

Former 'Idol' Fantasia Barrino Has a Baby Boy



Fantasia Barrino,

American Idol's season three winner, gave birth to a baby boy on Tuesday. According to [People](#), Dallas Xavier Barrino was born in North Carolina at 7 lbs., 9 oz. and was 21 inches long. Dallas joins his big sister Zion, 10. Barrino does not comment on the father of her children, although she has been seen with Antwaun Cook since summer 2010. "I feel so blessed that my son Dallas Xavier was born healthy, and is a wonderful new addition to our family," said the singer. "I thank all my fans for their well wishes and continued support."

How do you introduce a new baby to an older child at home?

Cupid's Advice:

It's not always a smooth transition when you bring a new baby home to introduce to existing children. Cupid has some tips:

1. Let your older child help prep for the new baby: When decorating the new baby's room, let your older child help prepare. Even if they are just choosing a few stuffed animals and some of their old favorite toys, it is still nice for them to feel included in all of the changes.

2. Make your older child feel special: Do something to celebrate your older child becoming the big sister or big brother. Making cupcakes is a fun idea and your older child can take part in the decorating process. A big sister/big brother t-shirt may also ease your older child into the excitement of their new role.

3. Have gifts for the new siblings: Have your older child pick out a gift for their new sibling and buy a gift from the baby to their new big brother or sister, too. They'll no doubt love each other immediately.

How did you introduce your new baby to an older child? Share your stories below.

Audrina Patridge Says Cameras Are Off and Love Life Is On





VH1 decided not to renew Audrina Patridge self-titled reality show for a second season, but Patridge couldn't be happier as the cancellation may just be what she needed to repair her on-again, off-again relationship with her boyfriend, BMX rider Corey Bohan.

"Filming a reality show really takes a toll on relationships because your mindset is to create good TV," the former "The Hills" star told [People](#). "It's really really hard on relationships so after the show, Corey [Bohan] and I really worked on what was going on with us. We spent time together."

Audrina's breakup with Corey may have been good for her show's finale, but the couple has since rekindled their relationship and got back together in May.

How do you keep your job from affecting your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

It's easy to let your job take over your life. Cupid has some ways to keep it from affecting your relationship:

- 1. Try to separate work from home:** Sure, everyone has their bad days at work, but try not to bring the stress you may receive at work to your home. If your job is consistently stressing you out, it may be time to start filling out applications.

2. Balance: Although you may not have finished everything you needed to do at work before your day ended, try to make sure that when you're home, you're relaxing and not thinking about what you will have to do tomorrow.

3. Spend some quality time: It's extremely necessary to get away at least every once in a while. Plan a romantic getaway to your favorite vacation spot, organize a date night including dinner and a movie, or simply head to the gym and work out together.

How do you keep your career from affecting your relationship? Share your ideas below.

Jennifer Garner Says She 'Would Do Anything' for Ben Affleck





The typical hollywood relationship seems to end in breakup, so what's the key to the success of Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck's seven year marriage? The key to their marriage appears to be being there for each other. But obviously, gifts don't hurt either, and Affleck makes sure to shower his wife and two daughters with jewelery. According to [People](#), Garner says that Affleck "knows when to swoop in with the gesture, He's sweet that way," and that she "would do anything for that man, because I know it's not taken for granted." Clearly, the couple is doing something right as their family continues to grow with a third child on the way.

What are some ways to keep your marriage going strong?

Cupid's Advice:

No one said that marriage is easy, but there are certainly some ways to keep your bond strong. Cupid has some tips:

1. Watch out for the little things: It might not seem like a big deal to you, but a small gesture like Affleck's jewelery giving can make your partner feel appreciated. These small gestures of love show you care.

2. Don't criticize in public: Any problems you may have with

your spouse should only be with your spouse. Don't air your dirty laundry on Twitter, like Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher did during their separation.

3. Don't give up: Garner would do anything for Affleck, and that includes continually trying to make things work in the relationship. Even if things get hard and conflict arises, continue to fight for your relationship.

What are some ways you keep your marriage strong? Share your advice below.

