'Survivor' Contestant
Stephenie LaGrossa and
Philadelphia Phillies
Pitcher, Kyle Kendrick Get
Married





Stephenie

LaGrossa, three-time *Survivor* contestant, tells *People*, "I never thought there was 'the one,' but now I believe it." She and Philadelphia Phillies pitcher, Kyle Kendrick got married in front of 105 guests at the Silverado Resort in Napa, California. The outdoors ceremony featured the bride in a dress by Priscilla of Boston, while the groom adorned a tuxedo by Huge Boss. Don't forget about the dogs! Bebe and Champ "acted as flower girl and ring bearer and wore a white dress and a tuxedo, respectively."

How can you incorporate your pets into your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

While your wedding is meant to honor your relationship with your fiancée, why leave out the little guys who are there through thick and thin: your pets!

- 1. Wedding party: Who said anything about the flower girl and ring bearer being human? Adding your pets to the wedding party like Stephenie LaGrossa and Kyle Kendrick makes for great pictures, especially when clothed in dresses and tuxedos alike.
- **2. Gifts**: Turn your party favors into donations to a local animal shelter. Gifts for the newlyweds can be substituted with contributions to an animal charity.
- **3. Cake topper**: Couples adorn their wedding cakes with figurines resembling themselves, but why not the pets? Forget the traditional couple sitting atop the icing and find a cake topper that looks exactly like Gypsy and Beau.

Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson Are Engaged





Player Eric Johnson has officially proposed to Jessica Simpson. The good news is that she's accepted, according to People. After being introduced by mutual friends in May, the pair started dating. Recently, they celebrated Jessica Simpson's 30th birthday in romantic Italy. Fans can look for this athlete and singer/fashion designer combo at the upcoming Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. "I'm gonna be on a [Macy's parade] float. It's not always the best way to spend a Thanksgiving, but it's a great way to celebrate. So, maybe I'll just have all families on the float," said Jessica Simpson.

What are some ways you can meet your future mate?

Cupid's Advice:

Like many other couples, Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson were introduced through mutual friends. Though there is no best way to meet your future partner, the secret is to put yourself out there. Cupid has a few options to explore:

1. Online dating: The use of the Internet can expand your dating pool many times over. If you're having trouble meeting people the traditional way (in person), getting to know

potential partners via online dating sites may be the answer.

- 2. Singles' mixers: Speed dating and singles cruises are great options for those looking to meet their next love interest. It takes the guessing out of the situation because you know everyone is attending for the same reason.
- **3. The friend connection:** Whether you're being introduced to someone new through friends or playing wingman for a pal, friends play a huge role in helping you find a happy relationship. Utilize your network!

'Hills' Couple Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt to Renew Vows





Heidi Montag and

Spencer Pratt are making headlines once again. The Hills couple are now planning to renew their vows. "I feel like our first [wedding] was an elopement and we had so many margaritas and it was such a crazy time...and then the second one wasn't our wedding. It was just a Hills wedding, and it was for all the people there, and it was about everyone else," said Heidi Montag, according to Us Weekly. The couple's marriage has had its fair share of ups and downs so far, including short-lived divorce proceedings. Heidi Montag explained, saying, "We had just gone through so much crazy stuff personally and through our jobs and everything, so for me this feels like our first real marriage. Like our first restart. We deserve a second chance at our marriage and really having this moment and not being robbed of this."

What are some creative ways to renew your vows?

Cupid's Advice:

Renewing your vows is a great way to strengthen your marriage. Here a few ways to keep the ceremony intriguing:

1. Go back to the original venue: Try going back to the place you were originally married. While it may be easier to

revisit a church than a beach in Hawaii, it will be fun to return to a place with so many memories.

- 2. Celebrate with new friends: You and your husband have inevitably made some new friends since your wedding. Invite your new pals as well as the old so that they can add some new life to the occasion!
- 3. Incorporate your children: If you have had children since your wedding, make sure that they can be a part of the ceremony as well. If you haven't been blessed with children yet, bring along your pets. A dog ring bearer is always a crowd pleaser.

Victoria's Secret Model Doutzen Kroes Marries Sunnery James





Over the weekend,

surrounded by 30 of their closest friends and family members, Victoria's Secret model Doutzen Kroes and producer and DJ, Sunnery James were wed. According to The Hollywood Gossip, the couple were married "in a small, private ceremony in her Dutch hometown of Eastermar." Pregnancy didn't stop Doutzen Kroes from donning a dress created by Spanish designer Pronovias or taking a honeymoon "on an island just north of Madagascar." They better enjoy their vacation, too; their baby boy is expected in January.

