

# Carey Mulligan and Marcus Mumford Tie the Knot



Childhood pen pals from London, Carey Mulligan and Marcus Mumford finally tied the knot after reconnecting as adults, according to [People](#). Sienna Miller, Jake Gyllenhaal, and Colin Firth were some of the 200 guests at the wedding which took place on a farm in Somerset, England. Mulligan, 26, split from Shia Labeouf in 2010, but made a quick recovery by beginning to date Mumford, 25, in 2011 and getting engaged in August. The couple stays humble about their relationship, but their reasoning for wedding in Britain was because “it’s where both their families are from,” a source told the *Sun*.

**What are some ways to act on a longtime crush?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

It's not easy acting on a longtime crush, but how are they supposed to know you feel that way about them if you don't tell them? You need to be a little forward in order to get a straight answer on whether you have a chance or not. Here are some ways to act on a crush:

**1. Reach out:** They can't know you like them if you don't give them some sort of hint. Start asking them to hangout with you more often, and feel out their reaction to see how to approach the situation next.

**2. Be upfront:** If you have been hanging out with your crush for a while now, just ask them what they think about you two being together. If you don't make it a big deal it won't be so uncomfortable. In fact, it'll be refreshing to get it off your chest.

**3. Make a move:** One night when you are out with a group of friends and your crush is there, lead him or her to the bar alone or ask them to go dance. Step out of the friend zone.

**What are some ways you would act on a longtime crush? Share your ideas below.**

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## Neil Diamond Marries His Manager Katie McNeil





After announcing

his engagement to manager, Katie McNeil, over Twitter in September, Neil Diamond tied the knot over the weekend surrounded by close friends and family in a small ceremony in L.A. Most famous for hits such as “Sweet Caroline” and “Cherry, Cherry,” the music superstar looked very much in love with McNeil. According to [People](#), this will be the third marriage for Diamond and the first for McNeil. Beginning June 1st, Diamond will embark on his summer tour.

**How do you know when it's OK to date a coworker?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Dating a co-worker can be a sticky situation. But, you never know when love might strike and sometimes it's at work. Here are some guidelines to follow:

**1. Make sure you are one the same level:** Dating your boss or someone senior to you is never a good idea because of the unhealthy amount of power they have over you in your professional life. If you are really falling for one another, one of you should really leave the company before anything serious begins.

**2. Make sure it doesn't interfere with work:** If a relationship in the office is too distracting for you, then it's not worth it.

**3. Make sure your co-workers are comfortable:** Nothing is worse than a workplace romance disrupting the office dynamic. If you decide to pursue a relationship, make sure your co-workers are okay with it.

**Have you ever had an inter-office romance? Spill your story below.**

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# Halle Berry Never Thought She'd Get Engaged Again



The third time's

the charm for Halle Berry. Berry, 45, never expected to be engaged to beau Olivier Martinez, 46, reports [People](#). “Who knew [I’d get engaged again]?” said Berry during her first red carpet appearance since being engaged. “I swore it off, right? Never say never, people!” Berry has been married twice before, to baseball player David Justice and singer Eric Benét.

**If a relationships fails, how do you know when to try again?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Knowing when to move on is difficult, especially after a rough breakup. Here are a few ways to know when to try dating again:

**1. You’re over your ex:** You can’t be in a successful relationship if you’re still thinking about your ex. When you’re finally over your ex, it may be time to give dating another try.

**2. You want love:** If you find yourself watching romantic movies and being jealous of friends’ relationships, it’s probably a sign that you want love as well.

**3. You’re in a good place:** The most stable relationships start when both partners are satisfied with their lives. If you’re happy with your career and friends, try extending to that happiness to your love life.

**How did you know when it was time to move on? Feel free to leave a comment below.**

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# Lady Antebellum's Dave Haywood Ties the Knot



Country musician

Dave Haywood, 29, from the band Lady Antebellum has finally gotten hitched. The lucky lady? Kelli Cashiola. The couple has known each other for five years and dated seven years before getting engaged this past December. How was the wedding? According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), a source said, "The whole thing was straight out of a movie." Hopefully their fairy tale wedding leads to a happy marriage.

