Celebrity Couple Predictions: Jessica Simpson, Miranda Kerr and Beyonce



By Shoshi

For today's column, let's consider three couples who have controversy currently surrounding them, whether it's because of baby weight, a surprise split, or anti-feminist song lyrics:

Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson: This blonde pop star has come a long way, which makes it so easy to root for her success. Recently, she announced that she's going to stop acting and retire from the entertainment world. Her focus is now on being a business woman and mother. All of that also means that she's finally ready to marry her baby daddy, Johnson.When I took a closer look at their relationship, it looks like everything is falling into place for them. The question of will they or won't they tie the knot is about to be put to rest. This time, the wedding *will* take place. It's a wonderful time for them to get hitched, now that they have two cute kids and Simpson has lost the baby weight.

This celebrity couple has a pretty normal relationship, and their wedding should be held in 2014. Don't expect too much drama – everything is going strong with them.

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Miranda Kerr and Orlando Bloom: This beautiful couple has called it quits, which was a surprise to many people. Rumors have circled that Kerr cheated with Leonardo DiCaprio and Justin Bieber, while Bloom has recently been seen with Liv Tyler, causing the media to assume they're more than friends.

When considering the lost love between these exes, it looks like it just ran its course. Their relationship was well over before they made it official. They still care deeply for one another and always will, but it is more like a friendship. They tried to stay together for their child but realized it was just better to say goodbye.

Bloom will date around a bit before settling down again, breaking a few hearts along the way. He's going to enjoy being a single dad. As for Kerr, there are plenty of suitors circling her. After all, models hardly ever have a hard time finding rich men to love them.

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Beyonce and Jay Z: How can I not bring up this power duo considering the current controversy sounding them for the song "Drunk Love," in which Jay-Z compares their relationship to

Ike and Tina Turner? The lyrics have stirred mixed reviews from fans and feminists alike. How can a strong woman like Beyonce allow those lyrics on her album? Keep in mind that the singer has never called herself a feminist; other people just view her in this way.

This is all to say that these musical stars don't have the amazing relationship that most of their fans want them to have. I know some people will not like me saying it, but when I look into their marriage, it's not that great. There's a rumor that Beyonce thought about leaving Jay-Z because he didn't put his family first, and it definitely has many elements of truth in it. Plus, there are often reports of Jay-Z having relations with other women. His entrance into the sports world will put even more strain on their relationship.

It'd be awesome if they had the picture-perfect marriage that has been marketed. If you are one of the people who believe that they are crazy in love, it's all good. Just remember that, no matter how much money or fame someone has, we all go through the same ups and downs in our relationships.

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Are Ashley Benson and Ex-Boyfriend Ryan Good Dating Again?





By April Littleton

According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, Ashley Benson and former flame Ryan Good might be dating again. The pair were seen together Friday, Dec. 20. at the Boom Boom Room in New York City. "Ryan and Ashley were kissing each other all night," an insider said.

How do you know whether to get back with your ex or not?

Cupid's Advice:

You and your ex might have mixed feelings about each other, especially if the two of you are still in each other's lives. Should you try to rekindle the flame? Would giving love a second chance hurt the friendship the two of you managed to develop? Cupid has some tips:

1. Still on good terms: The breakup between you and your ex wasn't too bad. In fact, you and your former flame are still really good friends. If things ended on a good note, there is still a chance the two of you can make things work. You know where it went wrong, so you should be able to fix it.

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2. Can't get over it: When you think about the love lost between you and your ex, you're filled with regret. Sometimes, you don't realize what you have until it's gone. If your ex spends a lot of time with you, then he/she is obviously not over you either.

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3. You're still in love: If you're still in love with your ex and believe you can fix the mistakes in your relationship, then give it another chance. The heart wants what it wants and you ignoring your real feelings will only make the situation worse.

How did you know whether to get back with your ex or not? Share your experience below.

'Supernatural' Star Jared Padalecki Welcomes Second Son





By April Littleton

According to <u>People</u>, Jared Padalecki and his wife Genevieve Cortese Padalecki welcomed their second son Sunday, Dec. 22. "My amazingly strong wife home-birthed a happy and healthy baby boy last night. Please send love," the <u>Supernatural</u> star wrote on his Twitter. The couple are already parents to Thomas Colton, 21 months, and married Feb. 2010.

How do you prepare differently for your second son than your first?

Cupid's Advice:

Preparing for a second child is just as difficult it was the first time around. Not only will you have to find a way to manage your money to fit the needs of four people rather than three, but you'll also have to prepare your first child for what's to come as well. Cupid is here to help:

1. Communicate with your first child: If your first child is old enough to understand what's going on, let them know about your new bundle of joy. Create a sense of excitement for your daughter/son so they won't feel threatened by the idea of having a sibling. Let them know that when the baby comes, they'll be able to help out by reading bedtime stories, changing diapers and just being the best older brother/sister they can be.