How can you plan a wedding with a baby on the way?

Cupid's Advice:

A pregnant bride doesn't have to sacrifice her wedding dreams. Cupid's got some things to consider:

1. White wedding: Be sure to take into account your growing belly and schedule dress fittings more frequently as the special day nears. When it comes to shoes, try a low, chunky heel for the ceremony and consider bringing an alternative shoe for the reception. There's no reason you shouldn't be joining everyone on the dance floor!

- 2. Wining and dining: Planning the reception menu for your guests doesn't mean you have to throw prenatal care out the window. Consider choosing healthy foods and nonalcoholic alternatives to champagne. And stay hydrated with water and slices of lemon, limes, or strawberries.
- 3. The Honeymooners: Don't be afraid to jet set to the romantic destination you and your partner have had in mind, if your pregnancy is in its early stages. With pregnancies nearing the end, it's best not to stray too far! This doesn't mean your getaway plans are ruined; there are plenty of places to stay in the USA.

Hilary Duff and Mike Comrie Plan for First Married Holiday





Actress Hilary

Duff and new husband Mike Comrie, center for the Pittsburgh Penguins hockey team, may be in the middle of moving to a new home right now, but that's not stopping the couple from planning for the holidays. Hilary Duff told *People* that she and Mike Comrie are expecting to be in Pittsburgh this Christmas, while both of their families will be in Los Angeles. "It's going to be scary [to plan], but exciting," said Hilary Duff, about the couple's first married holiday together. What are ways to make your first holiday as a married couple special?

Cupid's Advice:

Relationships have a lot of firsts, but your first holiday as a married couple should be special. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Thoughtful gifts: Rather than spending a lot of money on expensive gifts for each other, try to find something that will remind your spouse of you and your relationship. Plan ahead!
- 2. Take a time out: Your relatives and friends may be fawning over you as the new couple. When the attention gets to be too much, quietly slip into another room, and take five minutes to

breathe together.

3. Keep a sense of humor: The holidays can be overwhelming, stressful, and a little crazy. Be ready with a joke on hand to keep you and your spouse light and laughing.

LeAnn Rimes Has No Regrets About Affair with Eddie Cibrian





After meeting on

the set of the Lifetime movie *Northern Lights* last year, LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian began an off-camera affair when they were both still married to other people. In a recent article in *US Weekly*, the country queen revealed that what happened

with Eddie Cibrian is not who she is, but she refuses to live with regrets. "It happens every day to so many people," said LeAnn Rimes. "And if I take away my album sales, my words ... you have just another couple. You had two couples whose marriages didn't work who really stumbled upon each other and fell in love."

Is an affair okay if it's in the name of love?

Cupid's Advice:

Though some couples are able to work it out after an affair, most of the time an affair marks the end of a relationship. Though you have every right to fall in love with someone else, try to be fair to your partner and end your current relationship before you start a new one. Here are some things to consider:

- 1. Honesty is the best policy: If you have true feelings for someone else that are starting to prevail over the feelings you have for your current partner, it's time to end the relationship before someone gets hurt.
- 2. Forbidden love: The secrecy that is often behind an affair can add some much-missed excitement to your love life. Make sure you have true feelings for your new lover and aren't just getting caught up in the excitement of it all.
- 3. We all make mistakes: It's only human to follow your heart instead of your mind, especially when it comes to love. If you do slip up, don't be too hard on yourself, but make sure to come clean to those you care about.

Katy Perry Praises Russell Brand's Spirituality





After tying the

knot in what has been a detailed four-day wedding celebration in India, Katy Perry still can't stop talking about her husband, Russell Brand. Despite the provocative teasing goodgirl image Katy Perry maintains in the public eye, she tells Harper's Bazaar, "I always knew I wanted a great man of God. Someone who was going to be an inspiration for people and also be a lovely husband and father." Wait, are we still talking about Russell Brand? Apparently so. Us Weekly reports that Brand is a "deeply spiritual man and ideal dad material." And what about the 10-year age gap? Katy Perry explains, "We're at different places in our lives, but we can still grow together." With a man that's "though-provoking, articulate [and] a real advocate," it looks like clear sailing for the newlywed couple — with a few laughs along the way.

