Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel Return After Honeymoon





By Nicole Weintraub

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

newlyweds.

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

Cupid's Advice:

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

- 1. Spend time together: Remember that just because the honeymoon itself is over does not mean that the relationship simmers down. Date night is a must in a successful marriage. Set aside time just for your significant other.
- 2. Live separate lives: Be careful not to spend every waking moment with one another or else you are going to wear yourselves out. Do your own thing but be sure to make your partner a part of it in someway.
- **3. Communicate:** Communication is key. If you feel that you are not as happy as you were on the honeymoon, you need to be honest with your partner. Together, the two of you can work to recapture that happiness.

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

Selena Gomez and Justin Bieber Split





By Nicole Weintraub

Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez are officially over, according to <code>People</code>. The couple split about a week ago with Gomez being the one to pull the plug on the relationship, reported a source. The pair dated for almost two years with Gomez being two years older than Bieber. The couple has been having difficulties since the summer when fighting ensued and Gomez was reported crying over Bieber. Bieber was reportedly seen hanging out with models backstage after the Victoria's Secret Fashion Show in New York City while Gomez was all the way in LA. Bieber's mother had reported that she did not think marriage was a likely option for the two, revealing the essence of their young puppy love. "I don't know what to say," Bieber responded on a radio show Saturday, unsure as to the current state of his own relationship. "I don't know really what's even going on in my life."

What are some signs that a break up might be in your future?

Cupid's Advice:

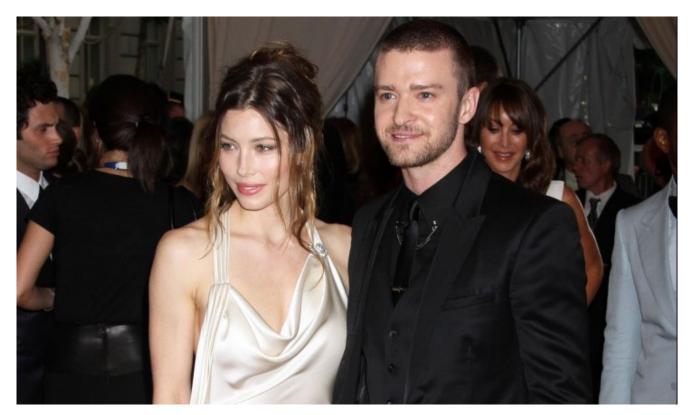
Break ups are difficult to get through, but sometimes there are clues that there might be a visit to splitsville in your future. Here are some key signs to look for:

- 1. Fighting: If the two of you are fighting frequently and arguing over every little thing, it could be time to take a break. Sometimes when we spend so much time with the same person they start to get on our nerves, even if they do nothing wrong.
- 2. Distance: If your partner and yourself are spending more and more time apart, it might be time to break things off. The less time you spend with your partner, the less you feel like you are in an actual relationship.
- **3. No Passion:** If the chemistry between the two of you is dwindling, it might be time to try to rekindle the spark. Though, if there is no more passion in the relationship it might be time to call it quits.

What are some signs you look for? Share your ideas with us in the comments below!

Tim Tebow Steps Out with New Girlfriend Camilla Belle





By Nic Baird

Tim Tebow, devout Christian quarterback for the New York Jets, was spotted by <u>TMZ</u> with his new girlfriend, actress Camilla Belle from *Push* and *10,000 BC*. Belle was raised in a strict Catholic household, and her earlier romance with abstinent musician Joe Jonas reflects those values. Belle and Tebow were seen as an affectionate pair at Latitude 30, Florida, on Tuesday night.

What do you do if your crush starts dating someone else?

Cupid's Advice:

Better to have loved and lost, there's plenty of fish in the sea, etc. Any phrase really that will convince you to move on and stop wasting your time on a lost cause. You're emotionally vulnerable right now, and you have to protect your feelings by taking time for yourself and getting your mind off the sting of a stolen crush.

1. Don't be desperate: "When it rains, it pours," Tina Fey noticed as Liz Lemon on NBC's 30 Rock. This is a relationship

phenomenon that happens because we don't like to see our options dwindle. Rather than giving your crush an ego boost and painful complications by confessing your undying love right after they've been taken off the market, take a step back. One ironclad guarantee is that your passionate declaration will fail if you think this is the time.

- 2. Don't be sad: Easier said than done, but if you're heading for a rut, make sure you start insulating your heart. Spend lots of time with friends, especially if it involves a night on the town, or new experiences, activities, and people. The fact that you lost your crush doesn't mean you've lost any important emotional connection. Don't let infatuation trick your feelings!
- 3. Don't second guess your value: When it comes to love and relationships, we are all so easily seduced, tricked, intrigued, hurt, and hopeful for the most ridiculous reasons. Sometimes there is no good reason, or sensible explanation, why events didn't bring you and your crush together, but worrying about these unseen and unmanageable variables can lead to self-deprecation. There's another crush out here, they're way better, and they're crazy about you even if it doesn't make sense!

How have you coped when your crush started dating someone else? Share your experiences below!

