

Find Out How Famous Couple George and Amal Clooney Celebrated Her 37th Birthday



By [Katie Gray](#)

Cupid has the latest celebrity relationship news on everybody's favorite celebrity couple, George and Amal Clooney. The power couple are happier than ever. The iconic actor accepted the Cecil B. DeMille Lifetime Achievement Award at the Golden Globes on January 11th. During his acceptance speech, he gushed over his wife. Amal, the savvy lawyer and activist, has been representing Armenia in a trial over genocide denial on top of representing jailed journalist Mohamed Fahmy. The famous couple recently celebrated Amal's birthday. Rande Gerber, husband of Cindy Crawford, and one of

the Clooneys' close friends told [People](#), "We just had a dinner with a small group of close friends at George's house." As for what George did for Amal's birthday, the entrepreneur revealed that George is "always doing special things for her."

Famous couples have the world at their fingertips when it comes to planning birthday celebrations. What are some ways to make your partner's birthday special? Cupid has some advice.

Cupid's Advice:

Planning a great celebration has nothing to do with your notoriety or net worth. All that matters is the love and dedication you have for your partner. You can make your partner's birthday celebration special by simply showing you care and spending time with them. It truly is the thought that counts:

1. Surprise: One way to make your partner's birthday celebration special is by surprising them with a planned out series of thoughtful celebrations or throwing them a surprise party. They will be touched that you care and took the time to put it all together.

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2. Salute/Cheers: A nice touch that doesn't require spending a lot of money is getting their favorite drink and making a toast to them. Say a few words of kindness in front of friends and family, talk about why you love them and share some funny anecdotes.

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3. Make a wish: Make all of your partner's dreams come true. Think back on what they really want, and make it happen for their special day. Incorporate their interests and personality into the celebration. Having their favorite foods, drinks and cake for them is also a nice touch. Sing them "Happy Birthday," and let them make a wish before they blow out their candles.

What are some ways you have made your partner's birthday celebrations special? Share your stories below.

Amal Alamuddin Changes Name to Amal Clooney





By Amanda Boyer

After her September wedding to George Clooney in Venice, Amal Alamuddin is now officially Mrs. Clooney! The honeymoon is over, so now Alamuddin decided it was time to change her last name. According to UsMagazine.com, Amal also reflected her name change on the website of her London-based law firm, Doughty Street Chambers.

How do you decide whether to change your name post-marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

Thinking about taking your partner's last name? Cupid has some tips to help you decide:

1. Be traditional: If you want to be traditional as 80% of people do, take their last name. This is not only for your benefit, but will help distinguish your future children if you decide to grow your family.

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2. Be unique: If you want to keep your roots, but also keep a connection with your new spouse, consider hyphenating your name. This is something that will keep both sides of the family together and you ultimately happy.

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3. Be different: If you like your individuality and/or have a job that your name is closely associated with, consider keeping your last name.

Have another way to decide whether to take your partner's last name? Share it below!

Bill Murray Discusses Speaking at George Clooney and Amal Alamuddin's Wedding





By Maggie Manfredi

Who wasn't at this wedding? Well, we can tell you who was there: *Saturday Night Live* alum Bill Murray, according to [UsMagazine.com](https://www.usmagazine.com). Murray said, "I did speak. I did get to say something. I can't really recreate it, but it was something about the fact that – a lot of people, it seemed, put their lives on hold until these people [George and Amal] found their happiness. Because they're both very, very, very good people and very considerate and thoughtful of their friends and families. So the idea that they got it now is liberating. It really is liberating to see them alive and in love." A sweet sentiment from this famous funny guy.

What are three important things to say in a wedding toast?

Cupid's Advice:

Wedding toasts are traditional and a delightful addition to any celebration. Want to put your best foot forward? Cupid has some important elements to giving a great speech:

1. Be sincere: Speak from the heart and say what you feel. If

the love is there right in front of you, it won't be hard to find the words.

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2. Share a story: Everyone likes a blast from the past, or a great memory. Don't be afraid to add something from your own memory about the newly wedded couple.

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3. Make 'em laugh: Toasts can be sweet but they can also be silly. Make 'em laugh and make 'em cry, with those elements you can't go wrong.

Do you think Bill Murray had some good wedding toast jokes? Share what you think below!

Find Out Why Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck Weren't At Clooney's Wedding





By Amanda Boyer

According to [E! Online](#), George Clooney's wedding to Amal Aluddin was the place to be for Hollywood. So, why were Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner not there? Garner recently cleared the air on the *Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*. In fact, she recounted a story involving meeting George Clooney for the first time right after getting rid of lice in her hair. She joked, "So anyway, people keep asking why we weren't at George's wedding and we were both 'working,' but I think he didn't want Licey there."

How do you decide who to invite to your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Your wedding is a time to share your vows to your partner with your loved ones surrounding you. Here are some tips for you on deciding who to invite:

1. Make a list: Make a list of everyone you would want at your wedding if you could afford it and had room. This will serve as a starting point before you start to narrow things down.

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2. Start color coding: Separate your list into sections: primary family, distant relatives, close friends, etc. This will help you see who really needs to come versus who is optional.

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3. Question it: Start going through the people that could be maybes and ask yourself a few questions. Have I talked to this person in the last 6 months? Would this person actually want to come?

Have any other tips for making a guest list? Comment below.

George Clooney and Amal Alamuddin Honeymoon in England





By Maggie Manfredi

From Italy to England, these lovebirds are settling in for a simplistic honeymoon. According to [UsMagazine.com](https://www.usmagazine.com), George Clooney and Amal Alamuddin are hunkering down in their England home for a couple's retreat. The couple is spending time together and having all their meals brought in to them at their secluded mansion in the countryside. The weekend wedding extravaganza in Venice was a star studded event; so a countryside getaway seems like the perfect end to all of their celebrations and ceremonies.

