

Lindsay Lohan Swipes Max George's Sweatshirt Post-Hookup



By Nic Baird

Lindsay Lohan tweeted a photo of *The Wanted* singer Max George's sweatshirt directly to him with the caption "missing something?" on Dec. 8, UsMagazine.com reports. The redheaded actress could have taken it when she saw George last week following his band's concert in Philadelphia. The pair checked into a Boston hotel the next evening. George refers to his new friend as "fun" and "a good girl." He's also impressed by her stamina. "She can party nearly as hard as we can."

How do you know whether you can trust a potential partner?

Cupid's Advice:

For your own sanity of mind it's important to trust your partner. Sometimes we can leap to conclusions, and we fall to the mercy of our own insecurity or past experiences. However, your partner should make an effort to earn your trust. Your relationship needs to find time to discuss trust when these aspects make you uncomfortable:

1. Values: It's important to be aware of your partner's priorities. Are they the type who can enjoy a monogamous relationship? Even if you're just casually dating, you should make sure you're both on the same page. At the very least, any relationship should have honesty and trust.

2. Transparency: As you grow closer, it's natural that you'll learn more about your partner's life. Eventually you should have a good idea of how your significant other spends their day. If you're often surprised by your partner's actions, then you should question how much you know. For your own dignity you shouldn't invade your partner's privacy, but if they should not be resistant to communicating, and dispelling your doubts.

3. Respect: No matter how you've tailored your relationship dynamic, it should include respect. When you feel your significant other's respect, trust comes more easily. Your partner should treat you well in public, and consider your feelings when acting.

What lets you know you can trust your partner? Share your experiences below!

Gwen Stefani Surprises Fans with a Performance at Gavin Rossdale's Concert



By Nicole Weintraub

Audience members were given a treat when Gwen Stefani made a surprise appearance at husband Gavin Rossdale's concert, according to [People](#). The couple fell in love while touring with their respective bands back in the 90's and have not performed together for the past ten years. Rossdale was performing with his band Bush when his wife joined him on stage during his solo opening of their song "Glycerine". Audience members went nuts during the number and once the song ended, the pair shared a kiss before Stefani exited the stage. Bush stayed on the stage to finish their set while Stefani waited for her hubby to end his shift. Gwen happened to be around and the couple thought it would be fun according to a source since "they hadn't done it in at least a decade".

How can music make your relationship stronger?

Cupid's Advice:

While not many of us are musicians, or dating musicians, music can still be a vital part of a relationship. Here are some ways music can strengthen a relationship:

1. Your song: Every couple has a song; it's a given. During a wedding, the couple has a song that they dance to. Every time your song is played, you automatically think of your partner.

2. It sets the mood: The right song playing in the car at the end of a first date can lead into a goodnight kiss. Music sets the mood for the activity whether it is a fist pumping club song or a soft melody.

3. Deeper meaning: Listen to the actual lyrics to a song and you might be able to find one that tells the story of your relationship with your partner. Music can help explain feelings that we cannot share.

How does music play a part in your relationship? Share your ideas with us in the comments below.

Prince William Comments on Kate's Morning Sickness





By Nicole Weintraub

Prince William recently made an appearance without his wife Kate Middleton, but offered some comments regarding her morning sickness, according to [People](#). The prior week Middleton had been in the hospital for nearly four days suffering from extreme morning sickness. Though, William joked lightheartedly “they shouldn’t call it morning sickness, as it’s a day and all-night sickness.” Middleton has been taking it easy and resting following her release from the hospital. William was supposed to make an appearance at the British Military Tournament at Earl’s Court Sunday in London, but cancelled in order to spend the day with his wife instead. A spokesperson for the couple also announced that they would not be informing the media on Middleton’s health check ups or her status on the pregnancy due to privacy concerns. The couple is scheduled to make an appearance together on December 12 to attend the royal premiere of *The Hobbit* in London.

How do you make your partner feel better when he/she is sick?

Cupid’s Advice:

Taking care of your partner while he/she is sick goes along with the commitment of being in a relationship. Here are some tips on how to make them feel better:

1. Stick around: If you had plans to go out with your friends, reschedule so that you can stay inside and spend time with your partner. Watch the game at home instead of going to the bar to watch it with your friends.

2. Bring the soup: While home made chicken soup is always a personal favorite; some of us are not culinary experts. If the kitchen is not your place, just order in some food for the two of you.

3. Order a movie: Have a lazy movie date night inside since your partner cannot go out. Instead of bringing them to the movies, bring the movies to them.

How would you make your partner feel better when sick? Share your ideas with us in the comments below!

Jessica Biel Reveals the Upside to Being Married to Justin Timberlake





By Nicole Weintraub

Jessica Biel opens up and tells all about how wonderful married life is to Justin Timberlake, according to [People](#). The former 7th *Heaven* actress recently tied the knot with singer Justin Timberlake after dating for several years. Biel recently revealed that the best part about being married is getting to call Timberlake her husband. She enjoys having a partner through her adventures such as swimming in the nude. Another aspect of married life that has Biel ecstatic is being able to take advantage of her new husband's culinary skills which he picked up from his southern grandmother. Regardless of how happy she is being married to Timberlake, Biel opens up and spills the secret that the best part is over. "Honeymooning is the best thing about being a newlywed. I wish I could honeymoon forever."

