

Lady Antebellum's Hillary Scott Is Engaged



There was yet another reason to celebrate on July 4th, as Chris Tyrrell proposed to Hillary Scott during a romantic sunset on Independence Day. “Chris proposed exactly the way I’ve always dreamed. Our families were close by, but it was just us out on a beautiful deck overlooking a lake in East Tennessee,” the Lady Antebellum lead singer told [People](#). The proposal was romantic, yet casual, as it took place during a hike and the couple was wearing work-out attire. Although the wedding date is not yet set, the couple looks forward to “forever together.”

What are some laid back yet memorable ways to propose?

Cupid's Advice:

It can be tricky to strike a balance between simple yet

special ways to propose to your loved one. Cupid has some advice on how to make your engagement low-key, yet a memory you will treasure forever:

1. During your favorite activity: Do whatever you enjoy doing together, whether it's going for a hike, like Hillary Scott and Chris Tyrrell, or watching a movie. What matters is that you're surrounded by a serene atmosphere, so that you can tune in to each other.

2. At home: When your sweetie gets home after a day at work, surprise him or her by laying out some rose petals in the bedroom and playing some soft music. Then get down on your knee and pop the question. This is a romantic way to propose, yet it doesn't involve anything extravagant.

3. During a meal: Presenting the sparkler over dinner at home or at a restaurant can be a spontaneous way to ask the question. You don't have to follow the scripted ring-in-the-food technique. Just go with your instincts.

Do you have any ideas for a creative proposal? Share your thoughts below.

**Prince William and Kate
Squeeze In Alone Time In**

Canada



[Prince William](#) and [Kate Middleton](#) might be busy while sightseeing abroad, but that doesn't mean they weren't able to spend some time alone together. [People](#) reported that the royal couple had three hours of solitude while visiting Canada's Northwest Territories known as "Honeymoon Island" on Tuesday. The area is known to have the slowest sunset on the planet, which the royal couple was able to enjoy. This is said to be the second time the couple were able to spend the day together alone. On Canada Day, Prince William and his wife paddled a canoe and had a picnic in a log cabin.

What are some creative ways to enjoy quality time together alone?

Cupid's Advice:

It's nice to spend time with a group of people, but sometimes

enjoying quality time alone with your love is important. Here are a few ways to do just that:

1. Road trip: Take a few days off and hit the road with your partner. You'll both discover new places and interests when you don't have an exact destination to visit.

2. Picnic: Pack your love's favorite food and take him or her on a picnic. Plan on setting the picnic area on top of a hill or at a park that lacks visitors.

3. Dinner at your place: Invite your significant other to a meal at your house. Your partner will feel special when you take the time to cook for him or her versus going out to a restaurant.

Do you have other ways to enjoy quality time with your love? Share with our readers by commenting below.

Arnold Schwarzenegger to Give Maria Shriver Generous Settlement





Looks like Arnold

Schwarzenegger still feels guilty over the end of his 25 year marriage to ex Maria Shriver. According to [RadarOnline](#), the ex-governor is prepared to give his ex a hefty settlement in the divorce, much more than is required under California state law. Both Schwarzenegger and Shriver's lawyers seem to be getting along and are working together to come to a joint settlement. Schwarzenegger said he is the one to blame for the collapse of his marriage, and he is willing to give Shriver whatever she needs. He's also filing for joint custody of the couple's sons, which is a decision Shriver agrees with because she still wants her ex to remain a major part of their children's lives. It's so sad to see the end of such a seemingly perfect marriage, but at least the pair are putting their differences aside to do what is best for their children and themselves.

How do you show your ex that you still care?

Cupid's Advice:

It's tough to show your ex that you still care about him or her whether you went through a rough break-up or even a major divorce. Luckily, Cupid has some tips on how to show your ex that you still care:

1. Admit you're wrong: By standing up and realizing you messed up and taking responsibility for what happened, you show your partner that you not only feel horrible for what you did, but also that you do care about him or her and his or her feelings. If you and your ex aren't on speaking terms, take a tip from "Mr. Big" in Sex and the City the movie and write a letter to your ex to express how you feel.

