

Ali Fedotowsky Postpones Wedding Due to Femur Injury



One of the few successful couples from ABC's *Bachelor/Bachelorette* franchise have canceled their wedding – but fortunately, not for good. Former *Bachelorette* Ali Fedotowsky and the man she picked, Roberto Martinez, had to postpone saying “I do” because Fedotowsky is still recovering from a femur injury. “We had a date set, and that date has now passed,” the reality star, 26, told [People](#). “The decision to postpone [the wedding] was very difficult. I definitely shed some tears.” Fedotowsky underwent surgery in July and said that they decided to defer walking down the aisle until she could actually, well, walk. “I don’t want to limp down the aisle,” she said.

What are some ways to decide when to have your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

It seems like setting a date for your wedding should be the easy part, but sometimes unexpected factors get in the way. Cupid has some tips on how to decide when to say "I do":

- 1. Seasons:** Love the heat? Or are you a winter weather fan? Lots of couples want their wedding to be in a certain season, so deciding on having a spring wedding, for example, should help you narrow down the date.
- 2. Family:** If you really want your grandmother to be at your wedding, but she can only travel in the summer, you may want to plan your wedding around her (or other family or friends') availability.
- 3. Planning:** When you're planning a huge wedding, you may need up to a year to plan everything. Think about how much time you need to prepare and set the date accordingly.

Are there any other factors to consider when setting the date? Share your comments below.

Carey Mulligan and Marcus Mumford: Engaged After 5 Months?





Two talented Brits are ready to walk down the aisle ... after only 5 months! Carey Mulligan and her musician boyfriend, Marcus Mumford of Mumford & Sons, reconnected last winter after being childhood pen pals in London. Mulligan, 24, and Mumford, 26, started dating seriously after the actress attended a secret Mumford & Sons show in Nashville in February. The Oscar-nominated actress had split from Shia LaBeouf last October. A friend of the two tells UsMagazine.com, "They're a great couple. Very sweet."

Is time a factor when it comes to getting engaged?

Cupid's Advice:

Some people believe that you should date for awhile before getting engaged, while others think that when you know you've found the one, why wait? Cupid has some advice:

1. Past the honeymoon phase: Once you've gotten past that initial butterflies-in-your-stomach phase and still want to be together, then you might be ready to walk down the aisle.

2. No point in waiting: Some people subscribe to the theory

that when you know, you know. If you're 100% confident that you've found the one, there's no reason to wait any longer before getting engaged. Plus, you can always have a long engagement.

3. Living together: Time might also be a factor if you're considering moving in together. While opinions differ on whether to live together before getting married, if you want to take this step before popping the question, wait a little while to get settled before getting engaged.

How long do you think you should be dating before getting engaged? Share your comments below.

'The Bachelorette' Reality TV Star Ashley Hebert Says Her Sister's Reaction to J.P. Was Shocking





[Ashley Hebert](#) looked forward to introducing Ben Flajnik and [J.P. Rosenbaum](#), the final two contenders on [The Bachelorette season 7](#), to her family. Her whole family loved Flajnik, but Rosenbaum didn't have the same luck. In fact, her sister was especially disapproving of her relationship and love with the contestant. *The Bachelorette* star told [People](#), "What bothered me the most was not that she didn't approve but how aggressive and unsupportive she was. All I needed at this point was someone to be supportive of whatever I was feeling...and she wasn't." Although she was crushed by her sister's reaction, Hebert decided to take her opinion with a grain of salt: "I used her uncertainty to make me ask the questions I was scared to ask but by no means did it change the way I felt about him." Hebert followed her heart and recently celebrated her celebrity engagement with Rosenbaum.

Hebert's sister wasn't thrilled about *Bachelorette* contestant

Rosenbaum. What do you do if your family doesn't support your relationship and love?

Cupid's Advice:

You're torn inside. You love your partner, but your family doesn't think he or she is right for you. If you're really close to your family and value their opinion, it may be very difficult to be in this situation. Cupid has some love advice on what you can do to ease the tension:

1. Get to the heart of the issue: Talk to your family members. Find out exactly what bothers them about your boyfriend or girlfriend. Do they think your partner's not good enough for you? Do they think they are having a negative influence on you? Maybe they're simply afraid of losing you. It's important to communicate!

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2. Be firm: In order to confront your family's prejudices, you need to be firm. Tell them that you hope that they can be happy for you. Instead of asking them if they approve of your relationship and love, assert that you would be grateful to receive their support for your decision.

