

'Big Brother' Alums Daniele Donato and Dominic Briones Get Married



By Michelle

Danzig

A little over a year and a half after filming CBS's *Big Brother 13*, contestants Daniele Donato and Dominic Briones tied the knot in a bohemian-style wedding on Saturday. According to [People](#), the couple wed at the Newland House Museum in Huntington Beach, Calif. Donato told *People* that even though she did not like Briones when they first met, but after the finale the two were inseparable. Briones said that, because the two both love penguins, he decided to propose during an arranged, private tour of the penguin exhibit at the St. Louis Zoo. Although Donato did mention what she liked and didn't like in a ring, Briones chose the solitary diamond with a half bezel set all on his own.

What are some ways to incorporate your partner's interests in your proposal?

Cupid's Pulse

The proposal is a story that a woman will remember—and never stop telling—for the rest of her life. But what makes a marriage proposal truly personal? Future grooms may panic when trying to find the perfect way to propose. Here are some ways you can incorporate your partners interest into your proposal so you can find the perfect way to pop the questions:

1. The ring: Not only will she be wearing this important piece of jewelry for the rest of her life, but you will also have to look at it. Pay attention to the types and styles of jewelry that your significant other consistently wears. Then, ask around to find out what she likes—sisters and friends are a good place to start. Think about a unique thing about her that you love and choose a ring that reminds you of her.

2. The venue: Think about all of the places that your spouse loves to visit. Maybe in her spare time she goes to the library and reads alone or maybe she sits on the dock and quietly thinks. Even if you don't enjoy doing these activities or visiting these places together, choosing something close to her heart may resonate more during the proposal.

3. The question: Now the important part. There are many ways to incorporate your significant other's interests into the way you ask the question. If your future-spouse likes music, try singing to her. If she likes poetry, write a poem for her.

How did you incorporate your partner's interests when you popped the question? Share your experiences below.

Michelle Kwan Ties the Knot with Clay Pell



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On January 19, Michelle Kwan and Clay Pell spoke their vows while playing the song that Kwan skated to in the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Games, according to [People](#). The melody, "Fields of Gold" signaled a new beginning for the nine-time U.S. national figure skating champion and five-time world champion olympic skater. Pell, 31, who is the director for strategic planning on the National Security staff at the White House, tied the knot with Kwan, 32, at the First Unitarian Church of Providence, R.I. Pell donned his full U.S. Coast Guard uniform and Kwan wore a Vera Wang gown in ivory. The couple shared self-written vows before 240 family and friends,

among whom included Olympic champions Brian Boitano, Dick Button and Dorothy Hamill. The two were so moved, they even shared a kiss before the end of the ceremony. Kwan is now a senior advisor for public diplomacy and public affairs and told *People* that, although she doesn't believe in love at first sight, she knew that Clay was the 'one.'

What are the benefits to writing your own vows for your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

While many prefer to reiterate the traditional wedding vows, many have adopted the idea of writing their own wedding vows. Although this may be a more modern concept and not quickly accepted, there are some excellent benefits to writing and speaking your own vows at the wedding:

1. It is personal: Reiterating the traditional vows is beautiful and timeless, but doesn't always completely reflect the couple's relationship. By expressing exactly what made you fall in love with your significant other, or how you knew he or she was the one, you are creating a more personal and intimate ceremony.

2. It makes your wedding unique: No two wedding ceremonies are the same when the vows are created specifically for and by the couple. Maybe you include an inside joke or a favorite song; by writing from the heart, you are creating a ceremony that is unique to you and your future-spouse.

3. Your vows are more concrete: If you and your spouse went to different lengths to create the most intimate and personal vows, chances are they are aspects and characteristics of your relationship that you both value. Stating specific vows—even as specific as always vowing to kiss them everyday—will give them more meaning.

Did you write your own vows? Tell us below.

Jessica Alba: My Husband & I Are “Kindred Spirits”



By Jenny Schafer

for Celebrity Baby Scoop

Mom-of-two Jessica Alba, 31, covers the February issue of [InStyle](#) and opens up about life with husband **Cash Warren** and their two daughters **Honor**, 4½, and **Haven**, 16 months.

On her connection with Cash: “I just knew when I met him that I was going to know him forever. It was weird; he instantly felt like family. I’d never felt like that with anyone. We got each other. We’re kindred spirits. On a weekend Cash might

say, 'Go get your nails done with a girlfriend. Haven is down for a nap and Honor and I will play. I know you work hard. You deserve some time for yourself.' That, to me, is romantic. He's saying, 'You matter,' and that I'm more than just the mother of the kids or the wife who goes out to events with him."

On celebrating their ancestry: "When Cash and I moved into our family house, we collected hundreds of pictures of our aunties, great aunties, moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas, and sisters and brothers. Then we mounted them in the foyer of our home, covering the wall from top to bottom. Our daughters are continually reminded of where they come from."

On multitasking: "Sometimes I can take multitasking to a level of insanity. Then all of a sudden the bath is too high and I've forgotten to give my daughter the thing she needs for school."

On being a perfectionist: "Before I had kids, I was very responsible and serious. I used to be all about controlling my environment; Everything had to be just so. Now my idea of perfection is different. You can label bins and have a place for stuff, but when the kids go into the playroom, you're not going to say, 'We can't paint because how are we going to clean it up?'"

