

# Alec Baldwin Skips Emmy's for Night Out with New Girlfriend



30 Rock's Alec Baldwin skipped Sunday's Emmy's for a night out with his new girlfriend Hilaria Thomas. According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), the actor attended Tony Bennett's 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday Gala benefiting Exploring the Arts in New York City. The bash, which was held at Lincoln Center's Metropolitan Opera House, included Whoopi Goldberg, Bill and Hilary Clinton, Robert DeNiro, and of course Baldwin and Thomas were spotted packing on the PDA. "He had his hands all over [her] the entire night," an eyewitness said. Another insider stated that Baldwin is committed to staying single, but his being so public with Thomas "makes me think it might be a little more serious."

**How do you prioritize when it comes to a relationship?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

It may be challenging to make time for your loved ones, but it's important to do so. If you aren't sure how to prioritize when it comes to your relationship, here are some tips:

**1. Schedule one day:** Your job is important to you, but so is your significant other. By spending at least a day or several hours in a week solely with your honey, it'll show them how much they mean to you.

**2. Lunch or dinner:** If it's difficult to spend a day or more than a few hours with your partner in a week, try to schedule a time that's suitable for both of you to have lunch or dinner together.

**3. Family:** Spending quality time with your family is equally important as spending it with your mate. Find time to have several get-togethers with all of your loved ones.

**How do you prioritize when it comes to a relationship? Share with us by commenting below.**

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## **Brad Pitt Says He and Angelina Jolie Are Used to Taking Punches**





Legendary sex

symbol, Brad Pitt, recently opened up to [People](#) by pointing out reasons that being him may not always be so glamorous. On longtime partner, Angelina Jolie, being criticized for her performance in *The Tourist*, the actor said, "Listen, man, if we're that shallow-skinned, we shouldn't be in here. We're used to being in the ring and taking some punches." Though he thought it was "sweet" that he and Angelina Jolie were mentioned in the lyrics of the song "Billionaire," Pitt wasn't thrilled that they used his name to rhyme with s\*\*t.

**What are some ways to overcome obstacles as a couple?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Throughout your journey as a couple, it's impossible not to encounter obstacles. Here are some ways to deal:

- 1. Stay strong:** Not matter what issue(s) you are dealing with as a couple, it is important that you face them head on. Don't hide in a corner.
- 2. Keep a united front:** However you choose to deal with the problem, both of you must deal with it in the same way. You can't have one person doing one thing and the other doing another.

**3. Take a step back:** Problems such as gossip are best ignored. Keep things as rational as possible. Sometimes it's easy to let your emotions get out of hand.

**What are the biggest issues you have faced with your partner? Share your experiences below.**

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## Alicia Keys Throws Husband Swizz Beatz Roller Skating Birthday Bash



Even superstars enjoy a shock. Alicia Keys threw her husband Swizz Beatz a surprise party for his 33rd birthday, reports [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). Many friends, including Carmelo Anthony and Lala Vasquez, joined the couple for the celebration at NYC's

High Line outdoor roller skating rink. Keys tweeted earlier in the week, "Happy birthday to the most INCREDIBLE man I know! [Here's] to a life of endless shining between us!"

**What are some ways to make your partner's birthday extra special?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Though Valentine's Day and anniversary celebrations are special, they're focused on your relationship and not specifically on your partner. Here are a few ways to make your partner's birthday memorable:

**1. Consider your partner's likes:** Plan a celebration that your partner will enjoy. If your partner is laid-back and outdoorsy, disregard any notions of an elegant, classy party. Your partner will appreciate the thought that you put into the event.

**2. Invite old friends:** If you host a party for your partner, invite friends that they haven't seen in a while. Buddies from college or childhood pals can really make the day one to remember.

**3. End the day together:** After the birthday festivities end, don't immediately start cleaning up. Instead, take your partner out for a relaxing dinner. After talking and laughing with so many people, your mate will enjoy the casual time with only the two of you.

