### Mel Gibson's Ex Takes Half of His Fortune in Divorce





Mel Gibson's divorce

came with a price. Gibson's divorce from wife Robyn Moore was finalized Friday in Los Angeles, reports <u>People</u>. Moore, Gibson's ex-wife of nearly 30 years and mother of their seven children, was awarded half of Mel Gibson's near \$850 million fortune. The couple had no prenuptial agreement, so Moore is legally entitled to half of what Gibson earned during their marriage. Gibson's divorce payout is considered to be one of the biggest in Hollywood history.

# How do you decide whether a prenuptial agreement is necessary? Cupid's Advice:

It's possible to ask for a prenuptial agreement without offending your partner. Here are a few reasons to ask for a prenuptial agreement:

1. Career differences: Most people are married when they are

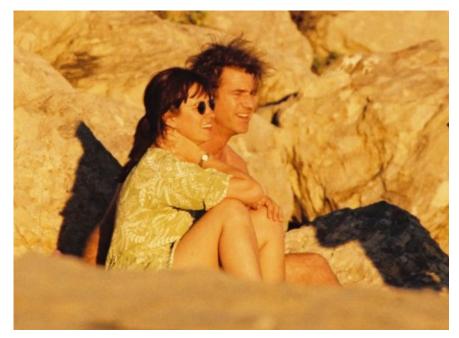
young, and before they start to earn serious amounts of money. If you feel that either you or your partner has high earning potential, then ask for a prenuptial agreement.

- 2. Salary differences: If you currently earn much more or much less than your partner, a prenuptial agreement is in your best interest. The agreement will protect your monetary well-being in any future fall-outs.
- 3. Previous marriages: If you have been married and divorced before, it may be a good idea to ask for a prenuptial agreement. Learning from past mistakes and taking precautions in case your new marriage also ends poorly is a reasonable and wise decision.

If necessary, should you ask for a prenuptial agreement? Feel free to leave a comment with your thoughts below!

# Zoe Kravitz and Penn Badgley Engage in Poolside PDA





Penn Bradley enjoyed

a romantic getaway with his girlfriend Zoe Kravitz while hanging out by the pool in Miami. The *Gossip Girl* star, who last dated Blake Lively, began his new relationship with the beautiful daughter of rocker Lenny Kravitz in October reported <u>USmagazine</u>. The couple enjoyed their vacation with a dip in the pool and some cuddling on their beach lounge chair.

What are some ways to make a vacation more romantic?

#### Cupid's Advice:

It doesn't get much more intimate than a vacation near the beach or at the poolside while sipping cocktails. Cupid has some tips to make sure you have fun in the sun.

- 1. Dress for the occasion: It's called a *romantic* getaway for a reason! Let loose and wear something sexy and a little more revealing than you would if you were at home.
- 2. Stay Refreshed: A pina colada or a frozen margarita is the perfect drink to keep you cool under the sun's rays and get you in the mood for a little PDA.
- 3. Horseplay: You're on vacation so have fun! Go swimming or tease each other by splashing around in the water. Smiling

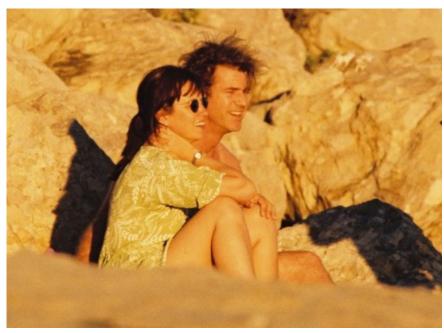
and laughing will bring you closer together as a couple and make for some great memories.

What's your advice for having a loving vacation with your partner? Tell us below.

# **Traditions**

# Hollywood Couple Ashley Hebert and J.P. Rosenbaum Celebrate with Holiday





Hollywood

couple Ashley Hebert and J.P. Rosenbaum are celebrating both Christmas and Hanukkuh during their first holiday season together after recently getting engaged on the reality TV

show *The Bachelorette*. As Rosenbaum told *People*, "We have been celebrating the first few nights of Hanukkuh. We lit some candles." Rosenbaum also introduced his celebrity love to the Jewish tradition of having Chinese food. The happy Hollywood couple spent Christmas in Maine with Hebert's family eating and singing holiday carols.

Although this Hollywood couple had different holiday traditions, they still celebrated with each other. How do you adapt to your partner's family traditions?

#### Cupid's Advice:

When you start a new relationship and love, you and your partner may have so different traditions — and that's okay! One of the fun things about being in a partnership is learning new things. Here is some relationship advice on how to celebrate your love's traditions:

1. Participate: You may not understand your partner's traditions or religion, but don't be a Scrooge. For the sake of your relationship and love, give their family a chance and try it out. Ask for ideas about what to make or bring over. You'll enjoy the festivities even more if you contribute!

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2. Educate: If you're feeling uncomfortable and don't know what to expect from your partner's family, the best way to learn about Hanukkuh or the Italian 'Feast of the Seven Fishes' is to research the tradition before you go. It won't make you a pro, but it will surely give you some

background and make you feel more comfortable.

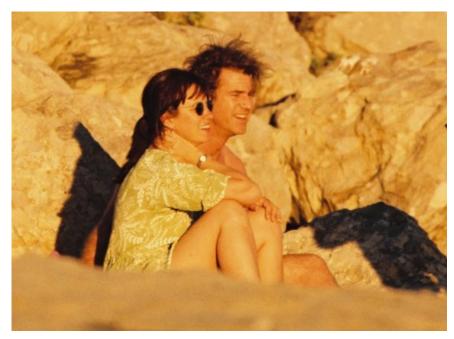
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**3. Ask questions:** Show interest by asking questions about certain activities, prayers, or food. Most people love to talk about family traditions and how they got started. Being inquisitive fills the evening with nostalgia and shows how much you care.

