

Five Celebrity Couples Who Had a Low Profile Wedding



By Creshawna Parker

Planning a wedding is hard work. You have to pick a date, send out invites, take engagement photos, find the perfect dress, choose the hall, get a caterer – actually, the planning really doesn't end until the big day. And if you're a celebrity, add trying to shun paparazzi and other camera toting individuals to your to-do list and this task can become even more stressful. Contrary to this belief, thanks to reality TV and celebrity magazine contracts, some celebrities [insert Kim Kardashian here] have the pleasure of publicizing their exchanging of vows for millions of Hollywood enthused fans to see on TV in trade of cashing a multi-million dollar check. While, this gives off a semblance of an easy pay day for celebrities, these Tinseltown twosomes traded in the cameras and the public access to celebrate their intimate moment with family and close friends:

1. Beyonce Knowles and Shawn 'Jay-Z' Carter: This power couple started dating back in 2002 and after years of speculation, the duo officially tied the knot on April 4, 2008. The ceremony was followed by a lavish party thrown at the rapper's New York Tribeca apartment and was decorated with 50,000 to 60,000 white orchid blooms from Thailand. In attendance was the couple's closest family and friends including the singer's parents and sister Solange, former Destiny's Child members Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams and actress Gwyneth Paltrow. Normally a private person about her love life, the new mom stated in *People* back in January 2006, "I never pictured myself as a bride, but after my sister's wedding, I did start thinking about what kind of wedding I want. I don't think I want a big one."

2. Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon: These two lovebirds started dating in March of 2008 after Cannon appeared in the singer's music video "Bye Bye." After dating for only a few weeks, the couple said "I do" on April 30, 2008 in front of a dozen of their closest family and friends at Carey's Bahamian ocean-side estate while enjoying live Maine lobster and Dom Perignon that was flown in for the special occasion. Not only did the couple seal the deal in just a few weeks, they also marked the event with permanent ink. "We got tattoos," Carey told *People*. "His is on one shoulder to the other and it says 'Mariah.' [Mine is] on my lower back and it says 'Mrs. Cannon.' "

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3. Megan Fox and Brian Austin Green: It took two engagements before this Hollywood pair tied the knot in Hawaii on June 24, 2010. The couple, who met in 2004 on the set of the sitcom "Hope & Faith," wed at the Four Seasons Hotel resort in a private ceremony while vacationing on the island. Before calling off their first engagement, Green described his ideal wedding to *People*. "Originally we were talking elopement and

now we might have a few people there,” he said. Obviously a man to get what he wants, the two reportedly exchanged vows in front of a half dozen guests including Green’s son, Kassius.

4. Jessica Alba and Cash Warren: When it comes to low-profile weddings, this actress and producer take the cake. Opting out of having a glamorous Hollywood wedding, these two tied the knot May 19, 2008 at the Beverly Hills courthouse’s ceremony room under an arch of green silk foliage and white flowers, with Alba dressed in a long blue gown and her hair in a ponytail. Although the pair considered having a fall wedding, they were evidently satisfied with keeping their nuptials low-key.

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5. Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck: There was nothing gaudy about this couple’s wedding. Married on beautiful Parrot Cay of the Turks and Caicos Islands, a makeup-less Garner, wearing her hair in a loose ponytail wed Affleck on June 29, 2005, in a private ceremony with no family-including their parents- or friends in attendance. “They didn’t need or want a crowd. They just wanted each other,” Affleck’s pal, director Kevin Smith, told [People](#). Perhaps, the secluded time away from the Hollywood glam and cameras made for the best wedding gift for the couple. “They’re in it for one another, not for anyone else,” Smith said.

Who are some other celebrity couples that had a low profile wedding? Share your comments below.

How Did Beyonce Prepare for Her Daughter's Birth?



Beyonce, recently named the Most Beautiful Woman, may have only given birth to her baby girl Blue Ivy a few months ago, but she's already shedding the baby weight . Before the diva went to the hospital for the one of the biggest debuts of her life, she got ready for her performance with a fresh mani-pedi and an eye brow wax, but she says that when the moment came, all she and her husband Jay-Z cared about was the birth of their miracle. After their new baby girl came into the world, the singer was ready to bounce back, and she began a strict diet and workout schedule. "I'm proud that my waist came back so fast. I'm proud of that and happy, but that was mostly from the breastfeeding," the singer explained to [People](#). "I lost most of my weight from breastfeeding and I encourage women to do it; It's just so good for the baby and good for yourself."

What are some ways to prepare your body for birth?

Cupid's Advice:

Painting the baby's room and baby-proofing the house are all important, but what's more important is preparing your own body for the birth of your child. You'll be glad you did so you're more prepared for labor, and it will be easier for you to shed the pounds after. Cupid has some tips:

1. Give up bad habits: There's no sense in taking the slightest risk when it comes to your baby's health, so throw out the cigarettes and remove the alcohol from your home. Avoid going to places like bars where you'll be inhaling toxins that are bad for you and your growing baby.

2. Eat right: It's important to maintain a wholesome nutritious [diet](#) and ditch the fast food burgers. You're going to want to get a good daily intake of a variety of proteins, vegetables, fruits and grains. Trying organic food to avoid any toxins and pesticides is also a good idea, but feel free to indulge your cravings once in a while.

3. Stay fit: Exercise will help you in a variety of ways. It will help you stay fit, which will also give you good circulation, reduce stress, and give you endorphines to make you happy. Exercising regularly will also make you tired at the end of a long day and a good night's sleep will rest and rejuvenate your body.

How did you shake your baby weight? Share your comments below.

