Rosie O'Donnell and Michelle Rounds Have a Date Night





Recently engaged

Rosie O'Donnell and Michelle Rounds enjoyed a date night in Miami this weekend. According to <u>People</u>, the couple went to a Zuma, a Japanese restaurant, where they shared king crab, pork belly skewers, Wagyu beef and yuzu key lime pie for dessert. After the date, O'Donnell tweeted, "The food was out of this world- and we had a blast- date night rocks." A source tells People that the couple "radiated happiness."

What are some ways to make your date night unforgettable?

Cupid's Advice:

The perfect way to spice up your relationship is a date night. Go out, try new things, laugh and enjoy each other's company. Here are some ways to make your date night unforgettable:

1. Do something meaningful: Take your man to the spot he took

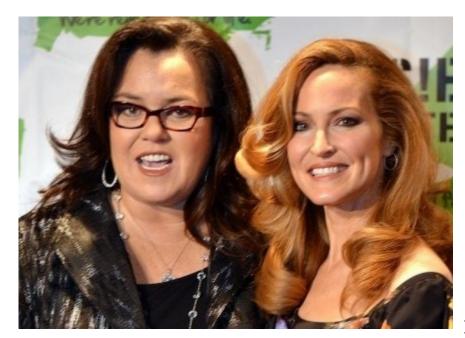
you on your first date. Take a walk through the same park, but add something new to the night as well, such as a different restaurant. It will be sure to bring back tons of great memories and create many more meaningful ones.

- 2. Try new things: Try something new. A first time experience is special, whether it be trying sushi for the first time or ice skating. It doesn't matter if you end up hating sushi; it's the experience and time spent together that matters.
- **3. Take photos:** Taking photos will guarantee that your date night will never be forgotten. Making silly faces for the camera will remind you of the laughs you and your sweetheart shared on your special night. The photos can also turn into a future gift or scrapbook!

How did you make your date night unforgettable? Share your stories below.

Eva Mendes Meets Ryan Gosling's Mom





It seems as though

Ryan Gosling brought in the New Year right with his two leading ladies by his side. After spending some quality time together earlier during the day on Sunday, Gosling and his mother, Donna, met up with Gosling's girlfriend, Eva Mendes at an AMC movie theater in uptown Manhattan. A source told <u>People</u> that Gosling and Mendes seemed very happy as the trio hung out and went to the movies together.

How do you prepare to meet your partner's parents?

Cupid's Advice:

Meeting your partner's parents is a big deal; sometimes their feelings about you can give your mate the final seal of approval ... or at worst, denial. Cupid has some advice:

- 1. Dress appropriately: When it comes to meeting your mate's parents, especially for the first time, it's always best to wear something respectable and not so revealing. You want them to focus on getting to know you instead of giving a bad first impression as soon as you set foot outside of the car. Think classy instead of tacky.
- 2. Be social: Sure, meeting the parents for the first time can cause you to become a bit nervous, but make sure to remain

calm and cool. Ask questions and casually keep the conversation going to show them that you're just as interested in getting to know them as they are in getting to know you.

3. Be you: There's nothing worse than being fake, and it's pretty obvious when you're doing it. The important thing parents want to know and see when they meet you is why their son or daughter fell in love with you. Be honest and confident.

How did you prepare when you met your partner's parents for the first time? Share your comments below.

Brandi Glanville Has Quickie Wedding in Las Vegas





Brandi Glanville

rang in the new year by getting a new husband...temporarily that is. The 38-year-old star of The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills married a mixed martial arts manager, Darin Harvey this past weekend. However, according to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>: Glanville, the former wife of Eddie Cibrian, tweeted of the marriage "We're not gonna stay married. But it was a fun way to start out the new year!" According to a source, they got drunk and became hitched for publicity. The two have never been linked romantically and think of each other as brother and sister.

Why is it important to think things through before getting married?

Cupid's Advice:

Marriage is not a step to be taken lightly. Cupid's Pulse has some reasons why one should truly think about their relationship before saying "I do."

- 1. Responsibility: Marriage is a big responsibility and when people walk down the aisle it should be for better or worse. Kim Kardashian took on a lifelong and very public commitment when she wed Kris Humphries. And, when she separated from her husband, she took away the maturity that this type of union entails, showing that one doesn't truly have to take on that duty for life.
- 2. It's not a joke: When Britney got married in Vegas, and annulled it less than 3 days later, she illustrated to young people that marriage was disposable. A commitment of marriage should be based on proper planning and true love.
- 3. Issues will arise: For those who wed on a whim, they will experience added pressure when problems arise. Being with someone isn't easy and being with a partner you aren't 100 percent sure about is even worse. Some people do make mistakes and don't realize it, until it's too late. But,

there should be an added fight and marriage counseling before calling it quits.

What are your thoughts on the sanctity of marriage? Share your opinion below.

