

Sandra Bullock Says She's a 'Better Person' After Baby Louis



Academy Award winner Sandra Bullock dazzled in red this past Sunday at the 2011 Oscars. Bullock received her 2010 Best Actress Oscar (for *Blind Side*) only to find herself filing for divorce from now ex-husband Jesse James just weeks later. So what was on Bullock's mind this past Sunday when she was being questioned on the red carpet? According to UsMagazine.com, it's on her new main man, baby Louis. Bullock adopted in secret in January of 2010 finally making it public later that spring. The actress, who has returned to making movies again after a year and a half sabbatical gushed about her new life. "It's made me a better person. I'm more patient

and accommodating. I really appreciate where I am.”

Does having a child change your relationship with your partner?

Cupid’s Advice:

Bringing a child into the mix will guarantee one thing in your relationship, and that’s a major change. Whether that change is for the better or the worse is up to you:

1. Communicate better: With a baby in tow, both of you will be sleepless and irritable. Make sure not to take your lack of sleep out on each other, even if you have to come out right and say it. Sometimes just acknowledging that you’re tired and easily annoyed can make all the difference.

2. Create a new routine: Long gone are the days of Friday night dates and lazy Sundays. In their place, you can create new routines and patterns. Suddenly, minor things like brewing coffee for your love in the morning will be just the loving touch he needs.

3. Bringing out the best: Now, it’s not just you that you’re looking out for, but a whole new person. Now is the time when you and your partner really have to have those hard discussions about morals and values, and which ones you’ll be teaching. And if you two can’t agree to disagree on some, then there’s a long road ahead of you.

Jon and Kate Gosselin Are Not

Back Together



Reality stars Jon and Kate Gosselin are not getting back together, reports [People](#). The pair have been the at the center of tabloid gossip recently, and though rumors suggest the two are back together, sources close to the former couple disagree. “There is absolutely no chance of a reconciliation. They remain civil for the sake of the kids, but that’s it,” said a source close to Kate Gosselin. “It’s frustrating for Kate that people keep making up stories. They have both moved on. Obviously he is the father of her children and that won’t change, but she is feeling very happy about her decisions and situation”

Should you get back together with the father of your children?

Cupid’s Advice:

Though separating from the father of your children can be extremely complicated, it's important to overlook the negatives and focus only on what's best for your relationship. Here are a few things to consider:

1. The reasons behind the breakup: Think back and try to remember the reasons for your split. If you feel you and your ex can work out the issues, then consider getting back together.

3. Your happiness: Make sure that you're happy in your relationship. Though seeing your family together may be important to you, it's also important to realize that a good relationship is the focal point of any happy family.

3. Your children: Though being a cohesive family unit would be nice, it's more important to focus on your children than it is to worry about your broken relationship. Be certain you're sure about your decision to get back together with your ex before you do it.

Is Taylor Swift Dating 'Glee' Star Chord Overstreet?





It looks like Taylor Swift has moved on from Jake Gyllenhaal. According to UsMagazine.com, the country singer was spotted at Thursday's L.A. Kings game with *Glee*'s Chord Overstreet. An Overstreet source said he called Swift up Wednesday to talk about writing a song together and following the game, the duo went out for food. "He will definitely pursue this," Overstreet's friend said. This isn't Swift's first date with a cast member of *Glee*; she was previously with Cory Monteith, who plays Overstreet's romantic rival.

Do sporting events make a first good date?

Cupid's Pulse:

The first date is said to set the tone for the relationship. Here are some things to consider about a sports-related first date:

1. The person: If your date has an interest in sports, then tickets to a game or team they enjoy is a good bet. However, if they don't care for sports, then you may have a tough time winning a solid first impression.

2. The event: If you have two tickets to a suite during the next Super Bowl or World Series, then no matter what your partner's interests are, you should be in for a winning date.

3. The outcome: Let's be honest. If your team wins, then it helps the overall morale of the date. A loss on the field doesn't necessarily mean you've lost the night, but it can be more difficult to come back afterward.

Natalie Portman's Co-Star Says She Will Be 'Best Mom in the World'





Academy Award winner Natalie Portman is admired by many for her phenomenal acting in *Black Swan*, but her friend and co-star, Greta Gerwig, who co-starred with Portman in *No Strings Attached*, is praising her for another reason. "I think if everything else she does in her life is an indication of what a great mom she'll make, she's going to be the best mom in the world," Gerwig told [People](#) Saturday at the Film Independent's Spirit Awards. "She's a lovely girl to pal around with. It's been really great to know her." Gerwig was nominated for Best Actress at the Independent Spirit Awards against Portman, and although she knew her odds of winning were slim, she was thrilled with her nomination.

