

# Tori Spelling Offers to Plan Shannen Doherty's Wedding



Tori Spelling has taken her wedding planning to the next level by offering a helping hand to former 90210 co-star Shannen Doherty, according to [People](#). Spelling, who has been keeping busy with her new show *Tori and Dean: sTORIbook Weddings*, would like to help Doherty plan as part of a yet-to-be-titled WE TV series next year. Spelling was approached by ET Canada about whether or not she would be interested in helping Doherty with her wedding, and Tori quickly replied “I’ll do the wedding” although she doesn’t know what kind of wedding she wants. Whatever her friend may want, Tori Spelling is up for the challenge!

**How can you include your friends in wedding plans?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Even though your wedding is your special day, it can also be a good idea to include your friends in your wedding plans in order to take some of the stress off of yourself and your family. Cupid has some ideas:

**1. Theme suggestions:** The theme of your wedding is something that everyone who attends will remember, and it sets your big day apart from everyone else's. Have a brainstorming session with your friends, and make it into a party.

**2. Opinions:** Yes, your special day is "all about you", but if you don't want to be a birdezilla, let your friends share their thoughts on the wedding plans without totally shutting them down. Show that you care about what they have to say and actually listen.

**3. Bridesmaids dress selection:** The one thing every bridesmaid dreads is having to wear a hideous dress that gets stuck in the back of her closet, never to be seen again. So instead of forcing your friends to wear something just to make you happy, why not allow them to have some say in what they will wear?

**Do you have any ideas on how you can include your friends in wedding plans? Share your thoughts below.**

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## Ali Fedotowsky Postpones Wedding Due to Femur Injury





One of the few

successful couples from ABC's *Bachelor/Bachelorette* franchise have canceled their wedding – but fortunately, not for good.

Former *Bachelorette* Ali Fedotowsky and the man she picked, Roberto Martinez, had to postpone saying “I do” because Fedotowsky is still recovering from a femur injury. “We had a date set, and that date has now passed,” the reality star, 26, told [People](#). “The decision to postpone [the wedding] was very difficult. I definitely shed some tears.” Fedotowsky underwent surgery in July and said that they decided to defer walking down the aisle until she could actually, well, walk. “I don’t want to limp down the aisle,” she said.

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

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

It seems like setting a date for your wedding should be the easy part, but sometimes unexpected factors get in the way.

Cupid has some tips on how to decide when to say “I do”:

**1. Seasons:** Love the heat? Or are you a winter weather fan?

Lots of couples want their wedding to be in a certain season, so deciding on having a spring wedding, for example, should help you narrow down the date.

**2. Family:** If you really want your grandmother to be at your wedding, but she can only travel in the summer, you may want to plan your wedding around her (or other family or friends') availability.

**3. Planning:** When you're planning a huge wedding, you may need up to a year to plan everything. Think about how much time you need to prepare and set the date accordingly.

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

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## **NBC New's Peter Alexander Will Marry ABC Anchor Alison Starling**





The old adage

“birds of a feather flock together” is coming true when it comes to NBC New’s Peter Alexander and ABC anchor Alison Starling. The two are thrilled about their recent engagement, according to [People](#). There were no teleprompters or cameras needed when Alexander popped the question to his future fiancée under the Eiffel Tower in Paris. Talk about a story book moment! He did admit that he “fumbled” on a couple of lines, but fortunately she said “yes”. The couple met in 2001 while working at competing news stations in Seattle, and it has been loving memories ever since. The couple is currently planning a spring wedding .

**What are the benefits of dating someone with the same career as you?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Dating someone with the same career as you can be difficult at times, especially if it involves long hours and traveling, but for every negative there is a positive. Cupid has some benefits on why dating someone with the same job is a good thing:

**1. Common ground:** By dating someone with the same job as you,

you will automatically have a common thing to bond over. It can be a sign that the two of you are meant to be, since you both picked a similar field to pursue.

**2. Makes you understanding:** Without much explanation, you'll understand your partner's complaints and stress from the workplace. It'll make you a better confidant for your honey since he knows you go through the same things he does throughout the busy work day.

