

Pippa Middleton Is Dating Investment Banker James Matthews



By Jenni

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Rumor has it, Pippa Middleton may be taken. For the past three weeks, the younger sister to the Duchess of Cambridge, Middleton has been seen out on several occasions with Investment Banker James Matthews, according to the U.K's [Daily Mirror](#). The two were even photographed having dinner at the Queen's Club tennis center in West London. A close source confirmed to [Usmagazine.com](#), "It's very early days but James really likes her." On one of their last outings, Middleton was photographed wearing a black dress, lace jacket, black tights and heels.

What are some signs that you have a lot in common with

someone?

Cupid's Advice:

In order for a relationship to have a chance at survival, both parties involved will need to have things in common besides mutual attraction. Personal goals, lifestyles, moral grounds and intimacy are important factors to consider. While having too much in common can lead to a very boring relationship, a healthy amount in each of you is at least 50%, leaving plenty of room to grow. To help you understand where you two stand, here are a few clues to look for:

1. You have unusual things in common: Many new couples have ordinary things in common and are mistaken that this means they are a match. A clearer sign is when you and your new partner have many unusual things in common. The more quirky habits or likes you two share, the better the relationship can grow.

2. "We" terms when times are bad: While all new couples will eventually think in "we" terms, the real clue is when you think this way when the chips are down. If one of you has a sudden problem and both of you think of it as a joint issue, you two are on your way to merging lives together. It is terms like these that will keep you two together through the hard times.

3. You finish each others' sentences: Suppose you begin a sentence and your mate is able to finish it with little effort, then your relationship has a great chance of surviving. Being able to finish each others' sentences shows that you both have more in common than not.

**What convinced you that you had a lot in common with someone?
Tell us below.**

Heather Tom Welcomes a Baby Boy



By Jennifer Ross

It's a boy! On Sunday, Oct. 28, Heather Tom gave birth to son, Zane Alexander Achor in Los Angeles. This is the first child for her and husband James Achor. "This was the hardest and best thing that I have ever done in my life," Tom, 36, confirmed, according to [People](#). Baby Zane Alexander, who was delivered drug-free, weighed in at 8 lbs., 1 oz. Achor and Tom were married back in September 2011 and had first announced their pregnancy in May of this year. The happy couple also has a new design series in the works to air on HGTV, named *Renovation Unscripted*.

How do you compromise with your partner when it comes to naming your child?

Cupid's Advice:

Compromising can be difficult to accomplish in most situations, let alone naming a child. He loves Elizabeth, while you prefer Naomi. Where's the happy medium – Elizomi or Naobeth? Seriously, having a child is a wonderful moment that should bring closeness to a relationship, not distance. So, to cease fire and agree on a name before birth, here are a few tips to consider:

1. Agree on a theme: Take a break on coming up with specific names, and start with a baby name theme. Some themes to consider are traditional names, modern names, spiritual names, exotic names, short names or long ones. Also, consider a particular geographic region. The key is to find a common ground between you two. Once you have a theme, then you and your partner can narrow down the search.

2. Make a list: Another idea to try is making a list. Both you and your partner each write down about 20-30 names on a sheet of paper. Then swap sheets. With writing that many names, chances are, you two will have at least one in common. Also, it is highly possible that one of you might come up with a name that other one likes and didn't remember.

3. Use middle name as bargaining: When tempers flare between you and your mate, remember that the child can have more than one name, even more than one middle name. Also, if you partner wants the child to have his name but don't want your little one to be considered "junior," why not use the father's name as the middle name.

What compromises did you and your partner agree to when naming your child? Comment below.

Former '90210' Star Ian Ziering Prepares to Welcome Baby #2



By Nic

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Beverly Hills, 90210 alum Ian Ziering is expecting his second child with wife Erin, according to [People](#). The actor called this new addition to the family a “dream come true.” They’ve taught their 18 month old daughter, Mia Loren, to point to Erin’s belly and say ‘baby,’ Ziering said. The couple married in May 2010, and though their family is growing, Ziering continues to act, direct, produce and pitch TV shows. “I have a lot of irons in the fire,” Ziering said. Erin is in her second trimester, the baby is due in May, and its sex is

unknown.

How does the dynamic change when you add a second child to your family?

Cupid's Advice:

Nuclear families have two children, because the consequences can be explosive! One child is hard enough, but two? Before you start doubting your sanity, remember how rewarding it is to have your first child. You've pretty much got this parenting thing down anyway, but in case you had any doubts, here's some little ways the family dynamic can change.

1. Less time, more parenting: A second child means twice as much attention. Make sure you and your significant other have talked about ways to divide tasks and manage your time. If your career was challenged when raising the first child, expect more challenges in tending to your young family's needs now.

2. Buying in bulk: Two children means you have to consider feeding a whole family. Meal time will be more regulated. Your brood's collective socks and toothbrushes will be identical. Having enough for everyone will be hard to manage, and noticing if one family member's needs are different will be even harder.

3. Playmates: Your first child is now blessed with a friend and playmate. Your children can play together now, and entertain each other. Find activities that involve multiple family members. Sadly, this usually means more supervision, not less.

What changes to your family have you noticed with a second child? Share your experiences below!

