

Facebook Founding President Sean Parker Is Engaged



Facebook co-president Sean Parker is engaged, reports [People](#). Parker's rep confirmed that the Napster co-founder proposed to long-time girlfriend Alexandra Lenas, a singer/songwriter from New York.

How do you make sure work doesn't get in the way of your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Balancing your personal life and your career is a task not even the most experienced workers have yet been able to master. Here are a few ways to make sure you have equal time for both:

1. Set aside time: You should make a little bit of time for

your partner every day. Even if the time allotted is as little as an hour, your partner will appreciate that you feel your relationship is as important as your work.

2. Plan date nights: Even if you've been overloaded at work, that shouldn't stop you from planning nights that are dedicated completely to your relationship. Abandon your work for an evening and go out to dinner.

3. Make it up: If you're overwhelmed with work on a certain night and have no time for your partner, make it up to him or her. Send her roses the next day or take her to dinner the next night.

Top 10 Ways to Get Invited to the Royal Wedding





By Tanni Deb

Prince William and Kate Middleton invited an astronomical number of guests to their wedding: 1,900 people! Yet most of us are wondering how we can get invited without having to work the affair itself. Sure – you can watch the fanfare on NBC (at 4 a.m. EST no less!), but it's not the same as getting dressed, attending the event and bumping elbows with A-listers from around the world. If you feel left out and want to see the ceremony in person, here are strategies that worked for some of the hundreds of guests that will be at Westminster Abbey on April 29:

1. Embarrass yourself in public, Kanye West-style: West's infamous humiliation of Taylor Swift at 2009's MTV Video Music Awards didn't stop the royals from inviting him. While millions of us watch the wedding overseas, West has the honor of mingling with many notable international figures – and may even get to offend some of them as well.

2. Open a pub: Middleton's favorite pub owner, John Haley, is attending the nuptials. If you want an invite, follow suit! Open your own bar close to Buckingham Palace, pray that someone in the royal family is a regular visitor, and hope that you'll score an invite when Prince Harry gets engaged.

3. Stay close to the family: If Ellen DeGeneres, the queen of comedy, stayed in touch with her distant relative, she probably would've been dancing down the aisle at Westminster Abbey. Sadly, the 15th cousin of Kate Middleton won't get that opportunity. Check your genealogy – you just might be royalty.

4. Become a popular sports player: Think British football (or as Americans call it, soccer). It's no surprise that David and Victoria Beckham are on the guest list. If you want an invite, start working on your athletic skills now.

5. Mind your manners: Simon Cowell, former American Idol host, won't be in attendance. Last month, he told Jay Leno, "I may have said something to the Queen about her hat when I met her..." In that case, you can't *really* blame the royals for not inviting him. It pays to play well with others, Cowell.

6. Be a nanny: Rumor has it that former royal nanny, Tiggy Legge-Bourke, will be a guest. While it's too late to take care of these princes, positions are sure to open up once they have kids, so stay on guard.

7. Don't humiliate your fellow royals: Prince Andrew, the Duke of York, and his daughters, Princesses Eugenie and Beatrice, received an invitation. However, ex-wife and mother, Sarah Ferguson, was left out. Well, that's embarrassing – and bound to happen when you try to sell access to your ex-husband. Moral of the story: If you ever wish to attend a royal event, never mess with the royal family.

8. Become a charity volunteer...: Volunteer at a charity where Prince William is the president; you'll automatically be invited. Who says it doesn't pay to volunteer?

9. ...or join the military: In Britain, of course. It was reported that 30 members of the country's Defense Services will see the nuptials in person. Join the forces now; that number might increase when the next ceremony takes place.

10. Don't run for President of the United States: If the emperor of Japan, sultan of Brunei, and the kings of Malaysia, Tonga and Thailand are invited to this affair, you'd think the president of a leading first-world country would be as well. Unfortunately, President Obama didn't make the cut. Why, you ask? Blame it on the expensive costs for security to protect him and the First Lady. Looks like the Prince has also been affected by the recession.

Well, there you have it! If any of these strategies work for you, let us know. However, if you're unsuccessful, the 'Not Flippin' Invited' party at London's Mahiki nightclub would love to have you around. And if that's too far for you, consider throwing your own, "Where's *My* Royal Wedding Invitation" party.

