

Teen Mom' Star Leah Messer Marries for the Second Time



Only one year after filing for divorce from ex-husband Corey Simms, Leah Messer has tied the knot again. At only 19-years-old, Messer married fiancé Jeremy Calvert last week. This time though, Messer is convinced the marriage will last. "We have a really good connection...It's different from Corey and my relationship, because we were kinda like forcing it... With Jeremy, you know when you're supposed to be with somebody and you're not," Messer said, according to UsMagazine.com.

Is age a factor when it comes to marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes people get married too young, but how do you know when age is a factor when it comes to marriage? Cupid has some tips:

1. Money: Though not always true, the older you are the more likely you are to have established yourself financially. It's important to be able to pull your weight in the relationship.

2. Independent: You have to determine if you are at that age where you know who you are as a person outside of a relationship. For some, that age may be 19, but for others it could be 35. If you are happy alone, you can be happy with someone else.

3. Divorce: According to studies, the divorce rates are lesser for those who marry later in life. When you marry later in life, you're more like to be stable in all aspects of life which makes for a stable marriage. Ultimately, though, when you know someone's *the one*, you just know.

Is age a factor for you when considering marriage? Let us know in a comment below.

LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian Dodge Pregnancy Rumors





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eAnn Rimes played an April Fools joke on all of those claiming she was pregnant with Eddie Cibrian. On April 1st at the 2012 Academy of Country Music Awards, Cibrian, 38, jokingly rubbed Rimes', 29, belly with a smirk on his face for all the cameras to see, according to UsMagazine.com. Cibrian is already the father of two boys, and Rimes has made it clear she isn't expecting any time soon. Turning to Twitter, Rimes has answered back to these false rumors in January, "I have never even tried. Please stop discussing my ovaries."

How do you know when it's the right time to have a child?

Cupid's Advice:

Some couples think that after marriage, comes children. Sometimes this is the case, but you have to make sure you are both ready for it instead of just jumping into it. Here are some ways to know you're prepared to have kids:

1. You are financially stable: Having kids can be expensive. Not to put a price tag on them, but you have to consider all of the purchases that would come from the day they are born until they are ready to move out.

2. You have a strong relationship with your spouse: Before making the big decision to have a child, you should make sure it's a good time for both of you. A child can help make your relationship with each other even stronger, but if it's already in rough waters, it can end up breaking you up.

3. You are both settled down: When you first get married, most couples like to travel together and share some experiences together. That's why you need to make sure that's all out of your system by the time you have a child. You need to be settled in one spot where your child can grow up.

When do you think is the best time to have a child? Share your thoughts below.

Shannen Doherty Says Married Life Is 'Phenomenal'





Shannen Doherty is chronicling her wedding planning process in a new reality show called *Shannen Says*, which premieres Tuesday, April 10, at 10 p.m. ET on WE tv. According to [People](#), the actress is truly enjoying life as a newlywed.

“Things couldn’t be better. Married life is amazing, and I can only say that because of my partner, because of Kurt,” said Doherty. The actress has been married twice before, but both marriages were short-lived. “Marriage to me is such a gigantic commitment that it’s not something I’d ever go into lightly anymore,” she added. “I’ve learned my lesson.”

What changes do you need to prepare yourself for when you get married?

Cupid’s Advice:

Getting married is one of the biggest changes you will experience in your life. Here are some ways to prepare:

1. Living together: Living together first isn't a requirement, but it's doesn't hurt to practice for marriage by cohabiting. You'll learn about each other's quirks and habits.

2. Having a second half: Marriage is a union that binds you to someone for better or for worse. You will always need to consult your partner before making any major decisions.

3. Making time: Spending quality time with your partner is important when dating, but it's even more important once you've tied the knot.

Should marriage be considered a sacrifice? Share your opinion below.

Five Celebrity Divorces We Really Weren't Expecting





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The world of celebrity is fraught with ups and downs. Scandals of drug abuse, cheating husbands and lying wives make for gripping and sensational stories when they come to public attention. We have come to expect a bit of drama from Hollywood romances, but even so, there have been some celebrity divorces that we really didn't see coming. Here are a few:

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Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman

The original Hollywood sweethearts, Tom and Nicole met on the set of the hit movie, *Days of Thunder*, in which they played a young and romantically entwined couple very believably indeed.

It was therefore no great surprise when their on-screen romance started to become apparent off screen as well, and

they were eventually wed on Christmas Eve, 1990. A popular and adorable couple, they stuck it out for over a decade before “irreconcilable differences” saw them seeking the advice of divorce solicitors and putting an end to the fairy tale romance the whole world had enjoyed. Still, both parties have now happily remarried and have children with their new partners.

Kate Winslet and Sam Mendes

The beautiful actress of *Titanic* fame, who we all thought would marry the gorgeous Leonardo DiCaprio, instead fell for dashing director, Sam Mendes. Despite being 10 years her senior, he definitely wasn't her sugar daddy, with Winslet being worth about double the Mendes fortune. They painted a picture of domestic bliss, but following the making of *Revolutionary Road*, a film starring Winslet and directed by Mendes and ironically about a couple stuck in a failing marriage, their relationship hit the rocks. To the surprise of the couple's friends and fans, they split in March 2010, leaving Winslet with two children from two marriages at just 34.