Fergie Says She May Have a Baby This Year





It's a new year, and

Fergie and husband Josh Duhamel might be considering making a new addition to the family. "Maybe, who knows?" the singer told <u>People</u>. "We'll see." As of right now, Fergie's focus is on spending more time with her hubby of three years since she no longer has a schedule to follow everyday. "I'm looking forward to being home and not having to sleep in a different city or country every night," she said.

What are important factors to consider before having children?

Cupid's Advice:

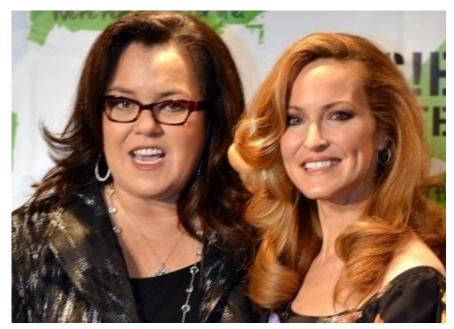
Becoming pregnant often comes as a surprise, but many parents have the chance to decide when they're ready to give birth. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Maturity: Be sure that you have the right mentality and you're ready to refocus all of your attention away from yourself and onto caring for your newborn.
- 2. Reasons: If you believe you're ready, be sure you're prepared for all the right reasons. Be sure you're financially and emotionally stable.
- **3. Mutual:** Be sure both you and your partner ready to commit to raising a child. There are plenty of single mothers out there who have raised perfectly brought up children on their own, but I'm sure they'd tell you that it was not an easy task to do alone.

How did you know you were ready? Share your comments below.

Vanessa Hudgens and New Beau Indulge in Hot Miami Weekend





It's already a busy

and exciting new year for Vanessa Hudgens. The *High School Musical* star and her new boyfriend, Austin Butler, enjoyed a lovely day at the spa, where the duo enjoyed some rest and relaxation poolside at the Fontainebleau Resort. In addition, Hudgens and her boy spent some time at the Acqualina Resort & Spa, where Butler enjoyed a massage courtesy of his girlfriend. A source said the two looked "cozy," according to *E!* The two celebrated the New Year at Fontainbleau with Jessica Szohr of *Gossip Girl*, *90210*'s Jessica Lowndes and J.C. Chasez and later went to the LIV nightclub for Busta Rhymes' performance. Hudgens and Butler, who stars in *Switched at Birth*, have been dating for approximately three months.

What are some fun couples activities at a resort and spa?

Cupid's Advice:

Depending on the resort, there are a variety of different activities to do while away. Cupid has some suggestions:

- 1. Get pampered: Hit the spa, and go all out with whatever they offer. Enjoy a massage or manicure with your lover.
- **2. Go outside:** Most resorts offer different things to do such as horseback riding or kayaking. Take advantage of them.

3. Explore: Whether you're hiking a trail or venturing for some local food, some time away from the resort will give you and your partner some time to bond.

What are some other resort-style activities to attend with your partner? Share your ideas below.

New Couple: Are Olivia Wilde and Jason Sudeikis Dating?





When beautiful women

claim they love a guy with a sense of humor people often scoff, thinking that looks matter much more. However, Jason Sudeikis has proven the theory true with his ex-girlfriend January Jones and current fling Olivia Wilde. While single, Wilde had been linked to stars such as Justin Timberlake and Bradley Cooper, but this time could be the real deal. Wilde

and Sudeikis were recently spotted when they went to a University of Kansas Jayhawks basketball game, which is a team that Sudeikis considers his own, according to <u>Hollyscoop</u>. To show her support, Wilde even sported a KU beanie with a fuzzy ball on top.

What are some unique sports-related dates you can go on as a couple?

Cupid's Advice:

Sporting events are a great way to loosen up with your mate for a common cause. Cupid has some unique sports-related dates:

- 1. Join a team together: Instead of just watching a sporting event unfold, you can be part of it with your partner. Sign up for a recreational soccer or flag football league in your area, and let the competitive spirit bond you as a couple.
- 2. Check out a less popular sport: You don't necessarily have to check out the NBA, MLB or NFL if you want to go to a sporting event. Consider going to a sport you know little about, like rugby, broomball or curling.
- **3. Sunday football at home:** Put on your jerseys and chill out at home with some homemade nachos and wings. Sometimes the most fun you can have with your partner is the easiest solution.

What are other unique sports-related dates? Share your ideas below.

Rumor: Are Derek Jeter and Minka Kelly On-Again?





It looks like Derek

Jeter and Minka Kelly might be rekindling their 3-year romance, as they vacationed in Paris over the holiday weekend. The Yankees all-star and *Charlie's Angels* actress stayed with friends while taking in some of the city's most popular tourist attractions. "They look very much in love, " an observer told *People*. "They were always very, very close [and] very playful as a couple with each other."

