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Are you looking for the perfect pair of jeans? Or perhaps you just enjoy shopping, whether you *need* anything or not. If either of these descriptions applies to you, join us at tomorrow's InStyle Insider event from 7-9 p.m. PT. You can shop the latest Gap denim collection and discover your personal denim style story while having a fun evening

out. Plus, Jenn Rogien (Costume Designer for HBO's *Girls* and Netflix's *Orange is the New Black*) will be doing a Q&A with InStyle Style Ambassador, Tai Beauchamp – sort of an Inside the Actor's Studio with a fashion spin. There will also be sips & sweets, a DJ, digital photo booth, and amazing shopping incentives.

For more information, check out their twitter pages, @InStyle and @Gap on Twitter. Happy shopping!

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12-12-12: Show Your Love & Support for the Victims of Hurricane Sandy





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Here at CupidsPulse.com, we saw firsthand the true devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy. Our offices were located in the center of the storm, and we feel very fortunate that only a portion of our office was impacted. We were out of power for 13 days, but that is nothing compared to what so many other people faced – and are still facing. Many New Yorkers continue to experience distress: they have no place to live, their personal belongings are gone and they have no place to celebrate the holidays.

In hopes of helping these people rebuild their lives and their homes, a very special event takes place tonight: “12-12-12,” the biggest concert ever staged at Madison Square Garden, will begin at 7:30 p.m. EST and focus on the impact of Hurricane

Sandy. The concert includes performers such as Bon Jovi, Eric Clapton, Alicia Keys, Kanye West, Billy Joel and The Rolling Stones. Additionally, stars including Leonardo DiCaprio, Jake Gyllenhaal, Adam Sandler, Kristen Stewart, Jessica Chastain and more will participate in the show to help the victims of the Superstorm.

Every single penny raised by the telethon will go to organizations serving the victims of Hurricane Sandy through the Robin Hood Relief Fund, which provides money, material and know-how to local organizations that are serving those hit hardest by the storm. Moreover, Tommy Hilfiger has agreed to donate t-shirts as part of the merchandise offerings for "12-12-12."

If you can't be there in person, "12-12-12" will be distributed to nearly two billion people through television feeds, radio and online streaming. Given that the holiday season is all about love, be sure to tune in and show your support to the many New Yorkers still suffering.

For where to watch or listen, click [here](#).

Grand Opening: New Rooftop Garden at 'Sleep No More,' Gallow Green





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By Royal Young

Mystery, voyeurism and delicious macabre make up Gallow Green. The restaurant sprawls over a roof on 27th street and almost the Hudson, near the McKittrick Hotel. [Lori Bizzoco](#), founder of CupidsPulse.com, and I stumble into Gallow Green's grand opening after having wandered through the haunting mazes of Sleep No More, wearing white masks and witnessing ghostly dances through blue lit woods, listening to old music cranked from a far away gramophone as silent actors slowly danced.

We're high from the show and booze, consumed in the smoky lounge of the McKittrick where a busty woman with a red rose

in her dark hair sang jazz. The restaurant feels like it is from a different, more elegant time, the 1920's or '30s. Yet we are surrounded by glittering modern Manhattan. The Empire State Building shines over our shoulders as we're guided to a wood table under beams hung with tattered, thick white lace. Our server looks like a beautiful nurse at an insane asylum.

"Try everything!" She urges us.

We settle for a tall beer list along with pulled brisket toast with tomato jam, horseradish and aioli, smoked pork meatballs, potted peekytoe crab a deeply buttery spread with toast tips, sliced summer tomatoes, avocado and brisket jerky. Everything is delicious. Small golden lights, and green plants decorate Gallow Green, rusting railway tracks and loose stones lay in the middle of the restaurant. With a live swing band playing, it does feel like we are on a beautifully decrepit old train, munching decadent morsels in the dining car.

I hate sweet things, so for dessert we decide to go with the Gallow Green Punch. Our nurse brings over a massive gold bowl and fills it with Absinthe. She heroically lights matches in the wind, until one catches and the liquor is in flames. It burns out blue into the night. She adds Delord Blanche White Armagnac, Lemon Shrub, Apollinaris Water and ice cubes the size of fists. We drink until it's done. The night is all about escape.

Event Discount: Single in Stilettos in NYC!



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Are you always looking for love and coming up empty-handed? Do you feel like the man of your dreams is just beyond your reach? Are you getting discouraged trying to navigate the dating scene without any help? If so, Single in Stilettos is the event for you! Hear from a renowned panel of dating experts that will empower, inspire and motivate you in your search for Mr. Right.

