

5 Ways to Flag Down Your Love Tonight



By Tanni Deb

With the arrival of June, days become longer, nights become shorter and summer flings are perhaps the most popular activity taking place. Though Flag Day (June 14) is a holiday that celebrates the adoption of the American flag, why not use it as an excuse to throw a party – or better yet, attend one. Whether you go all out or stay simple, take advantage and get noticed by that special person. Not sure how? Take a look at these five tips to flag down a hottie:

1. Eye contact: If you're anything like me, then you're not fond of people who stare. But in order to get noticed by your

crush, making eye contact and throwing a few glimpses his way is a must – it's a simple wordless gesture that can be just as captivating as a moving speech. Don't forget to smile!

2. Wear red: As the color of fiery romance, a LRD (Little Red Dress), pair of crimson lips or the backs of Christian Louboutins are sure to catch the gaze of any man. Red embodies passion, lust and of course, screams sex appeal – Psychology Today did a study and found that a woman wearing red was seen as sexier than when she was wearing a different color shirt. Red will not only attract your future squeeze, but you'll also keep in tune with the red, white and blue of the American flag. If you plan to spend Flag Day at the beach, wear some All-American swim wear. You're bound to turn heads!

3. Initiate contact: Nothing's worse than being a standing wallflower, staring at the cutie across the room. If you want him to be interested in you, just strike up a conversation. If you just be yourself, you'll realize whether or not this person is someone worth pursuing. Have nothing to say? Ask him if he likes your red outfit (we told you this was a good tip!).

4. Paint your face: If you can't find the perfect outfit to wear, try perfecting your makeup. Smokey eyes and bright eyeliners are in this summer, as well as red lipstick and body shimmer that will make your skin glow. *Allure* recommends these five summer makeup colors to help you stand out among the crowd.

5. Scent it up: If you've followed the above four tips and you're chatting up the guy of your dreams, don't bet on him to stick around for more than a few minutes if you don't smell good. That *doesn't* mean you should swim in a pool of your favorite perfume or body splash, but a hint of your signature scent (whether it's fruity, clean or woody) is bound to get you noticed. Try mixing a few complimentary scents to make

your own unique blend!

Follow these tips and hopefully, the guy of your dreams (or the guy for right now) will notice you. Need somewhere to go? Downtown New York will hold a Flag Day parade on June 14. Don't miss this opportunity; you just might meet someone special. If you do, don't forget to thank us later. Happy Flag Day!

Ryan Seacrest and Julianne Hough Make Emergency Trip to the Vet





Julianne Hough and boyfriend Ryan Seacrest bonded this weekend over an unfortunate event, according to [People](#). The couple made an emergency trip to the veterinarian's office with Hough's Cavalier King Charles spaniel, Lexi. While the actress/singer didn't specify what was wrong with her beloved pooch, she tweeted, "First time I legitimately [bawled] my eyes out in years... Being a helpless parent is the worst thing in the world!" Luckily, Hough later reassured her fans that Lexi was doing okay. Good thing Seacrest was there to support her!

How can owning a pet together enhance your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Sharing the unconditional love you receive from a pet with your significant other can make it even more special. Cupid has some ideas on why it's so great to own a furry friend with your mate:

1. Take care: Pets can often be like our children, and caring for a furry (or scaly or feathery) friend can help bring you closer together.

2. Share the burden: When you experience a difficult situation with your pet, like Julianne Hough and Ryan Seacrest's emergency visit to the vet, it's easier when you and your partner can go through it together.

3. Love better: More than anything, animals teach us how to love unconditionally. You and your significant other can use lessons learned from your pet to strengthen your own relationship.

How has owning a pet made your life better? Share your comments below.

Cheryl Burke and Maksim Chmerkovskiy: Not Dating





Dancing with the Stars castmates Cheryl Burke and Maksim Chmerkovskiy are at the center of many relationship rumors, nearly all of which are not true, reports [People](#). The rumors surrounding the two good friends heightened recently after Burke's wild birthday celebration at Palazzo Las Vegas's Azure Luxury Pool. However, Burke adamantly denies the rumors. "We have a good time," said Burke. "We've known each other since we were kids. We have that brother and sister relationship."