How important is religion in a relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

While Perry and Brand meet on common religious ground, does religion have to be a deal breaker? Here are a few arguments to keep in mind for your own blooming relationship:

- 1. Get your feet wet: If you and your significant other hold beliefs in different faiths, try enlightening each other about the culture and faith behind your respective religions. If you feel comfortable, attend a service and get a firsthand look!
- 2. Have an open dialogue: If your relationship is headed somewhere serious, don't be afraid about discussing spirituality. Talk about the importance of your faith. Explore the idea of conversion or allowing your relationship to follow a multi-faith path, observing both religions.
- 3. Think about the future: While kids might not be in the near future, or are perhaps around the corner, one thing to keep in mind is the future. Sure, religion might not be a problem when it comes to the two of you, but what will happen when you add a child into the equation? Raising a child in a certain faith might be an uncompromising matter in your relationship and in the end, religion might become a problematic aspect of your relationship.

Katy Perry and Russell

Brand's Wedding Noise Complaints





While singer Katy

Perry and comedian Russel Brand's wedding may have been all about "no regrets, just love" — for neighbors not in attendance, it was anything but a "teenage dream." The couple's wedding at the Aman-i-Khas hotel in Rajasthan, India, last week was loud enough to draw noise complaints. The hotel, which is located next to a sacred tiger sanctuary, has been charged with violating the district's laws against loud music after 10 p.m. Perry and Brand, who were free from any charges, have headed to the Maldives for their honeymoon, but managers of the hotel could face fines or jail time.

How can you make your wedding stand out?

Cupid's Advice:

While Perry and Brand may have made headline news with their extravagant wedding, getting hotel managers fined with noise complaints isn't the best way to make your marriage memorable. Cupid has some tips on how to make everyone remember your special day in a positive way:

- 1. Personalize: Whether you're writing your own vows or featuring a slideshow of your sweetest moments as a couple, try to include unique personal touches in both the ceremony and at the reception.
- 2. Make it about everyone: Most people focus on the bride, but there are two people getting married, and you're celebrating your love with your friends and family. Whether it's a customized groom's cake, or a choreographed dance number, try to incorporate your wedding party and particularly your new spouse into as many details as possible. Little surprises will have a big effect!
- 3. Sparkling moment: Rather than blinging out your entire wedding, save some dough by featuring one shining moment at the ceremony and reception. It could be releasing doves after the vows, or a particularly moving speech, but make sure it's something unique to the two of you as a couple, and make sure you don't overdo it. It should be a tasteful unique addition to your big day.

Katy Perry's Pre-Wedding

Excitement





Katy Perry is

enjoying her final days as a single woman. Following her performance on Britain's The X-Factor, Perry and fiancé Russell Brand talked to judge Simon Cowell backstage. source tells *Us Magazine*, "She had so much fun with Simon, and Russell was chatting with him too. Katy was hugging Russell a lot after her performance. She kept asking him, 'Was I OK?' 'Was it OK?', but he was nothing but supportive. He was stroking her bum in her catsuit. He couldn't keep his hands off her, actually." The engaged pair also went to a private screening of *The Social Network* on Monday. On Tuesday, Perry and Brand intend to fly to India for their extravagant 6-day wedding celebration. The few quests, including Rihanna, will stay in "pimped out" tents and are to be flown in on private jets. Despite the extravagance, Brand seemed uneager to talk about the celebration. "I'm trying to preserve it, to keep it a beautiful thing," Brand explained. "I think people get the wrong idea on how we want the wedding to play out. Love

between two people is the most spectacular yet ordinary thing in the world."

What are some things to be careful about before your wedding? Cupid's Advice:

The days before your wedding are nerve-wracking, exciting, and unlike anything you have ever experienced. While you should enjoy these last few days to the best of your ability, here a few things of which to beware:

- 1. Too much talk: No matter how excited you are, talking about your wedding too much may ruin the big day. By talking about the big day, you raise expectations. Hold disappointment at bay, and keep at least some of your excitement to yourself.
- 2. Stress: Wedding planning is stressful. You want the best day possible, but by accepting the fact that no wedding is absolutely perfect, you will be able to relax and really enjoy the day without worrying about minor things.
- 3. Too many nerves: Chances are, before your wedding you are feeling excited and nervous. While it is good to share your nerves, make sure you do so in a healthy way so you don't give your friends and family the wrong idea.

