Celeb Brad Pitt Says Fatherhood Has Made Him a Better Man





By Jennifer Ross

When <u>Brad Pitt</u> reflects back on 2012, what pattern does he see? "It's been a family type of year, a down-home type of year," the celeb recently reported to <u>People</u>. As Pitt, 49, spoke about his family, while having dinner in his London rental with twins Knox and Vivienne, he didn't let out all the details about his upcoming <u>celebrity wedding</u> to fiancée <u>Angelina Jolie</u>. However, he did say that the wedding theme will be "just family...keep it simple — really." One thing the <u>Killing Them Softly</u> actor confirms is that fatherhood has

"absolutely" made him a better man. With regards to what he has planned for his time before turning 50 next year, the celeb simply says, "I want to enjoy this year more than ever."

This celeb and father of six seems to be handling parenthood just fine. How do you know if your partner is cut out for parenthood?

Cupid's Advice:

The truth is, you really can't know if your partner is going to be a great parent until they become one. However, there are basic skills a person should have when raising children that they show prior to becoming a mom or dad. To help ease your worries, here are a few clues to look for that can tell you your partner has parent potential:

1. Patience: Having patience is a great indicator of someone being able to handle parenthood. Let's face it: If your partner cannot be patient around adults, like the time when a friend has one too many drinks and your mate is stuck babysitting them, then they won't last around children.

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2. Flexible and fun: Because children require so much attention, having a partner with the ability to be flexible and fun will help everyone involved. This means that your significant other is alright with plans not going as scheduled and seeing the humor in stressful situations.

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3. Compassionate: A way to see if your partner is compassionate is to see how they react when someone is hurt or angry. Does your beau ignore them or try to empathize by lending a shoulder to cry on? To have someone with compassion is a big help for your relationship and love. Plus, it's an important parenting skill.

How did you know your partner would make a great parent? Tell us below.

Brandi Glanville Lashes Out at LeAnn Rimes About Taking Credit for Her Sons





By <u>Jessica DeRubbo</u>

It's all about the drama between Brandi Glanville and LeAnn Rimes again ... this time surrounding Cibrian and Glanville's sons together, according to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. In a spirited family mood, Rimes tweeted, ""Flying out with my boys in a few hours. Love that it's a family tour weekend. It's always more fun when they are with me." This apparently very much upset Glanville, who seemingly responded to the tweet with her own, saying, "Someone is trying to get under my skin by calling my children 'her boys. So transparent!"

How do you deal with your partner's jealous ex?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes one of the hardest parts of your current relationship is dealing with your partner's past relationships in the form of a jealous ex. Cupid has some advice:

1. Ignore it: Your first action should be to ignore what's going on and to try not to react to it. Sometimes this is enough to encourage your partner's ex to give t up.

- 2. Have your partner address it: The fact is that you shouldn't have to deal with your partner's past relationships. Tell your mate how you feel and have him or her have a talk with their ex to smooth things over.
- 3. Confront the situation: If neither of the above works, it's time to take matters into your own hands. Sometimes being direct about your feelings with your partner's ex can be what it takes to shut down the situation.

What are some other ways to deal with your partner's jealous ex? Share your experiences below.

Jaimie Alexander Opens Up About New Relationship with Peter Facinelli





By <u>Jessica DeRubbo</u>

It's official: Peter Facinelli has moved on from ex-wife Jennie Garth. The actor and his *Nurse Jackie* co-star Jaimie Alexander have stepped out as a new couple, according to *People*. The pair recently attended the Tommy Hilfiger and *GQ* "Men of New York" event in NYC, and Alexander gushed about her new beau. "We've been friends forever and had a lot of mutual friends and we reconnected in the middle of the year," said the actress. "It was one of those things where I'd been single for a very long time and he was going through a lot. We sort of bonded." That said, Alexander isn't going into the relationship without reservations. "It's very new to me and it's scary," she said. "But it's also something we don't want to give up on because I know how it makes me feel in my heart, ... It makes me feel really good."

How do you know if your relationship is worth fighting for?

Cupid's Advice:

Despite obstacles, some relationships are worth putting in the

time and effort to make them worth. That said, some are just the opposite and simply aren't worth it. Cupid has some advice:

- 1. Your feelings: The best thing you can do is to trust your instincts and feelings. If whenever you're with your partner you get that feeling of love in your heart, then it's probably worth it to plow through obstacles to make your relationship work.
- 2. You're on the same page: Just because you know you love your partner and want to be with him or her, that doesn't mean your mate is on the same page. It's important to sit down and have a very frank conversation about where each of you are in the relationship to make sure you want the same things at the same time.
- 3. You have enough in common: If you have very little in common with your partner, it's probably not worth fighting for your relationship because neither one of you will be happy. In order to sustain a relationship long-term, your interests must align at least somewhat.

What are some other ways to tell your relationship is worth fighting for? Share your ideas below.

Lisa Hochstein of 'The Real Housewives of Miami' Says She Is the "Luckiest Girl in the

World"





By Michelle Danzig

She's witty, laid-back, and beautiful—and couldn't be a more perfect addition to this season of Bravo's reality show 'The Real Housewives of Miami.' Former playboy and fitness model, 29-year-old Lisa Hochstein absolutely loves being a cast member. In the beginning, it seemed easy to dislike her, as she is the wife of the "Boob God" Dr. Leonard "Lenny" Hochstein and self-proclaimed "best creation" of her husband.

