

# Victoria's Secret Model Doutzen Kroes Marries Sunnery James



Over the weekend, surrounded by 30 of their closest friends and family members, Victoria's Secret model Doutzen Kroes and producer and DJ, Sunnery James were wed. According to [The Hollywood Gossip](#), the couple were married "in a small, private ceremony in her Dutch hometown of Eastermar." Pregnancy didn't stop Doutzen Kroes from donning a dress created by Spanish designer Pronovias or taking a honeymoon "on an island just north of Madagascar." They better enjoy their vacation, too; their baby boy is expected in January.

**How can you plan a wedding with a baby on the way?**

## Cupid's Advice:

A pregnant bride doesn't have to sacrifice her wedding dreams. Cupid's got some things to consider:

- 1. White wedding:** Be sure to take into account your growing belly and schedule dress fittings more frequently as the special day nears. When it comes to shoes, try a low, chunky heel for the ceremony and consider bringing an alternative shoe for the reception. There's no reason you shouldn't be joining everyone on the dance floor!
- 2. Wining and dining:** Planning the reception menu for your guests doesn't mean you have to throw prenatal care out the window. Consider choosing healthy foods and nonalcoholic alternatives to champagne. And stay hydrated with water and slices of lemon, limes, or strawberries.
- 3. The Honeymooners:** Don't be afraid to jet set to the romantic destination you and your partner have had in mind, if your pregnancy is in its early stages. With pregnancies nearing the end, it's best not to stray too far! This doesn't mean your getaway plans are ruined; there are plenty of places to stay in the USA.

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# Hilary Duff and Mike Comrie Plan for First Married Holiday





Actress Hilary Duff and new husband Mike Comrie, center for the Pittsburgh Penguins hockey team, may be in the middle of moving to a new home right now, but that's not stopping the couple from planning for the holidays. Hilary Duff told [People](#) that she and Mike Comrie are expecting to be in Pittsburgh this Christmas, while both of their families will be in Los Angeles. "It's going to be scary [to plan], but exciting," said Hilary Duff, about the couple's first married holiday together. **What are ways to make your first holiday as a married couple special?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Relationships have a lot of firsts, but your first holiday as a married couple should be special. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Thoughtful gifts:** Rather than spending a lot of money on expensive gifts for each other, try to find something that will remind your spouse of you and your relationship. Plan ahead!
- 2. Take a time out:** Your relatives and friends may be fawning

over you as the new couple. When the attention gets to be too much, quietly slip into another room, and take five minutes to breathe together.

**3. Keep a sense of humor:** The holidays can be overwhelming, stressful, and a little crazy. Be ready with a joke on hand to keep you and your spouse light and laughing.

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## Baby Spice to Welcome Baby Number Two



Baby Spice will be showing another baby bump soon! Spice Girl singer Emma Bunton, 34, recently announced her second



pregnancy with longtime boyfriend Jade Jones via Twitter. “So our family grows, we are so excited to announce we’re having our second baby,” Emma Bunton wrote, according to [Us Weekly](#). She and Jade Jones have one son, Beau, who is three-years-old and who seems to be excited about the news. Emma Bunton tweeted, “Beau’s wish for a brother or sister has come true!”

## **How can a couple tell when they’re ready for another baby?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

A baby brings a couple joy and strength in their relationship, but also a higher level of responsibility and stress. So, how do you know when you’re ready to bring another bundle of joy into your family’s life? Cupid offers some advice:

**1. Ask yourself questions:** Before planning a pregnancy, you should ask yourself, “Why do I want this baby?,” “How will this baby affect our lives?” and “Are we ready for this change?” If honest answers to these questions from you or your partner seem convoluted, you should consider waiting until your lives and relationship are in a more stable place.

**2. Consider economics:** According to the Wall Street Journal, the average cost of raising a child today is over \$225,000.

You and your partner should consider whether you’re financially stable enough and can provide a good life for yourselves, your other child or children and the new baby before considering having another.

**3. Keep family in mind:** The most important thing for you to consider in this decision is your other child or children.

Are they happy, healthy and stable? Will you have enough time, money and attention for all your children? You should also consider other family members, such as siblings and parents, and whether they will be available to help you and your partner with your new bundle of joy.

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# Wedding Bells for Nick Lachey and Vanessa Minnillo



It's about time! [People](#) reports that Nick Lachey has finally popped the question to longtime girlfriend Vanessa Minnillo last week near a beach in California. Nick Lachey took to Twitter to confirm the happy news. He tweeted, "Hey all. If anyone's heard the rumors of my engagement, they are absolutely true! Vanessa and I couldn't be happier. Thanks for all the love." Nick Lachey, 36, and Vanessa Minnillo, 29, have been dating since 2006 and the bride-to-be has been recently needling her beau about marriage. Last year Vanessa Minnillo said, "Once again it looks as if I'm always the

bridesmaid but never the bride.” Sounds like Nick Lachey got the hint when he sealed the deal with an Asscher-cut diamond flanked with trapezoids from Bader & Garrin, according to a source. This is Lachey’s second marriage, after divorcing from first wife Jessica Simpson in 2005.

