'The Bachelorette' Season 7, Episode 5: Love is Worth Fighting For





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Last night on ABC's *The Bachelorette*, the gang traveled to the ancient city of Chiang Mai, Thailand. Ashley Hebert was optimistic that it was "the perfect city to fall in love" and she hoped the change of scenery would mark her new beginning with the bachelors. Here's what happened during this chapter of her love story:

This week, there was a one-on-one, a group date and the

dreaded two-on-one, which Ashley herself was on last season. Ben F. snagged the one-on-one, which was apropos, since feelings between our bachelorette and the winemaker started developing last week. The pair enjoyed a low-key day of exploring the city and a candlelight dinner amidst an intricate floral arrangement. Their attraction to each other was apparent, and Ashley even said that she could "see a life with Ben F." The Sonoma-native also said he felt "giddy, puppy-dog love" and gladly accepted the rose!

The group date card read, "Love is worth fighting for." While most cards are figures of speech, the guys literally spent the day training in Muay Thai, a native boxing style. Although she initially said the date was a "hot way to see the men," Ashley quickly changed her opinion during the sparring matches where the men were pitted against each other and said the date was getting too dangerous. The boxing ring victim was Ames, who admitted he'd never been in a fight before. gave it his best effort, his day ended with a concussion and an ambulance ride to the hospital. Luckily, he got himself to the after-party that evening looking good as new, even though he was still recuperating from the match! While it seemed that Ames would surely take home the group date rose, Blake made his move, acknowledging that although his relationship with Ashley was slow to develop, he believed "love is like a marathon, not a sprint." The couple took their first steps towards romance with a sizzling kiss, and the fellow dentist took home the rose!

If you guys calculated correctly, the two-on-one date was between Ben C. and William. Ever since the roast we've been skeptical of William, and this date certainly didn't help repair his image. Boasting that it was time for Ben C. to go home and it was "not going to be a pretty sight," William told Ashley that his competition was "ready" to leave, hoping to test his luck in the online dating world ASAP. Ashley didn't even give Ben C. a chance to explain before she said goodbye.

But rather than sharing a cozy evening with William, the bachelorette realized that the special spark she felt during their memorable Vegas date was gone. And with that, she sent him home as well.

At the rose ceremony, Ashley confessed to Chris Harrison that Bentley was still on her mind. Realizing she needs closure in order to truly move on, the host offered to "make something happen for her." In the meantime, she had to hand out the roses and send one unlucky man home. The Adonis of the house, Nick, was sent home in a state of shock and eight men were left standing.

Thailand's journey is over as we're headed to Hong Kong next week. Not surprisingly, Bentley will make his dramatic return in this glamorous city, and it looks like his presence is going to stir up serious trouble between Ashley and the other guys! Check back later to see what our *Bachelorette* expert, Jesse Csincsak, has to say about Bentley's ongoing drama, as well as his take on Chiang Mai! But first, let us know — what did you guys think of Ashley's snap decision to send Ben C. home? Should she have given him more time to explain himself?

Why Crystal Harris Called Off Wedding to Hugh Hefner





The Saturday

wedding between *Playboy* founder Hugh Hefner and Crystal Harris never happened, and the runaway bride is breathing a sigh of relief. "For a while, I'd been having second thoughts about everything, so I haven't really been at peace with myself lately," Harris told Ryan Seacrest during his Wednesday morning radio show. Additionally, according to *People*, Harris said a wedding really wasn't what Hef wanted either. "He was doing it for me because he thought it was what I wanted." July's *Playboy* cover girl, prematurely identified as "Mrs. Crystal Hefner" on it's cover, is now more focused than ever on her music.

How do you know when you're not ready to get married?

Cupid's Advice:

Every year, people who are about to get married realize they aren't ready. If you're in the same boat, here's when you should let your partner know how you're feeling ASAP:

1. When your bachelor/ette party feels like a funeral: The

silly tradition of the bachelor/ette party should be a fun one. If you end up forcing yourself to have fun with your friends at your party because you're dreading the day of doom (which your wedding shouldn't feel like), it might not be your time to tie the knot.

- 2. Your mind is somewhere else: If you find yourself constantly thinking about someone or something else, you may not be ready to walk down the aisle after all.
- 3. When your pre-wedding jitters turn into pre-wedding terrors: A wedding is a big event. Not only does it mark the beginning of a new chapter in your life, but you are also the center of attentions for the entire day. Though a little bit of nervousness is completely normal, being flat out terrified about your wedding day is something to be worried about. Don't force yourself to start another chapter in your life is you aren't ready for the previous chapter to end.

How have you dealt with pre-wedding nervousness? Share your stories below!

