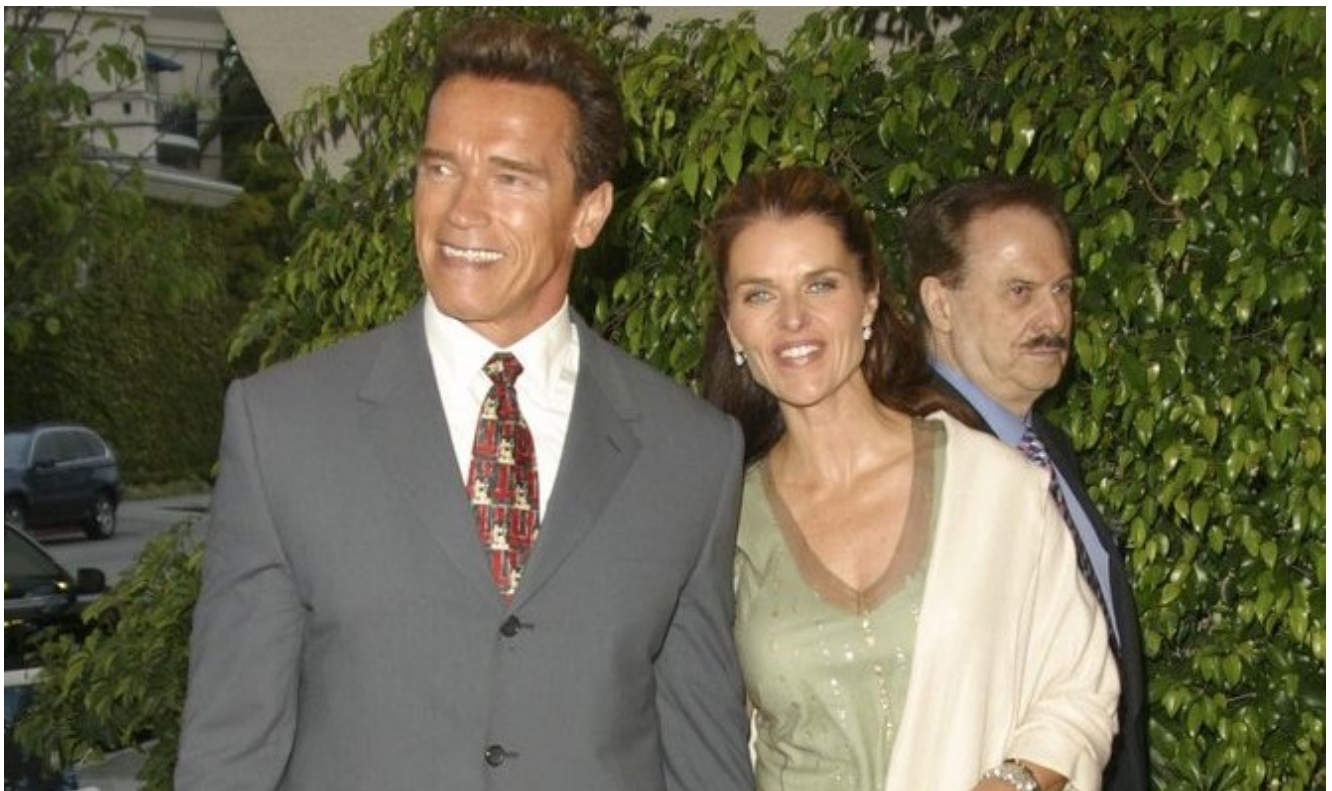


Arnold Schwarzenegger to Give Maria Shriver Generous Settlement



Looks like Arnold Schwarzenegger still feels guilty over the end of his 25 year marriage to ex Maria Shriver. According to [RadarOnline](#), the ex-governor is prepared to give his ex a hefty settlement in the divorce, much more than is required under California state law. Both Schwarzenegger and Shriver's lawyers seem to be getting along and are working together to come to a joint settlement. Schwarzenegger said he is the one to blame for the collapse of his marriage, and he is willing to give Shriver whatever she needs. He's also filing for joint custody of the couple's sons, which is a decision Shriver agrees with because she still wants her ex to remain a

major part of their children's lives. It's so sad to see the end of such a seemingly perfect marriage, but at least the pair are putting their differences aside to do what is best for their children and themselves.

How do you show your ex that you still care?

Cupid's Advice:

It's tough to show your ex that you still care about him or her whether you went through a rough break-up or even a major divorce. Luckily, Cupid has some tips on how to show your ex that you still care:

1. Admit you're wrong: By standing up and realizing you messed up and taking responsibility for what happened, you show your partner that you not only feel horrible for what you did, but also that you do care about him or her and his or her feelings. If you and your ex aren't on speaking terms, take a tip from "Mr. Big" in Sex and the City the movie and write a letter to your ex to express how you feel.

2. Make it up: You can't fix what's already broken, but you can do the next best thing and try to make the best out of the situation. Take a tip from Arnold Schwarzenegger and be willing to give a little extra in the divorce settlement.

3. Be happy for your ex: Don't try to get in the way of your ex's happiness. Allow him or her to move on. By doing this, it shows you care and there are no hard feelings between the two of you.

How do you show your ex that you still care? Tell us your thoughts below!

Date Idea: Star Gaze on The Beach



What's more romantic than lying under the stars with your boo? Pretty close to nothing! Summer is the perfect time to live out your dating fantasies, and what better way to do this than by star gazing at the beach?

Don't dress for a day to play in the sand, but instead wear some comfy clothes and bring a nice blanket to cuddle up in with your beau. It'll guard against the cool breeze that comes off the water at night, and it'll also be a good excuse for the two of you to snuggle closer.

Pack a bottle of wine and some dinner to create your own romance scene. You can even set the mood with some slow music or even a cute playlist that the two of you created together,

some inscents,or even a few candles. Now tell me that doesn't sound like a story book ending!

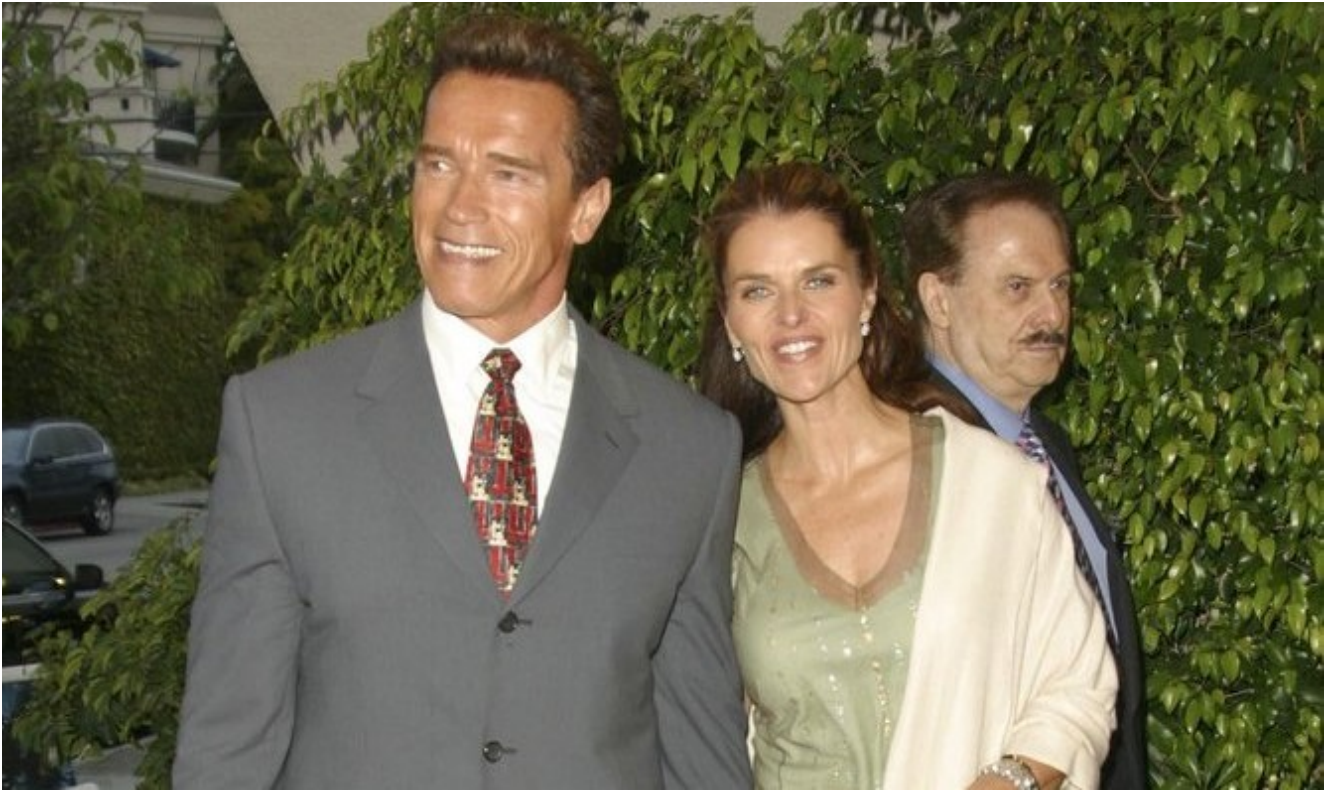
And what better way to finish off the night than by wishing upon a star? Your wish may just come true, whether it be for true love or simply another date. If you feel like totally sweeping someone off of his or her feet, why not get a star named after them? That's a scene straight out of *A Walk To Remember* starring Mandy Moore.

No matter what you decide to do on a starry night, the most important thing you can do is embrace the love that is in the air and enjoy the person by your side.

Have any ideas of your own for a starry night? Comment below, and share with our readers.

Brad Pitt Says Every Individual Has a Right to Marry





Brad Pitt, who once said in an interview that he and Angelina Jolie wouldn't get married until everyone had the same rights, gave a statement to *People* on the recent legalization of same sex marriage in New York. He said that although it's encouraging that New York granted equal marriage rights to its citizens, every American has the Constitutional right to marry whomever they love, regardless of the state they reside in. He believes that someday this discrimination will end and everyone will have the equal right to marriage.

What are the benefits of getting married versus just living together?

Cupid's Advice:

Ever wondered why getting married is important for some people? Believe it or not, people benefit more when they get married compared to just living together. Here are three reasons why:

1. Commitment: When you're married, there is a commitment to make your relationship work. However, when you're only living

with your partner, there isn't a strong desire to make things work when an argument arises. It's easier to just give up.

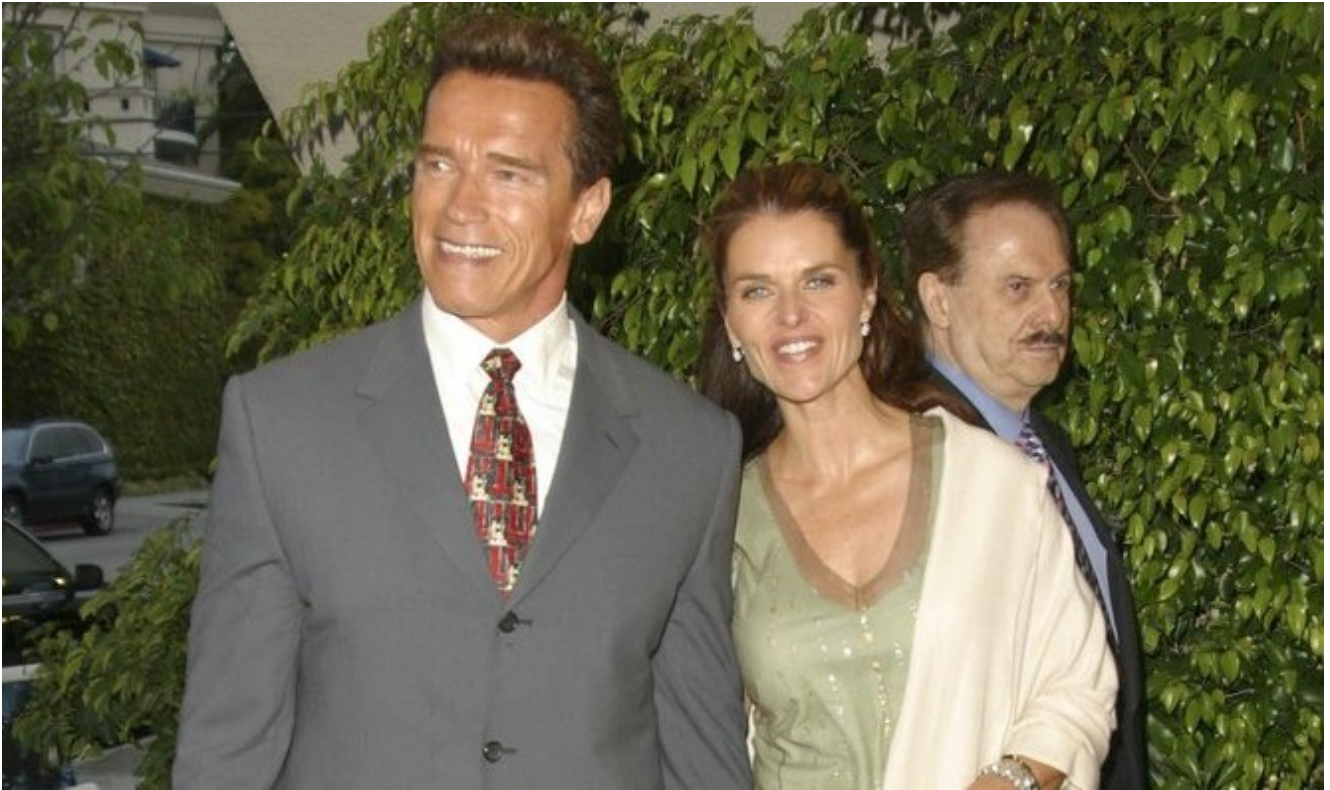
2. Financially successful: When you're married, you share everything: furniture, food, etc. This means you'll save more money than you would if you were just living with your significant other.