How do you know if he can be more than a friend?

Cupid's Advice:

Making the jump from 'just friends' to 'more than friends' is difficult, even without the added burden of confusion. Here are a few ways to tell if your friend could be a potential mate:

1. Personal contact: Hugging your friends when greeting him and bidding him goodbye is commonplace, but more frequent contact may not be. If he's particularly 'touchy-feely', it may be because he has feelings for you.

2. You think about him: If you find yourself thinking about your 'friend' more frequently than your other friends, then you probably have some feelings for him. Try to find a subtle way of finding out how he feels about you.

3. Ask him out: While indirect flirting may eventually serve its purpose, honesty really is the best policy. Be upright and forthcoming about your feelings for him, and ask him straight out if he feels the same way.

Have you ever had feelings for a friend? Share a comment below!

Hayden Panettiere Is Dating NFL Player Scotty McKnight





Looks like Hayden Panettiere has a thing for athletes. Just a month after ending things with heavyweight champion Wladimir Klitschko, Panettiere is reportedly dating NFL player Scotty McKnight, according to UsMagazine.com. After mistakenly being linked to McKnight's pal and fellow footballer Mark Sanchez, Panettiere, 21 said, "I'm a huge Jets fan and became very good friends with Mark and his buddies, I've always been that girl who has a lot of dude friends. I'm into sports so we have a lot in common."

What characteristics of an athlete make a great partner?

Cupids Advice:

Hayden Panettiere isn't the only starlet who seems to have a thing for athletes. Maybe Hollywood is onto something! Cupid has some characteristics that make an athlete a great partner:

1. Energetic: Athletes are usually full of energy, which makes them a lot of fun to hang out with. This way, they'll want to go out and do things rather than just sit on the couch all night.

2. Enthusiastic: Sporty guys are always up for a challenge and want to try new things. He'll always keep you on your toes.

3. Respectful: Athletes respect their bodies by doing their best to be healthy, whether it's by working out or eating healthy. He'll probably be a good influence on your health, too.

What characteristics of athletes do you think make them great partners? Share your thoughts below.

'Bachelor Pad 2' Cast Is Full of Feuding Exes



In order to create reality show drama of epic proportions, the cast of the *Bachelor Pad 2* includes exes who are anything, but on good terms, such as Jake Pavelka and Vienna Girardi. So much for a relaxing summer! Pavelka will be spending it watching his ex get chummy with her current boyfriend, Kasey Kahl. According to Associated Content, reality villains Justin Rego and Michelle Money have also joined this very turbulent cast.

How can you handle seeing your ex with someone new?

Cupid's Advice:

Seeing your ex with someone new is never easy, but it's a reality you'll probably have to face in life. Your best course of action is to accept it and move on:

- 1. Look the other way:** Believe it or not, there are more important things going on around you than who your ex is dating. Find something else to focus your energy on.
- 2. Try online dating:** If your ex has moved on, chances are that you should, too. If you can't find any suitable dating choices in your current social circles, look online.
- 3. Be happy for them:** Even though it didn't work out between you and your ex, it's no reason to hate him or her. Be the bigger person and be happy for him or her instead.

On a scale of 1 to 10, how painful is it to see your ex with someone else? Share your thoughts below.

How To Approach Financial Issues In a Relationship



By Stephen L.

Being in debt can be an embarrassing situation, but talking about it can feel even worse; especially when discussing it with someone you plan to live with for the rest of your life. However, it's important that you explain any financial problems that you have with your partner and that they discuss theirs with you before you head down the aisle. There are many problems that can arise if you hide your situation and the deceit could cause the end of your relationship before it has the chance to begin.

Hiding Does Not Help

Hiding your debt will never help you or your relationship with your partner. Not to mention that the people you owe that money to will eventually find you. If you know you owe money, arrange to pay it off slowly; most people, even big companies will be more inclined to do this if you call them early on and let them know your situation. You also need to make a list of all of your debt, as scary as it may seem. When it's done, sit down with your partner and explain that you want to talk about finances. This will show them that you are serious about the relationship; and it may give them the platform to open up and do the same. You should go through the entire list of debt with your partner and explain if and how you are trying to pay it off. This can help significantly when it comes to discussing living together and how much you can both afford in rent, or if obtaining a mortgage is out of the question.

