

# Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt Share a PDA-Filled Golden Globes



Angelina Jolie may not have won big at the Golden Globes this past Sunday, but she didn't leave empty-handed! At the end of the night, she still got to go home with her hunky mate, Brad Pitt. As host Ricky Gervais brutally mocked Jolie's nomination for *The Tourist*, the 35-year-old actress sat with her head resting on her man's shoulder. Then, according to *UsMagazine.com*, she was later seen sweetly fixing Pitt's tie. Although Jolie didn't get an award, her partner's reassuring consolation certainly won her heart!

**What are subtle ways to show you care in public?**

## Cupid's Advice:

At the Golden Globes, Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt managed to show that they cared for each other without getting too mushy.

Cupid thought of some ways that you can do the same:

**1. Hold hands:** Holding your special someone's hand in public is a great way to make him or her feel special. It may not seem like you're doing much, but it's actually a great way to show your partner that you're proud to be in a relationship.

**2. Do sweet favors:** When it comes to adoring your partner in public, waiting on them hand and foot never fails. It could be as simple as taking her jacket, filling her glass of wine, or even helping her out of a chair. If you do something before she has to ask, it shows you were thinking about her happiness first.

**3. Wink:** A very simple and overlooked gesture that goes a long way is a small bat of the eye. A wink as you smile at your partner shows her that you have eyes for no one else!

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## Jesse James and Kat Von D Are Engaged





It's wedding bells for one of the most controversial couples in Hollywood: Jesse James and Kat Von D have announced their engagement. James and now ex-wife Sandra Bullock split in June after news of his multiple affairs surfaced. The motorcycle mogul, who began dating Kat Von D shortly after the divorce, professed his love for his fiancée to *People*. "You know sometimes the public and press gets it wrong. This is one of those times. 2010 was actually the best year of my life because I fell in love with my best friend. An amazing woman who stood behind me when the world turned their backs."

**How do you know when someone is truly committed?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

It can be tough to tell if the person you're dating is planning on being in the relationship for the long haul.

Cupid has some ideas and how to tell if he's truly committed:

**1. There for you:** When the going gets tough, and your partner stands by you in a time of crisis, it's safe to say he's not a flight risk.

**2. All about PDA:** If your mate isn't afraid to sing your praises in front of anyone and everyone, it's more than likely true love.

**3. Don't care what people think:** When it comes to your relationship, sometimes there will be naysayers. If your partner doesn't seem to care about the critics, he's there for the count.

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## **JWOWW's Ex-Boyfriend Speaks Out About Her Dating Advice Book**







*Jersey Shore* star Jenni “JWOWW” Farley is catching some heat in response to her new relationship advice book called, *The Rules According To JWOWW*, according to *RadarOnline*. Her ex-boyfriend, Tom Lippolis, is anything but supportive of her newest endeavor, as he calls her book “laughable.” “How could she write a book about dating when she’s done nothing but cheat on her boyfriend on national television?” Lippolis asks. Although Lippolis and JWOWW were the only couple to last through more than one season, that ended during season 3 of the hit reality show when Lippolis saw a picture of his girlfriend kissing tattooed trucker, Roger Williams. “If her dating book is about infidelity, disrespect, and/or lack of self-respect in a relationship then I think it will do well, definitely her expertise!” says Lippolis.

**Who should you trust to give you reliable relationship advice?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Choosing who to love and spend your life with is an incredibly important decision, and wanting to get advice and opinions on the matter is a natural result of that. There’s no lack of

opinions in this world, however, so make sure you only trust reliable sources when it comes to relationship advice:

**1. Longtime friends:** It takes a long time to truly get to know someone. Instead of trusting the advice of someone who has only known you for a short while, seek the opinions of those who have known you the longest. Plus, they're likely to have your best interests at heart.

**2. Family:** Your family members have not only known you your whole life, but they're more likely to be straight with you. Instead of the "tactful" filter that's in place with your friends, they'll be blunt with you about their true feelings on the relationship in question.

**3. Experts:** Check credentials. When you're in the market to hire someone for a job, that person must submit a resume of past experiences to prove he or she is qualified. Take the same approach with relationship advice. Make sure the person giving you advice has experience to draw from.

