

'The Bachelor' Season 16 Episode 9: Ann and Jesse Csincsak Discuss Ben's Final Dates in Switzerland



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On this week's episode of The Bachelor, it was time for Ben Flajnik to narrow the girls down to two. The scene for the infamous one-on-one fantasy suite dates was set in Switzerland where Nicki, Lindzi and Courtney had the opportunity to get some alone time with Ben. In the middle of it all, was an unexpected twist. Kacie B. decided to return. She timidly knocked on Ben's hotel room door and wanted him to give her a reason why he let her go. His reasoning being simply because they were "world's apart." Personally, we didn't think he

could muster up the courage to say that her parents were too old-fashioned for his taste (e.g., they were opposed to having their daughter move in with him before she was married).

Kacie then continued the conversation by letting Ben know that Courtney was up to no good and could break his heart.

This all happened directly following Ben's one-on-one talk with Courtney about this very issue. Nevertheless, when it came to the final rose ceremony it wasn't Courtney being sent home; it was Nicki. Sometimes, a man has to do, what a man has to do. And, then there were two! As if we didn't know who was "winning!" Here's a look at the weekly Q&A from your resident Bachelor Couple, Ann and Jesse Csincsak:

1. Overall, what did you think of tonight's episode? What was your favorite part?

Jesse: It's was very uneventful! I was glad to see Kacie come back; it made it a little more interesting.

Ann: I enjoy watching the show more towards the end because you're a little more invested in the girls and who goes home and who stays. In the beginning, I don't care as much about who gets cut!

2. Ben seems extremely confused (for good reason), is there anyone he can call or talk to about his feelings or is it all on him?

Jesse: Nope! He's all alone on this one. He really isn't even supposed to talk to his family.

Ann: No, the producers are not the ones to talk to because to be honest they are probably the CEO's and Board of directors for Team Courtney, THEY want him to pick her.

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3. That scene where Ben and Nicki were dropped off on the

cliff by helicopter, how long do they leave them there in the middle of nowhere?

Jesse: A couple of hours they just film a couple of shots and all the producers and camera men are there.

Ann: I would say they were up there long enough to get a good shot and kiss and that's about it. It just made for good TV because it was so dramatic to be standing on a cliff.

4. Why do they keep making Lindzi do these daring dates instead of giving her a romantic one-on-one? Do you think these type of dates work for or against someone?

Jesse: She told producers she was afraid of heights so they play on that. I think he likes her at this point so the dates are just for show.

Ann: They have her do it 1) because she is afraid of heights. 2) He is probably not as romantically interested in her. They just have a really good time together. I think in the begging these stunts work well for women because it shows a sense of adventure in them but towards the end it just feels like a repeat of the daring ones from the beginning.

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5. What's really going on in the fantasy suite?

Jesse: Exactly what you think happens in the fantasy suite happens in the fantasy suite.

Ann: N/A

6. Do you think Courtney was sincere in apologizing? Do you think she really likes Ben?

Jesse: Yes and no. I think she's sorry she is getting flack but not sorry she's gotten so much attention.

Ann: I think she likes the idea of Ben and WINNING! That's it.

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7. What did you think of Kacie B's return? Was that done by the producers to position her as the next Bachelorette like we've seen many times before?

Jesse: Totally produced! I don't think she'll be the Bachelorette but you'll see her again on the pad.

Ann: I think she will be forgotten by the time the next Bachelorette (after Emily) comes around, so no. But it was producer planned and it made for a few minutes of excitement. I kept thinking he would let her come back.

8. What would you do if you were Ben and everyone kept warning you about someone you had strong feelings for?

Jesse: Ignore it! People do what they want in the end.

Ann: It would depend on how I felt for that person. There are plenty of people my friends have dated that were bad news and me telling my friend made no difference to them. Maybe it gets someone thinking but in the end people have to decide for themselves.

9. Anything you hope to hear or see on the tell-all next week?

Jesse: A whole bunch of drama! Haha! They are gonna destroy Courtney and she can't even defend herself. Oh well!

Courtney Stages a Fake Wedding for Ben Flajnik on 'The Bachelor'



Courtney

Robertson's fake wedding vows on *The Bachelor* may have been sweet music to Ben Flajnik's ears but it seemed to be a bit too familiar to *Sex and the City* aficionados. Complete with a stand-in officiant, Robertson set up a mock wedding in a local park of her hometown of Scottsdale, Arizona during her hometown date. While wheedling Flajnik into writing original vows, the model repeated the same vows as the *Sex and the City* character Carrie Bradshaw, played by Sarah Jessica Parker. "I'm looking for love. Real, passionate, can't-live-without-each-other-love. When I look at you from across the room, I know that the key to your happiness is the key to mine. Ben, I want to love you and treat you right. Every day

and every night,” Robertson told him. “I hope you know I’m 100% ready for marriage and so happy I found you. I want you to know that I’m in love with you.”

Forget the mock ceremony, let’s begin with whether or not a woman should propose to a man!

Cupid’s Advice:

Beyonce may have said it best in *Single Ladies*: “If you like it then you should have put a ring on it...” But what happens if your partner doesn’t put a ring on it when you feel the relationship is ready? Women are going after what they want nowadays- and love is no exception. While it’s up to you to decide if you want to pop the question to your partner, Cupid has some advice to help you make the decision.

1. Go after what you want: Being an independent woman, isn’t a task- it’s a lifestyle. Instead of waiting for your Prince Charming to plan the perfect proposal, show him how you want it done by doing it yourself.

2. Be non-traditional: Sure, a man is *supposed* to ask for his woman’s hand in marriage, but that doesn’t have to be the case in every situation. Make your engagement story unique.

3. If you really love him: If you’re ready for the next step in your relationship but your partner hasn’t necessarily approached you about it, take the initiative to do so yourself. Talk to him about marriage and make sure you’re both on the same page and plan from there.

Do you think a woman should propose to a man? Share your comments below.

'The Bachelor' Season 16 Episode 8: Ann and Jesse Csincsak Discuss Hometown Dates (Three Girls and a Wedding)



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This week on The Bachelor Season 16 with Ben Flajnik, we were taken to the horse country, the Bible Belt, a Texas-style dress-up party and a mock wedding. Yes, three women and a wedding. Lindzi got to show Ben what it was like to race horses, ride horses and grow up with horses all around her. She said she rode before she even walked. Nikki's fun-loving spirit led Ben into a Texan cowboy store where they both

bought hats and boots and sported being a Texan all day. Ben said it was something that he always wanted to do. Courtney invited Ben not only to meet her family but to meet his future wife (her) in a full-course wedding with an officiant and all.

They exchanged vows in what some Twitter followers say was a rip-off of Sex and the City. Overall, the parents seemed down-to-earth and warm towards Ben. However, the one family that didn't welcome him as easily was Kacie B. Unfortunately, their traditional values and lack of alcohol consumption (after all, Ben is a wine maker) probably got in the way of his feelings for her. At the end of the episode, she was the one who was sent packing.

Here's this week's Q&A commentary from Ann and Jesse Csincsak:

1. What are your thoughts on Ben's horse date with Lindzi?

Jesse: Umm Lindz is the whole package! She is down-to-earth and fun. Her parents are super fun and she is not bad to look at either.

Ann: Very cute! It seemed very true to who she is. Not just sitting around the house but outdoors enjoying life.

2. What did you think of the coincidences between Lindzi's parents and Ben and Lindzi's first date?

Jesse: Her parents are easy going and I think they would be fun to have as in-laws.

Ann: I thought it was funny Lindzi didn't know any of that stuff about her parents but very funny coincidences...

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3. Do you think Kacie B's conservative family had anything to do with Ben not choosing her? Why?

Jesse: No one and I mean NO ONE wants to have in-laws that are up tight and tell you how you're gonna live your life with your other half. LET PEOPLE LIVE THERE LIVES!!

Ann: Yes!!! I think that was most of the reason. If Jesse asked my dad if he could marry me and my dad said no that would be a big deal. Ben must have sensed that after meeting them.

4. Thoughts on Bachelor Ben in a Texas cowboy get up?

Jesse: I know nothing about fashion but I am sure my wife would call it a #FashionFail

Ann: Gag! Ben looked hilarious in that hat. Thank God he didn't audition for Sweet Home Alabama.

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5. There were four bottles of wine opened on this episode (maybe more) over promotional? normal? or on the brink of alcoholism?

