

Chaz Bono and Jennifer Elia Break Off Their Engagement



Despite news of their engagement earlier this year, Chaz Bono and his fiancée Jennifer Elia are no longer engaged or even together. Nevertheless, they appear to be amicable towards one another. According to [People](#), “They leave this relationship with great love, respect and affection towards one another,” and they ask that everyone “respect their privacy at this time.” Bono himself tweeted that he appreciated the fans concern and was doing “just fine” while remaining on “good terms” with his ex.

What are some ways to stay amicable after a split?

Cupid's Advice:

After a breakup, there are no doubt hurt feelings that can often times turn into drama. Here are some ways to keep your split amicable:

1. Give each other space: Allow your feelings a chance to solidify after the split. Give each other time and space before making any moves to continue a friendship.

2. Talk it out: Does your ex *want* to be friends with you after the break up? Talk about why you want to be friends with your ex. Articulate reasons for continuing a relationship after the breakup. You may end up deciding it's not a good idea after all.

3. Be there for each other: Spend time with each other, but not too much time. Be sure that you don't fall into the old habits of your relationship, because that could become sticky territory.

What are some ways you stay amicable with an ex? Share your ideas below.

Last Minute Holiday Shopping Guide for Your Partner





By Thomas Doane

With the holidays just around the corner, some people are starting to panic as they worry about what to buy for everyone. Of particular concern for many is what to buy for their significant others. Whether you are newly attached or longtime lovers, everyone wants to find a gift under the tree.

Believe it or not, even celebrities have these worries. After all, behind the fame and glamour, they are flesh and blood humans. Just like us, they have similar worries and doubts.

In that spirit, here's a guide to holiday shopping for your significant others, whether you're famous or not:

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If you've just started dating, think small.

Not only will your new love not expect a large gift, but it may freak them out a little, which is definitely not what you want or need at this time of year. Try to find something small and meaningful for under \$50. This could be something simple like an item of clothing, or you could be a little more personal and plan a candlelit dinner at home. Whatever you choose, be sure to look for deals, and don't feel pressured to overspend.

George Clooney and Stacy Keibler should take this advice! The pair has only been together for a couple of months and shouldn't worry about lavishing each other with expensive gifts. In fact, due to George's infamously skittish nature, Stacy may want to go the dinner-at-home route, in order to appear appropriately aloof.

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If you have crossed the one-year threshold, then you can splurge...a little.

Still keep spending to a reasonable amount, but try to find a gift that reflects your feelings for one another. Once you have reached the one-year mark, it is likely that you are in love, so go for something romantic, if all else fails, like a weekend getaway for two, or a small piece of jewelry.

This would be a good guide for Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez, who recently celebrated their first year together. While this pair is awfully young to be worrying about jewelry, they obviously like vacationing together, and should feel comfortable expressing their feelings for one another. In doing so, they can be assured of one another's affections, and their budding love will continue to bloom.

If you are in it for the long haul, then go all out.

Whether you are married or in a long-term relationship, the holidays are the perfect time to show your devotion and hope for a bright future together. Accordingly, buy your loved one something that shows how much they mean to you, and emphasizes your familiarity with their likes and dislikes.

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are preparing for yet another Christmas together, and despite repeated rumors of their demise, it looks like they are still going strong. Now would be a great time for them to travel to another country, away from their passel of children, and reaffirm their love to one

another so that next year will be even better than the last.

Regardless of where you stand in your relationship, the thing to remember is that the holidays are *not* about who gives the best gift or how many you receive. The true reason for the season is spending time with your loved ones and preparing for a great new year. So, just relax and spend the day with your sweetie. Happy holidays!

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J.R. Martinez Prepares to Welcome a Daughter With His Girlfriend



2011 has been an

exciting year for Iraq war veteran J.R. Martinez. Just last month he won the coveted mirror ball trophy on *Dancing with the Stars*. However, it looks like 2012 will come with excitement as well, as Martinez and his girlfriend Diana Gonzalez-Jones are expecting their first child in May. According to [People](#), Martinez says that the couple is “over the moon” about the pregnancy and consider it the “best gift we could get.” The idea of being a father is just hitting Martinez, but there’s no doubt he’s excited. Though he and Gonzalez-Jones are grateful for the blessings of 2011, they already know how 2012 is “going to top 2011” with a beautiful baby girl.

What are some ways to prepare yourself for fatherhood?

Cupid’s Advice:

It’s just as important for men to prepare themselves to be a father as it is for women to prepare for motherhood. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Help your partner stay healthy:** Adapting your eating habits will help your significant other stay healthy as well. If you also avoid the unhealthy foods that tempt her , she’ll find it easier to say “no.” Joining an exercise class together or going for walks together are also good options.
- 2. Be prepared:** Learn everything you can about what to expect during the upcoming pregnancy and after. It can’t hurt to read as much material as possible to help your partner.
- 3. Go shopping:** Not only could shopping be relaxing for the mom-to-be, but it’s also good to have everything you can for the baby’s arrival. Buy baby clothes, a crib, a stroller and even nursery decorations.