Alias Star Michael Vartan Gets Married





Michael Vartan,

alias: hubby. Star of the show *Alias*, Michael Vartan, and his love Lauren Skaar tied the knot at Pelican Hill Resort Saturday in front of 150 guests, according to UsMagazine.com. “She’s my best friend in the world and that’s why I asked her to marry me,” Vartin said. “I have more fun with her than with anyone I’ve ever met. I just woke up one day and could not imagine living without her. The great thing about her and me, is that I feel like I can be 100 percent myself.”

Should your partner be your best friend?

Cupid’s Advice:

It makes the entire marriage easier if you and your spouse are best friends. Here are some things to consider when trying to determine if you and your partner can call each other BFFs:

1. A solid foundation: It’s no secret that a marriage consists of hard work and a lot of stressful days. Having a close buddy in a partner makes things a lot easier.

2. Great talks: An easy way to measure how strong your friendship is is by looking at your conversations. If you and your partner can talk about the serious things as well as the random topics easily, then things look good.

3. A relaxed environment: Similar to Vartan and his bride, if you feel 100 percent calm and your spouse isn't running in the opposite direction, it's probably a great sign.

Elizabeth Hurley Files for Divorce



This past Friday, Elizabeth Hurley filed for divorce from her husband Arun Nayar. According to [People](#), Hurley blames the divorce on husband, Nayar's "unreasonable behavior." What seems to be confusing to the public, however, are the photos that surfaced in December of Hurley kissing an Australian cricket star, Shane Warne, outside a restaurant in London. Hurley took the opportunity to explain herself via Twitter, saying, "For the record, my husband Arun and I seperated a few months ago. Our

close friends & family were aware of this.”

If you're separated from a spouse, is it okay to stray?

Cupid's Advice:

Divorces are messy and can take months or even years to clear through the legal system. Some couples find it easier or less hassle to have a separation. Cupid has some things to think about when deciding what's acceptable to do during a separation:

1. Reasoning for the separation: If your separation is the first step in a divorce, it may be okay to begin to start your new life. If the two of you separated in hopes that the time apart will bring you closer together, then you still owe your time to your current spouse.

2. What you decide: When you and your significant other decide to separate, a conversation about what is appropriate during the time apart is necessary to avoid any confusion.

3. The other person's behavior: If your spouse is still attempting to work on things in your relationship and you're already on to the next one, you should let him or her know before you begin moving on.

Focus on Friendship for a Peaceful Dating Experience





By Naini Nakagawa

Spring is in the air, and so is dating! With the fresh spring air comes a new way to approach dating. The goal for this season? Focus on friendships, which may lead to romance later on when you truly know your mate-to-be. Celebrities like Ryan Phillippe could certainly use this wisdom right now.

Phillippe's recent relationship with Amanda Seyfried seems to be on and off, and he was also recently accused of having "innocent sleepovers" with Rihanna. It seems to be a game of celebrity musical chairs in Hollywood these days, filled with all sorts of drama. For the rest of us, who prefer to keep drama-free peaceful relationships, the following tips could go a long way:

1. Rid your life of toxic people: Keep those who are discouraging and who don't support and believe in you on the sidelines. Your energy field can take a turn for the worst with negative influences in your life.

2. Consider your spiritual path: Celebrities like Scarlett Johansson, who received an Ally for Equality Award at the 2011 Human Rights Campaign Los Angeles Dinner and Awards Gala, keep things in perspective by prioritizing things like helping those less fortunate than themselves. Give off positive energy by taking each interaction throughout your day and adding some

cheer to it. Smile! It could make a big difference in someone's life. Plus, confidence attracts. It's one step closer to finding your future mate.

3. Exercise and eat right: Being healthy will not only make you feel good about yourself, but your healthy glow will attract potential partners. Bring out the Jennifer Aniston inside yourself! Some foods with special vibrations to consider are cherries, which bring joy, and strawberries, which foster dignity. Working out can help to keep you balanced so that you're in the mindset to make the right choices.

4. Be friends for 8 months before dating: Meet as many people as possible and keep it friendly, even if the attraction is strong. Longtime Hollywood actress Goldie Hawn had a deep friendship with Kurt Russell before they were romantically involved, and they're still together after 25 years !

5. What's meant to be will be: Let the gods get working already. Sometimes the universe needs some time to work its magic, so instead of micromanaging your love life, try to have faith that things will work out the way they're supposed to work out.

6. Meditate: Meditation brings on a sense of delicious peace, which no other activity can accomplish. A-list celebrities like Richard Gere, Gwyneth Paltrow and Angelina Jolie are no strangers to the practice, as they're known to make quiet time for reflection a regular part of their busy schedules.

