

Levi Johnston Marries Sunny Oglesby Without Tripp in Attendance



By Jennifer Ross

On October 28, Levi Johnston wedded his girlfriend of over one year, Sunny Oglesby without his first born, Tripp in attendance. The groom, 22, wanted Tripp, 4, to be his ring bearer, but mother, Bristol Palin denied visitation. According to [Inside Edition](#), Johnston did not inform Palin of his weekend nuptials. Instead, he only asked for custody of his son. One person that was able to make it was Johnston's second child with Oglesby, one-month-old Breeze Beretta. This is the first child for Oglesby, 20. During the wedding, Johnston was said to have goofed on his vows. "To have and to hold, whatever you say."

How do you keep open lines of communication with your ex?

Cupid's Advice:

Regardless of why the relationship ended, there are many reasons why you cannot just remove your ex from your life, such as working together or sharing custody of a child. In circumstances such as these, it is best to keep the line of communication open and respectful as best as possible in order to make life easier for all those involved. Should you need help, here are a few tips on how to remain cordial with your ex:

1. Express your plan: As soon as possible, inform your ex that you plan to move forward in a respectful manner for both of your sakes. Should you ex not agree with you; don't stoop down to his/her level. Remain on your path. Eventually, they will see you are serious and come around.

2. Be specific: In the beginning, emotions may still be raw. Therefore, it would greatly benefit the both of you to be specific about your reasons when reaching out to your ex. No matter what is said, work hard to keep your emotions under control. Also, don't forget to use your "please" and "thank you." The key is to establish respect for each other.

3. Don't reminisce: When speaking to your ex, it is best not to bring up moments of your past relationship together, regardless of whether there were good or bad. In order to move forward in an amicable manner, your intimate times with your ex must remain in the past. Otherwise, you will only bring confusion.

What methods do you use to keep open lines of communication with your ex? Tell us below.

Justin Timberlake Sang to Jessica Biel at Wedding Reception



By Jennifer Ross

With their elegant wedding in Italy, this past Friday was a night to remember for Jessica Biel and Justin Timberlake. The former 'NSYNC band member and his new bride had a white wedding, with white flowers literally everywhere, in the very posh Borgo Egnazia resort in southern Italy. One witness reports to UsMagazine.com, "Even the balconies facing the main courtyard were dressed with white blooms." The wedding reception was also held inside the hotel resort and draped in

white fabric with; you guessed it, more white flowers. Biel, 30, changed from her white-and-pink wedding gown to something more comfortable for partying. With many of Timberlake's songs being played at the reception by deejay ?uestlove, guests and Biel were in for a surprise when Timberlake, 31, sang a never-been-heard-before song in dedication to his new bride.

How do you use music to bring romance to your relationship?

Cupids Advice:

Music is the primary language of love. It can translate into many cultures and send a message around the world. In music, we can strengthen love in a matter of minutes, express our deepest feelings and permanently bookmark a moment in time that we will never forget. To tell your partner that you care, show your love through music examples, such as these:

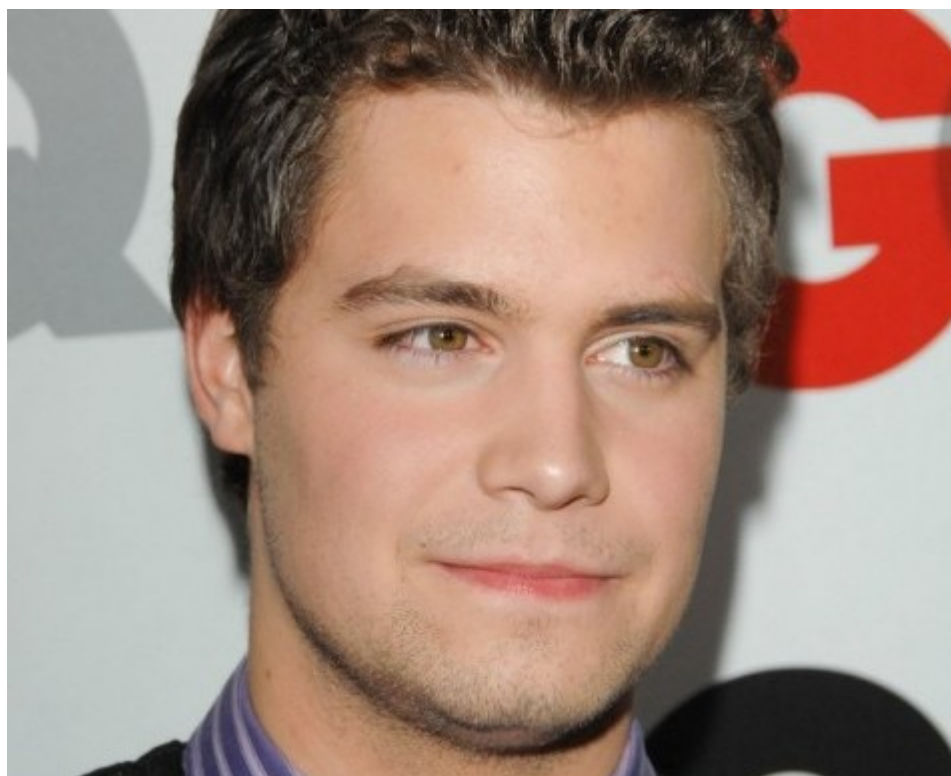
1. Create a love playlist: If you have trouble talking about your feelings, why not let the professionals do it for you? Create a love playlist that includes a mixture of yours and his favorite artist. The best part, even when you are away, your love will come through the audio speakers every time he presses play.

2. Attend a concert: Another way to incorporate music is to find out who is your partner's favorite singer/band and attend their concert together. Just imagine the surprise look of joy your mate will have when you present those tickets. It gives you two an event to explore together and memory to cherish in the future.

3. Sing a song: Singing a song to your partner is a very romantic way to show your love and allows yourself to be open and vulnerable to them. Regardless of whether you have a beautiful singing voice or you cannot carry a tune, there is a song out there for everyone. All you have to do is find your song and practice before your special moment.

Did you romance your partner with music? Tell us your story below.

Dana Adam Shapiro Reviews the Lessons he Learned While Writing 'You Can Be Right (Or You Can Be Married)'



By Michelle

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After making a list of all the people that he knew, under 40,

who were divorced, filmmaker and serial monogamist, Dana Adam Shapiro decided to answer the ultimate question: Why does love die? His book, *You Can Be Right or (You Can Be Married)*, contains 30 intimate interviews, where real people share the reasons why their marriages ultimately failed and their own important advice for others on keeping relationships alive. In an exclusive interview, Shapiro shares what it was like to write this intimate book, discusses the common reasons why he believes marriages fail and shares advice on what can be done to prevent this from happening.

You have become pretty successful in the film industry, what made you want to write a book about divorce?

The reason I was interested in the topic of divorce was because many of my friends started getting divorced. It started happening when I was 35. I guess people must have been going through that '7 year itch' (people that got married in their late 20s). I didn't realize how common divorce really is. I was incredibly surprised to hear that they were getting divorced each time because people are really good at putting on a show. Marriage is a great mystery: you never really know if they are happy, or even what the idea of happiness is. Some people may find it difficult to address the reasons they got divorced. Inevitably, because the interviews would not be anonymous on camera, there really was no way to make a documentary about it.

What was it like asking people to open up about their failed marriages?

I think the key to being a good interviewer is being genuinely interested in the topic. I was just genuinely, personally interested in what they were saying. This wasn't just an assignment, it was something I was truly curious about and wanted help with. I was literally asking for their advice. I wanted to learn what went on behind closed doors and what they did wrong that they could have done better. I think that came

through. There were definitely times when I was listening to a story and I thought, "Wow, you really did that?" But of course, you can't say that in the middle of an interview. It's very rare that people are allowed to speak about these types of things. How often can you really open up to a therapist? I don't think there are that many opportunities for people to really open up about themselves. Most of the people said that they've never spoken so deeply about the issues before and at the end, the interview almost felt like an exorcism. I got to know these complete strangers in one interview better than their own friends know them.

