

Kristin Cavallari Says Baby Before Marriage 'Worked for Us'



By April Littleton

According to [People](#), the former *The Hills* star is perfectly happy with the way her life turned out. Cavallari found out she was pregnant right after she announced her re-engagement to Jay Cutler. "We definitely weren't ready to get married then and so we put everything on hold and we ended up having the baby before. I think that when we did get married, we were absolutely ready," she said. The happily married couple are now parents to son Camden Jack, 13 months and tied the knot in June.

How do you decide when you're ready for children?

Cupid's Advice:

Parenthood is one of life's greatest joys, but you have to be 100 percent ready for it. Are you and your partner thinking about expanding your family? Cupid has some tips:

1. In a good place: If you and your significant other can provide a stable living environment and you can afford to add another person into the mix, then go for it! Babies are expensive. Wait a little while longer if you're not sure if you're financially ready to keep up with the demands of a newborn. Make sure things are going well between you and your honey as well. You don't want to bring an innocent child into this world when there's obvious tension or unresolved problems between the two of you.

2. Talk it out: The only sure way of knowing if you're ready to have children or not is by talking it over with your companion. It takes two people to make a baby, so both parties involved need to be sure it's what they want. If one of you even has the slightest hesitation, then hold off on baby plans and revisit the idea in a few months when you and your partner have had more time to think.

3. Sacrifice: Taking care of another human being requires a lot of sacrifice. Certain aspects of your life will have to change if you plan on being a parent. You can forget about going to late-night parties during the first few years of raising your child. The money you saved up for those brand new shoes you had your eye on at the mall will have to go toward a pack of diapers. It may seem like a lot to give up, but if you're really invested in being someone's parent – it'll be worth it.

How did you decide you were ready to have children? Share your experience below.

Tennis Star Novak Djokovic Is Engaged to Longtime Girlfriend



By Gabriela Robles

According to [People](#), Serbian champion tennis player Novak Djokovic is engaged to his long-term, high-school sweetheart, Jelena Ristic. The two met in high school in Belgrade and have been together ever since. Over the weekend in Monte Carlo, tennis star proposed to his girlfriend of eight years.

How do you know when you're ready to get married?

Cupid's Advice:

When you're in a serious relationship, most likely there's a chance for marriage to come along, but how do you know when you're ready? Sometimes it seems like there's a period where everyone around you is getting married – except you. Other times, you're not sure if you want to get married to this person you've been with, even though you love them. So how can you be sure you're ready to tie the knot? Cupid has some suggestions:

1. Talk about it: One of the main rules in a relationship is to keep the lines of communication open. Whether you want to get married, or are not sure of it, talk about it. Make sure your relationship is going in the direction that you want it to. You have to both be on the same page or else you'll wind up where you don't want to be. One day, when the time is right – tell your partner how you feel about it. Talking about it is the number one step to figuring out if you're both ready.

2. Think about it with yourself: Take some time to think about it. When you go to weddings, do you wish it were you walking down the aisle? Do you watch *Say Yes to the Dress* every chance you get and know exactly what you want to wear on your wedding day? Do you see your partner in it with you? If so, then you're probably interested in marriage with him. You need to figure out internally if this is what you want.

3. Be realistic about it: You can't just run away and get married and everything will be perfect – even elopement doesn't result in a perfect marriage. You need to evaluate it realistically. You need to look at boring, less-mushy things such as financial situations, housing situations, family involvement, etc. If these things aren't figured out and you're just jumping into something that you haven't really thought through, you might regret it – which is the last thing you want to do with something like a marriage.

How did you know when you were ready? Tell us in the comments below!

Aaron Paul Says 'Marriage is Easy'



By Kristyn Schwiep

Being married has been a walk in the park for *Breaking Bad* star, Aaron Paul. Paul and his wife, Lauren Parsekian, tied the knots in Malibu in May. "It was the greatest experience of my entire life," he said. "And she's still with me, which is just fantastic. Four months strong. Marriage is easy." Paul

fell instantly for Parsekian at the Coachella music festival, [People](#) reports. Paul told people that being married has definitely proven to be the greatest time of his life.

What are some ways to keep your marriage healthy?

Cupid's Advice:

Keeping your marriage strong and healthy can be a tough challenge for married couples. So what are some ways you can keep your marriage healthy? Cupid has some advice for you:

1. Don't be selfish: Try not to nag or nitpick at every little thing that is done wrong. Being selfish can do damage to a relationship because it is a hard thing to break. Find a rhythm that works best for both of you for money, alone time, kids, etc.

2. Be grateful: Be grateful of your partner. Don't be quick to judge. Remember all the things that are great about your partner and why you married him or her in the first place. Posting little notes around the house about how grateful you are of each other is a cute, romantic way to show your appreciation for each other.

3. Try something new: Trying something new with your partner is a fun and different way to keep your marriage healthy. It will give you talk about different things and do something that is out of the ordinary together. Go to yoga, join a club, or start making rituals like cooking dinner together every Sunday.

What are some ways you have kept your marriage healthy? Share your secrets below.

'Saturday Night Live' Alum Andy Samberg Marries Joanna Newsom



By April Littleton

A rep for the *SNL* alum Andy Samberg confirmed to [People](#) that he married singer-songwriter Joanna Newsom, Saturday, in Big Sur at the Post Ranch Inn. The couple dated for five years before getting engaged in February. When asked if the two would ever collaborate together, Samberg told [Glamour](#), "We've talked about it. But we've decided ultimately that her fans would probably murder me in my sleep. What she does is so, like, actually beautiful and important."

How do you decide how long of an engagement to have?

Cupid's Advice:

Many couples start to plan the details of their wedding right after they decide to get engaged. While there's nothing wrong with starting to prepare for your special day, this is also the time to just live in the moment with the one you've chosen to love forever. Cupid is here to help:

1. Talk to your partner: Once you get over the initial excitement of being engaged, you should sit down and talk to your significant other about when they envision getting married. You might want to tie the knot as soon as possible, while your honey wants to enjoy the engagement for awhile. There's nothing wrong with waiting to make plans, but compromise if you have to.

