EXCLUSIVE: Kathy Hilton Gives Her Top Tips on Holiday Party Planning





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Kathy Hilton is arguably one of the most glamorous and fabulous hostesses out there. As she explained to CupidsPulse.com in the past, her priorities lie with family and love — but her success in entertaining has made her incredibly popular. With the holiday season quickly approaching, we spoke to the socialite about her party planning skills.

Here are Hilton's top tips for entertaining your friends and family during the holidays:

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- 1. Do a buffet: Buffets give your guests an extra chance to mingle and meet each other. The designer, mother, and businesswoman suggests playing some light music and allowing guests to serve themselves to set a casual, informal mood. "Introduce people," she says. "Don't assume everyone knows each other. If your guests are comfortable, then you'll be comfortable."
- 2. Be mindful: Not all of your guests may get along, so it's important that you seat people based on their personal links. "There may be people at your party that aren't speaking," explains the prime hostess. "You have to be aware of that. Everybody likes to have a place to go. Seat interesting people that will have something in common with each other next to each other. Mix things up too. If you have a shy friend, seat them next to someone that can talk to a wall. But be sure to group friends together I don't like to put people among a group that's composed entirely of strangers. Make it a mixture of old friends and new friends-to-be."

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3. Be prepared: Remember that anything could happen. Hilton suggests that you prepare for every situation. "I stop by the convenience store and make baskets to place in the gathering room and in the bathroom," she reveals. "You can fill it with feminine products, band-aids, safety pins, crazy glue, aspirin — anything that someone could possibly need. There's always that one friend that needs something, and you want to be able to help them out without thinking. This tip extends beyond party planning too — Hilton keeps a basket like this one in her guest bedroom at all times.

If you follow these three tips, "you can enjoy yourself without having to worry or stress out," according to the

Hilton family matriarch. Happy party planning!

Hilton currently manages her fashion line, The Kathy Hilton Collection, while assisting in philanthropic ventures, such as the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Check her out on Twitter @KathyHilton and www.facebook.com/OfficialKathyHilton for more.

Kelly Clarkson is Pregnant!





By Brittany Stubbs

Kelly Clarkson is not only a newly wed, but now a mother-to-be! The singer, and her husband Brandon Blackstock are officially expecting their first child together, according to People. Clarkson announced her exciting news Tuesday via Twitter: "I'm pregnant!!! Brandon and I are so excited! Best

early Christmas present ever," she Tweeted. Although this will be Clarkson's first baby, spending time with Seth, 6, and Savannah, 12, Blackstock's children from his previous marriage, will have this American Idol winner ready to be a mom!

How do you announce your pregnancy to family and friends?

Cupid's Advice:

Finding out you're expecting is such an exciting time for not only you, but all your loved ones! Using creative ways to announce your big news will make it all the more special:

1. Tell them individually: This is a neat idea because it allows everyone to have their own moment. It will also be special because you'll get to really focus on everyone's personal reactions.

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2. Send out a photo announcement: It can be difficult finding the time to share the big news with everyone, but rather than just doing a shout-out on social networks, take a photo that reveals your exciting announcement. Pinterest has tons of cute examples of expecting-parents sharing their joy through photographs. From holding up a sign with the due date, to simply sending a picture of baby shoes — this will be an announcement just waiting to be framed!

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3. Host a dinner party: Inviting your family and friends over for dinner and then surprising them is a fun and memorable way to share that you're expecting. Telling them all at once is also an easy way to avoid debating who to call first. You can make your announcement in a toast or prayer at the beginning of the meal, or get even more creative and incorporate

something baby-oriented with one of the courses.

Have you announced a pregnancy before? Share your experience below.

Ginnifer Goodwin Is Expecting a Baby with Co-Star Josh Dallas





By Brittany Stubbs

Ginnifer Goodwin is pregnant! The actress is expecting her first child with her co-star and fiancé Josh Dallas. No details have been confirmed regarding the baby's due date. Goodwin's pregnancy is not the only big news the couple has had this season. They also confirmed their engagement to <u>People</u> in October, including their excitement to "celebrate with our friends and family."

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

Cupid's Advice:

Whether you're newly engaged or have been with your partner for several years, having a child is a huge step in any relationship. Though beautiful creatures, a child will challenge and push you to your limits. The best thing you can do for your relationship when expecting a child is knowing what's ahead and preparing yourself for the future.

1. Expect change: It's no longer just you and your significant other; you have a new family member to take care of and think about. And this member doesn't care how much sleep you got before, how you gave up your home office for a nursery, or the weekend getaways you can no longer go on. Accepting early on that there will be changes in your lifestyle will make the transition easier.

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2. Prepare yourself for the worst: Being a parent is difficult, especially in the beginning. You'll often feel over-worked, sleep deprived, and helpless at times. This can lead to fighting and even feeling disconnected from your partner. Knowing that this is normal and just a phase, can keep you from over-analyzing it, adding to your stress.

