Drama starter on this seasons' *The Bachelor*, Tierra LiCausi, has announced that she is engaged ... but not to the blonde hunk of a *Bachelor*, Sean Lowe. The world discovered her engagement by a picture posted of LiCausi sporting a very very large diamond engagement ring. [People](#) reports, "The couple's relationship was rekindled the same day that Tierra's TV love interest, Sean Lowe, sent her home." LiCausi's brother talked to [WetPaint](#), stating that her soon-to-be hubby is "...someone she had been seeing before the show. They've known each other three or four years and have been dating most of that time."

How do you know when to rekindle a past romance?

Cupid's Advice:

Rekindling a past romance takes a certain skill. When you

should do it, if you should do it are too important questions. Is it really worth it? Do you want to put yourself out there again? There are many reasons telling you to get back with your ex. Cupid has some advice:

1. They've changed: For most people, second chances are given to others who think they are worth it. There was a reason you and your [ex](#)-mate broke up. Whether it was your fault or theirs, change is an option. If you thoroughly believe that your ex-beau has changed, you may want to rekindle the romance. Only rekindle the romance if you completely believe that your ex has changed for the better. If you have any hesitation to whether or not they have, do not go for it.

2. Soul mates: The stories are all out there, the constant stories about soul mates. True love is said to be out there for everyone. The quest for this true love can leave you with a broken heart and many tears. Although the journey is challenging, it will be worth it in the end. This being said, if you believe that your ex is the love of your life and your complete and utter soul mate, rekindle the romance. Go for it!

3. "I know you": With an ex, they know almost every single little thing about you. What you like, what you don't like, the names of all your relatives, who loses it at Christmas dinner, what you're allergic to, and the list goes on and on. Do not rekindle the romance with you ex-beau if you solely want someone who "knows you." If the following two apply, and this third one happens to slide in there, drop all of your stuff and rekindle your past romance!

Have you ever rekindled a past romance? Share your experience below.

Christina Ricci Is Engaged to Boyfriend James Heerdegen



By Andrea Surujnauth

It's official! Christina Ricci and her boyfriend, James Heerdegen, have decided to tie the knot. Ricci confirmed the engagement exclusively to UsMagazine.com on February 1st. The two love birds met on the set of Ricci's now cancelled ABC series *Pan Am*. Ricci has been wearing an engagement ring since October, but never commented about the engagement speculations. Now she is finally announcing that her and her soon-to-be hubby have been engaged since last year. Ricci was previously engaged to Owen Benjamin but the two broke it off in June 2009.

What are some reasons to keep your engagement under wraps at

first?

Cupid's Advice:

Although being engaged is amazing news, you might want to keep the engagement on the down low at first. Here are some reasons why couples are hush hush about their great news:

1. One big announcement: Some couples want to wait until their family are all together before they announce the news. This way everyone hears it from them first and there is no pre-announcement gossip!

2. Opportunity to plan: By holding off on letting everyone know about the engagement will give you the chance to plan a party or plan how you want to tell everyone. This way the announcement will be exactly how you want it to be.

3. Time needs to be right: If someone else just announced some big news, like a pregnancy or another engagement, you may want to hold off for a few months just so that couple will have their time in the spotlight. Everyone wants some time to shine when they announce big news.

Why would you keep your engagement under wraps? Comment below and let us know!

Kristen Stewart's Ex-Beau Michael Angarano Is Engaged



By Meghan Fitzgerald

Michael Angarano has settled down with new costar, Juno Temple. Kristen Stewart's ex-boyfriend before Robert Pattinson met Temple on the set of *Brass Teapot*. A source from UsMagazine.com reported that the love doves instantly fell for each other. Angarano is no longer hooked on the infamous Stewart, and he is more than happy with Temple. PerezHilton.com states that Angarano is very serious about Temple.

How do you show happiness for your ex when he/she moves on?