Despite their first impression, everyone was pleasantly surprised to find that she is funny, genuine and the most real of the cast members. Even amidst the telltale drama of the series, Hochstein finds herself very composed. "I have been through so much and have overcome so many of my own personal struggles and bad situations. So I just roll with it," she

says lightheartedly. "It doesn't affect me because it is nothing compared to what I've seen in my past."

Hochstein, however, is not one to stand back when she is being disrespected. During our interview, she mentioned her lavish and infamous lingerie party to benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure when two of the housewives got into a heated discussion that ultimately got physical. "When [the two women] almost destroyed my party for my charity and the music went off, that just set me off," she says "I was at my breaking point." Despite that particular incident, she still stands by her calm, cool and collected persona. "If you're going to get angry and lose it, it needs to be something worth it," she says. "There is no sense in getting premature gray hairs over this stuff."

Despite some choices that the viewers might find to be poor decisions, Hochstein doesn't have any regrets about her behavior on the show. In a recent episode, when a fight erupted at Thomas Kramer's dinner party, she was ridiculed for getting up on the table and dancing for the guests — on a stripper pole — in an attempt to lighten the mood. In the middle of the chaos, Hochstein managed to make everyone laugh. "I'm silly; I'm fun," she says. "I'm spur-of-the-moment, and if something comes to my mind, I'll do it."

Hochstein says that what people didn't see on television was that, after the incident, she invited the rest of the ladies at the party to join her on the table to dance. Sticking with her no regrets mantra, she says, "I don't think I did anything inappropriate, and my husband didn't mind."

That is exactly what she loves about her man. "He accepts everything about me," she explains. "I'm a little crazy; I'm a little out there. I like to have a good time, and I like to dance. I entertain him. There is never a dull moment with me. I think that's why he is so in love with me. I always have something outrageous to say, and I make him laugh."

Although the drama may affect the relationships of some of the other wives, Hochstein says that her marriage to Lenny has not changed at all. "We are the same couple we've always been. He's proud of me and all of the things that I'm trying to accomplish." The couple just celebrated their three-year anniversary back in October — "That's a big accomplishment in Miami," Hochstein jokes.

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Since being on the show, Hochstein finds that people tend to misunderstand her relationship with her husband. She believes the opening line of the show has caused this issue. "He didn't create me; he fixed a bad boob job," she says. "It was a joke that was taken out of context." In truth, her relationship with her husband isn't about plastic surgery at all.

In their free time, the happily-married pair love to walk their dogs on the beach, travel and ski. They also love to go out to dinner or a club, watch movies and just hang out in bed together. This housewife knows the importance of continuing to "date" your partner, even after you get married. "Having a date night at least once a week is so important to your relationship because you can get off track," she says. "A date night will feel like you're courting each other again." She also recommends taking an annual vacation with your significant other. "We go to Europe every summer. I think the alone time is extremely important."

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Her best piece of relationship advice, though, is one that she learned from her mother. "Never go to bed angry," she recommends. "I'm a firm believer in that."

While Hochstein is working to promote herself and the show, her husband is constantly maintaining his growing practice.

Although it has been "crazy busy," they are both loving it. It may be hard to find time for each other these days, but the reality star says that she and her husband are still madly in love with each other. "My husband is young, hot, sexy and smart," she exclaims. "I am the luckiest girl in the world."

Tune into Bravo on Thursdays at 9/8c for 'The Real Housewives of Miami.' Keep an eye out for a skin care line and fitness supplement line from Lisa Hochstein sometime next year. You can also follow her on Twitter at @LisaHochstein

Harvey Weinstein and Georgina Chapman Are Expecting





By <u>Jessica DeRubbo</u>

Weinstein Company chairman Harvey Weinstein and Marchesa cofounder and *Project Runway: All Stars* judge Georgina Chapman are set to welcome their second child together, reports *People*. The pair, who are parents to daughter India Pearl, 2, do not know if they are expecting a daughter or son, although according to Chapman, "I'd be happy either way." Weinstein and Chapman married in Connecticut in 2007.

What are some ways to prepare your first child for a sibling?

Cupid's Advice:

It's best to prepare your first child for a sibling instead of just letting it be a gigantic surprise. A smoother transition for everyone, here are some ways to get your daughter or son ready for the family addition:

1. Take the time to explain: Sit down with your first child and explain that you will be having another baby and what this means to them. Make sure to let them know that you will still love them just the same, but that they will have to share your

time in the future.

- 2. Involve them in the preparations: Make sure that your first child feels a part of preparing for your second child. If you're decorating a new nursery, have him/her help pick out the paint, wallpaper, or bedding.
- 3. Visit friends who have infants: One of the best ways to prepare your child for a sibling is to visit friends or family members who have a baby in their household. Introduce your child to the baby and explain that you're carrying a similar one in your stomach.

What are some other ways to prepare your child for a sibling? Share your thoughts below.

First Glimpse of Neve Campbell's Baby





By Jenny Schafer for Celebrity Baby Scoop

Party of Five alum Neve Campbell was photographed with her partner **J.J. Feild** and their newest addition in Los Angeles, Calif. on Wednesday (November 21). The Canadian actress, 39, looked every bit the proud new mom as she walked with a smile alongside her two guys.

While the *Scream* star has remained mum on the details of her baby, rumorville states that she gave birth to a boy in August, whom they named **Caspian**.

In mid-August, the happy new parents were seen cooing over their newborn bundle of joy at a Los Angeles beach.

We last saw the Scream actress — full pregnant belly and all — in L.A. on July 12.

Reportedly, the new mom is set to return to the small screen as one of Derek's (Patrick Dempsey) four sisters on an upcoming episode of *Grey's Anatomy*.