Prince William and Kate Aspire For The Simple Life





The Duchess of

Cambridge has decided not to employ a housekeeper-dresser in order to live a simple royal and married life. According to <code>People</code>, Kate's chief aide said that she initially planned to hire a joint housekeeper and dresser for her apartment with Prince William in London's Kensington Palace but now feels she doesn't need one. Jamie Lowther-Pinkerton, the royal couple's private secretary, told reporters the household will be reassessing what they need. However, the couple will use the staff at the residences of where they'll visit on their North American tour. Additionally, Kate is taking hairdresser James Pryce to California during her visit.

What are ways to have a simple life with your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Living a lavish life is fabulous, but a having simple life can be just as fabulous. Here are some ways to live a simpler life with your partner:

1. Do your own chores: Instead of relying on a maid, make a

list of chores you and your partner should complete each week. This way, you and your partner will both contribute to your household, and in turn, your marriage.

- 2. **Keep a budget:** Manage your finances and avoid purchasing items you both don't need. After all, that's what a wedding registry is for!
- **3. Walk instead of drive:** Instead of buying two cars for yourself and your significant other, try to live close to your work place and/or stores you frequently visit. This way, you can take public transportation to get to your destination or take a nice walk together.

Have any suggestions on how to live a simple life after marriage? Share your comment below.

Kim Kardashian's Wedding Registry Is Luxurious





Kim Kardashian

got engaged less than a month ago and is already being called a bridezilla — and the reality star's over-the-top wedding registry might be partly to blame. *UsMagazine.com* reports that Kardashian and fiancé Kris Humphries registered at GEARYS in Beverly Hills, a premium seller of luxury jewelry and homeware. The couple's registry included a laundry list of expensive items, including crystal napkin rings, a \$175 mustard jar and \$38,4000 worth of Torchon dinner place settings. Kardashian and Humphries will walk down the aisle this Halloween.

If you don't need household items, what wedding gifts should you ask for?

Cupid's Advice:

If you already have a mustard jar and are looking for unique wedding gifts that aren't household items, Cupid has some tips on what other kinds of presents you should ask for:

1. Honeymoon: Besides the reception, the honeymoon is probably

the most expensive part of getting married. Now, you can use a website to ask your guests to contribute to various activities, like the flight, hotel, or food. Try HoneymoonWishes.com or SendUsOff.com.

- 2. Charity: If you feel like you already have everything you need, why not use your wedding as an opportunity to give back? Have your guests make donations to a few of your favorite charities instead of buying gifts A la Prince William and Kate Middleton.
- **3. Renovations:** You may not need a fondue set, but you might need a new kitchen. If you want to make improvements to your home without accumulating even more stuff, ask each guest to contribute to a renovation with wallpaper, new counter tops, cabinets you name it!

What kind of unique gifts would you include in your registry? Share your comments below.

Natalie Portman and Benjamin Millepied Welcome A Son





Academy Award-

winning actress Natalie Portman and fiancé Benjamin Millepied have welcomed a baby boy to the world, reports <u>People</u>. Portman and Millepied met on the set of <u>Black Swan</u>, where Millepied was working as a choreographer. The pair confirmed their engagement and announced Portman's pregnancy in December.

How do you prepare for a son over a daughter?

Cupid's Advice:

Once you find out the gender of your baby, the real prep-work begins. Here are a few ways to prepare for a son:

- 1. Prepare the baby's room: When you find out the gender of your baby, prepare his room appropriately. Feel free to finally break away from a gender-neutral color scheme and migrate towards shades of blue, green, and brown. Seeing the completed room will take a large burden off of your shoulders.
- 2. Inform relatives: Keep your friends and family up-to-date.

Many of them, especially the ones planning the baby shower, will need (almost) as much time as you do to prepare.

3. Brainstorm: The gender of a baby is always unpredictable. If you were hoping for a daughter to play dress-up with, then you have some readjusting to do. Come up with other activities and buy toys that your son could enjoy.

Do you have experience in preparing for a baby boy? Feel free to share advice below!

Hugh Hefner and Crystal Harris Call Off Wedding





One of the most

anticipated weddings of the year has been called off! <u>People</u> reports that on Tuesday June 14th Hugh Hefner informed his 600,000+ Twitter followers that he would no longer be tying the knot with playmate Crystal Harris. He tweeted, "The wedding is off. Crystal has had a change of heart." Harris followed up with a statement on her website saying, "After much deep reflection and thought I have decided to end my engagement with Hef. I have the utmost respect for Hef and wish him the best going forward. I hope the media will give each of us the privacy we deserve during this time."

What are some ways to announce your broken engagement?