Credit Cards are the Biggest Downfall

Having a credit card can be beneficial if you have an emergency, but you have to stay on top of payments and not let the debt and interest accumulate each month. Before you head into forever after, it's important that you ask your partner about their credit cards. If you both happen to own a Master Card issued by the same company, see if you can consolidate your cards and maintain a joint credit limit. Coming to an agreement to clear the debt as soon as you can, and making extra payments each month, will put you in a situation where the debt is worked off much quicker than you had anticipated.

Consolidate Your Debt

Another idea is to consider consolidating your debts with a bank loan. If you can't get a loan due to your credit rating, but your partner can, see if he will get the loan for the both of you. If you aren't married, and you're worried what will happen with the loan if you break up, ask your partner to sign an agreement to pay it off.

When you do marry, your credit ratings will be joined together; an unfair advantage if one of you has bad credit and the other person's credit is good. That's why it is important to talk this out and be open with one another. If your partner has hidden debt and you decide to put your home in both of your names, you could find it repossessed if you aren't aware of the situation. Discussing it does not have to be hard but it is one of the best things you can do for your relationship.

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New Couple Alert: Jessica Biel and Gerard Butler?





Could Jessica Biel have found herself another man already? The actress took a ride on the back of Gerard Butler's Harley Davidson motorcycle last Thursday, according to UsMagazine.com. The two established a close friendship while filming *Playing the Field* in Louisiana in March. Although Butler's rep reports, "They're just friends!," an onlooker said Butler "was really flirting with her" during a cast and crew bash at a local eatery March 15. Butler is known as a notorious ladies' man around Hollywood.

How do you know if your guy is a bad boy?

Cupid's Advice:

Dating a bad boy isn't a bad thing. After all, they're not really *bad*. They're decent guys, just a bit more daring than others. So how do you know if your man is a bad boy? Here are some hints:

1. Flings: He'll tell you that he's not ready for a relationship yet, but having a fling is completely fine with him.

2. Just friends: You both might've expressed mutual feelings and are currently dating. However, he still introduces you as his friend to other people.

3. Unreliable: You can't always rely on him, and he makes last minute plans with you. There's something to be said for spontaneity!

Have you dated a bad boy? What was he like? Share your comment below.

Cameron Diaz and Alex Rodriguez: Still Together



They haven't struck out yet. New York Yankees' third baseman Alex Rodriguez is still together with *Bad Teacher* star Cameron Diaz despite rumors, according to UsMagazine.com. The duo stood together, held hands and were affectionate during an MTV Movie Awards after party in SoHo. The night before, the couple went out to the LA sports bar Goals to catch the NBA Finals game together.

How do you keep rumors from ruining your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

How you handle rumors can make or break a relationship. Cupid has some tips on how to deal:

- 1. Hold strong:** The best thing to do in a situation is to not let things get under your skin, no matter how severe they are. Rumors are meant to hurt you, and by defying the odds, you show those gossipers out there that they can't affect you and your relationship.
- 2. Preventative measures:** Be careful who you talk to about your relationship. Sometimes it just takes one person to misinterpret something to start a rumor.
- 3. Address the situation:** The best thing to do as a couple is to talk about each rumor that comes up and trust what your partner is saying. Without trust, the rumors will destroy you as a couple.

How did you handle a big rumor as a couple? Share your experience below.

Twilight's Nikki Reed and Idol's Paul McDonald Are Engaged



Breaking Dawn star Nikki Reed and former *American Idol* contestant Paul McDonald are engaged after a whirlwind romance, reports [People](#). The pair hit it off after meeting in March, and have been extremely happy together since. Reed showed off her ring at the MTV Movie Awards on Sunday, where she told reporters, "He's the one. I've never met anyone like him. I've never met anyone who has such a good solid heart and comes from such a good solid family and is just a genuine person. We have the exact same sense of humor. I've never laughed so much with anyone as I do with him."