What's your favorite holiday tradition? Share it with us in the comments below.

# Robert DeNiro and Grace Hightower Welcome a Baby Daughter





Married since 1997,

Robert De Niro and Grace Hightower recently welcomed a new baby girl into the world via a surrogate mother. Helen Grace Hightower joins the couple's son Eliot, which is 13-years old. In addition, De Niro has four older children from two previous relationships. According to <u>RadarOnline</u>, the couple's daughter weighed in at a healthy birth weight of 7lbs, 2oz.

What are some things to consider when you're deciding when to have children?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Having kids is a big decision, and it's not one that should be taken lightly. If possible, think through all of the negatives and positives before settling on a decision. Here are some things to consider:

- 1. Money: A baby costs money. There's baby supplies, nursery items and even hospital costs. Making sure you can afford to have a baby and that you have reliable income to raise your child is important.
- 2. Strong relationship: Is your relationship or marriage strong enough to withstand the stress of having a child? As

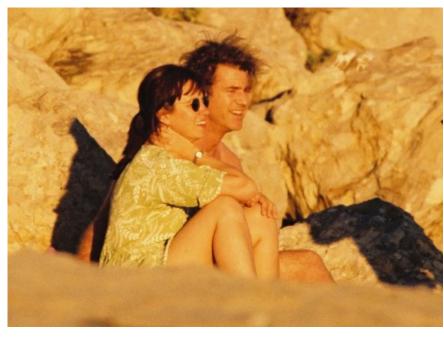
long as you and your partner are completely committed to having kids, there shouldn't be negative affects on your relationship.

**3. Stable home:** Do you like to travel or are you more apt to stay in one place? A stable home is crucial to raising a child in a healthy environment.

What are some things you considered before having a child? Share your thoughts below.

# Prince William and Kate Middleton Act Goofy at Charity Visit





Prince William and

Kate Middleton got their groove on during a visit to Centrepoint's Camberwell Foyer, a charity very close to the heart of the late Princess Diana. The Duchess of Cambridge watched with a smile as her prince imitated the dance moves of Centrepoint Foyer resident, Vanessa Boateng, who was the winner of the organization's Got Talent contest. According to <a href="USMagazine.com">USMagazine.com</a>, the casually dressed royal couple seemed happy and relaxed. In the spirit of the holidays, they also made mince pies and gingerbread cookies with the homeless youth.

What are some ways to make laughter a bonding experience in your relationship?

#### Cupid's Advice:

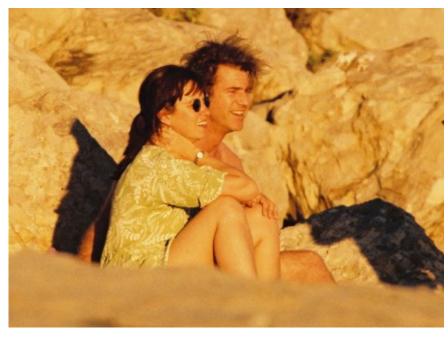
Laughter is one of the most important parts of any relationship. Everyone should be with someone who can make them giggle. Cupid has some great ways to bond over laughter with your partner:

- 1. Joke around: Always be on the lookout for a good laugh. When you're with someone you love, it's always a good time to let loose.
- 2. Inside jokes: Couples always seem to have things that are only funny to them, which makes their bond even stronger.
- **3. Smile:** You have to be smiling to laugh. Always take a moment to smile at your partner.

What's the funniest thing to ever happen to you and your partner? Share your experiences below.

# NY Ink's Ami James Chats about New Season and Inking Your Partner's Name





By Jennifer

Harrington

The holidays are the perfect time to catch up on television shows, new and old. If you're a fan of tattoos and drama, we have good news for you! The TLC reality hit show 'NY Ink' will be kicking off Season Two on December 29. We had the opportunity to catch up with renowned artist and main character Ami James, the driving force behind the show and Soho-based tattoo shop- Wooster Street Social Club. In our chat with Ami, we discussed his inside perspective on the series, as well as current tattoo trends. Here's what the reality star had to say in the days leading up to the start of the second season of 'NY Ink'!

Related: Jon Gosselin Gets Tattoo In Honor of New Girlfriend

# Tell us about your experience so far in New York. What's been the biggest challenge?

New York has been home for me for 15 years, although I live in both Miami and New York. I'm constantly going back and forth between the two cities, so I would say the biggest challenge has been giving the Miami and New York shops equal attention, and juggling my family and personal obligations as well.

#### How does New York differ from Miami?

Miami is very laid-back, where New York is more hustle and bustle. You can really feel the energy in the air in New York. So the cities are different, and the shops in the cities are different as well. The one common thread is really the clients.

# Tattoos used to be considered pretty taboo, but it seems there has been a shift in perception. Do you agree?

The world of tattoos has really changed in the past decade, and with the television shows, tattoos have been brought into people's living rooms. The timing of the shows was right. People have learned more about tattoos, and there has been a dramatic increase in the amount of the population with tattoos.

#### What's the biggest tattoo trend you are seeing right now?

There are always trends in tattoos, but thought and education are important when considering a tattoo. Be sure to think long-term and know that the tattoo will likely last a lifetime. That being said, the biggest trend I'm seeing right now is women getting tattoos on their ribs. The upside of this location is the ribs are usually covered by clothes, but the downside is this is a very painful location!