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## Lamar Odom Is Surprised by Khloe Kardashian's Intelligence





LA Laker Lamar Odom admits that he was surprised at how smart wife Khloe Kardashian was when they first met, according to UsMagazine.com. Odom says in *Playboy*'s February issue, "You don't know what to expect. Next thing I know I'm spending every day with her. We just hit it off." The couple wed in September 2010 after dating for only 32 days. And Odom definitely doesn't regret his decision to become a married man. "With her I was like, 'If I do what I normally do, I'm going to lose her,'" Odom explains. "'And if I lose her, I think it's going to hurt a lot.' Right then and there I knew. We were together every day."

**Should you change for your partner?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Nothing is more exciting than connecting with someone new, but as time goes on, you may begin to notice some important differences between yourself and your partner. Should you change yourself to match your partner? Cupid has some thoughts:

**1. Keep morals and values intact:** It takes a long time to

develop personal morals and values, and they shouldn't be taken lightly. Chances are that you think the way you do for a reason, so don't be too quick to change your views for someone else.

**2. Opposites attract:** It's not secret that it's possible to fall for someone who is very different from you, but make sure to stay true to yourself in the relationship.

**3. Change if it's for the best:** Who's to say that change is always a bad thing? There may be something about your partner that you particularly admire, so changing yourself to match that quality you aspire to is perfectly fine.

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## Melissa Etheridge Is In a New Relationship with Best Friend







After a nasty split from wife Tammy Lynn Michaels last year, Melissa Etheridge has entered the dating world again – with her best friend. Etheridge began dating *Nurse Jackie* creator Linda Wallem three months after the breakup. A friend of the couple tells *People*, “Melissa and Linda have been best friends for over 10 years,” adding that Linda was “best man” at Melissa’s wedding to Tammy in 2003. The new couple, who share the same birthday and turn 50 in May, “are in a committed relationship. They’re happy,” says the pal.

**Should you risk losing a friendship by taking it to the next level?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

If you’re feeling something more for your friend and want to take a risk, is it worth it? Cupid has some tips on how to know if you should take the jump:

**1. Observe:** Before actually asking your friend if he has feelings, too, and making things awkward, observe. Watch his interactions with other girls, and see if he treats you differently.

**2. Ask yourself if you're in love:** Some confuse closeness and intimacy with love. Make sure you really have romantic feelings before you take the next big step. If you just think he'd make a good husband, but aren't actually attracted to him, it might lead to heartbreak.

**3. Think about the future:** Not all couples are meant to last. Are you and your friend compatible romantically? If you don't see the relationship lasting, it's probably better to stay friends.

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## Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban Welcome a Baby Girl





Actress Nicole Kidman and husband Keith Urban welcomed the arrival of their surrogate daughter, Faith Margaret, on December 28th. Their newborn is the second daughter to join the family, along with two-year-old Sunday Rose. The couple kept the surrogate process secret from reporters until recently, when they issued statements to *UsMagazine.com*. “Our family is truly blessed, and just so thankful, to have been given the gift of baby Faith Margaret,” said Kidman. “No words can adequately convey the incredible gratitude that we feel for everyone who was so supportive throughout this process, in particular our gestational carrier.”

### **How should you welcome your surrogate child?**

#### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Whether adopting or welcoming a surrogate child to your family, sometimes it’s hard to feel at home with a child you’re only just meeting. Here are a few ways to welcome your new child to the family:

- 1. Throw a baby shower:** Even though the baby isn’t arriving traditionally, the child will still be yours to care for and

love for the rest of your life. Take the opportunity to throw a baby shower, both anticipating the new baby and thanking the birth mother for her selflessness.

**2. Make a transition:** If your child experienced a lapse in time between birth and coming to live with you, the baby has probably become used to his or her environment. Ease the transition by incorporating the smells and textures your baby is accustomed to into your own home.

**3. Make a connection:** Just because you didn't physically give birth to your child doesn't mean you aren't the baby's "real" parents. Spend the time needed to establish a parental connection.

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## Sandra Bullock Denies Romance with Ryan Reynolds







Apparently, Sandra Bullock and Ryan Reynolds are not “lovahs,” at least according to Bullock’s interview with Al Roker in an interview earlier this week. The actors have been close friends for 10 years, but at this time in her life the only man Bullock looks forward to seeing at the end of her day is her son, Louis, according to *People*. “I think there will be a collective sigh amongst women across the united States when I say he’s not my lovah,” she said.