How do you know if your partner will make a good parent?

Cupid's Advice:

Are you wondering if your significant other will be a good parent? There are many qualities for which to look:

1. Patience: Patience is the first characteristic necessary to being a good parent. You need to have the ability to tolerate

daily circumstances that occur when raising your child.

2. Responsibility: Being a good parent means being responsible and putting the needs of your child above your own.

3. Reliable: If you can rely on your partner, then you can be sure to count on him or her when your child needs one of you.

Jessica Simpson Says She Could Get Married in Sweats Right Now



Although it seems that Jessica Simpson has been more

consistent with her gym regimen in anticipation of her wedding to Eric Johnson, Simpson denies the allegations, according to UsMagazine.com. “Yes, I am working out, but why is that worth any sorta press? I always take care of myself,” Simpson wrote on her Twitter page Thursday, adding, “Eric and I could get married right now in sweats!”

Why is your wedding day so important?

Cupid's Advice:

There are a handful of defining moments in your life, and your wedding is definitely one of them. Cupid has some reasons why your wedding day is so important:

- 1. You've been dreaming about it your whole life:** Your dreams of a perfect man/woman and your big day are two things you imagine all your life, and the day it all comes true makes it one of the most memorable days of your life.
- 2. Sharing your love:** Your wedding is the day you get to celebrate your love with not only your significant other, but with everyone else important in your life.
- 3. Beginning of your new life:** The day you get married is the day your new life with your now husband/wife begins.

Demi Lovato Reunites with Ex-Boyfriend Wilmer Valderrama Post-Rehab



Following her release from rehab, Demi Lovato has relapsed on an old relationship. The 18-year-old Disney star was caught with her ex-boyfriend Wilmer Valderrama, according to UsMagazine.com. The couple has supposedly been dating since Lovato's split from Joe Jonas. Lovato checked into rehab back in November after pulling out of the *Camp Rock 2* Tour with the Jonas Brothers to "seek medical treatment for emotional and physical issues." Reports say she has had past issues with weight management and self-mutilation.

Should you get back together with your ex?

Cupid's Advice:

Most of the time, it's a bad idea to get back together with your ex. After all, you broke up for a reason and chances are that those things will end resurfacing in time. Cupid has a few things to consider:

1. Look for the spark: When getting back together with an ex, it's common for things to quickly return to how they were after the "honeymoon period." If you want things to be different, then the spark should carry past the good times. It should be there even on bad days.

2. A new beginning: This is a fresh start, so try to learn from past mistakes.

3. Be cautious: If things are going back to how they used to be, don't be afraid to call your lover out on it. The key is communication, so say something if you're not happy.

Kelsey Grammer and Kayte Walsh Have Emotional Wedding Ceremony





They say rain on your wedding day is an omen of good luck. According to [People](#), Kelsey Grammer finally tied the knot with Kayte Walsh on Friday during a rainstorm in New York City inside the Longacre Theater. The theater in which the ceremony took place was decorated with props from *La Cage aux Folles* along with pink and red bouquets of flowers. The couple added personal touches to their emotional ceremony with a performance by Kelsey Grammer's Broadway co-star, Terry Lavell, and Kayte Walsh's brother Stewart singing "Feels Like Home" by Randy Newman. But, the most unique part of the ceremony was when the wedding guests read poems that the bride and groom had written for each other.

How can you personalize your wedding ceremony?

Cupid's Advice:

The most memorable wedding ceremonies always have a personal touch. Cupid has some simple ways to make your wedding ceremony unique:

1. Write your own vows: Writing your own vows is the surest

way to personalize your wedding ceremony and let your partner know exactly how you feel in front of your nearest and dearest.

2. Add a theme: Though theme weddings can be corny, when they are done right they can add a very unique personal touch to your wedding festivities.

3. Color: If you don't want to go as daring as diverting from the traditional white wedding gown, you can always use two or three signature colors to be used throughout your wedding.

'The Bachelor' Season 15, Episode 9: A South Africa Safari Ride





By Krissy Dolor

After last week's intense hometown dates, Brad Womack and the final three bachelorettes (Chantal O., Emily and Ashley H.) find themselves in South Africa, a first in the show's history. The producers of ABC's *The Bachelor* chose Sabi Sands, a gorgeous reserve, to set the perfect backdrop for this week's episode. Let's take a look back at what happened last night:

Brad's first date was a safari ride with Chantal, complete with a safari hat (see above). The day's highlight (besides seeing the lions, wildebeests and hippos, oh my!), was watching Brad and Chantal analyze each species they passed, including the giraffe, which, according to Chantal, is "gorgeous, in a weird way." At their picnic, Brad asked, "Who does this?" What, go on safari rides through the African bush? Well, Brad, you do – and we are all immensely jealous of your life.