Brandy Dishes Details On Her Marriage Proposal



By Nic Baird

A marriage proposal from fiancé Ryan Press caught R&B star Brandy Norwood by surprise last week, [People](#) reports. “It was a spontaneous thing for my fiancé,” she said. The press didn’t plan any part of it, Brandy said. “He just felt it.” Though, the *Dancing with the Stars* contestant did say she’d “marry him with a bubble gum ring” last March.

What are some ways to make your marriage proposal spontaneous?

Cupid’s Advice:

It’s inevitable for couples to eventually discuss the next step in their relationship. If you’re gearing up towards a proposal, it’s easy to get nervous and seek reassurance from your partner. There’s nothing wrong with this, but there is something to be said about the emotion in a spontaneous proposal:

1. Practice: If you’re scared of choking in the moment, don’t be afraid to rehearse. It’s not cheating to write out what you

want to convey. Address the key questions in your speech: why should they marry you? How do they make you feel?

2. Pick the venue: Whether it's dinner, a movie, or rock climbing in the Grand Canyon, make sure you have an excuse to bring your partner to where you need them and explanations for any activity. You have to avoid suspicion at all costs.

3. Run your ideas by a friend: Brainstorming your proposal ideas are a good way to root out the best ones. Get a friend on board who can give you some feedback. It's also important to have someone if your scheme requires any set-up or detailed maneuvering.

What do you think makes a marriage proposal spontaneous? Share your comments below!

'Deception' Star Katherine LaNasa Says New Husband Grant Show Surprises Her All the Time





By Nic Baird

The golden era of soap operas didn't really end in the nineties. When TNT revitalized *Dallas* last year, it gave fans hope for a new wave of the serial dramas. Genre loyalists might have felt threatened when NBC ended *Passions* in 2007, but they've responded with an interesting mid-season replacement this winter.

Katherine LaNasa stars as Sophia Bowers in *Deception*, which premieres tonight at 10/9c. This soap opera centers on the mystery of a famous dead socialite, Vivian Bowers, and her childhood best friend, Joanna Padget Locasto, a narcotics detective who returns to uncover the true story of her friend's death. LaNasa, who recently starred in the summer comedy *The Campaign* as a peppy and ambitious senator's wife, now plays the much more sombre and maleficent stepmother of the Bowers' family. She describes her character as dark, brooding, smart, alcoholic, tricky and slippery. "It's a fun role to play," she says.

It's the first time that LaNasa's been able to play a woman with this much weight, darkness and stillness. Underneath all the poise of a cultured matriarch, there's a deep sort of power she unleashes to protect her family. LaNasa admits she doesn't exactly know what her character is scheming, but she

definitely makes the detective's investigation even more challenging. "When Sophia yells, she's not screaming; she's roaring!"

LaNasa is eager to play someone who takes themselves so seriously, so Sophia is a nice change of pace from her recent roles. As a New Orleans native, she's often called upon to play southern belles; even so, her characters range in intensity from her upbeat portrayal in *The Campaign* as Will Ferrell's wife to the pious school teacher she portrays in the upcoming film *The Frozen Ground*. "I get a lot of really different parts."

Deception will, of course, feature all the romance, love triangles and twists that are known as soap opera staples. As for her own character, LaNasa hints that Sophia may not be as malicious as she seems. "I really think she just doesn't understand where the danger lies," she says. "It keeps coming up in these weird places."

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Besides her new series, LaNasa landed a new husband this summer. Fellow soap opera star Grant Show, best known for his role as Jack Hanson on Fox's *Melrose Place*, and LaNasa exchanged vows this summer. "He's a total sweetheart," she says. "And very loving."

While neither one was looking for another spouse, LaNasa says that she eventually wanted more from her man, and Show obliged. The two tied the knot in a romantic ceremony set in the scenic canyons of Topanga, California on August 18, 2012. Months later, she still gushes about her husband. "He's just so handsome," she says.

After two previous marriages, one to Dennis Hopper and another to French Stewart, the actress approached her most recent courtship with caution. "I was very careful getting to know

Grant, and I didn't have any expectations of it, " she shares. "I wasn't looking to get married again. It wasn't a goal or a destination for me."

Of her husband, she adds, "I'm just surprised by him all the time!"

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Despite her hesitation, LaNasa finds herself completely enamoured with Show. The newlyweds don't have any problem spending time together, and they often have simple dates where they can just enjoy each others' company. The pair find a lot of couples' activities to do, she says.

LaNasa also mentions high energy dates like bowling and karaoke as well as romantic evenings at a lighthouse and spaghetti dinners. The couple has plans to play at Susan Sarandon's new ping pong club SPiN Galactic in Manhattan too. "I have so much fun with him," she shares. "We're really in love!"

Currently, LaNasa lives in New York where she works on 'Deception,' which airs on January 7, 2013 at 10/9c on NBC. She can also be seen in the upcoming films 'Jayne Mansfield's Car,' directed by Billybob Thornton, and 'The Frozen Ground' opposite John Cusack.

**DWTS Judge Len Goodman
Secretly Marries Longtime**

Girlfriend Sue Barrett



By Jennifer Ross

On the Sunday just before the New Year, *Dancing With the Stars*' judge Len Goodman married his longtime girlfriend Sue Barrett in London. The news was confirmed to UsMagazine.com by an ABC rep for Goodman. The 47 year-old dance instructor and 68 year-old judge dated for 10 years and invited only 30 friends and family members to what was called an "intimate lunch." Married by Westminster superintendent registrar Alison Cathcart, the couple wore blue for the nuptials. When asked about his wedding, Goodman told *the Daily News*, "I've had a marvelous day, and now my gorgeous Sue is the new Mrs. Goodman." Although the wedding plans were a secret, Goodman did tell one person – his mother. "I wanted it to be a low-key affair, so we didn't tell anyone except my 96-year-old mum as I didn't want her having a heart attack with the surprise."

