

'Real Housewives of Orange County' Vicki Gunvalson Tries to Fix Shannon Beador's Marriage



By Laura Seaman

Vicki Gunvalson and the Beadors of the *Real Housewives of Orange County* are taking a trip to Mexico in order to try to rekindle the love between Shannon Beador and her husband David. "Our relationship needs this trip more than ever," Beador told [People](#). "I'm going to Puerto Vallarta with my eyes wide open." The couple and their *Real Wives* friend have been focusing on fun, though tensions are still present. During one of the couples' fights, Gunvalson said, "You need to figure

this out or you're going to end up divorced."

What are some ways to work on your troubled marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

It's a sad thing when a marriage starts falling apart. When you said those vows, you planned on the relationship lasting a lifetime, and it may seem hard now, but it's not too late! If you want your marriage to work, you need to put in the effort. You loved each other once, and you can learn to do it again:

1. Spend some time alone together. Take time off work, turn off your phones, and go somewhere relatively peaceful. Maybe that's just staying home, or maybe it's going away on vacation. Either way, you need to put off other sources of stress and spend some relaxing, peaceful time as a couple.

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2. Take some time to work on yourself. Marriage and time might have changed you, and you're no longer the person you were when you first met your partner. Find out if this change is the reason you're now unhappy in the relationship and whether or not you've changed for the better. Your partner should do the same, but that's their own choice to make.

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3. Just talk about it. You've probably heard this a million times before, but it's probably the most important part of any relationship. Talk about what you want out of life, what you want out of your partner, and what you're not getting out of the marriage that you would like to have. There's a reason it's called 'awkward' silence. Nothing gets fixed if you just ignore it.

How have you gotten through the rough patches in your

marriage? Tell us in the comments!

Ricky Martin Admits to Wanting a 'Daddy's Little Girl'



By Laura Seaman

Ricky Martin wants to add to his family of three and get a little girl to join him and his twin boys Valentino and Matteo (5). Martin, now a single father after his breakup with Carlos Gonzalez Abella, tells [People](#), "I want a daddy's little girl."

So, not only is the Latino singer looking for love in a romantic way, but in a family dynamic as well. “[Being a parent] enhances everything,” he says. “I’m only starting... I want more kids!”

How do you decide whether to have more kids with your partner?

Cupid’s Advice:

You might have one kid or maybe two, but sometimes it’s just not enough. Deciding whether to have more children is a big decision to make, and you can’t make it alone. So, how do you bring up the idea of having another child with your partner? What should you expect out of this conversation? Cupid is here to help the talk go as smoothly as possible:

1. Make it an open conversation. Maybe your partner doesn’t want another kid, or maybe they haven’t even thought about it. This could be a total surprise to them, and you need to be open to what they have to say. Don’t just expect to get your way!

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2. Give them time. This is a decision that will most likely take more than one conversation. Don’t hound your partner 24/7 or drop not-so-subtle hints all the time. They have to think about this, and it’ll only stress them out more if you’re always on their back.

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3. Stay calm. There’s a chance your partner won’t agree with you, and that’s okay. Don’t yell or get aggressive just because you didn’t get your way. Try to understand their point of view and see if you can reach an agreement. This is a joint decision, and that means their opinion is just as important.

How did you have the conversation to add another child to your

family? Let us know in the comments!

Duck Dynasty's Miss Kay Reveals She Birthed Her First Child Before Marriage



By Shannon Seibert

Duck Dynasty's Robertson family has always talked of their traditional morals and happy family values, but Miss Kay recently admitted that her first son Alan was born before her marriage to Phil was legalized. The stars of the A&E show have

been happily married for over 50 years, and their love continues to grow stronger each day. According to UsMagazine.com, the mother of four also says that her loyal hubby is true to their marriage vows and still makes her breakfast in bed.

If you're pregnant, how do you decide whether to get married before or after the birth of your child?

Cupid's Advice:

Decisions, decisions! Pregnancy is a beautiful thing, and so is marrying the love of your life. The question is: Which comes first? This decision is a big one because every bride wants to feel like a princess on her special day, but bringing a bundle of joy into this world is a gift all in its own. We've gathered three questions to consider in making your choice as to whether or not you should wait to walk down the aisle.

1. How far along is the pregnancy? Watching your tummy grow with the miracle you've created is one of the most wonderful sights – unless it prevents you from fitting into your wedding dress. Some brides embrace their baby belly and float happily down the aisle, showing it off. Other brides, however, want to look slim and like “their best self” on their wedding day. If you think you'd have to make too many alterations, it may be best to put off the wedding. However, if you can coordinate a wedding before the bump forms, there isn't any reason why you shouldn't celebrate now.

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2. Do you want to stress about a wedding while caring for a baby? Stress is never good for an expectant mother. The added anxiety of a wedding can heighten emotions for the bride and mother-to-be. In turn, do you want to be worried about the

health and care of your baby while you're picking out your wedding cake? It all depends on how you as the bride want your wedding day to be.

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3. How much planning will your wedding require? Weddings are a big to-do. Brides have to coordinate meals, guests, invitations, cake, venues, and many more small details that can become extremely overwhelming. Depending on your wedding style, waiting to have an official ceremony may be the best thing. If you want an elaborate and traditional wedding, it'll probably require months of planning. If you just want a small get together with your closest family and friends, that may be more doable under a time crunch.

How did you make your decision? Share with us in the comments below!

Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck Celebrate 9th Wedding Anniversary





By Shannon Seibert

America's sweethearts Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck celebrated their 9th wedding anniversary this past weekend. The stars married back in 2005 and are now the proud parents of three beautiful children. According to UsMagazine.com, the lovebirds enjoyed a romantic low-key dinner with red wine at Bistro 82 in Detroit, Michigan, where Affleck is currently filming *Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice*.

What are some ways to spice up a long-term marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

Marriage is a partnership, a love story, and, most importantly, a long-term commitment. To keep a marriage happy and healthy, it requires a lot of work on both ends. After a while, routine becomes inevitable, and couples can get too comfortable with one another. Sometimes, to get back on track, you have to make yourself uncomfortable and try new things. We've pulled together three ideas to keep your marriage feeling fresh and new.

1. Go on adventures: In many marriages, taking care of the kids, paying the bills, and going to work become the top priorities. Avoid neglecting your relationship by going out on spontaneous excursions together. Spending a weekend at a nearby bed and breakfast or going out for date night in another town can help rekindle those feelings from when you started dating.

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2. Flirt with each other: When you're married, you have to keep dating your spouse. The stolen glances, the suggestive comments, and the subtle hints may seem trivial at this point, but they are all key factors in keeping the spark alive. Men like feeling wanted as much as women do, so send a little wink his way every now and then! By courting your spouse, it reminds them that you still want them in the same way you did when you first got together.

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3. Make plans without the kids: Yes, they are your pride and joy, but you and your man were together before children were even a thought. Splurge on that tropical vacay that you've been saving for. It doesn't make you any less of a parent by spending a weekend on a cruise ship without them. If anything, by keeping your marriage healthy, you're setting an excellent example for the standards of your children's future relationships.

What are your secrets to a happy marriage? Share with us in the comments below!

'Teen Mom 2' Star Jenelle Evans Gives Birth to Baby Boy



By [Jessica DeRubbo](#)

'Teen Mom 2' star Jenelle Evans and her boyfriend Nathan Griffith announced the happy news that they welcomed a baby boy, Kaiser, into the world on June 30, according to UsMagazine.com. Though both Evans and Griffith are already parents, this is their first child together. Speaking about how the duo came up with their son's name, Evans said, "We were basically searching for baby boy names on the Internet, and we came up with a bunch of different unique ones. We didn't want something that everyone else had or had even heard before, even us. So we wanted something different, and we ended up looking up Kaiser."

What are some ways to compromise on baby names?

Cupid's Advice:

Coming up with a name for your child can be daunting, and when you have two people lending their opinions, it's often complicated. Cupid has some advice:

1. Split up the first and middle names: Though it doesn't always seem fair, one partner take the responsibility of the first name, and the other partner take the responsibility of the middle name.

2. Randomize: Sometimes there's no agreeing, so the best thing to do is take your top two names and put them in a hat to randomly draw one out. The kicker with this one is that you both have to at least marginally like both names.

3. Figure out what's important: Is your significant other most worried about carrying on a family name? What other factors are going into your decision? Make sure to weigh outside influences before discounting your partner's opinion.

What are some other ways to compromise on baby names? Share your thoughts below.

Keith Urban Serenades Nicole Kidman on Stage for 8th Anniversary



By Sanetra Richards

Want to show your love? Try singing it! According to UsMagazine.com, that is exactly what Keith Urban did for his wife, Nicole Kidman, at his concert in Melbourne, Australia on Wednesday, June 25th. The country star made their eighth wedding anniversary special by performing his self-written 2006 song "Once in a Lifetime" for his love (and rest of the audience). "A couple of months before the wedding, we were in our hotel, and we were talking about the future, and Nic was getting very nervous about marrying me," Urban told fans. "She was saying things like 'It's a long shot,' but I knew she loved me and was just nervous. I did everything I could to remind her that I was going to be her man forever," he continued before performing his sultry ballad. Urban didn't stop there – he went on to sing "Making Memories of Us." "This is a song a lot of people have at their wedding," Urban said. "We had it at ours. I sung it. I was too cheap to get anybody

else, " he joked. "Eight years, baby girl. This song is for you." He then expressed his adoration to his wife, who was sitting in the VIP box. "I love you so much."

What are some ways music can make your anniversary special?

Cupid's Advice:

Your special day is coming up, and you have no idea what to do for your partner of X amount of years. Of course, you want to make it memorable and nothing like before. What better way than to incorporate music into your planning? Cupid has three ways that a sweet melody will sweep your sweetheart off their feet:

1. Music is symbolic: Do you and your partner have "a song"? If so, include that tune in your anniversary planning. Maybe it's the song you both heard for the first time on a date and fell in love with it (and each other) instantly. Or perhaps it's a song that describes your relationship perfectly. If you're looking for a new song to bring into your relationship, listen to Taylor Swift's "Our Song."

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2. It says something that you've been thinking: Want to tell your significant other something you have been dying to get off of your chest but can't quite put it into words? Well, try playing a song for them and showing how much you love and adore their presence in your life. Best way to go!

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3. It sets the perfect mood: Your partner will be on cloud nine or higher to know that you were thoughtful enough to come up with a song in honor of your anniversary. The lyrics or tempo will have significance to them for years to come.

How can music make your anniversary even better? Share your thoughts below.

Pregnant Vanessa Carlton Is Expecting First Child with Husband John McCauley



By Sanetra Richards

There's a bun in Vanessa Carlton's oven! According to UsMagazine.com, the *A Thousand Miles* singer announced that she's expecting her first child with husband John McCauley on

Thursday, June 26th. The 33-year-old songstress posted a photo of her tiny bump and a update of her fifth album in progress: "I can now reveal the reason as to why Liberman will not be released until next summer. See the picture below," she captioned. She continued on with a little humor about her bundle of joy: "No, those aren't a bunch of croissants. We're expecting a baby. It's healthy and moving around like a champ." Carlton added, "I'm bummed to delay the album because it's so special to me and the perfect combination of England and Tennessee. When I put the record on it feels like medicine. I hope it does the same for you...in due time! Thanks for sticking with me. John, Victor, and I are over the moon." (Victor is the couple's pooch).