Cupids Advice:

Breakups are hard to begin with, but they become even more complicated when you have to tell your friends and family that your wedding is no longer happening. Here are a few ways to make the news easier to break:

- 1. Tell your closest friends and family members first: There's no way around this one; you have to tell the people closest to you first. This is not a bad thing. Your friends and family will be there for you to lean on while you go through such a hard time (and they can even help pass along the news).
- 2. Stop wearing your engagement ring: How are people supposed to know you're no longer engaged if you are still wearing the ring? Taking it off is the first step to moving on.
- 3. Change your relationship status: We all know too well that today, people get most information about their friends through Facebook. Bite the bullet and remove your 'engaged' status. This will let the world know you have broken it off without having to directly tell everyone.

Have you ever had to announce a broken engagement? Share your experiences with a comment below.

'The Bachelorette' Season 7, Episode 5 Preview: Bentley on Her Mind





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During last week's episode of *The Bachelorette*, Ashley Hebert did her best to move forward in beautiful Phuket, Thailand and leave Bentley in the past. We even saw her connections grow stronger with several guys, including Constantine, Ben F., J.P. and Ames. However, don't think Bentley's become a distant memory for Ashley just yet! As you'll see in next week's preview, our lady in distress confides in Chris Harrison about her nagging feelings for this season's villain. The always comforting and wise host says that due to her one-track mind, "This is not going work...this is not going to have a happy ending." Chris even asks Ashley what she wants to do, and we're left wondering if Bentley will show up in Chiang Mai, Thailand, where the gang finds themselves this week. Considering Bentley left things open-ended, we're guessing we'll see him again soon!

Tune into ABC on Monday, June 20 at 8PM Eastern/7PM Central to see if the single dad appears in Asia to continue his mind games with Ashley. While you're watching, send us your

questions about Bentley and anything else rose-related for our Bachelorette expert, Jesse Csincsak!

Denise Richards Says She Had a Beautiful Love Story With Charlie Sheen





Break ups are

never easy, especially when your ex is someone like Charlie Sheen. But Denise Richards wants us all to know her relationship wasn't completely bad. When discussing her marriage to the former *Two and a Half Men* star with *UsMagazine.com*, she says, "people have only gotten the rotten stuff. There was a beautiful love story between he and I and I know that it went the way it went, but I talk more about how I felt during that time because I feel like a lot of women can relate to that."

How do you keep your breakup in a positive light?

Cupid's Advice:

Maintianing a relationship with your ex is never easy. After all the pain that comes with a split, we often find ourselves bad mouthing one another and continuing to fight. Here are some helpful tips on how to stay positive about a breakup:

- 1. Take time: It's impossible to part from someone and instantly go back to being 'just friends' after a serious relationship. Take some time to get back to your old self before seeking a friendship with your ex. Blow off some steam with your close friends and get back into the swing of being single.
- 2. Don't talk about new relationships: Talking about your new love lives without your ex is uncomfortable. No good can come of it. Avoid the topic as much as possible.
- **3. Focus on the good:** The best way to keep your breakup positive is to remember all of the good times that the two of you had. You were happy once. Cherish those memories and keep them close to your heart, but realize the breakup was for the best, just as Denise Richards feels about the end of her marriage with Charlie Sheen.

What some ways you have mantained a friendly relationship with your ex? Share your comments below.

Fran Drescher Says Gay Ex-Husband Is Her Best Friend





Fran Drescher has

just announced that her gay ex-husband Peter Marc Jacobson is her best friend. After their 21 years of marriage ended, Jacobson admitted that he was gay. However, Drescher didn't find the news to be too surprising. She told <u>People</u>, "During our marriage he had told me he might be bisexual, but he wanted to stay married. By the time he told me, I had survived uterine cancer. Nothing could shake me." Over the years, the two were able to rebuild their relationship. "We're very tight. We're best friends," she said.

What are some ways to re-build a friendship after divorce?

Cupid's Advice:

Once your marriage ends, it might hurt to know that you've lost a great friendship. Although your romantic relationship didn't work out, it doesn't necessarily mean you can't be friends. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Casual conversations: Strike up some small talk once in a while with your ex. While conversing, let him or her know that your friendship means a lot, and that you don't want to completely write him or her off.
- **2. Hang out:** Go out for coffee or hang out in groups with mutual friends. Bringing some normality to the situation will help.
- **3. Closure:** The most important step to rebuilding a friendship after divorce is to talk about what led to your breakup in the first place and resolve your issues to a point where you're no longer bitter. As the old adage says, agree to disagree.

How did you rebuild a friendship after divorce? Share your experience below.