How do you pull off a secret wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Although your wedding day is one of the most important days of your life, planning a wedding can be too much to handle. As a result, some couples opt-out to having a secret or surprise wedding. If this sounds appealing to you, here are a few ideas when saying, "I do":

1. A simple party: If you and your fiancé want to have a wedding without inviting the naysayers, plan a simple party, giving your invitees a different reason for the occasion. Whether you say it's a pet's birthday party or some other celebration, be sure to let them know their presence is important.

2. Destination: An easy way to keep your wedding day a secret is to have the ceremony performed far away from home. Plan a destination wedding in you and your mate's favorite country and tell everyone it is just a simple vacation. No one will suspect you two are getting married.

3. Elope: If your idea of a perfect wedding is inviting no one at all, eloping at the courthouse is the way to go. You and your spouse-to-be can simply get dressed, grab a small flower bouquet and a couple of rings, then say "I do" in privacy.

How did you pull off your secret wedding? Share your story below.

Hugh Hefner and Crystal Harris Tie the Knot on NYE



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It's official: there's a new Mrs. Hugh Hefner in the house! Hefner and Crystal Harris tied the knot on New Year's Eve, according to [People](#). Hefner, 86, married Harris, 26, in front of family and close friends at the Playboy Mansion, and the two attended the Mansion's annual New Year's Eve celebration afterward. "Crystal & I married on New Year's Eve in the Mansion with Keith as my Best Man. Love that girl!" said Hefner via Twitter after the nuptials. Guests included Joe Don Rooney of Rascal Flatts, 2005 Playmate of the Year Tiffany Fallon, baseball player Evan Longoria, Gene Simmons and wife Shannon Tweed and Jon Lovitz.

What are some reasons to get married on a holiday?

Cupid's Advice:

Many people point to the reasons to avoid holidays for your wedding, but there are also many good reasons to aim for one. Cupid has some ideas:

1. Built-in celebration: Take a page from Hefner and Harris, whose wedding reception was the Playboy Mansion's annual New Year's Eve celebration. Getting married on a holiday can mean much less planning.

2. You and other will remember the date: How many times do husbands get in trouble because they don't remember the date of their anniversary? Well, getting married on a holiday may make sure that never happens.

3. Family/friends are already in town: Especially if you get married in your hometown, family and friends may already be coming home for the holidays and won't have to make a separate trip for your wedding.

What are some other reasons to marry on a holiday? Share your thoughts below.

'Friday Night Lights' Star Zach Gilford Marries Kiele Sanchez





By [Jessica](#)

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Friday Night Lights star Zach Gilford, 30, is officially off the market, according to [People](#). Gilford tied the knot with actress girlfriend Kiele Sanchez, 36, on Saturday after having been engaged since Dec. 2011. Gilford most recently starred in the canceled series *The Mob Doctor*.

What are the advantages of an older partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Kiele Sanchez is six years Zach Gilford's senior, so what makes this age difference work? Cupid has some thoughts:

1. More life experience: With an older partner, more experience is brought to the table and you can learn from those life experiences.

2. Maturity: Especially when it comes to men, older age equals a higher level of maturity. Those petty things you used to fight about with other partners fall by the wayside with an older beau.

3. Stability: Often times with age comes more stability in life. Having an older partner may mean that you fall into a

more stable lifestyle.

What are some other advantages to having an older partner?
Share your thoughts below.

Gwen Stefani Says Raising Kids with Gavin Rossdale Is the 'Ultimate Collaboration'



By Jennifer Ross

With her long list of accomplishments, Gwen Stefani claims her biggest moment is having a family with husband Gavin Rossdale. The couple just celebrated their 10-year anniversary, a huge accomplishment in the music industry. In an interview with [Vogue](#), published in the January 2013 issue, the *No Doubt* lead

singer describes her lasting marriage as, “It’s pride. You feel proud. There are just so many rewards that come with it.. It’s like these wars that go on and then you kind of get through to the other side, and it’s like, ‘Wow.’” The glue to their marriage – their two children, sons Kingston James McGregor, 6½, and Zuma Nesta Rock, 4. “Having kids takes the whole relationship to another place. It is the ultimate collaboration.” From success at work to at home, Stafani, 43, sometimes can’t believe anyone can be this lucky in life. Every day I’m like, ‘Really? Are you serious? Thank you, God. This is too good.’”

How does raising children bring you closer together as a couple?

Cupid’s Advice:

It may seem like adding a child into your relationship will deplete everything your and your partner cherish – your love, money and time. On the contrary, children bring the lessons of unity and unconditional love for someone else. Have doubts about this? Here are a few ways children will bring closeness:

1. More than two: As a couple, you two will have a loving bond for each other. However, when children are added, your relationship literally transitions into something more significant and even greater than before. It transitions into a family.

2. Common life goal: Although you and your mate definitely love each other, it’s nothing compared to the love you two will feel for your children. Even better, the ability to share that common goal of loving and nurturing your children is what will bring you two even closer as a couple.

3. Symbiosis: Because raising children requires so much more than just love, you and your partner will immediately learn to cooperate with each other simply to get through the daily

stresses of a family. Working together repeatedly is what teaches you both to live in harmony and togetherness.

How did raising children bring you and your partner closer together? Tell us below.