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3. Budget for your baby: Setting financial boundaries ahead of time can prepare you for the costly reality of a child. Discussing specific sacrifices you each will make — whether it be giving up trips to the nail salon or a membership at the

golf club - can reduce financial worries for both of you.

How would you prepare your relationship for a child? Share your thoughts below.

Taylor Swift Says, "I Only Write Songs About Crazy, Emotional Love"





By April Littleton

According to <u>People</u>, When it comes to her songwriting inspirations, Taylor Swift has let plenty of ex-boyfriends off the hook. "I only write songs about crazy love," Swift told <u>New York Magazine</u>. "If I go on two dates with a guy and we don't click, I'm not writing a song about that. It didn't

matter in the emotional grand scheme of things." Exes of Swift, 23, include Jake Gyllenhaal, Harry Styles and John Mayer.

What are some ways to use music to cope with a broken heart?

Cupid's Advice:

Dealing with a broken heart can feel unbearable at times — especially if you weren't the one who wanted the relationship to end. Every individual handles a breakup in their own way, but music seems to be a common form of self-therapy. Cupid has some tips:

1. Get creative: If you're musically inclined, think about writing your own song or creating your own depending on what instrument you play. You can make your own heartbreak song or try something a little more positive — think Destiny's Child's Survivor.

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- 2. Listen to your favorites: For some unknown reason, music tends to make the heart happy and can make almost any individual who isn't feeling there best see the bright side of things. While you're taking a long, random drive, listen to some of your favorite songs. By the time you put your car in park, you should be feeling a little better about your breakup.
- 3. Make a game out of it: Play only one song per day that represents the mood you're in. As the days progress, you should be in better spirits and the songs you choose should be a little more upbeat and inspiring. Don't let yourself stay in a rut. You can get through this. Let the music be your outlet.

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Exes Ashlee Simpson and Pete Wentz Reunite for Son Bronx's Birthday





By April Littleton

Ashlee Simpson and her ex-husband Pete Wentz reunited to celebrate their son's fifth birthday in L.A.'s Studio City neighborhood, Saturday, Nov. 16. Both exes brought along their new significant others. Wentz arrived with girlfriend of two years Meagan Camper, while Simpson showed up with Evan Ross. "It didn't seem awkward at all between Evan Ross and Pete Wentz. They took a family photo and were all in it — Pete, Meagan, Ashlee and Evan," a source told <u>UsMagazine.com</u>.

How do you remain civil post-breakup for the sake of your

children?

Cupid's Advice:

A breakup is always tough to handle, but even more so when kids are involved. You may want to get rid of your ex altogether, but whether you like it or not, the two of you have to cooperate if you both want to maintain a stable relationship with your children. Cupid has some tips:

1. Set boundaries: When it comes to your children, you and your partner need to come up with a clear set of boundaries. It's very easy to let the negative feelings you have toward your ex get the best of you, but you have to remember that the two of you will be in each other's lives permanently. Keep your relationship platonic and only communicate with each other when the kids are involved. You don't need to be in each other's personal life anymore.

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- 2. Don't badmouth: There's no need to bring up your ex around your children. When you do have to bring him/her up, make sure you're not saying anything negative about them. Your kids don't need to feel like they have to choose sides. They love you both. If you can't contain your frustrations, vent them to a friend or a family member in private when your babies aren't around.
- 3. Take your time: Just like with any breakup, you and your ex will need to take time to move on from each other. Don't rush into a new relationship and don't bring multiple potential partners into your home where your children live. Take it one step at a time and help your kids understand why their parents aren't together anymore before you start dating around.

Related: <u>Michael Morris Steps Out with Wife Post-Katherine</u> McPhee Scandal What are some other ways to remain civil post-breakup for the sake of children? Comment below.

Savannah Guthrie and Mike Feldman Are Finally Planning Their Wedding





By Kerri Sheehan

After announcing their engagement in May, *Today* show anchor Savannah Guthrie and Mike Feldman are finally looking into planning their wedding. They plan to both take part in the big decisions that come with wedding planning, making it a team effort. According to *People*, Guthrie said, "Both of us want to

be involved, but at the same time we're overwhelmed by the prospect of having to plan a whole wedding, so we're in it together." The most important thing to the couple is to create the right atmosphere for the event. They would prefer for the event to be more meaningful and personal than the classic wedding situation.

What are some ways to make your wedding "meaningful and personal"?

Cupid's Advice:

Your wedding should be one of the most memorable days of your life. Let Cupid help you make it meaningful and memorable.

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- 1. Write your own vows: Traditional wedding vows are super special, but aren't catered towards your loved one. Writing your own vows will show them just how much you care. You can also have a copy of the vows printed up and framed to remind each other of your special day.
- 2. Add some personal touches: There are many little things you can add to your wedding to make it your own. From the invites to the centerpieces at dinner let the whole wedding scream yours and your significant other's names.

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3. Pick a theme: One of the easiest ways to personalize your wedding is to give it a theme that fits both you and your partner. For example if you and your partner love the ocean then a beach themed wedding would be perfect for you. Another example would be if you and your significant other are avid travelers then an around the world theme would be fun!