Mila Kunis' Rep Shoots Down Pregnancy Rumors



By Nic

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"She is not expecting," actress Mila Kunis' rep told the [Daily Mail](#) on Monday to address circulating rumors that she was pregnant with former *That 70's Show* costar Ashton Kutcher's baby. The couple has been dating for five months. The speculation began after Kunis was spotted in a baggy tanktop with horizontal stripes while on a coffee date with Kutcher, according to [UsMagazine.com](#). Kutcher is currently the highest paid US actor after taking over the *Two and a Half Men* leading role, and had been married to actress Demi Moore from 2005 to 2011.

What are some ways to announce pregnancy news to friends and family?

Cupid's Advice:

While you may be excited to tell a few people in person, how do you let everyone know you're having a child? Besides wearing a sign, you should take a methodical approach to inform the people in your life. They'll want to know, and here's how you tell them.

1. Picture Postcards: Anyone interested by the news that you had a child will want to see a picture of the baby. A shot of the newborn with family is something people will stick on their fridges. If you're having a baby shower, you could use the postcards to get the details out.

2. Baby Shower: Civilization designed baby showers as a template to announce an upcoming child. Once you've told your inner circle of friends and family, you can send out baby shower invitations to everyone else. If you haven't been caught by surprise, you should have ample time to plan your baby shower by scheduling it closer to the due date. The invitations will serve to let the word out, and you'll probably get some gifts out of it.

3. Other Rituals: Baptisms, and other religious ceremonies have friends and family congregating. Any sort of family ritual is a good opportunity to assemble the important people in your life for such an important day in your life. Cigars are a traditional way for a new father to spread the word to friends, and perhaps work colleagues. It's just something you can give out, besides cupcakes.

How did you announce your pregnancy? Share your experiences below!

'Glee' Star Matthew Morrison and Girlfriend Dress as Britney and JT for Halloween



By Nic

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Glee star Matthew Morrison and girlfriend, Renee Puente, chose retro Justin Timberlake and Britney Spears as their couple costume this Halloween, reports UsMagazine.com. Though the celebrity pop duo split ages ago, Morrison and Puente reminisced about the musical media pair during JT's 'N Sync days and Britney's python charming circa 2001. Morrison, who portrays the coach of a high school glee club on TV, paid tribute to these 90s musical icons for his third annual birthday/Halloween party on Sunday. Morrison captured the look

with a head and arm bandana, tinted sunglasses, a blousy white shirt, a spiky hooded vest, fingerless gloves and a hands-free microphone. Puente's outfit recalled the tiny green top and blue hot pants from Britney's "Slave 4 U" outfit, complete with a fake snake.

What are three couples costumes you can wear for Halloween?

Cupid's Advice:

Don't waste time fretting over costume ideas. Couples outfits can seem daunting, but they can easily come together with the right vision. Inspiration is within your grasp! Read these methods to find a fitting costume for you and your significant other.

1. Puns: Literally being "apples and oranges" will get you some groans, but costumes that work together is a cute Halloween option. Try to physically represent common phrases, like dressing as Justin Bieber and Swag, which could be a treasure chest of hair products. Sound out names or words to get other ideas, like the celebrity couple costume: "Sunny" and "Chair."

2. Pick a Disney movie: This is a great couples costume because Disney movies have replaced any fairy tale imagery we had as children. Try the classic couples: John Smith/Pocahontas, Aladin/Jasmine, Lilo/Stitch, etc. If you do *Mulan*, I'd choose Mushu or the evil Hun over Captain Li Shang.

3. Suit and Dress: For last minute costume scavengers, you'll never have an easier time than if you build a couples costume from your own wardrobe. JFK with Marilyn or Jackie is pretty quick to throw together. *Mad Men*, celebrity couples, and British royalty can save you at zero hour using just a suit and dress.

What great couples Halloween costumes have you seen? Share

your experiences below!

Hilary Duff and Mike Comrie Wear Day of the Dead Costumes



By

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Hilary Duff and her husband of two years Mike Comrie celebrated Halloween a few days early, according to UsMagazine.com. The couple left their seven-month-old son Luca home as they ventured to Mike Meldman's party this past Friday in Beverly Hills. The two dressed up in skeleton attire and make up for the Mexican Day of the Dead. Among other guests to join the festivities were Seal and a mystery date, Emma Roberts, Ryan Seacrest with Julianne Hough, Dax Shepard with

fiancée Kristen Bell and many more. The new mom, Duff, gushed about motherhood claiming that, “He’s getting his first teeth and he’s rolling over like a maniac”.

What are some ways to coordinate your clothes with your beau?

Cupid’s Advice:

Whether it’s Halloween or a wedding, sometimes couples like to coordinate clothes with one another. Here are some tips on how to coordinate properly:

1. Twins: While some couples dress up in exactly the same clothes, you don’t want to be mistaken for twins rather than a couple. Make sure that you are not crossing the line between coordinating outfits and being twins.

2. Colors: A great way to make sure that your outfit matches your beau is sticking to the same color scheme. For example, if you are wearing a blue dress, have your beau wear the same color for his tie. The two of you will obviously be together without being mistaken as twins.

3. On the same page: The two of you may not be on the same page according to color and that it completely fine. As long as the two of you are in the same theme area, that’s all that matters. For example, if your partner is dressing up as a cowboy and you are dressing up as an M&M then the two of you are not coordinating at all.

How would you coordinate clothes with your partner? Would you? Share your ideas with us in the comments below!