3. Live longer: Statistics revealed that married couples live longer than those who are single. Why? It might be because there is always a woman to take care of the man.

Why do you think being married is better than simply cohabiting? Let us know in a comment below.

David and Victoria Beckham Celebrate 12th Wedding Anniversary





July 4th is a day of extravagant celebration that's incredibly hyped every year. Not only is it America's Independence Day, but it also marks the day that David and Victoria Beckham said "I do." This year, the couple celebrated twelve years of marriage. The soccer star told RadarOnline.com, "It's a special day for us, it always has been and always will be." The couple has all the more reason to be ecstatic, with a baby girl on the way.

How do you make your anniversary special after a number of years together?

Cupid's Advice:

Your wedding anniversary is such a special day. It's a commemoration of the meaningful moments spent between you and your partner and your future together. Here's how Cupid thinks you can make your day truly unforgettable:

1. Relive your first date: Rekindle the romance and go to the same place where you spent your very first date together. Relive the day that marked the first of many special moments together.

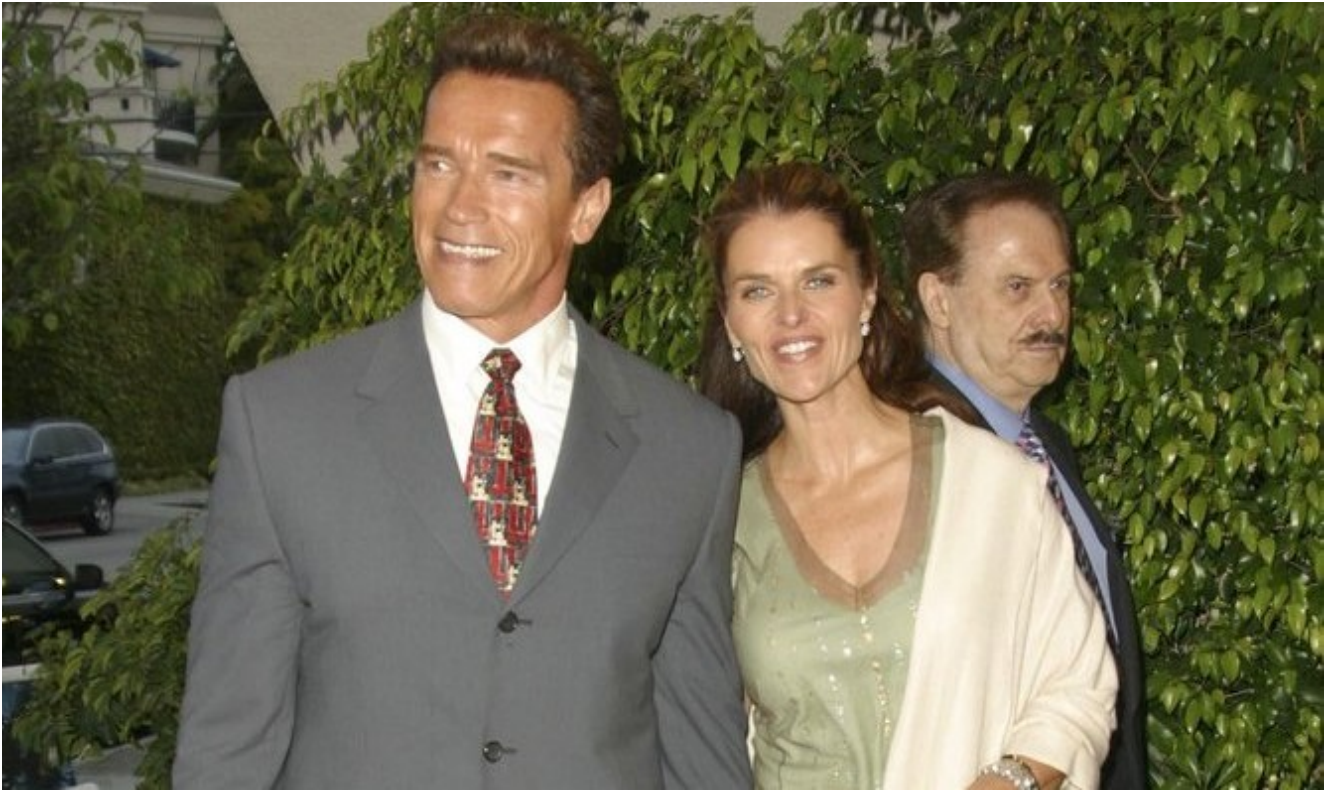
2. Make a wedding day scrapbook: Gather up all the photos from your wedding day and arrange them into an album or scrapbook. You can also add new images by going for an anniversary photo shoot. Mark the passing time with a smile.

3. Prepare free love coupons: Be romantic and make some free love coupons to give to your partner on your anniversary. It's a sweet idea. Just be creative!

What are some things you can do to make your anniversary extra memorable? Share your thoughts. Don't be shy!

Nick Lachey Explains Why He's Marrying Vanessa Minnillo on TV





It's official! Nick Lachey and Vanessa Minnilo have agreed to have their wedding recorded live, according to UsMagazine.com. However, Lachey admits that having cameras at their wedding wasn't an easy decision. "We kind of wrestled with that for a while, for obvious reasons," he told reporters Saturday during his bachelor party at TAO in Las Vegas. "Having done reality TV in the past, I didn't necessarily want to jump right back into it without having thought it through to great length, and we did." A reason the singer agreed to have cameras on his special day was because they weren't going to stay there for long. "It's a one-off special; a chance to kind of have a great experience and a great moment in our lives documented on TV, and also for us, to have a great wedding video at the end of it," he said of their TLC wedding special, which will be broadcast shortly after the couple swaps vows.

What are the advantages of having your wedding recorded?

Cupid's Advice:

Your wedding day is special and is one of the most important

days of your life. It's a day that couples want to cherish and what better way to do that than to have it recorded? Here's why:

1. Memories: Having your special day recorded means you'll be able to relive the moment over and over again. If things start getting tough, remind yourself about how happy you were on your wedding day.

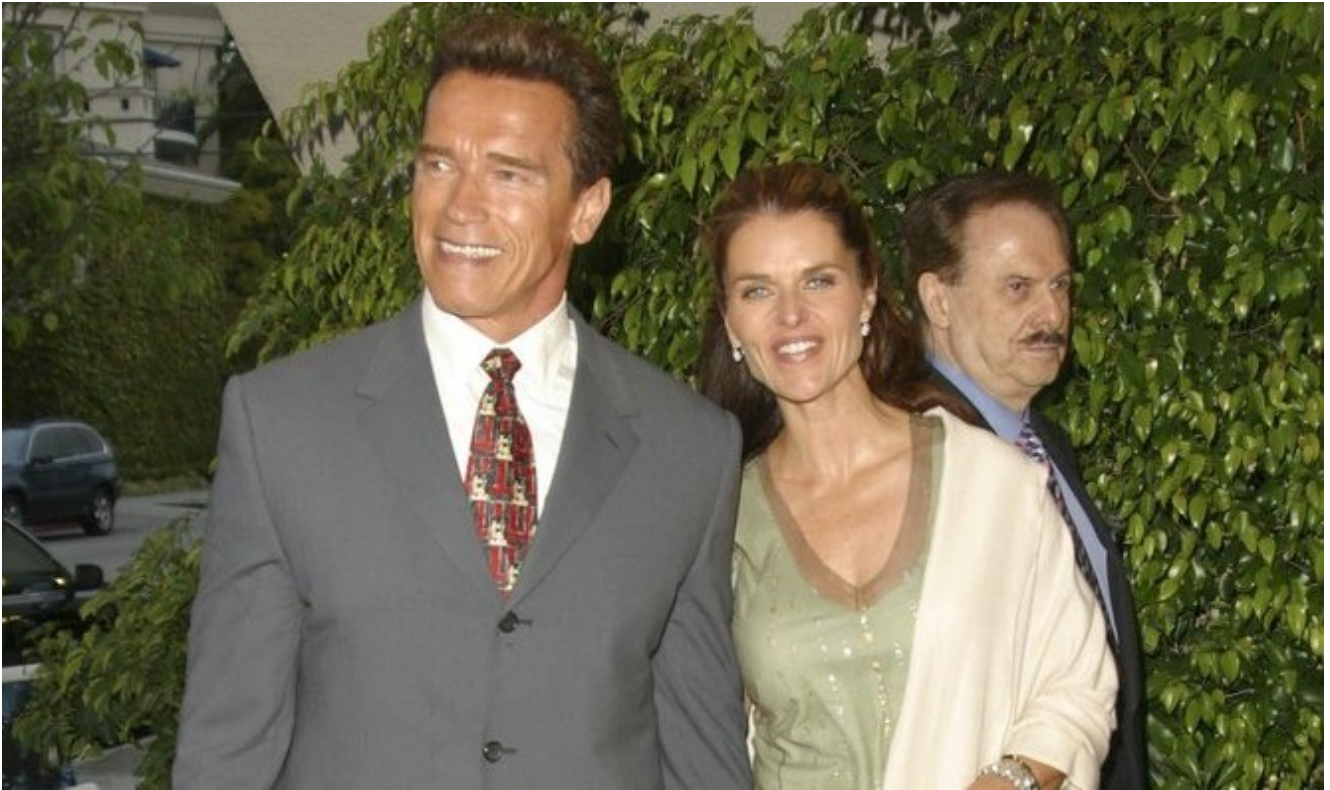
2. Friends and family: You may not hang out with your friends and family as much as you used to, and a wedding video will allow you to see your loved ones all together on your special day.

3. Pass it down: You can pass your wedding video on to your children so they can see the day you were married.

Is there a specific reason why you or someone you know recorded their wedding? Let us know in a comment below.

Prince William Beats Kate In Canadian Dragonboat Race





When it comes to competition, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge are the folks to focus on right now. Prince William and Kate Middleton went head to head in a dragon boat race across Dalvay Lake in Canada Monday, according to [People](#). The pair, who enjoy battling it out in tennis and other sports as well, showed off their competitive spirits at the Prince Edward Island boat race, in which they led teams of local athletes.

Is competition in a relationship healthy?