Beyonce's NYC Sleek Style



By Ann

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Beyonce is not only a Grammy winning recording artist, actress and mother she is also a fashion style icon whose sleek look is full of glamour and edge.

The first look below blends spring fashion with a white blazer and light colored cropped skinny jeans by Free People. Braids are all the rage for spring and summer. So, even if you're meeting that special someone after the gym, a side braid can glam up any date instantly. Keep your makeup light for daytime with this great Dior Gloss or rev it up with a deep blush for a night out. Beyonce is wearing a pair of vintage Chanel hoop earrings. If that's out of our budget, find a stylish simple pair that will make your outfit look equally great. No matter what the occasion Beyonce knows how to look like a movie star without too much effort and now so can you!



In this next look, Beyonce shows us how to glam up a summer dress with some jewelry and a great studded bag. It's always fun to match your metals in any outfit. Gold with gold looks great with a bracelet and a bag or earrings and a belt.



No matter what the date or occasion, keep it simple with great statement jewelry and pick special pieces for your main outfit whether it's a dress, blazer, skirt, or top!

Power Celebrity Couples: Hollywood Relationships That Command Our Attention



By [Whitney Baker](#)

Some [celebrity couples](#) have the “it” factor that just draws us in and makes us interested in everything happening in their lives. Other Hollywood relationships have to work a bit harder for our attention, but still, we can’t help but take notice. They make headlines because of their enviable romances, high-profile careers, and cute kids, and we anxiously await their next moves. Below are five power celebrity couples that, for better or worse, never fail to command our attention:

Power Celebrity Couples

1. Prince William and Princess Catherine: The royal wedding lived up to everyone’s expectations, and the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have continued to capture our attention – and our hearts – ever since. It seems that these lovebirds garner media coverage for every move they make, even when they do something as mundane as grocery shopping.

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2. Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon: Whether Carey is flaunting her post-baby body, Cannon is doing one of his many hosting gigs, or the duo is showing off their adorable twins, this famous couple seems to have a hand in everything. The attention-seeking family will certainly be captured in tabloids in May this year as Roc and Roe celebrate their first birthdays and Carey and Cannon mark their two-year wedding anniversary.

3. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie: These superstars manage to juggle two demanding careers and multiple charitable commitments all over the world, all while raising six children under the age of 10. Despite their busy lives and hectic schedules, they still manage to make time for date nights.

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Private Hollywood Relationship Still Grabs Attention

4. Beyoncé and Jay-Z: This celebrity duo is famously private, but that doesn't mean they command our attention any less. Having been together for over a decade, [Beyoncé](#) and [Jay-Z](#) have been seen at sporting events and concerts as well as on romantic celebrity getaways. They recently received even more attention for their culinary choices: The new parents were both following a partially vegan diet in order to keep their energy up for their first child's arrival. Their daughter, celebrity baby Blue Ivy Carter, was born on Jan. 7.

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5. Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban: This marriage between Hollywood royalty and a country music superstar appears to be a match made in celebrity heaven. They continuously support one another at award shows, showing their love for each other on the red carpet. Urban credits Kidman for helping him overcome his alcoholism, calling her an "extremely pure spirit." The low-key couple has settled in Nashville to raise their daughters, Sunday Rose and Faith Margaret.

Who are your favorite power celebrity couples? Share your comments below.

Beyonce and Jay-Z Skip Grammy's for Pizza Date



Beyonce and Jay-Z

have something more important to focus on this year than awards. The new parents recently skipped the Grammy Awards to indulge in a quick pizza date before heading home to baby daughter Blue Ivy, according to UsMagazine.com. A witness said the superstar duo “were just like a regular couple talking and whatnot” while having dinner at their favorite pizza place in Brooklyn. “They were sitting in front of the place closer to where they make the pizza.”

What are some ways to keep romance intact after you have a child?

Cupid's Advice:

Having children is typically a joyful experience, but there's no doubt that romance in your relationship takes a hit as a

result. Cupid has some tips:

1. Date night: You may not have had a specific night in the week where you always went on a date before you had a child. Now, however, it's necessary to schedule your alone time. That way you can coordinate a babysitter ahead of time.

2. Post-bedtime hangout: Although it may not seem like it at first, your child will eventually learn to sleep through the night. When that happens, their bedtime will probably be before you and your significant other's. Take the time after your son or daughter goes to bed to reconnect as a couple.

3. Mini-vacations: It's understandable that you'd be hesitant to leave your child behind on a trip, but sometimes you need a couple days to unwind. Leave your kid(s) with their grandparents or your siblings. Even if it's just a weekend getaway, it's important to spend some quality time alone every once in a while.

How do you keep the romance in your relationship alive? Share your ideas below.

Jay-Z Performs New Song in Honor of New Baby Blue Ivy





On Monday, Jay-Z

posted a new song titled “Glory” on his website, *Lifeandtimes.com*, with the statement, “Life just got REALLY good.” He was clearly referring to the birth of his baby daughter Blue Ivy Carter, with Beyoncé. According to *Marqueeblog.com*, Jay-Z’s lyrics include, “You’re a child of destiny/you’re the child of my destiny/you’re my child with the child from Destiny’s Child/that’s a hell of a recipe.” He added, “The most beautiful thing in this world/is daddy’s little girl.” Pharrell Williams produced the emotional and personal track. A baby’s cry is heard at the end of the song.

Among other things, Jay-Z also revealed the couples’ struggle with a miscarriage. “Last time the miscarriage was so tragic/we was afraid you disappeared/but nah, baby, you magic.”

What are some unique ways to welcome your child to the world?

