

A Costa Rica Paradise for 'The Bachelor'



By Krissy Dolor

What involves horseback riding, rock climbing and zip-lining through lush green trees? Another *Bachelor* trip, of course – this time, to Costa Rica! With the beautiful scenery at his disposal, Brad can't help that he's falling for each of the eight women that are left to compete. But who can he see being his wife? Well, Michelle tells Brad (again) that she doesn't see him with any of the other contestants: "Jackie needs to go home, Alli needs to go home – they all need to go home, I don't know what to say." Why don't you tell us how you *really* feel? But it looks like Michelle digs herself into a hole when she confronts Brad about his feelings for Chantal, her in-house rival. Will Brad continue to keep the crazy or will he send her packing for good? Don't forget to watch ABC's [The Bachelor](#) with us **next Monday, Feb. 7 at 8 PM/7 PM Central Time** to find out what happens!

'The Bachelor' Season 15, Episode 5: Tears and Loathing in Las Vegas



By Krissy Dolor

As we mentioned earlier today, we got a chance to watch last night's episode of ABC's *The Bachelor* with *Bachelor Pad* winner and author of *The Man Code*, David L. Good. The event was at the Village Pourhouse in downtown New York City, and many ladies (and a few gents) came out to talk to David, take pictures, check out his book and watch the fifth episode with him. I have to admit, it was both cool and weird to watch the

show with a former contestant – as you guys remember, David was on season 5 of *The Bachelorette* with Jillian Harris. Hearing David's take definitely added a unique perspective. Read on for our recap of last night's episode and his advice for season 15 contestant Brad Womack:

ABC took Brad and the gang to Sin City, where they stayed at the Aria hotel. The first date was a one-on-one with Shawntel (one of David's favorites). Her card read, "Let's end tonight with a bang," – how scandalous! The day started off with a shopping spree in "one of the nicest malls in the world," where this lucky bachelorette was able to buy anything – and I mean *anything* – she wanted. The two ran from store to store, picking out what seemed like everything in sight. Luckily, Shawntel was wearing casual clothes that made it easy for her to try stuff on. "It was so much fun shopping with Shawntel!" exclaimed Brad. Since it was on ABC's budget, I'm sure it was.

Their night ended with a rooftop dinner, where they were finally able to get alone time. But was it romantic? "I have waited so long to talk to Shawntel," Brad said. "And she's telling me that she embalms deceased bodies." Awkward. At least tears weren't shed, like Brad's past one-on-one dates. He gave her a rose and their night ended up with fireworks (get it?).

The group date was next. Brad took Jackie, Emily, Lisa, Marissa, Alli, Chantal O., Britt and Michelle to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. But wait – isn't there a conflict somewhere? It's reality TV, of course there is! Not only was Emily's fiancé Ricky a NASCAR driver, he even crashed at this very racetrack. Brad, who didn't know about Ricky's racing past, tried to to makes amends and asked Emily if she wanted to leave. "I feel like a jerk," he said. No kidding.

But since Emily is the most gracious of this season's

bachelorettes, she opted to stay and face her past. “Ricky will always be a huge part of my life,” she said. “I will always love him.” And with that, the southern belle hopped into the car and drove her three laps. “While I’m driving, I’m not thinking about going the fastest – I’m just driving around thinking the first few laps are for Ricky, and the last lap is for me.” Cue the tears!

Later, everyone heads to – you guessed it – another rooftop. Alli was upset that Emily dominated Brad’s time. Chantal slipped up and mentioned the L-word, which Brad tried not to notice. And Michelle? She’s over the tears that the other women are throwing at Brad, and said, “Brad is a man babysitting little girls.” Michelle uses her dominatrix power and shows Brad exactly how she feels with a little tongue action behind closed doors. At this part, David laughed and said, “You have to give her credit!” I (grudgingly) agree – she knows what she wants and she’s not scared to fight for it.

But despite Michelle’s manhandling, Emily received the second rose of the episode, which was no surprise to anyone on the show (or at the bar).

And then it was time for the dreaded two-on-one date, where Brad would have to send one of the two girls home immediately afterward. Crazy eyes Ashley H. and New York nanny Ashley S. battled it out at a rehearsal for Cirque du Soleil’s “Viva Elvis” show. Luck would have it that the Ashleys are best friends in the house – they even got matching tattoos in Vegas! After the rehearsal was over, Brad broke the news: “I think you’ll make an extraordinary wife,” he said to Ashley S. “I don’t think you’ll make an extraordinary wife for me.” Ouch. Despite Michelle’s hope that Brad would send *both* Ashleys home, he decided to hang onto dentist-Ashley for a little while longer. Turns out that first one-on-one date trumps first impression rose.