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Almost all of the interviews are extremely intimate. Why do you think these first-hand accounts of failed marriages will benefit your readers?

I think this type of hard-worn wisdom, for me, is more powerful and more provocative. All great drama has conflict and that is what these stories are about; the break ups. It was kind of the opposite of *When Harry Met Sally*, where everybody was sitting on the couch telling you how amazing their marriage is or their love-life is. My book, on the other hand, is really about how to learn from other people's mistakes.

What was the most common reason marriages failed for the people you interviewed?

Personally, I think it's because people marry the wrong person. I don't think that most of the marriages that ended could have been saved. Many people get married too young and too quickly. Most of the time, in the courtship phase, when we're dating, there is a lot of 'airbrushing' going on; we really want to present ourselves to be as good and as strong as possible. Maybe we're even afraid to show our true selves because we just want so badly to get married. I think we tend

to not see characteristics in our partner that may bother us. There is always the thought that, "Maybe they'll change." This alludes to how everyone talks about this idea of compromise. I believe it is essential, but there is such a thing as too much compromise. So many people woke up seven years into their marriage saying, "Where did I go?" or "Who am I?" People are so focused on trying to please their partner and becoming their ideal that in doing so they've lost themselves. The most important and first chapter in the book is called 'Accelerating the Inevitable'. Honestly, I think that the inevitable is that you're going to become yourself. Any attempt to alter your character in some way and please another person, or think that someone can fundamentally change to please you, is a recipe for disaster.

What do you think are the most important things someone can do to prevent love from 'dying' in their relationship?

I think you have to genuinely enjoy putting the other person before yourself. Because of fairy tales and movies, I think the idealization of love is corrupting what we believe it is supposed to be. To have a realistic idea of love is to really understand what it means to put another person completely before yourself. As a culture, I think we are getting more and more selfish. I think that's the problem because marriage is really about the two of you. One of the things that kept coming up again and again, if you traced it back to the beginning, was that one spouse felt under-appreciated or neglected for some reason. I think it sort of festers into resentment or withdrawal. In many cases, this makes someone susceptible to the affection of other people and can lead to adultery or an affair. Ultimately, the reason the marriage ends is because two people simply grew apart and are living in the future thinking maybe it will get better.

Has this helped you, in any way, in your own relationships?

Yeah. It has definitely forced me to acknowledge all of these

things about myself; to really just encourage my partner to be honest about who they are and for both of us to be vulnerable; to say, "If it doesn't work out, it's alright, it's not that you're wrong or I'm wrong, it's just that we are wrong about each other." I think to prioritize marriage or eternity is a slippery slope. If marriage can work out then that's great, but it's not the only result.

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After writing this book, would you ever get married?

Yeah, I would like to get married. I think that is the ideal. If it is a great marriage, then yes. I think bad marriages, however, are far more common and the idea of happiness is definitely a tough concept when it comes to marriage. I think this idea that 'You're mine until the day that I die' is a dangerous idea.

Lastly, will there be any other books in the future?

I'd like to do a book on alternative marriages; anyone who isn't doing the traditional marriage like swingers, bachelors, or communes. It could be interesting to see whether these situations are created by chance or by choice.

You can purchase a copy of 'You Can Be Right (Or You Can Be Married): Looking for Love in the Age of Divorce' in bookstores and online from Amazon. For more information about Shapiro, you can visit his website DanaAdamShapiro.com.

Justin Timberlake Refers to Wedding Day as 'Magical'



By Nic Baird

Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel wed Friday at a resort in Puglia, Italy, according to [People](#). The couple spent days celebrating with friends and family before the ceremony. Open fires, beach parties, fireworks and live music foreshadowed the nuptials. "It was magical," Timberlake said about the wedding. "It was an unforgettable evening." The *N' Sync* alumni first met his wife at the 2007 Golden Globes. Biel, who debuted as a child star in *7th Heaven*, called the day "a fantasy."

What are some ways to make your wedding day magical?

Cupid's Advice:

Your wedding publicly announces that true love has been found and won. It's an event where you shout your devotion and welcome the huge transition from single living to a lifelong partnership. No matter what happens, that's pretty magical. But if you're worried about conveying this to your guests, here are some tips:

1. Foresight: Since you don't have to worry about your funeral, planning a wedding day is potentially the biggest event of your life. Make sure to give yourself ample time when picking the date. Magazines, books, friends and the internet are great outlets for the resources you'll need to get ideas and make sure you haven't forgotten anything. Remember, this is your special day, so make the choices that are special to you.

2. Simplicity: The more complications, the more can go wrong. Attendees appreciate the quality of decisions, not the quantity. A beautiful venue and lively dance floor are the foundation for the event's success. Don't burden yourself with lists of chores on your wedding day. Delegate tasks and make sure they're idiot proof.

3. Spontaneity: When that special day comes, odds are some plans are going to turn out different or not at all. Your guests will be looking to you for leadership. If you seem stressed out or anxious then unrest will quickly spread through the masses. Smile, be the voice of reason, and trust in fate. The most magical moments are the unforeseeable ones.

What are some other ways to make your wedding day unique and magical? Share your thoughts below.

Sources Say Russell Crowe and Danielle Spencer Have Split



By Nic Baird

Oscar winner Russell Crowe and musician Danielle Spencer have split after an eight year marriage, according to the [Sydney Morning Herald](#). The relationship blossomed after the two were cast as lovers in the 1990 movie *The Crossing*. The New Zealand-born actor married Spencer in her native Australia April 7, 2003. Spencer is currently in Sydney with their two children, while Crowe is on a N.Y.C. stage with Alan Doyle, Sting, and upcoming *Les Misérables* co-star Emma Watson. Crowe's rep did not respond to [People](#)'s request for comment, Sunday.

What are some ways to get through a rocky patch in your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Getting past the hurdles in a relationship is easy. Every couple has problems, but all it takes is a bit of effort to move on. Before you go wasting your money on therapists and bartenders, check that you're both completely invested in making it work. It only takes a spark to get the fire going again.

1. Clear the air: Don't tiptoe around ongoing issues. Find out what burdens your relationship. Tell your partner what makes you unhappy, and listen to your their problems as well. Think about the times when you worked well as a couple, and examine why relations are suddenly different.

2. Compromise: Someone's needs are being neglected in your relationship. Trying to push past a rocky patch means resolving to make the necessary adjustments. Talk with your partner about the needs you both have. Figure out what structural tweaks will keep your twosome blissful.

3. Change: Resolving to improve means nothing without action. As a couple, you move forward together. Half the pair can't be crushed by all the relationship maintenance, while the other shows no interest. Obviously your relationship changed once before when it slid into this rut, now something has to change again. Follow through on the changes you discussed with your partner.

How did you get past a rocky patch in your relationship? Share your experiences below!

Beyonce Performs 'Crazy in Love' with Jay-Z in Brooklyn



By Nic Baird

Surprise guest Beyonce joined her husband Jay-Z on stage at the Barclays Center Saturday. The leather clad Beyonce even had to cover Jay-Z when he missed his queue during “Crazy in Love,” according to UsMagazine.com. “Oh sh— I should probably rap here,” he said afterwards. Jay-Z had been too caught up in his wife’s vocals to remember his part. By having his wife perform, Jay-Z closed out eight nights at the Brooklyn venue. She was in the audience during the first Sept. 28 show, before taking her support to the stage as her 2008 hit “Diva” played.

How do you stay involved with your partner’s career?