**How do you incorporate aspects of movie weddings in your big day?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

It's your wedding day and you want to feel like a star. Cupid shares how to make your wedding like a movie:

**1. Grand entrance:** In the movies it's all about how you start off the wedding. Imitate your favorite movie by making the entrance as fantastic as possible before you say your vows.

**2. Food:** The food can make the reception. Have delectable dishes straight out of a movie scene to have your guests feeling like they've dined like celebrities as they watch you tie the knot with your love.

**3.Decor:** Whether you opt to make your guests feel like stars or feel like they're in an actual movie, the decoration should match the goal. Go all out, because it is your perfect wedding day after all.

**How would you make your wedding day like the movies? Share below.**

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## **Famous Couple Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie Announce Their Celebrity Engagement**





Congratulations to

famous couple Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie on their celebrity engagement! The longtime pair have been together since 2005 and have six children together. Sources say that their upcoming marriage is a promise for the future. Their children, who have long been supportive of their parents tying the knot, are said to be very happy. According to [People](#), there is no date set for the celebrity wedding at this time. The actress' stunning engagement ring was designed by Robert Procop.

**This famous couple is celebrating their celebrity engagement. When you're in a long-term relationship, how do you know when to get married?**

#### **Cupid's Advice:**

No one can tell you when it's time to get married. While some couples tie the knot after six weeks, others couples take longer. Look at how long Jolie and Pitt were together before



their celebrity engagement announcement! Remember, there is no right or wrong way to make your commitment to your partner official. If you do choose to get married, here are some relationship and love signs that it might be time:

**1. You have children together:** If you have children with your partner, it may be in their best interests for you to be legally married. This will make decisions, like the signing of legal documents and government actions, a little bit easier.

**Related Link:** [It's Official! 'Twilight' Star Peter Facinelli Celebrates Celebrity Engagement with Jaimie Alexander](#)

**2. You have shared assets:** If you've bought a house or car together, your relationship and love is probably very serious. With this amount of trust between you two, consider making your union official.

**Related Link:** [Cameron Diaz and Benji Madden Are Engaged](#)

**3. You want to get married:** Not every serious couple feels the need to get married, and that's okay. If you do, it may be time to see how your partner feels about marriage.

**Do you think traditional marriage will someday become a thing of the past? Share your thoughts below.**

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## Country Crooner Jake Owen Prepares to Tie the Knot





Country star Jake

Owen's proposal to girlfriend Lacy Buchanan was a total surprise, even to Owen himself. According to [People](#), Owen spontaneously decided to bring his fiancé on stage at the Citrus Bowl and proposed while serenading her. Without a ring, but with plenty of hugs and kisses, Buchanan said "yes."

Owen was so happy about getting engaged on the same stage he graduated on at Vera Beach High, that he tweeted, "I'm a happy man. Life is complete."

## **What are some unique ways to propose?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Proposals can be so cliché. It's important that you make your engagement personal. Here are some unique ways to pop the big question:

**1. Think small:** Sometimes the simplest proposal can be the most romantic. Proposing during dinner at home can be the perfect start to a long and happy life together.

**2. Make it personal:** Every couple has their own story. Think about something that is just between the two of you and let your imagination run wild.

**3. The ultimate surprise:** Sometimes just asking, ring or no ring, can be the best way to go. Surprises aren't for everyone, but might be the best idea for your proposal.

What unique way have you proposed or were proposed to? Share your comments below.

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## Jason Trawick Will Share Legal Control Over Britney Spears



Britney Spears' father is making an extra effort to bond with his future son-in-law in an unusual way. Jamie Spears is asking a court to add Jason Trawick as a co-conservator over his daughter, a

source confirmed to [People](#). Jamie Spears, who's has had legal control over his daughter's multimillion dollar fortune since February 2008 after the pop singer suffered a psychological breakdown, plans for Trawick to have shared legal control over his Spears's well being, but not her finances, according to the source. While a conservator can make decisions over a person's clothing, food and medical care, Spears will still have plenty of personal freedom.

