Ariana Grande and Big Sean Confirm Celebrity Relationship at VMA's



By Courtney Omernick

It was a big weekend for Ariana Grande, who is currently dominating celebrity news! Not only did she perform at the VMA's, but her <u>celebrity relationship</u> with Big Sean has gone public! According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, the "Bang Bang" singer and Big Sean were caught holding hands backstage at the award show. Will this famous couple keep the spark alive in their Hollywood relationship? We sure hope so! Celebrity relationships are often discovered sooner than they're meant to be. Luckily, you have more control! What are three creative ways to announce your love to family and friends?

Cupid's Advice:

Announcing a new relationship is definitely an exciting moment! There are butterflies in your stomach and love in your heart. You probably feel higher than a kite! But with Facebook being a worldwide staple, the "surprise" element of announcing a new relationship has been diminished. So we've come up with a few ways that you can take a cue from the hottest celebrity relationships and get creative with your announcement:

1. Utilize the element of surprise: Like Grande and Big Sean, confirm your relationship with a stubble surprise. For example, if the two of you are going out with friends or to dinner with family, you could try walking into the room holding hands to get the conversation started. Or if you're really daring, plant a quick kiss in front of your loved ones.

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2. Take advantage of social media: Ok, so we can't deny the use of technology to get the message out there! After all, almost everyone is online these days. Posting a picture of you and your new significant other holding hands, kissing, etc. might be the way to go. This way, you'll be able to acceptably use a ton of hashtags and get the word out to your favorite people in one easy move.

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3. Use Snapchat: Like Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook, this is a great way to get the word out quickly! You can take a picture similar to the one mentioned above and come up with a great caption like, "He's all mine!" The beauty with Snapchat is that it allows you to select which contacts in your phone receive the message, so you can make it make it as private as you'd like.

What are some other fun ways to announce your relationship? Share below!

Check Out 'Last Weekend'





By Courtney Omernick

Celia Green, played by Patricia Clarkson, gathers her husband, two sons, and their significant others for a holiday at their lake house in Northern California. Unfortunately, her carefully constructed weekend begins to come apart at the seams because of a series of terrible events, including her son's boyfriend's allergic reaction to her cooking.

Should you see it:

If you like the dynamics of families and viewing how their relationships with one another change over time, then this movie is a must see! It was also a staple at the Sundance film festival and features great actors such as Zachary Booth, Joseph Cross, Chris Mulkey, and more.

Who to take:

This family drama would be great to see with your friends, family members, or anyone who loves a bit of relationship tension and comedy. When should you take your guy home to meet your family?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes, it can be hard to tell when your relationship with your man is moving to the next level. But, the time may come when you've decided that it might be time to bring your man home to meet your folks. So, what are the tell tale signs that it really is time to introduce your significant other to the rest of your family? Don't fear; Cupid is here with some advice!

1. You've been together for awhile: You obviously don't want to rush your relationship with your guy, so if things look like they're pretty serious and you've been together for about 3-6 months, then it might be time to bring him home. Chances are, if he likes you, he'll like your family!

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2. You're serious about one another: If you are spending a lot of quality time with one another and you both have talked about your future as a couple, then it looks like things are getting pretty serious between you two. This is a great time to move things forward and introduce him to your family members.

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3. He seems eager: A definitely noticeable sign that your guy is ready to meet your family is if you suggest the meet and greet and he seems excited, or ready to seize the opportunity. Nothing's worse than a guy who gives a nervous look at the suggestion to meet your blood relatives, so make sure he seems happy about the opportunity!

When did you know it was time to bring your guy home to meet your parents? Share your stories in the comments!

Jennifer Lopez Reunites with Celebrity Ex Casper Smart at MTV VMA's





By Courtney Omernick

In the latest celebrity news, <u>UsMagazine.com</u> reported that Jennifer Lopez was able to spend some quality time with her celebrity ex Casper Smart last night at the VMA's. He sat in front of her at the award show, and they were spotted sharing Skittles and talking. Their <u>celebrity relationship</u> may have ended, but it's clear that these two are maintaining a good friendship.

Even the most coveted celebrity relationships come to an end! What are some ways to keep things civil post-breakup?

Cupid's Advice:

If you're hurting because of a break-up, it can be hard to think about being nice to your former significant other. But, if you're looking to keep things civil, we have some love advice for you:

1. Give them their space: Breaking up is hard for both parties. If you truly want to keep things on a level playing field, it's best to give them some space right after the break-up occurs. The other individual is going to be much more open to being friendlier if they've had some time to cope with their feelings.

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2. Show your support (in moderation): You want the other individual to know that you still value them as a person, and possibly a friend, so it's important to help them understand, through tiny gestures, that you still support them. However, you don't want to constantly bombard them with "Congratulations" and other happy messages because you could be implying something else.

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3. Treat them as a friend: If you want to keep things civil, it's important to treat your ex as you would a friend or acquaintance. Be positive, smile, and keep things light and

happy.

J-Lo is facing the end of her celebrity relationship gracefully. What are some ways you've kept things civil postbreak-up? Share your stories in the comments!

Are You Sure You Aren't the Other Woman?



By <u>Sarah Batcheller</u>

Many of us may have the tendency to occasionally let our trust issues get the better of us, and we begin to wonder what our significant other is up to when we're not around. It can even get as bad as suspecting them of having an affair. It is less common, though, for us to look at ourselves and wonder, "Could *I* be the woman on the side of his real relationship?" Just as there are warning signs that someone is cheating on you, there are signs that you are the one he's cheating with. No lady looking for love wants to fall under the category of the other woman! With that thought in mind, here is Cupid's advice on how to know if you should get yourself out of your current situation before an angry girlfriend (or worse – wife!) leads a torch-bearing mob down your street:

1. He hasn't introduced you to his friends or family: Well, that's simply because no man has the audacity to admit to his closest comrades, especially his family, that he's dating two women. Not to mention, secrets aren't kept very well that way. Unfortunately for you, if he hasn't introduced you yet, it may be because you are the lesser of the two ladies. If it's been a few months and things are getting more serious, it's time to meet the important people in each other's lives. If he refuses when you bring it up, that's probably because one of those people includes a significant other.