### **How do you use humor to fend off relationship rumors?**

#### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Constant pestering from family and friends about you potentially dating a close friend can get obnoxious. That said, sometimes it’s best to combat those comments with humor:

**1. Make a funny:** If nobody believes your denial, give in and play along. By giving dramatic fabricated details about a date that never happened, the topic will soon die out when friends finally get what they want, which is y0u discussing the “relationship.”

**2. Do as Sandra does:** Play light on the subject. By saying



something along the lines of, “I could only wish he’d take me out,” you acknowledge that you two aren’t dating and at the same time give the audience a mental picture of you two together.

**3. Stay away from sarcasm:** Although a dry joke may be your weapon of choice, take into consideration others’ feelings beforehand so you don’t offend anyone. Only use sarcasm if you’re sure it will be well-received.

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## Jennifer Aniston Doesn’t Understand Girls on ‘The Bachelor’





America's sweetheart Jennifer Aniston reveals that she doesn't understand the ABC show that took our nation full of hopeless romantics by storm. According to *People*, Aniston tells *Allure*, "You know what I find fascinating? *The Bachelor*. I was mesmerized by how these girls, they meet this guy, they have three dates together or something, and they're weeping as though they've just lost the love of their life. I don't understand that." While Aniston may not believe in leaving her love life up to a rose ceremony, one thing the star does say she believes in is "friendship and fun."

### **Is it possible to fall in love quickly?**

#### **Cupid's Advice:**

There's no concrete answer as far as "love at first sight" is concerned. Cupid tends to think it takes more than three dates to truly fall in love, and here's why:

**1. You need to want it for the right reasons:** Sometimes when we're sick of being single, we just settle for the next person who comes along. It's easy to mistake your comfort level being in a relationship versus single for love.

**2. It's probably lust:** Whether it's the stars, the wine or the intense physical attraction, most of the time the feelings you have after the first few encounters with a person can be misconstrued as love. In fact, it's probably lust, infatuation or a desire for companionship.

**3. People are complicated:** The fact is, it's not easy to truly get to know someone. People have many layers, and it takes time to break through those layers. The fact is, you can't love someone fully unless you completely know them.

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## Christian Bale Gets Choked Up While Praising His Wife





*The Fighter* actor Christian Bale had a lot to say after winning Best Supporting Actor at the Critic's Choice Movie Awards. Most memorably, he took time to praise his wife of nearly 11 years, Sibi Blazic, reports *People*. "I get choked up about that stuff," Bale explained while tearing up. "It's everything because I truly believe you can't celebrate [success] without having your partner with you." Bale appreciates his wife's steadfast and loyal personality. "Making movies takes so much time," said the actor. "It's not just the time when you're filming. The character is born long before the first day of shooting and so [my wife] had to be married to so many different characters over our marriage. I know that it truly would be impossible to do it without her."

**What are ways to celebrate success with your partner?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

After a long while with your partner, it's easy to take things for granted. Every now and then it's important to appreciate what you have. Here are a few ways to celebrate:

**1. Have a heartfelt conversation:** While sharing your most

honest thoughts with your partner may seem corny, try putting aside all embarrassment and tell your partner how happy you are to have reached this point in your life.

**2. Go out for dinner:** After a particularly stressful week, try treating your partner to dinner at a restaurant the two of you reserve for special occasions. Use the dinner as a “thank you” to your partner.

**3. Take your Thanksgivings seriously:** For many, the Thanksgiving holiday has become more about food than appreciation. Next year, try letting the holiday truly hit home, and show you’re grateful for the blessings you share with your partner.

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## Chloe Sevigny Says She Isn't Dating Jersey Shore's Pauly D







After they were spotted sitting together courtside at a Knicks-Spurs game, rumors about actress Chloe Sevigny and *Jersey Shore*'s Paul "DJ Pauly D" DelVecchio were an item.

When asked by *Interview* magazine about the possibility of dating Pauly D, the *Big Love* star called the idea "hilarious," reports *People*. Sevigny added, "That would be the weirdest couple in the world. It would be like the apocalypse. We represent extremes, in opposite directions. So for us two to come together, it would be a very strange meeting of the minds or colliding of two worlds."

