

# Landon Donovan's Possible Love Child



U.S. World Cup star Landon Donovan is playing defense these days after reports surfaced that he fathered a child out of wedlock. A source close to Donovan's wife and *Rules of Engagement* star, Bianca Kajlich, told [US Weekly](#) Monday that she wasn't "blindsided by this and isn't angry." The news came out during the United States' World Cup run, and Donovan told *Sports Illustrated* that he will take responsibility if the claims are true. While the soccer star and his wife are currently separated, they have been trying to work on their relationship.

**Can a marriage work if your spouse has a child with another person?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

There will be a lot of emotional turmoil but a marriage can survive if both parties want to make it work. Cupid has some suggestions:

**1. Demand a paternity test:** While most DNA tests happen after the baby is born, it's possible to get one beforehand.

Consider counseling when waiting for results to make sure all parties are prepared for whatever happens.

**2. Get finances in order:** In addition to the emotional pain this news can bring, there are financial implications as well. Whether you're planning a separation, divorce or trying to work it out with your spouse, you'll still want to contact an attorney. Shared assets need to be determined since financial questions will pop up once paying child support comes into the picture.

**3. Consider the child:** Whether you're a woman dealing with her husband's potential infidelity, or a man whose wife is pregnant with another man's baby, the anger and hurt can be overwhelming. Step back and consider the innocent child in the middle of this situation, as well as any children you already have with your spouse. Don't take the anger out on them.

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## Mena Suvari's Roman Wedding





*American Beauty* actress Mena Suvari married concert producer Simone Sestito in Rome last weekend, Suvari's rep confirmed to *Gossip Cop*. The two held their reception in the same castle that held the Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes nuptials in 2006. Suvari and Sestito kept their destination wedding personal, [People](#) reported, with wedding bands designed by Sestito, and a first dance written just for the couple.

**How can you make a destination wedding feel like home?**

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

Destination weddings can be fun and exotic, but it's important not to let the romance of the wedding get lost in the allure of the destination. Suvari and Sestito had the right idea by keeping their nuptials small and personal.

**1. Placement is key:** While cities like Rome and Paris are traditionally romantic, you should pick a destination that means something in your relationship. Make the place part of the celebration. Also, keep travel distance in mind when planning invites.

**2. Bring home with you:** By involving friends and family when

and where you can, any location can feel like home. Even on another continent, make sure everyone feels comfortable.

**3. Go out with a bang:** One great thing about destination weddings is the potential to integrate the place into your ceremony. Suvari and Sestito set off fireworks over the castle to end the evening. Similar exciting events can be done at multiple locations.

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## Emma Watson Cozies Up To British Rocker



*Harry Potter* star Emma Watson has confirmed she's dating British indie-rocker George Craig, [PopCrunch.com](http://PopCrunch.com) reported this week. Watson told [Just Jared](http://JustJared.com) that she met Craig while

shooting the recent Burberry fashion campaign. The actress also co-stars in Craig's music video, "Say You Don't Want It," from his group One Night Only. Watch it above!

## **Can a relationship survive a rock star lifestyle?**

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

Though both Watson and Craig have hectic schedules, not all girls would be comfortable having a rock star for a boyfriend. Like Watson, be supportive of your partner's lifestyle, but set some boundaries to keep you both on the same page.

**1. Love the music:** When it comes to dating a rocker, anyone who doesn't love music, need not apply. If you want to be a part of your partner's life, embrace the fact that music will be come a large part of your life in more ways than one.

**2. Watch the fan club:** From afar that is, but still keep an eye out. Don't completely distrust your partner, but even when someone has the best intentions, an obsessed fan might have other ideas.

**3. Tit for tat:** You'll eventually become very involved in your partner's biggest passion, and he or she should do the same for you. Find something you love and share that with them. With both of you sharing your enthusiasms, you can become more fully engrossed in each other and your relationship.

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# Michael Douglas Goes to Court Over Earnings Dispute with Ex-Wife



It seems like Michael Douglas may never be rid of his ex-wife. The [New York Post](#) reported Monday that Diandra Douglas filed a lawsuit in June against the actor, stating she has rights to half of his earnings from *Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps*. When the couple divorced 10 years ago, the decree gave her rights to future earnings from spin-offs, residuals, and merchandising off Micheal's films made when they were married. The judge will determine whether or not Diandra is entitled to any money, as the new movie is a sequel, not a spin-off.