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2. You've never been to his house: In fact, he won't even share his address with you so you can send him a sweet gift or card. This is likely due to the fact that his main girl lives with him or at the very least holds the ranking that allows her to make frequent or unannounced visits. Also, he probably doesn't want nosy neighbors acquiring any knowledge that could out him. Come on, haven't you seen *Desperate Housewives*?

3. He takes a long time to get back to you: If he takes hours or even days to simply respond to a text, voicemail, or email, it may be because he's around a person (or people, like his friends and family) who he doesn't want to catch a glimpse of your message. This rude delay is due to the fact that you're on the back burner and therefore not important enough to respond to in a timely manner.

4. He doesn't take you out: He uses the excuse that he just likes to come over, cuddle, and watch a movie, but in actuality, he doesn't want to risk bumping in to anyone, like his friends, his girlfriend, or even his girlfriend's friends. This also means you're not worth the event of getting all dressed up for a fancy date night. Plus, he doesn't want to have to spend money on someone who's less important than his significant other, who he *does* pay for.

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5. You have the same hunch a girlfriend would: Just like a bonafide girlfriend may suspect cheating, you suspect the same, except your suspicion comes along with a combination of one or more of the aforementioned signs. In addition to these signs, you might notice that another girl tags him in pictures on Facebook, he's always on his phone, or he seems distracted. Basically, you suspect he's cheating, but due to the other red flags, you realize he's not cheating *on* you; he's cheating *with* you.

Have you ever found out you were the other woman? Tell us your story in the comments below!

Date Idea: Go Strawberry Picking



By Brittany Stubbs

When is the last time you and your love got outside and did something fun? It's time to head to the closest strawberry farm and pick your favorite sweets together! After all, this warm weather won't last forever, so take advantage of it and embrace the sunshine.

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Switch up your regular weekend routine of dinner and a movie and go enjoy nature instead. Not only will this adventure allow you to taste fruit that's fresher and juicier than what you'll find in your grocery store's produce section, but picking berries is just one of the many activities that the two of you can enjoy. Many strawberry farms also have petting zoos, beautiful flowers, souvenir stands, and great photo opportunities. Be prepared to pay with cash or check because most farms do not accept credit cards. Another tip: Wear tennis shoes and clothes you don't mind getting a little dirty.

After you've walked around the strawberry patch and filled your baskets, have a romantic picnic with your partner. Pack a blanket, some napkins, and a few food items that will pair nicely with the fruit you collected. For an easy and delicious treat, consider bringing angel food cake and whip cream and adding in your freshly-picked strawberries. But make sure you wash your hands and all that fruit before you get to munching!

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Assuming the two of you have some berries leftover after the picnic, plan a creative way to enjoy the rest of your goodies later that week. We know you've had your eye on all those recipes on Pinterest! Come up with a special dessert or even a meal that incorporates your fruit. Not only will this adventure give you and your love some sweet treats but some sweet memories too!

Have you ever gone to a strawberry farm with your partner? Share your stories below!

Meg Ryan and John Mellencamp Split After Three Years Together





By Ann Luther

After more than three years together, Meg Ryan and John Mellencamp have ended their relationship. Ryan has been living in New York, while Mellencamp has been staying on a farm in Indiana. A source tells <u>UsMagazine.com</u> that "the distance got to be too much" for the couple. Best of luck to both of them as they go their separate ways!

What are some ways to cope with long distance in your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Even the best couples can be broken up by distance. You expect so many things from a relationship that you simply cannot get when you're far away from your love. Plus, your partnership loses an amount of intimacy that can mean doom. However, distance doesn't always mean the end, so here are a few ways to help:

1. Video chat: Face-to-face communication is crucial to surviving a long-distance relationship. So much can be lost

over texts or even phone calls. Tone, intentions, facial expressions, and body language are all key to fully understand what and how your partner is feeling. Video chat isn't the same as being in-person, but it's a step in the right direction!

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2. Send each other mementos: Leave something behind for each other...preferably something that can be cuddled. A teddy bear sprayed with his cologne will get you through those long, lonely nights. Having something to be able to physically touch when you can't touch your guy will aid in taking a bit of the edge off.

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3. Be sure to know each other's schedules: Send each other your schedules and include time differences if you're separated by time zones. Knowing when the other is available for when you need or want them is unparalleled in comfort and security. If you know he's at the gym at until 6 p.m. every night, then you won't be worried that he's ignoring your messages. You may not be able to actually participate in your partner's activities, but this little step will make you feel like a bigger part of their life.

How have you coped with a long-distance relationship? Share in the comments below.

Ciara Is 'Devastated' After

Discovering Future's Ongoing Affair





By Ann Luther

Only three months after the birth of their child, Ciara broke off her engagement to her newborn son's father, rapper, Future. The singer discovered that her now ex was cheating with his wardrobe consultant, Tyrina Lee. An insider told <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, "There was clear evidence when she approached Future about the cheating. This was clearly not just a one-night thing." The source continued to say that Ciara is "devastated" about the faithlessness.

What do you do if you suspect your partner is cheating?

