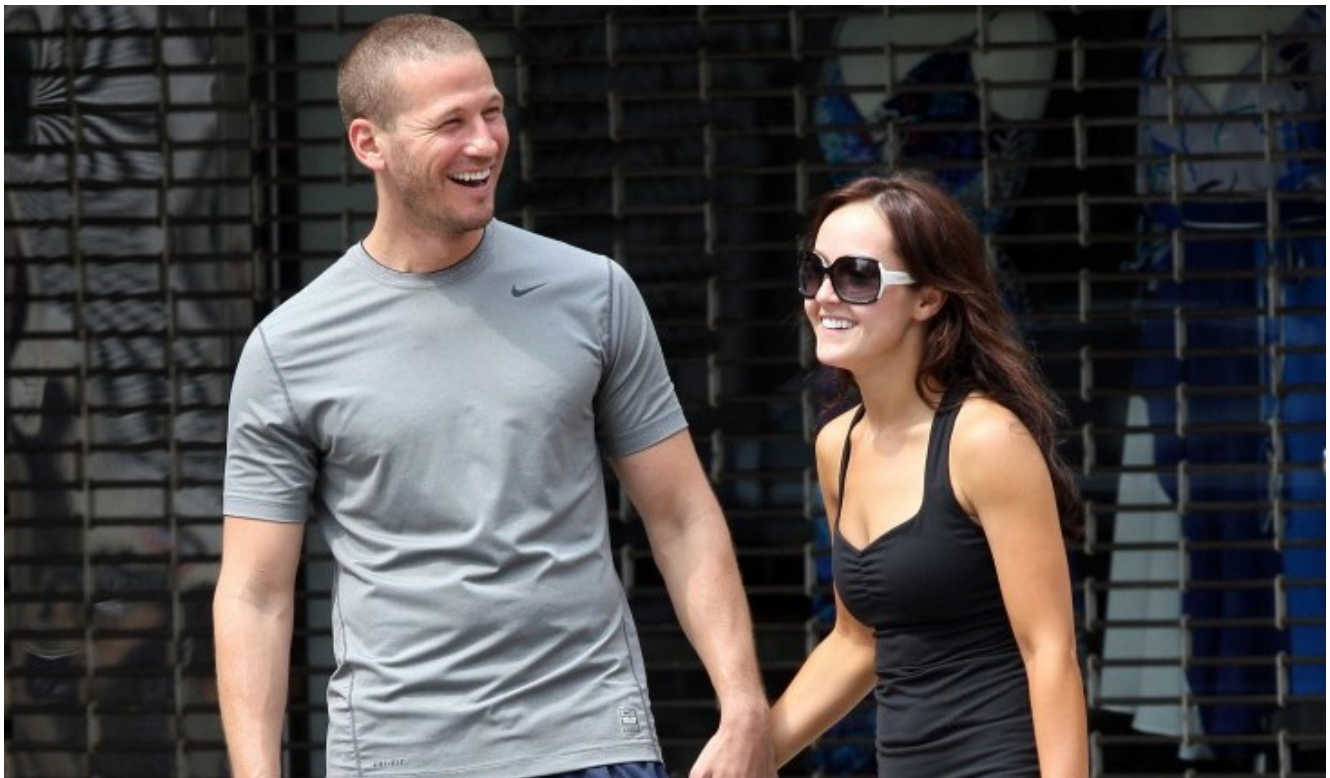


How Famous Couple Ashley Hebert and J.P. Rosenbaum Prepared for Their Celebrity Wedding



By Jennifer Ross

The time came for a celebration in Pasadena, California. *The Bachelorette* famous couple [Ashley Hebert](#) and [J.P. Rosenbaum](#) were so excited for their December 1st [celebrity wedding](#). With a beautiful ceremony planned by wedding planner Mindy Weiss, invitees included reality TV show alums Emily Maynard, Trista and Ryan Sutter, and Ali Fedotowsky and Roberto Martinez. Both bride and groom were ready to walk down the aisle, after each having their last “single” party in Scottsdale, Arizona. “The

girls had quite the party! They had a stripper for Ashley, and everyone got spa treatments. The guys hung out and went out for a steak dinner,” a source revealed. Besides becoming Mrs. Rosenbaum, Hebert was most excited about finally putting on her wedding dress: “Ashley can’t wait for people to see it!”

Famous couple Hebert and Rosenbaum had fun while celebrating the night before their celebrity wedding. What are some unique ways to spend your bachelor/bachelorette party?

Cupid’s Advice:

You don’t need to be a famous couple to throw a fun bachelor or bachelorette party! With a little creativity and help, here are three party ideas anyone can enjoy before walking down the aisle:

1. Road trip: Surprise the bride or groom, and plan a road trip to their favorite destination. To make it extra special, you can “kidnap” them, keeping them completely out of the loop until you near the destination. All you need is a great group of friends, a road map, snacks, and a full tank of gas.

Related Link: [‘The Bachelorette’ Star J.P. Rosenbaum Talks Celebrity Baby News, ‘Dad-chelor’ Party, and Moving to Miami!](#)

2. All in: What better way to prepare the bride or groom to go “all in” with marriage than organizing a poker tournament in their honor! This game is just for fun, although there should be a jackpot to claim in the end. Consider reserving a room at an upscale restaurant, club, or cigar lounge. Be sure to make festive shirts and hats for the party goers.

Related Link: [Famous Couple Jason Aldean and Brittany Kerr Have Celebrity Wedding](#)

3. Go extreme: Want to make plunging into marriage seem like a piece of cake? Plan a skydiving party for the bachelor or bachelorette! If jumping out of a plane at 10,000 feet doesn't sound like fun, try surfing, bungee jumping, rock climbing, or scuba diving instead. Plus, defying death with friends will always create great bonding memories for the future.

How did you celebrate your bachelor/bachelorette party uniquely? Share your story below.

Jessica Simpson Is Pregnant Again!





By Jennifer Ross

At barely seven months old, baby Maxwell Drew Johnson is going to be a big sister soon. In what is surprising news to everyone, even those involved, [UsMagazine.com](https://www.usmagazine.com) confirms that Jessica Simpson is pregnant again. A source states, "It definitely wasn't planned. But yes, Jessica is pregnant again. She really is overjoyed!" This will be the second child for both Simpson, 32, and fiancé Eric Johnson. It wasn't long ago when Simpson went on episode one of *Katie*, Katie Couric's show and said, "Motherhood is a dream. It really is absolutely amazing." It looks like Simpson will now have two reasons to be amazed.

What are some ways to support your partner during a surprise pregnancy?

Cupid's Advice:

Having a baby is a shocking and exciting time for anyone regardless if the pregnancy was planned or not. That being said, you and your partner may be more anxious ridden if the pregnancy was a surprise. To ensure that both baby and parents

are healthy come delivery time, here are a few ways to support your partner during the next nine months:

1. Do not judge: Because neither you nor your mate was “expecting” to be expecting, be sure never to judge him/her should self-insecurities arise. It is only normal to question everything about becoming a parent beforehand. Keeping yourself open and supportive to your mate will help to alleviate those doubts.

2. Stay positive: As with having doubts and worries, your partner may occasionally have negative emotions surrounding the pregnancy. Remember, those emotions are just fear being expressed. No matter what, stay positive to combat the negativity and help your partner look forward to a happier future.

3. Protect: If you think you and your partner will be the only ones with questions, you are sadly mistaken. Therefore, should family and/or friends come around expressing doubts about your surprise, remember to protect the hearts of your partner and unborn baby. Regardless of your internal worries, your baby is coming and you and your mate will need to stand strong together.

How did you support your partner during a surprise pregnancy? Share with us below.

**Celeb Brad Pitt Says
Fatherhood Has Made Him a**

Better Man



By Jennifer Ross

When [Brad Pitt](#) reflects back on 2012, what pattern does he see? “It’s been a family type of year, a down-home type of year,” the celeb recently reported to [People](#). As Pitt, 49, spoke about his family, while having dinner in his London rental with twins Knox and Vivienne, he didn’t let out all the details about his upcoming [celebrity wedding](#) to fiancée [Angelina Jolie](#). However, he did say that the wedding theme will be “just family...keep it simple – really.” One thing the *Killing Them Softly* actor confirms is that fatherhood has “absolutely” made him a better man. With regards to what he has planned for his time before turning 50 next year, the celeb simply says, “I want to enjoy this year more than ever.”

This celeb and father of six seems to be handling parenthood just fine. How do you know if your partner is cut out for parenthood?

Cupid's Advice:

The truth is, you really can't know if your partner is going to be a great parent until they become one. However, there are basic skills a person should have when raising children that they show prior to becoming a mom or dad. To help ease your worries, here are a few clues to look for that can tell you your partner has parent potential:

1. Patience: Having patience is a great indicator of someone being able to handle parenthood. Let's face it: If your partner cannot be patient around adults, like the time when a friend has one too many drinks and your mate is stuck babysitting them, then they won't last around children.

Related Link: [Cupid's Weekly Round-Up: Preparing for Parenthood](#)

2. Flexible and fun: Because children require so much attention, having a partner with the ability to be flexible and fun will help everyone involved. This means that your significant other is alright with plans not going as scheduled and seeing the humor in stressful situations.