**How do you know when your spouse's parents have accepted you?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Being in love can be a wonderful feeling, and it's even better when you have your partner's parents blessing. Here are a few ways to tell when your spouse's parents have accepted you:

**1. They enjoy your company:** When your lover's parents are beating him or her to the punch when calling you to come over for game nights and family dinners, it sounds like you're a shoe-in and their parents would love to see their son or daughter settle down with someone like you.

**2. They brag about you:** Meeting your spouse's parents can be hard enough, but when you have to meet an entire family, that can definitely turn you into a nervous wreck. But, when your spouse's parents have bragged and told everyone what a wonderful person you are, that can easily remove about 10 pounds of nervous stress from your head.

**3. You're introduced as their future son or daughter-in-law:** This makes it official. You're no longer the "girlfriend" or "boyfriend" in their eyes; you're now the in-law. Whether or not you and your love are simply dating or are soon-to-be newlyweds, they hear wedding bells for you two and are already planning your wedding.

**How did you tell when your spouse's parents accepted you?**

Share your comments below.

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# Teen Mom' Star Leah Messer Marries for the Second Time



Only one year after filing for divorce from ex-husband Corey Simms, Leah Messer has tied the knot again. At only 19-years-old, Messer married fiance Jeremy Calvert last week. This time though, Messer is convinced the marriage will last. "We have a really good connection...It's different from Corey and my relationship, because we were kinda like forcing it... With Jeremy, you know when you're supposed to be with somebody and you're not," Messer said, according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com).

**Is age a factor when it comes to marriage?**

## Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes people get married too young, but how do you know when age is a factor when it comes to marriage? Cupid has some tips:

**1. Money:** Though not always true, the older you are the more likely you are to have established yourself financially. It's important to be able to pull your weight in the relationship.

**2. Independent:** You have to determine if you are at that age where you know who you are as a person outside of a relationship. For some, that age may be 19, but for others it could be 35. If you are happy alone, you can be happy with someone else.

**3. Divorce:** According to studies, the divorce rates are lesser for those who marry later in life. When you marry later in life, you're more like to be stable in all aspects of life which makes for a stable marriage. Ultimately, though, when you know someone's *the one*, you just know.

**Is age a factor for you when considering marriage? Let us know in a comment below.**

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# Shannen Doherty Says Married Life Is 'Phenomenal'





Shannen Doherty is

chronicling her wedding planning process in a new reality show called *Shannen Says*, which premieres Tuesday, April 10, at 10 p.m. ET on WE tv. According to [People](#), the actress is truly enjoying life as a newlywed. “Things couldn’t be better.

Married life is amazing, and I can only say that because of my partner, because of Kurt,” said Doherty. The actress has been married twice before, but both marriages were short-lived. “Marriage to me is such a gigantic commitment that it’s not something I’d ever go into lightly anymore,” she added. “I’ve learned my lesson.”

**What changes do you need to prepare yourself for when you get married?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Getting married is one of the biggest changes you will experience in your life. Here are some ways to prepare:

**1. Living together:** Living together first isn’t a requirement, but it’s doesn’t hurt to practice for marriage by cohabiting. You’ll learn about each other’s quirks and habits.

**2. Having a second half:** Marriage is a union that binds you to

someone for better or for worse. You will always need to consult your partner before making any major decisions.

**3. Making time:** Spending quality time with your partner is important when dating, but it's even more important once you've tied the knot.

**Should marriage be considered a sacrifice? Share your opinion below.**

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## Anne Hathaway's Engagement Party Revealed



Though her wedding is not until October 2013, Anne Hathaway and her fiancée celebrated their engagement in February. According to



[UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), it was quite an interesting affair. “It was held in a New York City bookstore, Hathaway opted for unexpected details, like serving vegan fare and tucking her favorite flowers, ranunculus and anemones, inside bird-shaped vases.” Their wedding is expected to be just as quirky.

Hathaway dated her soon-to-be husband, Adam Shulman, for three years before he proposed.

