

Carson Daly is Engaged to Longtime Girlfriend Siri Pinter



By April Littleton

A source revealed to UsMagazine.com that Carson Daly is engaged to his girlfriend of six years, Siri Pinter. Daly and Pinter have two children together, son Jack, 3 and daughter Etta Jones, 13 months.

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

Cupid's Advice:

The decision to marry someone is probably the biggest one you'll ever make. You might be ready to marry your significant other, but there are a few things you need to consider before accepting a proposal. Cupid has some tips:

1. On the same page: You and your partner want the same things in life. You've talked about your future together and it's obvious you have similar goals. The two of you have already agreed on where you'll live, how many kids you want and how long the engagement will actually be. You don't have to agree with your significant other on everything. After all, you'll have your whole lives together to figure things out, but it's good to be on the same page with the important aspects of your life.

2. No secrets: You know everything there is to know about your honey and vice versa. Having an open line of communication is always a plus in a long-term relationship and it's the key to a lasting marriage.

3. You just know: When you've been with another person long enough and you're genuinely in love with them, it's only fitting for you to be thinking about the next step in your relationship. You know you have a strong connection with your partner and you can't see yourself with anyone else. If you're confident in your decision to get married, then go for it and good luck!

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

Halle Berry and Olivier Martinez Welcome a Baby Boy



By April Littleton

Halle Berry and her husband, Olivier Martinez welcomed a baby boy Saturday. It is the second child for the Oscar winner. A source at the hospital told [People](#), "Olivier hasn't left Halle's side. Nahla visited her baby brother earlier today. The baby was born in in Cedars Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

What are some ways to decide whether to have another child?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes deciding on whether or not you should have another child can be harder than it was the first time around. You're not just talking about creating a new life, you're about to change your entire family dynamic. Cupid has some tips:

1. Finances: Will you be able to afford another baby? If you help provide the household funds, think about if you can manage to take the needed time off. You'll have to buy everything in twos or threes now. Adding another child can put a strain on your finances, so be sure you're ready for the challenge.

2. Siblings: How old are the children you already have? Are they old enough to understand what will happen? If not, they might act out when your attention is drawn to the new baby. It's not just you and your partner who need to be prepared for a new family member, but the kids you're in the process of raising need a heads up as well.

3. You've discussed it: Obviously, you need to let your partner know about your baby fever before you stop taking birth control. Your significant other might be able to think more rationally than you about the situation, especially if you're not really in a good place for another child. Let them know your thoughts and see what they have to say.

How did you decide to have another child? Share your experience below.

Kate Gosselin Says She Has

Pity for Ex-Husband Jon



By Gabriela Robles

Over three years ago, Kate Gosselin and Jon Gosselin's marriage untangled and left a bitter taste in the ex-couples mouths. The two were most known for their TLC hit, *Jon and Kate Plus Eight*, but now that program seems to be ancient history. According to UsMagazine.com when Kate went on Bethenny Frankel's talk show, she was asked if she still was in love with Jon, to which Kate responded, "Somebody once told me that if you feel sadness and empathy and pity for someone the root of that is love. I feel like the person that I married nearly overnight was not that person anymore."

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

Cupid's Advice:

When you end things on bad terms, it doesn't necessarily mean that you won't ever see them again. You have to keep yourselves somewhat composed and realize that you've both changed and aren't going in the same direction. Cupid has some advice to how to keep things civil if you are faced with the mention of your ex:

1. Keep calm, cool, and collected: Remember that you are different. Some time has passed and you're put in a situation where your ex is either in front of you or someone brings him up. Instead of getting upset or angry, take a deep breath. Don't let old feelings bother you.

2. Look at the big picture: You have to keep your mind in check that you're different from where you were. There are bigger things in your life than what happened with your ex – better things. Keep things in perspective and you'll be happy you did.

3. Let it go: Releasing your own harsh feelings from your ex will not only make you feel better emotionally, but it'll take a huge weight off your shoulders. You'll feel more comfortable when he's in sight and you'll feel freer when he's out of sight.

What are some ways you kept things civil with your ex? Share with us in the comments below.

Kaley Cuoco Admits Surprise

Engagement Seems 'a Little Crazy'



By April Littleton

A few days after UsMagazine.com broke the news of Kaley Cuoco's engagement, the *Big Bang Theory* actress admitted that the proposal even shocked her. "He surprised me at the end of the night... [when] he popped the ring out. It was amazing," she told *Entertainment Tonight*. Cuoco and boyfriend, Ryan Sweeting have been dating for three months.

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

Cupid's Advice:

You've been planning out all of the details of your wedding since you were young, and now you've finally found someone who could possibly be the one you spend the rest of your life with. How do you know if it's really the right time for marriage? Cupid has some tips:

1. You just know: Sometimes you just know when someone is the right one for you. You're in love, have a great relationship and can't see yourself with anyone else. Some of your friends and family might not understand your decision to get married, but once they see the love between you and your partner as you walk down the aisle, they'll be more than OK with how things played out.