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2. Look through the closet: Before you go out and buy new baby items, look through some of the old clothes and toys you already have from your previous pregnancy. If the baby is the same gender, you can reuse almost everything you already have.

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3. Budget: You already have a little family. You're just bringing in a new addition. To prepare yourself for the added expenses a second child will bring in, you need to come up with a set budget. Along with the everyday items you spend money on, you will now need to figure in diapers, bottles, etc. to the equation.

What are some other ways to prepare differently for your second son than your first? Comment below.

'Glee' Star Dot-Marie Jones Ties the Knot





By April Littleton

According to <u>People</u>, Glee star Dot-Marie Jones married her longtime girlfriend Bridgett Casteen Saturday night at their Los Angeles home. Close friends of the lovebirds were invited to the celebration. Jones proposed to Casteen during the Gay Days Anaheim weekend in October.

How do you know when you're ready to marry your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Marrying a significant other is a huge decision to make. Many factors should be considered before you take your first steps down the aisle. Cupid is here to help:

1. Similar goals: You and your significant other need to have some common interests. How many kids do you want? How important is having a career to your partner? What will the two of you be willing to sacrifice in order to have a stable life together? If the two of you can't seem to agree on any answers to the questions above, then you might not be right for each other. **Related:** <u>Florida Georgia Line's Brian Kelly Marries Brittany</u> <u>Cole</u>

2. Unconditional love: You love everything about your honey. All of the little odd quirks your partner has brings a smile to your face and you wouldn't change a thing about him/her. Marriage takes work and commitment, but being with the love of your life will only seem like a burden if you can't accept all of who your partner is.

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3. Family and friends: Your loved ones opinion of your companion should weigh heavy on your decide to marry or not. You don't want to be with someone who doesn't get along with your close friends and family. Some of your loved ones may not dig your honey, but the majority of them should have a positive attitude toward the thought of the two of you tying the knot.

How did you know when you were ready to marry your partner? Share your experience below.

Kris Jenner Says Kim Kardashian and Kanye West's Wedding Will Be Big

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By April Littleton

Looks like Kim Kardashian might be planning another huge wedding extravaganza. "We have a pretty big family," Kris Jenner told <u>People</u>. "I don't think it will be two people in a chapel, if you know what I mean!" The couple, who got engaged at a San Francisco stadium in October, haven't set a wedding date yet. They currently live with Jenner, along with their daughter, North West.

What are some ways to decide how big your wedding should be?

Cupid's Advice:

Big or small? Simple or extravagant? The overall style of your wedding is ultimately up to you and your partner, but there are some things you should keep in mind before you make your special day a free-for-all to all of your family and friends. Cupid has some tips:

1. Budget: How big your wedding is should be based on how much you're willing to spend. If you plan on going all out, then the obvious choice would be to invite as many people as you

want. However, if you're on a tight budget, a small ceremony and reception might be the only thing you can afford after you add up the rest of the wedding expenses.

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2. Family and friends: Think about how many loved ones you and your partner have altogether. Whether it be because of personal or money issues, not everyone will be able to attend your wedding. Make sure you and your honey create a priority invite list for people who are close to you and immediate family. Fill up the guest list as needed, but you don't need to invite acquaintances or co-workers you barely speak to.

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3. Privacy: You won't get to enjoy the benefits of an intimate, private wedding if you invite many people. If that's not something you're concerned about, then make sure everyone knows about your special day.

What are some other ways to decide how big your wedding should be? Comment below.

Florida Georgia Line's Brian Kelley Marries Brittany Cole





By April Littleton

Florida Georgia Line's Brian Kelley secretly wed his serious girlfriend, Brittney Marie Cole, Monday in an outdoor ceremony at his Nashville home. "The whole process has been nontraditional," Kelley told <u>People</u> about his surprise wedding. "There was no official proposal or exchanging of rings. We had just fallen in love, and I knew I couldn't live without her. It sounds like a terrible cheesy movie, but when you know, you know!" Before tying the knot, the couple dated for seven months, but have known each other for over three years.

How do you know when you've found "the one"?

Cupid's Advice:

You've been seeing someone for awhile now, and you're starting to believe you may have finally found the person you're supposed to be with forever. How do you know if your feelings are true? What are some signs to look for when you're thinking you found someone special? Cupid has some tips:

1. Great communication: If you and your new love can talk for

hours without getting bored of each other, then you might have found something special. Good communication is essential for a long-lasting relationship.

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2. New feelings: Compared to all of your other past relationships, you can sit back and honestly say that you've never felt the way you do about your current partner with anyone else. When you're with your girlfriend/boyfriend, you can't imagine living the rest of your life with another individual. You can picture a future with your honey, and inside of your head and heart, you know there isn't any other option for you.