Nick Lachey Serenades Vanessa Minnillo to Apologize





The hardest part

about being in a relationship is knowing how to swallow your pride and make up. With his upcoming nuptials to Vanessa Minnillo, Nick Lachey told <u>Access Hollywood</u> his fool-proof strategy for apologizing to his future wifey when he messes up. For Lachey, this is an easy one. He gives her a taste of his velvety voice. "That's my trump card. Whenever I screw up and I need to get back to her good graces, I sing. So far it's worked," he said.

What are some creative ways to apologize to your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Saying the words "I'm sorry" can be even harder than saying "I love you" in some cases. Here are some sure-fire ways to make your apologies go smoothly:

1. Send your apology: When you make a big display of your amends, it shows thought and sincerity. For example, send a singing telegram. A small gift and a charming note can go a long way when you've messed up.

- 2. Show the world you're sorry: The internet is a powerful way to have your message heard today. Use it to your advantage by making an apology video and posting it on the web for everyone to see. This will let your partner know that you're aware of your mistake, and you want the world to know.
- 3. Cook: When your partner comes home, greet him or her with a nice meal set at a romantic table. Calmly state your apology without stirring up another fight. Admitting you were wrong and taking the extra time to do something special will surely ease the tension and get your relationship back on track.

What stratagies have you used when apologizing to your partner? Share your comments below.

Olivia Wilde Calls Her Dog Her Only Boyfriend





Man's best

friend, woman's cuddle buddy. Actress Olivia Wilde recently settled all of her dating speculation with one tweet made Friday, according to <u>People</u>. "Ok I know I'm not supposed to tweet sexy photos (damn you [Anthony] Wiener! [sic]). But here is my and my (only!) boyfriend in bed." Despite internet rumors that the <u>House M.D.</u> actress is dating Bradley Cooper and was dating Justin Timberlake in April, Wilde's only cuddle-buddy is her canine companion. "He is my only boyfriend," she said while laughing at the Chrysalis Butterfly Ball in Los Angeles. "He's the only one that I need."

What are the benefits of being single after a breakup?

Cupid's Advice:

- 1. Live for you: Focus on your career, get all of your priorities straight and catch up with old friends. Whatever you do, just make sure you make these decisions for yourself and not for other people.
- 2. Freedom: Remember being able to flirt without feeling

guilty in your relationship? Well, now you can begin to enjoy that again. Don't be afraid to turn the flirt up when you see someone cute.

3. Learn from the past: There's a theory that every event is a learning experience. Take the time to learn from your past and find out what needs to change when you're ready for another relationship.

What are some benefits to being single? Share your thoughts below.

LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian Indulge in Vegas





Newlyweds LeAnn

Rimes and Eddie Cibrian sure know how to party. The two traveled to Sin City and were spotted partying with Playboy founder Hugh Hefner, according to RadarOnline. The couple started their romantic evening with dinner at N9NE steak house at the Palms Casino. After sharing some red velvet cupcakes for desert, the two lovebirds headed to the Playboy Club where they sat at Hefner's table for a while. Looks like these two know how to make the most of a romantic getaway.

What are creative ways to indulge as a couple while on vacation?

Cupids Advice:

Vacations are always fun, but how can you indulge as a couple to have an unforgettable experience? Cupid has some suggestions:

1. Try a new activity: Make some new unforgettable memories by trying a new activity with your beau. Trying something you've

always wanted to do like sky diving or white water rafting is the perfect way to indulge on a vacation.

- 2. Go to a new place: Be the first of your friends to check out a new bar, restaurant or hotel while on vacation. You'll be able to say you've been somewhere that no one else has been, and it makes the trip more personal and memorable.
- **3. Splurge:** If you really want to indulge on vacation, why not do a little shopping or plan a nice day at the spa with your significant other? It'll be romantic and fun!

What couple-y things did you plan for your last vacation? Share your comment below.

What do you think are some creative ways to indulge as a couple on vacation? Share your thoughts below!

Pippa Middleton and Boyfriend Alex Loudon Said to Have Split





Looks like love

isn't in the air for Pippa Middleton, the younger sister of the new Duchess of Cambridge, Kate Middleton. According to People, Pippa and boyfriend Alex Loudon who accompanied her to the royal wedding, have called it quits. The *Sun* reports that it was Middleton's newfound celebrity that put a strain on the relationship, though the pair will remain "good friends".

How do you know when it's time to call it quits?

Cupid's Advice:

It's hard to know when a relationship has truly run its course and it's time to end it. Cupid has some tell-tale signs:

- 1. Seems like a chore: If you feel like seeing your significant other everyday is more of a chore than something you choose to do, that may be a sign that the spark and excitement no longer exists in your relationship, and you should start moving on.
- 2. You want to go out and meet new people: If you're having

the urge to go out, meet new people and imagine what things would be like with someone different, then it's most likely time to go with your gut and do just that.

