

Former 'Bachelorette' Emily Maynard Marries in Secret Wedding



By Shannon Seibert

America's sweetheart, Emily Maynard, was able to finally have her happy ending. On June 7th Maynard and fiancé Tyler Johnson joyously tied the knot at their secret wedding. The couple wed at Johnson's parents' farm in South Carolina, but originally told guests that it was only an engagement party, according to UsMagazine.com

What are some advantages to keeping your wedding under wraps?

Cupid's Advice:

Your wedding day is all about celebrating the love between you and your sweetheart, so wedding plans should reflect the choices you make and who you are as a couple. Now that you

have found the Forever to your Always, take charge of your new beginning together and make it your own. Cupid has some advice:

1. You have less people trying to put their two cents in: The over-bearing mother-in-law is every bride's nightmare. When people hear "wedding" everyone comes running to you, expecting an invite. Remember your best friend's cousin's boyfriend's aunt's friend? Yeah, we don't either but she is still expecting an invite. Avoid the external pressures of your loved ones and make this day your own. By keeping the details of the day discreet, you have all of the power.

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2. You can keep things intimate: A huge bonus of not giving all of your friends and family the secret in tell, it that you don't have to make your day a huge event. It's always awkward having to publicly exclude someone you care about by not inviting them to the wedding, so by keeping it small, people won't feel as left out when they see it's just family and the closest of friends. This also gives you the opportunity to b with the people who mean the most to you, who can give you the love and support you need for embarking on the adventure of marriage.

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3. You save money: You know what that means: More for the honeymoon! Weddings are drawn out events, and typically aren't just a one-day thing. People have engagement parties, bachelor and bachelorette parties, rehearsal dinners, more celebration parties, and that much partying can just be overwhelming. Minimize the stress and channel all of the celebrating into one joyous day with the love of your life. Then take that trip to Cabo you didn't think you could afford, and relish in each other's company while basking in the rays of the sun.

What are some ways you kept your special day on the down-low?

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Exclusive Celebrity Interview: Beauty Expert Kym Douglas Says, “Fall in Love as Often as You Can”



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Kym Douglas, known around the world for her beauty expertise, is a woman of many talents, as shown by her frequent television appearances, radio spots, and multiple books. Her motto “bliss happens” is an inspiration to people everywhere as she helps them find ways to be healthy, feel beautiful, and

live their lives to the fullest. As she says in our exclusive celebrity interview, “It’s not about trying to look younger; it’s about trying to look your best.”

Exclusive Celebrity Interview with Beauty Expert

The beauty guru started out on *The Ellen Degeneres Show* nine years ago on a one-time guest segment. “Ellen isn’t interested in lipstick and rouge or beauty products. It’s never going to work,’ everyone kept telling me. But the moral of the story is similar to dating: You might count someone out because of your differences, but it may turn out to be something great.” And now, Douglas is the show’s only regular contributor and says that she and the host bring out the best in each other.

Fans may also recognize the beautiful blonde from *Home & Family* on the Hallmark Channel. “I think it’s a wonderful show,” she says. “It’s just so real – real values, real issues. There’s beauty, cooking, making your home reflective of who you are inside.”

Kym Douglas Shares Beauty Tips and Dating Advice

Being the expert on beauty, we asked the TV personality to share some of her summer secrets for looking your best – and she drew from personal experience. Recently, Degeneres sent her to Hawaii for a segment, and her hair had trouble with the heat. However, a dab of deodorant along her hairline and on her neck kept the sweat from frizzing up her luscious locks.

Another seemingly odd beauty tip involves egg whites. “Before a date night with my husband, I’ll wear a mask of whipped egg whites on my face. It helps tighten up my skin so I feel

comfortable wearing less makeup.” And we all know: The less makeup you pile on, the less chance that it will melt off in the heat. An easy and inexpensive way to conquer the summer weather!

When it comes to summer makeup trends, Douglas knows exactly what’s in this season. “The biggest thing is dark, full brows,” she says. Everything else on the face is muted and light to give your eyes a great pop without having to wear a lot of heavy makeup.

In terms of hairstyles, Douglas says it’s all about the braids – “whether it’s a braid wrapped around the crown of your hair or a small braid on the side.” No surprise there, as we’ve already seen celebrities like Beyonce and Blake Lively rock this style.

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While these trends may come and go, Douglas notes one simple trend that’s here to stay: “I really think that, if I had to sum it up in one word, I would say that ‘fresh’ is the goal for beauty. Try to look fresh!” she explains in our exclusive celebrity interview.

This summer look is bound to get a man’s attention, and Douglas knows a thing or two about a summer relationship and love. In her experience, summer love was always the best type of love. “It was something about the free feeling and the happiness of summer. I always fell in love with a new guy, and he would be the love of my life at that time.” Douglas still remembers the names of them all and encourages others to enjoy their summer flings: “Fall in love as often as you can!”

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Since then, Douglas has found the real love of her life and

started a family. She now “has it all” with her husband, her son, and her successful career. She had always wanted these things but didn’t know how to make it happen. So when she first went on *The View*, she looked to Barbara Walters for life and relationship advice. “I asked her what it took, and she told me, ‘You can have it all; you really can. You just can’t have it all at the same time.’ I really took those words to heart.”

You can see Kym Douglas regularly on Hallmark Channel’s Home & Family weekdays at 10 am ET/PT.

Kourtney Kardashian Is Pregnant with Third Baby



By Laura Seaman

Third time's a charm as Kourtney Kardashian is pregnant with baby number three with her boyfriend Scott Disick. Multiple sources tell [UsMagazine.com](https://www.usmagazine.com) that Kourtney is only a few months along, but that she is already showing a pregnant glow. Sources say it was planned, and that Kourtney "wants to have a handful of kids." The Kardashian had said in 2012, "I need to see what it's like when I have three, but [having kids] is what life is about."

How does having a third baby change your family dynamic?

Cupid's Advice:

A third child can really change how a family works in ways that a second child does not. It's best to be prepared for these changes so that your family can properly adjust to this new addition:

1. There is now a middle child. Ah, yes, the notorious situation of the middle child. There are plenty of stories about how the middle child gets much less attention from parents. This is something every family can avoid, but many are guilty of without realizing. Of course you'll always be proud of that first-born child, and you'll dote on your new baby, but don't forget the middle child. They're just as important.

