Kevin Zegers Marries Longtime Girlfriend Jaime Feld





By Kristyn Schwiep

Kevin Zegers and Jaime Feld are officially married. According to *People*, the actor, 28, married his longtime girlfriend, talent agent Jaime Feld, Saturday in New Jersey. The couple got engaged in Muskoka, Ont. last April while vacationing with Feld's family. "I took Jaime out for a walk in the morning with our dog and went down to the beach and proposed," Zegers said at the time. "We've been together for six years, so I've been through a lot with her." Zegers told *People*, that he did very little of the wedding planning. It was "95 percent her, 5 percent me," he said. "I got my tuxedo, and helped her with the flowers a little bit."

What are some ways your beau can chip in on wedding planning?

Cupid's Advice:

Planning a wedding can be time consuming and stressful, so how can your beau chip in on wedding planning? Cupid has some advice for you:

- 1. Ask Questions: Asking questions is a great way to get your beau involved in wedding planning. Ask them what their vision is for the wedding, what food they would like, the colors, the music, etc. The more you ask, the more you will learn about their taste and preferences and that will help make it easier on you when planning your wedding.
- 2. Don't make a decision: Do not make a decision with an input from your partner. All major decisions should have input from both you and your partner. Make sure you get input from your partner when deciding things like the venue, guest list, wedding colors and more. Not making a decision without your partner will encourage them to help you plan your wedding.
- **3. Have fun:** Planning a wedding can often be stressful, driving your partner away from all aspects of wedding planning. So make sure that you keep things fun. If you keep things serious all the time your partner will not have any reason to want to help plan your wedding. Enjoy the process and keep it fun so you both can enjoy planning your special day.

What are some ways your beau chipped in on wedding planning? Share your stories below.

Palmer's Spokesperson Ali Landry Chats About Making Her

Family a Priority





By Kerri Sheehan

Hollywood mom Ali Landry isn't letting anything slow her down! Perhaps best known as the Doritos Girl from a 1998 Super Bowl commercial, the former Miss USA is now focused on family life. Since marrying film director Alejandro Monteverde in 2006, she's been staying busy thanks to her growing family: her six-year-old daughter Estela, two-year-old son Marcelo, and the newest edition, baby boy Valentin Francesco, who was born earlier this summer on July 11th.

So does she have any tips for other moms with young kids? Landry answers with a laugh, "No, because I wish they would give me advice!" On a more serious note, she explains, "It's tough to juggle everything because you want to do everything yourself." When it comes to adding another child into the mix, Landry believes it's important to "put your focus on your older children because they're the ones that realize something is different. They need a little extra love."

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As many twosomes know, it's easy to get caught up in being parents and forget the importance of being partners. Landry and her husband, though, always make sure to find time for each other. "Life is really busy, and if we aren't good as a couple, then we aren't good for our family. We definitely make our relationship and our family a priority. We don't take that for granted."

The 39-year-old actress reveals that little getaways help keep their marriage strong. "We'll get away from the house and sleep at a hotel for a night, or we'll do a quick getaway in Mexico. It's our time," she explains. "When we're home, we're still focusing on the family and what needs to be done around the house. When we remove ourselves from that, whether it's for a date night or a short trip, we can really let go and focus on each other. We try to do that pretty often."

As important as her home life is, the television personality isn't ready to step out of the spotlight just yet. In fact, her role as a mother inspired her recent reprisal as the spokesperson for Palmer's Cocoa Butter Formula and their national ad campaign. Landry first started using Palmer's products while pregnant with her daughter. "I was looking through magazines, and there were all these ads featuring some of my celebrity mom friends who were pregnant at the time. I thought to myself, 'Oh my gosh, they look so great pregnant! How brave of them to actually show off their bellies! I should really try these products.' I started using Palmer's and really loved the results."

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The model made her debut as their spokesperson two years ago when she was pregnant with her first son. "Our whole family uses Palmer's products, and we love them. I am ecstatic to work with them again!" It's only fitting then that her two

older children joined her for the current campaign.

As an alumnus of *People* magazine's 50 Most Beautiful People, Landry says she relies on Palmer's to keep her skin looking wonderful. She also notes, "I drink a lot of water and always have — you have to hydrate your body from the inside and out. I exercise too." Of course, balance is key. "I'm not super strict with my diet. If I want cake, I'll have cake, and if I want ice cream, I'll have ice cream, but for the most part, I do eat pretty healthy." This attitude makes her a great mother, a great wife — and a great role model for her fans.

For more information about Ali Landry, you can follow her on Twitter and Facebook.

'Modern Family' Star Jesse Tyler Ferguson 'Can't Believe' There's a Ring on His Finger





By Kristyn Schwiep

Modern Family star Jesse Tyler Ferguson is basking in the newlywed glow. According to <u>People</u>, Ferguson can't believe there is a ring on his finger. "I keep looking down at my hand and I can't believe there's a wedding ring on my finger," he told PEOPLE at the 2013 Do Something Awards in Hollywood Wednesday. Ferguson and husband, Justin Mikata, have only been married for 11 days, but he says it has been great. "It already felt like we were married, so it just feels official and legal now."

What are some things to remember when you're choosing wedding rings?

Cupid's Advice:

The wedding rings you choose will be one of the most important pieces of your wedding day. A wedding ring is a symbol of your love and commitment. What are some things to remember when you're choosing wedding rings? Cupid has some advice for you:

1. Choose a good jeweler: Deciding where to go when choosing wedding rings can be stressful. Remember that expensive doesn't always mean better. When looking for a jeweler look for a store that makes you feel welcome and comfortable, where

the staffs is helpful, and look somewhere that fits your budget.