2. Big or small wedding: How long your engagement is will depend on how long it takes to prepare for your wedding. If you're dreaming of something extravagant, it's going to take some time to put all of your ideas in place. Keeping your special day small and simple with just a few friends and family members would be the best thing to do if you don't plan on being engaged for longer than six months.

3. Road blocks: There's no rush to get married, especially if you or your partner have other priorities. For example, your love just started a new job and you're in your last semester of school. Tie off any loose ends before jumping over the broom. You can get your life started together without saying 'I do.'

How did you decide how long your engagement was? Comment below.

Favorite Celebrity Wedding Dresses



By Jennifer Harrington

For those of us who love to follow celebrity news, it's always fun to follow what the stars wear on their wedding days. Some celebrities choose styles that establish the future trends for other brides, and others choose dresses that more closely mirror their persona, unique sense of style. Given we are in the midst of summer wedding season, here is a look at some of Cupid's favorite celebrity wedding dresses:

Kate Middleton

As soon as Prince William and Kate Middleton announced their long-anticipated engagement, the world began speculating about

what Kate would wear on her wedding day. April 29, 2011, as two billion people around the world watched, the royal wedding dress was revealed. Kate chose a dress designed by Sarah Burton for Alexander McQueen. The dress was described by *The Telegraph* (UK) as “a model of sumptuous simplicity, perfectly suited to the sweet and serene style of the woman who is now Duchess of Cambridge and is destined to be the future Queen of England.”

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Katie Holmes

Let's forget for a moment that Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise are now divorced, and remember that back in 2006, the couple had a whirlwind romance and welcomed daughter Suri before they celebrated their wedding in Italy. To exchange wedding vows with her movie star husband November 18, 2006, Katie chose a romantic off-the-shoulder gown designed by Giorgio Armani. The designer remarked when Katie first appeared, “It was, by far, the most charged moment of the evening.” Seven-month-old Suri wore an ivory silk dress designed to match her mom's iconic gown.

Jessica Simpson

When pop star Jessica Simpson married fellow singer Nick Lachey October 26, 2002, she chose a Vera Wang custom strapless dress with a 11-carat Harry Winston pave diamond headband attached to her veil. While the dress was fit for a princess and the wedding seemed like a fairy tale, the marriage between Jessica and Nick did not last. As Jessica looks toward the future and has plans to marry her current beau, Eric Johnson, she speculates when it's time to pick her next dress, she will choose something low-cut and said, “I want it to be different from what I've had before.”

Gwen Stefani

Gwen Stefani has her own rock star style that is often colorful, bold and daring. When she married fellow musician Gavin Rossdale September 14, 2002, she chose a custom-made dress that was girly and punk – a perfect mix for her fashion taste. Her dress was John Galliano by Dior and was pink ombre. Gwen liked her dress so much she had a second wedding ceremony, just so she could wear the dress again!

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Lisa Ling

Journalist Lisa Ling exchanged wedding vows with Paul Song, a physician, May 26, 2007. The invitation to the wedding provided a sneak peek of what guests could expect from Lisa's wedding dress, reading "If you're cool, you'll dress Asian chic." Lisa walked down the aisle wearing a red dress with a metallic print, designed by Vivienne Tam. The breathtaking dress, while seemingly an unconventional choice, was true to the couple's Asian-roots and their Asian-inspired wedding ceremony.

Who would you say is the best-dressed celebrity bride? Should we add anyone to our favorite celebrity wedding dress list? Comment below.

Robyn Lively Recreated 'Teen Witch' Dance at Blake Lively's Wedding



By Gabriela Robles

Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds's secret wedding on September 9, 2012 was full of surprises and shockers. What could be so surprising at a secret wedding, you might ask? According to UsMagazine.com Robyn Lively, Blake's older sister best known for being the lead in *Teen Witch*, a 1989 teen comedy-fantasy, added some '80s fun for the wedding: The *Teen Witch* dance!

What are some surprise elements you can add to your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

You want your wedding to be special, something that people will remember. But sometimes everyone has the same idea as to what "unique" is. So how can you make your big day kick butt in the unforgettable department? Cupid has some ideas for you:

1. Get some inspiration: It doesn't hurt to use Google or

Pinterest for this. You might want to see what some other people accomplished at their wedding to get some ideas. Just make sure you put your own spin on things – you don't want to take the exact idea from another wedding!

2. Make sure it represents the both of you: Just because you think it'll "wow" the crowd, doesn't mean you should necessarily do it. You want to make sure that this symbolizes something has to do with the both of you as a couple. Brainstorm some ideas together and you'll definitely come up with something that is "so you guys."

3. Ask some family and friends for help: You might want something that requires more than two people. Sometimes this makes things even more fun! If you have an idea but aren't sure how to put it to action – ask for help. Making it a group project can sometimes bring the excitement even more!

What are some ways that you added surprise elements into your wedding? Tell us in the comments below!

**Julie Benz on Her Marriage:
"We Put Our Relationship
First Even If That Means
Turning Down Work"**





By Kerri Sheehan

Unlike many performers, 41-year-old Julie Benz didn't have dreams of appearing on the big screen. In fact, she began her career as a competitive figure skater and didn't consider acting until an injury forced her off the ice. You may recognize her as Darla, the vampire from the television shows *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and the popular spin-off *Angel*, or Rita, the wife of the title character on *Dexter*. Expanding her resume, she'll next be playing mother Stevie Parker in Lifetime's *Taken: The Search for Sophie Parker*, which premieres tomorrow night at 8 p.m. ET. Benz describes her character as "a tough NYPD detective who has to work against the clock to save her daughter and her daughter's friend from the Russian Mafia and sexual slavery ring."