Cupid's Advice:

No matter how clean cut the breakup might have been, showing happiness for your ex is challenging. After countless nights of crying to your closest friends and eating every type of Ben

& Jerry's ice cream available, you want to move on. Even if you want to move on, it is hard to see your ex move on. Here are some ways to help moving on:

1. Double date: Double dating is always a lot fun! Even if you are sitting across from your ex, you will enjoy the time. Your ex will know how happy you are for them since you're out to dinner with another person!

2. Give advice: One of the best ways to show your ex that you have moved on is to help them with their current fling. Your ex will appreciate your guidance and assistance. Also, they will notice that you are happy for them since you are comfortable talking about their new partner.

3. Get a haircut: Although this may not seem like an important thing to do after a breakup, trimming some hair and vamping up your wardrobe will do tons. Your ex will notice a new, and better you. A person who is no longer moping, or constantly in sweatpants. Your ex will instantly notice that you are happy for their move and appreciate it.

Have you shown happiness for your ex? Explain how below.

Michelle Kwan Says She 'Shed So Many Tears' On her Wedding Day





By Meghan Fitzgerald

Michelle Kwan walked down the aisle dressed head to toe in a flowing ivory Vera Wang dress, approaching the love of her life, Clay Pell. Most brides express emotions on their wedding day, however, and according to [People](#), Kwan shed “so many tears.” With all of her closest friends and family, Kwan was hit with emotions like a hurricane. The [Providence Journal](#) reported that after the ceremony, family and friends gathered together with sparklers as the new couple walked out of the church.

How do you support your nervous bride on your wedding day?

Cupid's Advice:

Cold feet on a wedding day is a common. Brides and grooms tend to bunch up their emotions and have a mini breakdown. The great thing here is that family and friends are willing to help with 'said' wedding-jitters. Here are some other ways to subdue the jitters:

1. Glass of wine: Sit your bride down and give her a glass of

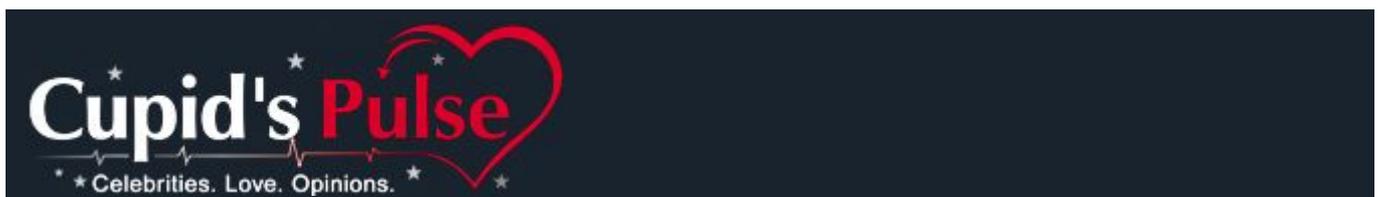
wine. If the bride asks for another glass, be careful. You don't want a burgundy colored dress, or a drunk bride stumbling down the aisle.

2. Wedding playlist: Organize a playlist with the bride's favorite songs. Include some mellow classic jazz, such as Louis Armstrong or Duke Ellington. You should include a few upbeat songs, too, so the [bride](#) gets excited for her wedding. Make her feel comfortable with the sounds of music.

3. Pep talk: Gather up your best pep-talker in the group. The person who can cheer up anyone's day, or the person who always knows what to say is your best choice. Inform this person about the bride's jitters and send them in there to shut them down! Make sure the pep-er explains to the bride how much the groom loves her, and how much her family and friends [love](#) her. Apply pep talk, and gather rewards!

Have you supported a nervous bride on her wedding day? Share your experiences below.

Find Out About Kelly Osbourne's Secret Engagement to Matthew Mosshart





By [Nic Baird](#)

Kelly Osbourne and boyfriend Matthew Mosshart got [engaged](#) a few weeks before Christmas, a source for [UsMagazine.com](#) said. The quiet proposal came after a year of dating, and the couple is “really excited,” according to the source. Osbourne and Mosshart met at Kate Moss’ [wedding](#) in July 2011, and first stepped out in public in Dec. 2011, kissing on the streets of New York. “I’m in love and I don’t care who knows about it!” Osbourne tweeted last June.