Cupid’s Advice:

Unless your spouse is a secret agent, learning about their career will make them more willing to disclose work experiences. Cupid has some advice:

1. Ask questions: As a topic of conversation, the things people do during the average day at work is only slightly less monotonous than the weather. But like the weather, it's very important so you can act with foresight. Problems at work can quickly boil over into personal life. Not only are you showing an interest in your partner's career, but you'll be able to anticipate their needs and moods by regularly asking them about work.

2. Offer advice: The follow-up to asking questions about work is offering advice. To fully communicate, you have to offer something to your partner. Your advice should align with your significant other's career objectives. Demonstrating your support comes by helping your partner with their goals, not your own. Make a sincere contribution, and don't be upset if they neglect your tips.

3. Celebrate together: A great way to show your involvement with your partner's career is by looking for ways to celebrate their work. This could be a promotion, or an accomplishment. If they have free time after a long stretch at the office, celebrate a break from their labour. It's not only about showing your interest, but also an opportunity to spend time together.

When do you find time to talk to your partner about their career? Share your experiences below!

7 Lessons We Can Learn from Celebrity Divorces



By Relationship & Sex Talk, Jane Greer, Ph.D., for GalTime.com

Katie and Tom? Kim and Kris? Seal and Heidi? Do you relate to any of these A-listers break-ups?

With all the celebrity divorces topping the news regularly, there is much to be learned from their trials, and in some cases, triumphs. Here are seven tips to help you steer clear of a Maria Shriver-Arnold Schwarzenegger un-hitching, or handle a divorce gracefully— if that's the best route to take.

Know what you are getting into before you walk down the aisle. Could this have been the issue for Katy Perry and Russell Brand's short marriage? We can't know for sure, however, we

can take note. I often think of how we take the time to plan a vacation. We decide where we want to go, where to stay, eat, and tour. You wouldn't jump into the car without any thought and head to a destination. Why would you do that with a marriage? Learn what your partner wants out of life, and what they expect from you and the home you build, before you commit to being together forever. That is the only way to ensure a happy future and continued travel together.

Pay attention to the signs, so a divorce doesn't blindsides you. "I had no idea it was going to take this turn," Jennie Garth of "Beverly Hills 90210" fame told "Access Hollywood Live" about divorcing Peter Facinelli of "Twilight" fame after eleven years of marriage. The thing to keep in mind with this one is, if you've been fighting and then the fighting stops, it doesn't always mean things have improved. Maybe your spouse has simply given up. Just because your partner stops complaining doesn't mean the complaints have necessarily gone away. Don't assume all is well; make sure it is.

First deal with the "me" so you don't get caught up in the "we." Could Katie Holmes' path been different had she focused more on herself before she wed Tom Cruise? The perception that Cruise overwhelmingly ruled the roost and left no room for the compromise that a healthy marriage demands is something we all can learn from. Before you commit to a life of possible unhappiness, make sure you are a strong individual. Then together you can focus on becoming a couple.

Make your anger work for you. Rumor has it that one element in Heidi Klum and Seal's break-up was intense anger. In an intimate relationship everyone seeks a loving and safe shelter, and behavioral issues or outbursts can quickly erode those comforts. Over time, one partner may lose the sense of sanctuary and begin to feel fearful and anxious knowing that at any time their spouse might blow up. That pattern of behavior destroys the foundation of your mutual trust and commitment. Instead of letting things between you become

explosive and hurtful, use those strong feelings to do good.

Don't compare your old partner to your new one. Was Brad Pitt busy comparing ex-wife Jennifer Aniston to his new partner Angelina Jolie? Well, rumors seemed that way for years, but the honkin' engagement ring on Angie's finger puts that to rest. For the rest of us: If you play the comparison game, you will just keep yourself stuck on what was wrong with your past marriage. This will keep the pain and loss of divorce alive, instead of allowing you to let go and move on. Create closure for yourself, and to do that you have to be willing to let go. That means being able to cope with what you left behind, focusing on the positive of what you took away from it. When you talk negatively you keep your bad feelings alive. When you talk positively you put them to rest. The ultimate goal is to get on with your new life in a better place for what you gained from your old one.

Tend to other aspects of your life – financial, professional, health, parenting, education, friendships and family relationships. When “Desperate Housewives” star Eva Longoria ended her marriage to Tony Parker, NBA star point-guard for the San Antonio Spurs, one of the things that suffered was her financial situation. It is not unusual for the loss you have already been through with your separation or divorce to replicate itself in other parts of your life. Often, people end up experiencing loss in a panoramic sense – it finds its way into everything, taking over even more than their love and home life. Don't turn a blind eye to other corners of your life that need your attention, places where you can still make a difference. Pay attention so you can focus on and sustain the other things you still have in your life, thereby curbing the widespread devastation.

Don't bad-mouth your ex in public. Alec Baldwin is quoted in gossip mags bashing former wife Kim Basinger. Find an outlet for your anger, sadness or leftover emotions by keeping a journal, seeing a professional counselor, or joining a divorce

support group. It might feel good in the moment to go off about your former partner. But even if you're not in the press or spotlight, be mindful that saying negative things out loud about an ex rarely serves anyone well in the long run.

If you keep these tips in mind you can hopefully use them to insulate your marriage and stay on track. But if you've gotten to the point of no return, then maybe these lessons will help you remain in control so that you don't exacerbate an already difficult situation and make it worse. Use them to regain your footing and start your new life on solid ground.

Elisha Cuthbert Proves Patience Can Pay Off





By Relationship & Sex Talk, Jane Greer, Ph.D., for Galtime.com

relationships and timing

Elisha Cuthbert, one of the stars of the ABC series Happy Endings, is proving that sometimes people do live happily ever after. It was recently announced that she and longtime boyfriend Dion Phaneuf, the Toronto Maple Leafs NFL hockey player, are engaged to be married after dating for four years. For some, that could seem like an eternity to wait.

But, what about the rest of us? It raises the question, how much time do you give a relationship before getting a proposal? And how long is too long?

There are many things that can keep one or both members of a couple from taking that big leap toward marriage. Sometimes these issues are never resolved, or worse, they are just excuses. Other times they really are honest concerns that just need time to work themselves out, as was the case with Elisha and Dion. So how can you know the difference?

The most important thing to keep in mind is that despite the

fact that your partner's reluctance to commit can feel like a rejection of you, try not to take it personally. You can do this by recognizing that very often when one partner is holding back on taking that huge step, it often has more to do with their own individual issues and fears than with how they feel about the other person. They might be worried about career success, or making enough money to support a family, or maybe they were betrayed before and have trust issues. If someone has already been married, there might be all sorts of concerns keeping them from trying again.

Talk to your partner about why they are not ready to go forward. See if you can jointly determine what it might take for them to get beyond their fears. Set goals to work toward making those changes and then you can set a time limit for yourself, maybe six months or a year, to see if anything is being done. As long as your partner is trying, then your relationship is still viable and worth fighting for. But if your partner is all talk, and has made no attempt to move toward the goals you set together, sadly, it might be an indication that nothing will ever change. At that point, you can do what they have not been able to do, take the next step yourself and move on.

Fall Out Boy's Patrick Stump Is Married





By Nic Baird

Fall Out Boy's Patrick Stump married longtime girlfriend Elisa Yao on Saturday, according to [People](#). Stump's media rep confirmed the news with a Twitter post congratulating "[Patrick] and [E]lisa on a beautiful and amazing wedding!" Love is in the air this fall, especially last weekend when quite a few famous twosomes tied the knot. Celebrity couples Anne Hathaway of *The Dark Knight Rises* and Adam Shulman, Kings of Leon's Jared Followill and girlfriend Martha Patterson, and actor Stanley Tucci and literary agent Felicity Blunt all exchanged vows the same weekend as Stump and Yao.

What are some ways to decide what time of year to get married?