How do you decide the best time to have a child?

Cupid's Advice:

Welcoming a child is definitely a life-changing event and should be the happiest time in your life. After all, you will be responsible for another human for many years to come. So when is the right time to make this decision with your partner? Cupid has a few instances:

1. Everything is A-OK: If your relationship is continuously getting better and you could see yourself raising a child with this person, it could be the perfect time to consider expanding your family.

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2. You both agree: Many couples struggle to have this conversation. In some cases, one person in the relationship doesn't want kids – and unfortunately, that truth may not come out until you really begin planning your future. If it's important to you, be sure to discuss it with your partner *before* getting married, moving in together, or taking another

big step.

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3. You're prepared: Although there is no real way to mentally brace yourself for parenthood, you can still be financially ready. Be able to provide the basic necessities for your child, plus more!

When is the best time to have a baby with your partner? Share your thoughts below.

**'The Bachelor' Winner
Courtney Robertson Tells All
In New Book About Love: "I
Really Didn't Hold Back!"**





Interview by [Lori Bizzoco](#). Video by Damian Kolodiy.

Everyone knows that with every episode of [The Bachelor](#) comes plenty of heartbreak and drama. However, one name has stood out during recent seasons: Courtney Robertson. Even though she was known as one of the most notorious villains of the franchise, *Bachelor* Ben Flajnik proposed to her at the end of season 16. Unfortunately, after the finale aired, the drama didn't stop for Robertson. She and Flajnik split, and the celebrity dating rumors about the former contestant continued.

Courtney Robertson Talks About New Book About Love

In her new book about love *I Didn't Come Here to Make Friends: Confessions of a Reality Show Villain*, the reality TV star reveals the whole story, including intimate details about life before, during, and after her time on *The Bachelor*. "I wrote this book for fans of the show," she says in our [celebrity video interview](#). "I really didn't hold back. If it pertained to me finding a relationship and love and what led to me to go on the show, I put it in!"

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After the roller coaster of drama, Robertson is now “happily single,” focusing on her book, which she sees as her “labor of love,” and her modeling career. Of course, *The Bachelor* will always be a part of her life. She remains friends with former contestants and is enjoying this season of *The Bachelorette* (she thinks Josh is “pretty cute!”). Fans can also catch her on a future episode of *Untold With Maria Menounos* where she’ll spill even more behind-the-scenes reality TV secrets.

You can purchase I Didn't Come Here to Make Friends on Amazon or at your local bookstore.

Update: The paperback version of I Didn't Come Here to Make Friends is available from Dey Street Books as of January 6, 2015 for \$15.99. Buy it now!

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Courtney Cox Is Engaged to Snow Patrol's Johnny McDaid





By Sanetra Richards

Another soon-to-be husband and wife! According to UsMagazine.com, Courteney Cox is on her way to becoming a married woman. The *Cougar Town* star and boyfriend Johnny McDaid both sent out their announcement via Twitter on June 26th: "I'm engaged to him!" and "I'm engaged to her!" The two were first spotted as a couple back in December 2013 at a holiday party hosted by actress Jennifer Aniston in Los Angeles. Ed Sheeran, the couple's mutual friend, spread the word in April that the pair moved in together. "I'm not sure that it's public knowledge, so maybe I shouldn't have said anything—but, yes, they're already living together," the singer told *The Mirror*, a UK magazine. "Things are moving fast. He moved in and, judging by the last time I saw them, they couldn't be happier." Later on that month, the love birds gushed about their relationship and singled out each other at Cox's directorial debut premiere, *Just Before I Go*. "He supports me in every way," Cox said. "He supports me creatively. He really believed in the movie...and not just because he likes me, though I know that helps." McDaid added onto the gushiness: "Courteney is the most completely

confident person I've ever met—at everything.” He continued on to say, “She gets music. She gets art. She gets the way a scene gets constructed, the way dialogue works. And she puts it all together in her mind and then explains it to the world and makes movies that make people laugh and cry, squirm and jump, all those things.”

How do you know when your relationship is ready for marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

You and your partner have had conversations in the past about what the future may hold. The questions probably revolved around whether or not you'll still be a couple, buy a house together, and have children together. Now, you're ready to take it to the next level and actually turn those conversations into a reality. The only problem is, you are unsure of how to exactly make this happen and if the timing is right. Cupid has some tips to help:

1. You don't want to be with anyone else: You're pretty sure you have met your soul mate. This person understands you completely, and you understand them in the same way. You daydream about waking up to their face every morning and kissing them good night at the end of the day. If this describes what you are feeling, you may be ready to exchange vows.

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2. You don't have any major problems: Of course, it's normal for a couple to have a fight here and there. Still, you seem to agree on things most of the time and have the same values/morals. And let's not forget, the two of you don't fear the thought of an eternal commitment! I hear wedding bells – do you?

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3. You're stable as a couple: This means mentally, emotionally, and financially. It is smart to be all three (or close to it) before thinking about marriage. Once you and your significant other become one in matrimony, you become one in these three factors as well.

What are some ways to know your relationship is ready for marriage? Share your thoughts below.