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3. Through thick and thin: You acknowledge all of your significant other's strengths and weakness and you still love them unconditionally. When your partner makes a bad decision, you don't criticize them for it. In fact, you know what you have to do in order to build up their self-confidence. Only couples who are truly in love will stand by their companions no matter how good or bad things may get.

How did you know when you found "the one?" Share your experience below.

Emily Blunt Celebrates Her

Baby Shower





By April Littleton

Emily Blunt celebrated the upcoming birth of her first child with a baby shower at her Los Angeles home Saturday afternoon. Guests — including Jennifer Aniston, Amy Adams and Kirsten Bell arrived with an assortment of gifts. A source told <u>People</u> that Blunt and husband John Krasinski are keeping the sex of the baby a secret.

How do you decide whether to reveal the gender of your child to family/friends?

Cupid's Advice:

Your little bundle of joy is about to make his/her grand entrance into the world pretty soon. Yet, you still haven't decided on whether or not to keep the gender a surprise, or let your loved ones know before the big day arrives. Cupid is here to help:

1. Come to an agreement: Before you make any decisions, you and your partner need to talk about what you both have in mind first. You need to figure out how and when you'll reveal the news to your family and friends. While you may be ready to share the gender information as soon as possible, your significant other may want to wait a little while longer – hence the need for a discussion.

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2. Can't contain the excitement: You're ready for all of your loved ones to hear the exciting baby news. It's OK to spill the beans if you just can't keep quiet about it anymore – as long as your significant other is cool with it as well.

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3. They already suspect: You might not have done a good job covering your tracks when it comes to keeping the gender of your baby a secret. Have you been doing a little last minute shopping with some of your friends? Have they noticed you've been buying more pinks than blues, or vice versa? If this is the case, you might as well let everyone know the deal – your family and friends probably already know by now anyway.

How did you decide whether to reveal the gender of your child to family/friends? Comment below.

'The Bachelorette' Stars Trista and Ryan Sutter Renew Vows in Vail





By Kerri Sheehan

Trista Rehn and Ryan Sutter met during the *Bachelorette*, and ever since the two have been happily married. This weekend, ten years after 26 million viewers tuned in to see the two get hitched, the couple renewed their vows. They said, "I do," once again in Vali, Colorado. Trista dished to <u>People</u>, "It's an understatement to say I hit the jackpot. He is such a good person. He gets better with age."

What are some compelling reasons to renew your wedding vows?

Cupid's Advice:

After a few years of marriage you and your significant other may want to declare your love for one another all over again.

1. To recreate the dream: Every little girl has an idea of what her dream wedding should be, however some couples may not get to fulfill this dream. Whether money, time, or faith kept them from having the perfect ceremony, a vow renewal will give them a second chance to have the perfect wedding.

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2. New you: Over the years people change so the person that you married may not be the same person in 15 years. After a big personality change it's nice to let your partner know that you still love the person that they are.

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3. To celebrate: Many couples choose to renew their wedding vows on their anniversary to celebrate another chapter in their marriage. This is the perfect way to show your partner, your friends, and your family how much you two care about each other.

Why would you renew your vows? Share below.

Pregnant 'Teen Mom 2' Star

Jenelle Evans Is Behind Bars Post-Fight with Boyfriend





By Kerri Sheehan

Jenelle Evans is at odds with the law again! The pregnant 'Teen Mom 2' star ended up behind bats after a dispute with baby daddy and boyfriend Nathan Griffith. Evans and Griffith were allegedly arguing when the police were called and they brought Evans out in handcuffs. The 21-year-old adds her tenth arrest in three years to her record. According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, Evans claims that her neighbors called the police on them just so they can sell a story to the tabloids.

What are some ways to keep conflicts with your partner from escalating?

Cupid's Advice:

Every couple has their arguments, but it's important to keep these fights in check. Let Cupid help you keep the fights from escalating:

1. Stay calm: It's easy to get overly angry and yell during a fight, but staying calm and discussing things like the adults that you are will guarantee that the spat won't turn too sour. If you start screaming then your partner will follow suit, so don't let your temper get the best of you.

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2. Pick your battles: Not everything that you and your significant other disagree over is worth arguing about. Save your fights for things that really matter to you.

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3. Admit when you're wrong: There is not always a right or wrong when it comes to many fights, but sometimes there is. If whatever started the argument happens to be your fault then admit it to your partner and apologize. Sometimes all it takes is an, "I'm sorry," and a kiss on the forehead to let a fight be forgotten.

How do you keep conflicts with your partner from escalating? Share below.