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3. Allow for bonding: You've tried convincing your folks that your significant other is a great person, and it turns out that words alone won't do the trick. Your next best bet is to have them spend time with your beau so that they can get to know each other better. Try to find some common ground between them.

Ever had a boyfriend or girlfriend your folks disliked? Share your story below!

'The Bachelorette' Contestant Constantine Says He Did Not Want to Marry Ashley Hebert



One of Ashley Hebert's final three suitors walked away during last week's episode of *The Bachelorette* in Fiji. Although it was clear that there was no spark between Constantine Tzortzis and Hebert, it was still shocking to find out that he wanted to call it quits. The 30-year-old restaurant owner openly

admitted to [People](#) in an exclusive *Men Tell All* taping that he wasn't ready to get married to Herbert. He said, "You either have a feeling or you don't... My feelings were not strong enough at that point to justify sticking around and possibly going through with that next step of getting engaged."

Tzortzis' family fully supported his decision.

How do you know when your relationship is headed toward marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

You and your partner both hold very strong feelings of love for one another, but how do you know he or she is the one?

Cupid has some ideas:

1. Clarity about the future: A good indicator that your relationship is moving toward that next serious step is that you talk about your plans for the future together. So, for example, you might discuss the intention to move to a new city and then have children together. You should both be able to paint a vivid picture of the future and see yourselves together in it.

2. Part of the family: Perhaps you've heard the saying, 'When you marry someone, you marry into his or her family.' Before you move onto marriage, you should feel a sense of belonging to your partner's family and vice versa.

3. In the friend circle: Not only is it important to be well integrated into each others' families, but it's also essential to share your buddies. It's okay if you don't get along with a few of your partner's friends, but it's important that the majority of them consider you a part of the pack. This will prevent you from having to make compromises about friendships during marriage.

What are some indicators that you're moving toward being more

than boyfriend and girlfriend? Share your ideas below.

'The Bachelorette' Season 7 Finale: It's Love or Nothing!



By Jennifer Harrington

Last Monday on [The Bachelorette season 7](#), the final chapter of [Ashley Hebert's](#) celebrity love story was written: She chose her Prince Charming and gave out her final rose. After a very rocky road to find a relationship and love, our bachelorette ended her journey by accepting a marriage proposal. In case you missed the ending to this very dramatic season of the

show, here's a recap of what happened!

The Bachelorette's Family Reaction

Ashley's family flew to Fiji to meet her remaining two guys: [J.P. Rosenbaum](#) and Ben Flajnik. It was revealed that the bubbly brunette is very influenced by her family and looks for their approval on major life decisions. Rosenbaum was up first to meet the Hebert family, including her mother, stepfather, brother, and sister Chrystie. Chrystie immediately voiced concerns about the celebrity romance. Repeatedly, she said he was not the one for her sister and even went so far to ask Rosenbaum – who is a few years older – why he hadn't found love in his life yet. The lovebirds talked about Chrystie's tough analysis, and Rosenbaum walked away from the day feeling flustered.

Flajnik was next to meet the family. The winemaker quickly received Chrystie's seal of approval as she noticed a "natural connection" between the duo. During the day Flajnik spends with the Heberts, we learned more about the friendship that was the foundation of their relationship and love, and there was a "shared passion" that united the couple. After impressing her family, the California-native concluded the day with a helicopter ride with the bachelorette, time together in the mud pit, and some serious, quality conversation. During this chat, he confessed that he was in love with Hebert!

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Rosenbaum had one last chance to spend time with his celebrity love. The couple used this time to tackle the "tough questions" from Chrystie. The conversation gave the bachelorette the confidence she needed, and she remarked that he had "proven himself" by answering her tough questions. The New York native makes his final plea for her heart with a heartfelt note and collection of photos and closed the evening

by saying “she may love both of us, but she can only be in love with one of us. It’s love or nothing!”

Picking The Rings For A Celebrity Engagement

Before the final decision, both men had the opportunity to meet with jeweler Neil Lane to choose a celebrity engagement ring for Hebert. Both men selected stunning diamond rings before it was time for the bachelorette to make her final decision. Flajnik arrived to the scene of the final beachside rose ceremony first. Before Hebert had the chance to speak, Ben professed his love to her and got down on one knee to ask for her hand in marriage. Our bachelorette broke the tough news to him that she would not be giving him the final rose. Given the confidence he felt as he arrived at the beach, it’s no surprise this decision was unexpected for him. He begged her not to “sugarcoat” her words to him, and left with a closing remark: “Good things don’t end unless they end badly.”