What are some ways to decide whether to rekindle a romance?

Cupid's Advice:

Deciding to date an ex again can be a tough decision, but there are three important parts of yourself to consider:

1. Your gut: Take your initial feeling into account, because more often than not your first instinct on a situation may be

the right one.

- 2. Your heart: Your heart may feel broken from the breakup, but make sure being back together is what's going to heal those wounds.
- **3. Your mind:** Often our hearts make us act irrationally, so try to think logically about the situation and weigh your options.

How did you decide to get back together with your ex? Share your experiences below.

What Did Kristen Stewart Get Robert Pattinson for Christmas?





As a gift for her man, Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart spent \$12,000 for two vintage guitars for Christmas. The *Twilight* star purchased the instruments from Norman's Rare Guitars in Los Angeles' Tarzana district on Dec. 23, according to *UsMagazine.com*. "She said 'He's gonna s—t when he sees them,'" said the shop's owner, Norman Harris, of Pattinson's potential reaction to the gift. The two guitars, a 1959 Fender Jazzmaster and a 1947 K&F Lap Steel, should be useful for Pattinson, as he plans on recording an album.

How do you decide what gifts to get your partner for special occasions?

Cupid's Advice:

It can be a challenge to find the right gift for your lover, whether it's for a holiday, birthday or anniversary. Cupid has some suggestions:

- 1. Hobbies: Similar to Stewart, try to find a present that shows your support for your love's passions or interests.
- 2. Special meaning: Perhaps you'd like to give your partner something that reflects a special moment in your relationship. For example, if you both enjoy music, then

perhaps tickets to see one of their favorite artists is a good idea.

3. A reflection: Whatever you choose to get, the right gift shows your appreciation for your lover and their commitment to you.

What did you get your partner for the latest special occasion? Share your comments below.

'The Bachelor' Premiere: Reality TV Couple Ann and Jesse Csincsak Answer Questions About Season 16





Hello, we're back again with another season of 'The Bachelor!" Last night was the start of Season 16 with our new, hot, sexy, eligible, Sonoma winemaker, Ben Flajnik. This time Ben's in control handing out roses; ready to find love this season. For the next 10 Mondays, we will be joined by Ann and Jesse Csincsak to get their weekly perspective of Ben, the single ladies and all the drama that's bound to happen when you get 25 estrogenfueled women in a room. Here's our take on Episode 1:

1. Many people want to know why Ben went back on the show as the Bachelor? Wouldn't he have had plenty of girls to choose from after being dumped by Ashley? What makes being on the show better for finding love than in real life?

Jesse: I don't think the show is better for finding love; I actually think you have a better chance of winning the powerball than you do finding love on that show. Let's take a walk back through time, shall we? The only couple who actually found love on the show to date are Ryan and Trista. Jason and Molly didn't fall in love until way after their show. Ann & I met at one of my reunions and got married and Tara Durr and John Presser met at a reunion and got married, so actually there are more people who have found love at my reunions then on the show itself. Ask yourself: Would you be

able to fall in love and get married with 50 producers and camera people standing over you?

Ann: Other than the obvious fact that walking on the set of The Bachelor is like walking in a perfect bar with 30 gorgeous girls that have already passed a Psych test (even though some of them squeeked by), I think the more obvious answer is that he is a business man with a business to promote. What better way to do that with 15 million people interested in what YOU do?

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2. Which three girls are your early pick for Ben and why?

Jesse: Right now the only girl they are showing us anything real about is Kacie from Tennesse. There are so many girls that are being kept there just for the drama factor right now that its sickening. Would you keep two girls around if you saw them making out? Those girls got production roses plain and simple!

Ann: The girl who got the first impression rose is the only personality we saw that didn't scare us. The rest haven't had time to show us who they are yet.

3. There were so many unique introductions this season; a horse, sanitizer, a pageant sash and someone's grandmother. Who had the best introduction?

Jesse: I liked the Grandma intro the best. However, I think all the intros were very well-produced. When's the last time you brought your grandma on your first date?

Ann: I fast forward through that part. They talk to the bachelor for about 2 minutes and they only show 30 seconds of it. Also, it's what the producers want to show you anyway.

4. Any initial thoughts on Courtney? Do you think the

producers have pegged her as the new Michelle Money?

Jesse: Oh man, there are so many villans being pegged on this season. It's going to be fun to watch.

Ann: I think anyone that is willing to drink the first night gets taken advantage of. Like I said before, take the alcohol out of the show and it's just another awkward Monday night.

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5. What are your thoughts about Monica's agenda and Jenna's emotional reaction?

Jesse: I actually feel bad for Jenna. They met that girl in casting and produced her into this season's train wreck by pumping her full of alcohol. She is probably a really nice girl but just doesn't handle her alcohol very well. Keep your chin up Jenna; this too will pass!