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





By Michelle Danzig

Hope Solo's husband and former NFL tight end Jerramy Stevens, 33, was arrested for violating probation on Wednesday, according to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. The arrest is the result of domestic abuse charges earlier this month. Stevens allegedly assaulted Solo, 31, during an altercation on November 12. Oddly enough, Stevens and the two-time women's soccer gold medalist were married the very next day. After being released

and the charged being dropped, a warrant was issued for his arrest for violating probation from a marijuana possession arrest back in October of 2010. Solo spoke out about the incident for the first time on Tuesday saying, "I'm happy. I'm happily married. We never stand for domestic violence. I've never been hit in my life. It's unfortunate, and that's what the media can do." Stevens is currently in jail without a set bond.

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

Cupid's Advice:

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

- 1. Do not get arrested too: if your significant other is having a run-in with the law, and you are present, be calm. Do not interfere in any way. Politely ask the officer where your partner is being taken and for any other information you may need to know about the arrest.
- 2. Don't judge them for past offenses: Not everyone who goes to jail or gets arrested is a bad person. Sometimes people make mistakes and unfortunately, jail is sometimes a consequence. Ask them to be open and honest about the situation. This way, you are enlightened about any topics that might concern you and your future (i.e.probation).
- 3. Try to avoid any future occurrences: As was mentioned earlier, it isn't difficult to end up arrested. If you and your significant other have a clean record, why not work together to keep it that way. If either of you finds yourself in risky territory, it doesn't hurt to say something. Take

precautionary measures, for example, when drinking. If your partner has had too much to drink, do not let him/her drive.

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

Kim Kardashian Is 'Still Handcuffed' to Kris Humphries, Lawyer Claims





By Michelle Danzig

Kim Kardashian and Brooklyn Nets star Kris Humphries are still married, according to <u>People</u>. Almost a year after the divorce papers were filed to end the 72-day union, the reality television mega-star is demanding a trial as soon as possible. Kardashian's lawyer, Laura Wasser said that Kardashian just wants to finalize the divorce and move on with her life. Humphries is seeking an annulment, claiming that the \$20 million dollar nuptials were all for the more-than-successful, E! Television series Keeping Up with the Kardashians. While his attorneys gather evidence that the marriage was based on fraud, Humphries sticks to his claim that Kardashian never wanted to be married. A February 15 hearing date will determine when the divorce will go to trial.

What are some ways to remain civil during divorce proceedings?

Cupid's Advice:

Regardless of the reasons why a couple is getting a divorce, the process is difficult and can bring back emotions that the couple simple just didn't want to revisit. Remaining civil during a divorce can be one of the hardest aspects of severing the knot, but it is also an excellent way to ensure that your focus remains on resolving any issues and ultimately moving on with your life. Here are a few ways you can remain civil during a divorce:

- 1. Make a list of talking points before you have a discussion: By making an agenda of things you would like to discuss with your spouse and what you hope accomplish by the end of the conversation, you eliminate the possibility of running off track and leaving room for arguments.
- 2. Make compromises: Your marriage was once about compromise, so it is only fitting to keep the divorce under the same expectations. It is unusual that two people will want exactly the same things, but be prepared to give things up. Ultimately, decide what is really important to each of you and

reach an agreement based on those terms.

3. Don't bad-mouth your spouse in front of the kids: Divorce is a very difficult thing for children to handle and they will have their own issues to deal with while their parents separate. Although you are angry and it may be difficult, try your best not to speak poorly of your spouse in front of the kids. Placing the children in the middle of the divorce can cause them to feel trapped or even choose sides. It is perfectly fine to vent to friends or family, but be cautious with what you say around the children.

What are some other ways to keep your cool in the midst of your divorce? Share your comments below.

Melissa Joan Hart Tweets Her Travelin' Tots





By Carolyn Robertson for Celebrity Baby Scoop

Melissa Joan Hart packed up the kids and headed to Alabama, where her husband **Mark Wilkerson** is from, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The *Melissa & Joey* star took to Twitter to share a couple of photos from the trip, including this cute one of her middle son **Brady**: "Ready for our flight. ALabama here we come!" she wrote.

A huge fan of the University of Alabama Crimson Tide football team, Melissa was also busy Tweeting about this year's Iron Bowl. It sounds like her boys are already inheriting her team pride.

"Brady (4yr old) saw an Auburn clad car pass us and exclaimed 'we're gonna beat the hell outta them!' #rammerjammer #pottymouth," she wrote.

She and her musician hubby are also parents to sons **Mason** and **Tucker**.

Scarlett Johansson Debuts New French Boyfriend Romain Dauriac





By Jennifer Ross

Scarlett Johansson has got a new man. Just one month after splitting from advertising exec Nate Naylor, Johansson has been spotted out with French journalist Romain Dauriac. Johansson and her new beau were out on Sunday Nov. 18 in New York City for the premiere of her latest film, the making of Alfred Hitchcock's Psycho. According to Pure People, the love birds were introduced to each other by a mutual friend and

tattoo artist Fuzi Uvtpk. Since then, reports claim that the couple has also frequented several bars and clubs in both France and New York within the past several weeks.

What are some ways to introduce your new partner to family and friends?