Jesse: Producers pump you full of alcohol and try to get you to say things that you wouldn't normally say- PERIOD.

Ann: Most people would call that alcoholism on the bachelor it's just another Monday night!

6. What did you think about Courtney's family? She obviously picked up the skinny dipping hobby from her dad if you saw the last few moments of the episode!

Jesse: Courtney's family seemed ok but she still seems to act like she is better than them or above them. I can't really put my finger on it. The producers are definitely realizing that they need to redeem Courtney and her image and as far as I am concerned it's just too late. And the wedding was a total repeat of a date Ashley Hebert had on her season. I

really wish the producers would stop recycling dates!

Ann: They seemed nice but very negative and skeptical. Probably where she gets it from! I hope she didn't steal skinny dipping tips from her dad.

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7. What would you have done if you were the Bachelor/Bachelorette and someone played out the whole marriage scenario like Courtney did?

Jesse: I would refuse. Marriage is the real deal not something fun to do for a joke on a date.

Ann: I wouldn't do it. It would be funny for a second but vows and a ring exchange was too much. Being married and having that moment is serious and shouldn't be cheapened for a good TV episode.

8. Do you think Courtney took a risk setting up the whole wedding or she smartly played right to the cameras?

Jesse: It was totally produced. It was a cut and paste date from Ashley H.'s season.

Ann: I think the cameras and producers set it all up and Courtney said YES! They have very little to do with the dates.

9. Any thoughts or surprises with the final rose ceremony?

Jesse: I thought Nikki could be the one to go home but Kacie's parents shot any of her chances down. It's okay Kacie; you're a doll. You will be just fine.

Ann: I was surprised Kacie B. went home but not surprised after her family's reaction to Ben. Her family doesn't even drink and he MAKES WINE for a living... Those two don't add up.

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10. Are you looking forward to watching Emily on the next season of ‘The Bachelorette’?

Jesse: I think Little Miss Golddigger’s season will be the worst one yet. How can you watch someone that you know is a LIAR? She claims that she hates the press and the cameras but yet she’s The Bachelorette? Sorry, not interested in seeing you send 24 guys home and choose an ARMDOLL to prance around with for a few months after your season is done. Total fail in my opinion. Her season will be as fake as it gets!

Ann: Yes, but to be honest it’s to see her fashion choices. She has great style.

11. They showed what looked to be a dramatic trailer and a surprise appearance on Emily’s season, who do you think comes back?

Jesse: Honestly, I think we will either see Brad or Bentley. Either one would be stupid to come back for her.

Ann: That scene was from her season with Brad but I think it might be Brad that shows up or at least I hope it is.

12. Do you think the producers will do what’s needed to keep Emily’s daughter, Ricki close by? Do you know what took place when Jason Mesnick went on the show?

Jesse: I think Emily bringing them to the south to film is going to be a total train wreck and having her daughter close by is a sketchy situation at best.

Ann: I believe Ty stayed home with Jason’s family, not sure. I think Ricky will either stay with family back home or Emily’s family is staying in LA with Ricki to be close by.

13. Have you heard anything about Bachelor Pad 3 yet?

Jesse: Nope, but I am sure they have all their producers chipping away at it.

Ann: No but I have a few good guesses for the new cast!

14. Anything to add?

Jesse: I will be surprised if this show gets resigned after Emily's season.

What Does Astrology Tell Us About 'Bachelor' Ben Flajnik and His Quest for Love?





By Lori May

Benjamin Flajnik, also known as “Bachelor Ben,” is the latest contestant on The Bachelor to go looking for love. With the season drawing closer to the final episode and live special, more and more fans of the series are perplexed by who Benjamin Flajnik is—and what is he really looking for in a Lady Love?

What does Astrology tell us about Benjamin Flajnik and his quest for love?

Benjamin Flajnik is a Virgo (Sun Sign placement), based on the public information of his birth date being September 10th, 1982, in California. As an avid fan of The Bachelor, I have tuned in since the beginning of Ben’s season only to be repeatedly amused by just how much of a “typical Virgo” Ben seems to be. Below are a few highlights of the traits, interest, and behaviors of Bachelor Ben’s that led me to apply the “typical Virgo” stamp of approval.

Virgo Man traits Ben exhibits:

Need for Flexibility: Ben has repeatedly commented, both to the camera and to various female contestants, about how much

he values and appreciates flexibility. The ability to “go with the flow” seems very important to Bachelor Ben, which is typical not only of Virgos but also the other Mutable Zodiac Signs (Gemini, Pisces and Sagittarius, specifically).

Desire for the Outdoors: Several of the girls have stated that they enjoy how rugged Ben is, and how outdoorsy or hands-on his dates have been. Virgo men are typically very good with their hands, have an affinity for the outdoors, and love to take a chaotic situation and make sense of it. Taking the girls fly fishing, paddling down the Panama Canal, or on a scenic picnic during a one-on-one date are all extremely appropriate endeavors for a Virgo.

Guarded Emotions: Many viewers have been concerned that Ben Flajnik seems too reserved, even shy, to be a successful Bachelor. Virgo men tend to keep their emotions in check, not only because of their Mutable nature but also because—like fellow Earth Signs Taurus and Capricorn—emotions are often confusing and even overwhelming to the very logical, practical Virgo man’s mindset.

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Emphasis on Activity: Ben puts a lot of emphasis on physical activities during his dates, even one-on-one adventures, such as his deserted island date with Kacey B. The women’s ability to be productive with him during these physical activities seems very important to Ben, which is very true to Virgo’s hands-on nature. The ability to work as a couple and accomplish something tangible is extremely appealing and possibly even mandatory in Ben’s potential wife.

Dislikes Being Questioned: The women that have challenged Ben’s decisions and actions do not seem to receive a very receptive response. For example, Emily’s decision to approach Ben about fellow contestant Courtney on two occasions caused

Ben to visibly “draw back” from the conversation. Virgo men do not appreciate having their decisions and opinions questioned by others—a very Earth Sign trait—and more than most men, they have a tendency to respond to such questions as though it’s a slight towards their manhood.

Avoids Emotional Outbursts: The women who have consistently seemed overly emotional or unstable have not lasted long this season (i.e., Jenna and Blakely). Alternatively, the more reserved, laid-back ladies seem to put this Virgo Bachelor at ease. One exception to this rule is Courtney, who is consistently intense and even romantically aggressive towards Ben during their alone time.

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Attracted to Physical Qualities: On the subject of Courtney, Ben seemed to be immediately intrigued by her after first seeing her during the introductory segment of the premiere episode. This spark of chemistry and physical attraction seems to have Bachelor Ben very much under Courtney’s spell, which is one weakness most Virgo men share when in love: A tendency to be blinded by physical attraction and chemistry, and to value those connections above a more practical, logical assessment of partners.

What do you think of Benjamin Flajnik’s Virgo behavior? Check back with us here at CupidsPulse.com for further explorations into Bachelor Ben’s Astrology, and our theories about who will go home next—and which girl should stay!

'The Bachelor' Season 16 Episode 7: Ann and Jesse Csincsak Weigh in on Ben Flajnik's Ladies in Belize



Welcome to Belize. This week's episode of 'The Bachelor' had quite a few break downs. Lindzi gets a Blue Lagoon type date with Ben and they spend their date hunting for food caveman style. They end the date by writing a fairy tale love note, putting it in a bottle and sending it out to sea (cheesy). Nikki has break down #1 complaining that she needs a one-on-one with Ben.

Breakdown #2 was in full swing by Courtney after she becomes enraged at her 'boyfriend' for betraying her by giving Emily a date card. Unfortunately for Emily, there was absolutely no

on-air chemistry between them although viewers had to witness their disgusting display of tongue action (gross)!

When Courtney receives the final one-on-one date card, she tells the other girls "he listened to me." Noting earlier, that she better get a date card if he "knew what was good for him." On the date, Courtney makes Ben work for her love by telling him that she may have lost a spark. Sweet and lovable Kacie B. gets a rose on the three-on-one shark diving date with Rachel and Nikki but gets our vote for Breakdown #3 when she opens up about her disdain for Courtney. During the rose ceremony, Emily and Rachel are eliminated.

Next week we are off to the hometown dates!

1. Of the four girls left, who do you feel has the most chemistry with Ben when you watch them together on television?

Jesse: Well let's see. Who has gotten naked for him? Courtney. Who rode him naked in the ocean? Courtney. Who plays the "I-don't-know-if-you-can-meet-my-parents" card? Courtney.