Newlywed Sara Ramirez Feels 'Very Romantic' Post-Wedding





By Nicole Weintraub

Grey's Anatomy star Sara Ramirez is a married woman now, reports <u>People</u>. The actress recently tied the knot with fiancé Ryan Debolt, who works as a business analyst. The couple is blissfully happy and enjoying life as newlyweds. Though, Ramirez did not always think she would be heading down the aisle towards her dream man. Though, her groom managed to change her mind about that. "The connection was there very early on," she admits, reinforcing the idea of love at first sight. The duo married on Independence Day with a beachfront ceremony surrounded by a small number of close friends and family. "There's nothing like the first kiss once you've been pronounced husband and wife," Ramirez reveals in regards to her wedding day. The couple is currently enjoying married life.

What are some ways to keep the spark alive after you get married?

Cupid's Advice:

The wedding was amazing and now you're married. Now what? Here are some ways to keep that excitement and amazement alive after you get married:

- 1. Date night: Don't forget to keep up a weekly or monthly date night. It doesn't have to be anything over the top or expensive, but remember to go out to dinner or catch a movie once in awhile.
- 2. Be daring: Try something the two of you have never done before. Look up some local events in your area and try to find something that the both of you want to try. Sign up for some cooking classes or go to an amusement park you have never gone to before.
- **3. Spend time apart:** Remember to spend some time apart from one another. Just because you are married does not mean you have to be with each other all of the time. Time apart makes you appreciate the time you are together.

What are some ways you keep your marriage alive? Share your stories with us!

'Hollywood Exes' Daphne Wayans on Divorce: "We're Still A Family"





By Lori Bizzoco and Sarah Ribeiro

When Daphne Wayans got divorced, she didn't let her broken marriage keep her from finding happiness — or stop her from making a name for herself. The ex of comic Keenen Ivory Wayans will be on the upcoming season of 'Hollywood Exes' with an agenda to present herself not as an ex-wife but as a woman. "I've been avoiding being in the public eye for a very long time," Wayans says. "I stopped looking at how I couldn't do it and started looking at how I could. I'm not very interested in necessarily being famous, but I'm interested in the good that comes out of it."

While some women may find themselves embittered after a divorce, Wayans isn't joining the cast of VH1's hit reality show to get anything off her chest. Instead, she wants to help other divorced mothers like her. "I get told that I have a little bit of a different viewpoint in life. I tend to try not to look at the minutia of things. I try to take a big step back and have a bird's eye view of the scene."

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Because of that, she says, 'Hollywood Exes' gives <u>divorced</u> women a new perspective on how to deal with their divorce. A pivotal moment that brought Wayans on camera happened during last season of 'Exes': "I was watching one of the interviews on the show, and they focused on the friendship that was left there after the divorce — not what wasn't there or what was destroyed."

That friendship, she says, is the outlook that kept her relationship with Keenen strong after things ended — and the reason she is on board for this upcoming season.

Wayans explains, "That's the kind of thing we expressed during the pitch for the show. Originally, I got cold feet, and I couldn't go on the first season. But in the end, I was really proud of the women — there was no ex-husband bashing."

This, she says, is why her divorce worked out for the better: "It was hard and heartbreaking, but I kept the picture of our friendship in the back of my mind. I just started caring for him as a person, as someone I wanted to care for, and we got back to that point where we cared about each other again."

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Her positive view on a split is what Wayans hopes to bring to 'Hollywood Exes,' and she hopes viewers can take that and apply it to themselves. "The biggest thing that I've learned is — particularly when you've had children — you're still a family. Keenen and I may not be a married couple anymore, but we're tied together by these five children. That's what's left when the smoke clears. Through all the fighting and dismantling of the marriage, you're still left with a family. You need to figure out what you couldn't when you were married: how to get along."

Tune into the upcoming season of 'Hollywood Exes,' scheduled to premiere this spring, on VH1 to keep up with Daphne Wayans. You can also follow her on Twitter at @DaphneWayans.

Emily Maynard Is Spotted Rebounding with Nascar Driver Jason White





By Nicole Weintraub

Bachelorette's Emily Maynard has moved on from her former fiancé Jef Holm with Nascar racer Jason White, according to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. The single mom has denied her rebound with White, though recent photos have been revealed showing Maynard and White getting cozy. The pair went to a Carrie Underwood concert and then they ventured to a club together. "They were all over each other," said an observer who noticed the two.

Maynard has a six-year-old daughter with Ricky Hendrick who was also a Nascar racer, so this is not Maynard's first racing beau. She was also, back in 2006, with Dale Earnhardt Jr.

How do you know if someone you meet right after a relationship ended is a rebound?

Cupid's Advice:

It can be very enticing to start dating right after a relationship ends — especially if you miss being in a relationship period. Here are some ways to know if you are rebounding:

- 1. Slow it down: There is no need to jump into another relationship after just getting out of one. Take your time before deciding to get involved with another person. You need to get over your past relationship before starting a new one.
- 2. Get to know each other: When you're rebounding, you want to jump into what you know. Though, before you decide whether or not you truly have feelings for someone, get to know them. Go out as friends for a few times first.
- **3. Be careful:** No one wants to admit when they're rebounding with someone. Just make sure to be honest with yourself. You want to be fair to both your new love interest and yourself.