We also said goodbye to Lisa and Marissa – just when I was

hoping to get to know them better. Next week, it looks like Brad and the eight remaining women take another trip – this time, to the Costa Rica rain forest. While I tried to pry David for some *Bachelor* secrets (and got no luck – sorry guys!), he *did* offer up some great advice for Brad: “Don’t give into what everybody else wants you to do,” he said. “Stick with your heart like you did the first time. Obviously it worked out – both those other girls are engaged ... I think he’s a little older, a little wiser – I think he’s there for love.” David continued, “At the end of the day, as soon as you’re off that show, in two weeks you’re back to real life, and everybody’s got to deal with that. Everybody was upset; ‘he owes us – he owes us to get married, he was on the show.’ ... He doesn’t owe anybody anything just because he’s on TV.”

Hear, hear! You can see more clips from our interview with David on Vimeo and YouTube. Don’t forget to visit us next week our recap of next week’s episode!

Video: David Good Says Brad is a ‘Man Code’ Man and Talks About His Favorite Bachelorettes





By Krissy Dolor

Bachelor Pad winner David L. Good has been in New York City since Thursday promoting his book, *The Man Code: A Woman's Guide to Cracking the Tough Guy*. Monday night's event took place at the Village Pourhouse, which included a book signing and a viewing of ABC's *The Bachelor* with David himself! Cupid's Pulse spoke with the former *Bachelor* contestant about his book tour, this season of *The Bachelor*, and of course, Brad Womack. In fact, David says that Brad is a 'man code' man, just like himself:

David also talked about his favorite bachelorettes of season 15:

Cupid thanks David for his time! Check back later for a full recap of last night's episode and more from our interview with David Good.

'The Bachelor' Season 15 Heads to Las Vegas!



By Krissy Dolor

There's nothing like a trip to Sin City to amp up the drama on [ABC's *The Bachelor*](#)! From the looks of the preview below, [Michelle](#) digs her claws even further (if possible) into Brad Womack, everyone is crying (what else is new) and – surprise, surprise – someone wants to go home. But this time, it's Chantal! I wonder if she'll stay, or if she'll follow in Madison's footsteps and leave Brad in the dust. Don't forget to watch *The Bachelor* with us **next Monday, Jan. 31 at 8 PM/7 PM Central Time** to find out what happens, and follow us on Twitter: @cupidspulse. Word on the street is that Cupid has a little something up his sleeve for next week. Stay tuned!

'The Bachelor' Season 15, Episode 4: One Black Eye, Two Nutty Women and Three More Say Goodbye



By Krissy Dolor

This week's episode of ABC's *The Bachelor* began with Michelle and her mysterious black eye. "Who wakes up with a black eye?" she asked. An attention-hoarder, that's who. And because of this, Michelle's automatically entitled to a one-on-one date with Brad Womack, right?

Yes, apparently. But we'll get to her later.

"How deep is your love?" read the first solo date card, which went to none other than Chantal O., Michelle's in-house rival. Brad, who likes Chantal's confident vibe, picked her up in a helicopter and flew her to Catalina Island. With its European-esque backdrop, the setting was the perfect place for

a romantic dip – or a stroll along the sea floor – in the Pacific Ocean. Chantal overcame her deep (pun intended) fear of being underwater, showing Brad how much she trusted him.

Later, the two shared a candlelit dinner on the beach. While I initially questioned their chemistry, as I couldn't see an immediate spark between them, like with Emily or Ashley S., Brad explained their connection: "It feels like I've been with someone I've known for years." With his comfort levels high and her playfulness putting him at ease, Brad offered her the first rose of the week.

The next day, nine bachelorettes spent some time with radio hosts Mike and Dr. Drew on their love and dating talk show, "The Loveline." They started off with easy questions ("Are you guys all physically attracted to Brad?") and eventually moved onto the tough ones, like, "Who's cheated?" Of course, this was right after Brad revealed that he's never cheated on anyone, and all 12 sets of eyes darted around the room to see who would be the first to admit infidelity. Stacey raised her hand (she was a college cheater) and Brad later told her that he appreciated her honesty (better to get it out of the way, right?). Brad hoped this group date would get these women to open to up to him, as his mantra, "give me a chance," was echoed repeatedly during their session. Well – he got what he asked for.

Later that night, everyone clawed at each other, hoping to get a piece of Brad. And one by one, each woman interrupted each other. Ashley H.'s crazy began to show as she cursed and and cried herself into hysteria in the hot tub over everyone's connection with Brad. So what does she do? She crept over to Britt and Brad during their make-out session – Michelle-style – and stole him for herself. Ashley H. then pulls a Madison (miss you, girl!), explaining her doubts and said she was pulling away. "Don't second guess this," Brad told her, as we all know he just wants everyone to give him a chance. And just as Brad's about to give out the second rose, presumably

to Ashley, she freaked out in front of everyone, causing him to change his mind right on the spot. And the rose went to Britt.