The bubbly blonde was drawn to the role for a number of reasons. "The issue of human trafficking and violence against women is important to me," she shares. "And the script features a woman in power instead of a woman in peril."

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Given these two factors, that actress had to prepare for such a demanding job. "The role required a lot of physical strength and stamina from me." On an emotional level, Benz had the "honor of speaking to a woman who had been abducted, sold into sex slavery, and rescued by her family when she was a teen," which helped to personalize the story for her. Thanks to her diligence, she truly understands the actions taken by her character. "If I had a daughter and if she was kidnapped, I'd do whatever was in my power to find her. I just hope I'm never put in the position to find out what extremes I would go to."

While Benz is not yet a mother herself, she is a newlywed: The Pittsburgh native married Rich Orosco in May 2012. They both work in the entertainment industry, so hectic schedules and travel often keep the couple in different cities. "We never go more than two weeks without seeing each other. We Skype every day that we're apart," Benz says. "Our careers are busy, but we put our relationship first even if that means turning down work."

The couple was originally fixed up by a friend "just to have fun," and neither of them were looking for a commitment, but as Benz says, "That's why I think it worked." They got the chance to know each other without the pressure of questioning where they wanted their relationship to go. "Just spending time together was – and still is – the best!"

There was, of course, a turning point in their coupledness. Her husband knew she was a keeper when he tasted her cooking. "My husband claims that he knew I was The One when I made him my chicken wings. We now refer to them as my 'marry me chicken wings!'"

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Benz first married at the age of 22 and divorced her ex-husband after 13 years together. "Dating in your mid-30's is tricky, especially in Los Angeles," she says of learning to

date as an adult. “Plus, I hadn’t dated in over a decade. I’m blessed that I have a great group of female friends that helped me navigate the dangerous waters of finding love.”

For other women looking to get back into the dating game, the actress believes that “second chances are a gift, and they should be treated that way. Do the work on yourself after your divorce, so you don’t end up making the same mistakes again.”

For more on Benz, you can follow her on Twitter @juliebenz. Be sure to catch her in Taken: The Search for Sophie Parker on Lifetime on Saturday, September 21st at 8 p.m. ET. You can also see her in the new season of the sci-fi show Defiance.

Zoe Saldana Hides Wedding Ring at First Event Since Marriage





By Kerri Sheehan

Zoe's keeping the ring hidden! Thirty-five year old actress, Zoe Saldana came out this weekend for her first official appearance since her secret wedding to Marco Perego in June. While walking the red carpet at the Longchamp Store Opening in London, England the *Star Trek: Into Darkness* actress kept her ring finger tucked into her pocket. Saldana still has yet to announce the marriage. A source revealed to UsMagazine.com, "She wanted to be with someone who doesn't care about public perception. She wanted a real man."

How do you know your partner is with you for the right reasons?

Cupid's Advice:

Some people go into a relationship for the wrong reasons. Let Cupid help you decide if your lover is with you for the right reasons.

1. They don't freeload: A relationship should always be give and take on both ends. When that formula is set off balance

then it becomes one person taking and the other giving all they have. If you feel you and your partner heading down this path then talk to them and figure out why it is happening.

2. Money isn't an issue: Many people go through financial troubles at some point in their life, but if it seems like your significant other is using up all of your funds then that may be a sign that you should kick them to the curb. Don't let someone take advantage of you just because they call you pretty and hold your hand.

3. You feel loved: Love is a powerful feeling so if your partner is faking it than you'll probably be able to tell to some extent. Don't ignore the signs and be sure to listen to your heart.

How did you know your partner was the one? Share below.

LeBron James Marries Longtime Girlfriend Savannah Brinson





By Kerri Sheehan

Basketball star LeBron James is officially off the market! The NBA player tied the knot with high school sweetheart Savannah Brinson on Saturday at the Grand Del Mar resort in San Diego in front of hundreds of guests. James popped the question at a New Years Eve party in 2011, but the couple already has two children together, LeBron Jr, 8, and Bryce, 5. According to [People](#) James said, “A person like myself always needs a great sidekick and a person you can rely on no matter the circumstances. And she’s that. She’s got my back and I love her for that.”

How do you know when you’re ready to get married?

Cupid’s Advice:

No matter how long a relationship has lasted so far, marriage is a huge leap. Let Cupid help you decide if you’re ready for the commitment:

1. You’ve been around the block: This isn’t to say that you should have pounced on every guy you saw, but having a few

solid relationships will help you figure out what you want in a man. Dating around a bit will allow you to learn about yourself so when think you've found "The One" you can be sure of it.

2. Friends and family approve: While you do have the final say about a guy, your inner circle's opinion does matter. It's true that you can't please everyone, but if a vast majority of your confidants don't approve of the relationship then there has to be a reason why.

3. He's your best friend: Friendship is just as important to a relationship as love is. Marriage is about bringing two halves together to become one beautiful whole, so having a base of friendship will increase the bond between the two parties.

Do you agree with Cupid? Share below.

Holly Madison Says 'It Feels Wonderful' to Be Married





By April Littleton

According to [People](#), Holly Madison is in love with the married life even though her marriage is less than a week old. “Feels wonderful to finally be married,” she tweeted Saturday, along with pictures of her husband, Pasquale Rotella. The newlyweds are parents to daughter, Rainbow, 6 months, and tied the knot at California’s Disneyland September 10.

What are some differences to being married versus in a relationship?

Cupid’s Advice:

Many people don’t see the difference between being in a relationship versus a marriage. Yes, both deal with commitment, but once you choose to marry someone, you’re telling the whole world you’re willing to give your all to make the special connection the two of you have together last forever. Cupid has advice:

1. Dedication: Once you’re married, you’re committing to a lifelong relationship. When you’re just dating around, the

bond you have with another individual can easily be broken or simply fade away. There's no escape routes with marriage. (besides divorce, but who wants that?) Exchanging vows with someone takes maturity and dedication, while dating only requires a physical attraction to someone.