**3. Similar patterns:** Whether it be sleeping, eating or even relaxing, a job has an influence on your every day life, whether you like it or not. For example, instead of you wanting to go out early while he'd prefer to go out late, if the two of you are on similar schedules, coordinating times and plans will naturally be easier.

**What do you feel are the benefits of dating someone with the same career as you? Share your thoughts below!**

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







[Ashley Hebert](#)

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

**Hebert's sister wasn't thrilled about *Bachelorette* contestant Rosenbaum. What do you do if your**

# family doesn't support your relationship and love?

## Cupid's Advice:

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

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

**Related Link:** [Former 'Bachelorette' Desiree Hartsock Shares Celebrity Wedding Photos](#)

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

**Related Link:** [Reality TV Host Chris Harrison Reveals Twist for New Season of 'The Bachelorette'](#)

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

**Ever had a boyfriend or girlfriend your folks disliked? Share**



your story below!

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# Kim Kardashian Chooses Wedding Dress Designer Vera Wang



Bride-to-be Kim

Kardashian has been in the media a lot lately, due to her recent engagement to Kris Humphries. Well, she's now being examined for what her wedding dress will look like. Kardashian revealed Monday that Vera Wang will be designing her wedding gown, according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). "Vera has been a close family friend for a long time and we had talked about this moment for years," Kardashian, 30, wrote on her blog. "So when it came to picking my wedding dress designer, she was

the first person I thought of. No one designs gowns the way she does!”

**How do you make choosing a wedding dress a special occasion?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

Just have fun with it! Here are three ways to make shopping for your wedding gown an unforgettable experience:

**1. Don’t go by yourself:** Everything always seems more fun if the ones you love are involved. Nothing is different about shopping for your wedding dress. You want the people that you cherish to come help you along the way. They don’t necessarily have to make the ultimate decision for you, but if you value them, you value their opinion.

**2. Keep your big day in mind:** It may get very stressful, but if you constantly keep your big day in mind, you have no choice but to smile. Think about the reason you’re shopping, because the happiest day of your life is soon to come. Don’t let minor things spoil this special occasion.

**3. Take pictures:** Take pictures? Of you in the dress shops making a decision? Yes! Memories last a lifetime, and if you can look back on those photos, you’ll know that you made gown shopping an unforgettable experience.

**How did you make choosing a wedding dress a special experience? Share below in a comment.**

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**Jennifer Lopez Says She**

# Walked Away Because She Loves Herself



Jennifer Lopez

decided to open up about her decision to end her seven year marriage to Marc Anthony. According to [People](#), she said she loved herself too much to continue living in the marriage.

Lopez told Vanity Fair, "It's not that I didn't love myself before. Sometimes we don't realize that we are compromising ourselves. To understand that a person is not good for you, or that that person is not treating you in the right way, or that he is not doing the right thing for himself – if I stay, then I am not doing the right thing for me." Looks like she's definitely come to terms with the split!

**How do you know when it's time to walk away from a marriage?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

It's difficult to come to grips with the end of a marriage or to know when it's time for you to walk away. Cupid has some advice:

**1. You're losing yourself:** If you feel like you're losing your sense of self in your marriage, it's a sign that maybe the marriage was never meant to be. Just like Jennifer Lopez, you should stay true to who you are.

**2. You're no longer happy:** If you no longer feel that happy spark you originally felt for your partner, it may mean it's time to call it quits. If you're not excited to see him or her after you've been apart, it's time to start re-evaluating.

**3. You start making excuses:** If you find yourself coming up with reasons you should stay in your marriage instead of just taking it for what it is, that's a bad sign. It's most likely the beginning of the end.

A chicken wing gets hot when you turn it on

**How did you know it was time to end your marriage? Share your experiences below.**

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





One of Ashley

Hebert's final three suitors walked away during last week's episode of *The Bachelorette* in Fiji. Although it was clear that there was no spark between Constantine Tzortzis and Hebert, it was still shocking to find out that he wanted to call it quits. The 30-year-old restaurant owner openly admitted to [People](#) in an exclusive *Men Tell All* taping that he wasn't ready to get married to Herbert. He said, "You either have a feeling or you don't... My feelings were not strong enough at that point to justify sticking around and possibly going through with that next step of getting engaged." Tzortzis' family fully supported his decision.