The Ashley H. drama even carried on into the next morning, as Brad pulled her away from the group right before his date with Michelle – not that I was complaining. Needless to say, Michelle was pissed. Her pissy mood finally lifted when she saw that Brad took her to his home, where there was (another) helicopter waiting for them. They flew to downtown L.A. and landed on a very tall (and extremely scary-looking) skyscraper, and Michelle learned the details of the most daunting *Bachelor* date yet – rappelling off the side of that building. But Michelle wasn't the only nervous one. Brad wanted to face both his and her fear together. "This is definitely, definitely, a leap of faith for love," said Michelle. And while I didn't think Michelle would be able to pull through, she did – it must be her ballsy attitude!

While I'd like to think that Michelle's days are numbered, her alone time with Brad shows that he's clearly under her spell. He asked about her divorce, and even goes as far as to ask if he could meet her daughter Brielle, a huge step in any man's book. At that point, it's clear she's getting the third rose of the night, which according to Brad, was "an easy one." Well, *anything* compared to scaling down the side of a huge building is easy.

But last night's true scene-stealer was Emily. In fact, since she was dateless that week, Brad pulled her away during the cocktail party with a basket of pillows, blankets and wine, hoping to recreate their vineyard night. Um, swoon much? His move solidified the other bachelorette's beliefs that Emily is the top contender, and most of the women, including Chantal, whose own spot was already secured, got upset.

And so we said goodbye to three more – Lindsay, Stacey (the cheater) and Meghan, who I was really pulling for after last

night. I'm not entirely sure why Lisa and Marissa are still in the running as we haven't seen enough of them yet, and I hope they get one-on-one dates next week. And it looks like Emily will have to face the worst thing ever, as next week's preview showed Brad and the remaining bachelorettes at a NASCAR race track. ABC might be pushing it too far with this one, but I'm probably just be biased.

Until next week, let's keep speculating on who gave Michelle that black eye. My guess? She did it to herself. Let me know what you think in your comments below!

'The Bachelor' Season 15: And Then There's MICHELLE!



By Krissy Dolor

Normally I try to come up with more original titles, but the

one from ABC's preview of tonight's episode of *The Bachelor* is perfect. Michelle's crazy eyes are all aglow and she's got Brad Womack in her grasp, but the remaining 13 bachelorettes are banding together to show the bachelor her true colors. But who gave Michelle that black eye? A part of me thinks that Michelle did it to herself so she can continue playing the victim card. Guess we have to wait until tonight at **8 PM/7 PM Central Time** to find out! Happy watching, and don't forget to stop by tomorrow for our recap of the episode!

JWOWW's Ex-Boyfriend Speaks Out About Her Dating Advice Book



Jersey Shore star

Jenni “JWOWW” Farley is catching some heat in response to her new relationship advice book called, *The Rules According To JWOWW*, according to *RadarOnline*. Her ex-boyfriend, Tom Lippolis, is anything but supportive of her newest endeavor, as he calls her book “laughable.” “How could she write a book about dating when she’s done nothing but cheat on her boyfriend on national television?” Lippolis asks. Although Lippolis and JWOWW were the only couple to last through more than one season, that ended during season 3 of the hit reality show when Lippolis saw a picture of his girlfriend kissing tattooed trucker, Roger Williams. “If her dating book is about infidelity, disrespect, and/or lack of self-respect in a relationship then I think it will do well, definitely her expertise!” says Lippolis.

Who should you trust to give you reliable relationship advice?

Cupid’s Advice:

Choosing who to love and spend your life with is an incredibly important decision, and wanting to get advice and opinions on the matter is a natural result of that. There’s no lack of opinions in this world, however, so make sure you only trust reliable sources when it comes to relationship advice:

1. Longtime friends: It takes a long time to truly get to know someone. Instead of trusting the advice of someone who has only known you for a short while, seek the opinions of those who have known you the longest. Plus, they’re likely to have your best interests at heart.

2. Family: Your family members have not only known you your whole life, but they’re more likely to be straight with you. Instead of the “tactful” filter that’s in place with your friends, they’ll be blunt with you about their true feelings on the relationship in question.

3. Experts: Check credentials. When you’re in the market to

hire someone for a job, that person must submit a resume of past experiences to prove he or she is qualified. Take the same approach with relationship advice. Make sure the person giving you advice has experience to draw from.

'The Bachelor' Season 15, Episode 3 Recap: Fang Girl Walks, Emily Talks and Michelle Continues to Whine



By Krissy Dolor

Looks like I spoke too soon in judging Madison, *The Bachelor's* resident fang girl. It turns out that yes, one of Brad Womack's 17 remaining bachelorettes left the mansion for good, and I must admit that after last night's episode, I wish that

Madison had given herself a chance and stayed. But more on that later.

