

Exclusive Celebrity Interview: Former 'The Bachelorette' Winner Jesse Csincsak's Thoughts on Chiang Mai



Last night on *The Bachelorette*, we said goodbye to Ben Castoriano, William Holman, and Nick Peterson. Their journey for a [relationship and love](#) with [Ashely Hebert](#) ended in the ancient city of Chiang Mai, Thailand. We also learned that our bachelorette needs closure with Bentley Williams in order to move on with her other guys – and it looks like he'll be coming back next week! Here's what *Bachelorette* expert Jesse Csincsak had to say about the episode in our exclusive celebrity interview:

Exclusive Celebrity Interview with *The Bachelorette's* Jesse Csincsak

The date ideas seem to be more extreme this season. Why do you think we're seeing so many dates designed with disaster potential?

To be honest, this show isn't about Ashley. It's about money and ratings. They will chew up and spit out anyone to get both of these things.

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Ames Brown had a really tough time on the group date, but he did his best to show he was a good sport by coming to the after-party despite his concussion. Did you think Hebert was going to give him the group rose date for his efforts?

I think Ames is still there simply because he's a nice guy and makes her laugh. Other than that, I don't see a huge connection between them. So Blake getting the group date rose was no surprise to me.

Hebert listened to William's analysis of Ben C. and said "adios" to the Louisiana lawyer without a second thought. Should she have give him a chance to explain?

The fact that Ashley listened to pinhead William without question and didn't listen to Michelle Money about Bentley absolutely blows my mind. These are 15-year-old girl actions in my book!

What was your take on her decision to send William home?

I think Ashley was totally right to send him home. There was

no spark between them, and I was glad she sent him home. His exit speech was pitiful!

Chris Harrison promised to “make something happen” for Ashley with Bentley. Knowing what she knows now, do you think Ashley has good reason to be upset with Chris and/or the producers for encouraging the drama?

I’m sure Ashley is cursing herself for taking the money and signing that stupid contract. She now sees how crooked the whole thing really is!

What about Bentley do you think intrigues Ashley the most?

Everyone wants what they can’t have; she can’t have Bentley, so she naturally wants him!

We all know Bentley’s not interested in her. What’s his motivation for flying to the other side of the world to visit Ashley next week?

Everyone comes to Hollywood for one of two reasons: money or fame. I’m assuming Bentley originally came on for fame, and now he’s probably getting paid to come back.

There are a few guys we haven’t seen much of yet this season, specifically Mickey and Lucas. Is there a possible love connection with either of these guys?

I’ve always said the winner doesn’t get much camera time until the end, so who knows – they might both go very far. Right now, I see a huge connection between J.P. and Ashley, but because he has gotten so much camera time so far, I don’t think he will be the final man...unless we’re being tricked.

Want more *Bachelorette* insider insights? Check out the [Bachelorette Beatdown](#) this evening. Tonight at **9PM EST/6PM PST**, notable show alums, including Trista Sutter, Natalie Getz, Ashley Nicole Spivey, Jesse Kovacs, Wes Hayden, and David Good will join Jesse during his chat!

'The Bachelorette' Season 7, Episode 5: Love is Worth Fighting For



By Jennifer

Harrington

Last night on ABC's *The Bachelorette*, the gang traveled to the ancient city of Chiang Mai, Thailand. Ashley Hebert was optimistic that it was "the perfect city to fall in love" and she hoped the change of scenery would mark her new beginning with the bachelors. Here's what happened during this chapter of her love story:

This week, there was a one-on-one, a group date and the dreaded two-on-one, which Ashley herself was on last season.

Ben F. snagged the one-on-one, which was apropos, since feelings between our bachelorette and the winemaker started developing last week. The pair enjoyed a low-key day of exploring the city and a candlelight dinner amidst an intricate floral arrangement. Their attraction to each other was apparent, and Ashley even said that she could “see a life with Ben F.” The Sonoma-native also said he felt “giddy, puppy-dog love” and gladly accepted the rose!

The group date card read, “Love is worth fighting for.” While most cards are figures of speech, the guys literally spent the day training in Muay Thai, a native boxing style. Although she initially said the date was a “hot way to see the men,” Ashley quickly changed her opinion during the sparring matches where the men were pitted against each other and said the date was getting too dangerous. The boxing ring victim was Ames, who admitted he’d never been in a fight before. Though he gave it his best effort, his day ended with a concussion and an ambulance ride to the hospital. Luckily, he got himself to the after-party that evening looking good as new, even though he was still recuperating from the match! While it seemed that Ames would surely take home the group date rose, Blake made his move, acknowledging that although his relationship with Ashley was slow to develop, he believed “love is like a marathon, not a sprint.” The couple took their first steps towards romance with a sizzling kiss, and the fellow dentist took home the rose!

If you guys calculated correctly, the two-on-one date was between Ben C. and William. Ever since the roast we’ve been skeptical of William, and this date certainly didn’t help repair his image. Boasting that it was time for Ben C. to go home and it was “not going to be a pretty sight,” William told Ashley that his competition was “ready” to leave, hoping to test his luck in the online dating world ASAP. Ashley didn’t even give Ben C. a chance to explain before she said goodbye. But rather than sharing a cozy evening with William, the

bachelorette realized that the special spark she felt during their memorable Vegas date was gone. And with that, she sent him home as well.

At the rose ceremony, Ashley confessed to Chris Harrison that Bentley was still on her mind. Realizing she needs closure in order to truly move on, the host offered to “make something happen for her.” In the meantime, she had to hand out the roses and send one unlucky man home. The Adonis of the house, Nick, was sent home in a state of shock and eight men were left standing.

Thailand’s journey is over as we’re headed to Hong Kong next week. Not surprisingly, Bentley will make his dramatic return in this glamorous city, and it looks like his presence is going to stir up serious trouble between Ashley and the other guys! Check back later to see what our *Bachelorette* expert, Jesse Csincsak, has to say about Bentley’s ongoing drama, as well as his take on Chiang Mai! But first, let us know – what did you guys think of Ashley’s snap decision to send Ben C. home? Should she have given him more time to explain himself?

‘The Bachelorette’ Season 7, Episode 5 Preview: Bentley on Her Mind





By Jennifer

Harrington

During last week's episode of *The Bachelorette*, Ashley Hebert did her best to move forward in beautiful Phuket, Thailand and leave Bentley in the past. We even saw her connections grow stronger with several guys, including Constantine, Ben F. , J.P. and Ames. However, don't think Bentley's become a distant memory for Ashley just yet! As you'll see in next week's preview, our lady in distress confides in Chris Harrison about her nagging feelings for this season's villain.

The always comforting and wise host says that due to her one-track mind, "This is not going work...this is not going to have a happy ending." Chris even asks Ashley what she wants to do, and we're left wondering if Bentley will show up in Chiang Mai, Thailand, where the gang finds themselves this week.

Considering Bentley left things open-ended, we're guessing we'll see him again soon!

Tune into ABC on **Monday, June 20 at 8PM Eastern/7PM Central** to see if the single dad appears in Asia to continue his mind games with Ashley. While you're watching, send us your questions about Bentley and anything else rose-related for our Bachelorette expert, Jesse Csincsak!