2. Benefits: One of the more obvious reasons is based on what you can and can't get out of your romantic situation. When you're married, you can indulge in some special privileges such as joint bank accounts, tax benefits etc. If something were ever to happen to your boyfriend/girlfriend, you would have no legal authority over anything. It might feel like the two of you are already married, but the law says otherwise.

3. Living together instead of shacking up: Depending on who you talk to, an unmarried couple living under the same roof isn't exactly socially accepted. More and more couples are "shacking up" before they decide to tie the knot, but that doesn't mean the old-fashioned crowd isn't frowning down upon it.

What are some other differences between being married and being in a relationship? Comment below.

HGTV Realtor Steven Aaron Talks 'Selling LA' and Love: "You Can't Be Everything To One Person All The Time"



By Kerri Sheehan

From the Hollywood Hills to the Sunset Strip, Los Angeles is home to the rich and famous. Landing a real estate job in the area is like swimming in a shark tank with blood in the water. Steven Aaron, one of the stars of HGTV's reality show *Selling LA*, can attest to that. The cameras follow Aaron and two other real estate firms as they attempt to book millionaire clients, tour breathtaking properties, and network their way to the top of the high-end real estate ladder.

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Aaron started his career as an interior designer before discovering his talent in real estate. He urges others to follow their gut when it comes to a career choice. “I followed my attraction to real estate, and it’s the best decision I’ve

ever made.” Still, his interior design background helps him when it comes to staging a house and preparing a property for sale, as he’s able to create a space that potential buyers can see themselves living in and making their own.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Aaron is among the rare, as many people move to the area later in life. He’s enjoyed watching the city transform and mature during his years of living there. Due to the region’s “traffic problems, so many areas have become walking communities and have their own vibe. That never existed years ago.” Each area of L.A. is as unique as the last, from the hills to the ocean to the urban grit.

When working with a client to help them find their dream home in the bustling city, the real estate agent always tries to connect in a personal and understanding way. This method has helped him build a loyal clientele and a reputation for providing results and being as direct and tenacious as necessary.

For couples looking to buy a home together without input from this house hunting expert, consider the following advice: Agreement is key to keeping both people happy. “You have to respect each other’s differences in taste,” says Aaron. “If you don’t agree on something, you can always move onto another choice that you can both agree on.”

Speaking of couples, Aaron will soon be marrying his long-time partner in a beautiful backyard ceremony. Their wedding is taking place in the garden of a close friend who has “a lovely, informal, country-style ranch house with lots of flowers and greenery.” As far as wedding planning goes, they’ve been using the divide and conquer method. “I am in charge of the party. I have always been the one who handles the entertaining.”

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Aaron and his fiancé have been together since first meeting at

a Mexican restaurant in West Hollywood back in 1987. For them, their big day is about celebrating a milestone with their loved ones. “We have so much history together. Since we’re so established, it’s a very different planning process than a younger, new couple.”

According to the real estate tycoon, the two have made their relationship last so long by sharing the same values. “We both love family. We are very close with our families, cousins, and nephews.” They also each have their own interests as well. As he explains, “You can’t be everything to one person all the time.”

Currently, Aaron is working with several investors on fixer homes that they’re flipping. You can catch Aaron in action on Selling LA on Thursdays at 9/8c on HGTV. Be sure to follow him on www.facebook.com/StevenAaronLA or Twitter @StevenAaronRltr for more updates!

Holly Madison Ties the Knot with Pasquale Rotella





By Kristyn Schwiep and [Whitney Johnson](#)

As [People](#) reported earlier this week, E! reality star and *Girl Next Door* Holly Madison's fairy tale has finally come true. The former fiancée of Hugh Hefner married Pasquale Rotella – “the man of my dreams,” according to Madison – on Tuesday at Disneyland before 150 guests, including costar Bridget Marquardt and *Playboy* model Lara Croft. The couple, who have been dating since 2011 and welcomed daughter Rainbow Aurora in March, got engaged in June when Rotella proposed with an 18-carat yellow diamond ring atop a Ferris wheel.

What are some perks to getting married at Disneyland or Disney World?

Cupid's Advice:

Many brides want to feel like Cinderella on their wedding day, and getting married at Disneyland or Disney World can truly make their big day perfect. If you're considering getting hitched at one of these amusement parks, Cupid has three reasons why it might be the right choice for you:

1. A wedding planner is included: Don't want to stress about planning your wedding? If you get married at a Disney theme park, they do most of the planning for you. The music, the decor, and the catering is all taken care of by the amazing staff, so you can sit back and just enjoy this blissful time in your life.

2. Your guests are sure to have fun: If you're planning on inviting little ones to your celebration, Disney World or Disneyland are perfect options for a destination wedding because it's a fun place for kids *and* adults of all ages. The children will be entertained, while the grown-ups will get to relive their childhood.

3. It'll make tying the knot even more unforgettable: Getting married at one of these amusement parks will give you memories of a lifetime. After all, Disneyland and Disney World are two of the happiest places on earth!

What are the perks of getting married at Disneyland or Disney World? Share your thoughts below!

Patrick Stewart Marries for the Third Time





By Kerri Sheehan

Patrick Stewart is off the market—again! The 73-year-old British actor wed girlfriend, singer-songwriter, this past Sunday. This is Stewart's third time saying, "I do." According to UsMagazine.com the *Star Trek Next Generation* actor shared the news via Twitter with a simple tweet that read, "Yes, married." Ozell, 35 and Stewart have been together five years.

What are some things to consider about remarriage?

Cupid's Advice:

When love fails you once it may be hard to get back up and try again. Cupid knows some things you should think about before getting hitched again:

1. Move slowly: After a divorce or the death of your spouse it's best to wait 2-3 years before you even think about dating again. You have to find yourself again before finding another lover to replace the old one. Marriage changes people, so the

single you before your marriage may not be the single you that you find when the marriage is over.