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Courtney Cox and David Arquette

One of the world's best-known faces of the '90s for her role in *Friends*, Courtney Cox surprised everyone when she hooked up with David Arquette after starring in the *Scream* movies with him. However, even more shocking was the news that after 11 years of marriage and a child together, the couple had decided to split. Despite speculation about the real reasons, Cox stated that she “was tired of being (David's) mother.”

Madonna and Guy Ritchie

We all love Madge, and when she decided to marry a quirky British director and settle down in the English countryside,

the place we held in our hearts for her grew a little bit bigger. The announcement that the couple were splitting up in 2011 came as a complete shock to most, with Madonna claiming that Ritchie 'drinks too much' as the reason for the split.

That's OK, Madge, we still love you.

Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt

Another celebrity of *Friends* fame and so popular she had an entire generation of young ladies going into hairdressers and asking for 'a Rachel,' Jennifer Aniston tied the knot with the most eligible bachelor in the world, Mr. Brad Pitt. Without a doubt the hottest couple in Hollywood, it seemed nothing could come between them. But that was until naughty Brad went off to film Mr. and Mrs. Smith and reportedly fell in love with Miss Luscious Lips herself, Angelina Jolie. Brad and Jen split a few months later, back in 2005, but even today Hollywood still rumbles with the scandal from time to time.

Whether expected or unexpected, Hollywood splits never cease to rock the Tinseltown boat with rumors and gossip. If only everyone could just be happy all the time!

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Stop Bickering Before it

Starts with Pre-Marital Counseling



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We are living in a fast paced world. We eat fast, drive fast and as statistics show, we divorce fast. It is so quick and easy to exit when the going gets tough, what can you do to ensure you are giving your all to making your relationship work?

My advice for if you are thinking, talking or planning to get married is to try pre-marital counseling. Most people believe counseling is only required when they actually have

relationship issues which need resolving. I say: On your best day, remember, this too shall pass.

I am a fan of the Covenant marriage, which was initially introduced in Louisiana in 1997 in an effort to control divorce rates, it is offered to couples before they get married with the view that it is harder to end the union. In simple terms, you enter a covenant by signing and agreeing to certain stipulations in order to save the marriage before filing for divorce. The first of which is mandatory pre-marital counseling.

Surprisingly, sometimes the best counseling can be achieved when there are seemingly no problems at all. When you are both calm is when you are most likely to mentally receive the information, tools and suggestions given. You are not defensive, you like your partner and it is a pleasure to gather ideas of what to do to help each other when problems arise, which they invariably do. It can be something you both look forward to, it can be a relief to talk about how you are doing and to keep each other in check and it can stop you sharing your private life with friends. Prevention is better than cure and ultimately, you will be stronger as a couple and united as a team to face life's hurdles together.

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Goldie Hawn Says Kate Hudson and Matt Bellamy Are Not Married



A actress Kate Hudson has been engaged to the Muse lead vocalist and guitarist, Matt Bellamy for about a year, and he will remain her fiancé for now. Hudson's mom Goldie Hawn was recently misquoted saying, "When my daughter Kate married an English rock star it didn't worry me," but she took to Twitter to set the record straight. "Darling once again twisted the truth. They aren't married." said the tweet according to [People](#). The happy couple gave birth to their son Bingham last

July, but are waiting to tie the knot until a later date.

What are some ways to keep your wedding date a secret?

Cupid's Advice:

Weddings can be a big to-do, and some couples who want to keep things low key may decide to keep their wedding date a mystery. Cupid has some tips to keep the word of the wedding getting out:

1. Run away: Perhaps the easiest way to keep anyone from finding out about your wedding is to elope sporadically. If you plan to elope, you might break down in excitement and tell someone, but if you go on a whim, only you and your fiancé will know.

2. Don't go public: Sure, people may know you're engaged, but who says you have to announce a wedding date? Keep the date strictly between yourself and a few loved ones so you can keep things as private as possible.

3. Last Minute: Planning a wedding can be stressful, so take the stress out and plan a quick last minute wedding without all the fuss of decorations and a guest list. Only tell the people close to you a few days beforehand and word is less likely to get around.

What do you believe are some of the benefits of keeping your wedding hush-hush? Share your comments below.

'Curly Sue' Star Alisan Porter Ties the Knot



A lisan Porter, a former child star best known for her role in John Hughes' film "Curly Sue," exchanged vows Saturday with her longtime friend, Brian Autenrieth, [People](#) confirmed. The couple tied the knot at Diablo Dormido, a historic California Ranch in the Santa Monica mountains, in front of 100 guests. The bride and groom, who are also expecting their first child together, a boy, in July, danced their first song to Frank Sinatra's "The Second Time Around," which happens to correlate well with the newlyweds, who first dated when Porter was 18, but went their separate ways before crossing paths again.

"We've been friends for 13 years and it's the most incredible feeling to know you're marrying your best friend," Porter said.