- 2. Budget: There is a myth that you should spend two months of your salary on a wedding ring, but throw that myth out the window. There is no reason to go into major debt, pick the best ring you can afford. What matters is that you pick out a ring that you can afford and one that your partner will love.
- 3. Find out your partners taste: If you're trying to surprise your partner choosing a ring is going to be more difficult. Some ways to try and find out your partners taste is to ask about rings in general, ask family and friends for ideas, take them into a store just for fun, or look at existing jewelery to try and get a taste of what their style is.

What are some things you looked for when choosing your wedding rings? Share your stories below.

Jennifer Aniston Hints at Brad Pitt Years, Saying She 'Needed Therapy'





By Kristyn Schwiep

Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt were married for five years, but it seems that Aniston would've done a few things differently if she could go back in time. Aniston, 44, let her We're the Millers costar, Jason Sudeikis, interview her at a dinner party at her Los Angeles home. According to USMagazine.com, Aniston told Sudeikis about how she wishes she would have gone to therapy in her thirties, but why she's finally happy with fiance Justin Theroux.

What are some ways to get over a heartbreaking divorce?

Cupid's Advice:

Moving on after a divorce can take time, but cupid has some advice for you to help you get through a heartbreaking divorce:

1. Get outside help: If you need outside help don't be afraid to get it. Reaching out to others is a hard thing to do, especially when talking about your emotions. Seeing a counselor or joining a support group could be a positive experience for you during a divorce. Make sure you find a person or place that you feel comfortable opening up, so you can work through the divorce.

- 2. Friends and family: Spend time with people who support, love, and care about you. Spending time with people who truly value you and your emotions are the people you need to reach out to during this hard time. Surrounding yourself with positive, loving friends and family who will listen to you will help you feel less alone.
- **3. Explore:** Explore something new and exciting. A divorce is the end of a relationship, but can be the beginning of a better and happier life. Take this time to explore new interests and activities. It will clear your head and help you enjoy life in the moment.

What are some ways you have gotten over a heartbreaking divorce? Share your stories below.

DJ Khaled Says He Was 'Serious' in Video Proposal to Nicki Minaj





By Kerri Sheehan

It seems the love bug has bitten DJ Khaled. The 37-year-old recorded a special video message for Nicki Minaj while he was at MTV News this past week. *UsMagazine.com* reported that in the video he confessed his crush on the singer and former American Idol judge saying, "Nicki Minaj, I'm at MTV, I'm going to be honest with you; I love you. I like you, I want you, I want you to be mine." He ended the video with a marriage proposal that he claims was 100 percent legitimate. That is some high profile proposal.

What are three creative ways to propose?

Cupid's Advice:

From a young age women dream of how their significant other will propose to them. Cupid has some advice about how to get creative with your proposal so you won't disappoint your bride-to-be:

1. Treasure hunt: Let your loved one revisit the relationship with a scavenger hunt leading through all of the favorite places and moments your shared during your union. Each location should have a clue to solve that will lead her to the next destination. Some places to include are the location of your first date, first kiss, and your favorite night together.

- 2. Personalize it: Every woman and relationship is different so every proposal should be different as well. Pop the proposal in the middle of your two doing one of her hobbies or maybe give the proposal a theme of her favorite book or television show.
- **3. Flash mob:** This proposal is definitely not for everyone, but if your girl likes to be the center of attention then it may be the perfect option for you. Set up a flash mob and pop the question amongst the commotion.

What's your dream proposal? Share below.

Kelly Ripa on Electrolux and Her Marriage to Mark Consuelos: "We Still Dig Each Other"





Interview by <u>Lori Bizzoco</u>.

In this exclusive interview, CupidsPulse.com founder and executive editor Lori Bizzoco chats with Kelly Ripa about Super Saturday, which was held this past weekend in the Hamptons; her relationship with co-host and "soul sibling" Michael Strahan; and her strong marriage to Mark Consuelos. "We just love each other. We still dig each other," the television personality says of the secret to their marriage of seventeen years. "He does it for me, and I think I do it for him. Otherwise, I don't think he'd still be here!"

The mother of three also discusses her partnership with Electrolux and their French Door Refrigerator with the Perfect Temp Drawer. Not only does she love their products, but she loves their philanthropic attitude as well. "They've been helping me raise money for ovarian research since I've been with them. When a company puts forth such an effort not only to make lives easier but also worrying about the health of women, I just think that says something."

In addition to the event in New York City, Electrolux is inviting Americans to visit www.livelovelux.com through August 22 to enter the Electrolux Perfect Temp Sweepstakes for the chance to win a French Door Refrigerator and a trip to a climate with the Perfect Temp (the Bahamas!). For every entry

or share, Electrolux will donate \$1 to the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund (OCRF). Visitors to the site can also download Kelly's favorite summertime recipes, including her famous spicy mango-peach Greek yogurt popsicle!

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5 Celebrity Couples that Waited for Marriage





By April Littleton

The decision to have sex isn't one that should be taken lightly, but it's a personal choice. You may choose to wait until the love of your life comes along or you may not (just make sure you're always safe). In Hollywood, many celebrities are quick to hop into bed with the next star they see standing

next to them on the red carpet, but this isn't true for every person who has the spotlight shining down on them. Some celebrities pledge abstinence because of their religious beliefs, while others hold out until marriage out of respect for themselves. Here are five couples who waited until their big day:

1. Kevin Jonas and Danielle Deleasa: Kevin Jonas, the eldest of the Jonas Brothers was very outspoken about his decision to abstain from sex prior to getting married. As a symbol of his beliefs, he wore a punk rock purity ring from Tiffany's on his ring finger. Jonas married his longtime girlfriend and former hairdresser, Danielle Deleasa, on December 19, 2009. The purity ring was replaced with a wedding ring, and now, the happily-married pair is expecting their first baby.