What are some things to be careful of in a whirlwind romance?

Cupid's Advice:

The swept-off-your feet feeling is highly coveted in a relationship. However, it's important to step back every once in a while. Here are a few things to be careful of in a whirlwind relationship:

1. Taking the right steps: It's fine to have a quick courtship, but make sure you are taking the right steps. For example, try giving your beau a key to your home or apartment before moving in together. Slowing down your relationship, even a little bit, will pay off in the end.

2. Discussing your goals: While you may only be concerned with your love for your partner, it's important to discuss future goals before taking the next big step. If the two of you want different things in life, your relationship may face struggles down the road.

3. Setting boundaries: Make sure the relationship is moving at a pace that's comfortable for both of you. Don't allow your partner to persuade you to take the next step if you don't feel ready. Make sure that you know how far you are willing to take the relationship, and stick to your convictions.

Have you had trouble in a whirlwind romance? Feel free to comment below!

Mila Kunis and Justin Timberlake Talk Romance

Rumors



Mila Kunis and Justin Timberlake stirred up some controversy at the MTV Movie Awards Sunday night when they decided to grope each other on stage in order to drive home the point that they're "just friends". According to [People](#), the two were addressing rumors that they are romantically involved.

"Even though we're in the movie *Friends With Benefits*, Mila and I have never dated," Timberlake said. Kunis said that she and Timberlake are more like brother and sister than anything else. Looks like there isn't love in the air for these two celebrities, but there's definitely a great friendship!

How do you prove you're nothing more than friends?

Cupid's Advice:

Dealing with supposed romance rumors isn't easy, especially if

you're just friends with the person in question. Cupid has some tips:

1. Be honest: Just be honest and tell your friends, family or any one who may ask that you're just friends nothing more. Sometimes it's best to hear it straight from the person the rumors are about.

2. Go on dates: If you're going on dates with other people, it should squelch any romance rumors between you and your friend. If you're serious about someone, your most certainly not going out on dates with other people.

3. Act like brother and sister: When you two go out, joke around like you're brother and sister instead of lovers. This will show everyone that you just have innocent fun together, and it's not anything more than that.

How did you prove that you were "just friends" with someone? Share your experience below.

Piers Morgan and Wife Are Expecting First Child Together





This just in: CNN anchor Piers Morgan and his wife Celia Walden are expecting their first child together, according to UsMagazine.com. "It's the best news ever," said a source close to the couple. Walden, a British columnist, is approximately four months along, according to the U.K.'s Daily Mail. For the *America's Got Talent* judge, this will be child number four, as he has three sons from his first marriage.

How does your lifestyle change when you have your first child?

Cupid's Advice:

Your child's needs must come first, and it can be difficult to navigate the changes that come as a result of that. Here are some suggestions:

- 1. Tone it down:** Some things you're used to doing may not be fit to do around a child, so everything you and your partner do is going to have to come into question.
- 2. Lack of sleep:** Children require a lot of attention and you're going to have to sacrifice a lot of precious hours of sleep early on.

3. Home improvement: The room that was going to become your work-out room is going to have to become your baby's bedroom. Deal with it!

How did your lifestyle change when you had kids? Share your experiences below.

How to Get Back Into Dating After a Divorce



By Elizabeth Cutten

Divorce can be a stressful process, especially when you consider all of the worrying you have to do about what you're

getting, what you're going to owe, and the attorney fees. It may seem like it's going to never end! That said, it's important to stay positive about love. Eventually, you'll find that there's going to be a point where you will want to settle down with someone again.

The question is, how do you date after you get divorced?

While I haven't personally been divorced, I have had some friends that went through the process, and this is what I've learned.

Things to Do Before You Start Dating Again

Be patient: Make sure not to jump into anything too quickly. While you may feel lonely without a significant other, it's not good to rush a relationship. Set your priorities straight and know what you want in life before you take your leap of faith.

Fix the problem: Why did you get divorced in the first place? Be honest with yourself. Were you the problem? Did things you used to do annoy your significant other? While you can't be perfect, try your best to fix your own issues before you start dating again.