## **How long should you date before getting married?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

It’s important not to rush marriage, but you also don’t want to wait too long, as Vanessa Minnillo will attest! Cupid has some suggestions on what is the right amount of time to date before tying the knot:

**1. Four seasons:** While each couple is different, in general it’s good to know someone for about a year, or all four seasons, before you make a commitment. It will give you a chance to get to know each other past the honeymoon period of the relationship.

**2. Life experiences:** Perhaps more important than the amount of time you’ve known each other are the experiences you have been through as a couple. If you’ve met each other’s families, seen each other at your best and worst, and survived at least one major crisis together, you’re probably ready.

**3. Love at first sight:** Some may wonder, when you meet someone and immediately know that they’re “the one,” why wait to get married? While the idea is romantic, your chances of longevity decrease the quicker you jump into marriage. If you’re so sure you want to spend the rest of your life together, what difference will a few more months make?

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# Former 'Girl Next Door' Bridget Marquardt: Reality Show?



Former *Girl Next Door* Bridget Marquardt has a new reality television show in the works. What's her only concern? Can she and boyfriend Nicolas Carpenter keep their relationship intact? She told [RadarOnline](#), "It's kind of fun to be able to share it with my boyfriend, but at the same time I have concerns with that as well...they always say that all these reality show couples end up breaking up and [have] lots of problems and stuff so I'm definitely listening to that and taking that into consideration. Maybe a formatted show is a better way to go." Bridget Marquardt is excited about the show and is also thrilled with her post-playboy life. She and



Nicolas Carpenter, a director, hope to “...do some more horror movies together where I’m producing and he’s directing and his brother is actually a writer so we kind of have a team here!”

### **When do you go public with your relationship?**

#### **Cupid’s Advice:**

It’s always hard to take your relationship public, but before you tell your friends and family, consider a few things:

**1. Your intentions:** If you want only a brief fling out of your relationship, then there’s no need to tell others, aside from a few close friends. However, if you hope the relationship will get serious, then tell your family. They’ll be glad you’ve found someone!

**2. Time:** Before you tell your friends and family, give the relationship some time. The old saying, “time will tell” is definitely true in this situation. If it seems like your relationship is becoming promising, then share.

**3. Others’ approval:** While you have the freedom to date whomever you like, having your family’s approval is heartwarming. Before introducing your family to your beau, try envisioning your family’s reaction. Prepare yourself for the best – and the worst outcomes.

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## **LeAnn Rimes Has No Regrets About Affair with Eddie**

# Cibrian



After meeting on the set of the Lifetime movie *Northern Lights* last year, LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian began an off-camera affair when they were both still married to other people. In a recent article in [US Weekly](#), the country queen revealed that what happened with Eddie Cibrian is not who she is, but she refuses to live with regrets. “It happens every day to so many people,” said LeAnn Rimes. “And if I take away my album sales, my words ... you have just another couple. You had two couples whose marriages didn’t work who really stumbled upon each other and fell in love.”

**Is an affair okay if it’s in the name of love?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

Though some couples are able to work it out after an affair,

most of the time an affair marks the end of a relationship. Though you have every right to fall in love with someone else, try to be fair to your partner and end your current relationship before you start a new one. Here are some things to consider:

**1. Honesty is the best policy:** If you have true feelings for someone else that are starting to prevail over the feelings you have for your current partner, it's time to end the relationship before someone gets hurt.

**2. Forbidden love:** The secrecy that is often behind an affair can add some much-missed excitement to your love life. Make sure you have true feelings for your new lover and aren't just getting caught up in the excitement of it all.

**3. We all make mistakes:** It's only human to follow your heart instead of your mind, especially when it comes to love. If you do slip up, don't be too hard on yourself, but make sure to come clean to those you care about.

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## Katy Perry Praises Russell Brand's Spirituality





After tying the knot in what has been a detailed four-day wedding celebration in India, Katy Perry still can't stop talking about her husband, Russell Brand. Despite the provocative teasing good-girl image Katy Perry maintains in the public eye, she tells *Harper's Bazaar*, "I always knew I wanted a great man of God. Someone who was going to be an inspiration for people and also be a lovely husband and father." Wait, are we still talking about Russell Brand? Apparently so. [Us Weekly](#) reports that Brand is a "deeply spiritual man and ideal dad material." And what about the 10-year age gap? Katy Perry explains, "We're at different places in our lives, but we can still grow together." With a man that's "though-provoking, articulate [and] a real advocate," it looks like clear sailing for the newlywed couple – with a few laughs along the way.