Cupid's Advice:

Playful competition is no problem, but if it gets too serious, put an end to it quickly. Here are some tips from Cupid:

- 1. Keep it simple:** Not all competition is bad. You and your honey can play a few games of your choice and be able to spice it up by adding a little competition without getting too serious.
- 2. Be mindful:** Check your surroundings at all times and keep in mind that people watch the way you and your significant

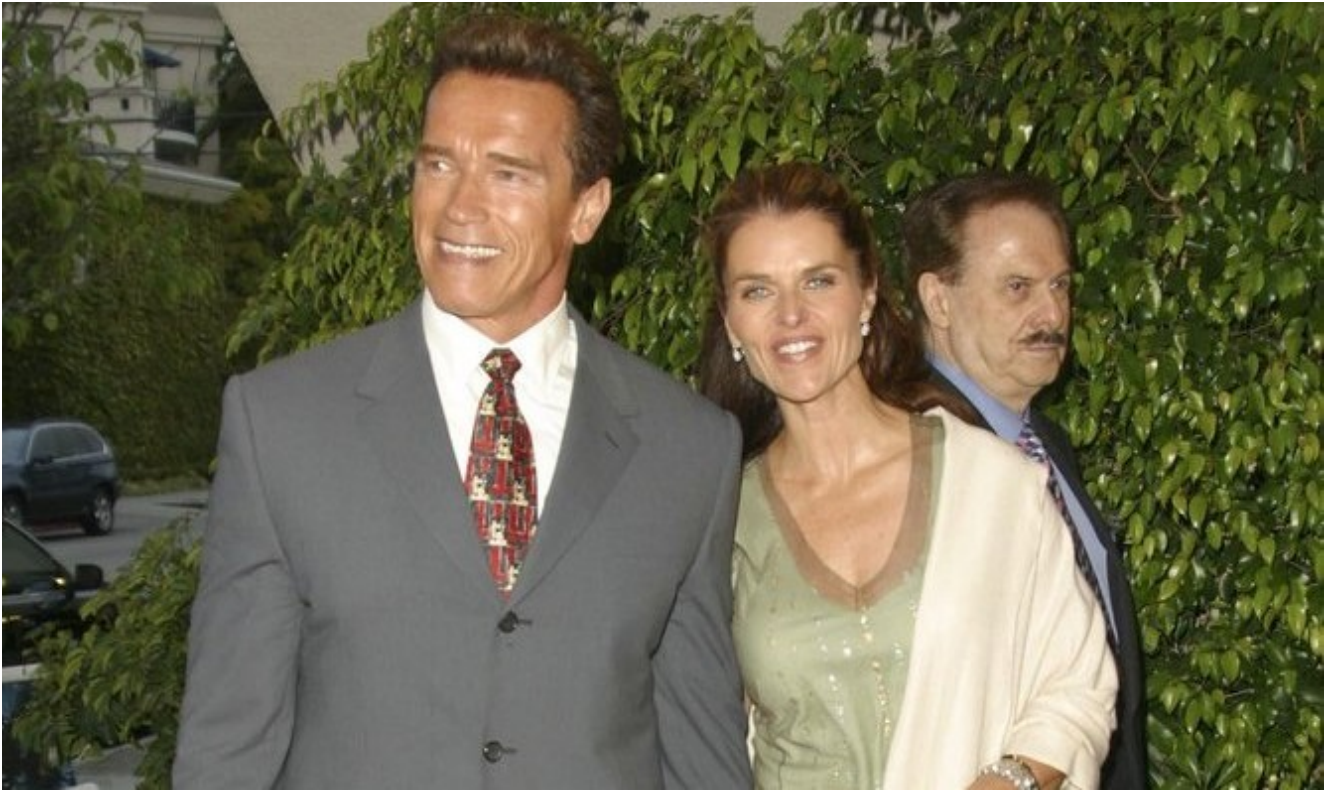
other interact with each other. If you can't keep the competition friendly, people will automatically assume there's some tension or jealousy going on in your relationship.

3. Don't forget: A relationship takes give and take. It's not all about you. Know what you have in your lover and cherish that. This should avoid any unnecessary competition.

How do you and your mate refrain from taking competition too far? Share in a comment below.

Nick Lachey Has 3-Day Vegas Bachelor Party





Nick Lachey, 37, had the luxury of having a 3-day bachelor party in Las Vegas this past weekend. And though “whatever happens in Vegas stays in Vegas” is the typical cliché that comes to mind, Vanessa Minnillo assured UsMagazine.com that this bachelor’s party was far from *The Hangover*’s tumultuous adventure. Minnillo kept her presence known when Lachey received a black and red layered cake with a ball and a chain on top that was shackled to a mini Lachey’s leg. It read, “Property of Vanessa.”

What are the perks of having a bachelor/bachelorette party in Las Vegas?

Cupid’s Advice:

Bachelor/bachelorette parties are your last chance at splurging on fun before you’re married. Celebrate for the moment, as well as for the future!

1. Money money money moonaaay: Las Vegas is all about the green stuff. What’s better than doing some legal gambling and winning money right before you get married?

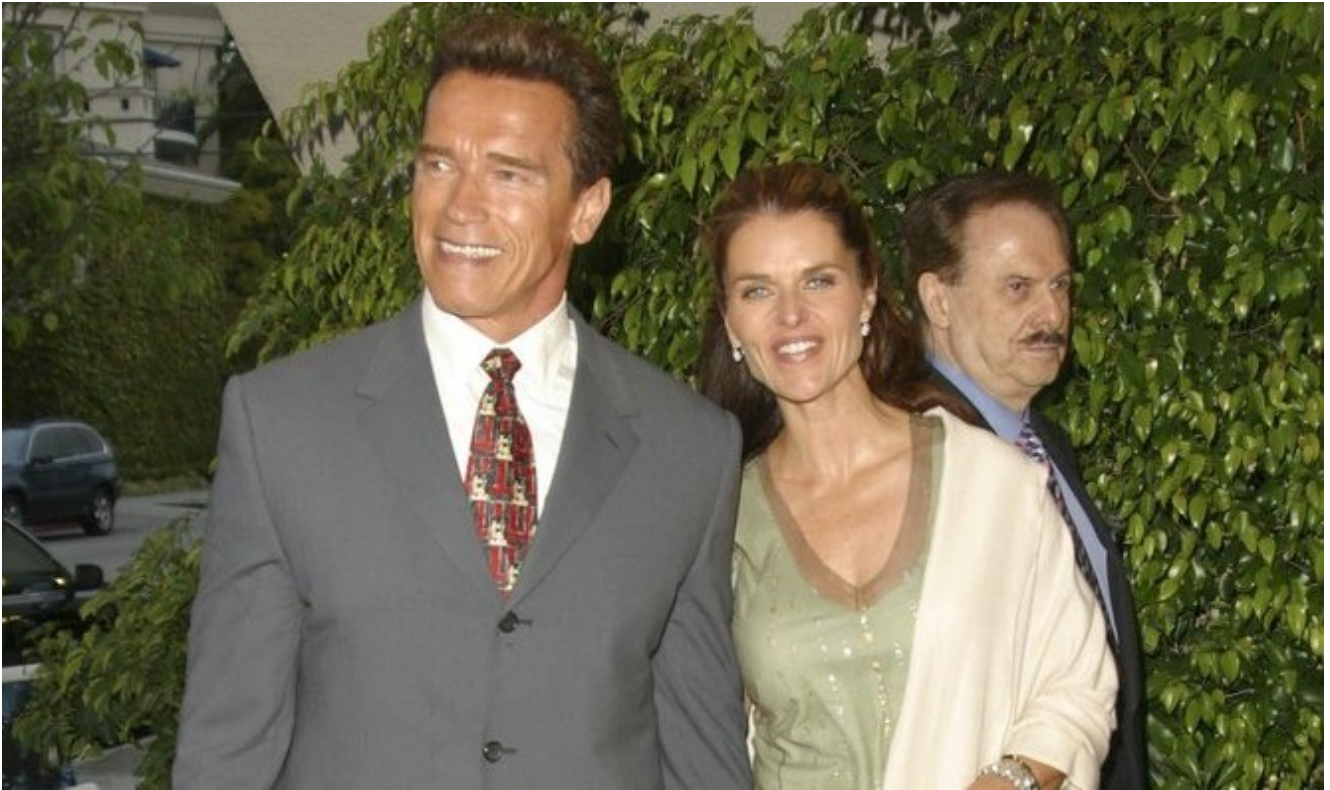
2. Live entertainment: Not only do you have the joy of being with your longtime friends, enjoying old memories and dreaming about a future-to-be, but you have the entertainment of some of Vegas' most popular shows, like burlesque!

3. Food galore!: What has high quality food, at affordable prices? Vegas. Vegas has it all. Check out the multiple buffets in all the casinos on the strip.

Have some memories of a bachelor or bachelorette party in Sin City? Share it with Cupid below!

Nick Lachey and Vanessa Minnillo Want Kids Soon





It seems that Nick Lachey is another one of the celebrity hunks who would now like to be a dad. Lachey, who is in a relationship with Vanessa Minnillo, is looking forward to having children, one of the reasons being that his age is beginning to show no mercy. "I'll be 38 this year, so it's one of those things that I'm certainly behind the eight-ball on," he told [People](#). Not only is a baby on his mind, but a wedding is as well. The ceremony, which will be a taped TLC special, will be a very special start to Lachey's dream of having a loving family.

What are the benefits of having children later in life?

Cupid's Advice:

Some people wait a very long time before having children, whereas others choose to have them early on. Cupid has some thoughts on why having children later in life may be a good thing:

1. Stability: If you wait a while to have a child, you will allow yourself to have grown economically, mentally and

emotionally. You won't have to deal with the extra moodiness that comes with being a teen and the financial struggles that come with first jobs.

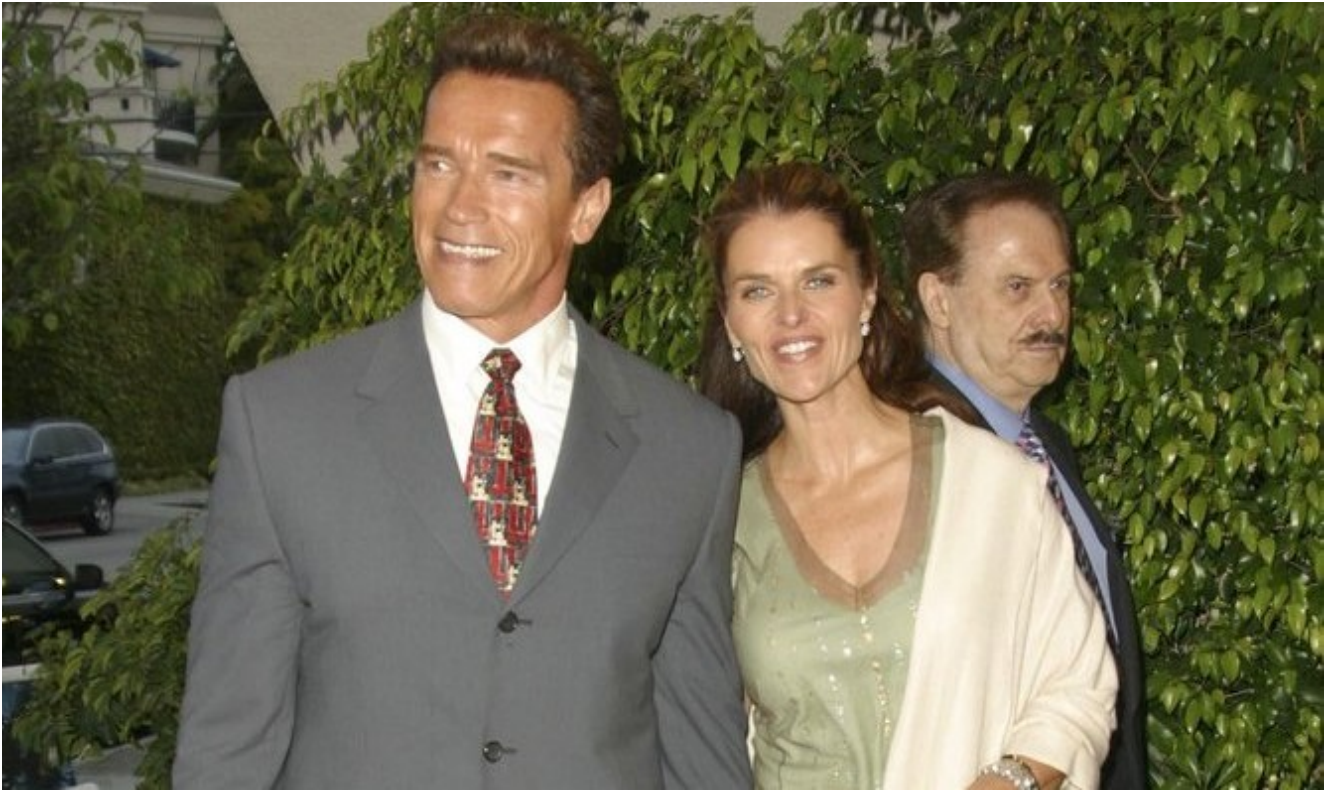
2. Youth: By putting off having children, you'll be giving yourself a chance to experience and enjoy your youth without having to sacrifice for someone else. You'll avoid "growing up too fast." Being young only lasts for a short time, so enjoy it while you can.

3. Fit as ever: Saving a baby for later keeps your figure in shape while you're young. We all know the hassle of staying fit. Why not have nice bodies last while they still can?

Did you have a child later in life? Share your experience below.