3. You argue over everything: If you and your significant other seem to be getting into arguments over the tiniest things and it's a constant occurrence, maybe the two of you really aren't right for each other.

How did you know when it was time to call it quits? Share your stories below.

Dylan Lauren Marries Hedge Fund Manager Paul Arrouet





Dylan's Candy Bar

Paul Arrouet on Saturday, reports <u>People</u>. Lauren, daughter of designer Ralph Lauren, stunned guests in a custom-made dress. The wedding took place at the Lauren's estate in Bedford, N.Y. "The evening was certainly an affair to remember," said a source. "Every detail embodied the couple from the design of place cards to the place settings to the music and, of course, to the dessert bar. It was a truly special evening. The couple couldn't be more in love with one another."

What wedding design details can embody your personality as a couple?

Cupid's Advice:

All couples want a unique wedding. However, a lot of the 'unique' ideas have already been done. Here are a few details that you can make 100% your own:

1. Color scheme: Pick a color scheme that reminds you and your partner of a romantic moment you once had together. Though

the colors you pick may be generic, the memories behind them will not be.

- 2. Location: For a wedding venue that is really out-of-the-box, try thinking back to your childhood. You might recall a secluded park or a spot in the woods that particularly entranced you and would serve as the perfect location.
- **3. Food:** Sit down with your partner and list your favorite foods. Don't be afraid to have fun with the menu and pick a variety of foods. The eccentricity displayed by your choices will charm your guests.

Did your wedding have a particular detail that was 100% you? Please leave a comment below!

RHONJ's Teresa Giudice Debunks Divorce Rumors





The Kardashian's

aren't the only one's who've been hit hard with rumors this month, as Teresa Giudice of *Real Housewives of New Jersey* also found herself on the gossip train yesterday. The author confronted the media about her marriage with Joe in a statement to <u>Celebuzz</u>. Here's what the reality star said:

"Joe and I are not getting a divorce. We aren't separated; never have been. We are happily married. I love him as much as the day we got married. My kids are wonderful. Yes, Gia cried in school one day, but everyone's been really sweet to her since then and she's tough, like her mom. I'm so blessed to have my beautiful family!

"Even Perez Hilton wrote about me being nice to a person on Twitter who was making fun of me, wondering if did it on purpose of if I'm just stupid. Sorry, Perez, I knew they were making fun of me (I read people's Twitter streams before I respond to them so I know where they're coming from. And that person makes fun of everyone!) And I was still nice. That's how I am. I just think you can catch more flies with honey... I

have never once in over 6,000 tweets engaged with a hater on Twitter (or Facebook). I know my other cast mates get into online wars with people, but I just don't. Never have. Never will. You have the right to your opinion, and I have the right to hit the delete button and not read it. Done, done, done."

On a positive note, Giudice has a reason to celebrate, as *Fabulicious* recently made it on the New York Times bestseller list. For more, including her response regarding her brother's actions on Monday night's episode, check out Celebuzz.

How do you handle public conflicts with your partner? Share your thoughts with us below!

Lily Allen Is Married and Pregnant





Lily Allen has a

lot of reasons to be happy. Last weekend she married boyfriend Sam Cooper and announced she's pregnant, reports <u>People</u>. The 26-year-old singer walked down the aisle at St. James the Great Church in Gloucestershire, England, wearing a gown by French designer Delphine Manivet. The designer said the dress was made especially for Allen. "For me, and for her too, when you're pregnant you want to show that, but also be respectful, so the dress was perfect for her for that moment."

How do you make your wedding pregnant-friendly?

Cupid's Advice:

If you're pregnant and getting married, some of the details of your wedding might have to be changed. Cupid has some tips on how to adjust your wedding when you're expecting:

- 1. The dress: Your wedding gown may have to be altered depending on how far along you are.
- 2. The drinks: During the reception, when others are drinking,

try having some orange juice or soda instead.

3. The party: Make sure not to over-exert yourself when you're pregnant. If you need a break or want to leave the party early, people will understand.

Any other tips on how to adjust a wedding for a pregnant bride? Share your comments below.

Celebrity Interview: Past 'Bachelorette' Winner Jesse Csincsak Shares His Opinions on Thailand Dates





Last night on *The*

Bachelorette, Ashley Hebert put her best foot forward to move past the heartbreak of losing Bentley Williams and traveled to Thailand with the guys. Her relationships and love with Constantine Tzortzis, J.P. Rosenbaum, and Ben Flajnik seemed to be on the fast-track. And while the men questioned Ryan Park's genuineness, Hebert and the boys said goodbye to West. Here's what resident Bachelorette expert Jesse Csincsak's had to say in our celebrity interview:

Celebrity Interview with *The Bachelorette's* Jesse Csincsak

It's apparent the guys are aware of Bentley's departure and its effect on Ashley. From your experience, is it really that obvious to the other contestants when the bachelor or bachelorette has a special spark with someone in the house?