What are some advantages to keeping your engagement under wraps at first?

Cupid’s Advice:

You shouldn’t have to hide your love, but sometimes stealth and caution are necessary. Eventually, you’ll move past your secret, unless you plan to elope. In the meantime, here are some advantages for being [engaged](#) on the sly:

1. Timing: If there’s been a recent engagement within your social group, it’s good form to allow a month or two for this

couple's spotlight. Maybe an important marriage is on the horizon, or one of your family's is preoccupied with another matter. You can't wait forever, but giving a bit of consideration by waiting for the right time is a classy move for you and your fiancé(e).

2. Planning time: Most importantly, your [fiancée](#) has to know that you're trying to keep this between the two of you. Otherwise, they'll have no reservations telling their friends and introducing themselves as your future spouse. The obvious benefit of caution is being ready for all your marriage logistics. If you need time to decide on a date, location, finances, etc. then don't make things harder for yourselves.

3. One announcement: It can be strenuously tempting to reveal your hidden [flame](#) to a close family member, or friend. If you decide to start confesing, others will wonder why they weren't told. Instead, telling everyone at the same time will avoid close friends or family feeling excluded. Make sure to reflect on the consequences before spilling your guts. Loose lips sink ships.

Why would you keep an engagement under wraps? Share your comments below!

'Bachelor' Alumna Helene Eksterowicz Is Engaged!





By [Nic Baird](#)

The Bachelor's winning competitor, Helene Eksterowicz, is once again [engaged](#) since splitting from season two bachelor Aaron Buerge five weeks after his TV proposal, [People](#) reports. Eksterowicz, a middle school psychologist, found love with Andrew Goodman, a senior technology consultant for IBM who Eksterowicz has been [dating](#) for a year and a half. His surprise proposal came during a birthday trip to Poconos for Eksterowicz last weekend. "We are very happy about planning our future together," she said.

How do you get passed a broken engagement to trust again?

Cupid's Advice:

Don't let your baggage weigh you down from developing meaningful relationships. Be patient, but most of all, be happy. Better to have loved and lost, there's [plenty of fish](#) in the sea, etc. Any phrase really that will convince you to move on and stop wasting your time.

1. Look forward: You may have seen some sort of closure with

[marriage](#) to your ex, and the prospect of an exciting new chapter in your life. While details of this fabulous future will certainly be different, don't doubt that it's going to happen. Make plans and set goals. If you were hoping to find the love of your life, you haven't lost your shot. It's just time to make priorities for yourself.

2. Be optimistic: Easier said than done, but if you're heading for a rut, make sure you start warming your heart. Spend lots of time with friends and family and convince yourself that there are still relationships of trust out there. The fact that your engagement is over doesn't mean there won't be other chances.

3. Be confident: When a long relationship ends, you can feel tricked, and betrayed by a person of special importance. Sometimes there is no good reason, or sensible explanation, why events didn't lead you and your partner to [marriage](#). No matter what they said or did to break your heart, your ex is just one person among billions. Don't believe you don't deserve a relationship of trust, depth, and sincerity.

How have you moved past a broken engagement? Share your experiences below!

Country Star Brantley Gilbert and Jana Kramer are Engaged





By Meghan Fitzgerald

This birthday, Brantley Gilbert received a present from the love of his life, Jana Kramer ... a “yes” to his proposal! Gilbert proposed to Kramer in Nashville at the historic Ryman Auditorium Theater, after asking her mother for permission. The couple has been dating a year, and according to [People](#), it meant a lot to Kramer that Gilbert asked permission first. According to *Great American Country*, the dynamic duo are both nominated for this year’s Top New Artist for the ACM Awards.

How do you ask a parents’ permission for your partner’s hand in marriage?