### **How important is religion in a relationship?**

#### **Cupid's Advice:**

While Perry and Brand meet on common religious ground, does religion have to be a deal breaker? Here are a few arguments



to keep in mind for your own blooming relationship:

**1. Get your feet wet:** If you and your significant other hold beliefs in different faiths, try enlightening each other about the culture and faith behind your respective religions. If you feel comfortable, attend a service and get a firsthand look!

**2. Have an open dialogue:** If your relationship is headed somewhere serious, don't be afraid about discussing spirituality. Talk about the importance of your faith. Explore the idea of conversion or allowing your relationship to follow a multi-faith path, observing both religions.

**3. Think about the future:** While kids might not be in the near future, or are perhaps around the corner, one thing to keep in mind is the future. Sure, religion might not be a problem when it comes to the two of you, but what will happen when you add a child into the equation? Raising a child in a certain faith might be an uncompromising matter in your relationship and in the end, religion might become a problematic aspect of your relationship.

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## Miley Cyrus' Mom Tish Had Affair with Bret Michaels





Could the reason for the split between Miley Cyrus' parents be due to her mom, Tish, having an affair with rocker Bret Michaels? [US Weekly](#)'s source seems to think so. The 17 year marriage between Tish and Billy Ray Cyrus is coming to an end as Billy Ray filed for divorce on October 27. Michaels was introduced to the Cyrus family back in February when he and teen sensation Miley Cyrus released the duet "Nothing to Lose." Since then, Tish was spotted at Michaels' February 28 show in Los Angeles. Although reps for both Tish and Michaels deny that there is nothing more than a professional relationship between the two, Billy Ray is seeking joint custody for his three minor children he has with his soon-to-be ex-wife.

### **How do you handle the news of a parent's affair?**

#### **Cupid's Advice:**

Dealing with the possibility that one of your parents is having an affair is a devastating blow, no matter your age.

Cupid has some advice on how to handle it:

**1. Sibling support:** If you have any brothers or sisters you can turn to, they would be your best bet for support.

Families get torn apart and turned against each other when everyone begins to take sides on who's right and who's wrong.

Even if you have friends who were in a similar situation, your siblings are the only ones who know exactly what you're going through. Lean on them.

**2. Know the facts:** Sit your parents down together and ask for the truth. They owe it to you as their child to tell you what's going on. You'll start to hear lots of different takes on the situation from family friends and family members themselves trying to persuade you to take one side over the other. Knowing the truth will help you disregard other rumors and come to your own conclusion.

**3. Find an outlet:** Whether it's finding a counselor or channeling your emotions through another hobby, you'll need a release from your family situation. It's normal to feel a slew of emotions, including anger toward one or both parents.

Rather than taking it out by saying or doing something you may later regret, placing that energy into a hobby will help you take your mind off of things in a healthy way.

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## John Stamos and Girlfriend, Leah Marsh Move Relationship toward Marriage





It looks like Uncle Jesse may be getting ready to settle down (again). John Stamos, star of *Full House* and ex-husband of supermodel Rebecca Romijn, is taking the next big step with his longtime girlfriend. [E! Online](#) reports that Stamos and gal pal Leah Marsh have moved in together. “It really is that serious,” a friend of the couple says. The two have managed to keep their relationship out of the spotlight for almost three years, spotted only rarely while walking the red carpet together. Marsh owns a Pilates studio and runs a yoga space in Santa Monica.

## **What are the benefits of living together before marriage?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Moving in together first is a good way to test if you and the one you love are ready for marriage. Cupid has some ideas on why you should consider living together before getting married:

**1. Learning their habits:** When you live with someone, you learn about all of their idiosyncrasies and bad habits.



Before you two tie the knot, decide whether or not you can live with someone who never takes out the trash!

**2. Figuring out finances:** A huge part of getting married is figuring out how to merge your finances. Shacking up together first can help you establish ground rules when it comes to money as well as overcome any financial hurdles before you take a walk down the aisle.

**3. Seeing their other side:** Everyone acts differently in a public vs. private setting. At home, your partner might be a completely different person, and you need to know both sides of your mate before you make a big commitment.

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## Niecy Nash in Love with Lack of Wedding Plans





Niecy Nash is in love and wants the world to know it! The Style Network host told [People](#) that when it comes to planning her wedding, “The only thing I know I really want is to marry that guy.” “That guy” is electrical engineer fiancé, Jay Tucker. The one other wedding detail Nash has set is who she wants for her bridesmaids, including Sherri Sheperd from *The View*. Beyond that, Nash has a lot of planning to do. “Falling in love was easy,” she says. “Planning a wedding, not so much.”