**Daniel Radcliffe New
Girlfriend Erin Darke Have
'Great Chemistry'**





By Shannon Seibert

Not only is their magic on screen but there is magic in the air. Star of the wizarding world **Daniel Radcliffe** is happily in love with his **new girlfriend** Erin Darke. The pair made their first red carpet appearance together at the Tony Awards. The couple met while filming *Kill Your Darlings* in 2012, but took their love-filled relationship into the spotlight just this past month, according to UsMagazine.com.

How do you determine if the chemistry in your relationship is strong enough?

Cupid's Advice:

When you've been in a relationship for quite a while, you'll notice the "new" feeling begins to wear off. You're used to each other and each other's routines. Eventually you both create your own routine together. In order to keep the chemistry alive you have to find out whether or not the relationship will be worthwhile. Check for these three signs to see if your couple chemistry is going strong:

1. You get the traditional butterflies: When you catch their eye you feel your stomach dip, or your heart flutter. Even if it is only a little bit, your brain is telling you that you are happy to see them. You recognize their presence as a signal for love and happiness. If you still catch him looking at you like they way he looked at you when you first started dating, you know the chemistry is still sizzling strong.

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2. You talk about him all the time: When people love someone the person they love always seems to surface as a topic of conversation. You may get comments from your friends saying that they have already heard all about your inside jokes with your man. Though silly, it's reassuring that your partner is still a focal point for what you're passionate about. So what if you talk about him all the time? He's all yours to brag about.

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3. You looked forward to alone time: Not only do you love going out and showing off your man, but you constantly find yourself impatiently waiting to get him all to yourself. When there is a lot of chemistry between two people they're always in each other's thoughts, although some of these thoughts are definitely more private than others. A good romantic relationship with a good sexual relationship leads to a strong and healthy relationship for a couple.

Have you ever had chemistry doubts? Tell us about them in the comments below!

Channing Tatum Divorce Rumors Untrue



By Shannon Seibert

The world almost collapsed under the rumors of Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan's divorce. Rumors could not be more false, rest assured. The couple could not be happier since their wedding in 2009. The *Step Up* stars have recently been seen glowing in each other's arms, according to UsMagazine.com.

How do you keep outside pressures from affecting your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

It can be difficult not to listen to the opinions of your

loved ones since they mean so much to you, but this is your relationship. Your relationship is between you and your partner so therefore you should focus the energy between you and your partner alone. Check out these tips for handling external pressures that may be weighing on your relationship:

1. Filter what you hear: It's definitely important to listen to what people are saying about your relationship, because there is usually an underlying truth. But people are people and they tend to exaggerate the details of most stories and conjure some pretty extensive rumors. Don't let the words of others get a rise out of you when you know your partner probably better than most anyone else. Stay strong and listen to what is said, but only do what your heart says is right.

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2. Talk about it: Talking with your partner is key to a healthy relationship. Whether it's financial struggles, social issues, or any other problems, an open communication line is the best tool to have under your belt. By talking to your love about what is on your mind the both of you can work together to diminish the issues that may be surfacing. It's important to set boundaries and fully understand each other's opinions to come to a conclusion that you agree on. Together you'll emerge stronger than ever as a united front.

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3. Don't stress over little messes: The more you talk about a problem, the bigger the problem gets. If you find yourself constantly bringing up a past issue it won't stay in the past. By making it relevant again you invite the stress back into your life. Also, by making a huge deal out of a little situation, such as not walking the dog two days in a row, you'll begin to pick fights with your partner. Destress by learning to sort the big pressures from the little ones, and

you'll find yourself in a stronger and happier relationship.

How have you handled pressurized situations? Share with us in the comments below!

Beyoncé and Jay-Z Share Wedding Video On Tour



By [Jessica DeRubbo](#)

Beyoncé and Jay-Z gave their fans something to talk about on the opening night of their tour *On the Run* in Miami on Wednesday, June 25, according to [UsMagazine.com](#). The notoriously private duo debuted some video from their top-

secret wedding during a mash-up performance of “Forever Young” and “Halo.” Fans were surprised to find that Beyoncé donned a traditional gown and veil for her wedding in 2008, while Jay-Z wore a tuxedo.

What are some unique ways to document your wedding experience?

Cupid’s Advice:

Your wedding day is often a once in a lifetime experience, and you want to remember it for the rest of your life. Perhaps you want to show your kids or grandkids down the line. Cupid has some tips for documenting your wedding experience in unique ways:

1. Scrapbook, scrapbook, scrapbook: When you think “scrapbook,” you may envision your mom meticulously cutting out construction paper to glue to a page, but the past-time has come a long way in recent years. Check out your nearest hobby/craft store, and they’re bound to have a dedicated aisle for scrapbook supplies.

2. Hire a videographer: This is by no means a new concept, but a nice idea is to not only take video of the wedding ceremony, but also do guest interviews at the reception. Ask a random array of guest how they met the bride and groom and their wishes or predictions for the couple’s future.

3. Take an aerial shot: This may not be an option for some, but either hire an aerial photographer or convince a pilot friend to take some snapshots of your wedding or reception from the sky. Instruct your wedding party and guests to look up and put their hands up for a fun memory to last decades.

What are some other unique ways to document your wedding? Share your thoughts below.

Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher Are 'Meant to Be' Says Twin Brother



By Laura Seaman

In a recent interview with UsMagazine.com, Ashton Kutcher's twin brother Michael talked about the relationship between his brother and Mila Kunis. "They reunited after 14 years, and I think they were meant to be," he said. "They make such a great couple. I'm so happy for them, I really am. Ashton is in a really great place right now." The couple first met when working as costars on *That '70s Show*, which aired from 1998 to

2006.