Patti Stanger Discusses Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel's 'Lasting' Marriage



By

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Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel are in newlywed bliss, but Patti Stanger believes that their marriage is for the long run, reports [People](#). The two tied the knot in Italy last week in a ceremony that was just as hush-hush as their whole relationship has been. Stanger theorizes that the two are in it for life according to three things. First of all, their respective ages put them in their thirties which make them more mature and emotionally developed than younger couples. Timberlake and Biel have been linked since 2007 so they are no stranger to one another. Another aspect of their relationship that makes it long lasting is their need for privacy. The

couple does not show off their relationship for the whole world to see. The two also have loads of respect for one another, which is one of the single most important factors in a marriage. Timberlake revealed, "In my 30 years, she is the most special person, okay? ... I don't want to say much more, because I have to protect things that are dear to me – for instance, her." That single quote alone shows the deep connection that the two share.

What are some keys to making your marriage last?

Cupid's Advice:

In a time where divorce is almost as common as going out for dinner, the amount of lasting marriages is dwindling. Here are some tips on how to make your marriage last:

1. R-E-S-P-E-C-T: Aretha Franklin preached it and now, so are we. In order to make your marriage last, you have to have respect for your partner, your relationship and yourself. Along with respect comes trust, honesty and loyalty, which are all aspects of a thriving marriage.

2. Passion: Have you ever been called "an old married couple"? That is not a compliment and you should not take it as one. Remember to keep the passion alive between you and your partner. Just because you are officially married does not mean that the passion is over.

3. For better or worse: Remember that vow you made? For better or worse – that means that there are going to be fantastic times and there are going to be some bad times. Regardless of whether it is a good day or a bad day, the two of you are there for one another and that is all that matters at the end of the day.

What are some ways you keep your marriage alive? Share your stories with us in the comments below.

Jennifer Aniston Shows Off Engagement Ring in LA



By

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Jennifer Aniston is engaged to fiancé Justin Theroux and is not shy about it, according to UsMagazine.com. The couple attended the LACMA 2012 Art and Film Gala in Los Angeles where Aniston was dressed in a sexy black number with a plunging neckline, revealing the silhouette of two of her greatest assets. Along with showing off her cleavage, Aniston proudly flashed her ginormous engagement ring that Theroux presented her with back in August. The ring is a whopping \$500,000 beauty as she showed off while chatting with pals such as Cameron Diaz and Salma Hayek. Ironically, this is the same

place where Angelina Jolie presented her rock from Aniston's ex husband Brad Pitt in April.

How do you know what kind of engagement ring to get your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Thinking of getting engaged? Congratulations! Now how the heck do you decide which engagement ring to choose from? Here are some tips on how to pick the perfect ring for your partner:

1. Ask around: Chances are that your partner has spilled to her fellow gal pals or her family members what kind of diamond she is hoping for. Be discreet with your asking and make sure your helpers' lips are sealed, but do some investigating and find out if she has been discussing what she likes in rings with her friends and family.

2. Drop hints: Purposely walk past a jewelry store and see if anything in particular catches your partner's eye. Perhaps bring her along with a guy friend of yours who is planning on getting engaged to see what she would suggest. Try not to be too revealing about your intentions, though.

3. Do your homework: Look into her own jewelry box and see if she has any rings or other type of gems. Take a look at what the pieces look like as a whole – is there a pattern between the pieces? Perhaps she likes white gold more than yellow gold for instance.

What are some tips you can offer our readers about finding the perfect engagement ring? Share your tips with us in the comments below.

Princess Madeleine of Sweden Is Engaged to Her Soulmate



By

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Princess Madeleine, fourth in line for the Swedish throne, is now engaged to American financier Chris O'Neill, according to [People](#). The couple has been dating for the past two years, though the groom to be claims he knew all along that Madeleine was the one for him. O'Neill requested permission from the king to marry his daughter which was obviously granted. The two are planning a wedding next summer that will take place in Sweden. "He is my soulmate," the bride to be confessed regarding her new fiancé. Though he will be marrying into royalty, O'Neill will not be in line for the throne since he is not a blood relative. However, any children that the couple has together will be in line, along with their mother for the throne.

What are some signs that you're dating your soulmate?

Cupid's Advice:

The term soulmate is not something to be taken lightly. In fact, many people believe that there is no such thing as a soulmate. Though, here are some signs to turn you into a believer:

1. You automatically know: As cliché as it sounds, when you are with the right person you just know. Call it an epiphany or a feeling in your gut, but when you are sure, you are sure. As O'Neill claims, he always knew that Madeleine was the one for him.

2. You're a better person: When the person you are with makes you a better person, then they are the one for you. They should not try to change you by any means, but if you find yourself being kinder or happier, then they are making you a better person.

3. You are blissfully happy: If you are not happy with your current partner, then they are not the one for you in the end. At the end of the day, regardless of the fights, you need to be happy with your relationship and your partner.

What are some signs you look for when determining if someone is a soulmate? Share your ideas with us in the comments below!