Is it important to have your partner as your best friend?

Cupid's Advice:

Growing up, one of the many benefits of having a best friend is to have someone you can completely be yourself around. As we get older, that still remains the same, but sometimes, the person who played the role of our best friend as a child switches to our significant other. While it's vital to have pals outside of our relationship, it's important that your partner is a close friend as well. Cupid has some reasons:

1. You spend a lot of time together: Naturally, you usually spend a lot of time with your best friend. They're the one person who loves you for who you are, and you two know how to have fun with each other even when you're stuck in your house watching reruns of your favorite TV shows during a thunderstorm.

2. You share everything with each other: Your bed, feelings, thoughts and sometimes even your toothbrush are only some of the things you share with your partner. You may not feel comfortable sharing your business with others, but you definitely feel at ease when you come home after having a long day and are able to vent to your confidant.

3. You're each other's support system: While everyone else may think the entrepreneurial dreams you have of starting your own multi-billion dollar business may be farfetched, your lover is helping you create the blueprint. You may not understand everything your partner does or what they go through but you're there to listen, offer advice and love them when they need it most.

Do you think it's important to have your spouse as your best friend? Share your comments below.

Celebrity Weddings: 5 Famous Couples That Said 'I Do' in Vegas



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What's the first thing you think of when someone says Sin City? Okay, *after* legalized prostitution. That's right: quickie Vegas weddings in chapels illuminated with neon lights. The fact is, Las Vegas issues approximately 100,000 marriage licenses each year and boasts almost as many wedding chapels as it does casinos. For famous couples, those quickie celebrity weddings are typically followed by quickie divorces and embarrassing publicity. Vegas' abundance of 24-hour bars makes us wonder if some of our favorite celebs were under the influence of something other than love when they tied the knot, Vegas-style. Here are a few examples:

Famous Couples That Married in Vegas

1. Kelly Ripa and Mark Consuelos: In 1996, former soap star and current television host Kelly Ripa married actor Mark Consuelos at the Chapel of the Bells in Las Vegas. Sixteen years and three children later, this happy married celebrity couple proves Vegas weddings can sometimes stick!

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2. Angelina Jolie and Billy Bob Thornton: In 2000, actress Angelina Jolie and actor/writer Billy Bob Thornton wed at The Little Church of the West on the Las Vegas Strip. The famous couple called it quits after two years of marriage with Jolie petitioning for divorce, citing "irreconcilable differences." It was Jolie's second marriage and Thornton's fifth.

3. Britney Spears and Jason Alexander: In 2004, pop star Britney Spears wed longtime friend Jason Alexander at a 24-hour wedding chapel. Apparently, Spears forgot to grab a pre-nup on the way to the chapel. meaning that this stunt could have cost her a lot more than a little public backlash.

55 hours later, Alexander signed annulment papers and took an economy class flight home. During a subsequent interview with MTV's *Total Request Live*, Spears said Vegas "took her over" and admitted that "things got out of hand."

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4. Pamela Anderson and Rick Salomon: In 2007, Rick Salomon, who famously co-starred in the leaked Paris Hilton sex tape *One Night in Paris*, and actress Pamela Anderson tied the proverbial knot at Las Vegas' Mirage Hotel, making this the third celebrity marriage for both Salomon and Anderson. However, Salomon and Anderson's 15-year friendship did not translate into a successful union. Two months later, the famous couple's marriage was annulled in Los Angeles County Superior Court.

Celebrity Love Has No Age Limit

5. Doug Hutchison and Courtney Stodden: In 2011, actor Doug Hutchison married aspiring singer Courtney Stodden at Las Vegas' Little Chapel of Flowers. The groom was 51 years old, and, at only 16, the bride was probably still learning to operate a motor vehicle. Despite Stodden's age, the celebrity marriage is legal. Under Nevada law, a person who is at least 16 years of age but is not yet 18 years old can marry with parental consent – and Stodden's parents consented to the marriage. "We all need a good man in our lives," her mom Krista told Fox411.com. "True love can be ageless," Hutchinson told E! News in response to the controversy surrounding the celebrity couples' age difference.

Would you get married in Vegas? Share your comments below.

Khloe Kardashian Gives Tips for a Happy Marriage



Unlike the rocky and ultimately doomed relationship of sister Kim and her ex, Khloe Kardashian and Lamar Odom are going strong. Kardashian always supports her guy, and that was especially seen when Odom was traded to a basketball team in Texas, so they had to move together. According to [People](#), Kardashian says that it's important to have "a give-and-take (relationship), keeping one another a priority and having genuine respect for each other is crucial." She also mentions the importance of "compatibility, honesty, communication and dedication" as well as keeping the relationship "a priority"

to make a “happy marriage.” “When you’re married to the right person, it just works,” she said. “It feels so good, having the support emotionally and physically from someone that you trust unconditionally is priceless.”

How do you keep the bond in your marriage strong?

