

Prince William and Princess Kate to Face Off In Dragonboat Race



It looks like a little friendly competition doesn't get in the way of Prince William and Kate Middleton's love for one another! North America is in great anticipation of the royal couple's tour, and a private secretary for the couple announced that the couple will be facing off in a Canadian dragonboat race on July 4th. The couple will have a race to Canada's Prince Edward Island where they will participate in some competitive sports with young fans and try out different delicacies, according to [People](#). After the couple's visit to Canada, they are reportedly heading to California for further engagements.

What are the benefits of healthy competition in a relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

There's nothing wrong with a little healthy competition in your relationship. Here's why:

1. Fun: Having a little competition in a relationship, whether it's with sports or even a board game, brings you both back to a time when things weren't so seriously in your life. And guys, don't let the girls win on purpose! It's so much more fun to truly compete.

2. Keeps you on your toes: Competition can spice things up a bit. It adds some excitement to the boring routine of going on romantic dates and allows the two of you to interact in a new way.

3. Shows a different side: When people are participating in a game, sport or contest, they tend to act differently than when they are in a relaxed environment on a date. It's nice to see a different side of the person you're involved with, whether it's true passion or simply getting into the spirit of competition.

What benefits do *you* believe there are to having a little healthy competition in a relationship? Share your thoughts below!

Ashlee Simpson Is Spotted With a New Man





Rumor has it that Ashlee Simpson may have found herself a new love. According to [People](#), Simpson was seen kissing and strolling with *Boardwalk Empire* star Vincent Piazza on June 15. This isn't the first time she's been spotted with a man following her February divorce from Pete Wentz. A month after her official split from Wentz, rumors were reported that Simpson was involved with musician Craig Owens. Those reports were quickly shot down, but Simpson is certainly wasting no time getting out and about after her break-up.

What are ways to handle your ex dating someone new?

Cupid's Advice:

Moving on after a break-up is not an easy task, but there are some things you can do to make it easier. Cupid's got some suggestions:

1. Don't contact your ex: Seeing your ex with his or her new partner could be quite a blow, so until you're fully over the break-up, avoid seeing him or her. Stay away from places he or she is likely to frequent in order to prevent running into each other.

2. Bond with your friends: Instead of playing the victim card, get out there and have a good time. Supportive friends are

the best psychologists. Nothing is as therapeutic and rewarding as a good laugh with your besties!

3. Start dating: Don't think that you're unlikeable. There are plenty of people who would be glad to date you. Nothing comes of being depressed and negative about relationships after a split.

What are some things you can do to get over your ex dating someone new? Share your thoughts below.

Lamar Odom Says Khloe Kardashian Has Maternal Instincts



It's usually Mommy's maternal clock that ticks at a certain age, but that's not the

case with Khloe Kardashian and NBA star husband, Lamar Odom.

This time, it's Daddy who's itching for a baby. Odom believes Kardashian would make a great mother to their potential child, and he should know; he's her test drive!

"She takes care of me, and I'm a pretty big baby," the 31 year-old Lakers star told [People](#). Aside from Odom, however, Kardashian has had a bit of child mothering experience in the past. "It's her natural instinct," said Odom. "She used to take care of her two younger sisters. She's gonna be great.

I can't wait until the day when we can share that moment when she gives birth to our child."

How do you know if your partner is cut out to be a parent?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes, when caught up in love, we think our partners are perfect for everything, even parenting. But how can you tell if your mate will be a phenomenal parent? Cupid has some quick tips:

1. Surrounding relationships: Chances are that how your partner treats you, his or her siblings, and his or her parents is an almost accurate representation of how your partner will treat your child. Keep an eye out for these things.

2. Responsibility, responsibility, responsibility: Make sure that before you make any baby plans, you see a consistent sense of responsibility coming from almost all of your partner's actions. It's by far the most important quality for a potential parent to possess.

3. Is money a sticky situation?: If your partner is always carelessly spending money, or is the opposite and is severely frugal, take that into account when you're thinking about having kids. Children need stable incomes.

What are some potential parenting traits you look out for in your partner? Share your ideas below.

Royal Wedding: Prince William's Cousin Zara Is Engaged



Another royal wedding is just around the corner. Zara Phillips, Prince William's cousin, is set to marry fiancé Mike Tindall on July 30th, reports [People](#). Tindall, a 32 year-old professional rugby player, told *Mail on Sunday's Live Magazine* how he proposed. "She was on the sofa, so that made it easier," said Tindall. "She was completely in shock and when she stopped laughing, she said, 'Yes.'" The couple confirmed they will not have a honeymoon, but say that their home life is plenty

fun for the both of them. “Saturday night, on the sofa with the dogs, watching *X-Men*. That’s pretty much what our life is like,” said Tindall. “Rock ‘n’ roll, baby.”

What are some unique ways to propose?