'Mad Men' Star Ben Feldman Is Engaged to Girlfriend Michelle Mulitz



By Nic Baird

Actor Ben Feldman proposed to Michelle Mulitz on Saturday, UsMagazine.com reports. The Mad Men star has given up the bachelor life now that he's engaged to girlfriend Mulitz. The proposal happened while the couple was walking their dog.

Feldman got down on one knee to Mulitz's surprise. "They are the best couple," a source said. "Very normal fun pair. Everyone is very happy for them."

What are some ways to plan a spontaneous-style proposal?

Cupid's Advice:

Lots of couples will eventually discuss marriage and possible next steps in their relationship. Though, when it does come time to pop the question, convention says you don't want them to see it coming:

1. Rehearse your speech: Don't go into the moment expecting the words to instantly pour from your heart. Give your feelings some thought and come up with a rough ideas of what you want to say. Address the key question, why should they marry you?

2. Use a distraction: Whether it's dinner, a movie, or rock climbing in the Grand Canyon, make sure you have an excuse to bring your partner to where you need them and explanations for any activity. You have to avoid suspicion at all costs.

3. Get a friend to help: Brainstorming your proposal ideas are a good way to root out the best ones. Get a friend on board who can give you some feedback. It's also important to have someone if your scheme requires any set-up or detailed maneuvering.

What great proposals have you heard about? Share your thoughts below!

Janice Dickinson 'Couldn't Be Happier' Over Engagement to Dr. Robert Gerner



By Nic Baird

Former *America's Next Top Model* judge Janice Dickinson is engaged to Dr. Robert Gerner, UsMagazine.com reports. This is Dickinson's fourth marriage. Gerner, nicknamed 'Rocky', is a prominent psychopharmacology expert. The couple have only been dating for three months, but "it was love at first sight," Dickinson said. "I intend to make Rocky the happiest man in the world for the rest of his life."

What are some things to beware of when you think it's love at first sight?

Cupid's Advice:

Everyone wants to believe in love at first sight. The romantic concept is in every love story ever told, so why not in our lives as well? While having a good first impression of someone is definitely a good sign, it's not a fool-proof system:

1. Infatuation: Often mistaken for love at first site, we can become suddenly infatuated with someone we find attractive, or who seems too cool to be true. Sometimes they aren't that cool. Sometimes you don't consider if they're compatible with you when you're so enthralled with their beauty.

2. Incompatible: After a brief chat it should become clear if your personalities don't click. However, wait for the second date before writing their name on your mirror. Explore how they feel about life, issues important to you, and relationships.

3. Unavailable: Make sure first of all that this person can offer you what you're looking for. Maybe they're avoiding relationships at all costs. It's possible they work too much to be able to give you much time. Understand how you would fit into their life.

Have you ever believed in love at first sight? Share your experiences below!

Sources Say Bethenny Franke is 'Unhappy' with Husband Jason Hoppy



By Jennifer Ross

Sources confirm, Bethenny Frankel is not happy with husband Jason Hoppy. On the third season of Bravo's *Bethenny Ever After*, the theme seems to be a whole lot of fighting. Now, sources tell UsMagazine.com, things are much worse. "Things have gotten even more strained in recent months. They're fighting a lot." With the feuds escalating to what they are, the self-made mogul, 42, and businessman Hoppy are spending more and more time apart. Recently, Hoppy spent the day golfing while Frankel hosted her *Skinnygirl's* Christmas party. Also, Frankel escaped in late November to a girls' getaway, therefore, excluding Hoppy, 41. What's a major reason for all the arguments? A source says it's the differences in career ambition. Bethenny is said to be "very focused" while Hoppy is "not driven." But don't count these two broken up yet; Frankel still "wants to make it work. "

How do you know when to call it quits in your marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

There can be many reasons why a marriage breaks down and falls apart. Sometimes, couples may run to divorce too quickly, following impulsiveness due to heated discussions. Other times, the slow build-up of breaking each other down will lead you to the same path. Whether you crawl or run towards divorce, understand if it's time to pull the plug with these few clues:

1. You have tried it all: You and your spouse have tried the marriage counseling, the relationship nurturing retreats and the heart-to-heart communication. Even still, the relationship has not gotten any better. On the contrary, it only leads you further away from each other. Listen to yourselves; it's time to go separate ways.

2. Abuse: If you are ever suffering from emotional, physical or even financial abuse from your spouse, this is a strong sign to end your marriage. It is one thing to disagree with personal matters in the relationship. However, no person EVER deserves to be abused. The best advice is – get professional help.

3. Exit planning: Once you or your partner begins researching and preparing for separation, it is safe to say that the end to your marriage is beginning. It's one thing to think about how to legally get out of your relationship. However, taking action is clear indication that you or your mate has thought about divorce long enough to want it more than reconciling.

What reason led to know it was time to end your marriage? Share your story below.

Kyra Sedgwick Opens Up About Why She Loves Husband Kevin Bacon



By Nic Baird

The Closer's Kyra Sedgwick has a lot of praise for her husband, actor Kevin Bacon, *People* reports. "He is so honorable. He is so ethically true. He has high moral standards, and he doesn't lie and he doesn't cheat," she said in the January issue of [Good Housekeeping](#). "I find that sexy!" The couple married in 1988, and Sedgwick said he still makes her feel like the most beautiful woman in the room. The two are also parents to Travis, 23, and Sosie, 20, who have now left the nest. "There's a lot more walking around the house naked," Sedgwick said.