Cupid’s Advice:

Keeping a marriage happy is crucial. Cupid shares some tips to keeping your bond strong:

1. Prioritize: Like Khloe and Lamar, you have to make sure that you put your partner and the relationship first. Make your love a priority. Where you live, and where you work are irrelevant if your partner is unhappy.

2. Communicate: Always keep in touch with your partner about everything. Whether it’s about how their day is going or where you want to live, you have to communicate.

3. Support: Support your sweetheart in everything they do. Just because you don’t understand it or like it doesn’t mean you can’t show your support for your partner by giving advice or just being there for them.

How do you make your marriage happy and strong? Share below.

**Olivier Martinez Finally
Confirms Engagement to Halle**

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livier Martinez is finally speaking out. Martinez, a Miami-based restaurant owner, and Halle Berry were reportedly engaged over the holidays, reports UsMagazine.com. Martinez is only now confirming the engagement. Martinez, who started dating Berry in 2010, told reporters at his restaurant opening, "Yes, of course we're engaged!"

What are some reasons to keep your engagement under wraps at first?

Cupid's Advice:

After getting engaged, it's understandable to want to share the news. However, there are some advantages to keeping the engagement under wraps. Here are a few:

1. Who to tell: Though your family and close friends should be the first to know, you'll have to choose how and when to share the information with other friends and acquaintances. Take some time to decide how and when to share the news.

2. More details: When you tell friends about your engagement, they're going to ask about wedding details. By waiting to share the news of your engagement, you will be able to answer more questions about the wedding and your wedding-planning process.

3. Privacy: Though your friends will find the news of your engagement thrilling, they don't need to know right away. Wait a while and enjoy the privacy of life with your betrothed before others start asking questions.

Did you keep your engagement under wraps? For how long? Feel free to leave a comment below.

4 Wedding Styles of the Rich and Famous





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When it comes to upcoming trends, we can guarantee that the hottest engaged celebrity couples will be showcasing the latest and greatest. In fact, we had so much fun pairing the most talked about celebrity brides-to-be with the wedding styles that everyone is talking about! Here's our forecast for what we think we will see in 2012!

Anne Hathaway: When we think of Anne Hathaway, we think of vintage elegance. Between her classic fashion style and the grace she exudes each time she walks out of her door, we believe that a *Vintage Elegance* wedding is what fits her best. Although her wedding will be in NYC, this very popular style can be scaled up and used in any setting from penthouse rooftops to grand hotel ballrooms.

Jessica Simpson: Very Southern and hand done outdoor weddings are huge right now and are not going away any time soon. One

of the things we love about Jessica Simpson is that she is authentic, and this is the type of wedding we can see her having this time around ... very intimate, Southern and hands on.

Britney Spears: Although this is not her first rodeo, we believe she has found the one this time! With two adorable boys, and the reputation of sometimes going against the grain (which isn't so bad sometimes when an electric razor isn't involved), we can't imagine Ms. Spears in a traditional white dress. This is why we are pairing her in a colored Vera Wang dress, which is one of 2012's hottest trends.

Jessica Biel: *Luxe Weddings* are all the rage right now, and if you go to any Canadian wedding source (Canada is always a step ahead when it comes to wedding trends), you will see what we mean. Who better to have one than Jessica Biel? We envision her wedding very luxe with champagne and gold trims, acanthus leaves and lots of layered texture. We can see her and Justin Timberlake with this fabulous Luxe cake from The Cake Opera Co. Love this!

For more of the hottest trends and wedding day ideas, come see us on our blog at www.bellabaxterevents.com/blog.

Joey Fatone Gives Former *NSYNC Bandmate Justin Timberlake Marriage Advice



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dvice from an old friend is always welcome. In light of Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel's engagement, Joey Fatone offered Timberlake marriage advice in an interview with *Parade Magazine*, reports [People](#). "[Timberlake shouldn't] listen to all the BS," said Fatone, Timberlake's former *NSYNC bandmate. "Especially in his situation, he and his fiancée ... they're both in the limelight as well. It's tough for those celebrity couples. It's really hard. It's the communication that really needs to drive that relationship."

How do you keep outside drama from affecting your marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

Outside drama has the potential to put severe strain on your

relationship. Here are a few ways to keep the drama from affecting you:

1. Avoidance: It's impossible to always avoid drama, but when possible, keep yourself out of situations that could turn sour. Don't spread information that you've heard, and don't offer opinions that could offend others. By being neutral, you can make sure that you and your spouse remain out of the situation.

2. Communication: For the times when drama is inescapable, it's important to communicate with your spouse. If need be, have a conversation that directly addresses the drama and its effect on your marriage. Complete honesty will keep your marriage strong.

3. Stay upbeat: To keep your marriage happy and upbeat, try joking about the drama that would otherwise create stress. Your optimism will spread, and eventually the situation will blow over.

How do you keep drama from affecting your marriage? Feel free to leave a comment below.

Exclusive: Bachelor Pad 2 Winner Holly Durst Plans Honeymoon in St. Lucia with Fiancé Blake Julian



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This summer, former *Bachelor Pad* reality stars Holly Durst and Blake Julian will have an intimate wedding in South Carolina and set off to the beautiful Caribbean island of St. Lucia for a romantic, one-week honeymoon.