Cupid's Advice:

Whenever the word "cheating" is thrown around, hearts break and heads heat. Even if it's unjust gossip, the insinuation is hard to accept. There are so many ways to approach the situation and, more than likely, you're not in the proper emotional state to pick the best option. Check out some options below:

1. Approach your partner calmly: Nothing ever gets accomplished when someone loses emotional control. Before you confront your suspect, make sure that you are in the proper headspace to speak rationally. This also gives you the upper hand. You cannot be accused of blowing something out of proportion or being overly dramatic if you're cool and collected.

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2. Choose your words: When confronting a person about a sensitive issue, be careful of any buzzwords that could set the person you're talking to off. Be assertive with your word choices without being aggressive. You don't need the word "cheat" in the conversation to know what's going on.

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3. Decide to love or leave: Sometimes, there are extenuating circumstances that drive the people we love to cheat. There will be more to the story than just infidelity. If your partner is truly remorseful, you believe he'll never stray again, and you do still love him dearly; it's okay to stay. Otherwise, you must make a firm to decision to leave and stay gone no matter how difficult it may be. A true cheater never changes.

What have you done after suspecting your partner was cheating? Share your stories in the comments below.

Single in Stilettos Show: 4 Signs He May Be Falling for You





On this week's Single in Stilettos show, founder Suzanne Oshima talks to dating coach Sandra Fidelis about four signs that your crush is falling for you. You may be looking for something that screams "He's so into you!" but remember that subtle signals reveal his true feelings too. Here are four indications that he likes you: his actions say he wants you even if his words don't; he becomes protective of you; he volunteers to do things for you; and he introduces you to his family.

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Q&A: Can You Tell by Someone's Social Network If They're the Relationship Type?





Question from Charlie W.: When I first meet someone, I always add them on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram and do the inevitable cyber-stalking that everyone does but no one wants to admit. Are there signs that show if someone is the relationship type or just looking to have a good time?

Suzanne K. Oshima, Matchmaker: It's so true: No one likes to admit to cyber-stalking, but the reality is, checking out a man that you just started dating on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram can really tell you so much about him. You'll find out what's important to him and what he likes to do in his free time.

While there aren't any specific indicators to tell if he's the relationship type, there are some signs to watch out for that reveal if he's just looking to have a good time. If he posts a lot of photos of himself surrounded by beautiful women (you know the type – I think every woman knows a man like this!), he could be feeling the need to be validated and just want to play the field. Or if he posts a lot of photos of him partying and having fun with his buddies, he might still be in the *Animal House* phase of his life and not have any intentions of getting serious with someone. Ultimately, there aren't hard and fast rules when it comes to determining if a man is relationship material; however, these are some red flags to look for while you're dating him.

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Paige Wyatt, Reality Star: Finding out what a person is like through social media can be a tricky thing, but it can be a good way to see if they are worthy of getting to know more after a first impression. A good way to tell if someone is the relationship type is to look at the activities they like. If they enjoy hiking, cooking, reading, or spending time with friends or family, they may be more of the relationship type. But if there are tons of pictures at clubs, bars, or parties, they may be just looking to have a good time. Though these signs give a good idea of what a person likes to do, they are not the best way to find out who they really are. Instead, get to know them in person and spend quality time together.

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Robert Manni, Guy's Guy: If you dig deep enough, you can get a reasonable idea about someone's relationship potential based on their social media activity. We all take a look at our new dates online, but we need to be careful not to prejudge our prospects solely based on their tweets, Facebook posts, and Instagram photos. Not only is the content mostly superficial, but it takes a lot of the fun and mystery out of dating! After all, the best way to get to know someone is in person.

To find out more about our three dating and technology gurus, click <u>here</u>.

If you have any questions you would like answered by our experts, please submit them on our <u>Contact Page</u>.

Have you ever judged someone you're dating based on their social media activity? Tell us about it in the comments below!

Ben Affleck Gets Playful with Jennifer Garner During Ice

Bucket Challenge





By Ann Luther

Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner have set another crazy adorable relationship goal with the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. Affleck was challenged to support awareness for the cause by Tyler Perry. In the video, Affleck nominates four people who he knows "from firsthand experience look good in a wet Tshirt," chief among them being his wife. Upon finishing his list of nominations, Garner dumps the ice bucket over her husbands head who immediately grabs her by the waist and hurls the both of them, fully clothed, backwards into a pool. In the background, you can hear their children laughing boisterously. <u>UsMagazine.com</u> says Affleck's video may be "the best yet." We agree!

What are some ways to bond as a couple through charity?

Cupid's Advice:

Charity is a marvelous way to reflect and give thanks for what you have. If one of the things your grateful for is your happy relationship, then finding a way to give back to your community can be twice the fun if you participate with your partner. Here are some ways to strengthen your bond as you strengthen a cause:

1. Pick a cause that's important to both of you: There are a million causes that need support: cures for cancers and other diseases, meals for the impoverished, youth literacy, ending animal cruelty, the list goes on and on... and on. So, there is going to be at least one cause that is special to both of you. Picking a cause and working together to aid it will bring you two closer on a spiritual level. You'll get to explore different sides of each other that can only be brought out through selfless acts like charity.

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2. Create your own event to help your cause: You can have so much fun with charity if you raise money the way you want to! Plan a 5k, a bicycle race, a dance, or even a classic cocktail party. The pair of you will get to spend extra time planning before the event, relish in the event itself, and be able to donate something together when it's all over with. It'll be a toss up as to who is benefiting more from your work!

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3. Participate in your partner's charity of choice: If there is something truly special to your beau's heart, educate yourself on the cause and why exactly it is important to him. Then, find a way to get involved! Your guy will love the effort you put into something so close to him. Sign both of you up for an event and have fun with it. On the day of, embrace those special moments that you can't get out of your every day routine.

Have you bonded with your partner through charity? Share your stories in the comments below!