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2. There's the odd man out. Three, being the odd and often uncomfortable number that it is, can create tension between the children. The two oldest might create a new bond after the baby is born and become closer than ever, which is fantastic until they start growing up and the third child is still treated like the baby sister or brother who never quite gets it.

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3. There is always someone around. It might be that one kid is always hungry, or one kid is always late for a lesson, but this is to be expected for any number of children greater than one. On the bright side, this means that someone is always there to keep their sibling busy. Maybe the oldest is busy and the middle child wants to play. Instead of constantly pestering their older sister or brother, they now have a younger sibling to play with.

How has having a third baby changed your family? Tell us below.

Kim and Kanye Will Treat Guests to Private Versailles Tour





By Louisa Gonzales

Kim Kardashian and Kanye West plan to make their wedding extra special and educational. According to [People](#), Kardashian and West will let guests experience the wonders of Château of Versailles during a private surprise tour on Friday, May 23, on the verve of their wedding. The couple made this decision together in hopes their quest will grasp a better understanding of the exceptional heritage of the castle of Versailles, which is a World Heritage site. The gorgeous duo first checked out the place in January, which was rumored to be where the wedding itself would take place, but palace official denied the rumors.

What are some ways to spice up your wedding rehearsal?

Cupid's Advice:

Weddings rehearsals can be much the same. You go through the steps of the wedding and then eat some dinner with family/friends. Cupid has some ways to spice it up a little:

1. Make it themed: A fun idea would to be make your wedding rehearsals themed. Have everyone dress up in the same style or era and make the festivities match what you want. You could

make it themed by year such 50's style or 60's or you can do something else like make it western style, or mexican style or Italian it doesn't matter just pick something you both love.

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2. Go some place fun: Have your wedding rehearsal at a cool spot, that's fun, unique and interesting. You can rent a movie theater or have a movie screening and make it a film themed bash. Another thing you can do is travel to a destination, if it's exotic have the rehearsal on the beach or if it's a romantic place have it in a historical place or museum. There are many possibilities of wonderful place you can go, just make sure it's some place you both and your guests will enjoy. Celebrity Couples, Engagements, Kanye West, Kim Kardashian, Love, Marriage, Relationship Advice, Slider

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3. Have some games: Make your wedding rehearsals really fun by having and creating some fun games for guests to play. To make it even better for the guests get cool prizes for them to win, nothing makes games more exciting than adding the chance of winning awesome prizes. Playing fun games doesn't have to be strictly raffle or guessing games, you can also have a paintball fight or a sports game, just make whatever you do fun for all.

What do you think are good ways to spice up your wedding rehearsal? Share your tips below.

Bethenny Frankel and Jason Hoppy Settle Custody Dispute



By Sanetra Richards

The smoke has cleared and everything is settled between Bethenny Frankel and Jason Hoppy ... at least for now. According to UsMagazine.com, the estranged couple has come to an agreement in divorce court, involving the custody battle for daughter Bryn. Hoppy's attorney, Bernard Clair, released a confirmation statement saying, "My client is delighted that this custody dispute has been resolved; that his co-parenting status has been acknowledged; that the parties' child will have the benefit of being raised by both parents; and most importantly, that his daughter will no longer be at the mercy of a high-profile courtroom battle."

What are some ways to shield your child from divorce proceedings?

Cupid's Advice:

Every divorce that involves children leads to questions revolving what is best for him or her. Whatever decision you and your ex make, you want to keep your child's best interest in mind, which includes not exposing them to the messy divorce proceedings. Cupid has some tips to help you achieve this:

1. Have respect and decency: The best way to not taint the image your child may have of the other parent is to avoid bashing, at all costs. Your child is already coping with the separation and any unnecessary arguing in their presence will only make matters worse. However, if you and your ex are respecting each other, your child will do the same.

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2. Be honest: Do not keep your child completely out of the loop with what is going on between the two of you. If he or she has question involving the separation, answer it honestly to the best of your ability. As stated before, maintain that respect and reassure them that you and your ex will always be their parents.

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3. Do not play the blame game: This means absolutely not pointing fingers. Your child is in a very vulnerable state (just like you) and will possibly believe anything negative you may tell them about the other parent. Remember what is most important –being a parent and protecting your child from any danger, including those harsh words you may want to say.

What are some ways to shield your child from divorce proceedings? Share your thoughts below.

Jason Aldean Walks First Red Carpet With Former Mistress Brittany Kerr



By Sanetra Richards

A new couple has made their debut! That's right, Jason Aldean and Brittany Kerr are out of hiding and ready to show off their relationship. According to UsMagazine.com, after filing for divorce from his wife, Jessica Ussery, over year ago, the country star walked the CMT Music Awards red carpet with his new girlfriend Brittany Kerr on June 4th. After admitting to inappropriate behavior with Kerr in September 2012, Aldean called it quits on his 12-year marriage and later filed for divorce in April 2013. It was confirmed him and his former mistress were officially dating in March 2014. The couple was

also spotted meeting up for dinner after April's ACM Awards.

How do you know when to go public with your new relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

You and your new partner have been in hiding so long, and now you are ready to take it to the next step and go public. Unfortunately, you are concerned about the timing and possible reactions. Cupid has some advice to make the decision a little bit easier for you and your latest love:

1. Everything is going smoothly: When you cannot deny the feelings and there is nothing to complain about, you should probably begin to brace yourself for making the big announcement. You are more than satisfied and secure in the new relationship, so why hide it any longer? However, be sure you are absolutely comfortable and willing to inform everyone.

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2. It is a mutual decision: Both parties should agree on whom, when, and where to tell. If your partner has not quite warmed up to the idea just yet, give him/her some time and maybe ask for their reasoning. You want to confirm that they have the same vision of the relationship as you do.

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3. Longevity: Have the both of you discussed a future life together? Is it a fling or forever? These are questions to ask and keep in mind when making the decision to announce your relationship. If there is any doubt of being together later down the line, be cautious of informing family and friends. You want to be able to share the news, and your loved ones can count on this person to be around months (even years) down the line.

What are some ways to know if you should go public with your new relationship? Share your thoughts below.