Cupid’s Advice:

Marriage is challenging no matter the circumstances and asking a parent’s permission for your partner’s hand in marriage is even more challenging. You need strict courage and bravery to fess up your feelings for your partner and ask to marry them. It’s not easy, but with these steps you should be on your way down the aisle:

1. Talk to your partner first: It is ideal to make sure your partner is also on board to hitch up together and fully commit to the marriage scene. The conversation does not need to be in depth however, it should clarify that your partner feels the same way. This is necessary for which, you don't want to get their parents' permission and have your partner turn your down.

2. Get to know the parents: Before you delve into asking your partner's parents for their permission to marry their child, you should know them. Knowing your partner's parents makes it easier to sit down with them. It is also easier because a relationship is already established and you may not seem as nervous or fearful if you didn't know them.

3. Express your wishes: It may work best for you if you express your feelings for your partner, this makes their parents know how much you care for them and how much you're willing to do for them. Next, it is necessary to tell their parents that you wish to marry their child and would like their permission. Ask kindly for their blessing and hope that they say yes!

Did you ask your partner's parent's permission for marriage? Comment below.

'Big Brother' Alums Daniele Donato and Dominic Briones Get Married



By Michelle Danzig

A little over a year and a half after filming CBS's *Big Brother 13*, contestants Daniele Donato and Dominic Briones tied the knot in a bohemian-style wedding on Saturday. According to [People](#), the couple wed at the Newland House Museum in Huntington Beach, Calif. Donato told *People* that even though she did not like Briones when they first met, but after the finale the two were inseparable. Briones said that, because the two both love penguins, he decided to propose during an arranged, private tour of the penguin exhibit at the St. Louis Zoo. Although Donato did mention what she liked and didn't like in a ring, Briones chose the solitary diamond with a half bezel set all on his own.

What are some ways to incorporate your partner's interests in your proposal?

Cupid's Pulse

The proposal is a story that a woman will remember—and never stop telling—for the rest of her life. But what makes a marriage proposal truly personal? Future grooms may panic when trying to find the perfect way to propose. Here are some ways you can incorporate your partner's interest into your proposal so you can find the perfect way to pop the questions:

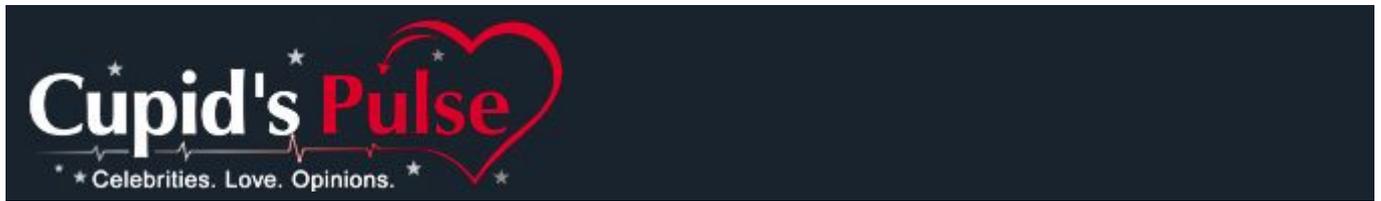
1. The ring: Not only will she be wearing this important piece of jewelry for the rest of her life, but you will also have to look at it. Pay attention to the types and styles of jewelry that your significant other consistently wears. Then, ask around to find out what she likes—sisters and friends are a good place to start. Think about a unique thing about her that you love and choose a ring that reminds you of her.

2. The venue: Think about all of the places that your spouse loves to visit. Maybe in her spare time she goes to the library and reads alone or maybe she sits on the dock and quietly thinks. Even if you don't enjoy doing these activities or visiting these places together, choosing something close to her heart may resonate more during the proposal.

3. The question: Now the important part. There are many ways to incorporate your significant other's interests into the way you ask the question. If your future-spouse likes music, try singing to her. If she likes poetry, write a poem for her.

How did you incorporate your partner's interests when you popped the question? Share your experiences below.