What are some advantages to becoming romantic with a long-time friend?

Cupid's Advice:

There is a lot of risk that comes with asking out a friend. You could be 'friend-zoned' or the relationship might crash and burn, taking your friendship down with it. But not to fear! Sometimes these friendships-turned-relationships work out, and they become some of the best romances you could imagine. Here are some of the advantages to turning a friend into something more:

1. You can skip the awkward first date process. When you're friends with someone, chances are you've gone out to dinner or had a movie night together at some point. Usually these types of dating activities can be awkward ice-breakers at first, but with friends there's no need to make attempts at weird small talk or get-to-know-you games.

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2. Their family already knows you. In most cases, you already know your friend's family to a point. True, this will completely change the way they see you, but now your friend's family already knows how great you are and how you've stuck by their little boy or girl over the years. This scores some points that a random stranger wouldn't get.

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3. You know that this person already makes you happy. Yes, you'll have to explore the physical and romantic aspects more, but when it comes to whether or not this person can make you happy on an emotional level, you know your friend already

qualifies. When two strangers date, they have to build up both the romance and the friendship. But when you're dating your friend, you're already halfway there!

Have you ever dated a long-time friend? How did it work out? Let us know in the comments!

Benji Madden Says He's 'Lucky' to be Dating Cameron Diaz



By Laura Seaman

In an interview with the Nova FM radio station, Benji Madden said that him and his brother were “lucky guys.” The rock star was recently spotted holding hands while getting coffee in New York City on June 3. A source tells UsMagazine.com that the couple met through Nicole Richie, Madden’s sister in-law, who “thought they’d click.”

What are some unique ways to make your partner feel special?

Cupid’s Advice:

There are the obvious ways to let your partner you care, like kisses and hand-holding, but sometimes you want your efforts to stand out. Your relationship is special, and your partner deserves a unique way of being told they’re special. Here are some tips from Cupid on how to be extra creative when letting your partner know you care:

1. Get crafty! Get out your paintbrushes and scissors, because nothing says “I Love You” like a hand-made gift. If you’re artistically challenged, this could be something as simple as painting a picture frame or making a small scrapbook of your relationship. There’s a reason your parents kept those crappy stick drawings you gave them; they’re cute, and you made them yourself. It’s the effort that counts, and your partner will appreciate it.

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2. Make a public gesture. If your partner isn’t afraid of the spotlight, a grand public gesture is an unforgettable way to show them you care. You might choose the classic skywriting option, or try serenading them in the park. Engrave your initials in a special place, or plan a romantic flash-mob surprise. Be creative, but make sure it won’t make your partner uncomfortable.

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3. Show them your family traditions. This is for more serious relationships, but if you think your partner might become part of the family someday, a great romantic gesture would be to include them in your traditions. Bring them to the secret fishing spot your grandfather used, or take them to a special family dinner. This will show your partner that they're special enough to be included in your personal family life, and it won't go unnoticed.

What are some ways you've shown your partner how special they are?

George Clooney is Granted Protection Laws in Lake Como Pre-Wedding





By Laura Seaman

George Clooney is taking some extra precautions before his upcoming marriage to Amal Alamuddin. The actor has been given two protection laws making it illegal for fans and paparazzi to come to close to his residence in Lake Como, Italy. These laws state that it is illegal to stop on the road outside Clooney's house or the water in front of his villa 24-hours a day. "It's a question of traffic and security," the town's mayor tells UsMagazine.com. "It is very dangerous and it's also an issue of privacy." The new laws will be in place until September 30.

What are some ways to prevent wedding crashers at your reception?

Cupid's Advice:

It's easy to understand why you don't want uninvited guests at your party, and even more so when the party is celebrating one of the most important events of your life. However, it does happen, and trouble usually follows. Here are some tips from

Cupid to keep party crashers at bay, whether they're unruly friends, relatives with family issues, or just strangers who happen to show up:

1. Make it clear to guests that it is a private occasion. This might mean adding a small note to the end of the invitation or going so far as to call each guest and explain the situation, but if it's really important you will make sure all of your partygoers understand. If it's not clear, they might try to invite more people or accidentally blab to an uninvited friend or relative about the time and location.

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2. Pick a proper venue. If your reception is outdoors or in a popular public space like a park or pavilion it might be a bit difficult to ensure that nobody crashes. Private, indoor locations are easier to secure and less likely to catch the attention of hopeful party crashers.

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3. Pay for the extra security. You don't have to go to the extent that George Clooney did, but a little extra security can go a long way. One or two workers at the door checking the guest list are much more likely to catch an uninvited guest. It's not your job to monitor the party; it's your job to have fun and make memories!

How did you keep wedding crashers away from your reception? Tell us in the comments!

Adam Levine Says Proposing to Behati Prinsloo Made Him 'Woozy'



By Laura Seaman

The smooth and sexy Adam Levine admits that he was anything but sexy and smooth when it came to proposing to his girlfriend (now fiancé) Behati Prinsloo. The Maroon 5 singer was quoted in UsMagazine.com saying, "It doesn't matter how certain you think you are, you still get down on that knee, and you get woozy, and you're like, 'I'm doing this, oh my god.' You can't be confident about it. I'm a confident person, but I got on that knee and everything changed immediately. I lost my equilibrium. I had to get on the other one."

How do you calm your nerves before a marriage proposal?

Cupid's Advice:

If you're not at least a little nervous about proposing, you're probably not human. This is the rest of your life we're talking about! But if it all goes well, it will make your life so much better than you could ever imagine. So take care of those nerves and get down on one knee, because this is the question that will change you forever.