Ann: Kacie B by far! The funny thing is, I don't think he even has chemistry with Courtney. They have a lot of sexual chemistry, but not the romantic kind.

2. Who do you feel has the least amount of chemistry with Ben?

Jesse: Nikki.

Ann: Nikki. I actually thought she was going home and Rachel was staying!

3. What if Lindzi said "no" to jumping out of a plane on her date because she was too scared?

Jesse: It would have made their date a lot more interesting.

Ann: I would have pushed her in! Just kidding. I think they

would have bullied her into jumping. Don't underestimate the power of the producers to get you to do something uncomfortable if it makes good television.

4. Is she allowed to say, "no?"

Jesse: This is reality TV. There are no rules. The rules are what the producers say they are in that exact moment! If one of the girls wanted to walk up to Chris Harrison and kiss him, they would let it fly if it created ratings.

Ann: Yes, she is allowed to say no, but they would have made it really awkward for her. At this point, the producers are her "friends." I use that word lightly – it would have been like all of your friends making you feel dumb for something.

5. If Ben liked her, wouldn't he still like her even if she didn't do it?

Jesse: If Ben is a *real man*, he knows that women almost never do what you ask them (sorry, honey).

Ann: I think Ben is genuine enough that if she hadn't done it he still would have liked her. Do I think she is going to win the show regardless? NO!

6. Are the stunts they do on the show dangerous or is it just made to look that way (shark diving, helicopter jumping)?

Jesse: People do shark diving every day in places like that and people jump out of planes from 4,000 feet in the sky not 30 feet over the water, totally safe in my book!

Ann: They are all things any tourist could do with enough money. So, they're definitely not that dangerous. The show would be over if anyone died from one of these things.

7. Why does Ben keep saying, "I could see myself spending the rest of my life with (insert the person he just went on a date with)?" Or, "I could be falling in love with this person." We

hear this after almost every date. Is this true or a canned response?

Jesse: All those lines are done post show. So after the finale, they make Ben and the winner go back and do voice overs, saying all the lines they need to fill in the show. Those just happen to be the lines that they use!

Ann: If you watch closely, his hair is different in some of these shots and it sounds very generic. They use clips from all throughout the season and paste them together (gotta love editing). Aside from that, one of the main requirements to being the 'Bachelor' or 'Bachelorette' is being able to play ball with the producers. Meaning, they have to say certain things on camera if the producers request it or suggest it.

8. Doesn't Courtney "losing the spark" send a red flag that she may do the same thing in a relationship with Ben once the cameras are off and things get "real?"

Jesse: She got naked and rode him in the ocean, need I say more?

Ann: Yes, Yes and YES! If she weren't such a TV gold mine she would be gone by now. This is the "bad boy" syndrome in reverse. Ben is attracted to her because she plays hard to get.

9. Are you excited to see how Courtney acts among her family and what they have to say about her?

Jesse: Nope. I am pretty sure her parents are just like her – they think they're better than the rest. *Sad, really.*

Ann: No, I am sure her family is a lot like her. If they aren't, THANK GOD! I would love to see her family put her in her place, that would make for good TV, but after her mothers article that came out I doubt that will happen.

10. Were you shocked at the outcome? Emily going home and

Nicki and Courtney staying?

Jesse: The only one who I thought would stay was Rachel and that Nikki would go. Courtney will be in the final two. She makes the show; otherwise no one would watch!

Ann: YES! I dramatically gasped outloud. I actually thought Rachel would stay instead of Nikki. Oh well.

'The Bachelor' Contestant Jennifer Says Ben Should Run from Courtney



Although Jennifer Fritsch was eliminated during the rose ceremony last

week by *The Bachelor*'s Ben Flajnik, she isn't holding it against him. That said, she *is* rooting for all the final girls but one, and that's front-runner Courtney. Fritsch claims to no longer be bitter towards Flajnik for his surprising elimination, but says that Courtney is not the girl for him. She believes the skinny-dipping model is in it for her career, and she doubts that she even has feelings for Flajnik. In her opinion, Courtney is as bad of a person as she's portrayed to be on the show. In an interview with [People](#), Fritsch said she would advise *The Bachelor* to "run for the hills" when it comes to this contestant.

How do you know when to take your friend's relationship advice seriously?

Cupid's Advice:

Some people have been your friend your entire life, while others act as your friend when they need or want something.

Cupid has some tips to help you recognize a good friend without an ulterior motive:

1. Trust: Relationships provide gossip for everyone, so make sure that you're not spilling your love life problems for everyone to hear, and only take advice from friends who are close to you and know more about your relationship.

2. Motive: If a person whom always seemed to be in love with your partner buddies up with you the minute they hear you're having issues, be skeptical. If they think the best way to resolve your problems is to break up, they may try to snatch up your potential ex when they're vulnerable.

3. History: The best person to take advice from is someone who knows your relationship history. Just because they may tell you something you don't want to hear doesn't mean they're trying to sabotage you. It probably just means they care enough to point out the obvious when you're too blinded to see

it.

Who's dating advice have you found the most helpful? Share your comments below.

'The Bachelor' Season 16, Episode 6: Ann and Jesse Csincsak Weigh in on Awkward Kissing Scene and Serial Nudist Courtney



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Welcome to Panama. This season of 'The Bachelor' has taken a turn for the... weird. First, we have serial nudist Courtney Robertson who continues to use her body to command Ben's attention. While on the other end of the sexual spectrum, we have prude-gone-wild Jamie who gives full on kissing instructions to Ben. And, somewhere caught in the middle is Blakely who during the two-on-one date with Rachel, reveals an over-the-top visual board to Ben fantasizing the non-existent romance she was having with him. Jamie and Blakeley were sent packing.

The one-on-one date was with Kacie B., who Ben took to a private island (surprise!). Over the course of the date Kacie divulges that she once had an eating disorder. Opening up to Ben gets her a rose. On the group date, the girls are taken to a tribal village in Panama. The girls all don traditional Panamanian tribal wear – over their bikinis. Courtney, however, decided that beads alone would do the job. Ben didn't look so upset about it. However, Lindzi was the one receiving the rose much to Courtney's dismay.

Speaking of being sent home, it was discovered (although with gray areas) that Casey S. has a love interest of her own at home-her (ex) boyfriend Michael who refuses to marry her. Ben wasn't too thrilled and Casey is ousted. And, then there were six!

1. What lessons can we learn from watching Kacie B's interaction with Ben?

Jesse: Realness and honesty are key!

Ann: Be natural and be yourself and it will get you a long way. Like I said a few weeks ago, no games and you will go far in a relationship.

2. Do you think Courtney's strategy of being sexual will keep her in the competition or will it eventually be her demise?

Jesse: Demise! Ben will eventually catch on because being sexual only goes so far. Anyone in a long term relationship knows that you can't base a relationship on it or it will crumble.

Ann: Normally, I would say that doesn't work well for women but in this case I think Ben is under some kind of spell and doesn't realize that he's making the classic mistake of falling for the wrong things about a girl. Courtney is getting her 15 minutes and she knows that, she'll come out of this looking dumb with a lot of attention!

3. Next week looks interesting. Any thoughts on what will happen with Courtney?

Jesse: Maybe she gets pushed off a cliff? A guy can hope. Sorry.

Ann: I think 'The Bachelor' is creating drama this year more than ever. Tonight's episode is a perfect example. Lots of girls have feelings for other guys and none get called out and sent home.

4. What did you think about Blakeley's inspiration book?

Jesse: Creepy. You have known him a month.

Ann: The scrapbook was way too much! I'm just saying. Talk about too much, too fast. She made a vision book about a life with Ben she didn't have. Scary.

5. Why didn't Ben choose Blakeley over Rachel on the two-on-one?

Jesse: Blakeley is always putting her two girls in his face – *not attractive*. Get to know him and cover up your bits and pieces.

Ann: Blakeley came out of nowhere with these serious feelings and was pushing too hard. Lesson for all girls, push too hard

and you become too available with no mystery.

6. Regarding Casey S., do you think it's common that people go on The Bachelor/Bachelorette still in love with their ex?

Jesse: Every guy or girl who has ever come on this show has an ex back home and probably had some sort of feelings for them. So, the fact that the producers just pulled this nonsense out of nowhere is ridiculous. They will exploit anyone and everyone to get drama for this show. It's sad really.