**What did you do for your partner's birthday? Feel free to leave a comment below.**

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# LeAnn Rimes Gets Fashion Advice from Husband Eddie Cibrian



It looks like Eddie Cibrian isn't afraid to let it known he has a thing for fashion. LeAnn Rimes' husband not only accompanied her to a Monique Lhuillier fashion show last week, but he routinely helps his wife pick out her clothes. "I give her fashion advice all the time," Cibrian, 38, told [E! News](#). Rimes chimed in, saying, ""We both have [given each other advice]. I think if we get each other's approval, that's all that matters."

**How does getting your partner's advice help your relationship?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

One of the benefits of being in a relationship is that you don't have to make decisions all on your own. That's not to

say you can't be independent while dating or in marriage, but it's nice to have someone weigh in sometimes. Here's how it can help:

**1. Important decisions:** It can sometimes be intimidating to make choices that heavily affect your life. By posing the question to your partner as well, he or she can point out some sides of the situation you had never thought of before.

**2. Mutual choices:** If you're trying to decide where to go for dinner, getting your mate's opinion is imperative so that you both enjoy your meal. Just because you're in the mood for Chinese food doesn't mean your partner feels the same way.

**3. Respect:** By asking for your significant other's advice, you're showing him or her that you respect their opinions and thoughts. Respect can go a long way in strengthening a relationship.

**When has your partner's advice really helped you in the past? Share your experience below.**

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**'Bachelorette' Winner J.P. Rosenbaum Loves Ashley Hebert's Dog Boo**







At the end of the seventh season of the reality TV show *The Bachelorette*, [Ashley Hebert](#) chose [J.P. Rosenbaum](#) and accepted his heartfelt marriage proposal. Now that the [celebrity couple](#) is preparing to walk down the aisle, Rosenbaum has one last family member to win over: Hebert's pet yorkie, Boo. After they met for the first time earlier this month, the pint-sized puppy got better acquainted with Rosenbaum and the two seemed to be well on their way to a great relationship. "They're good. They will be best friends," the former *Bachelorette* told [People](#). With plans to relocate Boo to the Big Apple as soon as possible, Hebert is excitedly basking in what seems to be the start of her celebrity love story.

***Bachelorette* winner Rosenbaum gets along fine with Hebert's pet, Boo. What do you do if you *don't* get along with your partner's pet?**

#### **Cupid's Advice:**

Introducing your new partner to your pet can be a big step in your relationship and love. Pets can sense emotions like fear



and anger, so you need to be sure to relax and enjoy yourself. Here are some tips to consider when your love meets your pet:

**1. Go on a date that includes the pet:** It doesn't have to be anywhere fancy. A nice picnic at the park along with a few games of fetch is a perfect example. Pack some sandwiches for you and some treats for your furry friend!

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**2. Spend a little one-on-one time with them:** Just like people, pets need uninterrupted attention as well. Offer to take them on a walk for 15 to 20 minutes so they can get used to you without your partner present.

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**3. Bring them treats:** No pet can resist the temptation of a new play toy or a delectable treat. A few of these will have them happy to see you in no time.

**How did you get your partner's pet to like you? Share your experiences below.**

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## **Pink and Carey Hart Take Their Daughter on Dinner Date**





Lovebirds Pink and

Carey Hart sure know how to keep the firing burning in their relationship. The couple was spotted on a dinner date at hotspot Nobu in Malibu with who else, but their daughter Willow Sage, according to [People](#). According to onlookers, the couple seemed very attentive to the three-month-old baby and seemed to be having a great time. The Harts weren't the only celebrities at the popular eatery. As they were leaving, Balthazar Getty and his kids were spotted there as well.

**What are some ways to keep the romance alive when you have a baby?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Just because you have a child, that doesn't mean you can't keep the fire burning in your relationship. Cupid has some ways you and your boo can keep the romance alive even after you have a baby:

**1. Include them:** What better way to embrace this new found joy in your life than by bringing your child along on date night? Head to a nice dinner or even a movie and show your child and your boo that you can still maintain a great relationship even when they're both there.

**2. Make time:** Even though you have a new member of the family, that doesn't mean you can't make time for just you and your honey. Plan a date night for just the two of you, and have a family member or sitter watch the baby.

**3. Go on a trip:** Head on a vacation with your baby so that you can all have new experiences together. Whether it be to a tropical island or simply a weekend getaway, try something new, and create memories you will cherish forever.