**What's the best way to deal with an ex years down the road?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

Divorce is typically a messy business, and can sometimes be more stressful than the marriage was. See Cupid's ways to help you out when dealing with an ex-spouse:

- 1. Try to see their perspective:** After your divorce is finalized you may think you'll never have to deal your ex again. Unfortunately, this is almost never the case. When you are faced with an issue involving that person, put yourself in their shoes before immediately arguing against them.
  - 2. You loved them once:** Keep in mind that there was once love shared between you two. At the very least, establish some ground rules, such as basic respect when you need to communicate.
  - 3. Move on with your life:** Even though you are no longer a couple – especially if you have children together – your ex-spouse will need a place in your new life. Accept this as a fact of life, so you can get past this.
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# **19 Kids & Counting: The Duggar Family Welcomes Baby Josie Home**







[People](#) reported Friday that Josie Duggar, the latest addition born to Michelle and Jim Bob Duggar of the reality show *19 Kids and Counting*, was finally brought home. Their 19th daughter entered the world during Michelle's 25th week of pregnancy, and Josie has spent the last six months in neonatal intensive care. Healthy and finally home in Tontitown, Ark., Josie weighs 9 lbs., 1 oz. The TLC reality show chronicles this family's daily routine, and the Duggar's have easily added Josie to the mix.

## **How do you run an efficient household?**

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

Managing a family's busy schedule is never easy, especially with a family as large as the Duggar's. See what Cupid has to say about running a tight ship, regardless of your family's size:

**1. Schedule, schedule, schedule:** Whether you have one child or 19, you need to manage your time more effectively than when you didn't have a family. Always leave room for the unexpected.

**2. Involve everyone:** When your family expands into multiple



children, time disappears right before your eyes. Delegate tasks to your partner and older kids. Get everyone in the routine of pitching in, and before long, it will become a natural thing!

**3. Breathe:** When you feel the stress of managing a busy life, give yourself a little breathing room – even if it means letting the dishes sit for an extra five minutes!

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## Rihanna & Matt Kemp: A Home Run or Strike Out?



Although singer Rihanna and Los Angeles Dodger Matt Kemp's relationship seems to be smooth sailing, Kemp's performance on the field has taken a nosedive. In fact, Dodger's manager Joe Torre benched the outfielder before Sunday's game against the New York

Yankees. “We really haven’t given him a rest that often, so he’s never had a chance to really regroup,” Torre told the [Los Angeles Times](#). [People](#) wonders whether Rihanna has cursed Kemp’s game, similar to Jessica Simpson to quarterback, Tony Romo. Only time will tell.

**How do you prevent your lover from keeping you distracted from your work?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

While a little distraction from your job can be a good thing, it doesn’t help if it’s contributing to poor performance. See what Cupid has to say about preventing disturbances from coming between you and your mate:

- 1. Focus:** Just because you’ve added someone new to your life doesn’t mean that you should forget about everything else. Manage your time between your partner and your life outside of him or her to prevent fallout in both.
  - 2. Speak up:** If you can’t find enough time to share between your professional life and your love life, talk to your significant other and ask for some breathing room. Your workload shouldn’t suffer because of personal issues.
  - 3. Be honest with yourself:** Dating can be quite time consuming in the beginning. Unless you can balance a serious commitment to another person, as well as keep up with your daily routine, you shouldn’t add a relationship to your life just yet.
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# Megan Fox & Brian Austin Green's Intimate Wedding!



That was fast! Cupid found out recently that actors Megan Fox, 24, and Brian Austin Green, 36, re-engaged after a brief break. It turns out that the couple married at the Fours Seasons Resort on the Big Island of Hawaii last week, which Green's rep confirmed Monday to [TMZ](#). The ceremony was intimate, with less than a dozen guests in attendance. This is the first marriage for both Fox and Green.

**How can you keep your wedding small and intimate?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

With shows like *Platinum Wedding* and *My Fair Wedding* all the rage, the pressure is on to have a big and extravagant wedding. However, a smaller and more personal ceremony can be just as – if not more – special. Here are some of Cupid's tips

on keeping your plans to a minimum:

**1. Don't invite everyone and their mom:** This may be the hardest thing to do, since you'll want to share this day with everyone (and loved ones may feel left out if they're not invited), but this is a surefire way to keep your ceremony under control.