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

### **Cupid's Advice:**

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

Cupid has some ideas:

**1. Clarity about the future:** A good indicator that your relationship is moving toward that next serious step is that you talk about your plans for the future together. So, for

example, you might discuss the intention to move to a new city and then have children together. You should both be able to paint a vivid picture of the future and see yourselves together in it.

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

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

**What are some indicators that you're moving toward being more than boyfriend and girlfriend? Share your ideas below.**

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## **Why Kourtney Kardashian and Scott Disick Don't Need to Get Married**







By Brea Gunn

Okay, okay...I'll admit it. I'm a reality TV junkie. I LOVE watching the train wrecks, drama, and outright ridiculousness that has become entertainment. Sometimes, though, a show truly hits a chord. I was watching Keeping Up With the Kardashians and stumbled upon the episode where Kris is pushing Kourtney and Scott to get married ... But they don't want to tie the knot.

This may seem strange to you, but it really irked me that their mom, Kris, was pushing the issue. Now, I'm all about weddings. It's what I love to write about, talk about and blog about, but sometimes weddings are not the best thing. Take Kourtney and Scott, for example. If her mom wants a commitment, why not have a commitment ceremony instead of a wedding? You can still have the dress, the big bash and the DJ without ending up with a legally binding piece of paper.

Take a look at some other celebs that have kids and aren't married ... Johnny Depp (together with his partner for more than 10 years, he has 2 kids) and Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie (together for more than 5 years and they have six (right?) kids) ... And both couples are very comfortable in their relationships.

And then there are the celebrities that have gotten married after they have kids, like Ashlee Simpson and Pete Wentz, and Britney Spears and Kevin Federline. Now, they're separated or divorced.

So where's the middle ground? And more importantly, what does any of this have to do with us 'normal' people? I think that weddings are fantastic, and I love every single one of them, but they're truly not for everyone, as I think the Kardashians (among others) have shown us. So when do you know it's right?

If you can't imagine the rest of your life without your love's best and WORST features, then (more than likely) you're probably on the right track with the wedding plans. But if you're happy being your semi-single self, consider a commitment ceremony or party to celebrate a milestone year in your relationship instead.

Sure, Mom may be upset (even famous moms want to plan their daughter's weddings), but I think that if you sit down with her (do not take a page from Kourtney on this one) and calmly explain your choice, then chances are she'll be on board ... especially if you let her plan a party.

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## **Amy Smart Says Her Fiancé Has Been Very Hands On With**

# Wedding



Here comes the bride! Amy Smart has been engaged to fiancé, hunky HGTV carpenter, Carter Oosterhouse, since April. The couple was engaged after only a few months of dating. According to [Hollyscoop](#), the blonde bride-to-be is being very traditional, especially when it comes to the wedding dress. Though the TV handyman has an impeccable eye for design and is very involved in the wedding planning process, Smart insists he not see the dress until the big day. Aside from the detail of the dress, the two are all in this together as they prepare for their wedding on September 10<sup>th</sup> in Northern Michigan. “[He’s] very hands on,” said Smart, “He has definitely been my co-pilot with this.”

**How do you get your beau involved in the wedding planning process?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

Traditionally, it has been the woman's responsibility to plan the wedding. However, that has not been the case with modern day festivities. If your beau is skeptical about getting involved, here are some ways to make him into a wedding planning extraordinaire:

**1. Cake tasting:** Everyone has a sweet tooth. Take your beau along to the bakery for a special wedding treat that you will share with your guests.

**2. Get his friends on the guest list:** Half of the guest list will be made up of your partner's friends and family. Make sure to sit down with him to make sure everyone he wants to be there will get an invite.

**3. Have a jam session:** The music at your wedding should reflect both of your personalities. Set some time aside to listen to music together and pick out the perfect tunes.