Enjoy yourself: Find your single friends and hang out together. Check out all of your favorite bars and restaurants. The more you do, the more you can take your mind off of things. This is a great way to release stress and avoid sitting at home thinking about your ex.

Don't get revenge: Don't start dating someone because you want to get back at your ex. Not only is this going to hurt another person, but it's going to cause more stress for yourself. Set out to find someone that you want to start a relationship with, and move on.

How to Start Dating Again

Try online sites: There are a lot of great dating sites out there that can match you up with others similar to you. Sites such as OkCupid.com and Match.com are a great place to start. While many frown upon online dating, be open to it. Just make sure that you always meet in public places.

Speed dating: Find speed dating clubs that can help you meet with people in your local area. The cool thing is that if you instantly know there's no connection with someone, you're on to the next person in less than five minutes!

Hang out with friends more: By doing this, you're able to let loose and have fun. Plus, you may even be able to network with some single friends of theirs. You will find that just like your career, networking is always a good idea.

Keep your head up high, and keep your stress level low. You're going to find that as long as you don't jump into things, a new life can work wonders in the long run. Good luck!

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Cameron Diaz Discusses Her Break-Up Style: Break Up And Move On





They say breaking up is hard to do, but that certainly isn't the case for 'Bad Teacher' star Cameron Diaz. Diaz told UK's 'News Of The World', "We break up, we move on," in response to recent reports that she split from baseball hottie A-Rod, according to [RadarOnline](#). Diaz's new movie 'Bad Teacher' in which she plays a raunchy, go-for-broke educator is set for release June 24th, and her character in the movie isn't far off from who she is in real life. When Diaz appeared on Jimmy Kimmel in February, she proclaimed, "I love porn" and told a British newspaper that sex is her favorite sport. Seems like a break up is the last thing the actress is concerned about!

What are some ways to quickly move on from a breakup?

Cupid's Advice:

It's not always easy to get over a break up, but Cupid has some advice on how to quickly move on from a break up:

1. Just accept it and move on: Take a tip from Cameron Diaz and simply accept that people break up and move on. Clearly it's working for her!

2. Put it out of your mind: Distract yourself with work and friends so that you don't even think about your split.

3. Focus on yourself: Try a new activity, hit the gym or read a book; focusing on yourself is the best way to get over a break up while helping yourself feel empowered.

How did you quickly get over a break up and move on? Share your thoughts below.

Blake Lively Says Breakups Are Never Dramatic For Her





According to Blake Lively, things are OK between her and *Gossip Girl* costar and ex-beau Penn Badgley.

“Every relationship you have, you’re learning and growing and taking something from that,” she said in the most recent [Us Weekly](#). “So for me, it’s never been too dramatic of a thing when something ends.” She added that she doesn’t let public opinion influence her decisions, whether that means talk about her split from Badgley or her European excursion with actor Leonardo DiCaprio. “I have a strong sense of myself,” Lively said. “That gives me a sense of security, you know? If I define myself by things that are always changing, like the public’s opinion, or what I’m wearing, or what job I’m doing, there’s no stability in that.”

How do you assure that your breakup is drama-free?

Cupid’s Advice:

Ending a relationship doesn’t always have to be messy, so Cupid has a few suggestions to keep the drama-levels low:

1. Clean-cut: When it’s time to throw in the towel, it’s very important that the two of you get some separation for a while.

2. Time heals all wounds: It's extremely difficult to go from a relationship to "staying friends." It's best to give it some time and then eventually try to be friends.

3. Independence Day: Similar to Blake Lively, it's important to have a strong foundation of self-confidence. After a break-up, take some time for yourself and don't go jumping into another affair.

What is the best way to keep a breakup simple? Tell Cupid below.

Jennifer Aniston Introduces New Beau Justin Theroux to Pals





Things have been heating up between Jennifer Aniston and her new man, actor/screenwriter, Justin Theroux. According to [People](#), Aniston recently introduced her new love interest to her nearest and dearest by throwing a small get-together attended by some of the actress' closest friends, including Chelsea Handler and Courtney Cox. According to a source close to the couple, the introductions went famously and everyone seemed to enjoy each other's company.