### **What are some ways to avoid the stress of wedding planning?**

#### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Love is of course the most important part of planning a wedding, but the stress of finding the perfect dress, cake, and flowers will soon set in as the date nears. As the clock ticks, Cupid has some relationship advice to help you say ‘no’ to stress as you get ready to say your I do’s:

**1. Make a checklist:** Get organized by formatting a spreadsheet or checklist to help you keep track of a budget and what needs

to get done. Also, make sure you have a budget in mind as you begin to book vendors. It's easy to get out of control with your finances when it comes to a wedding!

**2. Turn to friends:** Once you choose your wedding party, let them get involved in the process. With that said, make sure you ask friends and family you truly believe want to share in your special day. Too often, people will say 'yes' to a wedding party, when in reality they would rather be doing anything else. Also, take advice from friends who recently got married. They can most likely point you in the right direction.

**3. Hire a wedding planner:** If you can afford it, consider looking into a wedding planner to handle the load. If you choose to go this route, get references or even ask the locale where you are considering having your wedding to recommend someone. Also, make it clear from the beginning what your budget is so that your planner stays in that range.

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## Celebrity Couples Make a Blessing Out of Interfaith Relationships





By Erika Hymowitz Vujnovich

Chelsea Clinton/Marc Mezvinsky, Naomi Watts/Liev Schreiber, Tom Cruise/Katie Holmes and even Brad Pitt/Angelina Jolie are among the numerous celebrity couples attempting to make an interfaith relationship work. While it's nice to believe the old saying "love conquers all," there are often many challenges an interfaith couple faces. Speaking from experience, I entered into an interfaith marriage five years ago. It has taken a tremendous amount of respect and understanding between me and my husband to make our relationship work and to be able to provide a stable foundation for our children.

[ABC News](#) says that one in three U.S. couples is in a religiously mixed marriage. However, back in June, the [Chicago Family Law Blog](#) highlighted the issue and cited data taken from a 2001 American Religious Identification Survey, which show couples in mixed-religion families were *three times* more likely to be divorced than those who were of the same faith. The [New York Times](#) also wrote on the issue this past summer, following the high-profile marriage of Chelsea Clinton



and Marc Mezvinsky. Clinton, a Methodist and Mezvinsky, who is Jewish, pushed the issue of mixed marriage into the spotlight again.

**Whether mixed-religion marriages are becoming the new norm or not, if you are in such a relationship and are questioning whether or not it can work, here are a few things to consider:**

**1. Don't ignore the differences:** Religion often contributes to who we are. As such, it's crucial not to disregard religious beliefs. One of the top mistakes that couples make is that they believe their love for one another will conquer all interfaith marital problems. This is not always true. Take the time to discuss your beliefs. You may find that your partner feels the same way, or you may realize you come from completely different backgrounds.

**2. Look for clergy counseling:** If you're looking for that mixed marriage blessing, you'll want to consider speaking with clergy from your place of worship. When my husband and I first considered getting married, we immediately went to meet with my Rabbi. He was very open to the idea of us getting married, with the understanding that we will raise our children in the Jewish faith. A member of the clergy will help outline the challenges you may face as a couple as well as give advice on how to best approach your respective families, who may not be as accepting.

**3. Think of the children:** The last thing you'll want to do is make a child decide which religion they want to follow. Before you even have children, you and your spouse should decide how you want to raise them. Lay the foundation from the beginning, and be honest with each other about your wishes. You don't want to confuse your child, but rather give them a solid sense of faith and culture. There is nothing wrong with celebrating all holidays, but make sure that as your children get older, they have a belief system.

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# Courtney Cox Denies Pending Divorce



Actress Courtney Cox has finally spoken out about her pending divorce to husband and actor David Arquette, [People](#) has learned. During an interview for Australia's *TV Week*, Cox said, "I don't know what will happen, but this is not like we're getting divorced...This is a separation and I think that takes a lot of courage. Whatever is supposed to happen will be the best thing for us." At the same time, however, Cox admits that all is not well in the duo's 11 year marriage.

"Sometimes you just realize 'Wow, we actually have grown apart,'" she said. As far as her husband's Howard Stern radio

appearance, Cox seemed nonchalant about it, saying Arquette is a “kook” and an “entertainer.” And as Arquette went to Stern for support, Cox has been spending time with her bestie, Jennifer Aniston. “We just have fun, we laugh, we’re inseparable and it’s great.”