Food Network Chef Marcela Valladolid Shares Her Sexiest Dish to Impress a Date





Food Network celebrity Chef Marcela Valladolid released a new cook book this past fall titled, *Mexican Made Easy: Everyday Ingredients, Extraordinary Flavor*. In this interview she talks about food, relationships, and sexy spiked peppermint hot chocolate. What they say is true—food is the key to someone's heart!

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**Kris Humphries Says He
'Doesn't Play Into the
Gossip' Surrounding Ex Kim
Kardashian**



Their quick marriage and much-talked-about divorce may be making the headlines still, but Kris Humphries says he doesn't pay the gossip about his situation with Kim Kardashian much mind. "I think that if people know me they know who I am and what I stand for," he said, according to [Hollyscoop](#). "I'm a fun guy and I don't play into the gossip. That's life." There's also much speculation that the couple's relationship deteriorated as a result of it being plastered all over reality TV. To those assumptions, Humphries says, "I can't say for sure. It's the only time I've been married. [But] I've been in front of cameras on the NBA since I was 19."

How do you keep from participating in drama after a breakup?

Cupid's Advice:

After a breakup, you're no doubt hurt and sometimes angry. However, it's important to keep those feelings in check instead of unleashing them in a wave of drama. Cupid has some tips:

1. Count to 10: When you're about to say something mean-spirited directly to your ex or behind his or her back, take a minute to think about it first. Spur of the moment comments are often times regretted.

2. Take a step back: Right after a split, it's important to take a breather for a while. Avoid going to the places you know your ex or their friends hang out, and surround yourself with close friends and family.

3. Institute a checks and balances: Give your friends the job of watching your every move. If they see you're about to text your ex, have them stop you. Make them the angel on your shoulder.

How did you keep from participating in drama after a breakup? Share your ideas below.

Engaged Couple Ernie Halvorsen and Cindy Chiang Win The Amazing Race





On Sunday's finale of *The Amazing Race* on CBS, only one pair could emerge victorious. The winners were engaged Chicago couple Ernie Halvorsen and Cindy Chiang, winning the \$1 million prize. According to [RadarOnline](#), Halvorsen and Chiang managed to arrive first at the finish line after "landing a jet liner in a flight simulator, locating the house of *Gone With the Wind* author Margaret Mitchell and connecting the dots of their journey on a map above Turner Field." Chiang thanked all her fans via Twitter saying, "What a crazy ride!!"

What are some goals to work toward as a couple?

Cupid's Advice:

As important as it is to have goals when you're single, it's just as important to set goals as a couple. Achieving them becomes all the sweeter! Cupid has some things to work toward with your partner:

1. Living space: You and your partner should have a goal in mind of where you want to live. Whether it's together or separately, have your living arrangements figured out.

2. Financial goals: Make sure you and your sweetheart know what expectations you have when it comes to money. If you

have the same financial goals in mind, you're more likely to be on the same page when it comes to spending money.

3. Future goals: What do you and your partner have in mind for the future? Make sure you both know if you're on the same page with things like marriage, kids and travel.

What are some goals you have with your significant other? Share your thoughts below.

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt Celebrate Her Film with Dinner



In celebration of the premiere of her new movie, *In the Land of Blood and Honey*,

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt celebrated at Magnolia Restaurant in Hollywood along with the cast of the film and Jolie's brother, according to [People](#). The couple made it to the premiere after being in New York to take their kids toy shopping.

What are some ways to congratulate your partner on an achievement?

Cupid's Advice:

When celebrating your lover's achievement, it's important to do something special and out of the ordinary. Cupid has some suggestions:

- 1. Out on the town:** Instead of driving yourselves to the bar or club, call a limo to take you there. It's important to show your partner just how important they are to you.
- 2. Staying in:** If you can't afford to go all out, then do something special around the house, such as a candlelit dinner coupled with a free back massage.
- 3. Weekend getaway:** If your partner has been working hard for their success, then perhaps it's time to celebrate by escaping for a weekend. Consider staying at a resort that features a spa for relaxation.

What do you do to celebrate your partner's successes? Share your thoughts below.

Khloe Kardashian and Lamar Odom Prepare to Move to Dallas



It looks like the Kardashians will be taking over Dallas, Texas, as Khloe prepares to relocate in order to follow her hubby, NBA star Lamar Odom. Odom, who is now a former L.A. Laker, was traded late Saturday and will now be a Dallas Maverick. The Kardashians are a very close family, and People.com reported that Khloe has mixed feelings about the move. "We are all sad but positive energy gets you farther then negative," Khloe told a Twitter follower. However, later she posted, "I have no doubt about it! I am excited :) I know this is for a reason."