How would your personalize your wedding? Share below.

Eva Longoria Goes Public with New Boyfriend Jose Antonio Baston





By Kerri Sheehan

Love is in the air for Eva Longoria and Jose Antonio Baston! On Friday night the former *Desperate Housewives* star and president of Televisa, the largest media company in Latin America walked the red carpet for the Museo Jumex Opening dinner at Casa De La Bola in Mexico City Mexico together. This is their first red carpet appearance together since they began their romance several weeks ago. A source dished to *People*,

"He's been sweeping her off her feet and courting her like a proper gentleman."

How do you know when to reveal your partner to family and friends?

Cupid's Advice:

How soon is too soon to tell your friends and family about the new lover in your life? Let Cupid help you decide.

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- 1. Once you're exclusive: Bringing home a guy before you two are exclusive can be uncomfortable for all parties involved. Your family and friends won't really know what kind of boundaries you two have so things can get pretty weird pretty fast. It's best to keep your new guy private until you migrate out of that awkward gray area.
- 2. Check with your partner: Meeting friends and family is super nerve racking, so make sure your new beau is okay with taking that step. Some people may want to be together longer than others before making that move which is perfectly normal.

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3. Let it happen naturally: Don't try to force anything with an overly planned dinner or an elaborate show. You'll likely be with your new partner a lot of the time so them meeting your friends and family will come organically with time.

How did you reveal your new partner to your family and friends? Share below.

'The Host' Star Jake Abel Marries Allie Wood





By April Littleton

According to <u>People</u>, The Host star Jake Abel married screenwriter Allie Wood, Saturday Nov. 9 in New Orleans. The ceremony featured a traditional second line parade. The bride and groomed twirled around a pair of umbrellas as they walked down the street. The couple, who have known each other since they were teens, got engaged on New Year's Eve at Times Square.

What are some unique musical touches you can add to your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Your special day is right around the corner, but there are still a few finishing touches left to wrap up. What kind of music should be included at your reception and ceremony? Should you hire a band, a wedding singer, etc. Everyone has their own set of preferences, but Cupid has a few tips:

1. Personal wedding singer: If someone in your family is a good singer or if one of your good friends can belt out a nice tune, ask them to sing at your wedding. You can choose to pay them or ask them to sing at your ceremony and reception as a favor to you and your spouse.

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2. Live band: What's your partner's favorite band? What's your favorite song? Think about the different possibilities and see if you can hire a live band to perform at your wedding. The band can play a combination of all of your favorite hits as well as your honey's.

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3. DJ: If you want to hear a bit of everything at your reception, hire a DJ. Of course, you'll need to give your preferred disc jokey a list of dos and don't to play at your wedding. Once they get a feel of what you and your significant other like, he/she will be able to keep everyone on their feet all night long.

What are some other musical touches you can add to a wedding? Comment below.

Tim McGraw and Faith Hill Deny Divorce Rumors





By April Littleton

Tim McGraw and Faith Hill insist that their marriage is still going strong despite the recent tabloid reports about an inevitable divorce. "[Rumors] seem to be running like crazy right now for some reason. It's perplexing," Hill told <u>People</u>. "I don't know why 'happy' can't be a story." The couple have been married for 17 years and have three children together.

How do you keep rumors from affecting your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

A stable, committed relationship is hard to maintain when rumors are involved in the equation. As a couple, you and your partner have to remain strong and keep an open line of communication between the two of you in order to get past

- this. You have to have an extreme amount of trust, among other things, to look beyond the hurtful rumors that are being said about your relationship. Cupid has your back:
- 1. Communicate: One small misunderstanding can ruin a long-term relationship. If you hear something you're not sure about, talk to your partner about it. Sometimes a piece of information can be taken the wrong way and can get back to you completely misconstrued. As long as you and your significant other remain open and honest with each other, any gossip you hear from family or friends should be able to go in one ear and out the other.

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2. Ignore it: More often than not, the people who spread the rumors involving your relationship are looking to get attention from you and your honey. Don't sweat it. The whole world doesn't need to know the details on what's going on with you and your boo. If you don't feel like sharing the truth or even acknowledging the rumor swirling around, then don't.

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3. Address the problem: Sometimes the best way to get rid of a problem is by confronting it head on. Let all of your loved ones know what's going on before the rumors get out of control. You don't have to tell everyone you know. Just tell the people who you consider to be in your close circle. As long as your close friends and family members know the real deal, the misinformation shouldn't bother you and your partner as much.

What are some other ways to keep rumors from affecting your relationship? Comment below.

'The Chew' Host Carla Hall Talks About Thanksgiving Dinner and Date Night





If you're hosting Thanksgiving dinner this year and are tired of the same old marshmallow-covered sweet potato casserole, dried out stuffing, and gel-like gravy ladled over tough turkey, update your family's traditional meal with tips from *The Chew* host Carla Hall. Follow her advice on how to put personal pizzaz into classic Thanksgiving dishes. With the cool weather and holiday season quickly approaching, Hall also provides dinner date ideas for those chilly winter evenings spent with your sweetie.