## **When is it time to try separating in a marriage?**

### **Cupid’s Take:**

Sometimes things taken a turn for the worst in a relationship. Often times it can be a phase and, in time, things will go back to normal. Other times, however, we must make the sad conclusion that this relationship won’t have a fairy tale ending. And that’s when a separation in a marriage may be for the best:

**1. Time off:** When neither of you can get a word in edgewise without voices escalating and faces turning red, a separation may be right for you. You’ll have time to sort out your thoughts without letting your anger get in the way.

**2. Think it over:** If recent times between you and your mate are more negative than positive, perhaps it’s time to get some space. You’ll be able to lay all factors out in front of you in order to figure out exactly why the two of you have been arguing more than kissing.

**3. When love is lost:** Sometimes, sadly, people outgrow each other, and the love they once had for one another fades away. When this happens, it’s best to face reality and go your separate ways rather than forcing something to work that doesn’t.

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# New Celebrity Couple: Amanda Seyfried & Ryan Phillippe



In the middle of a seemingly endless parade of celebrity breakups, it's nice to hear some good news for a change! [Us Weekly](#) reports that a new couple may be in the works – apparently sparks were flying between Amanda Seyfried and Ryan Phillippe over the weekend. The two were reportedly spotted getting cozy at not one, but two Halloween parties! Seyfried, 24, and Phillippe, 36, chatted at Kate Hudson's annual Halloween soiree and at a party hosted by CAA's Todd Feldman in Beverly Hills. According to a witness at Hudson's bash, Seyfried, who wore a dog costume, was acting "flirty" all night. "She was listening to [Phillippe] and talking close but no making out... She seemed intrigued by him." Phillippe, who was dressed as Star Wars character Obi-Wan Kenobi, was in



“a good mood. He looked cute and was smiling a lot.” Although the two actors have yet to comment on their relationship status, when x17 recently asked Seyfried if they were a couple, she coyly answered, “You never know.”

**How can you tell if someone's interested in you?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

**1. Watch his body language:** When you first meet him, if he keeps his body turned towards you, leans forward and maintains eye contact, he's interested and probably wants to see you again.

**2. He likes what you like:** By showing interest in what you like and do, he's trying to establish common ground. If he suggests going to a concert of a band you like or playing your favorite sport together, he definitely wants to get to know you better.

**3. He stays in contact:** We've all been there: you hit it off with a great guy and then never hear from him again. If he really wants to continue the relationship past the first date, he will get in touch with you somehow, whether through a phone call, text, IM, or Facebook message.

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## **Snooki's New BF Avoids the Spotlight**





While the third season of the *Jersey Shore* is already looking to raise our eyebrows with the addition of another roommate, Deena Nicole Cortese, one guy who we won't see shouting "T-Shirt Time!" is Snooki's newest boyfriend, Jionni LaValle.

While Snooki and her *Jersey Shore* cast mates have turned their 15 minutes of fame into consecutive seasons of their hit reality TV show, Jionni LaValle has other plans. When LaValle saw a photo taken of himself and Snooki in the tabloids, "he was less than thrilled." Snooki tells [People](#), "He said, 'I don't want to be in that world, because he's trying to be a teacher and, you know, he just wants me to be me.'" And it only gets better! Snooki reveals that LaValle and her father "are already tight," having gained the sought-after seal of approval. With previous boyfriends looking to spill the details about their relationships to any available media outlet, LaValle doesn't seem to care for the celebrity world.

He's just Snookin' for love. **Why is privacy important in a relationship?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

When you begin a relationship and everything is going well, or

perhaps not so swell, it's easy to feel the need to share with anyone who'll listen. But, here are some tips as to why you should think twice:

**1. R-E-S-P-E-C-T:** Entering into relationships means letting your guard down and allowing another person to get closer. You share parts of yourself that not everyone knows, and in doing so, you both understand that these parts are personal and private – just like your relationship should be.

**2. “And Kat and Becca agree with me, too”:** Friends are a great support system, and after a fight they're often the first to hear every detail. And like a good friend, they'll listen and most likely support your side of the argument. But what happens when you and your significant other rehash the past and you point this out? Oops! No one likes knowing his or her dirty laundry is being aired out.

**3. Keep it to yourselves:** This relationship involves you and your partner, and that's the way you should keep it! One of the greatest things is sharing moments and experiences that no one else can. Your relationship is a serious commitment, not a soap opera to be played out in front of others.

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## What Celebrity Marriages Can Teach Us About Love





By Sherry Amatenstein, LCSW, and author of *The Complete Marriage Counselor*

It sounds simplistic, but the primary key to a successful marriage, whether the couple are superstars or just plain folk, is for the pair to make each other a priority.

This advice is easy to say, of course, but hard to implement, especially when your every move is followed by Twitter, Facebook, 24/7 cable news, and paparazzi. In the case celebrity couple John Travolta and Kelly Preston, their union endured the scrutiny that arose after a blackmail attempt surrounding the death of their autistic son. No couple is immune from trauma and strife, but they must band together in the face of the trouble, instead of becoming separate camps.