2. Children: This is the most important thing to consider. Your first priority should always be your kids, so if you have them from a previous marriage than make sure they're ready to welcome a new person into their life.

3. Communication: A lot of divorces come from a lack of communication so you and your new partner should make sure all lines of communication are open. Don't hold back your feelings as you could build up anger or worry and lead yourself straight into another sad ending.

What do you think should be considered before remarriage? Share below.

Seth Meyers Marries Alexi Ashe





By Kerri Sheehan

Funny man Seth Meyers is officially off the market! His longtime girlfriend walked down the aisle to the former Saturday Night Live star on Sunday, September 3rd. The two tied the knot on Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts after their July engagement. An insider dished to UsMagazine.com, "He's very excited for the next phase of his life. He's known that she's The One for awhile, but it was all about timing." Meyers will soon be taking over the hosting duties for Jimmy Fallon on NBC's *Late Night*.

What are some factors that go into deciding your wedding location?

Cupid's Advice:

A wedding can be the most important day of your life. Let Cupid help you decide where to tie the knot:

1. Think numbers: A location depends heavily on how big of a wedding you want to have. If you're looking for a huge bash

then having a destination wedding might not be feasible as many guest would not be able to attend.

2. Season is key: If you're looking for an outdoor wedding then the question of when will come into play just as much as the question of where. A winter wedding in New England may not fair too well and the same with a summer nuptial in the Arizona.

3. Family and friends: The closer the wedding is to your family and friends the more likely you'll get the turn out a wedding deserves. If most of your family lives in California, but you reside in New Jersey then you may want to consider walking down the aisle in The Golden State.

How did you decide on your wedding location? Share below.

Kate Bosworth Marries Michael Polish at Ranch in Montana





By April Littleton

According to UsMagazine.com, Kate Bosworth tied the knot with film director Michael Polish in Philipsburg, Montana Saturday, August 31. The newlyweds met on the set of the 2011 film, *Big Sur*. Polish proposed to Bosworth in August 2012 during a trip to South Korea after the pair went public at a Coldplay concert just one year earlier.

How do you decide on a location for your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

The location of the wedding is probably one of the most important aspects you'll have to carefully plan. You want your wedding to take place in a memorable environment, but there are a few key factors you should take into consideration. Cupid has some advice:

1. Budget: Look at your budget and see what you can and can't afford. If you can't afford your dream location just yet, think about some things you can go without or think about cutting your guest list down. You can also decide on a

different place for your wedding if you'd rather keep everything else the same.

2. Theme: Consider what kind of style you're going for before you book a wedding location. Does your ceremony and reception have more of a tropical theme? Hold your wedding outdoors by the beach. Have you always dreamed of having your own fairytale ending? Think about having your ceremony in a castle. Everything about your special day should go with the theme you've picked.

3. Compromise: What you want in a wedding might not be what your partner envisions. Take some of their ideas into consideration while you're making plans. You want them to be happy with how the event turns out too. After all, you're not the only one getting married.

How did you decide on your wedding location? Comment below.

Sources Say Khloe Kardashian Has Been in Touch with Troubled Lamar Odom





By April Littleton

[People](#) confirms that Khloe Kardashian has been in touch with husband Lamar Odom since his alleged disappearance. Amid all of the drug reports, rumors of infidelity are also swirling around the couple. The duo hasn't been photographed together since June 2.

What are some ways to help your partner through an addiction?

Cupid's Advice:

If you have a partner who's struggling to overcome an addiction, you may feel overwhelmed. Going through a situation like this is tough and frustrating. You're not sure what to do or how to help, but for better or for worse, you've made a commitment to your significant other and you plan on keeping it. You just need a little help. Cupid has your back:

1. Don't enable them: Your partner's addiction is not your fault. Yes, you want to take care of your honey and protect them while they're going through such a tough time, but that doesn't mean you should cater to their every needs and

desires. Stop them from harming themselves any further. It doesn't matter how upset or angry they get. Eventually, they will understand that you're trying to do what's best for them. Gain control of the situation until they are able to see how destructive their own behavior is to themselves.

2. Get involved: Believe it or not, you are the most important person in the process of their recovery. Your partner will need you now more than ever. Show that you care and you're willing to be there for them every step of the way. Get involved with their support groups, show up at his/her meetings and participate in all of the counseling sessions your honey may need to go to.

3. Talk to someone: While you're busy taking care of your significant other, you might not realize that you have no one to take care of you. Your partner's addiction will affect your life too. Find someone you trust to talk to about what's going on, or talk to a therapist. You'll need to be able to deal with the situation in a healthy manner and you won't be able to do it alone.

How did you help your partner through an addiction? Comment below.

Rumor: Is Lamar Odom's Drug Abuse Causing Marital Problems?



By April Littleton

Rumors are swirling around about Lamar Odom's alleged drug use. A source close to both Odom and Khloe Kardashian told [People](#) that the *Keeping up with the Kardashians* star has been struggling to help her husband. "It's a really hard time for Khloe. She's kept this secret for almost two years trying to save Lamar and their marriage," the source said.

What are some ways to support your partner through substance abuse?

Cupid's Advice:

1. Talk about it: When your significant other is ready to talk about their problem, listen to them wholeheartedly without any judgements. You may notice that your honey has an issue with drugs and/or alcohol, but they might not be ready to admit it

to themselves yet. Wait it out for a little while until your partner is comfortable enough to confront the problem head on.

2. Find other support: When your love is ready to get help, look for support meetings or groups around your local area to attend together. Going with your partner will show that you love and care for them no matter what and they won't feel like they have to deal with the situation on their own.

3. Be patient: A substance abuse problem will not go away overnight. Just like anything else in life, healing takes time. You need to think about if you're willing to stick it out with your significant other. Talking to a loved one or a professional counselor might help you sort through your feelings of guilt or resentment and can help you figure out if your commitment is strong enough to get past something like this.