Cupid's Advice:

When you begin a love relationship, you naturally want to involve him/her in every part of your life. This will include introductions to your colleagues, friends and family. Be warned that this can be a tricky when dealing with judgmental people who care about you. In order for things to work out well, here are three ways to bring your important people together:

- 1. Private brunch/dinner: Before your new partner is thrown to the family pack, smooth things over with a pre-introduction brunch/dinner for you two and your parents. It will be difficult enough for your mate to answer questions from your parents in front of the family. A private brunch/dinner for four will allow your parents to get to know him/her without the scrutiny of a family audience.
- 2. Sports gathering: A great time for your partner to meet your friends is when you all get together for a sports event. This will be a way for him/her to mingle with everyone without being the center of attention. Also, bonding moments can happen when your sport team is winning.
- 3. Vacation trip: If you feel you two are ready, consider inviting your partner to a family or friend vacation trip. This will allow everyone to be in a neutral and stress-free environment with plenty of days to get to know him/her. Just remember to go easy on the alcoholic beverages during the trip.

How did you introduce your new partner to family and friends? Share with us below.

5 Bachelor and Bachelorette Couples We Can Learn From





By Sara Dawkins

It has been announced that the most recent couple from *The Bachelor* series has split. Shocking. You mean to tell us that finding love in three weeks in front of cameras, a herd of people and being thrown into extravagant romantic dates didn't really build the solid foundation that a couple needs to work

out? You could have fooled me. Now that Emily Maynard and Jef 'with one F' Helms are over, we can take a minute to look and learn from other *Bachelor* couples:

Trista and Ryan Sutter: That's right they have the same name ... because they actually got married! And two kids later, they boast of a happy and healthy relationship together. This is rare in Bachelor history. They proved that you can find love, but only if you work hard on it and get past all the fame that comes with reality TV. Congrats to them and we look forward to them being the only successful couple for many more years! Lesson learned: Barrel through the muck.

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Jake Pavelka and Vienna Girardi: Who doesn't love a good train wreck? This couple was doomed from the start. Way-too-sweet-for-his-own-good Jake chose bad girl Vienna to be his bride. It didn't take long before there were rumors that Vienna cheated on him, and the next thing you know, both were destined to hang on to their 15 minutes of fame by going to the media. It was very messy, much like Byron Velvick and Mary Delgado's breakup. Police were involved, so enough said. Lesson: Don't go for the bad guy/gal and be mature in a break up or you will end up looking like a train wreck.

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Jason Mesnick and Melissamerrm.Molly Malaney: Another successful Bachelor couple, but this marriage happened in the round about away. Jason was originally smitten with the bubbly and beautiful Melissa Rycroft only to dump her on national television for doe-eyed runner up Molly. Despite the outrage from fans and the media, this couple managed to make it through and get married. They just recently announced they are expecting their first child together! Lesson: Go with your gut

and make the right decision first.

Ali Fedotowsky and Roberto Martinez: Ugh. This one was a tough one to get over. Not only were Ali and Roberto cute together, but they actually seemed to be happy in front of cameras. After 18 months they decided to call off the engagement and end their relationship. Lesson: Pretty people break up, too. Also as much as you want it to work out, sometimes it just doesn't.

Charlie O'Connell and Sarah Brice: This is an oldie, but a goodie. And yes, Charlie is bro's with actor Jerry. Charlie chose blonde bombshell Sarah way back in 2006 and they broke up in 2007. They got back together in 2008 and then after 5 years, called it off again. It was a mutual break up, as they were both citing they fought over the same things the first and second time around. Who knows, maybe the third time's the charm? Lesson: You break up the first time for a reason, don't forget why.

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Halle Berry's Ex Gabriel Aubry Says Olivier Martinez Threatened to Kill Him





By Jennifer Ross

There are more legal documents in Halle Berry's life these days. After a brutal Thanksgiving Day fight that ended with Berry's ex Gabriel Aubry being arrested, Aubry claims that it was Berry's fiancé Olivier Martinez who started the fight, according to <u>People</u>. Written in Aubry's application for a restraining order against Martinez, Aubry claims that "Mr. Martinez jumped me on the side of my body... continued to punch me at least two or three times, kicked me in the ribs with his knee or foot, and took my head in his hands and slammed it to the concrete driveway." Aubry also alleges that Martinez yelled, "When you see the judge, you're going to tell him you're going to Paris, or I'm going to kill you." Because of the fight, Aubry has a restraining order against him to stay away from Berry, Martinez and his daughter Nahla. All this stemmed from a court battle between Berry and Aubry over Nahla. Berry hoped to move to France with Martinez and Nahla,

but a judge ruled against Berry. With regards to Aubry's injuries, he states, "I ended up suffering a fractured rib, multiple bruises on my face and my forehead, an area under my left eye, and three areas in my mouth required stitches."

How do you keep your ex and current partner from butting heads?

Cupid's Advice:

Anytime your ex and your current partner are involved in matters together or involving you, it can be awkward and possibly dangerous for everyone. Whether their communication is required or unnecessary, there are ways to deal with it. To keep the peace, here are a few ideas on preventing any disruption:

- 1. Let go of your ex: You are still a friend to your ex, but your current partner is not happy about this. If there is nothing legally or financially tying you to your ex, the best thing to do is let that relationship go. Otherwise, you will end up losing your current mate.
- 2. Keep relationships separate: If you must stay in contact with your ex due to children or financial matters, you will need to keep your relationships with each one completely separate from the other. That includes no complaining to one about the other. It will be difficult, but it's the only way to ensure peace between them.
- 3. Stay out of it: Suppose your ex and your current partner are friends and want to remain that way. Then, you will have to stay out of their relationships with each other. You will not be able to be involved with any conversations about them with either one of them. Instead, let them figure out things on their own.