Travolta and Preston exhibited grace under unimaginable sorrow and pressure, and their union seemingly emerged stronger for the ordeal.

Compare that grace to the four star bad judgment exhibited by David Arquette, by blabbing to Howard Stern about how his estranged wife, Courtney Cox, was tired of being his mother

and had given her blessing to his having sex with other women. He added that sex with Cox was scheduled to some degree. Loose lips may not sink ships, but certainly can further puncture troubled marriages.

Another lesson to be gained from Arquette is his seeming unwillingness to compromise. On *The View*, he professed to love his wife, the mother of his child, but says she wants a quiet, calm life, while he (seven years younger) still wants to party. Is this really a gulf that cannot be bridged if both partners agree to give a little?

If star couples in love exhibit a little more Travolta and a lot less Arquette, perhaps the shelf life of these unions will be longer than a carton of milk!

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## Scott Disick Befriends Old Adversaries







Kourtney Kardashian's beau Scott Disick is known for his temper, but as of last week, the new father seems to be making changes. Disick, 27, has frequently been caught badmouthing Kim Kardashian's best pal, *Spin Crowd* star Jonathan Cheeban. At a country club in New Jersey last month, Disick was overheard "...talking sh\*\* about [Cheeban] real bad," revealed a source. Disick claimed that Cheeban would be nobody without him. The source assured [RadarOnline](#), "Cheeban is a good guy and has turned the other cheek." Despite their differences, the two seemed friendly at Ciara's birthday bash in Manhattan. Says the source, "They seemed to be getting along great and even grabbed dinner together after the event." **How can you be friends with your partner's pals?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Though you should always try to be friendly, rules about befriending your beau's buddies have always been a bit unclear. Here a few tips to keep the friendships involved (and your relationship) healthy:

**1. Make your beau your priority:** While it's great to make new

friends, you need to make sure that your partner isn't feeling left out. Your mate is your number one priority. Don't become better friends with his buds than with him!

**2. Don't get too friendly:** While your partner will love to see you branching out and having a good time, jealousy may not be too far around the corner. Make sure your new relationships with his pals are (and appear to be) completely platonic. There's no need for silly drama!

**3. Be cautious:** It may seem like you're becoming good friends with your beau's buds, but you need to be a little cautious of how much you say around them. Their loyalty ultimately lies with your beau, and they will probably spill some of the things you reveal to them.

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# Katy Perry and Russell Brand's Wedding Noise Complaints





While singer Katy Perry and comedian Russel Brand's wedding may have been all about "no regrets, just love" – for neighbors not in attendance, it was anything but a "teenage dream." The couple's wedding at the Aman-i-Khas hotel in Rajasthan, India, last week was loud enough to draw noise complaints. The hotel, which is located next to a sacred tiger sanctuary, has been charged with violating the district's laws against loud music after 10 p.m. Perry and Brand, who were free from any charges, have headed to the Maldives for their honeymoon, but managers of the hotel could face fines or jail time.

### **How can you make your wedding stand out?**

#### **Cupid's Advice:**

While Perry and Brand may have made headline news with their extravagant wedding, getting hotel managers fined with noise complaints isn't the best way to make your marriage memorable.

Cupid has some tips on how to make everyone remember your special day in a positive way:

**1. Personalize:** Whether you're writing your own vows or featuring a slideshow of your sweetest moments as a couple, try to include unique personal touches in both the ceremony and at the reception.

**2. Make it about everyone:** Most people focus on the bride, but there are two people getting married, and you're celebrating your love with your friends and family. Whether it's a customized groom's cake, or a choreographed dance number, try to incorporate your wedding party and particularly your new spouse into as many details as possible. Little surprises will have a big effect!

**3. Sparkling moment:** Rather than blinging out your entire wedding, save some dough by featuring one shining moment at the ceremony and reception. It could be releasing doves after the vows, or a particularly moving speech, but make sure it's something unique to the two of you as a couple, and make sure you don't overdo it. It should be a tasteful unique addition to your big day.

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## Heidi Montag & Spencer Pratt Reunite at Halloween







Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt graced the red carpet on Saturday in Las Vegas for Pure nightclub's Halloween Haunt. Pratt dressed as an alien, while Montag opted for a gold mini-dress. Former *Hills* star Montag, who recently caused controversy by having ten plastic surgery procedures performed in a single day, told [Us Weekly](#), "I'm good. I'm just trying to focus on other things, not focus so much on my body." The couple, who have reunited after filing for divorce, are "...enjoying [their] relationship," said Montag. "I had so much going on before, I didn't have a chance to enjoy being a newlywed."