Celebrity Interview: Past 'Bachelorette' Winner Jesse Csincsak Shares His Opinions on Thailand Dates



Last night on *The Bachelorette*, [Ashley Hebert](#) put her best foot forward to move past the heartbreak of losing Bentley Williams and traveled to Thailand with the guys. Her relationships and love with Constantine Tzortzis, [J.P. Rosenbaum](#), and Ben Flajnik seemed to be on the fast-track. And while the men questioned Ryan Park's genuineness, Hebert and the boys said goodbye to West. Here's what resident *Bachelorette* expert Jesse Csincsak's had

to say in our [celebrity interview](#):

Celebrity Interview with *The Bachelorette*'s Jesse Csincsak

It's apparent the guys are aware of Bentley's departure and its effect on Ashley. From your experience, is it really that obvious to the other contestants when the bachelor or bachelorette has a special spark with someone in the house?

It's super obvious, and that's what makes certain dudes mad. You have to go in there and tell yourself that you're the only one, or it will drive you insane.

The gang moved from Los Angeles to Thailand in the hopes of giving Hebert a fresh start. Did you find changing locations to be helpful in terms keeping relationships fresh?

Traveling with the show is fun, but it's very draining at the same time. You feel like you're doing a lot for this one girl, so if you don't get a lot of time with her, it makes it hard to want to continue on the journey.

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Tzortzis impressed us with his easygoing nature, but it seemed like Hebert is concerned that there are only "friendly vibes" between them. Do you see a future love connection for this duo?

I think that Constantine is a cool guy, but I'm not sure they'll last. The guys that will end up friends will come out hard in the weeks to come. Only time will tell! The guys that don't answer Ashley's questions will get sent home.

This week, Brown shined and captured our bachelorette's attention, and she said he's "different" from the others. Is

it a good thing that Hebert has separated him from the rest of the pack?

I think Ames will go very far (like final four), and I think he's an awesome guy, but in the end, he will get his heart broken. They're too different. She's a small-town girl, and he's a rich kid who is well-educated and has traveled the world many times.

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What was your reaction when Julian confronted Park? Is the criticism of Park by the other men fair?

I liked that Blake called out Ryan. It shows that he's real and not afraid to say what's on his mind. I like guys like that. I think that when the guys call someone out on something, that's usually the truth. There isn't a lot of man drama that's not for real. Ryan's drama will get him sent home eventually.

We saw Chris Harrison "bend the rules" during this week's rose ceremony. What do you think about these occasional changes to the process along the way?

Everything done on the show is all about ratings. Ratings equal money, so anything they can do to make it different or interesting (like Bentley or adding a rose) will definitely be done.

With Williams gone, Hebert has had to give another look and consideration to the remaining bachelors. If you had to guess, who has the number one spot in Ashley's heart right now?

I think J.P. and Ames are going to go far!

It looks like Williams may be back on the scene soon. Do you think Hebert will finally see his true colors?

This actually goes all the way back to casting. When the show is cast, they pick people that will clash in a group situation. It has nothing to do with Ashley – it's all about good TV (come on, it's fun to watch!). The producers know this, and that's why they cast these characters. With that being said, Bentley is fun to watch, and I promise we haven't seen the last of this villain just yet.

Hungry for more insider scoop from Jesse? Tune into this week's installment of [The Bachelorette Beatdown](#), hosted by Jesse himself. Each week, Jesse is joined by ex-show alums, including Natalie Getz, Jesse Kovacs, Wes Hayden and David Good. Special guest appearances (like Trista Sutter and Kiptyn Locke) are always a part of the show. You don't want to miss it!

'The Bachelorette' Season 7, Episode 4 Recap: A Fresh Start in Thailand





By Jennifer

Harrington

Ashley Hebert was devastated last week, after Bentley's departure and William's cutting remarks during the "roast" group date. After having a few days off to mend her broken heart, our bachelorette was back in action and ready for a "fresh start" – in Phuket, Thailand! Here's how the guys fared this week on ABC's *The Bachelorette*:

As usual, there were two one-on-one dates and a group date. The first one-on-one went to Constantine, and the duo's plan to enjoy a romantic boat ride was cast aside because of rain. Undeterred by the sudden change of plans, the Atlanta native was easygoing as they spent the day chatting and exploring the city together. At dinner, Ashley said she has "definite chemistry" with the restaurant owner and was blown away by his "realness." After declaring that she "loved today," this contestant received a rose.

The next day, our bubbly leading lady and 10 of the guys fixed up an orphanage that was home to children affected by recent tsunamis in the area. The men got into the project, especially Ben F., who stood out from the pack by painting a mural for the kids (despite his admission that he is not artistic!). After a full day of giving back it was off to a

celebration party, where the winemaker continued to impress Ashley with a “really, really good kiss” – and it was no surprise when he was rewarded with the group date rose!

However, the heat *really* intensified when she chatted under an umbrella in the rain with J.P. Talking turned into smooching and Ashley said, “Kissing J.P. is magical...J.P. is one sexy man!”

The final date went to Ames, who the bachelorette noticed has a hard time letting loose during group settings. On their kayaking excursion through sea caves, Ashley was delighted to learn that this New York-suitor is spontaneous and witty. After noting that he’s traveled to 70 countries and has lots of “depth,” Ashley said he’s “different” from the other guys in the house. Although this date went sans-kiss, Ames returned to the villa with a rose.

At the cocktail party, the bachelorette asked “serious questions” – if West thought she could fill the “big shoes” left by his deceased wife, why Lucas fell out of love with his ex-wife, and even about Ryan’s growing rift with the other contestants in the house. After Ashley was confident with their answers, she spoke with Chris Harrison about her lingering Bentley thoughts and asked if she could add an extra rose – meaning only one guy would go home instead of two. Her wish was granted, and everyone received a rose but West.

Though he was one of our early favorites, it didn’t seem like he much spark with the bachelorette, and Ashley wasn’t sure if he was truly ready to move on.

Be sure to return later today to read Bachelorette expert Jesse Csincsak’s take on the action in Thailand! We’ll be back Friday to preview next week’s episode, where it appears Bentley’s back to stir up trouble. Until then, let us know: What do you think about Blake’s decision to confront Ryan during the cocktail party? Do you think Ryan is genuine or another potential heartbreaker?

'The Bachelorette' Season 7, Episode 4 Preview: Let Your Chest Do the Talking!



By Jennifer

Harrington

Between William's unexpected "roast" and Bentley's early departure on Monday's episode, it's been a rocky road for Ashley Hebert. If you're ready for some fun in the sun and more of the bubbly dental student we've grown to know, you're in luck! As you'll see in the "Shirtless Sneak Peek" below, the gang is in Phuket, Thailand and Ashley is treated to hot tub time with Nick – and we're in store for some serious eye candy! Up until this point, we haven't gotten to know Nick very well, but the preview promises that this trainer's

physique is Adonis-like, and the other bachelors encourage him to “let your chest do the talking”! Will Nick’s washboard abs help distract Ashley from her recent heartache? We all know our bachelorette is looking for a man of substance – is there more to Nick than his chiseled physique?

Watch the latest installment of Ashley’s love story on **Monday, June 13 at 8PM Eastern/7PM Central**. While you’re watching, let us know if you have questions for our resident *Bachelorette* expert, Jesse Csincsak – we’re so pleased to have him on board giving his insider perspective about season 7 of ABC’s *The Bachelorette*. We’ll be back on Tuesday, sharing both an episode recap and scoop from Jesse!