Ann: This is super produced and I feel bad for the girls who are letting themselves be a part of this. Jenna probably had a few too many producer-poured drinks, lost it somewhere between cocktail number 8 and 9, and it was all caught on tape!

6. It appears that Ben's ex-girlfriend will be back in the picture this season. Do you think it's fair to the other girls that the producers bring her on the show?

Jesse: The producers on this show would literally trade their first born child for drama, so anything is possible.

Ann: No. Plain and simple. When do you date a guy who all of the sudden introduces you to his ex-girlfriend? Any guy that did that would find himself alone. That's why we love TV!

7. Did Ben get it right or are there any girls who shouldn't have gone home so soon?

Jesse: Honestly I like the girl who was rallying the shotgun in the beginning Amber T

Ann: You can never tell. Probably some of the girls that went home had to so they could make room for the girls that would bring a lot of drama whether they are right for Ben or not.

Find Out How George Clooney and Stacy Keibler Spent New Year's Eve





Stacy Keibler didn't

have to worry about where her New Year's kiss was going to come from because she and boyfriend George Clooney celebrated the arrival of 2012 together with family and friends at their home in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. <u>People</u> reported that, although

the former *Dancing With The Stars* contestant and hunky actor kept things low key this holiday, they still participated in usual NYE festivities. "There will *definitely* be some dancing and drinking going on," Keibler explained beforehand.

What are the advantages of celebrating holidays at home?

Cupid's Advice:

Spending New Year's Eve in crowded bars can be fun, but it can also be a hassle. Cupid has some advantages to ringing in the New Year at home:

- 1. VIP list: If you throw a holiday party at your home, you can invite all of your closest friends and family. There's no chance you'll be sitting next to strangers.
- 2. Save money: Buying drinks or dinner out can be expensive. Make dinner at home, and accompany your meal with your favorite drinks made at a fraction of the price.
- **3. Intimate:** Spending the holiday with friends and family can be a blast, but it might be a nice change of pace to spend a romantic night alone alongside your partner.

How did you ring in the New Year? Share your comments below.

Russell Brand Files for Divorce from Katy Perry





Russell Brand and Katy Perry had a strenuous holiday season. Brand filed for divorce on Friday after 14 months of marriage, reports <u>People</u>. Rumors started circulating when Brand and Perry spent the holidays apart, with Brand in the U.K and Perry in Hawaii with friends. The couple were also spotted without their wedding rings in the days prior to the split. "Sadly, Katy and I are ending our marriage," said Brand in a statement. "I'll always adore her and I know we'll remain friends."

How do you stay on good terms with your ex during a very public divorce?

Cupid's Advice:

Going through a divorce is hard enough even without attention from others. Here are a few ways to stay friendly with your ex:

- 1. Monitor rumors: When a split gathers attention, false rumors are bound to pop up. Try monitoring the rumors, and denying false assumptions whenever possible.
- 2. Keep it private: Though you are probably surrounded by friends who want to know the details behind your split, some things are best kept private. You can tell your friends the

details later when you and your ex have had time to heal.

3. Keep in touch with your ex: Keep in touch during your divorce. Don't let your lawyers do the communicating for you. In order to stay friends in the future, you'll have to lay the groundwork now.

Have you gone through a public split? Feel free to share your experience in a comment below.

Kobe Bryant Relocates to a Resort Post-Split





When Kobe Bryant was

forced to leave wife Vanessa after cheating allegations, he didn't have to go very far. The NBA basketball star found a private villa located on the Newport coast of Southern

California. The resort that Bryant is staying at has 24/7 housekeeping and butler service. However despite these services for \$800 a night, Bryant has apparently elected to take advantage of the laundry unit located in the private garage provided to him, as he was spotted doing just that, according to *RadarOnline*. Don't misinterpret that move, thought, because Bryant is still living the life of the rich and the famous after his impending divorce. According to sources, he has his \$400,000 Lamborghini parked outside his villa.

How do you decide where to go after a sudden split with a live-in partner?

Cupid's Advice:

When you make a decision to separate from a live-in partner, it can come with all sorts of consequences, one of which is where to go after the split. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Assess current living arrangements: If you're currently paying the rent and are responsible for the lease, then it's obvious that your partner should be the one to leave and find new living arrangements. If the reverse is true, you'll need to relocate.
- 2. Friends and family: If you have to find somewhere to go after a sudden split, often the best case is to live with a family member or friend until you have more permanent living arrangements figured out.
- 3. Temporary living quarters: If you have the means, you can live in a resort or hotel like Kobe Bryant decided to do after his breakup. Of course, if you don't have quite the same level of income as Bryant, you might have to live without room service.