Rumor: James Franco and

Ashley Benson Are Dating



By

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Rumors have been swirling around supposed ladies' man James Franco recently connecting him to Ashley Benson, according to [People](#). The two were spotted in Las Angeles at a Halloween Horror Night getting cozy with one another, though no official announcements have been made linking the two as an official couple. The two are starring in *Spring Breakers* together and have supposedly been spending a great deal of time together. Aside from Benson, Franco has also been rumored to be dating Kristen Stewart (who recently reunited with Robert Pattinson) and Selena Gomez (who is currently dating Justin Bieber). Regarding these accusations, Franco merely laughed it off claiming he would not mess with Bieber's girls nor has he spoken to Stewart.

How do you keep rumors from affecting your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Rumors, unfortunately, are a part of everyday life. Regardless of how old you are, rumors will encircle you. Here are some ways to keep rumors from affecting your relationship:

1. Rubber and glue: As old fashioned as it sounds, remember the childhood saying regarding rubber and glue? It's completely true though – words are merely words. Whilst they may hurt at first, don't give them another thought because rumors are merely untrue myths.

2. Don't add fuel to the fire: The more you make a big deal out of the rumors, the more your relationship will be affected. If you do not give the rumors a second thought, your partner will follow your lead and do the same.

3. Look the other way: Ignore people who have negative comments about your relationship. As long as you are happy, that is all that matters. If people are spreading rumors about you, then you are better off without their negative energy in your life.

What are some ways you keep rumors from affecting your life? Tell us in the comments below!

Kristen Stewart Says She Understands That 'Whole Love Triangle Thing'



By

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Kristen Stewart sympathizes with her character Bella Swan's love triangle from the *Twilight* series according to UsMagazine.com. "There weren't too many difficulties with the love triangle thing...if you can get past conventions and what everyone else is thinking, then you can have what you want," she explained regarding the love triangle in the franchise in which Bella Swan is caught between vampire Edward Cullen (played by real life boyfriend Rob Pattinson) and werewolf Jacob Black (played by Taylor Lautner). Though, perhaps she was seeking empathy for her character from her own love triangle that erupted this past July. Stewart was caught having an affair with her older married costar, thus ensuing in her breakup with Pattinson. Though, the two have reconciled recently and will be promoting the movie together as a couple.

What do you do if you find yourself as part of a love triangle?

Cupid's Advice:

Love triangles – we've seen them in *Twilight* and in Stewart's own personal life. Though, what do you do when you're a part of one yourself? Here are some tips on what to do:

1. Take a step back: Before you get too wrapped up in a love triangle, take a step back and look at the bigger picture. Are you currently in a relationship? Is someone else involved in the love triangle already involved with someone? Find out all of the details before you act on impulse.

2. Check yourself: Do you really want to be the person that breaks up someone else's relationship or marriage? Do you want to be the other one? Before you throw all of your convictions out of the window, take a look at what you are planning to do. How would you feel if you were in the other person's shoes?

3. Be cautious: Getting out of a love triangle can be very messy, so do your best to not to step on anyone else's toes. You definitely do not want to make enemies. Keep your best interests at heart and sort out your own feelings before acting on them.

Have you been involved in a love triangle? How did you deal with it? Share your stories with us.

'Teen Mom 2' Star Leah Messer Is Pregnant with Third Child





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It's baby number three for *Teen Mom 2* star Leah Messer! Messer, 20, and new husband Jeremy Calvert exclusively confirmed the pregnancy to Usmagazine.com, saying that the two-year-old twins "can't wait to meet their new brother or sister." Calvert, 23, is Messer's second husband and this will be his first child. The MTV reality star divorced her first husband, and father of the twins, Corey Simms in April of 2011. "Being a teen mom was difficult, but I'm older and in a different place now – married to Jeremy and excited for our family to grow." Baby Calvert is expected to arrive sometime this winter.

What are some ways to prepare your children for a new addition to the family?

Cupid's Advice:

A new baby in the family will bring many changes. Although it is a joyous occasion, siblings may feel neglected and jealous in the beginning. However, parents can prevent some of this by preparing the siblings, and not just baby-proof the home, for a newborn. With a few simple steps and conversations, your

home and family will be a happier place for baby to arrive:

1. Read a book: Start the “new baby” conversations with your children by reading them stories of becoming a big brother/sister. This way, little ones will be able to learn how important they will be in helping mommy with a baby and begin to feel proud of their upcoming role. Plus, it’s a great way to spend a little quality time together.

2. Help them understand: Depending upon their age, your child may not fully grasp the concept of a new baby. A good way to help them understand is by showing them their own baby pictures. In doing so, tell them the stories behind the pictures. Also, don’t forget to include pictures of your pregnancy with them.

3. Visit a friend: Another way to make the newborn a reality before birth is to visit a friend who has a newborn. Allowing your children to sit, and possibly hold, a newborn baby will get their minds open and excited about their upcoming sibling. Feel free to answer any age appropriate questions that may come up because of the visit.

How did you prepare your children for the new addition in your family? Tell us below.

Kanye West Surprises Kim Kardashian with Birthday Cake at NYC Event



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Although Kim Kardashian's birthday just passed on Oct. 21, the gifts just keep coming! While at the Angel Ball in New York City Monday night, Kanye West surprised his girlfriend, who just turned 32, with a wonderful chocolate cake. The reality star was very much surprised by the gesture, as West sat there, happy that he was able to pull this off. A witness reported to Usmagazine.com, "She looked genuinely surprised and thanked Kanye with a kiss!" As the charity gala continued on, the couple hardly stepped away from each other, looking very much in love and sneaking kisses ever so often. With this birthday cake surprise AND the birthday trip to Italy, you can definitely say Kanye West knows how to be romantic.