What are some signs when someone is rebounding? Share your thoughts with us in the comments below!

Pal Says Kim Kardashian Hopes to Get Engaged and Pregnant Post-Divorce





By Jennifer Ross

Kim Kardashian wants to start planning for her future with Kanye West; that is once her divorce papers come in. Kardashian, 32, recently set the record straight to <code>UsMagazine.com</code>, confirming that she is not pregnant nor having a "surprise wedding" with West. Technically, she her divorce to Brooklyn Nets Kris Humphries is not official and continues at a snail's pace. However, a close source reveals that the couple does have a plan for their future. "Kim thinks they'll get engaged and try for a baby once the divorce is final...Kanye is actually being very patient." All that is needed is ink to

dry on Kardashian's walking papers.

What are some things to be careful of in a relationship after your divorce?

Cupid's Advice:

Dating again post-divorce can be both exciting and challenging, especially if you have been off the market for quite some time. While you may feel you are ready to start a love life once more, there are many things to be careful about in new relationships. Some things will be obvious and some will sneak up on you. So to get you started, here are a few no-no's to think about when saying yes to a date:

- 1. Jumping in too soon: While there is no set time for when to start dating again, you can jump into the dating pool too soon. The main thing to focus on is whether you have healed from your divorce. Taking the time to get to loving your single self and realizing what you did wrong before will help you not to make the same mistakes again.
- 2. Comparing your ex to your new partner: One thing a potential partner hates is being compared to the ex or even listening about him/her over dinner. So try not to do it. While you do not want to find an exact replacement to your ex, keep in mind that every person is different and will not necessarily act the same as your ex in a similar past situation. Bottom line, keep your ex in the past.
- 3. Repeating the same mistakes: A common thing to do when you are not ready to date is to repeat the same mistakes. This usually happens in not taking the time to analyze what went wrong in your previous marriage and what responsibility you had in those mistakes. Without unlearning the wrong way and relearning the right way to handle a conflict, you are doomed to repeat.

What were some things you were careful of in a new relationship post-divorce? Comment below.

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





By Jennifer Ross

It's official! President Obama and his family will not need to move out of the White House. On Tuesday night, after Americans ran to the polls to vote, news reports confirmed the

President, 51, as the winner after gaining the electoral vote of Ohio. By Wednesday morning, the official tally was in — President Obama with 303 and Republican nominee Mitt Romney with 206. Soon after winning Ohio, the President tweeted to celebrate, including a photograph of him hugging First Lady. When giving thanks for support, the president tweeted, "We're all in this together. That's how we campaigned, and that's who we are. Thank you. -bo."

How do you congratulate your partner after an accomplishment?

Cupid's Advice:

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

- 1. Party time: A party is a great way to celebrate your mate's success. Gather all the loved ones and friends together. Decorate the place up nice and include your partner's favorite foods. Don't forget to write a wonderful speech, showing how proud you are for their success and how much you care.
- 2. A token: When there isn't time for a party, a little token of appreciation can be given to your mate. You can give a personalized briefcase or pen for a job promotion or take them shopping for new clothes due to weight loss. Whatever the occasion is, there's always an appropriate item to give.
- 3. Announcement: If you are so proud that you want the world to know, why not announce your loved one's success to everyone. You can rent a billboard in your area, have a radio DJ broadcast it in the morning or light up the great news on a teleprompter at a sport's area. Make sure your partner receives the message loud and clear you are proud of

him/her.

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

Vanessa Lachey Calls Nick Lachey a 'Doting Dad'





By Jennifer Ross

Vanessa Lachey has definitely won the jackpot when it comes to finding the perfect man in husband Nick Lachey. Vanessa, 31, recently opened up to <u>Sheknows.com</u> about life as a threesome, with new baby Camden John, and what a wonderful father Nick

has become. "All of my hopes and dreams have come true and he [Nick] is awesome. I was actually joking earlier that if Nick could nurse Camden he would!" Even though Camden is a peaceful baby, his loving parents were still in for a surprise awakening when it came to his feeding schedule. Vanessa explains, "I didn't understand that they need to eat every two to three hours at first and then three to four a little after that. Sometimes we literally had 15 minutes between him falling asleep and then having to wake him for the next feed. I'm like, 'This goes on 24 hours a day and no one told me about this part of it!'"

What are some ways to tell your partner will be a good parent?