While everyone knows that Brad and Chantal are the most open with each other, Chantal said she wanted to prove how much

she's in love with him, even though she makes her feelings clear every week. Perhaps a trip to the fantasy suite will do the trick! The two pushed aside their dinner and hurried to their room – which was actually an open air tree house. Chantal compared the fantasy suite to being in Vegas: "What happens in the fantasy suite, stays in the fantasy suite." Well, then. We'll just have to use our imaginations.

Date number two was with Emily, who rushed over to Brad (and he to her) like they haven't seen each other in years. "I've been counting the seconds," Brad said dramatically. But oops – he forgot something. What could it be? If you guessed an elephant, you'd be correct, as Brad returned to Emily on top of one. For the next five minutes, we got to hear Emily's two catch phrases: "Oh my goodness gracious," and "Oh, dear Lord." I mean, *really* – is she not the cutest thing? "This is like *The Lion King*, but better," she said. We agree. At lunch, Emily asked Brad if he was ready for a five-year-old. He said he is, and added that he loves that she is a packaged deal. This leads to a classic Brad-Emily kiss, fully backed by the ridiculous, sweeping love music ABC chooses to play each time they make out.

At dinner, Brad was a nervous wreck, as Emily always turns him into a stuttering ball of mush. What was interesting about this date was that Emily told the cameras beforehand that she is in love with Brad, but was scared to tell him. "I have only said I love you to one person in my life," she said. Though Emily accepted the fantasy suite card with a bit of hesitation, she opened up inside their suite and told him her feelings, which stunned Brad – in a good way, of course.

But someone's date had to go badly, and this week, it was Ashley's. The Madawaska, Maine native, after seeing the helicopter for her date, ran away screaming. She came back, of course, but it set the tone for the rest of their day. During their picnic, Brad asked Ashley where she wanted to live after she was done with school, and she said she'd want

to move to southern Maine to be closer with her sister. While it seemed like an innocent enough question, we all know Brad is looking for someone who wants to share a future with him. Later at dinner, he told Ashley that in their conversations they have never meshed their futures together – which concerned Brad. “Not once did you mention Austin,” he said.

Ashley immediately put up her defenses, and said, “I feel like you’re just looking for a wife.” Insert collective gasp here. “I’m not looking for a perfect person,” he said. “I’m just looking for a situation perfect for two people.” Silence followed, as Brad did his awkward eye dart thing, while Ashley’s eyes teared and she picked at her food. Hoping to salvage what was left of the night, Brad offered her the fantasy suite card, which she accepted. “I just want my Ashley back,” he told the camera. “The one I fell for.”

Regardless, whatever happened that night wasn’t enough, as Brad went into his heart-to-heart with Chris Harrison knowing he was going to say goodbye to Ashley. In fact, Brad decided to pull her away before the rose ceremony began so he could tell her how he felt. “I don’t know how we have such bad miscommunication,” he said. But Ashley, who sensed what was coming, had already given up. “I feel like we could have had something so good,” she told him. “There’s really nothing I can do now.” And with that, Brad said goodbye.

While Brad expected more of a reaction, Ashley (again) put up her defenses: “I’m not going to beg you to change your mind.” In the car, she told the camera, “I wish I could have smiled and been myself...but when you have a heavy heart it’s hard to find the strength.” Though Brad knew he made the right decision, he said, “I always thought Ashley would meet my family; I always thought she would be one of the last two standing.” Personally, I don’t think Ashley stood a chance. Her guard was up too high throughout the season and they always seemed to be “taking steps back,” and “trying to reconnect,” with each other. Spark simply wasn’t enough to

keep these two together.

And then there were two. Brad told Emily and Chantal that he said goodbye to Ashley, but insisted that the rose ceremony take place, as he is first and foremost a gentleman and wanted their permission to continue on to the last week. Afterward, the women find out that yes, they will meet Brad's family – but they are staying in South Africa and going to Cape Town! Looking forward to another week where America's audiences at home can continue to be jealous.

Do you guys think Brad made the right decision? Let's chat in the comments below.

Have Rihanna and Ryan Phillippe Been Hooking Up?