**2. Go away:** Take a note from Fox and Green and plan a destination wedding that many people won't be able to attend. Sounds harsh, but it's a way to have potential guests weed themselves off the list without you having to lift a finger.

**3. Set a budget – and stick to it:** A budget will keep you from spending too much, whether it's on food, flowers, or the cake. If you can't (or don't want) to pay for extra guests, you don't need to.

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## Mark-Paul Gosselaar & Lisa Ann Russell Split After 14 Years!





After 14 years of marriage and two children together, Mark-Paul Gosselaar (better known as Zack Morris from *Saved By the Bell*) filed for divorce on June 18 from Lisa Ann Russell. [TMZ](#) confirmed the split on Friday. The couple's rep told [UsMagazine.com](#) that they will remain "focused on their family and are jointly committed to their children."

### **How can you focus on the kids when you dissolve a marriage?**

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

No one wants to end a relationship, but there are times when parents find themselves sitting with lawyers to divide their assets – and figure out what to do about their children. Here are some ways to help alleviate stress when the kids are involved:

- 1. Let the older kids speak:** When dealing with something as permanent as divorce, always put the kids first. If they're old enough, talk with them and ask if they have any questions. If they're too young to understand, ensure that you spend positive quality time together as frequently as possible.
- 2. Play nice with your ex:** You may think this an easy task, but when a relationship ends, you're bound to strike an

occasional sour note. Try to keep tempers and attitudes in check, especially if the kids are within earshot.

**3. Separate the issues:** Ending your marriage shouldn't be a nasty fight to the finish. Work things out amicably and make sure you work out child custody arrangements. When the kids see that the two of you get along better now that you're apart, they may feel that the divorce was a better choice versus seeing their parents fighting constantly.

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## Kendra Wilkinson & Hank Baskett Celebrate One Year Together



## **The Pulse in Paradise**

Reality TV star Kendra Wilkinson, 25, celebrated one year of marriage to Hank Baskett, 27, of the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday. Wilkinson tells [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), "Hank is such an amazing husband and father and I fall more and more in love with him every day." Their son, Hank Jr., will celebrate his second birthday this December. While their first year as a married couple was stressful due to a Super Bowl loss for Baskett, and a sex tape scandal for Wilkinson, they survived their hardships by being there for each other.

**How can you keep your relationship going strong when stress makes an appearance?**

### **Cupid's Take:**

Wilkinson and Baskett seem to have what it takes to make it through even the toughest of stressful situations. Here are some tips to help during those rough patches:

1. You are not perfect: No matter what is said or done, everyone is prone to errors along the way. The trick is to see and acknowledge mistakes, and work through them together.
2. Speak up: It's sometimes harder than you think to deal with a situation on your own. Step up to the plate and talk to your partner about it. They may be able to help you resolve your issue – but only if you let them.
3. Make informed decisions: Regardless of the situation you're dealing with, do the research on it before jumping to rash options. The more you know, the better you can handle what's on your plate.

Working together with your mate will go a long way in solidifying your bond together. If you're unsure how to involve your lover, just blurt it out, then work on the



details later.

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## Ne-Yo: Soon to Be Daddy



And baby makes three. [E! News](#) confirmed last Friday that Grammy-winning rapper Ne-Yo is expecting his first child with girlfriend Monyetta Shaw. Ne-Yo spoke with EBONY magazine about the news, and said, “I am 30 and I do have my first child on the way, and I’m very, very, very excited about that.” The gender of the child is unknown because it was curled up during the ultrasound. The musician joked that the baby’s body position indicates his child will be “stubborn,” but added, “They didn’t get that one from me.”

**How can you connect with your baby in the womb?**

## Cupid's Advice:

A baby typically begins taking note of their environment after around six months in the womb. New brain cells are developing constantly. By increasing your child's stimulation, you will also increase their neural pathways. Here are some of Cupid's tips:

- 1. Play classical music:** To increase the growth of neural networks in your child's brain before birth, play classical music.
  - 2. Stimulate your baby with light:** Shine a flashlight on your tummy and see how your baby responds.
  - 3. Talk to your baby:** When you and your mate speak to your baby, it will begin recognizing your voices, and will naturally form a closer bond with the two of you.
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# Martina Navratilova's Off-Court Financial Battle





This is no love match. Tennis legend Martina Navratilova has found herself fighting an off-court battle with her ex, Toni Layton, reported the [Telegraph](#) last week. Now, Navratilova is trying to put an end to this messy breakup by settling and paying Layton an estimated \$3 million. Layton sued Navratilova two years ago for alimony, saying Navratilova suddenly dumped her after an eight year relationship, and caused her “emotional, mental and physical trauma.” Layton also apparently threatened Navratilova, saying she would air all of the couple’s dirty laundry if the tennis legend didn’t pay up.