What are the advantages to a low-key honeymoon?

Cupid's Advice:

So you've had the rehearsal, the wedding, the reception and now off to the honeymoon! Cupid does not blame you for wanted to keep things simple and easy after all the planning and stress of the wedding celebrations. Here are some of the advantages to a laidback honeymoon:

1. Relaxation: A luxurious trip can be great, but getting some

rest and enjoying each other's company in a comfortable environment might be just the thing you need to start the new chapter of your life.

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2. Connect: The wedding was about your love but also about sharing the joy with all your friends and family. The honeymoon is about being intimate and together, embrace the tradition.

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3. Indulge: Were you starving yourself to fit the gown, or stressing so much to make sure the seating was mastered, and the flowers perfect? Take this honeymoon to eat out, or better yet order in and enjoy with no worries except what you are in the mood for.

Which celeb couple will be next to walk down the aisle? Share your predictions below!

Brad Pitt Talks About George Clooney, Celebrity Weddings, and His Celebrity Love





By Maggie Manfredi

Love is in the air for Hollywood's favorite hunks! According to UsMagazine.com, [Brad Pitt](#) believes that marriage is more than just a license, which isn't a surprising opinion considering he recently tied the knot with long-time celebrity love and mother of their children, [Angelina Jolie](#). Pitt commented on actor friend, George Clooney, in light of his Hollywood relationship and rather public [celebrity wedding](#) celebration, saying, "Well, you know, George is extremely accessible. He's one of our best representatives. He's funny as sh-t. He's a joy to be around. I guess maybe I'm more of a miserable b-tard. I'm a bit of a loner, you know? I'm more quiet by nature. And coming from hillbilly country, I'm probably more reserved." Lately, Pitt has been backing off from his acting career to spend more time with his celebrity love and family.

Now that George Clooney is a

married man, a lot will change between him and his celebrity love. What are three ways a relationship changes after marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

We've come a long way since the standard was grow up, get married, and have babies. Every relationship is unique, and every couple has their own way of living life, but there are some changes that come with marriage if and when that happens. Cupid has some thoughts on them:

1. Becoming Mr. and Mrs.: There are now more options when it comes to the woman changing her name. You can: take your spouse's name but keep your pre-marriage name for professional reasons; get creative and start a new legacy with a new last name together; or change your maiden name to your middle name.

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2. What's mine is yours: Whether or not you signed a prenup, marriage comes with the principle that you will be sharing a life together. With that idea comes the elements of money, property and children, so be a contributor, listener, and lover.

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3. Work at it: You have made it through the honeymoon stage and the cohabitation successfully – congrats! But now, maybe the kids have three different after school activities to get to, or you've been traveling more for work. No matter what, don't forget to make time for each other! Date nights can help you stay connected. The little things will keep you coupled

and happy together.

What are some fun date night activities for married couples?
Share below!

George Clooney and Amal Alamuddin Have Civil Ceremony in Venice



By Maggie Manfredi

The City of Water was the City of Love this past weekend!
According to [UsMagazine.com](https://www.usmagazine.com), George Clooney and Amal Alamuddin

had a wedding to remember, from the bachelor/bachelorette outings to the five-course meal, all at a seven-star hotel in the middle of Venice. The couple's civil ceremony, to tie the knot officially, was sophisticated and romantic. Alamuddin wore a floppy hat and Clooney, a dapper grey suit, to say "I do" on Monday Sept. 29.

What are some ways to make a courthouse wedding romantic?

Cupid's Advice:

There are some stereotypes attached to a courthouse wedding, but Cupid has some advice to do it right a la Carrie and Big from *Sex & The City*:

1. Don't forget to say cheese: Just because you are having a small ceremony, doesn't mean you shouldn't document it. Make sure to hire a photographer for the candid moments, or if you want a very private ceremony ask a friend or family member to snap the special shots.

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2. Wedding wears: Sure you won't be making a very long walk down an aisle, but you can still wear the outfit of your dreams. It might not be white and it might not be long, the choice is all up to you!

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3. Party it up: You just made the commitment of a lifetime, if there was ever an excuse to celebrate, it's now. Dinner, cocktails, dancing...do what makes you happy and celebrate your wedded bliss with the one you love, and whoever else you deem worthy to join the fun.

Any courthouse wedding tips you think would make it a

memorable day? Share your thoughts below!

Find Out Details Behind George Clooney and Amal Alamuddin's Wedding Prep



By Maggie Manfredi

Everyone's favorite silver fox got hitched to his foxy lady this past weekend! According to UsMagazine.com Venice, Italy will never be the same post-wedding. George Clooney tied the knot with now-wife, Amal Alamuddin, at Hotel Cipriani.

Preparations were in full swing as the famous hotel was transformed into the romantic destination for the nuptials. Prior to the wedding, a source reported, "Everyone is very excited. It's going to be quite the party. There is a lot of celebrating planned. They will be serving the tequila at a couple of the parties!" Pass the lime and the salt, because we want to make a toast to the happy couple.

What are the three most important things to do during wedding prep?

Cupid's Advice:

You are counting down the days until the wedding, you have checklists and choices to make and family members to please. You might be thinking there isn't enough time! Not to worry, Cupid is here to assist with the wedding preparation:

1. Stay organized: There a lot of moving parts in order to pull off a successful rehearsal, ceremony and reception. Keep a binder (or the 21st century electronic equivalent) to keep track of deadlines and to take notes.