It's super obvious, and that's what makes certain dudes mad. You have to go in there and tell yourself that you're the only

one, or it will drive you insane.

The gang moved from Los Angeles to Thailand in the hopes of giving Hebert a fresh start. Did you find changing locations to be helpful in terms keeping relationships fresh?

Traveling with the show is fun, but it's very draining at the same time. You feel like you're doing a lot for this one girl, so if you don't get a lot of time with her, it makes it hard to want to continue on the journey.

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Tzortzis impressed us with his easygoing nature, but it seemed like Hebert is concerned that there are only "friendly vibes" between them. Do you see a future love connection for this duo?

I think that Constantine is a cool guy, but I'm not sure they'll last. The guys that will end up friends will come out hard in the weeks to come. Only time will tell! The guys that don't answer Ashley's questions will get sent home.

This week, Brown shined and captured our bachelorette's attention, and she said he's "different" from the others. Is it a good thing that Hebert has separated him from the rest of the pack?

I think Ames will go very far (like final four), and I think he's an awesome guy, but in the end, he will get his heart broken. They're too different. She's a small-town girl, and he's a rich kid who is well-educated and has traveled the world many times.

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What was your reaction when Julian confronted Park? Is the criticism of Park by the other men fair?

I liked that Blake called out Ryan. It shows that he's real and not afraid to say what's on his mind. I like guys like that. I think that when the guys call someone out on something, that's usually the truth. There isn't a lot of man drama that's not for real. Ryan's drama will get him sent home eventually.

We saw Chris Harrison "bend the rules" during this week's rose ceremony. What do you think about these occasional changes to the process along the way?

Everything done on the show is all about ratings. Ratings equal money, so anything they can do to make it different or interesting (like Bentley or adding a rose) will definitely be done.

With Williams gone, Hebert has had to give another look and consideration to the remaining bachelors. If you had to guess, who has the number one spot in Ashley's heart right now?

I think J.P. and Ames are going to go far!

It looks like Williams may be back on the scene soon. Do you think Hebert will finally see his true colors?

This actually goes all the way back to casting. When the show is cast, they pick people that will clash in a group situation. It has nothing to do with Ashley — it's all about good TV (come on, it's fun to watch!). The producers know this, and that's why they cast these characters. With that being said, Bentley is fun to watch, and I promise we haven't seen the last of this villain just yet.

Hungry for more insider scoop from Jesse? Tune into this week's installment of <u>The Bachelorette Beatdown</u>, hosted by Jesse himself. Each week, Jesse is joined by ex-show alums, including Natalie Getz, Jesse Kovacs, Wes Hayden and David Good. Special guest appearances (like Trista Sutter and Kiptyn Locke) are always a part of the show. You don't want to

Are Jersey Shore's Sammi and Ronnie Back Together?





This "situation"

just got more interesting. Jersey Shore's Sammi Sweetheart and Ronni Ortiz-Magro were caught sharing a PDA performance in Italy, according to RadarOnline. The on-again-off-again duo ended things at the end of season three in an over-dramatic style, but the romance is appearing to bud again while in Europe. The cast is heading back over to Jersey to finish

filming the fourth installment of *Jersey Shore*, confirmed a source from MTV, which is set to premiere August 4.

What are some reasons to reconcile with your ex-partner?

Cupid's Advice:

It's hard to come back together after a fight, but Cupid has some ways to help you work things out:

- 1. Closure: You don't have to necessarily get back together with your ex, but just talking things out and moving past it is a good enough reason to make up.
- 2. Seek forgiveness: You may have guilt built up from when your relationship ended. Apologizing for whatever happened can help you move on and possibly rekindle a friendship.
- **3. Still got feelings:** Perhaps you want to try things again with your ex, and letting go of any previous arguments builds a solid foundation for your comeback.

Would you ever get back together with a former lover? Tell Cupid about it below.

'The Bachelorette' Season 7, Episode 4 Recap: A Fresh Start in Thailand





By Jennifer

Harrington

Ashley Hebert was devastated last week, after Bentley's departure and William's cutting remarks during the "roast" group date. After having a few days off to mend her broken heart, our bachelorette was back in action and ready for a "fresh start" — in Phuket, Thailand! Here's how the guys fared this week on ABC's *The Bachelorette*:

As usual, there were two one-on-one dates and a group date. The first one-on-one went to Constantine, and the duo's plan to enjoy a romantic boat ride was cast aside because of rain. Undeterred by the sudden change of plans, the Atlanta native was easygoing as they spent the day chatting and exploring the city together. At dinner, Ashley said she has "definite chemistry" with the restaurant owner and was blown away by his "realness." After declaring that she "loved today," this contestant received a rose.