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

Cupid's Advice:

Introducing your new partner to your friends and family is a huge milestone in your relationship. Here are some fun ways to make an introduction:

1. Go out to eat: Everyone needs to eat, so meeting your friends at a restaurant is an excellent way to introduce your partner to the special people in your life. Plus, you don't have to cook.

2. At a party: Whether you're throwing a party or going to one together, it's always a great place to meet new people and break the ice.

3. Surprise them: Showing up somewhere with your new partner can be a pleasant surprise for your friends.

What are some ways you have gone about introducing your partner to your friends and family? Share below.

Summer Lovin': 10 Ways to Heat Up Your Relationship



By Diamon Hall

Relationships require just as much attention as a newborn baby. While they start off sizzling with love and affection, they can easily fizzle out if they aren't handled with care. Since summer is almost here, the heat under your relationship's fire should be kicked up a few notches! Here are 10 tips to keep the blaze alight:

1. Reminisce: Go back to the very first moment you met each other and the feeling that came with it. Remember the fire in your partner's eyes when they were first laid on you? Bring back that fiery moment time and time again.

2. Hold the phones: Turn off your BlackBerry. Shut down the laptop. Cut off all outside communication and focus on your significant other.

3. Surprise, surprise: Men, you can never go wrong with sending flowers to her job. Ladies, light some candles and put on his favorite lingerie for when he returns home from a hard day at work. Occasional, unexpected treats keeps the suspense and awe alive in any relationship – even long-term ones.

4. Communication is key: No partnership can sizzle without it.

5. Plan a getaway: A weekend trip by yourselves, especially if you have children, may be just what you need. Alone time gives a couple the opportunity to tune the world out and bond.

6. Thank your partner: Let your better half know how much you appreciate him or her. Whether your mate has done something for you recently or not, just thank him or her for being a part of your life.

7. Spoil your companion: Without spending too much money, pamper your lover in the comfort of your own home. Massage his or her back. Bring out the strawberries and whipped cream and feed it to your guy or gal. Have fun showering your partner with some extra love and affection – who knows, you might get

some extra lovin' in return!

8. Compliment your helpmate: A praise can go a long way. Tell your loved one how hot he or she looks today. If your significant other changes hairstyles, make it known that you've noticed it. A simple positive may be just what your partner needs to boost his or her confidence.

9. Little things: Pack a lunch for your beau or gal the night before work with a love note attached. Wash the car and cross that extra thing off his or her to-do list. Prepare a hot bath to soak in after a long day. Sometimes it's the little things that can make a big difference.

10. Three simple words: Last, but certainly not least, let the three words "I love you" roll off your tongue every single day. These words are the fuel that keeps every relationship afire.

If you follow these 10 tips for summer lovin', your relationship should be one of the hottest!

'Teen Mom' Maci Bookout Says New Beau Is Her 'Perfect Lover'





Teen Mom star Maci Bookout may have had relationship problems in the past with her baby daddy and ex-boyfriend Ryan Edwards, but things seem to be looking up with her new beau, Kyle King.

According to [UsMagazine.com](https://www.usmagazine.com), Bookout twetted, "I love my perfect lover, Kyle King!" last Sunday. Bookout gave birth to her son, Bentley, 2, in October 2008. She moved in with her then-boyfriend Edwards, but bitter fights and drama led to her moving back in with her parents in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Shortly after moving back, she became reacquainted with her childhood pal, King ... and love spawned from there!

What makes your man the "perfect lover"?

Cupid's Advice:

There may not be an absolutely perfect lover, but some couples mesh so well that it may seem that way. Cupid has some ways to know you've landed a good one:

1. Butterflies: If your stomach churns every time you're around him, and your mushy thoughts center around him when he's not there, it's definitely a good sign.

2. Sweet gestures: Your man buys you flowers “just because” and is thoughtful when it comes to things that count.

3. Chemistry: There’s definitely something to be said for chemistry. If it seems like he’s your other half and you’re a better person when you’re around him, he might just be the perfect guy for you!