The first date card, which said, "Let's find our love song," went to Ashley S.. This date was crucial as Ashley S. received the first impression rose during the season premiere. Brad took her to Studio A of Capital Records, where they sang a terrible rendition of Seal's "Kiss From A Rose." And when I say terrible, I mean *God-awful*. However, the couple looked like they were having a blast and were completely relaxed in each other's company, despite the ear-splitting noise that was coming out of their mouths. "I picked the perfect girl to do this date with," said Brad.

But we all know that Brad (and the producers of ABC) always have a little trick up their sleeves, so phase two of Ashley's date was a serenade from Seal himself. Lucky! The couple canoodled in the corner while Seal reminded us why we're jealous of Heidi Klum. The date ended with a romantic dinner on the rooftop of Capital Records, where (surprise, surprise) Ashley S. opened up to Brad about her father, who died of a brain aneurysm. Ashley told Brad that she "felt like he was here tonight." With Brad being a new man and all, he loved that Ashley opened up to him and gave her the first rose of the night. In fact, he said afterward, "Ashley has far exceeded my expectations...she's the whole package." Is this a possible wife alert?

Ehhh, not so fast. The second solo date recipient was Emily, my personal top-runner, who hadn't yet told Brad about her situation (first love died in a plane crash, found out she was pregnant and has a 5-year-old daughter). Brad took her by private plane (really?) to Santa Marie, Calif. – wine country. Brad hoped this date would open Emily up, but Emily deflected Brad's questions back onto him, which made him upset (and made me feel awkward just watching them). But during dinner – which took place in a candlelit barn – Emily *finally*

told Brad everything. She said that her reason for withholding the past was because she wanted Brad to like her as a person and not as someone with "all this stuff." Without the "elephant in the room," as Emily put it, sparks flew, and Brad and Emily shared their first kiss. "The way I feel right now is the way people feel when they begin a future with somebody," said Brad. "I can see Emily being the woman I want to spend my life with," (!!!). One point for Team Emily.

And it seemed that Madison was rooting for Emily, too. Emily told her story to the girls who didn't go on the group date, which deeply touched Madison, who said she came into the *Bachelor* experience hoping to meet someone and fall in love, but she believed that some girls on the show *needed* to fall in love. At the cocktail party, Madison brought up Emily's story to Brad and said that she was having second thoughts – and then walked off during the rose ceremony. "I would have a really hard time taking a rose from one of these girls, she told Brad. "I'd rather go home tonight." Brad was upset by her decision, but let her go.

"I really like this Madison so much more," he said. "I think I'm missing out on a hell of a girl." I wonder if Madison regrets her decision. I'm almost hoping she'll make an appearance later in the season, since I dismissed her so early in the game. Also, I think that I am relieved that her fangs are fake.

But the one person I *do* wish would walk off the show (though she won't) is Michelle. Again, I judged too quickly and thought that she'd be good for Brad as an 'older' bachelorette. This couldn't be further from the truth. She's manipulative, catty and loathes the other women. She steals Brad away every chance she gets, lurking in the shadows, vying for his attention while the other women are trying to talk to him. The girl also has a huge problem with either Chantal or Shawntel (or maybe both). Again – while you have to admire someone who knows exactly what she wants, her psycho-eyes are

starting to show through and I'm not-so-patiently waiting for Brad to wake up to all of this. Too bad Brad's a nice guy, because he's easily won over by affection or breakdowns, and "likes that she's direct." Sorry Brad, 'direct' and 'obnoxious' are two different things, and Michelle is one step away from the crazy train.

Sorry I didn't talk more about the group date, but you can read more about it on *The Wall Street Journal's* Speakeasy blog. Also, so you can keep track at home, Brad said goodbye to Kimberly and Sarah P. And next week, it looks like Michelle will dig her claws even further in Brad, while Ashley H., who needed some reassurance from Brad this week, starts to lose it. Can't wait until week four! Remember to visit us next week for more *Bachelor* coverage.

Who Will Walk Out on 'The Bachelor'?





By Krissy Dolor

After last week's crazy-fest, who knows what tonight's episode will bring – perhaps a possible walk-off? Someone's life story is just as intense as the *Bachelor* movie that Brad Womack and crew are filming. In fact, it's dramatic enough to "break everyone's heart." Tears are flowing (including streams from vamp girl) and someone will walk out. But will this bachelorette leave the mansion for good? We can't wait for tonight's answer! Here's to hoping it's not one of our favorites. Don't forget to watch *The Bachelor* tonight, **Monday, 1/17 at 8 PM/7 PM Central Time**, and stop by tomorrow for our recap of the episode! Happy watching!