Cupid Exclusive: Behind the Scenes Opinions from Jesse Csincsak





If you watched season 7 of ABC's *The Bachelorette* last night and it left you feeling angry at Bentley, confused about William and sad about the show's intentions, we may have just the fix you need.

Each week, **CupidsPulse.com** will bring you an inside look behind the cameras as we gather opinions about the show from season 4 *Bachelorette* winner, professional snowboarder and our very own candid-commentator, Jesse Csincsak. Jesse will be with us exclusively each week to answer questions about the show. If you have a question for Jesse, you can send it straight to Cupid. Here are his thoughts from last night's dramatic episode:

1. Why don't the producers show Ashley footage of what Bentley said?

If the producers showed Ashley what was going on, that wouldn't make for good TV! Television shows are all about money. The cast is expendable. It's sad, but that's the truth.

2. Jesse, do you think Chris Harrison should have told Ashley the whole truth about Bentley during his pep talk?

Chris Harrison was playing the role of host. He was mentally

escorting Ashley to her new relationship. Chris gets paid to be the host so he needs to do what he is being paid to do.

3. You said it was enough already with the mask when you spoke on the Bachelorette Beatdown. Do you think that Jeff revealing his face hurt his chances? Maybe the expectation was too high and it became a letdown?

Wearing the mask is playing a character. For instance, Wes Hayden played the musician and he backed it up by throwing his bachelorette a concert. Jeff wore the mask and kinda talked it up, but when the big reveal came, he seemed to be shooting duds. So yes, I think the mask got him sent home in the long run.

4. Why would the producers let Bentley go through with the game he played?

Wouldn't you say, the producers played Ashley just as much as Bentley?

The producers totally played her and it's sad that TV has come to this. This girl just wants to fall in love. If you couldn't see that after last night's episode, then you never will. I feel bad for her that she was put in that situation.

5. Why do you think Bentley used his daughter as an excuse to go home?

Given he was so honest with the cameras, were you at all surprised he didn't reveal his true colors to Ashley?

Guys like Bentley are HUGE SISSYS in real life. This guy obviously has never had a good ol' fashioned ass woopin' or he wouldn't be treating women like this!

6. Bentley's attitude has been horrible. Last night, he said, "This is fun and games to me," and his honesty made us question the competitive spirit of the show. How many bachelors/bachelorette contestants do you think stay just to

“win” and how many stay to “win love”?

For this question I will have to go to my panel on the Bachelorette Beatdown from last week. I think we all agreed that out of every season there are two people on each show that are there for the right reasons.

7. Did Ashley find out about Bentley prior to the show airing or does she see the episode basically at the same time as all of us?

I get to see the show one to two days early so I am sure Ashley does as well.

8. Given what happened in this episode (the drama of the group date, and Bentley’s decision to leave), do you think Ashley will be able to recover and find a husband this season?

I would venture to say all this drama will lead into a way bigger and better relationship. That’s part of the fun of watching!

You can catch Jesse tonight on RTVZone.com at 6 PM PST as he hosts the first ever *Bachelor/ette* video recap with Ashley Spivey, Marissa May, Natalie Getz, David Good, Wes Hayden, Jesse Kovacs and Eliza Orlins from *Survivor*. They will be discussing King Tool (Bentley) and Jeff, aka, The Mask. Tune in – you don’t want to miss it!

**‘The Bachelorette’ Season 7,
Episode 3: Bentley Goes In**

For the Kill



By Jennifer

Harrington

It's week 3 of ABC's *The Bachelorette* and leading up to the episode, we were promised that self-proclaimed front-runner Bentley would become the biggest villain in *Bachelorette* history and bring heartbreak to Ashley. In case you missed out on the action, here's what left our dentist in distress questioning if the she'd ever find her Prince Charming:

The first date of the week was a one-on-one with Ben C., where the duo learned a hip-hop dance and performed with a flash mob in a park later that day! Ashley seemed happy to "flash" with this Louisiana lawyer and loved his dancing skills. Though he thought it was the "most ridiculous first date," he was an amazingly good sport about it. Their afternoon ended with a special performance by Far East Movement and the pair shared their first kiss. At dinner, Ben revealed his true romantic colors, stating that he's "always fantasized about a dream

love," and Ashley couldn't help but give him a rose!

Next, was the group date. In the moments leading up to it, was the moment we've all been (im)patiently waiting to see...the unmasking of the long-lost brother of Zorro! Unfortunately for Ashley (and us), Jeff's reveal fell flat. He didn't have that unforgettable face that made you melt (like we all had desperately hoped for). With Jeff's face finally revealed to an unimpressed Ashley and his fellow contestants, the worst idea in *Bachelorette* history for a group date began: a bachelor "roast" a la Comedy Central of the woman whose heart they were trying to win.

Most men (wisely) played it safe, choosing to roast the other guys in the house. But William, the funniest contestant who had a magical time with Ashley last week in Vegas, gave her the most brutal roast of all. William said he signed up for the show when he thought the bachelorette would be Emily or Chantal, and even made inappropriate remarks about Ashley's body. Imagine her surprise! His comments pierced the insecure bachelorette who was always concerned that the guys were disappointed she was chosen for season 7. Later, at a subdued after-party, William apologized to Ashley and then decided to leave – the damage was already done. A vulnerable Ashley turned to Bentley for comfort and their alone time turned into a discussion about the warnings she's heard. Though Bentley had the opportunity to tell Ashley the truth, he denied the rumors and proclaimed he was on the "same page" as her.

After her cozy time with this season's bad boy, the group date rose went to Ryan. An outraged Bentley declared not getting the rose justified his decision to "check out" of the journey with Ashley. While he packed his bags he said, "Ashley is digging what I'm putting out, so I'm going in for the kill now." Blaming his decision to go home on his young daughter (though we all know he hoped the *Bachelorette* was Emily instead of "ugly duckling" Ashley), Bentley said his

goodbyes. Spending her final moments with Bentley crying, it's obvious how quickly and deeply her feelings had developed.

Though William's roast and Bentley's departure were understandably difficult, Ashley still had to navigate her one-on-one date with JP. They shared a quiet night at home and JP did his best to reassure Ashley that she was amazing. JP was given a rose, and the couple shared a romantic kiss by the fire, which Ashley declared was better than her kisses with Bentley!

An emotionally drained Ashley decided to forego the cocktail party. Since Ben C., JP, and Ryan were all safe, the remaining roses went to: Constantine, Mickey, Ben F., Blake, Nick, Ames, Lucas, and (shockingly!) William. Chris D. and Jeff were sent home. The closing minutes of the episode included Jeff burning his mask, and a preview of next week's show in Thailand, where it looks like the guys have turned against Ryan.

Before we give you next week's preview clip, let us know what you think: Do you think Ashley can recover losing Bentley? Is Bentley the biggest villain *The Bachelorette* has ever seen?