What did you do to keep your ex and current partner from

Brad Pitt Confirms Celebrity Wedding with Angelina Jolie Will Happen 'Soon'





By Jennifer Ross

Break out the tuxedoes! A celebrity wedding celebration is in order. Engaged to one of Hollywood's most famous stars, <u>Brad Pitt</u> says his celebrity wedding to <u>Angelina Jolie</u> is coming soon, as reported in <u>People</u>. At Monday night's premiere of his

new film Killing Them Softly in New York, Pitt, 48, stated "I am getting more pressure from my kids, and it is something I want to do within their lifetime, but I also feel like the time has come." The famous couple has been together for seven years and celebrated a celebrity engagement this past spring. Even though Pitt and Jolie, 37, raise their six children together, Pitt still believes the wedding will be significant to their family. "I am surprised how much [marriage] meant to me once you had that."

Like famous couple Pitt and Jolie are sure to do at their celebrity wedding, what are some ways to involve children in the celebration?

Cupid's Advice:

Regardless of your children's ages, it is never a bad idea to include them in your wedding. A wedding is a ceremony of unity, which definitely includes everyone in your immediate family. To help your wedding be a success, here are three ideas how to include your children:

1. Ring bearer or flower girl: When your children are very young, consider sticking to the traditional roles of ring bearer or flower girl. They'll love these fun roles! Plus, it won't give your little ones too much to handle.

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2. Escort: Should the children be teenagers or older, they may want a more significant role in the ceremony. Why not have them escort you down the aisle? By escorting you, they are

symbolically giving you and your fiancé their blessing.

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3. Family vows: Including family vows in the wedding ceremony is a great way to publicly solidify the family as a whole. After exchanging marriage vows, you and your partner can each exchange family vows with the children, promising to love and care for them. You can also give the children a ring as a token.

How do you think this famous couple will include their children in their celebrity wedding? Share your thoughts below!

Julianne Hough and Ryan Seacrest Spend Thanksgiving Weekend in Los Cabos





By Nic Baird

Media personality Ryan Seacrest and dancer Julianne Hough enjoyed their vacation in Mexico this weekend, according to <u>People</u>. The couple took a romantic stroll, hand-in-hand, along a beach in Cabo San Lucas, Saturday. Despite a lavish Thanksgiving meal a few days earlier, Hough maintained her toned physique while sporting a bikini. On the other hand, Seacrest showed no skin in a hat, shirt, and shorts. The pair met in 2007, when the <u>Dancing with the Stars</u> and <u>American Idol</u> sets were across the hall from each other.

Where are three romantic Mexican vacation spots to book with your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Romantic vacations send sparks flying in any relationship, and lavish getaways in exotic locales are closer than you think. If you're thinking of dipping your toe in those warm tropical waters, take a look at these three exciting spots:

1. Playa del Carmen: A small town about an hour south of

Cancun, Playa del Carmen was originally a fishinf village, but now exists as a centre of tourism to Mexico. You get the beautiful warm Caribbean waters without all the hustle and bustle of Cancun. And for scuba divers, the world's second largest coral reef is right off the coast.

- 2. Puerto Vallarta: A well balanced tourist city; perhaps the full package. History, ecology, and tourist attractions litter the sites of Puerto Vallarta. No matter what kind of relationship you're in, you'll find something here. The Splash water park, and Vallharta Adventure Center offer great programs for couples or families who are looking to play on the slides, or swim with the dolphins.
- **3. Tulúm:** Once a secluded getaway, the CobÃi port houses some of the best preserved Mayan ruins, and breathtakingunderground water caverns. Definitely the quietest option for a romantic getaway, the New York Times describes it as a "yoga aesthetic" for the well-traveled boomer era professional. Eco-adventures and plenty of accommodation make it the perfect spot for a magical getaway with your spouse.

Know of any other great spots in Mexico? Share your experiences below!

Chloe Sevigny Goes on Pre-Thanksgiving Date with Mystery Man





By Nic Baird

Actress Chloë Sevigny had a romantic evening of drinks with a handsome man on Wednesday, a source tells <u>People</u>. The couple sat in front of a house and kissed. The <u>Big Love</u> alumna was wearing a fur coat, according to the onlooker, and sipped red wine. "[She] looked very smitten with her date." The next night, Thursday, Sevigny spent Thanksgiving at celebrity chef Marcus Samuelsson's Red Rooster restaurant in Harlem, New York.

What are some ways to keep your relationship under wraps in the beginning stages?

Cupid's Advice:

You shouldn't have to hide your love, but if Romeo and Juliet have taught us anything, it's that stealth and caution are

sometimes necessary. Eventually, you'll move past the "secret lovers" phase. In the meantime, this is how you court someone on the sly:

- 1. Spend time out of the house: Avoid stay-at-home dates. Movies, or listening to music can be great low-key ways to spend time together, but you'll have to explain away your companion during surprise visits from friends. It's true, you could run into someone out of the house too. Though, if you're careful about your location selection, you should avoid any uproars.
- 2. Discuss the situation with your partner: Most importantly, your date has to know that you're trying to keep this between the two of you. Otherwise, they'll have no reservations telling their friends and introducing themselves as your significant other. There should be a good reason you don't want to sing your love from the mountain tops, tell your partner why this is a bad time for such an announcement.
- 3. Don't tell people: It seems like pretty obvious. If you don't want people to know, just don't tell them, right? Easier said than done I'm afraid. It can be strenuously tempting to reveal your hidden flame to a close family member, or friend. Make sure to reflect on the consequences before spilling your guts. Loose lips sink ships.

What have you done to keep your relationship hush-hush? Share your experiences below!

Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis

Enjoy Romantic Thanksgiving Weekend in Rome





By Nic Baird

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

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

Cupid's Advice:

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

- 1. Familiarity: You can plan much of your vacation ahead of time, such as scheduled activities, and where you're going to stay. However, a lot can change when you get there, and any type of travel involves a certain degree of spontaneity. It is very important that you know your partner well enough to make decisions you'll both enjoy. Besides knowing your date's threshold for excitement, being familiar with their interests lets you find adventures better suited for your relationship. Being able to rely and trust your partner is also crucial as you need those qualities in a travelling companion.
- 2. Comfort: Going on vacation means spending time together constantly, so make sure your relationship is prepared for that. If there's always a day's space between seeing each, you have to wonder what non-stop dating is like with your partner. If you're just getting to know each, make sure you two won't be too nervous to fully enjoy yourselves.
- 3. Excitement: Before you start booking resorts, make sure your partner not only agreed on the vacation, but that they're excited about it. You don't want your date to go into this half-heartedly. There's lots of preperations, and you shouldn't have to do them alone. A couple's getaway won't be romantic if one of you leaves your heart at home.

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

Beyonce and Jay-Z Enjoy Quality Family Time with Daughter Blue Ivy





By Nic Baird

R&B power couple Beyonce and Jay-Z are shown doting on daughter Blue Ivy Carter in pictures from the *Dangerously in Love* singer's Tumblr. Beyonce is kissing her child's forehead in one photo. In another, Jay-Z carries the 11-month-old as he walks down a tree lined path. Both mother and daughter are appropriately dressed in blue. The baby girl was born this January, and though the couple released photos with the newborn in early February, they've been careful to keep her out of the limelight. That being said, ever since her credited

cries rang out at the end of Beyonce's "Glory," she's been the youngest person ever to appear on a *Billboard* chart.

What are some tips to becoming closer as a family unit?

Cupid's Advice:

Family is expected to be there for each other in bad weather, but they're not just a life raft. Here are some ways to bring your family closer:

- 1. Routine and tradition: Building your family is easier if you have traditions at the foundation. This can be as simple as sharing meals together, or as unconventional as unwrapping the Christmas presents with your teeth. Productive routines, like doing chores and homework, can't hurt either. The family identity that emerges will be be special because it was celebrated.
- 2. Interest and support: Showing that you're involved with the lives of your family means more than simply demonstrating your concern, or sympathy. Give helpful advice, and be present. When you're around to lend a hand it demonstrates that family has meaning and a purpose.
- 3. Special moments: Make sure to take advantage of spontaneous, significant moments. Children are experiencing life with a lot more wonder. You can create lasting impressions by noticing when your child is amazed at something they've never seen, or tasted a new flavor, or just trying anything for the first time. Be part of that memory, and manufacture them whenever possible! Taking your child on an outing, or for an activity, could end up being a lasting example for how they define family.

What are some ways your family bonds? Share your experiences below.

Kristen Stewart and Rob Pattinson Land in NYC After London Thanksgiving





By Nic Baird

The vampire lovers, or Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson, returned to New York this Friday after spending Thanksgiving in London with the actor's family, *UsMagazine.com* reports. The star-crossed couple enjoyed the holiday with the blessing and company of Pattinson's sisters, Lizzy and Victoria. Though the siblings were publicly disgusted with Stewart's transgressions, they have since forgiven her and are on good

terms, according to a source for <u>HollywoodLife.com</u>. Before returning to JFK airport from their holiday, the *Twilight* twosome flew to London, Madrid, and Berlin in the last few weeks to promote *Breaking Dawn: Part 2*, their final scheduled film opposite each other.

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

Cupid's Advice:

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

- 1. Time: The second date is not the time to meet the parents. Allow space to get to know each other. Any relationship, no matter how fast you want to flash cook it, needs time. How much exactly? It depends how you spend it, but arbitrarily, one month at least.
- 2. Commitment: Your family wants to meet the dates you are serious about. Don't bring home everyone who catches your interest. It also puts your romance at risk by adding external pressures. And your family can't be expected to juggle your personal life along with you. You don't have to discuss commitment with your partner, but make a judgement call on how certain you can be about the future of your relationship before introducing them.
- 3. Mutual interest: This just means you should ask your partner if they'd be comfortable meeting your family. Ideally, they'll want to make a good impression, and if this is the case then they'll probably be a bit nervous. Be careful not to force your date into situations unwillingly.

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

Melissa Joan Hart Says She 'Hates Being Pregnant'





By Nic Baird

She's done it three times now, but actress Melissa Joan Hart says she hates having a bun in the oven, <u>People</u> reports. "It a huge adjustment and you have to change your whole lifestyle for a few months," Hart says. The lack of energy and dietary changes caught Hart as she and husband Mark Wilkerson were dealing with the wild antics of toddler boys. Mason Walter, 6, and Braydon Hart, 4, were joined by Tucker McFadden this September. "I would have seven babies if I didn't have to be pregnant," Hart says. "I hate being pregnant."

What are some ways to help the mother of your child stay positive during pregnancy?