**Is it true that opposites attract?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

"You say 'yes,' and I say 'no.' You say 'stop,' and I say, 'go, go, go!'" Can this complicated relationship (courtesy of the Beatles) really work? Cupid has some ideas:

**1. People are complex:** No two people are completely opposite (or completely alike). When opposites attract, it may just be two people who find that the few things they have in common are more important than their differences.

**2. Scientists say no:** According to a [2003 study](#) where researchers quizzed 978 heterosexual residents of Ithaca, New York, about what they look for in a partner, the results were clear: The majority look for mates who are similar to themselves.

**3. Opposites attract, but do they stay together?:** You may be attracted to someone who is different from you because they seem to fill a gap. But it's up to you to make the relationship last.

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## **Hilary Duff is Excited to Have Kids with Husband, Mike Comrie**





Now that Hilary Duff and Mike Comrie are married, is a baby in the near future? According to *UsMagazine.com*, Duff says, “Yeah, I think we’re really excited to have kids.” The new addition to the Comrie family might not be as soon as we had all hoped though. Duff also adds, “I’m only 23, so give me a little bit of time. Come on people!” Although a baby might not be in the near future, the two seem to be doing very well and are enjoying every bit of the newlywed life.

### **After marriage, how long should you wait before having kids?**

#### **Cupid’s Advice:**

You’ve just taken the plunge with marriage, so when should you start adding to the family? Cupid has some tips on how long you and your partner should wait before having kids:

- 1. When you have time:** Having children is a huge responsibility that takes up a lot of time. Make sure that you both have enough time for life without children before you decide to make time for new additions.
- 2. When your finances are in order:** It’s no secret that having

a child can end up being pretty expensive. Make sure you have the finances to back up your decision.

**3. When you're comfortable with your career:** Before you decide to completely change your life around, make sure you've accomplished at least some of your career goals. It's ultimately harder to balance your work and personal lives after you have kids.

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## **'The Bachelor' Season 15, Episode 3 Recap: Fang Girl Walks, Emily Talks and Michelle Continues to Whine**







By Krissy Dolor

Looks like I spoke too soon in judging Madison, *The Bachelor*'s resident fang girl. It turns out that yes, one of Brad Womack's 17 remaining bachelorettes left the mansion for good, and I must admit that after last night's episode, I wish that Madison had given herself a chance and stayed. But more on that later.

The first date card, which said, "Let's find our love song," went to Ashley S.. This date was crucial as Ashley S. received the first impression rose during the season premiere. Brad took her to Studio A of Capital Records, where they sang a terrible rendition of Seal's "Kiss From A Rose." And when I say terrible, I mean *God-awful*. However, the couple looked like they were having a blast and were completely relaxed in each other's company, despite the ear-splitting noise that was coming out of their mouths. "I picked the perfect girl to do this date with," said Brad.

But we all know that Brad (and the producers of ABC) always have a little trick up their sleeves, so phase two of Ashley's date was a serenade from Seal himself. Lucky! The couple



canoodled in the corner while Seal reminded us why we're jealous of Heidi Klum. The date ended with a romantic dinner on the rooftop of Capital Records, where (surprise, surprise) Ashley S. opened up to Brad about her father, who died of a brain aneurysm. Ashley told Brad that she "felt like he was here tonight." With Brad being a new man and all, he loved that Ashley opened up to him and gave her the first rose of the night. In fact, he said afterward, "Ashley has far exceeded my expectations...she's the whole package." Is this a possible wife alert?

Ehhh, not so fast. The second solo date recipient was Emily, my personal top-runner, who hadn't yet told Brad about her situation (first love died in a plane crash, found out she was pregnant and has a 5-year-old daughter). Brad took her by private plane (really?) to Santa Marie, Calif. – wine country. Brad hoped this date would open Emily up, but Emily deflected Brad's questions back onto him, which made him upset (and made me feel awkward just watching them). But during dinner – which took place in a candlelit barn – Emily *finally* told Brad everything. She said that her reason for withholding the past was because she wanted Brad to like her as a person and not as someone with "all this stuff." Without the "elephant in the room," as Emily put it, sparks flew, and Brad and Emily shared their first kiss. "The way I feel right now is the way people feel when they begin a future with somebody," said Brad. "I can see Emily being the woman I want to spend my life with," (!!!). One point for Team Emily.