7. Be proactive: After you've taking the time to get to know someone on a spiritual level, it's time to make a move. Plan a date that doesn't involve drinking alcohol, so that your minds are clear and ready to connect.

By utilizing these tips, you can increase your magnetism to such a level that you'll attract someone with the same vibrations as yourself, even if he or she isn't currently

anywhere near you. It will lead to a peaceful dating experience that few celebrity couples in Hollywood have thus far achieved.

Britney Spears and Jason Trawick Take Her Boys to Las Vegas



A week after her performance at Palms Casino Resort's Rain Nightclub, Britney Spears spent time with her boyfriend, Jason Trawick, and her two boys in Las Vegas. The four dined in a private dining room at Nove Italiano. According to [People](#), a source said, "Britney was very quiet ... but her kids were very nice and looked great."

Is Vegas a good vacation spot for kids?

Cupid's Advice:

Vacationing in Las Vegas, especially with your significant other, can be fun. But if you're planning a family vacation there and are unsure if it'll be an ideal place to take your children, consider the following tips:

- 1. Destination:** Most importantly, it depends on exactly where you're going in Vegas. If you'll spend most of your time in casinos and nightclubs, you're better off leaving your children at home.
- 2. Research:** There are plenty of activities for kids in Vegas. Pools and rides are just two options. This way your children also have something to get excited about.
- 3. Age:** If your children are infants, it might not be the best time to take them to Las Vegas, especially considering how crazy it can get there. Find a babysitter or wait a few years to explore all that Sin City has to offer.

Carrie Underwood Discusses What Bugs Her About Husband Mike Fisher





Soul Surfer actress

Carrie Underwood recently dished to [E! Online](#) about her relationship with husband Mike Fisher. First on the list to discuss were Underwood's pet peeves. "[Fisher] loves the UFC fighting and he will DVR the fights and watch them like five times!" said Underwood. "He'll watch them and then I'll get up for breakfast the next morning and he's watching them again. Then someone will come over and they have to watch it together! I'm like, 'Really?'" Although, Underwood admits she's nearly as guilty. "I think I nag a little more than I would like to, more than he would like me to," she explained. "I'm like, 'Please take the trash out, please change the lightbulbs. These are man things you should be doing. I'll make you brownies.'" "

How do you deal with habits that bug you about your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Most couples can attest to the fact that dealing with your partner's quirks can be difficult, even if the two of you aren't living together. Here are a few ways you can deal with those pet peeves:

1. Tough it out: While your partner's habits may be irksome at first, if you will yourself to cope for a short while, you may

eventually find that the habits no longer bother you. Be patient, and hopefully you can adjust.

2. Get some space: When your mate's quirks become too much to handle, be sure to get some space. Allowing yourself some 'you' time will make being with your partner all the more enjoyable (and less bothersome) when the two of you are together again.

3. Point out the issue: If you're still annoyed after trying to adjust to your partner's habits, bring the issue to your his or her attention. Instead of making him stop, ask him politely if he'll consider toning down his habit.

Kristen Stewart and Rob Pattinson Get Hitched Onscreen





On-and-off-screen

couple Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson, are preparing to tie the knot ... in *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn* as the mortal Bella Swan and vampire Edward Cullen. Though they may only be getting married onscreen, Stewart and Pattinson may be heading toward marriage in real life, too. According to [People](#), the pair, along with the rest of the cast, are gearing up to film parts 1 and 2 of the final section of the hit vampire series in Squamish, Canada. In preparation for the much-anticipated wedding scene, numerous cast members have also been seen crossing the Canadian border including Anna Kendrick, Justin Chon, Gil Birmingham, Christian Serratos and Ashley Greene.

Should you have a big or small wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

There are perks and downfalls to having either a small or big wedding. It all depends on your preference and your budget:

1. Big budgets can equal big weddings: If you have the cash and want to make a splash, a big wedding is an order.

2. Keeping it small: If you are a private person or simply don't have the budget, consider a small wedding.

3. Size doesn't matter: Though you will eventually have to decide the size of your wedding, size isn't everything. Your wedding day should be about you and your partner and the love you have for one another.

Singles Event: White Water Rafting Class



What better way to celebrate the arrival of spring then by heading down class IV and V rapids! This Saturday, take a wild ride and go White Water Rafting on the Mighty Housatonic, hosted by Meet Market Adventures. Wet suits, life jackets, helmets and footies will be provided. After going down some of the biggest rapids in New England, you'll be driven to Bulls Bridge Inn, where a wonderful three-course lunch awaits you. Check out the site

to see what you need to pack. Finding a new special someone is always an adventure! So this weekend, why not make it a literal one?