What are some of the advantages to being married?

Cupid's Advice:

Transitioning from being single to engaged to married is a big step to take. Some couples choose not to marry, though here are some perks to tying the knot:

1. Legally bound: It is often times easier to have children

within a marriage due to legal issues. If something were to happen to you, all of your financial assets would automatically go to your partner. The saying what's mine is yours and what's yours is mine comes into play here.

2. Commitment: Marriage is the ultimate commitment that two people can make to one another. While serious relationships have commitment as well, marriage has finality to it in which you know you want to spend the rest of your life with this person.

3. Deeper connection: Being married automatically brings to people closer together through sharing their possessions to experiencing a wedding and life together.

What are some benefits to marriage? What are some disadvantages to marriage? Share your opinions with us in the comments below!

Miranda Lambert Says Blake Shelton Loves to Decorate for Christmas





By Jennifer Ross

Country music stars Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert are definitely into having a very merry Christmas time. It not only is a holiday they love to celebrate, it is their “light at the end of the tunnel.” In the Dec. 3 issue, Lambert tells UsMagazine.com, “We can stop rushing around and just be together.” Going back to his childhood days, Shelton loves “to decorate” for the holidays and choose “food out of magazines” for his 29 year-old bride to make. Also, Shelton, 36, asked his talented singing wife to accompany him in a duet on “Home” for his *NBC* special, *Blake Shelton’s Not So Family Christmas*. Without hesitation, Lambert was more than willing to contribute. “I’m glad to be a part of it. I loved watching him sing with Reba McEntire and Kelly Clarkson. He was so comfortable with the biggest divas on the planet!”

What do you do if your partner isn’t a fan of the holidays?

Cupid’s Advice:

The holidays are wonderful opportunities to be with friends and family, creating memories. However, your holiday fun can be dampened when your partner doesn’t see the joy in it. That shouldn’t discourage you from celebrating them anyways. To help keep the holiday spirit alive, here are a few ways to

leave the coals out of your relationship's stocking:

1. Understand why: There may be an underlying issue as to why your mate isn't a fan. Is it social awkwardness? Childhood issues surrounding holidays? Maybe he/she doesn't like your family? Whatever it is, be understanding to their reasons; together, you just may come up with a solution.

2. Start off simple: If your partner is not accustomed to making such a fuss over the holidays due to his/her childhood, start off small. Instead of a Christmas party for thirty, have a holiday dinner for six maximum. The stress and complications of holidays may be what deters him/her.

3. Plan anyways: While you cannot force holidays on your partner, you can continue on with your plans regardless of his/her involvement. After all, your mate is not required to attend the party. That shouldn't stop you from having your fun and enjoying what you love.

How did you handle your partner not being a fan of the holidays? Tell us below.

Find Out What Khloe Kardashian Won't Be Getting Lamar Odom for Christmas





By Nic Baird

As the holiday season approaches, The Kardashians are still searching for Lamar Odom's gift, [People](#) reports. The Clippers' Forward and Khloé Kardashian's husband can't figure out electronics, according to his wife. "Kourtney asked, 'Would Lamar like an iPad mini for Christmas?' I said, 'Absolutely not!' He would have no idea what to do with [it]," Khloé Kardashian said. Odom has managed to figure out Skype video calling so he can stay connected with his wife. "I have to walk him through it on the phone and it takes forever."

How do you come up with romantic ideas for holiday gifts?

Cupid's Advice:

As the season approaches, those with a significant other are no doubt fretting over gift ideas. There is an obvious expectation of thoughtfulness, no matter how serious you are as a couple. This doesn't mean you're obligated to stress! Just take a breath, use a moment to brainstorm, look over these tips, and you'll have your holiday shopping list in no time:

1. Date or vacation gifts: One thing you should be able to count on is that your significant other enjoys your company. A

great gift you can give your partner is organizing a romantic date for the occasion. The holidays are more a time to spend with loved ones rather than touring malls. Think about the classic options, like sleigh rides, fireplaces, and hot chocolate.

2. Make something yourself: Knitting a scarf, writing a song, painting their room, or building a table show sincere effort and romance from the time it took you. Draw from your interests or talents, but don't be afraid to try something new. The internet is full of guides and tutorials for learning unique gift creation skills.

3. Revisit relationship memories: Sometimes you can get by purely on the thoughtfulness of the gift itself. This means that it has to have a strong connection to things you've learned about your partner. If they like making soup, buy them a pot. As long as the gift conveys that you've listened to their interests and you recognize their needs. Another way to go is by choosing a gift that reminds you of a significant moment in your relationship that you shared.

What romantic holiday gifts have you given or received? Share your experiences below!

Hope Solo's Husband Jerramy Stevens Is Arrested for Violating Probation



By Michelle Danzig

Hope Solo's husband and former NFL tight end Jerramy Stevens, 33, was arrested for violating probation on Wednesday, according to UsMagazine.com. The arrest is the result of domestic abuse charges earlier this month. Stevens allegedly assaulted Solo, 31, during an altercation on November 12. Oddly enough, Stevens and the two-time women's soccer gold medalist were married the very next day. After being released and the charges being dropped, a warrant was issued for his arrest for violating probation from a marijuana possession arrest back in October of 2010. Solo spoke out about the incident for the first time on Tuesday saying, "I'm happy. I'm happily married. We never stand for domestic violence. I've never been hit in my life. It's unfortunate, and that's what the media can do." Stevens is currently in jail without a set bond.