Cupid's Advice:

There's a lot to do when you find out you're expecting. But like buying presents for Christmas, these preparations should be joyful, exciting, and obviously stressful. While you can't avoid the ladder, you need to be there to keep the joy and excitement alive. Cupid has some advice on how you can help the mother of your child during pregnancy:

- 1. Take her out: Exercise is a great mood lifter. While there should be many classes in your area tailored for your pregnant partner, it's better to find activities for two. Try going for a walk to a nearby park and siting for awhile. Vitamin D powers your significant other's vitality!
- 2. Give her support: It's no secret that moods intensify during pregnancy. Expect a lot of fluctuation in emotions during the first eight to 11 weeks. Hormones will balance out later, but this is a crucial time to support your future child's mother. Don't try and correct things your partner already knows. Instead, be a sounding board for what they're feeling, and offer your sympathy.
- 3. Be ready: First, be thankful. You're not the one whose body is not going through dramatic, stressful, and ultimately painful changes. Despite this, there's still plenty of work to be done to welcome a new child. Take as many of the pregnant lady's worries as she'll allow. Educate yourself, prepare, and make sure your partner has everything she needs for a healthy, comfortable pregnancy.

What are some ways to stay positive during a pregnancy? Share your experiences below!

Kimora Lee Simmons and Djimon Hounsou Separate





By <u>Jessica DeRubbo</u>

After 5 1/2 years, Kimora Lee Simmons and Djimon Hounsou have decided to call it quits, according to <u>People</u>. The couple, who have one 3 1/2 year old child together, are set to remain "happy, loving, co-parenting friends and family." "There have been quite a few hurtful rumors circulating," Simmons tweeted on Wednesday. "The truth is Djimon + I have been separated for some time."

What are some things to try before separating in a

relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

It can be hasty to call it quits on a relationship on a whim, so it's best to make sure you've tried everything before pulling the plug. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Couples' therapy: Sometimes all you need is an open and moderated forum in which to talk to each other really talk. Daily life can get in the way when you try to have important conversations at home, so having an appointment with someone who's trained to handle these types of situations can be beneficial.
- 2. Compromise: Chances are there are things each of you are particularly bothered by in your relationship. Point out what these are, and come to an agreement to compromise. It may only take commitment from both sides to make this work.
- **3. Break:** It may be the most dangerous attempt in the book, but taking a break may be just what you need to realize how much you want to be with your significant other. The saying, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder," has stuck around for a reason.

What are some other things to try before calling it quits in a relationship? Share your thoughts in a comment below.

E!'s Newly-Engaged Ashlan

Gorse May Head Back to France for Wedding to Philippe Cousteau Jr.





By <u>Whitney Baker Johnson</u>

You may recognize Ashlan Gorse as a correspondent and fill-in anchor on E! News or the new face of Murad Skincare, but lately, she's jumping into a different role: fiancé. Last month, her boyfriend of two years, Philippe Cousteau Jr., proposed on top of the George V Hotel in Paris.

"I was totally surprised!," Gorse says of the romantic proposal. "Our friend, Jeff Leatham, is the artistic director for the hotel, and he decked out the roof with candles and

flowers. Just before the stroke of 10 p.m., Philippe snuck me up there and proposed while the Eiffel Tower sparkled in the background."



Of course, the famous landmark wasn't the only thing sparkling that night. Cousteau popped the question with an engagement ring he designed with the help of jeweler Jorge Adeler. Considering how shocked she was at the proposal, Gorse had no input when it came to her ring. However, Cousteau did keep her opinion in mind. "I had shown him a vintage oval ring that I loved a while back," she shares. "He used that ring when designing mine but made it his own."

She adds, "Honestly, it's more beautiful and more perfect than any ring I've ever seen."

The couple met in 2010 at an environmental event where Cousteau was giving a speech. Gorse knew right away that they had something special. "I called my sister the next day and told her, 'I think I just met the man I'm going to marry."

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Given their successful careers and busy schedules, they've had to make an effort to ensure that they get to spend time together. Of their long-distance relationship — Gorse has to be in Los Angeles during the week, and Cousteau often travels for work — the entertainment journalist says, "It's not always easy, but you make it work. Philippe always comes home to me

in between expeditions, speeches and meetings, and we are usually together two or three weeks each month."

Keeping a long-distance love going can be challenging, but Gorse believes that "if it's meant to be, you'll make sacrifices to see each other." When she and Cousteau our apart, they talk, text and e-mail all day long — "unless, of course, Philippe is off somewhere like the Arctic."

When they're lucky enough to be in the same place, they always make time for just the two of them. "Philippe is the most romantic person I've ever met or even heard of!," Gorse shares. "Our favorite nights are at home, cooking together or sitting in the backyard with our dog."

Her go-to date with her fiancé is just as low-key as those relaxing nights at home: a simple picnic, something they can do "on the beach, in the hills or just around the corner." She's even got a menu planned: two really good cheeses, apples, radishes, cherry tomatoes, grapes, a baguette, butter and salt along with a half bottle of white wine and a half bottle of red wine.

"It doesn't really matter where we are as long as we're together," she adds.

Now, in their limited time together, they have a wedding to plan. They've started to kick around some ideas: "We want to get married in France at a vintage estate. We want to have a fun three- or four-day party with our family and friends and lots of great wine."

We all look to celebrities for ideas and inspiration — especially when it comes to weddings — and given her line of work, Gorse is no different. She thinks Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds as well as Natalie Portman and Benjamin Millepied did a great job of making their big day personal, something that she hopes to emulate with her own wedding. "I really want to make the day about me and Philippe, so we are going to make

everything as meaningful as possible to us and our guests."

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While it's easy to get caught up in craziness of their daily lives or the many details of wedding planning, Gorse keeps what is most important in mind. "We both know how truly blessed we are to have found each other, and we cherish every moment we have together, especially the little ones," she shares.

You can catch Ashlan Gorse on E! News or keep up with her on Twitter at @AshlanGorse and Facebook.