Cupid's Advice:

Though *Fall* Out Boy Stump's choice of season for his ceremony seems absurdly appropriate, there are a lot more things to consider when scheduling your big day than wedding puns. The time of year affects your options, and you don't want to realize that in the middle of hellish planning:

1. Weather: Obviously it looked great in *Friends* when Monica

and Chandler had their faux-winter union, but an outside wedding in snow seems unbearable. Besides the temperature, rainfall and wind can ruin a beautiful summer ceremony. If you want to escape into nature, just make sure you have a backup plan if an act of God should occur.

2. Guests: Before the invitations start rolling out, it's important to consult the key players in your wedding party, including the respective parents of the bride and groom. Make sure your special day accommodates your most important guests. Some invitees might have seasonal jobs that affect when they can make it.

3. Honeymoon: If you don't want to get trapped in a resort during rainy season, you should synergize your honeymoon with your wedding. You may have to give something up to have the wedding or honeymoon you always wanted, but a bit of research could avert a disappointing vacation.

What are some fun ways you can use the time of year to compliment your wedding? Share your ideas or experiences below!

Martha Stewart Discusses Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds' Wedding





By Nicole

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According to UsMagazine.com, Martha Stewart was invited to the secret nuptials of the newlyweds Ryan Reynolds and Blake Lively. The TV star had nothing, but praise for the young couple. Lively was “a very gorgeous” bride and Reynolds was a “very gorgeous” groom, she said. The couple lives within the same area as Stewart and the trio spend time together. When asked about the newlyweds, Stewart remarked they they are “the nicest couple”. The pair exchanged vows in a top-secret ceremony on September 9 in South Carolina that no one but a select few saw coming.

What are some ways to pull off a surprise wedding?

Cupid’s Advice:

Instead of going for the common surprise party, you want to go for a surprise wedding! Here are some tips on how to pull it off:

1. Don’t post it: If you want to keep the wedding a secret, don’t post about it on the internet or else all of your

facebook friends will see. Keep it quiet until you absolutely have to inform others or else you will ruin the surprise before it can even be planned completely.

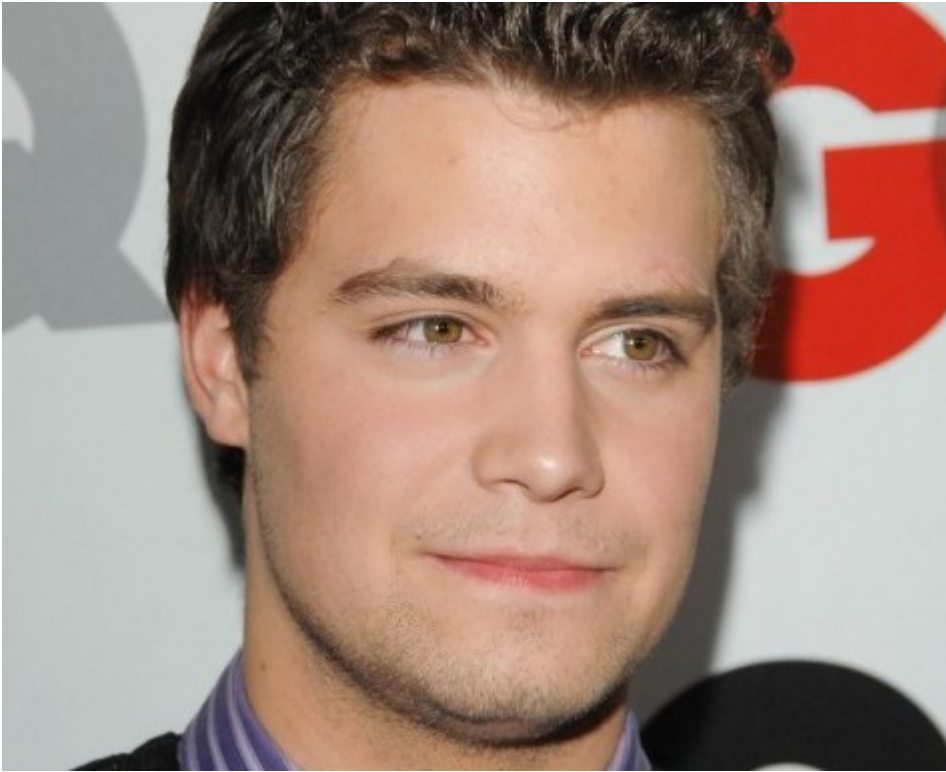
2. Keep the list simple: You don't need to invite your cousin's friend's brother's uncle. Keep the list to your closest friends and family because the more people that know of the wedding, the less it will be a surprise in the long run.

3. Last minute: Nothing says surprise like a last minute phone call. You may want to avoid last minute invitations since that would make it inconvenient for some guests, but it's all about the surprise if you're going for that element.

Did you have a surprise wedding? Share your experiences with us in the comments below.

Blake Lively Has An On Set Wedding Celebration





By Erin Minty

The wedding of Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds has been the talk of the town since the two secretly married at a small ceremony in South Carolina recently. But after the relaxation of a small town wedding and low-key honeymoon, the actress was back to the big city and back to work—her hit TV show *Gossip Girl* starting filming again. On set, the *Gossip Girl* cast was not all business, congratulating Lively on her recent nuptials. They even raised a glass of “champagne” (ginger ale) to toast the actress during a scene. Blake was reportedly “glowing,” according to [People](#). Her cast mates and producers all shared in the happiness of Lively’s new marriage and wished her well.

What are some ways to help your coworker celebrate their recent wedding?

Cupid’s Advice:

A marriage is always a call for celebration and well wishes, even in the office! Cupid has some advice on how you can help celebrate a coworker’s recent wedding:

1. Plan a party: When your coworker comes back from his/her honeymoon, show them you care about their happiness by planning a party. It doesn't have to be big; a cake in the break room or decorations on their desk will show them how happy you are for them and that you want to help them celebrate this big change in their lives.

2. Help them out: If your coworker is a little shy, you can help them celebrate their wedding by offering to take over some of their work while they are away on their honeymoon. That way, they won't be spending the whole time worrying about their job and you can be a part of the reason they are happy and relaxed.

3. Get a gift: While your coworker is away for their honeymoon, get the whole office together to pitch in for a gift. Depending on the size of your office, you could get together a lot of money to get the new couple something really special. Your coworker will really appreciate the thought you all put in to helping them get ready for their new life.

How did you help your coworker celebrate their wedding? Share your story below!

Annie Lennox Ties the Knot for the Third Time





By Jennifer Ross

Annie Lennox has put a little love in her heart again, reports [People](#). The Scottish singer married Dr. Mitch Besser, an American gynecologist, Saturday in London. According to the [Daily Record](#), Lennox's two daughters, Lola, 22, and Tali, 19, along with a small group of friends and family members were present for the private ceremony. Dr. Besser, 57, is also founder of mothers2mothers, an organization in Africa aimed at helping prevent transmission of HIV from mother to baby. In 2009, it is through the organization that Lennox, also 57, met Dr. Besser. Let's hope that Lennox's third time is the charm.

How do you know if your marriage will last after multiple divorces?

Cupid's Advice:

There are many statistics out there that state your chances of divorcing a second time around can be up to 90 percent higher than if you were in your first marriage. However, some remarriages do last, regardless of previous failures. Here are a few clues in knowing the difference:

1. Heal from the old marriage: Holding on to anything negative or unfulfilled from your previous marriage will only set you up for failure in the future one. Find closure in all aspects, physically, financially, socially and emotionally. If that means you must cry a river of tears, get it over with, and then leave it in your past.

2. Evaluate yourself: In evaluating yourself, take time to see what you did wrong in your previous marriage and what expectations you had. Remember, your ex was not the only one at fault. By knowing the good and bad in yourself, you can prevent repeating history.