Screwing the Rules Video Dating Tips: Do THIS for Better Dates





By E!'s Famously Single Dating Coach, Laurel House

Dating Advice from E!'s Famously Single Dating Coach on Having Better Dates

In this week's <u>dating advice</u> video, relationship expert and E!'s *Famously Single* dating coach, <u>Laurel House</u> reveals what two little words will allow you to connect more with your partner and make your next date even better than the last. "'Me too' is the universal connector," she explains. "It's what allows you to understand and be empathetic with someone else." It also shows your vulnerability and willingness to open yourself up. This simple phrase reassures your significant other that they aren't alone, reminding them that they have you during both the good and bad moments.

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Try using "me too" on your next date and let us know how it goes!

Celebrity Couple Aziz Ansari and Courtney McBroom Step Out Together



By Shannon Seibert

Aziz Ansari is known for keeping his personal life private, but he's finally given us a glimpse into what makes him happy. According to UsMagazine.com, the comedian has a sincere soft spot for his beautiful girlfriend, Courtney McBroom. Though Ansari, 31, has kept quiet about most aspects of his celebrity relationship, he did slip us a small tidbit about McBroom during a May interview with Billboard Magazine. "I met her years ago when she was seeing someone. I thought she was really cool. Then, I ran into her randomly, and she was single," he said. "I've kind of settled down. I was the guy eating Skittles and having lots of fun, and then I was like, 'I need a nice nutritious salad' - she's the salad." Things between the celebrity couple are progressing, and sources say that McBroom has moved into the *Parks and Recreation* actor's place in Los Angeles. "They've been visiting the city the past few days," sources reveal. "He's writing a book about

relationships as well lately and is on deadline for that." No doubt that Ansari's own celebrity love story is one worth reading about!

What are the benefits of settling down like this celebrity couple?

Cupid's Advice:

It's a rare thing to find someone who can consistently make you happy and make you feel safe. Making a commitment to someone can ease your stress as well as give you a feeling of security. As this celebrity couple now knows, settling down is actually extremely beneficial to the heart, body, and soul. Check out these top three pieces of relationship advice as to why you should snag a piece of man candy:

1. You can stop playing the game: The dating game includes courting, flirting, and guessing your partner's next move. It creates a lot of unnecessary stress for both parties, and that's before factoring in other women, other men, differences in opinion, being afraid to voice your feelings, etc. When you settle down, you and your partner are able to retire from the drama and enjoy your time together. In turn, you are also able to experience peace together for the first time. The commitment you make to one another is symbolic of your publicized feelings for one another, and no one can interfere with that unless you let them.

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2. You become more focused: The guessing games of the dating world come to a screeching halt when you get serious with someone. This allows you to focus on things that actually matter. When you're in a long-term relationship or married, you find that you have more time to focus on yourself and your love. The two of you will be able to make each other a priority and learn to grow together as a couple. You'll become more goal-oriented and begin to realize what truly matters in life.

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3. You always have a support system: Your partner should provide you with a solid shoulder to lean on when things are both good and bad. He will become your best friend as well as life partner. Together, you will share your darkest secrets and your best memories. In the words of *Grey's Anatomy*'s Christina Yang, he will be "your person."

This may be one of our favorite celebrity relationship stories! What are your favorite benefits of being in a committed partnership? Tell us below!

Celebrity Dating Rumors: Gwyneth Paltrow Is Dating 'Glee' Co-Creator Ben Falchuk





By Shannon Seibert

According to celebrity dating rumors, romance has once again struck on the set of *Glee*! Gwyneth Paltrow and Ben Falchuk were spotted on a flirty dinner date at East Borough in L.A., according to *UsMagazine.com*. Paltrow has made five guest appearances on the co-creator's show as Holly Holliday since 2010. Following her celebrity divorce from Chris Martin in March, Paltrow's relationship with Falchuk has progressed from professional to personal over recent months. Falchuk has also recently split from his ex-wife Suzanne of 10 years. Both the actress and the producer share children with their celebrity exes and are seemingly close to their former partners. We're excited to see what Cupid has in store for the new <u>celebrity</u> <u>couple</u>!

Rumor has it that Paltrow is already part of a new celebrity

couple. How do you know when you're ready to move on after a split?

Cupid's Advice:

Moving on can sometimes feel like you're climbing a neverending mountain, but then one day, you finally reach the top, and you realize the view isn't half bad. When you feel that you have closure from your past relationship, the next step is moving forward. If you're wondering whether or not you're up to starting something new, consider these three pieces of love advice:

1. You physically feel better: Sometimes, emotional pain transitions into physical pain. There seems to be a neverending pit in your stomach that leaves you feeling nauseous. When you've let go of past emotions and memories and accept that he isn't coming back, you feel lighter. The songs on the radio don't "speak" to you anymore; you aren't avoiding certain places you went together; and you find yourself forgetting to think about him from time to time. This weight that lifts is a sign that you don't have to be held back anymore. Paltrow has been able to let go of past grievances after her celebrity divorce, and they've even remained close friends. There is nothing keeping you in the past, so you can create your own future.

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2. You've thought about dating again: When you're ready to move on, thoughts of dating cross your mind more frequently, and they usually aren't about your past significant others. Finding new men to reach out to can help stimulate the healing process and allow you to consider new avenues for finding love. Celebrity couple Paltrow and Falchuk both waited until the right moment to be together. **Related Link:** <u>Chris Martin Says He's 'Friends' With Estranged</u> <u>Wife Gwyneth Paltrow</u>

3. You've had complete closure: Closure is hard to come by, but when you finally have it, everything feels at peace. Though the truth about why things ended may hurt, it also allows you to feel more in tune to your senses. There won't be any more "what ifs" nagging at your mind before you go to sleep each night. You won't be analyzing everything that went wrong, and you'll be able to just have the memories of everything you did right. Use your past relationships and love to help you in the future.