## **What are some ways to celebrate your engagement?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Sometimes it can be difficult to plan a celebration in honor of your engagement. Cupid has some tips:

**1. Vacation:** Take a mini-vacation with your new fiancée. Consider it a time to have a little [celebration](#) of your own before sharing it with the world.

**2. Theme party:** Do you or your partner have a favorite show or movie? Make it into a themed engagement party. Have your guests dress up if you want to really have fun before you get married.

**3. Classic:** A classic engagement party can be enjoyable, too. Have a cute brunch with your closest friends and family or a cocktail party to invite a few more people. Share your love story with those you love.

**What are some ways to celebrate an engagement? Share your thoughts below.**

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# Rumor: Are Liam Hemsworth and Miley Cyrus Engaged?



With *The Hunger Games* harvesting rave reviews and grossing a record-breaking \$155 million at the box office its opening weekend, it seems as though Liam Hemsworth has a lot to celebrate. But did the actor end his grand weekend by proposing to his girlfriend Miley Cyrus? The on-again-off-again couple, who have been dating for three years, attended the Muhammad Ali's Celebrity Fight Night XIII event in Phoenix, Ariz, where the former Disney star was spotted wearing a huge ring on her finger. Despite a ton of speculation about the duo tying the knot, Cyrus confirmed via her Twitter page saying, "I'm not engaged. I've worn this same ring on this finger since November! People just wanna find something to tal[k] about! It's a topaz people!"

**How do you combat engagement rumors when they're not true?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

Rumors are inevitable, but when they're about your relationship, they aren't always easy to deal with. Cupid has some tips:

**1. Prove them wrong:** Instead of letting everyone continue to assume that you and your partner are engaged, let them know you're not at the level in your relationship yet by confirming it yourself.

**2. Shrug it off:** If you don't mind people speculating that you and your lover are engaged, or you simply feel as though you don't owe an explanation, take the higher road and overlook the gossip.

**3. Don't encourage it:** Sometimes, when people see a ring on your finger, they automatically assume they hear wedding bells. If you've tried the following steps and are still annoyed with the rumors, the least you can do is choose not to give them something to talk about.

**How do you handle engagement rumors about your relationship? Share your comments below.**

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# **Goldie Hawn Says Kate Hudson and Matt Bellamy Are Not Married**





Actress Kate Hudson

has been engaged to the Muse lead vocalist and guitarist, Matt Bellamy for about a year, and he will remain her fiance for now. Hudson's mom Goldie Hawn was recently misquoted saying, "When my daughter Kate married an English rock star it didn't worry me," but she took to Twitter to set the record straight. "Darling once again twisted the truth. They aren't married." said the tweet according to [People](#). The happy couple gave birth to their son Bingham last July, but are waiting to tie the knot until a later date.

**What are some ways to keep your wedding date a secret?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Weddings can be a big to-do, and some couples who want to keep things low key may decide to keep their wedding date a mystery. Cupid has some tips to keep the word of the wedding getting out:

**1. Run away:** Perhaps the easiest way to keep anyone from finding out about your wedding is to elope sporadically. If you plan to elope, you might break down in excitement and tell someone, but if you go on a whim, only you and your fiance will know.

**2. Don't go public:** Sure, people may know you're engaged, but who says you have to announce a wedding date? Keep the date strictly between yourself and a few loved ones so you can keep things as private as possible.

**3. Last Minute:** Planning a wedding can be stressful, so take the stress out and plan a quick last minute wedding without all the fuss of decorations and a guest list. Only tell the people close to you a few days beforehand and word is less likely to get around.

**What do you believe are some of the benefits of keeping your wedding hush-hush? Share your comments below.**

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## **Ben Flajnik Proposes Marriage on 'The Bachelor'**





Ben Flajnik has had

quite a season on *The Bachelor*, but he's finally found a forever love in Courtney Robertson. According to [People](#), Flajnik said he was "not sure how this is going to end" before Monday's Finale. But, it ended in heartbreak for other finale contestant, Lindzi Cox. Flajnik and Robertson, however, intend to be happy together after saying "I do" despite the reported cattiness of Robertson on the show. Of the ring, Robertson said, "God, this ring is heavy!"