How do you deal if your partner has a run-in with the law?

Cupid's Advice:

Whether it be a past or present incident, a run-in with the law is never pretty. It can happen to anyone from a minor traffic violation to a felony. There are plenty of ways to handle the situation whether it was a prior offense or a current issue. Here are some tips to dealing with a law-breaking partner:

1. Do not get arrested too: if your significant other is having a run-in with the law, and you are present, be calm. Do not interfere in any way. Politely ask the officer where your partner is being taken and for any other information you may need to know about the arrest.

2. Don't judge them for past offenses: Not everyone who goes to jail or gets arrested is a bad person. Sometimes people make mistakes and unfortunately, jail is sometimes a consequence. Ask them to be open and honest about the situation. This way, you are enlightened about any topics that might concern you and your future (i.e. probation).

3. Try to avoid any future occurrences: As was mentioned earlier, it isn't difficult to end up arrested. If you and your significant other have a clean record, why not work together to keep it that way. If either of you finds yourself in risky territory, it doesn't hurt to say something. Take precautionary measures, for example, when drinking. If your partner has had too much to drink, do not let him/her drive.

Has your partner had a run-in with the law? Tell us how you handled it below.

Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis Enjoy Romantic Thanksgiving Weekend in Rome



By Nic Baird

Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher found themselves in Rome this Thanksgiving, UsMagazine.com reports. The two recent lovers, also former co-stars of *That '70s Show*, have been staying in the Italian capital as Kunis films *The Third Man* Orson Welles remake with Liam Neeson and James Franco. This didn't stop them from taking a night out on the town for an intimate meal at Chechino, Friday. And besides their romantic stroll to take in the sights last week, the two enjoyed a three-course feast with the film's director, Paul Haggis.

How do you know when it's time to go on vacation with a new beau?

Cupid's Advice:

Everyone fantasizes about a lavish and exotic vacation with a date, but be cautious not to elope without your partner's full commitment. Follow these tips to see if you two are ready for a romantic vacation:

1. Familiarity: You can plan much of your vacation ahead of time, such as scheduled activities, and where you're going to stay. However, a lot can change when you get there, and any type of travel involves a certain degree of spontaneity. It is very important that you know your partner well enough to make decisions you'll both enjoy. Besides knowing your date's threshold for excitement, being familiar with their interests lets you find adventures better suited for your relationship. Being able to rely and trust your partner is also crucial as you need those qualities in a travelling companion.

2. Comfort: Going on vacation means spending time together constantly, so make sure your relationship is prepared for that. If there's always a day's space between seeing each, you have to wonder what non-stop dating is like with your partner. If you're just getting to know each, make sure you two won't be too nervous to fully enjoy yourselves.

3. Excitement: Before you start booking resorts, make sure your partner not only agreed on the vacation, but that they're excited about it. You don't want your date to go into this half-heartedly. There's lots of preparations, and you shouldn't have to do them alone. A couple's getaway won't be romantic if one of you leaves your heart at home.

**When did your relationship take its first couples' vacation?
Share your experiences below!**

Kristen Stewart and Rob Pattinson Land in NYC After London Thanksgiving



By Nic Baird

The vampire lovers, or Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson, returned to New York this Friday after spending Thanksgiving in London with the actor's family, UsMagazine.com reports. The star-crossed couple enjoyed the holiday with the blessing and company of Pattinson's sisters, Lizzy and Victoria. Though the siblings were publicly disgusted with Stewart's transgressions, they have since forgiven her and are on good terms, according to a source for HollywoodLife.com. Before returning to JFK airport from their holiday, the *Twilight* twosome flew to London, Madrid, and Berlin in the last few weeks to promote *Breaking Dawn: Part 2*, their final scheduled film opposite each other.

How do you know when to let your family in on your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Before telling mom and dad you have a plus one for family dinner, make sure the time is right. The fact is, all relationships are different. Cupid has some guidelines:

1. Time: The second date is not the time to meet the parents. Allow space to get to know each other. Any relationship, no matter how fast you want to flash cook it, needs time. How much exactly? It depends how you spend it, but arbitrarily, one month at least.

2. Commitment: Your family wants to meet the dates you are serious about. Don't bring home everyone who catches your interest. It also puts your romance at risk by adding external pressures. And your family can't be expected to juggle your personal life along with you. You don't have to discuss commitment with your partner, but make a judgement call on how certain you can be about the future of your relationship before introducing them.

3. Mutual interest: This just means you should ask your partner if they'd be comfortable meeting your family. Ideally, they'll want to make a good impression, and if this is the case then they'll probably be a bit nervous. Be careful not to force your date into situations unwillingly.

When is it time bring your relationship to the family? Share your experiences below.