**What are some ways to keep the romance alive when you have a baby? Share your thoughts below.**

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## Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux Move In Together



Jennifer Aniston and

her new beau Justin Theroux took a big step in their relationship by deciding to become roommates. [People](#) reports that the couple is currently renting a two-bedroom house in the Hollywood Hills while searching for a more permanent settlement. “Jen and Justin are very excited about living together in their new home,” a source said. Aside from some privacy, the home, which Aniston rented Aug. 1, offers hardwood floors, a new ozone pool, spa and viewing deck. Aniston’s old home in Beverly Hills sold for \$38 million.

**How does your relationship change when you live with your partner?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

In most cases, moving in with your lover can make things complicated at times. Cupid weighs the pros and cons:

**1. Time is of the essence:** Most couples expect to be spending more time together when they move in together. Technically this is true because you have the night together, but you’ll be surprised by how much “quality time” is missing once the honeymoon period is over.

**2. ‘Space: the final frontier’:** If you’re a person who needs a lot of space after a disagreement, then you may want to reevaluate your living situation – or have a spare room.

**3. ‘After the thrill is gone’:** Similar to the beginning of your relationship, once the initial “honeymoon” period is over, a person’s guard is let down and his or her true character appears. This happens when you move in with your lover, except on a much larger scale. Act accordingly.

**What do you think are the pros and cons of moving in with your partner? Share your experiences below.**

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# Leonardo DiCaprio's Gift to Blake Lively's Dad



Leonardo DiCaprio couldn't be there for his girlfriend Blake Lively's birthday, but he made up for it by surprising her dad on *his* birthday. While the *Gossip Girl* star partied with friends at Darby in New York City last week, Leo was in Australia filming *The Great Gatsby*. But when Lively's dad Ernie celebrated his birthday in L.A. on August 14, DiCaprio gave him an elaborate coloring book as a gift. A witness tells *UsMagazine.com*, "Blake's father loved it." Lively, 24, and DiCaprio, 36, have been dating since May and "are so smitten it's crazy," according to a pal.

**How do you impress your partner's family?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

Getting the stamp of approval from your girlfriend or boyfriend's folks is crucial if you want to continue dating. Cupid has some tips on how to get on Mom and Dad's good side:

**1. Remember birthdays:** Ask your significant other for gift recommendations, then surprise their parents with a present on their birthday or anniversary like Leonardo DiCaprio did for Blake Lively's dad.

**2. Be polite:** It may seem obvious, but be courteous and gracious when interacting with the in-laws. Even after you feel like you have a casual, comfortable relationship, make sure you still show respect.

**3. Show you care:** Don't just talk about how much you love their son or daughter; show them how you protect and care for your mate by buying a house together, working hard for a promotion or, when you're ready, asking for permission to propose.

**What's the best way to develop a good relationship with your partner's family? Share your comments below.**

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# **Khloe Kardashian and Eva Longoria Double Date**







Two days after Kim Kardashian's wedding, Eva Longoria met up with the *Keeping Up with the Kardashians* star Khloe for a double-date on Monday. They were joined by their beaus, Lamar Odom and Eduardo Cruz, at the Madeo restaurant in Hollywood. [UsMagazine](#) reports that once their meal was over, the couples headed to the Montage Hotel in Beverly Hills. Although there hasn't been any word on what they did at the hotel, it's safe to assume they had a great time. Khloe tweeted that she had a "magical night!"

## What are some fun things to do on a double date?

### Cupid's Advice:

Double dates are a great way to spend time with your sweetheart and friends. From movie nights to dinners, the options are endless to have a spectacular evening. Here are a few fun things Cupid suggests you do on your double date:

**1. Game night:** This is a great inexpensive way to spend the evening. If you don't feel like being cooped up in the house, take a trip to the arcade. Or better yet, get out in the field and play a sport.

**2. Trip:** Visit a town or attraction close to your area and spend the day checking out the site, shopping and having a

meal.

**3. Camp:** Summer isn't over yet, so consider going camping with your partner and pals. Enjoy a hike or go rafting, and spend the night cooking over a campfire.