Khloe Kardashian Files for

Divorce from Lamar Odom





By April Littleton

According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, Khloe Kardashian filed for divorce from husband of four years Lamar Odom Friday, Dec. 13. Kardashian is asking to legally remove Odom from her last name and she is not seeking any spousal support. The couple married Sept. 2009 after one month of dating.

How do you know when to call it quits on your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Deciding how and when to end a relationship is always tough on both parties involved. However, a breakup doesn't necessarily have to be a terrible thing to go through, especially if your relationship isn't at is best. Cupid has some tips: 1. Signs of abuse: If your partner is physically or mentally abusive, it's time to seek help from your family, friends or a professional. Don't stay in a relationship that endangers your wellbeing. The dynamic between the two of you most likely won't change — no matter how much your significant other tries to persuade you otherwise.

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2. You like to be alone: If you'd rather spend time by yourself or in the company of others, you might need to rethink the status of your relationship. Spending time with your boyfriend/girlfriend shouldn't feel like a burden. When you stop enjoying being around your honey, it's more than likely the spark that kept the romance between the two of you alive has gone out.

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3. Cheating is an issue: You should want to be in a relationship with someone who wants to be with you and only you. If infidelity has become a problem between you and your partner, it's time to end things with him/her. Don't hang on to someone who clearly doesn't want to commit to you.

How did you know when to call it quits on your relationship? Share your experience below.

'Glee' Star Naya Rivera Says She and Fiance Are 'On the

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By April Littleton

Wedding plans for *Glee* star Naya Rivera and Big Sean seem to be going very smoothly. "At the end of the day, he knows 'happy wife, happy life!' Rivera told <u>People</u>. "So, he's kind of like, 'Whatever you want, babe!'"

What are some ways to compromise with your partner about wedding plans?

Cupid's Advice:

Your big day is slowly approaching, but there are still so many details left untouched. You and your significant other

can't seem to agree on much these days and it's not from lack of trying. Don't worry, Cupid is here to help:

1. Share ideas: Let your significant other what you have in mind for your wedding and vice versa. Once all ideas are out on the table, try to find a way to combine the two to make something new and unique. If mixing plans isn't what you're looking for, maybe the two of you can think about what you're willing to give up. For example, your partner might want fresh flowers, while you could settle for artificial.

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2. What's important: When you and your partner end up in an argument about the details of the wedding, think about what's really important. At the end of the day, the marriage you have with your significant other is what counts not the wedding. Yes, you still want to be able to look back and have fond memories of your reception and ceremony, but do you really think 10 years from now you'll still be upset over what flavor your wedding cake was?

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3. Keep an open mind: You might not be a fan of your honey's ideas for the reception and ceremony, but keep in mind that it's their wedding too. When your family and friends come to your wedding, they should be able to recognize the elements you incorporated and what your partner chose as well.

How did you compromise with your partner about wedding plans? Share your experience below.

Celebrity Christmas Weddings





By Whitney Johnson

The holidays are said to be the most wonderful time of the year, so it's no surprise that so many couples – famous faces and everyday folks alike – choose to walk down the aisle around Christmas. Thanks to lightly falling snow, flickering fireplaces, and cozy color palettes, the wedding practically plans itself. Whether they embraced the cold crispness in the air or escaped the winter wonderland and headed somewhere warm, the celebrity couples below ensured that their holiday seasons were all the more magical because of their plans to say "I do."

1. Cassandra Jean and Stephen Amell: The handsome star of The CW's hit show *Arrow* married the former *America's Next Top*

Model contestant during a small sunset ceremony officiated by a close friend in the Caribbean on Christmas Day in 2012. The couple had a second wedding in New Orleans on May 26, 2013, and welcomed their daughter Mavi Alexandra Jean Amell, in October.

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2. Katherine Heigl and Josh Kelley: These two lovebirds exchanged personally-written vows in Park City, Utah, on December 23, 2007. The wedding took place at the Stein Eriksen Lodge, and the tent was decorated with white flowers and white candles, both of which complimented the fresh show. The actress was decked out in a custom-made Oscar de la Renta gown and walked down the aisle to an acoustic song written by her husband-to-be. Bringing in a bit of Christmas spirit, Heigl's bridesmaids wore red.

3. Danielle Deleasa and Kevin Jonas: The pop star made sure that his "Jersey Girl" had a wedding fit for a princess: The couple tied the knot at Oheksa Castle in Huntington, New York, on December 19, 2009. Jonas even gifted his bride, who wore a strapless tulle and Chantilly lace Vera Wang gown, with a pair of glass slippers on the big day. With the groom's brothers, Nick and Joe, serving as the best men and his father officiating the traditional ceremony, it was a family affair – one that most certainly extended into the holidays.