And it seemed that Madison was rooting for Emily, too. Emily told her story to the girls who didn't go on the group date, which deeply touched Madison, who said she came into the *Bachelor* experience hoping to meet someone and fall in love, but she believed that some girls on the show *needed* to fall in love. At the cocktail party, Madison brought up Emily's story to Brad and said that she was having second thoughts – and then walked off during the rose ceremony. "I would have a

really hard time taking a rose from one of these girls, she told Brad. "I'd rather go home tonight." Brad was upset by her decision, but let her go.

"I really like this Madison so much more," he said. "I think I'm missing out on a hell of a girl." I wonder if Madison regrets her decision. I'm almost hoping she'll make an appearance later in the season, since I dismissed her so early in the game. Also, I think that I am relieved that her fangs are fake.

But the one person I *do* wish would walk off the show (though she won't) is Michelle. Again, I judged too quickly and thought that she'd be good for Brad as an 'older' bachelorette. This couldn't be further from the truth. She's manipulative, catty and loathes the other women. She steals Brad away every chance she gets, lurking in the shadows, vying for his attention while the other women are trying to talk to him. The girl also has a huge problem with either Chantal or Shawntel (or maybe both). Again – while you have to admire someone who knows exactly what she wants, her psycho-eyes are starting to show through and I'm not-so-patiently waiting for Brad to wake up to all of this. Too bad Brad's a nice guy, because he's easily won over by affection or breakdowns, and "likes that she's direct." Sorry Brad, 'direct' and 'obnoxious' are two different things, and Michelle is one step away from the crazy train.

Sorry I didn't talk more about the group date, but you can read more about it on *The Wall Street Journal's* Speakeasy blog. Also, so you can keep track at home, Brad said goodbye to Kimberly and Sarah P. And next week, it looks like Michelle will dig her claws even further in Brad, while Ashley H., who needed some reassurance from Brad this week, starts to lose it. Can't wait until week four! Remember to visit us next week for more *Bachelor* coverage.

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# Owen Wilson Welcomes Fatherhood and Talks About 'The One'



Congratulations to first-time father Owen Wilson and his girlfriend, Jade Duell! The couple welcomed a son in Hawaii on Friday, according to *UsMagazine.com*. Wilson has stayed quiet about his girlfriend's pregnancy, but a source says that he was looking forward to becoming a father. "He's super into it and asks a lot of questions to make sure he knows what's going on every step of the way," the source said. Although the actor has yet to pop the question, he does believe that Duell is "The One."

**What are some ways to tell that you're in love?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Being in love is a wonderful feeling, but how do you know if you've found Mr. or Mrs. Right? Cupid has some telling signs:

- 1. Emotions:** The mushy feelings you had at the beginning of your relationship are still there, even after many months or years.
  - 2. Sleep deprivation:** You aren't getting a sufficient amount of sleep, yet you still feel energized. You spend countless nights thinking about your partner, and it seeps into your dreams on a nightly basis.
  - 3. Everything is there:** When you're in love, you don't feel like you're lacking anything in life. Everything you've wanted has finally come true. You also know that no one can replace your partner.
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## **Shakira and Boyfriend of 11 Years Split**





It looks like Shakira and her long-time boyfriend are the newest members of the celebrity breakup club. After 11 years of dating, the Colombian singer and Antonio de la Rue have decided to call it quits. “There was no big drama, it’s just one of those things where they had been together a long time and realized they were more friends and business partners than lovers,” said an insider. However, according to *UsMagazine.com*, there is hope for the two to reconcile in the future. “We view this period of separation as temporary and as a time of individual growth as we continue to be partners in our business and professional lives,” Shakira wrote. “Our friendship and understanding of one another is unwavering and indestructible.”

**What do you do if the romance in your relationship is dwindling?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Sometimes when couples are together for a long time, they forget what made them love each other so much in the first place. Cupid has some ways to heat up a dwindling flame:



**1. Surprise them:** An unexpected vacation, date or even a gift is the perfect way to melt someone's heart. If your partner mentions something he loved at a store, leave it on the side of his bed the next morning ... just because.