How did you know it was time for you to move forward? Share your story with us in the comments below!

Find Out the Duggar Family's 5 Rules for Relationships and Love





By Courtney Omernick

In the <u>latest celebrity news</u>, another one of the Duggar children, Jessa, got engaged to Ben Seewald this past week. <u>People.com</u> put together an article summarizing some of the major relationship and love rules that the Duggar family has. The top five are: set boundaries; court, don't date; save the physical relationship for marriage; ask (lots of) questions; and have a weekly date. The soon-to-be married celebrity couple has obviously benefited from the Duggar family's two-cents, so this wholesome love advice is something for the books!

What are some important pieces of love advice for all couples to remember?

Cupid's Advice:

When it comes to relationships and love, many people have their own rules and requirements, but there are a few rules that should be followed in *every* romantic partnership. What are they? Cupid has some love advice:

1. Make your relationship top priority: This rule goes for both parties. If one person is putting in 80 percent of the effort, they will become exhausted, and the relationship won't go anywhere. If you're truly committed, make sure that the other person comes first.

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2. Honesty is always the best policy: If you feel like you can't be honest with your partner, it's probably best that you two go your separate ways. Trust is the biggest thing in a relationship, and you can't have trust without honesty. It's important that you feel like you can be open at all times with your partner.

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3. Think of the big picture: Remember what is most important in your relationship and pick your battles carefully. Romances aren't perfect, so let go of the smaller issues and remind yourself every day why you selected to be with your partner.

What is your best piece of love advice? Share in the comments below!

Khloe Kardashian Responds to

French Montana's Fame Comments





By <u>Jessica DeRubbo</u>

Khloe Kardashian is on the defense! After an interview with boyfriend French Montana was released on Friday, outraged fans have been stirring up controversy surrounding Montana's claim that he's capitalizing on Khloe's fame. According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, he's quoted as saying, "I want to capitalize on it. I'll get a fan base from everywhere. I just hope I'll be able to connect with everything that's going on." Khloe's response via Twitter? "It's amusing to me that Y'all think I don't see it. I was the first one to see it. I just don't care."

How do you know if your partner is in a relationship with you

for the right reasons?

Cupid's Advice:

There's nothing worse than learning that your partner is with you for a reason outside of genuine respect and interest. Cupid has some tell-tale signs that your partner may not be sincere:

1. They don't listen and ask questions: If your partner doesn't seem interested in hearing about your day or listening to your opinions on things happening in the world, then you may want to think twice.

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2. They're always looking for credit: When your partner does something nice for you, he/she shouldn't be looking for credit after the fact. If it seems that your mate is always looking for a pat on the back after he does something for you, it's best to find out why.

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3. You catch them in lies frequently: It would be tough to find someone who has never told a lie, but if you catch your partner being dishonest about things more than occasionally, he/she may not be sincere about your relationship.

What are some other signs your partner may have ulterior motives?

Date Idea: Show Off





By Brittany Stubbs

Have a hidden talent that you want your love to appreciate? Set up a night where you can reveal your true self and impress your sweetheart. Your partner probably knows all about what you do for a living and your favorite hobbies, but there's that other side of you that doesn't always see the light of day. There is nothing more intimate than allowing your man to discover something new about you.

Finding inspiration might mean going back in time. Maybe you were on the dance team in high school and want to show off some of your old moves. That doesn't mean you have to start stretching and attempting the splits in your living room. Start looking for those videos of performances you never

thought you'd watch again, make some popcorn, and cuddle up on the couch. Your partner will love seeing you in your youth as much as you'll enjoy laughing at yourself.

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Or perhaps you aspired to be a stand-up comedian back in the day. Come up with a routine to make your lover laugh. If your sweetie has a thick skin, get creative and incorporate them into some of your jokes. Whether the routine goes smoothly or you're stumbling along, by the time you're finished, you'll both be on the floor laughing.

After you've revealed your hidden talent, sit back and allow your partner to share something you never knew about them. You'll be surprised how much closer the two of you will feel after this experience! Whether you're showing off tricks you haven't pulled out in years or talents you're still secretly working on, you'll learn more about each other and create a great memory along the way.

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To get your friends in on the fun, host a talent show. Invite a few of your favorite couples over for drinks and appetizers, followed by every couple putting on a mini performance. Take it a step further and present an award for the most entertaining show. Whether your friends impress you or make you cry from laughter, you'll want to make this night your newest tradition.

Have you shared a hidden talent with your partner? Tell us about it the comments below!
Single in Stilettos Show: Top 5 Dating Mistakes Women Make





On this week's <u>Single in Stilettos</u> show, founder Suzanne Oshima talks to dating coach Tripp about the top five dating mistakes that women make. As someone who works regularly with men and knows what they want in a partner, he's seen what happens after women make one of these errors: You don't offer to pay for the date; you act like you don't care; you don't show any affection; you talk too much; and you don't give him a chance to be a gentleman. Taking any of these missteps, especially in the beginning stages of dating, can turn a man off...so avoid these behaviors if at all possible! **Related Link:** Tripp on How to Be More Than a Fling to Him

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Ladies, what dating mistake do you find yourself making most often? Tell us in the comments below!

Sofia Vergara Speaks Out About New Boyfriend Joe Manganiello





By Laura Seaman

Actress Sofia Vergara recently spoke about her relationship

with actor Joe Manganiello. The couple has been seen together a lot this summer, and they are adorable together. "You know, I'm just having a great time," Vergara said in an interview. "It's a special time in my life, and I'm trying not to think too much about it. It's something very new, so we will see what happens." The two were seen kissing during their vacation to Miami, where Manganiello also met the Vergara family. When asked if her mother approved, the actress replied, "What is there not to approve of?" A source told <u>UsMagazine.com</u> that the pair spends every night together, and that Manganiello cooks for his girl on their night in.