The next day, our bubbly leading lady and 10 of the guys fixed

up an orphanage that was home to children affected by recent tsunamis in the area. The men got into the project, especially Ben F., who stood out from the pack by painting a mural for the kids (despite his admission that he is not artistic!). After a full day of giving back it was off to a celebration party, where the winemaker continued to impress Ashley with a "really, really good kiss" — and it was no surprise when he was rewarded with the group date rose! However, the heat really intensified when she chatted under an umbrella in the rain with J.P. Talking turned into smooching and Ashley said, "Kissing J.P. is magical...J.P. is one sexy man!"

The final date went to Ames, who the bachelorette noticed has a hard time letting loose during group settings. On their kayaking excursion through sea caves, Ashley was delighted to learn that this New York-suitor is spontaneous and witty. After noting that he's traveled to 70 countries and has lots of "depth," Ashley said he's "different" from the other guys in the house. Although this date went sans-kiss, Ames returned to the villa with a rose.

At the cocktail party, the bachelorette asked "serious questions" — if West thought she could fill the "big shoes" left by his deceased wife, why Lucas fell out of love with his ex-wife, and even about Ryan's growing rift with the other contestants in the house. After Ashley was confident with their answers, she spoke with Chris Harrison about her lingering Bentley thoughts and asked if she could add an extra rose — meaning only one guy would go home instead of two. Her wish was granted, and everyone received a rose but West. Though he was one of our early favorites, it didn't seem like he much spark with the bachelorette, and Ashley wasn't sure if he was truly ready to move on.

Be sure to return later today to read Bachelorette expert Jesse Csincsak's take on the action in Thailand! We'll be back Friday to preview next week's episode, where it appears Bentley's back to stir up trouble. Until then, let us know: What do you think about Blake's decision to confront Ryan during the cocktail party? Do you think Ryan is genuine or another potential heartbreaker?

Bachelor Pad 2: Breakups, Makeups and Crazy People





By Kari Arneson

Hang on to your roses! The new season of *Bachelor Pad* is starting up this summer and we have all the juicy details and predictions for a season that's sure to be full of feuds,

flirtations and lots of fun. Here's what you need to know before *Bachelor Pad 2* premieres on August 8:

Jake and Vienna together again! Jake Pavelka and Vienna Girardi, who got engaged at the end of *The Bachelor* season 14, broke up shortly afterwards — and it wasn't pretty. These two had a very public falling out, including a hard-to-watch interview on *The Bachelorette* season 6 that included plenty of crying, yelling and finger-pointing. Expect a lot more bickering and bawling as both bitter exes are confirmed to appear on *Bachelor Pad 2*. Add Kasey Kahl, Vienna's new boyfriend and the famous "tattoo guy" from Ali Fedotowsky's Bachelorette season, to make things even more awkward (if possible).

Couple alert? Holly Durst and Michael Stagliano are also confirmed to be on the show, although it remains to be seen whether or not they will appear as a couple. Durst, from Matt Grant's season of *The Bachelor*, and Stagliano, from Jillian Harris' season of *The Bachelorette*, were once engaged and planning a double wedding with DeAnna Pappas and Stephen Stagliano. However, the couple broke up, then got back together, then broke up, then...who knows. The twosome's uncertain relationship status is yet another reason to tune in.

Dun dun dun... Some famous villains/crazy people from past seasons are back to cause more trouble. Justin "Rated R" Rego and Michelle Money can be counted on among the eccentrics. Justin tried to woo Ali Fedotowsky while promoting his professional wrestling career while Michelle earned the ire of the ladies on Brad's season just by being her odd self. Jackie Gordon, one of Michelle's biggest critics, will also compete on *Bachelor Pad 2*, so watch out for some more catfights!

Other contestants include Graham Bunn, Kirk DeWindt and Tanner

Pope on the men's side and Gia Allemand, Ashleigh Hunt, Ella Nolan, Erica Rose, Melissa Schreiber and Alli Travis on the women's side. However, EW.com reports there will be not one, not two, but **three** mystery men from Ashley Hebert's season of *The Bachelorette*, so don't be surprised if super villain Bentley or Jeff "The Mask" show up to stir the pot.

Tune in to *Bachelor Pad 2* when it premieres on August 8 on ABC. And stay right here for all the latest on *The Bachelorette* and *Bachelor Pad 2*!