**2. Try new things:** If your Friday nights are consistently TV and pizza, it's time to change it up a bit. Go to that restaurant you both always wanted to try! Who says you're all out of 'firsts'?

**3. Resort to old tricks:** Go back to your original courting days. Leave cute notes on the refrigerator, visit each other at work and go back to where you had your first date. Puppy love is the best kind of love!

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## Keira Knightley and Longtime Boyfriend Rupert Friend Break Up





An off-screen romance that bloomed during the filming of *Pride & Prejudice* has fizzled out. According to *People*, Keira Knightley and Rupert Friend broke up under the radar months ago due to distance and career factors. Knightley's father, Will Knightley, said, "They were together for quite a long time, and it is always hard breaking up. She's focused on her work." Here's hoping a few films and some new co-stars will help heal Knightley's broken heart!

**How do you know when you should pick your career over love, or vice versa?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Many attest to the notion that you can have your career and love life, too. But is it really true? Cupid has some tips:

**1. Sacrifice:** When you find yourself making sacrifice after sacrifice, at the expense of your own happiness, it's time to prioritize. Relationships are about compromise, so you shouldn't feel like you're letting go of opportunities for your future, whether it be wedding bells or job promotions.

**2. Gut feeling:** If you start feeling your relationship fizzle because you're tackling more projects at work, ask yourself if you're being fair to your partner. On the other hand, if your work life is suffering due to your relationship, it might be time to scale back on that "quality time" you're spending with your partner.

**3. Goals:** Setting goals is always a smart idea! Not only are you motivating yourself, but you can also learn a lot about what you're looking for in life. Determine how much you value a relationship in your life versus how much you strive for a career. Perhaps come up with a ratio.

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## Who Will Walk Out on 'The Bachelor'?





By Krissy Dolor

After last week's crazy-fest, who knows what tonight's episode will bring – perhaps a possible walk-off? Someone's life story is just as intense as the *Bachelor* movie that Brad Womack and crew are filming. In fact, it's dramatic enough to "break everyone's heart." Tears are flowing (including streams from vamp girl) and someone will walk out. But will this bachelorette leave the mansion for good? We can't wait for tonight's answer! Here's to hoping it's not one of our favorites. Don't forget to watch *The Bachelor* tonight, **Monday, 1/17 at 8 PM/7 PM Central Time**, and stop by tomorrow for our recap of the episode! Happy watching!

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# Kourtney Kardashian and Scott Disick Take a Family Vacation



According to *UsMagazine.com*, E! reality star Kourtney Kardashian and longtime boyfriend, Scott Disick took a quality vacation in Cancun, Mexico with their 13-month-old son, Mason.

An insider stated that the couple seemed very relaxed on their tropical family fiesta. After rumors of a rocky romance between the two, this three-day getaway was free from turmoil.

**What are ways to re-focus a drama-filled relationship?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

Drama doesn't always mean that your relationship has to come to an end. Here are some ways to work it out:



**1. Get away for a while:** Though vacations may seem like a temporary solution, they may be just what you need to spark a permanent reconciliation.

**2. Listen:** Take a break from your own fighting words to listen to your partner's concerns, thoughts and feelings. Try to understand things from his point of view. Sometimes understanding is the key to resolving important issues.

**3. Look at the big picture:** Your drama may be comprised of a series of small fights centered around a big problem you are not confronting. Figure out the heart of the matter, and then focus on that instead.

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## **'Sister, Sister' Star Tia Mowry and Actor Husband Cory Hardrict Are Expecting**





Former *Sister, Sister* star Tia Mowry and her actor husband Cory Hardict are expecting their first child this July, *People* reports. The expecting couple got married in 2008 in Santa Barbara, California. Mowry is currently on BET's *The Game*. A source close to the couple says, ""This is something that they've wanted for a long time and they're thrilled." The pregnancy will be documented on a show for the Style Network.

**What should you think about before having a child?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Bringing home a baby is one of the most exciting new chapters a relationship can take on. But before you and your partner decide to add on to your family, sit down and consider just what all goes into raising a child:

**1. Cost:** Not only are babies expensive, but the pregnancy and birth is as well. New clothes for your growing belly and a new room to furnish are two other factors, so there's a lot of preparation that goes into those nine months leading up to the birth.