2. Time: You don't need to rush to get married. You and your significant other should think long and hard about the possibility of a future wedding and both of you need to agree that it's the right move to make. Remember, the importance of a marriage isn't about the wedding itself, it's about staying married to the same person for the rest of your life. Make sure you're ready for that.

3. Friends: If you're still unsure if you're doing what's best, talk to some of your friends. They can see your relationship from a different perspective than you can. How do they feel about your partner? Do they see it lasting long-term? Take their opinions and concerns to heart when you're making a final decision.

How did you know when you were ready to tie the knot? Share your experience below.

Ryan Anderson Breaks Down Over Gia Allemand's Suicide



By April Littleton

According to [People](#), Ryan Anderson broke down in tears when he discussed how he was dealing with the death of his late girlfriend, Gia Allemand. The New Orleans Pelican forward was the one who found her in her apartment August 12 after she hanged herself. "Every day is a challenge. It helps to be here. My family's with me. To be here with my teammates really helps a lot, but it's a roller-coaster," he said.

What are some ways to cope with heartbreak?

Cupid's Advice:

When your heart gets broken it seems like nothing will help ease the pain. It's natural to feel this way, but as time goes on, you'll notice that you're starting to smile more often. You might be even laughing a bit more than usual too. It takes time to get over something tragic. Cupid has some tips:

1. Spend time with loved ones: Have your family and friends around more often while you're going through the grieving process. Your loved ones will show you how loved and appreciated you are and all of that positive energy will be good for your state of mind. You'll have people around you who you trust and if you ever feel like venting they'll be right there to lend a listening ear.

2. Keep busy: Get right back to doing your everyday activities. Continue to go to work and pick up a new hobby or two. Staying busy will help keep your mind off of the things that are keeping you down for awhile.

3. Remind yourself that things will get better: When you're feeling down on yourself, just keep in mind that there will be better days ahead. Time heals everything – you just have to be patient. Some days will be better than others, but eventually, you'll wake up one morning feeling like your old self again.

What are some other ways to cope with heartbreak? Comment below.

Katy Perry Opens Up About

Divorce from Russell Brand



By Kerri Sheehan

Barbara Walters should never be kept waiting. Pop princess Katy Perry learned that the hard way when she was running late for their December 2011 interview. At the time the 'Roar' singer was going through an extremely rough time in her life. UsMagazine.com reported that the 'Firework' star dished to Billboard in a new interview, "I shouldn't have done the interview: I was playing Madison Square Garden that same night, and I knew that the end of my marriage (to comedian Russell Brand) was coming." After the divorce Perry found herself depressed and fighting off suicidal thoughts. Perry is now worlds away from where she was two years ago. She has been enjoying her life with boyfriend and singer John Mayer. Perry

gushed over her new beau saying, “”He literally is a genius, as is evident from his songwriting!”

What are some ways to cope with a fresh breakup or divorce?

Cupid's Advice:

Breakups suck! Let Cupid help guide you through the rough waters:

1. Girl's night: Nothing makes a girl feel as good as a night spent with her closest friends. They can help you make sense of all the emotions you're feeling post breakup and be your rock when you feel weak. Invite your girlies over for a fun night and don't forget the ice cream and chick flicks!

2. Clear out: Get a big shoebox and fill it with anything that reminds you of your ex. Not having these items in plain view will keep your mind from wandering back to your former fling.

3. Move on: This point may take a while to get to, but it's so important to get back into the dating game as soon as you feel ready. Seeing what other guys are out there won't keep your longing for your ex.

How do you cope with breakups? Share below.

Teresa and Joe Giudice Say 'We Have Never Lived Beyond Our Means'



By Kerri Sheehan

Teresa and Joe Giudice have finally broken their silence after last month's fraud indictment left them facing fifty years in jail. The *Real Housewives of New Jersey* couple opened up to Andy Cohen on Sunday night's episode of *Watch What Happens Live*. The Giudice's are being accused of lying about multiple income sources, bankruptcy fraud, and bank fraud. [People](#) reported that Joe, 43, defended his family's spending saying, "We have never lived beyond our means. Whatever I could afford to buy I would buy. We work hard, so what, we are allowed to make money. It's part of what we do, I'm a businessman and I make money." The couple will appear on the next *Housewives* reunion on October 6th.

How do you keep money issues from causing drama in your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Money problems can drive a hole in any relationship. Let Cupid help you stick together in rough times:

1. Stick together: When it comes to finances you and your hubby are in this together. If you come across any financial problems you should work through them together rather than placing the load on one person's shoulders.

2. Keep track: The easiest way to keep money issues from causing drama in your relationship is not to have money issues at all! Watch closely where your money is going so you know whether or not you can cut costs in certain areas. This will keep you and your partner from falling into a financial hole

3. Find free fun: It's likely most of your fun activities cost a lot of money. Finding way to have fun without breaking the bank will help you save money in the long-term.

How do you keep money issues from causing drama in your relationship? Share below.

Kristin Cavallari Says Baby Before Marriage 'Worked for Us'





By April Littleton

According to [People](#), the former *The Hills* star is perfectly happy with the way her life turned out. Cavallari found out she was pregnant right after she announced her re-engagement to Jay Cutler. “We definitely weren’t ready to get married then and so we put everything on hold and we ended up having the baby before. I think that when we did get married, we were absolutely ready,” she said. The happily married couple are now parents to son Camden Jack, 13 months and tied the knot in June.