Who's the hot new couple in Hollywood? Apparently Ryan Phillipe and Rihanna have been hooking up and are keeping it on the down-low. According to UsMagazine.com, the pair started getting together when their previous relationships were coming to a close. A source close to Rihanna says, "They initially hooked up when things were strained with [Rihanna's ex] Matt Kemp back in early December. As for Phillipe, "his three-month, nonexclusive romance with Amanda Seyfried had recently fizzled."

What are some ways to "play it cool" around a crush? Cupid's Advice:

- 1. Don't seem too available:** If your crush notices you dropping all your plans the second he or she asks you to, you'll start to appear eager and desperate.
- 2. Don't give them too much attention:** When you're out with a group of people, try your best to talk to each person an equal amount. If your crush starts to notice you're giving him a lot of extra attention, it might be a red flag.
- 3. Don't make the first move:** If you want your crush to attend

a group event, let him or her know your plans in a casual manner and say, "Feel free to tag along." The key is to make sure they know you like them, but aren't too obsessive.

Vanessa Minnillo Is Cool With Nick Lachey Hosting Vegas Swimsuit Party



Letting your partner go to Sin City without you is one thing, but letting him go with a bunch of supermodels seems a bit risky. Apparently Vanessa Minnillo doesn't think so! Minnillo recently let future hubby Nick Lachey go to Las

Vegas alone Thursday to host a Sports Illustrated swim party while she stayed behind for auditions. Talk about a cool fiancée. Even though Vanessa wasn't on Vanity nightclub's list that night, she was on Lachey's mind. "She looks as good if not better than any of the models you see behind me in a swimsuit," he told [E! Online](#). And as far as the wedding plans go, Lachey assures us that they're "getting there slowly but surely...we're inching our way along."

Is it OK for your partner to go on a wild trip without you?

Cupid's Advice:

Knowing whether or not you should trust your partner to go on a trip without you is a big decision. If you're not sure, Cupid has some things to consider:

1. How long: There's a big difference between going away for a weekend and going away for weeks. A lot can happen if you're away from your special someone for an extended period of time.

If your partner plans on packing all the clothes in his or her closet, maybe you should tag along on the trip.

2. Who is going: It's not always about how much you trust your partner as much as it's about how much you trust their friends. If your beau still hangs out with his crazy single friends, make sure to remind him that he's not a bachelor anymore before he leaves.

3. Reason to worry: Ask yourself why you're worried in the first place. It's normal to be a little uneasy, but don't let the jitters get the best of you. If your partner has broken your trust and given you a reason to worry before, there's nothing wrong with insisting to go with them.

Penélope Cruz and Javier Bardem Find Time for Romantic Dinner



Vicky Christina Barcelona stars and now-spouses Penélope Cruz and Javier Bardem found themselves with some free time last week, reports [People](#). The couple, who just had their first child together, were able to get away for a romantic dinner in London at Gordon Ramsay. Onlookers say the two couldn't keep their hands off of each other and that they were looking very cozy.

How do you find time for romance when you have a baby?

Cupid's Advice:

It's easy to focus all of your attention on your new bundle of joy, but in order to main both your sanity and your relationship, make sure to take some time out to focus on romance:

1. Schedule it: It may not be the most romantic idea, but if you don't schedule some alone time, no one will. So make dinner reservations for two, and get a babysitter.

2. Find a pattern: Does your baby's nap time always seem to fall around the same time as when your partner gets home? Take advantage of it, and cuddle together in the rare silence. Just make sure there's a baby monitor nearby in case both of you fall asleep.

3. Create inside jokes: Nobody will be spending more time around your newborn than you and your spouse. To create a connection during a less than private time, mention something that only your honey will understand. The inside information will bring a smile to his face.

Jesse James to Pen Memoir About Sandra Bullock and Kat Von D





Jesse James has been part of quite a lot of controversy in Hollywood over the past year. Sandra Bullock's ex was the center of a cheating scandal, and then shocked us once again with a surprise engagement to tattoo artist Kat Von D. Now, James has signed a book deal with Simon & Schuster's Gallery Books, reports [E! Online](#). The book will include details about James' marriage to Sandra Bullock, and will also contain information on James' engagement to Kat Von D. There is no set release date as of yet, but Simon & Schuster's Gallery Books appears to be looking at a release date later this year.

How should you deal with a vengeful ex?