Cupid’s Advice:

It’s relatively easy to plan a romantic proposal. It’s very difficult, however, to plan a unique one. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Factor in your personalities: Marriage proposals that have a special meaning to the both of you seldom go wrong. For example, if your partner were an animal lover, you could get a tag with the words “Marry me?” inscribed onto it. Slip the tag onto your pet’s collar for your partner to find later.

2. Recollect the past: Try proposing at the site of your first date, or at the site of a date that had special significance to the pair of you. Even if the venue isn’t particularly romantic, your partner will appreciate the symbolism behind it.

3. Make your own adjustments: Try putting a twist on the typical romantic dinner. Play your partner’s favorite music, and eat your favorite foods. With these unique touches, the occasion will seem less cliché and more personal.

Do you have any past experience with proposing? Feel free to share a comment below!

Brad Pitt Revisits Spot He Romanced Jennifer Aniston



Is Brad Pitt using old material in his serious romance with Angelina Jolie? The longtime duo went on a special date on Monday at de Mondion restaurant at the Xara Palace hotel in Malta's walled medieval city of Mdina, reports UsMagazine.com. The couple was spotted walking in hand-in-hand and choosing an outdoor table. An observer at the restaurant said, "They were very, very romantic ... Like a couple in love." Despite the love in display, Pitt not only dined at the exact restaurant with his ex-wife, Jennifer Aniston, in 2003, but they also sat in the same outdoor area. Before leaving, the then-couple signed the guest book. "Thanks for the great escape. Much love, Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston."

How do you avoid making your new partner feel like a replacement for your ex?

Cupid's Advice:

You might've finally moved on to a new relationship, but to keep your new sweetheart and avoid making him or her feel like a replacement for your ex, there are a few things to keep in mind:

1. Don't speak about the ex too much: Avoid over-mentioning your ex to your new partner. If you can't stop talking about your ex, that means you aren't ready to move on to a new relationship.

2. New activities: Try new activities instead of making your partner participate in the ones you and your ex favored together. You might even discover new talents and interests.

3. New places: Taking him or her to the exact restaurant or trip you enjoyed with your ex is okay, but it's more exciting when you take your significant other to areas you've both never visited. It's a more unique and special experience.

Do you have ideas on how to avoid making your new partner feel like a replacement for your ex? Share your thoughts below.

Crystal Harris Attends Vegas Pool Party Instead of Marrying Hugh Hefner





After calling off her wedding to Hugh Hefner, Crystal Harris is determined to move on with her life. According to [People](#), the runaway bride spent the day of the would-be wedding at a poolside bash at Las Vegas' Wet Republic. Instead of a honeymoon suite, she spent Saturday in a VIP cabana surrounded by a small group of friends. "I just had to get away. Today is the day and I just had to get away," said Harris. In spite of a rumored new romance with Dr. Phil's son, Jordan McGraw, who the 25-year-old playmate identifies as only a friend, Harris and Hefner remain close friends and speak often. "I wasn't the only woman in Hef's life and it wasn't going to stay that way after the marriage," said Harris.

What are ways to be considerate of your former partner after a broken engagement?

Cupid's Advice:

It's okay to call off a wedding, but do so with class and consideration. Cupid has some tips:

1. Don't trash your former partner: Even if the marriage wasn't meant to be, that doesn't mean that you or your ex partner did anything wrong. If anyone asks you about your ex or why you called off the wedding, simply say that you wish

your ex the best.

2. Don't start dating openly right away: If there 's someone else in the picture already, try to keep it under wraps for a while in order to be sensitive to your ex-fiancé's feelings.

3. Get away for a while: Big and sudden changes in your life can be difficult for everyone involved. Don't be afraid to take a vacation from real life in order to think and get back on track.

Have you ever called off a wedding? Share your experience below.

Rachel Machacek Discusses 'The Science of Single'



By Krissy Dolor

Ever compared navigating the dating scene to science problem? After all, there *must* be a secret formula to get boy + girl = love. Well, after dating without solving her equation for years, Rachel Machacek took matters into her own hand and gave herself one year to try different methods of dating, hoping to find the right guy. Lucky for us, she put her findings into a book: *The Science of Single: One Woman's Grand Experiment in Modern Dating, Creating Chemistry and Finding Love*. In her debut novel, Machacek shares the triumphs and failures of her various methodological steps, including online sites, matchmakers, singles events, self-help books and the good old-fashioned blind date. While the ultimate goal was to find chemistry with that special someone, this journalist found something much more important – herself.

We spoke with Machacek via email about her book. Here's what she had to say:

You said that one of your goals in writing this book was to improve yourself as a dater. Do you think you have?

Oh yeah. While working on the book, I went out with a lot of guys (60!), so by simply practicing the art of dating for an entire year, I became better at finding dates, the process of dating (I stopped hijacking conversations with inane babbling because I felt uncomfortable with brief silences in conversation) and learned to pick myself up and brush off the dust when something didn't work out, versus analyzing the situation and beating myself up over it. Essentially, dating evolved into this thing that I did. It became the rule instead of the exception.