Seth Green Watches Wife Play Video Games for Hours on End





Newlyweds Seth

Green and Clare Grant have been embracing each other's silly sides since their May lwedding, reports <u>People</u>. The self-proclaimed geeks spend their time together creating viral videos for Youtube and making each other laugh. This kind of behavior may not come as a shock from a pair who met in a comic book shop. "We might be together a long time before we think about kids," Grant admits, saying she and her husband are focusing on each other right now.What are some unique activities to do with your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

We all know that having one-on-one time with your beau is important. The question is, how do you keep it interesting? Cupid has some special activity suggestions:

1. Get out: Are you outdoorsy and adventurous? Try something like rock climbing or sky diving. Find gyms or specialty stores in your area where you can practice on climbing walls before you attempt the real deal. If jumping out of a plane

isn't your thing, perhaps a little white-water rafting is instead. These adrenaline-pumping dates will bring a smile to your faces and a spark to the bedroom.

- 2. Movie night: If you and your partner are more of a cuddle-up-at-home type, designate a night solely for yourselves: no calls, texts or other interruptions allowed. Rent a movie and play some board games, with special rules just for you. Or find a discount theatre in your area and catch a cheap flick.
- 3. Wine tasting: Take something you both are interested in and turn it into a hobby. Are you both self-proclaimed wine junkies? Find a local winery and take a tour together over the weekend. Afterwards, buy a bottle of the vineyard's own and enjoy it later on that evening.

True Blood's Joe Manganiello to Tie the Knot





True love has

found *True Blood* star Joe Manganiello. According to *People*, the actor proposed to actress/model Audra Marie while on vacation in Italy. But this couple's romance didn't start off easily. "She wouldn't go out with me for six months," Manganiello told *People* in September. "We started dating a few months before I got cast [on *True Blood*]." Now the couple are anything but coy, confessing exactly what attracts them to each other. Manganiello says, "She's sweet ... nice. And she makes crazy English breakfasts," while Marie loves Maganiello's "sense of humor, his work ethic and how humble he is with everything that has gone on."

When does playing hard to get work?

Cupid's Advice:

While honesty is key in a healthy relationship, being a little coy with your emotions in the beginning may be what it takes to get the spark going. Cupid recommends when playing hard to get is a good thing:

1. Playing the game: Many people treat dating like a fun game, so not letting on right away can create a pursuit that will make finding out more about you a goal your crush is striving to achieve. Bring on the excitement!

- 2. Adding mystery: By not immediately laying it all out there, you're leaving something to the imagination. Your romantic interest will have to ask you out again to get more info about you, ensuring a second or even third date.
- 3. Playing it safe: While it'll take your potential partner longer to learn more about you, it'll also take you longer to learn about him/her, allowing you to truly get to know the person you could be dating before you get too serious.

Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore to Renew Vows?





Faithful

Twitterer Ashton Kutcher has once again revealed his predicament in 140 characters or less, reports *E! Online*.

Kutcher, 32, told Twitter followers that he and wife Demi Moore, 47, are traveling to Israel to "[Share] Love & Light while in Israel." The couple are, "Asking 4 the energy 2 forge bonds with our similarities & find compromise in our differences." Kutcher and Moore have recently been facing rumors of Kutcher's infidelity. The couple has been taking to Twitter to sort out rumors, posting pictures of themselves in bed together, and thank everyone for their anniversary wishes. They are expected to renew their vows while in Israel, effectively squashing all rumors.

Why is it good to renew your vows?

Cupid's Advice:

There are lots of reasons to renew your vows — and you don't need to be a celeb to do it! Here are some incentives if you and your mate want to relive your vows:

- 1. Children: Your children weren't around the last time you got married. Making fresh commitments will allow for your entire family to take part.
- 2. Relationship troubles: If you and your partner have been having problems in your relationship, renewing your vows may be the answer. Reassurance will make your partnership stronger.
- **3. More fun:** Since you got married, you and your partner have earned more money and met more people. Think of vow renewal as a romantic excuse to throw an even bigger ceremony. Invite more people, buy an even more expensive dress and even hire a band to replace the deejay this time around!

Michele Cove Discusses Film and Book, 'Seeking Happily Ever After'





By Veronica LaRoque

From reality dating shows to speed dating events to eHarmony commercials, it seems like everyone is in a race to the altar. Today's society might make it seem like being single is not an option and that it's just a phase until you find "the one." Michelle Cove documented people on their journeys to find love in her new film, Seeking Happily Ever After, and inadvertently found gourds of proud singles out there.