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2. Be calm: Will all the guests, the spending and all the personal time put in, it will be easy to stray towards the bridezilla side of the wedding spectrum. But take deep breaths, spend as much time as you can with the person you love and remain calm.

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3. Have fun: This is your day! Sure the prep can be stressful but remember why you are doing it, to share with your friends and family the bond that you and your partner are making. That is simply a beautiful thing, embrace the joy.

What are your pre-wedding must dos? Share your comments below!

Is George Clooney's Fiance Amal Alamuddin Pregnant?



By Amanda Boyer

Although there are numerous rumors about George Clooney and Amal Alamuddin expecting their first child since late last month while in Europe, it's been recently confirmed there is no baby bump! According to UsMagazine.com, Clooney's rep said the happy couple "is not pregnant" and their marriage is going well as it is "the healthiest relationship I've ever seen

George in.”

How do you decide when to reveal your pregnancy to family and friends?

Cupid’s Advice:

Just recently found out you’re pregnant? Follow these tips on when to tell your loved ones you’re going to have an addition to the family:

1. It’s a boy!: Wait until you find out the gender for even more of a surprise. When you tell your family, you can reveal you are either having a son or daughter.

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2. Get the sonogram picture: Being able to show off your baby with a picture is a great way to announce that you are pregnant. Simply frame the picture and wrap it for more of a show.

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3. Have the bump: Once a few months pass and you can see a difference in your body changing, walk into a room with a tight shirt on. When people ask the obvious question, “Are you pregnant?” you can answer truthfully!

Did it differently? Share your memories below!

George Clooney and Amal

Alamuddin Get Marriage License in London



By Shannon Seibert

The wedding bells are ringing! George Clooney and Amal Alamuddin snagged their marriage license in London at Chelsea Town Hall. The pair has been engaged since April and the actor and lawyer power couple is planning their wedding for this fall. According to UsMagazine.com, a source says that this is the happiest relationship that Clooney has been in, and the pair have a healthy, and wonderful love.

What are some ways to know you're ready for marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

Marriage is THE commitment. This isn't something you do just for fun, because your parents want you to, or because you're feeling pressured to. This is all about you and your man, so you want to make sure this is the right man going into it. Take these thoughts into consideration before you say "I do":

1. There is nothing holding you back emotionally: It is only normal for everyone to come with some sort of emotional baggage from past relationships. Before heading toward the altar, take a moment to breathe. If you don't find yourself drowning in other entanglements, secrets, or reservations, it's safe to say you can take this step forward with your love.

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2. It's not about the wedding, it's about being married: As we grow up we are instructed about how our lives are supposed to go. You go from being a child to being in school, then graduating, getting married, and having children. This is supposed to be sufficient by societal standards but this is the person who is going to stand by your side forever. If you're just looking forward to wearing a white gown and the honeymoon, then marriage isn't for you. This is going to be hard work on both ends, and nothing will be easy from this point forward.

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3. You're 100 % sure about your partner: If you can say wholeheartedly that you trust your partner with your life, then you're in safe hands. He's your knight in shining armor, who has been there for you through your ups and downs, has seen you in both positive and negative lights, and still finds you wonderful. You deserve eternal happiness, and you have to find that with someone who makes you feel good about yourself.

There is no room left for doubt within a marriage, so don't take any into it.

How did you know you were ready to be married? Share with us in the comments below!

George Clooney and Amal Alamuddin Attend Her Cousin's Wedding



By Sanetra Richards

Aside from planning their own, George Clooney and fiancée Amal

Alamuiddin attended a wedding last Thursday, July 10th. According to UsMagazine.com, the bride-to-be was actually the officiant of her cousin, Tarek Miknas' nuptials, which took place in Chianti, a region known for its wine making outside of Florence, Italy. The 36-year-old attorney was dressed in a gorgeous purple gown as she officiated the nuptials at the Villa Mangiacane. The ceremony's location was designed with sweeping views, giving a beautiful sight of 600 acres of vineyards and olive groves. A guest also commented on Clooney's character, saying the actor "was affable and polite with those he met and made a big impression on those involved in the wedding." After the wedding, the soon-to-be married couple took a few photos with the bride and groom. So, when will he be expecting the wedding for the future Mr. and Mrs. Clooney? A source says Clooney would "marry her today . . . but he wants to give her a dream wedding."

What are some advantages to marrying at a place with sweeping views?

Cupid's Advice:

When planning a wedding, the location is definitely key. Not only do you want the place to be memorable, but you also want it to be mesmerizing and close to breathtaking. If you are looking for both of these qualities in a venue, a setting with sweeping views will definitely do the trick. Cupid has some pros to choosing a place with a stunning view:

1. Amazing outlook: No need to fret, the attention will still be on you during the ceremony. However in the meantime, give the guests something to admire while waiting for you to grace the aisle. They will be in complete awe at the surrounding scenery – whether that may be the beautiful nature or antique buildings.

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2. Less time on decorations: Although you will have to add a special touch to the venue, a backdrop provides great detail to the place. With an outdoor wedding, the sweeping view is a part of the decoration. Focus on how to bring that out more so than the actual decorations surrounding the guests.

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3. Sweet serenity: Admit it, the thought of marrying your love in a stunning venue with a nice background has you on the verge of tears. If not, by the end of ceremony you will be. Not only will the emotion piled up from the nuptials wet your eyes, but also knowing you are marrying the love of your life in such a remarkable place will also do the trick (and make for great pictures).

What do you think about having a sweeping view at your wedding? Share below!