What did you do after you split with a live-in partner? Share

LeBron James Is Engaged to Longtime Girlfriend Savannah Brinson





Miami

Heat

basketball star, LeBron James, popped the question to his longtime girlfriend Savannah Brinson at a New Year's Eve dinner party at the Shelborne hotel in South Beach. According to <u>People</u>, the party was hosted by his Heat teammate Dwyane Wade and his girlfriend Gabrielle Union. It was a celebration not only of 2012, but also a belated birthday party for James. According to witnesses, James picked up the couple's two sons and swung them around right after popping the question.

Where are some creative places to pop the question?

Cupid's Advice:

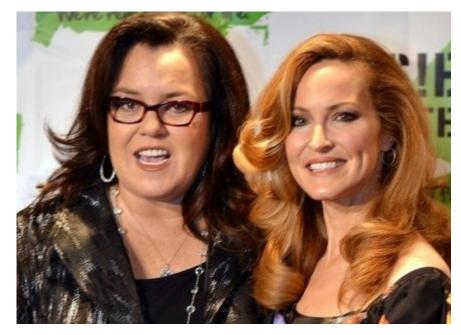
Getting engaged is a moment in your life that you'll never forget. Here are some great places to act as the setting for your amazing moment:

- 1. During fireworks: Fireworks are always a sign of a joyous occasion and serve as a great backdrop to the question, "Will you marry me?".
- 2. On top of a rollercoaster: As the old saying goes, life is a rollercoaster, so celebrate this high point in your life in the fast lane.
- **3. On a chairlift:** The winter months are a time of romance. Pop the question on top of a white mountain or on a chairlift during a ski trip.

Where do you dream of being proposed to? Share your fantasy engagement below.

Ashton Kutcher Moves On from Demi Moore In Italy With New Woman





It looks like Ashton

Kutcher may already be moving on. The *Two-and-a-Half Men* actor, 33, was recently spotted in Italy with writer-director Lorene Scafaria and business partner Matt Mazzant for the holidays, reports *People*. Kutcher posted a photo of the trio on twitter with the caption, "Roman holiday with homies." Kutcher's ex-wife Demi Moore, 49, is vacationing in the Caribbean with daughter Rumer Willis.

What are some single-friendly getaways post-breakup?

Cupid's Advice:

Many people wish for a change in scenery after a tough breakup. Here are a few single-friendly getaways:

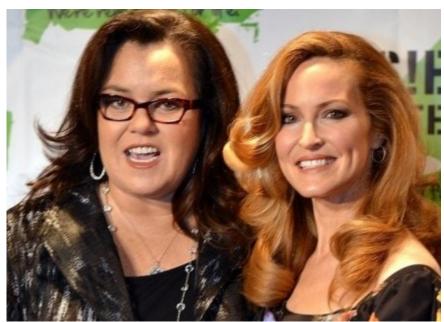
- 1. The family: Visiting your family is one of the most helpful ways to recover after a breakup. For some fun outside of the dating scene, try going shopping with your parents or taking your nieces to an amusement park.
- 2. Spa destinations: Traveling to the nearest spa/resort is a great way to relax after a breakup. Though often pricey, sharing a room at a resort with some close friends can help make the expense more manageable and the experience more memorable.

3. International locations: Take some time post-breakup to visit exotic locales that you've always wanted to see. You'll be too busy trying to decipher the language to worry about your dating woes. Bring a friend to make the trip more exciting.

Have you ever taken a post-breakup trip? Feel free to share details in a comment below.

Steven Tyler Gets Engaged to Girlfriend Erin Brady





It's been confirmed!

Steven Tyler is officially engaged to girlfriend Erin Brady. He proposed to his lady love with a Loree Rodkin ring, according to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. Tyler has been a fan of the jewelry designer for a long time and decided on a 5 carat

brilliant cut diamond set on a micro pave diamond and platinum band. Rumors of the rockstar's upcoming marriage surfaced when the pair were seen during a getaway in Hawaii this week with Brady flashing a shiny new ring. It's looking like the 63-year-old singer will be tying the knot for the third time.

How do you decide which engagement ring to get your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

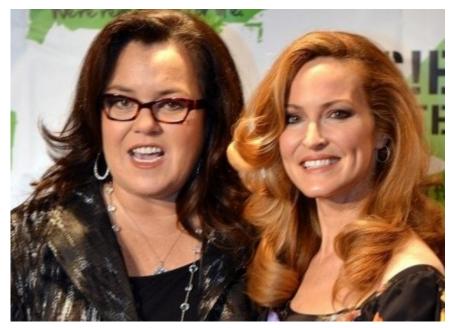
The ring is at the center of every engagement. It's the first thing people are going to ask about, so it's important to make it special. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Originality: No one wants the same ring as someone else, especially a friend or family member. That would be a disaster. Make sure the ring you choose bears no resemblance to one belonging to someone close to your partner.
- **2. Your budget:** Not everyone can afford 10 carats, and that's okay. Get something classy that your partner will cherish forever.
- **3. You partner's taste:** The type of jewelry you might like may not exactly be your partner's taste. Figure out a way to find out their preferences, whether that means asking them directly or polling their family and friends.