“Blake is everything I’ve been looking for,” Holly gushed. “I liked him from the moment that I met him and I couldn’t deny that. We have the best chemistry together.”

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As many fans know, Holly and Blake’s path to wedded bliss was

all but easy for fans who watched it unfold on national television. Holly and her ex-fiance, Season 5 *Bachelorette* contestant, Michael Stagliano both appeared on the spinoff series, *Bachelor Pad 2* last summer. Although the two weren't together romantically, they partnered as a team, and split the grand prize of \$250,000 dollars. But, for Holly money wasn't all that she won. It was on that show that she met her future husband, Greenville, South Carolina Dentist, Blake Julian.

When asked if she watches the current episode of *The Bachelor*, Holly says she "keeps up" with her reality TV Alma Mater, but says that Blake likes it more than she does. "He likes Ben a lot, they were buddies on their season together."

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Ben and most of their fellow contestants from *Bachelor Pad 2* will be invited to their June 2 wedding in South Carolina.

"Invitations are almost ready to go out," she laughs. "We had a little envelope emergency and the stamps wouldn't stick on the finish of the envelopes so we spread them all over the apartment to get the stamps to stick and dry." Holly says that's the only snafu they've faced, everything else has been easy sailing.

The wedding will take place June 2nd (one day before Blake's 29th birthday) and they are estimating about 150 guests to attend the southern affair that will be decorated in a neutral tone of white. "I wanted a color that wouldn't date the photos. But, there will be a hint of pink throughout, because I love pink so much." Holly chose Alfred Angelo for her dress and pink for her six bridesmaids, all of whom are close friends and family.

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I am the opposite of Bridezilla, she said. "I'm just going to show up the day of the wedding and say alright that's good,

thanks.”

In addition to planning the wedding, this month Holly is launching her first children’s book. “I have been writing for about six years and I have several children’s books and a novel in the works.” Holly says that she always wanted to write a book that inspired kids that they could be and do anything that they wanted to in life. “I wanted to encourage other kids growing up not to be afraid of anything and to follow their dreams.” The result of this passion is “Chocolate Socks,” a book about taking what you [love](#) and doing whatever you want with it. Holly has always had a love for children, and even went to school to be a teacher before deciding that writing children’s books was her calling.

When asked about having kids of her own, she said we aren’t planning for it but if it happens it happens. “Blake wants two kids, and I want two or three, preferably twins!” Dating Michael who was a twin wasn’t what convinced her, she has eight sets of twins in her own family lineage.

Holly certainly keeps herself busy, dental assistant, children’s author and soon-to-be wife. But, regardless of her hectic life, she is still booming with happiness about finally becoming Blake’s wife.

The wedding festivities are set to begin this month with Blake’s ski-themed bachelor party taking place this month in Colorado and Holly’s bachelorette party in LA in May.

Visit [Amazon](#) to get your own copy of Holly Durst’s new inspiring children’s book, *Chocolate Socks*.

Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel Plan to Wed This Year



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fter a long courtship of nearly five years, it's no wonder that newly engaged couple Jessica Biel and Justin Timberlake would want to exchange vows later this year, according to UsMagazine.com. Timberlake proposed only this past December, and according to an insider, "The big day's this summer at a private estate." This couple is known for it's privacy, so it'll be interesting trying to figure out the details of their wedding.

How do you plan your dream wedding in a short amount of time?

Cupid's Advice:

Planning your wedding can be a stressful time, and adding in the time element just increases one's worries. Cupid shares some tips on how you can plan a wedding quickly:

1. Location: Some places offer last-minute discounts. Try to schedule your wedding and reception at the same location. Also, be flexible on the exact date and time.

2. The dress: If your wedding is in three months or less, it's unlikely that you'll be able to custom design a dress. That doesn't mean you can't find your dream dress. Check out boutiques which have wedding gowns in a variety of sizes so that you're able to find the perfect outfit for this important date.

3. Invitations: Take care of invitations first. It's important to give guests at least six weeks notice, so sit down with your partner and decide on a guest list. Doing this will ensure that those you love most will be there to see you tie the knot.

How would you plan a wedding with little time? Share your thoughts below.

Courtney Stages a Fake Wedding for Ben Flajnik on 'The Bachelor'



Courtney Robertson's fake wedding vows on *The Bachelor* may have been sweet music to Ben Flajnik's ears but it seemed to be a bit too familiar to *Sex and the City* aficionados. Complete with a stand-in officiant, Robertson set up a mock wedding in a local park of her hometown of Scottsdale, Arizona during her hometown date. While wheedling Flajnik into writing original vows, the model repeated the same vows as the *Sex and the City* character Carrie Bradshaw, played by Sarah Jessica Parker. "I'm looking for love. Real, passionate, can't-live-without-each-other-love. When I look at you from across the room, I know that the key to your happiness is the key to mine. Ben, I want to love you and treat you right. Every day and every night," Robertson told him. "I hope you know I'm 100% ready for marriage and so happy I found you. I want you

to know that I'm in love with you."