Pro Matchmaker Says Kristen Stewart and Rob Pattinson Will Marry in a Year



By Jennifer Ross

Millionaire Matchmaker Patti Stanger knows a good love match when she sees one and she sees one in Hollywood couple Kristen Stewart and Rob Pattinson. Recently, at an *Usmagazine.com* Music Party, Stanger told Hollyscoop.com, "I love the fact that [Robert Pattinson] let [Kristen Stewart] apologize and that she owned up to her mistake. Let's see if they can heal each other and if they can get married in the next year and a half." Although most of America thought their love fiasco may have been a publicity stunt for the *Twilight Saga* movie, Stanger actually saw a heartbroken Pattinson and a remorseful Stewart. "I think it's for real because I really think he had a broken heart, I think he really cried his eyes out and I think she really regretted what she did." When it comes to

cheating, Stanger believes in forgiveness. “She’s human and they’re young. We make mistakes like that and nobody calls them out. They make mistakes and it’s like the end of the world.”

What are some signs that you’ve found the person you’re going to marry?

Cupid’s Advice:

How can you tell if your partner is “the one?” Ultimately, that is a big question you will have to answer on your own. However, that doesn’t mean there aren’t clues to guide you. Of all the many possible reasons to doubt a relationship, here are three conclusive signs that you are on the road to marriage:

1. Comfortable: A relationship should not be a painful chore and neither should hanging out with your partner. A lazy day with your soul mate should be like a cozy pair of pajamas – very comfortable and relaxing. This is the type of person you will want by your side when you grow old.

2. “We” terms: As you live in a world of individuality, being in a relationship with “the one” puts everything in a different perspective. Your days of thinking in terms of “me, my and I” evolve into “we, ours, and us.” You can naturally think of you two as a unit.

3. Protection: A sign that you are with your future spouse is that not only do you two protect each other from harm, but you also protect each other from the ability to let your individuality decline. Many relationships become so intertwined that each person loses their own sense of self. If not protected, this will only cause havoc and pain between you.

How did you know you had found the right person to marry?

Share with us below.

Rose McGowan Reveals Her Biggest Dating No-No



By Nicole Weintraub

The former *Charmed* star, Rose McGowan, reveals that her biggest turn off is a sloppy kisser, according to [People](#). "Don't be sloppy!" the actress announced. She likes her man to be slightly aggressive with his kissing, but she doesn't want to swallow his tongue. McGowan has been linked to Marilyn Manson and was formerly engaged to Robert Rodriguez. On her former television show, *Charmed*, the star had to lock lips with several different actors without even knowing their names. Afterwards, she would never see them again, so this kissing expert has some experience in the smooching

department. As far as learning how to kiss, unfortunately, McGowan believes that “you just either know how to do it or you don’t”.

What are three dating deal breakers?

Cupid’s Advice:

While messy kissing might be Rose McGowan’s deal breaker, here are a few of our own that make a date go from fabulous to icky:

1. Poor hygiene: Regardless of how attractive someone may be, if your date shows up with mismatched clothes and a body odor that brings tears to your eyes, run for the hills. Bad breath, stinky body odor, disheveled clothing and dirty fingernails are just gross.

2. Egocentric: If your date does nothing but talk about themselves the entire time, it’s time to look elsewhere. A relationship involves two people and if this person can have a relationship without you, that’s not attractive.

3. Poor manners: While it’s nice to have a gentleman who opens the door for you and pays for your dinner, it’s not mandatory. Though, if he insults you or makes you pay for him all of the time, kick him to the curb.

What are your dating no-nos? Share your stories with us in the comments below!

Kelly Clarkson Compares Her Relationship to a Cheesy Love Song



By Nic Baird

The original *American Idol*, Kelly Clarkson, “completely fell in love” with talent rep boyfriend, Brandon Blackstock, reports YourTango.com. After eight months of dating, her priorities have shifted from her career to her “best accomplishment”, her relationship with Blackstock, Clarkson said. “I just didn’t think it would happen. It’s like one of those cheesy love songs that didn’t exist, but it does, so that’s cool.” Clarkson promises to still write breakup tracks, despite being in relationship bliss.

What are some ways that not looking for a relationship can help you find one?

Cupid's Advice:

Whenever you lose your keys, phone or favorite sweater, you can drive yourself crazy with a frantic search. The irony is that when you stop looking, the elusive item pops up. Don't lose your head looking for love, because dialing down your quest for affection will get you better results. Cupid has some tips:

1. Comfortable: If you're fretting about relationships, and eyeing each potential suitor like a piece of meat, you're going to create tension. Both genders don't like to feel pressure at the start of a courtship. By lowering this urge to jump on opportunities, you project confidence and the other sex will feel more relaxed in your presence.

2. Independent: Another way you can project confidence outside a relationship, is by focusing on yourself and all your non-romantic interests. Don't change yourself because you think it will help you lure a mate. Change yourself because it will make you the person you want to be, and reflect the person you are presently. Someone who is happy on their own is attractive. Someone who needs a relationship to latch onto so they can pull themselves out of depression is terrifying.

3. Personalized matches: You could follow your crush around and pretend to be interested in the same things. And if they're not too weirded out, you could look forward to a lifetime of Frisbee golf, or lectures on the philosophy of science fiction. But, if you truly want to find your soul mate, pursue your own interests. Chase your own goals, do your own activities, and you'll find the people you meet to be better matches. Synergy!