Cupid’s Advice:

So maybe you’re not Jay-Z and producing a hip-hop track is not an option to introduce your new baby, but there are plenty of other special ways to welcome your new child. Cupid has a few:

1. Make a photo collage to share: Document your pregnancy all

the way up to the big moment, and create a photomontage. Putting something together is a project you can work on with your partner. Your closest friends and family will appreciate your effort and will enjoy your new baby.

2. Send out a birth announcement: Let the world know how proud you are of your new baby with adorable snapshots on a note card. Without being too personal, you can let everyone know you have brought a beautiful new life into the world.

3. Welcome party: Your family and friends are all going to be dying to meet your new bundle of joy, so why not throw a party? Let everyone share your joy and meet your baby all in one shot. It's also easier for you in the end (not having to look presentable every day for a different family member).

What are some ways you welcomed your child into the world? Share your stories here.

Beyonce and Jay-Z Welcome a Baby Girl





Beyonce and Jay-Z

have just become Hollywood's newest parents! According to [People](#), they welcomed a new baby girl named Blue Ivy Carter in New York on Saturday. Both mom and the baby are in the best of health. Beyoncé's sister, Solange Knowles, tweeted over the weekend that the new baby is the most beautiful girl in the world.

What are some factors to consider when you're naming your child?

Cupid's Advice:

Naming your child can sometimes be a difficult endeavor for you and your partner. Not only must you find the perfect name, you also must agree on it. Here are the top factors to consider:

- 1. Family names:** Maybe you want to use an old family name or name your child after a much-loved deceased relative.
- 2. Unique names:** Your child is unique and their name should be, too. Just don't go overboard to the point where you name your child something completely weird. Keep in mind that he or she will have to live with the name you give them for the rest of their life.

3. Favorite names: Everyone has their favorite names that they've always wanted to name their child. Share your favorite baby names with your partner and have them share with you.

What do you want to name your child? Share your baby names in a comment below.

Beyonce Was Worried Pregnancy Secret Would Be Revealed Prematurely



Beyonce has always been a private person under a public microscope. That's why, when she revealed her baby bump at the 2011 Grammy Awards, Facebook and Twitter were on fire. How long was she pregnant

before popping the news to her fans? [Access Hollywood](#) said that Beyonce was hiding her pregnancy since her four-night Roseland Theater performances. While on stage, the mom to be said she was thinking, “Everyone knows, everyone can see.” Beyonce, we speak for all your fans when we say: We had no idea!

How do you keep your pregnancy a secret at the beginning?

Cupid’s Advice:

Finding the right time to tell everyone about your pregnancy can be difficult. Many women wait until they have gotten past the first trimester and others blurt it out as soon as they find out. But just in case you were thinking about holding your tongue, Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Keep the changes to yourself:** You may start to feel extra bloated and moody. Keep those feelings at bay and don’t speak to others about it. People will start to get suspicious. Play it cool.
- 2. Try not to shop:** Baby clothes are so cute, and it’s hard to say “no” once you know that you’re expecting. Be strong, and don’t let a trail of baby clothes give you away.
- 3. Tell one person:** It’s hard to keep such a big secret. Tell one person that you trust, and ask them not to tell. Getting it off your chest will keep you from being stressed.

How did you hide your pregnancy? Share your experiences below.

Fame, Fortune and Love: The World's Wealthiest Celebrity Couples



By Whitney Baker

Hollywood's It Couples outshine us regular folks in more ways than one: they're happily in love; they live extravagant and fame-filled lives; and they have more money than they can possibly spend. With a total of over \$535 million divided among them, the celebrity couples on our list better have some shopping to do – or they're going to be carrying around quite a few hefty wallets. Here they are:

1. Beyoncé and Jay-Z: This celebrity couple is not only the wealthiest couple on our list – raking in nearly double the next-richest duo – but perhaps the busiest as well. Pocketing nearly \$124 million, they earned their paychecks from music sales and singing gigs, as well as endorsement deals and clothing lines.

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2. Harrison Ford and Calista Flockhart: Ford owes Indiana Jones a big thank you: the most recent installment, *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*, earned the action star over \$66 million. Flockhart starred in the ABC drama *Brothers & Sisters* (cancelled earlier this year after five seasons), bringing their collective income to over \$70 million.

3. Gisele Bundchen and Tom Brady: These pretty faces earned a combined \$63 million last year. *Forbes* ranked Bundchen the world's highest-paid model for the third-consecutive year, stating that her runway work and cover photos earned her \$45 million. During football season, Brady receives his \$18-million-a-year paycheck.

4. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie: Reports from *The Sun* reveal that this famous couple spends \$10 million a year on their six children alone, accounting for only a fraction of their combined yearly salary of \$55 million. Another big chunk of their paycheck? They are currently renovating the \$56 million French Chateau that they call home.

5. Will and Jada Pinkett Smith: With wife Pinkett Smith focusing her efforts on behind-the-scenes work (both writing and producing), there's no doubt that Smith makes his mark on the big screen. Grossing over \$5.8 billion at worldwide box offices and commanding \$20 million per film, Smith is the primary contributor to the couple's joint \$50 million a year income. With a paycheck like that, it's no wonder the couple is raising their family in a 25,000 square foot mega-mansion in Calabasas, Calif.

And now for the runner-ups:

6. David and Victoria Beckham: It looks like their 2007 move from London to Los Angeles is paying off, with the couple

earning \$46.5 million in 2010. David's soccer career is supplemented with a few highly lucrative product endorsements, such as Armani and the after-shave and fragrance line called David Beckham Instinct, and Victoria has found chic success through her self-titled fashion line.