How do you surprise your partner on his/her birthday?

Cupid's Advice:

Remembering your partner's birthday is a must in life. After

all, it is the day they were born! No matter what your partner says, celebrating their birthday shows that you value them and truly care. So write it in your calendar, tattoo it to your body or do whatever it is you need to do in order to remember the date. Most importantly, have fun planning the event with ideas such as these:

1. A false birthday party: When planning a surprise party, it's easy for someone to accidentally leak the surprise out. To prevent this, why not plan the birthday party a few days in advance. This way, people can feel comfortable speaking to your partner about the party, just not the exact day. Plus, your mate will definitely be surprised on the day of the event.

2. Party-less surprises: If your partner happens to not like surprise birthday parties, don't fret. There are many ways to surprise him/her; such as filling the bedroom, their car or office with balloons, making them breakfast in bed, planning a fun road trip for two or surprising them with tickets to their favorite concert or event. The ideas are endless. Remember, a party is not the only way to show your love.

3. A party for one: If your partner devotes more time everyone else but himself/herself, why not throw him/her a party for one. Set them up with a day at the spa, a golf lesson with a former pro, or a ride-a-long with a professional race car driver. The gift of time doing something they truly enjoy will leave him/her feeling loved and renewed.

What kind of surprise did you give your partner for his/her birthday? Tell us your story below.

Eva Longoria and Mark Sanchez Split



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It's back to the drawing board again. The relationship between Eva Longoria and Mark Sanchez has officially ended, a source told [People](#). The insider went on to say that Longoria, 37, and Sanchez, 25, ended their very brief relationship amicably and without any hang ups. "There is no drama." The former couple has been seen in public together since last July, although Longoria denied any relationship back then. Previously, the former *Desperate Housewives* star dated Eduardo Cruz, while New York Jets quarterback was seen with supermodel Kate Upton.

What are some ways to remain civil with an ex shortly after a breakup?

Cupid's Advice:

After a breakup, there will be instances where you will need to remain in contact with your ex, such as you both work together or share custody of a child. Whatever the situation is, you will need to be respectful and courteous with him/her, regardless of whether you want to reconcile or not. To keep things even keel and successful, here are a few tips on how to approach situations with your ex:

1. Be kind: A great way to get along with you ex is to be kind in a respectful manner. If your ex doesn't agree with your mature attitude, don't stoop to his/her level. Continue in the same way, and eventually, he/she will come around to understand that you are serious about moving forward positively.

2. Avoid intimate history: The only way to leave your intimate relationship in the past is to not bring it up in the future. Therefore, don't dwell on why you two broke up or any of the bitter/sweet moments you had together. While the breakup is still fresh and new, focus only on the important topics and being amicable towards each other.

3. Don't get others involved: So as not to start any fights with your former partner, and show the respect they deserve, don't get outside parties involved by talking negatively about the breakup. It simply is too risky. There are many ways your words can get misconstrued and relayed back to your ex.

Were you able to remain civil with your ex shortly after your relationship ended? How did you do it? Tell us below.

Heidi Klum Opens Up About Celebrating First Holidays Post-Split from Seal



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Christmas in California – is what Heidi Klum has in mind for the holiday season. The supermodel, 39, opens up about the holidays, planning a lovely Christmas at home with her four children from ex Seal, according to UsMagazine.com. On Saturday, when asked about her specific plans, while she was at the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles gala, Klum stated, "We're going to get a big Christmas tree and we might go to Disneyland. We go all over the place." In all this, one question remains. Will Seal, 49, join the family? No news has been said yet. Klum and Seal have recently begun to speak again after the nasty comments Seal made about Klum's new

relationship with her ex bodyguard Martin Kirsten. Seal contends that his words were taken out of context.

What are some ways to avoid feeling lonely during a first holiday post-divorce?

Cupids Advice:

Whether you are recently divorced or in the process of one, your first holidays sans your ex can be a very challenging time for you. Although it is natural to feel sadness, that doesn't mean you have to go through it surrounded by gloom. To get you into the spirit of a "different" style of holiday season, here are a few tips in keeping your happiness alive, even after New Year's:

1. No worries about the ex: During the holidays, pay no mind to how your ex will be spending his time. Instead, focus on yourself and necessary loved ones. Obsessing about what he might be doing will only prevent you from having a happier time.

2. Put negative feelings on hold: Any jealousy, heartache or anger needs to be stored in the back of your mind until after the holiday season; this is not the time to hash them out. Don't worry; you are not in denial. There will be plenty of time later to deal with the pain.

3. Keep yourself busy: In keeping your mind out of the negativity pool, it is best to accept as many party invitations as you can. If partying is not your thing, then try spending your time volunteering at your favorite charity. Just do anything constructive that will help to get your mind off your divorce and keep your spirits up.

How did you keep your spirits up during your first holiday post-divorce? Comment below.

Mark Ballas and Ex-Girlfriend Pia Toscano Reunite at Show



By Jennifer Ross

Although Pia Toscano was the one to end their relationship, neither she nor ex Mark Ballas had any hard feelings about it. Ballas, 26, was recently reunited with Toscano, 24, at the annual Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times Halloween carnival in L.A., where both performed separately, according to [People](#). The professional ballroom dancer even uploaded Instagram photos of the two after the event. Even before meeting up at the event, Ballas told L.A.'s 104.3 radio station that the two have ran into each other before. "She lives down the street, so we ran into each other the other day at Starbucks. It's

cool. We're still friends. It's all good."