Cupid's Advice:

With the holidays fast upon us, chances are you'll think about spending time with your immediate family. These thoughts can lead to future dreams of having your own family traditions; but before that can happen, you have got to find the right partner. So how can you tell if he/she will make a great parent? Here are few telling traits:

- 1. Strong stomach: Does your partner get easily grossed out? The truth is, kids are messy, with diaper changes, spit ups and runny noses. Having a "strong stomach" to be able to handle taking care of someone when they are sick is a sign that your mate will be there when you or your little ones need it most.
- 2. Creativity: Because kids have such vivid imaginations, you or your partner will someday need to entertain them...possibly for hours. Having a creative mind will show that your partner has a playful sense and won't take stressful things too seriously. After all, you will need a little fun to handle life with kids.
- 3. Nieces/nephews: A great indicator of your partner's

parenting skills is how he/she treats their nieces and/or nephews. Does your partner remember their birthdays or play with them when together? Is your mate able to show emotions freely with them? Your partner being able to care for them is wonderful practice to someday loving your own.

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

Elizabeth Olsen Is Dating 'Very Good Girls' Costar Boyd Holbrook





By Jennifer Ross

One of the Olsen sisters is in love! Little sister to celebrity twins Mary Kate and Ashley, Elizabeth Olsen has recently been seen out in New Orleans, holding hands with a new beau. Confirmed by <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, the lucky man is none other than her <u>Very Good Girls</u> costar, Boyd Holbrook. A source close to Olsen, 23, spoke of the costars budding relationship details, stating that they have "been dating for awhile now...trying to keep it hush-hush, of course. They met from the first read of their movie together, and there was great chemistry there." Whether this relationship will last, only time will tell. However, one thing is certain, the source said Olsen "really likes him!"

What are some characteristics to look for when you're first dating someone?

Cupid's Advice:

During the first few dates, it can be a difficult to tell if your potential partner could be the one. After all, everyone has their best foot forward. However, there are moments when

he/she will give little clues to his/her true characteristics. Being able to see and understand them quickly will help in deciding whether you want another date. Below are a few positive characteristics that you should keep in mind:

- 1. Generosity: A person can be generous with their spirit, their time and/or the wallet. The real important thing here is that a generous person freely gives to matters they care about, often forgives and seeks the best in others. When with such a person, your needs may be met before even asking. Generosity in a relationship is a winning deal.
- 2. Openness: The ability to be naturally open is when your potential mate is able to share genuine thoughts and feelings. Also, he/she is not afraid of whom they are or do not feel the need to hide when emotionally exposed. Being with an open person will allow you to exchange deeper, personal feelings early on with much ease; thus, creating a strong bond.
- **3. Humor:** Potential partners that have a great sense of humor can see the fun in situations and laugh at themselves. In these moments, you two will find yourselves laughing often, relaxing and letting tension go. As a result, this can carry any relationship through the hard times and on to better days.

What characteristics attracted you to your partner during your first few dates? Share your story below.

Kirstie Alley Reveals Her Past Secret Relationship with

Patrick Swayze





By Jennifer Ross

Whatever her reasons were, Kirstie Alley just had to confess. In a surprise even to *Entertainment Tonight*'s host Chris Jacobs, Alley revealed on Monday night's episode that she had a very emotional and secretive relationship with then costar Patrick Swayze, while they were filming the 1985 movie, *North and South*. What makes this gossip even juicier is that the *DWTS* contestant, 61, and Swayze were both married! To clarify the details, Alley stated how their "affair" was emotional and not physical. "We did not have an affair. But again, I think what I did was worse. Because I think when you fall in love with someone when you're married, you jeopardize your own marriage and their marriage. It's doubly bad."

What are some reasons to keep your relationship a secret?

Cupid's Advice:

There's no doubt, secret relationships are filled with excitement. You and your secret lover arrange to meet in new places, away from your usual hang outs. You program each others' phone number with a secret name. Besides having an affair, there are many legitimate reasons why people engage in such activities. Here are a few to think about:

- 1. You two are family friends: Suppose you and your best friend of 10 years fall in love with each other AND your families are extremely close, even celebrating holidays together. It's understandable not wanting to share your relationship with everyone just yet. Holding back the info gives you two the time to grow your love and prevents the unwanted family pressures.
- 2. Family approval: If you come from a Roman Catholic family and your secret partner is a devout Muslim, many feelings could arise when informing your family. Also is the case with interracial relationships. With many hearts at stake, it may be worth it to keep hush about your love until you know a future marriage is certain.
- **3. Same-sex:** Sometimes the approval need not come from family. Sometimes, it's from you. There are instances when a person is not ready to admit their sexual preference to their family for fear of banishment. Often times, complete out casting is not the case. Even so, it's alright to take your time in gaining the courage to show your true self.

Why did you keep your relationship a secret? Tell us below.

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





By Jennifer Ross

Support for the Presidential couple continues from Hip-Hop's royal couple. During President Barack Obama's re-election campaign, Jay-Z and Beyonce continued to show support through raising money and awareness. This past September, the pair raised \$4 million for the President's re-election campaign by hosting an event at Jay-Z's 40/40 Club in New York City. The event was limited to 100 guests, each paying \$40,000 to attend. Also, Jay-Z performed at POTUS' Ohio rally for the final efforts to promote awareness, a day before the official election. When Jay-Z spoke to MTV News regarding his reasons

to support the President, he stated, "I support Barack because I gotta respect that sort of vision. I gotta respect a man who is the first black President ever."