**'Bachelorette' Preview:
'Heartbreak is Worse than Any
Illness'**



By Jennifer

Harrington

The drama surrounding self-proclaimed “front-runner” and behind-the-scenes conniver Bentley has been building for more than two weeks on the *The Bachelorette*. As you’ll see in the preview for Monday’s episode, this season’s bad boy may even leave the show, bragging to the camera, “I don’t care about Ashley. I had the opportunity and I played everyone.” We’re about to witness an emotional breakdown, folks! Especially given Ashley’s confession that she “completely fell in love with Bentley.” Even host Chris Harrison commented about this incident on his blog, saying, “You will see the wheels completely come off this ride for Ashley – so much so we came very close to having to shut down production on our show.”

Tune in on **Monday, June 6 at 8PM/7PM Central** to watch one of the most talked about *Bachelorette* episodes yet. PS: We’ve also heard through the grapevine that the masked man will finally be unveiled next week! While we countdown until Monday’s episode, let us know which guy you think will be there to mend Ashley’s broken heart. We’re guessing William

or Ryan P.! If you miss the show, don't worry – we will be back on Tuesday for our episode recap!

'The Bachelorette' Season 7, Episode 2: Ashley Gambles Her Heart in Vegas



By Jennifer

Harrington

It's been a week since we've met Ashley's bachelors and rumors continue to swirl about Bentley's intentions. Here's a rundown of last night's episode in Sin City. Let's see how

the guys made out:

One of our early favorites, William, was given the first one-on-one date. If you tuned in half-way through the show, you would have thought you were watching a wedding reception.

From the selection of rings and Ashley's white dress to nearly-delivered vows, it was nothing short of a love fest as these two voiced their strong feelings for each other.

William's declaration that "this is the kind of date where you know you will marry the person" had me wondering if they were going to hail a cab and head to the closest wedding chapel. After a fabulous dinner against the backdrop of the Bellagio fountains, William was (not surprisingly) given a rose.

Following William's self-declared "best date ever," Ashley invited 12 contestants to the Monte Carlo hotel for a group date that would test the men's "ability to move." They were split into two teams of six, where the winning team would perform in the "Jabbawockeez" show later that night, while the losing team would catch the next flight back to Los Angeles. We were happy to say that the winning dancers included two more of our early favorites, Blake and West.

To add some drama to the night...Ashley awarded Bentley the group rose! Yes, the guy who she was initially warned against before the season began is rumored to be using the show to promote himself. Last night, this season's bad-boy told the camera that the "game is over before we hit the start button," confidently stating that he has Ashley wrapped around his finger. Oh, Ashley – if you could only see what we see. Oh, wait! The show is taped so you *CAN* see what we see. We just hope you saw it all before it came down to the last man standing! And when you look back at the preview of this episode, everything we saw proved true.

The last date of the week was a first for the *Bachelor*

franchise: a coin toss to determine who would get the one-on-one date. The men in competition were construction manager JP and chef Mickey. Flipping a coin became a theme throughout the night, as dozens of tosses took place to determine how the evening would go. Though Mickey wouldn't be our top choice given Ashley's independent nature, this self-proclaimed momma's boy got a rose thanks to the lucky coin toss.

The stakes were high at the end of the Vegas trip as Ashley handed out the remaining roses at the ceremony while boldly stating, "I think my husband is standing in the room." The rose ceremony, minus the drama surrounding masked-man Jeff (who at one point considered revealing his face) was fairly routine, as Ashley handed out roses to West, Constantine, Ryan P. (winner of this season's first impression rose), Ben C., Nick, Ames, Lucas, Jeff, JP, Chris, Ben F. and Blake (the dentist who doesn't seem to have much of a connection with Ashley and thinks their personalities may be too similar for a romantic spark).

So this concludes an "amazing week of dates," in the words of Brad Womack's snubbed lady! We'll be back on Friday to preview the next episode of *The Bachelorette*. Until then, what do you think of Ashley's decision to give a rose to Jeff? We want to know...do you think the mask is corny or clever?

'Bachelor' Alum Emily Maynard Is Spotted Without Engagement Ring



The rocky relationship between *The Bachelor's* Brad Womack and Emily Maynard may have finally reached an impasse. [People](#) reports that last weekend, Maynard, 25, was spotted without the engagement ring Womack, 38, presented to her in the show's finale. The two released a statement in March, saying: "It has been a bumpy couple of months for us, and our priority right now is to focus on our relationship."

How do you know what engagement ring to choose for your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

If you want her to say "yes," start out by getting her the right ring! Cupid has some tips on how to know what engagement ring is right for your partner:

1. Ask for help: Poll her friends and family (swearing them to secrecy, of course) about what kind of ring she'd want. They can at least steer you in the right direction.

2. Think about her taste: What kind of jewelry does she like to wear? Pay attention to whether she likes gold or silver and over-the-top or understated pieces.

3. Go with your gut: Buy the ring that feels right, the one you can see yourself proposing with and see her wearing for the rest of her life.

What's your idea of the perfect engagement ring? Share your comments below.

'Bachelorette' Season 7 Sneak Peek: There's a Villian in Vegas



By Jennifer

Harrington

On Monday we were treated to the season premiere of *The Bachelorette*, which introduced us to Ashley Hebert's guys. While she's got a great group of men, there will certainly be drama this season – and even a villain. The rumors about Bentley being on the show for the wrong reasons are confirmed in this short clip, where he says Ashley is not his type and doesn't meet the checklist of criteria of what he's looking for in a wife. However, during his one-on-one time with Ashley, Bentley pretends to display some insecurity (a trait that destroyed Ashley's relationship with Brad), as Bentley thanks her for giving him the final rose in the first ceremony. Even at this very early point in their relationship, our bubbly bachelorette appears desperate to keep Bentley around and alleviate his supposed self-doubt by saying, "If you feel something for me, please stay because I feel something for you." It's clear that despite all of the warnings Ashley's heard about this businessman before even meeting him, she's completely smitten!

Make sure to tune in to **ABC on Monday, May 30 at 8PM/7PM Central** to see Ashley's dates with the remaining 18 bachelors in Vegas – including her date with Bentley! In the meantime, let us know which bachelor you think may find romance with Ashley in Sin City. Don't forget to visit us next week for our Tuesday morning recap!

'The Bachelorette' Season 7 Premiere: Ashley Meets Her 25 Guys



By Jennifer

Harrington

As we all know, Ashley Hebert was one of the final three women in the running for Brad Womack's heart last season on ABC's *The Bachelor*. While the spark between them eventually fizzled as Ashley repeatedly experienced doubt about their relationship, this dainty dentist is back for round two of the love game as season 7's Bachelorette!

We've followed all of the buzz leading up to this season, as people have wondered what type of bachelorette Ashley would be, and even made a few early predictions about her first picks. Without further adieu, here's last night's season premiere recap:

Ashley, who looked lovely in a gold evening gown, was treated to a parade of 25 bachelors who delivered on the Ooh La La ABC promised! This group of handsome men included all types – notably, a construction manager, a winemaker, a butcher and a widower. While Ashley expressed some self-doubt throughout the evening (she worried about “being a disappointment to the guys”), the men were excited and eager to make a first impression upon our Bachelorette. The cutest introduction of the night went to Constantine, who tied a string of pink dental floss around Ashley’s finger as a reminder for the duo to chat later.

It was certainly a cocktail party to remember – but maybe not for all of the bachelors! Liquor distributor Tim was so inebriated he was unable to speak. He even fell asleep on the couch outside, and neither Ashley’s voice or shakes could stop his snoring. Way to make a first impression, Tim!