Cupid's Advice:

It's hard to put a relationship behind you when its issues are still frequently coming up. Though you may have coped with the breakup, your ex may still be hurting. Here are a few ways to deal with a vengeful ex:

- 1. Try to smooth over hurt feelings:** Vengeful feelings can spring from a tough breakup. Though it may be awkward, talking

to your ex and smoothing over hurt feelings may be the best way for you and your ex to put the past behind you.

2. Ask him to stop: If negotiating with your ex is out of the question, you can always ask him to stop his hurtful behavior. This approach must be done tactfully, but if you appeal to his better nature and make him see that his actions are helping no one, he may be inclined to stop.

3. Ignore him: If your ex is resisting all negotiation, ignore his antics. He's probably only trying to hurt you with his behavior, and will stop when he sees his efforts are useless.

Mary-Kate Olsen Starts Dating a Shoe Designer





Mary-Kate Olsen is in a new relationship with shoe designer Seth Campbell, according to [UsMagazine.com](https://www.usmagazine.com). The two have been spotted at multiple New York City hotspots including celebrating a mutual friend's birthday together at NYC's Lavo.

"They've been able to have a few dates on the down low. He's a downtown kind of guy, likes to party every now and then," said a source close to the couple.

How soon should you debut your relationship to your friends?

Cupid's Advice:

It's possible to introduce someone you just started seeing to your friends too quickly. Here are some points in a relationship when you should consider having your partner meet your friends.

1. When you're exclusive: Once you're completely committed to one another, it's time for your partner to meet your friends if they haven't already.

2. When you're on a group vacation: Going away together, even in a group, is a big commitment. Take the time to introduce

yourselves as a couple to your friends while soaking up some rays.

3. Once you start seeing each other regularly: If the person you are seeing becomes your guaranteed Friday and Saturday night date, it's probably time to introduce him or her to your friends so they don't start feeling neglected.

'The Bachelor' Season 15 Sneak Peak: Who Gets the Fantasy Suite Card in South Africa?





By Krissy Dolor

It's week nine. Brad Womack and the remaining three bachelorettes (Chantal, Ashley H. and Emily) are in South Africa. But who gets the fantasy suite card? If it takes you more than one guess you clearly haven't been watching this season very well, but take a look at the sneak peak clip below to find out (hint: Brad enjoys taking this woman on picnics!). Don't forget to watch [ABC's *The Bachelor*](#) with us on **Monday, Feb. 28 at 8 PM/7 PM Central Time** to find out what happens. See you at next week's recap!

Joe Jonas Gives Golden Birthday Gift to Ashley Greene



Twilight star Ashley Greene had much to celebrate this past weekend. The actress rang in her 24th year by celebrating in Sin City with rockstar boyfriend, Joe Jonas, [People](#) reports.

Jonas gifted Greene with a Chanel bracelet, accidentally crediting the jewelry as a token from Coach. Greene adores her new jewelry. "Coach, Chanel, [it] makes no difference to him ... [But] I absolutely love it because he knows what I like," said Greene. But besides birthday jewels, Greene credits her favorite gift as, "having my best friends fly in to celebrate with me."

What are some ways to decide what gift to give your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

It takes real talent, time and thought to pick out the perfect present for the one you love. Cupid has some tips:

1. Stop, look and listen: Slow down and make a mental note when your partner makes a passing comment about something that catches his or her interest. If it's something your mate keeps mentioning, but won't go out of his or her way to buy, consider it gift appropriate.

2. Make a connection: If you and your significant other are just starting out and you're having a hard time with gift ideas, try to find something that unites you as a couple. Is there an inside joke you both share or an uncommon interest that bonds you? The thoughtful trinket will show you care.

3. Make him or her feel young again: To ease the harshness of aging, turn back the clock with a toy from his childhood. Is it a summer birthday? A pair of water guns should bring a smile to his face.

Richie Sambora Wants More Children





Bon Jovi guitarist Richie Sambora is currently on the prowl for his “future ex-wife,” according to [People](#). “I’m just looking for the right person to have more children [with.] I just love being a dad,” said Sambora. The musician split from actress Heather Locklear in 2006 after 11 years of marriage. They have a 13-year-old daughter together named Ava, and now this rock star is ready to once again settle down.

Should you get married just because you want children?

Cupid’s Advice:

Nowadays people have marriages without children and have children without marriage, yet they are still perfectly happy. Cupid has a few things to consider:

- 1. Think about the children first:** It’s not a question of whether or not you are married, but about into what kind of an environment you are bringing children.
- 2. Do what makes you happy:** If you really want children, don’t feel that you have to wait until you get married or promoted. Do what you feel will make you happiest at the time.