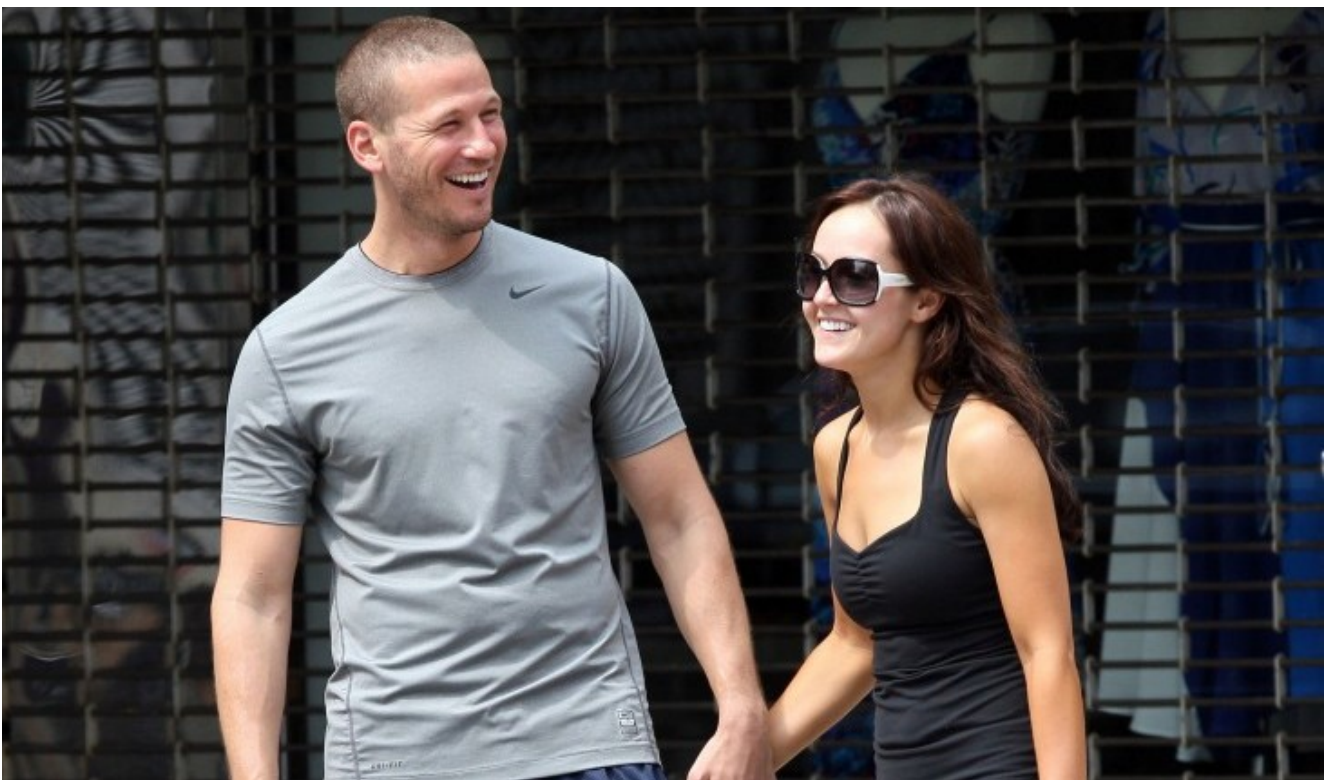
Related Link: [Olivia Wilde Discusses the Pros and Cons of Parenthood](#)

3. Compassionate: A way to see if your partner is compassionate is to see how they react when someone is hurt or angry. Does your beau ignore them or try to empathize by lending a shoulder to cry on? To have someone with compassion

is a big help for your relationship and love. Plus, it's an important parenting skill.

How did you know your partner would make a great parent? Tell us below.

Jaimie Alexander Opens Up About New Relationship with Peter Facinelli



By [Jessica DeRubbo](#)

It's official: Peter Facinelli has moved on from ex-wife

Jennie Garth. The actor and his *Nurse Jackie* co-star Jaimie Alexander have stepped out as a new couple, according to [People](#). The pair recently attended the Tommy Hilfiger and *GQ* “Men of New York” event in NYC, and Alexander gushed about her new beau. “We’ve been friends forever and had a lot of mutual friends and we reconnected in the middle of the year,” said the actress. “It was one of those things where I’d been single for a very long time and he was going through a lot. We sort of bonded.” That said, Alexander isn’t going into the relationship without reservations. “It’s very new to me and it’s scary,” she said. “But it’s also something we don’t want to give up on because I know how it makes me feel in my heart, ... It makes me feel really good.”

How do you know if your relationship is worth fighting for?

Cupid’s Advice:

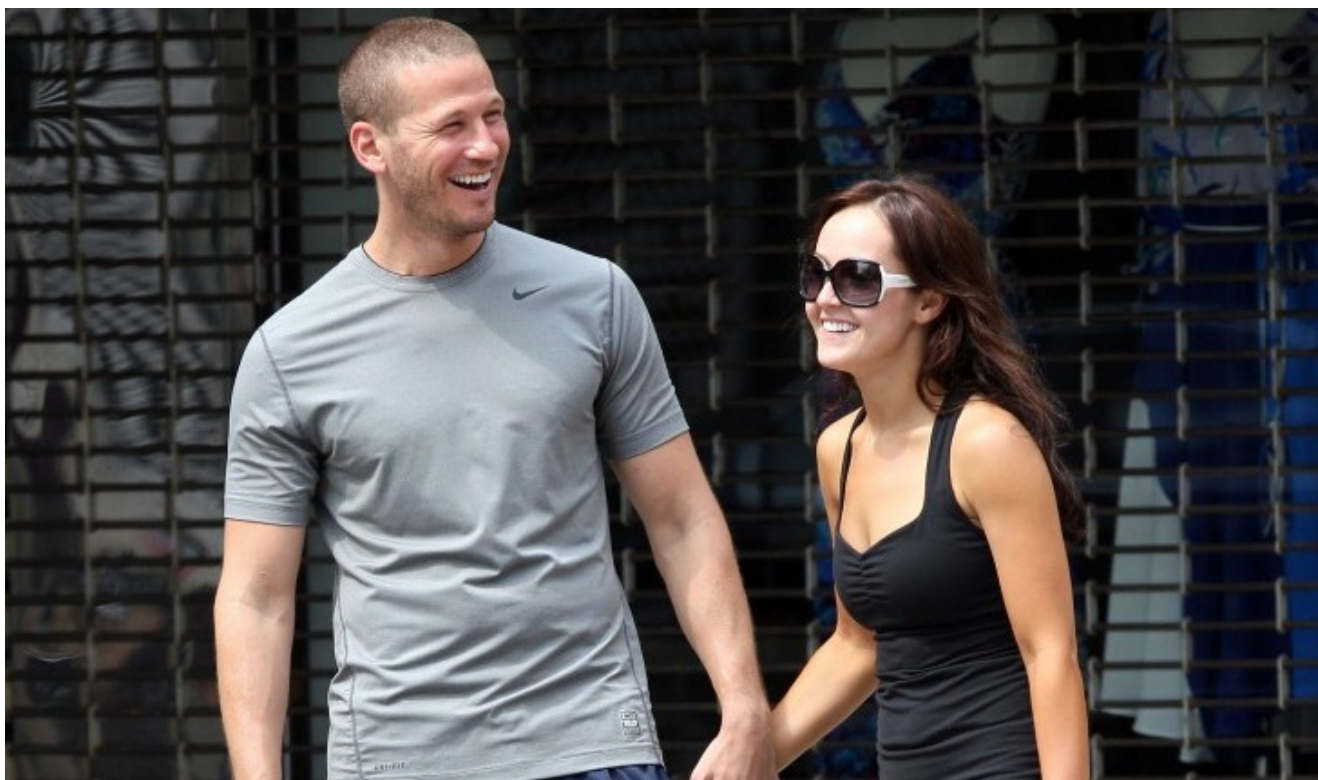
Despite obstacles, some relationships are worth putting in the time and effort to make them worth. That said, some are just the opposite and simply aren’t worth it. Cupid has some advice:

- 1. Your feelings:** The best thing you can do is to trust your instincts and feelings. If whenever you’re with your partner you get that feeling of love in your heart, then it’s probably worth it to plow through obstacles to make your relationship work.
- 2. You’re on the same page:** Just because you know you love your partner and want to be with him or her, that doesn’t mean your mate is on the same page. It’s important to sit down and have a very frank conversation about where each of you are in the relationship to make sure you want the same things at the same time.
- 3. You have enough in common:** If you have very little in common with your partner, it’s probably not worth fighting for

your relationship because neither one of you will be happy. In order to sustain a relationship long-term, your interests must align at least somewhat.

What are some other ways to tell your relationship is worth fighting for? Share your ideas below.

How to Find Love Amidst Holiday Crazy



By Courtney Allen & [Jessica DeRubbo](#)

The ever-so jolly holiday season sets the stage for one of the most romantic times of the year. But no worries, single gals

and guys! There is more than enough love to go around. Even in the midst of the frantic, last minute gift shopping and preparations for throwing an unforgettable party to kick off the New Year, love is in the air ... and not just for the ones who are taken. The holiday season provides plenty of opportunity to meet a honey just in time to snag a kiss under the mistletoe.

Anything can happen during the holidays, so follow this [relationship advice](#), and keep your eyes and options open for potential love in these places:

1. Christmas party: [Celebrity couples](#) don't have all the fun around the holidays – you can, too! Holiday parties are an absolute must during the Christmas season. Take complete advantage of the endless party invites this year. Throw on a fancy red dress or suit, and go to a Christmas party or two. Make the extra effort to introduce yourself to the attendees. Sip on eggnog, and embrace the holiday spirit with new friends... and maybe even a future date!

Related Link: [Date Idea: Volunteer Together this Holiday Season](#)

2. Speed dating: Speed dating may be year-round, but the holiday season makes the experience extra special and will bring out twice as many people. Take a chance, and explore a new way of meeting potential love interests. You never know who you might meet as you shuffle from table to table, enjoying the company of other singles. If you're worried about going alone, bring some adventurous friends along for the ride.

3. The mall: There is no place that is packed with tons of people during the holidays quite like the mall. Slow down your hectic Christmas shopping and truly enjoy others around you as they collect items to mark off their own list. Chat with the tall, handsome guy shopping for a Marc Jacobs watch or the sweet brunette bagging your tennis shoes. Love can find you anywhere- even in the mall.