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

Cupid's Advice:

When it comes to politics, many people fall in love with a partner that happens to have different beliefs. It's something that may have been noticed on the first few dates but never taken seriously until later — perhaps around election time. And even though the differences can transform a robust debate into an all-out fight, it also has the potential to bring a couple closer. Here are a few ways to help any relationship stay on the same side, regardless of opposing views:

- 1. Respect each others' views: Whether one of you is prochoice and the other is pro-life, never disrespect each other by ridiculing or dismissing each other's beliefs. Instead, stick to unbiased facts that are provable. Your issue is with the topic and not your partner, so keep the harsh comments out of your relationship. The key is to focus on who you are speaking to and not the topic.
- 2. Don't try to change his/her views: When you and your mate are in a heated debate, don't make it a battle of who will change their views. Rather, use your listening skills and allow each other to have separate convictions. This gives you and your partner the opportunity to learn something about each other than could bring closeness to the relationship.
- 3. Agree to disagree: In the event that the political topic in question is too strong a subject for either of you to see the other's point of view, bridge the gap by agreeing to disagree. Remind yourselves that your love isn't solely based on that one topic. It is based on many other wonderful

characteristics. By learning to accept your partner this way, you also learn to love the good and bad in him/her.

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

Celebrities Come Together at NBC Universal Benefit to Help Hurricane Sandy Victims





By Nic Baird

Hurricane Sandy's destruction of homes and power grids along

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

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

Cupid's Advice:

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

- 1. Discuss your purpose: Before rolling up your sleeves, discuss with your partner the reasons this contribution is important to you. Listen to your significant other's opinion and ideals regarding future charitable work. If you find a common purpose to share with your partner, then you've just hit two birds with one stone.
- 2. Work together: While dividing up the tasks is an effective way of completing work that is important to both of you, you won't get the same bonding effect as you will together. Laboring for your cause as a unit, and sacrificing together affirms you're both on the same team.
- 3. Review your achievements: After the work is done, it's time to debrief. You want to make sure you're both comfortable with

the extent of your toils, and the good you've accomplished. Discuss the effects your contribution made, the challenges you faced, and ideas for future contributions as a couple.

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

Alicia Keys and Swizz Beatz React to Hurricane Sandy by Reaching Out





By Nic Baird

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

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

Cupid's Advice:

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

- 1. Grassroots kindness: You don't have to formalize your good deeds by scheduling them. Open your heart and your home to those in need. The most meaningful impact you can hope for is to change someone's life for the better. Having your partner to brainstorm with you on the best ways to lend your neighbor a hand will make things easier. Be ready for opportunities, your relationship can handle the spontaneity!
- 2. Local fundraising: You may not know how to build homes, or repair power lines, but you and your partner can think up tons of ways to raise money with friends. Bake sales, car washes, book/garage sales, casino nights, the list goes on. As a

couple, showing your compassion together allows you to clarify your relationship's identity. The Red Cross is currently accepting donations for the Hurricane Sandy relief fund!

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

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

MTV Host TJ Lavin Marries Longtime Girlfriend Roxanne Siordia in Vegas





By Nicole Weintraub

MTV host TJ Lavin has officially tied the knot with girlfriend Roxanne Siordia in Las Vegas, according to <u>People</u>. The two wed on November 2nd, which was planned accordingly since the two met eight years ago exactly on that day. The couple had been thinking about marriage for the past six years, though an accident involving a BMX dirt bike left him in a coma for several days disrupting the couple's plans. The accident occurred two years ago and since, the pair has been focused on their relationship. Though, the groom claims he knew all along that Siordia was the one for him. "I knew I was gonna marry her the second I met her," he reveals as the longtime duo opted out of a big, lavish wedding. "Fancy weddings aren't our thing," he explained as to their Vegas wedding. The couple has not decided on where they will be honeymooning yet, but Lavin will be adopting Siordia's thirteen-year-old daughter from a previous relationship.

What are the advantages to a Vegas wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

While many girls dream of what their wedding day will look like since their childhood days, some couples opt out of the big, lavish wedding. Here are some advantages to the Vegas style wedding:

- 1. Fast paced: The typical engagement period can range from several months to several years in which an extended amount of time is needed in order to plan the wedding. However, a Vegas wedding shortens the time span incredibly allowing couples to be united in matrimony in a more reasonable time span.
- 2. Cheap: Weddings are outrageously expensive. The more people you plan on having at your reception, the higher the cost of the celebration goes. Rather than going broke from your wedding, Vegas weddings are much cheaper and will not burn a hole in your wallet.
- **3. Low key:** Instead of getting caught up in seating charts and who will be offended if they are not given an invitation, Vegas weddings are much more low key. Pick a few close friends and family to witness the ceremony and off you go. There is no need to invite every person you have ever met to a Vegas wedding.

Would you ever get married in Vegas? Why or why not? Share your thoughts with us!