Ann: Yes. I think lots of people go on from all different situations. I think they needed a little drama so they made an example out of this. I think if all those girls were honest on camera they would admit to being there for all different reasons, some including fame (*cough, cough* Courtney).

7. The show felt pretty uneventful until the awkward kissing scene with Jamie took place, we would love to hear your thoughts on that scene.

Jesse: I think Jamie was probably told by producers that if she didn't do something like that, then she was going to be sent home and she fell for it hook line and sinker. I kind of feel bad for her.

Ann: Horrified! I covered my head cause the awkwardness actually made me uncomfortable. It was like watching someone narrate a sex class.

8. Any predictions for who will go home next week?

Jesse: Nikki. No one even knows who she is.

Ann: Emily! Possibly Nikki. I think Emily was kept here for drama but that seems to be gone so, so will she.

Emily Maynard is 'Scared to Death' to Date on TV Again



When Emily Maynard and *The Bachelor's*, Brad Womack, ended their engagement, she had absolutely no intention of being the the star of the next season of *The Bachelorette*. But, next month, that's exactly what she'll be doing. "I had no intentions of ever being the next Bachelorette. I genuinely meant that," said Maynard. "I feel like the biggest hypocrite because I said that, and now I'm doing it." According to [People](#), though she knows dating on TV can work, she admits to being scared about diving into the reality TV dating pool once again. The blonde beauty also admits that it's difficult to date as a single mom. The show will be filmed in Charlotte, North

Carolina, where Maynard is raising her 6-year-old daughter as well as in other locations.

How do you get over the fear to date again after a failed relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

After a failed relationship, it's okay to take some time off dating. But, when you fall down, you need to get back up again. Cupid has some advice:

1. Go out with friends: You don't need to actually go on a date to put yourself out there in a social situation. Go out on the town and socialize.

2. Try online dating: With so many relationships beginning online these days, it never hurts to look. Plus, there's no doubt that it's convenient. You can filter by the qualities you do and don't like before the first date!

3. Reward yourself: Give yourself small rewards for taking steps to get back into the dating scene. It can certainly be easier said than done.

What are some ways to put yourself out there in order to get back into the dating scene? Share your thoughts below.

**'The Bachelor' Season 16
Episode 5: Ann and Jesse**

Csincsak Talk Skinny Dipping, Ball Playing, 'Sick of Being Single' Bachelorettes



By [Lori](#)

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The drama shifted to Puerto Rico this week, where Ben and the remaining ladies visited the island of Vieques. Nicki got the first date, but with a downpour of rain and no umbrellas, the duo was forced to do some shopping for “authentic” and dry Puerto Rican threads. Ben gave Nicki a rose that evening.

For the group date, Ben took the ladies to the historic Roberto Clemente Stadium where they were divided into two teams and went head-to-head in a baseball game. The winning team would enjoy a wonderful beach party with Ben. Kacie B.’s team won and she got the group rose that night but directly

following it, Courtney stole Ben at fourth base with some baseball playing of her own.

The next one-on-one took place on a private yacht with Elyse, the same environment as where Ben fell in love with Ashley.

Unfortunately, "sick of being single" Elyse will have to suffer because Ben sent her packing. After the one-on-one with Elyse, Courtney decided to "make good" on her promise to skinny dip, so she surprises Ben at his room. A Bachelor first, the two take off their clothes, the film is edited and the rest is left to our imagination. At the rose ceremony, Ben admits that he feels "crappy" about what happened, Emily bashes Courtney again and the "best kisser" Jen is sent home.

It's anyone's guess what will happen next week. Here's what Ann and Jesse had to say about the episode:

1. After tonight's episode, which two women do you think have the best shot at being the last ones standing?

Jesse: I think Kacie B, Courtney, and Lindzi have a good shot.

Ann: N/A

2. What did you think of Nicki's one-on-one? The wedding scene? The rain? And most importantly, her neon nail polish?

Jesse: The only thing interesting about this date was the rain.

Ann: Nicki's date was cute and seemed very relaxed. She handled herself well with the rain, most girls would have ran for the first cover they could find (me included, due to having curly hair, haha). As far as her neon nail polish, although cute, I think little things like that show peoples age and she is still very young in her actions and personality.

3. On Elyse's one-on-one she said she was "sick of being single." Do you think that hurt her chances of getting a rose? What would you have done differently to secure a rose if you

were her?

Jesse: I think if she said that to me, she would have been sent home. I wouldn't want to be the "I-dont-want-to-be-single" choice.

Ann: Yes! She sounded very sincere about finding a guy but not sincere about finding BEN. I think she forgot that she wasn't just talking to a girlfriend about her wanting to be in love again she was talking to a guy she was "dating." I think that was the exact reason she went home this week. My one complaint with girls sometimes is when they ask "what they did wrong?" If a guy breaks up with you or ends things don't ask what you did wrong, thank them for admitting that they weren't right for you. They're saving you time and more heartache. I felt like we hadn't heard a lot from her as far as her feelings for Ben until this episode and then all of a sudden she went in high gear to tell him she liked him...too much too fast. I would have told him that I liked him and would like to see where this goes. Not: I want to fall in love with whoever and you happen to be here.

4. Okay, we are dying to know your thoughts on the skinny dipping scene.

Jesse: Courtney is a *skank*. I bet Ben's mom was pumped to see what kind of person she really is when she saw this!

Ann: OMG! The bachelor is gettin scandalous! I am very surprised that Ben went along with this. I know she is gorgeous and what guy wouldn't be into that but I think the producers egged that on and he did it in the end because of production value as well as shock value and IT WORKED! Courtney is the girl you have a fun fling with not settle down with.

5. Do you think Ben and Courtney went all the way? If so, how does this change the game for the other girls?

Jesse: I would have to go with 100% "Yes." As far as changing the game for the other girls, I don't think it changes the

game at all.

Ann: No, I don't think they did. I think he is too smart for that. That would ruin the rest of his time on the show cause the other girls would find out and never let him live that down. It's not ok to get physical like that for at least another 4 dates! Kidding. I guess it will be ok to let your boyfriend sleep with other girls when theres only 4 left.

6. If Ben really felt "crappy" then why did he go skinny dipping in the first place? Unless he picks Courtney in the end, won't the girl he picked get pretty upset at that scene?

Jesse: I think the producers pushed that scene for the drama factor.

Ann: I think he just said that and maybe was feeling a little guilt because he has feelings for some of the other women. If he didn't pick Courtney, I can guarantee whoever was watching that scene got very upset and that is going to be a game changer whether they are still together or not.

7. Do you think Emily staying on another episode was something the producer's decided or do you think Ben really picked her again?

Jesse: Plain and simple, the producers of the show picked her and are keeping her around.

Ann: Producers, plain and simple. He obviously is getting annoyed with her but it makes for good TV, so she is sticking around till they can't get anything else out of her.

8. Why was Jennifer's departure so anti-climatic? Ben didn't even say anything to her. It went from a great date to him kissing her before the rose ceremony tonight to a good-bye with barely any words and a cold embrace.

Jesse: Sometimes this show has moments where it makes absolutely no sense, and this was one of those instances.

Ann: Again, I think the producers gave him a small choice between one of the other women and Jennifer and he might have liked the other woman more and that's why she left. When it gets down to the end Ben has feelings for very few women, and the rest are there as fillers and drama. Sad as it may be, that's the truth and they won't know what part they are playing till they are cut from the show. Jennifer seemed very sweet, I think it was too bad she was blindsided by that.

9. Anything you want to add?

Jesse: This was the most boring episode I have ever watched.

Ann: N/A

'The Bachelor' Season 16, Episode 4: Ann and Jesse Csincsak Give Emily Dating Advice





Drama

continues in Park City, Utah where Rachel had the first one-on-one date with Ben and got Rose 1. Then came the group date where the girls rode on horseback through the woods, and spent an afternoon fly fishing. Ben was testing their ability to be in the country and in a group setting. Unfortunately for some (Samantha Levey), it didn't work out in her favor. Tensions mounted when Courtney Robertson pulled Ben away and actually caught a fish in the process! Then, she stole Ben again and told him that she needed reassurance where she won his heart and got Rose 2. While she was gloating, Samantha was told by Ben that she was too "emotional" and he sent her packing before the Rose Ceremony. The last date and final rose went to the shy and reserved Jennifer Fritsch (then again, Ben did vote her best kisser). On their one-on-one, the new Bennifer plummeted into a 300 foot crater together. After it was over, they ran through pouring rain to an outdoor concert by country singer, Clay Walker and she was given date Rose 3. With Samantha already gone, there was only one more person to eliminate that evening. Say good-bye to Monica Spannbauer. And then there were 12.