How do you decide when you’re ready for children?

Cupid’s Advice:

Parenthood is one of life’s greatest joys, but you have to be 100 percent ready for it. Are you and your partner thinking about expanding your family? Cupid has some tips:

1. In a good place: If you and your significant other can provide a stable living environment and you can afford to add

another person into the mix, then go for it! Babies are expensive. Wait a little while longer if you're not sure if you're financially ready to keep up with the demands of a newborn. Make sure things are going well between you and your honey as well. You don't want to bring an innocent child into this world when there's obvious tension or unresolved problems between the two of you.

2. Talk it out: The only sure way of knowing if you're ready to have children or not is by talking it over with your companion. It takes two people to make a baby, so both parties involved need to be sure it's what they want. If one of you even has the slightest hesitation, then hold off on baby plans and revisit the idea in a few months when you and your partner have had more time to think.

3. Sacrifice: Taking care of another human being requires a lot of sacrifice. Certain aspects of your life will have to change if you plan on being a parent. You can forget about going to late-night parties during the first few years of raising your child. The money you saved up for those brand new shoes you had your eye on at the mall will have to go toward a pack of diapers. It may seem like a lot to give up, but if you're really invested in being someone's parent – it'll be worth it.

How did you decide you were ready to have children? Share your experience below.

Richard Gere and Carey Lowell

Call It Quits



By Gabriela Robles

Richard Gere and Carey Lowell have called it quits after 11 years of marriage. According to [People](#), the two have been living separately lately, with Gere living in Bedford, N.Y., and Lowell in North Haven, N.Y. They were last seen in public together at a fundraiser in New York City in June.

What are some ways to tell it's time to go your separate ways?

Cupid's Advice:

You haven't felt the same lately. You want to spend more time alone than together. You're unsure about your relationship and

now you don't know what to do. Is it time to end things? Cupid can help you through this decision:

1. Reflect on what your daily plan is: Do you guys have some couple-time, or are you always alone? Do you prefer spending time alone or with friends than with your partner? If so, you might be ready to end the relationship. It's possible that you're just in a rut, but if it's been going on for more than a few months, then it's likely that you're both feeling the same thing.

2. Think about how you feel: Ask yourself, are you still having fun? Is he still the love of your life? Do you still enjoy being around him? No matter how long you've been together, you want to always enjoy each other – even when you're in an argument. If that feeling's gone, then there might not be anything there anymore.

3. Talk about it: Ask him how he feels. Does he think it's something you guys can work out? If you both believe you can work on it, don't leave. But if not, then it's probably time to make an exit. You always have to be on the same page and have to figure out what you both want. If it doesn't match up, then it might not be the right relationship.

How do you know when to separate? Share in the comments below!

Tennis Star Novak Djokovic Is Engaged to Longtime

Girlfriend



By Gabriela Robles

According to [People](#), Serbian champion tennis player Novak Djokovic is engaged to his long-term, high-school sweetheart, Jelena Ristic. The two met in high school in Belgrade and have been together ever since. Over the weekend in Monte Carlo, tennis star proposed to his girlfriend of eight years.

How do you know when you're ready to get married?

Cupid's Advice:

When you're in a serious relationship, most likely there's a chance for marriage to come along, but how do you know when you're ready? Sometimes it seems like there's a period where

everyone around you is getting married – except you. Other times, you're not sure if you want to get married to this person you've been with, even though you love them. So how can you be sure you're ready to tie the knot? Cupid has some suggestions:

1. Talk about it: One of the main rules in a relationship is to keep the lines of communication open. Whether you want to get married, or are not sure of it, talk about it. Make sure your relationship is going in the direction that you want it to. You have to both be on the same page or else you'll wind up where you don't want to be. One day, when the time is right – tell your partner how you feel about it. Talking about it is the number one step to figuring out if you're both ready.

2. Think about it with yourself: Take some time to think about it. When you go to weddings, do you wish it were you walking down the aisle? Do you watch *Say Yes to the Dress* every chance you get and know exactly what you want to wear on your wedding day? Do you see your partner in it with you? If so, then you're probably interested in marriage with him. You need to figure out internally if this is what you want.

3. Be realistic about it: You can't just run away and get married and everything will be perfect – even elopement doesn't result in a perfect marriage. You need to evaluate it realistically. You need to look at boring, less-mushy things such as financial situations, housing situations, family involvement, etc. If these things aren't figured out and you're just jumping into something that you haven't really thought through, you might regret it – which is the last thing you want to do with something like a marriage.

How did you know when you were ready? Tell us in the comments below!