What do you do if your family doesn't approve of your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Maybe you're not as lucky as Sofia Vergara, whose mother approves of her new boyfriend. If your parents don't approve of your partner, it's going to add an awful lot of stress onto the relationship. But don't worry! There are ways to address the situation and try to make everyone happy. Just follow these simple tips from Cupid:

1. Ask your family why they don't approve. Who knows, maybe there's a good reason your family doesn't like your new love interest. They might bring up some red flags you'd never noticed before. Take what they say into consideration. They know you best, so their opinions should be important.

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2. Tell them why your partner makes you happy. Maybe your family just doesn't understand your relationship, but if it makes you happy, they should be happy for you. Explain to them what you like about your partner and why this relationship has been good for you. They might just need to have it explained to them in a way they can understand.

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3. Bring them together more often. First impressions are important, but they could be completely off! If your family didn't like your partner at first, try bringing them around more often and see if the opinion changes. Sometimes it just takes a while for a family to warm up to the idea of a new person being around. Soon they could start warming up to him or her and your situation will be just fine!

How did you deal with a partner your family didn't approve of? Let us know in the comments!

5 Reasons Why You Should Date Someone Who's Older Than You





By Shannon Seibert

An age gap doesn't necessarily mean that there is something missing from the relationship, in fact sometimes it brings a couple closer together. It may be cheesy but the phrase "Age is only a number" is actually quite accurate. Who you fall in love with isn't your choice, it's a matter of the heart and soul. If you find someone who you just instantly click with, it shouldn't matter what decade you were born in. Check out our top five reasons why you should date someone who is older than you and feel confident about your loving relationship:

1. You can offer each other a new perspective: Your significant other is someone who you can confide in, and sometimes an age gap allows you to receive a different reaction to a situation other than your own. This way you can use your significant other for guidance and support in your decision-making. As they have generally had more life-rexperiences you will be able to feel confident that they know what they're talking about. In turn, you can also "keep him young" by being adventurous with him. Try out new date ideas, travel together, or anything else that he may not have done on

his own.

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2. He will have a sense of maturity: It seems to be a rare trait that is hard to find, and just because he's a man, it doesn't mean that there isn't a little boy underneath. Women naturally mature faster than men, they experience more rapid brain growth and development. This is why women traditionally date older. Sometimes we are faced with serious circumstances in life that you'll need to lean on your partner.

3. He will most likely be more financially stable: When you're young, it's easy to make whimsical purchases on pay day. With your older guy, he may know a thing or two about having a large savings account. This gives your man a lot of credibility because balancing your finances is a good quality to look for. This means he will be able to provide for you and support you if your relationship were to take the next step. Also, your dates will probably a lot nicer than just dinner and a movie.

4. An older man knows chivalry: Chivalry isn't dead, ladies, it just may be a few years ahead. He's been in the dating game for a quite a while and now he knows what he wants. There won't be any games, or second guessing, he will treat you like the lady you are. In your generation you may not have a lot of doors opened for you, but when you date older this simple gesture of feminine appreciation is the first of many.

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5. They're better at sex: Not that these criteria are in any particular order, but this is definitely one of the important ones. People neglect sexual chemistry as an important quality of a relationship, saying "It's not all about the sex," but in reality, sex is pretty significant. Sex allows you to reach a whole new level of intimacy that just emotional attachments cannot equate to. It's the synchronization of the emotional and physical chemistry that can mold the most beautiful forms of love. Older men are generally more experienced in the bedroom, so let him spoil you. This being said, you could also learn a thing or two from him!

Are you dating someone older? Share with us why you don't mind an age gap in the comments below!

Daniel Radcliffe Says Girlfriend Erin Darke Is "Definitely" His Best Friend





By Ann Luther

Daniel Radcliffe seems to have it all these days. In addition to a booming career, including a stint on Broadway, he's happily in love with girlfriend of two years, Erin Darke. The couple met in 2012 while filming the movie *Kill Your Darlings* and have been together ever since. In a recent interview, Radcliffe even told *UsMagazine.com* that Darke is "absolutely" his best friend. "I think that's the kind of relationship I always aspire to have with someone I'm in a relationship with. You want that person to be your best friend," he candidly shared. "In the case of Erin, we definitely are."

What are some advantages of your partner being your best friend?

Cupid's Advice:

Having your partner be your best friend can create a sense of ease and comfort in your life that is unimaginably good. So what are a few of the benefits of this two-in-one relationship?

1. There is no such thing as "too much information": When there is a strong foundation of friendship supporting the romance, there is more trust. If you and your partner start as friends, you can break down more barriers, which leads to more honest communication. There are no secrets because you do not fear judgment or betrayal from someone who is already your best friend.

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2. Activities are more fun: In a typical romantic partnership, there is a ton of fun, but you probably find the need for a night out with your buddies to get into some different antics that you wouldn't embrace with your significant other around. However, if your beau is your best friend, you'll probably feel comfortable including each other in your friends-only activities, which leads us into our final point...

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3. There is no need to keep your friends separate: Chances are, your sweetheart is already in your group of close friends. That means no neglecting your pals for your partner or vice versa. It also means that, when you're just hanging out, you get to be surrounded by everyone you love, not just your love. Of course, when the night is over, your best friend turns back into your other half, and the fun continues with the two of you alone!

What is your favorite aspect of being in a relationship with your best friend? Tell us in the comments below!