'The Bachelorette' Star Ali Fedotowsky and Roberto Martinez to Wed in 2011



When it comes to Ali Fedotowsky and Roberto Martinez's relationship, what *Bachelorette* host Chris Harrison loves the most, "is that they're living their lives." According to *People*, Fedotowsky recently began a gig as a correspondent for the local Fox station in San Diego. Her groom-to-be has opened a new office for his insurance business as well. Friend and former *Bachelorette* bachelor Kiptyn Locke suggested, "It's important to be away for a while and get to know each other so then when you go do those things, it's all real." With things going so well, it doesn't seem that a 2011 wedding will surprise anyone.

What should you know about your partner before getting married?

Cupid's Advice:

While you might feel that you know everything there is to know about your partner, it doesn't hurt to ask a few additional questions. Cupid's got three topics to discuss before tying the knot:

1. Skeletons in the closet: Nicole Kidman had to deal with Keith Urban's addictions early on in their marriage. Having a past isn't something to be ashamed of, so ask your partner to be honest with you.

2. Finances: While commercials for freecreditscore.com might sing about extreme financial sorrows, they aren't kidding! No one enjoys talking about their financial situation, but rather than let this become an obstacle after you've walked down the aisle, get it over with now.

3. Home sweet home: If you or your partner are currently living separately, discuss where you plan to live after getting married. Jobs, family and the economy can affect possible locations your partner will consider living.

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'The Bachelor' Season 15, Episode 2: The Claws Are Out!



By Krissy Dolor

We knew the niceties would only last so long.

Last night's second episode of ABC's *The Bachelor* brought all the makings of good reality TV: drama, tears and of course, a few make-out sessions. But what *really* stole the show was the on-going fight between Melissa and Raichel. But let's get to that later.

Bubbly Ashley H. was the lucky girl who snagged Brad Womack's first solo date – and the first rose. He took her to a brightly-lit carnival filled with fun rides, games and mmm, cotton candy. "I feel like I'm a kid again," she exclaimed.

Despite the playful and casual setting, something about Ashley H. got Brad to open up. Her difficult past is strikingly similar to Brad's (absent father, raised by their mothers, trust issues), which made it easy for him to confide in her. "Three years ago, I would not have answered these questions," he said. "I feel like I can breathe."

The date included the obligatory Ferris wheel ride, where the two showed each other just how connected they felt with a few steamy kisses. Brad made a smart choice in picking Ashley H. as his first date. Their connection was obvious, and his ability to share something personal straight off the bat was a good sign.

However, Ashley H. wasn't the only one who got some alone time with the bachelor. Jackie, the artist from Rhode Island, received the best date ever known to mankind (guys, are you listening?): an entire day with Brad, which started off with a trip to the spa (complete with white, plushy robes); a full makeover, including a brand new sparkly dress, shoes – oh, and hair and makeup, too; and dinner at a completely empty Hollywood Bowl, with a sign at the entrance that said, "For Jackie, Love Brad."

I know what you're all thinking – isn't it a bit early to be throwing that word around? I thought that too, but let's not forget that this is reality TV and Brad pretty much *needs* to fall in love with someone this season (and says he already has – SPOILER ALERT!). But what really got to me (and made me jealous as hell) was when Train came out and serenaded them with a private concert. Swoon much? The couple slow danced to "Marry Me" under the dim, cool-blue lights of the stage. Could the song choice be a sign? Or is Train coming out with a new single?

But the scene-stealers of last night's episode were drama-mamas Raichel, Melissa and Michelle. Melissa's scene-stealing kiss during the group date while filming the public service

announcement for the American Red Cross, and her constant back-and-forth with Melissa, not only affected them, but the entire house as well. In addition, Melissa's declaration that she bought new clothes and quit her job to be on the show, while probably isn't uncommon in the grand scheme of *Bachelor* history, was a little unnerving to hear. And because the two women were being immature (which Brad, the whole house, and even Ali Fedotowsky and Roberto Martinez, who came back to help Brad, saw), they both failed to receive a rose.

However, the most annoying woman (even though she acted more like a whiny teen) of the night was Michelle. She turned 30 on the day of the group date with 14 other women, and she was *not* happy about it – and definitely wasn't afraid to let everyone know. Not only did she stalk off set during filming, causing Brad to chase after her, she *also* grabbed him for some one-on-one time before the rose ceremony – even though already got a rose. While you have to admire any woman who knows exactly what she wants, there's something about Michelle (who I admit, had liked initially) that's off-putting. The sad part is that Brad can't seem to see that (at least, not yet), and so she remains in the competition. Let's see how long it takes for Michelle's nastiness to make an appearance in front of Brad, who is still enamored by her silky hair and toned arms.