**How do you know when you're ready for marriage in a relationship?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Sometimes it can be difficult to decide when to make that big decision to walk down the aisle with the love of your life.

Cupid shares some ways to know if you're ready:

**1. You don't have to talk yourself into it:** If you have to talk you or your partner into the idea of getting married, you're probably not ready. There should be no hesitation from either of you.

**2. Stability:** Are you or your partner financially unstable?

You should both have steady jobs so that money doesn't become an issue early on in your happy marriage.

**3. Trust:** Your partner should be honest and open. It's important to make sure of this before taking that big step toward marriage.

**What are some ways you knew that your partner was the one? Share below.**

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## 'Curly Sue' Star Alisan Porter Ties the Knot



Alisan Porter, a former child star best known for her role in John Hughes' film "Curly Sue," exchanged vows Saturday with her longtime friend,

Brian Autenrieth, [People](#) confirmed. The couple tied the knot at Diablo Dormido, a historic California Ranch in the Santa Monica mountains, in front of 100 guests. The bride and groom, who are also expecting their first child together, a boy, in July, danced their first song to Frank Sinatra's "The Second Time Around," which happens to correlate well with the newlyweds, who first dated when Porter was 18, but went their separate ways before crossing paths again. "We've been friends for 13 years and it's the most incredible feeling to know you're marrying your best friend," Porter said.

**Is it important to have your partner as your best friend?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Growing up, one of the many benefits of having a best friend is to have someone you can completely be yourself around. As we get older, that still remains the same, but sometimes, the person who played the role of our best friend as a child switches to our significant other. While it's vital to have pals outside of our relationship, it's important that your partner is a close friend as well. Cupid has some reasons:

**1. You spend a lot of time together:** Naturally, you usually spend a lot of time with your best friend. They're the one person who loves you for who you are, and you two know how to have fun with each other even when you're stuck in your house watching reruns of your favorite TV shows during a thunderstorm.

**2. You share everything with each other:** Your bed, feelings, thoughts and sometimes even your toothbrush are only some of the things you share with your partner. You may not feel comfortable sharing your business with others, but you definitely feel at ease when you come home after having a long day and are able to vent to your confidant.

**3. You're each other's support system:** While everyone else



may think the entrepreneurial dreams you have of starting your own multi-billion dollar business may be farfetched, your lover is helping you create the blueprint. You may not understand everything your partner does or what they go through but you're there to listen, offer advice and love them when they need it most.

**Do you think it's important to have your spouse as your best friend? Share your comments below.**

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## Jessica Biel Finally Shows Off Engagement Ring



Jessica Biel was finally seen sporting the ultimate accessory, her sparkly engagement ring, during a lunch date with fiance, Justin

Timberlake at the Brentwood Eatery Tavern Thursday. According to [People](#), the ring which, has rarely been seen in public, features a large, slightly rounded square-cut diamond with smaller stones surrounding it. This rock is also said to have a vintage feel. Those who witnessed Biel and Timberlake at lunch said the two looked very sweet on one another.

**How do you know what type of ring to buy your soon-to-be spouse?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Finding the perfect engagement ring for your significant other is a big job. Cupid has some advice:

- 1. Be able to take a hint:** If your partner mentions a type of ring or shape they like, make an effort to remember what they said. Write it down if necessary.
- 2. Look at their personal style:** Is their style classic or modern? This is a ring they will be wearing every day, so it need to fit well with their wardrobe.
- 3. Ask them indirectly:** You want to pick out the perfect ring, but you still want it to be a surprise. Ask people who are close to them like their best friends or parents what they think.

**What would your dream engagement ring look like? Let us know in a comment below.**

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# Olivier Martinez Finally Confirms Engagement to Halle Berry



Olivier Martinez is finally speaking out. Martinez, a Miami-based restaurant owner, and Halle Berry were reportedly engaged over the holidays, reports [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). Martinez is only now confirming the engagement. Martinez, who started dating Berry in 2010, told reporters at his restaurant opening, “Yes, of course we’re engaged!”