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- 2. Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon: After her marriage with music executive Tommy Mottola came to a halt, Carey decided to remain celibate with Nick Cannon until they exchanged meaningful "I Do's." In a December 2008 interview for Mirror, Carey said, "I definitely don't want to push it on anybody else. But we both have similar beliefs, and I just thought that it would be so much more special if we waited until after we were married." The happy couple have been married for five years now and are parents to twins, Monroe and Moroccan Scott, age two.
- **3. Tina Fey and Jeff Richmond:** The *Saturday Night Live* alum was a virgin until she met her husband and composer of *30 Rock*, Jeff Richmond, at the age of 24. The couple dated for seven years before finally marrying in a Greek Orthodox ceremony June 3, 2001. The famous pair is now parents to two daughters, Alice Zenobia and Penelope Athena.
- 4. Adriana Lima and Marko Jarić: In 2006, Lima told GQ

Magazine that she had no plans to have sex until after she was married. The Brazilian Victoria's Secret model married Serbian NBA player, Marko Jarić, on Valentine's Day 2009. Since then, the duo have become parents to Valentina and Sienna.

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5. Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey: Although this couple has since broken up and moved on to different relationships, no one can forget these lovebirds from the early 2000s. Because of her religious background, Simpson announced she would remain a virgin until her marriage to Lachey. The pop stars married October 26, 2002, but unfortunately, things ended in divorce only four years later.

What are some other celebrity couples who waited for marriage? Share below.

Jennifer Aniston Says She and Justin Theroux 'Already Feel Married'





By Kristyn Schwiep

Jennifer Aniston seems to be in no rush to tie the knot with fiancé Justin Theroux. According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, Aniston already feels married to Theroux. "We just want to do it when it's perfect, and we're not rushed, and no one is rushing from a job or rushing to a job," Aniston told *The Associated Press*. After the couple had been dating for a year and a half, Theroux popped the question on his 41st birthday last August. She told *The AP*, "We have yet to set any dates."

What are three things that change when you tie the knot?

Cupid's Advice:

What really changes when you get married? Money? Sex? Commitment? Cupid has some advice for you to show you what can change when you tie the knot:

- 1. Money: Figuring out how to manage your money when getting married can cause a lot of stress on a new relationship. Merging accounts, debating who spends what, and revealing your credit history can send you into a whirlwind, but though this might be a hard change it can also bring you closer to your partner.minefield. Then again, working it all out? Surprisingly intimate.
- 2. Sense of commitment: When you are married, commitment is

something strong and real. Having a solid foundation gives you the strength and courage to face challenges you might not have alone. Commitment is no going back.

3. Family and friends: Getting married can sometimes put a strain on your relationship with your friends, but it can also bring you closer to your new relatives that you can call your own. Having a new family can be a pretty big change, but it is also something special that you get to share with your spouse. Also, try to remember your friends after you get married and try to go out with them once a week to keep your friendships strong.

What has changed for you since you have tied the knot? Share your stories below.

Kerry Washington Secretly Marries NFL Beau Nnamdi Asomugha





By Kerri Sheehan

Django Unchained starlet, Kerry Washington wed San Francisco 49ers player, Nnamdi Asomugha in a secret ceremony last month. A source dished to <u>People</u>, "Everything was held at one of Kerry's friend's houses. They flew a few people out on this little private plane." The ceremony was very simple and small, with only family and close friends in attendance. Washington also chose a minimalistic chic plain white dress.

How do you keep your wedding simple and sweet?

Cupid's Advice:

If you're looking to follow Washington's lead and have a simple and sweet wedding, then you're in luck because Cupid has some advice for you:

- 1. Guest list: If you want the ceremony to be more intimate then don't go crazy with your guest list. Only invite immediate family members and friends that you're super close with.
- 2. Simple attire: A low-key wedding means low-key attire. Opt for a simplistic chic wedding dress that you'll be able to wear again. Your hubby can rent a tuxedo rather than go through the hassle and expense of purchasing his own.

3. Don't try to impress people: Once you get into trying to show off to your friends and family is when your wedding becomes more of a show than a ceremony. Your guests are there to celebrate your union as a couple, not for you to show off to.

How would you keep your wedding simple and sweet? Share below.

Rumor: Were Cory Monteith and Lea Michele Engaged Before He Died?





By Petra Halbur

In the wake of Cory Monteith's tragic death, it's come to light that he and Lea Michele may have had plans for marriage. A source confided to <u>People</u>, that, at the time of Monteith's

death last week, the couple were considering tying the knot. However, other sources insist that the two were never formally engaged. Regardless, the two *Glee* actors were spending a great deal of time together and Michele has expressed her gratitude to her fans for their support and sympathy. "Lea is deeply grateful for all the love and support she's received from family, friends and fans. Since Cory's passing, Lea has been grieving alongside his family and making appropriate arrangements with them," the statement issued by her reps reads. "They are supporting each other as they endure this profound loss together."

What are some things to consider before dating someone with a history of drug abuse?

Cupid's Advice:

Dating someone with a history of drug abuse is not an easy matter. What should you consider before deciding whether or not to pursue such an inherently complicated relationship? Cupid has some ideas:

- 1. Recovery last a lifetime: Former users refer to themselves as "recovering" addicts because recovery from addiction is a process that lasts the rest of the individual's life. Before you pursue this relationship, educate yourself about the nature of addiction and decide if this is something that you can handle in your life.
- 2. What are the chances of relapse: According to experts, addiction relapse rates are as high as 90%. This means that there is a 9 out of 10 chance that your partner will start doing drugs again at some point in his or her lifetime. You need to let this sink in before your relationship goes any further.
- 3. Love cannot save the day: The power of addiction is something that those who have never experienced it cannot

understand. Do not delude yourself into believing that your love is enough to save your partner from drug abuse. Love and support is, of course, a necessary component to any relationship but do not assign yourself the role of savior. Doing so will only lead to unhappiness.