3. Don't crack under pressure: There's always pressure from your family and friends to have children once you hit a certain age. Peer pressure is never a good reason to reproduce.

Paris Hilton and Boyfriend Cy Waits Shop for Engagement Rings



Paris Hilton and boyfriend Cy Waits may soon be getting engaged, reports [People](#). The couple were spotted shopping at Jacob & Co. jewelry store in New York City on Friday. "They

shopped for engagement rings,” says a source. “They were really cute together. Paris was making comments about the rings and joking that her ring has to be at least 24 carats.” While the pair did not leave the store with an engagement ring, Hilton did “[walk] out sporting a \$25,000 white gold and black diamond ring.” Hilton’s rep later revealed, “The couple were shopping in New York looking for something special for Paris’s 30th Birthday.”

How can you tell when your mate is about to propose?

Cupid’s Advice:

While most women are surprised when their partner pops the question, some are ready and well-prepared. Here are a few ways you can tell when your man is about to propose:

- 1. He asks your opinion:** When he casually asks for your opinion on restaurants or even on jewelry, it may be a sign that he’s about to pop the question. He could be on a mission to find a special setting and the perfect ring.
 - 2. Your rings are missing:** If you find one of your rings missing one day, don’t panic. Chances are, he’s taking the ring to a jeweler in order to find an engagement ring that will fit your finger correctly.
 - 3. His behavior changes:** If your partner is about to propose to you, he’s probably extremely nervous, excited or both. You may be able to pick up on his changing behavior and mood swings.
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'Glee' Star Dianna Agron: Terrified of Ex-Boyfriend Alex Pettyfer?



It's another messy Hollywood breakup. Sources are saying that *Glee* star Dianna Agron is "terrified" of her "psycho" ex-boyfriend, Alex Pettyfer, according to [E! Online](#). News that the couple, who were dating for less than a year, called it quits broke last week. Friends of Pettyfer calls the reports "absolute nonsense," and a source close to Agron says, "Things have definitely been intense, and Alex certainly can have *quite* the temper, but I don't think she's 'terrified' of him."

Why do breakups turn nasty?

Cupid's Advice:

Breakups are never a pleasant experience, but why is it that former couples so readily turn against each other after a split? Cupid has some ideas:

1. Hurt feelings: The most obvious explanation is that one or both parties is extremely hurt by the split. Sometimes hurt feelings can manifest themselves as anger. With anger, comes drama.

2. Built-up issues: Sometimes during a relationship, we keep our thoughts and feelings from our partner to avoid arguments. Now that the relationship is over, it's easier to tell your former mate how you felt all that time. That said, it's not a healthy way to deal.

3. Family and friends take sides: After a breakup, friends and family are quick to support their respective side of the duo in question. Sometimes, they might be angrier about the split than you are, and it rubs off on you. Try to keep a cool head, and reassure your supporters that you'll be OK ... eventually.

Brody Jenner's Mom Thinks Avril Lavigne Is 'the One'





Has the heartbreaker we loved to watch on *The Hills* finally found his dream girl? If you ask Brody Jenner's mom, Linda Thompson, Avril Lavigne might be the one that sticks around in her son's life. According to [E! Online](#), when Thompson was asked if she thought the two would be together forever, she said, "I actually do yeah." What makes the pair so perfect for each other? "They have the same sense of humor," Thompson said. "They both love to laugh and have fun. They both have a little streak of irreverence which is pretty delightful and a lot of fun to be with."

Does your parents' approval of your partner matter? Cupid's Advice:

As much as we sometimes can't stand the nagging voices and opinions of our parents, deep down most of us care about what they have to say about our significant others. Cupid has some theories on why that is:

1. Honesty: As open and honest as you feel your friends are, nobody in this world will break the truth down for you like the people that have known you the longest – your parents.

2. They know everything about you: Your parents have seen you through the good, the bad and the ugly. Who better to know who is perfect for you than the people that know the most about you?

3. They truly want the best for you: Although it may be hard to see sometimes, your parents sincerely want what's best for you. They want you to be happy. So, don't forget that when they're giving their opinions, it's always with the best intentions.

Christina Aguilera's Ex Jordan Bratman Finally Moves Out





Fame and fortune will not keep you from the hardships of living in the same place as your ex after a breakup. After all, relationships end easier than leases or mortgages. Christina Aguilera's living situation has been uncomfortable, due to her ex-husband Jordan Bratman living under the same roof as her and her new man, Matt Rutler. According to [E! Online](#), Jordan Bratman has finally moved out. As Xtina's ex now sits in a snazzy bachelor pad, Matt Rutler's 2011 Ford Mustang GT still sits in the singer's driveway.