2. Make it up: You can't fix what's already broken, but you can do the next best thing and try to make the best out of the situation. Take a tip from Arnold Schwarzenegger and be willing to give a little extra in the divorce settlement.

3. Be happy for your ex: Don't try to get in the way of your ex's happiness. Allow him or her to move on. By doing this, it shows you care and there are no hard feelings between the two of you.

How do you show your ex that you still care? Tell us your thoughts below!

'The Bachelorette' Season 7, Episode 7 Preview: More Wedding Themed Dates in Taiwan and Emily Maynard is Back!



By Jennifer

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It's been two weeks since we caught up with Ashley Hebert in her search for love on *The Bachelorette*. During the last episode, it seemed like our leading lady finally found closure to her obsession with Bentley, and her feelings for the remaining six bachelors were starting to blossom. This week's episode takes us to Taiwan for more over-the-top wedding-themed dates (you may recall her Vegas escapade with William earlier this season). Certainly, the Taiwan Tourism Bureau had a lot to do with this episode as they're now offering special packages to fans who want to recreate Ashley's dates. During a group date, the bachelorette and three of her men model traditional Taiwanese wedding apparel. When will this wedding theme end?

Now here's the good part: Monday's episode will include an appearance from Emily Maynard! She'll be stopping by to talk with Chris Harrison about her recent break-up with Brad Womack. Will she be the next Bachelorette? We sure hope so!

Tune in on **Monday, July 11 at 8PM Eastern/7PM Central** and be sure to send us your questions for our resident *Bachelorette* expert Jesse Csincsak!

Brad Pitt Says Every Individual Has a Right to Marry



Brad Pitt, who once said in an interview that he and Angelina Jolie wouldn't get married until everyone had the same rights, gave a statement to *People* on the recent legalization of same sex marriage in New York. He said that although it's encouraging that New

York granted equal marriage rights to its citizens, every American has the Constitutional right to marry whomever they love, regardless of the state they reside in. He believes that someday this discrimination will end and everyone will have the equal right to marriage.

What are the benefits of getting married versus just living together?

Cupid's Advice:

Ever wondered why getting married is important for some people? Believe it or not, people benefit more when they get married compared to just living together. Here are three reasons why:

1. Commitment: When you're married, there is a commitment to make your relationship work. However, when you're only living with your partner, there isn't a strong desire to make things work when an argument arises. It's easier to just give up.

2. Financially successful: When you're married, you share everything: furniture, food, etc. This means you'll save more money than you would if you were just living with your significant other.

3. Live longer: Statistics revealed that married couples live longer than those who are single. Why? It might be because there is always a woman to take care of the man.

Why do you think being married is better than simply cohabiting? Let us know in a comment below.

David and Victoria Beckham Celebrate 12th Wedding Anniversary



July 4th is a day of extravagant celebration that's incredibly hyped every year. Not only is it America's Independence Day, but it also marks the day that David and Victoria Beckham said "I do." This year, the couple celebrated twelve years of marriage. The soccer star told RadarOnline.com, "It's a special day for us, it always has been and always will be." The couple has all the more reason to be ecstatic, with a baby girl on the way.

How do you make your anniversary special after a number of years together?

Cupid's Advice:

Your wedding anniversary is such a special day. It's a

commemoration of the meaningful moments spent between you and your partner and your future together. Here's how Cupid thinks you can make your day truly unforgettable:

1. Relive your first date: Rekindle the romance and go to the same place where you spent your very first date together. Relive the day that marked the first of many special moments together.

2. Make a wedding day scrapbook: Gather up all the photos from your wedding day and arrange them into an album or scrapbook. You can also add new images by going for an anniversary photo shoot. Mark the passing time with a smile.

3. Prepare free love coupons: Be romantic and make some free love coupons to give to your partner on your anniversary. It's a sweet idea. Just be creative!