How do you remain close with your family when you must relocate for your spouse's new job?

Cupid's Advice:

Just because you're moving doesn't mean you have to lose contact with your loved ones, especially with all the technology that we have today. Visiting each other is an obvious option, but Cupid has some tips to keeping close with your family and friends while you're apart:

- 1. Hear them:** Everyone has a cell phone these days, which means hearing each others' voices is just a phone call away.
- 2. See them:** If you don't have a web cam built into your computer, then invest in one. Video chats are more intimate than phone calls, and this way you can actually see each other.
- 3. Feel them:** The art of writing a good old fashioned letter is dying, but the anticipation of waiting for a letter in the mail from a loved one is still very much alive. Letters are very intimate, and you can feel each others' personalities within the words. A letter is also something you can save to read when you're having a bad day or missing your family.

How do you keep a long-distance relationship with your family? Share your comments below.

Rumor: Are Ashton Kutcher and Lea Michele Dating?





Co-stars Lea Michele

and Ashton Kutcher were very friendly and hands on at a red carpet premiere of their new holiday film, *New Year's Eve*.

According to [Hollyscoop](#), the two had nothing, but admiration for each other. Although, Michele may have been a little more star-struck than newly divorced Kutcher, as the *Glee* actress said her co-star was out of her league. Will Michele and Kutcher will be kissing at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve?

What are some ways to attract the attention of someone "out of your league"?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes we may feel that someone is out of our league because of money, status, age or education. The truth is, you can make anyone fall in love with the real you. If these steps don't work, then you may be dating someone who doesn't appreciate the genuine you:

- 1. Smarts:** There is nothing sexier and equalizing than a person's brains. Show off your smarts, but don't be cocky.
- 2. Conversate:** A person who has a lot to say can win over anyone. Just be sure that you know what you're talking about!

Communication is key to any relationship.

3. Be yourself: Since we don't have gene altering machines like Steve Urkel, be yourself. Lies will just lead to a break-up even before your relationship starts.

Have you ever changed to get the attention of someone you liked? Share your thoughts below.

Rosie O'Donnell Proposed With \$100,000 Ring



Rosie O'Donnell has no problem splurging for her love. The talk show host, 49, told her audience on Monday that she was engaged to girlfriend Michelle Rounds, reports UsMagazine.com. O'Donnell reportedly spent \$100,000 for the engagement ring. "The cushion cut

center diamond is approximately 4 carats, and since it's set in platinum, the diamond will be held more securely," said jewelry expert Michael O'Connor. "There may be additional significance to the fact that the center diamond is surrounded by 'rounds' set into a platinum collar."

How do you know what style of engagement ring to buy your soon-to-be spouse?

Cupid's Advice:

Picking out an engagement ring that suits your partner's personality can be difficult. Here are a few suggestions as to cut and style:

1. Solitaire: The most classic and timeless engagement ring is the solitaire. The solitaire has a single diamond set in a band of platinum, gold, white gold, or silver. If your partner is traditional and elegant, this is the way to go.

2. High-Carat diamond: If your partner is outgoing and charismatic, an engagement ring with a big, attention-grabbing diamond may be the correct choice. However, big diamonds of a high quality are extremely expensive. If you're facing tough economic times, consider cubic zirconia as an alternative to a diamond.

3. Brand name: If your partner loves fashion, a brand name ring may be her preferred choice. A ring from Tiffany & Co. or Cartier will be sure to please her.

How did you pick out your spouse's engagement ring? Feel free to leave a comment below.

Hulk Hogan Sues Ex-Wife for Defamation



Hulk and Linda Hogan, who already claim one of the messiest divorces in Hollywood history, will soon be meeting in court once again.