What has your feedback been from the guys that have read your book? Also, have you gotten feedback from any of the men you've dated and written about?

I think I might have more male fans than female. It's surprising to me because I thought for sure only women would truly relate to my stories. I get a lot of emails from men who are connecting with my book. Many of them are just getting back out there after a divorce and they say it's great to hear a woman's perspective. Others tell me their experience with dating – all the insecurities and crackpots they run into – is exactly like mine. Of course, some have called into question my integrity and felt threatened by the way I described the dates and men I went out with. Alas, you can't win them all.

I have heard from a few of the men I wrote about in the book and they've been flattered and excited. Of course, these were the guys I was positive about. For the men who had a less-than-favorable story, well, it's been quiet on that front. Crickets, in fact. I'm OK with that.

Where do you find yourself in your dating life now? And do you think you've figured out "the science of being single"?

Not a ton has changed for me. I'm single. I date. I still deal with some of the same issues. What *has* changed – and this is the clincher – is my perspective. I'm a LOT easier on myself. I allow myself to have fun with dating (I stopped thinking about the endgame – too much pressure!) and it's not this gray pall over my existence like it used to be. Much of this comes from finally feeling OK with where I am in my life. I stopped should-ing on myself. (i.e. I should be married, have kids by now.) This has been critical to being happily single – it's the science of single. I do what I want to do and I do what's important to me, so I'm more confident in general. And as we all know, confidence is half the battle in dating – and in life.

What's next for you?

I have a new idea for a book on a different topic (it's still evolving so I won't say more – bad juju), so eventually I will

want to talk about that, too. However, dating will remain a heavy focus for me because I still have so much to say, and I just started a couple regular columns including Dating Disaster Day where readers can send in their worst date ever, as well as guest posts from dating bloggers. It's fun!

What's the one piece of dating advice you've learned through writing your book?

I only get to talk about one?! Oh man. OK. This one is important: Don't be afraid to put yourself out there. I used to feel so utterly vulnerable about being single – it's fun in your 20's, but by your 30's, people start wondering about *why you're still single*. It's like a disease. Syngalitis. The horror! I felt shy about it. And shy about dating. And that makes it pretty hard to date. Once I started saying yes to singles' events, blind dates, online dating – all of it – and stopped thinking that doing these things made me look desperate, dating became a lot more fun.

I have to add one more piece of advice: We tend to be very superficial when forming our checklist for the ideal mate. So make sure yours includes important criteria that can actually make a relationship work, like "he/she supports and respects me." Don't limit yourself to great hair and nice shoes. Those things do not a relationship make.

Cupid thanks Rachel Machacek for her time! You can find *The Science of Single: One Woman's Grand Experiment in Modern Dating, Creating Chemistry and Finding Love* on Amazon. For more on Machacek, visit her website at www.rachelmachacek.com. Cheers to solving your dating equation!

Lady Gaga and Boyfriend Luc Carl Are Back On



It looks like their break-up didn't last long! A month after announcing their split on *The Graham Norton Show* in England, Lady Gaga and musician/bartender beau Luc Carl are said to be together again, according to UsMagazine.com. A source says, "They had a little fight. I think the breakup lasted a week or two." The pal goes on to say, "They are totally back together now." Gaga, who has been with Carl for a year now, says she tends to stretch the truth when it comes to interview questions about her personal relationships. "I sometimes skirt questions about it – and maybe not honestly."

How do you know when to forgive and forget in a relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes the best thing you can do in a relationship is to forget past faults and just push on. That said, sometimes

something so bad has happened that it's just not possible. Cupid has some tips:

1. Trust: When something has happened in your relationship that causes you to lose trust in your partner, it can be tricky to know whether to move on alone or with your untrustworthy mate. At the very least, be skeptical. If your trust has been violated beyond repair, call it quits.

2. Minor fights: Most couples tend to get in the same fights about the same minor things over and over again. These are the types of arguments that you should forgive and the promptly forget. Decide whether the issue you're arguing about really makes or breaks your relationship. If it's not important, don't dwell on it.

3. Work it out: Just because you're offended by a fight that you got into with your partner, that doesn't mean it's cause for a split. If you're willing to talk things out (with or without a therapist), it's the logical first step. If you love your mate, it may be worth it to stick with the relationship to see where it can lead.

When is something unforgivable in a relationship? Share your thoughts below.

Paris Hilton Says Love Made Her Gain and Lose Weight





After fluctuating between 105 and 125 pounds, Paris Hilton has settled for 115, taking her body off of a weight rollercoaster. Boyfriend Cy Waits encourages her to change her lifestyle and teaches her healthy habits. Hilton told *People*, “Now I only eat organic foods when we’re at home. He makes me watch documentaries on food, like *Fast Food Nation*, and he makes me aware of what things are good for your body because he’s very into that.”

What are some ways to be healthy as a couple?