What are some ways your beau prepared for fatherhood? Share your comments below.

Jennifer Lopez Reportedly Brings Her New Man to 'Idol' Set



Friday was bring your boyfriend to work day, or at least it was for Jennifer Lopez. Lopez's new boy toy, Casper Smart, was seen arriving to the *American Idol* set in Lopez's Bentley as he stopped by to visit his new lady. The new couple have been inseparable, having recently spent Thanksgiving in Hawaii with Lopez's twins before jetting off to Morocco. While the singer seems to be wearing divorce well, her ex-husband Marc Anthony, isn't quite complimenting her style. According to various sources, not only does Anthony not want smart to drive his kids around due to his arrest for drag racing, but he apparently doesn't want Smart around his kids at all, according to [Hollyscoop](#). In the meantime, Lopez and Anthony have continued working

together in their Latin-American talent show venture, *Q'Viva!*

What do you do if your ex is upset with your new relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Unfortunately, when you move on from your last relationship, it's not always going to be a smooth transition. Cupid has some advice:

1. Give space and time: It's always best to allow both you and your ex time to heal and get your emotions together after a breakup.

2. Be understanding: Understand that while it may have been easy for you to let your previous relationship go, depending on the circumstances, it may not be as simple for your former love.

3. Minimize contact: While cutting off ties to a past relationship is an easy solution, it may not be a quick fix when you have kids, work or share the same friends. If this is the case, minimize contact to a speak-only-when-necessary basis until you can interact normally with each other again.

How did you handle your ex being upset with your new relationship? Share your comments below.

Engagement Rings of the Rich and Famous



By Nan Gibbons

If we're being honest with ourselves, we know that a 2 million dollar engagement ring probably isn't in our future. Although you may not be able to afford a multi-million dollar rock, you can still channel inspiration from celebrities to choose a quality, stylish ring for your upcoming engagement. Your personal taste and style mixed with the splendor of celebrity rings will result in the perfect look for you. Here are some styles to consider:

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Classic Elegance

You can never go wrong with classic engagement rings. The timeless beauty of a studded band like Carrie Underwood's or a simple set of diamonds will always do the trick. Underwood's ring combines the style of a wedding ring with the sparkle of an engagement ring and makes for a pretty amazing result!

Standard rings with diamonds in the center of a plain band never fail to draw "oohs and aahs" from family and friends.

Vintage Charm

If you're drawn to the idea of a vintage ring, there are several ways you can work this angle. You can choose to go with an older style or base it off of family history. Prince William combined both of these tactics when he gave his then fiancé, Kate, the same ring his mother Diana wore when she was engaged. The gem had the splendor of an older style, plus the emotional value of family tradition. Going for an older style ring or re-purposing a family heirloom can be a great way to re-create the style of Kate's gorgeous ring.

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Bright and Colorful

Thinking outside the box and considering a less traditional ring is great for couples who enjoy being one-of-a-kind. For her recent engagement, Jessica Simpson was given a stunning bright red ruby framed by two diamonds and set in a gold band.

It looks much more unique than the standard, but still incorporates the classic timelessness of diamonds.

No matter what your style preference, there is a great and affordable ring with your name on it. Whether you prefer sparkly diamonds or colorful gems, you can use celebrity styles to inspire you in order to find the perfect ring for your budget.

Kobe Bryant's Wife Files for

Divorce



NBA star Kobe Bryant is heading towards divorce, reports [People](#). Vanessa Laine, Bryant's wife of 10 years, filed for divorce on Friday, citing irreconcilable differences. Laine is also seeking spousal support and shared custody of daughters Natalia, 8, and Gianna, 5. Bryant's marriage was also tried in 2003, when he was accused of allegedly raping a 19-year-old hotel employee in Colorado. "I sit here in front of you guys, furious at myself, disgusted at myself for making the mistake of adultery," said Bryant at a press conference that year. "And I love my wife with all my heart."

What are some ways to regain trust in your relationship after a betrayal?

Cupid's Advice:

Betrayal shakes up a relationship, but it's possible to get back on track. Here are a few ways to regain trust after a betrayal:

1. Spend time together: In order to rebuild trust in your relationship, you'll have to put in more effort than you usually do. Go on vacation or play hooky and spend the day at a park to get some quality time together.

2. Get counseling: If you feel that your relationship is troubled, but ultimately worth fixing, try counseling. It's expensive, but it could save your relationship.

3. Give it time: Sometimes the best medicine is time. After a while, the betrayal will fade and your trust in your partner will gradually return.

Have you ever been betrayed in a relationship? Feel free to leave a comment below.