Related Link: [10 Holiday Gift Ideas for Someone Special](#)

4. Singles night: Although you may feel like you're the only one flying solo during the holidays, you're most definitely not. Classy clubs, snazzy lounges, and even church groups often have specific nights dedicated to those who are single and ready to mingle. Grab a few of your girlfriends or best guy friends and have a fun night out with singles just like you.

How do you plan to find love this holiday season? Share your ideas with us!

**Scarlett Johansson Debuts New
French Boyfriend Romain
Dauriac**





By Jennifer Ross

Scarlett Johansson has got a new man. Just one month after splitting from advertising exec Nate Naylor, Johansson has been spotted out with French journalist Romain Dauriac. Johansson and her new beau were out on Sunday Nov. 18 in New York City for the premiere of her latest film, the making of *Alfred Hitchcock's Psycho*. According to [Pure People](#), the love birds were introduced to each other by a mutual friend and tattoo artist Fuzi Uvtpk. Since then, reports claim that the couple has also frequented several bars and clubs in both France and New York within the past several weeks.

What are some ways to introduce your new partner to family and friends?

Cupid's Advice:

When you begin a love relationship, you naturally want to involve him/her in every part of your life. This will include introductions to your colleagues, friends and family. Be warned that this can be a tricky when dealing with judgmental people who care about you. In order for things to work out

well, here are three ways to bring your important people together:

1. Private brunch/dinner: Before your new partner is thrown to the family pack, smooth things over with a pre-introduction brunch/dinner for you two and your parents. It will be difficult enough for your mate to answer questions from your parents in front of the family. A private brunch/dinner for four will allow your parents to get to know him/her without the scrutiny of a family audience.

2. Sports gathering: A great time for your partner to meet your friends is when you all get together for a sports event. This will be a way for him/her to mingle with everyone without being the center of attention. Also, bonding moments can happen when your sport team is winning.

3. Vacation trip: If you feel you two are ready, consider inviting your partner to a family or friend vacation trip. This will allow everyone to be in a neutral and stress-free environment with plenty of days to get to know him/her. Just remember to go easy on the alcoholic beverages during the trip.

How did you introduce your new partner to family and friends? Share with us below.

Pro Matchmaker Says Kristen Stewart and Rob Pattinson

Will Marry in a Year



By Jennifer Ross

Millionaire Matchmaker Patti Stanger knows a good love match when she sees one and she sees one in Hollywood couple Kristen Stewart and Rob Pattinson. Recently, at an *Usmagazine.com* Music Party, Stanger told Hollyscoop.com, "I love the fact that [Robert Pattinson] let [Kristen Stewart] apologize and that she owned up to her mistake. Let's see if they can heal each other and if they can get married in the next year and a half." Although most of America thought their love fiasco may have been a publicity stunt for the *Twilight Saga* movie, Stanger actually saw a heartbroken Pattinson and a remorseful Stewart. "I think it's for real because I really think he had a broken heart, I think he really cried his eyes out and I think she really regretted what she did." When it comes to cheating, Stanger believes in forgiveness. "She's human and

they're young. We make mistakes like that and nobody calls them out. They make mistakes and it's like the end of the world."

What are some signs that you've found the person you're going to marry?

Cupid's Advice:

How can you tell if your partner is "the one?" Ultimately, that is a big question you will have to answer on your own. However, that doesn't mean there aren't clues to guide you. Of all the many possible reasons to doubt a relationship, here are three conclusive signs that you are on the road to marriage:

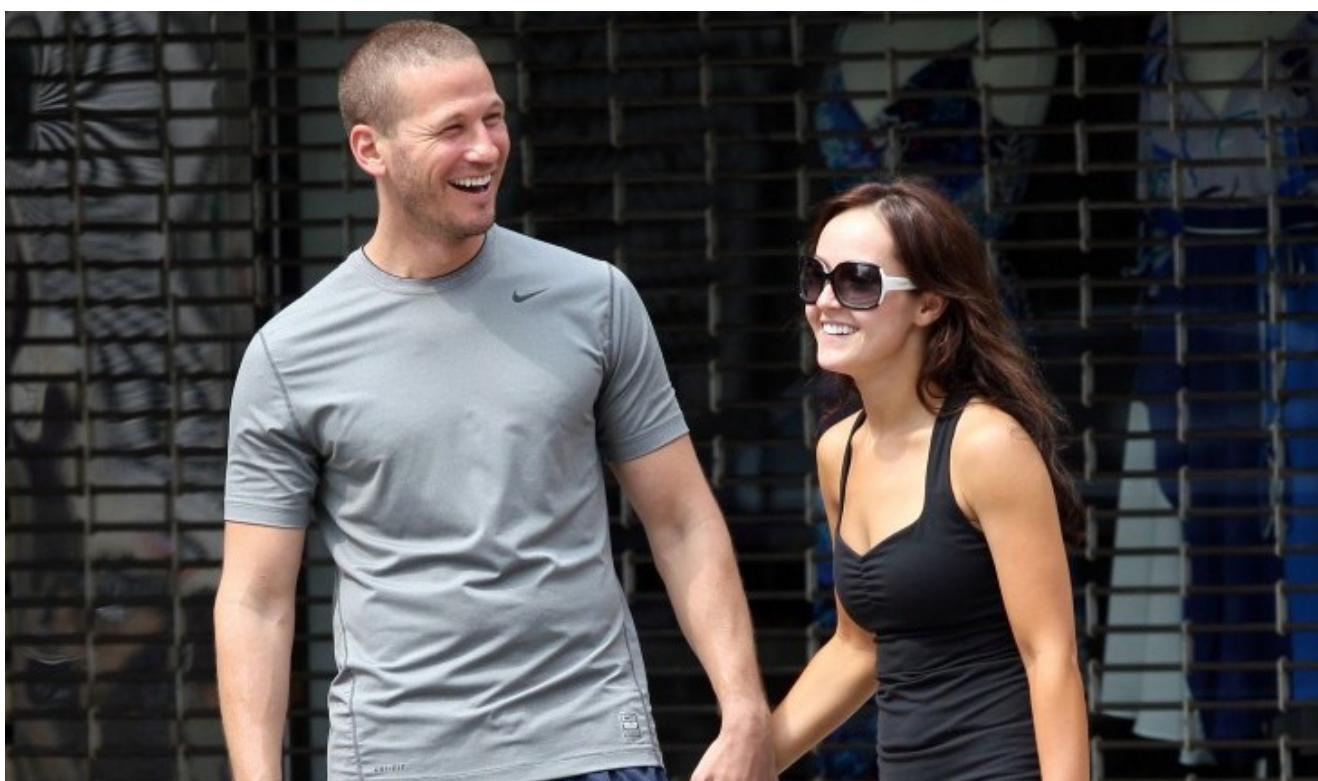
1. Comfortable: A relationship should not be a painful chore and neither should hanging out with your partner. A lazy day with your soul mate should be like a cozy pair of pajamas – very comfortable and relaxing. This is the type of person you will want by your side when you grow old.

2. "We" terms: As you live in a world of individuality, being in a relationship with "the one" puts everything in a different perspective. Your days of thinking in terms of "me, my and I" evolve into "we, ours, and us." You can naturally think of you two as a unit.

3. Protection: A sign that you are with your future spouse is that not only do you two protect each other from harm, but you also protect each other from the ability to let your individuality decline. Many relationships become so intertwined that each person loses their own sense of self. If not protected, this will only cause havoc and pain between you.

How did you know you had found the right person to marry? Share with us below.

Rob Schneider and Wife Welcome a Baby Girl



By Jennifer Ross

Add one more fan to Rob Schneider's fan base. The comedic actor and his TV producer wife, Patricia Azarcoya Arce welcomed into the world their daughter, Miranda Scarlett Schneider, born on Friday, Nov. 16. According to [People](#), baby Miranda weighed in at 5 lbs., 13 oz. and is 18 inches long. A very elated dad, Schneider tweeted just 45 minutes before delivery, "Baby is COMING NOW! 19th hour of labor! Wife is doing great! WOW!!!" With a little over a day to recover from the excitement of his daughter's birth, Schneider eventually

tweets the good news. "Miranda Schneider!!! Born 8:59 pm! Mommy and Baby happy and healthy!" Married in April 2011, this is the first child together for the couple. Schneider also has an older daughter Elle, with ex-wife London King.

How do you prepare for the arrival of a baby girl versus a baby boy?

Cupid's Advice:

Are you having a boy or girl? That's usually the first question you will continually answer throughout your pregnancy. Although most new born babies require basically the same needs after birth, here are some things to consider when preparing for a boy versus a girl:

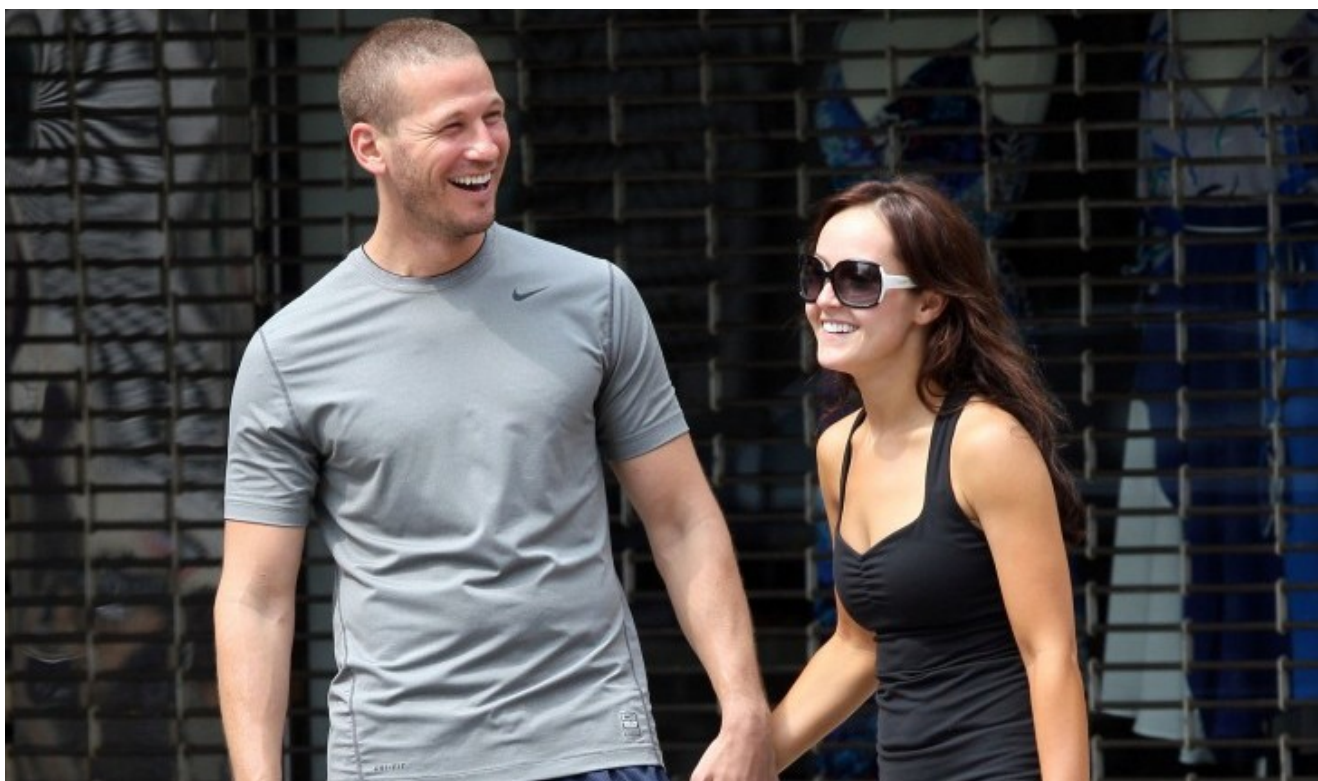
1. Color choice: Nowadays, many parents-to-be option-out of learning the sex of the baby. However, knowing whether you will have a boy or girl definitely helps in determining the color choice for the nursery. Will it be blue or pink? If neutral is not your color preference, then ask your doctor "what's the gender."

2. Amount of clothing: Generally boys are born bigger. However, what most new parents aren't aware of is that boys also grow much faster than girls during the first 6 months of their lives. Therefore, you and your mate will need to buy a larger variety of sizes for your baby boy versus a baby girl. It's probably better to wait till after 6 months to buy him designer clothing.

3. Circumcision: When having a boy, you and your partner will need to decide whether you want him to be circumcised, either for health and/or religious reasons. The best way to decide is lots of research on the topic. Should you decide yes, you will need a couple of items, such as Epsom salt for his bath water and Vaseline to apply during the healing process. Of course, always consult a doctor first.

What steps did you take to prepare for a baby girl or a baby boy? Tell us below.

Giuliana Rancic Says Son is a Mini Version of Husband Bill



By Jennifer Ross

In an episode of [STYLE's Giuliana & Bill](#) that was filmed just before baby Rancic was born, Giuliana and Bill Rancic discuss naming their first born and his possible traits. Giuliana, 37, was keen on naming their son William, after her very own husband. Bill, 41, wasn't too thrilled with the idea, "I've

never been a fan of the 'junior.' I want to give him his own identity." As names like Luke and Zack are weighed upon, the couple considers naming their son after their own fathers. Giuliana explains, "Your dad is Edward and mine's Eduardo. We could name him Edward." The conversation then continues on to what Giuliana most looks forward to when finally meeting baby Rancic – his personal traits. "I want to look at him and see you. I want him to be a 'mini Bill.' Honestly, I want him to be just like you."

How do you work as a couple to instill values in your children?

Cupid's Advice:

Everyone wants their children to grow up becoming successful adults with great values. Yet, no child has ever come with a manual to accomplish this. Fortunately for parents, you won't have to figure it all out on your own. Here are a few key steps to start you on the process of instilling values:

1. Action: Instilling values into children must start with you and your partner showing by examples. From the day they are born, their little eyes are watching your every move. So remember to be compassionate, courageous, honest, reliable or whatever it is you want them to be.

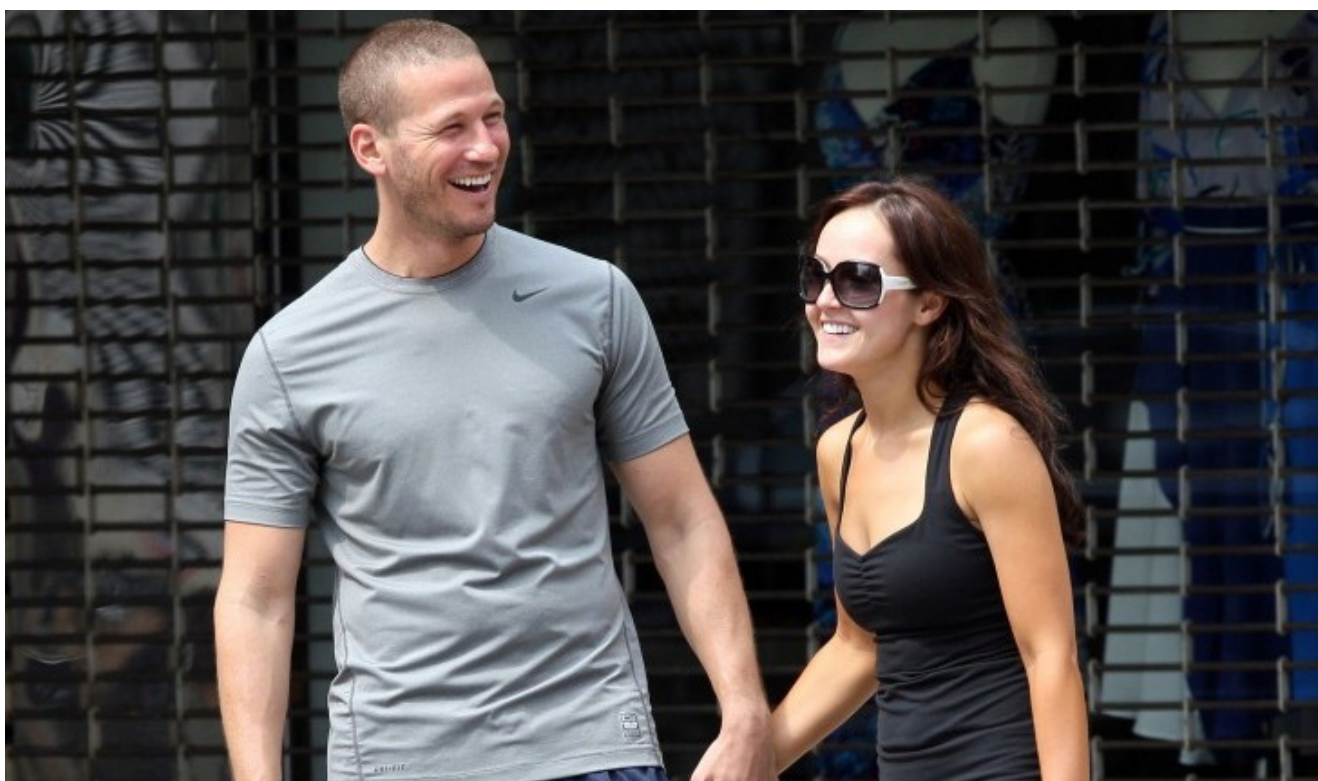
2. Practice daily: Since we, as adults, cannot be perfect all the time, it is safe to say your children won't be either. Therefore, use those moments of mistakes in each of you to kindly practice the right way to do things. Also, you and your partner can practice supporting each other in the learning process as another example of good values.

3. Praise: Praise or celebrate the times when your children show trustworthiness or sympathy or love. If someone outside the family witnesses the children showing great behavior, make them aware that others are watching and how proud you feel.

They will feel the pride too.

How did you and your partner work together to instill values in your children? Tell us below.

Wendy Williams Lashes Out at Heidi Klum for Relationship with Bodyguard Boyfriend



By Jennifer Ross

Wendy Williams speaks her mind about Heidi Klum's new relationship and it is not nice. Last Tuesday on [The Wendy](#)

[Williams Show](#), Williams criticized the Victoria's Secret model, insinuating that Klum and bodyguard boyfriend Martin Kirsten began their relationship while Klum was still married to Seal. She even went as far as implying that intimate moments may have taken place under Seal's nose while Kirsten worked for the family the past four years. "Seal, you know what that means – and not just when you were out of town." The TV host ended with giving Seal advice on revenge. "I don't know how much you're worth, but she's worth more. You need half. You need yourself a new girlfriend; someone young, hot and with a long future in modeling, and really fertile."

What are some signs that your partner is cheating?