4. Crystal Harris and Hugh Hefner: A tumultuous courtship preempted this couple's big day: Harris began dating Hefner in January 2009 and initially broke off their engagement in June 2011 – only five days before she was set to walk down the aisle. Nearly a year later, the twosome reunited. They became re-engaged on December 1, 2012 and married in a small ceremony at the Playboy Mansion on New Year's Eve of that year. A perfect way to end the holiday season and ring in the new year! Related: Hugh Hefner and Crystal Harris Tie the Knot on NYE

5. Perrie Edwards and Zayn Malik: This musically-talented pair, who only got engaged in August, is hoping to say "I do" before Christmas of this year. The reason for the rushed wedding is quite practical: Edwards, a member of the British girl group Little Mix, is dreading being away from her fiancé when he departs for One Direction's 2014 tour, and she's hoping it'll be easier if they're hitched. Only time will tell if these plans come to fruition!

Cupid wants to know: Would you ever want a holiday wedding? Why or why not?

Ben Affleck Says Wife Jennifer Garner Is 'the Most Important Person to Me'





By April Littleton

According to <u>People</u>, Ben Affleck only has one person to thank for all of his success — his wife, Jennifer Garner. "She is by leaps and bounds the most important person to me in that respect," Affleck said in an interview with <u>Playboy</u> of Garner's resolute support. "Over the past 10 years she has allowed me to have a stable home life while accomplishing my professional goals." The couple married in 2005 and have three children together, son, Samuel, 21 months and daughters Violet, 7 and Seraphina, 4.

What are some ways to show your appreciation for your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

After awhile, it can be hard to find different ways to show your partner you still love and care about them. Sometimes, the smallest gestures can make your loved one feel over the moon. Cupid has some tips:

1. Thank them: The simplest way to show your appreciation for your significant other is just by thanking them often. Does

your partner take out the trash everyday? Does he/she cook and clean the most out of the two of you? Sure, a sweet "thank you" will do the trick, but think about giving your partner a nice gift. Surprise your love with a special meal or take them out for a night out.

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2. A day out: Plan out a day where you and your partner do everything he/she likes to do. Whether it be going swimming, seeing a movie or simply lounging at home all day – let them pick out the activities for the day. When the day is over, your honey will feel appreciated and know you care about their wants and desires.

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3. Physical contact: Make sure you shower your significant other with hugs and kisses. When your partner does something nice for you, show your love with a sweet kiss and a hug. A little physical contact can mean the world to your love and it will also keep the spark between you and him/her alive.

What are some other ways to show appreciation for your partner? Comment below.

New Couple? Courteney Cox Takes Snow Patrol's Johnny McDaid to Jennifer Aniston's

Party





By April Littleton

According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, Courteney Cox was photographed attending Jennifer Aniston's party with a date Sunday, Dec. 8. Snow Patrol rocker and the former *Friends* actress were spotted driving up to the party together. Cox was previously linked to *Cougar Town* costar Brian Van Holt in June.

How do you introduce your new partner to family and friends?

Cupid's Advice:

Introducing your new boyfriend/girlfriend is a big step in your relationship. Having the person you're dating meet all of your loved ones can be stressful and nerve-racking, especially if you don't set up the meeting in the right way. Don't worry, Cupid is here to help:

1. Baby steps: Don't overwhelm your significant other by introducing them to all of your friends and family at one time. Take it slow. Your new honey will already be pretty nervous as it is. Start off by meeting up with one or two of your closest friends for a nice lunch or dinner. If your partner gets along well with them, introduce him/her to a few of your family members.

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2. Heads up: Before you set up any meetings between your partner and your loved ones, give both parties a heads up first. Make sure your family and friends are aware of your new relationship. Give them a little bit of information about the person you're dating so they'll have some topics to talk about when they do see each other for the first time. Also, keep your partner's feelings in mind. Give them time to adjust to the idea of meeting your family and friends.

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3. Ground rules: Let your significant other what is and isn't acceptable in your family's household. Make sure your friends are aware of how they should act around your boyfriend/girlfriend. You wouldn't want them to offend your new honey in any way — even if what they do or say was meant as a joke.

What are some other ways to introduce your new partner to family and friends? Comment below.

Lee Brice Welcomes a Second Son





By Kerri Sheehan

Lee Brice has a baby on board! The country singer and his wife Sara welcomed their second son, Ryker Mobley Brice this past Wednesday December 4th. According to <u>People</u>, Brice said, "A week ago I didn't think I could be any happier. I was wrong. Our brand new baby boy was born healthy. My heart is full."

How do you prepare for a second child versus the first?

Cupid's Advice:

Here are a few things to think about before the stalk drops off another baby:

1. Prepare the siblings: The one who will most notice the change around the house will be your oldest child. Make sure that they know what is coming when the new baby arrives so they aren't in for too big of a shock.