Michelle Kwan Ties the Knot with Clay Pell



By Michelle Danzig

On January 19, Michelle Kwan and Clay Pell spoke their vows while playing the song that Kwan skated to in the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Games, according to [People](#). The melody, "Fields of Gold" signaled a new beginning for the nine-time U.S. national figure skating champion and five-time world champion olympic skater. Pell, 31, who is the director for strategic planning on the National Security staff at the White House, tied the knot with Kwan, 32, at the First Unitarian Church of Providence, R.I. Pell donned his full U.S. Coast Guard uniform and Kwan wore a Vera Wang gown in ivory. The couple shared self-written vows before 240 family and friends,

among whom included Olympic champions Brian Boitano, Dick Button and Dorothy Hamill. The two were so moved, they even shared a kiss before the end of the ceremony. Kwan is now a senior advisor for public diplomacy and public affairs and told *People* that, although she doesn't believe in love at first sight, she knew that Clay was the 'one.'

What are the benefits to writing your own vows for your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

While many prefer to reiterate the traditional wedding vows, many have adopted the idea of writing their own wedding vows. Although this may be a more modern concept and not quickly accepted, there are some excellent benefits to writing and speaking your own vows at the wedding:

1. It is personal: Reiterating the traditional vows is beautiful and timeless, but doesn't always completely reflect the couple's relationship. By expressing exactly what made you fall in love with your significant other, or how you knew he or she was the one, you are creating a more personal and intimate ceremony.

2. It makes your wedding unique: No two wedding ceremonies are the same when the vows are created specifically for and by the couple. Maybe you include an inside joke or a favorite song; by writing from the heart, you are creating a ceremony that is unique to your and your future-spouse.

3. Your vows are more concrete: If you and your spouse went to different lengths to create the most intimate and personal vows, chances are they are aspects and characteristics of your relationship that you both value. Stating specific vows—even as specific as always vowing to kiss them everyday—will give them more meaning.

Did you write your own vows? Tell us below.

'Real Housewives of Atlanta' Star Kandi Burruss Is Engaged



By Nic Baird

Kandi Burruss, from Bravo's *Real Housewives of Atlanta* is engaged to her costar, line producer Todd Tucker, Burruss's rep confirmed to [People](#). The reality star couple first met when filming the fourth season of *Real Housewives of Atlanta* in 2011. Burruss is a Grammy Award winner known for writing TLC's hit "No Scrubs," Destiny Child's "Bills, Bills, Bills"

and Pink's "There You Go." Her upcoming show, The Kandi Factory, follows her as she searches for the next big pop talent. She also has an 11-year-old daughter, Riley, from a previous relationship.

How do you announce your engagement to your children?

Cupid's Advice:

There's a lot of pressure to make sure your relationship doesn't affect your child. This priority can make sudden changes to your family seem more stressful than they should. Sit down with your child, have the discussion, and simultaneously create a healthier family unit. Here's how:

1. Treat them with respect: When discussing your new engagement with your children, you have to give their feelings and questions the attention they deserve without dismissing any discussion. Make sure they understand how much you appreciate them as part of your life. Let them know this new arrangement doesn't change your love for them. This is an addition to the family, not a subtraction.

2. Talk to them with your fiancé: A united front means making decisions as a parenting unit. If you're getting married, it means that your partner will fill this role to some degree. There must be a consensus between the two of you before discussions with your child. Make sure both of you describe the circumstances as an addition to the family, so your child doesn't see it as subtraction.

3. Give them time to think: Make them a part of the marriage so they feel included and understand its importance. Return to the discussion so you can assess how they're taking the news. A child needs time to wrap their mind around this new arrangement. And they need you to be there if they have any questions.

How have you dealt with a recent breakup? Share your experiences below!