According to [RadarOnline](#), Hulk Hogan, whose real name is Terry Bollea, recently filed a defamation law suit against his ex, Linda, over allegations made in her book *Wrestling the Hulk – My Life Against the Velvet Ropes*. “He’s being accused of all sorts of vile conduct that he did not commit,” said an attorney of Hulk. Linda is claiming that she feared ending up dead like Nicole Brown Simpson and that Hulk had a homosexual relationship with another pro-wrestler. Hulk and his legal team are claiming these allegations are false and are ruining his reputation. Linda recently received \$7.4 million along with houses and a car in their divorce settlement.

What do you do if your ex starts bashing you behind your back?

Cupid's Advice:

Bashing your ex behind their back is about as low as you can go. The best you can do is ignore it and refrain from adding to the furry:

1. Take yourself out of the situation: If the gossip is so bad that you can't just ignore it, get out of town for a while or try to be in a place void of your ex.

2. Don't add fuel to the fire: The worst action you can take is to contact your ex and let them know how upset you are. It will just make matters worse and give them the satisfaction of knowing that they got to you.

3. Move on: Don't let the rumors and the hate stop you from moving on with your life and finding someone new.

What would you tell a friend if they were being trashed by their ex? Share your stories below.

Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher Have Awkward Run-In





Recent exes Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore bumped into each other while dining separately at a West Hollywood private members club, according to UsMagazine.com. The couple split after Kutcher's fling with Sara Leal became public. During the awkward run-in, according to sources, Moore was with a man (platonically) and Kutcher was with a group of friends. When Moore spotted Kutcher across the dining room, she approached him. From a distance, sources say the ex-couple's encounter was awkward and uncomfortable for both parties. After a friendly hug and some small talk, the necessary mingling was over.

How do you react when you run into an ex after a bitter breakup?

Cupid's Advice:

After a breakup, it tends to be impossible not to have a casual run-in with your ex, seeing as you both love that Tai place around the corner and stop at the same Starbucks on your morning commute. Here are a few tips to keep things short and friendly:

1. Be polite: Although you may want to throw your coffee in his face, refrain from making a scene. Your ex is expecting you to be bitter, upset and uncomfortable. Make small talk

and take interest in their life, but not too much. Keep it short and sweet.

2. Be confident: No matter how happy or unhappy you may be without your ex, there is no need to show off. Bragging excessively about your new partner is just childish. It's okay to be better off without the one who broke your heart, but showing that off makes you look like a sore loser.

3. Smile: The last thing your ex wants to see is that you are happier without them. No matter how the relationship ended, seeing your significant other happy without you is a slap in face. Be sincere and wish them the best of luck, while showing off a big smile.

Have you had a bad encounter with an ex? Share your experiences below.

Tonight: Reality TV Star Premiere Party in Hollywood!





Some of our favorite *Bachelorette* and *Bachelor Pad* all-stars are gearing up to celebrate the premiere of the sixteenth season of ABC's *The Bachelor* during a Reality TV Star Premiere Party hosted by Jesse Csincsak, Jesse Kovacs and David Good. The event will take place at The Parlor Hollywood on Monday, January 2, 2012 from 6 p.m. to midnight.

There will be a Red Carpet Entrance, VIP gifting area, appetizers, cocktails and a special viewing of the Season Premiere of *The Bachelor-LIVE!*

As if that's not enough, rounding out the good time will be a celebrity date auction, featuring *Bachelor Pad*'s Kasey Kahl and *Most Eligible Dallas*' Matt Nordgren. All proceeds benefit Alex's Lemonade Stand, a foundation that raises money to fight childhood cancer. The auction will be followed by music, dancing and a midnight champagne toast!

The party will be hosted by three of *The Bachelorette*'s fan favorites but it will be one huge Reality TV celebration.

Expect appearances from your favorite reality stars of *The Bachelor*, *Most Eligible Dallas*, *Survivor*, *Big Brother*, *Dancing With The Stars*, *The Hills*, *The Real World*, and many more!

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Jeff Probst Marries Lisa Ann Russell



It's been confirmed! Jeff Probst and Lisa Ann Russell said "I do" during an intimate ceremony at a home in Los Angeles. According to [People](#), this will be the second marriage for both of the newlyweds. Probst will host the season finale of CBS' *Survivor: South Pacific* on Dec. 18. He also has a self-titled talk show coming out in the fall of 2012.

How do you make your wedding an intimate affair?