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2. Work together: This child will even out the teams of kids vs. parents. Before it was you and your partner taking care of one child, but now it is two on two. You and your significant other will have to step up your game to keep both your bundle of joy and your older children happy and healthy.

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3. See what you can reuse: You have likely saved a lot of items from your first child that you can reuse for your second. These include a baby changing table, crib, and certain outfits. Make a list of what you can reuse and what will need to be repurchased.

How did you prepare for your second child versus the first? Share below.

'Family Ties' Star Meredith Baxter Ties the Knot





By April Littleton

Family Ties star Meredith Baxter and her longtime partner, Nancy Locke tied the knot in an intimate ceremony in Los Angeles Sunday afternoon. A friend sang and played guitar at their wedding ceremony, and during the reception, Locke's band took to the stage. The lovebirds have been together for seven years. "Now I understand why marriage caught on!" Baxter told <u>People</u>.

What are some ways to make music a central theme to your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Music can either bring a wedding celebration together, or cause the whole occasion to crash and burn. When it comes to showing musical creativity in your reception and ceremony, you and your partner have plenty of options to choose from. Cupid has some tips:

1. Spin the tunes yourself: If you're having your wedding on a tight budget, you might want to think about handling the music

all on your own. Plan out some of your favorite songs, along with your partners and get a iPod playlist ready. As long as you have the essentials – a laptop, speakers, audio cables, etc, it shouldn't be too hard to keep things running smoothly throughout your special day. Of course, a friend can always help you out when you're ready to hit the dance floor yourself.

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2. Live band: There's nothing like a live performance to get the crowd's adrenaline going. Yes, the option will probably cost more than DIY tunes or a professional DJ, but you'll walk away with an experience of a lifetime. A band will be able to set the tone for your wedding reception and ceremony and keep the party going without any hiccups.

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3. DJ: With a DJ in hand, you'll be able to hear all of your favorite tunes, plus a dozen more you didn't even think to add to your playlist. If you decide to go this route, pay close attention to who you pick for the gig. A DJ might not understand what kind of "feel" you're going for at your wedding and could possible ruin the day for you and your honey.

What are some other ways to make music a central theme to your wedding? Comment below.

Newlyweds Ace Young and Diana DeGarmo Start Holiday Traditions





By April Littleton

American Idol finalists Ace Young and Diana DeGarmo, who have been married for six months are starting off the Christmas holidays together for the first in their relationship. "We've already been decorating, and it's been a lot of fun because we're creating our own traditions." Young told <u>People</u> at Sunday's annual Hollywood Christmas Parade. "We have a blank slate. It's kind of weird."

How do you compromise to start your own holiday traditions with your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Is this your first holiday with your loved ones? Are you curious about the ways to begin new traditions with your family? You don't have to start with a completely blank slate unless you choose to do so. You can always just build on some of the activities you already love. Cupid is here to help:

1. Talk about what's important: Sit down and have a talk with your significant other about the traditions you would like to introduce to your new family. You and your partner can incorporate some of the things you did during the holidays along with some of the activities he/she was raised to do. Building on the traditions you already have can make it easier for you and your honey to create new ones.

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2. Make a list: Create a list of some activities and ideas you want to bring into your family traditions this year. Have your companion make a list as well and then compare notes. Only pick the first couple of things you find important and save the rest for next time.

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3. Start fresh: Take a chance and do something complete different over the holidays. Bake a special pie or have your family think of a new game all of you can be together for years to come. Traditions start from new beginnings, so think of something your loved ones will enjoy doing time and time again.

How did you compromise to start your own holiday traditions with your partner? Comment below.

Josh Brolin and Diane Lane Are Officially Divorced



By April Littleton

According to <u>People</u>, Josh Brolin and Diane Lane have finalized their divorce. The once-happy couple separated earlier this. Los Angeles County Superior Court documents filed Nov. 27 made the split official. Brolin and Lane married in 2004 during a ceremony at a central California ranch.

How do you move on after a divorce?

Cupid's Advice:

You're finally divorced and now you're wondering if you'll ever be able to move on and be happy again. Divorce isn't easy. When it finally hits you that you will no longer be waking up to the same person in the morning anymore, you might hit an all-time low. However, this feeling won't last forever. Cupid is here to help:

1. Time: You'll need to give yourself the chance to heal and the only way to do that is by giving yourself the necessary time. You won't be able to get over the lose of your marriage right away and you shouldn't expect yourself to. Don't worry, you will find yourself feeling better about the situation dayby-day. Don't rush yourself into another relationship. Take this opportunity to get to know yourself all over again.

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2. Support: You won't be able to get through this all on your own. Keep in close contact with your family members and friends. When you're feeling down, they'll be able to lift you back up and make you see all of the positive things you have to look forward to.