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7. Ellen DeGeneres and Portia de Rossi: With Oprah running her own television network instead of hosting her show, DeGeneres is sitting pretty as the queen of daytime talk shows. De Rossi has been busy with her recent acting on *Better Off Ted* and sales from her memoir, *Unbearable Lightness: A Story of Loss and Gain*, making the couple's combined income \$36 million.

8. Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin: Currently raising their two children in London, this overseas couple brings in a joint paycheck of \$33.5 million per year. While Martin depends on the worldwide success of Coldplay, the Oscar-winning actress's recent accomplishments include her performance in *Country Strong* and her guest appearances on *Glee*, as well as her family-focused cookbook, *My Father's Daughter: Delicious, Easy Recipes Celebrating Family & Togetherness*.

9. Sarah Jessica Parker and Matthew Broderick: The New York City-based couple brings in over \$29 million a year, with Parker as the unequivocal breadwinner. She recently left her position as chief creative officer of Halston Heritage, but has plenty of other lucrative projects to fall back on, including that of movie star, perfumer and spokeswoman, not to mention her starring and producing roles in the *Sex & the City* television series and movies. Broderick has switched gears since his teen heartthrob days (circa *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*) and now focuses his acting efforts on Broadway.

10. Tim McGraw and Faith Hill: Thanks to the talents of these

two country superstars, they brought in a combined income of nearly \$28.5 million. McGraw has enjoyed 21 number one singles on the Billboard Hot Country 100 charts and recently ventured into acting, appearing in hit movies such as *The Blind Side* and *Country Strong*. Meanwhile, Hill's musical prowess has earned her a Grammy Award, American Music Award and the People's Choice Award.

Who is your favorite wealthy celebrity couple? Share your thoughts with us below.

Top 5 Most Traveled Celebrity Couples



By Nisha Ramirez

Once you get past the daunting task of packing and airport

security, traveling can be a great way to bond with your partner. Whether you decide to take a road trip through the 50 states or hop on a plane headed around the world, visiting a new place and learning a new culture can bring the two of you closer ... and celebrities are no exception. So, take notes and get out your passport, because these star duos take traveling to the extreme:

1. Ethan Zohn and Jenna Morasca: Ethan Zohn won the hit reality TV show *Survivor Africa* and his girlfriend, Jenna Morasca, won *Survivor Amazon*. After being together for eight years, the adventure loving couple took traveling to new heights and joined the cast of *The Amazing Race* in September. Zohn and Morasca hoped the competition across the world would help them relieve stress following Zohn's battle against Hodgkin's disease.

2. Miranda Kerr and Orlando Bloom: Avid actor Bloom and his son, Flynn, always travel with hardworking mother, Kerr, for her modeling gigs. The Victoria's Secret beauty has a job that sends her around the world, and she hates being away from her two leading men. Recently, the family traveled to London, after two days of travel, to be with each other while Kerr walked in Paris Fashion Week. When the couple isn't traveling for work, they still find time to fly and visit Kerr's family in Australia. In September, the two went shopping for a house in New Zealand.

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3. Jay-Z and Beyonce: These two hip-hop and R&B superstars are always hopping on planes. From laid-back summer vacations to mixing work and pleasure, Jay and Bey have racked up a large number of frequent flyer miles. While Beyonce was working on her album, *4*, the married couple took to France for some R&R and long studio hours. The travel time worked like magic, because Beyonce's album was a success and she's now

pregnant with their first child. In September, a month after the pregnancy announcement, the new parents vacationed in Hvar, Croatia.

4. Prince William, Duke of Cambridge and Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge: Traveling is a part of William and Kate's new life together, and they take it in stride. After their lavish wedding, the royal couple took a trip around Canada and the west coast of the United States this year. The North America tour took place from June 30, 2011 to July 10, 2011. Getting to see the world is just one of those royal perks!

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5. Eva Longoria and Eduardo Cruz: How do get over a divorce? Find a hot guy with whom to travel around the world. To kick-start their relationship, Longoria and Cruz vacationed in Mexico and Cabo in April and spent the summer tanning aboard a private yacht in Marbella, Spain. Talk about getting to know each other! Spain is Cruz's home country where he hails as a pop sensation. To top it all off, the duo were spotted in London in July as well. Experiencing new places and things often makes a couple grow closer. Longoria says, however, that she's not ready to tie the knot again quite yet after her divorce from Tony Parker.

Where are the most exciting places you've traveled? Share your experiences below.

Kelly Rowland Accidentally

Reveals Sex of Beyonce's Baby



It's a girl! Or is

it? Kelly Rowland kept referring to the newest addition to the Knowles-Carter calm as "she" and "her" while answering questions about Beyonce's bundle of joy in London on Thursday. The X-Factor UK judge revealed to UsMagazine.com she was unsure of what to get her new niece for the baby shower. "I don't know, I think her dad is gonna give her everything anyways, all I can give her is love." With a response clearly insinuating the baby will be a girl, the media is buzzing with excitement. Rowland revealed she receives a weekly update from her best friend and former Destiny's Child band mate. So if anyone knows the sex of the baby, it's definitely be Auntie Kelly. Hopefully Beyonce and Jay-Z aren't too upset!

What are the differences in preparing for a baby girl versus a boy?

Cupid's Advice.

Aside from the obvious, there are inherent differences between

girls and boys, and it's your job as a parent to be able to develop your child's skills accordingly. Here are some tips:

1. Research: As a new parent, do the proper research to know the ways in which baby boys differ from girls in terms of early childhood development.

2. Your childhood: Ask your family or your partner's family about the habits you each had as a baby. Your bundle of joy will probably have similar traits, and you'll be better equipped to deal with it.