Hollywood Couples that Went from Reel to Real



By April Littleton

It doesn't take much for two celebrities to hit it off while they're practicing lines together on the set of their new film or while shooting some improv on the latest hit television show. Many of us wonder what it would be like to see some of our favorite onscreen couples create a celebrity love story in real life. Well, brace yourself! Cupid has a list of [Hollywood couples](#) who took their romance off-camera:

Celebrity Love Stories That Began On-Screen

1. Liam Hemsworth and Miley Cyrus: Although Miley Cyrus isn't necessarily singing Liam Hemsworth's praise with her newly-dropped single *Wrecking Ball*, who can forget the celebrity love story that unraveled when the two first met? During the production of the film *The Last Song*, the pop star began dating her Australian co-worker. She even went as far as to call him her "first serious boyfriend." However, the celebrity couple had a rocky relationship from the start. The duo broke up twice before announcing their celebrity engagement in June 2012. Three times wasn't the charm in this case either: The pair recently called off their relationship for good.

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2. Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan-Tatum: It was love at first sight when Channing Tatum met his celebrity love on the set of the 2006 flick, *Step Up*. After the film wrapped, the pair began dating. Two years later, the famous couple got engaged in Maui, Hawaii, and they married on July 11, 2009 at Church Estates Vineyards in Malibu, California. The lovebirds recently added a new addition to their family, a baby girl named Everly Elizabeth Maiselle who was born on May 31st of this year.

3. Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis: It shouldn't be a shock to anyone that former *That 70's show* co-stars Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher are finally an item. After all, he was her first kiss. In 2001, Kunis admitted to *People* that she took a liking to Kutcher the moment she saw him. "I was like, 'Oh, he's so cute, it's the Calvin Klein model!' ... Then I was like, 'I have to kiss him?' I was so nervous and uncomfortable. I had the biggest crush on him." More than a decade has passed since that on-screen kiss, and the Hollywood couple have been

dating for over a year now.

4. Eva Mendes and Ryan Gosling: Eva Mendes and *The Notebook* actor met while filming *The Place Beyond the Pines*. Although the couple keeps their celebrity relationship tightly under wraps, Mendes did speak briefly to *The Edit* about her boyfriend of two years. “I literally lose my ability to speak... I live in a very protective kind of bubble that I’ve created for myself.”

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5. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie: The chemistry between these two was hot on and off the set of their movie *Mr. and Mrs. Smith*. Although Brad Pitt was still married to Jennifer Aniston during the filming of the 2005 box office hit, the *Lara Croft: Tomb Raider* actress later admitted that the two “fell in love” on the set. In January 2006, she confirmed to *People* that she was pregnant with Pitt’s first child. After a seven-year celebrity relationship together, Brangelina announced their engagement April 2012.

Who are some other Hollywood couples who turned their on-screen love into the real thing? Comment below.

Are Penn Badgley and Zoe Kravitz Back Together?





By April Littleton

The romance may still be alive for Penn Badgley and Zoe Kravitz. The couple, who called it quits this past June, seemed to work things out during a romantic getaway to Rome, Italy Sunday, September 22.

They broke up because of schedules but they had a moment to reconnect and those feelings are still there. We'll see," a source close to the *After Earth* actress told UsMagazine.com.

How do you balance your career with your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

It can be tough to make a relationship work when both individuals involved have busy careers. How can you maintain a healthy romance while still keeping up with your job? Cupid has a few tips for you:

1. Make time for each other: The only way your relationship will thrive is if you spend time together. It's that simple. Even if that means penciling each other into your schedules,

make it a point to do something together. Have dinner with each other. Go see a matinee movie once a week. Do something together that both of you will enjoy doing.

2. Support each other: When your partner comes home from a long day's work, ask them about their day. This may not seem like much, but showing some interest in your significant other's job will work in your favor. If you show you care, they'll be sure to reciprocate those feelings toward your career.

3. Make some rules: Setting up boundaries will make situations a little more easier to handle. If you're living with your honey, set up a chore chart. You take out the trash one week, while your partner handles the dishes. Turn off cellphones after 8:00 p.m. for family time and make sure to have at least one day off together.

How do you balance your career with your love life? Share your experience below.

Michael Douglas Says He and Catherine Zeta-Jones Are 'Working Things Out'





By April Littleton

Michael Douglas' separation from wife Catherine Zeta-Jones was announced in August, but Sunday he told [People](#), "We're working things out, talking and we'll see how she goes." Douglas won an Emmy for lead actor in the movie *Behind the Candelabra*. On stage, he said, "I want to thank my wife, Catherine, for her support."

What are some ways to work on your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Every once in a while, your relationship will hit a bump in the road. It's normal to be at odds with your partner at times. It's how you try to make it work that matters in the end. Don't give up at the first sign of trouble. You and your significant other need to be fully invested in what you have if you want to make romance last. Cupid is here to help:

1. Agree to disagree: Don't threaten to break up with your honey every time you have a fight. Breaking up won't solve

anything, especially if the argument is over something silly. Try to solve your disagreements peacefully and move on from it.

2. Bring the romance back: Spend some much needed time together. Plan out a special date, but don't tell your partner any of the details. Doing something unexpected for your boo will reignite the spark that might have fizzled out a bit. Compliment each other over a candlelight dinner and end the night with a romantic bubble bath. By the end of it all, you'll feel like you're getting to know each other all over again.