What are some things you can do to make your anniversary extra memorable? Share your thoughts. Don't be shy!

Nick Lachey Explains Why He's Marrying Vanessa Minnillo on TV





It's official! Nick

Lachey and Vanessa Minnilo have agreed to have their wedding recorded live, according to UsMagazine.com. However, Lachey admits that having cameras at their wedding wasn't an easy decision. "We kind of wrestled with that for a while, for obvious reasons," he told reporters Saturday during his bachelor party at TAO in Las Vegas. "Having done reality TV in the past, I didn't necessarily want to jump right back into it without having thought it through to great length, and we did." A reason the singer agreed to have cameras on his special day was because they weren't going to stay there for long. "It's a one-off special; a chance to kind of have a great experience and a great moment in our lives documented on TV, and also for us, to have a great wedding video at the end of it," he said of their TLC wedding special, which will be broadcast shortly after the couple swaps vows.

What are the advantages of having your wedding recorded?

Cupid's Advice:

Your wedding day is special and is one of the most important days of your life. It's a day that couples want to cherish and what better way to do that than to have it recorded? Here's why:

1. Memories: Having your special day recorded means you'll be able to relive the moment over and over again. If things start getting tough, remind yourself about how happy you were on your wedding day.

2. Friends and family: You may not hang out with your friends and family as much as you used to, and a wedding video will allow you to see your loved ones all together on your special day.

3. Pass it down: You can pass your wedding video on to your children so they can see the day you were married.

Is there a specific reason why you or someone you know recorded their wedding? Let us know in a comment below.

Prince William Beats Kate In Canadian Dragonboat Race





When it comes to competition, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge are the folks to focus on right now. Prince William and Kate Middleton went head to head in a dragon boat race across Dalvay Lake in Canada Monday, according to [People](#). The pair, who enjoy battling it out in tennis and other sports as well, showed off their competitive spirits at the Prince Edward Island boat race, in which they led teams of local athletes.

Is competition in a relationship healthy?

Cupid's Advice:

Playful competition is no problem, but if it gets too serious, put an end to it quickly. Here are some tips from Cupid:

1. Keep it simple: Not all competition is bad. You and your honey can play a few games of your choice and be able to spice it up by adding a little competition without getting too serious.

2. Be mindful: Check your surroundings at all times and keep in mind that people watch the way you and your significant other interact with each other. If you can't keep the competition friendly, people will automatically assume there's some tension or jealousy going on in your relationship.

3. Don't forget: A relationship takes give and take. It's not all about you. Know what you have in your lover and cherish that. This should avoid any unnecessary competition.

How do you and your mate refrain from taking competition too far? Share in a comment below.

Nick Lachey Has 3-Day Vegas Bachelor Party



Nick Lachey, 37, had the luxury of having a 3-day bachelor party in Las Vegas this past weekend. And though “whatever happens in Vegas stays in Vegas” is the typical cliché that comes to mind, Vanessa Minnillo assured UsMagazine.com that this bachelor’s party was far from *The Hangover*’s tumultuous adventure. Minnillo kept

her presence known when Lachey received a black and red layered cake with a ball and a chain on top that was shackled to a mini Lachey's leg. It read, "Property of Vanessa."

What are the perks of having a bachelor/bachelorette party in Las Vegas?

Cupid's Advice:

Bachelor/bachelorette parties are your last chance at splurging on fun before you're married. Celebrate for the moment, as well as for the future!

1. Money money money moonay: Las Vegas is all about the green stuff. What's better than doing some legal gambling and winning money right before you get married?

2. Live entertainment: Not only do you have the joy of being with your longtime friends, enjoying old memories and dreaming about a future-to-be, but you have the entertainment of some of Vegas' most popular shows, like burlesque!

3. Food galore!: What has high quality food, at affordable prices? Vegas. Vegas has it all. Check out the multiple buffets in all the casinos on the strip.

Have some memories of a bachelor or bachelorette party in Sin City? Share it with Cupid below!

