

A *Survivor* alliance, a *Skating* bride, an
Apprentice-Extreme Makeover merger and
the *Surreal* marital life of Brigitte Nielsen:
Love is in the air for five reality TV stars

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Stephenie LaGrossa & Michael Ward

Even for her wedding day, *Survivor* star Stephenie LaGrossa had an immunity challenge. Awakened by a stomachache at 3 a.m., "I thought it was nerves, but the whole day I was nauseous," says LaGrossa, who exchanged Catholic vows with her long-time boyfriend, high school history teacher Michael Ward, 33, at a beach-theme wedding on July 7. During the reception at McLoone's Pier House in Long Branch, N.J., LaGrossa, 26, discreetly popped Tums and sipped ginger ale before finally discovering a cure-all. "I just kept dancing because it would make me forget about it," says the bride, who boogied in a Peter Langner gown. It was a small travail compared to her two stints on *Survivor*. And while eight castaways attended and wedding planner Laura Mastriano added tribal touches like tiki torches to the cocktail hour, the honeymoon in Bali will not resemble the reality competition. "We're not roughing it one bit!" says Ward. "We're taking all the fun and pampering that you can possibly get."



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