Ashlee Simpson Reunites with Ex Pete Wentz and His Girlfriend for Son's Birthday





By <u>Jessica DeRubbo</u>

It seems that Ashlee Simpson is committed to remaining civil with her ex, Pete Wentz. The pair were seen celebrating their son Bronx's 4th birthday in Studio City, Calif. last week, according to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. Plus, to make matters more interesting, Wentz had his 24-year-old model girlfriend, Meagan Camper, in attendance as well. The birthday bash had a superhero theme, and according to a source, "The party was great — super fun." Kudos to Simpson and Wentz for keeping the peace, especially since Simpson's parents are in the midst of a bitter divorce.

What are some ways to remain civil with an ex for your children?

Cupid's Advice:

After a breakup, it can be hard to see the good in the person you used to date. You may be hurt, angry and want nothing to do with them. That said, if children are part of the picture, it's important to remain civil around your ex. Cupid has some

advice:

- 1. Swallow your pride: It's often pride pushing you to pushing you toward being rude and angry in your ex's presence. If you have kids, you absolutely must get over that sense of righteousness and remain civil for their sake. Take a deep breath and put yourself in your child's shoes.
- 2. Avoid long conversations: Just because you need to see your ex every now and again, it doesn't mean you need to get into long drawn out conversations with him or her. Exchange pleasantries, but don't get into anything that might start an argument. Small talk is key.
- **3. Come to a mutual understanding:** Make sure you and your ex are on the same page. If you're both committed to keeping the peace around your child(ren), it'll be a lot easier than if just one of you has that goal.

What are some other ways to keep the peace with an ex around your children? Share your ideas below.

Justin Bieber 'Hasn't Stopped Reaching Out' to Selena Gomez Post-Split





By Jennifer Ross

It's a game of on-again off-again for these two confused love birds. Selena Gomez and Justin Bieber just can't seem to decide whether to call it quits or stay together these days. After breaking up on Oct. 31, Bieber has continued to reach out to Gomez, 20. On Friday, Nov. 16, the two had a sushi date that was followed by a horrible fight. Eventually, the couple made up sometime after Bieber had a great night at the American Music Awards. Bieber, 18, and Gomez have also been spotted together in Encino, CA on Nov. 19. The issue between them is Bieber's inability to stop looking at other girls. "Justin has a wandering eye," a source reported to <code>UsMagazine.com</code>. Also, Bieber wants to date other girls and possible hold on to Gomez. "He isn't sold on the possibility that this is forever but isn't sold on that it's not."

How do you know when to call it quits in a relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

A supportive and loving relationship can be the best thing in

life. However, when necessary factors in keeping the relationship strong are abused or broken, it is time to say goodbye. Important factors, such as the three listed below, will help you to understand when it's time to leave:

- 1. Avoidance: If either one of you stops talking to the other, especially about important matters in the relationship, it is time to end it all. Your love for each other will only survive with positive, and sometimes negative, communication. Once the communication stops, so does the love.
- 2. Lack of respect: When the disrespect begins, such as bad name calling or yelling in public, this only leads to breaking up. In order to spend the rest of your life with someone, you and your mate will need more than just love to get you there. Respect to love and care for each other is vital for the times when life's challenges will stress you both.
- 3. Isolation: If you are in a relationship where your partner is driving all your loved ones away from you, leaving you completely reliant on one him/her for love and support, this is not a good sign. It's one thing for your mate to want to support you. However, this type of support is more like domination. Get out fast!

When did you know to call it quits in a relationship? Share your story below.

Cameron Diaz Says Women 'Want to Be Objectified'





By Jennifer Ross

Cameron Diaz knows people may idolize her physical features and she's not bothered by it. Actually, she likes it and has no doubt other women believe the same. Diaz, 40, recently told U.K.'s <u>Sunday Times</u> that she believes all women want to be objectified. "There's a little part of you at all times that hopes to be somewhat objectified, and I think it's healthy." Even when the Hollywood actress is asked to strip down to her underwear for a photo shoot, as she did recently for the Terry Richardson spread in the November issue of *Esquire* UK, Diaz is confident and sure of herself. "[The stylists are] like, 'Today we're not going to put anything other than bras and heels on you, and I'm like, 'These heels are not high enough.' Cameron knows her level of self confidence didn't just happen overnight. "I'm a woman, I know how to handle myself."

What are three ways to pamper yourself before a date?

Cupid's Advice:

There are times when we need to feel beautiful, such as before a date. Sometimes, that doesn't happen naturally and takes a little effort. A great pick-me-up is to focus the pampering on one of your best features, whether they are your eyes, smile, legs, etc. With a little time before you date, here are a few wonderful ideas to get you feeling gorgeous and ready:

- 1. Waxing: To help accentuate your beautiful eyes or legs, head over to your favorite salon and get your eyebrows and/or legs waxed. Having your eyebrow arch professionally perfected will take little time, leaving your gorgeous eyes framed beautifully; while waxing your legs will leave them feeling silky smooth to the touch. Your potential partner won't be able to take his eyes off of you.
- 2. Mani/Pedi: If shoes are your favorite item to wear or you speak with your hands, a professional manicure and/or pedicure is a must have. Beautifully polished toenails will compliment your favorite high heel, giving you an extra kick in your step. Also, manicure hands can give you confidence to express yourself with them. Should your companion want to hold your hand, they will be soft and ready for connection.
- **3. Blow-out:** One of the best ways to love yourself is to have your hair blown-out and looking flawlessly beautiful. Because your companion will be looking at you throughout the date, having gorgeous locks fresh from the salon will make him want to get closer and touch your hair.

How do you pamper yourself before a date? Tell us below.