Jeff (our masked bachelor) told Ashley that his mask wasn’t just a “cheesy gimmick” – he wanted to take his face “out of the game” so she could learn about what was inside of him. Let’s see how long this charade lasts – do you think he’ll take it off (his *mask*, of course!) before Ashley sends him home?

Rumored heartbreaker Bentley promised he’ll always tell Ashley the truth. This businessman is divorced and has a daughter named Cozy – but is he on the show for the right reasons? Someone from a former *Bachelor* season (rumor has it that it’s Ms. Money, herself!) told Ashley that he was only there to promote his business, but she’s attracted to him and seems genuine, so she doesn’t know what to think. Looks like Bentley will be this season’s heartbreaker.

However, the highly-desired first impression rose went to Ryan P., the solar energy executive. Ashley told *People* that she gave him the first impression rose because, “Coming into this experience, I had a list of a few things I was looking for in

a husband, and the first night, I saw ALL of those things in Ryan. He deserved the first impression rose more than anyone.” Congrats!

Here’s who ended up with roses at the end of the evening: Jeff (in the mask!), Constantine, Ben F., Lucas, Stephen, Matt, Nick, Chris D., Ryan M., Blake, Mickey, Ben C., West, William, JP, Ames and Bentley. We were happy to see that our early favorites (West, William and Blake) all received roses! Anthony, Jon, Frank, Rob, Mike and Chris M. were all sent home – and some of them looked awfully upset about it. We wish them the best of luck in their quest to find love.

Now that we know the guys a bit better, it’s even easier to get excited for Monday nights. This season’s preview included amazing boat rides dates, a boxing match, a trip to the hospital for one unfortunate contestant and Ashley sobbing in bed – any early predictions on which guy made her cry? Regardless, this season will be full of amazing scenes from Thailand, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Fiji, along with what else – drama!

Before I sign off, I wanted to announce the lucky winner of the *Bachelor* reunion swag bag: Mandy Robinson! Congratulations on your win, which includes products from Lubriderm, Powerbar, Gilchrist and Soams, Beauty Society, “Skinny on Willpower” by Jim Randel, Popchips, Panda Licorice, Alterna Haircare, Cheek’d, Buddah Balm, Eight O’Clock Coffee, Eat Whatever Breath Mints and Pajama City!

We can’t wait for next week’s episode and we hope you guys are just as excited as we are! We want to know: who are your early favorites? Do you agree with Ashley’s decision to give Bentley a rose, although she has been warned he’s not on the show for the right seasons? Let us know in a comment below and don’t forget to tune into ABC’s *The Bachelorette* on **Monday, May 30 at 8PM/7PM Central**. Check us out on Tuesday for our recap. See you then!

'The Bachelorette' Season 7 Premiere Preview: Only Three Days Left!



By Jennifer

Harrington

We're only a few days away from the season premiere of *The Bachelorette* with Ashley Hebert and according to ABC, there are three words to describe the 25 bachelors competing for Ashley's heart: *Ooh La La!* Check out this teaser clip below.

In addition to a montage of the guys who will be in the hunt for roses, you can hear Ashley proclaim, "I can say my husband

is here!” We can’t wait to see if Ashley’s predictions are correct and she ends up with her Mr. Right. Recently, Ashley told [People](#) that she’s happy with way things turned out for her.

So while the handsome men in the teaser certainly deliver on the *Ohhh La La*, we know Ashley wants more than just good looks: she is looking for a guy who makes her feel comfortable and somebody with a positive outlook who will be be supportive and loyal. Mark your calendars and set your DVRs for **Monday, May 23 at 8 PM/7PM Central** to see if Ashley finds what she’s looking for. We can’t wait to see what happens to early favorites Blake, West and William!

Jennifer Aniston’s Dad Gives Her Dating Advice



The two things

John Aniston wants his daughter Jennifer to find in a future husband are honesty and Greek roots. Jennifer Aniston's father was honored Saturday at the Hellenic Times Scholarship Fund 20th Anniversary Gala in New York and had a few minutes to talk about his daughter, according to [People](#). A native of Yannis Anastassakis Crete, he said Greek men are sexier and make better boyfriends. Aniston, who played Victor Kiriakis from *Days of Our Lives* since 1985, and Gilles Marini of the ABC show *Brothers and Sisters* were honored at Saturday's gala.

What are the benefits of dating someone who has similar roots?

Cupid's Advice:

Aside from pleasing your family members from the old country who want you to "marry a nice (insert ethnicity and gender)," there are some other benefits. Cupid's got the answers:

- 1. Keep it Kosher:** Dating someone of a different culture can result in some of the early mis-communications that come along with learning about a new lifestyle.
- 2. 'It's a Jersey Thing':** Sometimes, it's tough to explain why your family acts the way that they do. So, someone with the same background has a better chance of understanding.
- 3. Like minds enjoy like things:** Having parents or grandparents from the same country provides some different and exciting ways to bond with your new partner. Explore them!

What do you think are the benefits to dating someone with similar roots? Share a comment below.

Exclusive Giveaway: Jesse Csincsak Chats About 'The Bachelorette's Ashley Hebert, 'Bachelor' Reunions and Life as a New Dad



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By Jennifer Harrington

As we anxiously wait for the new season of ABC's *The Bachelorette* to begin, several of the former contestants are spending the hiatus having fun mingling and mating up. One of the most talked about events was in Breckenridge, Colorado

last month at the semi-annual *Bachelor* and *Bachelorette* reunion. Hosting the shenanigans as always was former contestant, Jesse Csincsak, who received the final rose in Season 4 from DeAnna Pappas. Although Jesse and DeAnna's relationship didn't result in a lifelong romance, Jesse *did* find love through *The Bachelor* and married Season 13 contestant, Ann Lueders.

**A cold sore ruins
romance.**

**One dab, eruption
prevented!**



We had the chance to speak with Jesse and he shared his thoughts on life as a new husband and dad, *The Bachelor* reunion parties and of course, this season's *Bachelorette*, Ashley Hebert! Check out what he had to say:

First of all, congratulations on being a new dad! How has your life changed since being on *The Bachelorette*?

After coming off *The Bachelorette*, life took a huge turn. I wanted to fall in love. I knew it was possible after I came off the show, so I started hosting reunions with *Bachelor* alums. I wanted to bring people together, and in turn, I met my wife. I met her at a reunion. Next thing I knew we were getting married and having a little bambino. My son Noah is the light of my life and I couldn't ask for more. The show brought me to everything I wanted in life – it's amazing!

You coordinate such great reunion weekends for the former contestants. The buzz during last month's party centered around Vienna Girardi and Kasey Kahl. What can you tell us about them as a couple?

They have been dating for a little while. I think the reason their relationship works is they are both happy-go-lucky, carefree people who want to have fun. I think they'd both

also be a great fit for the *Bachelor Pad*, I'd love to see them on that show.

We're getting excited for next week's premiere of *The Bachelorette*. Recently, show creator Mike Fleiss was quoted saying Ashley will be a "different kind of bachelorette" because of her career ambitions. What do you think?

Ashley is very young-hearted. She's still in school. She will need a guy who is comfortable enough in his own skin to know she is her own person and she'll be going to class with lots of young, hot guys, but she will come home to him. If they can find a guy who is confident in his own skin and knows she has a lot going on, she will have herself one heck of a relationship. She is one of the youngest bachelorettes they've ever had, and I think that will make for an interesting season.