This one-day event takes place in New York City on October 6, 2012 with speaking sessions and panels from noon to 6 p.m.

EST. Afterwards, enjoy a happy hour of free cocktails sponsored by Balls Vodka as well as goody bags provided by Babeland. Plus, win raffle prizes such as a date-coaching session with a matchmaker, dating books and more!

Speakers include:

– Bill Collins, Movie Director and Producer

-Dr. Ian Smith, Best-Selling Author

–[Lori Bizzoco](#), Executive Editor and Founder of CupidsPulse.com

-Nando Rodriguez, Dating and Relationship Coach

-Thomas Edwards, Jr., Professional Wingman

-And more!

The last time that Single in Stilettos hosted this event it was SOLD OUT. So don't wait – get your tickets today! If you sign up now, you'll be able to buy them at the discounted rate of \$25 (full price: \$80). Use the exclusive CupidsPulse.com discount code LCP12 to receive this deal.

Date: Saturday, October 6, 2012

Location: 1115 Broadway, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10010

Speaking Sessions: 12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m.

Happy Hour: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

We hope to see you there!

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By: [Lori Bizzoco](#)

Last Friday, SingleEdition and [Match.com](#) hosted the “Mix Up Your Dating Life” event in NYC. There, Match.com representatives taught us how to find local singles, and – if you look closely enough – your perfect match. As a Match.com marriage success story, I was thrilled to attend.



Stir Events by Match.com

Match.com's new Stir events are the perfect opportunity to find singles living in your area, bridging the gap between online dating and a more organic, face-to-face approach to finding love. Each Stir event is customized through group matching algorithms in terms of age, gender and interests so that singles will be attending events with like singles.

As the world's largest dating site, Match.com isn't just throwing these live singles events – they're doing it on a massive scale. This month alone, they're throwing 189 events in more than 62 markets! Match.com has found so much success in their Stir events that they are expanding nationwide, planning to host 200 events each month by September.

Stir events range from large scale happy hours at local bars and venues, to more intimate, interest-based events such as cooking classes, wine and tequila tastings, dance lessons, bowling nights, rock climbing, and more! The happy hour events are free and open to both registered and subscribed Match.com members, while the interest-based events are only free for Match.com subscribers.

If you're a Match.com member, you can learn about and sign up for these events via Match.com under the "Events" header on the site.

We'll be heading to our closest Stir event soon, so be sure to check back for a review from us!

Disclosure: This review is sponsored by Single Edition and Match.com. All opinions expressed here are strictly my own.

Ciroc Cabana Club Has Jesse Metcalfe Stepping Out With Fiancée





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On May 26, Ciroc held its second annual celebrity-studded Ciroc Cabana Club at Los Angeles' Mondrian Hotel. Ciroc partnered with Art of Elysium to create a celebration dedicated to the art and history of the Sunset Strip. The event included an art show, an original mural by Gregory Siff and a special advanced screening of *Sunset Strip*, an upcoming film.

The night was hosted by actresses Malin Akerman and Amy Smart, and actors Gregory Michael and Johnathon Schaech were there as guests. Also in attendance were *Desperate Housewives*' Jesse Metcalfe and his fiancée Cara Santana. Though the two have been dating for about five years, this was the first time they have been seen together in public since their engagement in

January.

Chat Live With “The Vow” Star Channing Tatum This Friday, May 11th





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Girls, you don't have to pinch yourself. If your dreams involve [heartthrob](#) movie stars, you may get to at least skim the surface in the near future. Sony Pictures Home Entertainment and Constellation has teamed up to promote the release of the box office hit, ["The Vow,"](#) by bringing the star, actor Channing Tatum, together with his fans for a once-in-a-lifetime event. This Friday, May 11th, at 6pm EST, the multi-talented award-winning actor, dancer, former model, and producer is answering questions from fans live on Constellations interactive site, which will be followed by 10 minutes of exclusive footage. To register for the *free* event go to <http://www.constellation.tv/event/thevow>. Sign up fast so you don't miss your chance to talk to [Channing Tatum!](#)

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Do you have burning questions about dating, relationships or just plain being single? Or maybe you're just looking for a fun event with single women just like you who are struggling

with the ups and downs of single life in the city. Maybe you're looking for the man of our dreams and don't know how to go about it?