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3. Try something new: Take your mind off of the divorce by digging yourself into some new hobbies. You don't have to do anything too extreme (like skydiving), but if you've always wondered what taking a painting class would be like, sign up for the next one at your nearest recreation center.

How did you move on from a divorce? Share your experience below.

Katy Perry and John Mayer Pose for First Portrait Together





By April Littleton

According to <u>People</u>, John Mayer and Katy Perry posed for professional photos to accompany the release of Mayer's latest album, Paradise Valley. Debuting the cover shot on his Instagram, Mayer captioned the image, "Proud of this song, proud of this artwork, proud of this girl." The couple have been in an on-and-off again relationship since the summer of 2012.

What are some ways to showcase your love?

Cupid's Advice:

You're in love and you want everyone to know it! Showing your love someone doesn't necessarily mean spending all of your money or displaying too much public affection. You can just as easily show your partner you care for them with subtle gestures. Cupid has some tips:

1. Quality time: Show your significant other that they're a priortiy in your life by spending some much needed time together. You don't ignore the person you love, or make excuses to why you can't see them on a regular basis. If that special someone in your life is important to you, show them by making time for them no matter how busy your schedule is.

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2. Say it: You don't need any fancy gimmicks to show your partner you care. All you really have to do is say those three magic words. Some couples forget how good it feels to hear and say "I love you." All the gifts in the world couldn't replace hearing your loved one actually tell you how they feel. So, tell your honey you love and them and do so often.

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3. Commit to the relationship: Your significant other should be the only special someone in your life. Appreciate them and accept them for all that they are. Nothing shows true love than by staying invested in the relationship you chose to be a part of in the first place.

How do you showcase your love for your partner? Comment below.

Celebrity Women Who Date Younger Men





By Gabby Robles

Celebrity men aren't the only ones who go after what's young and hot in Hollywood. Sexy celeb women have helped get the term "cougar" published in the dictionary in it's slang term – and with all of these women dating much younger, we're surprised it hasn't happened sooner!

Sharon Stone and Martin Mica: This couple shares a 30-year age difference, but they haven't let that stop them from showing their love to the world! The duo have been dating for over a year and are still going strong despite rumors of a breakup that surfaced this past January. Mica was only six when Sharon Stone starred in *Basic Instinct*, but that was years ago, right?

Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon: Mariah's first husband, Tommy Mottola, was over 20 years older than she was. Naturally, Mariah decided to go 11 years younger when she married Nick Cannon. These two haven't let age compromise their marriage; they have been married over 5 years and have two adorable children together.

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Julianne Moore and Bart Freundlich: These two have a 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ -year age difference, but the actress and director have two children together. Moore stated that when she first began dating Freundlich, she was unsure their relationship would work. But as their relationhip progressed, it didn't remain as a standing issue.

Kathy Griffin and Randy Bick: This pair has a near-20 year age difference. The comedienne and her marketing executive-boyfriend met at a food festival over a year ago. Kathy says she "hunted him down." Meow, cougar!

Danielle Fishel and Tim Belusko: These lovers just tied the knot on October 19 in Los Angeles. Their 7-year age gap doesn't stop them from being happy and finding their soulmates; The *Boy Meets World* star had previously said, "Tim is the one. He accepts me for exactly who I am!"

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Jennifer Lopez and Casper Smart: Lopez is 18-years Smart's senior, but these two have been going strong publically since July 2012. The singer revealed to Katie Couric, "It's hard for me to think of my age… I feel very youthful… And it's funny, until somebody brings up [the age difference], I don't think we really think about it." Well, we're happy for them!

Dating younger is how some people reach Cloud 9 – and it's not a bad thing. As long as these couples keep in mind that age is just a number, they will continue to be happily in love!

What do you think of women dating younger? Share with us below!

Miranda Kerr and Orlando Bloom Reunite in NYC with Son Flynn





By April Littleton

According to *People*, Miranda Kerr and Orlando Bloom seem to be getting along just fine despite the fact that they're separated. The pair were spotted in N.Y.C. Saturday with their son, Flynn, who turns 3 in Jan. The couple announced their split in October after three years of marriage. "We love each other. We're a family," Bloom said about Kerr days after their announcement.

What are some ways to keep your post-breakup relationship civil for your children?

Cupid's Advice:

1. Let the relationship go: Many couples try to stay in a dying relationship for the sake of their children not realizing that they're actions are actually making it harder on the family. Put your kids first. Naturally, they would love to see the you and your former partner together, but they also want to see you both happy too – even if that means the two of you aren't an item anymore.

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2. Communicate: Your children shouldn't be treated as messengers. If you have anything to say to or about your ex, tell them directly. Your kids don't need to be put in a situation that's already hard for them to understand.