Olivia Wilde and Jason Sudeikis Are Engaged



By Michelle Danzig

Shortly after their one-year anniversary and the holidays, *Saturday Night Live* comedian Jason Sudeikis proposed to girlfriend Olivia Wilde, according to [People](#). The two, who began dating back in November of 2011, have been living together since last year. Seen everywhere from Kansas, to

Texas and even Rome, the couple is very happy and very excited, according to a source. A wedding date has not yet been announced. In addition to *The Incredible Burt Wonderstone* in March, Wilde, 28, will also appear in Ron Howard's *Rush*, out in September. In May, Sudeikis, 37, will be featured in the animated film, *Epic*, and *We're the Millers*, costarring Jennifer Aniston, which hits theaters in August.

What are some ways to plan the perfect proposal?

Cupid's Advice:

How, when and where you propose is something your partner will never forget. In addition to the pressure of the planning the perfect proposal, you also have to remember she will be telling the story countless times, to all of her friends and family. We know you want to look good! If you are clueless in the realm of romantic proposals, here are some excellent—and simple—ways to create a proposal that she will never forget:

1. Choose the perfect ring: Choosing a ring can be extremely intimidating—and expensive. Add in the pressure that she will be wearing this ring the rest of your and her life and you have a recipe for stress. There are excellent ways to find the perfect ring without giving away the surprise. Ask her friends. There is not one woman in this world that hasn't shown her favorite ring to her friends. Additionally, technology has severely favored the dating world. There is a great website called Pinterest. Women constantly Like and post pictures of rings they like. Use that for inspiration, but throw in a touch of yourself as well.

2. Be personal: Everyone gets engaged under the Rockefeller tree, at Disney World, on the beach or on Valentine's Day. You and your significant other have a relationship all your own. Why not personalize your proposal to your relationship instead. If you and your sweetie like to hike, find a quiet spot at the top of the mountain where you can pop the

questions. If you enjoy walking the dog together, do it then. Personalize the proposal by fitting it into your relationship, not fitting your relationship into the proposal. It will be way more romantic and make for a great story.

3. Pay attention to her likes and dislikes: Some men try so hard to have the most outrageous, romantic and original proposal out there. However, don't lose sight of the woman on the other end. If she doesn't like sports, don't propose to her on the Jumbotron. If she hates public display of affection, don't propose to her in the middle of a crowded train station. Find what works for both of you. Start by noting all of the things she likes and dislikes. It will help you narrow down the perfect venue and timing for your proposal.

How did you propose? Share below!

Brandy Dishes Details On Her Marriage Proposal





By Nic Baird

A marriage proposal from fiancé Ryan Press caught R&B star Brandy Norwood by surprise last week, [People](#) reports. “It was a spontaneous thing for my fiancé,” she said. The press didn’t plan any part of it, Brandy said. “He just felt it.” Though, the *Dancing with the Stars* contestant did say she’d “marry him with a bubble gum ring” last March.

What are some ways to make your marriage proposal spontaneous?

Cupid’s Advice:

It’s inevitable for couples to eventually discuss the next step in their relationship. If you’re gearing up towards a proposal, it’s easy to get nervous and seek reassurance from your partner. There’s nothing wrong with this, but there is something to be said about the emotion in a spontaneous proposal:

1. Practice: If you’re scared of choking in the moment, don’t be afraid to rehearse. It’s not cheating to write out what you want to convey. Address the key questions in your speech: why

should they marry you? How do they make you feel?

2. Pick the venue: Whether it's dinner, a movie, or rock climbing in the Grand Canyon, make sure you have an excuse to bring your partner to where you need them and explanations for any activity. You have to avoid suspicion at all costs.

3. Run your ideas by a friend: Brainstorming your proposal ideas are a good way to root out the best ones. Get a friend on board who can give you some feedback. It's also important to have someone if your scheme requires any set-up or detailed maneuvering.

What do you think makes a marriage proposal spontaneous? Share your comments below!