3. Don't overshare: When you're in a fight with your significant other, the first thing you want to do is run to your friends and tell them everything that's going on. It's OK to want to confide in someone, but this won't help with your relationship. What's going between the two of you, should stay private. To avoid making the situation worse, don't involve anyone else in your private life.

What are some other ways to work on your relationship? Comment below.

Celebrity Athletes and the Women Behind Them





By Ashley DelBello

It's no surprise that relationships are work, but when your beau is a well-known athlete it takes a special kind of woman to be able to date them and handle the added pressures that come with being in the spotlight. What gives them that extra strength? Cupid takes a look at a few celebrity athletes and their partners:

Lamar Odom and Khloe Kardashian: It couldn't be a worse time for this couple. Lamar is said to be battling a drug addiction and Khloe appears to be trying to stay strong coming off of their four-year anniversary. While Khloe is no stranger to the spotlight and her way of handling it has been somewhat controversial with her cryptic posts on Instagram and Twitter, Khloe has been adamant that she wants Lamar to get better and will not make a decision about her marriage until after the current season of *Keeping Up with the Kardashians* has stopped filming – allowing her sufficient time to keep her personal life off camera as much as possible.

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David Beckham and Victoria Beckham: Just about every woman in the world is in love with David Beckham, so how does former Spice Girl Victoria keep her cool knowing many women want her man? She became just as successful as her husband. She learned how to deal with the pressures of being a mom of four, a former pop star and she has her own clothing line. This power couple seems to have nothing to worry about.

Andy Roddick and Brooklyn Decker: While they married young and she's just as busy if not busier than him these days, supermodel-turned actress Brooklyn Decker was very much supportive of Andy and his career – even tearing up at the end of his last match. Andy also returns the favor as Brooklyn has openly discussed how being married to him gives her a new appreciation for her body. Speaking to *Women's Health* Brooklyn said: "He's taught me that it's not how thin you are that matters. It's how your body performs, how it endures wear and tear."

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To date an athlete with superstar status, women need to be secure and have their own life, but they also need to know how and when to be supportive when those traits are reciprocated from their partner – qualities that are good for any healthy relationship, whether your other half is a David Beckham or not.

What other qualities do women dating super star athletes need to have? Comment below.

Jane Lynch Says Losing Cory Monteith Has 'Just Been Brutal' for Lea Michele



By April Littleton

The cast of *Glee* are still grieving the loss of Cory Monteith and it comes to no surprise that Lea Michele is taking it the hardest. "I know it's just been brutal for her," Jane Lynch told [People](#) at the Gallo Family Vineyards and Ciroq-sponsored event. "I never lost a boyfriend when I was 26-years-old. I can't tell her what her experience is. She's a champion, and a rock star, and she is getting through this." *Glee* is set to air a special episode next month to pay tribute to Monteith, who played Finn Hudson on the show.

What are some ways to cope with losing your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Coping with a death of a loved one is very difficult. It'll take some time to fully mourn the loss of someone who was once such a huge part of your life. Everyone deals with situations like this differently. While some people find venting and crying on the shoulders of friends and family to be helpful, others feel the need to lash out. It's important to find healthy ways to cope. Cupid has some tips:

Find a creative outlet: Take all of the negatives emotions you feel over the situation and turn it into a form of art. Start painting, drawing or even write down your feelings in a journal. If you're a fan of poetry, this may be an opportunity to try your hand at some stanzas yourself. This might not be the best time for arts and crafts, but it's a lot better than falling into bad habits that could cause you to go into deep depression.

Stay active: Maintain healthy eating habits and keep yourself involved in your family and friend's lives. Individuals dealing with loss tend to isolate themselves, but doing so will only make getting over your loss harder. Continue to do the daily activities you did before the incident. Go back to work even if it's only part-time and consult with someone you trust if you feel like you need someone to talk to.

Funeral preparations: Helping out with the funeral plans can help you get the closure you need. It'll be a chance for you to say your final goodbyes and fully accept what happened. Dealing with the funeral will be challenging, but you'll get through it.

What are some other ways to cope with losing a partner?
Comment below.

'Saturday Night Live' Alum Andy Samberg Marries Joanna Newsom



By April Littleton

A rep for the *SNL* alum Andy Samberg confirmed to [People](#) that he married singer-songwriter Joanna Newsom, Saturday, in Big Sur at the Post Ranch Inn. The couple dated for five years before getting engaged in February. When asked if the two would ever collaborate together, Samberg told [Glamour](#), "We've talked about it. But we've decided ultimately that her fans

would probably murder me in my sleep. What she does is so, like, actually beautiful and important.”

How do you decide how long of an engagement to have?

Cupid's Advice:

Many couples start to plan the details of their wedding right after they decide to get engaged. While there's nothing wrong with starting to prepare for your special day, this is also the time to just live in the moment with the one you've chosen to love forever. Cupid is here to help:

1. Talk to your partner: Once you get over the initial excitement of being engaged, you should sit down and talk to your significant other about when they envision getting married. You might want to tie the knot as soon as possible, while your honey wants to enjoy the engagement for awhile. There's nothing wrong with waiting to make plans, but compromise if you have to.