**2. New roles:** After your maternity leaves ends, decide who

will be the the breadwinner and who will be the caretaker. Decide whether daycare is an option. Sometimes it is more convenient for the father to become a stay-at-home dad. Find out how he feels about that.

**3. Values and morals:** You and your husband may connect on every level and feel like you've discussed every topic there is, but bringing a child into the world will bring out a whole new slew of conversation starters. Come to a consensus about what values you will raise your children.

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## Jersey Shore's Sammie and Ronnie: Officially Over?





It's official! *Jersey Shore* couple Sammi "Sweetheart" Giancola and Ronnie Ortiz-Magro have split up, according to Entertainment Tonight. After dating on-and-off for three seasons of the hit reality show, the pair have ended their relationship for good. The pair first connected on the first season of *Jersey Shore*, which was then followed by a second season picturing Ortiz-Magro in questionable scenes with other women. That said, Giancola told *People* that her on-again-off-again boyfriend is "an all-around good guy" despite their tumultuous relationship.

## **Are on-again-off-again relationships healthy?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

The path to love can often be tough, and every relationship requires commitment and hard work. Cupid has ways to tell if your relationship is in need of a health check:

**1. Reason for staying:** Figure out what's making you stick around. If you truly care for the person and want to make

things work, maybe going back to an ex isn't always the wrong decision. But if you're only going back to him because you're scared of change and don't think you can do better, don't do it!

**2. Feeling of responsibility:** Obligation is never a good reason to be with someone. Past feelings of guilt or just a feeling that you "should" be dating someone for a particular reason isn't something that a relationship should be based on.

If you get back with an ex, make sure it's simply because you see a future with him.

**3. Resolving issues:** In order for your relationship to survive, resolve the issue that drives you both apart before getting back together. If neither of you want to change your ways, maybe it's time to move on and start over with someone else.

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## Rick Fox and Eliza Dushku Discuss a Future Marriage







*Dancing With the Stars* alum and former NBA star Rick Fox admits that he too may soon be joining the ranks of the newly engaged this winter season. Fox, 41, recently told *UsMagazine.com* that he and partner Eliza Dushku, 30, are thinking about getting married. “I hear [wedding bells] now,” explained Fox. “We’ve been honest about that conversation, and we’ve had it.” However, the basketball star-turned-actor still has some reservations concerning marriage. “I’ve failed in marriage before, and this will be her first marriage...so we want to make sure the foundation is laid in a responsible way where communication is had about what she wants from life as a woman – whether she wants to have kids or go back to school – whatever she wants to do.”

**What are some things to consider before getting married?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Getting married is one of the most life-changing decisions you can ever make, and before you jump into such a huge commitment it’s important to think about every aspect of your

relationship. Here are just a few things to consider:

- 1. Similar goals:** Be sure that you and your partner both wish for the same things in life, like children and a house by the beach. If you have different goals, then you'll never be able to fully cooperate.
  - 2. Your feelings:** Ask yourself if your current partner is "the one." Make sure that your feelings are the deepest you've ever felt, and that you feel confident and happy in your decision to spend the rest of your life with that person.
  - 3. Readiness:** Make sure that both you and your partner are at peace with all of your past relationships. Feeling jaded or torn up over a previous breakup will only hurt your chances of making your current relationship work.
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## 'Black Swan' Actress Natalie Portman Prefers a Friend with Benefits





While Natalie Portman still hasn't publicly spoken about her new fiancé (and new baby bump), *People* reports that she recently opened up about what she wants in a partner in the new issue of *InStyle*. "I look for all the same things I would in a friend... Obviously, you need the sexual attraction, too, so it's like your best friend who you are also really attracted to." Portman is engaged to French choreographer and actor Benjamin Millepied, who she met on the set of her new movie *Black Swan*. The two are expecting their first child later this year.

**How important is it to be best friends with your partner?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Plenty of romantic relationships blossom out of friendships. Cupid has some ideas on why your significant other should also be your best friend:

**1. Get to know each other better:** Friends often get to know each other on a deeper level than lovers do, because there's no pressure. Being best friends with your mate will make your relationship even more intimate.

**2. Build a foundation of friendship:** When the honeymoon phase is over and the romance wears off, you still have your best friend. Physical attraction is important, but if you want to grow old with your partner, make sure you're friends first.