Who: Meet Market Adventures

What: White Water Rafting

When: Saturday, April 9 from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: Meet at the NE corner of 73rd Street and Broadway
New York, NY 10023

Cost: \$169.99 (includes lunch, transportation and equipment)

Prince William Declines Wearing Wedding Ring





Prince William and

Kate Middleton are bucking tradition once again, this time with the Prince's refusal to wear a wedding band after he's married. According to [People](#), Middleton is going to stick to tradition and sport a ring made from a tiny bit of Welsh gold, which was presented as a gift to Prince William from Queen Elizabeth. A spokeswoman from the palace says, "There is only going to be one ring, in accordance with the couple's wishes."

Should you wear a wedding ring?

Cupid's Advice:

Traditions are nothing to scoff at, as some are there for a reason. Others, however, hold symbolism that isn't necessarily prevalent in this day and age. Cupid has some things to consider when deciding whether to wear a wedding band:

1. Sentimental value: If a wedding band holds a lot of meaning to you and you'd feel uncomfortable not wearing one, that's nothing of which to be ashamed. Do what makes you comfortable in your beliefs.

2. Trust: You shouldn't doubt your partner's trustworthiness if you plan on marrying him or her, but there's no doubt that

wearing a wedding ring helps ward off others who are single and looking.

3. Physical comfort: Sometimes it's simply uncomfortable to wear rings, especially for most men who aren't used to the feeling. If you're in a profession where a ring would get in the way or you just don't like the feel of a ring on your finger, consider abstaining from the tradition.

Holly Madison is Looking for Her Soul Mate



Since her breakup with Jack Barakat last month, Holly Madison has been busy with her book, which hits stands next month, and as a correspondent for *Extra*. However, the star of *Holly's World* told [People](#) she is still looking for her soul mate. "It's hard for me, the

last couple relationships I had were long distance, [and] it's not like I can make much of an effort to travel and see anybody," Madison, 30, said. "The guy had to do all the work, unfortunately." Madison's Mr. Right, according to her, needs to be someone who is secure and not threatened by a successful woman. "He needs to be patient and somebody who knows where he wants the relationship to go," she said. Until she finds this mystery man, Madison said she is content with flying solo.

What do you do if your partner is more successful than you?

Cupid's Advice:

Unless Madison robs the cradle and marries Justin Bieber, she's going to be more successful than her partner. Cupid has some pointers if your lover is similar to Madison:

- 1. Put the ego aside:** For some, typically men, it's hard not to be the person who brings home the most money. With the current economy, any money you two earn is helpful.
- 2. Be proud:** In your relationship, you should be supportive of your lover. What better way to show that than by letting him or her know how proud you are of them?
- 3. Unconditional love:** In the big picture, if you truly love your "soul mate," then money shouldn't matter or play a factor in your relationship.

'Bad Teacher' with Cameron

Diaz, Justin Timberlake and Jason Segel



After being dumped by her sugar daddy, outspoken junior high teacher (Cameron Diaz) starts making drastic attempts to woo a studly colleague (Justin Timberlake). The Bad Teacher's approach to getting his attention takes an unexpected turn as she slowly starts to get better at her job, and the decision causes her to be up against a highly respected co-worker.

Is it healthy to be in a relationship with a colleague?

Cupid's Advice:

Every school has that cute teacher couple, but it's not always as easy as they make it seem. If you're thinking about dating

a colleague, Cupid has some things to consider:

1. Little privacy: When you're dating someone you work with, there's sure to be gossiping around the office. Not only do your co-workers constantly see the two of you during the day, but you or your partner are sure to tell someone about your Friday night. If you really want the relationship to work, look into transferring. Otherwise, you're sure to be the hot topic at the water cooler talk for a long time.

2. Pressure: If you think there's pressure at work now, working with your significant other could do a number to your stress level that no deadline could. From wanting to look nice to being better at your job, you'll find yourself focusing more on impressing your mate than getting any work done.

3. Awkward: Even though we avoid it all all costs sometimes, you have to look to the future. What if you break up? Having to see each other every day could be painful and awkward. If your partner is really worth the risk, it won't kill you to figure out a more healthy working situation.