Forget the mock ceremony, let's begin with whether or not a woman should propose to a man!

Cupid's Advice:

Beyonce may have said it best in *Single Ladies*: "If you like it then you should have put a ring on it..." But what happens if your partner doesn't put a ring on it when you feel the relationship is ready? Women are going after what they want nowadays- and love is no exception. While it's up to you to decide if you want to pop the question to your partner, Cupid has some advice to help you make the decision.

1. Go after what you want: Being an independent woman, isn't a task- it's a lifestyle. Instead of waiting for your Prince Charming to plan the perfect proposal, show him how you want it done by doing it yourself.

2. Be non-traditional: Sure, a man is *supposed* to ask for his woman's hand in marriage, but that doesn't have to be the case in every situation. Make your engagement story unique.

3. If you really love him: If you're ready for the next step in your relationship but your partner hasn't necessarily approached you about it, take the initiative to do so yourself. Talk to him about marriage and make sure you're both on the same page and plan from there.

Do you think a woman should propose to a man? Share your comments below.

Elizabeth Smart Ties the Knot in Hawaii 9 Years After Kidnapping



Kidnap victim Elizabeth Smart has beaten the odds once again—this time by planning a wedding in record time. Smart, 24, and Matthew Gilmour, 22, were married Saturday afternoon in Hawaii, reports [People](#). The couple have been dating for over a year and were engaged just last month. Smart originally planned on having a summer wedding, but changed the date only two weeks ago. “It’s everything you can imagine with planning a wedding,” said Smart. “Only, it’s compressed into a few

days.”

How do you plan a wedding quickly?

Cupid’s Advice:

Though nearly all weddings take months of planning, it’s possible to plan a wedding in a short time span. Here are a few ways to plan a wedding quickly:

1. Stay local: Picking a local venue will make the planning process much simpler. More of your friends will be able to attend, and there will be less hassle with furnishings, transportation and last-minute changes.

2. Simplify your choices: Instead of going through every possibility, try limiting your options. Visit two cake bakeries instead of three or try on five dresses instead of ten. Your choices will be easier to make, and you will spend less time searching for alternatives.

3. Wedding planner: If you have the means, a wedding planner can take a huge load off of your shoulders. Pick a wedding planner that knows you’re on a tight deadline and have them do the majority of your work for you.

How long did it take you to plan your wedding? Feel free to leave a comment below.

Kris Humphries Says He’s in a ‘Great Place’ After Split

from Kim Kardashian



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fter the world saw their marriage come together and fall apart, Kris Humphries said he's come to terms with his split from Kim Kardashian and is in a better place. The New Jersey Nets forward is focusing on his game on the court rather than the one off, averaging 13.2 points per game and 10.6 rebounds per game this season. "I'm not dating anyone right now. What do they say, my girlfriend is Spalding," he said in an interview with [Access Hollywood](#). "I always tell people basketball is like my therapy. Some people talk to psychologists, I just need to go play basketball; that's it." The Humphries-Kardashian marriage, which aired as a special on E!, lasted 72 days, ended with Kardashian filing for divorce

on Oct. 31. Since then, Humphries said his family and religion have been essential to him moving forward. "I'm in a great place," he said.

What are some alternate forms of therapy after a breakup or divorce?

Cupid's Advice:

One can certainly learn a lot from Kris Humphries and his ability to cope with his divorce. Cupid has some pointers:

1. Get physical: Go to the gym and sweat it off. A good workout is one of the most effective ways to help you get your mind distracted and to relax.

2. Career moves: Hey, it worked for Humphries, who's playing his best basketball this season. Take the free time that you would spend with your partner, and put it into your work. You'll be busier, and a greater feeling of self-satisfaction will result.

3. Family: What is family for? Don't be too proud to lean on your family and close friends when a relationship ends. You'll no doubt feel less alone.

What are some other ways to cope after a split? Share your ideas below.

'American Idol' Star Danny Gokey Ties the Knot



Former *American Idol* star Danny Gokey is once again a married man. The singer exchanged vows with his fiancée, Leyicet Peralta, in a small ceremony among 100 of their family and closest friends, Gokey's manager confirmed to [People](#). The intimate ceremony celebrated the theme of "romance and love" and took place in Florida on Sunday. "We are so thankful to have found each other and now be able to spend the rest of our lives together," the newlyweds said in a statement. "We pray our gratitude grows more every day because there is so much for us to do now." This is the second marriage for Gokey, who lost his first wife Sophia in 2008 after undergoing a routine surgery for congenital heart disease. The newlyweds paid tribute to Sophia by asking their guests that all gifts be in the form of donation to Sophia's Heart, the children's charity

founded by Gokey to honor his late wife.

If your partner passes away, how do you know when to move on?

Cupid's Advice:

Dealing with the death of a loved one is never easy, especially when you're dealing with the passing of your spouse. However, there comes a time when you have to move on and find happiness again. Here are few signs you're ready:

1. You shut yourself out from the world: The inside of your house hasn't had any sun beaming through its windows, you rarely answer your phone and the grass on your lawn is now passed knee length, leaving people to wonder if anyone lives at your house anymore. The situation is tough, but shutting yourself out from the world only makes it worse. You still have to live your life, and while moving on may take some time, you have to get yourself back into the swing of things.