So many people ink the name of their significant other on their body. We all remember when Kasey Kahl got a tattoo to declare his love for Bachelorette Ali Fedotowsky. What do you

#### think motivates people to do this?

It's popular to get these types of tattoos, but I don't recommend it unless it's somebody you absolutely know you will love forever. I respect the freedom of choice, but I do try to give people insight that the tattoo is permanent. And I can speak from personal experience; I have a portrait tattoo of my ex-wife [Jordan]! Today, we're best friends so I can honestly say I don't regret the tattoo. I embrace it as part of my personal history.

#### Related: Angelina Jolie Inks New Tattoo for Brad

# For people who decide to get a tattoo with their partner's name, is there a place on the body you recommend that is best for this type of statement?

In our business, we don't typically provide recommendations as much as we advise customers of locations on the body that might not work very well. For example, some spots on the body are very painful to get a tattoo. It's all about making sure the customer is informed and making the best decision for their body.

#### We all know tattoos are permanent, but sometimes relationships are not. What advice do you give to people who may have a tattoo of a former lover?

Well, we know relationships have the potential to end up as disasters. I'm thinking of Tiger Woods right now, and we all understand what it's like when a relationship ends. Personally, I have a tattoo linked to my ex-wife, but we were lucky. Although our marriage didn't last, we ended the relationship really respecting each other, so I'm okay with the tattoo. If you end up with a tattoo you don't want, you really have two options, cover it up or laser it off.

#### How many tattoos do you have, and which is your favorite?

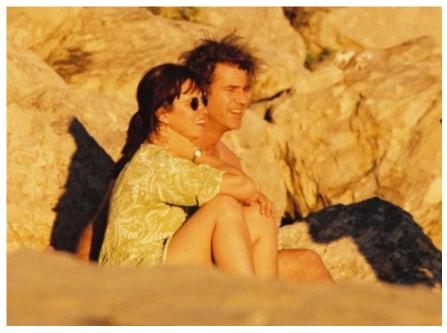
I have so many great tattoos. I especially like a tattoo I had done in Japan, because it really taught me a lot about the Japanese culture. I also really like my tattoo that is a

portrait of my daughter [Shayli Haylen James].

Thanks to Ami for sharing his perspective into the world of tattoos! In case you missed season one of NY Ink, you can pick up the DVD (available on December 20) and catch up before the second season begins.

# Denise Richards and Charlie Sheen Bring Kids on a Winter Vacation





Charlie Sheen is

spending the holiday season a little differently this year, reports <u>People</u>. The actor and his ex, Denise Richards, are vacationing with their daughters at an unknown tropical location. Sheen posted a photo of the family on the social

networking site WhoSay with the caption, "What's better than a modern family vacation!?! love spending winter break w/ @denise richards & my kids!"

Is it unhealthy to take a vacation with your ex and the kids?

#### Cupid's Advice:

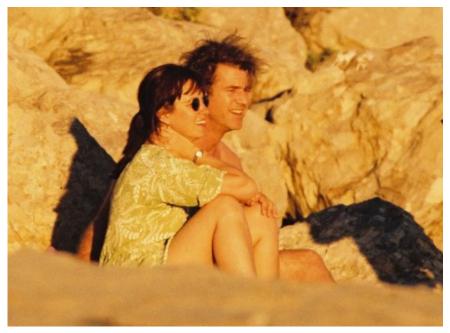
Though having the family together may seem beneficial, there are some downsides to a shared vacation. Here are a few things to consider before vacationing with your ex and the kids:

- 1. Payment: Make sure that you and your ex come to an agreement about the cost of the trip. Decide if the two of you will split the cost of the hotel room, meals and outings ahead of time.
- 2. Living arrangements: Before you invite your ex on vacation, make sure you review your living arrangements. If you are planning on staying in a hotel, make sure your room has enough beds for your whole family to sleep comfortably (and separately).
- **3. Your feelings:** If you and your ex still have a strained relationship, vacationing together is not the best idea. Your kids may love having the family together, but they will not enjoy it if you and your ex spend the getaway bickering.

Have you ever vacationed with your ex and the kids? Feel free to leave a comment below.

# Rob Kardashian Says He Doesn't Want a Girlfriend for Christmas





Kardashian is flying solo this holiday season. "I mean, I want a girlfriend. I've been single for a while, but I'm 24 years old and I feel like I have a lot of work to do on myself first and that's really what I've been focusing on. I'm focusing on my health and getting into shape and my career," he tells *People*. What does Kardashian want exactly? Just time together with his family. The whole Kardashian crew spends Christmas Armenian style and, of course, together as a family. Kris Jenner gives out pjs every year for the whole crew, and they all sleep at the house, get up at about 6 a.m. and celebrate together. "My mom also throws an awesome Christmas party every year and at the end of the party — once everyone leaves — we all sit by the fire and talk as a family."

#### What if the man you like doesn't want to settle down?

#### Cupid's Advice:

So what do you do when you're ready to pick a wedding date, but your significant other doesn't even want to live with you yet? It's difficult, but it might be time to move on:

- 1. Talk about why he doesn't want to settle down: Maybe there is an underlying factor that is scaring your man from committing fully. It could be some pressure you place on him, or it could have to do with how his own family worked out. Either way, talk to him and try to understand on his level.
- 2. See if you can make any compromises: Could it be possible you are too controlling for his liking? If your man is nervous about living with you because of such issues, make compromises. You won't wake him up or 6 a.m. yoga on Saturdays if he will put the toilet seat down. Talking about issues like that might make your man excited about the whole idea, instead of trying to run from it.
- 3. Consider moving on: If all else fails and your man still doesn't want to settle down, you might have to find a new man. We all hate to hear this, but you and your lover have to want the same thing for your relationship to succeed. There is sure to be someone out there who wants what you want.