**What is your favorite part of planning a wedding? Share your thoughts below.**

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## Prince William's Cousin Zara Phillips Ties the Knot





It's the year of

royal weddings. First Prince William and Kate Middleton walked down the aisle, and now Prince William's cousin Zara Phillips has tied the knot with Mike Tindall, the captain of England's rugby team. The wedding took place in Edinburgh this past Saturday, according to [People](#), and it was absolutely breathtaking. The wedding was straight out of a story book with a royal guest list and a fabulous reception at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the Queen's residence. The pair met through Prince Harry, who introduced the two at a bar in Sydney during the Rugby World Cup back in 2003.

**What are some ways to tell your partner loves you for the right reasons?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

It's tough to tell if your partner really loves you for you and that he or she has good intentions. Cupid has some tips:

**1. They accept you at your worst:** If your mate is able to put up with you when you're having a bad day or are in a bad mood, it shows that he or she is truly there for you.

**2. They remember the little things:** If your partner remembers things like your favorite dessert and what kind of perfume you



wear, it shows that he or she pays attention to you want wants to make you happy.

**3. They are open and honest:** Being open and truthful shows that your mate has nothing to hide. If he didn't love you for the right reasons, he'd avoid certain topics.

**How can you tell if your partner loves you for the right reasons? Share your thoughts below!**

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## Kardashian Women Throw Kim a Racy Bridal Shower



Khloe Kardashian

and Lamar Odom sealed the deal, and it's almost time for Kim Kardashian and Khris Humphries to do the same. On Saturday,



the engaged couple took one step closer to taking their wedding vows at their bridal shower, according to [E! Online](#).

With a classy touch of wine, party favors wrapped in small pink boxes, and an atmosphere of Kardashian fever, this bridal shower was everything, but a fail. Guests did their part to keep it interesting as well. As Kardashian and Humphries opened up their gifts, they were shocked to pull out a pair of fuzzy handcuffs! Can we say classy, raunchy, and oh-so-Kardashian?

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

### **Cupid's Advice:**

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

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

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

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

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

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## Gene Simmons: I Proposed Months Ago



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

couple once described themselves as “happily unmarried” and we’re waiting to find out if there will be an “I do” to seal the deal.

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

### **Cupid’s Pulse:**

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

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

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

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

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

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# Alicia Keys Says Being Married Is 'Fly'



With her one-year anniversary on July 31, Alicia Keys can't complain about marriage. "It's so fly," the singer said in an interview with [People](#). "There's something great about feeling at peace and ease with your partner and knowing you understand each other. I really enjoy that friendship." Keys, who wed producer Swiz Beatz, real name Kaseem Dean, said the two are so similar it's "mind blowing." In fact, the relationship is moving so well that Keys said she seeks fashion advice from her hubby. "'I can say, 'I'm not sure about this look for the BET Awards. What do you think?' and I know that he will honestly tell me exactly what's up," she said.

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**When you get married, what are the perks?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Most of the time, people say marriage is hard work, but they never mention the enjoyable parts. Cupid has a few pros of being married:

- 1. Snuggle buddy for life:** One of the most comforting facts about marriage is that no matter how bad your day is, you have the evening to cuddle up to your best friend.
- 2. Ups and downs:** A spouse is there to celebrate your successes and lend support during hard times. In short, he or she is dependable.
- 3. 'Til death:** Although it can be scary to think about spending the rest of your life with just one person, it usually gets better with age (like fine wine, as the cliché goes).

What do you like about being married? Share your thoughts below.

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## Kim Kardashian Celebrates Bachelorette Party in Las Vegas





While Kris

Humphries was celebrating his bachelor party at Lavo Las Vegas last Saturday night, fiancé Kim Kardashian was doing her best to deal with her humiliation during her penis-themed bachelorette party, organized by her sister and maid-of-honor, Khloé. Kim was clad in a pink sash labeled “Tao Bachelorette” and an illuminated tiara. She kept her sangfroid as a male stripper appeared at dinner to perform a strip tease. According to [People](#), she told her guests “My sisters are doing everything they can to embarrass me.”