If any of this rings true then we have an event tailor made for you. It's called *Single in Stilettos* and it's taking place on April 28th at the Skylight Room in New York City! We cordially invite you to join us for an amazing afternoon of dating session topics that will leave you walking away feeling empowered to meet that special someone. There will also be a wonderful complimentary happy hour in the evening, goody bags (which we all love) and raffle prizes!

The last time *Single in Stilletos* hosted an event like this it was SOLD OUT! So, get your tickets fast. Plus, if you sign up now you have the chance to get your tickets at the discount rate of \$25 instead of the normal \$80 price. All you need to do is use [sign up](#) using **Discount Code: SPK4**. Hurry now though because there are only a limited number of \$25 tickets available.

We hope to see you there!

Singles Event: Club Getaway Weekend





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Want to pack all the activities of a week-long trip into an entire weekend? If so, check out WeekendDating.com, which is hosting a trip to Club Getaway in Kent, CT, just two hours away from New York City. This Memorial Day weekend you can be adventurous and go ziplining or just relax with a sophisticated wine tasting. No matter what your interest is, a weekend at Club Getaway will ensure you have an awesome time while also meeting singles...or at the very least, a nice view of the lake.

Who: WeekendDating.com

What: A Club Getaway Weekend

Where: Club Getaway

59 South Kent Rd.
Kent, CT 06757

When: Friday, May 27 to Monday, May 30

Cost: \$449

Singles Event: Amazing Race and Scavenger Hunt





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Need a new quest to help break the monotony in your life? If so, head out to the Amazing Race and Scavenger Hunt singles event this Sunday at 1 p.m., hosted by Meet Market Adventures.

Brought back by popular demand, this urban scavenger hunt will have new clues to figure out. Participants must collect as many items as possible – but can only use their feet or the MTA system. After the hunt will be drinks at a local pub.

They say life is a series of adventures; in this case, it's literal. Now get out there! Maybe you'll find someone to share your adventure with along the way.

Who: Meet Market Adventures

What: Amazing Race and Scavenger Hunt

Where: Stone Creek Lounge
140 E. 27th St (between Third and Lexington)
New York, NY 10016

When: Sunday, May 22 from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$19.99 + tax

Singles Event: Salsa Dancing Lessons





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How many of you can honestly say you can salsa dance? Whether you can or can't, all ages are welcome to a night of salsa dancing, hosted by Long Island Singles and WeekendDating.com. The event starts at 7 p.m. on Sunday but the group will meet up a half hour before to mingle. As you learn some new dance moves, ladies will rotate every few minutes, allowing you to meet some new people. Ole!

Who: Long Island Singles and WeekendDating.com

What: Salsa Dancing Lesson

Where: TBA after registration

When: Sunday, May 15 at 7 p.m.

Cost: \$10.75 before May 13, \$12.75 after

Singles Event: Night of Comedy and Laughs

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Need a cure for the mundane weekdays? Head out to EastVille Comedy Club Friday night for this week's singles event from Meet Market Adventures. A standard NYC stop for comedians like Jim Gaffigan, Chris Rock, Sarah Silverman and Dave Attell, Eastville is the place to have some fun and meet others flying solo. You'll sit right up front – meaning you won't miss a second of the action. So head on out and take the next step in your adventure of being single!

Who: Meet Market Adventures

What: Singles Night of Comedy & Laughs

Where: EastVille Comedy Club

When: Friday, May 6 from 8 to 11 PM

Cost: \$19.99

Singles Event: After Work Networking





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If you're looking for a way to meet some new singles while also enjoying the sights New York City has to offer, head to the Empire State Building and check out the MULTI Group After Work Networking Event, hosted by the New York Social Network. Singles from *And That's Why You're Single* and *Moxie in the City* will also be there to enjoy appetizers, drinks and good music.

Who: New York Social Network

What: After Work Networking Event

Where: The Empire Room
22 W. 33rd St.

When: Thursday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m

Cost: \$5 with advance registration

Dress: Business casual

Save The Date: American Cancer Society's 6th Annual Taste of Hope





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There's no better way to celebrate Cinco de Mayo than by indulging yourself with luscious libations and fabulous food from New York's most talked about establishments, while also giving back to society.

Taste of Hope is the American Cancer Society's signature culinary, wine and spirits tasting event featuring some of New York's most popular restaurants and beverage vendors. Hosted annually, all proceeds from Taste of Hope go toward the organization's goal of eliminating cancer as a major health problem. Together, we can save lives and create a world with more birthdays by helping you stay well, helping you get well, finding cures, and fighting back.