How did you get your man to settle down? Share your stories below.

# Lady Antebellum Singer Dave Haywood Is Engaged





Dave Haywood, 29,

gave his girlfriend, Kelli Cashiola, 29, the holiday gift every girl wants: an engagement ring! A representative for Haywood confirmed to <u>People</u> that he proposed on Monday evening. He did so first by picking up his finance and blind folding her as he drove her to their home, which was converted into a winter wonderland. When the blindfold was removed "will you marry me" was spelled out in Christmas lights on the front of their house and Haywood slipped a ring onto Cashiola's finger. Cashiola, of course, said yes. Haywood is the final Lady Antebellum band member to be engaged. A date has not been set, but it is said to be after the spring wedding of band mate Hillary Scott.

What are some unique ways to propose?

Cupid's Advice:

Every girl dreams of the day a man will get down on one knee and ask her to spend her life with him. Guys, this is how to do it and make sure your girl says "yes":

- 1. Return to the spot of your first date: What is more special than the spot of your first date, or even better, your first kiss? Nothing. Bringing back all those happy memories and first date jitters will be sure to make the moment romantic and unforgettable.
- 2. Make it unexpected: Try not to let your honey know what you're up to. The more of a surprise it is the better! The look on your girlfriend's face will be priceless.
- 3. Tie in all of her favorite things: If you and your girlfriend love skiing take her on a ski trip and propose by the fireside after her favorite meal. Or maybe you love baking together... bake cupcakes and drop the ring into one and make sure that's the one she tastes first. No matter what you choose to do, make sure it's something special and unique to you as a couple.

How did you propose? Share your stories below.

# Backstreet Boys Singer A.J. McLean Ties the Knot





Backstreet Boy, A.J.

McLean is married. The boy band cutie wed his longtime girlfriend at the Beverly Hills Hotel in Los Angeles. The couple is all about putting a spin on tradition. According to <a href="USMagazine.com">USMagazine.com</a>, McLean proposed to Rochelle Karidis on stage at a live concert in Vegas, and Rochelle walked down the aisle to Guns N' Roses. Way to make it unique, you two!

What are some ways to incorporate your favorite things in your wedding?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Weddings are meant to be fun, but can sometimes become too traditional and you lose sight of who you are as a couple. Here's how to celebrate your likes and dislikes, without being tacky:

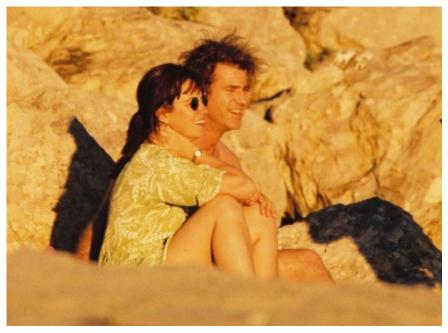
- 1. Music: If Rochelle can do it, so can you. Walk down the aisle or make your reception playlist full of songs that you and your partner love groovin' out to.
- 2. Reception: Don't be afraid to mix in something you like with tradition or skip tradition all together. Love the idea of belly dancers? Go for it, because receptions are your time to shine.

**3. Theme:** Why not make your wedding all about you? Pick a theme that you love and incorporate it in everything, from decor to food.

How did you incorporate your style in your wedding? Share your experiences below.

# Spencer Pratt and Heidi Montag Lock Lips On a Ski Trip





It looks like Speidi

is still going strong! Former *Hills* stars Spencer Pratt and Heidi Montag were spotted loading on the PDA on top of a mountain in Mammoth, Calif. The duo were snowboarding and skiing, respectively. But they didn't stop there in the way

of winter activities, as they were also spotted sledding and snowmobiling on their affectionate trip, as well. "It was so much fun," Montag told <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. "There is no better way to get in the Christmas spirit than being out in the snow and skiing." The notoriously drama-ridden couple were on school vacation, as Pratt is studying political science at the University of Southern California. "It helped get us in the Christmas mode. It was the best trip ever," added Montag. "This has been the best year of my life, and I'm very excited to see what 2012 is going to hold."

How do you make a ski trip romantic?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Ski trips can either be an intense sporting event or a relaxing romantic getaway, depending on your mood and actions. Cupid has some way to get the romantic sparks flying:

- 1. Warm up by the fire: The best part about a couples ski trip is getting cozy by the fire after a long day of weathering the cold. Grab a blanket, and snuggle up next to your partner.
- 2. Hold hands on the way up: The chair lift ride is a great time to bond with your significant other. Hold hands and partake in the scenery below.
- **3. Share a kiss on top:** Once you make it to the top of the mountain, share a quick smooth before heading back down. Take a look at the rolling hills beyond you, and briefly enjoy the moment together.

How did you make your ski trip more romantic? Share your experiences below.

# Notoriously Private Couple Jessica Lange and Sam Shepard Have Split





Actress Jessica

Lange and her partner of almost thirty years Sam Shepard kept ended their relationship. In fact, the couple, who kept their relationship very private, decided to split almost two years ago, according to <u>People</u>. "They both are pursuing independent lives," says a source. A rep for Lange confirmed the split, but the <u>American Horror Story</u> actress has no further comment.