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Michael Lohan Shows Off New Girlfriend on Twitter





Michael Lohan has had a lot going on recently with his daughter Lindsey ever-present in the media as well as his recent split from girlfriend Kate Major last week. [Pop Eater](#) is reporting, however, that Michael Lohan has taken everything in stride and gone off to Fort Lauderdale, Florida with a new girlfriend, Bernadette, in tow-to whom he debuted via a Twitter photo. In one photo Bernadette and Lohan are locking lips with a tweet reading, "U R amazing". Michael claims Bernadette is opposite of his ex Kate Major saying Bernadette is "in great shape" and "hates tabloids".

How do you deal with being jealous of an ex-partner?

Cupid's Advice:

There's not much more in life that stings worse more than when you catch a glimpse of an ex happy with his new partner. In order to keep your cool, remember that everything happens for a reason.

1. It wasn't meant to be: When you become jealous over an ex, think back to all the reasons why you shouldn't be jealous. What flaws of his do you no longer have to put up with?

2. Turn jealousy into pity: Seeing your ex move on with

another partner is never the easiest to swallow. Think of it as you being stronger and not needing a constant partner. You're better than that!

3. Move forward: If you find yourself being jealous of an ex, snap out of it! The sooner you find yourself being jealous the sooner you can make conscious efforts to refocus your energy to something more useful.

LeAnn Rimes Plans to Argue Naked for Successful Marriage



LeAnn Rimes has a theory about ensuring a successful marriage. She tweeted, “A good friend just told me that the key to a successful marriage was to argue naked! I’m gonna do that from now on, when that rarely happens.” What guy can continue an argument in a

situation like that? Luckily, according to Rimes, everything is flowing smoothly between her and Cibrian. She told [UsMagazine.com](https://www.usmagazine.com) that Cibrian has been an active participant in the wedding planning process and things have been pretty “chill.”

What are ways to keep conflict from escalating in a relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Getting naked is just one unconventional way to prevent conflicts from escalating in a relationship. Cupid has some other tips:

- 1. Communication:** Discuss things that bother you before allowing them to snowball into something that can end up causing a major rift between you and your significant other.
 - 2. Compromise:** Relationships are all about working together and making the effort to show the other person you care. If certain things bother you, it's best to try to compromise so the little things don't turn into big conflicts.
 - 3. Choose your battles:** Sometimes it's best that you let your partner win an argument every once in a while because there are most likely bigger things to worry about than the typical everyday issues couples face.
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Scarlett Johansson and Sean

Penn Go Public at Witherspoon's Wedding



After they were spotted together earlier this month, Scarlett Johansson and Sean Penn finally decided to go public with their relationship. The couple was seen together on Saturday at Reese Witherspoon's wedding to Jim Toth. After the wedding, Johansson and Penn stopped by Jimmy's Bar at Ojai Inn. According to UsMagazine.com, an eyewitness said Johansson was uncomfortable with all the stares they got from the bar. She muttered, "This is so terrifying," and Penn held her hand as they went to their seat. According to the eyewitness, Johansson sat in Penn's lap and they made out in full view for 15 minutes after their table was cleared.

How do you know when to go public with a relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

So you've been dating someone for a while and now you're wondering if it's the right time to take your relationship public. Cupid offers some suggestions on when to break the news:

1. The One: If you think you're meant to be soul mates and the relationship is strong and serious, it's time for you to take your union public.

2. Motives: Think about why you want the relationship to go public. If it's because your loved ones are pressuring you to find someone, then it's not a good idea to introduce your partner solely for that reason. However, if you love your special someone and want those close to you to see why, then go for it.

3. Emotions: If you're still unsure of going public with your partner, this might be a sign that you aren't ready yet. Take your time and introduce him or her once you're comfortable.

Carey Mulligan and Singer Marcus Mumford Are Getting Serious





Actress Carey

Mulligan and singer Marcus Mumford are getting serious about their relationship, reports UsMagazine.com. The two met after a secret *Mumford & Sons* show in Nashville on February 7th and immediately hit it off. A source, who saw Mumford and Mulligan a few days later at an *Arcade Fire* show, explained, " They were whispering to each other and enjoying the show. They definitely seemed like a couple." More recently, the couple have been spending time at Mumford's home in London, as well as vacationing in places like the Orkney Islands and in the Buckinghamshire area of Southeast England.

How quickly should you get serious about a new partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Especially after recovering from a broken relationship, diving into another serious relationship can be tricky. Here are a few ways to tell if you are ready for a serious commitment:

1. You are excited: Trust your gut. If you're genuinely excited about your new partner and feel that the two of you will be able to maintain a serious relationship, then go for it. Your enthusiasm will help the relationship succeed.