What are some other ways to support your partner through substance abuse? Comment below.

Kelly Clarkson and Brandon Blackstock Plan to Elope





By Petra Halbur

It looks like Kelly Clarkson and Brandon Blackstock's original wedding plans are a no-go. The two lovebirds are now planning to elope. "We are so busy that we finally just came to terms the other night and were like, 'So, we change our minds and we want to elope.'" Clarkson told [People](#). "We just got so overwhelmed by it – all the decisions." The couple sent friends and family their engagement photo, thanked them for understanding and told them that they were, instead, going to marry with only a minister and Brandon's two children present.

What are the advantages of eloping versus planning a wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Elopement has a bit of a bad reputation. Many associate it with spontaneous decision-making and Elvis impersonator officiants in Vegas. In truth, however, eloping is very often a preferable and wiser alternative to the more tradition "big white wedding." What are the advantages of elopement? Cupid has a few for you to consider:

1. Lower cost: Weddings can be expensive. Very expensive. Money may not be everything in life, but cost is a serious consideration when planning your wedding. While no one likes to use the word “cheap” in regard to their nuptials, elopement is an inexpensive alternative to the debt racking weddings that are more mainstream.

2. Stress: It’s quite heartbreaking when you consider how stressful and unpleasant wedding planning is for so many people. What ought to be a joyful process dissolves into one long panic attack. Elopement is a simpler, albeit much less elaborate, option.

3. Minimal guest list: Do you invite Aunt Cecilia *and* Uncle Seymour even though they haven’t spoken since 1994? Is your old college roommate worth inviting? The beauty of eloping is that you don’t have to host *any* of these folks. People typically understand that only one or two witnesses are appropriate for an elopement. Problem solved.

How did your elopement go? Tell us below.

VMA Performer Joey Fatone Says Understanding Is the Secret to His Strong Marriage





Interview by [Lori Bizocco](#). Editorial by Kristin Mattern.

Joey Fatone – former N’SYNC member, *Dancing with the Stars* contestant, host, entertainer, and man of many hats – will be taking the stage tonight in a much-talked-about reunion with Justin Timberlake, JC Chasez, Lance Bass and Chris Kirkpatrick at MTV’s Video Music Awards tonight. Outside of this exciting performance, he’s stepping into the limelight with a new show for the Live Well Network, *My Family Recipe Rocks*. “It’s exciting. We actually go into people’s homes and watch normal, everyday people in everyday kitchens break down their recipes that they’ve passed down for many generations,” he shares. “I think it’s a really cool idea.” The star loves that he gets to meet so many families from different backgrounds across America who share their unique meal ideas with him.

With experience being on the Food Network as well as dabbling in cooking at home, it’s no secret that Fatone is comfortable in the kitchen. On *My Family Recipe Rocks*, he has encountered recipes that harken back to his own Italian roots and bring up memories of making his father’s sauce and meatball recipe, while other times, he comes across food he’s never made or

even tried before. “In one episode, this woman makes a sauce with meatballs that was very similar to what I make – just a few little things were different,” the star says. “And it’s also really cool to see things I’ve never seen or would have thought of, like baba ganoush.” Thanks to the show, Fatone’s had the opportunity to meet people from every walk of life and all kinds of backgrounds – from Egyptian and Middle Eastern to India to Irish and Italian.

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The family man has put his newly-honed culinary skills to good use at home too. “I’ve made a lot of recipes from the show for my family. If I don’t have the recipe, I always try to figure it out and remember what it was made of.” One delicious recipe he tried out was a dish called Saucy Balls. It has ground pork and turkey made into a meatball with cream cheese and different herbs that is then wrapped in a pastry puff and drizzled with a balsamic glaze after cooking. And that’s just one of the many mouth-watering recipes that people pass on to the celebrity host!

My Family Recipe Rocks aims to bring families together over meals. “It’s fun to be creative and try to incorporate the recipes from the show at home – like every Friday night have a cooking night with the whole family,” the host comments. “I think that’s part of what’s cool about the show. It inspires people who never thought they could cook and actually feed their family.”

His wife Kelly and their two daughters, Briahna and Kloey, enjoy cooking as much as Fatone does, and together, they love making traditional family recipes as well as breaking out the cookbook and trying something new. His older daughter even made the couple salmon with dill sauce for their anniversary one year. “I’m not a salmon person at all, but I was shocked because it was really good!”

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The star chalks up his strong marriage to understanding. "It's not easy. You need to be understanding," he explains. "You've got to balance your career and home life, and you have to spend time with the kids." On date nights, he and Kelly enjoy going out for Indian food or trying somewhere new. "We like to try different restaurants in our city. She'll pick a place one week, and I'll pick one another week. It's good. We enjoy trying new spots."

For him, his lovely daughters are the most amazing part of his life. Even when he was on tour with N'SYNC, he still made time for his children, and sometimes, he even brought Brihana with him when he was traveling with the group.

Looking back on his career, Fatone says, "Being a semi-finalist on *Dancing with the Stars* was fun, and performing with legends like Michael Jackson and Celine Dion was equally awesome," he recalls. "When I sit back and think about all the things that I've done, it's kind of mind-boggling. It's just been really amazing."

Be sure to tune in to watch Fatone's performance at the VMAs on MTV at 9 p.m. ET! You also can watch him showcase unique recipes from families across America on My Family Recipe Rocks! on the Live Well Network – visit livewellnetwork.com/My-Family-Recipe-Rocks/8432939 for episodes and recipes. Connect with the star at www.joeyfatone.com/ or follow him on Twitter @realjoeyfatone and facebook.com/RealJoeyFatone

Pro Surfer Bethany Hamilton Marries Adam Dirks



By Kerri Sheehan

Bethany Hamilton surfed her way down the aisle this weekend and tied the knot with Adam Dirks. According to UsMagazine.com, the boarding beauty announced via Twitter, "Today was the most beautiful, wonderful best day of my life! God is more than good. Excited to live life with my husband Adam Dirks!" The ceremony was held in Kauai, Hawaii incidentally the same state where she lost her arm in a tiger shark attack back in 2003. Hamilton dished that the two will not be having the typical tropical honeymoon and instead, "We're going to get a cabin, it's going to be cute."