Kanye West Shows Off His Wedding Ring



By Laura Seaman

Kanye West, recently married to Kim Kardashian, was spotted leaving the gym with a big smile on his face and showing off his wedding ring on his hand. According to UsMagazine.com, West had just returned from the couple's honeymoon in Europe, where they visited Ireland and the Czech Republic. The couple went bike riding, visited the pubs, and saw a movie together where it was said "they were laughing and smiling together".

What are some ways to show the pride you have in your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

When you're with the special someone, you know just how amazing they are. Sometime it's easy to forget that maybe the whole world doesn't know what you know. Here are some of Cupid's tips on how to show the world how incredible your partner is without having to scream it from the top of a skyscraper:

1. Show little signs of affection in public. Holding someone's hand or giving them a peck on the cheek while you're out on the town is a simple, romantic way to show the world that you're proud to be with your partner. Be careful not to take it too far, because too much PDA can be obnoxious.

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2. Use the gifts they've given you. Whether this means wearing an accessory, using that dorky coffee mug, or listening to the mix CD they made, it means a lot to see your partner use the gift you've bought them. It means even more when they boast "I got this from my wife/husband."

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3. Show your partner off to friends and family. These people mean a lot to you, and if your partner is started to really be a part of your life, it's only right to introduce them to those who care about you the most. Meeting the friends and family is a gesture that says "you mean a lot to me and I want everyone to know it."

What are some ways that you show your pride in your partner? Tell us in the comments below.

Armie Hammer and Wife Prepare For First Baby



By Laura Seaman

The star of *Lone Ranger*, Armie Hammer, and his wife Elizabeth Chambers are expecting their first baby, as confirmed by their rep to UsMagazine.com. “They talk about having a couple, though they’re thrilled with one now,” says a source. Hammer had some experience with kids when he read *Oh, the Places You’ll Go* by Dr. Seuss at the Kids’ Art Museum Project event at Hammer Museum. “I’m practicing for when I do have kids,” he said.

What are some ways to prepare your relationship for a baby?

Cupid’s Advice:

Having a baby is a huge step in a relationship, and you'll need all the preparation you can get. There's no fail-proof way to raise a child, and you're bound to run into some problems, but the more you prepare for the future the better equipped you will be to handle whatever life throws at you.

1. Spend time with kids and pay attention. If you have relatives or friends with young children, it might be a good idea to babysit or go to the park with the family. Watch how the parents interact with their children and take note of what does and doesn't work.

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2. Give each other tips in everyday settings. If you and your partner notice habits or behaviors that aren't suitable for children, it would be helpful to politely point them out. Be careful not to come off as rude or condescending, but be sure you both realize what kinds of behavior changes need to be made.

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3. Communication is key. Make sure you're on the same page with everything, including schedules, parenting methods, and other questions that may come up over the next few years. Bringing up any possible conflicts beforehand is better than facing them when the child is already here.

How else can you prepare your relationship for a baby? Share your ideas below.

Rachel Bilson and Boyfriend Hayden Christensen Enjoy Vacation During Pregnancy



By Laura Seaman

Rachel Bilson, whose pregnancy was announced just last month, was spotted vacationing in Barbados with her boyfriend Hayden Christensen on Sunday, June 1 spending some quality beach time together. She was eating what UsMagazine.com assumes to be her pregnancy craving food of orange soda and sandwiches. The couple when on a sailing lesson and soaked up the sun while pregnant Bilson wore a black bikini that showed off her growing baby bump.

How do you support your partner during pregnancy?

Cupid's Advice:

Pregnancy is a very big, scary, and exciting time for many women. The best thing a partner can do is be there to support them. There are many ways to support your partner during pregnancy, and the more support you give, the better the process will be for everyone involved; even the baby, when it arrives! Cupid has some advice:

1. Take time off and make sure you're there: While it's important to make money to support the baby, it's also important to take the time to support the mother. During this pregnancy, things might become difficult or confusing, and it means a lot if you're there to make things better. Your time is probably the most important thing you can give to another person, so make sure your partner is getting plenty of it.

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2. Lower the stress and have some fun: Getting ready for a baby is stressful enough, and there's no need to pile on more. Try having some fun and getting away from the usual grind of life. Take a mini vacation, take her out for a nice dinner, or just spend the night together without electronic distractions.

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3. Be calm and understanding: Sometimes pregnancy can really take its toll on a woman's body and stress levels. There's a lot going on, and unless you've been pregnant, there's no way you can possibly know what she's feeling during pregnancy. So just be kind and sympathetic, and don't play down the situation or say she's overreacting. It's a big deal for her, and it should be a big deal for you.

What are some other ways to support your partner during pregnancy? Share your thoughts below.

Giuliana and Bill Rancic Support Each Other Through Surrogate Miscarriage



By Shannon Seibert

In devastating news, *E!* stars Bill and Giuliana Rancic face a surrogate miscarriage. The couple has been struggling to have another child, who would be a sibling to their son Duke, born by surrogate in August of 2012. The Rancics have a loving, supportive relationship with their surrogate, Delphine, who had an unexpected miscarriage at about nine weeks along. Giuliana herself had undergone a miscarriage years before, which only aided the heartbreak of the circumstances, according to UsMagazine.com.

How do you support your partner through pregnancy troubles?

Cupid's Advice:

1. Don't ask questions you already know the answer to: Questions such as "Are you okay?" may seem supportive, but in reality are just plain aggravating. Asking is just trivial, especially when the circumstances are clearly not okay. Listening goes hand in hand with this idea, meaning that you have to look for the meaning underneath the words and tune into what they may not be saying. Something as simple as holding your love's hand at the right moment can make all of the difference.

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2. Support with more than just words: Saying you'll be there for your partner, and actually being there for your partner are two different animals. Being at doctors appointments, making crazy food runs, and supplying the foot rubs will go miles beyond any words you speak. What people forget is pregnancy does involve two parties, although only one of them carries the child. Pregnancy still takes an emotional toll on both partners, which is why it takes a strong partnership to maintain a foundation of support.

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3. Therapy is not just for the crazies: Point blank, we all need someone to talk to, and therapy is a great place to get an impartial third party opinion. Couples' therapy has proven beneficial over recent years, allowing a safe place for the couple to open up and talk about issues at home. Even if there is just an aura of stress going around, therapy is a great place to dive into the root of the problem, and fix it under a united front.