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For more information on Hall, visit www.carlahall.com/.

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How do you plan to revamp your family's Thanksgiving traditions this year? Share with us in the comments below!

Source Says Kim Kardashian and Kanye West Will Be Ready for Baby #2 Post-Wedding





By Gabby Robles

After almost five months since baby North West's birth, Kim Kardashian and Kanye West have begun planning for a second

child. According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, a source reveled that the couple plan to get pregnant next summer after their wedding. The source says, Kardashian "wants her kids to be close in age," and West "wants a huge family." Guess they want to get started!

How do you know how many children is right for your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Children are a beautiful miracle and really bring joy to this world. You hear about couples that share eight children but other people only have one child. How do you know when is when? Don't worry, Cupid has your back:

1. Talk about it: This is a conversation that you and your partner should have a mutual decision about. You both need to be on the same page or else resentment will form in between you two. When the baby conversation comes up, simply ask "How many do you see us having?" If the number doesn't match yours, share your feelings. Maybe he never thought about having three instead of two and now that the thought is in his mind, it's looking better and better!

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2. Be realistic: In the 1950s, having six children was a nobrainer, but the times have changed. It's hard to have a big family and still be able to maintain a happy, healthy home. If you and your man are both lives well within your means and are both interested in having a huge family, then go for it! But if you guys are still working hard everyday, you might want to hold back.

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3. Think of the times: Nowadays, three or four children make a

big family. You don't need to go through labor and have multiple twins to achieve the "fullness" that you and your man might crave to have in your house. Go with how you feel once your first child is born and go from there, don't set a number and just stick to it.

How did you know how many children were right for you and your man? Share in the comments below!

Katharine McPhee Calls It Quits on Affair with Michael Morris





By Gabby Robles

Katharine McPhee is no longer seeing her boytoy, director

Michael Morris. According to <u>People</u>, a source spilled that the couple — who are both married to other people — aren't seeing each other "at least for now." McPhee and her husband Nick Cokas' relationship is still in limbo. The source also shared, "Katharine still has no plans to move forward with divorce at the moment, though they are not living together." It seems to be a very hard time for McPhee.

What are some ways to resist the temptation to be unfaithful?

Cupid's Advice:

If you think you're starting to have a wandering eye — whether it be for a few people or just one person — and you're committed, it's an issue. You need to nip it in the bud ASAP. Cupid has some advice on how you can handle your situation:

1. Think about it: Take a step back and think about why you want to do this. Think about how it truly benefits you emotionally and physically. Common reasons include boredom of routine, frustration in your partner, or even "the grass is greener on the other side" concept. If you feel this way, you need to...

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2. Talk about it: Bring it up with your partner. Know that they are going to be hurt and upset, but you need to figure out how to fix this issue as a couple. Maybe you just need to spice things up, or maybe you enjoy the appreciation that other people give you that your partner doesn't seem to give you much of. Express your needs, wants, and desires.

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3. Remember why you're there: Think of why you're actually still in your relationship. If you were very unhappy, you

would have ended things before, so why risk it all now? Think of the good qualities of your partner and your relationship. You'll find that being unfaithful is much bigger of a deal than you think it is.

What are some ways you have resisted the temptation to be unfaithful? Share your experiences below.

'Real Housewives of New Jersey' Star Lauren Manzo Is Engaged to Longtime Boyfriend





By Kristyn Schwiep

'Real Housewives of New Jersey' Star Lauren Manzo is engaged to longtime boyfriend, Vito Scalia. Manzo told

<u>UsMagazine.com</u>, "I'm so incredibly happy!! I'm in shock. I'm so excited to spend the rest of my life with my best friend." The couple got engaged on Nov.12.

How do you know when you're ready to tie the knot?

Cupid's Advice:

Getting engaged is a big step in any relationship. You want to make sure you are making the right decision when you decide to tie the knot. So how do you know when you're ready to tie the knot? Cupid has some advice for you:

1. Support: If your friends and family support your relationship and like the person you are with that is a big indication that things can and should go to the next level. Having support from the people that have always been there for you should guide you in the right direction with your relationship. Getting engaged is an exciting time and having the support from family and friends makes this exciting time even better.

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2. Living situation: If you've been living together and your relationship is going strong that is a good sign that you are ready to take things to the next level. Living together is one of the hardest parts of being married so if you have been living together and are enjoying it you are ready to get engaged and be fully committed.

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3. Adding to the family: Starting a family is a huge deal. If you and your partner have been talking about your future together and starting a family you should definitely take the next steps in becoming a family by tying the knots.

When did you know you were ready to tie the know? Share your

Keith Urban Says Marriage and Family Takes Work Every Day





By Kristyn Schwiep

Keith Urban and wife, Nicole Kidman, have been together for seven years. Urban says marriage and family takes work every day. "Somewhere in the last couple of years, I've really grasped the concept of the brevity of time," he told <u>People</u>. "It's very, very fleeting. No matter how many years are ahead of us, it will all be gone very quickly. I don't want to miss any of it." Urban said that a marriage is like a garden, "it's not fixed and then you moved on; it's maintained on a daily basis."