**DWTS Judge Len Goodman
Secretly Marries Longtime
Girlfriend Sue Barrett**





By Jennifer Ross

On the Sunday just before the New Year, *Dancing With the Stars*' judge Len Goodman married his longtime girlfriend Sue Barrett in London. The news was confirmed to UsMagazine.com by an ABC rep for Goodman. The 47 year-old dance instructor and 68 year-old judge dated for 10 years and invited only 30 friends and family members to what was called an "intimate lunch." Married by Westminster superintendent registrar Alison Cathcart, the couple wore blue for the nuptials. When asked about his wedding, Goodman told *the Daily News*, "I've had a marvelous day, and now my gorgeous Sue is the new Mrs. Goodman." Although the wedding plans were a secret, Goodman did tell one person – his mother. "I wanted it to be a low-key affair, so we didn't tell anyone except my 96-year-old mum as I didn't want her having a heart attack with the surprise."

How do you pull off a secret wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Although your wedding day is one of the most important days of

your life, planning a wedding can be too much to handle. As a result, some couples opt-out to having a secret or surprise wedding. If this sounds appealing to you, here are a few ideas when saying, "I do":

1. A simple party: If you and your fiancé want to have a wedding without inviting the naysayers, plan a simple party, giving your invitees a different reason for the occasion. Whether you say it's a pet's birthday party or some other celebration, be sure to let them know their presence is important.

2. Destination: An easy way to keep your wedding day a secret is to have the ceremony performed far away from home. Plan a destination wedding in you and your mate's favorite country and tell everyone it is just a simple vacation. No one will suspect you two are getting married.

3. Elope: If your idea of a perfect wedding is inviting no one at all, eloping at the courthouse is the way to go. You and your spouse-to-be can simply get dressed, grab a small flower bouquet and a couple of rings, then say "I do" in privacy.

How did you pull off your secret wedding? Share your story below.

Hugh Hefner and Crystal Harris Tie the Knot on NYE





By [Jessica DeRubbo](#)

It's official: there's a new Mrs. Hugh Hefner in the house! Hefner and Crystal Harris tied the knot on New Year's Eve, according to [People](#). Hefner, 86, married Harris, 26, in front of family and close friends at the Playboy Mansion, and the two attended the Mansion's annual New Year's Eve celebration afterward. "Crystal & I married on New Year's Eve in the Mansion with Keith as my Best Man. Love that girl!" said Hefner via Twitter after the nuptials. Guests included Joe Don Rooney of Rascal Flatts, 2005 Playmate of the Year Tiffany Fallon, baseball player Evan Longoria, Gene Simmons and wife Shannon Tweed and Jon Lovitz.

What are some reasons to get married on a holiday?

Cupid's Advice:

Many people point to the reasons to avoid holidays for your wedding, but there are also many good reasons to aim for one. Cupid has some ideas:

1. Built-in celebration: Take a page from Hefner and Harris,

whose wedding reception was the Playboy Mansion's annual New Year's Eve celebration. Getting married on a holiday can mean much less planning.

2. You and other will remember the date: How many times do husbands get in trouble because they don't remember the date of their anniversary? Well, getting married on a holiday may make sure that never happens.

3. Family/friends are already in town: Especially if you get married in your hometown, family and friends may already be coming home for the holidays and won't have to make a separate trip for your wedding.

What are some other reasons to marry on a holiday? Share your thoughts below.

'Friday Night Lights' Star Zach Gilford Marries Kiele Sanchez





By [Jessica DeRubbo](#)

Friday Night Lights star Zach Gilford, 30, is officially off the market, according to [People](#). Gilford tied the knot with actress girlfriend Kiele Sanchez, 36, on Saturday after having been engaged since Dec. 2011. Gilford most recently starred in the canceled series *The Mob Doctor*.

What are the advantages of an older partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Kiele Sanchez is six years Zach Gilford's senior, so what makes this age difference work? Cupid has some thoughts:

- 1. More life experience:** With an older partner, more experience is brought to the table and you can learn from those life experiences.
- 2. Maturity:** Especially when it comes to men, older age equals a higher level of maturity. Those petty things you used to fight about with other partners fall by the wayside with an older beau.

3. Stability: Often times with age comes more stability in life. Having an older partner may mean that you fall into a more stable lifestyle.

**What are some other advantages to having an older partner?
Share your thoughts below.**