**What should you do if you’re being threatened in some way by a jilted ex?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

It should never have to come to this, but being able to protect yourself from any threat is essential. Let Cupid help:

**1. A threat is a threat:** First and foremost, understand that if someone threatens you it should be taken seriously. Whether it’s verbal, as in the case of Navratilova, or physical, it should not be ignored. Any form of domestic

abuse, which includes threats against you or a family member, is against the law!

**2. You're never alone:** Calling 911 is a good first course of action if you feel threatened. Laws vary from state-to-state; you'll want to understand your options. Don't worry about making things worse by involving the authorities; they're there to help and protect you. If you're a minor, inform your parents of the situation and let them help you figure out the best course of action. There is also the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE.

**3. The ABC's of AVOs and TROs:** There are special court orders that can be put in place if your ex, or even your current spouse, is threatening you. These are called injunctions, and can force someone to refrain from doing certain acts. These come in the form of a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO), or an Apprehended Violence Order (AVO) if you feel your harasser is becoming violent.

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# Tiki Barber's Divorce Settlement





After 11 years of marriage, former football great and NBC *Today* show commentator, Tiki Barber, is finding himself in the middle of a “giant” divorce settlement, reports the [New York Post](#). Several months ago, the father of four left his college sweetheart, Ginny Barber, who was pregnant with twins at the time, for a 23-year-old NBC intern. Now, the *Post* says he is trying to “low-ball” his wife by claiming he’s broke and unable to pay the settlement since being let go from his NBC gig.

**If you and your ex can’t come to terms in an amicable way, how should you negotiate the best possible divorce agreement?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Ending a marriage is unfortunate under any circumstances. Being prepared and obtaining counsel will help you through the process. Here’s Cupid’s advice:

**1. Know your legal rights:** Consult with a lawyer to help evaluate any assets in question. This can include how social security benefits factor in, or your rights to a portion of a 401(k), pension, an IRA account, and even life insurance.

Other key items you'll want to consider are a business, cars, home, securities such as stocks and bonds, collectibles, and everyday household items such as pots, pans and dishes. Take inventory!

**2. Become financially savvy:** Many couples go through marriage with only one person handling the household finances. When putting together a divorce settlement, it's critical that you are aware of money issues and the kind of numbers you are dealing with. It's also important to establish credit under your own name if you haven't done so already. This will help develop your own creditworthiness when trying to get your piece of the pie.

**3. Children are priority:** When children are involved, you'll want to work out the best possible settlement for them. Divorce is hard enough. It's important they continue to live the same lifestyle. Key factors to keep in mind include health insurance, college tuition, the family home, and general expenses.

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## **Mel Gibson vs. Oksana Grigorieva: Restraining Orders**





[RadarOnline](#) reported Friday that 54-year-old actor Mel Gibson filed a sealed restraining order against ex-girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva, the mother of his seven-month-old illegitimate daughter, Lucia. However [TMZ](#) reported an hour later that Grigorieva filed a domestic violence restraining order against the actor, claiming he was violent towards her. Gibson's restraining order was filed to keep his ex from releasing certain information, as well as ensuring child visitation rights.

**How do you deal with child visitation after a not so amicable break up?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

While no breakup is immune to problems, there are ways to ensure your children don't bear the burden of your issues.

**1. Ask for help:** If you and your ex can't stand to be in the same room together, find a close friend or family member that can assist with figuring out a schedule that works for the both of you.

**2. Hire a mediator:** A professional can meet with each of you separately and come back with an arrangement that gives both



parents equal time with the kids.

**3. Include the children:** Ask the older ones about their wishes. It's important to include them in your decision if you can. This will go along way to help them understand the breakup isn't about them.