What are some ways to work on your marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

1. Communicate: You and your partner need to take the time to communicate with each other. Try making a list for each other of what you think is wrong with your marriage and ideas for your two to improve on your relationship. Talking about your feelings can be difficult, but talking through your problems needs to be done so you are aware of what is going on.

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2. Make sure you listen: Even though communicating may seem like the hardest part of fixing a troubled marriage, listening to what each other has to say can be even tougher. Make sure that you listen to what each other are saying. If you don't listen, you won't get anything accomplished.

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3. Be grateful: Keep your relationship strong, by not being selfish. If your partner does something wrong, try not to nag or nitpick at them. Find a rhythm that works best for both of you for different aspects of your relationship. Being selfish and ungrateful can cause stress and turmoil in any relationship.

What are some ways you have worked on your marriage? Share your thoughts below.

Muse Media Manager Thomas Kirk Marries at Kate Hudson's House





By April Littleton

Congratulations to Muse media manager Thomas Kirk and Jaclyn Ferber who married at Kate Hudson's Pacific Palisades home Saturday, Nov. 9. A source told <u>UsMagazine.com</u> that the wedding took place in the front yard of Hudson's home, which had been decorated with bistro chairs and an ivy-covered altar. The new bride wore a strapless gown and walked down a white wood plank aisle.

What are some ways to make a wedding at home special?

Cupid's Advice:

When it comes to a wedding, nothing can be as special as

having it in the comfort of your own home. Just because you decide to hold your special day in a familiar place doesn't mean it can't be mesmerizing and over-the-top if that's what you're expecting. Cupid is here to help:

1. Decorations: If you plan on having your wedding outside of your home, hire a professional landscape to tend to your yard. Get some fresh, unique flowers planted just in time to be in full bloom for your wedding. You can also hang up lanterns, lamps or other different types of lights to really help your wedding ceremony and reception stand out.

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2. Food: Instead of hiring a caterer have some of your most trusted friends and family members help you prepare the meals for your big day. The menu options you come up with can be inspired from your significant other's favorite food or yours.

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3. Keepsakes: Provide all of your guests with disposable cameras so that they can capture precious moments throughout the reception and ceremony. Once the photos are developed, you and your new spouse can create a scrapbook together or you can pass out the pictures to your loved ones.

Justin Bieber's Brazilian Girl Tati Neves Speaks Out

About Night with Singer





By April Littleton

According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, the Brazilian bodybuilder Tatiana Neves Barbosa isn't keeping quiet about her night with Justin Bieber. In an interview with Globo TV's <u>Fantastico</u> program Neves dropped clues on what happened between the two. ""What do you think, if I was sleeping in the bedroom, just me and him?" she said. The 26-year-old also claimed to have recorded a video of the <u>Boyfriend</u> singer the morning after the night they spent together. "I was sleeping, and woke up," Neves told <u>Fantastico</u>. "He was sleeping and I was speaking with a girlfriend."

What are the advantages to not rushing your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Your relationship could end faster than you expect it to if you're moving too fast too soon. Love doesn't happen

overnight. Both parties involved need to take the necessary steps in order to have a successful commitment. Cupid has some tips:

1. Get to know each other better: Unless it's someone you've known for a while before you started dating, you're not going to really know the person you're getting into a relationship with. Slow things down and feel each other out before you decide to commit to each other.

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2. No pressure: Rather than feeling like you have to get to know your significant other instantly, take your time with the relationship and let things fall into place naturally. Don't worry about who your friends are dating and/or how long they've been dating their companions. Love shouldn't be a competition. All of your focus should be going into this newfound romance and seeing how things go with this special individual.

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3. You'll know what to expect: When you rush into a relationship, you don't know if the person you're dating is expecting a long-term commitment or something that's purely physical. Before you officially call your new honey "yours," ask him/her what they're looking for. What you're hoping for versus what they want can be entirely two different things.

What are some other advantages to not rushing your relationship? Comment below.

Jenny McCarthy Talks Potential Marriage Proposal to Donnie Wahlberg





By Kerri Sheehan

Jenny McCarthy is hearing wedding bells! McCarthy, 41, dished to Bethenny Frankel on a taping of the *Bethenny* show that if her boyfriend Donnie Wahlberg were to propose she would say, "Yes!" She also wouldn't be opposed to getting down on one knee herself. After taking a year off from dating McCarthy decided to give the New Kids on the Block singer a chance when he broke through the wall she put up. According to UsMagazine.com McCarthy said, "I told the universe I'm ready for love. I said bring the one. I'm not doing any more auditions."

What are some romantic ways a woman can propose to a man?

Cupid's Advice:

The days when it was unheard of for a woman to propose to a man are gone! Some woman would rather be in control of their proposal than leave it up to their guy. Let Cupid help you pop the question:

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- 1. Get family involved: When you get married you're really marrying a whole family, not just one person. Have members from each of your families help you plan a scavenger hunt for him or have them hold up cards boasting the words, "Will you marry me?" Involving both of you families in the proposal is a nice gesture and makes for a great story.
- 2. Keep his favorites in mind: Incorporating your beau's favorites, whether it's a restaurant, drink, or location, will personalize the proposal and make him feel extra special—as he should! This will show him how well you know and will also make him feel like a king.