Newly Single Lauren Conrad Gets a Hair Makeover





Fresh from her breakup, Lauren Conrad is trying a fresh new hairdo, reports UsMagazine.com. *The Hills* alum asked fans to vote on her blog whether she should get temporary multi-colored streaks in her hair or not. After an overwhelmingly positive response, Conrad blogged, "You voted and I did it. Thanks for playing." The 25-year-old author and designer broke up with *My Boys* actor Kyle Howard in June, leaving her "heartbroken," according to a source.

How can you re-vamp your outlook on life post-breakup?

Cupid's Advice:

After ending a relationship, sometimes you need to re-adjust your life. Cupid has some ideas on how to change your frame of mind after a breakup:

1. Take a trip: If you take some time off and go somewhere new, your perspective on things might change. Traveling will give you time to think and reevaluate your life.

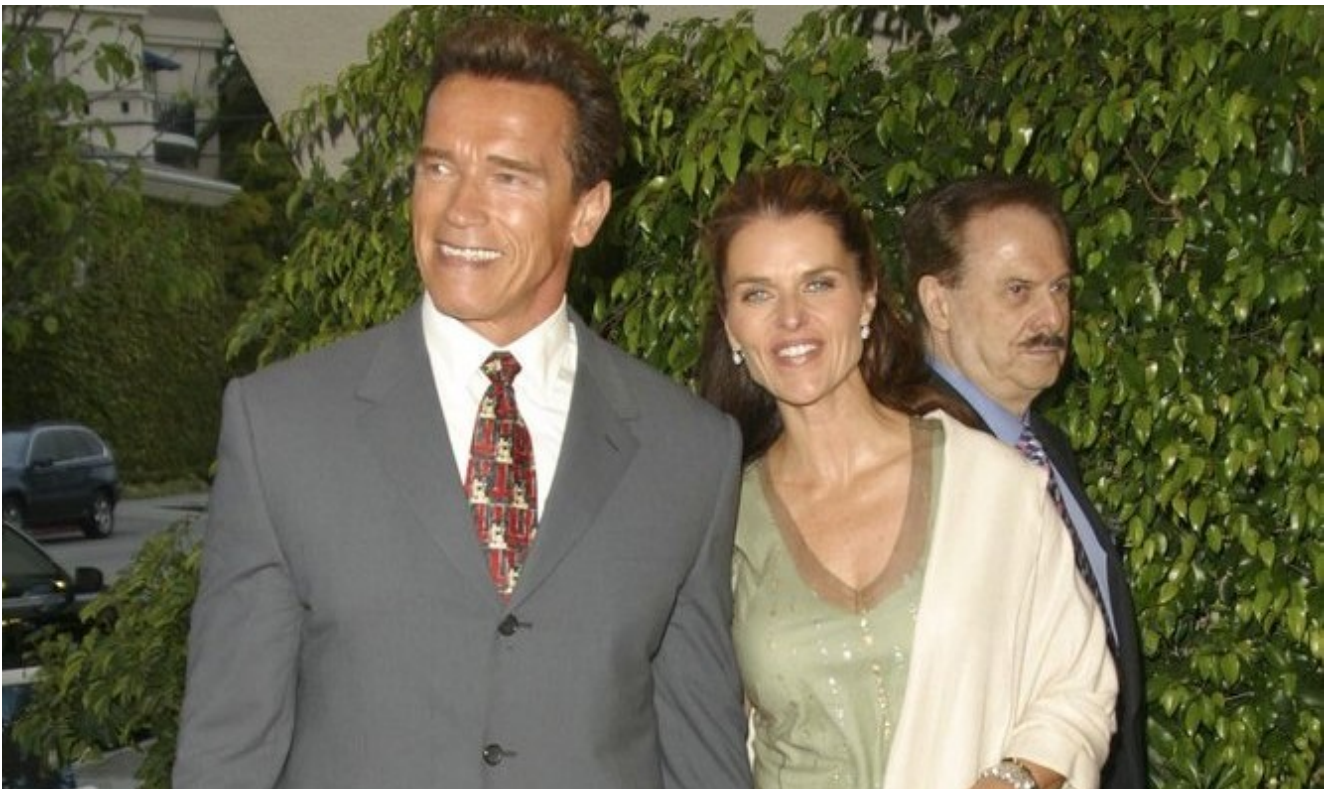
2. Have a makeover: Upgrade your look like Lauren Conrad, and you'll end up upgrading your outlook. Try a new hairstyle or

some new outfits and you'll feel like a new person.

3. Date: Rebound relationships are usually a bad idea. But going on a couple of first dates with new people will help you remember that there are other opportunities out there.

What do you do to gain perspective after a breakup? Share your comments below.

Lessons To Learn from Hugh Hefner and Crystal Harris



By Single City Guy

As we all know, Hugh Hefner has gone through another breakup. His ex-fiancée, Crystal Harris, dumped Hugh days before their wedding. Hugh had his reaction to the situation, causing everyone to laugh and then sympathize. For a man who started an empire based on beautiful women, it's hard to believe he still hasn't found "the one." In honor of the Hef, here are three lessons we can learn from the now-ended relationship:

Don't Give Up Everything Unless It's Worth It

Crystal Harris came into the light after the reign of Hef's ex-girlfriends Holly Madison, Bridget Marquardt and Kendra Wilkinson, the original *Girls Next Door*. This also comes after Holly and Hugh's relationship (a whole other drama-filled story, which we won't get into). Originally, Crystal wasn't alone, as she filled the role of the head girl, paired with twin sisters. Eventually, Hef gave up the twins to focus all of his attention on Crystal. While giving up extra girlfriends isn't exactly what I'd call noble, Hugh was willing to give up a part of his lifestyle to please the one he loved. Everyone has done this at some point in their lives. We've given up something we're used to in order to appease another.

Before making sacrifices, here are two questions you should ask yourself: 1) Is he or she worth it? and 2) What is he or she giving up?

Know What You're Getting Into

I'm often surprised by the breakup stories that I hear. It seems that a lot of them stem from one member of the couple thinking that the other should make drastic changes for him or her. The thing is, if you're a Boston Red Sox fan and you fall in love with a New York Yankees fan, he or she isn't going to change team allegiance just because of you. You have two choices when it comes to a relationship: either accept who

someone is, for what they are, or don't date them!

When Crystal Harris told [People](#), "It doesn't make sense to have so many women around, but still have a marriage," she has a very valid point! If she were talking to any other guy, *but* Hugh Hefner, I would agree with her statement 100 percent.

However, Hugh had been living the same lifestyle for a long time prior to meeting Crystal. She knew his style before getting married, but chose to ignore it until the last possible moment.

When Life Gives You Lemons, Find A New Date

At 85, you would think a guy would give up on finding new women in his life. Not Hugh Hefner. It's the reason every guy admires him and hopes to be just like him. In the last six years, Hugh has had six different girlfriends, and according to reports, is on girlfriend number seven. The lesson here is, when everything is down and out, try, try, again.

Single City Guy is a 30-something blogger, from New York City, who writes about dating in the city from the male perspective. Having started the blog in his late twenties, Single City Guy is written a way to help bridge the gap that existed for male dating advice, while providing a male voice in the world of dating blogs.

Salma Hayek's Husband Is Baby Daddy to Linda Evangelista's

Son



Surprise, surprise! It turns out that Salma Hayek's husband François-Henri Pinault is the father of Linda Evangelista's son Augustin James. The allegation, filed by Evangelista, has been confirmed and, according to a [People](#) insider, "All that's left is for a magistrate to go over the father's filings and make a determination of support, which will last until the child is 21." The court papers were filed in New York, where the law demands that 17 percent of a father's earnings go toward child support. The businessman's salary in 2010 was \$5.4 million, so it doesn't take a math wiz to figure out that it's a generous amount of kaching.

How do you bond with your partner's children from a previous relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Being in a relationship with someone who already has children can be tricky. It takes a lot of patience to establish a relationship with the child in question and determine exactly what role it is that you play in his or her life. Cupid has some advice.

1. Be patient: Don't hold your breath as you wait for the child to roll out the welcome carpet. It'll take a while before he or she will accept your presence. Time is key.

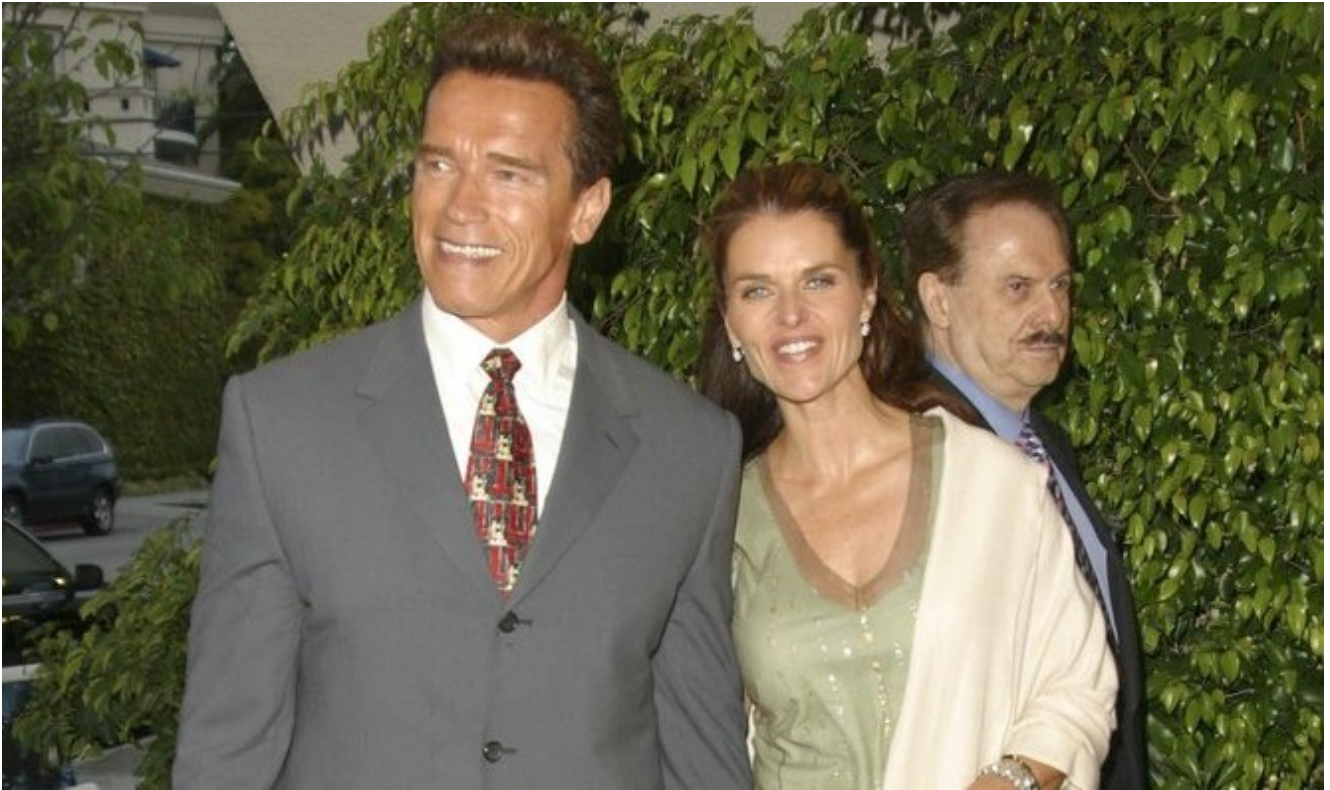
2. Be nice: Be friendly and playful with the child. Don't be bossy, and don't try to discipline because it isn't your place. You want to be more of a friend than a parent, or you may be met with resentment.

3. Be understanding: While it's tough for you to figure out your place in the relationship with your partner's child, it's even more distressing for the young one. You should let the kid know that it's okay if he or she dislikes you. Being open about it will help gain the child's trust.

How do you relate to your partner's child? Share your ideas.

'Teen Mom 2' Star Leah Messer Rekindles Romance With Ex-Boyfriend





It looks like *Teen Mom 2* star Leah Messer has patched things up with her ex-boyfriend Robbie Kidd just days after finalizing her divorce from Corey Simms in mid-June, according to UsMagazine.com. Following their ups and downs of parenting on the show, Messer, 19, and her ex-hubby Simms, 20, share custody of their 18-month-old twins, Aliannah and Aleeah. However, Simms doesn't seem to care much about having a family life with Messer. A source claims that Simms isn't fazed by his ex's new love and is "not interested in reconciling."

What are some things to think about when deciding whether to go back to your ex?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes you have to forget what you want and remember what you deserve. Cupid has some things to consider before going back to an ex:

1. Make a list: Take a stroll down memory lane. Jot down a list of all the good you and your ex had, and then do the same for the bad. Obviously if the bad outweighs the good, you shouldn't want to go back.