How do you decide who gets the pad after a split?

Cupid's Advice:

The best way to make an emotional split easier is to put some physical distance between you and your ex-partner. This is very difficult to do when both of your names are on the mortgage. Here are some tips on how to decide who should stay and who should leave a bit easier:

1. Don't uproot the children: If children are involved, make an effort to keep them in the same place. This should be a major factor in the decision as to who stays and who must find

a new place to live.

2. Compromise: The person who doesn't get the house needs to get something of equal value to their half of the property.

3. Think logically: Emotions often get in the way of these types of decisions. Always approach them fairly and logically. Keep a cool head as much as possible.

Former 'Idol' Star Scott MacIntyre is Engaged



Former *American Idol* Season 8 contestant Scott MacIntyre has found “the one.” MacIntyre and his fiancée, Christina Teich,

plan to wed later this year, the singer's rep confirmed to UsMagazine.com. The couple will make their first public appearance at the Season 10 *American Idol* Top 24 party, which will be held February 24 in Hollywood.

Where should you go public as a couple?

Cupid's Advice:

Now that you're an official couple, you shouldn't worry about where you can be seen together. There are endless options, and you should embrace them. Cupid has a few suggestions:

1. Wedding: Is one of your relatives on the way to getting married? Take your significant other to the wedding as your date. This is one of the best way for your partner to get acquainted with the relatives she or he hasn't met yet.

2. Private parties: If you're part of an exclusive organization that will hold a private event soon, invite your partner to attend the party with you.

3. Events: Wait for a special occasion, whether that ends up being your friend's birthday, a holiday, a festival or a concert. You'll remember the day you announced your relationship even more if it's in a special location.

'Glee' Star Dianna Agron Splits From Alex Pettyfer





Dianna Agron is now single following her recent break-up with Alex Pettyfer, according to UsMagazine.com. The duo's split became official following Agron moving out of their shared home last week. The couple, who were set up by director D.J. Caruso while filming the movie *I am Number Four*, recently avoided speculations about an engagement being in the near future. They only dated for less than a year.

Who should move out of your shared home after a split?

Cupid's advice:

Moving in with your mate is a tough decision in and of itself. The question of who gets what is something you should unfortunately keep in the back of your mind when deciding to move in, just in case things go south. Cupid has a few things to consider when figuring out who moves out and who keeps the castle:

- 1. Financial stability:** Whoever has a better chance of paying the rent or mortgage by themselves should have the place, plain and simple.

2. Friends or family are a plus: If you have friends or family to lean on until you get back up on your feet, then consider moving out. Having the extra support makes things easier.

3. Have a heart: Even if things are really awkward, do your best to continue living with your partner until one of you finds a new place to stay. Kicking someone out should be reserved for the most drastic cases.

Source Says Pete Wentz Couldn't Trust Ashlee Simpson



While Ashlee Simpson and Pete Wentz's divorce announcement on

February 9th may seem to have come out of the blue, UsMagazine.com reports that the couple “have been talking about splitting up forever.” The couple, who share son Bronx, 2, cited no reason for the divorce, but an insider feels that Simpson’s late-night partying played a large role in the split. Simpson frequently spent her time with a crew of pro skateboarders in San Clemente, California, and would often not return home until sunrise. Sources say that Wentz “started getting burnt out” by Simpson’s behavior and “would constantly check in on Ashlee, and he’d have his friends call the house and her cell to make sure she said she was where she said she was going to be....He felt like he couldn’t trust her.”

What are some ways to know your partner is trustworthy?

Cupid’s Advice:

Gauging your partner’s trustworthiness is a difficult task, especially as most people are prone to suspicion. Here are a few ways to find out if your partner deserves your trust:

- 1. Look at past experiences:** If your mate has had many relationships in the past, try figuring out why the relationships ended. While the vast majority of them probably ended due to character differences, there may have been infidelity or arguments leading to the breakup.
- 2. Take note of his behavior:** If you feel that your partner has some character irregularities (such as anxiety), it may be cause for concern. The varying mood swings may be a sign that your partner is keeping something from you.
- 3. Give the benefit of the doubt:** If you feel that your partner is trustworthy, then it’s probably true. There’s no sense in digging for clues that don’t exist. Relax, and have faith.