3. Be the real you: In the new marriage, it is most important to be completely honest with yourself and your spouse about who you really are. Honesty about everything will show that there are no unexpected surprises with you. Also, your marriage actually has a great chance at forming a strong bond, stronger than before.

What are the differences in you between your remarriage and previous marriage? Is the marriage bond stronger than before? Tell us how below.

Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds Take a Mini-Honeymoon in Virginia





By Jennifer Ross

Keeping in theme with their South Carolina wedding, Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds decided on a mini-honeymoon at Virginia's Inn in Little Washington, South Carolina, according to [People](#). Located an hour and a half west of our nation's capital, the Inn is operated by Chef Patrick O'Connell. It includes a French inspired restaurant, locally grown food and a 14,000 wine bottle cellar. As reported by the [Washington Post](#), Reynolds, 35, wore a light blue shirt and khakis when he and his bride dined in the garden for a late dinner. The couple then spent Saturday night there before heading back to New York City.

What are some quick honeymoons to take as a couple?

Cupid's Advice:

Although a wedding is one of the most memorable moments in your life, it may come at a time when your work schedule is full. If this is your case, here are a few examples of how you can have a mini romantic honeymoon that is sure to please:

1. In your own backyard: No, this is not in reference to the

yard behind your home. Rather, it's about creating a wonderful experience of enjoying what your town has to offer. Whether you live in rural town or a bustling city, every town has spas, fine dining, luxury hotels or resorts, along with events and nightlife that can make for a very exciting time. Plus, it includes the shortest drive home in the end.

2. Head west to wine country: Another honeymoon that does not require a passport is the wine regions of California. There are many wine resorts and villa rentals to set the romantic mood. Besides all the great wine tasting, there is also hot-air balloon rides, golfing, and spas. Just remember to hire car service to prevent any drinking and driving.

3. Beach destination: For a romantic beach destination without leaving the U.S., head over to Kiawah Island, South Carolina. While it is not actually an island, it is predominantly surrounded by water. Although Kiawah Island is known for their professional golf courses, you can also enjoy playing tennis, fishing, canoeing through the beautiful marsh-lined creeks, shopping, fine dining or simply laying on the beach. It contains all the joys of the Florida Keys, at a lower cost and without the over-crowdedness.

Did you and your spouse take a quick honeymoon? Tell us all about it below!

Mario Lopez's Fiancé Courtney Mazza Surprises Him at Vegas

Bachelor Party



By Erin Minty

Host of *Extra* and *America's Best Dance Crew* Mario Lopez held his bachelor party this past weekend at TAO Beach in Las Vegas. Among 15 of his closest buds, Lopez lounged in the sun, snacking on fresh fruit, sushi, crispy rice and quesadillas, reports [People](#). No matter how much fun he had with the guys, however, it was his fiancé's surprise addition to the all-boys weekend that was the showstopper. Courtney Mazza, who has been engaged to Mario Lopez since January, appeared during the bachelor party to perform with the Pussycat Dolls.

What are some ways you can contribute to your partner's bachelor/bachelorette party?

Cupid's Advice:

A bachelor/bachelorette party can be one of the most memorable times that a bride/groom gets to spend with their friends before the big day. Without stepping on anyone's feet, you may be tempted to make the party even more special. Cupid has some advice on how to contribute to your partner's bachelor/bachelorette party:

1. Have a specially designed cake delivered: Have a tasty treat delivered to the party that has a special message design. Show you're thinking of your partner and your approaching big day.

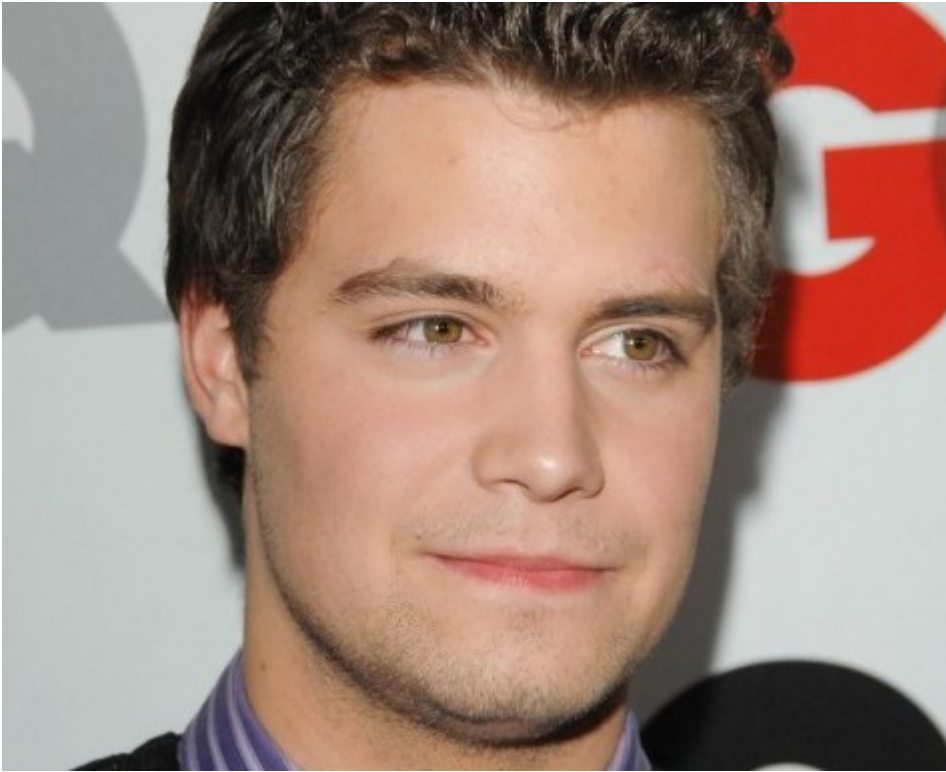
2. Make sure champagne is waiting in their hotel room: Have chilled champagne delivered to your soon-to-be spouse's hotel room so that she/he and their friends can toast to your nuptials.

3. Make a surprise appearance: Take a hint from Courtney Mazza and make a quick unexpected appearance at the bachelor or bachelorette party. Make sure that this appearance would be appreciated before deciding to do it, however.

How did you contribute to your partner's bachelor/bachelorette party? Leave your story below.

Find Out About Ryan Reynolds and Blake Lively's Life Before Marriage





By Nicole

Weintraub

Ryan Reynolds and Blake Lively got married last Sunday, according to [People](#). The couple has been living cozily in the suburbs now as they take a step back from the busy Hollywood scene. After dating for six months, the now newlyweds purchased a house together in April and worked on interior decorating through the month of June. with future plans to marry in a quiet ceremony in Charleston, South Carolina.

What are some advantages to living together before marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

Nowadays it is very common for couples to cohabitate prior to tying the knot. Here are some pluses to moving in together before getting married:

1. Finding out compatibility: One of the major benefits of living together prior to being married is figuring out if the two of you can stand to be around each other all the time. You'll be able to find out little quirks about one another to truly see if the two of you are meant to be.