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Fresh off her celebrity break-up from Flajnik, the bachelorette regained her composure as Rosenbaum arrived on the beach. She professed her love to him. He shared it was time for them to take a “leap of faith” together and that she was The One for him. He proposed, and she gladly accepted. It was a fairy tale proposal for Hebert’s storybook celebrity romance!

What did you think about the final decision – and what do you think the future holds for these lovebirds? Be sure to check back later today to read Bachelorette expert Jesse Csincsak’s thoughts on the series finale – and don’t forget about the premiere of Bachelor Pad 2 next Monday evening!

Kardashian Women Throw Kim a Racy Bridal Shower



Khloe Kardashian and Lamar Odom sealed the deal, and it's almost time for Kim Kardashian and Khris Humphries to do the same. On Saturday, the engaged couple took one step closer to taking their wedding vows at their bridal shower, according to [E! Online](#). With a classy touch of wine, party favors wrapped in small pink boxes, and an atmosphere of Kardashian fever, this bridal shower was everything, but a fail. Guests did their part to keep it interesting as well. As Kardashian and Humphries opened up their gifts, they were shocked to pull out a pair of fuzzy handcuffs! Can we say classy, raunchy, and

oh-so-Kardashian?

What are some ways to spice up a generic bridal shower?

Cupid's Advice:

So you have the gifts, the guests, the decorations, the wine... the usual. But how about we throw something innovative in there? Spruce it up a bit! Cupid has some ways to make your bridal shower far from the usual:

1. Games: No one can pass up a second chance at being a kid again, and what better way to have fun like a child than by playing games? Bridal showers don't have to be a "thanks for attending, thanks for the gifts, see you at my wedding, goodbye" type affair. Keep the vibe bumpin' with some fun games to fit your theme.

2. Tradition? Scratch that: Who says you have to do what everyone else does? If you feel the urge to step out of traditional boundaries, then by all means, do so. Instead of renting out a banquet room, throw your bridal shower at a movie theater. Rent out the "birthday room" and check out a romantic comedy after the festivities have died down.

3. Unexpected party favor: Don't give your guest a picture frame or gift bag full of candy. Instead, make your shower favors appropriate to you and your partner's personality. If you're both obsessed with Trivial Pursuit, give them each a few cards from the game (or the game itself!).

What are your ideas to spice up a generic bridal shower? Share your comments below.

Gene Simmons: I Proposed Months Ago



After sharing 28 years in a relationship together and two children with girlfriend Shannon Tweed, Gene Simmons finally mustered up the courage to get down on one knee. In Tuesday night's finale of A&E's reality show [Gene Simmons Family Jewels](#), Simmons told Tweed, "You're the only friend I've got. You're the only one I love ... and you're the only one I ever will love" before proposing. An insider recently revealed to [People](#) that the proposal scene was shot "several months ago" and that the couple's relationship has been on the rocks ever since. The couple once described themselves as "happily unmarried" and we're waiting to find out if there will be an "I do" to seal the deal.

What are the advantages of tying the knot over simply living together?

Cupid's Pulse:

Marriage is a big responsibility. As a result, the rate of cohabitation among couples has increased drastically in the last few decades. Sometimes, however, there are perks to tying the knot. Cupid has a few:

1. Commitment: Marriage is a profession of two people's commitment to one another. You and your partner will both feel more secure about the future of the relationship if you've made the commitment to spend the rest of your lives together. Marriage increases people's trust in each other.

2. Quality: It's not just about your thoughts about what the future might bring. It's also about the current state of the your relationship. Husbands and wives report greater satisfaction and fairness in their relationships.

3. Together: Couples who simply live together have a higher chance of splitting than those who are married. There are no definitive explanations for this difference, but we just know that it's one more reason why it may be better to take a walk down the aisle!

What are other benefits experienced by married couples? Share your thoughts below.

Jesse James and Kat Von D

Split Due to Distance



The rumors are rolling once again about Jesse James and Kat Von D, as they recently announced that they are calling off their wedding. This time it's official. Not only did they call off the engagement, but they've also broken up. They were in a long distance relationship, with James in Austin and Von D in LA. When [People](#) asked Von D whether she would relocate to be with her boyfriend, she responded, "If only it were that easy. Having two places we call home will be good for now. In the end, home is where the heart is, and my heart's with him. " Unfortunately, the couple couldn't keep doing the long distance thing.

What are some ways to keep a long distance relationship strong?