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## The Runaway Bride's New Man



Jennifer Wilbanks, nicknamed the Runaway Bride after she made headlines in 2005 by faking a kidnapping to get out of marrying her fiancé, has a new man, the [New York Post](#) reported Monday. Will her new beau, Greg Hutson, have the pleasure taking her her hand in marriage?

**How can you be sure of your feelings toward your mate?**

## Cupid's Advice:

Emotion can be a challenging hurdle when dealing with upcoming nuptials or even moving in together, but if you take the time to sort things out step by step, you'll have a higher chance of success. Take a look at Cupid's advice on ways to assist you with your next big decision:

1. **Fear:** There's always a moment of absolute terror when you are about to make a life altering leap. If you're unsure of your feelings, take a step back and evaluate the situation before committing to someone else. Tip: If a wedding is looming, don't wait until the big day to postpone!

2. **Counseling:** If you have nagging doubts or insecurities about a relationship that just won't fade, there's nothing wrong with seeking professional to spot nervous jitters versus an actual problem that needs to be addressed.

3. **Turn to your partner:** If you're thinking of stepping up your partnership, make sure you discuss any unresolved issues beforehand.

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# It's A Boy for Sean Patrick Thomas!





A rep for actor Sean Patrick Thomas and wife Aonika Laurent Thomas announced the birth of their son, Luc Laurent Thomas, in a [People](#) exclusive on Tuesday. He was born on June 9 in Los Angeles and weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz. The couple also has a 2-year-old daughter, Lola.

**How can you ensure enough time for everyone when increasing family size?**

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

Families are growing larger in the 21st century, which can often translate to family members – especially children – feeling left out. To combat this, you'll need to be strategic about your time. Here are some easy methods to keep the household from feeling neglected:

- 1. Create a routine:** From the moment you have a new baby, a routine needs to be worked out so older siblings can spend time with the little one, and also have one-on-one time with you.
- 2. Offer special coupons:** Depending on the age of your older children, creating 'coupons' for together time can provide them with control over their needs. This tickets can be for

hugs, story-time, or a game – anything to show your kids they haven't been forgotten.

**3. Special moments:** There are bound to be unexpected games, recitals, or plays you'll need to attend. If you've gotten short notice, make every effort to make it. Can't? It's time to bust out an IOU card.

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## Chelsea Clinton's New Wedding Details



It's been confirmed that former first daughter Chelsea Clinton will marry longtime boyfriend Mark Mezvinsky on July 31. The specifics are sketchy at best, as Clinton is known for keeping her life out of the public eye, but [New York Magazine](#) revealed some details last week on possible locations and wedding dress designer

rumors. For more, check out the [CBS Early Show's](#) Tuesday interview with Doree Shafrir, a contributing editor for *NYMag*, above.

## **How can you ensure your wedding is memorable while on a budget?**

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

Not everyone has the money and resources to plan a small and private wedding. In this economy, however, it's not unusual to choose low-key options. Here are some of Cupid's ways to scale down the reception while leaving a lasting impression:

- 1. Have a house reception:** Ask friends and family that own large property if they could lend you their space as a wedding gift. If they've been hit by the economy, this will be a gift that gives back!
- 2. Keep it simple:** Not everyone needs a towering floral display on every table. Small touches, like votive candles and rose petals, can go a long way. If you're fortunate enough to use a private house, bring decor from the ceremony to serve a double-duty shift.
- 3. Just hit play:** Create a wedding play list on your iPod and ask a friend or family member who loves to ham it up if they'd like to MC your big night. This makes your event even more personal than it already is!

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## **A New Boyfriend for Alexa Ray**

# Joel



Singer Alexa Ray Joel (daughter of Billy Joel), who was hospitalized last December due to anxiety over a breakup, is now dating 24-year-old singer/songwriter Cass Dillon, [People](#) reported earlier this week. The couple met when Dillon was hired to play guitar on Joel's upcoming album. Joel says she's not a fan of the dating scene. "Dating can be awkward," she told *People* in April. "I prefer to meet someone through work or socially."

**How can you move on from a broken heart?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

Everyone knows how hard it is to get over a breakup. Props to Joel for moving on! Here are some of Cupid's tips to help you cope:

**1. Acceptance:** The relationship is over. If you intend on

getting back together with your ex, you'll never mend that broken heart.