How do you keep your breakup from making a splash?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Breakups can be dramatic, but if you can get out of a relationship without causing a scene, you'll be better off in the long run and in the healing process. Cupid has some tips

to keep your split low key:

- 1. Don't tell everyone: Your business isn't the world's business. Once everyone knows, they're going to want to put in their two cents, which will become overwhelming and annoying.
- 2. Wait: Take some time to figure out your own emotions and to face the reality of your new life without your partner, so that you're ready to face family and friends once they find out.
- **3. Stay busy:** Keep your routine as normal as possible, and get out of the house when you can. Don't keep yourself cooped up wallowing, but instead embrace your new found independence.

How did you keep your breakup quiet? Share your comments below.

# Russell Armstrong's Exes Accuse Taylor Armstrong of Being Heartless Post-Suicide





Taylor Armstrong,

star of *The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills*, was recently widowed by the loss of her husband, Russell Armstrong, to suicide. After the fact, his ex-wife Barbara Fredrickson and his former fiance Milette Fields say Taylor is being heartless and self-centered in the wake of his tragic death. Both women have children with Armstrong, and claim that Taylor was too busy to break the news to either of their families in person, who found out once the story hit the news. The reality star even failed to call Armstrong's mother to offer her sympathies. According to *RadarOnline*, Barbara believes Taylor is hiding valuable belongings of Armstrong's on purpose, none of which she's offered as memoirs to his children, and is planning a tell-all about Armstrong's abuse.

How do you move on after you tragically lose your partner?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Dealing with a spouses death is often one of life's challenges, but it can be especially difficult when their death is sudden or tragic. Cupid has some tips to help you move on:

1. Grieve: You've just lost your best friend and companion, so don't feel guilty taking as much time as you need to cry it

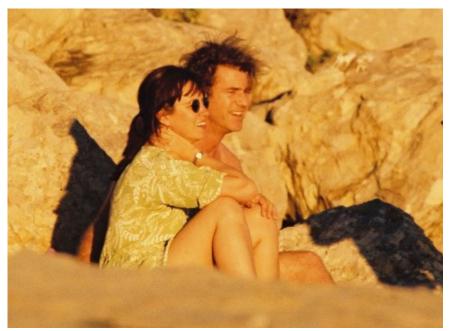
out. Go through their belongings and pack away old things yourself to help with the mourning process.

- 2. Keep busy: Maintain your regular schedule, and get out of the house often. Lean on your family and friends for support.
- **3. Let go:** This person will forever be in your heart and a part of your life, but you need to accept that they're gone. They would want you to move on, and keep living your life.

How did you cope with the loss of a loved one? Share your comments below.

# Brad Goreski Shares Breakup Drama Details After Split With Rachel Zoe





On his new Bravo

show, It's a Brad, Brad World, Brad Goreski admits he and exgirlfriend Rachel Zoe are no longer on speaking terms. "We don't speak to each other. I would love to be able to speak with her," he said. According to <u>People</u>, he has yet to meet her nine-month old son, Skylar, because he has "not been invited." Goreski said he has an "idea" of why he and his stylist are on bad terms. "I think I have conducted myself with honesty, with dignity and with grace," Goreski said. "And I will continue to do so no matter what is said about me."

How do you cope when your ex refuses to speak with you postsplit?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Breakups are tough and avoiding each other is an easy way to help with the healing process. Cupid has some suggestions to help you accept this situation:

- 1. Carry on: Just because you're not speaking with your ex, it doesn't mean your world stops. Take this time to prioritize your life and rebuild it.
- 2. Cut the cord: You don't have to delete your ex's number or

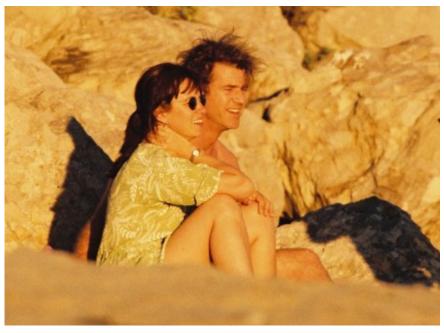
defriend them on Facebook, but finding ways to distance yourself makes things easier.

**3. Time:** Like a lot of issues in relationships and breakups, in time you'll be able to accept the situation. Just be patient.

What did you do when your ex shut you out post-split? Share your experiences below.

# Chaz Bono and Jennifer Elia Break Off Their Engagement





Despite news of

their engagement earlier this year, Chaz Bono and his fiancee Jennifer Elia are no longer engaged or even together. Nevertheless, they appear to be amicable towards one another. According to <u>People</u>, "They leave this relationship with great love, respect and affection towards one another," and they ask that everyone "respect their privacy at this time." Bono himself tweeted that he appeciated the fans concern and was doing "just fine" while remaining on "good terms" with his ex.

#### What are some ways to stay amicable after a split?

#### Cupid's Advice:

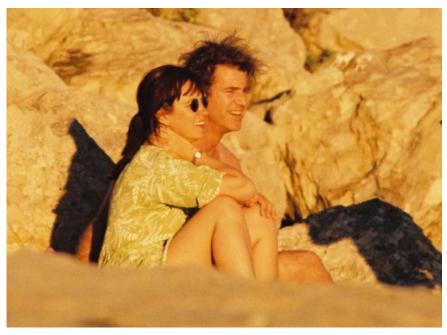
After a breakup, there are no doubt hurt feelings that can often times turn into drama. Here are some ways to keep your split amicable:

- 1. Give each other space: Allow your feelings a chance to solidify after the split. Give each other time and space before making any moves to continue a friendship.
- 2. Talk it out: Does your ex want to be friends with you after the break up? Talk about why you want to be friends with your ex. Articulate reasons for continuing a relationship after the breakup. You may end up deciding it's not a good idea after all.
- **3. Be there for each other:** Spend time with each other, but not too much time. Be sure that you don't fall into the old habits of your relationship, because that could become sticky territory.