2. Acceptance: You begin to accept the loss of your spouse when you start replacing their physical presence with memories of them. And while the grieving process is unique to individuals, you can slowly begin to enter back into the dating scene when you feel comfortable.

3. You find comfort in a potential partner: When you find someone who shows you unconditional love by being patient and understanding of what you've experienced, that may be just what you need in your life.

How do you know when it's time to move on? Share your comments below.

Heidi Klum and Seal: Marriages Don't End Overnight



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When a seemingly “rock solid” celebrity couple separates – as with Heidi Klum and Seal’s divorce announcement after seven years of marriage – the first public reaction is always surprise. Thanks to the sheer volume of attention paid to celebrities’ lives via television, tabloids and other media, it is easy to believe you actually know these stars. You feel a connection to them that makes their relationship issues cause you to feel like a personal friend’s relationship has

broken up. You begin to analyze the celebrity relationship in the same manner, questioning what happened and what went wrong. Of course, the tabloids add fuel to your frenzy when they get down and dirty with many and varied rumors: He cheated. She cheated. He has anger issues. She has an alcohol problem. You begin to feel dismayed, thinking, "Again? Another one bites the dust?"

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Having had the pleasure of socializing with Heidi and Seal, I found in them a friendly couple with open affection towards each other. There is no doubt in my mind they still love each other and may have the possibility of a potential reconciliation; however, the only people who truly know what is happening behind closed doors are the two in the relationship themselves.

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Marriages, especially those that have young children, do not end overnight. Heidi and Seal were together almost a decade, and their marriage could not have ended over only a matter of days or weeks. There is usually the constant chipping away of the relationship that causes the cracks and ultimately the break. Some of the warning signs of this are; infrequent sexual intimacy, apathy, disrespect and/or lack of cherishing.

The most important thing is to be aware and look for these signs. As soon as you think they are beginning, address the issue immediately. The longer the behavior pattern exists the harder it is to stop. Most every relationship problem can be helped with concise communication. State what you want and don't want in a non-threatening, respectful, loving manner.

Ask how you can help each other do better and feel better. Learn how to listen and also be heard. With that in mind, write down the following and read it daily to help keep yourself in check.

Beware of your thoughts, because they become your words.
Beware of your words because they become your actions.
Beware of your actions because they become your habits.
Beware of your habits because they become your destiny.

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Kellie Pickler Gives Up Her Cat for Love of Her Husband





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ountry star Kellie Pickler gave up her beloved cat, Pickles, for her husband, Kyle Jacobs, who is horribly allergic to her feline friend. Pickler adopted Pickles from a Tennessee animal shelter in 2006 after wrapping *American Idol*, and they'd been best friends every since. After dating Jacobs for four years, she had to make the devastating decision to find Pickles a new home in North Carolina. According to *People*, Pickler now lives vicariously through friends with felines and acts as an animal advocate. In spite of her difficult loss, she did gain unconditional love with her husband. "Every time I look at my hand, I go, 'Good God.' What's behind this ring is such unconditional love, trust and respect. I see my husband every time I look at my ring. I'm a blessed woman – I have a good man," said the singer.

What are some sacrifices you have to make when you get married?

Cupid's Advice:

We you get married, you may have to sacrifice a few things. But, if you pick the right person, what you're gaining is nothing compared to what you're giving up:

- 1. Family traditions:** Family traditions may seem like a lot to give up, but when you're gaining new traditions from your partner and they are gaining some of yours, it will only make you closer.
- 2. Pets:** If one of you is allergic, you may find yourself in the same boat as Kellie Pickler. Just make sure you find your pet a loving new home.
- 3. Your house:** If you're not already living together, getting married means make the big move. People tend to get very attached to their homes, but keep in mind that you're gaining a new life with the one you love.

Is there anything you wouldn't give up for your partner? Share your comments below.

Kim Kardashian Lashes Out Against Those Calling Her Marriage A Business Decision





N early three months after filing for divorce from her husband of 72 days, Kim Kardashian appeared alongside Kelly Ripa on Monday morning to co-host *LIVE! With Kelly*. She used the opportunity to speak out against the rumors that are stating her marriage to NBA player, Kris Humphries, was a business deal. "Being a hopeless romantic, I wanted to believe in something so badly," Kardashian said. "If you really think about it, if [the marriage] was a business decision, and I really made all that money that everyone was claiming that we made off this wedding, and if the wedding was fake and just for TV ... I'm a smart business woman. I would have stayed married longer," she explained to Ripa. "I really didn't think following my heart would create this much backlash."