Cupid's Advice:

Surviving a long distance relationship can be tough. Cupid has some tips on how to prevent letting distance loosen the bond:

1. Communicate: Make an effort to frequently communicate. You're probably both caught up in your daily routines, but make sure to schedule a regular time to talk to your loved one via skype or phone. You can also keep each other up-to-date via email and text, but it's important that you hear each other's voices.

2. Visit: Of course the sound of your partner's voice isn't always going to be enough. You'll need some physical contact in order for the relationship to persevere. Take turns making trips to see one another, and make sure that you share the responsibility equitably.

3. Trust: Starting a long distance relationship means unforeseeable changes and challenges in both of your lives. If your partner starts forming new circles of friends or engaging in new activities, don't assume the worst. Just take a breather and have faith that your partner will remain loyal to you.

Have you ever been in a long distance relationship? Share your experiences below.

Mending Hugh Hefner's Broken Heart



By Ronnie Ann Ryan MBA, CCC – The Dating Coach

Less than a week after fiancée Crystal Harris called off her nuptials to Hugh Hefner, the scorned husband-to-be rebounded by publicly showcasing his new girlfriend– Shera Bechard, the November 2011 Playboy Playmate. To me, that's the definition of a true playboy, and it suits Hef perfectly. After all, he is the original founder of the Playboy brand.

When questioned by fans and hecklers about moving on so quickly, Hugh claimed that Shera is the remedy for his broken heart. As a professional dating coach, one thing I know for sure is that the heart takes time to heal. If Hefner was truly crushed by Harris leaving him, then he's certainly in no position to have already moved on. Whether you're a man or a woman, a new love interest is not the antidote for heartbreak. Finding someone else so quickly is not a healing strategy; it's simply a rebound. In my opinion, the chances of

things going well for Shera and Hugh are quite slim at best.

If you want to heal and find lasting love, you'll have to recover from the pain of breaking up with your past partner first. Otherwise, you could be leading yourself and the new flame down another hurtful path. Here are some tips to help you move through the healing process in a healthy way:

1. Give yourself time to recover: Spend time alone, with friends and family. Be with people who love you so that you can regain your inner strength.

2. Take good care of yourself: Get a massage, energy balance, makeover, new hairstyle, or start working with an exercise trainer. Take healthy steps to improve your self-confidence.

3. Shift negative thinking to positive self-talk: If you spend a lot of time blaming and berating yourself, stop. Learn how to speak nicely to yourself with positive inner dialoguing. It's a lot like being your own dating coach! Tell yourself that love is out there, and it's only a matter of time before you find it.

4. Relax and enrich your life: There's no hurry. Rushing will only lead to mistakes again. Instead, take your time, and build a rich and interesting life for yourself. When you're enjoying yourself you inevitably become more attractive.

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Nicole Scherzinger Rumored to be Engaged to Race Car Champ



It looks like Nicole Scherzinger's heart is racing! Rumors started swirling that the couple was engaged after Nicole's father spoke to the UK's Mail Sunday. According to [RadarOnline](#), Scherzinger's father, Alfonso, said that Hamilton is "a really nice guy, real-down-to-earth. My family all like him. The good spirit is there," which got misinterpreted as Alfonso announcing his daughters engagement but the rumor is false. The couple has been together for 4 years. Scherzinger, a former Pussycat Doll, will now be sitting alongside Paula Abdul, Simon Cowell and L.A. Reid on the judging panel for *The X Factor* premiering this September on FOX.

What do you do if your parents don't like the person you want

to marry?

Cupid's Advice:

Getting married is one of the most important moments in your life, but how do you handle this joyous occasion when your parents don't like the person you want to marry? Cupid has some tips:

1. Show them your happy: As the old saying goes, your parents always want what is best for you, and they want you to be happy. Show them that you're truly happy with your beau and they will be more willing to support your decision.

2. Show them what you like: Show your parents what you like about your significant other. Maybe they don't see what you see, but open their eyes to the great things about your honey.

3. Let it go: If you love your significant other and you're happy, then nothing else should matter. Hopefully your parents will warm up to him, but it's really what you think and feel that counts, not what your parents think.

What do you do if your parents don't like the person you want to marry? Share your thoughts below.

Lady Antebellum's Hillary Scott Is Engaged





There was yet another reason to celebrate on July 4th, as Chris Tyrrell proposed to Hillary Scott during a romantic sunset on Independence Day. “Chris proposed exactly the way I’ve always dreamed. Our families were close by, but it was just us out on a beautiful deck overlooking a lake in East Tennessee,” the Lady Antebellum lead singer told [People](#). The proposal was romantic, yet casual, as it took place during a hike and the couple was wearing work-out attire. Although the wedding date is not yet set, the couple looks forward to “forever together.”