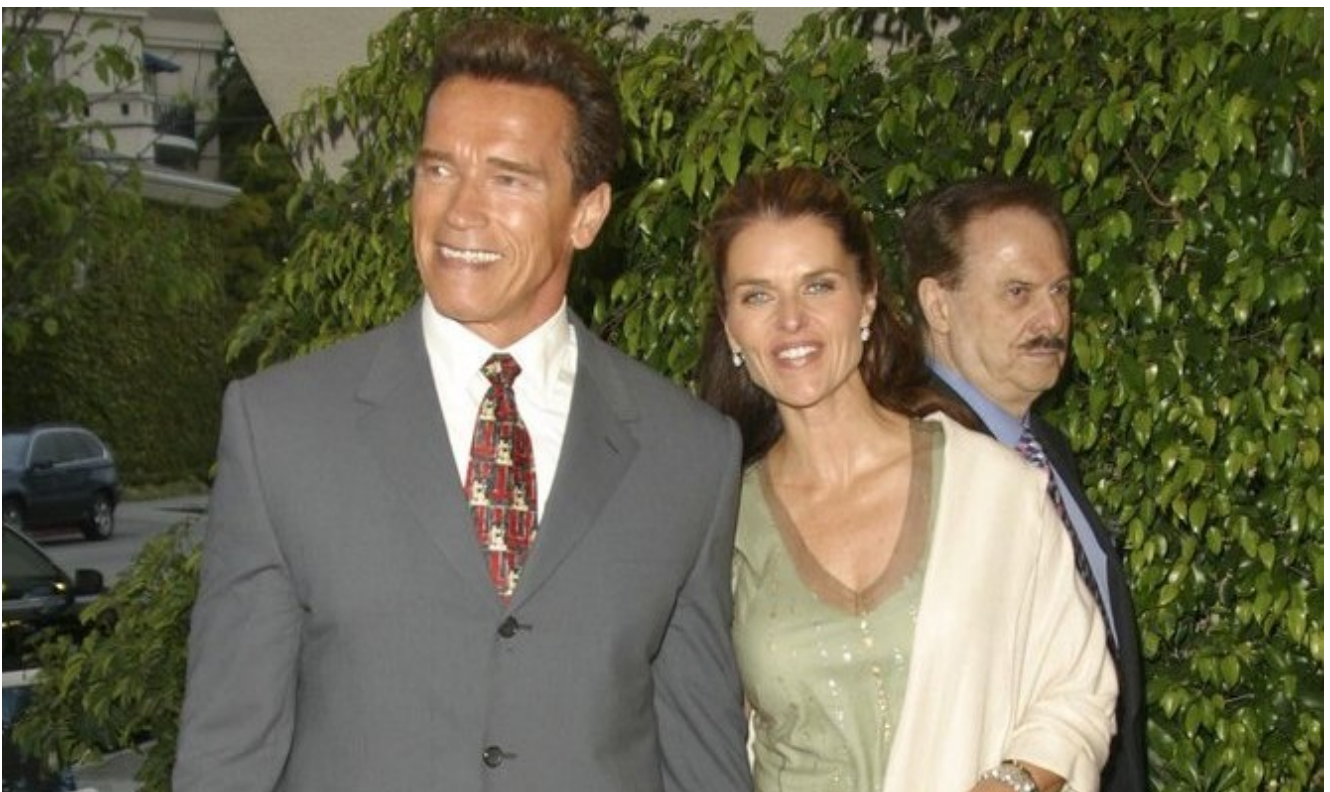
2. Talk to them: Get the heaviest things on your chest off of it. Without playing the "Blame Game," tell him or her how you feel about the break-up and see if he or she is on the same

page as you.

3. Decision time: Put yourself first. How did your ex make you feel? How did he or she treat you? Before you make that choice, do some soul searching. Just because you love him or her, that doesn't necessarily mean that's who you're meant to be with. Stop. Think. Know your worth.

How did you decide to get back together with your ex? Share your experiences below.

Hugh Hefner Introduces Second New Girlfriend Shera Bechard



A few days before walking down the aisle, Crystal Harris had a change of heart and called off her wedding to Hugh Hefner.

The 85-year-old *Playboy* founder has wasted no time weeping over his broken heart. According to [People](#), a week after calling Anna Sophia Berglund his “new girl,” he introduced Shera Bechard as his new girlfriend as well.

Is it healthy to date someone new after ending a serious relationship?

Cupid’s Advice:

Just because your close relationship came to an end, it doesn’t mean that you can never date again. Here’s how you can decide if you’re ready to re-enter the dating world without rebounding:

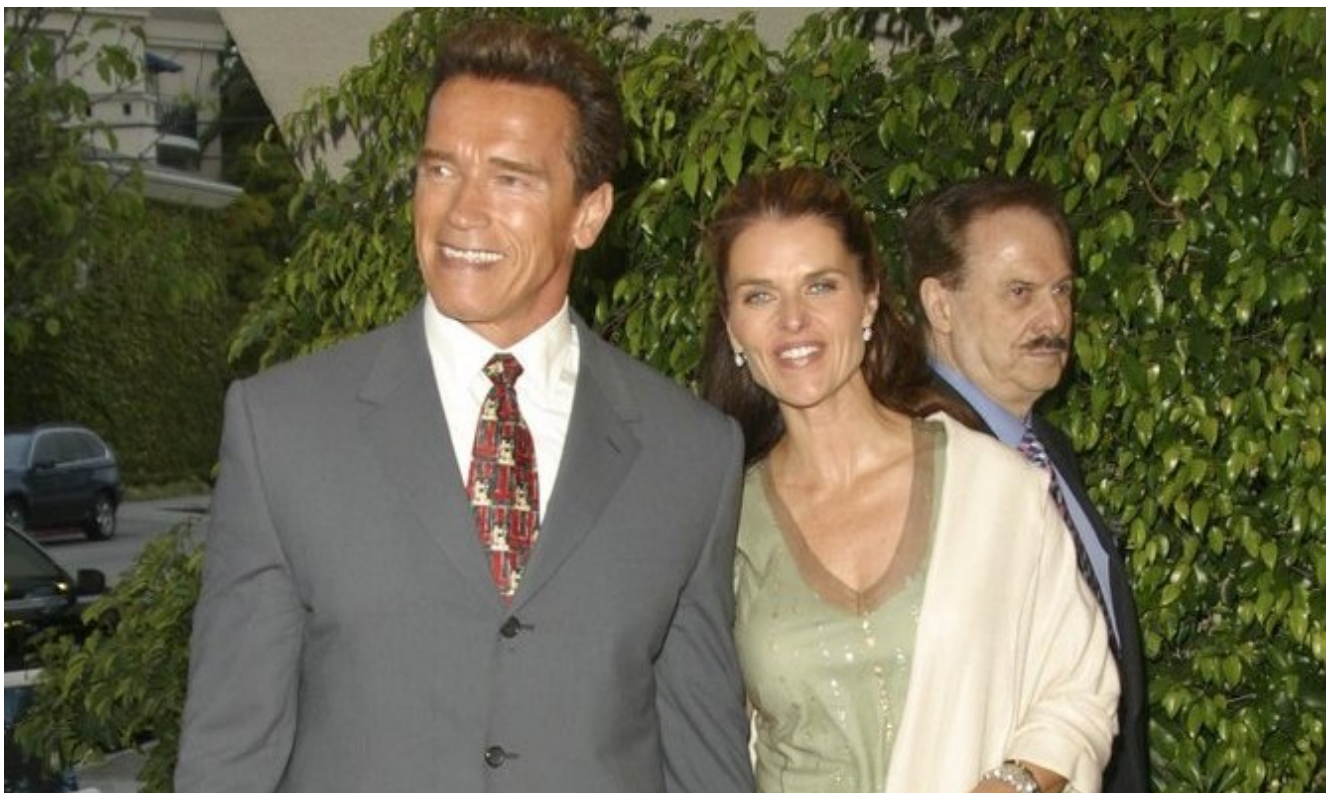
1. Think “me,” not “us”: During your intimate relationship, you came to see you and your partner as one unit. After you break-up, it’ll take some time before you can accept that you’re single and on your own. Before dating someone new, spend some time alone and do whatever makes you happy, in order to rediscover who you are as an individual.

2. Don’t compare: Once you’ve gotten to know yourself again, you can start seeing new people. But don’t fall into the trap of comparing your new potential mate with your ex, because you may be setting yourself up for disappointment.

3. Go at your own pace: There’s no specific amount of time you need to spend alone after you split with someone, but there’s no need to rush to replace your partner. Remember that it takes everyone different amounts of time to gain closure after their past relationships.

How long did you wait before starting to date someone new after your split? Share your experiences below.

Shia LaBeouf and Megan Fox: Kissing Co-Stars?



According to UsMagazine.com, *Transformers* costars Meghan Fox and Shia LaBeouf hooked up on the set of the first and second *Transformers* movies. Though a source clarified that Fox was not with her present husband at the time, when LaBeouf was asked if Fox and her husband were together at the time, he stuttered and said, "I don't know" 12 times. Director Michael Bay allegedly put a damper on their fling when he fired Fox off of the set. "Believe me," said Bay, "that was an unhappy set. I think they were drawn together because it was so ugly working on that film."

How do you act normal at work when you know that you're hooking up with a colleague?

Cupid's Advice:

Having flirtatious eyes and a pumping heart for a special someone at your job is perfectly fine. It might even make you want to come extra early or clock in some more hours. But how do you keep your amorous conversations away from your job's listening ears? Cupid has some advice:

1. Cut it: Keep flirting to a minimum. Do nothing that would suggest any kind of overly friendly relationship. It's best to save these things for your lunch break and for when you're off the clock. This way, you will never have to worry about word getting back to your boss. This cute guy or girl is not worth the loss of your job.

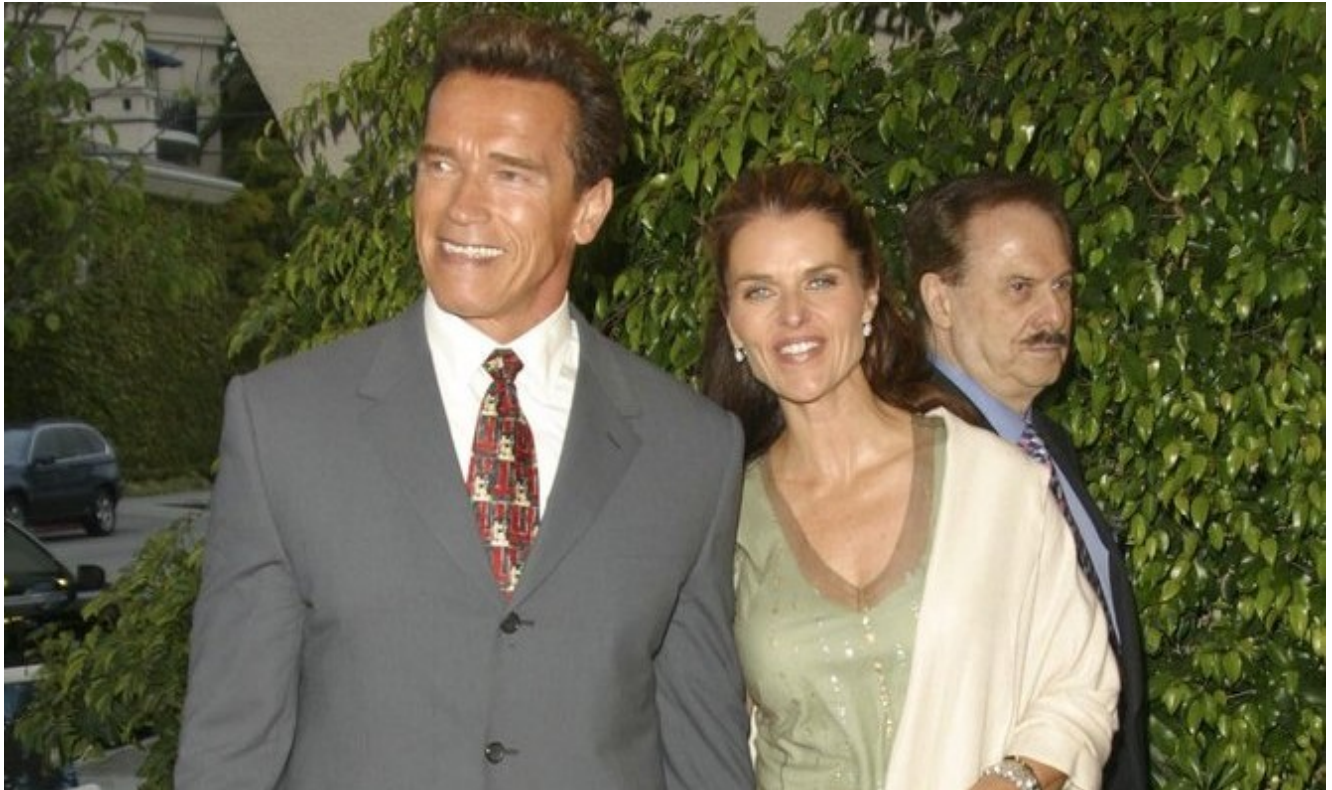
2. Shrug it off: Don't take anything too personally. Nine times out of 10, your partner will have to speak at length to other people on the job. Keep the jealousy at bay.