Celebrity Interview with 'True Blood' Star Jamie Gray Hyder: "It's Nice to Be With Somebody Who Can Take Care of You"





By Sarah Batcheller

Jamie Gray Hyder is a young, energetic actress currently starring as Lucia, the sultry sister of a drug lord on USA'S *Graceland*. Video gamers may also recognize her as Echo in PS4's *Killzone Shadow Fall*. Hailing from the Washington D.C. area and being a proud University of Georgia alumnae, she stuns audiences across the nation with her exceptionally sexy and adventure-seeking characters, but she may be best known for her role as Danielle, the spunky, tenacious werewolf on HBO's *True Blood*. Of the show's epic final season, she says in our celebrity interview, "It's already been pretty intense, and I think we're going to see a lot of the same – I think we're going to lose a lot more people we've come to love!"

Celebrity Interview with *True Blood* Actress

The Virginia native is spending much of her summer on the set of *Graceland*. In fact, she was gearing up to film the two-hour finale episode when we spoke with her. For fans anxiously waiting to find out what happens next, she shares, "You can see a lot of things starting to brew, so you can expect the more recent plotlines that have been introduced to really start to develop and play out. You're going to see a lot more happen between Johnny, Carlito and Lucia!"

Hyder has a firm grasp in her newfound stardom and certainly hasn't let fame change her approach to love — not that she has much time for romance right now. "I'm in a relationship with whatever show I'm on at the time," she says with a laugh. Now, that's true dedication!

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Still, she's got some very focused opinions on what she wants in a guy. She's looking for a man who is comfortable with himself and capable of taking the reins in their relationship and love. "I can be stubborn, and I can be sort of like a manager," she admits. "I want someone who puts me at ease, so I don't feel the need to be that way. Plus, it'd be nice to be with somebody who can take care of me occasionally."

Not surprisingly, the actress acknowledges that dating in the spotlight can be tough, particularly because people aren't always interested in you for respectable reasons. "You're going to get those guys who really appreciate you for you and a sea of others who are only interested because of what you've done or where they see you going."

Jamie Gray Hyder Shares Dating Advice

Regardless of what kind of man eventually captures her heart, she believes that communication is most important in any partnership. "You have to be able to talk to each other about whatever it is that needs to be discussed," she explains in our celebrity interview. "If your partner is going to be defensive or disrespectful, it makes it really hard to have a conversation. Good, open communication can really be helpful to any problem you may face."

Of course, if you can't work through certain issues, the sensible star encourages girls to recognize that truth and move on, no matter how hard it may be to say goodbye. Sharing her best <u>dating advice</u>, she says, "You're supposed to be with more than one person in order to figure out who's right for you. A relationship and love that doesn't go as planned or ends in heartbreak shouldn't really feel like a failure because it's just part of the process. You need that step to get to the right guy."

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Hyder was rash and real while discussing the "friend zone," an area that many women feel stuck in when it comes to their relationship with their crush. If someone's been lingering in that place with their love interest for too long, "it's indicative that you make better friends than romantic partners – otherwise, something would have already progressed. It's harsh, but it's honest!"

In the spirit of her own shining entry into Hollywood, she details her thoughts on how a busy, career-focused woman could better balance her professional goals with her relationship hopes. She remarks that it's important to know why both are big parts of your life, rationalizing, "If I weren't able to focus on my career and do a good job at my work, I wouldn't be a happy person or a suitable partner. So I know that my work is important for me to be a whole person, which is good in a relationship."

After a little thought, she adds, "Having that warm human interaction and affection of a relationship and love,

someone's who just there for you, is equally important too."

You can keep up with Jamie on Twitter @jghyder and www.facebook.com/jamiegrayhyder! You can catch her on Graceland on Wednesday nights at 10/9 c on USA.

'Bachelor In Paradise' Star Chris Bukowski on Celebrity Romance with Elise Mosca: Dates Were "Spectacular"





Interview by Whitney Johnson. Written by Sarah Batcheller and

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Bartlett, Illinois native Chris Bukowski was the fourth runner-up on Emily Maynard's season of *The Bachelorette* and was seen as a main competitor on season 3 of the *Bachelor Pad*. Since his initial reality TV appearance, he has molded himself into quite the entrepreneur as the owner of The Bracket Room, a sports bar and lounge in Arlington, Virginia. Earlier this summer though, Bukowski put his business on the back burner and returned to the small screen with the hope of finding a celebrity romance on *Bachelor in Paradise* (fourth time's a charm, right?).

Chris Bukowski on Looking for Relationship and Love on Reality TV

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He recently created quite a media frenzy when he "crashed" the premiere episode of Andi Dorfman's season of *The Bachelorette*. We saw on the *Men Tell All* episode that host Chris Harrison wouldn't let Bukowski come to the stage and meet her. "I was totally thrown off-guard when Chris said something to me – I wasn't miked or anything. He kind of bombarded me!" he shares in our exclusive celebrity interview. Still, he says that final pick Josh Murray "seems like a good guy for Andi."

When he got the call for *Bachelor in Paradise*, it was no surprise that he was open to the experience. "The producers approached me about it, and I figured, 'Why not?' I was able to take time off from the restaurant, so it worked out really well in that sense. When you have an opportunity to be on reality TV, it's hard to say no!"

Bukowski shows up on the island in tonight's episode and is immediately surrounded by familiar faces, including AshLee

Frazier. Although he and Frazier were friends prior to the show, he says she was too busy with Graham Bunn to spend any time with him. "I knew almost everyone there, which made it a little hard to find a relationship and love. Obviously, if something was going to happen, it would've already."

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Bachelor in Paradise Celebrity Romance and Fling

Still, that didn't stop him from having a celebrity fling. The restaurant owner had a brief "showmance" with castmate Elise Mosca and gushes that their dates were "simple but at the same time spectacular — not your normal, real world dates." He also states that their celebrity romance is "too good to spoil" for *Bachelor in Paradise* fans, refusing to share any of the hot details.