1. Think positive! You love this person, and if you're proposing then you must have some sense of confidence in the thought that you're meant to be together forever. If you have a strong relationship and you're truly in love with this person, there's a good chance they'll say yes. So stop thinking about the negatives, because it won't do you any good.

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2. Focus on the details. The best way to banish nerves is to keep yourself busy. There's no better way to stay busy and ensure the perfect proposal than to plan out every detail of how you'll pop the question. Even if it's going to be simple, you have to plan the what, when, where, and how. Busy yourself with this important planning and you won't have time to worry about the 'what ifs'.

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3. Drop some hints. If you absolutely can't calm yourself down and have to know ahead of time whether or not this proposal will end the way you want it to, try dropping hints. Don't be too obvious, but bring up the topic of long-term plans in conversation and see how your partner reacts. Gauge their reaction, and if it's positive, you have your green light to go for the question and you can stop doubting yourself.

How did you banish your nerves before the proposal? How did it go? Let us know in the comments!

Dax Shepard and Kristin Bell Are Expecting a Second Child



By Laura Seaman

Kristen Bell and her husband Dax Shepard are expecting a second child! The couple already has a daughter, Lincoln, who is almost 15 months old. "The whole family is beyond excited," a rep tells UsMagazine.com. The celebrity couple has had a positive experience with parenthood so far, with Bell saying,

"I love [motherhood]! She's absolutely intoxicating." She also said of her husband Shepard, "He just talks to her all the time and sings to her all day. It's wonderful."

How is raising a second child different than the first?

Cupid's Advice:

The first time a couple has a child, it is a completely new and unique experience. Until you experience it, there's no way to really understand. But now that you have experienced it, the second child is completely different. You know much more, and yet things aren't quite the same. Here are some differences that come with raising a second child.

1. You have to explain the idea of a sibling to your child.

Maybe your first child is too young to fully understand, but to some extent you may have to talk to them about the changes that are happening. The process is different depending on age, but they should still know what it means to be getting a sibling. This includes sharing their toys, the house, and even your attention.

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2. You will be parenting two children at once. When you were raising your first child, you were able to focus all your parenting time and energy on them. They got all of the care and attention. Now with your second child, you'll be parenting two children, and you have to learn to split that time and care between the two equally, or you could have some problems.

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3. You know what you're doing... mostly. No body knows the perfect way to parent, but after one child, you have a lot more knowledge than you did last time you were raising a baby. Use what you've learned during this time and it will probably

be much less stressful.

What differences did you notice when you were raising your second child? Let us know in the comments!

Nicole Sherzinger and Lewis Hamilton Share 6th Anniversary Pics



By Laura Seaman

Pictures are worth a thousand words, and the photos of Nicole Scherzinger and Lewis Hamilton in Venice, Italy tell us that

they had a wonderful trip to celebrate their sixth anniversary. According to [UsMagazine.com](https://www.usmagazine.com) the couple has been on and off multiple times in their six-year relationship, but they seem to be enjoying themselves this summer with a trip to the Hamptons following their international anniversary celebration.

What are some ways to make your anniversary special?

Cupid's Advice:

Anniversaries can mean something different to every couple. Some may just acknowledge it as another year spent together while others may wish to celebrate the fact that their relationship is yet another year stronger with many more to hopefully come. Here are Cupid's tips for any couple hoping to make their anniversary something special.

1. Make it unique and intimate. Some couples have little inside jokes, shared favorite things, or special rituals. This is a day about you two, so make it unique to your relationship. Share your favorite foods, go to the place where you first met, or make a CD of all your favorite songs while you just enjoy each others' company.

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2. Try something different. On the other hand, maybe it's time to add a new memory to the relationship. Maybe you could take a cooking or painting class together, or take a road trip to a place you've never been. After years of being together, maybe it's time to spice things up, and this is a perfect chance to do just that.

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3. Give them your full attention. This day is about you and

your partner, so make a point to show them that you take this day seriously. If it's a weekend, put away your phone and don't check your email. If it's a workday, call them during lunch or send them a small gift at the office. Show your partner that you know just how special this day is and how amazing the year has been.

Have you had an extra special anniversary celebration? Tell us in the comments!

Kelly Osbourne Hooking Up with Quincy Combs, Puff Daddy's Stepson





By Shannon Seibert

Uh oh, the rumor mill is at it again. Kelly Osbourne hooking up with Quincy Combs, Puff Daddy's stepson. The pair had recently started following each other on social media, and had a moment together captured on Instagram. But Osbourne remains her independent self and isn't officially tied down to anyone, sources told UsMagazine.com.

How do you keep a casual relationship on the down-low?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes when a relationship is new it is best to keep things casual until you figure out whether or not it has the potential to go beyond. Hooking up can be great if they are done correctly. They allow a couple time to figure things out with no major public losses if things go south. We've pulled some tips to help keep your causal relationship, well, causal.

1. Stay away from social media: In a world that is so technology obsessed, posting your relationship on any social media will lead to questions. *Who is this guy? Where did you*

meet him? Why haven't you said anything to us about him? If your man is constantly in your snap story, or on your Facebook timeline, people are bound to talk. Just lay low for a while and then slowly branch out when you feel it's time to let everyone else in the loop.

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2. Go on more private dates: When trying to get to know a person it can be hard to see what they're really about when you have multiple distractions. Stick to more intimate style, or one on one type dates when you're still exploring your feelings together. This way you'll be able to ask questions, exchange stories and discuss certain topics that you may not have been able to in a group setting or out in a busy place.