**Know any other fun things to do on a double date? Share with our readers by commenting below!**

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## Will Smith and Jada Pinkett-Smith Speak Up About Split



As most of us know by now, the rumors about Will Smith and his wife Jada Pinkett-Smith splitting are false. The happy pair set the record straight Tuesday according to [People](#), claiming that the buzz in the tabloid's about their 13 year marriage coming to an

end are not true. The couple made a joint statement saying, 'Although we are reluctant to respond to these types of press reports, the rumors circulating about our relationship are completely false. We are still together, and our marriage is intact.' While talk of the split was swirling around, the Smith's were shopping at Michaels Crafts acting cutesy and giddy according to onlookers. The couple's son Trey tried to squash the headlines too by tweeting 'Did #WillandJada split? No they did NOT split! False information ... it's not true RETWEET!!!'

**How do you prevent rumors from ruining your relationship?**

### **Cupid's Advice**

When people lie or start spreading rumors, it can play havoc on even the happiest couple. Cupid has some advice on how to handle this stressful situation, even if it's truly bothering you inside.

1. **Laugh It Off:** If you know the rumors you're hearing are completely false, simply laugh them off. When others see that you aren't taking them seriously, the novelty should eventually wear off.
2. **Speak Up:** What better way to squash nasty gossip than to set the record straight yourself. Sometimes heading the rumors off and dispelling the negative accusations may be the only option. Be sincere when you talk to others, this will demonstrate that you and your partner have nothing to hide.
3. **Be Strong:** Try not to let the rumors bother you. Go out in public as usual and have a great time. If people see you acting normal and the two of you still together the hype will begin to fade.

How do you prevent rumors from ruining your relationship?  
Share your thoughts.

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# Miley Cyrus and On-Again BF Liam Hemsworth Grab a Bite With His Brother



Teen queen Miley Cyrus and on-again beau Liam Hemsworth were seen out and about this week, reports [People](#). The newly-reunited couple joined Hemsworth's older brother, *Thor* star Chris Hemsworth, for lunch at *M Street Kitchen* in Santa Monica, California.

**How do you avoid feeling like the third wheel when you're out with a couple?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

Spending time with couples is difficult, especially if they

get lovey-dovey. Here are a few tips to help you keep your cool:

**1. Be wary of the location:** If you're planning on joining a couple for dinner at a nice restaurant, you may want to reconsider. Lunch at a cafe is much more casual and less romantic, making the meal less awkward for you.

**2. Know your friends:** If the couple you plan on spending time with are in a relationship that can get touchy-feely and romantically gooey at times, you may want to avoid making plans.

**3. Give the couple a heads up:** There's no shame in sharing your worries with a friend. Pull your pal aside and tell him or her that you're worried about being a third wheel. Hopefully, your friend will do his or her best to make you feel included.

**Do you have any experience with being a third wheel? Feel free to share your thoughts in a comment below!**

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## **Kasey Kahl Serenades Vienna Girardi With Love Song**





Kasey Kahl showed Vienna Girardi his true feelings for her with a song on this week's episode of *Bachelor Pad 2*. In a clip from the show on *UsMagazine.com*, Girardi seems to truly enjoy this display of affection, but she is unable to contain her composure as she giggles throughout the intimate love song.

**What are some romantic gestures to make your partner feel special?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

- 1. Text your love:** In the middle of the day, for no reason at all, send a quick and easy text. Tell your partner "I love you," or "I miss you." This unexpected message will put a smile on their face and have them thinking of you all day long.
- 2. Help out:** Spend a little extra time here and there making your partner's life easier. Do a bit of his or her to-do list. If you lighten the load, there will be more time for the two of you to play together.
- 3. Give a kiss:** After being in a relationship for a long time, sometimes we forget to slow down and show each other we care. One of the simplest ways to do this is to give your partner a



simple, yet passionate kiss on his or her way out the door or while he or she is cooking dinner.

How do you make you love feel extra special? Share your experiences with a comment below.

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## Bachelor Pad 2: Gia Allemand Finds Love In the NBA



Love appears to have finally pulled through for an upbeat *Bachelor Pad 2* alum Gia Allemand. The 27 year-old model said that her relationship with boyfriend Ryan Anderson, power forward for the Orlando Magic, fell into place back in February when the two began dating, according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). Allemand and Anderson met while *Bachelor Pad 2* star was doing a photo shoot in The Bahamas in February and from there, the two were inseparable.