Evidently, a happy ending isn't in the cards for this entrepreneur, though. Sources close to us reveal that Bukowski only stays in paradise for two episodes, sending himself home next week. Still, he doesn't blame the show's format for his failure to meet someone special. "I've seen it work on reality TV before, so it was worth a shot. Plus, it's really hard to find a relationship and love in the real world! At the end of the day, I just wanted to have a good time – and I did."

In regard to the Jesse Kovacs drama that audiences are wildly anticipating later this season, the blue-eyed contestant admits, "I'm definitely caught up in some of my own controversy on tonight's episode, but I'm not around when Jesse gets there, so I'm not sure what kind of trouble he got into." Well, now we're awaiting *two* scandals! Make that three gossip-worthy moments as we watch ousted Michelle Kujawa's love life unravel...

Another source shares that Bukowski and fellow Bachelor in Paradise contestant Christy Hansen (who hasn't shown up in Tulum, Mexico yet) became good friends prior to the show after meeting in Chicago. Unfortunately, Hansen arrives in paradise after Bukowski is gone, so audiences won't get to see them together. While the hopeless romantic clarifies that they're not dating, he won't confirm whether or not he's single.

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Back in the real world, Bukowski maintains his determination to find love, as many of his fans witnessed during his recent search for "Deerfield Abby." The *Bachelorette* veteran describes how he and fashion blogger Dana Weiss of Possessionista tracked her down: "Dana saw that I posted on Facebook that I was looking for someone in Deerfield, Illinois. Once Dana and I connected, it turned into quite the extensive search and got way bigger than I thought it would. Dana is amazing, and she definitely helped find the Abby I was looking for, but it turns out that Abby has a boyfriend, which is why her friend was so mad about Dana's post. At the end of the day, it was settling to be able to find her even though nothing happened from it – except for now I have about 15 new friends named Abby."

As his time on *Bachelor in Paradise* comes to an end (for now, at least), his business continues to flourish. "We just signed a deal that will open two more Bracket Room's," he says enthusiastically. "We'll have one at Reagan National Airport and Dulles International Airport, both in Washington, DC." He's also launching a cold-pressed juice brand this December in Chicago. "I'm not releasing the name for another couple of weeks though." Keep up with Chris on Twitter @ChrisJBukowski. Be sure to tune in to Bachelor in Paradise on Monday nights at 8/7c on ABC!

Jason Aldean Defends Relationship with Former Mistress





By Jessica DeRubbo

Jason Aldean is speaking up for his new girlfriend and former mistress Brittany Kerr, according to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. The country singer recently posted on Instagram, and the caption

says, "So sick of people judging me and @brittanylkerr over things they know nothing about. I have made mistakes but i am a better person because of it, and wouldnt change a thing. Im happier than i have ever been, so thank u to all the people who support us. We are happy and life goes on. Its time to move on people." The duo has been together since Aldean filed for divorce from his wife of nearly 12 years, Jessica Ussery, in 2013. They went public with their relationship in April 2014 while walking the red carpet together at the 2014 CMT Music Awards.

What are some reasons to defend your relationship to family and friends?

Cupid's Advice:

Defending your relationship is never something you want to have to do, but some situations simply call for it. Cupid has some scenarios in which it might be not only okay, but necessary, to step up to the plate to defend the one you love:

1. Inaccurate accusations designed to hurt: Some rumors aren't worth addressing, but when an accusation or assumption is hurting your significant other, it's time to take action.

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2. When you need to set the truth free: Sometimes family and friends get the wrong idea and believe your relationship is something it's not. It's time to set the record straight, especially if you can see your relationship being long-term.

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3. Control is now out of the question: If you can no longer keep tabs on a situation and it seems to be spiraling out of control, it's time to defend your relationship. If you let

things go too far, there may be lasting emotional damage.

What are some other instances in which you should step in to defend your relationship? Share your thoughts below.

Courteney Cox's Fiance Johnny McDaid's Mom "Loves" Her





By Shannon Seibert

Impressing the parents is quite the feat, but Courteney Cox has certainly mastered the art of making a lasting impression. Cox's fiancé Johnny McDaid's mother Pauline McDaid gushed about her daughter-in-law to be. Pauline shared that the *Cougar Town* star is extremely empathetic and that she feels like a part of the family. According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u> Pauline said the pair are happily in love, and can't wait to be married.

What are some ways to impress your partner's parents?

Cupid's Advice:

Meeting the family is a huge deal. First impressions say a lot about people, but you do want to make a lasting impression. The best way to impress his parents is to not try to be overly impressive. just be yourself and take these subtle suggestions into consideration for when you're with his family:

1. Remember stuff about them: It sounds simple enough, right? Remembering her favorite recipes, their hobbies, his favorite place to go fishing. All of the little things accumulate over time. His parents will feel appreciated that you would take the time to get to now them and want to learn about them. Ask them questions about how they met, funny memories, and what your partner was like growing up. They'll enjoy the conversation and you'll get to know them through the way they talk about him.

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2. Not being afraid to be yourself: Your partner's parents are going to be looking for a good match for their son. They will value your honesty over everything else. Don't shy away from talking about your goals, plans, and what has made you who you are. If they can't appreciate you, then it's a good thing you're dating your partner and not his parents.

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3. Be inclusive: There is nothing more exciting to parents than being included in their children's life. Be the one to

reach out and invite them over for a barbecue, get your nails done with his mother, play a family game of poker, anything to interact with them. This way you won't just be the woman steering their son away, you'll be a part of their family too.

What are some ways you were able to get close to your partner's family? Share with us in the comments below!