Cupid's Advice:

Intimate weddings are often the most memorable ones. Here are some ways to make your wedding a little more personal:

1. Be exclusive: An intimate affair usually doesn't involve a lot of people. Reserve spots at your wedding for only close friends and family. You can celebrate with everyone else another time.

2. Select a quiet spot: Private homes are usually the best places for an intimate affair. Hotels and party halls always seem to have strangers coming in and out, which can take away from the intimacy.

3. Dress simply: Simple brides and bridesmaids dresses will make the ceremony more intimate because you will focus on the people rather than what they're wearing.

Is your dream wedding big or small? Share your thoughts below.

Rep Denies Reports that Selena Gomez and Justin Bieber Are Engaged





Justin Bieber is not about to tie the knot. Rumors of Bieber's engagement to girlfriend Selena Gomez started circling Wednesday when the actress was photographed wearing a diamond ring, reports UsMagazine.com. Gomez's rep denied the rumor, stating, "She is not engaged." Gomez, 19, and Bieber, 17, were recently spotted in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico for a friend's wedding.

What are some ways to tell you and your partner are ready for marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

Some people are ready for marriage, and others still have some growing up to do before they make it official. Cupid has some ways to tell your mate is set to say "I do":

1. You talk about your future: If you and your partner find yourselves talking about wanting kids and buying a home, then it may be time to take the next step.

2. Your friends ask: Many times close friends and family are able to see things that you can't. A close friend may get you thinking about tying the knot, so take their viewpoint into consideration.

3. You feel ready: If you feel as though you and your significant other will have a long and happy future, then consider marriage. If both of you desire marriage and a life together, then it's a clear choice.

How did you know when you and your spouse were ready for marriage? Feel free to leave a comment below.

Rosie O'Donnell Says She's Been Engaged for Months



Boy, can Rosie O'Donnell and Michelle Rounds keep a secret! The duo have been engaged for months now, but kept it from prying ears until Monday when O'Donnell announced the soon-to-be nuptials on *The Rosie Show*. According to [People](#), the usually outspoken talk show host confessed on Tuesday that she has never been

comfortable discussing her relationships. “You don’t want to become one of those celebrities that talks about their relationship ad nauseum and makes it into a fairy-tale thing, and then they go and have an affair with somebody,” joked O’Donnell. No matter what the reason may be, it’s out now: O’Donnell and Rounds are happily engaged.

What are some ways to tell family and friends that you’re engaged?

Cupid’s Advice:

Getting engaged is exciting, and telling your family and friends should be easy. Here’s how to do it with style:

1. Flash your diamond: We all know you’re proud of it, so wave your hands around in the faces of all your girlfriends until they notice. Point out random things around your apartment, and it won’t be long until your friends are swarming around admiring your newest prized possession.

2. Host a get-together: What better excuse is there to have your family and all of your closest friends over for dinner than to celebrate your new partnership? A dinner party or even just cocktails is the best way to make your debut as an engaged woman, and of course to show off that rock.

3. Blurt it out: When all else fails, and you can’t contain your excitement a second longer, just shout it out. Getting engaged is one of the happiest moments of your life, until you say “I do”, so why not tell those you care about?

How did you tell your family you were engaged? Share your stories below.

Marc Anthony Threatens to Quit Latin TV Show After Fight with Jennifer Lopez



The split between Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony has been a rocky road, and after six months, Anthony still struggles to face Lopez, who has recently started a new relationship with 24-year-old backup dancer Casper Smart. In fact, Anthony refused to travel to Peru and Chile to host and executive produce the latest auditions on his reality show *Q'Viva: The Chosen* after a fight with Lopez. It was reported that Anthony spoke to creator Simon Fuller and told him he was considering quitting for good. His reason was "quite simply, J.Lo. I can't work with her," an insider told [Star Magazine](#). The couple was married for seven years, and after the split, working together as business partners may be next to impossible.

How do you keep your ex partner's new relationship from

affecting your life?

Cupid's Advice:

It's hard to see your ex start a relationship with someone else. Cupid has some tips to help you deal with those feelings:

1. Move on: Venting is one step, but the ultimate goal is to move forward with your life. Don't get trapped in negative thoughts or dwell in the past.

2. Accept reality: You and your ex are no longer together, and the sooner you realize this, the sooner you will be able to pursue new relationships of your own.