Cupid's Advice:

No one ever wants to find out their partner is cheating. As a result, many people will turn a blind eye to the infidelity and live in denial. A problem with this is that the truth will eventually surface and you will need to deal with it. So rather than wait for your mate to confess, here are a few signs that someone is cheating:

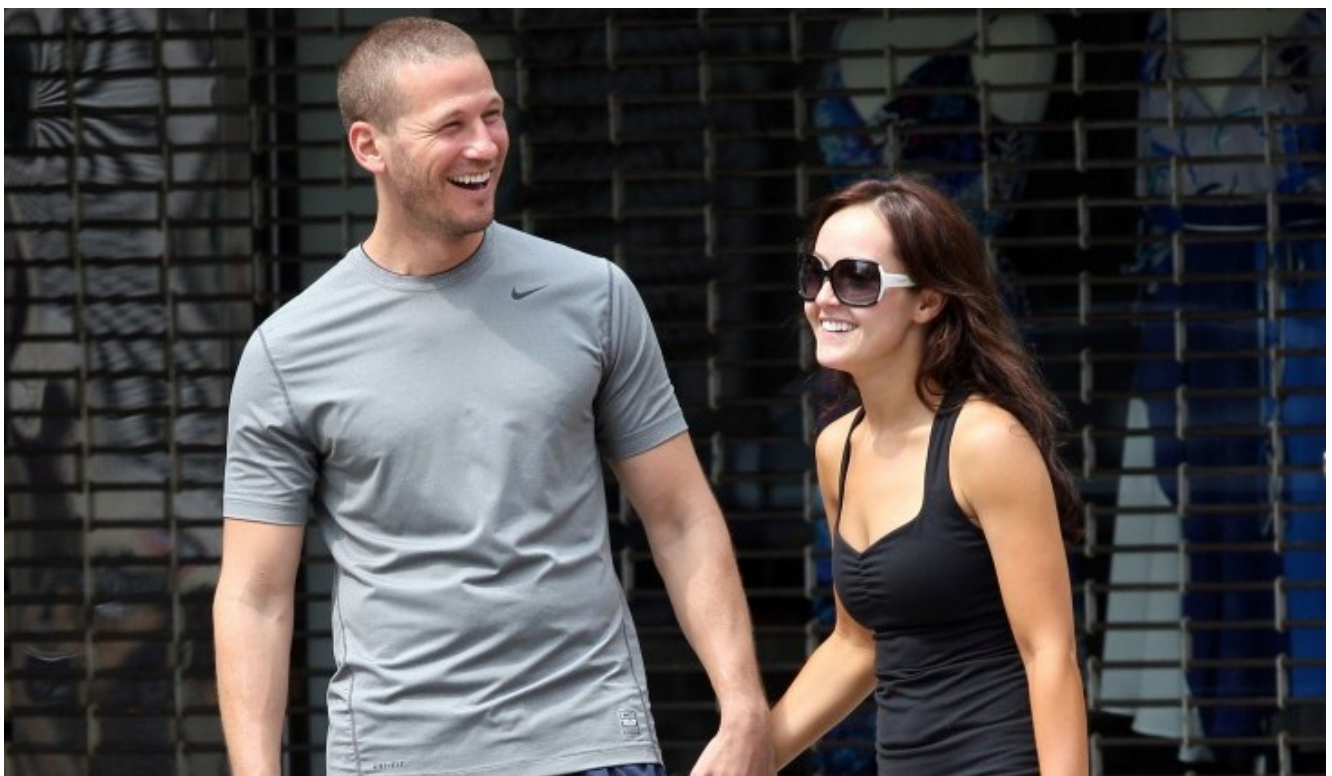
1. Private phone calls: Yes, there are moments when your partner will need to take a phone call into the next room for privacy. However, if your partner runs to the next room every time the phone rings, something is not right. Also, your mate may refuse to let you know who called or what the call was about.

2. Change in appearance: Another sign of cheating is if your spouse has changed their appearance, such as previously dressing conservative but now focuses on designer clothing. Also, your mate wasn't much for grooming but now is finicky about their hair style, jewelry, and/or make-up. A new love in their life will have them feeling more conscious about their look.

3. Overly defensive or angry: When a spouse is cheating, they may come off more defensive about answering for their whereabouts or any question at all. The defensiveness could lead to criticizing or controlling you for any little thing and impatience or aggression in just speaking to you. The infidelity signs will get stronger so pay attention.

What signs did you see that told you your partner was cheating? Comment below.

Cheryl Burke Says She May Be the Next 'Bachelorette'



By Jennifer Ross

Cheryl Burke is on the hunt for love and she is not afraid to have an audience along for her journey. The *DWTS: All Stars* professional dancer has told UsMagazine.com that she has met with the TV executives of the ABC's *the Bachelorette* and the discussion was about her being the next contestant. "There hasn't been a firm offer, but if they offer it to me I would love to do it," Burke, 28, said. So why hasn't this single gal found Mr. Right? According to Burke, her hectic schedule keeps her secluded and unable to meet different potentials. "I'm around the same people all the time, I've been on this show for nearly a decade."

What are some non-traditional ways to meet 'the one'?

Cupid's Advice:

With technology constantly changing, the ways of traditionally meeting people are not as effective as before. Although getting to know someone can be very enjoyable, the process of finding that stranger can be a tedious chore in itself. Why not better your odds with each attempt? Here are a few ways to meet that special someone in a more un-traditional setting:

1. Volunteering: Depending on the non-profit organization you sign up for, most of them have several personality type men and women to choose from. Whether it's cooking at a soup kitchen or hammering at a building site, you are doing a good deed and possibly receiving a dinner date simultaneously. Best thing of all, the men and women volunteering usually have something that you hardly find drunk at a night club – good values.

2. Chatting while traveling: One place you are sure to run into potential mates is in public transportation. Just think about all the charming people you passed up this morning while on a bus, subway, train or airplane. Depending on your travel

time, you can strike up an easy conversation about what else...traveling. Didn't find any great prospects partners? There's always tomorrow morning's commute.

3. Hot Spots: If you are very particular about the type of potential partner, try searching for them at their hot spots. For someone intelligent and ambitious, check out the local Fortune 500 companies. For someone athletic, hit the neighborhood gyms. Finally, visit your local Apple store for techies of all kinds. No matter what type you prefer, there's a hot spot for every hottie.

What non-traditional method did you use to meet your soul mate? Tell us below.

Nicole Kidman Says Divorce From Tom Cruise Was a 'Shock to My System'





By Jennifer Ross

With all her professional successes and a gorgeous family, Nicole Kidman is grateful for what she has. However, her life has not always been grand. In a recent interview with [DuJour](#), Kidman speaks of the highs and lows in her life, including her painful divorce from former husband Tom Cruise. When discussing her love for Cruise, the star of upcoming movie *Grace of Monaco* said, "I was reeling with Tom. I would have gone to the ends of the earth for him." At 23 years-old, she had married Cruise in 1990. Just a few months after their 10th wedding anniversary, Cruise delivered a major blow to her when he decided to separate. "It took me a very long time to heal. It was a shock to my system," the mother of four confessed. Over time, Kidman, 45, healed from her divorce and eventually found love again in current husband Keith Urban. "I'm happier than I've ever been in my life... My family is with me."

What are some ways to deal with the shock of a divorce?

Cupid's Advice:

Being shocked by divorce doesn't necessarily mean that it happened suddenly. You may have known for some time that the marriage was deteriorating. It's basically the final realization that it is over. There are many stages you will go through, but know one thing. Life will get better. To get you through the initial shock, here are a few tips to keep your sanity:

1. Grieving stages: First thing to realize is that you will go through all stages of grieving, sometimes repeatedly – denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. While this may not relieve your pain immediately, learn each stage's emotional responses. In doing so, you can understand yourself better and see progress as it comes.

2. Grant permission: As your life has been turned upside down, you will have more bad days than good. Give yourself permission to forgive yourself not only for the mistakes of the past, but for the mistakes you will make in the future. Remember, you are going through a divorce; you cannot expect yourself to be at your best everyday.

3. Alone time: While you may have the constant urge to keep yourself busy and surrounded with people, this can be a bad mistake. In order to heal, you must face your emotions and process them internally. The idea may sound frightening, as if your pain will consume you, but it won't. Over time, you will learn to appreciate alone time with yourself.

How did you cope with the shock of your divorce? Comment below.

Tamara Mowry-Housley Welcomes a Baby Boy



By Jennifer Ross

At last! On November 12, 2012, [People](#) confirmed that the first born child for Tamara Mowry-Housley and Adam Housley finally arrived, just two weeks after his due date. At 9 lbs., 5 oz. in weight and 21.5 inches long, Aden John Tanner Housley entered the world late in the evening, giving his parents a lesson on patience. "If I have yet to learn patience, my son is in the process of teaching me now. I have learned that I am not in control and that *he* will decide when he comes," the actress blogged. In the end, both proud parents "feel very blessed" to have baby Aden home.

How does having a baby bring you closer as a couple?

Cupid's Advice:

When you really think about it, having a baby can be serious and dirty business. There are the mood swings, lots of crying, dirty diapers, hunger pains at all hours and fatigue – from all family members. Yet, after all this, a new baby can also enrich your lives. Besides growing the family tree, here are a few benefits having a baby can bring to your relationship:

1. Communication: Because your newborn is incapable of saying exactly what he/she wants, you two as parents will have to communicate much more often. These are the times when hashing out the details are necessary, so say exactly what you mean. With consistent communication, eventually a routine will surface and a better knowledge of each other will be the reward.

2. Team work: With the endless chores surrounding a baby, forming unity in your family will be essential. You both are going to be forced to learn to rely on each other for help. Because of this, there is a lot of give-and-take. As team work is strengthened and your baby grows, soon you will see that it was all worth it.

3. New perspectives: As your baby grows, you and your partner will witness many first moments. This also gives you both the opportunity to view each other in your own "firsts" as well. Whether she perfects her gentle rocking as she is nursing or he is wonderful at reading the sports section to the baby, you will begin to see your mate in a new light, allowing you to fall in love all over again.

Did you and your partner become closer after your baby was born? If so, how? Share your story below.

Pal Says Kim Kardashian Hopes to Get Engaged and Pregnant Post-Divorce



By Jennifer Ross

Kim Kardashian wants to start planning for her future with Kanye West; that is once her divorce papers come in. Kardashian, 32, recently set the record straight to UsMagazine.com, confirming that she is not pregnant nor having a “surprise wedding” with West. Technically, she her divorce to Brooklyn Nets Kris Humphries is not official and continues at a snail’s pace. However, a close source reveals that the couple does have a plan for their future. “Kim thinks they’ll get engaged and try for a baby once the divorce is final...Kanye is actually being very patient.” All that is needed is ink to

dry on Kardashian's walking papers.

What are some things to be careful of in a relationship after your divorce?