**What are some ways to playfully embarrass a bachelorette at her party?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

So you have the honor of planning the bachelorette party for your sister or your best friend. How can you go about playfully embarrassing her? Cupid has some tips.

**1. Male stripper:** Classic. Hire one or multiple male strippers to perform a special dance at some point during the night. Make sure he puts the bride-to-be in the spotlight.



**2. Special outfit:** Design a special costume for the special lady. You can imitate Kim Kardashian's costume and go with something princessy, girly and pink, for instance.

**3. Decorations:** Decorate the venue. Choose a theme to make it more interesting. For example, you can ask all the guests to come in a male parts costume or design special necklaces for everyone.

**Got any ideas for how to embarrass the bride-to-be? Don't be shy! Share your ideas below**

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## Vanessa Minnillo and Nick Lachey Get Married



When

Vanessa

Minnillo and Nick Lachey tied the knot on Friday in a tropical paradise surrounded by their nearest and dearest, their guests had no idea what to expect. According to [People](#), their wedding invitations came in the form of a plane ticket with the only instructions being to dress “island chic.” The day of the ceremony, the lucky guests were swept off to a secret island location. On July 30th, viewers everywhere will also get to witness this special ceremony at 9 p.m. ET/PT on TLC as part of the *Nick & Vanessa’s Dream Wedding* special.

## **What are some creative wedding themes?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Having a theme wedding is a great way to make your wedding memorable for your friends and family. If you’re considering revolving your wedding around a theme, here are some fun ideas:

- 1. Holiday theme:** Have your wedding on your favorite holiday. Valentine’s Day is always a popular choice, but having a St. Patrick’s Day or Christmas wedding can also be fun.
- 2. Fire and ice:** Even the best relationship can still run hot and cold once in a while. Embrace both the fiery and icy aspects of your relationship with some great decorations. Candles and ice sculptures are a great combination.
- 3. Wild Wild West:** It may not be for everyone, but if you’re a honky tonk kind of couple, go for it!

**Was your wedding themed? Share your experience below.**

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# Miranda Lambert and Blake Shelton Sneak In Alone Time at Kid Rock's Bash



She's a little bit

country, and he's a little bit rock and roll. Miranda Lambert and her hubby attended a party for pal Kid Rock at the Hotel on Rivington in New York last weekend, reports [People](#).

Lambert and Blake Shelton, who were married in May, even found some alone time at the blow-out bash. After spending some time schmoozing with the 200 guests at the party, the couple was spotted sneaking away to enjoy the New York City skyline from the rooftop terrace.

**Where can you take in some romantic views as a couple?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Make the most of the time you spend with your partner by

visiting someplace new and enjoying the scenery. Cupid has some ideas on where you two can enjoy some spectacular views as a couple:

**1. On the roof:** Miranda Lambert and Blake Shelton had it right when they snuck off to the roof to enjoy the beautiful New York skyline. Lots of bars and restaurants now have rooftop terraces open during the summer.

**2. On top of a mountain:** If you and your mate like to get physical, try climbing a mountain together. Whether it's in the Southwest or the Far East, you'll feel a sense of accomplishment when you reach the top and enjoy the gorgeous scenery together.

**3. On the water:** Another way to take in a view of your favorite city is by taking a cruise on the nearest river or ocean. Alternatively, you can enjoy the great outdoors and some romantic scenery by canoeing, kayaking or boating on a lake in the middle of nowhere.

**Where do you go to enjoy a romantic view with your partner?  
Share your comments below.**

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## **Singer Monica and LA Laker Husband Have Second Wedding**





Monica showed everyone that “The Boy is Mine” by marrying Los Angeles Laker Shannon Brown – again. [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com) reports that the pop singer threw a huge party in Los Angeles last weekend to celebrate her nuptials, even hiring a celebrity wedding planner. Monica, 30, and Brown, 25, and their guests dined on food from Fat Burger and enjoyed a Charm City Cake. The couple, who was first married in a small private ceremony at their L.A. home last November, met each other on the set of Monica’s music video for her single “Love All Over Me.”