Prince William and Kate Middleton Take Cooking Class

Overseas



A couple that cooks together, bonds together. While visiting Canada, Prince William and Kate Middleton enjoyed a cooking class together Saturday as part of their three-day tour, according to [E! Online](#). Dressed in personalized chef uniforms, the royal newlyweds learned about cooking techniques at the Institut de tourisme et d'hôtellerie du Quebec in Montreal. Still ahead for the couple is a search and rescue demonstration at Summerside Harbour in Prince Edward Island and a tour of the University of Calgary.

What types of classes can you take together as a couple?

Cupid's Advice:

When trying to find something to do as a couple, try to find seminars or classes that meet both of your interests. Cupid has three solid suggestions:

1. Cooking: Like Will and Kate, perhaps some cooking classes would be a great way to spice things up. Plus, if both of you know how to cook, it'll be easier to surprise each other with a nice, romantic, home-cooked dinner.

2. Dancing: Whether it's salsa, hip-hop or ballroom, dancing is a great way to get some exercise with your partner in, at times, an intimate way.

3. Martial arts: Relationships can be very frustrating and taking a karate class, for example, can teach you not only how to control your emotions, but will help to release some stress. Also, you get to learn how to throw your lover over your back!

What are some other great ideas for classes to take as a couple? Talk to Cupid about it below.

Nick Lachey and Vanessa Minnillo Want Kids Soon





It seems that Nick Lachey is another one of the celebrity hunks who would now like to be a dad. Lachey, who is in a relationship with Vanessa Minnillo, is looking forward to having children, one of the reasons being that his age is beginning to show no mercy. "I'll be 38 this year, so it's one of those things that I'm certainly behind the eight-ball on," he told [People](#). Not only is a baby on his mind, but a wedding is as well. The ceremony, which will be a taped TLC special, will be a very special start to Lachey's dream of having a loving family.

What are the benefits of having children later in life?

Cupid's Advice:

Some people wait a very long time before having children, whereas others choose to have them early on. Cupid has some thoughts on why having children later in life may be a good thing:

1. Stability: If you wait a while to have a child, you will allow yourself to have grown economically, mentally and emotionally. You won't have to deal with the extra moodiness that comes with being a teen and the financial struggles that come with first jobs.

2. Youth: By putting off having children, you'll be giving yourself a chance to experience and enjoy your youth without having to sacrifice for someone else. You'll avoid "growing up too fast." Being young only lasts for a short time, so enjoy it while you can.

3. Fit as ever: Saving a baby for later keeps your figure in shape while you're young. We all know the hassle of staying fit. Why not have nice bodies last while they still can?

Did you have a child later in life? Share your experience below.

Reality Stars Head to Catalina Island for 2nd Annual Reality Reunion Weekend





By Melissa Tierney

It's almost time again for the 2nd annual "Reality Reunion" on Catalina Island. If you haven't had your fill of drama and cat fighting during this year's reality television season, there's sure to be some juicy gossip at this summer's oversized party where contestants from the *Bachelor*, *Bachelorette*, *Survivor* and *The Amazing Race* are all set to travel to Catalina Island. There will be raffles, contests, partying and tons of fun.

A portion of the ticket proceeds will go to the "name a tent" fundraiser for the Catalina Experience- a non-profit organization whose mission is to create awareness of the local marine environment and of the critical habitat found on Catalina Island. All remaining funds from the weekend will go to Stand Up 2 Cancer.

Unfortunately for all you reality TV fans, the event is for reality stars only. However, four lucky fans can snag tickets to this year's Reality Reunion by heading to www.realityreunion.com and purchasing them for \$1,500 each. Who knows, you may come back with a rose or at the very least a tee-shirt that says you survived the 2nd annual Reality Reunion weekend!