How have you gone about pregnancy struggles with your partner?
Share with us in the comments below!

Actress Kim Raver Shares How To Balance A Healthy Lifestyle and Motherhood



By Shannon Seibert

Kim Raver, mother of two and actress from FOX's 24, is now an advocate for Colgate Total®, helping to encourage healthy living through simple, everyday routines. She's an inspiration for women, especially mothers, everywhere, managing her healthy lifestyle and motherhood with grace. Recently, the

former *Grey's Anatomy* star shared some of her own parenting and health tips with Celebrity Baby Scoop.

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CBS: What kinds of habits have you incorporated into your healthy lifestyle?

KR: "I think its finding ways to combine my health with the things I want to get done. For example, on the weekend, I really want to be with my kids, especially if I'm working during the week. Sometimes, I think I have to choose between my workout and spending time with my kids. However, I can do both by having the kids get on their scooters, and I'll put on my running shoes, so we can run and scooter in the park. I also try to drink a ton of water. I think it's key to staying healthy. Getting enough sleep is also important, because as Moms, we rarely get enough, but it's so important, even if it is a short 20 minute nap. It can be restorative, and I totally need that when I'm working. I feel better when I'm eating well, but I love to have indulgences. I love to eat yummy things. I think it's easier to stay on course. I don't like to use the word diet because I don't think that sounds healthy. Even if I need to get into kick ass shape for a role, like playing a cop, I like to look at it as getting into athletic shape. It's leading an overall living a healthy life, so you can sustain it long term."

CBS: What are Luke and Leo up to these days?

KR: "They are learning how to live in a completely new country. My husband and I decided it is important for us to all be together even when we have to work in different places. I took them out of school in December. They had been there a couple of years, and we totally up rooted them. We found two amazing schools in London. I'm really proud of them, as they have had to learn how incorporate themselves into a new schooling system and a new culture. That's a lot of change,

but they've really embraced it. They know they are very lucky to have that experience."

CBS: What is it like to raise two boys?

KR: "It's absolutely amazing, and it's 24/7 movement. Boys are so active and move all the time. They are into American football, soccer, and baseball, so I'll be making dinner, and there are balls flying across the room, but I love it. I love the non-stop chaos. I have very loving children, and my family is extremely important to me. We find the time to have dinner together and read stories and tuck them in at night. That's the highlight of my day."

CBS: Do you have enough energy to keep up with them?

KR: "You've got to find it, right? You know what I mean? I gotta dig deep. Even if I've had a long day, they haven't been with me on that long day. I think that's part of motherhood. That's always why having supportive friends and family is important. My mom is so amazing. She was a working single mom in the 70s before it was the hip thing to do. When you've got that example, the times when I've been exhausted and trying to find my way, I just think of my mom and how she did it. Other moms relate too. You just do it. I'm really lucky to have an incredibly loving husband. I'm very grateful. We have to be grateful for what we have. Back to health, I love that I have to try to keep up with them. I feel lucky to have that in my life."

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CBS: Are you able to set aside me time?

KR: "What is that? (laughter) I think it comes back to National Women's Health Week. We have to remind ourselves to make me time. For me, I like my little cup of coffee in the morning. It's not so much the coffee, as much as it's a nanosecond of me time. I do think it's important to carve that

out. I think that re-energizes me, and I'm able to reach out and be there for everyone else. My girlfriends help remind and encourage me to go for that hike. I do feel re-energized afterwards, so again, making my workout enjoyable, so it is me time and not drudgery. That's why I try to make my workout things I love to do – yoga, running, or spinning class.”

For the rest of the interview, visit www.celebritybabyscoop.com/2014/05/24/family-extremely-important/

Serena Williams Crashes Wedding in Leopard-Print Swimsuit



By Shannon Seibert

Wedding crashing is one thing, but wedding crashing in animal-print pool attire is something else. Tennis star Serena Williams shocked one unsuspecting couple on Saturday, May 31 at their wedding ceremony on the beach in Miami, Fla. Williams had been posing for a shoot with friend and fellow athlete, Caroline Wozniacki. Williams came across the wedding ceremony and decided to pop in to give her best to the couple on their special day. The delighted couple then invited Williams to be a part of some of their wedding photos, according to UsMagazine.com.

What are some ways to surprise your wedding guests?

Cupid's Advice:

1. Put on a performance: A couple's first dance is supposed to make a huge statement that reflects the couple's relationships. Some brides submit their hubbies-to-be to weeks of dance lessons. Really wow your guests with a dance number. You could begin a flashmob, including the bridal and groom parties or even put on an impressive waltz that will have your mother's eyes watering in awe. Just have fun with it and make musical memories with the love of your life.

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2. Make a random change in venue: Spontaneity never disappoints, ever. If your wedding is inside, but the weather is absolutely enchanting outdoors, relocate outside the venue last second. I mean it's your wedding, right? Sure, you may not have all of the decorations you wanted, or the traditional appeal, but spur of the moment decisions is what makes this wedding yours. The day is what you make of it, so if you want to create your fairytale in the parking lot, so be it!

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3. Channel your inner Oprah: *“You get a gift! He gets a gift! She gets a gift! You all get gifts!”* Free stuff is the best stuff. Let’s be honest, this day is all about you, but your guests do want to feel included and appreciated on your special day. Show them some love with adorable personalized gifts, with an inside joke or an item that reflects their personal taste, such as a certain type of wine bottle. The gesture will show how much you care and they’ll be even happier that they attended.

Did you surprise your guests on your special day? Tell us your story in the comments below!

Jason Kennedy Announces Engagement to Lauren Scruggs





By Sanetra Richards

Another proposal, another love story! According to [*People*](#), Jason Kennedy has asked for his girlfriend's, Lauren Scruggs, hand in marriage. The *E! News* correspondent professed his love for the fashion blogger and *Still LoLo* author about eight months ago and still has no shame in letting the world know. "She's amazing," Kennedy told *PEOPLE*. "It's a blur but I can't stop smiling," the host tells *E!* "She told me I couldn't surprise her, but I got her good. This is the best night of my life." In addition, the 32-year-old tweeted, "I flew to Dallas and asked her if she would spend the rest of her life with me. I love you @laurens scruggs." The proposal was held in Scrugg's hometown in Texas. A small number of relatives and friends were in attendance. As she stood on the balcony, Scruggs could see where Kennedy prepared a candle-filled message "Will you marry me?" Moments later, she met him downstairs where a Jennifer Meyer diamond ring was awaiting.