Cupid’s Advice:

Who says bonding with your partner and taking care of your body can’t go together? We can all learn something from Paris Hilton and Cy Waits. Cupid’s got some suggestions:

1. Educate yourselves: Education is always the first ingredient. There are plenty of movies and books that can teach you about what goes into the foods we eat, and you can devour the literature with your partner. You may also want to consult a dietician together.

2. Have a cooking date: Food is such an important part of your health. Instead of going out to a restaurant on Friday night, why not try making a romantic evening out of preparing a homemade meal with your partner? Incorporate fresh, organic

ingredients and sprinkle some love into your diet.

3. Work-out together: Fitness is a must when it comes to your health. Exercising together can be very motivating, so make your partner your gym buddy and start rocking that treadmill. You can use tandem machines, jog outdoors side-by-side or give ballroom dancing a shot. The important thing is to have someone pushing you to try your hardest.

What are some things you can do with your partner to maintain a healthy lifestyle? Share your ideas below.

10 Ways To Get Into A Summer Romance



By Melissa Tierney

Summer is the perfect time to go out and have fun. While

you're at it, why not aim to have a season filled with some love and lust. Everyone wants that perfect, warm weather romance that will hopefully last past Labor Day, but how do you find the one that will sweep you off your feet? Here's some advice on how to get into the, passionate relationship that will keep you glowing every single day!

1. Aim to have fun: Everyone says you're likely to find someone when you least expect it. Go out with your friends, dance the night away and stop aiming to find 'the one' while you're out. Who knows – you might be having such a good time that your future significant other can't help but notice you!

2. Have an open mind: Be willing to go out and meet new people. Keeping your eyes wide open will help you meet someone that may be perfect for you that you would have otherwise overlooked.

3. Head to the beach: Relaxing at the beach is a great way to meet that hottie playing volleyball or the new summer lifeguard while also soaking up some rays. If you're calm and relaxed, you're more at ease when chatting up a new guy, which is a great way to start off a summer romance.

4. Take a break: Instead of eating lunch at the office, take a break and go to an outdoor café. You may befriend other singles taking a break from work, and one of them could be Mr. Right.

5. Join a dating site: Summer is the perfect time to join a site like Match.com or eHarmony.com because everyone is looking to have a good time when the weather gets warmer. If you're already part of these networks, change your profile – maybe an updated interests list or new picture will spark that special someone's interest.

6. Go to a new place: Check out a new bar or club over the summer. In addition to enjoying new scenery, you'll meet

people who aren't typically at the bar or club scene you're used to.

7. Be a social networker: If there's someone you've been crushing on for awhile, why not add him as a friend on Facebook or follow him on Twitter. You might just come home to a Facebook chat or mention in your timeline, asking you out on a date!

8. Go outside: Instead of doing activities inside, head outdoors. Go for a run in the park, read a book outside a cafe, or simply go for a walk. You can't meet anyone new indoors, so expand your horizons and enjoy the weather!

9. Put down the technology: When you're out, live in the moment and stay away from your phone. If someone sees that you're constantly attached to your iPhone or BlackBerry, they'll assume you're always busy or preoccupied, which won't open doors if you're looking to meet someone.

10. Be outgoing: If you're normally shy, summer is the perfect time to let loose and be yourself. Feel comfortable with who you are and try interacting with people you normally wouldn't chat up. Heading outside your comfort zone may yield to get comfy with your next fling!

Do you have any tips on how to get into a summer romance? Share your stories below!

Natalie Portman and Benjamin Millepied Welcome A Son



Academy Award-

winning actress Natalie Portman and fiancé Benjamin Millepied have welcomed a baby boy to the world, reports [People](#). Portman and Millepied met on the set of *Black Swan*, where Millepied was working as a choreographer. The pair confirmed their engagement and announced Portman's pregnancy in December.

How do you prepare for a son over a daughter?

Cupid's Advice:

Once you find out the gender of your baby, the real prep-work begins. Here are a few ways to prepare for a son:

1. Prepare the baby's room: When you find out the gender of your baby, prepare his room appropriately. Feel free to finally break away from a gender-neutral color scheme and migrate towards shades of blue, green, and brown. Seeing the completed room will take a large burden off of your shoulders.

2. Inform relatives: Keep your friends and family up-to-date. Many of them, especially the ones planning the baby shower,

will need (almost) as much time as you do to prepare.

3. Brainstorm: The gender of a baby is always unpredictable. If you were hoping for a daughter to play dress-up with, then you have some readjusting to do. Come up with other activities and buy toys that your son could enjoy.

Do you have experience in preparing for a baby boy? Feel free to share advice below!

Hugh Hefner and Crystal Harris Call Off Wedding



One of the most anticipated weddings of the year has been called off! [People](#) reports that on Tuesday June 14th Hugh Hefner informed his 600,000+ Twitter followers that he would no longer be tying

the knot with playmate Crystal Harris. He tweeted, "The wedding is off. Crystal has had a change of heart." Harris followed up with a statement on her website saying, "After much deep reflection and thought I have decided to end my engagement with Hef. I have the utmost respect for Hef and wish him the best going forward. I hope the media will give each of us the privacy we deserve during this time."