2. Past relationships are behind you: If there are any

leftover feelings or drama from any previous relationships, you may not be ready to jump into another serious relationship. You need to be burden-free in order to give your new relationship a fair shot.

3. Your partner's feelings: Even if you are more than ready for more commitment, your partner may not be. Make sure that you're both on the same page before you try to take the relationship further.

Sean Penn and Scarlett Johansson: Is the Age Difference an Issue?



By Christie Hartman,

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After 14 years of marriage, Sean Penn and Robin Wright divorced in July 2010. Now Penn, who's 50, has been caught canoodling with Scarlett Johansson, 26. Yes, your calculations are correct: Sean Penn is dating a woman who is literally half his age.

Of course, the obvious questions are: Why would Sean Penn go for someone so young? And why would Scarlett Johansson date a man so much older than herself? That's when all the pseudo-scientists come out of the woodwork and start spouting evolutionary theory – i.e. that older men like young and pretty women because they represent fertility, and that younger women like older, not-necessarily-good-looking men because they have the maturity and means to care for her and her young. While there is some truth to these theories, it's only a small part of what drives dating (and mating) behavior.

More often, such theory is used as an excuse for older men to chase women who are too young for them, and for younger women to seek sugar daddies.

That said, many people assume a May-December romance is somehow typical, and that it's what every man wants. Single women in Penn's age bracket may wonder, "What chance do I have if men my age can get women in their 20s??"

Here's why you shouldn't fret much when you see a relationship like Sean Penn and Scarlett Johansson:

1. Older men often rebound with younger women. In fact, dating a much younger woman is an ironclad sign a man is still recovering from a past relationship. He's looking for fun, sex and an ego boost after the difficult time he's been through.

2. Celebrities are not like regular people. You will often observe more extreme mating behaviors in celebrities, including multiple marriages, rapid transition from one partner to another, marrying after having dating only a few

months and partners with vast age differences. These behaviors are far less common among the rest of us. In fact, only 7.5% of U.S. marriages include a husband who is more than ten years older than his wife.

3. Most older men admire younger women, rather than prefer them. A youthful, pretty face is a pleasure to look at, but most men want a partner with whom they connect. That special connection will rarely occur with someone half your age. Likewise, most women prefer men much closer to their own age.

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Will Jessica Simpson Elope with Eric Johnson?





Now that Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson are engaged, we may end up seeing them as husband and wife when we least expect it. According to [People](#), Simpson says that her second wedding ceremony may be a bit more low key than her previous wedding to singer Nick Lachey. In a recent interview with *Women's Wear Daily*, Simpson says, "We've both been married before, we're enjoying our commitment to each other. We want to take our time ... We might elope if it gets to that point." So, don't be too surprised if you see Simpson and Johnson sporting wedding rings without an elaborate ceremony.

What are the advantages of eloping?

Cupid's Advice:

A wedding can be the best day of you and your soon-to-be spouse's lives, but it can also be one of the most stressful. Cupid has some reasons eloping could turn out to be your best bet:

- 1. Money:** As a brand new couple, the two of you may not have a lot of cash to spend on an elaborate ceremony. Eloping gives you the flexibility to have a small gathering on your own budget.

2. Privacy: Sometimes when creating the guest list, you may feel as if you need to invite your Uncle Harry's third cousin once removed. Sneaking away with your hubby gives you the opportunity to tell whomever you choose, without the added guilt.

3. Time: Many couples who have been dating a while, and even some who haven't, don't want long engagements. Eloping allows you to have your wedding on your own time, whenever you and your partner choose.

Prince Harry Throws Prince William Bachelor Party in U.K.



Prince Harry threw

his brother Prince William his bachelor bash this past weekend, and according to [E! Online](#), it included water skiing, motor boat racing, and a floating pub crawl with 20 of his best friends. A Clarence House spokesman didn't have too much to say about the event. "Prince William has enjoyed his stag and it was in the U.K," said the circumspect spokesman to London's Daily News.

What are some unique bachelor/bachelorette party ideas?

Cupid's Advice:

- 1. A fancy dinner at a hot spot:** Go somewhere where everyone goes to see and be seen, like a celebrity hot spot. Drink some strong Cosmopolitans in true *Sex and The City* and eat some quality food.
- 2. What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas:** Think about Sin City for a wild and crazy time. Based on the interests of your group, plan a trip full of gambling, shows and clubs. It's a party the groom or bride-to-be will never forget!
- 3. Have an outdoor adventure:** Instead of the traditional club scene, plan a weekend filled with outdoor excursions, whether that means cattle wrangling or white water rafting.