George Clooney is Granted Protection Laws in Lake Como Pre-Wedding





By Laura Seaman

George Clooney is taking some extra precautions before his upcoming marriage to Amal Alamuddin. The actor has been given two protection laws making it illegal for fans and paparazzi to come too close to his residence in Lake Como, Italy. These laws state that it is illegal to stop on the road outside Clooney's house or the water in front of his villa 24-hours a day. "It's a question of traffic and security," the town's mayor tells UsMagazine.com. "It is very dangerous and it's also an issue of privacy." The new laws will be in place until September 30.

What are some ways to prevent wedding crashers at your reception?

Cupid's Advice:

It's easy to understand why you don't want uninvited guests at your party, and even more so when the party is celebrating one of the most important events of your life. However, it does happen, and trouble usually follows. Here are some tips from

Cupid to keep party crashers at bay, whether they're unruly friends, relatives with family issues, or just strangers who happen to show up:

1. Make it clear to guests that it is a private occasion. This might mean adding a small note to the end of the invitation or going so far as to call each guest and explain the situation, but if it's really important you will make sure all of your partygoers understand. If it's not clear, they might try to invite more people or accidentally blab to an uninvited friend or relative about the time and location.

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2. Pick a proper venue. If your reception is outdoors or in a popular public space like a park or pavilion it might be a bit difficult to ensure that nobody crashes. Private, indoor locations are easier to secure and less likely to catch the attention of hopeful party crashers.

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3. Pay for the extra security. You don't have to go to the extent that George Clooney did, but a little extra security can go a long way. One or two workers at the door checking the guest list are much more likely to catch an uninvited guest. It's not your job to monitor the party; it's your job to have fun and make memories!

How did you keep wedding crashers away from your reception? Tell us in the comments!

George Clooney's Aunt Says Brad Pitt Will Be Best Man at Wedding



By Sanetra Richards

And may the best man win! According to UsMagazine.com (and Aunt Staria), George Clooney is in preparation for his big day with fiancé Amal Alamuddin and is considering Brad Pitt to be standing by his side. Staria, who is married to George's uncle Joe Clooney, revealed to the *Daily Mail* that she believes her nephew will choose no one other than the handsome A-list actor as his best man. "I would say he'd choose Brad Pitt for his best man," Staria said. "They are good friends, I would think that's who he'd choose." She also dished on where the wedding could possibly be . . . Italy! The

former bachelor has a home in there in Lake Como. When it comes to where the wedding will be, Clooney's aunt went on to hint at Italy; the Oscar winner keeps a home there in Lake Como: "I do know that Nick and Nina [George's parents] are planning a trip over to Italy in the next week or so to, I guess, scope out some stuff," she said. Staria, who is an Ohio non-denominational minister went on to say she would be pleased to officiate the couple's nuptials and would say yes in a "heartbeat." Clooney asked for the lawyer's hand in marriage back in April. An insider told *Us*, "This is the healthiest relationship I've ever seen George in ... he seems incredibly happy."

How do you select your wedding party without hurting your friends' feelings?

Cupid's Advice:

Planning a wedding is similar to making a life changing decision. You are constantly changing your mind, plus you want everything to be perfect – and on top of all of this, you have to deal with the opinions/suggestions of everyone else! In the midst of planning, comes the time when you must choose who is going to be in the wedding party . . . the icing on top of the cake! Cupid has some tips to ease the stress and tension when deciding:

1. Sticking to a certain size: Selecting a wedding party when you are basically a social butterfly, is similar to a life or death decision. Inform your friends, preferably one-on-one, that you are aiming for a specific number of bridesmaids or groomsmen. Let them know it is nothing personal against them or any favoritism, but you do not want to go over the limit you and your partner have agreed on.

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2. Budget: Having a large wedding party can be costly. If you are trying to achieve a money-friendly wedding, then the goal is to have as little people in the party as possible – inform them of this. Be wise when financially planning, although you may be tempted to have all ten of your BFFs standing beside you on the special day.

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3. Include them in other things: Just because they will not be walking down the aisle prior to your entrance does not mean they cannot have a role in the most important moment of your life. Ask if they would like to be included in other various tasks, such as being ushers or greeters. It's worth a shot!

What are some ways to choose your wedding party without upsetting your friends? Share your thoughts below.

Screwing the Rules Video Dating Tips: George Clooney is Engaged! Why He Chose Her





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Dating Advice from E!'s *Famously Single* Laurel House on Amal and George

With this sexy actor's recent engagement, we all can't help but wonder: What did Amal Alamuddin do to capture George Clooney's heart? In this week's [dating advice](#) video, dating expert and E!'s *Famously Single* dating coach, [Laurel House](#) reveals the truth: "Her attitude was, 'You're just a guy.' She wasn't hypnotized by his looks or money or fame or the fact that he's considered to be one of the most eligible bachelors in the world." With this thought in mind, learn how to snag your own dream man!

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George Clooney's Family Is 'Thrilled' About Engagement to Amal Alamuddin



By Louisa Gonzales

George Clooney and girlfriend Amal Alamuddin are getting

married! According to UsMagazine.com, not only is Alamuddin becoming a part of the Clooney family, she's being welcomed with open arms. Clooney, 52, recently was confirmed on Saturday to have proposed to his lawyer girlfriend, 36. Reportedly the actor heartthrob's father, Nick Clooney, is "thrilled" about the news and think Alamuddin is a "wonderful young woman" and George's mother shares the same sentiment. Congratulations to the happy couple!

What do you do if your family isn't supportive of your engagement?

Cupid's Advice:

Getting engaged is an exciting time in your relationship and is cause for a celebration. However, it can be hard to enjoy or even celebrate when everyone you love doesn't support your relationship or the engagement. Cupid has some advice on what to do if your family isn't supportive of your engagement.