### **What are some reasons to have a second wedding?**

#### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Sometimes your love is so good, you need to celebrate it twice! Cupid has some ideas on why having a second wedding is a good idea:

- 1. Small ceremony:** If you initially got married at city hall or at an intimate ceremony, you may want to walk down the aisle again just to have a big blow-out party like Monica and Shannon Brown did.
- 2. Renewing vows:** Some couples renew their vows as often as



once a year. If you want to reaffirm your commitment to one another, why not have a second wedding?

**3. Pleasing everybody:** Maybe your hubby wanted a small ceremony, but you wanted an extravagant wedding. What better way to satisfy you both than by getting married twice?

**Would you ever consider having a second wedding? Share your thoughts below.**

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## Lady Antebellum's Hillary Scott Is Engaged



There was yet another reason to celebrate on July 4th, as Chris Tyrrell proposed to Hillary Scott during a romantic sunset on



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

**What are some laid back yet memorable ways to propose?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

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

**1. During your favorite activity:** Do whatever you enjoy doing together, whether it’s going for a hike, like Hillary Scott and Chris Tyrrell, or watching a movie. What matters is that you’re surrounded by a serene atmosphere, so that you can tune in to each other.

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

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

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

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# Brad Pitt Says Every Individual Has a Right to Marry



Brad Pitt, who once said in an interview that he and Angelina Jolie wouldn't get married until everyone had the same rights, gave a statement to *People* on the recent legalization of same sex marriage in New York. He said that although it's encouraging that New York granted equal marriage rights to its citizens, every American has the Constitutional right to marry whomever they love, regardless of the state they reside in. He believes

that someday this discrimination will end and everyone will have the equal right to marriage.

**What are the benefits of getting married versus just living together?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Ever wondered why getting married is important for some people? Believe it or not, people benefit more when they get married compared to just living together. Here are three reasons why:

**1. Commitment:** When you're married, there is a commitment to make your relationship work. However, when you're only living with your partner, there isn't a strong desire to make things work when an argument arises. It's easier to just give up.

**2. Financially successful:** When you're married, you share everything: furniture, food, etc. This means you'll save more money than you would if you were just living with your significant other.

**3. Live longer:** Statistics revealed that married couples live longer than those who are single. Why? It might be because there is always a woman to take care of the man.

**Why do you think being married is better than simply cohabiting? Let us know in a comment below.**

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# **David and Victoria Beckham**

# Celebrate 12th Wedding Anniversary



July 4th is a day of extravagant celebration that's incredibly hyped every year. Not only is it America's Independence Day, but it also marks the day that David and Victoria Beckham said "I do." This year, the couple celebrated twelve years of marriage. The soccer star told [RadarOnline.com](http://RadarOnline.com), "It's a special day for us, it always has been and always will be." The couple has all the more reason to be ecstatic, with a baby girl on the way.

**How do you make your anniversary special after a number of years together?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Your wedding anniversary is such a special day. It's a commemoration of the meaningful moments spent between you and your partner and your future together. Here's how Cupid thinks

you can make your day truly unforgettable:

**1. Relive your first date:** Rekindle the romance and go to the same place where you spent your very first date together. Relive the day that marked the first of many special moments together.

**2. Make a wedding day scrapbook:** Gather up all the photos from your wedding day and arrange them into an album or scrapbook. You can also add new images by going for an anniversary photo shoot. Mark the passing time with a smile.

**3. Prepare free love coupons:** Be romantic and make some free love coupons to give to your partner on your anniversary. It's a sweet idea. Just be creative!

**What are some things you can do to make your anniversary extra memorable? Share your thoughts. Don't be shy!**

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## Nick Lachey Explains Why He's Marrying Vanessa Minnillo on TV





It's official!

Nick Lachey and Vanessa Minnilo have agreed to have their wedding recorded live, according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). However, Lachey admits that having cameras at their wedding wasn't an easy decision. "We kind of wrestled with that for a while, for obvious reasons," he told reporters Saturday during his bachelor party at TAO in Las Vegas. "Having done reality TV in the past, I didn't necessarily want to jump right back into it without having thought it through to great length, and we did." A reason the singer agreed to have cameras on his special day was because they weren't going to stay there for long. "It's a one-off special; a chance to kind of have a great experience and a great moment in our lives documented on TV, and also for us, to have a great wedding video at the end of it," he said of their TLC wedding special, which will be broadcast shortly after the couple swaps vows.