Ryan Phillippe and Amanda Seyfried Vacation Near Reese Witherspon's Wedding



Reese Witherspoon

and ex-husband Ryan Phillippe could have stumbled across each other this past weekend, reports [RadarOnline](#). Witherspoon, who was married to talent agent Jim Toth on Saturday, had her wedding at her Ojai, California home. Phillippe and new girlfriend Amanda Seyfried were vacationing at the expensive San Ysidro Ranch near Santa Barbara, a mere 30 minutes from Witherspoon's home. Phillippe and Witherspoon share two children together: Ava, 11, and Deacon, 7. The two finalized their divorce in 2007.

What are ways to tell that your ex is jealous of your new relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Even when all seems to be said and done in an ended relationship, it's possible for leftover feelings to resurface. Here are a few ways to find out if your ex is jealous:

1. He wants to see you: Even if the two of you agreed to be

friends after your relationship ended, there's still a line between being friendly and clingy. If your ex contacts you more often now that you're in a new relationship, it may mean that he's jealous.

2. Ask mutual friends: If you share mutual friends, ask your friends if your ex has been mentioning you more than usual lately, or if your ex seems to be moody. A bad attitude and a need to bring you into the conversation is a sure way to tell if your ex is jealous.

3. His dating tendencies: If it seems that your ex is taking a long time to move on from your relationship, it may mean that he still has feelings for you. While your ex just may not be the type to rush into a new relationship, his repeated avoidance of the dating scene may be cause for concern.

Cavanaugh Lee Talks 'Save as Draft'





By Erika Mioni

In today's fast-paced world, more and more people rely on technology. Fortunately (or unfortunately), relationships are also caught up in cyberspace. Cavanaugh Lee's *Save as Draft* tackles love's latest hurdle – the Internet. Protagonist Izabell Chin is an actress-turned-lawyer struggling to find true love. She soon finds two love interests: Peter, from her law firm, and Marty, from eHarmony. As her relationships with each guy take their course, the reader is privy to an in-depth look at the e-mails and text messages that were never sent. Too honest to reveal, those messages were saved as a draft. As Izabell's relationships slowly fall apart, the reader is able to understand that though e-mail, texting and online ventures are nearly inescapable during these modern times, it is important to remain honest and always say what needs to be said.

We had a chance to talk to Lee about her past technology-related experiences and her motivation for writing the novel. Here's what the author had to say:

What inspired you to write *Save as Draft*?

I wrote SAVE AS DRAFT (“SAD”) in the aftermath of a breakup. Actually, it was a little bit more than just a “breakup” – it was an engagement to be married. Rough, I know. Anyway, while I was mourning the loss of my relationship, I went back and read through all of my old emails to and from my ex. I noticed that there were tons of emails in my Inbox, dating back two years, proving that we had conducted our entire relationship online (even though we actually lived together for a good portion of that time!). I also noticed there were a ton of unsent emails in my Draft folder. At that point, I polled my friends about their own Draft folders. Turns out, we all seem to have a hard time sending the “honest” emails, and save them as draft instead (or delete them altogether). That was when I started writing the book...

Throughout the novel, you included a lot of input from Izabell’s friends. How important are friends when deciding on a love interest?

Very (even if we won’t admit it). By nature, we long for approval from our friends. If they don’t like someone we’re dating, we subconsciously start to wonder why... I mean, our close friends know us better than anyone (save for our parents) so if they disapprove, then they must have a valid reason for it. A best friend’s disapproval can be the end-game for a budding new relationship. Of course, friends often don’t tell us they don’t like our beau until it is O.V.E.R.

Do you feel that new technology (e-mail, Facebook, eHarmony, etc.) has harmed or helped people in their efforts to find love?

A little of both. All of the new technology has made it easier to communicate, but it has also made it easier for us to say absolutely nothing if we chose to. Explanation: we can spend all day “communicating on-line,” but our emails may lack

substance and honesty upon closer examination. Email has given us the ability to edit and fabricate ourselves upon the stroke of a key. That is not going to benefit any attempts to find love. However, if we use email to express ourselves fully, then we're on the right electronic track and it'll be a lot easier to discover a genuine connection (as opposed to just a wireless one).

Why do you feel that saving messages as drafts is so common?