**What are some reasons to keep your engagement under wraps at first?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

After getting engaged, it’s understandable to want to share

the news. However, there are some advantages to keeping the engagement under wraps. Here are a few:

**1. Who to tell:** Though your family and close friends should be the first to know, you'll have to choose how and when to share the information with other friends and acquaintances. Take some time to decide how and when to share the news.

**2. More details:** When you tell friends about your engagement, they're going to ask about wedding details. By waiting to share the news of your engagement, you will be able to answer more questions about the wedding and your wedding-planning process.

**3. Privacy:** Though your friends will find the news of your engagement thrilling, they don't need to know right away. Wait a while and enjoy the privacy of life with your betrothed before others start asking questions.

**Did you keep your engagement under wraps? For how long? Feel free to leave a comment below.**

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## **Snooki is Proposed to With a 5-Carat Ring**





A year ago Nicole

“Snooki” Polizzo took boyfriend Jionni LaValle with her to a jewelry store to pick up her birthday present from her dad. She pointed out some of her favorite engagement rings, and little did she know, her LaValle was taking notes. “She wanted something very nice, something that’s gonna be timeless and with diamonds all around,” Ben Bekdas, the store owner, told [People](#). “And that’s what he actually got her.” According to Bekdas, LaValle came back into the store with specific ideas for the ring. After collaborating with the store’s staff, the perfect design was created. The ring has an eternity band containing two carats of diamonds and a central 3.2-carat diamond princess cut stone that is set in platinum. Its estimated value is about \$55,000. LaValle picked up the ring last month and proposed to Polizzi.

**What do you do if your partner gives you a ring you dislike?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Receiving a ring that you don’t like is a major problem. After your partner spent a huge amount of money to surprise you, how do you say you don’t like it? Cupid has some advice:

**1. Fess up:** Your first option is to be honest. Speak up and

tell your partner you aren't a fan of the ring. If they really care about you, they will understand. Offer to go pick out a different ring together.

**2. Drop hints:** Things like not wearing your ring or mentioning other rings that you like will definitely make your partner think. However, your sweetheart may be thinking that you don't want to marry them, and not necessarily that you dislike their choice of diamonds.

**3. Deal with it:** Choosing to never say anything to your partner will leave their feelings unhurt. But, can you live with an engagement ring that you dislike? This is not just a birthday gift you can hide in a drawer; you are going to be wearing your ring every day and proudly showing it off to your friends and family.

**What did you do when your partner gave you a ring you didn't like? Share your stories below.**

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## **Rumor: Is Snooki Engaged and Pregnant?**





After the news

broke that the possibly pregnant Nicole “Snooki” Polizzi was also engaged, photos surfaced of her engagement ring.

According to [People](#), the ring was big and flashy and picked out by Snooki’s soon-to-be husband, Jionni Lavelle. It’s not exactly the quietest way to break the news, but Snooki would have said “get another ring” if the stunner wasn’t up to par.

**What are some ways to break the news of a surprise pregnancy and engagement?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Sometimes it can be difficult to let friends and family know about something unexpected in your life. Cupid shares some advice:

**1. Timing:** There’s no rush in letting people know the big news. Make sure it’s at a time in which everyone important to you is available and able to focus on the announcement of [a baby](#) or relationship change.

**2. Simplicity:** Keep it simple. Don’t complicate things by making small talk or making up a reason as to why you may have gathered people together. Be prepared with what you’re

going to share, and be straightforward.

**3. Knowledge:** Think of questions friends and family may ask about the expected baby or engagement. Be prepared for possible bad reactions, but expect the best from the people you love.

**What are some ways to break big and surprising news? Share your ideas below.**

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## Joey Fatone Gives Former \*NSYNC Bandmate Justin Timberlake Marriage Advice



Advice from an old



friend is always welcome. In light of Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel's engagement, Joey Fatone offered Timberlake marriage advice in an interview with *Parade Magazine*, reports [People](#). "[Timberlake shouldn't] listen to all the BS," said Fatone, Timberlake's former \*NSYNC bandmate. "Especially in his situation, he and his fiancée ... they're both in the limelight as well. It's tough for those celebrity couples. It's really hard. It's the communication that really needs to drive that relationship."