3. Color scheme and theme: Of course you're going to decorate certain ways and purchase specific toys according to your baby's gender. Consider switching it up a bit; instead of pink and blue, go for yellow and green.

How you you prepare for the birth of a baby girl or boy? Tell us your story below.

Beyoncé and Jay-Z Will Welcome a Child in February





Beyoncé Knowles

recently announced on Australia's Sunday Night TV show that she'll give birth to her and husband Jay-Z's first child in February. "My husband and I have been together for 10 years," she said on the program. "All of my 20s. I feel like it is time ..." The singer first revealed her pregnancy news in August on the black carpet at the MTV Video Music Awards. She said she's "so happy" and looking forward to the new addition to the family.

What are some special preparations to make for a baby born in the winter?

Cupid's Advice:

Congratulations! Whether you'll be a first-time mom or not, it's important to know that there are some special preparations to make for a baby's arrival in winter compared to those who are born during warmer months. Here's some advice:

1. Clothing: Since it'll be cold, your baby will need a snowsuit and a thick warm sleep suit. Don't forget fleece blankets and hats that will cover their ears.

2. Bathing: To avoid exposure to the cold, be certain the room

is warm and comfortable. This means that you're not in a position to skimp on your heating bill this winter.

3. Car seats: Since it's winter, don't worry about buying a stroller. Instead, purchase a car seat.

If you know other preparations to make for a baby born in the winter, share with our readers by commenting below.

Jay-Z and Beyoncé Raise \$1 Million at Fundraiser



Buzzed about couple

Beyoncé and Jay-Z held a carnival-themed fundraiser for the rapper's Shawn Carter Foundation at New York's Pier 54, where they raised \$1 million. Jay-Z arrived first and later met with his wife at the Spotted Pig's food truck, [People](#)

reports. Guests at the fundraiser enjoyed carnival games and treats provided by Spotted Pig and Momofuku Milk Bar. The money raised at the event will send underprivileged students to college.

How can you give back as a couple?

Cupid's Advice:

Giving back to your community with your partner makes for a great time and memories. With the holidays approaching, assist those around you with these three tips:

- 1. Donate:** Donate clothes you and your partner no longer wear.
- 2. Volunteer:** With Thanksgiving almost here, volunteer at a food bank by sorting donations and serving clients. If you do this with your significant other, it's a great way to bond over a good deed.
- 3. Charities:** If your lacking time, make a contribution to charities, such as Habitat for Humanity International and Feed the Children, which both accept money to assist people.

How do you give back to your community with your significant other? Let us know in a comment below.

Celebrity Couples You Just Might See at a Sporting Game





By Whitney Baker

Spending a lazy afternoon at a ball game can be the perfect casual date – and celebrity couples seem to think so, too. Sometimes, celeb sightings at a sporting event can be as entertaining at the game itself. There may even be as much action off the court as there is on it.

So the next time you attend a sporting event – whether it be hockey, basketball or baseball – keep your eyes open for the famous duos below:

1. Carrie Underwood and Mike Fisher: In February, Underwood's hockey-playing hubby was traded from the Ottawa Senators to the Nashville Predators. Shortly after, Fisher moved into his wife's Brentwood, CA, home (and into her closet), and for the first time during their marriage, the newlyweds settled in the same city. Fans can rest assured that, once the hockey season starts up again in October, Underwood will be at as many home games as her hectic schedule allows.

2. Beyoncé and Jay-Z: This musical duo share more than just their choice of career: they also share a love of basketball. The glamorous couple – with Beyoncé wearing heels, no less – is often on hand to cheer for the New Jersey Nets. Spotted at home and away games in cities such as Newark, Dallas, and Los

Angeles, their frequent sightings make perfect sense; after all, Jay-Z is a part-owner of the team.

3. Minka Kelly and Derek Jeter: Kelly is a fixture at Yankee Stadium, cheering on her boyfriend of three years from a luxury box, along with his family and friends. Recently, she was on-hand to celebrate Jeter's 3,000th career hit. Beyond attending his games, Kelly and her New York Yankees captain-beau often work out together, proving that the couple that stays fit together, stays together.

4. Hilary Duff and Mike Comrie: Duff has followed Comrie's hockey career as he has been transferred from the New York Islanders to the Edmonton Oilers to the Ottawa Senators. Comrie is now playing for the Pittsburgh Penguins, and the couple has settled into a newlywed life filled with a lot of cross-country traveling between their homes in Pittsburgh and Los Angeles. With her husband in the rink, she may bring along another celebrity couple to keep her company: sister Haylie Duff and her longtime beau, Nick Zano.

5. Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries: This reality star can often be found sitting courtside as she roots for her love, New Jersey Nets forward, Kris Humphries. With the couple house-hunting in New Jersey and New York, chances are high that Kardashian will be making her mark as one of the team's celebrity fans. Kardashian is following in her younger sister's footsteps in more ways than one: after Khloé Kardashian's own whirlwind romance, she wed Los Angeles Lakers forward, Lamar Odom, in 2009.

Who is your favorite sporty celebrity couple? Share your thoughts below!

Beyoncé Announces Pregnancy at VMA's



Beyoncé stunned the world Sunday night when she announced that she and husband Jay-Z are expecting their first child. If it wasn't already obvious, the diva showed up to the VMA's in an orange wrap dress and kept rubbing her belly, according to [People](#). After confirming the rumors from the red carpet, she went on to show off her baby bump while on stage performing 'Love On Top' and started off the performance by screaming, "I want you to stand up on your feet. I want you to feel the love that's growing inside me." Jay-Z was in the crowd, as excited as ever about the news, and the couple seemed happy to share it with the world.