What are some ways you stay amicable with an ex? Share your ideas below.

# J.R. Martinez Prepares to Welcome a Daughter With His Girlfriend





exciting year for Iraq war veteran J.R. Martinez. Just last month he won the coveted mirror ball trophy on Dancing with the Stars. However, it looks like 2012 will come with excitement as well, as Martinez and his girlfriend Diana Gonzalez-Jones are expecting their first child in May. According to People, Martinez says that the couple is "over the moon" about the pregnancy and consider it the "best gift we could get." The idea of being a father is just hitting Martinez, but there's no doubt he's excited. Though he and Gonzalez-Jones are grateful for the blessings of 2011, they already know how 2012 is "going to top 2011" with a beautiful baby girl.

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What are some ways to prepare yourself for fatherhood?

#### Cupid's Advice:

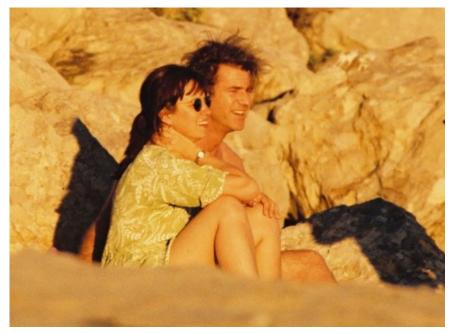
It's just as important for men to prepare themselves to be a father as it is for women to prepare for motherhood. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Help your partner stay healthy: Adapting your eating habits will help your significant other stay healthy as well. If you also avoid the unhealthy foods that tempt her, she'll find it easier to say "no." Joining an exercise class together or going for walks together are also good options.
- 2. Be prepared: Learn everything you can about what to expect during the upcoming pregnancy and after. It can't hurt to read as much material as possible to help your partner.
- **3. Go shopping:** Not only could shopping be relaxing for the mom-to-be, but it's also good to have everything you can for the baby's arrival. Buy baby clothes, a crib, a stroller and even nursery decorations.

What are some ways your beau prepared for fatherhood? Share your comments below.

# Jennifer Lopez Reportedly Brings Her New Man to 'Idol' Set





Friday was bring

your boyfriend to work day, or at least it was for Jennifer Lopez. Lopez's new boy toy, Casper Smart, was seen arriving to the American Idol set in Lopez's Bentley as he stopped by to visit his new lady. The new couple have been inseparable, having recently spent Thanksgiving in Hawaii with Lopez's twins before jetting off to Morocco. While the singer seems to be wearing divorce well, her ex-husband Marc Anthony, isn't quite complimenting her style. According to various sources, not only does Anthony not want smart to drive his kids around due to his arrest for drag racing, but he apparently doesn't want Smart around his kids at all, according to Hollyscoop. In the meantime, Lopez and Anthony have continued working together in their Latin-American talent show venture, Q'Viva!

What do you do if your ex is upset with your new relationship?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Unfortunately, when you move on from your last relationship, it's not always going to be a smooth transition. Cupid has some advice:

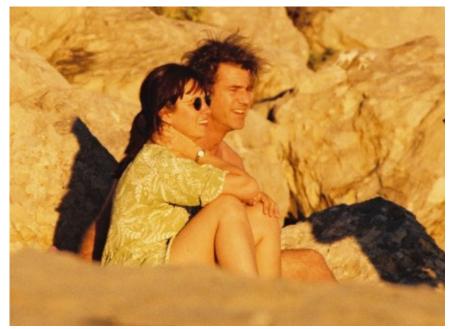
1. Give space and time: It's always best to allow both you and your ex time to heal and get your emotions together after a breakup.

- 2. Be understanding: Understand that while it may have been easy for you to let your previous relationship go, depending on the circumstances, it may not be as simple for your former love.
- **3. Minimize contact:** While cutting off ties to a past relationship is an easy solution, it may not be a quick fix when you have kids, work or share the same friends. If this is the case, minimize contact to a speak-only-when-necessary basis until you can interact normally with each other again.

How did you handle your ex being upset with your new relationship? Share your comments below.

# Kobe Bryant's Wife Files for Divorce





NBA star Kobe Bryant

is heading towards divorce, reports <u>People</u>. Vanessa Laine, Bryant's wife of 10 years, filed for divorce on Friday, citing irreconcilable differences. Laine is also seeking spousal support and shared custody of daughters Natalia, 8, and Gianna, 5. Bryant's marriage was also tried in 2003, when he was accused of allegedly raping a 19-year-old hotel employee in Colorado. "I sit here in front of you guys, furious at myself, disgusted at myself for making the mistake of adultery," said Bryant at a press conference that year. "And I love my wife with all my heart."