**2. Don't wallow in guilt:** Stop blaming yourself for the failure of the relationship, and realize your partner played a hand as well. Letting go of unnecessary guilt will help you let go of the needless grief that goes along with it.

**3. Know that it'll get better:** Just because your previous relationship didn't work out doesn't mean you should give up on love completely. Learn to trust again, learn to love again, and naturally, you will learn to live again!

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## Rachel Bilson & Hayden Christensen Are "Taking a Break"







*The OC* actress, Rachel Bilson, and *Star Wars: Episode II* star, Hayden Christensen, are reportedly taking a break from their engagement, a source told [USMagazine.com](http://USMagazine.com) last weekend. The couple engaged quietly in 2008; however when asked about the wedding by the US Magazine at the TQH/Take No Prisoners Party, Bilson replied, “No, no plans,” and pointed to her ringless finger. A source told the magazine that the couple is “taking about a month off.”

**What are some warning signs that you and your significant other need a break?**

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

Not all breaks are a bad thing. Sometimes a little time away is needed to ensure what you have with your partner is right, especially if you're thinking about taking the next step to marriage.

**1. You feel bad about yourself:** The beginning of a relationship always brings highs to your self-esteem. If you no longer feel happy – either with yourself or with the partnership – step back and see if you're happier without your other half.

**2. You don't want to hang out anymore:** If you no longer enjoy conversing with your partner, or find yourself trying to avoid contact with him or her, it's a sign something's amiss. You can't work on a relationship if you can't communicate with each other – or don't want to.

**3. You compare your partner to other people:** The comparison doesn't have to just be physical; intellectual and emotional comparisons may be more meaningful, especially if you're looking at things your mate has no power to change.

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## Tori Spelling Scared Hubby Dean McDermott May Cheat



As reported in [US Magazine](#), Tori Spelling (90210) has been happily married to Dean McDermott (*Santa Baby 2*) since 2006, when they eloped on a private island in Fiji. To celebrate their fourth anniversary last month, they invited guests to see them renew their promises of love and they recited their vows in a sandbox while their kids played at their feet! With what seems like unconditional love, why does Spelling, in her new book, [Uncharted terriTORI](#), reveal her concern that McDermott may cheat on her?

**How can you overcome fears of infidelity despite having a strong relationship?**

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

Partnerships are a mix of both good and bad twists and turns, which no one can truly prepare for. However, fear of betrayal can be prevented with some strategic planning and simple faith. See how Cupid breaks it down for you:

- 1. Love:** Just show it. Don't hide it, and don't smother the other person. This should come naturally, and should be enough to keep your mind from your worries.
  - 2. Trust:** If you've chosen to marry someone, trust should already be ingrained into your relationship. It's natural to have doubts; take time to talk to your partner about them.
  - 3. Live your life:** All the planning in the world can't promise faithfulness, but your best defense is to love your mate, and ensure they're a part of your life mentally, emotionally, and physically. If they are thinking of you, there won't be room for others.
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# Katy Perry & Russell Brand Keep Finances and Marriage at Bay



Pop music star Katy Perry and Russell Brand (*Get Him to the Greek*) seem to embody the ultimate love story, and love to pose for the media. The couple has mentioned marriage, but details are sparse. While it's possible the duo is keeping their plans private to avoid a press spectacle, [Betty Confidential](#) wonders whether their net worth plays a role in their hesitancy to a full commitment.

**Can wildly different payrolls cause friction in a relationship?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Whether yourself or your partner earns more money shouldn't be

an issue since you are together, but money is often a hot button topic. If you need help resolving your issues, check out Cupid's tips:

**1. Make this a priority from the beginning:** When you first meet, the last thing on your mind is money and who makes more. When it's time to mingle your finances, you'll need to review your accounts, and figure out what you'll each contribute. Consider keeping individual accounts on the side.

**2. Manage your bills:** While there's no need to breathe down your partner's back when they get their paycheck, it's important that bills paid. Staying on top of your money will lessen and avoid conflicts later.

**3. Be understanding:** The budget you initially set up may change due to job loss or (hopefully) a promotion. Sit down and talk about the adjustments that need to be made to keep your bills paid, and both of you content.

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## **'Bachelor' Couple Jake Pavelka & Vienna Girardi Split**





Yes, another reality TV romance has ended. [OK! Magazine](#) reported Monday that recent *Bachelor* star Jake Pavelka and fiancé Vienna Girardi have called it quits. The two met on the reality show and have not given a reason for their split, but the couple's rep told the magazine they wanted their privacy during this time.