Last night we also said good-bye to an early favorite, Keltie, but Emily is still in the game, as is Madison (still waiting to see what the hype is about this one). Next week's episode looks even more dramatic than last night's, if possible – including a possible bachelorette walk-off. Needless to say, we can't wait! Remember to visit us each week for *Bachelor* coverage. Until next time, keep those claws in!

'The Bachelor' Star Brad Womack: "This is Not a Game to Me"



By Krissy Dolor

This may be a reality TV show, but Brad Womack says that his quest to find love a second time around isn't a game. The second week of ABC's *The Bachelor* is filled with drama, tears – and a stolen kiss or two – as the remaining 20 bachelorette contestants duke it out in the race for Brad's heart. Check out this preview below to see some crazy scenes, including a black spandex-wearing Madison (and those infamous fangs). Don't forget to watch *The Bachelor* tonight, **Monday, 1/10 at 8 PM/7 PM Central Time**, and stop by tomorrow for our recap of the episode! Happy watching!

'The Bachelor' Season Premiere Recap: Brad Womack is Back!



By Krissy Dolor

This season of ABC's *The Bachelor* has officially begun, and after last night's episode we can already tell it's going to be a doozy. Brad Womack has spent the past three years soul searching, trying to get his life back on track after his infamous decision to say goodbye to both Jenni Croft and DeAnna Pappas.

"I hit rock bottom," said Brad last night. "I was a broken man."

Brad opened up about his experience in therapy, and found the root of his phobias of commitment – his father's abandonment.

And because of this, he said, "I don't know if I've let someone know the real me." Realizing that he's been a closed off-person, Brad has learned that in order for him to truly fall in love is to be vulnerable. And he to wants to prove to America – and most importantly, himself – that he can be a better person.

Regardless of what America thought about Brad before tonight's episode, it's apparent that he's back on *The Bachelor* for the right reasons. He sounded earnest whenever he spoke about trying to prove himself and teared up each time he mentioned his father. When he talked to *Bachelor* host Chris Harrison, Brad often tripped over his words, and seemed genuinely nervous to be back at the mansion again. Fidgety, playing with the back of his head, Brad looked visibly uncomfortable – and even more so when Jenni and DeAnna were brought out to meet him.

This was the moment everyone was waiting for. To see Brad sweating, adjusting the collar of his suit as he stood up to greet those women must have been gratifying for them – and everyone at home. "Now I feel even more like an idiot," Brad muttered as they walked out. In a word, the entire situation was awkward.

"It means the world that you made – that you *both* made the attempt to come back here," Brad told them. "I failed miserably, and I'm so profoundly sorry."

But he got through it. And so did Jenni and DeAnna (who both look fantastic!). While Jenni was hopeful for Brad, DeAnna was skeptical of the whole thing, and these two women encompassed the thoughts that everyone must be thinking: *Is Brad really ready for this?*

And that was exactly what the 30 bachelorettes were thinking as soon as they walked out of the limo to meet him. In fact, Chantal, who was the first woman out, said, "I have something

for you,” and proceeded to slap Brad across the face. “This is for every woman in America!” Brad took it well, and Chantal’s bold move actually landed her the last rose of the night (kudos!).

While a few girls admitted to Brad that they really didn’t know anything about them (and Brad exhaled a sigh of relief each time he heard that), many of the women instantly had their guard up. Lacey looked stricken to see Brad (so no surprise that she didn’t receive a rose), but many, including Ashley S., simply wanted Brad to move forward with his life. In fact, Ashley S. received the first impression rose of the night, because she told Brad that she would be his friend no matter what, and friendship is the what he’s looking for in a wife. Will this be the love story that she’s hoping for? I’m not sure yet ... something about Ashley S. seems contrived.

There was a little cattiness between Renee (no rose) and Alli (rose), after Renee got a little crazy-eyed and repeatedly took Brad away from the other contestants, just to have him stolen back from her (the irony!). And Madison – this one was just plain weird with her fangs and seductive eyes, and I still can’t get over the fact that Brad gave her the fourth rose of the night. But for the most part, the girls were gracious – at least, for now.

Southern belle Emily and Rockette Keltie are two of my favorites. And Michelle, as a mother and one of the older women on the show, is a definite contender. Based on the 20 women he picked, Brad is going for a mix of country charm with comforting accents, mature and assertive women who know what they want, and bright-eyed and giddy girls who ooze cute. But I have a feeling Brad will pick a southern gal who is closest to his upbringing as his wife. Not sure which category Madison and those fangs fall into, but I’m hoping she gets off the *Bachelor* train soon.

And there you have it! The scenes from the rest of the season

look intense, and we can't wait to see next week's episode. Remember to visit us next week for more *Bachelor* coverage. Want more? Visit PopEater, but we're warning you – possible spoiler alert!