Fate was on the couple's side as Allemand was offered a job that enabled her to live in Florida and be flown into The Bahamas on the weekend for modeling engagements. "Not only was it love at first sight, but it seemed like a touch of destiny.

We now both live in Orlando and couldn't be happier," she said. "I think I finally found the one!"

**What are some ways to stay positive about finding love?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Although sometimes it gets difficult, optimism for love is the always the best attitude. Cupid has some suggestions for when times get tough:

**1. Looks can be uplifting:** You don't have to play dress up, but if you feel good, your confidence will increase and help you out when you're looking for a new partner. Get a quickie makeover.

**2. Catharsis:** Although not always recommended, sometimes it's just easier to let out all your emotions and work from the ground-up. Cry if you want to cry. Scream if you want to scream (but maybe into a pillow!).

**3. Attitude is everything:** Although easier said than done, it's important to stay positive and keep your doubts and negativity in check. Even if you don't *feel* positive, fake it a for a while and maybe it'll end up taking hold.

**How do you keep a positive outlook on love? Share your thoughts below.**

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# Kristen Bell and Dax Shepard Make Out on the Red Carpet



Kristen Bell and Dax Shepard have been engaged for nineteen months and still couldn't be more in love, according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). The pair showed their amour for each other on the red carpet of the Do Something Awards on Sunday in Hollywood by making out for the cameras. Bell says she loves Shepard because, "He constantly keeps me laughing: when I'm sad, mad, frustrated, annoyed. Regardless of what it is he can lighten the mood. He'll do anything that the mood requires. I can't get frustrated and that is a very powerful weapon. Comedy is a very powerful weapon. He's so funny that it's overwhelming."

**What are some ways to show you love your partner in public?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

Packing on the PDA isn't for everyone. Here are some other

ways to show your love in public:

1. **Touch:** You can tell by the way two people touch each other as to whether they're in love. Hold hands or walk arm-in-arm.
2. **Take photos:** When you're out for a stroll or at a party, take turns snapping cute shots of each other, and take a few pictures of you together. Not only will this show people you value this moment with your partner, but later on you can share them online to further display your love for one another.
3. **Peck on the cheek:** If the thought of a make out sesh like Dax and Kristen's makes your skin crawl, simply give your beau a little kiss on the cheek to let the room know that this is your man and you are completely in love with him.

**How do you and your beau show your love in public place? Share your thoughts in a comment below.**

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## **Jay-Z Raves About Wife Beyonce During Interview**





It looks like love got the best of him! Jay-Z finally broke his longstanding silence when it comes to talking about wife Beyoncé to the media. He just couldn't contain himself during a phone call into a Miami, Florida, radio station, according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). And when he opens up, he *really* lets it fly. "What I've learned from her is similar to what I learned from Mike [Jackson] – and I know that's blasphemy to compare the two because Mike was such an innovator – but I think she's like the second coming," said Jay-Z. "You know, the hard work and dedication that she puts into her shows. It just makes you want to work harder at your own craft. She's like a machine."

**How do you publicly show your support for your partner?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Some people are more forward about their relationships than others in public. Regardless, it's important to show your love and support to the world ... at least once in a while. Cupid has a few suggestions:

**1. Cheer:** If your partner is being honored for an accomplishment, it's extremely important that you are there with a beaming smile on your face and your hands wildly clapping together. Seeing the support of the one you love

makes the occasion even more memorable.

**2. Be attentive:** Sometimes it's the small things that count the most. When you're out with your mate, keep a watchful eye on him or her. If she's getting hit on at the bar and doesn't seem to be liking it, step in. If she trips on a crack in the sidewalk, catch her.

**3. Plan dates:** Going on dates typically involves going out in public. Make sure your significant other has no doubts that you're paying attention to her and only her while you're surrounded by others. The phrase, "I only have eyes for you" comes to mind.