How have you got your mind of the relationship hunt? Share your experiences below!

Lea Michele Serves Boyfriend Cory Monteith Raw Eggs



By Nicole Weintraub

Glee stars Cory Monteith and Lea Michele enjoy breakfast together, though Michele served him raw eggs once, according to UsMagazine.com. Though she is not very skilled in the kitchen, [Michele](#) thoroughly enjoys cooking and hopes to have her own cooking show one day in the near future. Though, she worries about her sailor mouth since she curses left and right. In one of her recent culinary endeavors, she served up her own creation, but the eggs wound up being undercooked. "It wasn't very good, but he was a very good sport," Michele explained.

How do you make a homemade meal served at home romantic?

Cupid's Advice:

Don't want to go out for a fancy dinner at a romantic restaurant? Here are some tips to make a homemade meal romantic:

1. Set the mood: Set the scene with candles, dim lighting and a nice bottle of champagne or wine. Put some music on in the background and there you go. You have created your own little private seating area in a restaurant.

2. It's homemade: The fact that you have slaved in the kitchen, creating a homemade meal for your partner is romantic alone. Even if you are not a culinary artist, it shows that you care for your partner and took the time out for them.

3. Cook together: A great way to make a fun date out of a homemade meal is to cook it together. Experiment in the kitchen with one another and just throw something together.

Do you make romantic homemade meals for your partner? Share your experiences with us in the comments below!

Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel Lend a Hand Post-Hurricane Sandy





By Nic Baird

Singer Justin Timberlake and actress Jessica Biel spent Saturday helping the victims of Hurricane Sandy in Queens, New York, [People](#) reported. After recently returning from their honeymoon, the newlyweds spent hours handing out relief backpacks and blankets. The neighborhood, Far Rockaway, was heavily damaged by flood water and local residents were grateful for the group's help as some still wait for heat and electricity.

What are some ways to give back as a couple after a natural disaster?

Cupid's Advice:

A natural disaster is a cause everyone can get behind. People like you have lost their homes, security, and other essentials in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. If this was you and your partner, you'd welcome any help in your time of need! Show the humanity of your relationship by lending your hands:

1. Understand the crisis: What happened? Figure out the effects of this disaster, and who's been affected. Learn the stories of the ground zero victims. Find out how it happened, and what emergency services are doing. Pay attentions to the

actions of politicians and where their priorities are in this national dilemma. Most importantly ask yourself, what do people need?

2. Relate to the victims: These are people like you. Nobody brought a natural disaster upon themselves, except maybe the citizens of Sodom and Gomorrah. Try to understand how you would feel if your life was stripped away. As a couple, remember your pity isn't worth anything to the victims, only your help. Approach the situation as your duty, not your charity.

3. Be proactive: After you've spent time to understand this sudden calamity, move your sympathies out of that well-informed head. Bring your feelings of altruism to the broken streets and wounded families. Talk to those in charge of relief efforts and tell them how the disaster makes you feel, and how you want to pitch in. Discuss with your partner which organization is a right fit for you. You can find a list of many of the groups helping with Hurricane Sandy at www.treehugger.com.

How have you and your partner reacted to Hurricane Sandy or other natural disasters? Share your experiences below!

Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel Return After Honeymoon





By Nicole Weintraub

Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel are back from their honeymoon, reports [People](#). The duo spent their time honeymooning in Africa, though they are now back in the states. Biel caught up with some gal pals in New York City at the Little Cupcake Bakeshop. The star “looked so happy” and showed off her ring to her friends. She enjoyed spending time with her close friends, catching up on each other’s lives and definitely sharing some juicy tidbits about her recent marriage to Timberlake. The pair has also been spotted working together to help out the victims of the most recent hurricane. Though they’re not honeymooning anymore, the pair is certainly working together and is taking on the role of blissful newlyweds.

What are some ways to keep the honeymoon phase going once the honeymoon ends?

Cupid’s Advice:

The honeymoon’s over! Here are some tips on how to extend that happy honeymoon phase even after the vacation period is over:

1. Spend time together: Remember that just because the honeymoon itself is over does not mean that the relationship

simmers down. Date night is a must in a successful marriage. Set aside time just for your significant other.

2. Live separate lives: Be careful not to spend every waking moment with one another or else you are going to wear yourselves out. Do your own thing but be sure to make your partner a part of it in some way.

3. Communicate: Communication is key. If you feel that you are not as happy as you were on the honeymoon, you need to be honest with your partner. Together, the two of you can work to recapture that happiness.

What are some ways you keep the honeymoon phase alive? Share your stories with us.

President Obama and Michelle Obama Embrace with News of Re-Election





By Jennifer Ross

It's official! President Obama and his family will not need to move out of the White House. On Tuesday night, after Americans ran to the polls to vote, news reports confirmed the President, 51, as the winner after gaining the electoral vote of Ohio. By Wednesday morning, the official tally was in – President Obama with 303 and Republican nominee Mitt Romney with 206. Soon after winning Ohio, the President tweeted to celebrate, including a photograph of him hugging First Lady. When giving thanks for support, the president tweeted, “We’re all in this together. That’s how we campaigned, and that’s who we are. Thank you. -bo.”