Cupid's Advice:

Dating again post-divorce can be both exciting and challenging, especially if you have been off the market for quite some time. While you may feel you are ready to start a love life once more, there are many things to be careful about in new relationships. Some things will be obvious and some will sneak up on you. So to get you started, here are a few no-no's to think about when saying yes to a date:

1. Jumping in too soon: While there is no set time for when to start dating again, you can jump into the dating pool too soon. The main thing to focus on is whether you have healed from your divorce. Taking the time to get to loving your single self and realizing what you did wrong before will help you not to make the same mistakes again.

2. Comparing your ex to your new partner: One thing a potential partner hates is being compared to the ex or even listening about him/her over dinner. So try not to do it. While you do not want to find an exact replacement to your ex, keep in mind that every person is different and will not necessarily act the same as your ex in a similar past situation. Bottom line, keep your ex in the past.

3. Repeating the same mistakes: A common thing to do when you are not ready to date is to repeat the same mistakes. This usually happens in not taking the time to analyze what went wrong in your previous marriage and what responsibility you had in those mistakes. Without unlearning the wrong way and relearning the right way to handle a conflict, you are doomed to repeat.

What were some things you were careful of in a new relationship post-divorce? Comment below.

Vanessa Lachey Calls Nick Lachey a 'Doting Dad'



By Jennifer Ross

Vanessa Lachey has definitely won the jackpot when it comes to finding the perfect man in husband Nick Lachey. Vanessa, 31, recently opened up to Sheknows.com about life as a threesome, with new baby Camden John, and what a wonderful father Nick has become. "All of my hopes and dreams have come true and he

[Nick] is awesome. I was actually joking earlier that if Nick could nurse Camden he would!" Even though Camden is a peaceful baby, his loving parents were still in for a surprise awakening when it came to his feeding schedule. Vanessa explains, "I didn't understand that they need to eat every two to three hours at first and then three to four a little after that. Sometimes we literally had 15 minutes between him falling asleep and then having to wake him for the next feed. I'm like, 'This goes on 24 hours a day and no one told me about this part of it!'"

What are some ways to tell your partner will be a good parent?

Cupid's Advice:

With the holidays fast upon us, chances are you'll think about spending time with your immediate family. These thoughts can lead to future dreams of having your own family traditions; but before that can happen, you have got to find the right partner. So how can you tell if he/she will make a great parent? Here are few telling traits:

1. Strong stomach: Does your partner get easily grossed out? The truth is, kids are messy, with diaper changes, spit ups and runny noses. Having a "strong stomach" to be able to handle taking care of someone when they are sick is a sign that your mate will be there when you or your little ones need it most.

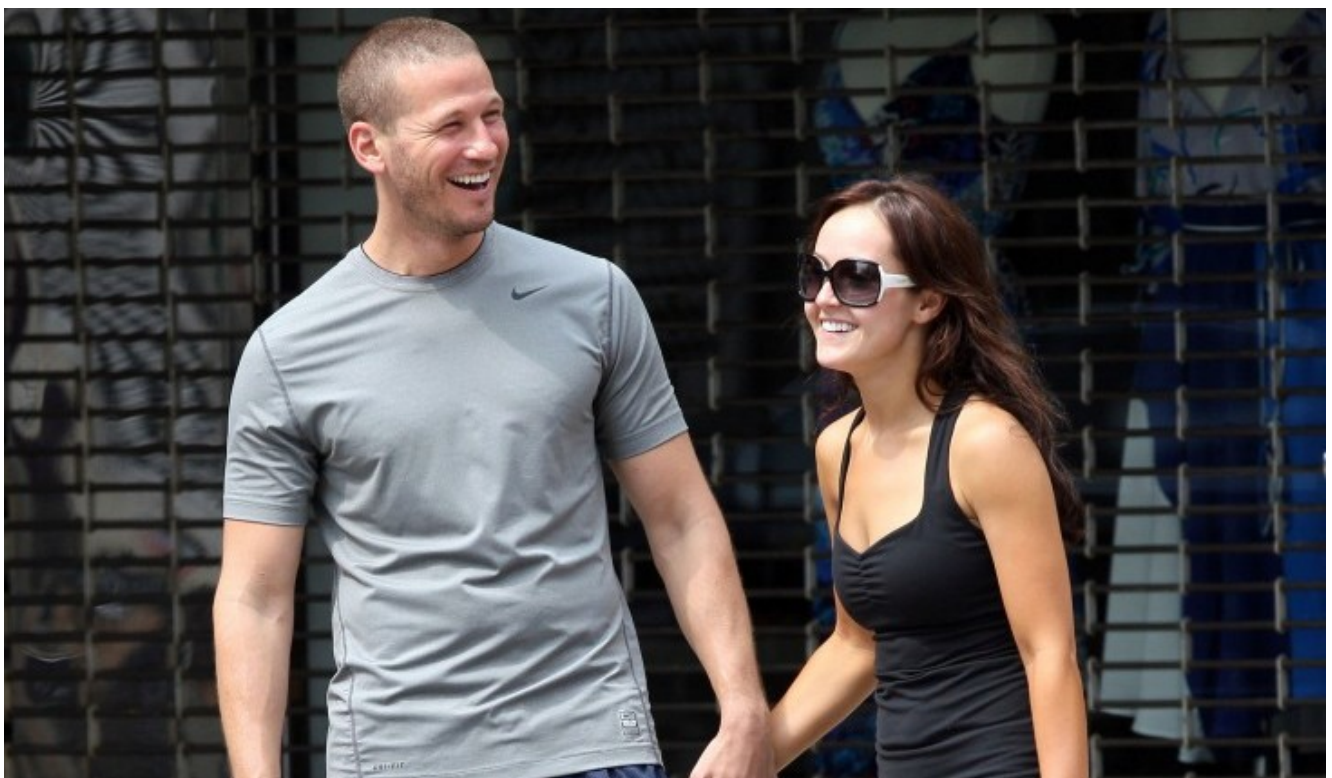
2. Creativity: Because kids have such vivid imaginations, you or your partner will someday need to entertain them...possibly for hours. Having a creative mind will show that your partner has a playful sense and won't take stressful things too seriously. After all, you will need a little fun to handle life with kids.

3. Nieces/nephews: A great indicator of your partner's parenting skills is how he/she treats their nieces and/or

nephews. Does your partner remember their birthdays or play with them when together? Is your mate able to show emotions freely with them? Your partner being able to care for them is wonderful practice to someday loving your own.

How did you know your partner would be a great parent? Tell us your story below.

Elizabeth Olsen Is Dating 'Very Good Girls' Costar Boyd Holbrook



By Jennifer Ross

One of the Olsen sisters is in love! Little sister to celebrity twins Mary Kate and Ashley, Elizabeth Olsen has recently been seen out in New Orleans, holding hands with a new beau. Confirmed by UsMagazine.com, the lucky man is none other than her *Very Good Girls* costar, Boyd Holbrook. A source close to Olsen, 23, spoke of the costars budding relationship details, stating that they have “been dating for awhile now...trying to keep it hush-hush, of course. They met from the first read of their movie together, and there was great chemistry there.” Whether this relationship will last, only time will tell. However, one thing is certain, the source said Olsen “really likes him!”

What are some characteristics to look for when you're first dating someone?

Cupid's Advice:

During the first few dates, it can be a difficult to tell if your potential partner could be the one. After all, everyone has their best foot forward. However, there are moments when he/she will give little clues to his/her true characteristics. Being able to see and understand them quickly will help in deciding whether you want another date. Below are a few positive characteristics that you should keep in mind:

1. Generosity: A person can be generous with their spirit, their time and/or the wallet. The real important thing here is that a generous person freely gives to matters they care about, often forgives and seeks the best in others. When with such a person, your needs may be met before even asking. Generosity in a relationship is a winning deal.

2. Openness: The ability to be naturally open is when your potential mate is able to share genuine thoughts and feelings. Also, he/she is not afraid of whom they are or do not feel the

need to hide when emotionally exposed. Being with an open person will allow you to exchange deeper, personal feelings early on with much ease; thus, creating a strong bond.

3. Humor: Potential partners that have a great sense of humor can see the fun in situations and laugh at themselves. In these moments, you two will find yourselves laughing often, relaxing and letting tension go. As a result, this can carry any relationship through the hard times and on to better days.

What characteristics attracted you to your partner during your first few dates? Share your story below.

Is It Time to Update Your Facebook Relationship Status?





By Ashley DelBello

It's not official until it's on Facebook. We've all heard this before. And as Facebook recently hit its one-billionth user, it's becoming truer in almost every aspect of life, including relationships. With some, Facebook has even replaced having the "the talk" with "can we update our relationship status on Facebook yet?" A little extreme, but as Facebook is the one of the most prominent social networking sites relationship statuses are now an important milestone in dating.

So when do you update your Facebook relationship status? Too soon and you may have to publically face going from "in a relationship" back to "single" before your next date (which has now been cancelled). If you wait too long, your significant other can become irritated and it could start to cause problems as it may be more important to them than you realize.

Follow these simple rules when considering updating your relationship status:

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New Relationships. Have you already had “the talk?” Deciding that you’re exclusive should definitely take place prior to updating your relationship status and should also be a safe indicator that it’s ok to announce that you guys are dating. While we all want to shout from the top of our lungs when we are in a new relationship, it’s usually best to wait and make sure it’s going to work out. No one wants all the annoying questions you’ll receive from people you haven’t heard from in years when you have to change your status back to “single.”

The Break-Up. There’s no need to rush to update your status as soon as you leave your ex’s house, but you will want to change it before it too much time passes and you’re left looking a little pathetic. However, your Facebook profile is highly visible to almost everyone and it’s not something you want to change lightly. Give it a few weeks and when you’re absolutely sure that it’s over, go ahead and make the change. If the relationship ended [amicably](#) and you were together for a long period of time, it couldn’t hurt to give your ex a heads up that you are going to change it.

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Making Your Status Private. Of course, you could avoid all of this by simply clicking “only me” for your relationship status. Not as fun and there will most likely be a time you’ll have to make it less private, but if you’re currently in a situation that allows you to keep it to yourself, then it’s definitely something to ponder.