### **Can a high-profile relationship last?**

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

Pavelka and Girardi are the most recent in a string of reality show relationships to come to an end. When meeting and forging a relationship in a public and pressured setting, it's hard to maintain a true level of "reality" with each other. Here are some tips to keep you grounded, especially when dealing with someone in the limelight:

- 1. Trust your instincts:** When you meet someone, most of the time your initial impression is right. If you get the feeling that someone isn't into you for the right reasons, get out fast.
- 2. Know what's private:** Certain things and actions should be

kept behind closed doors. Overt public displays of affection, or revealing too much about your relationship to others, may reveal that the other person is only in the relationship for publicity or attention.

**3. Keep lines uncrossed:** As soon as you cross the line to overexposure, it's time to step back. The only way to keep a relationship strong is to keep it personal... as in, just between the two of you.

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## Megan Fox & Brian Austin Green are “Re-Engaged”



Maybe there is some truth to the old cliché, the second time's a charm. At the premiere of her latest movie, “Jonah Hex,” Megan Fox told [People](#) magazine, “I’m more in love with him (fiancé Brian



Austin Green) than I was in the beginning.” The couple – who were first engaged in 2006 and called it off last February – re-engaged this month.

**How can you prevent the break-up/make-up syndrome from happening in your relationship?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Sometimes it takes a little distance to find out if two people are meant to be together before they walk down the aisle. Cupid has some suggestions to help keep your relationship on track without all the drama:

- 1. Take it slow:** Far too often couples rush into a serious relationship, only to have it end badly. If you slow down the courtship and get to know one another, you’ll have a better chance at being together for the long haul.
- 2. Be honest:** If something is bothering you, it’s important to share your feelings with your partner immediately. Keeping things inside will only cause resentment, and can often lead to a break-up.
- 3. The test of time:** Sometimes the only way to know if a relationship will sustain is to see how things go after being together for a few years.

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## **Is Jesse James’ Move to Texas**

# an Attempt to Win Sandra Bullock Back?



They may be broken up, but Jesse James won't stay too far from Sandra Bullock. The TV personality told [TMZ](#) last weekend that he will move into his Texas house so his ex-wife can stay closely involved in his kid's lives. James said his three children – from different women – want to remain close to the actress. Regarding the future of his relationship with Bullock, with whom he is estranged from due to his infidelity, James told TMZ, "Whatever happens, happens." The move will take place after he returns to the U.S. after filming a special in Israel for the History Channel on a kibbutz.

**Is there ever a good way to reconnect with an ex?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Assuming that James is looking to re-develop his relationship with Bullock, here are a few pointers he might find handy:

- 1. Make sure reconciliation is mutual:** In order to successfully make peace after a break, both parties must be willing to work on re-building their bond. Forcing someone to love you will only push him or her away further.
  - 2. Accept responsibility:** There is no excuse for bad behavior. Don't try to turn the tables and blame it on your partner. Accept and admit to your error.
  - 3. Time:** Allow your partner the time and space they need to think about the relationship on their own. Time may not heal all pains, but it helps.
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## Miranda Lambert & Blake Shelton Are Engaged





Country superstars Miranda Lambert and Blake Shelton are engaged after more than five years of courtship. According to [CBS News](#), Shelton asked for permission from Lambert's father before proposing to her in the woods near her home last month – complete with Bacardi and Diet Coke in a Solo Cup, which Lambert loved! [People](#) reported that the two have yet to release wedding plans, but the couple tells the magazine they're enjoying their engagement.

**How can you make a proposal special yet personal?**

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

Shelton's personal touches made his proposal all the more significant to Lambert – and didn't require too much extra effort on his part. When planning that special moment, think about what will mean the most to the other person so the experience is memorable for you both.

**1. It's not the size that counts:** While there might be societal pressure for a grand gesture, sometimes simpler is better. Make it about the personal connection between the two of you.

**2. WWT?:** What Would They Do? Think about how the other person would propose, which may reveal what they'd want out of

an engagement. Make it about the other person.

**3. Be sincere:** Speak from your heart, and tell them exactly how you feel. Don't say something cheesy just because you feel you should. Every word, even something as simple as "I love you," counts. Make sure you mean each one.