Britney Spears and Jason Trawick Get Engaged





Britney Spears has had a turbulent few years. This month, however, she has a lot to celebrate. Aside from celebrating her 30th birthday, recent reports have confirmed that the pop princess is now engaged to Jason Trawick. According to [People](#), Trawick proposed on his birthday Thursday night in Los Angeles. After giving him tons of birthday gifts and having cake together, Spears was surprised to get a surprise of her own in the form of a Neil Lane sparkly engagement ring. According to sources close to the couple, the two are very happy and have been talking about marriage for a while now.

What are some unique ways to celebrate a recent engagement?

Cupid's Advice: The holidays may be a time to celebrate, but an engagement can be just as much if not even more exciting. No matter if you are getting your friends and family together for a big party or just having a private celebration. Here's how to make it a festive occasion:

- 1. Vegas trip:** You don't have to get married in Vegas to have fun there with your spouse-to-be. Stay at the Bellagio, and watch the fountains burst into the night air together.
- 2. Show off the ring:** Facebook, Twitter and other social

media sites provide you with the means to share pictures of your ring with everyone in your network instantly. Make them jealous.

3. Pop champagne: A celebratory bottle of bubbly is perfect of either a romantic dinner for two or a large celebration.

How do you plan on celebrating your engagement? Share your ideas below.

Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds Share Sexy Weekend in NYC



Although they have yet to comment, the tabloids are buzzing with news of new couple Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds. Last weekend, they

spent almost all of their time together going on dates and just generally having a great time in NYC. The duo met up with Lively's sister, Robin, and her beau at the Stanton Social, where they shared a booth and cuddled throughout breakfast, according to UsMagazine.com. According to a source, the Lively sisters were "very sweet, polite and gave a generous tip." But the weekend activities didn't stop there.

Lively and Reynolds were then spotted shopping for jeans and were seen holding hands and stealing a kiss. That night, the couple indulged in a romantic dinner and dessert at Serendipity. A source said, "Blake sat very close to Ryan and had her head on his shoulder the entire time."

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

Cupid's Advice:

Blake Lively seemed to have no problem introducing Ryan Reynolds to her sister, Robin, via a double date. Cupid has some tips:

1. Relaxed and social environment: When you decide to introduce your new mate to your friends and family, it's important to keep things informal. Your partner will feel less on the spot and will be more likely to open up. Invite them to a holiday party or plan a group bowling outing.

2. Short visits leading into longer ones: Consider an "easy does it" approach. Introduce your new partner in multiple steps by starting out with quick visits and moving into longer social occasions.

3. Don't announce the occasion: Sometimes it's better to just "pop in" when you're introducing your partner to your friends and family. If either party has too much time to think about it, anxiety may double. Spontaneity may be the answer in this case.

How did you introduce your partner to your family? Share your experiences below.

Real Housewife Taylor Armstrong Will Release Tell-All Book



Taylor Armstrong from Bravo's *The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills* will be releasing a tell-all memoir through the publisher Simon & Schuster entitled *Hiding From Reality: My Story of Love, Loss and Finding the Courage Within*. The book is scheduled to be released Feb. 7 and will outline her relationship with her ex husband Russell Armstrong, who tragically committed suicide in August. According to [The Hollywood Reporter](#), the couple had filed for divorce only a month before the suicide.

What do you do if your ex “tells all” after a split?

Cupid's Advice:

If an ex decides to tell all after a split, there's really not much you can do to prevent them from doing so. All you can do is stay strong and move on:

1. Allow only positive influences: Surround yourself only with positive people and things. After all, it's your ex who is airing their dirty laundry and not you.

2. Don't answer questions: If someone asks you about something they heard from your ex, simply tell them that it's none of their business.

3. Let time work in your favor: Time cures all wounds and rids all rumors. When you are in bad place in your life, time always works in your favor.

When a relationship is over, should you tell all or keep the details to yourself? Share your thoughts below.

10 Love Lessons from Bruce Springsteen





By

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When it comes to the ups and downs of love, The Boss has shared some valuable lessons with us over the years. Here are some of the most important points in a romantic education, Springsteen style:

1. Love Makes it Impossible to Sleep – In the oft-covered “I’m On Fire,” Bruce rumbles the line “at night I wake up with the sheets soaking wet/ and a freight-train running through the middle of my head/ but you/ you cool my desire.” Anyone who’s ever felt the pangs of a complicated love affair can immediately identify with this exhausting sentiment.

2. You Can Be Your Own Worst Enemy– We’ve all done our share of damage to our love lives, but the gravelly voice of the Boss can make us feel the pain of those regrets when he pours his heart into the apologetic “Back In Your Arms.” His plea for forgiveness is wrenching with lines like “All the love I’ve thrown away and lost/ I’m longin’ for again/ Now darlin’ I just wanna be back in your arms.”

3. Love Isn’t Easy – Even the best relationships come with their share of struggles; few songs capture the reality of love on a day-to-day basis like Springsteen’s “If I Should Fall Behind.” This plainly stated, touching ballad is a

mature realization of the ups and downs that come in any love affair, especially during the last verse: "Now everyone dreams of a love lasting and true/ But you know and I know what this world can do/ So let's make our steps clear that the other may see/ And I'll wait for you/ If I should fall behind/ Wait for me."