What are some ways to show your excitement about your engagement?

Cupid's Advice:

You are more than happy at the idea of spending the rest of

your life with that special person and want to shout it at the top of your lungs. In the meantime, you would rather show your enthusiasm in other ways, but not exactly sure how to. Here are a few of Cupid's tips:

1. Speak highly of your partner: This will become second nature if you are completely over the moon with your significant other. You will find yourself talking about their greatest traits that make you blush or have butterflies. For example, if they are selfless, you may find yourself telling others about this characteristic.

2. Inform others: Share with everyone that you are soon to be happily married. Tell family, friends, whoever is in sight! Broadcast it if you feel the need, unless you both have agreed to keep it a secret). If the highest mountain top were accessible, you would do it.

3. Wear your engagement jewelry: Whether that be a ring, necklace, what ever symbolizes the engagement, be sure to rock it every chance you get. This let's everyone know, including your partner, that you are looking forward to the day when you exchange vows.

How do you show your excitement about your engagement? Share below.

Bethenny Frankel Gives Emotional Testimony and Cries

in Custody Battle



By Sanetra Richards

Bethenny Frankel opened up her heart on the court stand on Wednesday, May 28th. According to UsMagazine.com, the former Real Housewife and talk show host gave her testimony in a custody case with ex-husband Jason Hoppy, with whom she has a 4-year-old daughter with, Bryn. The couple split back in 2012 and it has been a bumpy road since. In her statement, the 43-year-old was very emotional and even broke down in tears throughout various portions. Frankel recalled on the time when she and Hoppy lived together because he was unwilling to leave: "Jason said to me, 'Get ready, we are going to war. It's over. We're done,'" Frankel remembered. "He would leave the house in shambles. There would be dishes everywhere. He would pee and poop and leave it in the toilets. He would hold Bryn, and he would say, "You're finished, you're done. I'm going to ruin you." Frankel also told the court a specific instance when her ex-husband would ridicule her in front of

their daughter. Frankel claimed Hoppy's taunting happened numerous times in front of her daughter, and that he often tried to get the little girl to turn against her. "He would say, 'Mommy should be Ursula the witch. She's a great witch. You be the princess, I'll be the prince, Mommy will be the witch,'" said the Skinnygirl Dish author as the tears fell. An insider tells *Us*, "Bethenny is trying to just keep pushing forward. She's in a good place right now."

What are some ways to keep things civil with your ex for your children?

Cupid's Pulse:

With every breakup or divorce that involves children, comes the decision to co-parent (or at least try to). However, before you and your ex can make that choice, there must be an agreement and understanding shared between the two of you. So, how exactly do you keep it civil for your child's sake? Cupid has some tips to help:

1. Respect each other: Which basically means no bashing, especially not in your child's presence, whatsoever. If you are habitually arguing in front of your child(ren), they will soon start to believe one parent is not fit – this could possibly lead to lashing out and ill behavior. On the other hand, if you and your ex are showing respect one another, your child will suspect nothing wrong.

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2. Come to terms: You and your ex should face that the separation is real and the chances of you all getting back together are slim to none. You both have turned the page and are now on new chapters. No matter the circumstance, those old feelings should not interfere with your parenting.

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Daughter's Birthday

3. Delete: Let go of the anger and resentment. You must both remember, your separation was for the best. By staying together you were ultimately putting your child's happiness was at stake. Think of yourselves as parents before exes.

How do you keep things civil with an ex when children are involved? Share your thoughts below.

Evan Rachel Wood and Jamie Bell Split After 2 Years of Marriage



By Sanetra Richards

The wedding bands are off for! According to UsMagazine.com, Evan Rachel Wood and Jamie Bell have decided to go their separate ways after two years of marriage. In an exclusive statement, a rep told *Us*, “Evan Rachel Wood and Jamie Bell have decided to separate. They both love and respect one another and will of course remain committed to co-parenting their son. This is a mutual decision and the two remain close friends.” A source also added, “They love each other so much but it just wasn’t right.” The pair met back in 2004 on the video set of Green Day’s “Wake Me Up When September Ends” and walked down the aisle eight years later in 2012. The 26 and 28-year-old also welcomed a new addition to their family last July. The new mom shared with *Us* in November what motherhood was like and her busy schedule: “I’ve been having separation anxiety because I’m so used to him being right here all the time. They kind of become a part of you, you know?” said Wood as she blushed about their baby boy. “It was my dream to be a mom, so I’m loving it. I love it.” “He’s smiling and laughing. He started rolling over,” she went onto add about his steps through babyhood. “He’s grabbing things. You know, he’s making oohs and aahs.” The couple’s last red carpet appearance was also back in November for the LACMA 2013 Art + Film Gala held in Los Angeles.

How do you know when it’s time to call it quits on your marriage?

Cupid’s Advice:

Unfortunately, every marriage cannot be salvaged, and it’s best to know when you should part ways before letting time pass you by. Here are a few things Cupid thinks will help you come to the realization:

1. Everyday bickering: The time you spend together is consumed by arguments, whether petty or major. And at the end of the

day, you and your partner cannot come to an agreement on anything. Compromise definitely does not exist in your household! Pay attention to the disputes revolving around some of the smallest issues and if there is constant finger pointing. Although proper communication can repair a relationship, there is not a 100% guarantee.

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2. Future? More like past: Your significant other starts off as a good time – you can see planning and building your entire life with him/her . . . but then you begin to realize that you do not see them in your future. The dream of making a home, starting a family, etc., slowly vanishes. The nitpicking and dislikes become greater than ever – and so does calling it quits.

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3. Attraction fizzles: No more wild and spontaneous dates, or romance, period. You no longer desire to have your partner around. Do not ignore the warning signs! Keep in mind, they are always there before the storm approaches.

What are the signs that your marriage is in its last days? Share your thoughts below.