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3. Have fun: Getting engaged should be fun and after all men are just big kids at heart. One cute idea that will catch your guy off guard is to propose on an amusement park ride. He'll be shocked and wowed all at the same time. Bonus points if the ride you chose takes your picture while in motion!

How would you propose to your significant other? Share below.

'N Sync's Lance Bass Says Jessica Biel is Helping to Plan His Wedding





By Kerri Sheehan

Love is in the air for the boy band 'N Sync! Band member Chris Kirkpatrick wed longtime girlfriend, Karly Skladany on November 4th and Lance Bass is currently planning his own wedding ceremony after proposing to boyfriend, Michael Turchin in September 2013. While at Kirkpatrick's wedding Bass got some wedding ideas from Justin Timberlake's wife Jessica Biel. According to UsMagazine.com, "One really cool idea she had was that, on the invites — because we love our onesies — send out personalized onesies to all our guests so that at midnight after the reception it turns into a pajama party."

How do you enlist the help of friends when you're planning your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Having a wedding can be a fun and exciting time for a couple, but it sure is a lot of work! That's why the help of friends can be your biggest stress saver when it comes to planning a wedding. Let Cupid help you decide how to enlist the help of friends for planning your wedding.

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- 1. Ask for help: Your friends won't know that you need help unless you ask them! If the time you have to pick up the wedding rings happens to coincide with the cake tasting you scheduled a month in advanced then asking a friend to do the former will save you some time and stress.
- 2. Get suggestions: There are so many special touches that can be added to your wedding that will likely get lost amidst the basic wedding plans. If the bride is a music lover then wrapping her bouquet in sheets of music instead of ribbon is a cute and unique idea. See if your friends have any ideas that you can run with to make the wedding really special.

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3. Don't be pushy: No bridesmaid will take kindly to be called at 4am every other night and hearing your wedding planning woes. True friends are always willing to help your plan your dream wedding, but you have to remember that they have their own lives too. Don't be the next Bridezilla!

How did you enlist your friend's help when planning your wedding? Share below.

'Mad Men' Star Jared Harris Marries Allegra Riggio





By April Littleton

According to <u>People</u>, Jared Harris married his longtime girlfriend Allegra Riggio last Saturday in Miami. The bride tweeted a picture with her new husband with the caption "Just Married <3 #TeamHarris #Jally #MarriageEnsued." Riggio wore a strapless lace gown and angel wings.

How do you make your wedding dress unique?

Cupid's Advice:

One of the most important aspects of a wedding is the bride's dress. Should you stick to traditional and wear the classic white color or should you spice things up a little bit? Not to mention the many styles to choose from — mermaid, ball gown, etc. Cupid has some tips:

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- 1. Change up the color: When it comes to your wedding, wearing a white dress is the most traditional approach you can take. However, there's nothing wrong with adding a little color to your gown if you want to have a little more fun.
- 2. Custom made: If you really want to stand out, think about getting your dress custom made for your special day. Depending on what wedding designer you decide to hire, it could be a bit expensive so make sure you have the additional funds before you choose this option.

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3. Ditch the train: Everyone usually expects the bride to wear a long, glowing gown on their wedding day. Surprise your guests by wearing a shorter dress. A shorter style will certainly be more comfortable and the shoes you wear will stand out for all of your loved ones to see.

What are some other ways to make your wedding dress unique? Comment below.

'Modern Family' Star Julie Bowen Advocates For Son's Anaphylaxis





By Priyanka Singh

Modern Family star, Julie Bowen, recently opened up to CelebrityBabyScoop.com about her advocacy for a special cause known as anaphylaxis, which is a deadly type of allergic reaction. Bowen talked about her son's frightening experience when he had a scary "life threatening allergic reaction to peanut butter." The actress also chatted about the joys of being a mother to three rambunctious boys: 6-year-old Oliver and 4-year-old twins, John and Gus.

CBS: What are your best tips for parents in talking to their kids, making them aware and self-advocates of their anaphylaxis?

JB: "It's important to have an anaphylaxis action plan and to talk about it with your child. The plan should include avoiding allergic triggers, knowing the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis, having access to two epinephrine auto-injectors, and being prepared to respond if anaphylaxis occurs.

Talking about the topic can be empowering for a child. We talk to my son about his life-threatening allergies a lot, and as a result, he's become his own best advocate. He's six and tells everyone about his allergy to peanuts and asks if there are nuts in foods before he eats a food he doesn't recognize."

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CBS: How are your boys doing?

JB: "I have three boys, so my house is ... rowdy! They are close in age, so they really do like playing with one another, and so far, get along very well. I hope that continues. We just came out of a busy summer with lots of camps and activities, so we're settling in to new routines and a new school year."

CBS: How do you juggle your busy career and your family life?