4. Lost Love Can Be Haunting – This 2003 gem is a great example of how lost love can haunt you, long after it's gone. The atmospheric backing sounds paired with the edgy, effects-laden guitar serves as a perfect vehicle for lyrics that show The Boss at his tortured best; it's almost impossible not to think of a love gone wrong when he says, "There's nights I still hear your footsteps fall/ Your key in the door, your voice in the hall/ Your smell drifts through our bedroom/ I wake, but I don't move."

5. Love Really is All You Need – Despite his frequent pessimism, "This Life" finds Springsteen in a point of contentment. The toe-tapping rhythm and doo-wop vibe is infectious; when he sings "This life and then the next/ With you I have been blessed," it's easy to believe that sometimes, love really is enough.

6. Being in Love Means You Never Fight Alone – The straightforward folk sound of "When You Need Me" might bring Townes Van Zant and even Gram Parsons to mind, but the message is pure Boss: life is hard, and everything goes wrong, but love gives you strength. The pared down arrangement is a far cry from the arena-anthem hits that most people associate with Springsteen, but lines like "And when those mean days come along/ We'll stand together and we'll take 'em on" still bear his trademark blue collar, ready-to-fight fingerprints.

7. You Have To Be Willing To Take a Chance – The rollicking, sing-along chorus of "Countin' On a Miracle" perfectly captures the moment of throwing caution to the wind and hoping for love to work out against all odds. From the first verse

promise of “If I’m a fool, I’ll be a fool/ Darlin’ for you,” to the shouted ending of “I’m countin’ on a miracle to come through,” this 2002 track shines.

8. Love Gone Wrong is a Kind of Prison – This synth-driven track builds from an almost somber first verse to a bombastic chorus that perfectly frames the feeling of an ill-fated, inescapable love affair. As he almost whispers, “I know someday I’ll walk out of here again” before the passionately shouted “Well, now I’m trapped,” he paints a painful picture of the kind of captivity that only comes from loving someone who will never treat you well.

9. A Broken Heart Leaves Scars – The bluesy “All the Way Home” from Springsteen’s 2005 album *Devils & Dust* tackles the fear of giving love a chance after being burned one too many times. The aw-shucks appeal of the second verse, “Now you got no reason to trust me/ My confidence is a little rusty/ But if you don’t feel like bein’ alone/ Baby, I could walk you all the way home,” is the Boss at his best: honest and unflinching.

10. Love Never Really Fades – Everyone has a love they can’t quite let go of, even if it’s long gone. “Hearts of Stone” is a perfectly executed boardwalk ballad about those late-night phone calls, after you’ve both moved on. When he wails “I can’t talk now, I’m not alone/ So put your ear close to the phone/ ‘Cause this is the last dance/ This is the last chance for hearts of stone,” you can almost hear doors to the past slamming shut. “Hearts of Stone” is a testament to the fact that the lines of love are rarely drawn clearly.

With a career that spans more than three decades and over two dozen albums, there are few lessons in life that Bruce Springsteen can’t teach.

Bruce Willis Supports Demi Moore Post-Split With Ashton Kutcher



Bruce Willis will always be there for Demi Moore. The *Die Hard* actor, 56, is taking the time to comfort his ex-wife in light of her split from Ashton Kutcher, reports NowMagazine.com. “He’s explained to [pregnant wife Emma Hemming] that he needs to divide his time until Demi is a bit stronger,” said a source. “He knows Emma’s feeling a bit neglected but he wants to make sure Demi gets herself together.”

What are some ways to react if you feel neglected by your partner?

Cupid’s Advice:

It's often difficult to ask for more attention without sounding needy. Here are a few ways to react if you feel neglected:

1. Give attention: If you feel neglected, try giving your partner more attention. Chances are, the somewhat tense atmosphere between the two of you is mutual. Be the first one to mend the bridge.

2. Work through it: It's very possible that your mate may just be busy. They may be having family issues or a hard time at work. Tough out the rough phase, and everything will eventually go back to normal.

3. Tell your partner: If no other action will work, confront your partner. Politely explain your feelings and tentatively ask for a change.

Have you ever felt neglected? Feel free to leave a comment below.

The Most Romantic Hotels for Couples –and Celebrities!





By Isabel Eva Bohrer

Finding a secret hideaway as a famous couple is difficult. Paparazzi follow you everywhere, and you need some good fences and security to really make that vacation a relaxing one. Despite these difficulties, there are some places that make it possible. Read on for information on the most romantic hotels and which famous couples have stayed the night there. To make your very own reservation, check out www.luxury-hotels.com.