**How do you keep outside drama from affecting your marriage?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Outside drama has the potential to put severe strain on your relationship. Here are a few ways to keep the drama from affecting you:

**1. Avoidance:** It's impossible to always avoid drama, but when possible, keep yourself out of situations that could turn sour. Don't spread information that you've heard, and don't offer opinions that could offend others. By being neutral, you can make sure that you and your spouse remain out of the situation.

**2. Communication:** For the times when drama is inescapable, it's important to communicate with your spouse. If need be, have a conversation that directly addresses the drama and its effect on your marriage. Complete honesty will keep your marriage strong.

**3. Stay upbeat:** To keep your marriage happy and upbeat, try joking about the drama that would otherwise create stress. Your optimism will spread, and eventually the situation will blow over.

**How do you keep drama from affecting your marriage? Feel free to leave a comment below.**

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# Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel Plan to Wed This Year



After a long courtship of nearly five years, it's no wonder that newly engaged couple Jessica Biel and Justin Timberlake would want to exchange vows later this year, according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com).

Timberlake proposed only this past December, and according to an insider, "The big day's this summer at a private estate."

This couple is known for it's privacy, so it'll be interesting trying to figure out the details of their wedding.

**How do you plan your dream wedding in a short amount of time?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Planning your wedding can be a stressful time, and adding in the time element just increases one's worries. Cupid shares some tips on how you can plan a wedding quickly:

**1. Location:** Some places offer last-minute discounts. Try to schedule your wedding and reception at the same location. Also, be flexible on the exact date and time.

**2. The dress:** If your wedding is in three months or less, it's unlikely that you'll be able to custom design a dress. That doesn't mean you can't find your dream dress. Check out boutiques which have wedding gowns in a variety of sizes so that you're able to find the perfect outfit for this important date.

**3. Invitations:** Take care of invitations first. It's important to give guests at least six weeks notice, so sit down with your partner and decide on a guest list. Doing this will ensure that those you love most will be there to see you tie the knot.

**How would you plan a wedding with little time? Share your thoughts below.**

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## **Elizabeth Smart Ties the Knot in Hawaii 9 Years After Kidnapping**





Kidnap victim

Elizabeth Smart has beaten the odds once again— this time by planning a wedding in record time. Smart, 24, and Matthew Gilmour, 22, were married Saturday afternoon in Hawaii, reports [People](#). The couple have been dating for over a year and were engaged just last month. Smart originally planned on having a summer wedding, but changed the date only two weeks ago. “It’s everything you can imagine with planning a wedding,” said Smart. “Only, it’s compressed into a few days.”

## How do you plan a wedding quickly?

### Cupid’s Advice:

Though nearly all weddings take months of planning, it’s possible to plan a wedding in a short time span. Here are a few ways to plan a wedding quickly:

- 1. Stay local:** Picking a local venue will make the planning process much simpler. More of your friends will be able to attend, and there will be less hassle with furnishings, transportation and last-minute changes.
- 2. Simplify your choices:** Instead of going through every

possibility, try limiting your options. Visit two cake bakeries instead of three or try on five dresses instead of ten. Your choices will be easier to make, and you will spend less time searching for alternatives.

**3. Wedding planner:** If you have the means, a wedding planner can take a huge load off of your shoulders. Pick a wedding planner that knows you're on a tight deadline and have them do the majority of your work for you.

**How long did it take you to plan your wedding? Feel free to leave a comment below.**

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## **'American Idol' Star Danny Gokey Ties the Knot**





Former *American*

*Idol* star Danny Gokey is once again a married man. The singer exchanged vows with his fiancée, Leyicet Peralta, in a small ceremony among 100 of their family and closest friends, Gokey's manager confirmed to [People](#). The intimate ceremony celebrated the theme of "romance and love" and took place in Florida on Sunday. "We are so thankful to have found each other and now be able to spend the rest of our lives together," the newlyweds said in a statement. "We pray our gratitude grows more every day because there is so much for us to do now." This is the second marriage for Gokey, who lost his first wife Sophia in 2008 after undergoing a routine surgery for congenital heart disease. The newlyweds paid tribute to Sophia by asking their guests that all gifts be in the form of donation to Sophia's Heart, the children's charity founded by Gokey to honor his late wife.