**Wladimir Klitschko and Hayden
Panettiere Prepare
Relationship For Kid**



By Laura Seaman

Hayden Panettiere is pregnant! Panettiere and fiancé Wladimir Klitschko are expecting their first child, a source tells UsMagazine.com. The couple has been engaged for a year, and have been dating on and off since 2009. “I’ve lived a very big life, and I don’t feel my age, and I feel like I was born to be a mother,” said Panettiere. “Motherhood is the most beautiful, exciting thing, and there’s nothing that I feel like I can’t accomplish while having children in my life.”

How does your relationship change when you have a child?

Cupid’s Advice:

Having a kid is a *huge* step in any relationship. You and your partner are going from being a couple to being parents. You’re responsible for another life, and that baby won’t be a baby forever. It’s a lifetime responsibility, and you have to be prepared for the changes that come with it:

1. There’s less alone time and more family time. When you have

a child, you need to know where they are and what they're doing 24/7. With such a demanding new role, it's no wonder that you and your partner will have less time alone with each other. Learn to take advantage of your time together and make the most of family time.

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2. Work should take a back seat for a while. As committed as you are to your job, but have to be even more committed to your family. You can't expect one person to do all the work, so even if you're the breadwinner for your family, you need to make sure you do your part and spend time with your new baby.

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3. Watch your health and habits. There's a chance that some of your previous habits weren't child friendly. For example, smoking in the house or around the baby is a big no-no. Maybe you're a bit of a slob, and you leave things around the house. There's a chance some of those things might not be good for the baby to find. Just make sure you've prepared your life to fit the new addition to your family.

What are some other ways your relationship changes when you have a child? Share your thoughts below.

Kim Kardashian and Kanye West Have a 'Fun and Busy' Wedding



By Laura Seaman

Kim Kardashian and Kanye West have officially tied the knot. Their wedding took place at the Forte di Belvedere in Florence, Italy and the couple said their vows next to a massive wall of beautiful white flowers. According to UsMagazine.com, Kim posted her favorite photos of the wedding week onto her website on Tuesday. The couple is now on their European honeymoon while mother Kris Jenner takes care of baby North West.

What can you do to keep your wedding exciting?

Cupid's Advice:

Your wedding day is possibly one of the most important days of your life. It should be one to remember, not only for you, but all of your guests. Here are a few tips from Cupid to ensure that your wedding is one you and your family will never forget:

1. Do something different. We all have basic expectations of

what will happen at a wedding; vows will be said, the couple smashes cake in each other's faces, and the new pair will have a romantic first dance. Try dazzling your guests with something new! Have your wedding party dance down the aisle, or divert from the usual wedding cake for your reception.

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2. Make it unique to you. Each couple is different and no two weddings should be the same. Whether it's the colors, a reception theme, or some other addition to your wedding, make sure the guests know that this is *your* wedding. It's your day as a couple, and it should be clear that you're the ones being celebrated.

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3. Choose a special venue. The usual choices of a chapel and reception hall can be charming and unique if done right, but maybe your wedding calls for a different kind of venue. If you are an artistic couple, maybe the reception could be in an art gallery. Some brainy couples have chosen to hold their receptions in museums. If you can handle the cost and extra planning, maybe a more unique venue is right for your wedding.

What are some other things you can do to keep your wedding exciting? Share below.

LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian Ready for Children



By Laura Seaman

There are two things Hollywood is full of: reality shows and celebrity children. LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian, who have their own upcoming reality show on VH1, told UsMagazine.com that they are wanting to bring some children into the mix. "He's the best Dad already," said Rimes. "I have a little bit of experience with the kids now so, I feel like I wouldn't be too crazed. It doesn't feel like a real first, first!" Cibrian has two children with ex-wife Brandi Glanville, sons Mason and Jake. After Rimes' comment on kids, Cibrian joked, "Look, maybe we should just get another dog and then see how that goes." Rimes said, "Other than the reason of us wanting to work together and be home with the kids, why not have fun and poke fun at everything that's gone on for the last five years."

How can you tell if your relationship is strong enough to take on children?

Cupid's Advice:

Once a couple has been together for a certain amount of time, many might start thinking about whether their partner is family material, and questions of whether or not they want kids and how many they want can start popping up in conversations. This might be one of the most important conversations you can have in life. After all, it's not just deciding to have a baby and bask in the newborn happiness. This decision will affect you for the rest of your life, and these kids are going to become adults. If you and your partner are talking about having kids, you'd better be sure you can handle them:

1. Want the kids before you have them: Maybe you've never really liked children, or you've had a bad experience with them in the past. No matter how it came about, some people just don't like being around children. This doesn't mean you won't want kids eventually, but you have to know what you're getting yourself into. If one partner wants kids and the other doesn't, a child would only create a gap in the relationship. Maybe the idea of a child seems nice, but you haven't been around kids much. Surround yourself with young relatives or babysit for a friend; get experience with children so you can be 100 percent sure you *want* children:

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2. Give them a sense of permanence: A child is a lifelong responsibility, and you should be willing to show it. An apartment that works for you and your partner might not be big enough for a child, or it might have some big safety risks. Make sure you're ready for a child to be in your life before you even plan on having one. This means buying cribs, creating a nursery, and thinking of good schools in the area. Not only will you be better prepared for a child, but you're showing your partner that you're dedicated and not going anywhere.

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3. Be ready for a big change in the relationship: A child will completely change the relationship between you and your partner, and you need to be ready for it. If you two have had the same routine for years, try making changes to your schedule and seeing how it affects your mood. Time that you spend with each other might now be spent with the baby, or trying to catch up on sleep. Not only will you be a couple, but you will be parents, completely changing the nature of your relationship. New tasks, schedules, and feelings are going to put your relationship to the test, so make sure you're ready for it.

How has having children affected your relationship? Let us know in the comments!

'House' Alum Lisa Edelstein Marries Artist





By Shannon Seibert

Cupid has struck again, infecting another beautiful couple with the love bug. Former *House* star Lisa Edelstein has found love with her new hubby Robert Russell. Edelstein, 48, is best known for her seven-season run on *House* and after leaving in 2011 she's made several guest appearances. She seemed perfectly happy to tied the knot with Russell on Sunday, May 25, according to UsMagazine.com.