How do you congratulate your partner after an accomplishment?

Cupid’s Advice:

All successes, big and little, should be celebrated, especially when it involves someone you love. Whether your partner has received a hard-earned promotion, lost weight, graduated or published a book, this is the time to do something special and show that you care. Need a little help? Check out these ideas:

1. Party time: A party is a great way to celebrate your mate’s

success. Gather all the loved ones and friends together. Decorate the place up nice and include your partner's favorite foods. Don't forget to write a wonderful speech, showing how proud you are for their success and how much you care.

2. A token: When there isn't time for a party, a little token of appreciation can be given to your mate. You can give a personalized briefcase or pen for a job promotion or take them shopping for new clothes due to weight loss. Whatever the occasion is, there's always an appropriate item to give.

3. Announcement: If you are so proud that you want the world to know, why not announce your loved one's success to everyone. You can rent a billboard in your area, have a radio DJ broadcast it in the morning or light up the great news on a teleprompter at a sport's area. Make sure your partner receives the message loud and clear – you are proud of him/her.

How did you congratulate your partner after an accomplishment? Tell us below.

Jay-Z and Beyonce Raise Money and Awareness for the Presidential Race





By [Jennifer Ross](#)

Support for the Presidential couple continues from Hip-Hop's royal couple. During President Barack Obama's re-election campaign, Jay-Z and Beyonce continued to show support through raising money and awareness. This past September, the pair raised \$4 million for the President's re-election campaign by hosting an event at Jay-Z's 40/40 Club in New York City. The event was limited to 100 guests, each paying \$40,000 to attend. Also, Jay-Z performed at POTUS' Ohio rally for the final efforts to promote awareness, a day before the official election. When Jay-Z spoke to [MTV News](#) regarding his reasons to support the President, he stated, "I support Barack because I gotta respect that sort of vision. I gotta respect a man who is the first black President ever."

What do you do if you and your partner don't hold the same political beliefs?

Cupid's Advice:

When it comes to politics, many people fall in love with a partner that happens to have different beliefs. It's something that may have been noticed on the first few dates but never taken seriously until later – perhaps around election time. And even though the differences can transform a robust debate

into an all-out fight, it also has the potential to bring a couple closer. Here are a few ways to help any relationship stay on the same side, regardless of opposing views:

1. Respect each others' views: Whether one of you is pro-choice and the other is pro-life, never disrespect each other by ridiculing or dismissing each other's beliefs. Instead, stick to unbiased facts that are provable. Your issue is with the topic and not your partner, so keep the harsh comments out of your relationship. The key is to focus on who you are speaking to and not the topic.

2. Don't try to change his/her views: When you and your mate are in a heated debate, don't make it a battle of who will change their views. Rather, use your listening skills and allow each other to have separate convictions. This gives you and your partner the opportunity to learn something about each other than could bring closeness to the relationship.

3. Agree to disagree: In the event that the political topic in question is too strong a subject for either of you to see the other's point of view, bridge the gap by agreeing to disagree. Remind yourselves that your love isn't solely based on that one topic. It is based on many other wonderful characteristics. By learning to accept your partner this way, you also learn to love the good and bad in him/her.

How do you and your partner maintain your relationship when you both have different political beliefs? Comment below.

Celebrities Come Together at

NBC Universal Benefit to Help Hurricane Sandy Victims



By Nic Baird

Hurricane Sandy's destruction of homes and power grids along the East Coast has prompted NBCUniversal to schedule a one-hour telethon special presented live from NBC's 30 Rock studios in New York on Friday at 8 p.m., according to [Hollywood Reporter](#). The emotional response includes musical performers Bruce Springsteen, Christina Aguilera, Billy Joel, Sting, and Jon Bon Jovi. They will take the stage with actors and media personalities like Brian Williams, Jimmy Fallon, Kevin Bacon, Tiny Fey, and John Stewart to promote hope for the victims. Many networks like HBO, NBCU, SyFy, Style, and others will feature the special to raise donations for The American Red Cross' Sandy relief.

How do you bond as a couple while giving back at the same time?

Cupid's Advice:

It's hard to balance your goals of contributing to the greater good, and growing stronger as a couple. But it's very easy to manage if you take some cautious steps to make sure your joint venture into charity doesn't end in a worse disaster than the one you're fundraising.

1. Discuss your purpose: Before rolling up your sleeves, discuss with your partner the reasons this contribution is important to you. Listen to your significant other's opinion and ideals regarding future charitable work. If you find a common purpose to share with your partner, then you've just hit two birds with one stone.

2. Work together: While dividing up the tasks is an effective way of completing work that is important to both of you, you won't get the same bonding effect as you will together. Laboring for your cause as a unit, and sacrificing together affirms you're both on the same team.

3. Review your achievements: After the work is done, it's time to debrief. You want to make sure you're both comfortable with the extent of your toils, and the good you've accomplished. Discuss the effects your contribution made, the challenges you faced, and ideas for future contributions as a couple.

What are some ways you've contributed to causes with your partner? Share your experiences below!