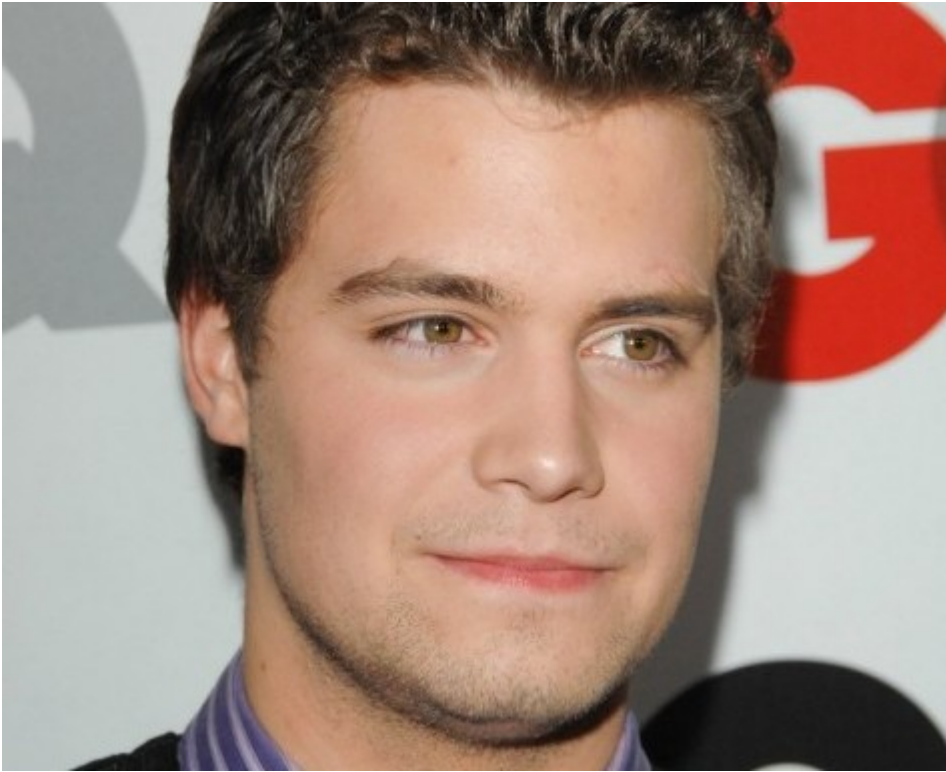
2. Testing living arrangements: Living with someone is different than merely dating them. This is a great way to see how the two of you would be able to compromise and the lifestyle you would have as a married couple.

3. Taking the next step: You and your partner may not be ready to take the plunge into marriage, but you may be ready to take another step. Moving in together is the step between dating seriously and marriage.

Did you move in with your partner before marriage? What were some of the benefits you experienced? Share with us in the comments below!

Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds Vowed to 'Make Each Other Laugh'





By Erin Minty

Hollywood's newest married couple Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds celebrated their surprise wedding on September 9th with vows that they wrote themselves. The wedding was small and personal, and their vows reflected that feeling. A source revealed to [People](#), "They promised to support and love each other and to make each other laugh." Reynolds "said he would treasure Blake; she said she would adore him." The romantic celebration was held at Boone Hall Plantation outside of Charleston, South Carolina, and featured everything from after-dinner s'mores to a paper lantern send off.

What are the advantages to writing your own vows?

Cupid's Advice

When planning a wedding, the decision to use prewritten vows or to write your own can make a big difference in the tone of your celebration. Cupid has some advice:

1. Personality: Writing your own vows will make what you are saying special and give your long wedding speeches a bit of

personality. You can say whatever you want in them; add a touching personal story and individuality that will make your day even more special than it already is.

2. Set the tone: If you want to engage your audience at your wedding, then writing your own vows would be the best way to set whatever tone it is you choose. If you want to make people laugh, tell some funny stories about your partner, or if you want to make people cry, tell your innermost thoughts and feelings towards your partner. It's your decision!

3. Authenticity: If you and your partner decide to write your own vows, you and your audience will know how authentic the words each of you says are. Although you should already know how your partner feels before you get to the end of the isle, personally written vows will reconfirm everything you have been told as you hear the exact way that your partner is feeling about your marriage.

What were some advantages to writing your own vows? Let us know in the comments below!

Penn Badgley Says He's 'Genuinely Happy' For Blake Lively





By Jennifer Ross

You can add Penn Badgley to the list of people happy to hear of Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds' marriage. According to UsMagazine.com, he was "genuinely happy" when he heard that his ex-girlfriend, Lively, married Reynolds at Boone Hall Plantation in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina this past weekend. The relationship between Badgley and Lively severed back in 2010, and he is now dating Zoe Kravitz.

How do you know when it's time to move on from an ex-partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Once the relationship has ended with your ex, there may be a period where you still have feelings and not ready to move. However, lingering in this break-up purgatory is dangerous over time. No worries; Cupid's Pulse has a few tips to tell when it is time to emotionally say good-bye:

1. Please leave a message: Does it seem lately that you spend less time talking to your ex-partner and more time talking to their voicemail? If so, it is time to start moving on. Whether your ex is avoiding you or simply unable to answer the

phone, it does not matter. The fact is, your ex is not there and neither should you.

2. Too busy for you: On the days that you do run into your ex, do they linger in conversation or keep it short and to the point? When your ex is too busy to talk about the good-old-times, or anytime for that matter, it is a clear sign that things are no longer lovey-dovey between you two. Do not focus on how to keep the conversation going. Instead, keep it positive and short so you, too, can be on your way.

3. They have moved on: An obvious sign that it is time to move from your ex is when they have a new partner. Nothing says “I don’t love you anymore” like seeing your ex with their new love interest. Why stick around and be the third wheel when you, too, can be out in the world with someone new? The only way to get there is to let go!

Have you finally moved on from your ex? What made you realize it was time? Comment below.

‘Bachelor Pad’ Stars Blakely and Tony Get Engaged on the Show’s Finale





By Jennifer Ross

In the season finale of *Bachelor Pad*, it was Nick Peterson that walked away with the \$250,000 jackpot, leaving his partner, Rachel Trueheart, empty handed. However, Peterson was not the only one to come out a winner. A surprise ending to the show happened when Tony Pieper proposed to his girlfriend and partner, Blakeley Jones. It appeared as if both Jones, 28, and Chris Harrison, host of the show, were unaware of Pieper's, 30, plans. According to [People](#), Jones has been reported saying that although she knew she would marry Pieper someday, she had no idea when it would happen. Let's hope their marriage is not as fast as their dating relationship.

What are some very public ways to propose marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

Almost every man, at one point in his life, will have to answer that day old question – "How should I propose to the love of my life?" From the simple to the over-the-top plan, Cupid's Pulse has a few ideas for you to consider.

1. K.I.S.S.: When in doubt, **Keep It Smart and Simple**. While

being proposed to can make a person feel like No. 1, not everyone enjoys being the center of attention. A good way to propose low key at home is to remove all her jewelry from her jewelry box and replace it with just the ring. Then, wait for her surprise reaction when she finds it as she is getting dressed.

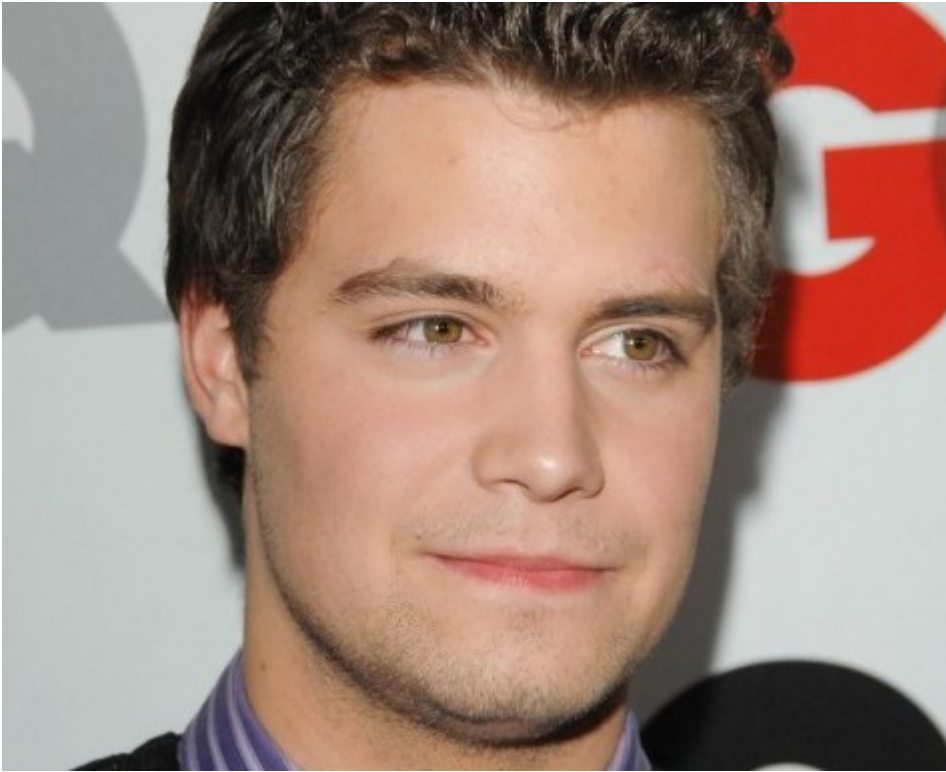
2. Spell it out: Another great idea is to get the loved ones involved in helping you propose. Plan a party, inviting all your friends and family. Recruit some of the attendees to wear a T-shirt bearing one letter of the phrase, "Will you marry me?" Then, as soon as you two walk in, suggest a group photo and let the shirts speak for themselves.