How do you know at what age to have a baby?

Cupid's Advice:

It's not always easy to know when it's the right time to have a baby. Cupid has some advice:

1. It feels right: If you and your partner have discussed having a child for a while and the two of you agree that now is the time, then it doesn't matter what age you are; the time is right for both of you.

2. Ask your doctor: With modern day technology and medicine, your doctor should be able to tell you when the best time to have a child is in order to have a smooth and healthy pregnancy.

3. It just is: Most pregnancies aren't planned and, in fact, are a surprise, so sometimes you're ready because you have to be!

How do you know at what age to have a baby? Share your thoughts below.

Celebrity Couples We Can't Wait to See at MTV's VMAs





By Tanni Deb

From Britney Spears to Nicki Minaj, this year's MTV Video Music Award (VMA) nominees are teeming with A-list music stars. The three top contenders include Katy Perry, with nine nods (the most of any performer this year), and Adele and Kanye West, both with seven nominations each. While it will be exciting to see which stars take home a trophy for their designated categories, we're also eager to see which of our favorite celebrity couples will attend. Although we won't know for sure who will show up to the VMAs until Sunday, Aug. 28, here are five celebrity couples we hope make an appearance:

1. Beyoncé Knowles and Jay-Z: Listed as the "most powerful couple" for *TIME* magazine's "100 Most Influential People" in 2006, the duo dated for six years before secretly getting married in 2008. *OK Magazine* reported that "the couple is very supportive of one another – making sure to attend performances and appearances together." That means we can definitely count on them to arrive together, since Beyoncé is up for a nomination, right?

2. Britney Spears and Jason Trawick: Although these two love birds have made many public appearances together, the first time they stepped out as a couple was at the St. Bernard

Project Event in May, 2011. Spears' relationship with Trawick seems to be getting serious, but now the question is whether he'll attend the VMAs to support his pop singer lady, or not?

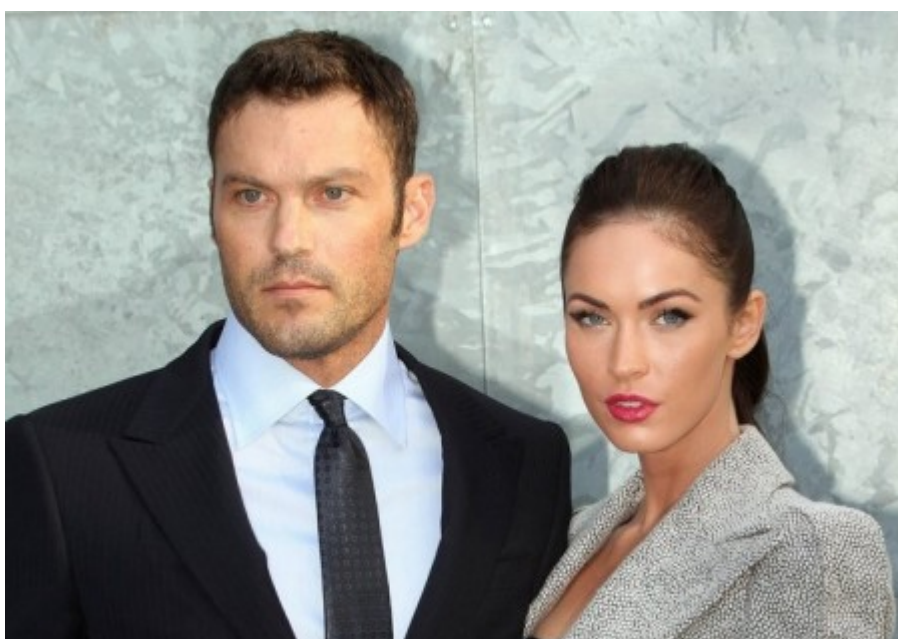
3. Katy Perry and Russell Brand: In May, 2011, comedian Russell Brand visited Japan to see his wife perform, but unfortunately, he was deported due to criminal incidences that happened more than a decade ago. Distraught with the news, the *Firework* singer tweeted, "So...my husband just got deported from Japan. I am so sad." Don't worry, Katy. Since the VMAs take place in L.A. this year, your hubby should have no problem attending. After all, how could he miss the opportunity when you have the most nominations?

4. Selena Gomez and Justin Bieber: The teen heartthrob and the *Wizards of Waverly Place* beauty were set up on a date by her mother and his management team at the end of last year. In an interview with *Seventeen* magazine, the 18-year-old Disney star admitted that she is head over heels for Bieber, and the pair were even seen exchanging 'I Love You's' while shopping in New York City last month. This year, they attended many award shows together, including the Oscars, the ESPY Awards show, and the Billboard Music Awards. Let's just hope they won't miss out on this one.

5. Lady Gaga and Luc Carl: The mother monster credits her boyfriend for helping her become "successful" in the music industry. Last year, she told *Rolling Stone*, "I've really never loved anyone like I loved him. Or like I love him." Despite break-up rumors, hopefully her supportive boyfriend will be by her side to cheer her on at the VMAs.

Who did we forget? Anyone you'd like to see? Let us know in a comment below. Don't forget to tune into **MTV on Sunday, Aug. 28 at 9 p.m. ET**. For a complete list of nominations, visit [MTV](#).

Jay-Z Raves About Wife Beyonce During Interview



It looks like love got the best of him! Jay-Z finally broke his longstanding silence when it comes to talking about wife Beyonce to the media. He just couldn't contain himself during a phone call into a Miami, Florida, radio station, according to UsMagazine.com. And when he opens up, he *really* lets it fly. "What I've learned from her is similar to what I learned from Mike [Jackson] – and I know that's blasphemy to compare the two because Mike was such an innovator – but I think she's like the second coming," said Jay-Z. "You know, the hard work and dedication that she puts into her shows. It just makes you want to work harder at your own craft. She's like a machine."