Have you ever dated someone with a drug problem? Tell us below.

Adam Levine and Behati Prinsloo Are Back Together... and Engaged!





By April Littleton

Adam Levine's rep told <u>People</u> that *The Voice* judge, 34 and Victoria's Secret Angel, 24 are back together and getting

married. "Adam Levine and his girlfriend Behati Prinsloo are excited to announce they are engaged to be married. The couple recently reunited and Adam proposed this weekend in Los Angeles." The couple began dating last year and had a brief split late spring.

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

Cupid's Advice:

So, you've been thinking about tying the knot. You've been with your significant other for awhile now and it's only natural to start thinking about taking the next step. How do you if you're really ready for marriage? Cupid has some advice:

- 1. Know your partner's expectations: Before you head down to the altar, make sure you're aware of what your partner expects from you. As far as life goals go, if the two of you aren't on the same page, getting married might not be the best decision. Do you want to live in the same place as your future spouse does? Is he/she where she wants to be career-wise? Will children be added into the equation soon? Ask yourself these questions before you make a trip to the jewelry store.
- 2. Commitment: You must be prepared to fully commit to your love. Once you're married, there's no running away (unless you count divorce, but no one wants that). Sometimes, you'll have to make sacrifices and you will have to learn how to be completely selfless. If you still enjoy the perks of living as a bachelor/bachelorette, pump the brakes on the wedding plans and wait until you're ready to work with your partner as a unit.
- 3. You have that "feeling": When most people meet "The One," they just know that he/she is person they're supposed to spend the rest of their life with. It's hard to explain to anyone else, but you know in your heart that you're ready to make the

ultimate commitment. As a couple, the two of you have been through many ups and downs, but through it all you have still managed to make your relationship the best it can be. You know everything isn't perfect, but you're ready to take that leap of faith anyway.

How did you know you were ready to get married? Comment below.

Halle Berry and Olivier Martinez Are Married





By April Littleton

The mom-to-be and the French film actor, Olivier Martinez got married Saturday at the Chateau des Conde in Valley, France, Berry's rep confirmed to <u>People</u>. 60 people were in attendance, including the groom's mother, Rosemarie and brother, Vincent.

The couple met while filming the 2010 flop *Dark Tide*. This is Martinez's first marriage and Berry's third.

What are some ways to keep your wedding small and intimate?

Cupid's Advice:

It's true that many women dream of having a big, fancy wedding. They want a large amount of guests and all the theatrics that come with having a huge wedding ceremony, but some brides like to keep things more low key. If you're one of those women who like to keep things simple and intimate, Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Narrow down the guest list: If your goal is to have a small wedding, then your guest list should reflect that. You should only invite your close friends and family to your special day. For an even more intimate surrounding, you should think about having the ceremony at your family's home.
- 2. Don't worry about the food: The food shouldn't be anything fancy if you're looking to keep things simple. Have a relative or friend cook up some of their favorite dishes. Don't worry about hiring an expensive baker to make your cake either. Instead, have someone you love and trust bake your cake for you. You'll save plenty of money having all of your loved ones pitch in and you'll all have some special memories you couldn't have if you were to hire a caterer.
- 3. No big arrangements: Think about using your own decorations for the wedding ceremony and reception. Ask some of your friends to help you put together a few cute flower arrangements and centerpieces. It doesn't have to be anything over-the-top. As long as your wedding represents who you and your hubby are as a couple, the price you spend on everything shouldn't matter.

How did you keep your wedding small and intimate? Comment

Wiz Khalifa and Amber Rose Tie the Knot





AB By Kristyn Schwiep

Wiz Khalifa and Amber Rose are officially married. According to <u>People</u>, Khalifa, 25, and Rose 29, both announced their marriage via Twitter. Khalifa tweeted Monday, "Me and Amber got married today. Weddings this fall. Thought I'd let yall know." Rose also mentioned their marriage via Twitter with a simple statement, "Yay me and my baby are officially married!!!"

What are some benefits of getting married at the courthouse?

Cupid's Advice:

Getting married at a courthouse is not your traditional idea of a wedding, but there are some benefits that will outweigh the costs. What are some benefits of getting married at a courthouse? Cupid has some advice for you:

- 1. The cost: Getting married at your local courthouse will definitely save you money. The average cost of your traditional wedding is normally anywhere between \$19,000 and \$30,000. Getting married in front of a judge will save you money on a wedding dress, guest invites, venue cost, food cost and everything else that goes into a big, traditional wedding. A courthouse marriage can cost as little as \$30 for the expense of a marriage license.
- 2. Stress: Just think about how stress-free you will be. You know when, where, how. The bride doesn't have the added stress of picking out a wedding dress and bridesmaid dresses, you don't have to stress about who to invite, and the cost is significantly lower. Without the added stress you will have the time to focus on each other.
- 3. Time: You also don't have to stress about time. It takes a lot less time to plan and lot less time to get married. If you have less time worrying about actually getting married, you have more time to spend with your newlywed. Also, having a courthouse wedding is a great option for couples who need to get married quickly!

What do you think some benefits are of getting married in a courthouse? Share your thoughts below.

Elisha Cuthbert Marries Hockey Star Dion Phaneuf





By Kristyn Schwiep

Canadian actress, Elisha Cuthbert and Toronto Maple Leafs captain Dion Phaneuf, tied the knot on Saturday at Prince Edward Island. According to <u>People</u>, more than 300 guests were expected to flock to the reception. "It's a big wedding. Probably the biggest I've ever done in my 46 years, as far as the celebrity part of it goes," said Rev. Paul Egan, who led the service.

How do you know what size wedding is right for you?