1. What are your initial thoughts about Rachel?

Jesse: I think Rachel is down to earth; she really seemed to like the lake and canoe date. I think it's pretty rad that she is normal and can enjoy the simple stuff.

Ann: My initial thoughts were: I love her bangs. But passed that, I haven't seen or heard enough from her to form an opinion. I have barely noticed a lot of the girls this season, because they either don't talk very much, or they are going to be cut early on, so the producers aren't showing them too often.

2. Did Ben make the right decision sending Samantha home right there and then? Did you witness her being "emotional" on the group dates?

Jesse: Absolutely – that girl is what's wrong with women in America. She wears high heels, and has blonde hair, but no brains. Did you hear her say, "OMG I am so scared of horses?" It's like, who is scared of horses? Our country was founded on horseback. Pull it together Blondie!

Ann: When Samantha went home, I looked at my husband and asked, "Where did she come from? I hadn't noticed her other than her amazing Nicole Miller dress at the last rose ceremony. I did appreciate the fact that Ben did not beat around the bush on that one, that he kicked her to the curb faster than Kim Kardashian did her last husband.

3. Did you like the way Courtney played Ben for the rose on the group date? Do you think he'll eventually see what Emily and some of the others see or do you think that maybe Courtney IS a nice person?

Jesse: I despise few things in life, but diarrhea and Courtney are now at the top of my list. She is the worst. I get a headache every time she gets a rose.

Ann: I thought it was weird because it seemed like Courtney

hardly had any friends, and then last night she had a BFF that popped out of the woodwork. The producers are showing us what they want to, so even though I think Courtney is not a keeper, she may not be as bad as they are portraying her; except for her laugh, that is truly unnerving.

4. What advice would you have given to Emily?

Jesse: DO YOU GIRL! Don't sweat the stupid models.

Ann: My advice to Emily is the same advice that I would give my daughter or my best friend. Focus on your relationship not anyone else's. The more you tune all the rest of the women out, the faster your relationship with Ben will have the opportunity to blossom (yes, I just used the word blossom).

5. Kacie B., Rachel, Courtney and Jennifer all seem completely different. What do you think Ben's doing with such diverse women?

Jesse: Ben didn't pick them, production did, and each of these different girls appeals to a different audience, which equals ratings, which in turn, equals money.

Ann: I think if anyone were to look at the people they have dated, they would realize they are all completely different. It's one of those things I guess, you just don't know unless you try!

Here are two more questions from our visitors:

6. If Ben decides after four episodes that he found the right girl, what are his options? Must he continue the season? If so, does he have the liberty to pick the same girl for a one-on-one each episode or must he change it up?

Jesse: Ben picks his final 4 girls on night one and the producers pick the one-on-ones and the group dates. If he does find the final one, it's the producer's job to keep him interested in at least one other girl for the sake of the

show. If he were totally set on one girl mid-season the show would tank, and it wouldn't be fun to watch.

Ann: I would say on any given rose ceremony, Ben gets to decide only about half the women that get to stay. I think he gets input on what girls he wants one-on-one time with, but at the end of the day he doesn't write the "date cards." I do think, however, that he gets to say if there is someone he really does *not* want to go on a one-on-one with, AKA Samantha.

7. I've heard a lot of complaints about the 20-30 crowd not really knowing what they want and clearly it's hard to make the relationships stick afterwards. What do you think about having an older gentleman 40-50 on the show?

Jesse: I have said forever, that I think they should do a few seasons with non-related Bachelor people involved to make things fresh. I am totally game; lets do it!

Ann: Brad Womack (38) is a good example of someone who was a little older, and it still didn't work out. It doesn't matter the person's age; 'The Bachelor' is not a normal dating situation no matter how you spin it. A "normal, everyday date" on the bachelor still includes a helicopter so the reality is, after the show it's going to be hard to keep the relationship strong, no matter how old someone is. If you want an example of how to make it work after the show just ask Jason and Molly Mesnick, they stayed out of Hollywood and out of drama and they are still happily married because of it.

8. Anything more that you want to add?

Jesse: The guy who puts the black boxes over the naked people is going to be busy next week!

EXCLUSIVE: Former 'Bachelor' Contestants Prepare to File Class Action Lawsuit against ABC Producers



In a move that would be the first-of-its-kind in reality television history, former contestants of the ABC hit reality television shows, 'The Bachelor' and 'The Bachelorette' have spoken to attorneys and are in discussion to file a class action lawsuit, against creators Mike Fleiss and Elan Gale.

This information was disclosed to us in an exclusive interview today by former contestant and 'Bachelorette Season 4' winner, Jesse Csincsak.

"Once you're on the show, they own you," Jesse said. "Even

when your contract is up, they still interfere in your life and prevent you from promoting other brands and making money.”

Jesse notes that the last straw for him came when Gale contacted his business partners and other companies telling them not to work with him. He says that the producers have also contacted former ‘Bachelor,’ ‘Bachelorette’ and ‘Bachelor Pad’ contestants threatening to blacklist them if they participate in any of Csincsak’s events.

Related: [Jesse Csincsak Hosts ‘Bachelorette Pad Beatdown’ on RTVZone.com](#)

Since appearing on ‘The Bachelorette’ Jesse has remained in the spotlight by hosting annual bachelor reunion gatherings with the former contestants and most recently he launched the successful web show ‘Reality Smackdown.’

Discussion about a class action lawsuit surfaced this month after Csincsak was reviewing his rights with his attorneys.

“I had planned to file my own lawsuit last month but after discussions with numerous people and former Bachelor contestants, we realized that this issue is much bigger than me,” he said.

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This isn’t the first time ABC has been to court regarding the hit show. In 2003, the show’s producers filed suit against former ‘Bachelor’ Season 4 star, Bob Guiney for breaking his contract by promoting his new CD ‘3 Sides,’ and his music video. Guiney won the case.

Last month, spoiler blogger, Steve Carbone (a.k.a Reality Steve) was slapped with a lawsuit by the producers of ABC for coercing former contestants to breach their confidentiality contracts to help reveal spoiler activities for his website.

Jesse a retired pro snowboarder, who won the heart of DeAnna Pappas on Season 4 of 'The Bachelorette' is now married to former 'Bachelor' Season 13 contestant Ann Leuders.

'The Bachelor' Season 16, Episode 3: Ann and Jesse Csincsak Discuss the Return of Shawntel Newton and Emily's Fear of Heights



Harrington

By Jennifer

The city of San Francisco provided the back-drop for what ended up being one of the most dramatic episodes in recent history of *The Bachelor*. Ben and Emily climbed to the top of the Golden Gate Bridge, Brittney left before her one-on-one date with the winemaker, Shawntel (the funeral director from Brad Womack's season) re-surfaced to confess her crush, and one of the ladies fainted at the rose ceremony! Wow, what an episode. To help us make sense of the craziness, here are insights from *Bachelor* experts Jesse and Ann Csincsak.

1. We saw Ben's relationships with several of the women blossom this week. Who do you think that he had the best connection with this week?

Jesse: I don't even think Ben is sure who he likes the most yet! He just can't believe he gets to kiss more than one girl at a time!

Ann: He seemed to have a good connection with Emily, his partner in the climb up the Golden Gate Bridge. She seems laid-back, despite being a little riled up at the rose ceremony. That ceremony definitely did not show anyone in a good light.

2. Was Emily's climb up the Golden Gate Bridge, the most daring date you've seen on the show?

Jesse: When you apply to be on the show, they make you fill out a packet telling them everything, including things that scare you. For the past few seasons, they take one of these "fears," and make it happen. This episode was almost a total repeat of what they did to Michelle Money on Brad's season of the show, and it seems like each season we see a different person facing a fear of heights.

Ann: I am freakishly scared of heights, so that would have been a nightmare for me. It was a daring date, but not the craziest thing I've seen so far. Personally, I found the rose

ceremony to be more suspenseful to watch.

3. What do you think was behind Brittney's decision to leave the show before her one-on-one date with Ben?

Jesse: I think Brittney was tired of being told what to say and do by producers, and realized that you can't fall in love in a scenario like that. She made the decision to say "I'm out!"