Because we are scared to send an honest email, especially when said email may deal with "feelings." Think about it. How difficult is it to email: "I love you." Or, "I'm scared." Or, "I don't want to date you anymore." Or, "I think we should go slow." Or... the hardest one of all, "Do you like me?" We're scared of the response we may get. We immediately hit "pause, rewind, reevaluate," and then "save as draft." We think to ourselves, "It's much easier to simply be witty and disingenuous" – we send that email instead.

What's the most valuable advice you have learned from your past relationships?

When it comes to in-person and online, say what you mean, and mean what you say. Don't edit. Just hit send instead.

How much of your own past experience went into the creation of the novel?

SAD is loosely based on real life events. I was engaged. Then I was unengaged. I started dating someone else almost immediately. That didn't work out either. That is the basic plot line of the book. Interspersed in between everything, I had to imagine how the men felt, what they went through. That is obviously fiction as I don't live inside their minds. What I experienced from my end, however, is the "loosely based on real life events" part.

What do you hope people take away from your novel?

I hope people can learn from my mistakes. I hope I've provided some tidbits on this thing called "love." Most of all, though, I hope the readers enjoy the book and that I've provided a fun heartfelt read for a few moments out of their otherwise crazy, high-tech lives!

Cupid thanks Lee for her time! You can find *Save as Draft* on Amazon. For more on the author, you can visit her website at www.CavanaughLee.com.

Jennifer Hudson's Fiance Adjusting to Her New Body



Although most are excited about Jennifer Hudson's loss of 80 pounds, her fiancée isn't too thrilled. UsMagazine.com reports the 29 year-old Academy Award recipient told Jay Leno on Friday's

show that her man, David Otunga, preferred the casual clothes versus her new wardrobe. Also, she admitted her fiancée is not a big fan of change. “He fusses at me like, ‘Why do you have to have to get all dressed up to go out and why can’t you just go out like you used to?’” said Hudson. “And I’m like, ‘I’m a walking billboard now honey.’”

How do you overcome your partner’s judgment?

Cupid’s Advice:

- 1. Stay confident:** If you feel good, chances are your partner will think you look good. After all, your attitude reflects on the outlook of your day.
- 2. Listen to feedback:** Your lover may criticize if you change your look randomly, but try not to just blow it off. Listen carefully to their point so you fully understand.
- 3. Make your case:** What’s most important is that you clearly explain that how you look now is very important to you, and it makes you feel happy. Your partner will come around.

Singles Event: 50 First Dates





Wonder what it's

look to go on 50 dates within three hours? New York Easy Dates is making that happen on Saturday night from 6 to 9 p.m. at M1-5 Bar and Lounge. Each date is about two and a half minutes in length. Concerned about the short time span? Put it this way – we can decide if we feel a connection after 10 seconds, so you should be able to figure out if you want to see someone again after three minutes – especially if you're meeting 50 people! If you're sick of the bar scene and having a tough time finding a nice person at the coffee shop, give speed dating a try. Priding itself on high customer service, New York Easy Dates believes they are the best speed dating company in the Big Apple.

Who: New York Easy Dates

What: 50 First Dates

Where: M1-5 Bar and Lounge
52 Walker St. (between Church & Broadway)
New York, NY 10013

When: Saturday, April 2 from 6 – 9 PM

How Much: \$30 (comes with free drink)

Age Restrictions: Men (27-42); Women 23-37

Khloe Kardashian Says Kris Humphries Must Pass Family's Initiation



Khloe Kardashian has some advice for sister Kim's long-distance basketball boyfriend Kris Humphries: impress the fam. Khloe, who married Los Angeles Laker star Lamar Odom in September of 2010 knows firsthand how critical her brood can be. "I don't think Kris knows what he's getting into," Kardashain told [People](#). She says that this summer Humphries will get the opportunity to spend some time with the whole family and get initiated into the Kardashian group ... if he can manage.

What do you do if your partner doesn't get along with your family?

Cupid's Advice:

There is no one more influential in your choice of mate other than the members of your family. It may work in movies, but if your boo and your family butt heads, something needs to be done:

1. Talk it out: Discuss things separately first and then together if need be. Why does your partner not get along with your family and vice versa? As soon as you figure out where the conflict begins, you can start to mend the situation.

2. Figure out the reason: Is there a good reason for conflict between your partner and your family? Perhaps your family is concerned about your well-being when you're with your partner. Consider these objections for what they're worth and if they hold any value.

3. Blood is thicker: than water. Just like when your parents would weed out the good-for-nothing friends you brought home from school, your family is still (and always will be) your family. If this boyfriend is just a passing phase, consider moving on.