Cupid's Advice:

Planning a wedding can cause stress to any future couple. Where should our wedding be? Where should we hold our reception? And how many people should we invite? Deciding how many guests to invite can be a daunting decision for any soon-

to-be newlywed. Cupid has some advice so you know exactly what size wedding is right for you:

- 1. How much money are you willing to spend: The truth of the matter is that people cost money. So ask yourself how many people you can afford to invite. Expenses add up quickly when considering the price of food, chairs, silverware, etc. If you start with your ideal budget you will quickly learn how many people you can afford to invite.
- 2. Location: Another question to ask yourself is: Where do you want the wedding/reception to be held? If your dream location only holds up to 175 guests and you have a list of 300, you and your fiancé need to discuss the factors about who gets removed off your guest list. Don't feel terrible about deleting names from the list, not everyone on your list needs to be invited to your special day. Remember to think clearly and rationally to create the best guest list for your special day.
- 3. Whose relevant now: Though having a big wedding with lots of guests sounds ideal it does get pricey and overwhelming. So stop and think about who is relevant in your life right now and who will still be relevant in 10 years from now. If you don't talk to your best friend from high school anymore don't feel obligated to invite them even if they invited you to theirs.

What size wedding was right for you? Share your thoughts below.

Niecy Nash Says That "You'll Manifest What You Believe" When It Comes to Love





AB By Kerri Sheehan

Finding true love is never an easy feat, but Niecy Nash knows how to make it happen. The host of "Let's Talk About Love" on Yahoo! believes that humans are programmed to be in a relationship, yet the way women think nowadays limits their opportunities to find happiness. "You'll manifest what you believe. If you believe that all men are dogs and that you're the bottom of the barrel and have to take what you can get, then that's what's going to be handed to you."

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It's no secret that falling in love herself has been a recent highlight in her life. As the newly-minted author explains,

"The fact that I'm in love with love makes me available to try. It makes me available to want to be better." To encourage other women to adopt a similar attitude, she filmed her 2011 wedding to husband Jay Tucker for a TLC special called *Niecy Nash's Wedding Bash*. For her, the decision to do so was easy: "I knew so many women who were my age and single after having been married, and they said, 'I'm just going to focus on the kids. I'm not going to worry about love anymore.' I wanted to show them that you can get a do-over. And it can be better the second time around!"

It's difficult for some people to adopt such a positive attitude, but for Nash, it's just part of her personality. "Being a no-nonsense, straight-to-the-point type of person is who I am. It's who I am as a parent, who I am as a lover, who I am as a friend." And when she does get down, she usually bounces back quickly. "I'm very happy that I have a resilient theory and a resilient when it comes to love."

The funny lady ensures that her marriage is a happy one by "celebrating everything and celebrating often" with Tucker. "Aside from birthdays and Christmas, we celebrate when we had our first date or even the first time we went to a certain restaurant." She adds that finding time to laugh every single day helps keep their spark alive and their love fresh.

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Another way that she keeps her commitment strong is by surrounding herself with people who share her values and lifestyle. "When you're married, you have to have a support system. You can't just be married and still hang out with all of your single friends — that's going to be problematic. You have to have people around you who are committed to the same things as you." For the actress, that means spending time with best friend and co-host of *The View* Sherri Shepherd and husband Lamar Sally. In fact, the gang had just gotten together for a double-date when we spoke to Nash.



Of course, Nash's life isn't all about love — she's got a hot career to focus on too! TV Land's *The Soul Man* got picked up for a second season, and she's reprising her role as Lolli Ballantine, the wife of Cedric the Entertainer. She's also starring in a new show called *Getting On*, which premieres on HBO in July.

There's no doubt that there will always be a lot of love and laughs in this newlywed's life.

You can purchase Nash's new book It's Hard to Fight Naked on Amazon. To keep up with the actress, follow her on Twitter @NiecyNash and Instagram www.instagram.com/NiecyNash1/. Be sure to check out her website http://www.niecynash.com/ too!

Kerry Washington Weds Nnamdi Asomugha





By Petra Halbur

Kerry Washington and Nnamdi Asomugha tied the knot in a very private ceremony on June 24 in Hailey, Idaho. According to <code>People</code>, the witnesses at the wedding were listed as Washington's parents. Though the couple began dating last summer, they have worked to keep their relationship out of the public eye. After her split with her fiancee, David Moscow, in 2007, Washington told <code>People</code> that she, "was always that girl who was in long-term relationships … I am totally the girl who gets introduced to someone through a mutual friend and a dinner party, falls in love and then is with them for like two years."

What are some ways to keep your wedding plans under wraps?

Cupid's Advice:

Nothing exacerbates the stress of planning a wedding quite like the constant prying and "helpful advice" from wellmeaning friends and family. Sometimes it's best to keep your wedding plans under wraps. Cupid has some ideas for how to do that:

1. Keep it simple: Plan a low-key ceremony that does not require a lot of preparation (by wedding standards). This will not only make it easier for you to keep your wedding plans

hidden, it will also minimize the stress of planning a wedding in which so few people are available to help you.

- 2. Be vocal about what you want: It's not rude to let people know when you announce the engagement that you would like to keep your wedding plans under wraps. This is your wedding and you are entitled to plan it however you wish.
- **3. Get a support team:** If you are going to limit the number of people involved in your wedding preparations, then organization is of the utmost importance. Assemble a support team of close friends or wedding professionals (preferably both!) to help you pull this wedding off.

How did you manage to keep your wedding plans under wraps? Tell us below.