What are some ways to personalize your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Not all weddings are supposed to be traditional and classic. Pick a style that matches your personality as a couple, the more creative the better. There are so many romantic and adventurous ideas, you just have to find the one that is right for you:

- 1. Choose a destination:** If you are looking for a more personal feel in an exotic place, a destination wedding is just for you. Instead of going all-out in a local venue, a different city, state, or even country can spice things up for you and your honey. Choose a place that means something to you, like where you grew up, where you'd want to live

together, or even a place you've always talked of visiting together.

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2. Pick a crazy theme: Nothing says personality like a themed wedding. Put on your thinking cap and come up with an idea that fits the style of you and your man. Whether it's Harry Potter, under the sea, rustic, backyard country style or even murder-mystery, there are so many different ideas to choose from. Keep in mind that your wedding day is about you and your partner, so pick what you want, and don't take other people's opinions too seriously. P.S. Themes make the best wedding photos!

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3. Get nostalgic: Demonstrate who you are as a couple by busting out all of your favorite memories. Decorate the venue with your favorite and silliest couple-photos and memories to truly show who you are together. Try making memory boards for your guests, so they can write down their favorite memory for you and your love to read after the wedding.

Do you have any crazy wedding ideas? Share with us in the comments below!

Kim Kardashian and Kanye West Are Married



By Shannon Seibert

The moment we've all been waiting for has arrived: The Kimye Wedding. Kim Kardashian and Kanye West began dating in April of 2012, shortly giving birth to their beautiful daughter, North West, and later got engaged. The couple married this past weekend, in grand European style. The couple spent the evening, dancing, laughing, and talking lovingly about each other according to UsMagazine.com.

How do you keep your wedding look flawless all night?

Cupid's Advice:

You're going to remember this day for the rest of your life, and you'll have thousands of pictures to prove it. It's most likely impossible for a bride to look anything but stunningly gorgeous, but if you're suffering from pre-wedding jitters, we have a few tricks for you:

1. Waterproof make up and hairspray are your new BFFs: Let's be honest, there will be tears. The waterproof make up will

hold longer, and is less likely to run if a tear or two does seep through. To keep your make up and hair in place, use hair spray to set your look. Spray at least 10-inches from your face and hair, in order to maintain a level amount on each aspect part of your head. And remember, don't touch your face too often, it keeps the make up from smudging off.

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2. Pull a 'Kim': It's better to be safe than sorry, have multiple back up outfits just in case something were to go wrong at the last minute. Kardashian had multiple outfits choices on her big day, providing her a sense of security. You can do the same to ensure that your special day doesn't hit any road blocks on your way to your happily ever after.

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3. Spoil yourself: Today is a day about you and the love of your life, don't settle for anything less than perfect. Get your hair styled, use the best products, practice having your make up done before hand so you know what to expect. There is never too much preparation for what is supposed to be the best day of your life. So really wow your hubby-to-be and pamper yourself like a princess, after all, he's about to make you his queen.

Do you have any wedding day tips? Share with us here!

Kim Kardashian Hopes the Rain Doesn't Ruin Her Wedding



By Sanetra Richards

It never rains in Southern California, but it has been raining cats and dogs in Paris. According to UsMagazine.com, showers were definitely in the forecast during Kim Kardashian's costly European wedding weekend, which started on Friday, May 23rd at the Versailles Palace in Paris, France. The festivities began with the rehearsal dinner at Versailles. Guests were asked to dress in vintage French royalty-themed garb. However, the reality star bride appeared to be a bit down during the celebration activities and made it known the weather was to blame: "I hope the rain doesn't ruin my wedding," Kim stated as the Kardashian-Jenner family dined at the Hotel Costes on Wednesday, March 21st. "She made it clear that this bad weather is really getting to her. She's clearly spending millions getting married in Europe, and if it all turns into a wash-out

she will be really unhappy,” an onlooker tells *Us*. Although her family and friends remained positive through the circumstances, the 33-year-old bride was still not pleased with the City of Love’s lack of sun. “This weather has to get better,” other restaurant guests heard Kanye West’s fiancée say after dinner. “Spring in Paris is meant to be about sunshine, but all we’re getting is rain.”

What are some ways to plan a wedding around rain?

Cupid’s Advice:

Every bride seems to have at least one fear in common on their special day, and that is rain. Although it can certainly be a sign of good luck for the marriage, it is still unwanted. You plan for the date months in advance and can never be too sure of what to expect when it actually comes. Cupid has a few pointers to help you plan the big day around rain:

1. Proper shelter: Outdoor weddings can always be a bit tricky because of the unpredictable weather. What better way to take cover than to have a tent covering you, your honey, and the guests? When Mother Nature decides to make your day a little bit more stressful, do not fret. You will be prepared for the worst, somewhat.

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2. Backup plan instructions: Inform everyone in attendance of what to do just in case the weather goes wrong. You may want to do this in advance before the big day – this will help ease your worries as the wedding approaches.

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3. Remain pretty & polished: Don’t let the rain put a damper on your mood, or ruin your perfected hairstyle, chic heels, and beloved gown. Purchase a few cute umbrellas to protect you

and your wedding party from the downpour as the day continues. Who wants a muddy mess in their photographs, anyway?

How do you plan a wedding around rain? Share your suggestions below.

Pregnant Stacy Keibler Gushes About Husband Jared Pobre



By Sanetra Richards

Who knew pregnancy could look so good? Stacy Keibler shows off her bun in the oven on the cover of *Fit Pregnancy* June/July issue and talks about her love, husband Jared Pobre. According to UsMagazine.com, the 34-year-old actress opened up about how Pobre gave her a new outlook on wanting a family: “”Before we

met, both Jared and I had told our parents we didn't think we'd ever get married or have kids," said the *Supermarket Superstar* host."But when you're with the right person, everything changes." "My epiphany happened shortly after Jared and I started dating, and once we both knew, we didn't hesitate," the mom-to-be and wife added. "I just knew I was ready and that there's no one else in the world I would want to do this with." Keibler also gave a couple of her tricks to maintaining a slender figure and youthful skin, which are prenatal pilates and a natural beauty routine.

How do you know when you've found "the one"?