Meredith Vieira Says Her Husband Has Never Warmed to

Their Dog





By Nicole Weintraub

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

How do you compromise if you want a dog, but your partner

doesn't?

Cupid's Advice:

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

- 1. Visit the shelter: Before committing to the idea of getting a dog, why not take a trip with your partner to visit a shelter. Perhaps the two of you can volunteer or spend time with the animals to see whether or not the two of you are truly animal friendly.
- 2. Downsize: If your partner is dead set against getting a dog, perhaps they will compromise for a smaller pet. Why not try a cat or a rabbit before jumping into the commitment of owning a dog?
- **3. Pet sit:** Another way to ease your partner into the idea of adopting a furry friend is to pet sit for a friend. This way, you will get the full experience of having a dog without the life long commitment. This may be a reality check for you and your partner.

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

Kim and Kanye Double Date with Scott and Kourtney on

Halloween





By Nicole Weintraub

Sisters Kourtney and Kim Kardashian double dated for Halloween in Miami with their respective men — Scott Disick and Kanye West, according to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. The sisters are currently filming Kourtney & Kim Take Miami where they went out on a double date with their boyfriends, deciding to not have a big extravaganza for Halloween this year. Kourtney, Disick and West wore light colors in white and beige while Kim stood out in black leather pants and a black mesh top revealing a black bra underneath. Ever since Kim and West have come out as an official couple, he has been helping dress her. Kim and West have just recently starting dating, but have been friends for several years. Kourtney and Disick have been together for several years, having two children together.

Is double dating a good idea?

Cupid's Advice:

Double dating can be a great way to relieve the pressure, or it can be a disastrous way of ruining your one on one time with your date. Here are ways it can be good or bad:

- 1. The more the merrier: While it may be a good idea to have a double date or even a group date in the beginning of dating, it can also take away from one on one time. Double dating is a great way of relieving tension and keeping the conversation going, but it takes the intimacy away from an actual date.
- 2. Different relationships: Kourtney and Scott have two children together while Kim and Kanye are in a brand new relationship. If you are going to double date, try to go out with a couple that are on the same page with their relationship. The more the two couples have in common, the more there will be to talk about.
- 3. Four different people: A double date can quickly go from two couples spending time together to four people hanging out with one another. Make sure that while you are still conversing and spending time with the other couple that you are not ignoring your partner.

Do you think double dating is a good idea? Share your thoughts with us!

Drew Barrymore and Will

Kopelman Make First Post-Baby Apperance





By Nicole Weintraub

New parents Drew Barrymore and Will Kopelman recently made their first public debut, according to <u>People</u>. Their daughter,

Olive Barrymore, was welcomed into the world on September 26th, though this is the couple's first appearance together since her birth. The pair attended Saturday's LACMA 2012 Art and Film Gala that was also attended by Jennifer Aniston and her new fiancé Justin Theroux. Barrymore and Kopelman mingled with other guests and were photographed showing their phone to Aniston and Theroux. Were they showing off photos of their new baby girl?

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

baby?

Cupid's Advice:

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

- 1. Claustrophic: If you are beginning to feel suffocated or claustrophic from spending so much time indoors with the same routine, it's time to call the babysitter. It's healthy to go out as a couple every now and then, even if you have a baby at home.
- 2. Deja vu: Have the sense of déjà vu all of the time? If you feel yourself doing the same thing over and over again day in and day out, it's time to break up that routine a little bit. Go out for dinner or catch a flick with your partner; something that is out of the house.
- 3. It's been months: If it has not been weeks but rather months since you and your partner have gone out, it's time to put down the remote and go outside. It is not healthy to live like a hermit. Regardless of how busy you are, you need to take time out to refresh yourself.

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

Wolfgang Puck of 'Top Chef:

Seattle' Says Taste Is the Most Important Part of Cooking for Your Loved Ones





By Whitney Baker

Fans of reality television will recognize world-renowned chef and restaurateur Wolfgang Puck. Not only was he responsible for the food served at the infamous wedding of Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries (filmed for 'Keeping Up with the Kardashians'), but he has also appeared as a guest judge on previous seasons of 'Top Chef: Las Vegas' and 'Top Chef: New York.' And now, Puck is excited to join the tenth season of the cooking-competition series in Seattle as a permanent judge alongside Tom Colicchio, Gail Simmons Hugh Acheson and longtime friend Emeril Lagasse with Padma Lakshmi returning as

host.

This season of 'Top Chef: Seattle,' which premieres on Wednesday, November 7th at 10 p.m. EST on Bravo, focuses on the contestants going back to the basics, something that Puck considers incredibly important when cooking. "I really believe that cooking to learn the foundation is the most important part," he shares.

As for this season's 21 chef'testants, Puck says, "I saw that there were a lot of talented people who did great dishes, but a lot of them also lacked fundamentals."

Having a strong foundation of cooking skills can also come in handy when preparing a dish for your significant other. When cooking a meal for your partner for the first time, Puck recommends preparing something you feel confident cooking, "not something completely new where you are unsure of how many minutes you have to cook it or if the seasoning tastes good or if the combinations of spices and herbs are just right." Additionally, it's important to buy the best quality ingredients and to keep it simple.