Avril Lavigne and Chad Kroeger Marriage Rumors Are False





By Petra Halbur

Recent reports that Avril Lavigne and Chad Kroeger tied the knot in Southern France last Saturday have been proven false. According to <u>People</u>, misinformation spread after E! News mistakenly quoted a source stating that the wedding had taken place over the weekend. <u>Daily Mail</u> also took CEO Mike Heller's tweet, "I'm in south of France about to see my little Rock star #avril get married I am so happy to be part of this special celebration," out of context and concluded that the wedding had already taken place. It has since been confirmed that, while Lavigne and Kroeger do, indeed, have imminent wedding plans, the wedding was not held on Saturday, June 29.

What are some ways to plan a surprise wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Staging a surprise wedding will certainly make your nuptials memorable. However, keeping your wedding a secret until the day of the celebration is no easy matter. Cupid has some advice:

1. Announce the engagement: While a surprise wedding can be a lot of fun and a wonderful success, don't hide your engagement from your friends and family. Doing so will make the sudden wedding announcement all the more jolting.

Instead, let the people in your life know that you and your partner plan to marry, but don't let on that you've set a date.

- 2. Keep it casual: For the sake of secrecy, you're going to have to keep your wedding arrangements simple. Suspicions are bound to arise if it gets out that you and your partner are touring churches or other opulent wedding sites. Keep the decorations and locations as casual as possible to ensure that your surprise wedding really is, well, a surprise.
- 3. Inform those closest to you: While acquaintances should be delighted by the surprise, close friends and family are likely to feel betrayed once they learn that you withheld weeks or months of wedding preparation from them. Take your closest (and most trustworthy) relations aside and let them in on the secret. Besides, their assistance will ease the stress of planning a wedding.

How did you pull off your surprise wedding? Tell us below.

Maitland Ward of 'Boy Meets World' Believes That "Friendship, Trust and Laughter" Make for a Strong Relationship





By Petra Halbur

Maitland Ward first won our hearts in the 90's as Rachel McGuire on the hit show, Boy Meets World. Though Rachel caused a few love triangles, we adored the towering red head for her quirkiness, lovability and strength. Thirteen years after the series finale, Ward still speaks highly of her character. "I loved that she was smart and tough yet had a heart of gold. She was someone young girls could look up to."

Since the show's conclusion in 2000, Ward has has met the love of her life, continued to establish herself as an actress and, most recently, reunited with her former castmates at the ATX Television Festival. "It was like no time had passed at all," the California native reflects. "We hadn't all been in the same room together since the show ended, so it was so great to see all these people who I worked with for so long. My cheeks hurt by the end of the weekend from all the laughing and smiling." The experience stirred up fond memories of the Boy Meets World set too. "Working with them was a blast, and I think it showed on screen."

She affectionately adds, "These people will always be like

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Of course, viewers are already gearing up for an on-camera reunion of *Boy Meets World*'s cast in the highly-anticipated spin-off, *Girl Meets World*, which is scheduled to air on the Disney Channel next year. The new show will follow Riley Matthews, the daughter of *Boy Meets World* characters, Cory and Topanga Matthews, and her best friend Maya. Ward is full of praise for the young actresses, Rowan Blanchard and Sabrina Carpenter, who play Riley and Maya respectively. "The little girls are so unbelievably adorable. I know they are going to be breakout stars for Disney."

While the actress was reluctant to disclose plot details, she assures us that the pilot is "amazing" and that we can expect to see more of our favorite characters from the original hit show. "Creator Michael Jacobs made a point of saying he wants to integrate the old cast as much as possible, so I'm excited to see what happened to Rachel, Jack Hunter and Eric Matthews. Jack and Rachel left for the Peace Corps in the last episode, and it'll be interesting to see if they are still together. Matthew Lawrence and I were joking at the festival that Eric would've never left Jack and Rachel alone. He probably came after us in Guatemala or wherever we ended up."

Before being Rachel McGuire, though, Ward spent three years playing Jessica Forrester on *The Bold and the Beautiful*, an experience she now sites as inspiration for a script she has written. "It's a crazy, *Bridesmaids*-style comedy about a washed-up former soap star who will stop at nothing to get her career back," she shares. "She finds out her old fan club president (who she treated like garbage and nearly ruined) has made good and become a big time producer with a hot new TV show. So she hunts him down and wants him to give her the starring role. There's a dark twist, but I won't give it away

just yet. It's a lot of fun!"

Luckily, life doesn't imitate art when it comes to Ward's personal life. She's been married to hedge fund manager, Terry Baxter, since 2006, which is quite a feat in Hollywood. Though the happy couple tend to stay out of the spotlight, she confesses that her romantic relationships haven't always been drama-free. "I had a few love triangles when I was younger. Nothing like Rachel, Jack and Eric, but nevertheless, they always got messy." When asked if playing Rachel taught her anything about love, she reveals, "It's probably not the best idea to be involved with two best friends who you live with, but, hey, it was fun! Being open and honest about things is probably the best advice I could give about that situation."

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The auburn-haired beauty says that the key to a successful relationship is a strong foundation. She and Baxter met on a set when he was visiting someone else, and the two began a friendship that eventually developed into something more. "If you can't be best friends, then it'll never work in the long run. You have to enjoy spending time with that person. A sense of humor is important too. I love to laugh, and having someone who makes me laugh is the best," she says. "I think that's why it's lasted. We started with friendship, trust and laughter and built from that."

You can keep up with Ward on Twitter @MaitlandWard and www.facebook.com/MaitlandWardOfficial/.

Celebrity News: NeNe Leakes Ties the Knot with Gregg Leakes, Again!





By Kerri Sheehan

<u>Real Housewives of Atlanta</u> star NeNe Leakes chose to give marriage a second go with ex-husband, Gregg Leakes. The couple remarried Saturday, June 22, according to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. Nene, 45 tweeted on June 21, "Got big plans this weekend? Cause I do," she wrote with a smiley face.

How do you know if you should get back together with your ex?