JB: "It's a constant juggling act, and I'm just like every other mom trying to do the best I can. I have noticed that, now that the boys are a little older, they notice more when I am gone, so I try to be around as much as possible. But it's good for them to see I have a job that I love too. And I'm lucky that my work schedule is very manageable."

CBS: What is it like raising kids in Hollywood? Do the paparazzi drive you crazy?

JB: "I try not to really let it affect us too much. The kids could really care less that I am on TV. If I'm not on a cartoon, they're not interested. I'm just Mom."

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CBS: What's up next for you?

JB: "I'm really enjoying my work on *Modern Family* and the stage it's given me to bring new information to other moms. This includes my work to raise awareness of anaphylaxis with the Get Schooled in Anaphylaxis campaign as well as my work with Neutrogena next year. So, more of that and just spending as much time with my family as I can!"

For the rest of the interview, visit

www.celebritybabyscoop.com/2013/11/06/important-anaphylaxis-action.

*Sidebar photo courtesy of Celebrity Baby Scoop.

Engaged Ciara Says She May be 'Part-Bridezilla'





By April Littleton

Ciara is already preparing the details on her upcoming wedding to rapper Future. "It's going to be two parts," she told <u>People</u> at the People's Choice Awards nominations announcement last week. "We're both from Atlanta and we have so many family and friends ... it's going to be hard to get everybody in one place, so we're going to do a celebration part and a wedding."

What are some ways to keep stress out of wedding planning?

Cupid's Advice:

Wedding planning can be a fun and exciting task for a couple as well as hectic. Everyone dreams of having the "perfect" ceremony and reception and sometimes this train of thought can get in the way of realizing what's really important — marrying the love of your life. Cupid has some tips:

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- 1. Family and friends: You don't have to plan your whole wedding by yourself. If you need some additional help, ask some of your trusted loved ones to lend you a pair of extra hands. You can assign different tasks out for certain individuals to do. Does one of your friends have the perfect handwriting to do your wedding save-the-dates? Maybe your mom would be the perfect person to help with the cake. On a side note, don't stress out if they give you some advice you may not like they're just trying to help you have a perfect day.
- 2. Wedding planner: A professional wedding coordinator can be a big help if you're unsure of how things are supposed to go. However, hiring someone to help with your wedding can end up being very expensive.

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3. Just have fun with it: Planning out the details of your wedding shouldn't be stressful in the first place. This should be a fun and exciting time for you and your fiancé/fiancée. Don't agonize over the little things that won't matter once you're married. Remember, the most important part of your commitment is the marriage itself — not the reception and ceremony.

What are some other ways to keep stress out of wedding

'RHOA' Star Phaedra Parks Talks New Book and Marriage: "Remember What Made You Fall in Love"





By Kerri Sheehan

Phaedra Parks of Bravo's *The Real Housewives of Atlanta* is well acquainted with working hard and multitasking. There is seemingly nothing this mother of two can't tackle; she has a healthy relationship with her husband, and a booming law firm, The Parks Group, P.C. Parks began her association with

RHOA as the show's lawyer, but this beautiful Belle quickly went from behind the scenes to in front of the camera, joining season three as a cast member. "Now, I can say I've pretty much done everything when it comes to TV — from the licensing deals to being the on-air talent," says the starlet.

Never one to slow down, Parks is also venturing into the funeral business, working towards her mortician's license and opening up her own family-run funeral home. When asked how she into the business, it's really a s a d "Unfortunately, I got into this industry because I had a lot of great friends who passed. People would ask me to help with the funeral arrangements, and I actually became very intrigued by every aspect of the mortuary process — from picking out the makeup and dressing the body to the funeral service. I always paid a lot of attention to the preparation and all of the details." Family is a motivating factor in everything Parks does, and by opening a funeral home and crematorium in the near future, she hopes to leave a legacy for her family. "It's a very multi-dimensional industry: You've got the business portion, you've got the counseling portion, and then you've got the preparation of the body portion."

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Throughout her somewhat unusual change of direction in career, husband Apollo has been very supportive. "I think communication is key in any marriage," she candidly shares. "You need to clearly communicate how you're going to achieve your goals and how your partner will be a part of your plan." For women looking to make a similar track change in their career, Parks suggests making sure your spouse knows that they're a significant ingredient in your success. This high-powered business woman knows that it's not good practice to plunge into the unknown while dragging your hubby by the collar — having him as an equal and understanding partner in

the new undertaking will help smooth any obstacles that may pop up during the career transition.

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Given her multifaceted career path, she prides herself on being an undeniable woman of southern charm and distinction. In her new book, Secrets of the Southern Belle: How to Be Nice, Work Hard, Look Pretty, Have Fun, and Never Have an Off Moment, she gives readers an updated version of social etiquette that mixes modern living with traditional morals. "I think some of the books out there are too traditional, so I put a spin on it with texting, social networking, and other things like that."