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Katie Holmes Throws Tom Cruise Surprise Birthday Bash



Katie Holmes knew just how to make her hubby, Tom Cruise's 49th birthday special by throwing him a surprise birthday bash at Miami Beach's SoHo Beach House, according to [People](#). Holmes planned the whole thing herself, including the RSVPs. Cruise and Holmes' daughter Suri, and Cruise's children from his marriage to Nicole Kidman, Connor and Isabella, attended as well as 40 close friends. Everyone enjoyed pasta, shrimp and other delicious dishes, as well as sweet chocolate birthday cake on the roof and inside the private venue.

What are some ways to make your partner's birthday bash unique?

Cupid's Advice:

What better way to show your love for your significant other than to make his or her birthday bash totally unique? Cupid has a few tips on how to make the special day just right:

1. Surprise: Take a tip from Katie Holmes and throw your beau a surprise birthday bash. He'll be caught off guard and it'll make his birthday one he'll never forget.

2. Pick a fun theme: Every party needs a good theme, so why not make your boo's bash centered around something he loves, like sports, adventure or music. Pick a venue that caters to his interests, like box seats at a baseball game (for the sports lover), a concert hall (for the music fanatic), or a rock climbing facility (for the adventurous).

3. Add something extra: Add a little something special to the bash, whether it be requesting your love's favorite song at a club, or ordering his or her favorite dish at a restaurant. It's the little touches that make his or her birthday extra special.

What are some ways you've made your partner's birthday bash unique? Share your stories below!

Newly Single Lauren Conrad

Gets a Hair Makeover



Fresh from her breakup, Lauren Conrad is trying a fresh new hairdo, reports UsMagazine.com. *The Hills* alum asked fans to vote on her blog whether she should get temporary multi-colored streaks in her hair or not. After an overwhelmingly positive response, Conrad blogged, "You voted and I did it. Thanks for playing." The 25-year-old author and designer broke up with *My Boys* actor Kyle Howard in June, leaving her "heartbroken," according to a source.

How can you re-vamp your outlook on life post-breakup?

Cupid's Advice:

After ending a relationship, sometimes you need to re-adjust your life. Cupid has some ideas on how to change your frame of mind after a breakup:

1. Take a trip: If you take some time off and go somewhere

new, your perspective on things might change. Traveling will give you time to think and reevaluate your life.

2. Have a makeover: Upgrade your look like Lauren Conrad, and you'll end up upgrading your outlook. Try a new hairstyle or some new outfits and you'll feel like a new person.

3. Date: Rebound relationships are usually a bad idea. But going on a couple of first dates with new people will help you remember that there are other opportunities out there.

What do you do to gain perspective after a breakup? Share your comments below.

Salma Hayek's Husband Is Baby Daddy to Linda Evangelista's Son





Surprise, surprise!

It turns out that Salma Hayek's husband François-Henri Pinault is the father of Linda Evangelista's son Augustin James. The allegation, filed by Evangelista, has been confirmed and, according to a [People](#) insider, "All that's left is for a magistrate to go over the father's filings and make a determination of support, which will last until the child is 21." The court papers were filed in New York, where the law demands that 17 percent of a father's earnings go toward child support. The businessman's salary in 2010 was \$5.4 million, so it doesn't take a math wiz to figure out that it's a generous amount of kaching.

How do you bond with your partner's children from a previous relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Being in a relationship with someone who already has children can be tricky. It takes a lot of patience to establish a relationship with the child in question and determine exactly what role it is that you play in his or her life. Cupid has some advice.

1. Be patient: Don't hold your breath as you wait for the child to roll out the welcome carpet. It'll take a while

before he or she will accept your presence. Time is key.

2. Be nice: Be friendly and playful with the child. Don't be bossy, and don't try to discipline because it isn't your place. You want to be more of a friend than a parent, or you may be met with resentment.

3. Be understanding: While it's tough for you to figure out your place in the relationship with your partner's child, it's even more distressing for the young one. You should let the kid know that it's okay if he or she dislikes you. Being open about it will help gain the child's trust.

How do you relate to your partner's child? Share your ideas.