'The Bachelor' Season 15, Episode 8: Brad Womack Gets Cozy on Hometown Dates



By Krissy Dolor

It's the best week during any season of [ABC's The Bachelor](#) – hometown dates! This is when America (and Brad Womack, of course) finally see where the crazy (or normal) in the final four bachelorettes come from, helping Brad figure out who he wants to spend the rest of his life with: Chantal O., Ashley H. Shawntel N. or Emily. Let's get started:

Brad's journey began in Chantal's hometown, Seattle, Wash. While we know Chantal is in love with Brad, her parents' opinions can make or break this relationship. After meeting her three pets (including her minuscule Pomeranian, Boca), the two went to the O'Brien house – er, mansion. Brad turned on the southern boy charm and won them over easily. He bonded with Chantal's dad, Mike, over being "self-made men," and discovered that their families share a background in masonry. Brad even opened up about his father issues – turns out that Mike has problems in that department, too. "I respected and admired how Chantal's dad opened up," said Brad, and added that Mike "gets" him.

But this wasn't the only heart to heart in Washington. Chantal told her mom that she put herself out there with Brad and is scared to get hurt. "You should trust your heart, and that's what you're doing," said Billie Jo, who either ages extremely well or enjoys a little fine tuning now and then. At the end of the night, Mike gave Brad his total blessing if he were to propose to his daughter. Score one for Brad.

The next date took place across the country in Madawaska, Maine, where Ashley H. calls home. Turns out this dentist speaks a little French, which she demonstrated at lunch when they ordered one of Ashley's favorite dishes: *poutine* (french fries, cheese and gravy). When Brad picked up his fork, she screamed, "You can't eat with a fork!" Sounds like my kind of dish!

At dinner we see where Ashley gets her bubbly attitude from. The Herbert family was all hugs and screams as soon as the two walked through the door. "Such a happy family, my God!" exclaimed Brad. This might be your future, so you better get used to it! Brad and Ashley's dad hung out in their matching lumberjack shirts, and Ashley's mother and sister, Chrystie, seemed quite taken by his presence – Ashley's mom even invited Brad to sleep over. However, Ashley confided to her family that she's still unsure of her feelings for Brad, and Brad,

hearing about how driven Ashley is, doesn't want to hold her back from her dreams. Will Ashley make the cut?

Brad's third date is in Shawntel's hometown, Chico, Texas, where she partakes in the family business and embalms people. As she is the least dramatic of the final bachelorettes, ABC managed to make her look like a psycho with creepy organ music playing in the background. Brad is clearly uncomfortable and doesn't know if he would be able to handle conversations around death. After lying down on an embalming table, Shawntel took Brad to where she speaks with the families and explained why she loves her job. "I have a lot of passion for people," she said. "If you think about it, there's so much love in here."

Later, Shawntel and Brad head to her parents' home. After hearing that Brad was put on the table, Shawntel's dad said, "No rose for you." We like this guy already! However, Mr. Newton *didn't* like that his daughter was willing to give up the family business to move to Austin, where Brad is from. After a very awkward conversation, he gave the couple the family's blessings – "if it's meant to be." Score half a point for Brad; despite the approval, there was obvious hesitation and tension.

And last but not least, there was Brad's much-anticipated date with Emily in Charlotte, N.C. As Brad is the first man Emily is introducing to Ricky, the stakes are high, and Rickie is not easily impressed. Brad even brought a peace offering – a butterfly kite, which Rickie flew after some prodding by her mother and Brad, who did a good job of not being overbearing. "I would welcome and cherish the opportunity to be a father figure to little Rickie," he said. Notice that he said father *figure*, and not just 'father' – smart man!

The night ended in Emily's home, which was filled with toys, games and a lot of pink. After they played Candy Land (how precious!), Brad and Emily tucked Rickie into bed. Brad told

Emily that their day was “perfect,” and Emily told Brad that she could see herself falling in love with him. Cue kiss...or not. Brad said that he respects Emily and her daughter enough to *not* kiss her with her daughter upstairs – which upset Emily. But after she walked him to the door (and told the camera she simply won’t let Brad leave her home without a kiss) she went in for the kill, which was completed by a crescendo of sweeping romantic music. Swoon.

In the end, Brad said goodbye to Shawntel, whose hometown date simply didn’t compare to the other three women’s. However, it wasn’t the family tension or her job that set him off – it was that Brad didn’t feel the way he thought he should have felt when she told him she was falling in love. And the brutal honesty continues. While Shawntel’s a great girl (and has become one of my favorites this season), this didn’t come as a surprise. Wishing you all the best of luck!

And luck goes out to the remaining three women who continue their journey with Brad next week in South Africa. Thanks for reading!