What are some ways to keep the spark alive in your marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

As your love matures, the comfort of your marriage can push out some of the past passion. Don't let this make you too anxious. Instead, encourage your significant other towards these strategies for keeping the spark alive. Most of all, be excited at having found love in your life. Cupid has some advice:

1. Spontaneity: Be ready to suggest ideas to your partner, and be open to their suggestions. Keeping things lively means leading a full life with your partner. If one of you has an idea for an activity, pursue it. It will either be a learning experience you can talk about or a rewarding moment of fun.

2. Dates: It is easy to be lazy, and stop courting your spouse. You two could probably find a lot of enjoyment in each others' company at home, but creating new experiences will keep the marriage fresh. Plan romantic evenings and go out and do something active with your partner. Spending a night away somewhere is a great idea, because it lets you change the scenery and focus on your significant other.

3. Desire: It's important both to let your partner know you find them attractive, and to be attractive for your partner. This means more than expected levels of hygiene and personal grooming, but also each of you should at least pretend to be naively unaware of your natural appeal. Dress up for dates, and show effort in your appearance.

What are some strategies you've found to keep the passion? Share your experiences below!

Miranda Lambert Says Blake Shelton Loves to Decorate for Christmas



By Jennifer Ross

Country music stars Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert are definitely into having a very merry Christmas time. It not only is a holiday they love to celebrate, it is their “light at the end of the tunnel.” In the Dec. 3 issue, Lambert tells UsMagazine.com, “We can stop rushing around and just be together.” Going back to his childhood days, Shelton loves “to decorate” for the holidays and choose “food out of magazines” for his 29 year-old bride to make. Also, Shelton, 36, asked his talented singing wife to accompany him in a duet on “Home” for his *NBC* special, *Blake Shelton’s Not So Family Christmas*. Without hesitation, Lambert was more than willing to contribute. “I’m glad to be a part of it. I loved watching him sing with Reba McEntire and Kelly Clarkson. He was so

comfortable with the biggest divas on the planet!”

What do you do if your partner isn't a fan of the holidays?

Cupid's Advice:

The holidays are wonderful opportunities to be with friends and family, creating memories. However, your holiday fun can be dampened when your partner doesn't see the joy in it. That shouldn't discourage you from celebrating them anyways. To help keep the holiday spirit alive, here are a few ways to leave the coals out of your relationship's stocking:

1. Understand why: There may be an underlying issue as to why your mate isn't a fan. Is it social awkwardness? Childhood issues surrounding holidays? Maybe he/she doesn't like your family? Whatever it is, be understanding to their reasons; together, you just may come up with a solution.

2. Start off simple: If your partner is not accustomed to making such a fuss over the holidays due to his/her childhood, start off small. Instead of a Christmas party for thirty, have a holiday dinner for six maximum. The stress and complications of holidays may be what deters him/her.

3. Plan anyways: While you cannot force holidays on your partner, you can continue on with your plans regardless of his/her involvement. After all, your mate is not required to attend the party. That shouldn't stop you from having your fun and enjoying what you love.

How did you handle your partner not being a fan of the holidays? Tell us below.

'Bachelorette' Stars J.P. Rosenbaum and Ashley Hebert Tie the Knot



By Nic Baird

Season seven *Bachelorette* Ashley Herbert and fiancé J.P. Rosenbaum got hitched Saturday in Pasadena, Calif., according to [People](#). The couple are only the second in the franchise's 24 seasons to tie the knot after the finale. *Bachelor* and *Bachelorette* alumni Ali Fedowsky, Emily Maynard, and Jason and Molly Mesnick were in attendance, and franchise host Chris Harrison officiated the ceremony. "Today is all about our friends and family," Herbert said.

What are some ways to celebrate your love without getting married?

Cupid's Advice:

It might not be the right time to get married, or maybe you're not that concerned with the institution. Either way, there are many ways you can deepen your love with your partner. Follow your heart, and prioritize your happiness:

1. Moving forward: Both of you should want to see your relationship develop. Finding ways to spend more time together, and bringing your lives closer are benefits you can find without marriage. Make time for your partner and find new ways to enjoy their company.

2. Children: A child is a huge commitment, and shouldn't be considered lightly. Many times a baby can pop into your life unexpectedly. No matter how it happens, a child is a celebration of your love. You might feel pressure to get hitched, but giving a baby the significance it deserves is most important.

3. Special occasions: Spending the holidays with your loved ones shows their importance in your life. Making Valentine's Day and anniversaries special with thoughtful celebrations will reflect the love you share.

How does your partner remind you of their love? Share your experiences below!

Mario Lopez Marries Courtney Mazza





By Nic Baird

X-Factor and *Extra* host Mario Lopez married actress Courtney Mazza on Saturday, [People](#) reports. The couple exchanged nuptials in an outdoor ceremony in Punta Mita, Mexico. The newlyweds' daughter, Gia, was a flower girl with her three cousins. The ceremony will also feature a wedding cake by *Cake Boss* Buddy Valastro, and a mariachi band. The couple met in 2008 when Lopez starred in *A Chorus Line* on Broadway.

What are some things to consider about the music at your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Don't stay up at night making your wedding playlist. This is usually a task assigned to a trusted music adviser, either a friend or sibling. Here are a few things to keep in mind for your music choices:

1. Venue: The ceremony itself would obviously benefit from live musicians for more powerful instrumentals. There's no point in playing party music at your wedding venues where nobody can dance. Music can always add to the atmosphere, but high tempo pop is much more obnoxious than slow instrumental songs. Manage the volume when music is not important, or

instruct musicians accordingly.