'Teen Mom 2' Star Leah Messer Rekindles Romance With Ex- Boyfriend





It looks like *Teen*

Mom 2 star Leah Messer has patched things up with her ex-boyfriend Robbie Kidd just days after finalizing her divorce from Corey Simms in mid-June, according to UsMagazine.com. Following their ups and downs of parenting on the show, Messer, 19, and her ex-hubby Simms, 20, share custody of their 18-month-old twins, Aliannah and Aleeah. However, Simms doesn't seem to care much about having a family life with Messer. A source claims that Simms isn't fazed by his ex's new love and is "not interested in reconciling."

What are some things to think about when deciding whether to go back to your ex?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes you have to forget what you want and remember what you deserve. Cupid has some things to consider before going back to an ex:

1. Make a list: Take a stroll down memory lane. Jot down a list of all the good you and your ex had, and then do the same for the bad. Obviously if the bad outweighs the good, you shouldn't want to go back.

2. Talk to them: Get the heaviest things on your chest off of it. Without playing the "Blame Game," tell him or her how you feel about the break-up and see if he or she is on the same page as you.

3. Decision time: Put yourself first. How did your ex make you

feel? How did he or she treat you? Before you make that choice, do some soul searching. Just because you love him or her, that doesn't necessarily mean that's who you're meant to be with. Stop. Think. Know your worth.

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

Hugh Hefner Introduces Second New Girlfriend Shera Bechard



A few days before walking down the aisle, Crystal Harris had a change of heart and called off her wedding to Hugh Hefner. The 85-year-old *Playboy* founder has wasted no time weeping over his broken heart. According to [People](#), a week after calling Anna Sophia Berglund his "new girl," he introduced Shera Bechard as his new girlfriend as well.

Is it healthy to date someone new after ending a serious relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Just because your close relationship came to an end, it doesn't mean that you can never date again. Here's how you can decide if you're ready to re-enter the dating world without rebounding:

1. Think "me," not "us": During your intimate relationship, you came to see you and your partner as one unit. After you break-up, it'll take some time before you can accept that you're single and on your own. Before dating someone new, spend some time alone and do whatever makes you happy, in order to rediscover who you are as an individual.

2. Don't compare: Once you've gotten to know yourself again, you can start seeing new people. But don't fall into the trap of comparing your new potential mate with your ex, because you may be setting yourself up for disappointment.

3. Go at your own pace: There's no specific amount of time you need to spend alone after you split with someone, but there's no need to rush to replace your partner. Remember that it takes everyone different amounts of time to gain closure after their past relationships.

How long did you wait before starting to date someone new after your split? Share your experiences below.

Shia LaBeouf and Megan Fox: Kissing Co-Stars?



According to UsMagazine.com, *Transformers* costars Meghan Fox and Shia LaBeouf hooked up on the set of the first and second *Transformers* movies. Though a source clarified that Fox was not with her present husband at the time, when LaBeouf was asked if Fox and her husband were together at the time, he stuttered and said, "I don't know" 12 times. Director Michael Bay allegedly put a damper on their fling when he fired Fox off of the set. "Believe me," said Bay, "that was an unhappy set. I think they were drawn together because it was so ugly working on that film."

How do you act normal at work when you know that you're hooking up with a colleague?

Cupid's Advice:

Having flirtatious eyes and a pumping heart for a special someone at your job is perfectly fine. It might even make you want to come extra early or clock in some more hours. But how do you keep your amorous conversations away from your job's listening ears? Cupid has some advice:

1. Cut it: Keep flirting to a minimum. Do nothing that would suggest any kind of overly friendly relationship. It's best to save these things for your lunch break and for when you're off the clock. This way, you will never have to worry about word getting back to your boss. This cute guy or girl is not worth the loss of your job.

2. Shrug it off: Don't take anything too personally. Nine times out of 10, your partner will have to speak at length to other people on the job. Keep the jealousy at bay.

3. Focus: Don't get too caught up with watching him or her from afar. Remember, you still have work to do. Above all, maturity and responsibility will always be expected on the work site.

Have experience with hooking up with a colleague at work? Don't be shy! Share your story below.