2. Big or small wedding: How long your engagement is will depend on how long it takes to prepare for your wedding. If you're dreaming of something extravagant, it's going to take some time to put all of your ideas in place. Keeping your special day small and simple with just a few friends and family members would be the best thing to do if you don't plan on being engaged for longer than six months.

3. Road blocks: There's no rush to get married, especially if you or your partner have other priorities. For example, your love just started a new job and you're in your last semester of school. Tie off any loose ends before jumping over the broom. You can get your life started together without saying 'I do.'

How did you decide how long your engagement was? Comment below.

Robyn Lively Recreated 'Teen Witch' Dance at Blake Lively's Wedding



By Gabriela Robles

Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds's secret wedding on September 9, 2012 was full of surprises and shockers. What could be so surprising at a secret wedding, you might ask? According to UsMagazine.com Robyn Lively, Blake's older sister best known for being the lead in *Teen Witch*, a 1989 teen comedy-fantasy, added some '80s fun for the wedding: The *Teen Witch* dance!

What are some surprise elements you can add to your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

You want your wedding to be special, something that people will remember. But sometimes everyone has the same idea as to what "unique" is. So how can you make your big day kick butt in the unforgettable department? Cupid has some ideas for you:

1. Get some inspiration: It doesn't hurt to use Google or Pinterest for this. You might want to see what some other people accomplished at their wedding to get some ideas. Just make sure you put your own spin on things – you don't want to take the exact idea from another wedding!

2. Make sure it represents the both of you: Just because you think it'll "wow" the crowd, doesn't mean you should necessarily do it. You want to make sure that this symbolizes something has to do with the both of you as a couple. Brainstorm some ideas together and you'll definitely come up with something that is "so you guys."

3. Ask some family and friends for help: You might want something that requires more than two people. Sometimes this makes things even more fun! If you have an idea but aren't sure how to put it to action – ask for help. Making it a group project can sometimes bring the excitement even more!

What are some ways that you added surprise elements into your wedding? Tell us in the comments below!

Julie Benz on Her Marriage: “We Put Our Relationship First Even If That Means Turning Down Work”



By Kerri Sheehan

Unlike many performers, 41-year-old Julie Benz didn't have dreams of appearing on the big screen. In fact, she began her career as a competitive figure skater and didn't consider acting until an injury forced her off the ice. You may recognize her as Darla, the vampire from the television shows *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and the popular spin-off *Angel*, or Rita, the wife of the title character on *Dexter*. Expanding her

resume, she'll next be playing mother Stevie Parker in Lifetime's *Taken: The Search for Sophie Parker*, which premieres tomorrow night at 8 p.m. ET. Benz describes her character as "a tough NYPD detective who has to work against the clock to save her daughter and her daughter's friend from the Russian Mafia and sexual slavery ring."

The bubbly blonde was drawn to the role for a number of reasons. "The issue of human trafficking and violence against women is important to me," she shares. "And the script features a woman in power instead of a woman in peril."

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Given these two factors, that actress had to prepare for such a demanding job. "The role required a lot of physical strength and stamina from me." On an emotional level, Benz had the "honor of speaking to a woman who had been abducted, sold into sex slavery, and rescued by her family when she was a teen," which helped to personalize the story for her. Thanks to her diligence, she truly understands the actions taken by her character. "If I had a daughter and if she was kidnapped, I'd do whatever was in my power to find her. I just hope I'm never put in the position to find out what extremes I would go to."

While Benz is not yet a mother herself, she is a newlywed: The Pittsburgh native married Rich Orosco in May 2012. They both work in the entertainment industry, so hectic schedules and travel often keep the couple in different cities. "We never go more than two weeks without seeing each other. We Skype every day that we're apart," Benz says. "Our careers are busy, but we put our relationship first even if that means turning down work."

The couple was originally fixed up by a friend "just to have fun," and neither of them were looking for a commitment, but as Benz says, "That's why I think it worked." They got the chance to know each other without the pressure of questioning

where they wanted their relationship to go. “Just spending time together was – and still is – the best!”

There was, of course, a turning point in their coupledness. Her husband knew she was a keeper when he tasted her cooking. “My husband claims that he knew I was The One when I made him my chicken wings. We now refer to them as my ‘marry me chicken wings!’”

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Benz first married at the age of 22 and divorced her ex-husband after 13 years together. “Dating in your mid-30’s is tricky, especially in Los Angeles,” she says of learning to date as an adult. “Plus, I hadn’t dated in over a decade. I’m blessed that I have a great group of female friends that helped me navigate the dangerous waters of finding love.”

For other women looking to get back into the dating game, the actress believes that “second chances are a gift, and they should be treated that way. Do the work on yourself after your divorce, so you don’t end up making the same mistakes again.”

For more on Benz, you can follow her on Twitter @juliebenz. Be sure to catch her in Taken: The Search for Sophie Parker on Lifetime on Saturday, September 21st at 8 p.m. ET. You can also see her in the new season of the sci-fi show Defiance.

Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth: The Wedding is Off



By April Littleton

According to [People](#), reps confirmed Monday that the once happy couple called off their engagement. Their relationship has been rocky since earlier this year, with matters only getting worse following Cyrus' raunchy VMA performance. Over the weekend, the "Wrecking Ball" singer unfollowed Hemsworth on Twitter.

How do you know when to call off your engagement?

Cupid's Advice:

Everyone dreams of a fairytale wedding and a picture perfect romance, but real relationships almost never work out that way. Having a lifelong partner takes commitment and dedication. You'll fight, break up and make up countless

times. How do you know the person you're with is really the one for you? You might be in a rush to get married for all the wrong reasons. Cupid has some advice:

1. Constant fighting: Arguments are common in any relationship, but if that's all you and your significant other seem to be doing lately, then there might be bigger problems that need to be dealt with. Communication is the key to a successful marriage. You can't expect yours to work if the two of you can't seem to talk out your differences without a shouting match erupting.

2. Loss of interest: While it's healthy to spend some time alone or with a group of friends, it's a bad sign if you choose to avoid seeing your partner altogether. If you have no desire to be around your honey, why are you even considering spending the rest of your life with him/her? Reevaluate what's left of your relationship and call off the engagement.

3. No trust: Signs of infidelity in a relationship will cause both partners to lose trust in one another, even if only one person was caught in the act. A couple can't flourish if one person fails to be completely open and honest with the other.

Have you called off an engagement? Share your experience below.

Celebrity Couple Predictions: Paula Patton, Miley Cyrus and

Catherine Zeta-Jones



By [Shoshi](#)

For this week's celebrity couple predictions, I want to consider three duos who have been plagued with breakup rumors – some of which have been confirmed.

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Paula Patton and Robin Thicke: These two have been one of the most interesting couples to watch lately – who knew they could be so entertaining? Fans have been waiting for Patton to get upset with her husband for being racy with Miley Cyrus on stage at MTV's Video Music Awards.

From a clairvoyant point of view, they are a couple with a lot of layers. Thicke was recently quoted as saying that his marriage was “the most dysfunctional functional relationship in Hollywood.” That’s actually a fair assessment; the thing that keeps them solid is trust.

The famous pair are doing quite well in their relationship despite all of the shenanigans. The actress doesn’t freak out when he checks out another woman, and she knows, at the end of the day, Thicke is coming home to her. Don’t expect any separation or divorce headlines. In fact, in less than a year, they’ll be pregnant again.

Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth: Speaking of Cyrus, it’s no surprise that her rep confirmed her engagement was over on Monday. As recent as last weekend, she stopped following her alleged beau on Twitter, but this relationship hit “hot mess status” months ago. Hemsworth tried to hang in there, and it’s time for him to officially move on.

When looking at their energy, what kept these two together was sex; they weren’t destined for anything more than hot nooky. The pop star’s energy is all over the place, and she isn’t focused on love, which will make it difficult for anyone trying to have a serious relationship with her.

As for what’s next for these two, Cyrus will have a few flings. Once she’s finished trying to be the next Lady Gaga with a splash of Madonna from the 80s, she’ll be ready for a relationship that has meaning. Hemsworth, on the other hand, will end up with a dark-haired actress on his arm.

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Catherine Zeta-Jones and Michael Douglas: When it was announced that this married pair separated, the only surprise was that it hadn’t happened years ago. Their 13-year marriage lasted longer than most people predicted, as many critics gave

it only 5 years. There are many theories on why their relationship fell apart, but it's all speculation; instead of paying attention to the tabloids, I decided to take an in-depth look at their love. I have no doubt that they'll divorce. The actress is a bit lost at the moment; it's important to note that her bipolar disorder is not that main cause for her detachment in their relationship. She is seeking something that she's not getting in her marriage.

They signed a pre-nup when they first got hitched, but the brunette beauty will want a different settlement. Let's just say she thinks that she deserves more money. After a lot of nasty back-and-forth, Douglas will give her what she wants to get rid of her.

After the smoke clears and they're divorced, Zeta-Jones will end up with someone younger who will help her learn to live again. She is known for having an appetite for older men, so this will be new ground for her. Expect her to become known as a full-fledged cougar. Douglas will be fine, as he has a new outlook on life. If he does look for love again, it'll be with someone closer to his age.

For more information on Shoshi, click [here](#).

Zoe Saldana Hides Wedding Ring at First Event Since Marriage



By Kerri Sheehan

Zoe's keeping the ring hidden! Thirty-five year old actress, Zoe Saldana came out this weekend for her first official appearance since her secret wedding to Marco Perego in June. While walking the red carpet at the Longchamp Store Opening in London, England the *Star Trek: Into Darkness* actress kept her ring finger tucked into her pocket. Saldana still has yet to announce the marriage. A source revealed to UsMagazine.com, "She wanted to be with someone who doesn't care about public perception. She wanted a real man."

How do you know your partner is with you for the right reasons?

Cupid's Advice:

Some people go into a relationship for the wrong reasons. Let Cupid help you decide if your lover is with you for the right reasons.