In her companion book Seeking Happily Ever After: How to navigate the ups and downs of being single without losing your mind (and finding lasting love along the way), Cove explores why there have been more single women than ever lately, while allowing single women to reclaim their own stories. With wit, humor and sage advice, Cove uses others' stories to answer questions raised during filming and creates a self-help book expressly for women who are single and loving it.

What are the advantages of being single?

Cupid's Advice:

Cupid learned all about why women are single and what they can do to make themselves happy by finding true love — if they're looking for it. See what Michelle Cove had to say about her movie and book:

How did filming Seeking Happily Ever After lead you to writing this book?

The film poses questions about this phenomenon and allows viewers to come to their own conclusions. When the film was completed, I wanted to go a step further and try to answer some of women's pressing questions that came up during filming—and to create a self-help book that didn't lump single women into one giant category of "desperately looking for a husband," like so many other books out there.

Before filming Seeking Happily Ever After, you had written a book called I'm Not Mad, I Just Hate You about mother-daughter relationships. How does that book compare to your first?

I'm Not Mad, I Just Hate You was a book that helped mom teach their teen daughters how to handle conflict. It was a book meant to empower women by giving them concrete strategies that they could then pass on to their daughters. Seeking Happily Ever After is a book that strives to empower single women by helping them tune into their own needs and block out all the "noise" and pressure to get married. I think most of my projects, in one way or another, challenge women to explore their choices with thoughtful intention.

What kind of problems do you address in the book?

I give women the tools they need to figure out what they want for themselves in a relationship, which isn't easy in a culture obsessed with weddings. I also give them scripts to use to deal with family members, friends, colleagues and so on who treat their single status like a problem to fix. Also, I answer practical questions like, "I worry about being alone and getting sick. What can I do?" and "What do I need to know about traveling on my own?"

In the book, what is your view on being single?

The book is divided into 12 types of singlehood, such as "The Organic," who wants to meet a guy the old-fashioned way (by chance), but friends and family insist she'll end up alone; "The Late Bloomer" is the single who refuses to live life to the fullest now, but rather is waiting because she wants to enjoy her dreams with a husband. Then there is a chapter on "The Trailblazer," and this is the woman who has no interest in marriage and is sick of having to defend her decision. She has the challenge of carving out her own path, and I give women in this category tips for being able to create a new path even as others tell them their choice is wrong.

What advice do you have for single women out there?

We are taught pretty early that happiness is "married with two kids and the white picket fence," and many of us buy into this "happily ever after," whether it fits us or not. I think women need to learn how to tune into their own voice and figure out what their own happily ever after looks like right now, whether it's the conventional route or not, and how to get it. I also think we need to appreciate that our "happily ever after" notion will change over time, and it should. Our needs change over time, so we need to tune into these needs and explore them consistently.

Cupid thanks Michelle Cove for her time! For more information

'Brothers & Sisters' Star Dave Annable Marries Odette Yustman





Love seems to be

enough for *Brothers & Sisters* star Dave Annable and his actress bride, Odette Yustman. The couple, who got engaged over Valentine's Day weekend at the place they fell in love, officially carried their fairytale romance down the aisle last weekend and started their life together as husband and wife, reports *Us Weekly*. With 215 family members and friends taking in the spectacle, Yustman walked toward her husband to the

song, "All You Need is Love" by the Beatles. Is love enough in a relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Dave Annable and Odette Yustman seem to believe in the age-old mantra that "love is all it takes," but it's not always so straight forward. Cupid thinks that there are some other factors you should consider before committing to a partner:

- 1. Morals and values: Sometimes moral differences severely hurt a relationship. Decide which of your values are set in stone before you get too involved with a mate. It's not good to commit yourself to someone if your morals vary too much.
- 2. Family: If you want to have children and your partner isn't as keen on the idea, you may want to rethink the relationship. If there's no compromising about the situation, it will end up being a huge problem love, or not.
- **3. Finances:** Money is always a touchy subject, especially within a relationship. One partner may have a much higher standard of living than the other, which could pose issues in the future. It's best to get financial discussions out of the way in the beginning.

DC Housewives Stars Michaele & Tareq Salahi Back to

Bankruptcy





Wacky Real

Housewives of DC couple Michaele and Tareq Salahi, known for questionably attending the White House State Dinner, have filed for bankruptcy yet again. Their company, America's Polo Cup Inc., went under late last month, according to RadarOnline. Tareq Salahi was president of the company that currently owes \$320,000 to a catering company that has sued for non-payment, reports the Northern Virginia Daily. Tareq was also the president of Oasis Winery, which went into bankruptcy last year. It looks like the Salahi's are not having good luck in the business world lately! How do you support a partner who isn't good with money matters?