1. GoldenEye Hotel & Resort (St. Mary, Jamaica)

Once owned by James Bond creator Ian Fleming, this hotel is a purely romantic experience with a celebrity twist. It is not an ordinary hotel, but instead a compound of luxurious private villas. Each of them offers its own private world, set amid spectacular tropical gardens and embellished with extraordinary comforts, amenities and service. Fleming's three-bedroom villa is particularly popular as it still contains the writer's Jamaican red bullet wood desk. This also includes three individual bedrooms (each with outdoor garden bath and rain shower), a private swimming pool and a secluded beach. During the day, you can explore the coves and at night, sit at Fleming's old desk to write a love letter –

or perhaps even the next great spy novel.

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2. Chateau Marmont (Los Angeles, USA)

Ever since its opening in 1929, the Chateau Marmont hotel has been a discreet movie star getaway. In addition to the private guest bungalows, the establishment comes with the popular Bar Marmont, and a see-and-be-seen restaurant. Kate Bosworth and True Blood's Alexander Skarsgard were spotted kissing at Chateau, while Lindsay Lohan and Avril Lavigne had a bar brawl here. Twilight stars Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson spent the night together at the hotel, whilst Tila Tequila and Meghan McCain were seen lunching.

The courtyard has welcomed Jennifer Aniston, John Mayer, and Billy Crudup, and the patio has been home to Eva Longoria and Christina Applegate. The restaurant's living room is where Sienna Miller and Josh Hartnett cozied up and on one single night, actresses Lindsay Lohan, Charlize Theron, and Mary-Kate Olsen all graced the halls. You won't just feel like a star at Chateau Marmont, you may actually see some while you're here.

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3. Oyster Box Hotel (Umhlanga, South Africa)

Prince Albert and his wife Charlene Wittstock went all the way to South Africa for their honeymoon (after all, the bride is a native). Here, they decided to stay at the Oyster Box Hotel. Set on the Indian Ocean and opened in 1947, this hotel quickly gained a legendary reputation thanks to its combination of colonial charm, impeccable service, lush tropical gardens and breathtaking seaside setting. If you want the presidential suite where Prince Albert and his wife stayed, be prepared to splurge – it has its own terrace and private dining area for

\$7,350 a night.

4. Gramercy Park Hotel (New York City, USA)

The Gramercy Park Hotel is the place to be if you want to be hip, famous and beautiful. Even if you're staying the night elsewhere, you can still visit the Rose Bar, whose velvet-heavy décor has made it the epicenter of the New York bar scene. Janet Jackson was recently there to admire the artwork on view at the Rose Bar, while Kid Rock smoked a cigarette outside. Chace Crawford, in turn, met some business partners there, while Sting was also seen staying at the hotel. The celeb legacy dates all the way back to Humphrey Bogart who got married here, and Babe Ruth who was a regular among the bar guests.

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





The *Bachelorette* couple Ashley Hebert and J.P. Rosenbaum, who got engaged last August during the reality TV show's finale, won't be saying their "I do's" anytime soon. The famous couple told UsMagazine.com that they haven't set a date for their celebrity wedding yet. Hebert is waiting to finish up school before tying the knot. The former *Bachelorette* star said that she and Rosenbaum are "looking forward to building our lives together. We really are best friends, [so] just being together is a lot to look forward to." Rosenbaum said that they "want to wait for the right time" before walking down the aisle.

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

Cupid's Advice:

Take a cue from this famous couple and know that there's nothing wrong with a long engagement! In fact, there are plenty of benefits to taking some time before you tie the

knot. Cupid has a few reasons why:

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

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

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

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

New Couple? Cameron Diaz and Diddy Show PDA at Bash





It looks like the rumors could be true; Cameron Diaz and Diddy were spotted together again. It's been about a month since the reported couple was seen having lunch together. According to [People](#), Diaz and Diddy looked cozy at New York's PH-D Rooftop Lounge onto of the Dream Downtown Hotel. Diaz started her night with friends at Marble Lane Restaurant before heading up to the rooftop around midnight. About an hour later, Diddy joined the table, and ordered bottles of alcohol for everyone. It was said that the table was crowded and Diaz and Diddy looked "very affectionate." However, according to Diaz's rep, "They are just friends and are not dating."

What do you do if you start to develop feelings for a friend?

Cupid's Advice:

Although you may think you harbor nothing besides platonic feelings for a friend, you may eventually realize there's something more. Cupid has some advice:

1. Make sure your feelings are legit: Before jumping into something potentially friendship-threatening, make sure you are positive of what you are feeling. Did you just get dumped and your guy friend is helping to make you feel better? You may possibly be mistaking a goofy and loving friendship as flirting. Stop and think about your relationship.

2. Consult a mutual friend: Talk to a friend who knows the both of you (in confidence of course), and see what they have to say about your new feelings. If your friends notices some changes, and think the feelings could be reciprocated, maybe it's something you should explore.

3. Tell your friend how you feel: When you're sure you are falling for your friend, tell him. For all you know, he has always been in love with you or maybe his heart has been thumping a little louder for you as well. The worst that can happen is that he doesn't feel the same way.

Have you ever developed feelings for a friend? Share your stories below.