Whitney Port and Ben Nemtin Split





Another Hollywood

romance goes down in history! It's been officially confirmed that Whitney Port has spilt from *Buried Life* star, Ben Nemtin. According to *UsMagazine.com*, the 26-year-old reality star and designer made the announcement quietly in NYC on Saturday. When reporters asked about former flame, Ben Nemtin, *The City* star simply pronounced, "I don't have a boyfriend." In spite of the split, Port was all smiles and seems to be enjoying focusing on herself and her career.

What are some quiet ways to announce your breakup to friends and family?

Cupid's Advice:

It is always acceptable to be private about your breakups. Here are some great ways to do so:

1. Wait to be asked: One quiet way to announce a breakup is not to make a point to do it. However, if someone were to ask about your previous other half, it's time to spill the beans.

- 2. Change your relationship status on Facebook: It's not appropriate to announce a breakup through a Facebook status update or a tweet. That said, changing your relationship status is not only something you would automatically do anyway after a breakup, but it's also a smart way to announce that you're single.
- **3. Tell only a few close friends:** Announcing that your relationship has ended doesn't have to be a huge announcement. If you tell only a few people, everyone is bound to find out eventually.

What do you think is the best way to announce a breakup? Share your thoughts below.

Bethenny Frankel Is Scheduling Baby Making Time





Mother of one,

entrepreneur and reality TV star Bethenny Frankel wants to add even more to her plate: baby number two. The former *Real Housewives* star said she's so busy that she and her husband actually have to schedule time to make a baby. "We want to have another child, but we're going to have to start trying," Frankel told <u>RadarOnline</u>. "We talk about having two children, definitely. But I'm 40, like, we need to get on the bandwagon."

How do you prepare to have a child?

Cupid's Advice:

Nothing can fully prepare you for parenthood until the baby actually comes, but Cupid has some tips on how to make the transition easier:

1. Read books: There are lots of great resources out there, like What To Expect When You're Expecting. Do some research before your bundle of joy arrives.

- 2. Ask for advice: Talk to friends and family who have children to see what their biggest surprises were when their first child was born.
- **3. Babysit:** If you have any young nieces, nephews or cousins that you can spend time with, becoming comfortable with them will help make you more used to having a little one around.

What did you do to get ready for your first child? Share your comments below.

Why Jennifer Aniston Took Relationship With Justin Theroux Public





Far from the

secretive approach she took before, Jennifer Aniston is now dealing with the paparazzi in a whole new way making it no secret that things are heating up between her and Justin Theroux. In an effort not to frustrate her new man, the Friends star is being more relaxed about the two being spotted by the press. According to UsMagazine.com, the couple were seen dining on June 2 at The Tower Bar in Los Angeles. After their three-hour date, they left in the same car. The last time Aniston and Theroux ate there together, her assistant drove her boyfriend to the restaurant in spite of the fact that they both came from Aniston's house.

What are some reasons to go public with your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Hiding a relationship can be more time consuming than actually having one. Though it may seem like a big deal at the time, there are very few good reasons to keep your relationship under wraps. Cupid has some reasons to go public:

- 1. You want to share your happiness: When you're happy, you want to share it with others. It's hard enough to keep something negative a secret, so imagine trying to hide something positive.
- 2. You have run out of excuses: When you're in love with someone, you're going to want to be with them all of the time. Therefore, you're bound to run out of excuses for why you're always together.
- **3. You are tired of lying:** Lying and sneaking about take a lot more effort than the repercussions of having everything out in the open. Taking your relationship public can be a huge load off of your back.

Have you ever been in a secret relationship? Spill your story below.

Ryan Seacrest and Julianne Hough Make Emergency Trip to the Vet





Julianne Hough

and boyfriend Ryan Seacrest bonded this weekend over an unfortunate event, according to <u>People</u>. The couple made an emergency trip to the veterinarian's office with Hough's Cavalier King Charles spaniel, Lexi. While the actress/singer didn't specify what was wrong with her beloved pooch, she tweeted, "First time I legitimately [bawled] my eyes out in years... Being a helpless parent is the worst thing in the world!" Luckily, Hough later reassured her fans that Lexi was doing okay. Good thing Seacrest was there to support her!

How can owning a pet together enhance your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Sharing the unconditional love you receive from a pet with your significant other can make it even more special. Cupid has some ideas on why it's so great to own a furry friend with your mate:

1. Take care: Pets can often be like our children, and caring for a furry (or scaly or feathery) friend can help bring you

closer together.

- 2. Share the burden: When you experience a difficult situation with your pet, like Julianne Hough and Ryan Seacrest's emergency visit to the vet, it's easier when you and your partner can go through it together.
- 3. Love better: More than anything, animals teach us how to love unconditionally. You and your significant other can use lessons learned from your pet to strengthen your own relationship.

How has owning a pet made your life better? Share your comments below.