How do you publicly show your support for your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Some people are more forward about their relationships than others in public. Regardless, it's important to show your love and support to the world ... at least once in a while. Cupid has a few suggestions:

1. Cheer: If your partner is being honored for an accomplishment, it's extremely important that you are there with a beaming smile on your face and your hands wildly clapping together. Seeing the support of the one you love makes the occasion even more memorable.

2. Be attentive: Sometimes it's the small things that count the most. When you're out with your mate, keep a watchful eye on him or her. If she's getting hit on at the bar and doesn't seem to be liking it, step in. If she trips on a crack in the sidewalk, catch her.

3. Plan dates: Going on dates typically involves going out in public. Make sure your significant other has no doubts that you're paying attention to her and only her while you're surrounded by others. The phrase, "I only have eyes for you" comes to mind.

How do you show your partner support in public? Share your thoughts below.

Zimbio's Top 10 Sizzling Celebrity Couples



When it comes to celebrity couples, everyone wants to know which ones are hot and which ones simply don't make the cut. Zimbio came up with a list of their 100 Hottest Celebrity Couples. Celebs were rated on their levels of success, attractiveness, popularity and staying power. The total of the scores in the four categories determined each couple's rank on the list. Although one of the couples has since split, the other nine are still happily together – as of now. Let's take a look at how hot Zimbio's top 10 list is:

1. Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt: Who other than “Brangelina” should get the number one spot? Jolie and Pitt's names have graced headlines ever since word got out that they were an item. On success, Zimbio said, “These two command the box office,” and their attractiveness and popularity are self-explanatory. As far as staying power, Zimbio believes they have more reasons to stay together than the average celebrity couple.

2. Beyonce and Jay-Z: *Parade* magazine reported that this

couple racked up a total of \$162 million this year, proving their obvious success. Also, this couple keeps their relationship strictly between them, giving their relationship longevity.

3. David and Victoria Beckham: Their attractiveness ranked a scorching 19 on the scale of one to 20. Posh Spice remains a feisty diva who has perfected her fashion tip, and the soccer player has always been noted for his good looks. Though rumors have circulated about the couple having affairs, they are still holding strong, 12 years later.

4. Gisele Bundchen and Tom Brady: There's no need to speak on success, as Brady is one of the hottest names in the NFL and the former Victoria's Secret angel continues to land many cosmetic endorsements. This is a first marriage for this seemingly ageless couple – one that will hopefully last!

5. Faith Hill and Tom McGraw: Though Zimbardo doesn't think this couple is too hot, success sums them up in a nutshell. Hill had 1.2 million Google searches last month, and McGraw's 2.25 million was enough to put them in the top tier of most popular couples, according to the site. We predict that this couple will continue their happily ever after, as their staying power ranks 20 out of 20.

6. Will Smith and Jada Pinkett: You should have known this hot Hollywood couple was coming! Smith and Pinkett are the epitome of the sweet, down-to-earth duo everyone loves. They have both spoken out about divorce before, and simply put, it won't happen.

7. Jessica Biel and Justin Timberlake: Although this couple gained a spot in the top 10 list, the fire to their flame has been blown out. However, the former pair ranked 19 out of 20 for both popularity and attractiveness.

8. Gwen Stefani and Gavin Rossdale: While they aren't as successful as the others, this musical couple ranks high in

attractiveness. Though Stefani used to date No Doubt band mate Tony Kanal, there's "no doubt" she and Rossdale are a match made in heaven.

9. Johnny Depp and Vanessa Paradis: According to Zimbio, "Johnny Depp became the highest-paid actor for a single role in the history of film" after shooting *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest*. If that's not success, we don't know what is! These dark-haired lookers have an unpredictable staying power and didn't rank high in popularity, but made the top 10. Kudos!

10. Heidi Klum and Seal: Seal's album *Soul* ranked number one on the French album charts for 13 weeks straight last year, and Klum's 2010 income was said to be \$14 million, according to *Forbes* Celebrity 100. Though Seal has a rare condition called discoid lupus erythematosus that caused the scars on his face, Klum, the bombshell Victoria's Secret model, only noticed his flawless personality.

This Top 10 list is just a small portion of what's on Zimbio's Top 100 menu; if you can't take the heat, stay out of the kitchen. For the rest of the list, visit Zimbio.com.

Celebrity Couples Who Have Stayed Together





By Erin O'Riordan

Why do some celebrity couples end up as a train wreck, while others seem to withstand the test of time? Different strategies work for different power couples. For some, private time is the glue that cements them. For others, it's a conscious decision to put marriage and family before work or making time for grand romantic gestures.

Check out what works for these four celebrity pairs:

Beyonce and Jay-Z: They are one of the world's great couples. Jay-Z has an undeniable charm, a laugh to die for and a fantastic smile. The key to their happiness may lie in their equal success – both reportedly make around \$80 million yearly. Celebrity couples have survived even without equal success, though, so what works for Jay-Z and Beyonce might be their commitment privacy. The couple is notoriously private about their relationship, keeping the magic between them and not opening up their bedroom to the world.

Faith Hill and Tim McGraw: Married since 1996 and some of the hottest entertainers on the country music scene, these two owe their success to spending time together. Even with their busy touring schedules and McGraw's burgeoning movie career, they try never to spend more than three nights away from each

other's sides.