What does your dream engagement ring look like? Share your thoughts below.

Prince William and Kate Middleton's New Year's Eve Plans





Prince William and

Kate Middleton will be surrounded by family and friends as they ring in the New Year. A source told <u>UsMagazine.com</u> that the newlyweds plan to spend New Year's Eve and New Year's Day in Aberdeen, Scotland and will stay at Birkhall, the 53,000 acre estate belonging to William's father, Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla Parker-Bowles, Duchess of Cornwall. The source also revealed that Middleton's parents, Michael and Carole, are expected to join in on the festivities, although they won't likely be staying with the royal family.

What are some romantic ways to spend New Year's Eve?

Cupid's Advice:

Whether you're going out on a double date or staying inside cuddled up watching a movie with each other, there are plenty of romantic ways to ring in the New Year with your love. Here are a few last-minute ideas to make sure you get your New Year's kiss:

- 1. Plan a dinner at home: There's a wise tale that says to get to a man's heart, you have to know how to cook. Prepare a candlelit, romantic dinner at home for just the two of you. If the weather is somewhat breezy, set up a nice backyard dinner for you and your love. That way, you will have front row seats to an early firework show.
- 2. Hit the beach: You may not be able to ring in the New Year in Las Vegas or New York, but you can always take a quick getaway trip to a nearby beach that will allow you and your significant other to spend some quality time together. Watch the fireworks pop over the ocean as you and your love relax with your feet dug into the sand.
- **3. Dance the night-away:** So maybe you're the type of couple that likes to be seen. Head to the club dressed to impress, and dance all night to your favorite songs. Go as a couple, on a double date or with a group of your closest friends.

How do you plan to spend the New Year with your significant other? Share your ideas below.

Rumor: Katy Perry and Russell Brand Celebrate Christmas

Apart After "Massive Fight"





Pop sensation Katy

Perry and actor husband Russell Brand spent Christmas apart this year. After a planned trip to Brand's hometown of London, Perry ended up flying to Hawaii with some friends. According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, the couple had a major argument, which resulted in cursing at each other and storming off. Perry was spotted without her wedding ring while splashing in the Pacific Ocean, and Brand was seen catching up with old friends in a local pub in Coverack, Cornwall. Although the couple denied divorce rumors in November, trouble is threatening. "The split may come soon, but they are both so dramatic and volatile, the relationship could become great again," says a source.

What are some ways to quickly move on from a fight?

Cupid's Advice:

All couples fight, but avoiding it is impossible. Moving on

quickly and peacefully is easier than you think. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Admit when you're wrong: We all make mistakes sometimes, and it's okay to be wrong. The best way to move on from an argument is by pointing out your faults. Your partner will appreciate it and will learn from your example. They may admit to their wrong doings in future situations.
- 2. Apologize: Along with admitting your mistakes, make sure you apologize to your sweetheart. Saying you're sorry makes all the difference in an argument. Also, show your significant other how much you care by making it up to them with a personalized apology.
- 3. Don't let the issues hang in the air: The longer the fight sits, the bigger it will grow. Talk about your issues soon after they arise. Discussing how both members of the relationship feel will make for an easy fix. Compromising on the matter will make you both happier.

How did you move on quickly from a fight? Share your stories below.

Sandra Bullock Explains Why She Returned to Acting Post-Split





After splitting with

her husband, Jesse James in 2010, Sandra Bullock did not rush back to work. In fact, she told the <u>Associated Press</u>, "I was perfectly content to be permanently broken." And by broken she means not able to act. Director Stephen Daldry pushed for her to be in *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*, and that finally changed her mind. "I honestly didn't think I was in a place where I wanted to work or wanted to step out of where I was... I wasn't prepared. But that opportunity was louder than my head," she said according to <u>People</u>. "We had a great time. It's no longer 'selfish actress' in the moment," she says. "I wanted to have an amazing time with him and, fortunately, Mr. Daldry presented it. In every possible way, it was the best!"

How can your career help you move on after a breakup?

Cupid's Advice:

After a rough break up, the career route is often the best road to take. Working on a project and being successful are the keys to moving up and moving on:

1. Your mind will be occupied: With a challenging project at work, you will be more focused and not on your ex. Focusing all of your negative energy on something positive can

certainly do no harm to the healing process.

- 2. You can focus all of your energy on work: Your ex probably took up a lot of your time and energy. With him in the past, you can accomplish all of your career goals easily. No distractions and plenty of free time will allow you to achieve more.
- 3. A promotion could be headed your way: With all this new focus and motivation, a promotion might be the next exciting and needed change in your life. Working towards becoming number one in the office is a great way to distract yourself from a break up and an excellent way to boost your confidence.

How did your career help you after a breakup? Share your stories below.