How do you fend off rumors about your relationship after a breakup?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes relationships don't work out as expected, and when it comes to an end, people will have their opinions as to what happened and rumors will begin. Here are a few tips on how to combat rumors:

- 1. Address the situation:** Always try to be the first one to confirm the breakup, and while you don't have to get into detail, explain why the relationship didn't work out.
- 2. Take a breather:** Rumors can be stressful, so try to avoid being in the spotlight for a while. Take time to relax, and get some much needed "me" time or have a spa day or mini vacation with your girls.
- 3. Move on:** Sometimes, after you've already spoken about your relationship, people are still going to believe what they want to believe, and you won't be able to change that. When this happens, it's always best to hold your head up, turn the other cheek and keep moving along.

How do you defend yourself from rumors? Share your comments below.

**Exclusive Interview:
Celebrity Attorney Ann-
Margaret Carrozza Discusses
the Pitfalls of Prenuptial**

Agreements



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With the national divorce rate spiking like a batch of Twisted Tea, it's no wonder that we've seen a renewed interest in pre-nuptial agreements. More than ever, these agreements have become an integral part of the arrangements a couple will make before tying the knot. Between high profile splits like the Kardashian catastrophe to the everyday scenarios of your neighbors down the block, the specter of divorce knows no singular demographic. As your relationship nears towards the ever-ominous edge that teeters between "dating" and "marriage," you'll probably be in need of a little

perspective.

“Everyone should consider pre-nuptial agreements, especially high net worth individuals,” says New York City based Celebrity Attorney Ann-Margaret Carrozza. “Sometimes they can lose about half of their net worth unless they are properly protected,” Carrozza adds.

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It’s not hard to imagine how difficult these negotiations can become. After all, marriage can be a huge financial risk. In Carrozza’s experience, she says that the party with fewer assets seem to be a little more contentious. “They are big proponents of adding benchmarks to the agreements. That is, these people will make sure they are given a percentage based on the years they dedicate to the marriage,” she says. In essence, they’re arranging prorated marriage agreements. If you put in five years, you get a cut.

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As far as mediating this process with perspective in mind, Carrozza says “It goes beyond being a lawyer; I try to expand the discussion. In fact, I tell many of these couples that this will be the least romantic thing they will ever do!”

In truth, prenuptial agreements sound about as comfortable as dental work and with a recent rash of hotly covered high-profile divorces in Hollywood, it appears attitudes towards commitment are shifting. Seal and Heidi Klum, Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries, Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore, Katy Perry and Russell Brand, and Jennifer Lopez’ heavily documented split from Marc Anthony are all situations that beg a bevy of questions. Is Hollywood getting it wrong? Are we?

Carrozza thinks that it’s a little bit of both. She believes

that, at the very least, pre-nuptial agreements are indicative of how we approach the institution of marriage. Divorces are going to happen, the best we can do is prepare properly.

“I think that not only with celebrity, but any divorce proceeding, each party wants to protect themselves,” she concludes.

That may be all it really is but it’s alarming how we’ve gone from protecting one another to protecting our assets.

Rumor: Did Avril Lavigne and Brody Jenner Break Up?





Could Avril Lavigne and Brody Jenner be calling it quits after 2 years of dating? According to [Hollyscoop](#), Lavigne is ready to settle down, and Jenner just isn't. We wonder if Jenner might be nervous because he knows Lavigne's previous marriage to rocker, Deryck Whibley, didn't work out or because his step sister, Kim Kardashian's, union to ex hubby Kris Humphries ended in such a short time. Also, maybe that bar fight back in November put a strain on the relationship. We'll have to see.

What are some ways to tell it's time to break up with your partner after a long-term relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

After long time dating, you may find yourself questioning the relationship. Here are some ways to know if you need to break-up or should hang in there:

1. Company: If you are annoyed or unhappy when you spend quality time with your partner, it may be time to move on.

2. Intimacy: Is the intimacy non-existent or are you using sex to make the relationship better? If you said “yes” to either, re-evaluate why you are with your significant other.

3. Different values: If the two of you want different things out of your relationship, and it seems like each other’s plans have changed over time, it may be time to make plans solo.

How did you know it was time to end your long term relationship? Share your comments below.

Newly Engaged Jessica Biel Wears Bridal Style Dress at Golden Globes





We don't need to see an engagement ring to know that Jessica Biel is excited about getting hitched to Justin Timberlake. After rumors of an engagement were confirmed, the pair have been lying low ... that is, until Biel stunned at the Golden Globes without her fiancé. There to present an award, Biel wore a white lace Elie Saab that resembled a wedding dress. Could the actress be giving us an idea of her bridal style? According to UsMagazine.com, the bride-to-be was glowing and very happy.

What are some ways to channel your excitement about your engagement?

Cupid's Advice:

Getting engaged is exciting! Whether you are planning to get married right after the engagement or plan to wait awhile, wedding details can be hard not to think about. Here are some ways to tell the world that you are happy:

1. Style: Try out different wedding gown fabrics with your everyday clothes. Lace, tulle and satin are always fashionable and romantic.

2. Manicure: Bridal manis and pedis, anyone? Trying out french manicures and pretty pink nail polish hues are always in style and great paired with a new engagement ring.

3. Technology: Wedding apps and magazines are so much fun to read. Why not rip out pages or save pics and post them around your office for wedding bliss inspiration?

How have you channeled your engagement excitement? Comment below.