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Now that you've chosen the right ingredients and a simple recipe that you know how to cook, how do you know if what you've prepared is a hit or a miss? "I tell all of my young chefs — and everybody in the kitchen — that the most important thing for a chef is to taste," Puck explains.

Another cooking lesson that ranks high in Puck's opinion? Learning from your loved ones. After all, the chef began cooking professionally at age 14, and before that, he spent time in the kitchen with his mother, who was a chef in the Austrian town where Puck was born.

Growing up, Puck's mother followed the farm-to-table ideology

that is sweeping across America's restaurants, and as the chef shares, it was totally logical at the time. "You know, we went outside into the garden, picked the vegetables and made a vegetable soup" — a statement that reiterates the high importance that Puck places on knowing basic skills in the kitchen!

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Of course, Puck has come a long way since then, having changed the way Americans approach the art of cooking by combining classic French and Asian techniques. Though he's sitting at the judges' table now, Puck can't help but look back and consider how a young Wolfgang would've done on 'Top Chef': "I think I would have done pretty well because I always had good instincts about food, and I was always very clear about using great ingredients."

Even so, the playing field was quite different when he first entered the scene. "At that time, you didn't have as many talented young chefs who worked really hard and were really good at it."

Considering the changing culinary landscape, none of this season's contestants reminded Puck of a younger version of himself; however, that's not to say that they didn't impress him. Offering a glimpse at the upcoming season, he shares, "There are a few contestants who actually had their own ways. You know, there are so many chefs who can execute great recipes, but there are very few who actually have their own ideas for those great recipes."

"When somebody is a 'Top Chef' winner, you almost expect them to have their own ways and their own ideas — and then execute them perfectly," he adds.

Be sure to tune in to this season of 'Top Chef: Seattle,' which premieres on Bravo on Wednesday, November 7th at 10 p.m. EST. For more information about Wolfgang Puck, you can visit

Evan Rachel Wood and Jamie Bell Tie the Knot





By Nicole Weintraub

Evan Rachel Wood and Jamie Bell went and got married, according to <u>People</u>. The bride revealed her excitement through her Twitter account saying, "Words cannot describe the happiness I am feeling." Bell's close friend Max Minghelia who also attended the wedding also shared his feelings regarding the nuptials via Twitter, "...Got to see my best friend exchange

vows with the love of his life." The pair had been supposedly engaged since January of this year and married in a quiet ceremony with close friends and family members in attendance. They originally dated back in 2005 when they met on the set of a Green Day music video. They even got each other's first initial tattooed on each other, but split for some time. During their split Wood dated and became engaged to Marilyn Manson. Though, since then she has found her way back to her roots with Bell.

How do you know whether to have a large or small wedding ceremony?

Cupid's Advice:

Weddings come in all shapes, forms and sizes, so how do you know which one is for you? Here are some tips on how to determine whether or not to have a large or a small ceremony:

- 1. Money: The more guests you have, the more money your wedding will be. If you and your partner are on a tight budget, you might want to keep the guest list down to a manageable amount. Not all weddings need to have over two hundred guests.
- 2. The Venue: If you have fallen in love with a smaller venue, it may be best to cross off that third cousin twice removed. Perhaps you are having your wedding at someone's house and you only have a limited number of space.
- **3. Your Choice:** At the end of the day, whomever you invite it completely up to you and your partner. You do not have to invite every one you have ever spoken to. The smaller the ceremony, the more intimate. The larger the ceremony, the bigger the party.

Would you have a small or a large reception? Share your ideas with us!

Host Chris Harrison Says New 'Bachelor' Sean Lowe Is 'So Sincere'





By Jennifer Ross

As *ABC*'s new *Bachelor*, Sean Lowe is currently shooting their 17^{th} Season, host Chris Harrison reports to *UsMagazine.com*, "Sean's doing great." Last seen on TV just three months ago when Emily Maynard dumped Lowe on the *Bachelorette*, this southern man seems to have moved on and recovered quickly. As to whether Lowe's, 28, love choices will be worth watching, Harrison states, "I think people are really going to like him

because he's so sincere. He really is looking for that someone and that makes it fun for everyone… when you get to know the guy, he's very well read, very intelligent, a very smart guy." With the show three-quarters of the way finished in filming, it sounds like this season's *Bachelor* will be a must see for all.

What are some ways to tell the person you're dating is sincere?