Advanced Clips: Bravo's Millionaire Matchmaker



BRAVO's The Millionaire Matchmaker 4, Tuesday January 4 – This week Patti deals with one very superficial client and another client with serious commitment issues. Robin, a successful woman in her 30's has very specific physical requests (Hello Mathew McConaughey!) but Patti isn't afraid to call her out on trying to snag a guy out of her league. John, on the other hand, is looking for a real relationship but will have to move out of his comfort zone and face his commitment issues head on. Will

Patti straighten these two out and find them love or will their on-going issues cause more matchmaking drama?

[Finding the one thing that's missing: This millionairess needs Patti Stanger's help finding love.](#)

[Not Commitment-phobic: Patti Stanger calls out this millionaire who is a commitment-phobe but he doesn't see it that way.](#)

'The Bachelor' Season Premiere Tonight with Brad Womack!



By Krissy Dolor

Your feet may be dragging at work today since it's the Monday after your New Years celebrations, but who cares? ABC's *The Bachelor* returns tonight with the man who has broken hearts before – Brad Womack. In tonight's season 15 premiere, Brad will select a group of 20 women from a pool of 30 bachelorette contestants. He'll even face DeAnna Pappas and Jenni Croft, the two women he rejected at the end of his first stint on the show. Whether you love Brad or hate his guts, you know you'll have to watch! It airs **Monday, 1/3 at 8 PM/7 PM Central Time**. And remember to stop by tomorrow for our recap of the episode! Happy watching!

Meet the 30 Contestants for 'The Bachelor' Season 15



By Krissy Dolor

Now that you've read all about Brad Womack, we know you're dying to meet the ladies that will compete for his heart in this season of ABC's *The Bachelor*. Despite the intense backlash, Womack is back. And while there are no cheerleaders, like Jenni Croft, or real estate agents, like DeAnna Pappas, there *is* a Radio City Rockette and a real estate broker. Here's a brief rundown of the women in store for the season 11 heartbreaker:

Median age: 27

- 7 blondes
- 16 brunettes
- 6 brunettes posing as blondes
- 1 strawberry blonde bordering redhead
- 2 nannys
- 2 teachers
- 25 tattoos
- 3 tramp stamps
- 2 Ashleys
- 2 Lisas
- 2 Sarahs
- 1 "J" (does she think this is the *Jersey Shore*?)
- 1 manscaper (what a profession!)

Lots of the girls love the Fourth of July (fireworks, anyone?) and Halloween. A bunch like to drink Diet Coke (watching their figures?). More than half have pets. Four women are from California, three are from Washington and Florida, and two are from Colorado and Texas. These are your contestants from New York and New Jersey. And everyone swears they're a romantic.

But does this mean the public dumper will find love the second time around?

Many of them look like the beauty pageant variety, but who knows if their in-house demeanor will match their picture-

perfect head shots – or be a fit for Womack’s finicky heart. It’s too early to call the shots on these ladies, but only a few more days until we get to see who makes the first cut!

Want more on these gals (or just want to nitpick)? Follow Cupid and check out ABC’s in-depth look [here](#). Think 30 bachelorettes are too much to remember? Download ABC’s Cheat Sheet (Cupid will, too!) and stay on top of your game. And be sure to come back next week for our first recap of this season’s premiere on Monday, Jan. 3rd at 8 PM/7 PM Central Time.

5 Things You Need to Know About the New ‘Bachelor’ Brad Womack





By Kari Arneson

The most controversial Bachelor ever is back Jan. 3! Whether you're new to the series or are already a devoted fan, here are some things you need to know about Brad Womack before tuning in:

1. He's a self-made man: Born in Atlanta, Brad was raised alongside his two brothers in a single-parent home. At the age of 28, he bought his first drinking establishment. He currently owns and operates several bars and restaurants in Austin, Texas.

2. He's not new: As the season 11 Bachelor in 2007, Brad Womack had a choice between Jenni Croft and DeAnna Pappas in the season finale. For the first time in *Bachelor* history, he chose neither woman and ended up where he started: single. In season 15, Brad is now back for a second chance at love.

3. He has to prove himself: Brad earned the ire of millions of women when he rejected DeAnna and Jenni during the finale. By choosing to return, he'll need to prove that he's ready to commit and win the trust of the bachelorettes on the show.

4. He's looking for a friend: When asked what kind of woman he's looking for, he said he's "been there and done that." He just wants a friend and someone he can be himself around.

5. He's wiser: Since he's already been the Bachelor, Brad has learned what to do – and what *not* to do – so he won't make the same mistakes again. He's also spent the last three years in intensive therapy that led him to personal revelations about his commitment issues.