From growing one's social circle, to strengthening one's professional life, Parks knows from experience that a little bit of etiquette goes a long way in any situation. Parks' mantra is "style is void without substance," and this sentiment echoes throughout her book as she teaches you that you don't have to be from the South to be a Southern Belle. "A Belle is anyone who's charming and graceful, who exhibits poise, and who appropriately maneuvers social settings," she explains, "You can put on stylish clothes, but if you're not wearing confidence, integrity, and class, then your outfit doesn't really matter."

A real Southern Belle herself, Parks believes little grace should be applied to every situation at hand. "Even if you feel very strongly about something, it may be best to revisit the conversation privately rather than publicly — you may be humiliating someone, which you never want to do," the author shares. "Being nice and killing people with kindness has definitely been my weapon of choice throughout my career."

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Of course, life is about more than just your job; Parks

strongly believes that her most precious time is spent with her family. As a mother of two young boys, she credits prioritizing as the key to juggling it all. Her biggest tip for other women is to take care of yourself first, and everything else will follow. "If you're at your best self, then you'll give your best. It's easier said than done — trust me!" Taking moments to focus on yourself among all of the chaos of life will help maintain your identity as a woman. She says that the old saying is true: "Happy wife, happy life!"

This strong woman has known her husband since 1995, and the two have been married for four years. Because they have a long history she says, "We can sort of anticipate what the other one is going to do, whether it's good or bad, and we try to adjust our actions accordingly." The reality starlet adds, "communicating, compromising, and negotiating keeps our marriage strong." For women struggling in their relationship, Parks shares this piece of advice: "Remember what made you fall in love with that person and know that no marriage is going to be perfect everyday. You have to realize which battles are worth fighting, which ones need to be negotiated, and which ones you allow your partner to control." Parks knows that when you're going to be with someone forever, you're not always gong to be on the same page, and that's okay.

Be sure to check out 'Secrets of a Southern Belle,' available on Amazon, and catch more of glamorous and successful Phaedra Parks on Bravo's 'The Real Housewives of Atlanta' on Sundays at 8/7c. You can also connect with her on Twitter or her website.

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Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith's Marriage is Still Going Strong Despite Cheating Rumors





By Gabby Robles

Rumors can't stop Will and Jada! Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith marriage is still going strong despite cheating rumors. According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, photos that have been released of Will Smith and <u>Focus</u> costar Margot Robbie recently led to rumors that the two were getting a little <u>too</u> close. A source claims that the pictures were all in good, clean fun and that nothing is happening between the costars. Jada Pinkett Smith had previously stated, "What is the thing that Will could do to make me not love him?… I can't think of one. I'm sorry. Except if he did something bad to the kids — now we've got a problem."

How do you keep rumors from affecting your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Unfortunately, some people seek out every reason to make a mountain out of a molehill. You have to keep your head up with a strong sense of positivity as a couple, and know that you won't let anyone knock that down from you. If you and your significant other are facing some rumors and not sure what to do about it, have no fear — Cupid is here!

- 1. Keep strong as a couple: You and your significant other can silence the rumors and not let it bother you. People might have bad things to say, but it is none of their business and definitely not their relationship! Ignore those who bring you negative energy or who want to see you fail.
- 2. Work together: Rumors can really take their toll on a situation don't let them! Talk about the situation with your significant other and make sure that you both are on the same page. Be there to listen to each other if it starts to get to you and always be each other's rock.
- 3. Keep your heads up: Don't let people bring you down. If you are both happy, you know your relationship is working out. If your relationship is flourishing and is bringing you happiness and everything you want, so don't let anyone try to knock you down.

How have you kept rumors from affecting your relationship? Share with us in the comments below!

Khloe Kardashian and Lamar Odom Celebrate His Birthday at Home





By Gabby Robles

Khloe Kardashian and Lamar Odom seem to have come back strong! According to *UsMagazine.com*, to celebrate Lamar's 34th birthday, the couple plans to spend the special evening at home, possibly with them two being the only ones on the guest list! Lamar spills, "We're unbreakable" and is very hopeful for their evening together.

What are some ways to make your partner's birthday special?

Cupid's Advice:

A birthday only comes around once a year! You want to make sure each is filled with fun and excitement, but still <u>intimate</u> and important. <u>Your boo</u> deserves the best birthday and you should be the one to make it very special. Want to plan the best birthday for <u>your man</u> but not sure how? Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Breakfast in bed: If your man's a big breakfast guy, wake up extra-early and make his favorite breakfast. Make sure it's garnished with his favorite fruit, coffee or tea, and juice! Something small like breakfast in bed versus normal breakfast at the table will sure make him feel like a king on his big day!
- 2. Homemade Surprises: Decorate the house with homemade adornments. This is a sure-way to save money and really see his "Wow!"-face. Need a gift? Make it! Homemade gifts are the best kinds. It will show him that you really put the effort in to making sure his day was a great one.
- **3. It's all about him:** Make sure his day is filled with things that he wants to do. Make a list of his favorite activities and suggest which he'd like to do today or ask what he wants to do. Giving him the option will really make him feelspecial.

What were some ways that you have made your partner's birthday special? Share with us in the comments below!