Ann: I think she thought the necklace was not that cute and split (joke). In all seriousness, I think she felt that Ben wasn't into her and she wanted to leave before being asked to leave. Never underestimate the power of a woman's intuition.

4. It was shocking to see Shawntel arrive in San Francisco. What did you think when you saw Shawntel get out of the car, and did you think that it was fair she had a chance to join the cocktail party?

Jesse: I think it's totally fair; all is fair in love and war. Shawntel is a great down-to-earth person, and he should have kept her around if he liked her, regardless of what the other girls thought.

Ann: Agree to disagree with Jesse. I get where she was coming from. She wanted her last chance with Ben before he was potentially engaged, but that's like interrupting a date and saying "Sorry to interrupt, but I love you and wanted to let you know." There's a better time and place to do that, and if you missed your chance, so be it. However, with that being said, I think the reaction from the girls was nothing but insecurity all the way around. They went way overboard and were incredibly nasty to her. I can't even imagine sitting on that couch being Shawntel. I even heard the line "Brad's dumpster trash." Have some class, those types of statements are just unnecessary, no matter how upset you are.

5. When you saw Erika fainting/collapsing and Jaclyn crying

during the rose ceremony, what was your reaction? Did you think their emotions were genuine or simply last-minute attempts to capture a rose?

Jesse: I think they need a Bachelor with a serious backbone, like Dave Good or Wes Hayden. The type of man who would tell those girls to hit the road when they pull that nonsense.

Ann: I think their reactions were genuine... genuinely ridiculous. I think the fainting was from too many cocktails and standing there for an hour during the rose ceremony. Never lock your legs, every good bridesmaid knows that. The crying was from embarrassment. If you watch closely, they show her crying but in the wide pan shots she's not, I think she cried at the end and they showed it over and over again (gotta love editing)!

6. Given the fact that the other girls observed "chemistry" between Ben and Shawntel, were you surprised Ben didn't offer her a rose?

Jesse: Not at all, I think Ben was afraid. It's sad, really. As the Bachelor, you should be able to call your own shots, but it seems like he's not.

Ann: Absolutely! They obviously had chemistry but she never would have been given a fair chance if she had stayed. Everything happens for a reason and I think he made the right decision for him and protecting the relationships he was establishing with the other girls. I wish her nothing but the best she is a gorgeous girl who will have no problem finding a good guy.

7. Courtney seems to be getting more obvious and vocal about her feelings towards the other girls. What do you think it will take for Ben to take notice of Courtney's problems with the other girls?

Jesse: This is TV. Of course he won't see what's really

happening, and that's what makes it so fun to watch.

Ann: She will do herself in soon enough. Likely, one of the other girls will tell Ben and then he will start to notice it on his own. Her "see ya later" to Shawntel was not classy; not to mention her pause during the "will you accept this rose." Heidi Klum is a smoking hot model and I guarantee she didn't stand in front of her husband and pause when he asked if she would go out on a date. Guys don't want a girl who plays games and Courtney is going to find that out the hard way.

Be sure to tune in next Monday night for the next installment in Ben's journey to find love (in Park City, Utah), and while you are watching, send CupisPulse questions about the episode for Jesse and Ann to answer.

Reality TV Couple Ann and Jesse Csincsak Answer Questions About 'The Bachelor' Season 16, Episode 2





By [Lori](#)

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Last night Ben Flajnik brought his 18 beautiful *Bachelor* contestants to Sonoma where things became more intimate and drama unfolded between the girls. There was crying, cat fights and as Blakely said, “claws are coming out.” The claws sure did come out when a bunch of ‘Bachelor’ contestants dressed up as fairy tale characters and preformed a play on stage for Ben’s hometown during the group date.

One-on-ones last night were with Kacie B. and Courtney Robertson. Each girl received a rose at the end of their date. During the rose ceremony Jenna and Shawn left empty handed. Next week the girls head to San Francisco. Ann and Jesse Csincsak are back this week to answer our questions from Episode 2:

1. Kacie B seems sweet, and down-to-earth but Ben says, “He trusts her.” When you’re on this show, can you really trust someone after knowing them for such a short period of time? How long would Ben have known Kacie at this point?

Jesse: This is week 2 so they wouldn’t really know each other yet. By the time of the rose ceremony, at the end of the

episode, they've probably only known each other about 10 days.

Ann: I wouldn't give my ATM pin number to someone on the second date so I definitely wouldn't say u can trust someone that quickly! He's only known her a few days and he's hardly seen her in that time – way to quick. But, this whole process is dating in fast forward.

2. Why do you think ABC took the show to Ben's hometown?

Jesse: It's very rare, but I actually think this was one decision they let Ben make on his own.

Ann: Every season they attempt to make the show a little different and make the bachelor stand out on his own. By going to Ben's hometown, it made him more relatable. Therefore, better ratings and the girls get attached more quickly.

Related: [Former Bachelor Couple Ann and Jesse Csincsak Answer Questions about Season 16 Episode 1](#)

3. Do you think Coutney is on the show for fame or to boost her modeling career? Do you think she's really into Ben?

Jesse: Totally for the fame in my book, but I've always said never judge someone by their edit. Therefore, I will wait until I actually meet her until I make a real opinion!

Ann: Modeling and apparently an acting career as well – she seems to be fooling Ben pretty good. I think she's into what Ben and this whole show can bring her.

4. Why did Coutney appear so genuine while on her date with Ben and so conniving on camera? Editing can only do so much. What are your thoughts on this?

Jesse: Again, I see some "ok" traits but the editing room can really switch things up. Plus, it's not too hard to make someone look sweet and romantic on this show.

Ann: Wes Hayden had a made up girlfriend his whole season so don't underestimate the power of editing.

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5. Do you think Blakely's tactics of hogging Ben's attention are going to work or will she eventually suffocate The Bachelor? We still think that the producers have her playing the Michele Money role.

Jesse: She is totally stamped with the Michelle money role! They always make someone go to the Bachelor or Bachelorette who already has a rose to take time away from someone without a rose classic producer move.

Ann: My prediction is she's gone on episode 4 or 5. How many times can u hide in the luggage room before it gets awkward?

6. I know you feel bad for Jenna but she claims to be a relationship blogger-that's a little embarrassing given she can't even form a sentence half the time. Did Ben do the right thing by letting her go?

Jesse: These producers are getting that girl so drunk she can't even talk without her face quivering. This is a perfect case of getting someone wasted and putting them in a situation where they need to think = CRASH AND BURN. This girl understands what has happened now, but didn't see it coming then. However, I will let you know if I smell booze on her breath when I meet her in the future!

Ann: Yes, yes and yes! Guarantee Ben wanted to let her go episode 1 and production let her go episode 2.

7. What are you expecting/ hoping to see next week?

Jesse: This season seems to be a mix of previous seasons. They are in need of some new things happening in my opinion.

Ann: His ex-girlfriend will show up and girls will get jealous. Hopefully we'll see more waterproof mascara cause it's going to be a doozy!

'The Bachelor' Premiere: Reality TV Couple Ann and Jesse Csincsak Answer Questions About Season 16



Hello, we're back again with another season of 'The Bachelor!' Last night

was the start of Season 16 with our new, hot, sexy, eligible, Sonoma winemaker, Ben Flajnik. This time Ben's in control handing out roses; ready to find love this season. For the next 10 Mondays, we will be joined by Ann and Jesse Csincsak to get their weekly perspective of Ben, the single ladies and all the drama that's bound to happen when you get 25 estrogen-fueled women in a room. Here's our take on Episode 1:

1. Many people want to know why Ben went back on the show as the Bachelor? Wouldn't he have had plenty of girls to choose from after being dumped by Ashley? What makes being on the show better for finding love than in real life?

Jesse: I don't think the show is better for finding love; I actually think you have a better chance of winning the powerball than you do finding love on that show. Let's take a walk back through time, shall we? The only couple who actually found love on the show to date are Ryan and Trista.

Jason and Molly didn't fall in love until way after their show. Ann & I met at one of my reunions and got married and Tara Durr and John Presser met at a reunion and got married, so actually there are more people who have found love at my reunions than on the show itself. Ask yourself: Would you be able to fall in love and get married with 50 producers and camera people standing over you?

Ann: Other than the obvious fact that walking on the set of *The Bachelor* is like walking in a perfect bar with 30 gorgeous girls that have already passed a Psych test (even though some of them squeaked by), I think the more obvious answer is that he is a business man with a business to promote. What better way to do that with 15 million people interested in what YOU do?