**3. Keep your other friends:** While it's important that you and your significant other are friends, make sure he's not your only one. It's important to have a social life outside of your partner.

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## Spotted: Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens Together





Can separation actually bring people closer together? It looks like that may be the case for ex-celebrity couple Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens. According to *People*, the pair were “constantly touching and kissing each other” at Friday evening’s SHG’S Eden Hollywood opening. Efron and Hudgens announced their split in December, but appeared to be more than friends on the dance floor. “Vanessa was bopping around with her arms up while Zac had his hands all over her,” the source says. “Vanessa had a smile on from ear to ear and the two were inseparable after that.”

### **How can you hang out with an ex after a public breakup?**

#### **Cupid’s Advice:**

When you and your ex make your breakup public, any contact you have from then on becomes the talk of the day. If you had a public breakup but want to continue to hang out, Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Be honest:** If you don’t want the rumors to start, be up front. The best way to avoid talk is to tell your friends honestly that you and your ex are starting to hang out again, and it’s nothing more than that. The more you tell them, the less they have to make up.
- 2. Stay out of the limelight:** For some people, it’s easier to go with the low key approach and risk the rumors than to face their friends. If telling those close is too much pressure, keep it to yourself as long as possible.
- 3. Return to spotlight:** The best way to start fresh with your ex is to make your make-up just as public as your breakup. Invite your friends when you hang out with your ex. That way you can avoid the stress of secrets and put all rumors to a halt.



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# Denise Richards and Nikki Sixx Split



Even though sources say they were never more than casually dating, actress Denise Richards and rocker Nikki Sixx have decided to call it quits, according to *UsMagazine.com*.

Charlie Sheen's former flame started quietly dating Sixx, the Motley Crue bassist, in December. Although a source originally said of the couple, "They have a lot in common and are taking things slowly," one of Richards' insiders insists, "It's crazy how this is being made out to be some big breakup. They were never exclusive or serious to begin with! I could count on my hand how many times they went out. They decided to try it and she was not interested."

If you're not interested in someone, how do you tactfully let him know?

### **Cupid's Advice:**

We've all been there. There's someone who's interested in pursuing something with you, but you're just not feeling it.

Cupid has some ways to let someone know he's not "the one" in the least brutal way possible:

**1. Make it clear it's not his fault:** As you're explaining that you just don't see a future with this person, make it clear that it's nothing he's done specifically. It doesn't always have to be a drama-filled declaration. Sometimes there's just no spark.

**2. Be humble:** There's no room for being a diva in this type of situation. The worst thing you can do is leave him with a feeling that you think you're better than him. In most cases, you're *not* better than him. You're just different people.

**3. Let him down gently:** Don't just walk up to him, say your piece, and leave. If he's interested in discussing why you feel the way that you do, be understanding of that and answer his questions. If you were in his position, wouldn't you want the same courtesy?

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**'The Bachelorette' Star Ali Fedotowsky and Roberto Martinez to Wed in 2011**



When it comes to Ali Fedotowsky and Roberto Martinez's relationship, what *Bachelorette* host Chris Harrison loves the most, "is that they're living their lives." According to *People*, Fedotowsky recently began a gig as a correspondent for the local Fox station in San Diego. Her groom-to-be has opened a new office for his insurance business as well.

Friend and former *Bachelorette* bachelor Kiptyn Locke suggested, "It's important to be away for a while and get to know each other so then when you go do those things, it's all real." With things going so well, it doesn't seem that a 2011 wedding will surprise anyone.

**What should you know about your partner before getting married?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

While you might feel that you know everything there is to know

about your partner, it doesn't hurt to ask a few additional questions. Cupid's got three topics to discuss before tying the knot:

**1. Skeletons in the closet:** Nicole Kidman had to deal with Keith Urban's addictions early on in their marriage. Having a past isn't something to be ashamed of, so ask your partner to be honest with you.

**2. Finances:** While commercials for [freecreditscore.com](http://freecreditscore.com) might sing about extreme financial sorrows, they aren't kidding! No one enjoys talking about their financial situation, but rather than let this become an obstacle after you've walked down the aisle, get it over with now.

**3. Home sweet home:** If you or your partner are currently living separately, discuss where you plan to live after getting married. Jobs, family and the economy can affect possible locations your partner will consider living.