Do you think the new contestants will be scared off by Ashley's independence?

The announcement that Ashley would be the bachelorette came very early, so the guys know who she is. It's not tough these days to Google someone to figure out about their past. What is tough is that a lot of people come on the show with ulterior motives. You have to be careful of the knuckleheads to find the diamonds in the rough.

What tips would you give the men this season?

You don't realize the demographic the show reaches – it's syndicated in Europe, and even when you go overseas, people recognize you from the show. I didn't realize that it would affect everyone in my family with my surname. Don't go on the show because you want people to know who you are; go on the show for the right reasons. Be yourself. Don't let anyone convince you to do something you wouldn't otherwise do. That way, when you're off the show and your life has moved on, people say "you're just like you were on the show." I was

lucky – I was me no matter what, and it worked out for the best.

The time period between when the show wraps and when it airs for the public, seems to be the most trying time for the *Bachelor/Bachelorette* couple. Given your experience, what advice can you give Ashley and her new guy to keep their relationship alive during these months?

Go into hiding and get to know each other. Do as many get-togethers as the production company will let you and really take the time to get to know the other person. Do things out of the ordinary that will test your patience with one another. In my relationship experience, that's how you really start to understand how someone is going to be down the road. Another thing to observe is how the other person talks to their parents. If they are respectful when they speak to their parents, that's likely how they will talk to you.

Are you planning for the next *Bachelor* reunion yet? When and where will it take place?

There will be a reunion this summer. I can't tell you the location yet, but it will be in the warm weather and plans are underway. And we're in talks to do an online competition so one lucky fan would be able to join the reunion with the *Bachelor* alums for a weekend. I can promise you, this will be the biggest reunion of all-time!

Thanks Jesse, we can't wait! And, thanks for taking the time to speak with us. To read more about Jesse's take on the upcoming season of *The Bachelorette*, check out his website at www.jessecsincsak.com or visit him on Facebook.

~~**GIVEAWAY ALERT:** CupidsPulse.com has teamed up with Jesse to give away One Swag Bag from the last 'Bachelor' Reunion Weekend. To enter for your chance to win, tell us where you think the next *Bachelor* reunion should take place and why in a comment below. One winner will be randomly selected. Please~~

be sure to use your real email address so we have a way of contacting you if you've won. This giveaway will run until 11:59 PM EST on Monday, May 23. Good luck!

'Bachelorette' Preview: Meet Ashley's 25 Bachelors!



By Jennifer

Harrington

We watched Brad Womack say goodbye to Ashley Hebert in South Africa and cheered when she was named the next *Bachelorette*. We've all speculated about what kind of guy will get Ashley's final rose, and we're excited to review the 25 bachelors on her season and make some early picks!

But before we speculate about Ashley's Mr. Right, here's a

refresher on what this fourth year dental student is looking for in a man. She told *People* magazine that she was hoping to find a guy that “makes me feel comfortable, somebody with a positive outlook on life, who’s going to be supportive and loyal.”

With that said, here’s who we think may have what it takes to be rewarded with Ashley’s final rose:

Blake, a 27-year-old dentist from Colorado seems like a natural pick for Ashley. They’re both passionate about dental health and close in age. Given that Blake’s most romantic date was at a natural hot springs, we feel confident he’ll know how to bring romance into his relationship with Ashley!

However, West, a 30-year-old lawyer, also seems compatible with Ashley. West says he’s equally comfortable in the country and in the city, and we saw Ashley question where she wanted to eventually settle down last season, as she grew up in rural Maine but now calls Philadelphia home. West was also asked what he would bring to a deserted island and he provided an extremely practical and wise answer: a boat!

We also think William, a 29-year-old sales consultant, is a strong contender. Not only is he handsome, but humor is obviously important to him, as he sees himself doing stand-up comedy in five years! And since Ashley is a bubbly and fun woman (as well as a hardworking one), a man who can make her laugh could bring much to her life.

Here’s the full list of all season 7’s bachelors:

Ames, 31, a portfolio manager from New York, NY

Anthony, 28, a butcher from Wyckoff, NJ

Ben C., 28, a lawyer from New Orleans, LA

Ben F., 28, a winemaker from Sonoma, CA

Bentley, 28, a businessman from Salt Lake City, UT

Blake, 27, a dentist from Greenville, SC

Chris D., 25, a sports marketing coordinator from Chicago, IL
Chris M. 27, a construction company CEO from Edmonton, Canada
Constantine, 30, a restaurant owner from Atlanta, GA
Frank, 29, a college admissions director from Murfreesboro, TN
Jeff, 35, an entrepreneur from St. Louis, MO
Jon, 26, an e-commerce executive from Vancouver, WA
J.P., 34, a construction manager from New York, NY
Lucas, 30, an oilfield equipment distributor from Odessa, TX
Matt, 28, an office supply salesman from Bridgewater, MA
Michael, 29, a technology salesman from San Diego, CA
Mickey, 31, a chef from Cleveland, OH
Nick, 26, a personal trainer from Tampa, FL
Rob, 27, a technology executive from Monroe, MI
Ryan M., 27, a construction estimator from Royal Oak, MI
Ryan P, 31, a solar energy executive from Corona Del Mar, CA
Stephen, 27, a hairstylist from Manhattan Beach, CA
Tim, 35, a liquor distributor from Long Beach, NY
West, 30, a lawyer from Chapin, SC
William, 30, a cellular phone salesman from Galloway, OH

Based on their bios, who do you think will win the final rose and who will break Ashley's heart? Let us know your early predictions in a comment below and be sure to watch **ABC at 8PM EST/7 PM Central on May 23** as Ashley's journey to find love begins!

New 'Bachelorette' Ashley Hebert Meets 25 Suitors



Ashley will show Brad that two can play at his game. After previously being rejected *The Bachelor* by Brad Womack, Ashley Hebert will return to ABC as *The Bachelorette* on May 23. We hear from UsMagazine.com that this soulmate searcher already knows one of her 25 bachelors, Bentley. Unfortunately, a former cast mate revealed he may have hidden reasons for appearing on the show. "Do you promise, on national television, to date 25 men simultaneously without complaining?" Jimmy Kimmel asked Hebert humorously on his show. "Do you promise to make sure the hot tubs are clean and have enough chlorine and their bacteria levels are low?" *The Bachelorette* responded with, "I'll do my best with that!" Could the second time be the charm?

What are the perks of dating around?

Cupid's Advice:

Even Cupid needs to let loose now and again. Serious relationships get boring, so why not change it up? Here are some reasons that dating around can be great:

1. No strings attached: You never need to check in, and you can do whatever you want. Sometimes that just the kind of relationship you need!

2. Full benefits included: If you're single, you can have it all. Bored with one? Onto the next. There's no massive heartbreak involved. As one wise single said, "It's like a buffet table."

3. Self-esteem makeover: So, you have options. How does that make you feel? Probably pretty good. Casually dating can enhance your self-esteem, and we all need that little boost once and awhile. Embrace it, feel pretty and keep doing your thing.

Are there more perks to dating around that you can think of? Share your thoughts below.