2. Dancing: If people are going to be hitting the dance floor, pick exciting music! Luckily there are many classic songs for wedding receptions. Adding a few of these is a good way to break the ice. Don't worry about theme appropriate songs, just as long as it sounds fun. Live bands who know a good collection of tunes are even better, but make sure they have enough good material for your whole event.

3. Know your audience: Weddings can bring many demographics together so make sure the music will appeal to everyone. It's too tempting to pick music with emotional significance to you or specific people in attendance, but don't go overboard. This is your special day, but making diplomatic music choices will keep your guests happy. Letting a friend with reputable music taste to design the line-up is a safe choice.

What types of music do you like at weddings? Share your experiences below!

How Famous Couple Ashley Hebert and J.P. Rosenbaum Prepared for Their Celebrity Wedding





By Jennifer Ross

The time came for a celebration in Pasadena, California. *The Bachelorette* famous couple [Ashley Hebert](#) and [J.P. Rosenbaum](#) were so excited for their December 1st [celebrity wedding](#). With a beautiful ceremony planned by wedding planner Mindy Weiss, invitees included reality TV show alums Emily Maynard, Trista and Ryan Sutter, and Ali Fedotowsky and Roberto Martinez. Both bride and groom were ready to walk down the aisle, after each having their last “single” party in Scottsdale, Arizona. “The girls had quite the party! They had a stripper for Ashley, and everyone got spa treatments. The guys hung out and went out for a steak dinner,” a source revealed. Besides becoming Mrs. Rosenbaum, Hebert was most excited about finally putting on her wedding dress: “Ashley can’t wait for people to see it!”

Famous couple Hebert and Rosenbaum had fun while celebrating the night before their celebrity wedding. What are some unique ways to spend

your bachelor/bachelorette party?

Cupid's Advice:

You don't need to be a famous couple to throw a fun bachelor or bachelorette party! With a little creativity and help, here are three party ideas anyone can enjoy before walking down the aisle:

1. Road trip: Surprise the bride or groom, and plan a road trip to their favorite destination. To make it extra special, you can "kidnap" them, keeping them completely out of the loop until you near the destination. All you need is a great group of friends, a road map, snacks, and a full tank of gas.

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2. All in: What better way to prepare the bride or groom to go "all in" with marriage than organizing a poker tournament in their honor! This game is just for fun, although there should be a jackpot to claim in the end. Consider reserving a room at an upscale restaurant, club, or cigar lounge. Be sure to make festive shirts and hats for the party goers.

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3. Go extreme: Want to make plunging into marriage seem like a piece of cake? Plan a skydiving party for the bachelor or bachelorette! If jumping out of a plane at 10,000 feet doesn't sound like fun, try surfing, bungee jumping, rock climbing, or scuba diving instead. Plus, defying death with friends will always create great bonding memories for the future.

How did you celebrate your bachelor/bachelorette party uniquely? Share your story below.

Celeb Brad Pitt Says Fatherhood Has Made Him a Better Man



By Jennifer Ross

When [Brad Pitt](#) reflects back on 2012, what pattern does he see? “It’s been a family type of year, a down-home type of year,” the celeb recently reported to [People](#). As Pitt, 49, spoke about his family, while having dinner in his London rental with twins Knox and Vivienne, he didn’t let out all the details about his upcoming [celebrity wedding](#) to fiancée [Angelina Jolie](#). However, he did say that the wedding theme will be “just family...keep it simple – really.” One thing the *Killing Them Softly* actor confirms is that fatherhood has “absolutely” made him a better man. With regards to what he

has planned for his time before turning 50 next year, the celeb simply says, "I want to enjoy this year more than ever."

This celeb and father of six seems to be handling parenthood just fine. How do you know if your partner is cut out for parenthood?

Cupid's Advice:

The truth is, you really can't know if your partner is going to be a great parent until they become one. However, there are basic skills a person should have when raising children that they show prior to becoming a mom or dad. To help ease your worries, here are a few clues to look for that can tell you your partner has parent potential:

1. Patience: Having patience is a great indicator of someone being able to handle parenthood. Let's face it: If your partner cannot be patient around adults, like the time when a friend has one too many drinks and your mate is stuck babysitting them, then they won't last around children.

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2. Flexible and fun: Because children require so much attention, having a partner with the ability to be flexible and fun will help everyone involved. This means that your significant other is alright with plans not going as scheduled and seeing the humor in stressful situations.

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3. Compassionate: A way to see if your partner is

compassionate is to see how they react when someone is hurt or angry. Does your beau ignore them or try to empathize by lending a shoulder to cry on? To have someone with compassion is a big help for your relationship and love. Plus, it's an important parenting skill.

How did you know your partner would make a great parent? Tell us below.

Kim Kardashian Is 'Still Handcuffed' to Kris Humphries, Lawyer Claims



By Michelle

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Kim Kardashian and Brooklyn Nets star Kris Humphries are still married, according to [People](#). Almost a year after the divorce papers were filed to end the 72-day union, the reality television mega-star is demanding a trial as soon as possible. Kardashian's lawyer, Laura Wasser said that Kardashian just wants to finalize the divorce and move on with her life. Humphries is seeking an annulment, claiming that the \$20 million dollar nuptials were all for the more-than-successful, E! Television series *Keeping Up with the Kardashians*. While his attorneys gather evidence that the marriage was based on fraud, Humphries sticks to his claim that Kardashian never wanted to be married. A February 15 hearing date will determine when the divorce will go to trial.