What are some advantages to a non-tropical honeymoon?

Cupid's Advice:

A lot of couple's opt for a tropical honeymoon, however there are a few advantages for going in a different direction.

1. No sweat: Just imagine trying to explore your tropical destination, but every time you step outside of your lovely air conditioned room your body automatically turns into a big smelly pile of sweat. There are very few things less sexy than that scenario. Going somewhere with a cooler climate will ensure that you and your new hubby don't turn into sweat monsters. Think of how much better your hair will look without all that added humidity too!

2. Creating your own experience: A tropical honeymoon is definitely the biggest cliché out there. Frolicking on the sand may sound fun, but it really isn't all that special of an experience. Do something completely different with your man and create a new story to tell that no one will forget once you rehash it to him or her.

3. Money, money, money: Let's face it, flying down to a tropical location is hella expensive unless you go during hurricane season, which is obviously not the best environment to build a love nest in. Opting to go somewhere different can end up saving a lot of dough that you can use to buy more important newlywed things with.

Where would you want to go for your honeymoon? Share below.

Kathy Hilton on Her Marriage:

“I Thank the Lord Every Day – I’m Very Blessed”



Interview by [Lori Bizzoco](#). Editorial by Sarah Ribeiro.

Kathy Hilton is no stranger to the spotlight. As a child actor, she played roles on notable programs such as *Happy Days*, *Family Affair*, *The Rockford Files*, and *Bewitched*. Her husband, Richard Hilton, is one of the most high-profile businessmen in the country, and her daughters, Paris and Nicky, have had their share of fame as well. But although you may not see Kathy on the big screen anymore, her life is busier than ever. She works with causes such as Erase MS, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the Starlight Children’s Foundation. Plus, she designs the Kathy Hilton Collection – “a line of exquisite evening wear for women of all ages that includes an element of high society at

affordable prices” – and she does this all while managing a family and keeping her marriage strong.

Life in the public eye can be difficult at times, and maintaining a marriage is just as hard. Hilton met her husband when she was only fifteen years old, and they were married four years later. “We were always together,” she shares. “We grew up together. A lot of people say, ‘Oh, young marriages don’t work out.’ I thank the Lord every day – I’m very blessed.”

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After 34 years together, she credits alone time at the start of their marriage for keeping their relationship strong. “We got engaged, and we moved to New York. Having that time alone without *anyone* poking their nose in our business gave us the opportunity to grow. If we had a disagreement, I couldn’t just run home to my parents.”

And cherishing that alone time keeps their marriage going even now. When they’re not balancing their busy careers or hanging out with their four children, they just like being together. “We have date nights all the time,” the businesswoman reveals. “We enjoy the social life with our friends, but sometimes, we’ll both look at each other and go, ‘Honey, I’m peopled out!’ I’ll dress up, and he’ll take me out to dinner, or we’ll spend some time in private.”

The couple will kick off Richard’s birthday – Saturday, August 17th – with some “alone time”: sitting in traffic on their drive to the Hamptons. “We do the same thing every year. We live in Southampton, so we’ll leave from the city. We stop at William Poll Gourmet Foods for sandwiches – they have the best chicken salad with bacon – and pack a picnic to eat while we sit in traffic for nearly three hours.” The family plans to dine at The Palm to celebrate.

Of course, the Hiltons expect to be interrupted at times. “We have our own private life, but as I’ve always told my girls, ‘Anything you sign up for in life, there’s a price.’ There’s always people coming up to say hi or ask to get a picture. It’s fine – sometimes, we’d rather people just come up and say hi than whisper and point.”

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But the family manages the fame well – just as long as they get to be together. Although Paris and Nicky have their own careers and live on their own, they still spend time with their parents and brothers. “We spend all our holidays together, I cherish it, especially having four children,” the family matriarch shares. “I love nothing more than knowing each of my children are in the same building. When we’re on holiday, we have breakfast, lunch, and dinner together every single day. They’re my kids, no matter what. They’re always gonna be my little babies.”

Stay tuned for our future posts about Hilton, which will focus on her Kathy Hilton Collection, her entertaining tips and more! In the meantime, you can check her out on Twitter @KathyHilton and www.facebook.com/OfficialKathyHilton.

Lessons From Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck





By Tammy Greene for [Hope After Divorce](#)

There are few other couples that have amassed more attention in 2013 than celebrity power couple Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck. It has been a memorable year for them with Affleck's huge success and Oscar for his brilliant movie *Argo*. In the coming months, Garner will step back into the spotlight with the film adaptation of the popular book, *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*. With their stellar careers, three beautiful children and easy affection with each other, it seems like this Hollywood pair has it all.

But let's not forget the bumpy path these two heavyweights took before they found each other. No one can ignore Affleck's relationship with Jennifer Lopez, a love that the media referred to as "Bennifer." The couple called off their engagement after only 18 months of dating. And Garner isn't without her own, though certainly less notorious, relationship history: She married fellow actor Scott Foley in 2000 and found herself divorced in 2004. Though celebrity couples seem to live a fairytale, these two prove that happily ever after

does not come easily.

We often find ourselves looking to celebrities to guide us in our lives – from how to dress, what to eat and where to shop. Similarly, we look to them to guide us in our relationships. Here are three lessons that we can learn from this fan-favorite power couple.

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Keep your personal life personal.

It is hard to say exactly why, but the media bombed hard on Bennifer. Whether it was because of their rather embarrassing nickname or possibly their highly-criticized movie *Gigli*, this couple could do nothing to escape the jokes or harsh criticisms. What might have topped it all off was the music video that the pair filmed together for Lopez's song, "Jenny from the Block." The couple openly displayed their affection for each other in a way that many felt was unnecessary, leaving themselves open to severe criticism by critics and fans alike. It was no surprise, then, that they soon broke up.