3. Look up: For an outrageous idea, why not propose surrounded by thousands of your "closest friends" and your favorite team! Many sporting events allow bookings for your proposal to be shown on their scoreboard or big screen arena-boards. Just be sure to book it days or weeks in advance, depending on the popularity of the game. Another benefit is the booking fee usually goes towards the team's foundation.

How were you proposed to? Have a great proposal story for us? Tell us below!

Ryan Reynolds and Blake Lively are Married!





By Erin Minty

After nearly a year of dating, Ryan Reynolds and Blake Lively have tied the knot. A source disclosed to [People](#) that the two were married on Sunday night at Boone Hall Plantation in Mt. Pleasant, S.C., just outside of Charleston. After meeting on the set of *The Green Lantern* in 2011, the couple has been going strong, working out together and buying a house in Bedford, NY just a few weeks ago. Reynolds was previously married to Scarlett Johansson until their divorce in 2010, but Lively has never been married. How the couple kept this marriage completely under wraps from everyone is a mystery, but hopefully it will last.

What are some ways to keep your wedding a surprise?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes, couples want to keep their wedding a surprise. Cupid has some advice on how to do just that:

1. Don't wear an engagement ring out: If you don't want people know about your upcoming wedding, an engagement ring is the easiest tip. Keep yours hidden and don't wear it out around

nosy friends.

2. Have a small ceremony: Obviously if your wedding is a secret, very few people will be invited. Keep the invite list small, by just including your family and closest friends in order to keep your plans from being told to everyone.

3. Have the ceremony somewhere unexpected: Getting married in your hometown will probably be an easy giveaway. Try to plan your wedding out of town to keep the rumors from spreading.

How did you keep your wedding a surprise? Let us know in the comments below!

‘Bridesmaids’ Star Chris O’Dowd Ties the Knot





By Nicole

Weintraub

From *Bridesmaids* to marriage, Chris O'Dowd has been keeping busy. The *Bridesmaids* star tied the knot with girlfriend Dawn Porter on August 26, according to [People](#). The couple met at Porter's birthday party back in 2009 and a year later became engaged. The ceremony spanned over three days, all of which were filled with low-key activities. Following the wedding, O'Dowd shared a racy photo of his new wife with the public, which was meant to be kept private. The photo has since been removed due to a request from Porter once she found out about her new husband's sharing. In his defense, he stated he was merely showing off his new wife.

How do you show that you are proud of your significant other?

Cupid's Advice:

Jealousy and pride are two very different emotions. Here are some tips on how to show how you are proud of your significant other:

1. Don't compare: Your accomplishments and your partner's

accomplishments are two completely different things. Do not compare what your significant other has done with what you have done. It will do the opposite of what you are hoping to do.

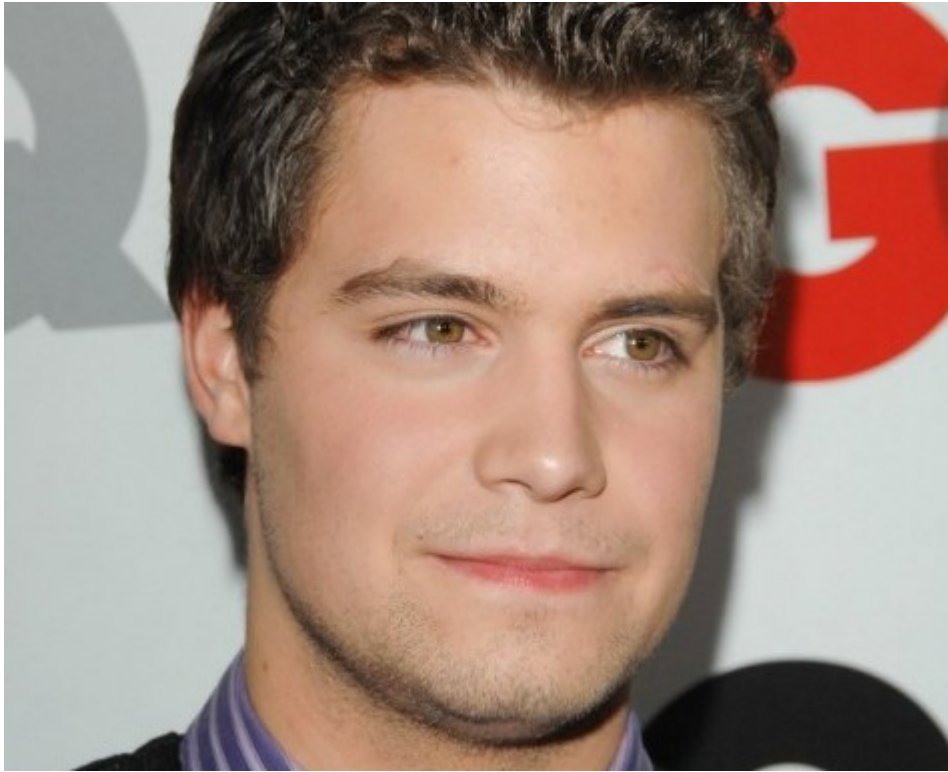
2. Boast about them: When you are proud of someone, you want to share their achievements with the world. Talk about your partner and their feats that you are proud of. Here's a tip: talk about them when they are not there. That way, they will know you are not putting on a show for them.

3. Tell them: If you are proud of someone, tell them! Communication is key. Nothing will make your significant partner happier than to hear directly from you how proud of them you are. Chances are, they have wanted to hear it for a while.

How do you show how proud you are of your significant other? Share your comments below.

Maria Sharapova and Sasha Vujacic Call Off Their Wedding





By Jennifer Ross

It is game over for professional tennis player Maria Sharapova and fiancé, former Los Angeles Laker Sasha Vujacic as the couple decides to call off their wedding. The two began dating back in 2010 and had gotten engaged on the one year anniversary of their first meeting. The cause of the breakup is reportedly their hectic career schedules, according to [Too Fab](#). On a positive note, Sharapova is currently playing in the U.S. Open where she has advanced to the semifinals and Vujacic is in training camp overseas for the Turkish basketball season. With a little time, the two will be back on top in their own personal lives again.

How do you know it's time to call off your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Walking down the aisle is a life-long commitment to each other that can destroy hearts and bank accounts if you have chosen the wrong one. So before you take your first step, make sure there aren't any red flags to stop you. Here are a few tips to think about before saying "I do":

1. Save the date: If time has passed since the engagement and a wedding date has not been set, then you may have a problem. It is understandable to wait a little while before setting a wedding date. However, if more than a year has passed and your loved one is still avoiding the calendar, chances are their “life” schedule does not include you.