What makes your beau the “perfect lover”? Share your thoughts below.

Molly Sims Is Engaged to ‘Love and Other Drugs’ Producer





Love is in the air for actress and jewelry designer Molly Sims and new fiancé Scott Stuber. Stuber, producer of the movie *Love and Other Drugs* popped the question the weekend of May 20th, according to [People](#). Stuber even surprised Sims by flying her parents into Los Angeles to celebrate the special occasion. Sims, 38, and Stuber, 42, had been together for a year and a half before he popped the question.

How do you include your parents in your engagement?

Cupid's Advice:

The marriage proposal is one of the most memorable moments of the engagement, and Molly Sims and Scott Stuber made that even more special by including her parents. Cupid has some ways to do just that:

- 1. Invite them to the proposal:** If you plan on proposing at a romantic restaurant, why not have your parents sit at a table across the way or somewhere secluded so that they can still see your special moment without spoiling it.
- 2. Make them your first call:** Before calling your best friend,

call your parents to share the good news with them. They'll feel special that they were the first people to know about the upcoming nuptials.

3. Ask for advice: Involve your parents by asking them to help choose the ring and the right time and place to propose. It'll make them feel special and important.

How did you include your parents in your proposal? Share your moment below.

Angelina Jolie Speaks Out About Love Brad Pitt



Can't get enough Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie? Well, that may not be an issue for long. After talk of getting married in the near future, Jolie recently opened up to [People](#) about her relationship with Pitt and their kids. "I love being with Brad," she revealed in a statement. "I'm very lucky with [him]. He is a real gentleman, but he is also a real man's man." Their six children play a significant role in their relationship, and the couple includes them whenever possible.

However, they do play up the balancing act in some ways, as Jolie explains their alone time is important as well. "It's special time for daddy when mom works for a few months," says the actress and UN Goodwill Ambassador. "And Brad is such a great dad. When I'm working, he's putting in the extra dad time, and that's special for their relationship, too."

How does your relationship grow after you have kids?

Cupid's Advice:

Children are supposed to bring joy to your life, but really they can either solidify or destroy a relationship. Cupid has some way your relationship can grow after having kids:

1. Quality time: You're working more closely together now and are taking turns with the children. This can help enhance communication, and it's something you handle as a team. Also, those times you do get to relax, it's nice to have your partner there to cuddle.

2. Support system: Both of you will be stressed out at first, especially if it's your first child. A baby is a big adjustment, and you both need to make sacrifices. Vent to each other and reassure your partner that you're in this together.

3. Family matters: After marriage, this is a tremendous factor in your relationship. Not only are you spending the rest of your life together, but now you're raising a family. Do what

Brad and Angelina do-include the kids whenever possible, but admire and take advantage of the alone time you guys get.

How did kids change your relationship? Share your experiences below.

Adrianne Curry and Christopher Knight Split



It looks as if Father Brady is back on the market, ladies!

Former *Brady Bunch* star Christopher Knight and former *America's Next Top Model* contestant Adrianne Curry have decided to call it quits, according to UsMagazine.com. "After

starting a relationship with what seemed to be irreconcilable differences, the couple has reached a period where those differences are no longer appreciated,” said Phil Viardo, the couples’ manager. The pair met when they were housemates on the VH1 series *The Surreal Life* and then married in 2006.

Earlier this month, Curry admitted that she wasn’t satisfied with her home life and turned to Twitter for attention.

Another Hollywood romance is now a part of history!

When you grow apart, what are some steps you can take to reconnect?

Cupid’s Advice:

Like Adrienne Curry and Christopher Knights, differences can grow to be a bigger and bigger issue as your relationship lasts longer and longer. Cupid has some ideas on how to reconnect:

1. Be open: The best thing you can do in a relationship is communicate. Stay open and accepting about your differences. If you start to feel annoyed by something your partner is doing, make sure to let him or her know instead of blowing up when it gets really bad.