What are some ways to remain civil during divorce proceedings?

Cupid's Advice:

Regardless of the reasons why a couple is getting a divorce, the process is difficult and can bring back emotions that the couple simple just didn't want to revisit. Remaining civil during a divorce can be one of the hardest aspects of severing the knot, but it is also an excellent way to ensure that your focus remains on resolving any issues and ultimately moving on with your life. Here are a few ways you can remain civil during a divorce:

1. Make a list of talking points before you have a discussion: By making an agenda of things you would like to discuss with your spouse and what you hope accomplish by the end of the conversation, you eliminate the possibility of running off track and leaving room for arguments.

2. Make compromises: Your marriage was once about compromise, so it is only fitting to keep the divorce under the same expectations. It is unusual that two people will want exactly the same things, but be prepared to give things up. Ultimately, decide what is really important to each of you and

reach an agreement based on those terms.

3. Don't bad-mouth your spouse in front of the kids: Divorce is a very difficult thing for children to handle and they will have their own issues to deal with while their parents separate. Although you are angry and it may be difficult, try your best not to speak poorly of your spouse in front of the kids. Placing the children in the middle of the divorce can cause them to feel trapped or even choose sides. It is perfectly fine to vent to friends or family, but be cautious with what you say around the children.

What are some other ways to keep your cool in the midst of your divorce? Share your comments below.

Brad Pitt Confirms Celebrity Wedding with Angelina Jolie Will Happen 'Soon'





By Jennifer Ross

Break out the tuxedos! A celebrity wedding celebration is in order. Engaged to one of Hollywood's most famous stars, [Brad Pitt](#) says his celebrity wedding to [Angelina Jolie](#) is coming soon, as reported in [People](#). At Monday night's premiere of his new film *Killing Them Softly* in New York, Pitt, 48, stated "I am getting more pressure from my kids, and it is something I want to do within their lifetime, but I also feel like the time has come." The famous couple has been together for seven years and celebrated a [celebrity engagement](#) this past spring. Even though Pitt and Jolie, 37, raise their six children together, Pitt still believes the wedding will be significant to their family. "I am surprised how much [marriage] meant to me once you had that."

Like famous couple Pitt and Jolie are sure to do at their celebrity wedding, what are some ways to involve children in the celebration?

Cupid's Advice:

Regardless of your children's ages, it is never a bad idea to include them in your wedding. A wedding is a ceremony of unity, which definitely includes everyone in your immediate family. To help your wedding be a success, here are three ideas how to include your children:

1. Ring bearer or flower girl: When your children are very young, consider sticking to the traditional roles of ring bearer or flower girl. They'll love these fun roles! Plus, it won't give your little ones too much to handle.

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2. Escort: Should the children be teenagers or older, they may want a more significant role in the ceremony. Why not have them escort you down the aisle? By escorting you, they are symbolically giving you and your fiancé their blessing.

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3. Family vows: Including family vows in the wedding ceremony is a great way to publicly solidify the family as a whole. After exchanging marriage vows, you and your partner can each exchange family vows with the children, promising to love and care for them. You can also give the children a ring as a token.

How do you think this famous couple will include their children in their celebrity wedding? Share your thoughts below!

Pro Matchmaker Says Kristen Stewart and Rob Pattinson Will Marry in a Year



By Jennifer Ross

Millionaire Matchmaker Patti Stanger knows a good love match when she sees one and she sees one in Hollywood couple Kristen Stewart and Rob Pattinson. Recently, at an *Usmagazine.com* Music Party, Stanger told Hollyscoop.com, "I love the fact that [Robert Pattinson] let [Kristen Stewart] apologize and that she owned up to her mistake. Let's see if they can heal each other and if they can get married in the next year and a half." Although most of America thought their love fiasco may have been a publicity stunt for the *Twilight Saga* movie, Stanger actually saw a heartbroken Pattinson and a remorseful Stewart. "I think it's for real because I really think he had a broken heart, I think he really cried his eyes out and I think she really regretted what she did." When it comes to

cheating, Stanger believes in forgiveness. “She’s human and they’re young. We make mistakes like that and nobody calls them out. They make mistakes and it’s like the end of the world.”

What are some signs that you’ve found the person you’re going to marry?

Cupid’s Advice:

How can you tell if your partner is “the one?” Ultimately, that is a big question you will have to answer on your own. However, that doesn’t mean there aren’t clues to guide you. Of all the many possible reasons to doubt a relationship, here are three conclusive signs that you are on the road to marriage:

1. Comfortable: A relationship should not be a painful chore and neither should hanging out with your partner. A lazy day with your soul mate should be like a cozy pair of pajamas – very comfortable and relaxing. This is the type of person you will want by your side when you grow old.

2. “We” terms: As you live in a world of individuality, being in a relationship with “the one” puts everything in a different perspective. Your days of thinking in terms of “me, my and I” evolve into “we, ours, and us.” You can naturally think of you two as a unit.

3. Protection: A sign that you are with your future spouse is that not only do you two protect each other from harm, but you also protect each other from the ability to let your individuality decline. Many relationships become so intertwined that each person loses their own sense of self. If not protected, this will only cause havoc and pain between you.

How did you know you had found the right person to marry?

Share with us below.