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3. Establish a schedule: Set up a schedule that works for both you and your ex. When it comes to visitations, try to be consistent on who gets to see the kids on what days. It's OK if you need to switch it up every now and then as long as your ex agrees on the terms.

What are some other ways to keep your post-breakup relationship civil for your children? Comment below.

Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis Step Out After Demi Moore Divorce News





By April Littleton

Two days after Ashton Kutcher's divorce from Demi Moore was finalized on Nov. 29, Mila Kunis and her former *That '70s Show* co-star stepped out together. The couple were spotted getting

foot massages together in Los Angeles. Moore and Kutcher announced their separation after infidelity rumors surfaced in 2011. The Jobs actor filed for divorce December 2012. Kunis and Kutcher began dating in April of that same year. "They are very much in love," an insider told <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. "They are inseparable and try to spend as much time together [as possible]."

How do you move on after your divorce?

Cupid's Advice:

People don't get married just to get divorced, but sometimes it's the only option for couples who find themselves in a deteriorating relationship. Getting over a divorce can be painful, stressful and challenging. Cupid has some tips:

1. Acceptance: In order to completely move on from your divorce, you first need to accept the situation. Continuing to harbor feelings for your ex won't help you or him/her get on with their life. Give yourself the chance to start fresh. Sometimes two people aren't meant to be together in the long run. Your marriage ended for a reason. You might not understand or see the positive in the situation just yet, but give yourself some time – don't make the same mistakes twice.

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2. Do something for you: Remember that vacation to Jamaica you always wanted to take? Maybe you thought about switching up your hairstyle often but couldn't because of your former flame. Now is the time to do something that will make you happy. Take some time off from work and go see the world, or get a whole new makeover – a new look means a better you.

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3. Get back out there: You don't have to start dating right

away, but don't be afraid to meet someone new when you feel like you're ready. Most likely, you won't be looking for anything serious for quite awhile, but it's always nice to have someone to talk to and even cuddle with.

How did you move on after your divorce? Share your experience below.

Macaulay Culkin Kisses New Girlfriend Jordan Lane Price in Paris





By Brittany Stubbs

The romantic air of Paris has definitely gotten to Macaulay Culkin, as he was seen locking lips with his new girlfriend identified as Jordan Lane Price. The couple was spotted Tuesday, Nov. 26 on the terrace of Cafe de Flore in Paris where they were kissing and holding hands under the table. A source confirms to <u>UsMagazine</u> that the Home Alone star's new companion is "a cool chick – based in New York," also stating that the couple has "tons in common."

How do you show your affection for your partner in public?

Cupid's Advice:

We've all seen that couple obnoxiously making out over the dinner table that makes us want to yell, "get a room!" It's uncomfortable and no one wants to be *that* couple. But there are more appropriate ways to show some public affection for your significant other:

1. Holding Hands: This may sound childish, but there is something sweet and significant about holding the hand of your partner. It's also PDA appropriate for any age or audience to witness.

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2. Snuggle up: Sitting on the same side of the booth in a restaurant or close against each other on the Subway, shows your partner you love being close to them at all times.

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3. Don't forget the little things: Refilling your partner's wine when you're out to eat, letting them sample a piece of your meal off your fork, and reaching for their hand when waiting for the meal or check to come, are little ways to make

your significant other feel special, as well as connected to you.

How have you shown your affection for someone in public? Share your experiences below.

Malin Akerman and Husband Split Months After Son's Birth





By April Littleton

According to People, Malin Akerman and husband Roberto Zincone

have decided to end their marriage. The *Trophy Wife* actress, who married Zincone in 2007, gave birth to son Sebastian in April. "[Motherhood is] amazing, the biggest love you have ever felt in your life," Akerman said after having her baby.

What are some ways to remain civil post-breakup for your child?

Cupid's Advice:

Breakups are difficult to deal with – especially if children are involved. Maintaining some type of relationship with an ex is crucial if both parents plan on staying in their childrens' lives. Cupid has some tips:

1. Communicate: You and your ex will be in each other's lives for a long time because of your child, so avoiding each other isn't an option. During the time when you do have to communicate with your former flame, keep things short and simple. Remain respectful of each other's boundaries and only talk about the kids.

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2. Keep negative comments to yourself: Don't talk bad about your ex in front of your children. Keep in mind that your kids love the both of you, so bashing each other around the children will hurt and confuse them. Don't make them choose sides. Keep them out of all of the drama that surrounds you and your ex.

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3. Be the bigger person: Your former partner may be the type of person who wants to make the situation harder on you once the two of you finally decide to call it quits. Keep your cool and walk away from any potential fights that may arise. You need to keep your composure for the sake of your children. If your ex doesn't want to follow suit, maybe he/she shouldn't be involved with the parenting for awhile.

How did you remain civil post-breakup for your child? Share your experience below.