**How do you show your partner support in public? Share your thoughts below.**

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## **Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez Show the Love at Teen Choice Awards**







When it comes to celebrity couples and the media, the feuding couple is always more interesting than the happy pair. That's probably why there are so many rumors surrounding lovebirds like Selena Gomez and Justin Bieber. The young couple decided to put these rumors to bed at the Teen Choice awards by arriving together and engaging in various public displays of affection, according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). Bieber even stated that he couldn't wait to see his girlfriend perform, "Because she's awesome!"

**What are some ways to squash break-up rumors?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Sometimes rumors surrounding relationship problems can be lethal and can actually lead to a split. To make sure that doesn't happen, Cupid has some tips on how to stop the poisonous talk once and for all:

- 1. Utilize social networking:** Use tools like Facebook or Twitter to post loving pictures of you and your beau to show everyone that you most definitely have not broken up and are in a good place.
- 2. Plan a trip together:** When two people plan a trip in

advance, it shows that you plan to be together for an extended period of time.

**3. Ignore it:** The best way to fight a rumor is to not buy into it at all. As long as the tall tale is not actually affecting your relationship, there's no reason to make yourself crazy trying to disprove it.

**What are some rumors surrounding you and your relationship and how are you handling them? Share your experiences below.**

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## **Eddie Cibrian Defends Criticism Over Wife LeAnn Rimes' Body**



LeAnn Rimes is

getting hit with the criticism that her weight loss may be the result of an eating disorder, even though she tweets every time she eats. “LOVE Thin Mint Cookies!” she said in one such tweet, according to [Hollyscoop](#). However, health expert Dr. Farid Zarif said that her weight drop could be due to stress.

Regardless, her new hubby, *Playboy* actor Eddie Cibrian, defended her honor by calling her body “perfect.” “I think she looks wonderful,” he said. “She is very healthy, and to me—perfect.”

**How do you know when to defend your partner’s decisions?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Not all the time is everyone going to be ecstatic about a choice his or her partner makes. However, most of the time, we expect the ones we love to support us no matter what. But when is it OK to stick up for your significant other? Cupid has some thoughts:

**1. Health conscious:** Are you sure your partner’s decisions will leave his or her health in good shape? As long as your mate’s decision aren’t affecting his or her well-being, you probably shouldn’t step in.

**2. The long run:** Though it isn’t always fun to think about the effects that decisions have long-term, you may as well get it over with sooner rather than later. It’s the only way to know if a decision is truly a good one.

**3. Eternal smile:** Will this decision truly make your partner happy? If his or her smile will only be temporary as a result of this decision and will then turn to a permanent frown, then think a little harder about it.

**Have you ever supported a partner’s decision that you didn’t agree with? Share your experiences below.**

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# 'The Bachelorette' Reality TV Star Ashley Hebert Says Her Sister's Reaction to J.P. Was Shocking



[Ashley Hebert](#) looked forward to introducing Ben Flajnik and [J.P. Rosenbaum](#), the final two contenders on [The Bachelorette season 7](#), to her family. Her whole family loved Flajnik, but Rosenbaum didn't have the same luck. In fact, her sister was especially disapproving of her relationship and love with the contestant. *The Bachelorette* star told [People](#), "What bothered me the most was not that she didn't approve but how aggressive and unsupportive she was. All I needed at this point was someone to be supportive of whatever I was feeling...and she wasn't."

Although she was crushed by her sister's reaction, Hebert decided to take her opinion with a grain of salt: "I used her uncertainty to make me ask the questions I was scared to ask but by no means did it change the way I felt about him." Hebert followed her heart and recently celebrated her celebrity engagement with Rosenbaum.

## **Hebert's sister wasn't thrilled about *Bachelorette* contestant Rosenbaum. What do you do if your family doesn't support your relationship and love?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

You're torn inside. You love your partner, but your family doesn't think he or she is right for you. If you're really close to your family and value their opinion, it may be very difficult to be in this situation. Cupid has some love advice on what you can do to ease the tension:

**1. Get to the heart of the issue:** Talk to your family members. Find out exactly what bothers them about your boyfriend or girlfriend. Do they think your partner's not good enough for you? Do they think they are having a negative influence on you? Maybe they're simply afraid of losing you. It's important to communicate!

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**2. Be firm:** In order to confront your family's prejudices, you need to be firm. Tell them that you hope that they can be happy for you. Instead of asking them if they approve of your relationship and love, assert that you would be grateful to

receive their support for your decision.