3. Avoid them: If seeing your ex in a new relationship is too hard for you to handle, try your best to avoid bumping into them and block them from your thoughts.

How did you avoid being affected by your ex's new relationship? Share your comments below.

Kristin Cavallari Celebrates Re-Engagement With Friends





Reality TV

star Kristin Cavallari and NFL player Jay Cutler are engaged for a second time after their split in July. [People](#) reported that the starlet was gushing over her fiancé and showing off her ring (the same bling he presented her with for their first engagement) during dinner Friday evening at Union Restaurant & Lounge in Las Vegas where they dined with friends and business colleagues.

Is it OK to get back together with an ex?

Cupid's advice:

Go ahead and give him a second chance. Love is a powerful feeling to forget, and if you think you're meant to be together, then don't give up. Cupid has some tips to make sure you're ready before you take a second shot at love:

- 1. Mutual decision:** After breaking off an engagement, your feelings might be crushed. Make sure you and your partner are both over past negativity and ready to move on as a stronger couple.
- 2. Confidence:** Both you and your partner are going to have to be incredibly confident in your love and trust for one another for this to work the second time around.

3. Change: There's a reason you broke up the first time, so make sure the problem has been resolved. You don't want to throw yourself back into the same problematic situation.

How did you know it was OK to get back together with your ex?
Share your comments below.

Michael Stagliano Taps into 'Bachelor Pad' Winnings



It looks like *Bachelor Pad* alum Michael Stagliano has finally tapped into his winnings from the show, as he recently indulged in a getaway. The reality star vacationed in Mexico where he spent a week at Villa del Palmar at the Islands of Loreto. During his time there he enjoyed kayaking, paddle boarding and playing golf. He even displayed some holiday spirit by

helping to decorate the resort's Christmas tree and gingerbread house. There's nothing like some R&R in the sun coupled with seasonal merriment!

Rumor: Did Celebrity Couple Karina Smirnoff and Brad Penny Split?



[Karina Smirnoff](#) may have won a Mirror Ball Trophy on *Dancing With the Stars*, but rumor has it that she's lost baseballer Brad Penny. According to [UsMagazine.com](#), the 30-year-old professional dancer is no longer in a Hollywood relationship with Penny. The celebrity couple went public with their relationship in 2009, but in October of this year they decided to postpone

their wedding due to “conflicting schedules.” Despite wanting to spend more time together, the celebrity couple have now separated.

Celebrity couple Smirnoff and Penny were close to getting married before announcing their split. How do you know when you’ve found “the one”?

Cupid’s Advice:

It can take a lot of bad relationships and love that end in hurt feelings before finally find “the one.” Cupid has some love advice and tips to know your partner is your true love:

1. Communication is key: You have no trouble talking and there’s never an awkward silence. If you find that you can talk to your sweetheart about anything without being bored, that is sign of a lifelong compatibility.

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2. One in the same: If your life goals are similar, that’s important. It’s nice to be in love, but if you have no common life goals, trouble can occur quickly.

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3. Predict the future: When you think of your future and you can’t imagine your partner not being there, he or she may be “the one.” If you find yourself thinking about making a family with them and expanding your relationship and love, that may mean that they’re meant to be in your future.

How did you know your partner was the one? Share your story below.

Rosie O'Donnell Is Engaged to Michelle Rounds



Although it's been a while since they first met, Rosie O'Donnell and her now fiancé Michelle Rounds are on the right page. Their engagement was announced Monday during the commercials on O'Donnell's show, and her audience and her rep have now confirmed it, according to [People](#). She posted a picture of her future betrothed with the caption "love" on her Instagram page as well as a picture on her Twitter page with the caption reading, "happy – in love" Friday. The duo met at a Starbucks earlier this year. O'Donnell said she mistook Rounds to be a heterosexual, 28-

year old woman. "It's fun and very exciting," O'Donnell said. "I did not expect it."