Alicia Keys and Swizz Beatz

React to Hurricane Sandy by Reaching Out



By Nic Baird

Hurricane Sandy, a storm that shut down the New York Stock Exchange for the first time since 1888 and killed over 40 of the city's inhabitants alone, has left New York resident and singer Alicia Keys and her husband Swizz Beats without power or running water, reports [Essence](#). The couple and their two year old son, Egypt, were forced to evacuate their \$17-million Manhattan penthouse on Monday and take shelter at Keys' mother's apartment, which fortunately did have power. "God forbid there's anything else coming – but if it did, I want to be more prepared about how to handle it and be able to ride it out," Keys said. "My heart really goes out to all the people out there going through crazy circumstances." The singer added, "I really feel for people and am reaching out in any way I can."

What are some ways to participate in charitable causes as a couple?

Cupid's Advice:

Charitable causes can be a great way to work with your partner towards meaningful goals. If sudden disaster hits – like a Hurricane for example – share your altruistic passion with your significant other. Try these ways you can participate in charitable causes with your partner:

1. Grassroots kindness: You don't have to formalize your good deeds by scheduling them. Open your heart and your home to those in need. The most meaningful impact you can hope for is to change someone's life for the better. Having your partner to brainstorm with you on the best ways to lend your neighbor a hand will make things easier. Be ready for opportunities, your relationship can handle the spontaneity!

2. Local fundraising: You may not know how to build homes, or repair power lines, but you and your partner can think up tons of ways to raise money with friends. Bake sales, car washes, book/garage sales, casino nights, the list goes on. As a couple, showing your compassion together allows you to clarify your relationship's identity. The Red Cross is currently accepting donations for the Hurricane Sandy relief fund!

3. Volunteering with an organization: There are many great systems in place to accommodate volunteers in a range of charities for a range of positions. Don't expect any reward besides self satisfaction. Check the internet for groups that are active near you, or ask around at local churches and community centers. Having your partner volunteer with you will make the time pass painlessly.

What are some ways you've contributed to causes with your partner? Share your experiences below!

Meredith Vieira Says Her Husband Has Never Warmed to Their Dog



By Nicole Weintraub

Meredith Vieira provides proof that perhaps all dogs aren't a man's best friend since her husband dislikes the family dog, according to [People](#). Her husband, Richard Cohen, just recently released a new book entitled *I Want to Kill the Dog* in which he uses humor to convey his dislike for the dog. Vieira admitted that she does not think that her husband ever really took to the dog, though she dotes on him. Cohen remarked, "I find it mind-boggling that anybody can be as affectionate and pay as much attention," when discussing his wife's relationship with the dog. "Maybe there's a little jealousy,"

said Vieira teasingly as she kept her dog by her side even while appearing on the *Today* show.

How do you compromise if you want a dog, but your partner doesn't?

Cupid's Advice:

Adding a furry friend to the family can be an exciting adventure with your partner. Though, here are some ways to deal if you want a dog but your partner does not:

1. Visit the shelter: Before committing to the idea of getting a dog, why not take a trip with your partner to visit a shelter. Perhaps the two of you can volunteer or spend time with the animals to see whether or not the two of you are truly animal friendly.

2. Downsize: If your partner is dead set against getting a dog, perhaps they will compromise for a smaller pet. Why not try a cat or a rabbit before jumping into the commitment of owning a dog?

3. Pet sit: Another way to ease your partner into the idea of adopting a furry friend is to pet sit for a friend. This way, you will get the full experience of having a dog without the life long commitment. This may be a reality check for you and your partner.

How would you compromise with your partner for a dog? Share your ideas with us in the comments below!

Drew Barrymore and Will Kopelman Make First Post-Baby Appearance



By Nicole Weintraub

New parents Drew Barrymore and Will Kopelman recently made their first public debut, according to [People](#). Their daughter, Olive Barrymore, was welcomed into the world on September 26th, though this is the couple's first appearance together since her birth. The pair attended Saturday's LACMA 2012 Art and Film Gala that was also attended by Jennifer Aniston and her new fiancé Justin Theroux. Barrymore and Kopelman mingled with other guests and were photographed showing their phone to Aniston and Theroux. Were they showing off photos of their new baby girl?

What are some signs that it's time to go out after having a baby?

Cupid's Advice:

When you first have a baby, you want to spend all of your time at home with them. Though, you can't forget about your relationship time. Here are some ways when you know it's time to head out after having the baby:

1. Claustrophobic: If you are beginning to feel suffocated or claustrophobic from spending so much time indoors with the same routine, it's time to call the babysitter. It's healthy to go out as a couple every now and then, even if you have a baby at home.

2. Deja vu: Have the sense of déjã vu all of the time? If you feel yourself doing the same thing over and over again day in and day out, it's time to break up that routine a little bit. Go out for dinner or catch a flick with your partner; something that is out of the house.

3. It's been months: If it has not been weeks but rather months since you and your partner have gone out, it's time to put down the remote and go outside. It is not healthy to live like a hermit. Regardless of how busy you are, you need to take time out to refresh yourself.

How long would you wait before going out after having a baby? Share your ideas with us in the comments below!

Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux Go High-End Furniture

Shopping



By Jennifer Ross

It looks like Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux were on a shopping trip on Monday, Oct. 29, to make their Bel Air home compliment their tastes. The newly engaged couple were spotted at several furniture stores, including Blackman Cruz, eyeing two large leather chairs and an 18th century armoire. Reported to UsMagazine.com by an employee, Aniston, 43, and her fiancé were both equally involved in the decision making. “They were in it together. They really seemed to be enjoying this process.” But that’s not all Aniston had her eye on. A frequent visitor of the store, Aniston visited with the store’s dog, Hudson, even “holding her like a baby and petting her forever,” the clerk said.

How do you decorate your home to reflect your relationship?

Cupid’s Advice:

Just like love, home decoration styles come in all sorts of designs with varying degrees of uniqueness. Some can be very black and white while others may prefer blending every color imaginable. Whatever you and your partner's love style is, why not have it reflected throughout your home. For tips on how to accomplish this, these following three ideas can help you get started:

1. Items you cherish: Look all around your home and gather things that are either important to one of you or both of you. Knick-knacks, heirloom items, his favorite TV chair or the floral vase you two picked up on your last vacation; anything really that makes you feel special and loved. Use these items as a starting point to find a common decoration theme.

2. Places you both love: Similar to items, take the time for you and your mate to write down the places you love. Then, under each place, write down the things about that place that you love the most. Finally, share your places with each other and together decide on elements you both can love and live with in your home.

3. Common threads: As you go through items, furnishings and images both you and your partner prefer, look for common threads in design, materials, colors or shapes. You might find that your relationship is a blend of styles rather than just one. If so, don't be afraid to mix and match to create your own unique blend representing the love you two share.

What decorations in your home reflect your relationship? Share with us below.

Find Out How Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert Make Their Marriage Work



By Jennifer Ross

Halfway towards their second-year anniversary, Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert continue to act as if they are on their honeymoon. With their stressful music careers that keep them apart as much time as they are together, Lambert, 28, told [People](#), "We won't go more than two weeks without seeing each other." Staying apart can be a good thing too, since Shelton, 36, warns that too much togetherness could have them killing each other. The country music couple, which exchanged vows in Texas under an arch of antlers, has recently been able to spend time together in their Hollywood rental. In store for Lambert and Shelton, both were up with four nominations each at the 46th Annual CMA Awards, which aired on Nov. 1. Best of luck to them both, professionally and personally.

What are some ways to keep your married life grounded?

Cupid's Advice:

Finding a "soul mate" is a wonderful thing and what most people strive for in life. Yet, it's the years after that can stress you to the point of throwing in the towel. So what's a person to do when marriage has begun to show its downward times? The answer might be easier than you think. Here are a few ideas on keeping your marriage and sanity together:

1. Define "yours," "mine," "ours": Have the upfront conversation of what belongs to whom? This is not just about the financial accounts. Include time that will be shared together and separate, such as holiday vacations, his Thursday night basketball games or your Saturday afternoon book club meetings. Defining and respecting each other's time and money will work on strengthening your bond.

2. Continue courting: Often, the little things like an "I love you" post-it note left in his car or flowers "just because" can really go a long way to keeping the romance alive. The key is to be genuine and spontaneous, treating each other similarly to the exciting "newness" of your first beginning dates.

3. Renegotiate your contract: As with many contracts in life, your marriage terms and conditions need to be re-evaluated and renegotiated to fit you two currently, every so many years. As time passes by, and people inevitably change, so should your marriage evolve. Be sensitive to what each other requests or no longer needs; focus on continuing the happiness you both give each other.

How do you keep your married life grounded? Comment below.

Pippa Middleton Is Dating Investment Banker James Matthews



By Jennifer Ross

Rumor has it, Pippa Middleton may be taken. For the past three weeks, the younger sister to the Duchess of Cambridge, Middleton has been seen out on several occasions with Investment Banker James Matthews, according to the U.K's [Daily Mirror](#). The two were even photographed having dinner at the Queen's Club tennis center in West London. A close source confirmed to [Usmagazine.com](#), "It's very early days but James really likes her." On one of their last outings, Middleton was photographed wearing a black dress, lace jacket, black tights and heels.

What are some signs that you have a lot in common with someone?

Cupid's Advice:

In order for a relationship to have a chance at survival, both parties involved will need to have things in common besides mutual attraction. Personal goals, lifestyles, moral grounds and intimacy are important factors to consider. While having too much in common can lead to a very boring relationship, a healthy amount in each of you is at least 50%, leaving plenty of room to grow. To help you understand where you two stand, here are a few clues to look for:

1. You have unusual things in common: Many new couples have ordinary things in common and are mistaken that this means they are a match. A clearer sign is when you and your new partner have many unusual things in common. The more quirky habits or likes you two share, the better the relationship can grow.

2. "We" terms when times are bad: While all new couples will eventually think in "we" terms, the real clue is when you think this way when the chips are down. If one of you has a sudden problem and both of you think of it as a joint issue, you two are on your way to merging lives together. It is terms like these that will keep you two together through the hard times.

3. You finish each others' sentences: Suppose you begin a sentence and your mate is able to finish it with little effort, then your relationship has a great chance of surviving. Being able to finish each others' sentences shows that you both have more in common than not.

**What convinced you that you had a lot in common with someone?
Tell us below.**