What are some ways to get your relationship to a civil place after a breakup?

Cupids Advice:

Once a relationship is broken, it may take some time for your ex to completely exit your life, if it is even possible. If you and your ex still work together, run in the same social circles or share custody of any children, you will need to speak to him eventually. Even if you don't want to have meaningful conversations with your [ex](#), you still will need to at least be cordial. In this situation, here are a few pointers on how to keep the peace with your ex:

1. No fighting: To begin the civility, you and your ex must be civil with each other. That means no fighting or pushing each other's buttons simply because you can. The way to have a nice platonic relationship is to get over him and remove any strong hostile emotions.

2. Avoid nicknames: As with any negative emotions, it is best to also remove the intimate ones as well. Any loving nicknames, inside jokes or other mementos of your intimate relationship should be left in the past. This will help in allowing you two to form a different relationship moving forward.

3. Time: Before all else, the only way your previous relationship will get to a civil place is with time. You need time to cool down; time to heal any heartaches and regroup yourself back to the wonderful single person you always were.

Were you and your partner able to be civil with each other after a breakup? How did you do it? Tell us below.

Justin Timberlake Sang to Jessica Biel at Wedding Reception



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With their elegant wedding in Italy, this past Friday was a night to remember for Jessica Biel and Justin Timberlake. The former 'NSYNC band member and his new bride had a white wedding, with white flowers literally everywhere, in the very posh Borgo Egnazia resort in southern Italy. One witness reports to UsMagazine.com, "Even the balconies facing the main courtyard were dressed with white blooms." The wedding reception was also held inside the hotel resort and draped in white fabric with; you guessed it, more white flowers. Biel,

30, changed from her white-and-pink wedding gown to something more comfortable for partying. With many of Timberlake's songs being played at the reception by deejay ?uestlove, guests and Biel were in for a surprise when Timberlake, 31, sang a never-been-heard-before song in dedication to his new bride.

How do you use music to bring romance to your relationship?

Cupids Advice:

Music is the primary language of love. It can translate into many cultures and send a message around the world. In music, we can strengthen love in a matter of minutes, express our deepest feelings and permanently bookmark a moment in time that we will never forget. To tell your partner that you care, show your love through music examples, such as these:

1. Create a love playlist: If you have trouble talking about your feelings, why not let the professionals do it for you? Create a love playlist that includes a mixture of yours and his favorite artist. The best part, even when you are away, your love will come through the audio speakers every time he presses play.

2. Attend a concert: Another way to incorporate music is to find out who is your partner's favorite singer/band and attend their concert together. Just imagine the surprise look of joy your mate will have when you present those tickets. It gives you two an event to explore together and memory to cherish in the future.

3. Sing a song: Singing a song to your partner is a very romantic way to show your love and allows yourself to be open and vulnerable to them. Regardless of whether you have a beautiful singing voice or you cannot carry a tune, there is a song out there for everyone. All you have to do is find your song and practice before your special moment.

Did you romance your partner with music? Tell us your story below.

John Mayer Helps Celebrate Katy Perry's 28th Birthday



By Nic

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Katy Perry's relapsing boyfriend, singer-songwriter John Mayer, attended a Friday celebration for the pop star's upcoming birthday, Oct. 25, according to UsMagazine.com. Perry dressed as a sexy vampire for the L.A. costume party, while her on-again man donned a vampire hunter outfit. Other celebrities, like Kristen Stewart, Diane Warren, Neil Patrick Harris and Johnny Wujek were also in attendance. Perry

“believes she can change” Mayer, a source told Us about their rekindled romance. “She doesn’t want to be just another one of his conquests.”

How do you know if your new partner is a player at heart?

Cupid’s Advice:

There’s nothing more painful than a one-sided relationship. Don’t pour your heart down a bottomless pit. Relationships need sharing, vulnerability, and devotion. Find out if your partner has these qualities by looking for these signs:

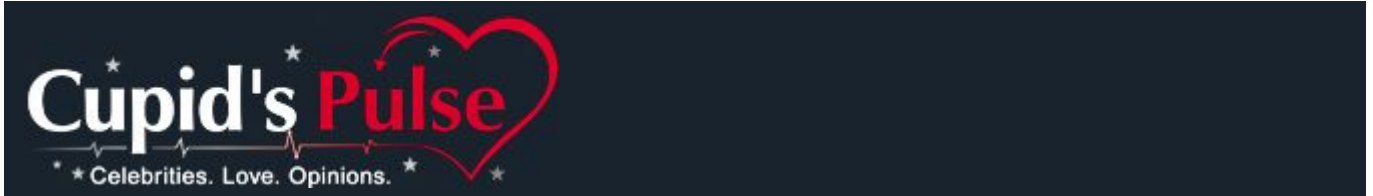
1. Values: Getting a baseline for the personal values of your partner is a good way to decide if they’re ready for a serious relationship. Discuss the principles you hold when you enter into a relationship, such as monogamy and honesty. It should be clear if they’re looking for one person, or if they have a constant flirtatious attitude.