Matthew McConaughey Proposes to Longtime Girlfriend Camila Alves





Matthew McConaughev

made sure his long-time girlfriend Camila Alves, had a very merry Christmas this year. After being together for nearly five years, the couple is finally getting married. McConaughey proposed to the Brazilian model on Christmas Day and announced the engagement on his WhoSay account. "Just asked Camila to marry me...#Merry Christmas," he wrote in a post accompanied by a picture of the 42-year-old actor kissing a smiling Alves, 29, in front of the Christmas tree. The couple, who met in 2006, have two children together- Levi, three, and Vida, who turns two in January. The actor previously gushed to <u>People</u> "[Alves] is the love of my life. Everything is right."

What are some reasons to get married after you've already started a family together?

Cupid's Advice:

Just because you and your partner may have already moved in together and/or have kids before getting married, doesn't mean that your significant other is fine sticking with the boyfriend or girlfriend title. Here are some reasons to tie the knot even after you've already jumped a few steps ahead.

1. **Support:** Some people may think that your goals or dreams are figments of your imagination, but when you have someone

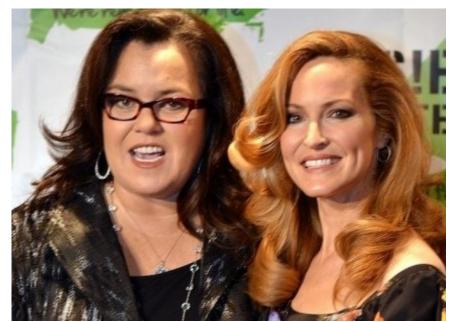
who believes in you and is your biggest cheerleader- that's marriage material right there. Finding someone who supports you is hard to come by.

- 2. **Create a foundation:** Kids tend to model after their parents and when they come from a strong, loving and committed family unit, it helps provide them with the best opportunity for success in their own love lives when they get older.
- 3. **Enjoying life:** There's nothing more enjoyable than marrying your partner or best friend. It's nice to have someone with whom you can grow and share intimate experience with together.

Is marriage important once you start a family with someone? Tell us your thoughts below.

Were Kate Middleton's Kiki McDonough Earrings a Present from Prince William?





As Kate Middleton

strolled to and from church with the royal family on Christmas Day, she looked stunning as usual. But, the thing that turned heads and made headlines were the new pair of sparklers she wore with her outfit. We're talking about the \$3,000 diamonds dangling from her ears. <u>People.com</u> has confirmed that the jewels were by Kiki McDonough, the designer who made similar items for Prince William's mother Diana.

What are some unique gift ideas for your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

When it comes to jewelry, diamonds are still a girl's best friend, but shopping for your boyfriend is a little different! Cupid has some tips to help you win his heart.

- 1. Wardrobe: Guys can always use new clothes, and picking them out is a plus. However, instead of getting something for him, buy something sexy for yourself that turns him on. It's a win-win gift situation that could heat-up your romance during the cold winter season.
- 2. Game day: Relationships require sacrifices, so if you're not a sports fan it's time to be one for a day. Buy your guy tickets to his favorite sporting event and he'll be part of

your cheering team for a longtime to come.

3. Appetite: When aren't men hungry? Making a romantic homemade dinner that includes his favorite foods will leave him feeling more content than ever.

What gift did your guy love the most? Share your comments below!

John Legend is Engaged to Model Girlfriend Chrissy Teigen





Dating since 2007,

R&B singer John Legend and 26-year-old model Chrissy Teigen got engaged over the holiday weekend. According to

<u>UsMagazine.com</u>, Legend proposed while the couple were vacationing in the Maldives. Legend, a nine-time Grammy winner known for hits such as "Ordinary People" has managed to keep his relationship strong with Teigen who starred on *Deal or No Deal* and has appeared as a *Sports Illustrated* model.

How do you keep your relationship going when you have a demanding job?

Cupid's Advice:

Work doesn't need to get in the way of your relationship. If you prioritize what's important and engage in little acts that make your partner feel special, the relationship will continue to grow. Cupid has some tips for doing just that:

- 1. Travel: Make time to reconnect with your partner. Take a vacation like John Legend's Maldives trip with his fiancee. If you don't have the budget for travel to the archipelago islands, pretend you do and recreate the experience at home. The internet is a powerful tool for research and recipes.
- 2. Keep the romance alive: Remember the little things about your partner, and make sure you let them know that you're thinking of them when they're not around. Even a simple phone call or post-it note left on their laptop can work wonders.
- **3. Communicate:** Constantly communicating with your sweetheart keeps the relationship going in the right direction. If you are open with one another it will help you handle any problems that may arise before they become too serious.