1. Ask them to give another chance: There's nothing wrong with asking your family to give your beau another chance. Perhaps their first meeting or interaction happened under bad circumstances, so try arranging for you, your significant other and your family to get together under better settings. If the people you love truly care about your happiness they should be willing to do whatever necessary to see that you will be happy.

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2. Be patient: Maybe your family doesn't agree with your engagement right now, but maybe they will over time. Every relationship takes time to build, that includes your lover's relationship with your family, so let things develop on their own gradually as time passes. If you try to force a relationship between your love and family it will put too much

pressure on you and them and it may seem like you're trying to hard to prove your relationship.

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3. Share your love with the family: You don't have to dish out all the private and intimate details about your love life, but it won't hurt sharing little things about it. If your family can get a glimpse of the two of your's love for each other, it will help them better understand why the relationship works. So, try next time you are together with your family sharing all the ways your honey make you happy or tell them stories about some of the fun things you've done.

What do you think you should do when your family isn't supportive of your engagement? Share in the comments below.

Celebrity Couple Predictions: Mary-Kate Olsen, Eva Mendes and Amal Alamuddin





By [Shoshi](#)

For today's column, let's take a look at three celebrity couples that are on top of the media's radar— whether it's because of an odd pairing, an on-and-off-again relationship, or a surprising new coupling:

Mary-Kate Olsen and Olivier Sarkozy: The former child star turned fashion designer is rumored to be engaged to the banker, although she has yet to officially confirm the news. When this engagement was first announced, there was a collective “ew” heard around the world.

Olsen is 27 years old, while Sarkozy is 44 years old – but one can say that Olsen has experienced a lot in her 27 years. Therefore, their 17-year age difference shouldn't be a major factor in this relationship. It's the visual of seeing them together that makes people stop and ponder a bit. She's a petite youthful-looking pixie, while he's over a foot taller than her and looks every bit of his four decades. In other words, he looks more like her daddy than her fiancé. Seeing the two of them with his teenage daughter definitely makes you

do a double take!

Since Sarkozy and Olsen have been together, she seems to be completely drama-free. The two already live together in a six-million-dollar home in New York City, and the fashion designer has shown how she will be as a stepmom to Sarkozy's two children. So the next step appears to be marriage. I can see them getting married secretly and having a baby together before the relationship hits a major bump.

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Eva Mendes and Ryan Gosling: Are they together or not? That's the question. The two of them haven't been photographed together for over three months. In the midst of the break-up rumors, she has been seen walking his dog, while he has been seen driving her car and peeking over her fence. One report even had the actor rekindling his relationships with his *The Notebook* co-star Rachel McAdams, who he admitted was his first love.

Maybe the twosome are just having fun and like to keep us all guessing. It could also be a way to get people interested in Gosling's directorial debut *How to Catch A Monster*, which Mendes stars in.

In looking at their relationship energy, I feel like these two can't figure out what they're doing. Either they commit to each other 100 percent and get married or buy a house together, or they split and move on. Part of why they're staying together is their comfort level.

Also, might I add that it looks like things in the bedroom are quite fabulous. Let's keep it real: Good loving will make anyone stay around a little bit longer!

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George Clooney and Amal Alamuddin: It has finally happened: Clooney is dating a woman who has beauty *and* brains. This isn't to throw any shade at the lovely ladies he has dated in the past, but his new girlfriend has some major girl geek credentials. Alamuddin's resume includes a career in international law, fluency in French and Arabic, and a degree from Oxford. Plus, she's an author.

Some say that she's way out of Clooney's league. While the actor is no Oxford grad, he is deeper than some of his former dating choices. Let's not forget that he normally makes his intellectual statements in the movies that he produces and directs.

There is speculation that he staged the recent photos of the couple in New York because he's upset that his ex Stacy Keibler got married and is expecting a baby less than a year after their break-up. I won't go so far as to say that Clooney cried over Keibler's big news, but it bruised his ego a bit. He's used to his exes looking a little pitiful in the press when he drops them, whereas the beautiful blonde rebounded with a win.

His relationship with Alamuddin will have a typical Clooney run. She will accompany him to events, vacations, and other high-profile outings. However, she will bore of him versus him getting bored with her. She's a woman of many layers; Clooney picked a lady who will give him a run for his money.

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George Clooney and New Girlfriend Vacation in Luxury Islands



By Sanetra Richards

George Clooney took new girlfriend Amal Alamuddin, 36-year-old, to the luxury island of Seychelles, which is located close to Southeast Africa. According to UsMagazine.com, the two were spotted on March 13th sipping drinks while walking along the beach. However, this is not the first time Alamuddin and Clooney's names have been mentioned together. In October, rumors began to circulate about the pair when they were seen in London. At the time, Clooney was dating model Monika Jakisic and considered Alamuddin "just a friend," said a

source to *Us*. From the looks of it, the duo could possibly be official. A source also revealed “he does like having her around.”

How can vacationing with a new partner solidify your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

The first vacation in your new relationship could be considered an important leap to take. It can go either two ways – absolutely terrible or all you have ever dreamed of. In this case, you would rather have the second one. Cupid has some ways on how a worthwhile vacation can strengthen your new or existing relationship:

1. Making decisions: Before you are able to actually take the romantic trip, planning has to be done. If it is a joint effort, the two of you have to come to an agreement on the destination, dates, etc. Whether you realize it or not, you and your new partner are actually testing the waters. If you both can come to a common ground without much of a disagreement, then this could be a sign of what your relationship will be like when it comes to mutual decision making.