Jada Pinkett Smith and Will Smith: He's the only actor ever to have scored eight consecutive films that grossed over \$100 million domestically. Okay, so Will Smith is the biggest movie star ever. Jada's also had some megahits, notably the Matrix series, and she's taken turns as a writer and director. Still, Jada insists she would let her career go before allowing it to interfere with her relationship with Will. Maybe that's why they've been together since 1997. Of course, it doesn't hurt that this super-cute couple only seems to get better looking with age.

Heidi Klum and Seal: The former Victoria's Secret model who stays involved with America's Next Top Model, is known for her fabulous figure and gorgeous face. He's known for his legendary singing voice and the uber-romantic ballad "Kiss From a Rose." The pair met in 2003 and married in 2005. The fact that he's English and she's German never seems to be an issue for this playful pair, often caught in public frolicking with their four children. The romantic duo renews their wedding vows ever year on their anniversary.

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Election Day Celebrity Style





By Kaitlyn Monteiro

With this year's 2010 midterm elections coming to a close today, we aren't seeing the celebrity star power that we witnessed in 2008. Make no mistake; it's not the Presidential election but it's still an important time to vote. According to experts, Hollywood is staying home this election period. Why the lack of star power now? Where's Brad and Angelina? Demi and Ashton? Whether we like it or not, these famous folks can influence public opinion. If you and your partner are ready to vote but don't see eye-to-eye when it comes to politics, there are still ways that you can make a stance while maintaining a healthy relationship:

1. One way to achieve neutral ground is by educating others. Instead of focusing your attention on who you're voting for, put the spotlight on the traditional lack of voter turn out instead and help increase the numbers.

2. Stand behind a group. While Jay-Z has made it clear in the past Presidential election who he was voting for, this time around he's working with the Vote Again 2010 campaign headed by HeadCount, a nonpartisan organization that works with musicians to promote participation in democracy. Find ways to get involved with groups that share the same political viewpoint as you.

3. Avoid trying to change your partner's opinion. You're with them because of the person they are, not the political candidate they support. Respect that they have the right to an opinion that differs from yours. Don't ridicule your significant other's views on certain issues – instead, listen and work to understand their stance.

Without becoming a political celebrity staple, celebrity couples are taking on a more open-minded and neutral stance when it comes to the midterm elections, and you and your significant other can try this out too. While issues dealt with during political elections can be the breaking point for some couples, that doesn't mean that Republicans, Democrats, and all parties alike cannot find mutual grounds in the dating world.

Does Beyoncé Have a Baby on the Way?





Rumors are swirling

that Beyoncé Knowles will soon be in the market for some bootylicious baby booties! In an exclusive, [US Magazine](#) is reporting that the singer and husband, Jay-Z, are expecting their first child. According to a source, the news came as a big surprise for the superstar duo. “B was shocked. She loves kids, but she wasn’t ready to be a mother just yet.”

“She really wanted to get her album done and tour the world again.” Still, another source says that Beyonce realizes that “this is a gift from God and she’s so happy.” But don’t start buying baby clothes for the couple just yet. Beyoncé’s mom recently told Ellen DeGeneres that the pair are, in fact, not expecting a baby, according to [People](#). The truth remains to be seen!

How can you and your partner best handle news of a surprise pregnancy?

Cupid’s Advice:

As the saying goes, you can’t be just “a little bit” pregnant.

Ready or not, your little one will soon be here, and you and your partner will have to come to the understanding that you’re going to be parents. Cupid has some tips to help turn the element of surprise into baby bliss:

1. Listen to the doctor’s orders: While you’re trying to sort

out all of the emotions in your head and deal with the changes to your body, make sure not to disregard yours and the baby's health. A doctor can also help run through your options if you are uncertain about the pregnancy. Plus, he/she can tell your mate exactly how to care for you.

2. Find a support system: Your main support system should be with your partner; however, the surprise of having a baby can be overwhelming. Find someone else to talk to and express all of your feelings. Sometimes an outsider can open your eyes and put your concerns into perspective. Then, go back to your beau and let him in on your new revelations.

3. Trust your maternal instinct: Once you find out you are pregnant, your maternal instinct will most likely kick in. Although it takes a little longer for your partner's paternal instinct to follow suit, once it does, you can start "nesting" as a couple. While you'll inevitably be thinking that you're not sure if you can handle this, trust in yourself and your beau, and have confidence!

Beyoncé Knowles: Pregnancy "When I Am Ready"





Superstar Beyoncé

Knowles has a broad range of issues on her plate, but pregnancy isn't one of them. The singer has previously acknowledged her wish for a baby, and assures U.K.'s [YOU](#) magazine that her plans have not changed. However, she says she is determined "to continue to learn about the world and to eventually have a family." This attitude allows for the *Dreamgirls* actress to continue work on her acting, singing, songwriting, and her new perfume, Heat. Knowles adds that isn't on any schedule: "It will happen when I am ready."

How can you deal with the pressure to start a family?

Cupid's Advice:

1. Analyze: You need to be sure of you and your partner's maturity, financial stability, and ambitions. Only commit to pregnancy when you and your partner are ready to devote 100 percent of your time to a new baby. Don't sacrifice your dreams of traveling the world just to please the in-laws.

2. Reality check: Not everybody is ready for a baby at 25. Your best friend who has been playing with dolls and babysitting since the age of 12 is probably more eager to start a family than you are. Follow Beyoncé's advice and only try for pregnancy when you are ready.

3. Don't rush: New advances in medicines and procedures, like in vitro fertilization, have made it easier for women to become pregnant later in life. Your doctor will help you to become pregnant whenever you wish for it. Don't race against any biological clock.