**If your partner passes away, how do you know when to move on?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Dealing with the death of a loved one is never easy, especially when you're dealing with the passing of your spouse. However, there a comes a time when you have to move on and find happiness again. Here are few signs you're ready:

**1. You shut yourself out from the world:** The inside of your house hasn't had any sun beaming through its windows, you rarely answer your phone and the grass on your lawn is now passed knee length, leaving people to wonder if anyone lives at your house anymore. The situation is tough, but shutting yourself out from the world only makes it worse. You still have to live your life, and while moving on may take some time, you have to get yourself back into the swing of things.

**2. Acceptance:** You begin to accept the loss of your spouse when you start replacing their physical presence with memories of them. And while the grieving process is unique to individuals, you can slowly begin to enter back into the dating scene when you feel comfortable.

**3. You find comfort in a potential partner:** When you find someone who shows you unconditional love by being patient and understanding of what you've experienced, that may be just what you need in your life.

**How do you know when it's time to move on? Share your comments below.**

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## **'30 Rock' Star Katrina Bowden Gets Engaged Before SAG Awards**





The SAG awards were

all about stars and diamonds this year. *30 Rock* actress, Katrina Bowden, was surprised with an engagement the night before the big awards. Bowden's boyfriend, Ben Jorgensen, popped the big question in their suite at The Four Seasons Hotel. According to [People](#), the actress was shocked by the occasion. Talk about a weekend of celebrations!

**What are some special occasions with which to tie in your engagement?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Popping the big question takes a lot of planning and decision making. Whether or not the proposal will take place in private or public and on what day can be overwhelming.

However, tying the big day in with a special occasion can keep your partner in the dark and your engagement anniversary a memorable one:

**1. Valentine's Day:** It may seem cliché, but there's no denying that proposals are romantic on Vday. It's the perfect time for Cupid to work his magic.

**2. Anniversary:** Do you celebrate your first date, or kiss? An



engagement on the same day as an anniversary will mean less dates to remember and extra celebrating.

**3. Birthday:** There is no way you can forget an engagement date when it falls on your or your partner's birthday.

**Did you get engaged on a special occasion? Share your big moment with us below.**

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## Kids Put Pressure on Brad Pitt to Propose to Angelina Jolie



Kids say the darnedest things, especially if they're Brad Pitt's.

[UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com) reports that in an interview with *CBS: Sunday Morning*, the Academy Award nominee admitted his six children are pushing him to propose to mommy Angelina Jolie. "We're getting a lot of pressure from the kids," Pitt said. "It means something to them." The star of *Moneyball* admits he has struggled with explaining to the kids why his marriage to Jolie has been on hiatus. When the six demanded he "buy mommy a ring," he replied with, "Okay, I will, I will." Pitt added he always listens to his children's feelings. "You have less time to spend on a project," Pitt said. "You come home and you're Dad. You're much more conscious of how much time you give to a production."

**How do you explain a partnership versus a marriage to your kids?**

#### **Cupid's Advice:**

Although Brad struggled, it doesn't mean you should. Here are some ways to keep your kids in the loop:

- 1. Simple is best:** Try not to over-complicate the situation when explaining you and your partner's decision. Take some time to prepare together on what you will say.
- 2. Be prepared:** Kids can – and most certainly will – ask questions. The only real way to be ready for it is to keep an open mind so you're not thrown off by one of their inquiries.
- 3. Believe:** You and your lover have to back your decision 100 percent before sitting your children down. Any room for doubt in either of you shows that you both have to work things out.

**What are some other things to keep in mind while explaining your relationship to your kids? Share your thoughts below.**