Cupid's Advice:

When love crosses your path, it is indeed one of the greatest, memorable feelings. You are on cloud nine and there is no coming down. Plus, the stomach butterflies do not seem to be going away anytime soon. And if you have not experienced this yet, you are patiently waiting on the moment. Nevertheless, knowing when you have met that special person that is the reason for your insane feelings always brings up the question "Is he/she the one?" Cupid has some advice to help you figure it all out:

1. You are 100% yourself: Coming across someone who fully accepts your personality, flaws and all, is similar to finding a four leaf clover. Fortunately, when that one does come around, they are hard to pass up – the person who understands your humor, accepts your lifestyle, and so forth. If you are never hesitant to say what is on your mind or do something completely out of the norm and they value it, chances are you are a step closer to recognizing 'the one.'

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2. The fire continuously burns: A connection should always be felt between you and your partner, even if it is years down

the line. 'The one' will constantly shower you with affection and appreciation.

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3. Mutual understanding: A confirmation on if you genuinely have met your match usually comes about in certain situations, such as you and your partner working out a problem instead of arguing and remaining stagnant. The conversations evolve and include "we" and "us" instead of "I" and "me". If you notice more growth individually and together, then you have probably found "the one".

What are some ways to know you have found true love? Share your thoughts below.

Hollywood Couple Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt Are Starring in a New Movie Together





By Sanetra Richards

Another [Angelina Jolie](#) and [Brad Pitt](#) movie is in the works! However, it is not a *Mr. and Mrs. Smith: Part Two* . . . yet. Although their first project together was a memorable action film, the next one with the [famous couple](#) will be the exact opposite. According to [UsMagazine.com](#), the 38-year-old actress opened up in an interview with *Extra* on Tuesday, May 20, about the new film. “It’s not a big movie; it’s not an action movie,” the *Maleficent* star shared. “It’s the kind of movie we love but aren’t often cast in. It’s a very experimental, independent-type film where we get to be actors together and be really raw, open, try things.”

The Oscar winner and mother of six also gushed about her celebrity love: “He’s my family. He’s not just a lover and partner, which is wonderful, but he’s my family now...We have history; we work hard to make it great; and we don’t kind of relax about it and take each other for granted.” Jolie admitted that the Hollywood couple does run into a few trials and tribulations, saying, “Like everybody, we have our challenges, but we’re fighting to make it great.”

When this Hollywood couple films another movie, they'll be spending a lot more time together. What are some drawbacks to working with your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

You may imagine working with your partner as another way to spend time together. The commute to work won't be such a hassle; it'll be easier, and you'll save money on gas. It's important to consider the downside too. Cupid has some issues for you to keep in mind:

1. No alone time: Believe it or not, there is a thing as spending *too much* time with your significant other. Work is no longer a place for you to do your own thing because your beau is now just a cubicle away.

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2. Nothing to talk about: Most couples enjoy coming home from work and discussing their days. If you work together though, the conversation may be limited because you both experienced similar situations with the same co-workers.

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3. Jealousy: Imagine if you received a promotion that your significant other had secretly (or publicly) been longing for or vice versa. Your partner will either be genuinely happy for you or envious of your success. If they are in the second boat, you'll notice tension between the two of you within days, which will eventually cause a strain on your relationship and love.

What are some negative aspects to working with your partner?
Share your thoughts below.

'American Idol' Runner-Up Jena Irene On Prom With Winner Caleb Johnson: "I Still Don't Have a Dress!"



By Liz Kim

American Idol runner-up Jena Irene Asciutto almost didn't make it onto the show. The 17-year-old singer didn't have enough votes to make it to the Top 10, but the judges saved her, and she is the first wild card contestant since Clay Aiken to make

it to the finale. Each week, she proved the decision to save her right and was in the bottom only once during her amazing run. She did admit that almost going home shook her up. "My confidence wasn't that high in the beginning because America didn't vote me in, but that lit a fire under me to prove that I could do it."

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Once she made it to the top 10, Asciutto's star quality was undeniable. Although still young, she's a seasoned performer. From the ages of 12 to 16, she was the front woman for the band Infinity Hour. "Being in a band had a huge impact on me," she says. "I played all around the metro Detroit area, and we played with other bands and kind of did different music depending on which venue we were playing. That definitely influenced me, and to be around all these local artists was fun because I saw what made them unique." Unfortunately, she had to quit the band a few months before her audition, but her bandmates have continued to support her from the sidelines.

Despite avoiding the bottom all but once, the runner-up says that she didn't realize just how far she had made it until the top five. "Once there were only five of us left, that's when it started to sink in that this was real." Every competitor had a distinct style, and she knew that it was anybody's game. "I just remember laying in bed one night wondering how I was there. I was just so excited."

Although she became friends with all of the finalists, Asciutto has become especially close with 23-year-old Caleb Johnson, who was announced the winner last night. She said she was grateful for his support during the show. "It was a positive effect," she shares of their friendship. "Even the production team who've been doing this for 12 years said they haven't seen as good of a connection as Caleb and I have. The stress was taken down a couple notches, and performing with my

best friend made it better. You don't get to experience this with just anybody, so I'm glad we did it together."

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In fact, they are taking their BFF-ship to the next level, and Johnson will be Asciutto's date for prom. Fans got to watch the footage of her "prom-posal," and it was just as sweet as they imagined. "It started out as a joke a couple months ago, and as we got closer to the finale, I realized that I actually didn't have a date to the prom," she explains. "He was serious about going the whole time, so I decided why not? Our schedules were able to accommodate the prom date, so I'm really excited."

And while they're not as daunting as singing on national television, Asciutto has the typical concerns of any teenage girl going to prom. "I still don't have a dress – I'm freaking out!"

Despite wowing the judges and America with her powerhouse vocals, the talented singer remains a humble. She still worries about her grades and has plans to go to a performing arts college. As for her future in music? "The fact that I got this far being so young and a wild card gives me hope," she says. "I am a unique artist, and I'm still trying to figure out who I am. My music has been evolving for the past three years, and I can't wait to see where I end up. I can't say for sure what my album will sound like, but that's the fun part!"

American Idol may be over, but you can still catch Jena on the summer tour! Until then, keep up with her on Twitter @JenaAsciutto1. Check back tomorrow for our interview with winner Caleb Johnson!