Any Public Relationship Status Update. Think it through and consider all the possibilities of making a change – you certainly don’t want to be the one constantly making updates to your relationship status or be on the receiving end of unsolicited advice so make sure it’s worth it.

Tell us: When do you update your Facebook relationship

status?

Host Chris Harrison Says New 'Bachelor' Sean Lowe Is 'So Sincere'



By Jennifer Ross

As ABC's new *Bachelor*, Sean Lowe is currently shooting their 17th Season, host Chris Harrison reports to UsMagazine.com, "Sean's doing great." Last seen on TV just three months ago when Emily Maynard dumped Lowe on the *Bachelorette*, this

southern man seems to have moved on and recovered quickly. As to whether Lowe's, 28, love choices will be worth watching, Harrison states, "I think people are really going to like him because he's so sincere. He really is looking for that someone and that makes it fun for everyone... when you get to know the guy, he's very well read, very intelligent, a very smart guy." With the show three-quarters of the way finished in filming, it sounds like this season's *Bachelor* will be a must see for all.

What are some ways to tell the person you're dating is sincere?

Cupid's Advice:

Dating has its challenges and the process in choosing the right person can be endlessly frustrating. However, it doesn't have to be this difficult. While you may not be able to measure their sincerity on the first date, there are ways to see if they are genuinely interested in you. For clues, here are a few things to focus on when meeting up for your next date:

1. First impressions: From the moment you meet up with your potential partner, ask yourself, is he/she dressed well? Also, does he/she have social manners? Not dressing well is a sign that he/she is not interested in your opinion. Lacking social manners, such as talking too much about themselves rather than getting to know you, is a sign that they are self-absorbed. Both issues state you need to look elsewhere for love.

2. Open or closed: When conversing, ask questions about his/her family or personal life. Whether your date is open or closed about the topic says a lot. When your potential mate's personal life and family is a closed subject, he/she is hiding something. Secrets so soon into the relationship only cause obstacles that set you two up for failure.

3. Listening skills: Also as important, does your date listen to you speak when discussing your personal life? If he/she focuses more on the environment and/or your physical features rather than your story of losing your favorite dog as a child, you are more than likely wasting your time. Not being able to find interest in listening to you shows that they genuinely are not interested in you.

What signs does your partner show that says he/she is sincere? Tell us below.

Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux Go High-End Furniture Shopping





By Jennifer Ross

It looks like Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux were on a shopping trip on Monday, Oct. 29, to make their Bel Air home compliment their tastes. The newly engaged couple were spotted at several furniture stores, including Blackman Cruz, eyeing two large leather chairs and an 18th century armoire. Reported to UsMagazine.com by an employee, Aniston, 43, and her fiancé were both equally involved in the decision making. “They were in it together. They really seemed to be enjoying this process.” But that’s not all Aniston had her eye on. A frequent visitor of the store, Aniston visited with the store’s dog, Hudson, even “holding her like a baby and petting her forever,” the clerk said.

How do you decorate your home to reflect your relationship?

Cupid’s Advice:

Just like love, home decoration styles come in all sorts of designs with varying degrees of uniqueness. Some can be very black and white while others may prefer blending every color

imaginable. Whatever you and your partner's love style is, why not have it reflected throughout your home. For tips on how to accomplish this, these following three ideas can help you get started:

1. Items you cherish: Look all around your home and gather things that are either important to one of you or both of you. Knick-knacks, heirloom items, his favorite TV chair or the floral vase you two picked up on your last vacation; anything really that makes you feel special and loved. Use these items as a starting point to find a common decoration theme.

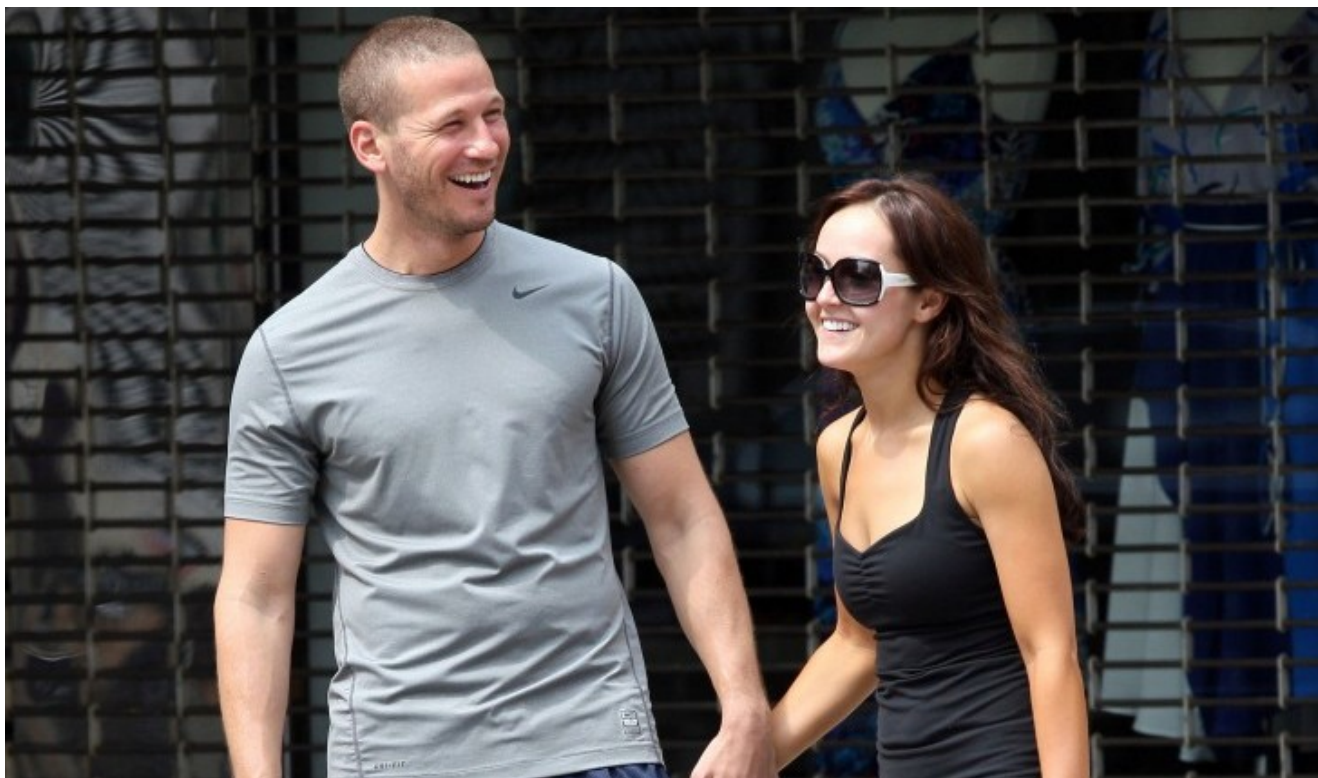
2. Places you both love: Similar to items, take the time for you and your mate to write down the places you love. Then, under each place, write down the things about that place that you love the most. Finally, share your places with each other and together decide on elements you both can love and live with in your home.

3. Common threads: As you go through items, furnishings and images both you and your partner prefer, look for common threads in design, materials, colors or shapes. You might find that your relationship is a blend of styles rather than just one. If so, don't be afraid to mix and match to create your own unique blend representing the love you two share.

What decorations in your home reflect your relationship? Share with us below.

Find Out How Blake Shelton

and Miranda Lambert Make Their Marriage Work



By Jennifer Ross

Halfway towards their second-year anniversary, Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert continue to act as if they are on their honeymoon. With their stressful music careers that keep them apart as much time as they are together, Lambert, 28, told [People](#), “We won’t go more than two weeks without seeing each other.” Staying apart can be a good thing too, since Shelton, 36, warns that too much togetherness could have them killing each other. The country music couple, which exchanged vows in Texas under an arch of antlers, has recently been able to spend time together in their Hollywood rental. In store for Lambert and Shelton, both were up with four nominations each at the 46th Annual CMA Awards, which aired on Nov. 1. Best of

luck to them both, professionally and personally.

What are some ways to keep your married life grounded?

Cupid's Advice:

Finding a "soul mate" is a wonderful thing and what most people strive for in life. Yet, it's the years after that can stress you to the point of throwing in the towel. So what's a person to do when marriage has begun to show its downward times? The answer might be easier than you think. Here are a few ideas on keeping your marriage and sanity together:

- 1. Define "yours," "mine," "ours":** Have the upfront conversation of what belongs to whom? This is not just about the financial accounts. Include time that will be shared together and separate, such as holiday vacations, his Thursday night basketball games or your Saturday afternoon book club meetings. Defining and respecting each other's time and money will work on strengthening your bond.
- 2. Continue courting:** Often, the little things like an "I love you" post-it note left in his car or flowers "just because" can really go a long way to keeping the romance alive. The key is to be genuine and spontaneous, treating each other similarly to the exciting "newness" of your first beginning dates.
- 3. Renegotiate your contract:** As with many contracts in life, your marriage terms and conditions need to be re-evaluated and renegotiated to fit you two currently, every so many years. As time passes by, and people inevitably change, so should your marriage evolve. Be sensitive to what each other requests or no longer needs; focus on continuing the happiness you both give each other.

How do you keep your married life grounded? Comment below.

Levi Johnston Marries Sunny Oglesby Without Tripp in Attendance



By Jennifer Ross

On October 28, Levi Johnston wedded his girlfriend of over one year, Sunny Oglesby without his first born, Tripp in attendance. The groom, 22, wanted Tripp, 4, to be his ring bearer, but mother, Bristol Palin denied visitation. According to [Inside Edition](#), Johnston did not inform Palin of his weekend nuptials. Instead, he only asked for custody of his son. One person that was able to make it was Johnston's second

child with Oglesby, one-month-old Breeze Beretta. This is the first child for Oglesby, 20. During the wedding, Johnston was said to have goofed on his vows. "To have and to hold, whatever you say."