What are some ways to announce your broken engagement?

Cupids Advice:

Breakups are hard to begin with, but they become even more complicated when you have to tell your friends and family that your wedding is no longer happening. Here are a few ways to make the news easier to break:

1. Tell your closest friends and family members first: There's no way around this one; you have to tell the people closest to you first. This is not a bad thing. Your friends and family will be there for you to lean on while you go through such a hard time (and they can even help pass along the news).

2. Stop wearing your engagement ring: How are people supposed to know you're no longer engaged if you are still wearing the ring? Taking it off is the first step to moving on.

3. Change your relationship status: We all know too well that today, people get most information about their friends through Facebook. Bite the bullet and remove your 'engaged' status. This will let the world know you have broken it off without having to directly tell everyone.

Have you ever had to announce a broken engagement? Share your experiences with a comment below.

Denise Richards Says She Had a Beautiful Love Story With Charlie Sheen



Break ups are never easy, especially when your ex is someone like Charlie Sheen. But Denise Richards wants us all to know her relationship wasn't completely bad. When discussing her marriage to the former *Two and a Half Men* star with UsMagazine.com, she says, "people have only gotten the rotten stuff. There was a beautiful love story between he and I and I know that it went the way it went, but I talk more about how I felt during that time because I feel like a lot of women can relate to that."

How do you keep your breakup in a positive light?

Cupid's Advice:

Maintaining a relationship with your ex is never easy. After all the pain that comes with a split, we often find ourselves bad mouthing one another and continuing to fight. Here are some helpful tips on how to stay positive about a breakup:

1. Take time: It's impossible to part from someone and instantly go back to being 'just friends' after a serious relationship. Take some time to get back to your old self before seeking a friendship with your ex. Blow off some steam with your close friends and get back into the swing of being single.

2. Don't talk about new relationships: Talking about your new love lives without your ex is uncomfortable. No good can come of it. Avoid the topic as much as possible.

3. Focus on the good: The best way to keep your breakup positive is to remember all of the good times that the two of you had. You were happy once. Cherish those memories and keep them close to your heart, but realize the breakup was for the best, just as Denise Richards feels about the end of her marriage with Charlie Sheen.

What some ways you have maintained a friendly relationship with your ex? Share your comments below.

Fran Drescher Says Gay Ex-Husband Is Her Best Friend





Fran Drescher has just announced that her gay ex-husband Peter Marc Jacobson is her best friend. After their 21 years of marriage ended, Jacobson admitted that he was gay. However, Drescher didn't find the news to be too surprising. She told [People](#), "During our marriage he had told me he might be bisexual, but he wanted to stay married. By the time he told me, I had survived uterine cancer. Nothing could shake me." Over the years, the two were able to rebuild their relationship. "We're very tight. We're best friends," she said.

What are some ways to re-build a friendship after divorce?

Cupid's Advice:

Once your marriage ends, it might hurt to know that you've lost a great friendship. Although your romantic relationship didn't work out, it doesn't necessarily mean you can't be friends. Cupid has some tips:

1. Casual conversations: Strike up some small talk once in a while with your ex. While conversing, let him or her know that your friendship means a lot, and that you don't want to completely write him or her off.

2. Hang out: Go out for coffee or hang out in groups with mutual friends. Bringing some normality to the situation will

help.

3. Closure: The most important step to rebuilding a friendship after divorce is to talk about what led to your breakup in the first place and resolve your issues to a point where you're no longer bitter. As the old adage says, agree to disagree.

How did you rebuild a friendship after divorce? Share your experience below.

5 Best Wedding Movies Ever



By Jeanne Bowyer

If you love weddings – and let's face it, in their heart of hearts, who doesn't? – there's nothing like a nice wedding movie to fill up a quiet weekday evening, especially if you're spending a lot of time and energy planning a wedding of your own. Break out the popcorn, because we're about to give you a

list of the five top wedding movies you won't want to miss!

1. 4 Weddings and a Funeral: How much funnier can you get than this movie? The opening scenes alone are enough to make grown men cry with laughter, and the rest of the film has long rendered it a comedy classic. Interlaced with moments of real humanity and poignancy, this film will have you laughing – and crying – all the way through. The characters are real and the storyline will touch your heart – and, of course, it's the first starring role for the swoon-worthy Hugh Grant, too!

2. The Wedding Singer: Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore make the silver screen come to life with their romantic antics in this gorgeously sweet comedy about love in the eighties! Set in 1985, the story follows the falling in love of Robbie Hart – the wedding singer – and Julia – a waitress – who are both initially engaged to the wrong people. Possibly one of Sandler's finest career moments, this movie is bound to become a favorite and a resident in your DVD or Blu-ray collection.