Has Prince Harry Found a New Girlfriend?





Prince Harry may have finally moved on from on-again, off-again girlfriend Chelsy Davy, reports [People](#). An unidentified source tells U.K. newspaper *The Sun* that Harry and actress and swimwear/lingerie model Florence Brudenell-Bruce have been having “secret trysts.” When asked about Prince Harry, Brudenell-Bruce said, “There’s not that much to say.”

What are some “secret trysts” you can take at the beginning of your relationship?

Cupid’s Advice:

When you first start dating someone, it can be fun to get together in secret. Cupid has some ideas on how to have some fun with “secret trysts”:

1. Stay in a hotel: Heat up your new relationship by enjoying an undercover rendezvous at a hotel. Spending the night together in a strange place with room service definitely counts as a “secret tryst.”

2. Keep it on the down low: Another way to add mystery to your relationship is to simply keep it a secret for awhile. Not telling friends and family immediately can make your affair more exciting.

3. Take an impromptu vacation: Tell your new beau that you have a surprise, and then hop in a car or head to the airport for a surprise getaway. Try keeping things extra-secret by not telling him or her where you're going!

Got any ideas on how to spice up your relationship with a "secret tryst"? Share your comments below.

Ryan Phillippe Hangs With Pregnant Ex-Girlfriend



Let the rumors continue! Ryan Phillippe was spotted at a coffee shop in Los Angeles with pregnant ex-girlfriend Alexis Knapp. One inside source told UsMagazine.com that Phillippe, the alleged father, plans on taking a paternity test. "He doesn't know if he's the

father. If it's his, he'll take responsibility." Could it be that Phillippe's third child is on its way?

What are some reasons to continue to associate with an ex?

Cupid's Advice:

It may be that your ex is the last person you're thinking about paying a visit to after a split, but that's not always the case. Clearly, Phillippe and Knapp think it's okay to spend time with your exes. Here's a few reasons why some ex-couples might choose to keep bonds:

1. Do it for the kids: If your ex is the father or mother of your child, you're probably going to be seeing him or her on a fairly regular basis. It's important for both parents to be up-to-date on their children's lives.

2. Keep the friendship: If you and your ex started off as friends before dating, you may want to maintain that original relationship. Friendship is something you can always fall back on for support.

3. Keep the friends circle: When you're in a relationship with someone, you share so much with your partner, including your friends, that don't just die off along with the relationship. It may take some time to readjust your role in your circle, but it'll all pay off in the end.

What are some reasons to keep seeing your ex? Share your comments.

Halle Berry Accuses Gabriel Aubry of Child Neglect



Halle Berry and ex Gabriel Aubry are involved in what is sure to turn into a nasty custody battle. Berry has accused Aubry of endangering their daughter's life and violating their custody agreement. Her rep told UsMagazine.com, "Halle has serious concerns for her daughter's well-being while in the care of her father for any extended period of time and is prepared to take all necessary steps to protect her."

What do you do if your mate's parenting values don't match your own?

Cupid's Advice:

Everyone is brought up differently so it's possible that you'll fall in love with someone who doesn't have the same

parenting values as you do. How do you deal? Cupid has some tips:

1. Compromise: Whether you're single or in a relationship with someone, parenting is a two-way street. You need to set aside your differences and think about what's in the best interests of your child. It can't always be one parent making the tough decisions.

2. Make a schedule: Adhere to a strict set of rules for co-parenting. Set up a schedule and have a set plan that details how the two of you will make changes to that schedule without getting into an argument.

3. Be discreet: Inevitably, as parents, the two of you will have disagreements. However, the key is to *never* argue in front of your child. This not only affects the child emotionally, but it will add negativity to your relationship as well.

What are some ways you have dealt with the issues that come along with co-parenting? Share your experiences with a comment below.