What are some ways to regain trust in your relationship after a betrayal?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Betrayal shakes up a relationship, but it's possible to get back on track. Here are a few ways to regain trust after a betrayal:

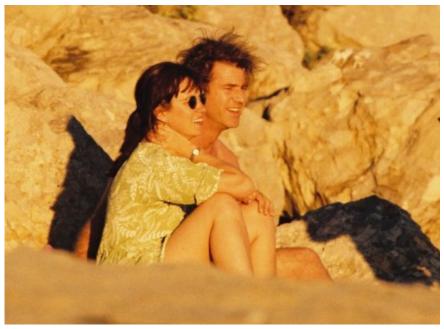
1. Spend time together: In order to rebuild trust in your relationship, you'll have to put in more effort than you usually do. Go on vacation or play hooky and spend the day at a park to get some quality time together.

- 2. Get counseling: If you feel that your relationship is troubled, but ultimately worth fixing, try counseling. It's expensive, but it could save your relationship.
- **3. Give it time:** Sometimes the best medicine is time. After a while, the betrayal will fade and your trust in your partner will gradually return.

Have you ever been betrayed in a relationship? Feel free to leave a comment below.

## Britney Spears and Jason Trawick Get Engaged





Britney Spears has

had a turbulent few years. This month, however, she has a lot to celebrate. Aside from celebrating her 30<sup>th</sup> birthday, recent reports have confirmed that the pop princess is now engaged to Jason Trawick. According to <u>People</u>, Trawick proposed on his birthday Thursday night in Los Angeles. After giving him tons of birthday gifts and having cake together, Spears was surprised to get a surprise of her own in the form of a Neil Lane sparkly engagement ring. According to sources close to the couple, the two are very happy and have been talking about marriage for a while now.

# What are some unique ways to celebrate a recent engagement?

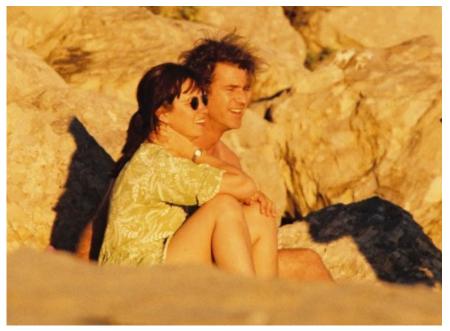
Cupid's Advice: The holidays may be a time to celebrate, but an engagement can be just as much if not even more exciting. No matter if you are getting your friends and family together for a big party or just having a private celebration. Here's how to make it a festive occasion:

- 1. Vegas trip: You don't have to get married in Vegas to have fun there with your spouse-to-be. Stay at the Bellagio, and watch the fountains burst into the night air together.
- 2. Show off the ring: Facebook, Twitter and other social media sites provide you with the means to share pictures of your ring with everyone in your network instantly. Make them jealous.
- **3. Pop champagne:** A celebratory bottle of bubbly is perfect of either a romantic dinner for two or a large celebration.

How do you plan on celebrating your engagement? Share your ideas below.

# Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds Share Sexy Weekend in NYC





Although they have

yet to comment, the tabloids are buzzing with news of new couple Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds. Last weekend, they spent almost all of their time together going on dates and just generally having a great time in NYC. The duo met up with Lively's sister, Robin, and her beau at the Stanton Social, where they shared a booth and cuddled throughout breakfast, according to <code>UsMagazine.com</code>. According to a source, the Lively sisters were "very sweet, polite and gave a generous tip." But the weekend activities didn't stop there. Lively and Reynolds were then spotted shopping for jeans and were seen holding hands and stealing a kiss. That night, the couple indulged in a romantic dinner and dessert at Serendipity. A source said, "Blake sat very close to Ryan and had her head on his shoulder the entire time."

How do you introduce your new partner to your friends and family?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Blake Lively seemed to have no problem introducing Ryan Reynolds to her sister, Robin, via a double date. Cupid has some tips:

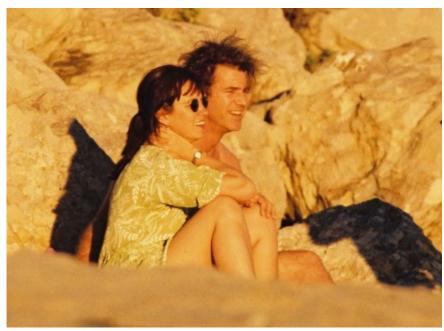
- 1. Relaxed and social environment: When you decide to introduce your new mate to your friends and family, it's important to keep things informal. Your partner will feel less on the spot and will be more likely to open up. Invite them to a holiday party or plan a group bowling outing.
- 2. Short visits leading into longer ones: Consider an "easy does it" approach. Introduce your new partner in multiple steps by starting out with quick visits and moving into longer social occasions.
- 3. Don't announce the occasion: Sometimes it's better to just "pop in" when you're introducing your partner to your friends and family. If either party has too much time to think about it, anxiety may double. Spontaneity may be the answer in this case.

How did you introduce your partner to your family? Share your experiences below.

### Real Housewife Taylor

### Armstrong Will Release Tell-All Book





Taylor Armstrong

from Bravo's *The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills* will be releasing a tell-all memoir through the publisher Simon & Schuster entitled *Hiding From Reality: My Story of Love, Loss and Finding the Courage Within*. The book is scheduled to be released Feb. 7 and will outline her relationship with her ex husband Russell Armstrong, who tragically committed suicide in August. According to *The Hollywood Reporter*, the couple had filed for divorce only a month before the suicide.

What do you do if your ex "tells all" after a split?