Cupid's Advice:

Money is one of the worst relationship killers. Cupid has some advice on how to deal with your partner's not-so-frugal ways:

- 1. Talk about it: It's important to discuss what both you and your partner value when it comes to your finances. Serious talks about money are far from romantic, but it's best to get it over with so that financial issues won't haunt your romance down the line.
- 2. Budget: Working with your partner to realistically plot out your expenses is absolutely necessary. Being surprised by a sudden lack of money is never a good thing. Sometimes luxurious candle light dinners or expensive vacations will have to been put aside, but in the scheme of things, it's better than being broke!
- 3. Work together: Maybe you've discovered that your partner is not as good with handling money as you are. Take charge! Let that be a contribution to the strength of your relationship. Just because your partner isn't great with finances doesn't mean he or she doesn't have plenty of other qualities to bring to the table.

Funnyman Seth Rogen Proposes to Longtime Girlfriend





According to

<u>RadarOnline</u>, Funny People's Seth Rogen popped the question to longtime girlfriend, Lauren Miller last week. After coming back from a family visit in Boston, the actor bent down on one knee to ask for her hand in marriage. Dating since 2004, a source close to the couple reveals that Miller was beginning to give up hope for a proposal.

If your man seems reluctant to pop the question, how can you tactfully find out what he's thinking?

Cupid's Advice:

If you're looking for a ring by spring, perhaps some good old-fashioned subconscious mind tapping will do the trick:

- 1. Get his reaction: Bring up the subject of marriage indirectly. For example, if a mutual friend of yours recently got engaged, make a casual comment about it, like, "I wonder where they'll have the wedding," or "They look even happier than they did before." Does he unknowingly smile when you say it, or does he roll his eyes? His reaction could be all that you need to solve the proposal puzzle.
- 2. Channel Josephine Bonaparte: The empress of France knew

what to do when Napoleon was dragging his feet. Rumors that she was spending her free time in the likes of powerful, rich men, jolted Napoleon to put a ring on it. By letting your beau know that you're a hot commodity, it could give him just the push he needs to go to the jewelers.

3. The ultimatum: In today's society, things move fast. Technology has caused us to think quicker, act quicker and question things a lot more than we did in previous decades. So, it's no surprise that you may need to ask yourself, "Where is this going?" Pick a time when both of you are alone and relaxed to bring it up. But don't flip out if you don't get the answer you want. Sometimes its better to move on.

Heidi Klum & Seal Shoot Revealing Music Video





Seal definitely

had a lot of fun making the music video for his new single "Secret," where he and supermodel wife Heidi Klum don their birthday suits — in bed! The single, off Seal's new album Seal 6: Commitment, is about he and his wife's relationship. "The song, the movie, it's the story of our love," said the 47-year-old singer. Klum, 37, told <u>Us Weekly</u>, "I feel so lucky to have found my husband especially at the time when I did." The pair married in 2005 and have three children together, ages 5, 3 and 1. Klum also talked about what the song means to her. "It's the story of two people in love. My husband is what I always wanted and never thought I would have."

How do you know what qualities you need in a partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Finding "the one" can be tricky, so it's important to know what qualities you need in a partner if you want the relationship to last. Cupid has some ideas on how to figure out what traits to look for:

1. Look back: Every relationship is a learning experience that gets you closer to finding Mr. Right. Use your past

experiences to figure out what qualities you want (and don't want) in a future partner.

- 2. Use an example: You know that couple that have been together forever and are still totally in love? Think about what makes their relationship last, whether it's honesty, communication, or a sense of humor, and keep those traits in mind.
- **3. Share goals:** Think about what's important to you and look for someone who wants the same things. While your partner doesn't have to have identical goals, being with someone who has similar aspirations and values will ensure a long-lasting relationship.

George Lopez and Wife Divorce After Long Marriage





After 17 years of

love, partnership and parenting, George Lopez, host of *Lopez Tonight*, and his wife Ann Lopez have announced they will end their marriage. The couple wed in 1993, and have one daughter, Mayan Lopez. Earlier this year, rumors circulated about Lopez cheating on his wife, but a Lopez rep told *People* the decision to separate was amicable and mutual. "They remain dedicated parents, and committed partners in business and their philanthropic organization, The Lopez Foundation," the rep said.

How do you know when your marriage is over?