1. They don't freeload: A relationship should always be give and take on both ends. When that formula is set off balance then it becomes one person taking and the other giving all they have. If you feel you and your partner heading down this path then talk to them and figure out why it is happening.

2. Money isn't an issue: Many people go through financial troubles at some point in their life, but if it seems like your significant other is using up all of your funds then that may be a sign that you should kick them to the curb. Don't let someone take advantage of you just because they call you pretty and hold your hand.

3. You feel loved: Love is a powerful feeling so if your partner is faking it then you'll probably be able to tell to some extent. Don't ignore the signs and be sure to listen to your heart.

How did you know your partner was the one? Share below.

LeBron James Marries Longtime Girlfriend Savannah Brinson





By Kerri Sheehan

Basketball star LeBron James is officially off the market! The NBA player tied the knot with high school sweetheart Savannah Brinson on Saturday at the Grand Del Mar resort in San Diego in front of hundreds of guests. James popped the question at a New Years Eve party in 2011, but the couple already has two children together, LeBron Jr, 8, and Bryce, 5. According to [People](#) James said, "A person like myself always needs a great sidekick and a person you can rely on no matter the circumstances. And she's that. She's got my back and I love her for that."

How do you know when you're ready to get married?

Cupid's Advice:

No matter how long a relationship has lasted so far, marriage is a huge leap. Let Cupid help you decide if you're ready for the commitment:

1. You've been around the block: This isn't to say that you

should have pounced on every guy you saw, but having a few solid relationships will help you figure out what you want in a man. Dating around a bit will allow you to learn about yourself so when think you've found "The One" you can be sure of it.

2. Friends and family approve: While you do have the final say about a guy, your inner circle's opinion does matter. It's true that you can't please everyone, but if a vast majority of your confidants don't approve of the relationship then there has to be a reason why.

3. He's your best friend: Friendship is just as important to a relationship as love is. Marriage is about bringing two halves together to become one beautiful whole, so having a base of friendship will increase the bond between the two parties.

Do you agree with Cupid? Share below.

Christina Milian Doesn't Deny or Confirm Engagement to Jas Prince





By April Littleton

Sources told [People](#) that Christina Milian is engaged to her longtime boyfriend, Jas Prince, but she's neither denying or confirming the news. "I'm definitely in love with someone," she said. "I'm in a very happy relationship, a very stable relationship, which is great and he's very supportive."

What are some ways to keep your engagement under wraps?

Cupid's Advice:

You're engaged, but you're not ready to share the exciting news just yet. How do you keep something as big as an engagement a secret from all of your loved ones? Cupid has some advice:

1. No rings: Hold off on wearing an engagement ring until you're ready to spill the beans to your family and friends. Rings are a clear giveaway to what you and your partner have in store, so if you want to keep the curiosity at a minimum, wear a new necklace or a bracelet instead.

2. Don't tell your best friend: This might be a tough one for you, but if you really want to keep the details of your engagement to yourself for a little while longer you need to avoid telling your best friend. If you tell one person, you'll end up telling another. Even your best friend might accidentally spill your secret to someone if they're not aware that you want to keep it private. To avoid any unnecessary drama, just keep it to yourself until you're ready for everyone to find out.

3. Avoid any wedding talk: Your friends and family will get suspicious if you're constantly talking about weddings or if your place is cluttered with bridal magazines. Don't contemplate over bridesmaids dresses or what kind of topper you want on your wedding cake in front of your loved ones unless you want them to find out about your engagement sooner rather than later.

What are some other ways to keep your engagement under wraps? Comment below.

Holly Madison Says 'It Feels Wonderful' to Be Married





By April Littleton

According to [People](#), Holly Madison is in love with the married life even though her marriage is less than a week old. “Feels wonderful to finally be married,” she tweeted Saturday, along with pictures of her husband, Pasquale Rotella. The newlyweds are parents to daughter, Rainbow, 6 months, and tied the knot at California’s Disneyland September 10.

What are some differences to being married versus in a relationship?

Cupid’s Advice:

Many people don’t see the difference between being in a relationship versus a marriage. Yes, both deal with commitment, but once you choose to marry someone, you’re telling the whole world you’re willing to give your all to make the special connection the two of you have together last forever. Cupid has advice:

1. Dedication: Once you’re married, you’re committing to a

lifelong relationship. When you're just dating around, the bond you have with another individual can easily be broken or simply fade away. There's no escape routes with marriage. (besides divorce, but who wants that?) Exchanging vows with someone takes maturity and dedication, while dating only requires a physical attraction to someone.

2. Benefits: One of the more obvious reasons is based on what you can and can't get out of your romantic situation. When you're married, you can indulge in some special privileges such as joint bank accounts, tax benefits etc. If something were ever to happen to your boyfriend/girlfriend, you would have no legal authority over anything. It might feel like the two of you are already married, but the law says otherwise.

3. Living together instead of shacking up: Depending on who you talk to, an unmarried couple living under the same roof isn't exactly socially accepted. More and more couples are "shacking up" before they decide to tie the knot, but that doesn't mean the old-fashioned crowd isn't frowning down upon it.

What are some other differences between being married and being in a relationship? Comment below.