**What are the advantages of having your wedding recorded?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Your wedding day is special and is one of the most important days of your life. It's a day that couples want to cherish and what better way to do that than to have it recorded?



Here's why:

**1. Memories:** Having your special day recorded means you'll be able to relive the moment over and over again. If things start getting tough, remind yourself about how happy you were on your wedding day.

**2. Friends and family:** You may not hang out with your friends and family as much as you used to, and a wedding video will allow you to see your loved ones all together on your special day.

**3. Pass it down:** You can pass your wedding video on to your children so they can see the day you were married.

**Is there a specific reason why you or someone you know recorded their wedding? Let us know in a comment below.**

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## Nick Lachey Has 3-Day Vegas Bachelor Party





Nick Lachey, 37,

had the luxury of having a 3-day bachelor party in Las Vegas this past weekend. And though “whatever happens in Vegas stays in Vegas” is the typical cliché that comes to mind, Vanessa Minnillo assured [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com) that this bachelor’s party was far from *The Hangover*’s tumultuous adventure.

Minnillo kept her presence known when Lachey received a black and red layered cake with a ball and a chain on top that was shackled to a mini Lachey’s leg. It read, “Property of Vanessa.”

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

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

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

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

**2. Live entertainment:** Not only do you have the joy of being

with your longtime friends, enjoying old memories and dreaming about a future-to-be, but you have the entertainment of some of Vegas' most popular shows, like burlesque!

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

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

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## 'Ugly Betty' Star America Ferrera Is Married



*Ugly Betty* star

America Ferrera was the opposite of ugly during her recent

wedding to longtime boyfriend, Ryan Piers Williams, according to [People](#). The Emmy-winning actress, 27, and Williams were married Monday night in “an intimate setting amongst close friends and family,” her rep reports. The couple first met when Williams cast Ferrera in his student film at the University of Southern California and the couple became engaged in 2010. “We kind of connected from the get-go on that professional level and that was something that really drew us to each other,” Ferrera said. She also said that she and her beau have “a shared passion for what we do and our work.”

**Is it important that your partner share a passion for your career?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Career path typically shouldn't be a determining factor in your relationship. Here are ways to be supportive whether you do share a passion for your partner's relationship or you don't:

**1. Opposites attract:** Yes, you and your mate should have some things in common, but he or she is in no way obligated to share a passion for your career. The 'opposites attract' theory says the following: If you love singing, your honey can absolutely hate it, but still love you.

**2. Put yourself In his or her shoes:** Imagine if you were in the same career as your mate. This will help you understand what makes your partner tick a lot better than simply knowing his or her professional title.

**3. Be there:** No matter how bad it works your nerves, it's still important to be there for your partner when he or she hits a stumbling block in his or her career.

**Are you having a hard time accepting your partner's career choice? Share your thoughts below.**

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# Same Sex Marriage Legalized in New York State



By Imani Brammer

New York is wearing a new face of liberty. On Friday, June 24, 2011 the Empire State became the sixth and largest state in the union to legalize gay marriage. After a long battle, Governor Andrew Cuomo passed the vote 33-29. As the leader of the campaign to legalize same sex marriage in his state, Cuomo was determined to get this law passed. For Cuomo, it was not solely about politics. According to [The New York Times](#), his girlfriend, Sandra Lee, has a gay brother. So this issue hit very close to home. "Same sex marriage is at the heart of leadership and progressive government," said Cuomo. "I have to

do this.”

Gay couples can now look towards a bright future. Getting married is a stamp that symbolizes solidity, strength, and everlasting love. No longer will the gay couples of New York feel a sense of legal doubt when it comes to the validity of their relationship. “It makes you feel like we’re equal,” said 45-year-old Tim Ford. He is now engaged to marry his companion of 18 years, Michael Beltran. “We can celebrate with friends in New York and not have it be, in some people’s eyes, not recognized,” said Ford.