**If you get back together with an ex, what are some good ways to break the news?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

On again, off again relationships can be a drag for all of those involved. To keep your friends from rolling their eyes, try a few of these tips:

**1. Some privacy:** Don't share everything about your



relationship with your pals. This way, when there is some major news, they will be more interested. If you flap your lips constantly about your beau, it can get old very fast!

**2. Laid-back:** When you do feel the need to vent about your beau, try not to be overdramatic or complain. Your friends will be more likely to help you if you don't irritate them.

**3. Be refreshing:** When you have news about your relationship, try breaking it in different ways. Instead of constantly complaining, try making the story humorous. If it's entertaining instead of annoying, your friends will laugh along with you and will be more receptive to helping out.

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## Nick Cannon Insists Mariah Carey Wear Flats





As a result of her recent pregnancy, mommy-to-be, Mariah Carey's style is bound to experience some changes. However, according to [People](#), this high-heeled diva may be switching to flats as a result of husband, Nick Cannon's request. "Basically, I got Mariah Carey, the high-heel queen, to put on some flats. And this is amazing. I'm going shoe shopping today, needless to say, to buy you some flat shoes," Cannon announced to his wife. Carey, who is even known to travel in heels seems to be flattered by Cannon's request that she wear flats while carrying their child.

**When should you make decisions for your partner in a relationship?**

Cupid's Advice:

Though telling your partner what to do is rarely a sign of a healthy relationship, there are some instances where you should let it happen:

**1. During pregnancy:** Take a cue from Mariah Carey and let your beau dote on you while you're pregnant. If that means

listening when he tells you lie down or if it means changing your clothing style, listen up! Keep in mind it's his child, too, and he only wants what's best for you both.

**2. In the hospital:** If you're really sick and in the hospital, chances are you aren't thinking clearly. Let your partner, who surely has your best interests at heart, help you make your medical decisions. Try to remember that your sickness may be messing with your decision making skills.

**3. When you're drained:** Sometimes when you get home from work, you're completely drained of energy. But you haven't seen your partner all day and he/she wants to spend some quality time together! That's fine and all, but give him the power to make decisions for the evening. It'll relieve the mental stress of coming up with which movie to watch or what to make for dinner. There's nothing wrong with taking a break!

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## Election Day Celebrity Style





By Kaitlyn Monteiro

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

1. One way to achieve neutral ground is by educating others. Instead of focusing your attention on who you're voting for, put the spotlight on the traditional lack of voter turn out instead and help increase the numbers.
2. Stand behind a group. While Jay-Z has made it clear in the past Presidential election who he was voting for, this time around he's working with the Vote Again 2010 campaign headed

by HeadCount, a nonpartisan organization that works with musicians to promote participation in democracy. Find ways to get involved with groups that share the same political viewpoint as you.

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

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

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## Courtney Cox and David Arquette Unite for Halloween







In the midst of their very public separation, Courteney Cox and David Arquette have vowed to make sure that daughter Coco, 6, remains their top priority, according to [People](#). When the duo announced their separation last month, they insisted that they would remain dedicated parents. In fact, the two even planned to celebrate Halloween together with their daughter.

“Sunday, yeah we go trick-or-treating,” Arquette said at a recent film screening. “Coco is going to be a bumblebee and Courteney is going to be a sunflower. I’ll put on a flower suit or something,” Arquette joked. **After a split, how can you keep your child’s life normal?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Breakups are especially hard on children, which is why it’s important to make sure you remain responsible parents. Cupid has some ideas on how to keep your child’s life as normal as possible during a separation or divorce:

**1. Stick to the routine:** Although your child’s life will undoubtedly change, you should try to keep their routine as normal as possible. If you used to get pizza every Tuesday

night, keep on doing it to show your little one that some traditions will never change.

**2. Split up time:** Unless you have already figured out custody issues, try to split your tot's time evenly between both parents. This will remind your kid that they aren't going to lose either of you.

**3. Communication is essential:** Don't leave your child in the dark about the breakup. Talk to them about why you two are separating and make sure they know that they are still your number one priority. Also, make sure they're 100% confident that it's not their fault.

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## Rumors Confirmed: Mariah Carey is Pregnant!





It's time to finally set the record straight: Mariah Carey is pregnant! [\*People\*](#) reports that after months of relentless media speculation, the 41-year-old singer has revealed that she and husband Nick Cannon, 30, are expecting. Carey told *Access Hollywood*, "It's been a long journey. It's been tough because I've been trying to hold on to a shred of privacy." After Cannon joined his wife in the interview, the couple revealed that they were especially secretive about this pregnancy because of a miscarriage two years ago. Cannon said, "It strengthened our relationship so much ... She handled it so well." Cannon seemed ecstatic about the new baby, adding, "The greatest gift on earth is a child."