Former 'Idol' Fantasia Barrino Has a Baby Boy





Fantasia Barrino,

American Idol's season three winner, gave birth to a baby boy on Tuesday. According to [People](#), Dallas Xavier Barrino was born in North Carolina at 7 lbs., 9 oz. and was 21 inches long. Dallas joins his big sister Zion, 10. Barrino does not comment on the father of her children, although she has been seen with Antwaun Cook since summer 2010. "I feel so blessed that my son Dallas Xavier was born healthy, and is a wonderful new addition to our family," said the singer. "I thank all my fans for their well wishes and continued support."

How do you introduce a new baby to an older child at home?

Cupid's Advice:

It's not always a smooth transition when you bring a new baby home to introduce to existing children. Cupid has some tips:

1. Let your older child help prep for the new baby: When decorating the new baby's room, let your older child help prepare. Even if they are just choosing a few stuffed animals and some of their old favorite toys, it is still nice for them to feel included in all of the changes.

2. Make your older child feel special: Do something to celebrate your older child becoming the big sister or big brother. Making cupcakes is a fun idea and your older child

can take part in the decorating process. A big sister/big brother t-shirt may also ease your older child into the excitement of their new role.

3. Have gifts for the new siblings: Have your older child pick out a gift for their new sibling and buy a gift from the baby to their new big brother or sister, too. They'll no doubt love each other immediately.

How did you introduce your new baby to an older child? Share your stories below.

Audrina Patridge Says Cameras Are Off and Love Life Is On



VH1 decided not to renew Audrina Patridge self-titled reality show for a second season, but Patridge couldn't be happier as the cancellation

may just be what she needed to repair her on-again, off-again relationship with her boyfriend, BMX rider Corey Bohan.

“Filming a reality show really takes a toll on relationships because your mindset is to create good TV,” the former “The Hills” star told [People](#). “It’s really really hard on relationships so after the show, Corey [Bohan] and I really worked on what was going on with us. We spent time together.”

Audrina’s breakup with Corey may have been good for her show’s finale, but the couple has since rekindled their relationship and got back together in May.

How do you keep your job from affecting your relationship?

Cupid’s Advice:

It’s easy to let your job take over your life. Cupid has some ways to keep it from affecting your relationship:

1. Try to separate work from home: Sure, everyone has their bad days at work, but try not to bring the stress you may receive at work to your home. If your job is consistently stressing you out, it may be time to start filling out applications.

2. Balance: Although you may not have finished everything you needed to do at work before your day ended, try to make sure that when you’re home, you’re relaxing and not thinking about what you will have to do tomorrow.

3. Spend some quality time: It’s extremely necessary to get away at least every once in a while. Plan a romantic getaway to your favorite vacation spot, organize a date night including dinner and a movie, or simply head to the gym and work out together.

How do you keep your career from affecting your relationship?

Share your ideas below.

Why Men Look at Other Women



By Marcelina Hardy

How many people look at Demi Moore and think, “Wow, she is so hot!” ... and yet Ashton Kutcher couldn’t stop turning his head, body and well, everything else towards other women.

So what is it? Why do men look at other women when they have the lady of their dreams standing right beside them? Don’t worry ladies. It’s much less heart wrenching than you think, but yes, they still need to quit it.

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Creating Perfection When There Is None

No one is perfect, not even Demi Moore. Guys have this wish fulfillment that they can create the perfect woman by piecing

them together. What they do is look at the huge boobs on one girl and then places it on the tight butt of another. Then they take the perfect, long, tight legs of another girl and join it with the flat tummy of another. In their minds, pieced together, is the perfect woman. They daydream about this with all of their pieces put together.

Something is always missing though, and it never seems quite right. This is why: It's the one thing that makes them love you for who you are, no matter what you look like – your heart and soul.

See, the images they collect of other woman are just that, images. It's like taking puzzle pieces, putting them together and seeing a complete image, but they can't do anything with it. They can't have fun with that, and they aren't in love with that. They aren't attached to the image, and they just don't have any sense of belonging and care for it.

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Sure, it's exciting for them to see the “perfect woman” because it's something they created. However, the thrill is gone once they create it and realize it's not real.

Stopping the Wandering Eyes

Does that give men the right to continue to gawk over other women? No, it's disrespectful to you and to other women. The next time your man turns his head, don't make a big production about it. Wait until you're not emotionally charged about it and then calmly say:

I noticed that you looked over at that woman earlier today. I just want to let you know that it upsets me. It would make me happy if you wouldn't do that.

Do not say anything more. He will most likely feel defensive about it, but also surprised that you aren't starting trouble

over it. Watch his behavior change right before your eyes. Soon, he'll be staring at you and no other women will matter.

Are you having a difficult time communicating with your partner? Communication is essential in a healthy relationship. If you need help in your relationship, Marcelina Hardy, MEd can help. She is a relationship coach with 10 years of experience helping people improve their relationships and move on from relationship trauma. Visit her website, Relationship Repair for help.