2. Priorities: Does their lifestyle support your relationship? Recognize if they’d rather spend time with you, or go out drinking with mixed company. If they don’t have room for you in their schedule, it could be that they’re very career oriented, but make sure you’re their preference. If they’re willing to spend the time to develop as a couple, it shows sincerity.

3. Intimacy: Fostering a connection with your partner, takes time and patience. If they’re afraid to open up to you, maybe they’re afraid to be honest. Players, though charismatic will be reluctant to share too many details of their life. As zealously enigmatic creatures, the fact that you haven’t yet figured out if they’re a player or not is a bad sign.

What are some other signs that your partner is a player? Share your thoughts below.

Adele Welcomes a Baby Boy



By Nic

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British singer-songwriter Adele Adkins had a baby boy on Friday, according to [People](#). Right now she's avoiding the spotlight to spend time with her newborn and the child's father, boyfriend Simon Konecki. "Obviously we're over the moon and very excited but please respect our privacy at this precious time," the Grammy winner wrote on her website when she announced the pregnancy in June. The new mother disappears as fans are treated to her theme for the upcoming James Bond film, *Skyfall*.

How does having a child affect your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Whether you and your partner have been working towards a child or you get suddenly surprised, having a baby opens up new challenges and joys. Expect change, but comfort yourself with the love and support you share with your partner on this new adventure:

1. Meaning: Your relationship is now physically represented by your offspring. Procreating and raising a child is the most tangible purpose human beings can find. Together you will be rewarded by deep unconditional love. Make sure to spread the it among all three of you. Instead of revelling in the potential of your love, you can celebrate the product.

2. Identity: No matter how you feel about it, you're no longer simply a couple, but a family. This will influence your career, friendships, and any future relationships. Your partner is now cemented with a fixed level of importance as the co-parent of your child. This shift is a major escalation of your relationship. Realize this new dynamic must change your relationship, but find stability in the aspects that stay the same.

3. Sacrifice: As a couple you've hopefully gotten used to compromise and martyrdom. Having a child will really test how you've developed these areas. Keep in mind that you and your partner are caring for this child as a team. You're giving up independence. No matter the future of your relationship, you have a duty your child.

What are some other ways that having a child can affect your relationship? Share your ideas below.

Justin Timberlake Refers to Wedding Day as 'Magical'



By Nic

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Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel wed Friday at a resort in Puglia, Italy, according to [People](#). The couple spent days celebrating with friends and family before the ceremony. Open fires, beach parties, fireworks and live music foreshadowed the nuptials. "It was magical," Timberlake said about the wedding. "It was an unforgettable evening." The *N' Sync* alumni first met his wife at the 2007 Golden Globes. Biel, who debuted as a child star in *7th Heaven*, called the day "a fantasy."

What are some ways to make your wedding day magical?

Cupid's Advice:

Your wedding publicly announces that true love has been found and won. It's an event where you shout your devotion and welcome the huge transition from single living to a lifelong partnership. No matter what happens, that's pretty magical. But if you're worried about conveying this to your guests, here are some tips:

1. Foresight: Since you don't have to worry about your funeral, planning a wedding day is potentially the biggest event of your life. Make sure to give yourself ample time when picking the date. Magazines, books, friends and the internet are great outlets for the resources you'll need to get ideas and make sure you haven't forgotten anything. Remember, this is your special day, so make the choices that are special to you.

2. Simplicity: The more complications, the more can go wrong. Attendees appreciate the quality of decisions, not the quantity. A beautiful venue and lively dance floor are the foundation for the event's success. Don't burden yourself with lists of chores on your wedding day. Delegate tasks and make sure they're idiot proof.

3. Spontaneity: When that special day comes, odds are some plans are going to turn out different or not at all. Your guests will be looking to you for leadership. If you seem stressed out or anxious then unrest will quickly spread through the masses. Smile, be the voice of reason, and trust in fate. The most magical moments are the unforeseeable ones.

What are some other ways to make your wedding day unique and magical? Share your thoughts below.

Jennifer Aniston Says Justin Theroux's Proposal Was 'Covert'



By

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Jennifer Aniston's fiancé pulled a fast one on her when he popped the question, the actress tells [People](#). Justin Theroux had been conspiring with the specialists who have worked along with Aniston for years in order to come up with the perfect ring. While he had help, this was a difficult task since the actress admits that she didn't even know what she wanted. "He just knows what I like," she explained on how he managed to impress her with his taste in jewelry. "It's hard to pull one over on me...it was...a very covert operation," Aniston admitted. She had no idea what he was planning and was taken by surprise by not only the proposal itself, but how perfect the ring was.

How do you keep an impending proposal under wraps?

Cupid's Advice:

Planning on proposing? Congratulations! Now here are some key tips on how to keep it on the down low so that your partner does not find out before you have the chance to pop the question:

1. Keep it in a small circle: Be cautious of who you share your information with – you don't want someone blabbing to your hopefully future fiancée about your intentions. You have the element of surprise, so make sure that you can trust the people who are conspiring with you.

2. Hide it well: Once you have the actual ring, hide it in a place where no one will ever find it but you. Just remember where you put it or else that would be a sticky situation. Here's a hint: somewhere in your shared bedroom is not the best place.

3. Stay cool: One of the biggest tipoffs is you acting strangely and out of character. Do your best to remain calm, cool and collected or else your partner will know something is up.