**Related Link:** [Reality TV Host Chris Harrison Reveals Twist for New Season of 'The Bachelorette'](#)

**3. Allow for bonding:** You've tried convincing your folks that your significant other is a great person, and it turns out that words alone won't do the trick. Your next best bet is to have them spend time with your beau so that they can get to know each other better. Try to find some common ground between them.

**Ever had a boyfriend or girlfriend your folks disliked? Share your story below!**

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## **Kim Kardashian Chooses Wedding Dress Designer Vera Wang**







Bride-to-be Kim

Kardashian has been in the media a lot lately, due to her recent engagement to Kris Humphries. Well, she's now being examined for what her wedding dress will look like. Kardashian revealed Monday that Vera Wang will be designing her wedding gown, according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). "Vera has been a close family friend for a long time and we had talked about this moment for years," Kardashian, 30, wrote on her blog. "So when it came to picking my wedding dress designer, she was the first person I thought of. No one designs gowns the way she does!"

**How do you make choosing a wedding dress a special occasion?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Just have fun with it! Here are three ways to make shopping for your wedding gown an unforgettable experience:

**1. Don't go by yourself:** Everything always seems more fun if the ones you love are involved. Nothing is different about shopping for your wedding dress. You want the people that you cherish to come help you along the way. They don't necessarily have to make the ultimate decision for you, but if you value them, you value their opinion.

**2. Keep your big day in mind:** It may get very stressful, but



if you constantly keep your big day in mind, you have no choice but to smile. Think about the reason you're shopping, because the happiest day of your life is soon to come. Don't let minor things spoil this special occasion.

**3. Take pictures:** Take pictures? Of you in the dress shops making a decision? Yes! Memories last a lifetime, and if you can look back on those photos, you'll know that you made gown shopping an unforgettable experience.

How did you make choosing a wedding dress a special experience? Share below in a comment.

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## Cameron Diaz and A-Rod Spend a Domestic Weekend Together



A movie star and a

New York Yankee: could there be a more glamorous couple? But in Miami this past weekend, Cameron Diaz and Alex Rodriguez actually spent a low-key, domestic couple of days together. According to [RadarOnline](#), the high-profile twosome was spotted having a casual meal out and stopping at a local Whole Foods grocery store. Diaz, 38, is enjoying a break from filming her new movie, *What to Expect When You're Expecting*.

**What are some signs that you've settled into a serious relationship with someone?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

After the honeymoon phase of the relationship is over, you and your sweetie will either get serious or call it quits. Cupid has some signs that you've settled down with your mate:

1. **It's the little things:** Doing everyday things together, like grocery shopping, shows that you're serious as a couple because you don't need to impress each other anymore.
2. **You have a routine:** If you know that Tuesday night is pizza night and Saturday you go to the park together, you've settled into a routine with your partner. Once you've gotten into a groove, you've also settled into a serious relationship.
3. **Nothing to hide:** When you and your mate are totally honest with each other and don't care about showing your flaws, you're in deep. You're probably past the honeymoon phrase when you're comfortable being in your sweats with no makeup on in front of your mate.

**How do you know when your relationship is serious? Share your comments below.**

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# Alicia Keys Says Being Married Is 'Fly'



With her one-year anniversary on July 31, Alicia Keys can't complain about marriage. "It's so fly," the singer said in an interview with [People](#). "There's something great about feeling at peace and ease with your partner and knowing you understand each other. I really enjoy that friendship." Keys, who wed producer Swiz Beatz, real name Kaseem Dean, said the two are so similar it's "mind blowing." In fact, the relationship is moving so well that Keys said she seeks fashion advice from her hubby. "'I can say, 'I'm not sure about this look for the BET Awards. What do you think?'" and I know that he will honestly tell me exactly what's up," she said.

**When you get married, what are the perks?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Most of the time, people say marriage is hard work, but they

never mention the enjoyable parts. Cupid has a few pros of being married:

**1. Snuggle buddy for life:** One of the most comforting facts about marriage is that no matter how bad your day is, you have the evening to cuddle up to your best friend.