There is something to be said for keeping your personal life personal. Publicly displaying arguments or overtly sexual displays of affection leave you open to criticism and opinions from third parties. Thanks to social media, many feel it's okay to air their dirty and sometimes very inappropriate laundry for the world to see. In truth, nobody really wants to hear all about how angry you are at your husband or know what your "dirty talk" sounds like. Keep the details of your relationship personal. Being in a relationship is hard enough; there is no need to invite the unnecessary opinions or criticisms of others.

Admit that marriage is work and work on it daily.

Upon winning the Oscar for Best Picture for *Argo*, Ben Affleck gave an acceptance speech that caught people's attention. He said to his wife, "I want to thank you for working on our marriage for ten Christmases. It's good. It is work but the best kind of work, and there's no one I'd rather work with." The actor was criticized for possibly alluding to the fact that his marriage was in trouble. According to the happily-married duo, though, his speech was totally misunderstood.

Why is it that our society struggles to admit that marriage is work? Anyone in a good and happy marriage knows that daily effort is required for a successful relationship. It seems that people would rather hear that all is rosy and perfect in the land of Hollywood. Affleck should be commended for reminding all of us that what you love is worth the work.

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Don't take things too seriously.

As a result of the media criticism for his acceptance speech, Affleck found himself having to clarify what he meant and took the opportunity to do so while hosting an episode of *Saturday Night Live*. During his monologue, with the help of his lovely wife, they showed fans that they were still in love and happy and could laugh and joke about the way the acceptance speech was construed.

Being able to laugh in a relationship is a vital part of happiness. It is important not to take things too seriously and to always try to find the humor in situations. There are endless factors that add stress to a relationship and can work cracks into any strong foundation. Laughter can often be the glue that keeps those cracks from splitting in half. There is something admirable about a couple who doesn't take themselves too seriously.

Garner and Affleck are a power couple who seem to have it all

together, but they remind us that the path to a happy ending can often be blocked with bumps and turns. Still, it is undoubtedly a path worth taking.

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Kevin Federline and Victoria Prince Get Married in Vegas





By April Littleton

The former backup dancer and ex-husband of Britney Spears tied the knot once again. Kevin Federline married his longtime girlfriend Victoria Prince Saturday night in Las Vegas. A source confirmed to [People](#) that the wedding took place around 8:00 p.m. at the Hard Rock Hotel. The couple have been together since 2008 and have one child together, Jordan Kay, who will be 2-years-old next week.

What are the advantages of getting married soon after an engagement?

Cupid's Advice:

For many couples, engagements last about a year in order to prepare for a big, fairytale wedding, but for other future brides and grooms, waiting that long is out of the question. The choice to have a long engagement or a short one is entirely up to you. If you're thinking about getting married sooner rather than later, Cupid has some tips:

1. More intimate: Weddings pulled together in a short amount

of time tend to be more intimate and simple. You might have envisioned your dream wedding as a small ceremony with just your close friends and family. If that's the case, there's no need to draw out your engagement. Preparing for a more laid-back wedding shouldn't take you long at all. Have the same friends you're planning to invite help you with the ceremony and reception setup and get ready to walk down that aisle.

2. Stress free: The wedding process can be very stressful for most couples, especially if one of you is a bit of a perfectionist. Planning for a wedding over a long period of time can lead to some strain in a relationship and you can even forget why you wanted to marry your partner in the first place. Getting married shortly after you announce your engagement will eliminate any materialistic worries that come with planning an elaborate wedding. Don't worry about what your centerpieces will look like or how your wedding favors will turn out. Remember what's important – you get to spend the rest of your life with the person you love.

3. Cost-effective: If you get married in a haste, you'll find that you won't have much time to splurge on expensive wedding items. Obviously, you'll need a wedding dress for the bride, a tuxedo for the groom, etc, but you won't have to worry about wasting your money hiring a DJ or photographer. You can use the money you saved on the wedding on more important things – like starting a family of your own.

Did you have a short engagement? What were some of the advantages? Share your experience below.

Sarah Jessica Parker Opens Up About Marriage to Matthew Broderick



By April Littleton

According to UsMagazine.com, the *Sex and the City* actress told *Harper's Bazaar* she couldn't be happier with her life with her husband. "I love Matthew Broderick. Call me crazy, but I love him," Parker said. The couple tied the knot May 1997 and have three children together – James Wilke, 10 and twin daughters Tabitha and Loretta, 4.

What are three important tips for making a marriage work?

Cupid's Advice:

Every couple in a marriage works out their problems in different ways. Some individuals like to give each other space, while others find it best to thoroughly talk about the issues at hand. Not every strategy will work, but Cupid has three tips that are sure to be effective in any relationship:

1. Compromise: Meeting your partner in the middle will probably be the best way to solve any problems the two of you will have in the future. Everyone wants what they want and everyone wants to be right all the time, but when you're in a marriage, getting everything you want and keeping your companion happy just won't mix well. Find some common ground. You may want to see the latest thriller out in theaters, but your honey might want to check out the new action movie. Rather than have one of you upset over the final outcome, try to find something the both of you will be satisfied with.

2. Respect: The key to any happy relationship is mutual respect. Don't take each other for granted and don't expect your partner to do anything you wouldn't be willing to do yourself. For example, your significant other doesn't want to be the one always cooking and cleaning the dishes. Take turns with household chores and show each other as much appreciation as you can everyday.

3. The little things: You may not realize it, but your spouse notices every small detail about you. Have you stopped leaving those cute love notes on their pillow? Do you say thank you after your partner washes and folds your clothes back up for you? The little things make a huge difference in a marriage. You don't have to go overboard, but a simple thank you every now and then will make your honey feel like he/she is on top of the world.

How do you make your marriage work? Comment below.