2. No bachelor/bachelorette party: The bachelor/bachelorette parties are a rite of passage and the last single party of your life. So if your mate demands that you forsake this for their benefit, find out the true reason why. It may be possible that your mate does not trust you. Without trust, you two will never make it in the long run.

3. Baby names: Planning a wedding requires many details to discuss and finalize. What it does not include are baby names and pre-schools, although it is wise to discuss how many children you want **before** proposal. However, if your mate wants to plan too far into the future now, they may have a case of “wanting to catch-up” to their already settled down friends. If so, is your mate marrying you or making up for lost time?

**What was it that convinced you it was time to call it quits?
Tell us below.**

‘Grey’s Anatomy’ Star Jesse Williams Ties the Knot





By Nicole

Weintraub

Jesse Williams, or better yet Jackson Avery of *Grey's Anatomy*, married longtime girlfriend Aryn Drake-Lee on Saturday evening, according to [People](#). The couple has been together for the past five years, prior to Williams' big debut in *The Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants 2*. A guest of the wedding boasted of the couples' love for one another and Williams' smile throughout the entire ceremony. Prior to being an actor, Williams was a schoolteacher in New York while his bride works as a real estate broker.

How do you know if someone is into you for the right reasons?

Cupid's Advice:

Dating is one of the most difficult adventures, especially trying to figure out who is trustworthy. Here are some clues on how to find out if someone is interested in you for the right reasons:

1. Through thick and thin: If someone truly has feelings for you based on your personality and not your bank account, they

will be with you through it all. Whether you are having a good day or a bad day, a person that is truly into you will be by your side through the good times and the bad times.

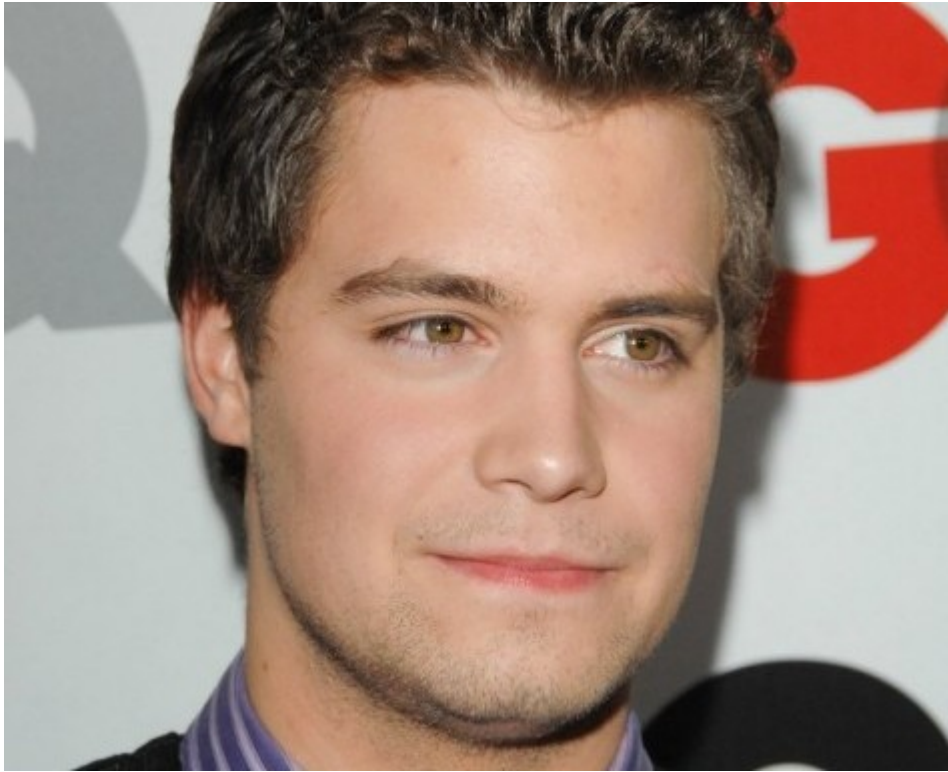
2. Give and take: A true relationship is a partnership in which both people in the relationship give and take. If someone is only looking for presents and fancy dinners, they are only looking for the value of your bank account. Someone that is with you because they value you as a person will be around for the expensive nights out as well as the quiet, low key events.

3. A deeper meaning: If the deepest conversation you can have with someone is when the next paycheck comes around, it's time to start looking elsewhere. A deeper connection goes well beyond money, presents and expensive dates. Whether it be a shared interest in a hobby or a friend in common, the more you can relate to the person, the deeper the connection will be.

Have you ever been with someone who was with you for the wrong reasons? Tell us about it!

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie Resurface in France Amid Celebrity Wedding Rumors





By Erin Minty

The ever-elusive [Brad Pitt](#) and [Angelina Jolie](#) were finally spotted in France while in Le Touquet. The [Hollywood couple](#) owns a 1,000 acre estate in the south of France near Le Touquet, and both Pitt and his celebrity love are in Europe working on projects, with Jolie shooting *Malificent* and Pitt shooting *The Counselor*. According to recent celebrity gossip, their celebrity wedding is set for next spring. Though nothing has been confirmed, one insider tells [UsMagazine.com](#), “Angelina wants a simple, joyous wedding.”

Hollywood couple Jolie and Pitt may have finally picked a celebrity wedding date. What are some ways to choose your wedding date?

Cupid's Advice:

Setting a date can be an extremely stressful time for any couple about to be married. Cupid has some relationship and

love advice about how to start thinking about a date for your wedding:

1. Start with a season: Is there one season that has always called out to you? Maybe you love the sunshine and beaches associated with summer, or maybe the pristine white of snow is more your style. Think about what would match your dream dress and your venue choices. By narrowing your choices down to a particular time of year, you can eliminate most of the year and have a much smaller list of dates to choose from.

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2. Look at your calendar: While weddings are one of the most important events of the season, there are some other important events that cannot be rescheduled. Make sure you're planning your wedding for a downtime for your family. If you want everyone to be able to attend, keep in mind their schedules when picking a date.

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3. Pick a day that stands out to you: Maybe you and your partner have a special joke related to a certain date, like the first day you kissed, the day of your first date, or some equally important milestone in your relationship. Picking a date that has importance to you, whether you guests know it or not, is another way to make your day even more special than it already is sure to be.

When do you think this celebrity wedding will take place? Let us know in the comments below!

Céline Dion On Motherhood: “I’m More Grounded Now Than Ever Before”



By Carolyn

Robertson for Celebrity Baby Scoop

Mom-of-three Céline Dion bares just about all in the pages of the September issue of V magazine. Posing for a series of sultry pics for photographer Sebastian Faena, the Canadian songstress, who has sons **René-Charles**, **Nelson** and **Eddy** with her husband **René Angélil**, opens up about music and motherhood.

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On being an open book: “I’ve been an open book all my life, and I think that’s why people like me. I’ve been criticized

for it, but I'm not forcing myself to be the person that you see.... For me to tell someone that my husband had cancer, that we were struggling to have kids, or whatever we've gone through, talking about my life lets people know the real me. I've shared everything with them. They come for the whole package. I don't think they just come for the songs."

On motherhood: "I thought I had a life before, but until I was a mom, I had no idea. Why would I want a hit? Why would I want to win awards? There is nothing I can hope and wish for my career: I can just hope to be blessed as a mother for the rest of my life the way I am now."

On her legacy: "Motherhood. Without a doubt. I did not lose myself to try to realize a dream. Everyone thinks that now I've climbed this ladder and I'm at the top of the top of the top. I really see the opposite. When I was five and nine and twelve, I was on the top of the ladder and I was looking down. My head was in the clouds. In time I came down the ladder. I'm a mother now. I'm more grounded now than ever before."