**When and how should you tell your mate about your pregnancy?**

Cupid's Advice:

Baby news is always exciting (and sometimes unexpected), so make sure you tell your partner in the right way. Cupid has some ideas on when and how to break the news:

**1. Wait until you're certain:** If your period is only a couple

days late, wait it out. Unless you want to take the pregnancy test together, don't tell him until you are absolutely sure you're pregnant. False hopes are never a good thing.

**2. Tell him at the right time:** Don't bring it up in the midst of a fight. Wait until he's in a good mood and you have his full attention to avoid a bad reaction. Plus, this is a time you want to remember fondly!

**3. Have some fun:** Why not pick a creative way to tell him? Try buying some baby socks (they're small and easy to hide) and slip them into his pocket before he goes to work. You should expect an elated call in a couple of hours!

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## Billy Ray Cyrus Files for Divorce From Wife Tish







In a surprising announcement, Hollywood proves that not everything is about award shows and after-parties. Citing “irreconcilable differences,” Miley Cyrus’ father, Billy Ray Cyrus, filed for divorce from wife Tish after 17 years of marriage. Like any couple that have contemplated and chosen divorce, they’ve attested, “As you can imagine, this is a very difficult time for our family. We are trying to work through some personal matters.” While they appreciate thoughts and prayers, the issue of custody has come up, and as [Us Weekly](#) states, “Billy Ray asks for shared custody of their three minor kids [Miley, Braison, and Noah], and for an equitable division of their marital assets.”

**What are the most important factors to consider before deciding on divorce?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

When your relationship has hit a rough patch and it seems like there is no solution to your personal issues, should you consider a divorce? When is divorce a topic to put on the



table during a discussion with your partner? Here are some factors to consider:

**1. Hopeful or hopeless:** DivorceMag.com says, "Hopelessness is the cancer in marriage. People convince themselves that their problems are too huge to surmount and so they have to divorce." Before bringing up the idea of a divorce, make sure to ask yourself, "Is this something worth saving?" Are you willing to put in the time and effort for counseling to save the union between you and your partner?

**2. Threat or decision:** Everyone gets angry sometimes. It can make it seem like times are tough. Are you simply threatening a divorce to demand change from your partner, or are you confident that there's nothing left for either of you to do to salvage your relationship? Before you resort to a last ditch power play in an argument, think about why you are choosing that path. Perhaps take some time apart so your decision comes from a grounded, reasonable place.

**3. What does this mean for everyone?:** When considering divorce, you will have to come to terms with the negative consequences this brings for you, your partner, and possibly, your children. Are you ready to sit your children down and explain to them what has occurred and provide a support system for them during this time? Do you have a support system outside of your home?

Counseling or a trial separation are measures many couples take before deciding on divorce. Give yourselves time to make sure this is the step you want to take.

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# Gossip Girl Stars Blake Lively and Penn Badgley Split



It's official: another cute celebrity couple has parted ways. *Gossip Girl* costars Blake Lively and Penn Badgley have gone their separate ways, [People](#) has learned. Reps for both of the actors have confirmed the split, even though the two were seen out in public together just last week in New York shopping for candles at [Henri Bendel](#). While the real-life couple split just like their TV characters, unlike their *Gossip Girl* counter parts, the pair are remaining mum about the subject. A source says that there seemed "no sign of trouble" between the two while filming their hit show on set. Lively told [Allure Magazine](#) in an interview last month that she doesn't comment on relationships. "My anonymity is something I treasure. Wanting to be an actor and wanting to

be famous are different.” If only Dan and Serena felt the same.

## **What details in your relationship should you keep to yourself?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Releasing private details about your relationship to the public, whether that being to your friends and family or via the paparazzi, can be tricky. Talk to your partner, and decide together what is appropriate. Cupid has some suggestions:

**1. Privacy levels:** What may be considered personal information to one person may be just fine for public scrutiny as far as the other is concerned. Our take on private and personal information probably comes from how we were raised as children and what was disclosed in our own family settings. If you and your mate can’t compromise or agree on what is appropriate, perhaps dating someone who shares similar privacy levels would work better.

**2. Girl’s night out:** One of the best parts of going out with the girls is getting to dish about your beau. Full disclosure. But beware: your beau may be doing the exact same thing with his crew. A good rule to keep in mind here is to ask yourself how you would you feel if the roles were reversed? If you think you may be upset in that situation, zip your lips when you’re about to say something overly personal.

**3. TMI:** Even if you and your partner are completely open and want the world know everything about your relationship, the world may not feel the same. We’ve all been in that situation where you’re stuck listening to someone jabber on and on about the specific intimate details of his or her relationship. Be careful you don’t become that person!