Jennifer Garner Says She 'Would Do Anything' for Ben Affleck





The typical hollywood relationship seems to end in breakup, so what's the key to the success of Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck's seven year marriage? The key to their marriage appears to be being there for each other. But obviously, gifts don't hurt either, and Affleck makes sure to shower his wife and two daughters with jewelery. According to [People](#), Garner says that Affleck "knows when to swoop in with the gesture, He's sweet that way," and that she "would do anything for that man, because I know it's not taken for granted." Clearly, the couple is doing something right as their family continues to grow with a third child on the way.

What are some ways to keep your marriage going strong?

Cupid's Advice:

No one said that marriage is easy, but there are certainly some ways to keep your bond strong. Cupid has some tips:

1. Watch out for the little things: It might not seem like a big deal to you, but a small gesture like Affleck's jewelery giving can make your partner feel appreciated. These small gestures of love show you care.

2. Don't criticize in public: Any problems you may have with your spouse should only be with your spouse. Don't air your

dirty laundry on Twitter, like Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher did during their separation.

3. Don't give up: Garner would do anything for Affleck, and that includes continually trying to make things work in the relationship. Even if things get hard and conflict arises, continue to fight for your relationship.

What are some ways you keep your marriage strong? Share your advice below.

Kris Humphries Says He 'Doesn't Play Into the Gossip' Surrounding Ex Kim Kardashian





Their quick marriage and much-talked-about divorce may be making the headlines still, but Kris Humphries says he doesn't pay the gossip about his situation with Kim Kardashian much mind. "I think that if people know me they know who I am and what I stand for," he said, according to [Hollyscoop](#). "I'm a fun guy and I don't play into the gossip. That's life." There's also much speculation that the couple's relationship deteriorated as a result of it being plastered all over reality TV. To those assumptions, Humphries says, "I can't say for sure. It's the only time I've been married. [But] I've been in front of cameras on the NBA since I was 19."

How do you keep from participating in drama after a breakup?

Cupid's Advice:

After a breakup, you're no doubt hurt and sometimes angry. However, it's important to keep those feelings in check instead of unleashing them in a wave of drama. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Count to 10:** When you're about to say something mean-spirited directly to your ex or behind his or her back, take a minute to think about it first. Spur of the moment comments are often times regretted.

2. Take a step back: Right after a split, it's important to take a breather for a while. Avoid going to the places you know your ex or their friends hang out, and surround yourself with close friends and family.

3. Institute a checks and balances: Give your friends the job of watching your every move. If they see you're about to text your ex, have them stop you. Make them the angel on your shoulder.

How did you keep from participating in drama after a breakup? Share your ideas below.

**Engaged Couple Ernie
Halvorsen and Cindy Chiang
Win The Amazing Race**





On Sunday's finale of *The Amazing Race* on CBS, only one pair could emerge victorious. The winners were engaged Chicago couple Ernie Halvorsen and Cindy Chiang, winning the \$1 million prize. According to [RadarOnline](#), Halvorsen and Chiang managed to arrive first at the finish line after "landing a jet liner in a flight simulator, locating the house of *Gone With the Wind* author Margaret Mitchell and connecting the dots of their journey on a map above Turner Field." Chiang thanked all her fans via Twitter saying, "What a crazy ride!!"

What are some goals to work toward as a couple?

Cupid's Advice:

As important as it is to have goals when you're single, it's just as important to set goals as a couple. Achieving them becomes all the sweeter! Cupid has some things to work toward with your partner:

1. Living space: You and your partner should have a goal in mind of where you want to live. Whether it's together or separately, have your living arrangements figured out.

2. Financial goals: Make sure you and your sweetheart know what expectations you have when it comes to money. If you have the same financial goals in mind, you're more likely to

be on the same page when it comes to spending money.

3. Future goals: What do you and your partner have in mind for the future? Make sure you both know if you're on the same page with things like marriage, kids and travel.

What are some goals you have with your significant other? Share your thoughts below.

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt Celebrate Her Film with Dinner



In celebration of the premiere of her new movie, *In the Land of Blood and Honey*, Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt celebrated at Magnolia Restaurant in Hollywood along with the cast of the film and Jolie's

brother, according to [People](#). The couple made it to the premiere after being in New York to take their kids toy shopping.

What are some ways to congratulate your partner on an achievement?

Cupid's Advice:

When celebrating your lover's achievement, it's important to do something special and out of the ordinary. Cupid has some suggestions:

1. Out on the town: Instead of driving yourselves to the bar or club, call a limo to take you there. It's important to show your partner just how important they are to you.

2. Staying in: If you can't afford to go all out, then do something special around the house, such as a candlelit dinner coupled with a free back massage.

3. Weekend getaway: If your partner has been working hard for their success, then perhaps it's time to celebrate by escaping for a weekend. Consider staying at a resort that features a spa for relaxation.

What do you do to celebrate your partner's successes? Share your thoughts below.