3. Focus: Don't get too caught up with watching him or her from afar. Remember, you still have work to do. Above all, maturity and responsibility will always be expected on the work site.

Have experience with hooking up with a colleague at work? Don't be shy! Share your story below.

Has Prince Harry Found a New

Girlfriend?



Prince Harry may have finally moved on from on-again, off-again girlfriend Chelsy Davy, reports [People](#). An unidentified source tells U.K. newspaper *The Sun* that Harry and actress and swimwear/lingerie model Florence Brudenell-Bruce have been having “secret trysts.” When asked about Prince Harry, Brudenell-Bruce said, “There’s not that much to say.”

What are some “secret trysts” you can take at the beginning of your relationship?

Cupid’s Advice:

When you first start dating someone, it can be fun to get together in secret. Cupid has some ideas on how to have some fun with “secret trysts”:

1. Stay in a hotel: Heat up your new relationship by enjoying an undercover rendezvous at a hotel. Spending the night together in a strange place with room service definitely counts as a “secret tryst.”

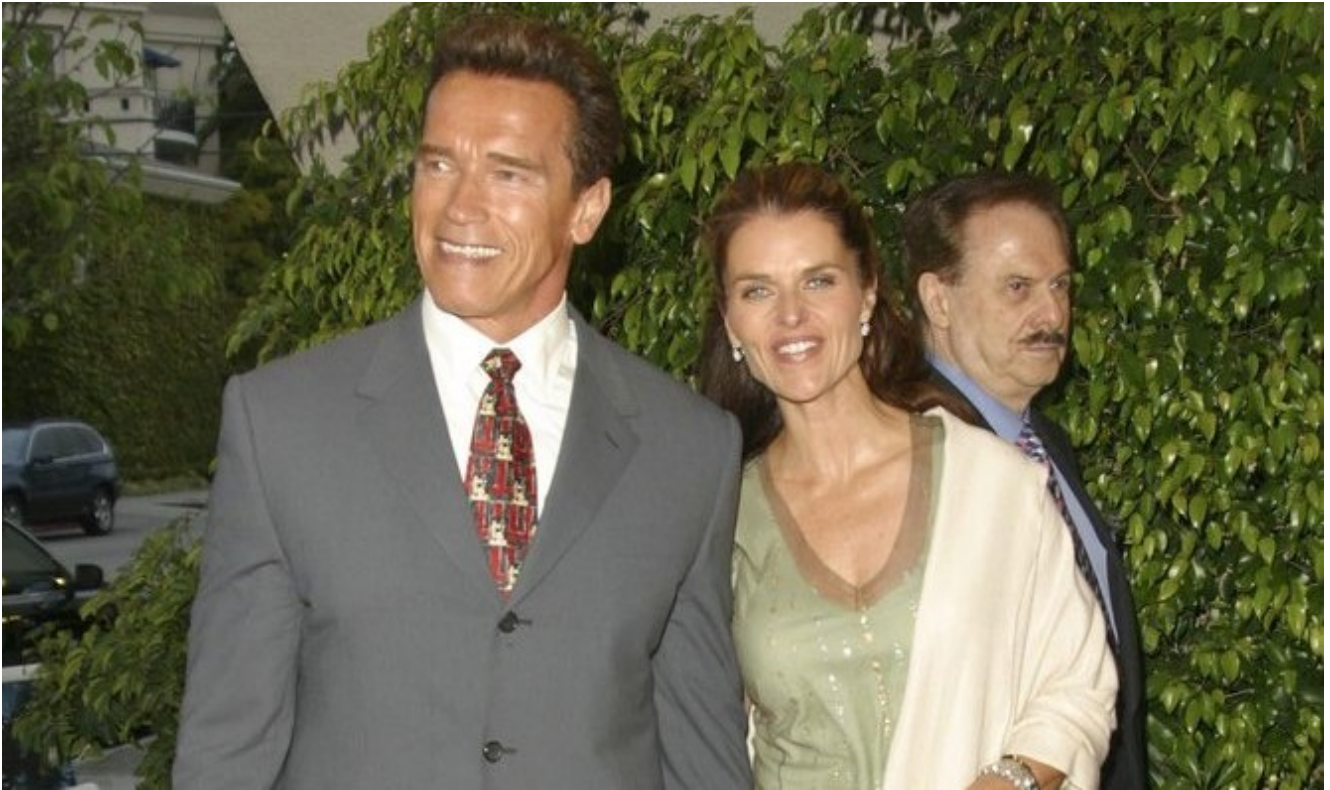
2. Keep it on the down low: Another way to add mystery to your relationship is to simply keep it a secret for awhile. Not telling friends and family immediately can make your affair more exciting.

3. Take an impromptu vacation: Tell your new beau that you have a surprise, and then hop in a car or head to the airport for a surprise getaway. Try keeping things extra-secret by not telling him or her where you’re going!

Got any ideas on how to spice up your relationship with a “secret tryst”? Share your comments below.

Ryan Phillippe Hangs With Pregnant Ex-Girlfriend





Let the rumors continue! Ryan Phillippe was spotted at a coffee shop in Los Angeles with pregnant ex-girlfriend Alexis Knapp. One inside source told UsMagazine.com that Phillippe, the alleged father, plans on taking a paternity test. "He doesn't know if he's the father. If it's his, he'll take responsibility." Could it be that Phillippe's third child is on its way?

What are some reasons to continue to associate with an ex?

Cupid's Advice:

It may be that your ex is the last person you're thinking about paying a visit to after a split, but that's not always the case. Clearly, Phillippe and Knapp think it's okay to spend time with your exes. Here's a few reasons why some ex-couples might choose to keep bonds:

1. Do it for the kids: If your ex is the father or mother of your child, you're probably going to be seeing him or her on a fairly regular basis. It's important for both parents to be up-to-date on their children's lives.

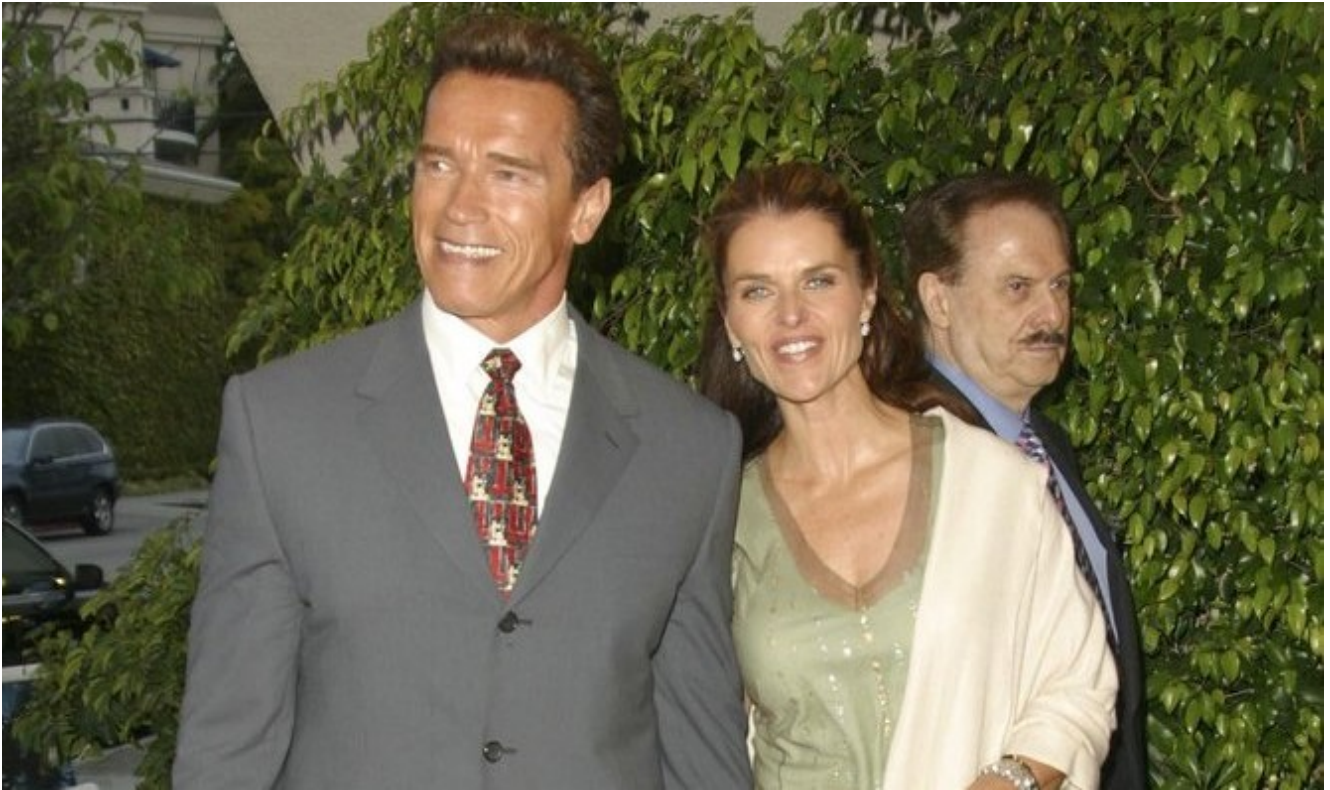
2. Keep the friendship: If you and your ex started off as friends before dating, you may want to maintain that original relationship. Friendship is something you can always fall back on for support.

3. Keep the friends circle: When you're in a relationship with someone, you share so much with your partner, including your friends, that don't just die off along with the relationship. It may take some time to readjust your role in your circle, but it'll all pay off in the end.

What are some reasons to keep seeing your ex? Share your comments.

Halle Berry Accuses Gabriel Aubry of Child Neglect





Halle Berry and ex Gabriel Aubry are involved in what is sure to turn into a nasty custody battle. Berry has accused Aubry of endangering their daughter's life and violating their custody agreement. Her rep told UsMagazine.com, "Halle has serious concerns for her daughter's well-being while in the care of her father for any extended period of time and is prepared to take all necessary steps to protect her."

What do you do if your mate's parenting values don't match your own?

Cupid's Advice:

Everyone is brought up differently so it's possible that you'll fall in love with someone who doesn't have the same parenting values as you do. How do you deal? Cupid has some tips:

1. Compromise: Whether you're single or in a relationship with someone, parenting is a two-way street. You need to set aside your differences and think about what's in the best interests of your child. It can't always be one parent making the tough

decisions.