**2. Ups and downs:** A spouse is there to celebrate your successes and lend support during hard times. In short, he or she is dependable.

**3. 'Til death:** Although it can be scary to think about spending the rest of your life with just one person, it usually gets better with age (like fine wine, as the cliché goes).

**What do you like about being married? Share your thoughts below.**

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# Jennifer Aniston Is House Hunting With Beau Justin Theroux





Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux are making the big move. According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), the *Horrible Bosses* actress is looking for places to either rent or buy in the Beverly Hills area with new serious boyfriend, Justin Theroux. Sources close to the couple say that the relationship is going extremely well, and they hope to make it permanent. As far as other recent big real estate purchases for the actress, Aniston just closed on an \$8 Million Penthouse in New York's West Village. She also purchased the one-bedroom apartment below it with plans to turn it into a duplex.

**How do you know when you're ready to move in with your partner?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Real estate can be a serious issue for a couple. But, when you can finally agree to move in together, it should be a joyous occasion. Here are some signs that you and your partner are ready to make the big move:

**1. When you spend every night together:** If you are spending every night together anyway, it may be time to start splitting the rent.

**2. When you foresee being together for a long time:** Nothing makes a relationship more permanent than sharing a place together. Plus, it's a good way to get to know each other on a deeper level.

**3. When you want to spend more time together:** If all the time you spend together just doesn't seem to be enough, start looking for a new place together.

**Have you ever cohabitated with a partner? Tell us about it.**

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## Miranda Lambert and Blake Shelton Sneak In Alone Time at Kid Rock's Bash



She's a little bit



country, and he's a little bit rock and roll. Miranda Lambert and her hubby attended a party for pal Kid Rock at the Hotel on Rivington in New York last weekend, reports [People](#).

Lambert and Blake Shelton, who were married in May, even found some alone time at the blow-out bash. After spending some time schmoozing with the 200 guests at the party, the couple was spotted sneaking away to enjoy the New York City skyline from the rooftop terrace.

## **Where can you take in some romantic views as a couple?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Make the most of the time you spend with your partner by visiting someplace new and enjoying the scenery. Cupid has some ideas on where you two can enjoy some spectacular views as a couple:

**1. On the roof:** Miranda Lambert and Blake Shelton had it right when they snuck off to the roof to enjoy the beautiful New York skyline. Lots of bars and restaurants now have rooftop terraces open during the summer.

**2. On top of a mountain:** If you and your mate like to get physical, try climbing a mountain together. Whether it's in the Southwest or the Far East, you'll feel a sense of accomplishment when you reach the top and enjoy the gorgeous scenery together.

**3. On the water:** Another way to take in a view of your favorite city is by taking a cruise on the nearest river or ocean. Alternatively, you can enjoy the great outdoors and some romantic scenery by canoeing, kayaking or boating on a lake in the middle of nowhere.

**Where do you go to enjoy a romantic view with your partner?**

**Share your comments below.**



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# Prince William Says He's 'Not a Good Loser'



As part of their visit to California, Prince William and Kate paid a visit to the Santa Barbara Polo & Racquet Club in Carpinteria this Saturday and played in a polo match. Before he played, William gave a brief speech in which he jokingly admitted he's "not a good loser," according to [People](#). The Duchess smiled and clapped as her Duke went on to score four points for his team, which won four to five.

**How do you handle your beau's competitive side?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Having a competitive partner can be tough, especially if

you're not into the whole "winning" shebang. If you've ever been in this situation, you probably know how hard it is to tolerate your boyfriend or girlfriend's competitive spirit. Cupid has some advice for easing off the stress:

**1. Be supportive:** Take a hint from Duchess Kate and cheer your partner on as he or she engages in competition. You may be tempted to avoid that tennis match your sweetie takes way too seriously, but don't. Show you're there for him or her and take an active interest.

**2. Celebrate together:** There's no better way to let your partner know that you really want to be a part of his or her life than by celebrating his or her successes. Celebrate victories as a couple.

**3. Relax them:** Not every day is a winning day. Remind your partner that winning isn't everything. Yes, it's important to be supportive and take his or her interests seriously, but at the same time you don't want it to get out of hand. Give him or her a calming massage.

**How have you dealt with a competitive beau? Share below.**