How do you keep open lines of communication with your ex?

Cupid's Advice:

Regardless of why the relationship ended, there are many reasons why you cannot just remove your ex from your life, such as working together or sharing custody of a child. In circumstances such as these, it is best to keep the line of communication open and respectful as best as possible in order to make life easier for all those involved. Should you need help, here are a few tips on how to remain cordial with your ex:

1. Express your plan: As soon as possible, inform your ex that you plan to move forward in a respectful manner for both of your sakes. Should your ex not agree with you; don't stoop down to his/her level. Remain on your path. Eventually, they will see you are serious and come around.

2. Be specific: In the beginning, emotions may still be raw. Therefore, it would greatly benefit the both of you to be specific about your reasons when reaching out to your ex. No matter what is said, work hard to keep your emotions under control. Also, don't forget to use your "please" and "thank you." The key is to establish respect for each other.

3. Don't reminisce: When speaking to your ex, it is best not to bring up moments of your past relationship together, regardless of whether there were good or bad. In order to move forward in an amicable manner, your intimate times with your ex must remain in the past. Otherwise, you will only bring confusion.

What methods do you use to keep open lines of communication with your ex? Tell us below.

Falling In Love: When to Say the L-Word for the First Time



By Sarah Ribeiro

You and your significant other have been together for quite some time now. You've experienced great dates, bad dates, and more romantic adventures than most couples you know. You've met the parents, made plans for the future, and have even discussed living together. There's just one thing you haven't

done, and it's a rather large elephant in the room: said "I love you." Both you and your partner have likely contemplated saying it, and it might have **almost** slipped out more than once, but you're unsure whether you're ready to say it. If you need some help on knowing when it's time, here are some ways to know you're ready to say the L-word for the first time:

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1. You've made the commitment: If you and your partner are attached at the hip 24/7 (yes, that includes overnight), are making plans for "what's next" and both envision a future together, it's safe to say "I love you." After all, you must love each other to make these commitments, and to be with each other through good and bad.

2. You trust each other: When it comes to love, trust is a make it or break it kind of thing. Telling your beau you love them conveys that you trust them not only with your heart, but with the most important parts of your life. The L-word is a promise to be there for each other in the toughest of times and to care for each other – even when it's hard. A promise like that can't be made without trust.

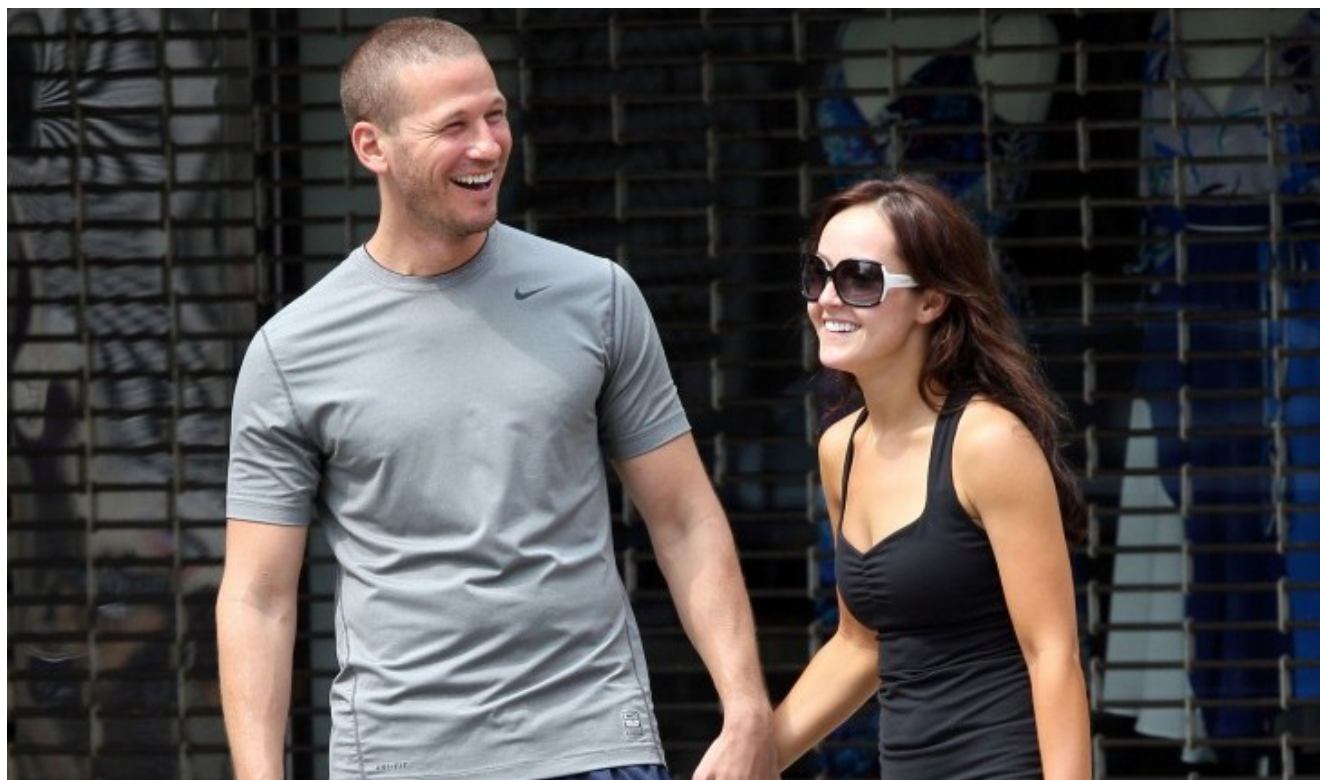
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3. You're able to communicate: Communication is key in any good relationship, but you can't be completely open with your partner if you don't have the traits mentioned above. Communicating with your love is all about commitment and trust. If you're able to commit to and trust your sweetheart, you can be open with each other and explore each other's feelings, needs, and desires. Understanding and appreciating what your honey has to say, and being able to say what you want without fear of them running out is a sure sign that you can say "I love you" to them and mean it.

When do you know to say the L-word for the first time? Share

your comments below.

'Teen Mom 2' Star Leah Messer Is Pregnant with Third Child



By Jennifer Ross

It's baby number three for *Teen Mom 2* star Leah Messer! Messer, 20, and new husband Jeremy Calvert exclusively confirmed the pregnancy to Usmagazine.com, saying that the two-year-old twins "can't wait to meet their new brother or sister." Calvert, 23, is Messer's second husband and this will be his first child. The MTV reality star divorced her first

husband, and father of the twins, Corey Simms in April of 2011. "Being a teen mom was difficult, but I'm older and in a different place now – married to Jeremy and excited for our family to grow." Baby Calvert is expected to arrive sometime this winter.

What are some ways to prepare your children for a new addition to the family?

Cupid's Advice:

A new baby in the family will bring many changes. Although it is a joyous occasion, siblings may feel neglected and jealous in the beginning. However, parents can prevent some of this by preparing the siblings, and not just baby-proof the home, for a newborn. With a few simple steps and conversations, your home and family will be a happier place for baby to arrive:

1. Read a book: Start the "new baby" conversations with your children by reading them stories of becoming a big brother/sister. This way, little ones will be able to learn how important they will be in helping mommy with a baby and begin to feel proud of their upcoming role. Plus, it's a great way to spend a little quality time together.

2. Help them understand: Depending upon their age, your child may not fully grasp the concept of a new baby. A good way to help them understand is by showing them their own baby pictures. In doing so, tell them the stories behind the pictures. Also, don't forget to include pictures of your pregnancy with them.

3. Visit a friend: Another way to make the newborn a reality before birth is to visit a friend who has a newborn. Allowing your children to sit, and possibly hold, a newborn baby will get their minds open and excited about their upcoming sibling. Feel free to answer any age appropriate questions that may come up because of the visit.

How did you prepare your children for the new addition in your family? Tell us below.

Kanye West Surprises Kim Kardashian with Birthday Cake at NYC Event



By Jennifer Ross

Although Kim Kardashian's birthday just passed on Oct. 21, the gifts just keep coming! While at the Angel Ball in New York City Monday night, Kanye West surprised his girlfriend, who

just turned 32, with a wonderful chocolate cake. The reality star was very much surprised by the gesture, as West sat there, happy that he was able to pull this off. A witness reported to Usmagazine.com, "She looked genuinely surprised and thanked Kanye with a kiss!" As the charity gala continued on, the couple hardly stepped away from each other, looking very much in love and sneaking kisses ever so often. With this birthday cake surprise AND the birthday trip to Italy, you can definitely say Kanye West knows how to be romantic.

How do you surprise your partner on his/her birthday?

Cupid's Advice:

Remembering your partner's birthday is a must in life. After all, it is the day they were born! No matter what your partner says, celebrating their birthday shows that you value them and truly care. So write it in your calendar, tattoo it to your body or do whatever it is you need to do in order to remember the date. Most importantly, have fun planning the event with ideas such as these:

1. A false birthday party: When planning a surprise party, it's easy for someone to accidentally leak the surprise out. To prevent this, why not plan the birthday party a few days in advance. This way, people can feel comfortable speaking to your partner about the party, just not the exact day. Plus, your mate will definitely be surprised on the day of the event.

2. Party-less surprises: If your partner happens to not like surprise birthday parties, don't fret. There are many ways to surprise him/her; such as filling the bedroom, their car or office with balloons, making them breakfast in bed, planning a fun road trip for two or surprising them with tickets to their favorite concert or event. The ideas are endless. Remember, a party is not the only way to show your love.

3. A party for one: If your partner devotes more time everyone else but himself/herself, why not throw him/her a party for one. Set them up with a day at the spa, a golf lesson with a former pro, or a ride-a-long with a professional race car driver. The gift of time doing something they truly enjoy will leave him/her feeling loved and renewed.

What kind of surprise did you give your partner for his/her birthday? Tell us your story below.