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3. Refrain from spending too much time together: With a new relationships, every 'first' moment is extremely exciting, but you don't want to get too anxious and over-invested before things really hit it off. Spending a lot of time together can overwhelm a person. By jumping into things too quickly you start searching for emotions that may not even be there yet. Play it cool and just stick to seeing each other a couple times a week instead of every day.

How do you down play your casual relationship? Share with us in the comments below!

Jill Duggar & Derick Dillard Share First Kiss in Front of 1,000 Guests



By Shannon Seibert

Waiting to go all the way before your wedding day is one thing, but waiting for your first kiss is practically unheard of. As Jill Duggar and Derick Dillard concluded their vows, they shared their first kiss together. Duggar's family is known for their courting rules on the reality series *19 Kids and Counting* and the star, 23, decided to stick with them and wait until her wedding day to kiss the love of her life. The star's parents explained to UsMagazine.com that dating and courtship is merely getting to know a person with focusing on the end game being marriage.

What are some ways to limit those you invite to your wedding?

Cupid's Advice: On your special day you want the people who mean the most to you to be there. This can get tricky since everyone who you've ever spoken to is going to be expecting an invite. Don't panic. We've created these tips to help you narrow down your choices for who will be attending your wedding celebration.

1. Have criteria for narrowing down your guest list: If this person didn't know you and your significant other were even dating, chances are they aren't someone who is relevant enough for an invite. Ask your man and yourself whether or not you'd notice if a particular guest attended or not. Have you even spoken to this person in the past year? Did you attend their wedding? Or if you think a guest may start drama or a riot at the wedding, you'd best not extend an invitation. You want this day to run as smoothly as possible.

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2. Have a closed ceremony but an open reception: One genius way to limit the attendance to your ceremony venue is to have a private ceremony but a public reception. A laid back environment for a reception can be fun and breezy, making your job as a bride easier. Allow guests to come and go as they please, and bring whomever they want to wish you well. The intimate ceremony will allow you to have those closest to you there for your special declaration of vows, and then join the party with the rest of your friends and family at a large gathering. The best of both worlds.

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3. Have a budget that you stick to: Setting a certain financial plan in stone can help you make the necessary cuts for your big day. Weddings are expensive. The dress, the

venues, the food, the cake, the tuxes, the limos, it all adds up. Having a strict financial budget will help you plan your wedding in a fiscally smart manner. It'll serve as the little extra nudge you need to make your decisions and stick to them.

How have you narrowed down your celebration invites? Share with us in the comments below!

Just Friends – Is Jennifer Lopez Dating Maks Chmerkovskiy?



By Shannon Seibert

Even though they have publicly denied dating, the tension between Jennifer Lopez and Maks Chmerkovskiy is absolutely sizzling. Apparently the *Dancing with the Stars* pro, 34, attended Jennifer Lopez's show at Foxwoods Resort Casino in Connecticut on Saturday, June 21. Lopez, 44, and Chmerkovskiy then went and danced all night at Shrine Nightclub, creating quite the flirty scene for onlookers. Sources say that the two remained close to each other all night and the pair even held hands and talked before sharing a long hug and saying goodbye, according to UsMagazine.com.

How do you decide when to go public with your new relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Okay, so you've been keeping things casual for the time being, but how are you supposed to know when the right moment is to take things to the next level? Dating is a complicated game and you have to play your cards right or else things could not end in your favor. You don't want to get andy or jump into things too quickly, so take a step back and think for a moment. We've picked out three major signs that you can use to interpret whether or not your relationship is ready to go public:

1. You are publicly showing affection for one another: If you're at the point of holding hands and kissing in public without second thought, you're probably heading in the right direction. If he isn't shy about wrapping his arm around you as you stroll into a local restaurant, he won't shy away from calling you his girlfriend.

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2. You consider it weird not to hear from one another all day: In a new relationship everything is about testing the waters and this includes limiting communication. You don't want to come off too strong or get overly invested while you're still in the trial stage. So when you're at the point in your relationship when you are messaging back and forth all day, talking on the phone, or hanging out every other day, you're prime and ready to take things public.

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3. You've met his parents: This is a huge and critical step in moving forward in your relationship. If you have met the man and woman who has instilled his values, then he definitely treasures you in his life. This is a privilege given to few and taken for granted by many. If his parents like you, they will serve as your advocate and can help you and your man connect on an even deeper level.

How did you know when it was time to move things forward? Tell us your story in the comments below!

Christina Milian: Bye Bye to Jas Prince





By Sanetra Richards

Goodbye, fiancé ! Hello, single lady! According to UsMagazine.com, a rep for Christina Milian's family has announced the 32-year-old singer/actress and fiancé Jas Prince have ended their engagement. The star and her music executive boyfriend of nearly four years called off the engagement at the beginning of this month. Milian removed her belongings from their L.A. house on Thursday, June 19th. The pair allegedly began dating in 2010, following a few months after her divorce from singer/songwriter The Dream. She was spotted sporting a nice sized diamond ring in April 2013, but kept it under wraps, even when asked about it in interviews.

While not saying too much, Milian shared a quote on Instagram on June 12th about new beginnings and achieving the life you desire: "There comes a time in life, when you walk away from all the drama and people who create it. Surround yourself with people who make you laugh, forget the bad, and focus on the good. Love the people who treat you right. Pray for the ones who don't. Life is too short to be anything but happy. Falling down is part of life, getting back up is living." Following

the message, the caption stated, “Morning inspiration. Turn your life around and do all the things that make you happy. It’s your life to live.”

How do you know when to call off your engagement?