What are some ways you and your partner stay connected despite a demanding job? Share your experiences below

Chris Evans Shares What He Wants In a Woman





After

his

performance in *Captain America* turned heads and eyes to comic books, Chris Evans turned women to his sensitive side in *What's Your Number*? Now, according to *Hollyscoop*, he has landed another gig with Gucci Guilty Intense where he appears in a sexy video with Evan Rachel Wood. "She's awesome," he said. "We actually instantly got along because she's very much my type of girl." Evans further clarified exactly what he wants in a woman. "Very laid-back, likes to go out and have a good time," he told Details.com.

Is it important that your potential partner possess all of the attributes you on your list?

Cupid's Advice

Sure it would be great to find a perfect lover, but odds are

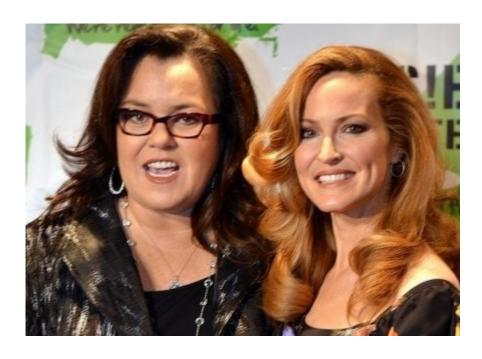
that's not going to happen. But, Cupid has some consolation for you:

- 1. Everyone has faults: Everyone has their quirks, and idiosyncratic behaviors. That's what makes us human. While it's important to have key similarities with a lover, you won't agree with each other all the time.
- 2. Healthy Debate: A strong companionship filled with love will not damage a relationship when there are differences. In fact, it's healthy to debate issues and maintain some individuality. A good partnership allows you to accept each other regardless of your differences.
- **3. Differences are good:** Having interests that your partner doesn't necessarily like (e.g., watching sports, going to the ballet, shopping) is not a bad thing. It will allow you and your mate some "me time," which is important to maintaining a long-term relationship.

Does your partner have qualities that you don't like? Share them with us below.

Dido Names Son Stan After a Collaborative Song with Eminem





The 25th of December was not only Dido's birthday, but it was also her first Christmas with her five-month old son, Stan. "I wanted to wish you all a very happy Christmas. I'm ridiculously excited about Stanley's first Christmas this year!

Hope you all have a brilliant one and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in 2012... Love, didoxx," the British singer, who turned 40, posted on her Facebook page.

USMagazine.com reports Stanley was born in July to Dido and her husband Rohan Gavin. The boy was named after the hit Eminem single "Stan," which Dido starred as the pregnant girlfriend. The song sampled parts of her own single, "Thank you."

How can you incorporate special meaning into the names of your children?

Cupid's Advice

Your children derive from you, so there's no reason why their names shouldn't hold significance to you. Cupid has some ideas to make baby naming extra special:

1. Family names: Embracing your ancestors by passing on their name is a very special tribute to them. Some people say it keeps their memories alive through the generations. It's a sentimental gesture and brings meaning to your child's

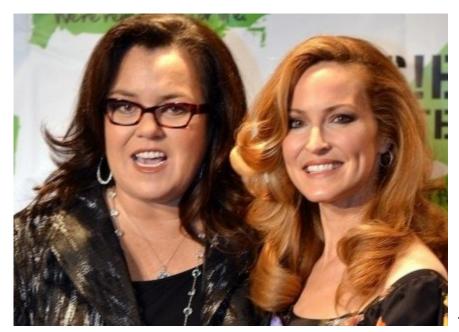
heritage.

- 2. Songs and movies: Like Dido, if there is a song, movie or artist that really connects with you, then don't be afraid to suggest naming your child after it.
- **3. Historical figures:** It isn't uncommon for a child to be named after someone famous in history, such as being named Alex for Alexander the Great.

How would you bring sentimental value to your child's name? Tell us in the comments below.

Kendra Wilkinson and Family Celebrate First Christmas at Home





This was the first

year that Kendra Wilkinson and her husband Hank Baskett spent Christmas at home. Since their two-year-old son, Hank IV was old enough to participate in Christmas activities, the reality stars decided to start making some holiday family traditions. "I woke up and realized that this is going to be baby Hank's first year to really know what's going on. It's not really about me anymore — it's about him now," Wilkinson told People.com.

How do you make your child's holiday special?

Cupid's Advice:

Kids just want to be included and do the things that the "big" people are doing! Cupid has some tips to help make your child's holiday a special one.

- 1. Wrapping presents: Wrapping gifts can be a difficult task for anyone, especially a child, but let them help you by sticking the tape down or putting the Christmas tag on the box.
- 2. Baking: Christmas cookies are a part of the major food groups during the holidays, so why not join in the festivities? You and your child could make Christmas-

character treats with cookie cut-outs.

3. Christmas tree: Load up the car and go somewhere where you and the little ones can pick the Christmas tree together. As they grow up it will be something they always remember doing as a family.

How do you make Christmas special for your children? Share your comments below.