Roberto Martinez Says Ali Fedotowsky Is Not a Bridezilla





Bachelorette

couple Ali Fedotowsky and Roberto Martinez can't wait to tie the knot. However, according to [People](#), they have yet to announce their wedding date to the public. Lucky for the groom-to-be, the former reality star is no wedding diva. "She's not a bridezilla, thank god," Martinez said. "I'd be scared to death if she was, but no, she's awesome." It looks like the world of reality TV can count on one less bridezilla.

How do you know if your partner is a bridezilla?

Cupid's Advice:

Even the nicest of your friends can turn into a bridezilla when it comes to his or her big day. Here are the signs to look for to see if you have a bridezilla on your hands:

1. Most of the people attending the wedding are bridesmaids: A true bridezilla will start bulking up the troops ASAP. If you're in a wedding where there are 25+ bridesmaids, chances are you're dealing with a bridezilla.

2. The bride begins to speak like a drill sergeant: If the bride is starting to sound more like a general than a blushing bride, she is probably a little too wedding-obsessed.

3. The tears at the wedding aren't tears of joy: Many

friendships have died as a result of wedding drama. Don't let your partner's need for a perfect wedding day go too far.

Have you ever had to confront a bridezilla? Tell us your story by commenting on this post or tweeting [@CupidsPulse](#).

Cupid's Bow Aimed on Love for Season 7 of 'The Bachelorette' With Ashley Hebert!



By Jennifer

Harrington

It's been a few months since Brad Womack bid Ashley Hebert

farewell, as she left South Africa brokenhearted and in tears, but starting May 23, the season 15 contestant will be back on ABC – and this time, *she'll* be handing out the roses! The spunky 26-year-old dental student from Maine will be the seventh lucky lady featured on *The Bachelorette*, with 25 eligible bachelors vying to be her husband. We had such a great time watching Brad and Emily Maynard's love story on *The Bachelor*, and we can hardly wait to see what's in store for the newly brunette Ashley!

In a recent article from [People](#), Ashley proclaimed her excitement for the upcoming season and said, "I'm open hearted and interested in meeting the guys," and added that hopefully, she'll "fall in love." Cupid's Pulse shares her enthusiasm for her upcoming journey to find love, and we'll be right there with Ashley every step of the way through each rose ceremony!

Before the season starts, check back for more information about Ashley and the 25 bachelors. We'll also explore why, after several beautiful, accomplished past bachelorettes (Trista Rehn, Meredith Phillips, Jen Schefft, DeAnna Pappas, Jillian Harris and Ali Fedotowsky) *Bachelor* creator Mike Fleiss believes Ashley "will be a different kind of bachelorette."

On May 23, make sure your DVR is set and mark *The Bachelorette* on your calendar for Monday evenings! And of course, check in with Cupid every Tuesday morning to read our recap of the episode, some insights into her decisions, and our predictions on who we think will get the final rose. Along the way, we want to hear from you about Ashley's dates, men and choices, so please comment and tweet us ([@CupidsPulse](#))!

In the meantime, stay tuned for an exclusive interview with a past *Bachelorette* winner! Until then, guess who it is in a comment below!

Exclusive Giveaway: 'Shark Tank's' Barbara Corcoran Talks Business, Relationships and 'Shark Tales'



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By [Lori Bizzoco](#)

If you're from New York or a fan of ABC's reality show *Shark Tank*, there's no denying that you've heard of Barbara Corcoran, the savvy real estate mogul who started her business with only \$1,000 (given to her by an ex-boyfriend) and parlayed it into a billion dollar company. She now sits among a panel of business tycoons (all men) as they battle it out to

invest their hard earned money into the next big idea or product pitched to them by starving entrepreneurs. For Corcoran, a woman who has been building a business all of her life, she says the show was perfect for her. More than a successful entrepreneur, she is a wife and mother, something she proudly speaks about. She says that most of what she learned about business was by watching her mother helm a household of 10 kids. Her inspiring story is chronicled in her latest book, *Shark Tales: How I Turned \$1,000 into a Billion Dollar Business*.

We had the privilege of speaking with Corcoran, who offered advice to single women who are interested in starting their own career. She also shared what she's looking for when choosing a new business. The answers may surprise you; it's not all about the numbers. Take a look at what she had to say:

What's it like being the only woman on the panel?

It's a HUGE advantage as much as it is a huge disadvantage. The advantage is that no cast remembers my name; they say "Oh, you're the girl on the show." So since I'm the only girl there they can't mix me up with any of the guys who are in suits because my legs are hanging out.

The disadvantage I find that during the actual taping of it is that I have a woman's voice, and they have a camera on each of the sharks for a full 12-hour day. If you were to get a hold of my unedited tape, it would be mostly me saying, "Uh, huh, ah," trying to get attention, and the men mull right over me. Not that I'm a shrinking violet, but they have bigger voices. So I have to work twice as hard as the guys there.

For the entrepreneurs, I think it's an advantage because they are quicker to trust a woman and believe what I have to say over a man regarding what I am promising to them. So there is a huge trust card there that I can leverage from being a female.

What type of products are you looking to invest in on the show and what are your goals?

The things that would interest me have more to do with the individual and less to do with the product:

1. Handles Pressure: We watch people on the show unravel; they're nervous. When this happens, I immediately know if I am interested in the entrepreneur without even knowing what their business is or what they are going to say because I am watching them under pressure. You have to be really good in the bad times or you're not going to make it.

2. Salesperson: The entrepreneur must be a salesperson. There are so many people with great business ideas, and very often, the reason that they don't have success is because they can't sell their own product. If they can't sell, then I am not in, period – because they're my salesman.

3. Thankful: I'm watching to see if they're a thankful person. In many situations in my adult life, if someone isn't thankful for their family, parents, kids and their lucky breaks, then those people can become ugly partners when there are a lot of chips on the table. I want to partner with a nice person.

4. Hustler: A tremendous trait that must be there is hustle. There is no way to build a business with just having the right product. Even with the right investors on your back, and if you're on prime-time television with a national platform to sell your product, if you don't have the long-term hustle, you won't make it through the finish line.

So, what I am really focusing on is the individual. If all of those things aren't clicking in my head then I want to get out as quickly as I can. So it's less to do with the product and more to do with the entrepreneur.

What advice do you have for single women who want to start

their own business?

I watch people who have saved for years and years to start their business, and they either lose the fire or they get into a position where they have too many bills, family responsibilities, etc. The advice I would give is to start early; begin as quickly as you can and as young as you can. Also, a great thing happens when you're young – you're not afraid. The lack of fear is such powerful ammunition, because the older you get and the more experience you get you're more aware of where you may fail, and that can stop you from trying.

Many women report that they have trouble finding a man who can handle a successful woman. Are there any particular characteristics of the type of men they should be looking for?

Yes – a secure ego. This is true whether it's your marriage partner, a boyfriend for 10 years or a business partner. What's important is that the person needs to be secure enough in what they've got, versus envying what you've got. That's when the trouble starts.

You cut ties with your business partner/boyfriend in the beginning of your career. Is there any advice you can share with women who are attached to the purse strings of a man and don't feel they make it on their own?

I think this quietly erodes your own self confidence and it's a dangerous position to be in. You don't know how much confidence or ability you have until you take that leap of faith. Like anything else that you do in life, it's hard to cut the strings that aren't working for you because you don't know what you are going to replace them with. But trust me – it's worth taking the jump, because you are wasting valuable minutes of your life.