Cupid's Advice:

Dating has its challenges and the process in choosing the right person can be endlessly frustrating. However, it doesn't have to be this difficult. While you may not be able to measure their sincerity on the first date, there are ways to see it they are genuinely interested in you. For clues, here are a few things to focus on when meeting up for your next date:

- 1. First impressions: From the moment you meet up with your potential partner, ask yourself, is he/she dressed well? Also, does he/she have social manners? Not dressing well is a sign that he/she is not interested in your opinion. Lacking social manners, such talking too much about themselves rather than getting to know you, is a sign that they are self-absorbed. Both issues state you need to look elsewhere for love.
- 2. Open or closed: When conversing, ask questions about his/her family or personal life. Whether your date is open or closed about the topic says a lot. When your potential mate's personal life and family is a closed subject, he/she is hiding something. Secrets so soon into the relationship only cause obstacles that set you two up for failure.
- **3. Listening skills:** Also as important, does your date listen to you speak when discussing your personal life? If he/she focuses more on the environment and/or your physical features

rather than your story of losing your favorite dog as a child, you are more than likely wasting your time. Not being able to find interest in listening to you shows that they genuinely are not interested in you.

What signs does your partner show that says he/she is sincere? Tell us below.

Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux Go High-End Furniture Shopping





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

How do you decorate your home to reflect your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

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

- 1. Items you cherish: Look all around your home and gather things that are either important to one of you or both of you. Knick-knacks, heirloom items, his favorite TV chair or the floral vase you two picked up on your last vacation; anything really that makes you feel special and loved. Use these items as a starting point to find a common decoration theme.
- 2. Places you both love: Similar to items, take the time for you and your mate to write down the places you love. Then, under each place, write down the things about that place that you love the most. Finally, share your places with each other

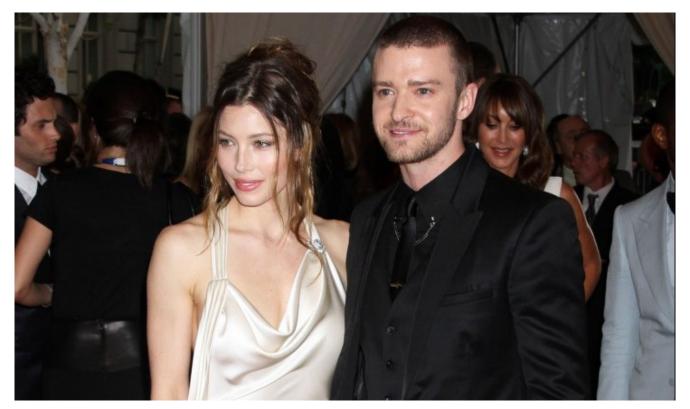
and together decide on elements you both can love and live with in your home.

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

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

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





By Jennifer Ross

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

What are some ways to keep your married life grounded?

Cupid's Advice:

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

- 1. Define "yours," "mine," "ours": Have the upfront conversation of what belongs to whom? This is not just about the financial accounts. Include time that will be shared together and separate, such as holiday vacations, his Thursday night basketball games or your Saturday afternoon book club meetings. Defining and respecting each other's time and money will work on strengthening your bond.
- 2. Continue courting: Often, the little things like an "I love you" post-it note left in his car or flowers "just because" can really go a long way to keeping the romance alive. The key is to be genuine and spontaneous, treating each other similarly to the exciting "newness" of your first beginning dates.
- 3. Renegotiate your contract: As with many contracts in life, your marriage terms and conditions need to be re-evaluated and renegotiated to fit you two currently, every so many years. As time passes by, and people inevitably change, so should your marriage evolve. Be sensitive to what each other requests or no longer needs; focus on continuing the happiness you both give each other.

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

Levi Johnston Marries Sunny

Oglesby Without Tripp in Attendance





By Jennifer Ross

On October 28, Levi Johnston wedded his girlfriend of over one year, Sunny Oglesby without his first born, Tripp in attendance. The groom, 22, wanted Tripp, 4, to be his ring bearer, but mother, Bristol Palin denied visitation. According to *Inside Edition*, Johnston did not inform Palin of his weekend nuptials. Instead, he only asked for custody of his son. One person that was able to make it was Johnston's second child with Oglesby, one-month-old Breeze Beretta. This is the first child for Oglesby, 20. During the wedding, Johnston was said to have goofed on his vows. "To have and to hold, whatever you say."

How do you keep open lines of communication with your ex?

Cupid's Advice:

Regardless of why the relationship ended, there are many reasons why you cannot just remove your ex from your life, such as working together or sharing custody of a child. In circumstances such as these, it is best to keep the line of communication open and respectful as best as possible in order to make life easier for all those involved. Should you need help, here are a few tips on how to remain cordial with your ex:

- 1. Express your plan: As soon as possible, inform your ex that you plan to move forward in a respectful manner for both of your sakes. Should you ex not agree with you; don't stoop down to his/her level. Remain on your path. Eventually, they will see you are serious and come around.
- 2. Be specific: In the beginning, emotions may still be raw. Therefore, it would greatly benefit the both of you to be specific about your reasons when reaching out to your ex. No matter what is said, work hard to keep your emotions under control. Also, don't forget to use your "please" and "thank you." The key is to establish respect for each other.
- 3. Don't reminisce: When speaking to your ex, it is best not to bring up moments of your past relationship together, regardless of whether there were good or bad. In order to move forward in an amicable manner, your intimate times with your ex must remain in the past. Otherwise, you will only bring confusion.

What methods do you use to keep open lines of communication with your ex? Tell us below.