Cupid's Advice:

Though most people vow to remain together "till death do us part," it may not always work out that way. Knowing when to divorce may save both people a lot of heartbreak and suffering. Cupid has some tips on when to walk away:

1. Harboring anger: Disagreement and conflict is part of any relationship, but when deep seated feelings of anger or hatred cannot be resolved, they can threaten to destroy not only the marriage, but also both people involved. If counseling or therapy doesn't work, distance may be the only healthy option.

- 2. Loss of respect: Even if the relationship seems healthy from the outside, if one or both partners lose respect for each other, the relationship is bound to fail. A marriage is a union of equals based on love and respect, and if one of those cornerstones is missing, there cannot be equality in the relationship.
- 3. Growing apart: It is often inevitable that people will change, but sometimes, that change is too great for a relationship to withstand. If you or your partner is not the same person that said "I do," and it has put a strain on the relationship, have discussions about what has changed and see if compromises can be made before calling your lawyer.

David Beckham Fires Back at Tabloid for Prostitute Accusations





Soccer pro David

Beckham has proven that actions speak louder than words after he officially denied prostitute accusations by suing the tabloid that published them. *PopEater* reports that Beckham is suing *In Touch Weekly* for featuring quotes from former call girl Irma Nici suggesting that the two slept together in 2007. The suit alleges libel, slander and intentional infliction of emotional distress. Beckham has been married to former Spice Girls singer Victoria Beckham for 11 years, and the two have three boys together, ages 11, 8, and 5.

If you're falsely accused of cheating, what do you do?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes someone close to you might hear or see something that gives them the wrong idea about your faithfulness. Cupid has some tips on how to clear up the situation:

- 1. Ask why: If someone started a rumor, talk to that person one-on-one to find out why. They might just be angry about something, and talking to them will help clear the air and stop them from spreading more false rumors.
- 2. Reassure him: If you can, get your supposed cheating

partner to tell your partner that the accusations are false. When he gets reassurance from both you and the other person involved, he'll be more likely to believe that nothing is going on.

3. Show proof: There's nothing like cold, hard evidence to prove you're telling the truth. If the rumors say you went out with your mystery boy on Friday night, but you were with your best friend the whole time, the piece of gossip is officially dead.

'American Idol' Star Crystal Bowersox Is Engaged





Congratulations

are in order for American Idol runner-up Crystal Bowersox. E!

<u>News</u> reports that the folk-pop singer is engaged to fellow musician Brian Walker, with plans to tie the knot next month. Bowersox, 25, broke up with long-time boyfriend and father of her 1-year-old son near the end of her stint on *American Idol*. She used her heartbreak to deliver some emotionally powerful performances, earning her the second place spot after crooner Lee DeWyze won last season. **How can a breakup be a positive thing?**

Cupid's Advice:

It's hard to see the light at the end of the tunnel when you're in the midst of a painful breakup. But Cupid has some ideas on why ending a relationship can actually be good for you:

- 1. Express yourself: Crystal Bowersox did it, and so can you. Use your heartbreak to make beautiful poetry, music, or art. So many musicians have recorded their biggest and best hits after their hearts were recently broken. It's a great form of therapy, too.
- 2. Reconnect with friends: You should never go through a breakup alone, so let your friends cheer you up (with the help of lots of ice cream and romantic comedies, of course). Plus, you can make up for all the times you decided to go out with your ex-beau instead of chill with your girls.
- 3. Start fresh: Splitting from a partner gives you the perfect opportunity to think about what you want (and don't want) in future relationships. Use the time to sort out your priorities and goals.

Lamar Odom Plans Anniversary Surprise for Khloe Kardashian





Lamar Odom has

something special planned for wife Khloe Kardashian on their one-year-anniversary; he's just not sharing. "I kind of got to keep it a secret," explained Odom to <u>Us Weekly</u>. Kardashian was also tight-lipped. "I don't know. I found out that there's a surprise happening, but I have no idea — and I don't want to know." The couple, who married after a quick one-month courtship, have faced scrutiny about the depth of their marriage. "I've never faulted people for [that]," says Kardashian. "I totally get it. I've always said from day one that it's real love, and it is, but I've never, ever was angry with anyone for thinking anything that way. I was only upset when people said we had a fake wedding." Despite criticism, the couple are standing strong and hope to have a child in the near future.

What are some creative ways to celebrate your anniversary?