Top Five Ski Destinations for Celebrity Couples



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As evidenced by the popularity of ski resorts like Park City, Utah and Telluride, Colorado, [celebrity couples](#) love sneaking away for a snowy romantic vacation – and what’s not to love? Afternoons spent on the slopes of a majestic mountain and evenings spent snuggling up by a fire or exploring the local nightlife make for a perfect wintery holiday.

When temperatures drop and snow begins to fall, there is sure to be an influx of Hollywood couples at the following ski destinations:

1. Aspen, Colorado: The slopes of Ajax Mountain or Snowmass are often teeming with celebrity duos – although it may be hard to spot these famous faces when they’re covered in scarves and snow goggles. Celebrity couple Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell keep a house here, often inviting children Oliver

and [Kate Hudson](#) and their families to join them.

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2. Park City, Utah: Although this winter wonderland is a popular destination for tourists and celebrities alike, the rich and famous come out in droves during the Sundance Film Festival. Married celebrity couple Justin Timberlake and [Jessica Biel](#) have been long-time snowboarders and enjoyed a snowy getaway here early on in their relationship. Although these two are now celebrity exes, Gwen Stefani and Gavin Rossdale, who played a concert during the Deer Valley Celebrity Skifest in 2011, took their oldest son Kingston to Deer Valley in Park City for a day of family fun on the slopes.

3. Whistler, British Columbia, Canada: Whistler, known as the host of some of the 2010 Olympic Winter Games, is as popular for its nightlife as for its 7,000 acres of ski-worthy terrain. Seal proposed to Heidi Klum here in 2004, while Paris Hilton and boy-toy of the past Doug Reinhardt took advantage of the skiing, snowboarding and sledding during a snow-filled vacation in 2009.

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4. Telluride, Colorado: This snowy spot is a favorite playground of the rich and famous, perhaps because of its particularly remote location. Oprah Winfrey recently sold her "log cabin" here, and before their [celebrity divorce](#), Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes would steal away for a romantic getaway to their home away from home in Mountain Village, a sister town connected to Telluride by a free gondola.

5. Chamonix, France: Located in the French Alps, Chamonix, known as the birth place of skiing, is one of the most popular ski resorts in Europe. In addition to the unbeatable snow and challenging trails of Mont Blanc, the city is known for its apres-ski offerings as well: great French food and a cozy

village atmosphere. David and Victoria Beckham often choose this spot for a family vacation.

What is your favorite snowy spot for a romantic getaway? Share your thoughts below.

Khloe Kardashian and Lamar Odom Prepare to Move to Dallas



It looks like the Kardashians will be taking over Dallas, Texas, as Khloe prepares to relocate in order to follow her hubby, NBA star Lamar Odom. Odom, who is now a former L.A. Laker, was traded late Saturday and will now be a Dallas Maverick. The Kardashians are a very close family, and People.com reported

that Khloe has mixed feelings about the move. “We are all sad but positive energy gets you farther than negative,” Khloe told a Twitter follower. However, later she posted, “I have no doubt about it! I am excited :) I know this is for a reason.”

How do you remain close with your family when you must relocate for your spouse’s new job?

Cupid’s Advice:

Just because you’re moving doesn’t mean you have to lose contact with your loved ones, especially with all the technology that we have today. Visiting each other is an obvious option, but Cupid has some tips to keeping close with your family and friends while you’re apart:

- 1. Hear them:** Everyone has a cell phone these days, which means hearing each others’ voices is just a phone call away.
- 2. See them:** If you don’t have a web cam built into your computer, then invest in one. Video chats are more intimate than phone calls, and this way you can actually see each other.
- 3. Feel them:** The art of writing a good old fashioned letter is dying, but the anticipation of waiting for a letter in the mail from a loved one is still very much alive. Letters are very intimate, and you can feel each others’ personalities within the words. A letter is also something you can save to read when you’re having a bad day or missing your family.

How do you keep a long-distance relationship with your family? Share your comments below.

Rumor: Are Ashton Kutcher and Lea Michele Dating?



Co-stars Lea Michele and Ashton Kutcher were very friendly and hands on at a red carpet premiere of their new holiday film, *New Year's Eve*. According to [Hollyscoop](#), the two had nothing, but admiration for each other. Although, Michele may have been a little more star-struck than newly divorced Kutcher, as the *Glee* actress said her co-star was out of her league. Will Michele and Kutcher will be kissing at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve?

What are some ways to attract the attention of someone "out of your league"?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes we may feel that someone is out of our league because of money, status, age or education. The truth is, you can make anyone fall in love with the real you. If these

steps don't work, then you may be dating someone who doesn't appreciate the genuine you:

1. Smarts: There is nothing sexier and equalizing than a person's brains. Show off your smarts, but don't be cocky.

2. Conversate: A person who has a lot to say can win over anyone. Just be sure that you know what you're talking about! Communication is key to any relationship.

3. Be yourself: Since we don't have gene altering machines like Steve Urkel, be yourself. Lies will just lead to a break-up even before your relationship starts.

Have you ever changed to get the attention of someone you liked? Share your thoughts below.