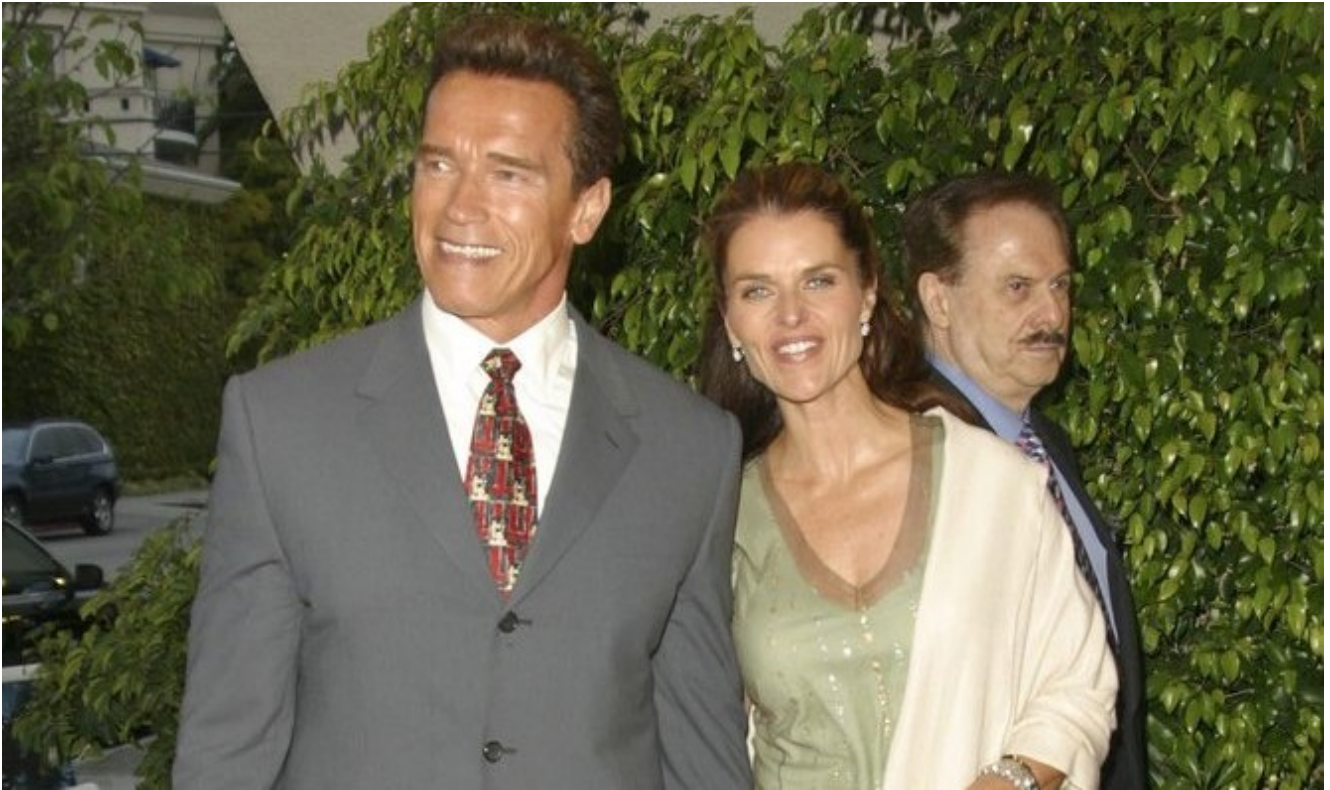
2. Make a schedule: Adhere to a strict set of rules for co-parenting. Set up a schedule and have a set plan that details how the two of you will make changes to that schedule without getting into an argument.

3. Be discreet: Inevitably, as parents, the two of you will have disagreements. However, the key is to *never* argue in front of your child. This not only affects the child emotionally, but it will add negativity to your relationship as well.

What are some ways you have dealt with the issues that come along with co-parenting? Share your experiences with a comment below.

'Ugly Betty' Star America Ferrera Is Married





Ugly Betty star America Ferrera was the opposite of ugly during her recent wedding to longtime boyfriend, Ryan Piers Williams, according to [People](#). The Emmy-winning actress, 27, and Williams were married Monday night in “an intimate setting amongst close friends and family,” her rep reports. The couple first met when Williams cast Ferrera in his student film at the University of Southern California and the couple became engaged in 2010. “We kind of connected from the get-go on that professional level and that was something that really drew us to each other,” Ferrera said. She also said that she and her beau have “a shared passion for what we do and our work.”

Is it important that your partner share a passion for your career?

Cupid’s Advice:

Career path typically shouldn’t be a determining factor in your relationship. Here are ways to be supportive whether you do share a passion for your partner’s relationship or you don’t:

1. Opposites attract: Yes, you and your mate should have some things in common, but he or she is in no way obligated to share a passion for your career. The 'opposites attract' theory says the following: If you love singing, your honey can absolutely hate it, but still love you.

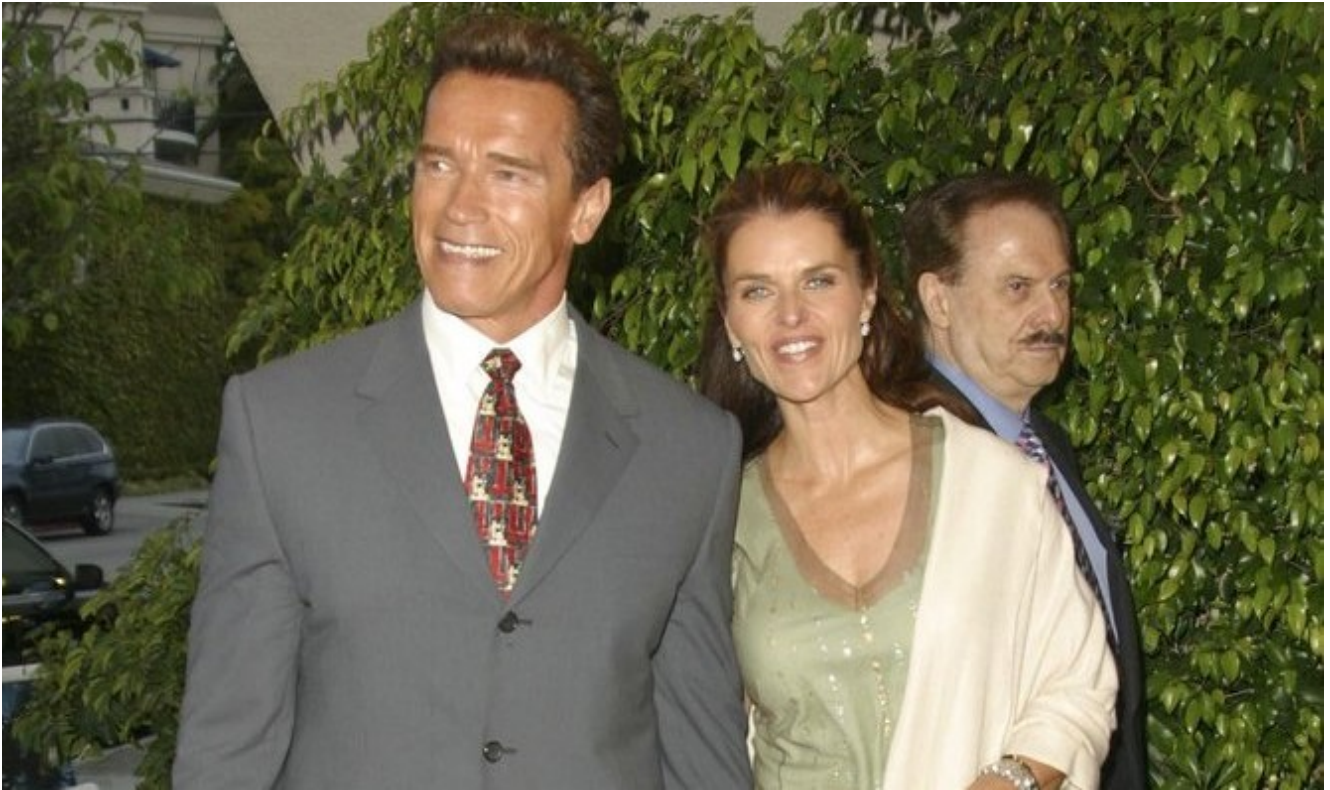
2. Put yourself In his or her shoes: Imagine if you were in the same career as your mate. This will help you understand what makes your partner tick a lot better than simply knowing his or her professional title.

3. Be there: No matter how bad it works your nerves, it's still important to be there for your partner when he or she hits a stumbling block in his or her career.

Are you having a hard time accepting your partner's career choice? Share your thoughts below.

'Dexter' Alum Julie Benz Engaged





After already having experienced a proposal and wedding with her previous husband John Kassir, *Dexter* actress Julie Benz is ready to do it all over again. Marketing executive boyfriend, Rich Orosco, gave her a grand engagement party on Sunday in their Los Angeles home backyard. With a customized Kwiat cushion-cut diamond and platinum engagement ring, a Mexican-style surprise party and a Mariachi band, Orosco went all out for his *Jaw Breaker* fiancé—and she marveled in it all.

“What girl doesn’t want to be serenaded by a Mariachi band surrounded by close friends and family?” she said, according to [People](#). She couldn’t get enough of the Mexican celebration.

¡Felicitaciones Benz!

What are some ways to celebrate your engagement with family and friends?

Cupid’s Advice:

Engagements go right along with weddings, 1st birthdays, christenings and baby showers in the “importance” category. This is something you would like to sit comfortably in your memory. Cupid has some tips:

1. Get together: Have a small, comfy get together with only a tight knit group at home. You can make it classy with hors d'oeuvres, wine glasses and funky music, yet it'll still be comfortable in the familiarity of your own home.

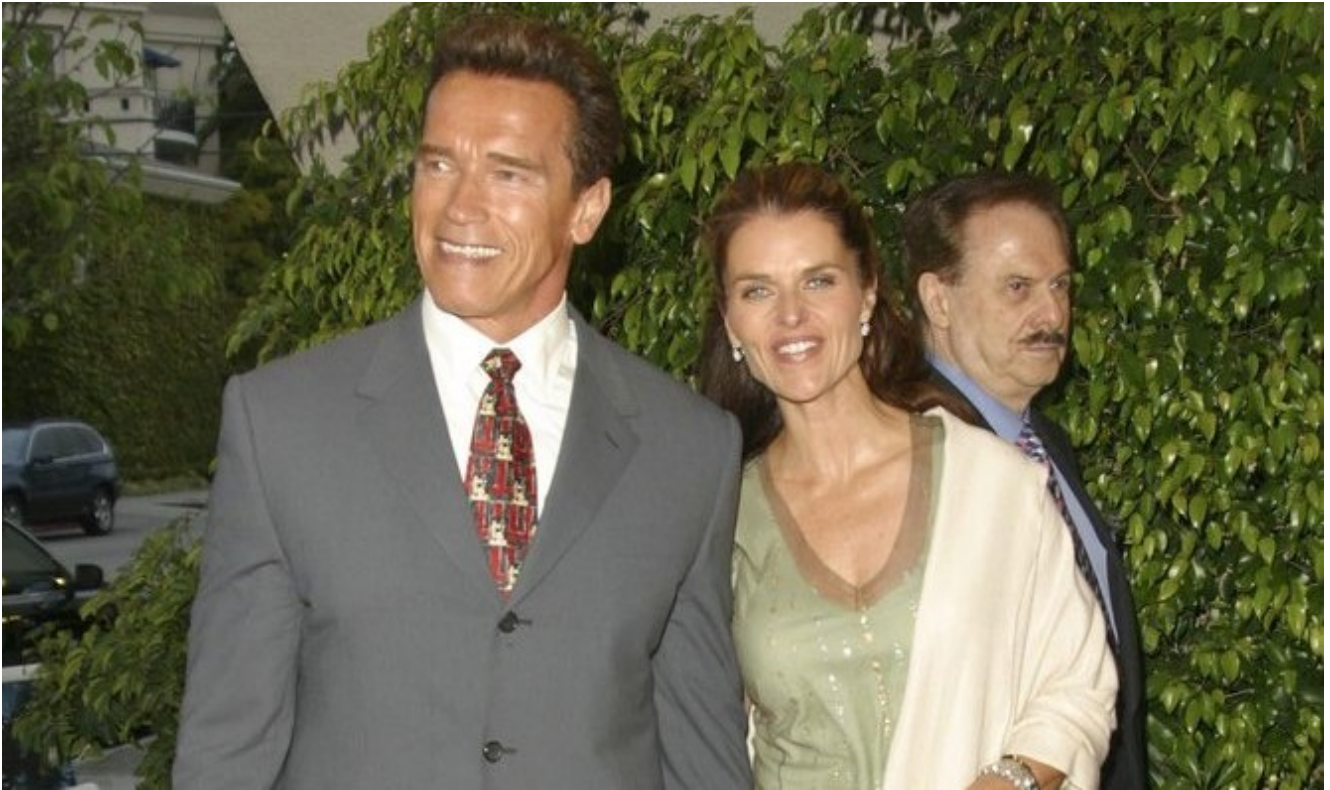
2. Let's take it back: It's always cool to look back on the good memories you've had with your spouse. Crank out the home videos and photo albums, and enjoy some good laughs while breaking the ice between family members and friends.

3. Get a little loose: Take your friends out to a bar and enjoy your favorite drinks while marveling in the good news together.

What are some of your engagement celebration ideas? Share your thoughts below.

Shia LaBeouf Speaks Out About New Girlfriend Karolyn Pho





Shia LaBeouf's young relationship is already starting to blossom. UsMagazine.com reports that the *Transformers* star is beginning to expand his horizons thanks to his five-month relationship with girlfriend Karolyn Pho. "A cheese plate? That's a very 25-year-old deal," LaBeouf said in an interview with the [Los Angeles Times](http://LosAngelesTimes.com). "I can get down with some fig jelly and some cheese on a cracker... [Karolyn's] having me try different things. I was scared of fish, 'cause of my upbringing, being Jewish. Gefilte can ruin your entire seafood life." Aside from broadening his eating horizons, the actor now admits his sprawl in February wasn't the most mature move. "I have no excuses. I'm not happy with it, but I don't think it's a calamity," he said.