Some of the featured restaurants participating in this event

are Blue Ribbon, Buddakan, Nuela, Tribeca Grill, The Stanton Social, Haru, Bareburger, Delicatessen, STK and Macbar. More than \$150,000 was raised in 2010. Let's raise even more this year!

Who: American Cancer Society

What: Taste of Hope

When: Thursday, May 5

Where: 82 Mercer
82 Mercer St.
New York City, NY 10012

Cost: \$250 VIP Admission (6:30 PM entry), \$150 General Admission (7:30 PM entry)

Ticket includes:

- Tastings from 70 restaurants, wineries and spirit companies
- Open bar
- Incredible silent auction, raffle prizes and gift bag

Can't make it, but want to donate to the cause? Go to cancer.org to find out how you can!

Singles Event: Speed Dating at Mustang Grill





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Picture this: A cool bar, lots of singles and drinks, and an “anything goes vibe.” If this sounds appealing, then perhaps you’ll enjoy Thursday night’s speed dating. Hosted by Hurry Date, expect to go on anywhere from 10 to 15 dates that last around five minutes each. Whether you’re trying to end a dry spell, find a solid rebound, or just want to talk to a bunch of people in one night (hence the aforementioned “anything goes vibe”), then this event is definitely something you’ll enjoy.

Who: Hurry Date

What: Speed Dating

Where: Mustang Grill

1632 2nd Ave. (at 85th St.
New York, N.Y. 10028

When: Thursday, April 21 at 7 p.m.

Cost: Subscriber price: \$26.25; Regular price: \$35.00

Note: This speed dating event is for men and women between the ages of 30 and 43

Singles Event: Horseback Riding Adventure





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Whether you're a beginner or an expert horseback rider, Meet Market Adventures has a place for you this Sunday afternoon. Spend the afternoon on a Horseback Riding Adventure, right in the heart of Brooklyn. Groups will meet at 11 a.m. and saddle up for an hour-long ride through Prospect Park. The ride may include walking, trotting and cantering, depending on your level of expertise. After the excursion, you'll head over to the Cross Roads Cafe. So take a trot on the wild side and unleash the inner rider in you!

Who: Meet Market Adventures

What: Horseback Riding

Where: Kensington Stables

51 Caton Place
Brooklyn, NY 11218

When: Sunday, April 17, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost: \$59.99 (food and drinks at Cross Roads Cafe are not part of the cost)

Singles Event: Flying Lessons





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Single? Ever dreamed of flying? If you answered yes to both questions and you're free this Saturday, then maybe taking flying lessons with Meet Market Adventures would be the ideal way to spend your weekend. Your day will include a preflight briefing, and of course, an opportunity to fly the plane. Never flown before? There are sure to be other novices on board – bond over this unique experience! Bring lunch, water and a camera to capture your moments in the sky.

Who: Meet Market Adventures

What: Singles Flying Lessons

Where: Meet at the NE corner of 73rd St. & Broadway

When: Saturday, April 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cost: \$179.99

Singles Event: White Water Rafting Class





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What better way to celebrate the arrival of spring than by heading down class IV and V rapids! This Saturday, take a wild ride and go White Water Rafting on the Mighty Housatonic, hosted by Meet Market Adventures. Wet suits, life jackets, helmets and footies will be provided. After going down some of the biggest rapids in New England, you'll be driven to Bulls Bridge Inn, where a wonderful three-course lunch awaits you. Check out the site to see what you need to pack. Finding a new special someone is always an adventure! So this weekend, why not make it a literal one?

Who: Meet Market Adventures

What: White Water Rafting

When: Saturday, April 9 from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: Meet at the NE corner of 73rd Street and Broadway
New York, NY 10023

Cost: \$169.99 (includes lunch, transportation and equipment)

Singles Event: 50 First Dates





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Wonder what it's look to go on 50 dates within three hours? New York Easy Dates is making that happen on Saturday night from 6 to 9 p.m. at M1-5 Bar and Lounge. Each date is about two and a half minutes in length. Concerned about the short time span? Put it this way – we can decide if we feel a connection after 10 seconds, so you should be able to figure out if you want to see someone again after three minutes – especially if you're meeting 50 people! If you're sick of the bar scene and having a tough time finding a nice person at the coffee shop, give speed dating a try. Priding itself on high customer service, New York Easy Dates believes they are the best speed dating company in the Big Apple.