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2. Good vibes & auras: A change of scenery and ample free time typically results in better moods, especially for those who experience hectic lifestyles back at home. You will be able to see your partner at his/her best, which will make the vacation pleasurable. Happy people equates to even happier times.

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3. Intimacy: A one-on-one vacation cuts you off from all distractions, giving you time to specifically focus on each

other and still managing to take in the surroundings. These moments could be spent doing various activities around the site or engaging in conversations that better your understanding of each other. After all, the vacation is there to take your mind off of everything else and to connect with your new love. Spark a flame!

What other ways can a vacation solidify a new relationship?

Stacy Keibler and Michael Chiarello Are Looking For the Next 'Supermarket Superstar'





Interview by [Lori Bizzoco](#); Editorial by Kerri Sheehan

Lifetime welcomed a new reality show to its ranks this summer with the July 22nd premiere of *Supermarket Superstar*. The show has been described as *Shark Tank* with food, giving undiscovered food entrepreneurs a chance to stand out among the big brands in the highly competitive food industry. Stacy Keibler, who made a name for herself as a World Wrestling Entertainment Diva, hosts the program. The blonde bombshell was known as “The Legs of WWE” due to her tall stature, but she rose to even greater prominence during her relationship with A-list actor George Clooney, which ended earlier this year.

On *Supermarket Superstar*, aspiring foodie entrepreneurs pitch their products to three mentors: Debbi Fields, the founder of Mrs. Fields Cookies; Chris Cronyn, the president of Dine Marketing; and Michael Chiarello, megastar chef and retail visionary. These recognizable faces help contestants tweak their edibles so that they can win over Tom Dahlen, the buyer for A&P supermarkets. The *Supermarket Superstar* who Dahlen chooses in each episode wins \$10,000 in cash and \$100,000 in

product development as well as a chance to compete for their product to be sold in A&P supermarkets and their affiliates across the country.

When she was first approached about the show, Keibler was already developing her own healthy food line. The former *Dancing with the Stars* contestant has “always had a love of food and cooking, so it just seemed like the stars were aligned, and it was a perfect fit.” It’s clear that the actress enjoys being a part of the program, even though she has a hard time guessing the winner each week. “I want everyone to win! I just love seeing their journey and watching them evolve through the whole process.”

Food titan and main mentor for the competitors, Chef Chiarello, would agree. He explains, “I think all of their stories are so extraordinary, and you fall in love as you learn more about each competitor.”

Supermarket Superstar gives some people the big break they’ve been searching for but denies others of their dream. Both Keibler and Chiarello are familiar with the nature of competition – as a WWE Diva and *DWTS* contestant and a *Top Chef Master’s* contestant respectively. In the end, they want to see the contestants do well, and Chiarello expresses his hopes that “as the series grows, we’d like to see a regional launch of each week’s winner because they all deserve a regional spot.”

Keibler echos Chiarello’s sentiments, saying, “We have people who have a great idea, people who have put their soul into trying to fulfill this goal, so I think the show is such a perfect platform for people to try to make their dreams a reality.”

The model hopes that the show will be renewed for a second season. She believes that it’s captured viewers because it shows “an inside process that most of us are a part of but

know very little about. We're all consumers of food; we all go to the supermarket; and we all eat. We don't necessarily know the story behind how the products got onto the shelves."

Speaking of being a consumer of food, Chiarello has some tips for cooking a meal for your special someone. The chef has been married since 2003 to his wife Eileen and shares, "When I'm trying to do something romantic, it's not so much about lobster and caviar, but instead, it's about threading a story through the couple of dishes that you have." For example, you could make a delicious poached peach desert because the scent of peach reminds me of you of your partner.

Chiarello warns against taking your partner out for a swanky four-hour, six-course meal though. "It's not going to end like you hoped!" he jokes. "Keep things fresh and light and build stories with it. After all, it's the stories that create the flavor memories."

You can catch Supermarket Superstar on Lifetime on Thursdays at 10:30/9:30c. For more on Keibler and Chiarello, be sure to follow them on Twitter.

George Clooney Vacations in Lake Como Post-Split with Stacy Keibler





By Petra Halbur

The newly single George Clooney was spotted near his vacation compound in Lake Como, Italy, with friends last Wednesday, July 10. UsMagazine.com reports that the 52-year old actor appeared to be in high spirits despite his recent breakup with model, Stacy Keibler. The couple reportedly ended their 2-year relationship because of the amount of time Clooney had to spend away on location for work. "They hadn't had sex in months," a source confided. "He's been in Europe [filming *Monuments Men*], and she's in L.A., and they haven't seen each other in a long time. Some girls would be okay with that and just be happy dating George, but not her." Another insider added, "No one got dumped. They both discussed it and realized it was better that they split."

How do you re-group after a heartbreaking breakup?

Cupid's Advice:

Breakups are hard to bounce back from. It's easy enough to tell yourself to move on but it's difficult to actually do so.

Cupid is here to help put the pieces back together after a break up:

1. Grieve: A period of time in your life is over and that hurts. Give yourself some time to grieve and find some closure before moving on.

2. Get involved: Volunteer at an animal shelter or food bank. A sense of purpose and accomplishment can do miracles to mend a broken heart.

3. Reconnect with others: Chances are, you probably put a few friendships on the back burner while you were involved with your former partner. Take this opportunity to reconnect with them. Remember: being single does not mean that you are alone.

How did you get your life back together after your break up? Tell us below.