What are some laid back yet memorable ways to propose?

Cupid’s Advice:

It can be tricky to strike a balance between simple yet special ways to propose to your loved one. Cupid has some advice on how to make your engagement low-key, yet a memory you will treasure forever:

1. During your favorite activity: Do whatever you enjoy doing

together, whether it's going for a hike, like Hillary Scott and Chris Tyrrell, or watching a movie. What matters is that you're surrounded by a serene atmosphere, so that you can tune in to each other.

2. At home: When your sweetie gets home after a day at work, surprise him or her by laying out some rose petals in the bedroom and playing some soft music. Then get down on your knee and pop the question. This is a romantic way to propose, yet it doesn't involve anything extravagant.

3. During a meal: Presenting the sparkler over dinner at home or at a restaurant can be a spontaneous way to ask the question. You don't have to follow the scripted ring-in-the-food technique. Just go with your instincts.

Do you have any ideas for a creative proposal? Share your thoughts below.

Nick Lachey Has 3-Day Vegas Bachelor Party





Nick Lachey, 37, had the luxury of having a 3-day bachelor party in Las Vegas this past weekend. And though “whatever happens in Vegas stays in Vegas” is the typical cliché that comes to mind, Vanessa Minnillo assured UsMagazine.com that this bachelor’s party was far from *The Hangover*’s tumultuous adventure. Minnillo kept her presence known when Lachey received a black and red layered cake with a ball and a chain on top that was shackled to a mini Lachey’s leg. It read, “Property of Vanessa.”

What are the perks of having a bachelor/bachelorette party in Las Vegas?

Cupid’s Advice:

Bachelor/bachelorette parties are your last chance at splurging on fun before you’re married. Celebrate for the moment, as well as for the future!

1. Money money money moonaaay: Las Vegas is all about the green stuff. What’s better than doing some legal gambling and winning money right before you get married?

2. Live entertainment: Not only do you have the joy of being with your longtime friends, enjoying old memories and dreaming about a future-to-be, but you have the entertainment of some of Vegas' most popular shows, like burlesque!

3. Food galore!: What has high quality food, at affordable prices? Vegas. Vegas has it all. Check out the multiple buffets in all the casinos on the strip.

Have some memories of a bachelor or bachelorette party in Sin City? Share it with Cupid below!

'Dexter' Alum Julie Benz Engaged





After already having experienced a proposal and wedding with her previous husband John Kassir, *Dexter* actress Julie Benz is ready to do it all over again. Marketing executive boyfriend, Rich Orosco, gave her a grand engagement party on Sunday in their Los Angeles home backyard. With a customized Kwiat cushion-cut diamond and platinum engagement ring, a Mexican-style surprise party and a Mariachi band, Orosco went all out for his *Jaw Breaker* fiancé—and she marveled in it all.

“What girl doesn’t want to be serenaded by a Mariachi band surrounded by close friends and family?” she said, according to [People](#). She couldn’t get enough of the Mexican celebration.

¡Felicitaciones Benz!

What are some ways to celebrate your engagement with family and friends?

Cupid’s Advice:

Engagements go right along with weddings, 1st birthdays, christenings and baby showers in the “importance” category. This is something you would like to sit comfortably in your memory. Cupid has some tips:

1. Get together: Have a small, comfy get together with only a tight knit group at home. You can make it classy with hors d'oeuvres, wine glasses and funky music, yet it'll still be comfortable in the familiarity of your own home.

2. Let's take it back: It's always cool to look back on the good memories you've had with your spouse. Crank out the home videos and photo albums, and enjoy some good laughs while breaking the ice between family members and friends.

3. Get a little loose: Take your friends out to a bar and enjoy your favorite drinks while marveling in the good news together.

What are some of your engagement celebration ideas? Share your thoughts below.

Royal Wedding: Prince William's Cousin Zara Is Engaged





Another royal wedding is just around the corner. Zara Phillips, Prince William's cousin, is set to marry fiancé Mike Tindall on July 30th, reports [People](#). Tindall, a 32 year-old professional rugby player, told *Mail on Sunday's Live Magazine* how he proposed. "She was on the sofa, so that made it easier," said Tindall. "She was completely in shock and when she stopped laughing, she said, 'Yes.'" The couple confirmed they will not have a honeymoon, but say that their home life is plenty fun for the both of them. "Saturday night, on the sofa with the dogs, watching *X-Men*. That's pretty much what our life is like," said Tindall. "Rock 'n' roll, baby."