Nicole Kidman Says Divorce From Tom Cruise Was a 'Shock to My System'



By Jennifer Ross

With all her professional successes and a gorgeous family, Nicole Kidman is grateful for what she has. However, her life has not always been grand. In a recent interview with [DuJour](#), Kidman speaks of the highs and lows in her life, including her painful divorce from former husband Tom Cruise. When discussing her love for Cruise, the star of upcoming movie *Grace of Monaco* said, "I was reeling with Tom. I would have gone to the ends of the earth for him." At 23 years-old, she

had married Cruise in 1990. Just a few months after their 10th wedding anniversary, Cruise delivered a major blow to her when he decided to separate. "It took me a very long time to heal. It was a shock to my system," the mother of four confessed. Over time, Kidman, 45, healed from her divorce and eventually found love again in current husband Keith Urban. "I'm happier than I've ever been in my life... My family is with me."

What are some ways to deal with the shock of a divorce?

Cupid's Advice:

Being shocked by divorce doesn't necessarily mean that it happened suddenly. You may have known for some time that the marriage was deteriorating. It's basically the final realization that it is over. There are many stages you will go through, but know one thing. Life will get better. To get you through the initial shock, here are a few tips to keep your sanity:

1. Grieving stages: First thing to realize is that you will go through all stages of grieving, sometimes repeatedly – denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. While this may not relieve your pain immediately, learn each stage's emotional responses. In doing so, you can understand yourself better and see progress as it comes.

2. Grant permission: As your life has been turned upside down, you will have more bad days than good. Give yourself permission to forgive yourself not only for the mistakes of the past, but for the mistakes you will make in the future. Remember, you are going through a divorce; you cannot expect yourself to be at your best everyday.

3. Alone time: While you may have the constant urge to keep yourself busy and surrounded with people, this can be a bad mistake. In order to heal, you must face your emotions and process them internally. The idea may sound frightening, as if

your pain will consume you, but it won't. Over time, you will learn to appreciate alone time with yourself.

How did you cope with the shock of your divorce? Comment below.

President Obama and Michelle Obama Embrace with News of Re-Election



By Jennifer Ross

It's official! President Obama and his family will not need to move out of the White House. On Tuesday night, after Americans ran to the polls to vote, news reports confirmed the President, 51, as the winner after gaining the electoral vote

of Ohio. By Wednesday morning, the official tally was in – President Obama with 303 and Republican nominee Mitt Romney with 206. Soon after winning Ohio, the President tweeted to celebrate, including a photograph of him hugging First Lady. When giving thanks for support, the president tweeted, “We’re all in this together. That’s how we campaigned, and that’s who we are. Thank you. -bo.”

How do you congratulate your partner after an accomplishment?

Cupid’s Advice:

All successes, big and little, should be celebrated, especially when it involves someone you love. Whether your partner has received a hard-earned promotion, lost weight, graduated or published a book, this is the time to do something special and show that you care. Need a little help? Check out these ideas:

1. Party time: A party is a great way to celebrate your mate’s success. Gather all the loved ones and friends together. Decorate the place up nice and include your partner’s favorite foods. Don’t forget to write a wonderful speech, showing how proud you are for their success and how much you care.

2. A token: When there isn’t time for a party, a little token of appreciation can be given to your mate. You can give a personalized briefcase or pen for a job promotion or take them shopping for new clothes due to weight loss. Whatever the occasion is, there’s always an appropriate item to give.

3. Announcement: If you are so proud that you want the world to know, why not announce your loved one’s success to everyone. You can rent a billboard in your area, have a radio DJ broadcast it in the morning or light up the great news on a teleprompter at a sport’s area. Make sure your partner receives the message loud and clear – you are proud of him/her.

How did you congratulate your partner after an accomplishment?
Tell us below.

Find Out How Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert Make Their Marriage Work



By Jennifer Ross

Halfway towards their second-year anniversary, Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert continue to act as if they are on their honeymoon. With their stressful music careers that keep them apart as much time as they are together, Lambert, 28, told [People](#), “We won’t go more than two weeks without seeing each other.” Staying apart can be a good thing too, since Shelton, 36, warns that too much togetherness could have them killing

each other. The country music couple, which exchanged vows in Texas under an arch of antlers, has recently been able to spend time together in their Hollywood rental. In store for Lambert and Shelton, both were up with four nominations each at the 46th Annual CMA Awards, which aired on Nov. 1. Best of luck to them both, professionally and personally.

What are some ways to keep your married life grounded?

Cupid's Advice:

Finding a "soul mate" is a wonderful thing and what most people strive for in life. Yet, it's the years after that can stress you to the point of throwing in the towel. So what's a person to do when marriage has begun to show its downward times? The answer might be easier than you think. Here are a few ideas on keeping your marriage and sanity together:

1. Define "yours," "mine," "ours": Have the upfront conversation of what belongs to whom? This is not just about the financial accounts. Include time that will be shared together and separate, such as holiday vacations, his Thursday night basketball games or your Saturday afternoon book club meetings. Defining and respecting each other's time and money will work on strengthening your bond.

2. Continue courting: Often, the little things like an "I love you" post-it note left in his car or flowers "just because" can really go a long way to keeping the romance alive. The key is to be genuine and spontaneous, treating each other similarly to the exciting "newness" of your first beginning dates.

3. Renegotiate your contract: As with many contracts in life, your marriage terms and conditions need to be re-evaluated and renegotiated to fit you two currently, every so many years. As time passes by, and people inevitably change, so should your marriage evolve. Be sensitive to what each other requests or

no longer needs; focus on continuing the happiness you both give each other.

How do you keep your married life grounded? Comment below.