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2. Which three girls are your early pick for Ben and why?

Jesse: Right now the only girl they are showing us anything real about is Kacie from Tennessee. There are so many girls that are being kept there just for the drama factor right now that its sickening. Would you keep two girls around if you saw them making out? Those girls got production roses plain and simple!

Ann: The girl who got the first impression rose is the only personality we saw that didn't scare us. The rest haven't had time to show us who they are yet.

3. There were so many unique introductions this season; a horse, sanitizer, a pageant sash and someone's grandmother. Who had the best introduction?

Jesse: I liked the Grandma intro the best. However, I think all the intros were very well-produced. When's the last time you brought your grandma on your first date?

Ann: I fast forward through that part. They talk to the bachelor for about 2 minutes and they only show 30 seconds of it. Also, it's what the producers want to show you anyway.

4. Any initial thoughts on Courtney? Do you think the producers have pegged her as the new Michelle Money?

Jesse: Oh man, there are so many villains being pegged on this season. It's going to be fun to watch.

Ann: I think anyone that is willing to drink the first night gets taken advantage of. Like I said before, take the alcohol out of the show and it's just another awkward Monday night.

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5. What are your thoughts about Monica's agenda and Jenna's emotional reaction?

Jesse: I actually feel bad for Jenna. They met that girl in casting and produced her into this season's train wreck by

pumping her full of alcohol. She is probably a really nice girl but just doesn't handle her alcohol very well. Keep your chin up Jenna; this too will pass!

Ann: This is super produced and I feel bad for the girls who are letting themselves be a part of this. Jenna probably had a few too many producer-poured drinks, lost it somewhere between cocktail number 8 and 9, and it was all caught on tape!

6. It appears that Ben's ex-girlfriend will be back in the picture this season. Do you think it's fair to the other girls that the producers bring her on the show?

Jesse: The producers on this show would literally trade their first born child for drama, so anything is possible.

Ann: No. Plain and simple. When do you date a guy who all of the sudden introduces you to his ex-girlfriend? Any guy that did that would find himself alone. That's why we love TV!

7. Did Ben get it right or are there any girls who shouldn't have gone home so soon?

Jesse: Honestly I like the girl who was rallying the shotgun in the beginning Amber T

Ann: You can never tell. Probably some of the girls that went home had to so they could make room for the girls that would bring a lot of drama whether they are right for Ben or not.

Hollywood Couple Ashley

Hebert and J.P. Rosenbaum Celebrate with Holiday Traditions



Hollywood couple Ashley Hebert and J.P. Rosenbaum are celebrating both Christmas and Hanukkah during their first holiday season together after recently getting engaged on the reality TV show *The Bachelorette*. As Rosenbaum told [People](#), "We have been celebrating the first few nights of Hanukkah. We lit some candles." Rosenbaum also introduced his celebrity love to the Jewish tradition of having Chinese food. The happy Hollywood couple spent Christmas in Maine with Hebert's family eating and singing holiday carols.

Although this Hollywood couple had different holiday traditions, they still celebrated with each other. How do you adapt to your partner's family traditions?

Cupid's Advice:

When you start a new relationship and love, you and your partner may have so different traditions – and that's okay! One of the fun things about being in a partnership is learning new things. Here is some relationship advice on how to celebrate your love's traditions:

1. Participate: You may not understand your partner's traditions or religion, but don't be a Scrooge. For the sake of your relationship and love, give their family a chance and try it out. Ask for ideas about what to make or bring over. You'll enjoy the festivities even more if you contribute!

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2. Educate: If you're feeling uncomfortable and don't know what to expect from your partner's family, the best way to learn about Hanukkuh or the Italian 'Feast of the Seven Fishes' is to research the tradition before you go. It won't make you a pro, but it will surely give you some background and make you feel more comfortable.

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3. Ask questions: Show interest by asking questions about certain activities, prayers, or food. Most people love to talk about family traditions and how they got started. Being inquisitive fills the evening with nostalgia and shows how

much you care.

What's your favorite holiday tradition? Share it with us in the comments below.

Ashley Hebert and J.P. Rosenbaum Have No Celebrity Wedding Plans Yet



The *Bachelorette* couple Ashley Hebert and J.P. Rosenbaum, who got engaged last August during the reality TV show's finale, won't be saying their "I do's" anytime soon. The famous couple told UsMagazine.com that they haven't set a date for their

celebrity wedding yet. Hebert is waiting to finish up school before tying the knot. The former *Bachelorette* star said that she and Rosenbaum are “looking forward to building our lives together. We really are best friends, [so] just being together is a lot to look forward to.” Rosenbaum said that they “want to wait for the right time” before walking down the aisle.

Hebert and Rosenbaum are taking their time when it comes to picking a celebrity wedding date. What are the advantages of a long engagement?

Cupid’s Advice:

Take a cue from this famous couple and know that there’s nothing wrong with a long engagement! In fact, there are plenty of benefits to taking some time before you tie the knot. Cupid has a few reasons why:

1. Less stress: Getting married soon after your engagement means you have to plan an entire wedding – and fast. Take your time and enjoy planning out this special day in your relationship and love.

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2. Take your pick: With your extra time, you can be sure that you book the ideal locations for your wedding and reception. You can also gather all the ideal decorations to throw the perfect party!

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3. No doubts: While you and your fiance spend some more time together as a soon-to-be-married couple, you'll have time to make sure they're the person you want to spend the rest of your life with.

Why did you like having a longer engagement? Share your comments below.

Tonight: Reality TV Star Premiere Party in Hollywood!



Some of our favorite *Bachelorette* and *Bachelor Pad* all-stars are gearing up to celebrate the premiere of the sixteenth season of ABC's *The Bachelor* during a Reality TV Star Premiere Party hosted by

Jesse Csincsak, Jesse Kovacs and David Good. The event will take place at The Parlor Hollywood on Monday, January 2, 2012 from 6 p.m. to midnight.

There will be a Red Carpet Entrance, VIP gifting area, appetizers, cocktails and a special viewing of the Season Premiere of *The Bachelor*—LIVE!

As if that's not enough, rounding out the good time will be a celebrity date auction, featuring *Bachelor Pad*'s Kasey Kahl and *Most Eligible Dallas*' Matt Nordgren. All proceeds benefit Alex's Lemonade Stand, a foundation that raises money to fight childhood cancer. The auction will be followed by music, dancing and a midnight champagne toast!

The party will be hosted by three of *The Bachelorette*'s fan favorites but it will be one huge Reality TV celebration.

Expect appearances from your favorite reality stars of *The Bachelor*, *Most Eligible Dallas*, *Survivor*, *Big Brother*, *Dancing With The Stars*, *The Hills*, *The Real World*, and many more!

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Michael Stagliano Taps into 'Bachelor Pad' Winnings





It looks like *Bachelor Pad* alum Michael Stagliano has finally tapped into his winnings from the show, as he recently indulged in a getaway. The reality star vacationed in Mexico where he spent a week at Villa del Palmar at the Islands of Loreto. During his time there he enjoyed kayaking, paddle boarding and playing golf. He even displayed some holiday spirit by helping to decorate the resort's Christmas tree and gingerbread house. There's nothing like some R&R in the sun coupled with seasonal merriment!

Ali Fedotowsky Explains Why She Left Roberto Martinez





By now you've heard that another *Bachelorette* and her fiancé have called it quits. That couple, of course, is Ali Fedotowsky and Roberto Martinez. Although Fedotowsky was seemingly ready to wed right after the show aired, after an 18-month engagement and three postponements, it all finally ended on November 21. The former bride-to-be had this to say to [People](#): "I wouldn't be being truthful if I said this came out of nowhere, we definitely had been having problems. But I had always believed that we could work it out." The duo tried to make the relationship last, even throughout their arguments. "We both realized we were unhappy more than we were happy, and we both deserved more."

How do you know when you're unhappy more than happy in a relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

It doesn't take a scientist to tell us that relationships are hard work, but how do you know when the work and unhappiness outweigh the good times? Cupid has some tips:

1. Bickering and fighting: This is a tell tale sign that a

relationship just isn't working. It's okay to have a few fights here and there (it can even be healthy), but if you're bickering over tiny things all the time, it's safe to assume something is wrong.

2. Not spending time together: When you're in a healthy, loving relationship you should be spending a fair amount of time together. If you routinely try to avoid one another, it may be time to re-evaluate.