What are some unique ways to propose?

Cupid's Advice:

It's relatively easy to plan a romantic proposal. It's very difficult, however, to plan a unique one. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Factor in your personalities: Marriage proposals that have a special meaning to the both of you seldom go wrong. For

example, if your partner were an animal lover, you could get a tag with the words “Marry me?” inscribed onto it. Slip the tag onto your pet’s collar for your partner to find later.

2. Recollect the past: Try proposing at the site of your first date, or at the site of a date that had special significance to the pair of you. Even if the venue isn’t particularly romantic, your partner will appreciate the symbolism behind it.

3. Make your own adjustments: Try putting a twist on the typical romantic dinner. Play your partner’s favorite music, and eat your favorite foods. With these unique touches, the occasion will seem less cliché and more personal.

Do you have any past experience with proposing? Feel free to share a comment below!

Kim Kardashian’s Wedding Registry Is Luxurious





Kim Kardashian got engaged less than a month ago and is already being called a bridezilla – and the reality star’s over-the-top wedding registry might be partly to blame. UsMagazine.com reports that Kardashian and fiancé Kris Humphries registered at GEARYS in Beverly Hills, a premium seller of luxury jewelry and homeware. The couple’s registry included a laundry list of expensive items, including crystal napkin rings, a \$175 mustard jar and \$38,4000 worth of Torchon dinner place settings. Kardashian and Humphries will walk down the aisle this Halloween.

If you don’t need household items, what wedding gifts should you ask for?

Cupid’s Advice:

If you already have a mustard jar and are looking for unique wedding gifts that aren’t household items, Cupid has some tips on what other kinds of presents you should ask for:

1. Honeymoon: Besides the reception, the honeymoon is probably the most expensive part of getting married. Now, you can use a

website to ask your guests to contribute to various activities, like the flight, hotel, or food. Try HoneymoonWishes.com or SendUs0ff.com.

2. Charity: If you feel like you already have everything you need, why not use your wedding as an opportunity to give back? Have your guests make donations to a few of your favorite charities instead of buying gifts à la Prince William and Kate Middleton.

3. Renovations: You may not need a fondue set, but you might need a new kitchen. If you want to make improvements to your home without accumulating even more stuff, ask each guest to contribute to a renovation with wallpaper, new counter tops, cabinets – you name it!

What kind of unique gifts would you include in your registry? Share your comments below.

Twilight's Nikki Reed and Idol's Paul McDonald Are Engaged





Breaking Dawn star Nikki Reed and former *American Idol* contestant Paul McDonald are engaged after a whirlwind romance, reports [People](#). The pair hit it off after meeting in March, and have been extremely happy together since. Reed showed off her ring at the MTV Movie Awards on Sunday, where she told reporters, “He’s the one. I’ve never met anyone like him. I’ve never met anyone who has such a good solid heart and comes from such a good solid family and is just a genuine person. We have the exact same sense of humor. I’ve never laughed so much with anyone as I do with him.”

What are some things to be careful of in a whirlwind romance?

Cupid’s Advice:

The swept-off-your feet feeling is highly coveted in a relationship. However, it’s important to step back every once in a while. Here are a few things to be careful of in a whirlwind relationship:

1. Taking the right steps: It’s fine to have a quick courtship, but make sure you are taking the right steps. For

example, try giving your beau a key to your home or apartment before moving in together. Slowing down your relationship, even a little bit, will pay off in the end.

2. Discussing your goals: While you may only be concerned with your love for your partner, it's important to discuss future goals before taking the next big step. If the two of you want different things in life, your relationship may face struggles down the road.

3. Setting boundaries: Make sure the relationship is moving at a pace that's comfortable for both of you. Don't allow your partner to persuade you to take the next step if you don't feel ready. Make sure that you know how far you are willing to take the relationship, and stick to your convictions.

Have you had trouble in a whirlwind romance? Feel free to comment below!

Molly Sims Is Engaged to 'Love and Other Drugs' Producer





Love is in the air for actress and jewelry designer Molly Sims and new fiance Scott Stuber. Stuber, producer of the movie *Love and Other Drugs* popped the question the weekend of May 20th, according to [People](#). Stuber even surprised Sims by flying her parents into Los Angeles to celebrate the special occasion. Sims, 38, and Stuber, 42, had been together for a year and a half before he popped the question.

How do you include your parents in your engagement?