5 Celebrity Exes Who Became Famous After Their Break-Ups





By Petra Halbur

A nasty break-up can leave you feeling pretty hopeless and sad. During your alone time you have two options: You can either convince yourself that you'll never be happy alone, or you can enjoy success without that special someone in your life. Many famous couples have gone through splits, but that wasn't the end of fame for these [celebrity exes](#). Plenty of stars have emerged from a painful celebrity break-up or celebrity divorce and gone on to achieve amazing professional success. Sometimes, it is within only a few years of the split. Here are a few to consider:

Stars Who Became Famous After a Celebrity Break-Up

1. January Jones: Jones' first famous boyfriend was Ashton Kutcher, who she dated from 1998 to 2001. She met singer-songwriter, Josh Groban, in 2003 and had a Hollywood relationship for three years before calling it quits in 2006. Just one year later, Jones was cast as Betty Draper Francis on

the hit show, *Mad Men*, and in 2011, she joined the Marvel universe as Emma Frost in *X-Men: First Class*.

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2. Johnny Depp: In all fairness, Depp wasn't exactly languishing in obscurity when he and *Edward Scissorhands* co-star, Winona Ryder, broke up in 1993. Still, Depp's success starring in off-beat films like *Cry Baby* and *Benny & Joon* in the early 90's was nothing compared to what he has achieved since playing Captain Jack Sparrow in 2003's *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl*.

3. Robert Downey Jr: Few people remember the days when Downey and *Sex and the City* star, Sarah Jessica Parker, dated in the 80's. Neither actor enjoyed major professional success during their seven-year famous relationship. One year after their celebrity break-up, Downey struck Oscar gold (well, almost) when he was nominated for Best Actor for his performance in *Chaplin*. He has since gone to achieve Marvel film immortality as Tony Stark in the *Iron Man* and *Avengers* franchises.

4. George Clooney: It's hard to believe that Hollywood's favorite bachelor was once a husband. Clooney hadn't achieved much in the way of fame when he married actress Talia Balsam in 1989. The Hollywood couple divorced in 1993. Just one year later, Balsam's celebrity ex had his big break when he was cast as Dr. Doug Ross in *E.R.* The rest is history!

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5. [Angelina Jolie](#): Long before her relationship with [Brad Pitt](#) came into existence, Jolie was Mrs. Jonny Lee Miller. Jolie and Miller tied the knot in 1996 and went through a celebrity divorce 18 months later. The separation was finalized in 1999, and in early 2000, Jolie won an Oscar for *Girl, Interrupted*. She went on to become an action icon in 2001 when she was cast as the titular character in *Lara Croft*:

Tomb Raider. Needless to say, things have only gotten better for the actress and humanitarian.

Who is your favorite celebrity ex? Tell us below!

George Clooney and Stacy Kiebler Call It Quits



By Kristyn Schwiep

After two years of dating George Clooney and Stacy Keibler have decided to split. The decision to split wasn't an easy one. According to UsMagazine.com, Keibler and Clooney have

been having ongoing discussions in the last few weeks and they both realized it was better that they split. The distance between the two didn't make their relationship any easier. Due to working on different projects, the couple hadn't been in the same country for a long time.

What are some ways to make a long distance relationship stronger?

Cupid's Advice:

Long distance relationships are tough on the heart. Is dealing with the separation and fear of doubt worth it? Cupid has some advice on how to make your long distance relationship stronger:

1. Communicate: Talk to your partner about your expectations about the relationship and try to understand each other's. Discussing the parameters of your relationship will save you the heartache and misunderstanding in the future. So make sure you ask your partner questions like, "What are you looking to get out of the relationship?" or "Are we going to be exclusive?" Don't be afraid to communicate.

2. Keep the romance alive: Talking on the phone every day can become repetitive and boring, so try other things that can keep the romance alive. If you want to see your partner, video chat is a great alternative to the average phone conversation. Also, try and think of other ways to keep the romance alive such as, sending flowers, watching TV or movies simultaneously together or sending e-cards. Here's a list of 100 things you can do in a long distance relationship.

3. Take advantage: Being with someone who is close to you in distance can put a strain on your relationships with family and friends, so take advantage of the benefits while in a long distance relationship. You get to spend more time with your family and friends without having to choose, you get to

maintain your individuality and when you reunite after being apart you have the opportunity to fall in love over and over again.

What are some ways to make a long distance relationship stronger? Share your thoughts below.

Celebrity News: 5 Best Celebrity Pranks



By [Whitney Baker Johnson](#)

Everybody loves a good prank – and celebrities are no

different. Of course, their pranks usually get more attention than those executed by everyday folks. They have endless means at their disposal (including a fan base to share the funny news) and often take pranking to a whole new level. In honor of April Fools' Day, we pulled together this list of our five favorite celebrity pranks (in no particular order):

1. George Clooney versus Brad Pitt: These two leading men are involved in an ongoing war of pranks both on and off film sets. It started when Clooney put a bumper sticker on Pitt's car that read, "I'm gay and I vote." In response, Pitt bought a few ads in the Hollywood trade papers about Clooney being twice named *People* magazine's "Sexiest Man Alive." Wonder what these actors have up their sleeves next!

2. Ashton Kutcher versus Justin Timberlake: Who can forget MTV's show *Punk'd*, which was created, hosted and produced by Kutcher? One of the best pranks was played on Timberlake. One of Kutcher's friends posed as someone from the Internal Revenue Service and told Timberlake that he owed over a million dollars in taxes and that they were going to take all of his possessions – even his dogs. The "Suit & Tie" singer was nearly brought to tears before Kutcher revealed the truth.

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3. Sarah Silverman and Matt Damon versus Jimmy Kimmel and Ben Affleck: Silverman paired up with Damon to prank then-boyfriend Jimmy Kimmel. Their hilarious video has had almost four million views on YouTube! To retaliate, Kimmel teamed up with Affleck, Damon's BFF, and created another video that featured Cameron Diaz, Brad Pitt, Don Cheadle and more.