3. Father of the Bride: Who could forget this absolutely awesome classic? A very fine remake of the 1950's original, this movie stars Steve Martin in an endearing and captivating role as the father of a bride-to-be (played by Kimberly Williams). His wife Nina, played by the ever-stunning Diane Keaton, is the perfect sidekick, and of course, who could forget the flamboyant Franck – the wedding planner – as he rushes around installing geese on the lawn? ... Unmissable!

4. My Big Fat Greek Wedding: This movie is one of the sweetest wedding flicks ever made. It's not sensationalist or bold in the classic Hollywood sense; it's simply the following of a couple as they fall in love and start planning their wedding. Of course, that doesn't mean there's no drama. It's quite the opposite, as it's full of real down-to-earth comedy as the bride's Greek family attempts to mesh with the groom's middle class white American family. The laughs are huge and the film

worth every second spent watching it!

5. The Princess Bride: It's impossible not to put this utter classic on the list of wedding movies; it's just simply one of the most fun romantic comedies ever made! Follow Westley (played by Cary Elwes) and his Buttercup (played by Robin Wright) as they prove that the course of true love never does run smooth, but can be very entertaining! The Dread Pirate Roberts, the Six Fingered Man and an early appearance by Mandy Patinkin (who played Gideon in Criminal Minds) provide many a humorous moment. It'll have you kissing your sweetheart with gusto for days to come, as well as whirling around in the grocery store boldly declaring "you killed my father...prepare to die!"

Jeanne Bowyer writes tips about how to plan the best Westchester weddings. Check out what the wedding business marketing insiders have to share.

Nick Lachey Serenades Vanessa Minnillo to Apologize





The hardest part about being in a relationship is knowing how to swallow your pride and make up. With his upcoming nuptials to Vanessa Minnillo, Nick Lachey told [Access Hollywood](#) his fool-proof strategy for apologizing to his future wifey when he messes up. For Lachey, this is an easy one. He gives her a taste of his velvety voice. “That’s my trump card. Whenever I screw up and I need to get back to her good graces, I sing. So far it’s worked,” he said.

What are some creative ways to apologize to your partner?

Cupid’s Advice:

Saying the words “I’m sorry” can be even harder than saying “I love you” in some cases. Here are some sure-fire ways to make your apologies go smoothly:

- 1. Send your apology:** When you make a big display of your amends, it shows thought and sincerity. For example, send a singing telegram. A small gift and a charming note can go a long way when you’ve messed up.
- 2. Show the world you’re sorry:** The internet is a powerful way to have your message heard today. Use it to your advantage by making an apology video and posting it on the web for everyone to see. This will let your partner know that you’re aware of

your mistake, and you want the world to know.

3. Cook: When your partner comes home, greet him or her with a nice meal set at a romantic table. Calmly state your apology without stirring up another fight. Admitting you were wrong and taking the extra time to do something special will surely ease the tension and get your relationship back on track.

What strategies have you used when apologizing to your partner? Share your comments below.

LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian Indulge in Vegas



Newlyweds LeAnn

Rimes and Eddie Cibrian sure know how to party. The two traveled to Sin City and were spotted partying with Playboy

founder Hugh Hefner, according to RadarOnline. The couple started their romantic evening with dinner at N9NE steak house at the Palms Casino. After sharing some red velvet cupcakes for desert, the two lovebirds headed to the Playboy Club where they sat at Hefner's table for a while. Looks like these two know how to make the most of a romantic getaway.

What are creative ways to indulge as a couple while on vacation?

Cupids Advice:

Vacations are always fun, but how can you indulge as a couple to have an unforgettable experience? Cupid has some suggestions:

1. Try a new activity: Make some new unforgettable memories by trying a new activity with your beau. Trying something you've always wanted to do like sky diving or white water rafting is the perfect way to indulge on a vacation.

2. Go to a new place: Be the first of your friends to check out a new bar, restaurant or hotel while on vacation. You'll be able to say you've been somewhere that no one else has been, and it makes the trip more personal and memorable.

3. Splurge: If you really want to indulge on vacation, why not do a little shopping or plan a nice day at the spa with your significant other? It'll be romantic and fun!

What couple-y things did you plan for your last vacation? Share your comment below.

What do you think are some creative ways to indulge as a couple on vacation? Share your thoughts below!

Pippa Middleton and Boyfriend Alex Loudon Said to Have Split



Looks like love isn't in the air for Pippa Middleton, the younger sister of the new Duchess of Cambridge, Kate Middleton. According to [People](#), Pippa and boyfriend Alex Loudon who accompanied her to the royal wedding, have called it quits. The *Sun* reports that it was Middleton's newfound celebrity that put a strain on the relationship, though the pair will remain "good friends".

How do you know when it's time to call it quits?