What are some signs that your partner is beginning to mature?

Cupid's Advice:

A maturing partner is a good sign that your serious relationship is heading down the right path. Here are some telling signs that your partner is maturing:

1. Pleading guilty: It takes a bigger person to admit that he

or she has made a mistake without trying to cover it up. If your partner does this, then that's a good sign.

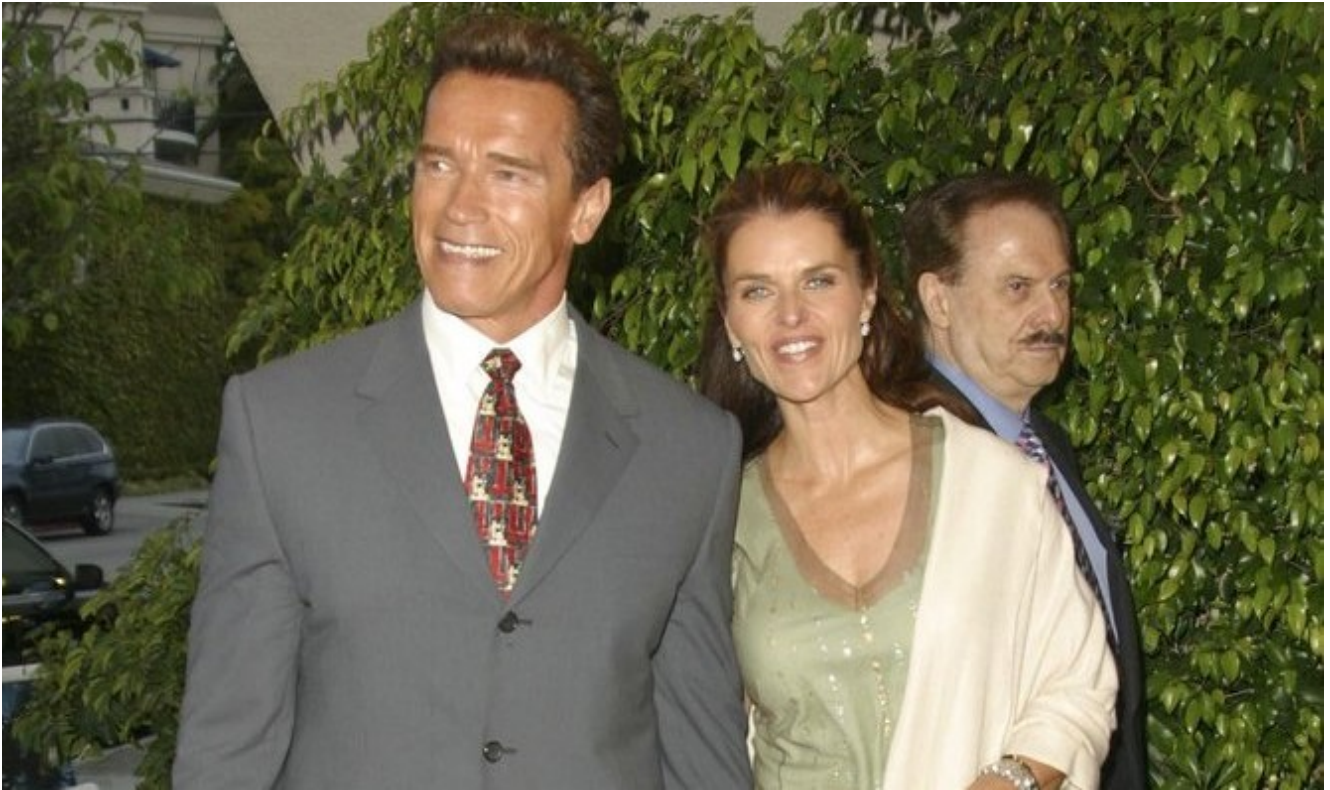
2. Open communication: A good sign of a healthy partnership is how well you two can talk – whether it's about the weather, what you ate for lunch or personal issues. If it seems that no topic is off-limits, your partner is certainly maturing.

3. Family reunions: If your lover wants to show you off in front of his or her family, then there's a good possibility he or she is serious about you and the relationship, or at the minimum, they see a future.

Know of any other ways that signal a maturing relationship or lover? Tell Cupid about it below.

Kellie Pickler Says She's In No Rush To Have Children





Kelly Pickler, who has been married to Kyle Jacobs since New Year's, isn't in any hurry to have children. "I don't know what's gotten into these kids where they feel like they have got to have a baby because their friend has one or whatever," said Pickler, according to [People](#). The 25-year-old star realizes that she and her partner are in a stable relationship and that being a parent is a big responsibility. At the moment, the couple simply aren't ready to take that next step.

How do you handle the pressure of having children right after you get married?

Cupid's Advice:

Being a parent is probably one of the most demanding jobs out there and can be especially tough if you're a newlywed. Cupid has some tips of how to lessen the pressure:

1. Be patient: Yes, parenting can be very stressful, but refrain from that urge to take your anger out on your partner. Remind yourself that you can complete that seemingly never-ending list of tasks, as long as you take everything step-by-

step.

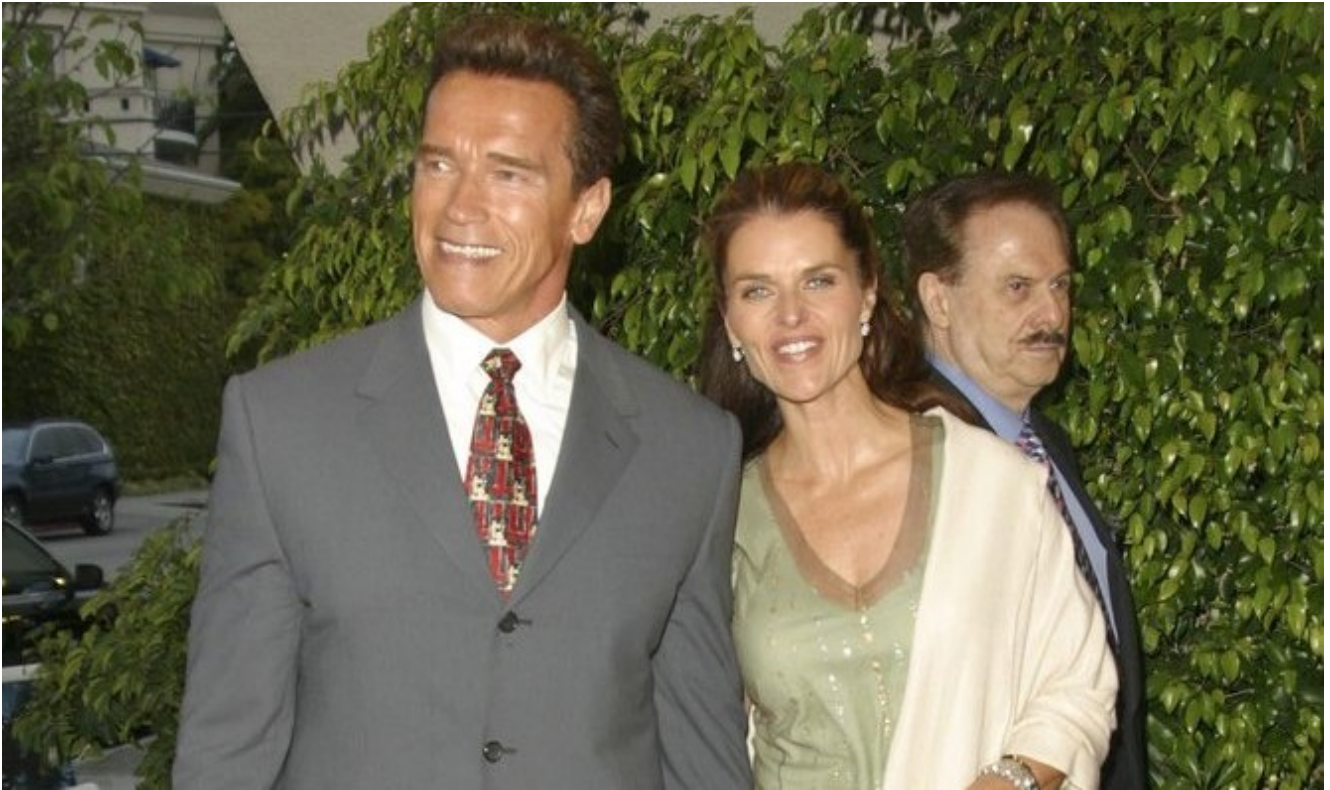
2. Keep up the romance: Having a baby means being more responsible, but it surely doesn't mean you have to be serious all the time. Keep those rosy-colored glasses out and sustain your romantic life by continuing to go on dates with your partner and having fun as a couple.

3. Relax: Don't be afraid to indulge in some alone time and do whatever makes you feel good, whether that's reading your favorite magazine, taking a bubble bath or taking a yoga class. It's important that you take the time to regain your energy if you want to be at the top of your game.

What are some things you can do as a newlywed parent to ward off the pressure? Share your comments below.

Hugh Hefner Parties In Kandyland With New Girlfriend Ann Sophia Berglund





It looks like Hugh Hefner isn't too heartbroken after his ex-fiancé Crystal Harris called off their marriage. It's either that or he's a pretty good actor. The 85-year-old *Playboy* mogul stepped onto the red carpet at The Karma Foundation's Kandyland Party at the Playboy Mansion this past Saturday with Miss January 2011 playmate Ann Sophia Berglund. Along with his new girlfriend – who is also Crystal Harris's best friend – he partied the night away with celebrities, playmates and other party-goers.

Hefner's ex-bride-to-be said one of the major issues in their relationship was his love for other women. "It doesn't make sense to have so many women around but still have a marriage," Harris said, according to [People](#). "It doesn't make sense, so it was the right thing. I wasn't the only woman in Hef's life and it wasn't going to stay that way after the marriage."

After Hefner confirmed that his wedding with Harris was canceled, a friend told [Popeater](#), "He will die of a broken heart." At least that's what his friend assumed. Hefner tweeted, "The breakup is a heartbreaker, but better now than after the marriage ... I just missed a bullet."

Do you think the Playboy tycoon is really over his ex-fiancé and did Harris have a good reason for canceling the wedding? Let us know what you think below!

Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux Double Date With Jason Bateman and Wife



Actress Jennifer Aniston was seen in downtown NYC on Saturday, enjoying a dinner at II Cantinori with her new found beau Justin Theroux ... but they weren't alone, according to [People](#). The fresh Hollywood couple was accompanied by Aniston's

Horrible Bosses co-star Jason Bateman and his wife, actress Amanda Anka. Their meals came with a free show of Theroux's torso, which is decorated with a tattoo. Even the waiter had a compliment ready! The group enjoyed cool sorbets before their double date ended, and Aniston and Theroux headed towards 10th avenue together.

What are some fun and creative double date ideas?

Cupid's Advice:

1. I remember that!: Memories can often lead to great conversation, especially if they're hilarious. Play a game of "who has the funniest memory?", in which each of you brings up something humorous that happened in the past with your significant other. Just try not to make it too embarrassing!

2. Ready...set...go: Competition can be a great way to spend a double date. Go to a miniature golf course or jump into some go-carts. Or, even take a bartending class as couples together, and see which pair of you can make the best cocktail when all is said and done.

3. Get in the car: Take your convertible for a spin, and if you don't have one, borrow or rent one! Driving at a cool speed with the wind blowing through your hair good music blasting is such a pleasure.

How did you spend your last double date? Share your experience below.

Daniel Craig and Rachel Weisz Secretly Wed



James Bond pulled off an unusual secret mission last week – a wedding! After a short and silent period of dating, actor Daniel Craig and actress Rachel Weisz secretly wed in New York last week, something that's nearly impossible in Hollywood, according to [People](#). Only four people had the privilege of witnessing this special occasion – Daniel's daughter, Ella, 18, Weisz's son, 4, and two friends.

How do you make your relationship a personal experience?

Cupid's Advice:

You and your soul mate must develop and nurture a special intimacy. Cupid has some tips:

1. In the beginning: Make sure you completely know your partner, flaws and all, and love him or her in every respect.

2. Midway through: Let your significant other know that you are ready to make your relationship last a lifetime. Explain that nobody else has to know why you feel this way.

3. This is it: In the very moment you're about to marry your honey, bring up key moments that played a major role in where you are today. Make him or her a priority.

Do you have any other ideas on how to make your relationship a personal experience? Share below in a comment.