'Ugly Betty' Star America Ferrera Is Married





Ugly Betty star

America Ferrera was the opposite of ugly during her recent wedding to longtime boyfriend, Ryan Piers Williams, according to [People](#). The Emmy-winning actress, 27, and Williams were married Monday night in “an intimate setting amongst close friends and family,” her rep reports. The couple first met when Williams cast Ferrera in his student film at the University of Southern California and the couple became engaged in 2010. “We kind of connected from the get-go on that professional level and that was something that really drew us to each other,” Ferrera said. She also said that she and her beau have “a shared passion for what we do and our work.”

Is it important that your partner share a passion for your career?

Cupid’s Advice:

Career path typically shouldn’t be a determining factor in your relationship. Here are ways to be supportive whether you do share a passion for your partner’s relationship or you don’t:

1. Opposites attract: Yes, you and your mate should have some things in common, but he or she is in no way obligated to

share a passion for your career. The 'opposites attract' theory says the following: If you love singing, your honey can absolutely hate it, but still love you.

2. Put yourself In his or her shoes: Imagine if you were in the same career as your mate. This will help you understand what makes your partner tick a lot better than simply knowing his or her professional title.

3. Be there: No matter how bad it works your nerves, it's still important to be there for your partner when he or she hits a stumbling block in his or her career.

Are you having a hard time accepting your partner's career choice? Share your thoughts below.

Actress Nia Long Talks Surprise Pregnancy





When forty-year-old

Nia Long visited the doctor to receive a yellow fever shot in preparation for a movie she was slated to film in Ghana, she was shocked and pleased by the news of her pregnancy. “I almost fainted. It was the best moment and the sweetest surprise ever,” she told UsMagazine.com. Long’s first child is her 10-year-old son, Massai Jr., who she had with ex-boyfriend Massai Z. Dorsey. This will be her first child with NBA player Ime Oduka.

How do plan for an unexpected pregnancy?

Cupid’s Advice:

An unexpected pregnancy doesn’t have to be scary. A child is the greatest gift a couple can receive. Here are some ways to prepare for that surprise bundle of joy coming your way:

1. Focus: While it may be scary, you have to put everything else on the back burner and focus on your baby. There is plenty of time left in your life to accomplish your goals. Reprioritize your life in order to give your future child the best life possible.

2. Support: You can’t do this with out support. Tell your family and the father-to-be as soon as possible. These people

can guide you down the road ahead and help you plan for those unexpected roadblocks.

3. Take care of yourself: Make sure you're eating right and taking care of your (and your baby's) body. Realize that everything that you do while pregnant affects your child.

How did you deal with your unplanned pregnancy? Share your experiences with a comment below.

'Dexter' Alum Julie Benz Engaged



After already having experienced a proposal and wedding with her previous husband John Kassir, *Dexter* actress Julie Benz is ready to do it all

over again. Marketing executive boyfriend, Rich Orosco, gave her a grand engagement party on Sunday in their Los Angeles home backyard. With a customized Kwiat cushion-cut diamond and platinum engagement ring, a Mexican-style surprise party and a Mariachi band, Orosco went all out for his *Jaw Breaker* fiancé—and she marveled in it all. “What girl doesn’t want to be serenaded by a Mariachi band surrounded by close friends and family?” she said, according to [People](#). She couldn’t get enough of the Mexican celebration. ¡Felicitaciones Benz!

What are some ways to celebrate your engagement with family and friends?

Cupid’s Advice:

Engagements go right along with weddings, 1st birthdays, christenings and baby showers in the “importance” category. This is something you would like to sit comfortably in your memory. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Get together:** Have a small, comfy get together with only a tight knit group at home. You can make it classy with hors d’oeuvres, wine glasses and funky music, yet it’ll still be comfortable in the familiarity of your own home.
- 2. Let’s take it back:** It’s always cool to look back on the good memories you’ve had with your spouse. Crank out the home videos and photo albums, and enjoy some good laughs while breaking the ice between family members and friends.
- 3. Get a little loose:** Take your friends out to a bar and enjoy your favorite drinks while marveling in the good news together.

What are some of your engagement celebration ideas? Share your thoughts below.