Cupid's Advice:

It's hard to know when a relationship has truly run its course

and it's time to end it. Cupid has some tell-tale signs:

- 1. Seems like a chore:** If you feel like seeing your significant other everyday is more of a chore than something you choose to do, that may be a sign that the spark and excitement no longer exists in your relationship, and you should start moving on.
- 2. You want to go out and meet new people:** If you're having the urge to go out, meet new people and imagine what things would be like with someone different, then it's most likely time to go with your gut and do just that.
- 3. You argue over everything:** If you and your significant other seem to be getting into arguments over the tiniest things and it's a constant occurrence, maybe the two of you really aren't right for each other.

How did you know when it was time to call it quits? Share your stories below.

Dylan Lauren Marries Hedge Fund Manager Paul Arrouet





Dylan's Candy Bar

stores owner Dylan Lauren married her hedge fund manager beau Paul Arrouet on Saturday, reports [People](#). Lauren, daughter of designer Ralph Lauren, stunned guests in a custom-made dress. The wedding took place at the Lauren's estate in Bedford, N.Y. "The evening was certainly an affair to remember," said a source. "Every detail embodied the couple from the design of place cards to the place settings to the music and, of course, to the dessert bar. It was a truly special evening. The couple couldn't be more in love with one another."

What wedding design details can embody your personality as a couple?

Cupid's Advice:

All couples want a unique wedding. However, a lot of the 'unique' ideas have already been done. Here are a few details that you can make 100% your own:

1. Color scheme: Pick a color scheme that reminds you and your partner of a romantic moment you once had together. Though the colors you pick may be generic, the memories behind them will not be.

2. Location: For a wedding venue that is really out-of-the-box, try thinking back to your childhood. You might recall a

secluded park or a spot in the woods that particularly entranced you and would serve as the perfect location.

3. Food: Sit down with your partner and list your favorite foods. Don't be afraid to have fun with the menu and pick a variety of foods. The eccentricity displayed by your choices will charm your guests.

Did your wedding have a particular detail that was 100% you? Please leave a comment below!

The Premise of Monogamy



By Richard Woods

In our celebrity-driven American culture, it's become all too common for us non-celebrities to sit on our expanding posteriors and criticize public figures whenever they make headlines for being romantically reckless. The truth is that

despite our moral indignation, there are fewer of us who could resist similar temptations than we'd like to admit. For many, monogamy is merely caused by a lack of opportunity.

But much of the difficulty we have coping with monogamy and infidelity may very well be due to how we operate. Is monogamy instinctive, or even healthy? For many, our natural inclinations are in direct contradiction to what we've been taught to believe regarding how we should express love for one another in committed relationships. However, this contradiction leads to dishonesty, which is the root of infidelity in the first place. In a modern world where Americans have their libidos constantly engaged, the reality is that monogamy is becoming a less realistic expectation.

Still, even though most Americans know better, we continue to engage in this failed romantic notion. Moreover, when we correlate committed relationships with celebrity gossip, it often comes at the expense of being able to make rational choices within our own relationships. We tend to view the entire concept of "cheating" as if loving commitments occur in a vacuum, and that circumstances, emotions and a suppressed libido are incidental dynamics where it concerns monogamy. It's rarely as black and white as we'd like to believe.

Consider what our collective view might be if we took the lie that accompanies the romantic premise from which we operate out of the equation? What if honesty about expressing our intimate predispositions became the standard? What if we were able to stop apologizing for our libidos without fearing any social reprisal? What if we were able to put jealousy in its proper perspective? What if, rather than "cheat," we were able to negotiate non-monogamy?

Whether we like it or not, the very nature of the way men and women romantically interact is evolving. And as with other forms of evolution – unless we're able to unlearn many of the

“vanilla” precepts we have been inundated with regarding monogamy as the singular marital standard – there will be unnecessary pain associated with the process.

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Are Jersey Shore's Sammi and Ronnie Back Together?



This “situation” just got more interesting. Jersey Shore's Sammi Sweetheart

and Ronni Ortiz-Magro were caught sharing a PDA performance in Italy, according to [RadarOnline](#). The on-again-off-again duo ended things at the end of season three in an over-dramatic style, but the romance is appearing to bud again while in Europe. The cast is heading back over to Jersey to finish filming the fourth installment of *Jersey Shore*, confirmed a source from MTV, which is set to premiere August 4.

What are some reasons to reconcile with your ex-partner?

Cupid's Advice:

It's hard to come back together after a fight, but Cupid has some ways to help you work things out:

1. Closure: You don't have to necessarily get back together with your ex, but just talking things out and moving past it is a good enough reason to make up.

2. Seek forgiveness: You may have guilt built up from when your relationship ended. Apologizing for whatever happened can help you move on and possibly rekindle a friendship.

3. Still got feelings: Perhaps you want to try things again with your ex, and letting go of any previous arguments builds a solid foundation for your comeback.

Would you ever get back together with a former lover? Tell Cupid about it below.

