

Jax weds baby's mom

Experts' words of wisdom

Experts advise the newlyweds to be patient, communicate and check the fine print in the pre-nuptial agreement.

Joyce Brothers, celebrity shrink: "He's marrying the right person — a nurse who everybody says is a kind, loving person. . . . From her point of view, she's getting two children. He has found somebody who will take care of him and put up with his idiosyncrasies, and she gets someone to take care of and [someone] who will make her life easier. He's got the cash to cushion her from all the negative parts of being in the spotlight."

Raoul Felder, dean of divorce attorneys: "This marriage will last as long as a three-minute egg. It's a marriage made in a lawyer's office — a very contrived stunt. I mean, he had to one-up Madonna. This is the real miracle child. I'm sure they have a very solid pre-nuptial agreement. If they don't, they should be consulting psychiatrists, not lawyers. She's not going to get much money, but he's going to pay for the child's upbringing — it's his badge of responsibility."

Elliot Gourvitz, past president of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers: "She should get a bonus clause in her pre-nuptial agreement, like combat pay. For every month, she should get X amount of dollars so when he really does dump her, she can get some money. . . . Marriage is about compromise, negotiation, letting things lie. At 38, you're set in your ways. He's been held on a pedestal by everybody all his life, but wives don't do that after the first year. He's got to learn to compromise and expect less, and he's not used to that."



THE TWO MRS. JACKSONS: Debbie Rowe (with Michael in April), was holed up with the masked one in Sydney, Australia, honeymoon suite last night; Lisa Marie Presley (below) issued a statement on her ex' wedding. "No Comment."



Secret moonwalk down Aussie aisle

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Surprise newlywed Michael Jackson was holed up yesterday in a \$3,000-a-night Australian honeymoon suite after secretly marrying the woman who's carrying his child.

In his latest off-the-wall move, Jackson wed Los Angeles nurse Debbie Rowe, 37, in the Sydney suite — exchanging vows in a midnight ceremony reportedly attended by 30 pals, after he wowed 40,000 fans at an outdoor concert.

But the Gloved One and his loved one weren't doing much talking from the 21st-floor Executive Suite at the plush Sheraton on the Park.

"Please respect our privacy and let us enjoy this wonderful and exciting time," Jackson said in a statement.

Jackson, 38, wed in a civil ceremony by an unidentified local marriage celebrant, as they're called in Sydney, wasn't expected to emerge until this morning to attend the premiere of his new video.

It marked the second surprise moonwalk down the aisle for the Peter Pan of Pop, whose 20-month, three-ring circus of a marriage to Lisa Marie Presley — Elvis' daughter — ended in January.

The new "Mrs. J" in Jackson's life is a six-months-pregnant blond divorcee who has helped treat his skin condition for 15 years as a nurse for the superstar's Beverly Hills, Calif., dermatologist.

Jackson confirmed earlier this month that Rowe was carrying his baby, due in February — but gave no clue they planned to tie the knot.

The news from the Land Down Under turned the world upside down yesterday as millions wondered whether the wedding was a product of true love — or just another dose of the Jackson jive.

The rumor mill was swirling with tales of how the couple wed variously in an amusement park, in a red-light-district chapel or in the Sydney Opera House's basement.

According to a report in the London Sun, Jackson paid Rowe \$7.5 million up front and will pay her \$750,000 a year and "loyalty bonuses" if the marriage survives.

But under the deal she has no claim on his estimated \$900 million fortune should they divorce, the paper said.

Jackson spoke's woman Christine Holevas would say only: "They are married. All I know is that it happened."

Presley, through her publicist, issued a terse "No comment."

One associate said Jackson had never mentioned the possibility he would marry again: "Michael doesn't talk much. He didn't even tell his own

CHRONOLOGY BIG DATES

- **May 26, 1994:** Jackson, 35, secretly marries Lisa Marie Presley in the Dominican Republic. The vows come 23 days after Presley's divorce from rocker Danny Keough.
- **July 1994:** Rumors of the marriage begin to swirl after the judge who performed the ceremony spills the beans.
- **August 1994:** Presley confirms she married Jackson. The unlikely couple honeymooned in Manhattan's Trump Tower.
- **September 1994:** Prosecutors announce they will not file child-molestation charges against Jackson — eight months after his 13-year-old accuser's family accepted a lucrative out-of-court settlement from the singer.
- **June 1995:** Dogged by rumors their marriage is a sham, the couple declares in a nationally televised interview that, yes, they do have sex.
- **Jan. 18, 1996:** Presley files for divorce, citing irreconcilable differences.
- **Nov. 3, 1996:** A British tabloid reports that Los Angeles nurse Debbie Rowe is carrying Jackson's child, a son due in February. Also that the child was conceived through artificial insemination and that Jackson is paying Rowe more than \$500,000 to bear his heir.
- **Nov. 4, 1996:** Jackson confirms Rowe is carrying his child but says the baby was conceived naturally and denies paying his long-time nurse and pal.

Jere Hester

mother about Lisa Marie until after the wedding."

But one neighbor at the modest stucco complex in Van Nuys, Calif., where Rowe resides, said the nurse had spoken of the wedding last week. "She's really been stressed out," said the neighbor.

At the Beverly Hills offices of Dr. Arnold Klein, office manager Barbara Frank said Rowe hadn't quit her job. The manager of Rowe's apartment complex said she hadn't moved and that he was caring for her two dogs until she returns.

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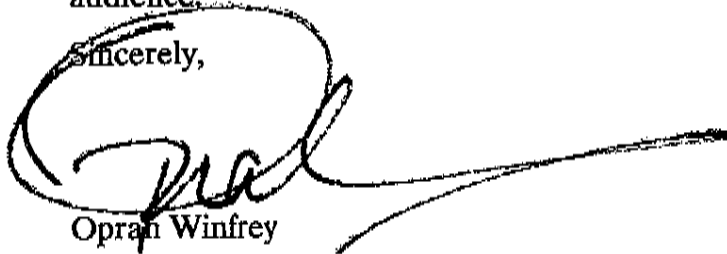
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