3. Your relationship is stagnant: If it feels like you're at a stand still in your relationship, take a closer look. You may be dealing with thoughts that there's no point to your relationship or you can't deal with the constant arguing anymore. If you come to the conclusion that you both want more and that can't happen together, then it's time to call it quits.

How do you know when unhappiness in a relationship outweighs happiness? Share your thoughts below.

Ali Fedotowsky and Roberto Martinez Call Off Wedding





Sadly, Ali Fedotowsky and Roberto Martinez have called off their engagement. The couple, who met on *The Bachelorette* decided on a long engagement, which ultimately did not work out for the pair, according to [The Huffington Post](#). The duo was supposed to get married this year, but Fedotowsky was recovering from knee surgery and had to postpone the wedding. They ended up calling off the wedding three times before the relationship ended. In August, Fedotowsky told *People* magazine, “In my mind, Roberto is my husband. We live together; we do everything together; we plan for the future together; we fight just like a good old married couple.” It looks like it’s another case of love lost in *The Bachelor* community.

How do you know when it’s time to call off your engagement?

Cupid’s Advice:

Ending an engagement is one of the hardest things for a couple to do. Marriage is a big step, and it’s not meant to be taken lightly. If you’re feeling unsure about saying those vows, proceed with caution. Cupid has some tips:

1. Take a step back: A break from one another can give you a

new perspective. You might end up appreciating each other much more, and realize that you are meant to be together. It could also go the other way, and you'll realize you are much better apart.

2. Assess the situation: If it feels like you're just not on the same page anymore and your partner is headed in one direction while you are going the other way, it may be time to call it quits. Unless you can somehow focus and anchor your relationship, there's no point in staying in it.

3. Nothing is the same: Maybe you and your partner have just outgrown one another. This happens frequently, and as heartbreaking as it may be, don't stay in a relationship that you know won't work anymore.

How did you know when it was time to call off your engagement? Share your experiences below.

Millionaire Matchmaker: Patti Stanger Helps Millionaires Find Personality Before Seeking Love





BRAVO's The Millionaire Matchmaker Patti meets up with drag queen Frank (who sometimes impersonates Patti herself!) and gives him tips to be himself while dating, instead of the larger than life personality he sometimes embodies. As a "celebrity", Frank and Patti discuss the good and the bad about dating when you're well known. Going from too much personality to zero personality, Patti's other client this week, Jason, is way too uptight and needs to loosen up to find a match. Keltie, a body movement coach meets with Jason to help him relax. Will he be able to take what he learns and apply it to dating, or will he leave all his new moves at the dance studio? Find out this **Tuesday 11/8 @ 9/8c on BRAVO's The Millionaire Matchmaker**

Thinking Like a Drag Queen: Patti Stanger and her millionaire female impersonator are on the same page.

Pulling the Stick Out: Patti Stanger has this millionaire go to a dance class to find some personality.

Thinking Like a Drag Queen

Pulling the Stick Out

Millionaire Matchmaker: The Cruz Brothers Search for “The One” with Patti Stanger’s Assistance



BRAVO's The Millionaire Matchmaker: This week Patti takes on broken-hearted brothers who are ready to make a change and find “the one.” The bodybuilding brothers certainly have the cards stacked against them. Older brother Abe spent the last three years in prison and younger brother David married young only to be cheated on, leading to divorce at 24. Patti has a good feeling about these guys, but will she be successful in finding women who can look beyond their troubled pasts? Find

out this **Thursday 10/13 @ 9/8c on BRAVO's The Millionaire Matchmaker**

· **Venturing into the World of Abe Cruz:** This millionaire was incarcerated for the past three years but is determined to turn his life around. <http://bravo.ly/oLCIub>

· **Got Burned Young:** David Cruz got burned as a young guy and is now trying to do the right thing. <http://bravo.ly/oR50J3>

Venturing into the World of Abe Cruz

Got Burned Young

**'Bachelor Pad 2' Winner:
Michael Stagliano says "I've
Never Been Happier"**





By [Lori Bizzoco](#) and Melissa Caballero

It was exactly one month ago today that Michael Stagliano and his ex-fiance, Holly Durst had their victory win on the season finale of ABC's 'Bachelor Pad 2.' Despite the uncomfortable (and surprising) public announcement on the show that Holly was engaged to contestant Blake Julian, Michael took the high road and chose to share the winnings with her. But now, that's all behind him and it's his turn to smile. "Right now my job, my music and my life outside the *Bachelor Pad* are good. I've never been happier," he says.

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Grabbing life by the reigns, this *Bachelor Pad 2* winner is keeping his chin up and learning from his past experiences.

When it comes to finding love, Michael is definitely an optimist. "I am so ridiculously in love with love. I'm such a lover. Don't get me wrong, I was down and out for a bit. But, I'm back!" he says.

Yes, single ladies you heard that correctly: Michael Stagliano

is on the prowl. “I like the hunt. I love the idea of finding love naturally; in the grocery store or just walking down the street.” And, it’s safe to say that if you do see this talented musician strolling around town or parading in the produce aisle, his mind is grooving to the beat of a song, preferably one of his own.

This former break-dance instructor is taking his energy and passion and putting it straight into singing and song writing.

“I can talk about my music for days and days. I think there’s nothing in the world like music,” he says.

Related Link: [What Your Favorite Summer Song Says About Your Relationship Style](#)

Michael has always been in love with music and emphasizes the importance of his lyrics. When asked where he finds his inspiration, he says, “I think what I appreciate the most about my songwriting is that it comes from everywhere. I literally try to use everything. It sounds broad, but I mean it specifically. It’s events, it’s things in life, it’s things I see and things I hear. I feel that songs write me rather than me writing songs.”

For example, he tells us the story of how he recently bumped into his ex-girlfriend from college and there was a rush of nostalgia so big that he wrote his newest single, ‘College Love,’ on the car ride home. Michael’s other two songs, ‘Everything You Do’ and ‘Take Me To Her’ were inspired by his relationship with Holly and a quote that his grandmother once said to him: “I lived my life. Now go live yours.” As if there wasn’t reason enough to fall in love with this former *Bachelorette* contestant, add “soulfully romantic musician” to the list.

Speaking of falling in love, when we asked Michael to name his celebrity crush, he didn’t hesitate. **“Rachel McAdams. So hot. Call me!”** he chuckled.

If you're not Rachel McAdams, there's still hope. We asked Michael what he looks for in a woman, and he kindly shared his top three (more like 15) list of qualities and features:

1. Physical characteristics: He says this one is the most fun to talk about, but not the most important. "I'm a sucker for blondes. Always have been, always will be. Not *Playboy* bunny blonde; naturally blonde. I like shorter girls, 5'2 to 5'7. And, blue or green eyes, that would be great," he adds.

2. Showing love: "I really have that down. I know how to treat a woman, but still be the man. I know how to make them feel special and let them know that I'm not looking at anybody else. I just want someone who reciprocates that. I haven't had that yet."

3. Fruits of the Spirit: Michael says there's nine qualities he looks for that come from the biblical term called, 'Fruits of the Spirit.' "I'm totally going to misquote this, but basically I mean patience, kind, caring, forgiving, someone who is slow to anger and quick to forgive," he says. For those of you who are unfamiliar we thought we'd help out. The nine fruits are love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Open and honest, you have to admire this reality star's take on life and love. After such a painful public experience, it's nice to see a renewed man coming out on top. We have a feeling that this hopeless romantic will meet someone very special and that his music will be around for a long time.

To purchase Michael's singles, head to iTunes. Or, for more information on his show dates and appearances you can follow him on Facebook or Twitter.

Millionaire Matchmaker: Patti Stanger Helps Ayinde and Mitch find True Love



BRAVO's The Millionaire Matchmaker Patti's client's this week need some help, but nothing too challenging for Patti to tackle. Her first client is looking for perfection, but on the way to perfection will find every fault with a potential mate. On the other hand, Patti's other client doesn't know when to hold back and keep his mouth shut. These rusty daters are depending on Patti's expertise, but will she come through and find these men the love they've been searching for? Find out Tonight **10/6 @ 9/8c on BRAVO's The Millionaire Matchmaker**

Fault Finding Territory: Patti Stanger believes this millionaire is headed towards being a fault-finding, nit-picking millionaire. <http://bravo.ly/ntlU8q>

Vomit Too Much Information: Patti Stanger helps this

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