Cupid’s Advice:

You dated, fell in love, and then came the big question. Of course, you said yes . . . but found yourself rethinking the entire ordeal once things took a turn for the worse. Unfortunately, you are not quite sure how to tell your partner you do not want to go forward or if being **single** is what you truly want to do. Cupid has some advice to help you:

1. No longer getting along: The arguments have started and the looks of disgust are definitely not going away anytime soon – it is probably best to say goodbye to your engagement. The worst thing you could possibly do is get married knowing you are unhappy and will be that way for some time to come. Do not be ashamed to tell your family and friends you are calling it quits. Chances are, they will be happier to know you are not going into a marriage with ill feelings.

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2. Cheating: Yes, the big C. If this is already happening in your relationship, your marriage will not stand a chance.

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3. Future is not the same: Your talks about what your future entails have changed and you are no longer on the same page . . . let it go. Your idea of a happy life is not matching your partner’s, and there is no convincing him/her of having the same. If you want to succeed successfully throughout your

marriage, conversations revolving around your life as a married couple are key (and should probably be similar).

When is the right time to call off your engagement and return to the single life? Share your thoughts below.

Reunited Exes Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez Attend Bible Study



By Sanetra Richards

A couple that prays together stays together, right? According

to UsMagazine.com, Jelena were spotted attending a bible study session in L.A. on Wednesday, June 18th. An insider also revealed the the on-and-off-again pair were not hiding their affection either: "They were very lovey-dovey and cute," says a source of the couple who "came and left together with a few friends." The source went on to say the 20-year-old singer and 21-year-old singer/actress "sat next to each other and listened to [Pastor Judah Smith]'s sermon." The pair were very "smitten with each other." Bieber posted a photo on Instagram from Smith's Wednesday evening's teachings. The caption stated, "Bible study with Judah Smith." "He looks so happy and at peace," the source says, while Gomez appeared to be just as calm and composed. The two also seek advice from Smith frequently. Gomez posted an Instagram on Easter Sunday from Smith's church: "He is risen, @judahsmith just thank you." Bieber was introduced to the pastor back in 2010 when he, along with his mom, Pattie Mallette, attended one of Smith's sermons. Smith told *Us* in January that Bieber is "pretty sensational" and "serious about his faith."

What are some ways to bond with your partner over your beliefs?

Cupid's Advice:

Being connected with your partner spiritually can be one of the best qualities of your relationship. It is also adds to what you both have in common. Cupid has a few ways to bond with your partner over your beliefs:

1. Another connection: As you develop a bond with your partner over your beliefs, you will begin to see each other in a totally different light. You will start to understand their thought process more, what gets them going, and what they are truly passionate about.

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2. Worship together: No more going to sermons or bible study alone. You now have someone by your side who is willing to join you on your spiritual journey.

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3. Open discussions: Talking about your beliefs is another pro of having a partner who is on the same page as you. The conversations will evolve as you both are progressing towards a deeper faith.

How do you bond with your partner over your beliefs? Share your thoughts below.

Debbie Matenopoulos of ABC's 'The View' Discusses Pregnancy and Motherhood





By Shannon Seibert

Expecting mother and *The View* alum Debbie Matenopoulos is embracing the excitement of pregnancy and motherhood. With her trendy maternity style mixed with her healthy life style, she is bound to be a great mother. The two-time Emmy nominee recently caught up with *Celebrity Baby Scoop* about her first child and her new cookbook, *It's All Greek to Me*.

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CBS: Tell us a little about your maternity style. What advice do you have for new mothers who want to be trendy but comfortable?

DM: "I'm actually just starting to find my maternity style to be honest. My bump is just now starting to show a little, so I'm learning to dress it. I like wearing body conscious dresses that actually show it off. I think pregnancy is beautiful, and I love it when women embrace their bumps, so I have been trying to wear bump hugging silhouettes. I do, however, have some really fantastic boho chic dresses and

onesies that I love as well.”

CBS: Have you started to plan the nursery yet? Can you share any details about the theme, colors, etc.?

DM: “I have not started to plan the nursery yet. I guess I better get on that soon, huh? We are not finding out what we are having, so it makes it kind of difficult to pick colors and themes. I think I’m going to do a bit of sea/beach theme or a safari animal theme. My hubby is a spear fisherman and diver, so he is leaning towards the sea theme. One thing we do know is that we are going to paint clouds and a blue sky on the ceiling. That’s about as far as we’ve gotten.”

CBS: What’s been the best piece of advice you’ve received so far about pregnancy and motherhood?

DM: “The best piece of advice I’ve gotten about pregnancy and motherhood is to simply enjoy it. There are so many things for us to worry about that sometimes we don’t actually give ourselves a chance to enjoy how beautiful the whole process of pregnancy and motherhood is. I truly believe this will be the most beautiful and important thing I will ever do in my life.”

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CBS: You recently celebrated your Greek heritage with the release of your new cookbook, *It’s All Greek To Me*. What can we learn from the Greek culture and cuisine?

DM: “The book is a compilation of my family’s century old recipes that are not only great for your health but also incredibly delicious. There is a lot to learn from my ancestors. Greek people have been eating organically for hundreds of years. They wouldn’t consider spraying chemicals on fruits and vegetables or pumping hormones into animals that they would then eat. It’s just simple common sense to them. I do not believe in eating processed food. I’m not a doctor, but

I believe a lot of processed foods are the cause of many of our health issues in this country. I truly hope that everyone who prepares food from my book will enjoy the benefits of it as much as I have over the years."

For the rest of the interview, visit www.celebritybabyscoop.com/2014/06/12/matenopoulos-pregnancy-beautiful!