Cupid's Advice:

The marriage proposal is one of the most memorable moments of the engagement, and Molly Sims and Scott Stuber made that even more special by including her parents. Cupid has some ways to do just that:

1. Invite them to the proposal: If you plan on proposing at a romantic restaurant, why not have your parents sit at a table across the way or somewhere secluded so that they can still see your special moment without spoiling it.

2. Make them your first call: Before calling your best friend,

call your parents to share the good news with them. They'll feel special that they were the first people to know about the upcoming nuptials.

3. Ask for advice: Involve your parents by asking them to help choose the ring and the right time and place to propose. It'll make them feel special and important.

How did you include your parents in your proposal? Share your moment below.

Kourtney Kardashian Says Kim Is Herself Around Kris Humphries





It looks like Kim Kardashian, who recently got engaged to New Jersey Nets star Kris Humphries, has her sister Kourtney's blessing. Kourtney Kardashian told [People](#) that Kim and Kris are perfect together. "He fits in [with the family] already. I think they're just themselves, and I think that's the most important thing," said Kardashian. "Kim is totally herself in front of him. Everything is easy, comfortable, no stress."

How can you keep your relationship stress-free?

Cupid's Advice:

When it's easy to be yourself around your partner, you know the relationship is right. Cupid has some tips on how to make sure it stays effortless:

1. No drama: If your mate makes a big deal out of the smallest issues, talk to him or her about it. Sure, relationships take hard work, but you don't need unnecessary drama.

2. Have fun: When things get heavy, go out and forget about it for awhile. If you and your significant other can have fun together no matter what, the stress will melt away.

3. Let your guard down: It may be difficult, but if you want to be able to be yourself around your sweetie, you need to stop acting so perfect. By showing you have flaws, you'll grow closer and more comfortable with each other.

What do you do to keep your relationship uncomplicated? Share your comments below.

Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries Are Engaged



Kris Humphries proposed to Kim Kardashian in her Beverly Hills home on May 18th. After six months of dating, the New Jersey

Nets forward waited in Kim Kardashian's bedroom and took her by surprise when she came home to find him on one knee with the words "Will You Marry Me?" written in rose petals. She was completely surprised. "I was in such shock. I never thought it would happen at home, and I never thought now."

According to [People](#), Kris Humphries popped the question with a classically stunning custom-designed, 20.5-carat Lorraine Schwartz diamond sparkler because he wanted the ring to be big. Congratulations to the happy couple!

What are the benefits of proposing at home?

Cupid's Advice:

Home is personal and comfortable. The saying, "home is where the heart is" makes proposing there the perfect location:

- 1. Casual dress:** Proposing in a casual setting can be more comfortable for both of you. Plus, you don't have to worry about getting dressed up.
- 2. Privacy:** You can have more of a private moment as a couple on this special day. There's no need to worry about people in public looking on.
- 3. Going out to celebrate:** If you propose at home, you can go out afterward to celebrate in style.

What's your take on proposing to your partner at home? Share your comment below.

'Bachelor' Alum Emily Maynard Is Spotted Without Engagement Ring



The rocky relationship between *The Bachelor's* Brad Womack and Emily Maynard may have finally reached an impasse. [People](#) reports that last weekend, Maynard, 25, was spotted without the engagement ring Womack, 38, presented to her in the show's finale. The two released a statement in March, saying: "It has been a bumpy couple of months for us, and our priority right now is to focus on our relationship."

How do you know what engagement ring to choose for your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

If you want her to say “yes,” start out by getting her the right ring! Cupid has some tips on how to know what engagement ring is right for your partner:

- 1. Ask for help:** Poll her friends and family (swearing them to secrecy, of course) about what kind of ring she'd want. They can at least steer you in the right direction.
- 2. Think about her taste:** What kind of jewelry does she like to wear? Pay attention to whether she likes gold or silver and over-the-top or understated pieces.
- 3. Go with your gut:** Buy the ring that feels right, the one you can see yourself proposing with and see her wearing for the rest of her life.

What's your idea of the perfect engagement ring? Share your comments below.

Jesse James Says That Millions of Married Men Cheat





Famed serial cheater Jesse James recently defended his bad behavior by pointing out that he's not the only one, reports UsMagazine.com. The *Monster Garage* star told *Men's Journal*, "I never shied away from anything I did. I took full responsibility. I cheated on my wife. Guess what? So do millions of other men." The 42-year-old, who divorced Sandra Bullock last year, is currently engaged to Kat Von D.

How do you know if you can trust your partner after past indiscretions?

Cupid's Advice:

After your mate is unfaithful, it's hard to trust them completely again. Cupid has some tips on how to know if your partner really has changed for good:

1. Accept the apology: If your partner made one mistake and is truly sorry, think before throwing away your entire relationship. Give your mate another shot if you feel they are being genuine.