4. Taylor Swift versus Keith Urban: To ensure that her tour with Urban ended on high note, Swift decided that pranking was a must. The country starlet, along with a few of her band members, dressed up in full KISS makeup and outfits and rushed

the stage while Urban performed “Kiss a Girl.” Certainly made for a memorable photo op!

5. Khloe Kardashian and Nicole Richie versus Kim Kardashian:

In 2010, Khloe and Nicole teamed up to prank Khloe’s big sister, Kim. They hacked into her Twitter account and posted hilarious updates until the reality star figured it out. Luckily, she was a good sport about the joke and later tweeted, “That was hands down the funniest April Fools’!!”

Which celebrity prank do you love most? Tell us in the comments below!

Expert Relationship Advice: Are You Expecting Ryan Gosling Perfection?





by [Jane Greer](#), PhD for GalTime.com

From the outside, Ryan Gosling probably seems like a flawless boyfriend – there’s certainly no denying that he’s a handsome star. But [maintaining a relationship](#), as he and Eva Mendes have done for well over a year, requires so much more than that.

We all want the ideal relationship with the best partner, right? In our minds, that person is very clear: always thoughtful, tuned into our needs, knowing what we hope for before we even have to voice it. So when you are dating someone and they don’t act like that, do you immediately assume they aren’t right for you, or might they be worth a little more time and effort? More important, how can you make the distinction?

When it comes to your partner, many people’s notion is: If You Loved Me, You Would. If you loved me, you would be willing to spend Saturday with my parents. If you loved me, you would agree to eat vegetarian. If you loved me, you would shave every day because I ask you to.

The problem is, when your partner doesn't do these things, it seems like they are being selfish and purposefully disappointing you. That is not always the case at all. In fact, often your partner's choices are more about their own preferences and not a measure of their love for you. It is the act of placing your judgment on those actions that puts the negative spin on them.

We all come at things from a varied perspective, and much of that has to do with the families we grew up in. It might seem perfectly natural to spend every Saturday with your parents, but he is used to seeing his own parents twice a year. Or you might want to stop eating meat for one reason or another; but she loves meat, and that has nothing to do with how she feels about you.

Disrespectful behavior that makes you feel devalued or bad requires other considerations. But if it is just a matter of dealing with your differences, despite the few bumps they might generate, it doesn't have to mean the end of the journey. The goal is not to eradicate the disappointments, but to learn how to handle them, work through them, and move on.

No partner is perfect, probably not even Ryan, so you want to be equipped to face the let-downs without letting the whole thing falling apart.

Top 5 Celebrity Couple Predictions



By Yolanda Shoshana

It can be hard keeping up with the love life of celebrities. If you blink, you just might miss a breakup or a week long relationship between two costars. I pulled out my crystal skull to do predictions on some of the celebrities everyone wants to know more about:

1. Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds: This was the surprise wedding of the summer. Some media outlets have called Lively a trophy wife, because they believe she nothing but arm candy. I say, take a good look at Reynolds, because last time I checked, he was quite easy on the eyes. If anyone won a trophy it is Lively. Their age difference actually evens out since women tend to mature faster than men; they meet right in the middle. I predict that Lively and Reynolds will have a fabulous marriage and stay pretty quiet when it comes to Hollywood drama. Let's root for these two, as their future is

bright. By February, there will be baby news from this sexy couple.

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2. Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson: Can you say hot mess? The rumors continue to fly that they are on again, spending time apart or can't live without each other. The list goes on. Who knows what we should believe at this point. Stewart and Pattinson are attempting to figure out what is going on between them, because they do care for each other. Once the *Twilight* hype is over, it will be the end of their relationship. The movie is the glue that holds them together, and Pattinson will end up finding love with another actress which will prompt his ending the relationship with Stewart for good.

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3. George Clooney and Stacy Keibler: Despite breakup rumors, these two are still a couple. But tick tock! Can't you hear the clock ticking on this relationship? The main reason people are saying the pair is close to splitsville is because it's about that time when Clooney calls off the relationship. Keibler can take a deep breathe; she will make it to the Oscars with Clooney. However, her days are numbered. She will love again, and you know Clooney will. In a few years, I see that Clooney will pull a "Warren Beatty type move" and find someone younger than him with whom to settle down. They will never marry, but she will be around for the long haul.

4. Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher: This pairing is interesting indeed. Did you know that Kutcher was Kunis' first kiss? From what we have seen, we know that Kutcher has it in him to be in a long term relationship, but it is said that Kunis wants to take it at a slow nice pace. This is not to mention the fact that Kutcher is still married to Demi Moore. Kunis and Kutcher will have a nice run, but eventually she will want someone a little more grown up, which will break Kutcher's heart. What goes around comes around, dear Ashton.

5. Kim Kardashian and Kanye West: Who else is surprised that they are still together? This couple has lasted longer than Kardashian's last marriage. That deserves a round of applause. Then again, according to the media, Kanye has always had a thing for Kim. They are a good match since they both love the spotlight, expensive things and causing a commotion. Kardashian and West may taunt the public with an engagement, which they may actually mean (at the time); the wedding will, however, not take place. Media and money aside, Kardashian wants love just like anybody, but has to get her self love in check before that happens. Kardashian really loved Reggie Bush and continues to seek that type of love. Also telling the media that she thinks she will marry West was a bad move. It's like giving a guy an ultimatum in front of a live audience. The stars are coming into play for these celebrities, so stay tuned into their love stories because now only time will tell.

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