What are some unique ways to meet a new partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Bars and clubs aren't often the best ways to meet a partner. Cupid has some alternative suggestions:

- 1. Coffee shop:** Although buying a drink doesn't involve alcohol, the relaxed nature of a coffee shop creates a perfect atmosphere to approach someone to whom you're attracted too.
- 2. Underneath the mistletoe:** 'Tis the season! With the holidays quickly approaching, one of the many winter festivities could give you an opportunity to find your own snow bunny. Go skiing, snowboarding, sledding and more.
- 3. Breaking a sweat:** Most people don't expect to find someone while working out, which gives you an opportunity to be the exception to the rule and sweep someone off the elliptical.

How did you find your mate? Share your experiences below.

Kim Kardashian 'Doesn't Want a Battle' with Kris Humphries





Despite the fact that Kim Kardashian had considered getting an annulment herself, it still came as a surprise when Kris Humphries filed for one himself. According to [People](#), “Kim doesn’t want a battle.” She wants to part ways with her ex amicably. Humphries requested the annulment this past Wednesday on the grounds of fraud, and if he receives the annulment, it will be as if their wedding never took place. Kardashian had wanted an annulment, but was told it would be too difficult to prove and decided to go with a divorce petition instead. According to sources, “the split was devastating” for the reality starlet.

How do you keep your divorce proceedings peaceful?

Cupid’s Advice:

When you decide to get a divorce, it can often lead to a bitter parting of ways. Cupid has some ways to keep it peaceful:

- 1. Understand that it will be hard:** Although it’s never easy, the end result is best for you and your former spouse. Try to be friendly with each other, but understand that there will be some hurt feelings on both ends.

2. Cooperate: Don't butt heads with lawyers during the divorce process. If your lawyer or your spouse's lawyer requests information, don't dawdle. It's best to get things out in the open early on.

3. Keep stability: Find a new residence and surround yourself with a close group of friends. Try to go about your normal routine as much as possible in order to maintain stability. This will prevent you from lashing out.

What are some ways to keep divorce proceedings peaceful? Share your ideas below.

Sources Say Charlie Sheen Paid Brooke Mueller's Bail



Charlie Sheen has

taken a break from the spotlight and his 'winning' days, but he hasn't taken a break from his exes. On Saturday, Sheen bailed out his ex-wife, Brooke Mueller, from jail on charges of cocaine possession and assault. According to [RadarOnline](#), Sheen stepped in when Mueller's parents wanted to keep her in jail. Sick of her irresponsible ways, Mueller's parents are fed up with her. Good thing for Mueller, Sheen still cares for her. Could this be a sign of the two starting up a new relationship again, or just a favor for an old love?

How do you support your ex without overstepping?

Cupid's Advice:

Helping an ex without meddling in their life or rekindling an old flame can be tricky. Here are some things to remember:

- 1. Ask:** It may seem dumb to ask someone for help when they obviously need it, but asking shows that you want to help instead of making your ex feel incompetent.
- 2. Draw the line:** While helping out an old love is nice, make sure you let them know your boundaries. Don't let your ex use you.
- 3. Stay connected:** Keeping casual contact with your ex and not appearing just when they're in trouble will let them know you care and that you're not there to overstep boundaries.

Do you still help out your ex in sticky situations? Share your experiences below.

Lady Gaga Says She May Stay Single Forever



In a interview for *Vanity Fair*, Lady Gaga opened up about her love life. The singer is known less for her romantic relationships, and more so for her dedicated relationship with her fans. According to [E! Online](#), Gaga thinks that she will never know martial bliss.

With the divorce plague that many stars face, it can be hard to find love in the entertainment business. Gaga told *Vanity Fair* that it isn't the men she dates that are the problem, but herself. Whatever the issue, we hope Gaga finds love. But if she doesn't, her little monsters will still get great music out of it.

What are the advantages of playing the field and staying single?

Cupid's Advice:

Staying single can be a lot of fun, but it can also leave you feeling lonely and confused when a new relationship comes around. However, sometimes it can be the best thing for you and your future relationships. Here's how:

1. You: Being single means more 'me time'. Not having to worry about a partner's feelings lets you learn what you like or dislike for future relationships.

2. Networking: Flying solo can allow you to meet new people in places that you would have visited while in a relationship. It can open up your social circle and teach you how to communicate better in future relationships.

3. Freedom: Not having to report to anyone or make decisions based on how it will affect you and your partner will leave you free to become an independent well-rounded person.

What have you gained from being single? Share your thoughts below.