2. Don't forgive multiple affairs: If your significant other

has had multiple indiscretions in the past and doesn't seem fully committed to your relationship, you probably can't trust them to stay faithful in the future.

3. Have faith: The bottom line is, you'll never know for sure if your partner is going to cheat again. But if you decide to give them another chance, give them your complete trust. There's no point in starting over and giving the relationship a shot if you're not fully trustful.

Would you trust a partner who cheated in the past? Share your comments below.

4 Celebrity Couples That Sailed Past Stormy Weather





By Tanni Deb and Molly Jacob

Did you ever hear the phrase, “April showers bring May flowers”? Believe it or not, it means something deeper than just storms and blossoming blooms. In life, dark clouds always eventually pass, allowing the sun to shine through. Focusing on the bright side when you’re down can be difficult, but these five famous couples have gone through rough times (in the public eye, no less!) and these celebs are currently doing exceptionally well.

Cupid takes a look to see what celebrity couples made it through stormy times:

1. Prince William and Kate Middleton: The royal newlyweds dated for eight years, but they had an off-and-on relationship. ‘Inside Edition’ reported that the pair broke up in 2007 after five years of dating, stating William’s “immaturity” was a major factor for their break. However,

this famous couple soon got back together and had the wedding of the decade in April 2011, which more than two billion people watched worldwide.

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2. Cash Warren and Jessica Alba: The duo began dating in 2005, but called it quits two years later because Alba was ready for marriage and Warren wouldn't commit. The celebs reconciled in 2008, announcing that they were expecting their first child, and married in May 2008.

3. Carey Hart and Pink: This celebrity couple has had a tumultuous relationship. They met in 2001 and briefly split in 2003. The pair then got married in January 2006 but separated two years later. They began seeing each other again in 2009 and went through marital counseling since their divorce was never finalized. Carey even got an image of Pink's face tattooed on his leg.

Related Link: [Pink Says the Key to Marriage Is Only Half Listening](#)

4. Jessica Biel and Justin Timberlake: This famous couple finally seems to have found peace with their relationship. Their relationship was on again, off again for years until they finally got married in 2012. While they've been at the center of celebrity gossip for rumors of cheating and divorce, they seem happily married now and their first child was born this past April.

It might have taken these celebrity couples some years and plenty of time to reconcile their relationship, but if they were able to sail past their own storms, so can you. Look at the positive side of your relationship with your significant other, and soon you will also be happier than ever.

What other celebs do you know of that have gotten through

tough times? Let us know in the comments section below!

Former 'Bachelor' Travis Stork Is Engaged



Dr. Travis Stork, the former *Bachelor*, and his girlfriend of two years, Dr. Charlotte Brown, are getting married, [People](#) confirms. Stork proposed to Brown while they were vacationing on the island of Lanai in Hawaii, and she of course accepted. Although the wedding date is yet to be scheduled, the couple's friends say the two are very happy.

Where should you propose?

Cupid's Advice:

Are you ready to propose to that special someone, but aren't sure exactly where? Cupid has some suggestions for you that might come handy:

1. First date: Almost everyone remembers their first date with their significant other. Add on more memories to the place you first met or had your first date by proposing there.

2. Favorite place: Does your sweetheart have a favorite place? Then make that place more special by proposing to her/him there.

3. Vacation: Does your partner want to travel abroad? Buy two plane tickets and during your vacation, pop the question.

What creative place were you proposed to? Share your story below.

Kate Hudson and Matt Bellamy Are Engaged!





Kate Hudson, America's favorite blonde beauty, announced her engagement Wednesday to Matthew Ballamy on the *Today* show. After Matt Lauer noticed her ring, the actress proclaimed, "I'm engaged! It just happened a week ago. I'm so glad you noticed. I haven't really announced it. ... I was waiting for someone to notice." According to [People](#), she would not reveal any more about the engagement ... only that it was very romantic.

Does it take the intimacy out of your proposal story if you share it?

Cupid's Advice:

Though secret proposals and/or marriages may seem romantic, most people who go that route find it difficult to keep something so joyous a secret. It's not a matter of intimacy; it's a matter of practicality:

1. Give me a ring: Even if you choose not to share your engagement with friends and family, the ring is a dead giveaway.

2. Share the love: You may agree to keep your engagement a secret, but one of you is bound to crack.

3. Eloping: It ends up being more of a surprise than secret.

Did you get married in secret? Share your story below.