Whitney Port and Ben Nemtin

Split



Another Hollywood romance goes down in history! It's been officially confirmed that Whitney Port has spilt from *Buried Life* star, Ben Nemtin. According to UsMagazine.com, the 26-year-old reality star and designer made the announcement quietly in NYC on Saturday. When reporters asked about former flame, Ben Nemtin, *The City* star simply pronounced, "I don't have a boyfriend." In spite of the split, Port was all smiles and seems to be enjoying focusing on herself and her career.

What are some quiet ways to announce your breakup to friends and family?

Cupid's Advice:

It is always acceptable to be private about your breakups. Here are some great ways to do so:

1. Wait to be asked: One quiet way to announce a breakup is not to make a point to do it. However, if someone were to ask

about your previous other half, it's time to spill the beans.

2. Change your relationship status on Facebook: It's not appropriate to announce a breakup through a Facebook status update or a tweet. That said, changing your relationship status is not only something you would automatically do anyway after a breakup, but it's also a smart way to announce that you're single.

3. Tell only a few close friends: Announcing that your relationship has ended doesn't have to be a huge announcement. If you tell only a few people, everyone is bound to find out eventually.

What do you think is the best way to announce a breakup? Share your thoughts below.

Social One's Dating Dos and Don'ts





Summer marks the beginning of a very active dating season for many flocking outdoors ready to shake their cabin fever. And for those who feel their courting skills might just need a bit of sharpening, Chicago singles event service,

Social One, has developed an authoritative list of the dos and don'ts of dating.

"Social One is the original dating technology," said owner Mary Vallone in a statement. "We know that the most effective way to meet that special someone is to get out from behind your computer and into the real world. That's why Social One produces more than 30 events each month geared at getting together singles with similar interests." Without further adieu, the Social One dos and don'ts of dating are:

DO:

1. Do notice something positive about your date (nice hair or outfit) and compliment them on it.
2. Do pull a woman's chair out and open the car door; chivalry is NOT dead.

3. Do have a couple of topics (current events; travel experiences) in mind in case the conversation falls into one of those awkward silences.

4. Do keep up with current events so you can talk intelligently about major developments.

5. Do wear sexy underwear (even if they don't see it, you'll know you have it on; you'd be surprised how it perks up your attitude).

6. Do put all your past relationships and dating disasters behind you; a first date should be about getting to know each other, not drudging up the past.

7. Do SMILE; sounds basic, but a positive attitude goes a long way.

8. Do know what you want, but keep it within reason: if you're Jewish and you want to marry a nice Jewish girl, great. But a nice Jewish girl with red hair from Highland Park who likes dogs and works as an interior designer might be too persnickety.

9. Do follow up; if you had a good time and you have a phone number, use it!

DON'T

1. Don't be late; it sends the message that your date isn't important.

2. Don't wear too much makeup, perfume or cologne; what are you hiding?

3. Don't ask pointedly personal questions like "How much can a partner at your law firm expect to make?" or "How many lovers have you had?"

4. Don't follow "The Rules" version of dating (i.e. waiting

three days to return calls, refusing Saturday dates if he calls after Wednesday, or any other game strategy).

5. Don't talk too much: rambling on and talking "at" someone kills the experience and alienates people; your goal is to listen, ask questions and do roughly 50 percent of the talking.

6. Don't take on a negative line of conversation: when talking about yourself, keep it positive; stick to your best attributes; and remember, anything you say negatively about anyone else reflects negatively on you.

7. Don't just find the next compatible person and settle down; the experience of going out with different people will tell you about what's important to you and will allow you to powerfully choose the right partner.

Social One is the original dating technology based on the human operating system and offers a calendar of events that range from skiing to wine tasting, river rafting to theatre going, for singles. Social One provides real ingredients for real people and makes dating simple. Social One is based in Chicago, Ill., with offices in Indianapolis, Ind. and Los Angeles and Costa Mesa, Calif.

**The Art of Getting By
featuring Freddie Highmore
and Emma Roberts**



Freddie Highmore and Emma Roberts star together as two teenage students in [*The Art of Getting By*](#). George (played by Highmore) is a slacking yet gifted artist who falls in love with his new friend Sally (Roberts), a popular yet complicated girl. George has never done a day of work in high school, even though he's now made it to senior year. Sally recognizes him as a kindred spirit and reaches out to form a deep friendship. The Sundance film premiered under the title *Homework*.

What are ways to express to someone that you love them?

Cupid's Advice:

Love can make you do things you wouldn't normally do as a way to express your feelings. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Surprise!:** Even if it's just as simple as bringing your lover lunch while he or she is at work, a nice surprise is a great way to show affection toward someone you admire.
- 2. Out of the ordinary:** If you're in a relationship, try to do

something spontaneous for your partner, such as cooking dinner or taking him or her to a favorite restaurant. It may even be something as simple as letting him hold the remote control.

3. A work of art: If you're artistically inclined, write a song or poem. Perhaps even paint them a portrait showing your love for them.

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