Cupid's Advice:

A big part of life is giving out second chances. Cupid has some ways to tell if you should give one to your ex:

1. All has been forgiven: Obviously, the two of you broke up

for a reason. It's important to be sure that the reason has been completely resolved before giving the relationship another go. You can't start on a new journey until the old one has ended.

- 2. Don't bail: Before getting back together with an ex the two of you should make a pact not to abandon the efforts to revive the relationship. Getting back together will take some work so you have to be in it for the long haul.
- **3. Check your goals:** If the two of you have similar goals in life then it is likely you can make a relationship work. If your goals are completely different than rebuilding after a breakup might not be worth the effort.

What do you think about getting back with an ex? Share below.

Celebrity News: Former STP Frontman Scott Weiland Marries Jamie Wachtel





By Kerri Sheehan

Former Stone Temple Pilots frontman Scott Weiland tied the knot with photographer Jamie Wachtel this past Saturday. <u>UsMagazine.com</u> confirmed that the couple chose to hold the ceremony at their home in Los Angeles. When asked about his bride Weiland said, "I am incredibly happy. She is incredibly beautiful in every aspect of the word. Lovely, smart, passionate. And she loves my kids and I love her son."

What are some reasons to tie the knot at home?

Cupid's Advice:

Choosing a venue is an important part of any wedding. Sometimes the best choice is to stay close to home. Cupid has some advice:

- 1. Cost efficient: Not having to pay to rent out a venue will definitely save you some dough in the end. That money can be better spent elsewhere, like on your honeymoon.
- 2. No guest limit: Many venues have an occupancy limit, but getting married at your own home means that you're able to set your own limit. You won't have to stress as much over who exactly to invite to witness your special day.
- 3. It's more personal: Marriage is scary territory for those

who have never experienced it before so being in your own home will help as you will be surrounded by familiarity. In addition, the bride can now get ready for the ceremony in her own bedroom as opposed to some dingy hotel room.

Did you get married at home? Share below.

Blair Late from Bravo's 'Newlyweds' Chats About Divorce and Gay Marriage





By Marisa Spano

Imagine inviting strangers into your home to observe your first year of marriage and allowing millions of people to watch the honeymoon stage of your love life. Newly-minted reality star Blair Late can tell you a thing or two about that

experience — all good things. Late and his spouse Jeff Pedersen were all for having cameras follow them around as they transitioned into married life.

Of course, reality television was a familiar world for the couple: "I first met Jeff when I was working on a reality series for Melanie Brown from Spice Girls," he explains. "A producer friend who hung out with us commented that we were a really odd couple." A year later, they got engaged, and that same friend suggested that they audition for Bravo's new documentary series, Newlyweds: The First Year. They soon got a call from the network, and after an extensive three-month background check, they agreed to be part of the show.

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So why did these lovers decide to showcase their new beginning? "It was done by a very prominent documentary team who had won Oscars and Emmys, so knowing that it was a style of show that hadn't been done before definitely influenced our decision," says Late. "Plus, we were the only gay couple on the series and the first gay couple to really be featured on a show about marriage. It's a big deal when you consider that gay marriage isn't completely legal yet."

That's not to say that the couple is hoping to be spokespeople for gay marriage. They just want to share their story, a story about "a guy from Texas who has been 'out' for quite a while, who has support from his family, who's in the entertainment business and who is fun, dramatic and just loves life. That same man falls in love with a man from California who's a bit older, who didn't get family acceptance, who isn't in the business of entertainment and who is more responsible." The couple seems to be sculpting a little chunk of history with their appearance on the show.

The amount of feedback and admiration they've received is

incredible. In response to whether he thinks their inclusion on *Newlyweds* is impacting public opinion, Late says, "We have opened people's eyes to the fact that domestic partnerships and gay marriages have little if any equal rights to straight marriages. We're certainly educating people." He believes that they're empowering young gay people across the country. "I've had so many people say, 'Oh, I'm just like you, Blair, and I hope I can find a Jeff someday.'"

Some would argue that couples often suffer from a failed relationship when they are cast into the reality show spotlight. However, Late says that the show actually *helped* their marriage. "We were forced to discuss certain topics and to put things on the table because of the cameras."

Even though their personal thoughts and problems were viewed in public, it never made the duo feel uncomfortable. "I try not to regret anything that happened or be embarrassed about it. Sure, people complained about us talking about our sex lives on television, but maybe it won't be such a weird thing for gay men to do in five years."

For Late, his view on relationships was affected by his parents' divorce. "It had a negative psychological impact and made me feel more needy and have a fear of abandonment. One thing that I've really focused on this year is figuring out what triggers me and what makes me a little more dramatic sometimes."

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"My parents' divorce made me realize that I only want to get married once," he adds.

It's easy to see that Late's love life is going well, and he appears to be having success in his career too. He's found fame as a songwriter, actor, television presenter and pop singer — he'll soon be performing his new single "Love Calling" in San Francisco. Additionally, he's working on his

own cardigan line called Crest and Letters. And, of course, he'll be appearing on tonight's final episode of *Newlyweds* as well as on *Watch What Happens Live* with Andy Cohen after the finale airs.

We can't wait to see what he does next!

For more information about Late, visit his <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u> page.

Celebrity News: Former 'Hills' Star Frankie Delgado Ties the Knot





By Kerri Sheehan

Frankie Delgado of Hills fame got hitched this weekend to

girlfriend Jennifer Acosta. *Hills* star Lauren Conrad was in attendance and posted a picture of Delgado and his new wife dancing. The caption read, "Congratulations! @kingfrankiedelgado and @shopatrend (Jen) are officially husband and wife! So happy for you both xo." According to *UsMagazine.com*, other guests include Brody Jenner and Reggie Bush.

How do you decide who to put your on wedding guest list?