Who: New York Easy Dates

What: 50 First Dates

Where: M1-5 Bar and Lounge
52 Walker St. (between Church & Broadway)
New York, NY 10013

When: Saturday, April 2 from 6 – 9 PM

How Much: \$30 (comes with free drink)

Age Restrictions: Men (27-42); Women 23-37

Singles Event: After Work Spring Fling Party





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This is no joke or April Fool's Day prank! If you're looking for something fun to do on April 1st, Spring Fling, hosted by WeekendDating.com, is an event you won't want to pass up. The organization has partnered up with 20 social groups to put the party together, which is New York City's largest after-work mingling and networking event. Featuring hors d'oeuvres, happy hour, giveaways and music all night long, you'll be sure to meet someone new to spark your interest, whether you're looking for the love of your life or just want to enjoy the dating game.

Who: WeekendDating.com

What: Spring Fling

Where: La Pomme NYC
37 W. 26th St.
New York, NY 10010

When: Friday, April 1 at 6 p.m.

Cost: \$20.00 online (reserve before April 1); \$30 at the door

Dress Code: Business Casual – no ripped/baggy jeans, sneakers, runners, or t-shirts please!

Cupid Event: Finding Mr. Bright at Bloomingdale's





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By Vicky Sullivan of Aspiring Socialite

I fell in love with Bloomingdale's long ago. However, over the weekend, I got to experience love in an entirely new way during the Cupid's Pulse Finding Mr. Bright event in the cosmetics department. As I have grown to know all too well, New Yorkers never have enough time. Therefore, multitasking is a must. Getting both makeup and dating advice in one session is just what any social or corporate ladder climber needs. The fabulous [Lori Bizzoco](#) (pictured left,) founder and editor-in-chief of **Cupid's Pulse**, opened the program with a star-studded presentation on how to find love based on lessons learned from celebrity romances and heartbreaks. As a blogger and Aspiring New York Socialite looking for love, Lori has

been an excellent mentor and complete inspiration to me.

Stylish representatives from Benefit Cosmetics, a makeup brand founded in San Francisco based on the principles of fast and fabulous, demonstrated how a few brightening tricks can actively enhance your natural beauty. While “That Gal” brightening face primer can give you that Kim Kardashian glow, BADgal Lash Mascara can make your eyes pop like Scarlett Johansson. As a blue eyed girl, I have my eyes on the Smokin’ Eyes Sexy Eye & Brow Makeover Kit.

Singles Event: Interactive Chocolate Creations and Tasting





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Here's a 'sweet' way to meet your next sweetie: while making chocolate! Coretta Sneed, an independent chocolatier for Dove Chocolate Discoveries, will host a session through Meet Market Adventures where you'll learn how to make your own Dove Chocolate creations. You'll hear all about the history of making chocolate while being soothed by its sweet aroma. All ages are welcome! But be advised; don't wear anything you wouldn't want to get chocolate on!

Who: Coretta Sneed for Meet Market Adventures

What: Singles Interactive Chocolate Creations and Tasting

Where: Pearl Studios
500 Eighth Avenue

Penthouse 2
New York, NY 10001

When: Sunday, March 27 from 1:45 to 3:30 PM

Cost: \$29.99

Singles Event: Da Vinci Hunt at the Met





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Meet Market Adventures believes being single should be an adventure. Why not join them for one? This Sunday, they are hosting a Da Vinci Hunt at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Based on *The Da Vinci Code*, Dan Brown's novel, solve the cryptex in two hours with your team of four to six singles by following the clues throughout the Met. When bars and clubs become tiring, Meet Market Adventures works to find and plan activities, events, and trips exclusively for singles.

Who: Meet Market Adventures

What: Da Vinci Hunt

Where: Metropolitan Museum of Art

Fifth Ave. and 82nd St.
New York, N.Y. 10028

When: Sunday, March 20 from 1:30 to 4:30 PM

Cost: \$29.99

Singles Event: Spring Fling at Greenhouse





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If you're ready to meet some of New York's sexiest singles, then head over to Greenhouse this Friday for their annual Spring Fling event, hosted by Single and the City. Come dance, drink and be merry with more than 200 single and fabulous New Yorkers with drink specials, chances to win Broadway tickets, tarot card readings and of course, lots of singles. To attend an event, simply create a basic profile including your username, gender, birthday and email address. Next, sign in with your username (from this screen) click your gender and then register for a specific event. What better way to ring in the spring season!

Who: Single and the City

What: Spring Fling

Where: Greenhouse
150 Varick St.
New York, N.Y.

When: Friday, March 18 from 6:30 to 10:30 PM

Cost: \$20

Age Range: 25 to 45