How would you keep a proposal on the down low? Share your ideas with us.

Kristin Cavallari Says

Motherhood Is 'So Much Fun!'



By

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Two months after having her son, Kristin Cavallari is back to her former self and happier than ever, according to UsMagazine.com. The former *Hills* star and fiancé Jay Cutler who is a quarterback for the Chicago Bears welcomed their son Camden Jack two months ago. Cavallari affectionately calls her son, "Boo Boo," and has been gushing about him nonstop. Since giving birth, the star has lost most of the baby fat by simply eating right and walking on the treadmill. With Halloween right around the corner, the couple is planning to dress their son up as a lion since he is a Leo. "Having a baby is just so much fun," gushed the star, though she admitted that she sometimes misses her alone time since she is alone with the baby most of the time while her fiancé is off at work. The duo are not planning on having any more kids for the time being, planning on focusing on their son and teaching him to walk

before their big day. “I want Camden to walk down the aisle,” Cavallari explained, “so we’d have to wait anyway for him to start walking.”

What are some reasons to put off nuptials?

Cupid’s Advice:

Getting married? There is a ton of planning that goes into a wedding, though sometimes it’s best to pull the reigns on the planning for just a little while. Here are a few reasons on why it may be better to wait to get married:

1. Babies: Having a baby is stressful enough without adding the whole planning of a wedding onto your plate. Plus, most women want to focus on their babies especially while they are young since they grow up so fast. In Cavallari’s case, she is waiting until her son can walk so that he can be incorporated into her wedding.

2. Illness: If you, your partner or a family member is seriously ill, it may be for the best to postpone the nuptials. Everyone will be distracted and the main focus should be on that person getting better, not on your wedding.

3. Family Emergencies: If there is a family emergency such as a pending death or a death in the family, out of respect and the right thing to do it may be best to postpone the wedding. Family members will need to go through a mourning period before they can be excited about a celebration.

What are some reasons you would postpone your wedding? Share your ideas in the comments below.

'Bachelorette' Couple Emily Maynard and Jef Holm Break Up



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It looks like there won't be the sound of wedding bells in the near future for Emily Maynard and Jef Holm. The *Bachelorette* couple confirmed last week's rumors that they are splitting up in exclusive statements given to [People](#). "I have nothing but respect and love for Jef and his family, but ultimately we are just at different points in our lives, Maynard, 26, said about Holm. Neither one of them regrets any part of their journey together. In Holm's, 28, statement, he hopes that they will remain life-long friends. "Emily and I are great friends and I hope we can continue to be friends forever... I will always love her."

How do you know if you're in the same place in your life as a potential partner?

Cupid's Advice:

There are many bad reasons why a relationship doesn't work. However, ending a relationship because the two of you are not in the same place in life can be one of the most difficult to handle. Your friends may not understand the decision; yet, you know it is the right one. To help you in the next relationship, here are a few things to consider when looking for someone on your same path:

1. Old relationships are closed: In order to be ready for the next relationship, both of you must have closure in your hearts with previous relationships. Holding on to any negative thoughts or unfinished business with an ex will only become an obstacle in the future. Clearing the air from the past will allow each of you to be independently available to each other.

2. Know thyself: To know thyself and what each of you want and need in life is the only way to reduce any future confusion or unexpected arguments. Each person is able to come to the table with an honest plan for the future as a couple. If you don't know yourself, then you cannot expect your potential partner to know you.

3. You've had the discussion: To be on the same path means you and your future partner have had the discussion, or several discussions, about what each other want and expects in this relationship. It is not about your list of demands. Rather, it is about the joining of two people to live together in harmony and in love.

Are you and your new partner in the same place in life? Tell us your story below.

Recently Reunited Rob Pattinson and Kristen Stewart Are Caught Being Cozy on Camera



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In another sign that things are moving forward, recently reunited Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart were photographed warm and loving to each other, according to UsMagazine.com. To *Twilight* fans, this is just more proof that their number one couple is back! During their Monday night outing with friends, the pair was affectionate to each other with “no sign of tension,” according to an eyewitness. In the months before their reconciliation, no matter how much Pattinson resisted her, Stewart, 22, fought very hard to win

back his affection. With Stewart's persistence, Pattinson, 26, eventually gave in and started answering her calls again. Here's hoping they remain strong.

What are some ways to know you can trust your partner after a betrayal?

Cupid's Advice:

Trust is a main element in a strong relationship. When your partner violates that trust, often it is much harder to ever trust him as much as before. Even so, to stay together AND never trust him again is only torturous for you both. Explore the ways to learn to trust again with these three tips:

1. You are no longer blind: In experiencing this betrayal, you open your eyes to the red flags and lies you used to deny. You realize that he was able to lie to you because along with his dishonesty, you too were dishonest with yourself. In being truthful to yourself, you can now expect your partner to do the same.

2. You know what he will do: In reconciling, your partner is open and honest about the necessary steps he is taking to regain your trust. In him doing this and being consistent, you are able to slowly release your fear of him betraying you. You both are aware that this isn't easy for him; yet, you guys support each other in this venture to unite strong again.

3. You have seen examples of trust again: In all this, you and your partner are beginning to reach a point where you can trust him again. Little instances that are equally important to major ones have happened and your mate has not failed you as before. You see that he is honest with you and can trust it.

How were you able to trust your partner again? Share your story below.