#### Cupid's Advice:

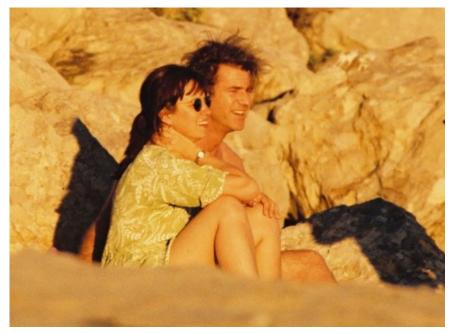
If an ex decides to tell all after a split, there's really not much you can do to prevent then from doing so. All you can do is stay strong and move on:

- 1. Allow only positive influences: Surround yourself only with positive people and things. After all, it's your ex who is airing their dirty laundry and not you.
- 2. Don't answer questions: If someone asks you about something they heard from your ex, simply tell them that it's none of their business.
- **3. Let time work in your favor:** Time cures all wounds and rids all rumors. When you are in bad place in your life, time always works in your favor.

When a relationship is over, should you tell all or keep the details to yourself? Share your thoughts below.

# Bruce Willis Supports Demi Moore Post-Split With Ashton Kutcher





Bruce Willis will

always be there for Demi Moore. The *Die Hard* actor, 56, is taking the time to comfort his ex-wife in light of her split from Ashton Kutcher, reports *NowMagazine.com*. "He's explained to [pregnant wife Emma Hemming] that he needs to divide his time until Demi is a bit stronger," said a source. "He knows Emma's feeling a bit neglected but he wants to make sure Demi gets herself together."

What are some ways to react if you feel neglected by your partner?

#### Cupid's Advice:

It's often difficult to ask for more attention without sounding needy. Here are a few ways to react if you feel neglected:

- 1. Give attention: If you feel neglected, try giving your partner more attention. Chances are, the somewhat tense atmosphere between the two of you is mutual. Be the first one to mend the bridge.
- 2. Work through it: It's very possible that your mate may just be busy. They may be having family issues or a hard time at work. Tough out the rough phase, and everything will

eventually go back to normal.

**3. Tell your partner:** If no other action will work, confront your partner. Politely explain your feelings and tentatively ask for a change.

Have you ever felt neglected? Feel free to leave a comment below.

# Ashley Hebert and J.P. Rosenbaum Have No Celebrity Wedding Plans Yet





The Bachelorette

couple Ashley Hebert and J.P. Rosenbaum, who got engaged last August during the reality TV show's finale, won't be saying

their "I do's" anytime soon. The famous couple told <u>UsMagazine.com</u> that they haven't set a date for their celebrity wedding yet. Hebert is waiting to finish up school before tying the knot. The former <u>Bachelorette</u> star said that she and Rosenbaum are "looking forward to building our lives together. We really are best friends, [so] just being together is a lot to look forward to." Rosenbaum said that they "want to wait for the right time" before walking down the aisle.

Hebert and Rosenbaum are taking their time when it comes to picking a celebrity wedding date. What are the advantages of a long engagement?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Take a cue from this famous couple and know that there's nothing wrong with a long engagement! In fact, there are plenty of benefits to taking some time before you tie the knot. Cupid has a few reasons why:

1. Less stress: Getting married soon after your engagement means you have to plan an entire wedding — and fast. Take your time and enjoy planning out this special day in your relationship and love.

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2. Take your pick: With your extra time, you can be sure that you book the ideal locations for your wedding and reception. You can also gather all the ideal decorations to throw the perfect party!

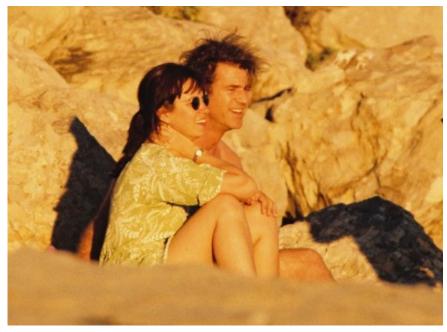
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3. No doubts: While you and your fiance spend some more time together as a soon-to-be-married couple, you'll have time to make sure they're the person you want to spend the rest of your life with.

Why did you like having a longer engagement? Share your comments below.

# New Couple? Cameron Diaz and Diddy Show PDA at Bash





It looks like the

rumors could be true; Cameron Diaz and Diddy were spotted together again. It's been about a month since the reported

couple was seen having lunch together. According to <u>People</u>, Diaz and Diddy looked cozy at New York's PH-D Rooftop Lounge onto of the Dream Downtown Hotel. Diaz started her night with friends at Marble Lane Restaurant before heading up to the rooftop around midnight. About an hour later, Diddy joined the table, and ordered bottles of alcohol for everyone. It was said that the table was crowded and Diaz and Diddy looked "very affectionate." However, according to Diaz's rep, "They are just friends and are not dating."

What do you do if you start to develop feelings for a friend?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Although you may think you harbor nothing besides platonic feelings for a friend, you may eventually realize there's something more. Cupid has some advice:

- 1. Make sure your feelings are legit: Before jumping into something potentially friendship-threatening, make sure you are positive of what you are feeling. Did you just get dumped and your guy friend is helping to make you feel better? You may possibly be mistaking a goofy and loving friendship as flirting. Stop and think about your relationship.
- 2. Consult a mutual friend: Talk to a friend who knows the both of you (in confidence of course), and see what they have to say about your new feelings. If your friends notices some changes, and think the feelings could be reciprocated, maybe it's something you should explore.
- **3. Tell your friend how you feel:** When you're sure you are falling for your friend, tell him. For all you know, he has always been in love with you or maybe his heart has been thumping a little louder for you as well. The worst that can happen is that he doesn't feel the same way.

Have you ever developed feelings for a friend? Share your

stories below.