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Just because you are a millionaire, it doesn't mean you know how to use that money to dress right. Patti brings in the big guns, her favorite image consultant to help her client Matt look the part of a successful and interesting man as opposed to quirky and uptight. Also struggling with appropriate style, Patti's millionairess of the week Elena, doesn't mind showing a little (or rather, a LOT) of skin. Will Matt and Elena agree to play

by Patti's rules and attract the right kind of date or will the two clients stick with the looks that have failed them in the past? Find out this **Tuesday 12/28 @9/8c on BRAVO's The Millionaire Matchmaker 4**

Changing the Image: Patti Stanger brings an image consultant to help this millionaire attract the right man.

How to Date an American: This millionairess from the former Soviet Union isn't too sure how to date an American.

Cupid Gears Up for the Next Season of ABC's 'The Bachelor' with Brad Womack!





By Krissy Dolor

This week may be the end of 2010, but come next Monday, ABC will kick off 2011 with a brand new season of its hit reality series, *The Bachelor* – and Cupid will be right there watching with you!

For the entire season, Cupid's Pulse will recap each episode of *The Bachelor* the morning after the show airs, offering a brief summary for those who missed it, as well as some critique of Brad Womack, this season's contestant, and the women vying for his heart. Cupid normally remains unbiased in his advice, but since this is the first time a former star is returning for a second chance, we figure it's time for Cupid to spread his wings and take aim. And we want you all to be there for the ride.

So clear your Monday night schedules, set your DVR, or make sure you have a few hours of uninterrupted time to watch *The Bachelor* live when it airs. And be sure to check back the next morning for our take on each episode to see if your predictions match ours. Disagree? Feel free to comment or tweet us – we'd love to hear your reactions!

In the meantime, get your *Bachelor* fix by checking out Cupid's past posts on *The Bachelor* and *The Bachelorette*, and also take

a look at our interview with David Good, winner of *Bachelor Pad*, the spin-off to ABC's romance-filled reality series. And check back later this week for a brief bio on Brad and this year's 30 – count 'em, THIRTY! – Bachelorette contestants!

Jersey Shore's JWOWW Releases Dating Advice Book



The Jersey Shore empire is once again expanding. According to iVillage, Jenni “JWOWW” Farley is now doing her part to advise the ladies on love with the release of her new book, *The Rules According to JWOWW*. The book contains her self-proclaimed shore-tested secrets to landing a “mint” guy. For those looking to “smoosh” or to find true love, JWOWW just may hold to secrets to success. The reality star describes her debut book as “empowering advice for a new generation of self-assured

women.”

What makes a reliable dating expert?

Cupid's Advice:

A dating expert can really be anyone. Cupid has some suggestions on what to consider when you're looking for relationship advice:

- 1. Who knows you best:** Trust the advice of the people who know you well, such as family and close friends. At least you know that they always have your best interests at heart.
- 2. Credentials:** Bloggers, authors and talk show hosts have usually gotten to where they are by proving their understanding of relationships. Consider their resume before trusting their advice.
- 3. A gut feeling:** Your own gut is probably the best dating expert to consult!

'Real Housewives of Beverly Hills' Star Taylor Armstrong Plays Slipper Fairy





Love and caring is in the air this holiday season! Even reality TV stars like *Real Housewives of Beverly Hills*' Taylor Armstrong are taking part. Slipper Fairy Armstrong attended the 1736 Family Crisis Center's annual "Free Holiday Store" event in Torrance, CA, Tuesday (December 14th), and delivered 300 pairs of Dearfoams slippers for previously, severely abused mothers, and their children.

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Millionaire Matchmaker, Tuesday 12/14 @9/8c: One of Patti's clients (and a personal friend) this week has a strange love for Bruce Vilanch, but of course this is a match that isn't going to pan out. Will Patti be able to find a suitable man for Judith or will her attraction to gay funny men keep her from finding an appropriate mate? Patti's second millionairess of the week has been so work-focused all her life that she hasn't given herself a chance to find true love. Is now the right time for her to let go of some of the control and allow love in or is Patti faced with another impossible-to-please client?

Dreams Do Come True: Patti Stanger invites this millionairess' ideal match, Bruce Vilanch

Why Love Now: Patti Stanger asks this millionairess why is she looking for love now?

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Millionaire Matchmaker 4, Tuesday 12/7 @9/8c: We all know Patti's #1 rule is no sex unless you're in a monogamous relationship, but her newest client may have trouble following this one. Focusing only on the physical traits he is looking for in a match, this divorce attorney needs some serious coaching before finding love. Also struggling to find the perfect woman is David, who brings his mirror-image brother everywhere with him. Will David be able to learn independence and enter the dating world on his own or will he ditch Patti and stick with his wing-man brother?

A Divorce Attorney with an Ugly Bod: Patti Stanger's next client is a divorce attorney who must keep his shirt on during the mixer or else he's in big trouble.

Seeing Double: Patti Stanger's client brings his identical

twin brother to a meeting with Patti.