Sure, there are the obvious routes: romantic dinner, picnic at the park or a night in an expensive hotel. Try branching out because your thoughtfulness will be appreciated. Here are just a few suggestions:

Cupid's Advice:

- 1. Hot air balloon ride: While finding a hot air balloon service may be difficult depending on where you live, the spectacular views and exhilarating experience will be extremely worthwhile.
- 2. Play hooky: Skip work for a day, and drive to the nearest city. Have fun looking around in shops and eating at interesting restaurants.
- **3. Go to a florist/garden:** Instead of sending your partner flowers, take them to a florist or a garden and pick out your own flowers. Then, go searching for a vase to put them in.

'Bones' Star Emily Deschanel Ties the Knot





A match was made

in Hollywood this weekend when actress Emily Deschanel wed writer and actor David Hornsby. The couple tied the knot in front of friends and family at a small ceremony in the Pacific Palisades area of Los Angeles, reported <u>People</u>. The pair are both stars in the world of television, with Deschanel starring on FOX's crime show, <u>Bones</u>, while Hornsby is most famous for his work on FX's <u>It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia</u>.

Is having the same career as your spouse good or bad?

Cupid's Advice:

Cupid knows that common interests make couples stronger, but that sometimes, opposites attract. So will matching career paths make or break a couple? Cupid has some insight from both sides:

- 1. Separate, but equal works: Being in the same career field as your spouse gives you a common passion, but working in the same building, or even for the same company, might not give each of you the space you need to be happy.
- 2. Diversity adds spice: On the other hand, having different careers, skills and passions can add a different dimension to

your relationship, by allowing you to teach each other something new.

3. Moderation is key: In either instance, making sure you balance your career and how much time and effort you put into it with everything else you and your spouse hold dear — including each other — will help keep your relationship healthy.

George Clooney's Rep Shoots Down Engagement Rumors





George Clooney's

on the defense again! The actor's rep has come to his rescue

by shooting down a fresh batch of rumors that he has proposed to his Italian model girlfriend, Elisabetta Canalis. The engagement rumors took flight after Canalis was spotted with a ring on a very telling finger, according to <u>Starpulse</u>. Clooney's rep said, "There's nothing to comment on. She likes to wear rings. No more, no less." Although Cupid previously reported that the couple were getting serious, they are apparently still just enjoying each other's company — sans marriage. Is there a tactful way to get people to stop pressuring you about marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

- 1. Point out the divorce rate: A great way to get your friends and family to lay off about the future of your relationship is to give them some valuable information the divorce rate. With the statistic at a healthy 40 percent, point out that you'd rather be sure of what you want than end up in splitsville.
- 2. Remind them it's your life: The bottom line is that the people you are close to only want what's best for you. Tactfully remind them that you're capable of making your own decisions ... and mistakes. Let them know that you're happy and that you'll do what you feel is right for you.
- 3. Ask them if they trust you: When friends and family are pressuring you into marriage, you may feel like they don't trust you to make the right choices for yourself. Let them know that their distrust is hurting you, and they may think again before forcing their views onto you.

Katy Perry's Vegas Poolside Bachelorette Party





Katy Perry

officially said goodbye to her single days as she celebrated her bachelorette party this past weekend, reported <u>People</u>. To commemorate her upcoming marriage to comedian and actor Russell Brand, Perry arrived at the Las Vegas Hard Rock Hotel Beach Club with her BFFs in tow, including singer Rihanna. After some poolside fun, the bachelorette and her entourage packed into a Hummer limo for a trip to Cirque du Soleil's KA show, where they made sure to congratulate the cast. Barhopping at places like XS Nightclub and Sapphire soon followed. Keeping it short and sassy as usual, Perry tweeted, "Signing up for a liver transplant now."

What are some creative ideas for bachelorette parties?

Cupid's Advice:

Your bachelorette party should be a fun, and memorable experience. Cupid has some suggestions to make it unforgettable:

- 1. Awesome 80's prom: If you're in the New York City area and looking to relive the days of teased hair and spandex, Webster Hall's Awesome 80's Prom may be just the thing to make your party perfect. Remember, "girls just wanna have fun"!
- 2. Times Square: Where better to say "bye-bye" to your single life than the "center of the universe": Times Square. There's nothing that Times Square doesn't offer! From great food to great live music venues, to happening nightclubs with flashing strobe lights, you're bound to have a memorable time.
- **3. Viva Las Vegas:** Sometimes sticking with tradition is the best answer. Vegas has been one of the top bachelorette party scenes for years. If the future Mrs. Brand chose Sin City for her last night of singledom, then it may be a good place for you to consider too!