How do you balance a relationship, motherhood and career?

The truth is that I haven't done it well; I gave up on it a while ago, and simply by admitting the defeat of that it became much easier. One technique I use is that I definitely separate my business from my family and my family from my business. One day a week is Barbara's day, one day is Kate's day (my five-year-old), another day is *Shark Tank* day, and so on. Separating my life into these compartments takes a lot of stress out of being a bouncing ball.

In your book, *Shark Tank*, you outline your mother's life lessons by chapter. Do you think any of these can apply to love and relationships?

One that should apply is No. 3: If the Sofa is Ripped, Cover it with Laughter. Lesson No. 16: Sweep the Corners and the Whole House Stays Clean. Why this applies at home in addition to work is that it means whatever is bothering you, get it out right away. If it sits in the corner, it rots. You need to communicate. That lesson is key to keeping your relationship going. Lesson No. 18: Moms Can't Quit. I can't tell you how many times I was ready in my marriage to call it quits, but you need to figure out a way to make it work. Moms can't quit.

How do you apply to be on ABC's *Shark Tank*?

It's a simple process; you go to ABC.com and fill out the form. Pictures are optional, but television is a visual medium so I would suggest making sure you send one in.

Any last tips on *Shark Tank* or what you are looking for in an entrepreneur?

The only thing I can say is that I am looking for someone who is flexible and open. That's the most important thing to me. People that aren't open to new ideas and are resistant to change rarely work out. At this point in my life, I want to work with someone who is pleasurable.

Cupid thanks Barbara Corcoran for her time! For more, visit her website at www.BarbaraCorcoran.com, check out her Facebook page and follow her on Twitter: @BarbaraCorcoran. And of course, don't forget to pick up her book, *Shark Tales: How I Turned \$1,000 into a Billion Dollar Business* and watch her every Friday night at 8 PM EST on ABC's *Shark Tank*.

~~**GIVEAWAY ALERT:** *Cupid's Pulse* has teamed up with Barbara Corcoran to give a copy of *Shark Tank* to five lucky readers! To enter, tell us what invention or product you'd pitch to the sharks in a comment below. Please be sure to use your real email address so we have a way of contacting you if you've won — don't worry, your address won't be shown. If your email is not included you will automatically be ineligible to win. This giveaway will run until **11:59 PM EST on Thursday, May 19.** Good luck!~~

This giveaway is now closed.

Chris Brown Is Upset He Cannot Move On from Past With Rihanna





Rapper and R&B

star Chris Brown can't seem to shake his past with former flame Rihanna, reports [People](#). Brown became visibly upset and violent on Tuesday morning during an interview for *Good Morning America* when interviewer Robin Roberts began to inquire about his past with Rihanna. A source close to the actor says, "He's been trying to move on from his past and focus on his music, and he's finally putting out an album..." Brown tweeted later on that day giving a shout out to his fans, "Thank you to everyone who supports my music!!! Key Word (music) !!! Love y'all."

How do you start new after you cheat on someone?

Cupid's Advice:

Nobody can answer for you or explain why you cheated, but making sure that you don't repeat the past is imperative to your future. Cupid has some tips on how to start fresh:

1. Take some time: Take time off from dates and pick-ups. The down time will give you the opportunity to reflect on your recent relationships.

2. Figure it out: What was the reason that you cheated? Were you unhappy? Did you do it just because you could? Knowing the motive behind your actions is the first step to correcting

any future decisions.

3. Be honest: In your next relationship, be open and forthcoming. Before things get too serious, have a heart-to-heart and explain your past, what you did and why. Being up front from the beginning will show your new partner that you've turned over a new leaf.

Cupid Exclusive: 'Bachelor Pad' Winners Natalie Getz and David Good Dish on Love, Dating and Reality TV





By Krissy Dolor

If you want to know the key ingredient to winning (no Sheen pun intended), look no further than last summer's *Bachelor Pad* winners: Natalie Getz and David Good.

Even though these two former contestants didn't strike a love match on their respective *Bachelor*-franchise seasons, this dynamic duo made their mark as the first couple to win the ABC spin-off reality show, *Bachelor Pad*, where 19 past contestants competed for a grand prize of \$250,000.

Throughout the show's run, this couple focused on making their way to the finish line. If there's anything we can learn from watching Getz and Good, it's that three important traits are needed to keep any relationship moving forward: loyalty, trust and friendship, which they exemplified. While most romantic couples aren't competing for anything but each other's hearts, these elements can have you and your partner come out winning too – whether it's for love, marriage or happiness.

Cupid had the opportunity to speak with Natalie and David about love, dating and how their lives have changed since *Bachelor Pad* ended. Read on to see what they had to say:

1. Did being on a reality dating show change your

perceptions/expectations about dating?

Natalie: Yes. It has helped me further the exploration of my youth and single life, making me ready to move on and actually commit to someone. Instead of pushing away the nice guy, now I'm ready so I will embrace him (wherever he is) with open arms and an accepting outlook towards a future.

David: Being on the show did not necessarily change my perception/expectations about dating. However, dating and meeting girls since the show has a little. You really have to have your guard up so to speak, because you never know if someone is just trying to be with you because you were on TV or if they are legitimately interested in you. It's weird that someone would be like that to me, but a lot of girls really get into these shows.

2. What has your dating experience been like since *The Bachelor/The Bachelor* and *The Bachelor Pad* ended?

Natalie: I've definitely dated my fair share of men, but now realize to be upfront right away if I don't see a future. I also am able to better identify who is right for me versus liking a guy for the wrong reasons.

David: It's been great! I travel all over the country on my book tour and get to meet a lot of people and a lot of beautiful girls. The negative about that is that I am not in a good place to start a new relationship being gone all the time, so it's like a double-edged sword. Waiting for "that one" to really catch my eye you know.

3. Based on your personal experience as a Bachelor/Bachelorette contestant, do you believe that love can be found on reality TV?

Natalie: I absolutely do. Before the show, I was a non-believer, but the casting department goes to extreme lengths to ensure the most compatible contestants to the bachelor/ette's personality. If they chose someone there for

the right reasons, the end result will be a success. Jillian and I have a similar personality, which explains why I've had a bit of a dating history with her season, hahaha!

David: I do believe that love can be found on reality TV, 100 percent. It's funny, too, because before the show I did not think so and now I really do. They pick some great people to be on these shows, and I think if you hit it off on there, that down the line you can make it work.

4. What piece of dating advice can you give to our single visitors?

Natalie: Don't look for it, let it come to you. If you have any hesitations, leave the situation. And if the right person enters your life when you aren't ready? Don't push them away, but take it slow. Start out with a friendship so that you don't ruin a great thing!

David: Start out all your relationships with brutal honesty. If you start out with that, then down the line you don't have to lie about things or dig yourself out of holes, and you are free to be yourself and love openly.

Cupid thanks Natalie and David for their time! For more on ABC's *Bachelor Pad*, visit ABC.com.

Don't forget to watch the season finale of season 15 of *The Bachelor* with Brad Womack tonight, **Monday, March 14 at 8 PM/7 PM Central!** And visit us tomorrow for our very last *Bachelor* recap! See you then!

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By Krissy Dolor

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