Cupid's Advice:

Whether you want a small ceremony or a big one you always have the task of deciding whom to invite. Cupid has some advice about how to make the decision:

- 1. Invite who you want: In the end it's your special day so you should decide who gets invited, not your parents, friends, or other relatives. Invites to your wedding should go to those who want to see you making a happy commitment to another person.
- 2. And Guest?: Allowing all of your guests to bring a date will quickly add to the number of attendees and will balloon the price of the wedding astronomically. Generally if a friend or relative is in a committed relationship of more than six months then that denotes an 'and guest' wedding invite. Otherwise you don't need to allow your single friends to bring a guest. This may even relieve some pressure, as many single friends would dread having to scour for a wedding date.
- 3. Priorities: There will be certain people that you must invite and then other that you should invite and could invite. Make sure you include the musts before you go into the shoulds and coulds. Remember, your guests are your "witnesses" so you want them to be people who are close to you.

How did you decide who to invite to your wedding? Share

Celebrity Couples Who Cannot Wait to Become Parents





By Meghan Fitzgerald

Most couples are ecstatic when they find out they're going to be parents. The thrill of being a mother or father is indescribable. The moment you find out you're going to be a parent is one you'll never forget. The baby showers, clothes, registries and birthing classes — it all can be very exciting for parents-to-be. Numerous celebrity couples can't wait to become parents. Here's a list of some of seven of our favorites who are expecting:

1. Fergie and Josh Duhamel: Fergie announced via Twitter "Josh

& Me & BABY makes three!!!." According to <u>UsMagazine</u>, husband Josh sings to Fergie's pregnant baby bump. The two lovebirds are more than excited to welcome a new member into their family this upcoming year.

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- 2. Maya Rudolph and Paul Thomas Anderson: The former *SNL* star is expecting her fourth child this year with partner, Paul Anderson. Although this child is coming "faster" than they thought, they are more than thrilled to have another baby on the way.
- **3. Penelope Cruz and Javier Bardem:** These two are expecting their second child this year. The actress confirmed they are both "tremendously happy and excited." The couple already has a son, Leo.
- **4. Alec Baldwin and his wife, Hilaria**: The couple is expecting their first child together. The *30 Rock s*tar stated, "It really is the most amazing thing. I'm lucky." Baldwin already has a 17-year-old daughter named, Ireland, with ex-wife Kim Basinger.
- **5. Evan Rachel Wood and Jamie Bell:** Two months after denying she was pregnant, the couple's rep stated they both were "thrilled" over the upcoming birth of their first child together.
- **6. Kate Middleton and Prince William:** With all of the media surrounding the royal couple, most people know how excited these two are for having a baby. Who wouldn't want to create a baby who will be inducted into the royal family?

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7. Busy Phillips and Marc Silverstein: Although her pregnancy was unexpected, Phillips and husband Marc Silverstein are

excited to take on the challenge of parenting again. The duo are already parents to Birdie Leigh.

Jill Zarin Says, "Women Can Have It All, But Not All At The Same Time"





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America watched the zesty and talkative redhead on *The Real Housewives of New York City* for four seasons as she threw sophisticated parties and worked for her husband's fabric shop. While we may not be seeing her on a feisty Bravo reunion again, she's still making a name for herself. She took a quick break from her hectic schedule to share some advice with CupidsPulse.com on how she manages to juggle it all.

Zarin is definitely one woman who seems to have figured out how to balance her family, career and social life. So we asked her opinion on one of the hottest topics in the news today: Can women really have it all? The former reality star believes that women "can" have it all but goes on to admit that "you can't have it all at the same time." She knows firsthand that you need to prioritize. "Maintaining a marriage is the most important thing because the truth is that children grow up and leave home."

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As most viewers know, Zarin has a close bond with her college-aged daughter from her first marriage, Ally Shapiro, and a loving relationship with her husband, Bobby, whom she married in 2001 after five years of dating. But the *Housewife* tells us that having a strong marriage wasn't always her priority. Over time, she's learned to be mindful of her husband's needs. "The priorities in my life are constantly moving around," she says. "I know when Bobby doesn't like being in the back row, so I move him quickly to the front row. He's the first one to get a ticket. If he wants to move his seat, he can move his seat anytime he wants."

When asked if there was other advice or tips she'd give women to help them have a successful marriage, she says that "being present" is very important. "Nowadays, relationships are so complicated by electronics. It's difficult to sit down for dinner because you're dying to see that text or e-mail that you've been waiting for."

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Of course, when Zarin was growing up, technology was much different. Her house had only one screen: the television. Now, screens are everywhere — on computers, tablets and smart phones and in the living room, bedroom and even the car. It's no surprise that these "screens" affected her parenting skills. "I don't think that I was present a lot of the time for my daughter. I was home, but I wasn't present," she candidly admits. "My daughter would come home from school, and I'd be on the phone. My

daughter would want a snack, and I'd be on the computer. I was always like, 'Just wait one minute, one minute, one minute.'"

She feels that technology has a big impact on dating and relationships too. "There are a lot of things that can make dating challenging, and our phones and computers are two of them," she shares. "People are uncomfortable with verbal communication nowadays." That's one strict rule that Zarin has taught her daughter: don't date through text.

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Currently, Zarin is working on a relationship with herself and taking her own "spiritual journey." One of her commitments is to be present as much as possible. This means that wherever her feet are placed, she needs to be in that moment. "If I'm at home, I shut everything off. My feet are there, and that's where my mind needs to be too."

Still, the reality star doesn't plan on slowing down anytime soon. She'll be promoting her Skweez Couture shape wear line on QVC this month, and she's filming an *Open House* segment at her new home in the Hamptons. She also has a line of beautiful baubles called Jill Zarin Jewelry Collection.

Zarin is certainly focusing on the good stuff!

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