2. Go back to the beginning: One of the best ways to reconnect in a relationship is to take a look at the happy times you’ve had in the past. Open up the photo albums, and make reservations at the place you had your first date. Thinking about good memories may remind you why you started dating your partner in the first place.

3. Carve out time: Make sure you’re spending quality time together on a weekly basis. Lives get busy and it’s easy to forget to schedule in time alone with your partner, but it’s an important part of your relationship. Simply spending more time together is a good way to reconnect.

How did you reconnect with your partner in order to avoid

divorce? Share your comments below.

How Internet Dating Creates A New Mindset



By Dr. Simon Casey

Internet dating has created a different mindset among individuals and has changed the dating game forever. There are some people who may give the appearance of exclusive dating, but they aren't giving up their online profiles.

There are two major reasons for this:

1. **Doubt:** About 40 percent of people fall into this category.

What happens is, after the first couple of dates, one person starts realizing that something is missing in the relationship and/or that the other person doesn't completely meet his or her expectations. As casual dating slowly starts turning into more of a relationship, one partner becomes more committed (while believing that the other person is feeling the same way), and the other one choose to be pretentious and somewhat dishonest with his/her feelings. Keeping an online profile active is a clear indication that someone wants to keep his or her options open. This is what I call "emotional cheating."

Any relationship that starts with this kind of dishonesty is doomed to fail. If you find out your partner is still involved in the online dating community after you've committed to each other, walk as far away from that person as possible. Any person who starts a relationship in this fashion is more than likely to continue their dishonesty even after marriage.

2. Inability to commit to one person: There are many people who love the excitement of internet dating. Creating relationships without leaving your home can also be called "fantasy dating." This built-in excitement is a modified addiction and a large ego booster. The score and mind games are a priority. There's always an agenda and being honest in order to form an intimate and loving relationship is not one of them. But don't fret! There are ways to find out about your date's motives providing you are willing to ask the right questions. If you're somewhat emotionally involved or have some feelings for the other person, it may blind you or hold you back. Remember, desperate people end up finding other desperate people. Knowing what you want comes from achieving emotional mastery. Don't ever settle for less because, you're worth more!

Exclusive Video: Flavor Flav Says 'Keep it 100' to Make Your Relationship Work



By Royal Young

For the past 30 years, Flavor Flav has been a pioneer in hip hop, politics and romance-based reality television. As one of the first and greatest hype men, Flav was an integral part of Public Enemy, who went on to be named best hip hop group and best hip hop album of all time by Rolling Stone. His hit show *Flavor of Love* brought VH1 7.5 million viewers per

episode making him the most popular reality star in the genre's history – and also a surprising source of romantic advice and love drama.

So what had women fighting over him on *Flavor of Love*? Was it his hilarious, edgy jokes and sexed-up persona or the more mature, inspirational and fatherly side he revealed once the flashbulbs faded? We sat down with the man himself, Flavor Flav to find out:

In his new memoir, *Flavor Flav: The Icon* (Farrah Gray Publishing), the rapper talks about his early days growing up in Freeport, Long Island, where he describes himself as a “class clown.” He makes some controversial confessions as well, alleging he was in touch with his sexuality from a very early age, having his first sexual experience at 6-years-old, and opening up about his long time drug addiction.

Cupid's Pulse caught up with Flav at Hue-Man Bookstore in Harlem for a signing and exclusive interview where we discovered something even more shocking: a well spoken, inspirational and humble man who plays 15 different instruments and loves nothing more than spending time with his seven children, who are between the ages of 26 and 3.

Flav encouraged audience members to change their lives, saying, “We all have the same abilities. It's about reaching out and grabbing your dream.” Surprisingly, his dating advice was conservative: “It won't work out unless you give your all. You have to commit to your partner 100 percent.”

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Maria Shriver Spends Memorial Day With Kids In Malibu



If she's upset, she sure isn't showing it! Maria Shriver looked happier than ever when she visited Tra Di Noi restaurant with her kids Katherine, Christina and Christopher; a few friends; and her bodyguard on Sunday night. [RadarOnline](#) reported that Shriver hired a high-profile divorce attorney, Laura Wasser, to represent her against ex-spouse Arnold Schwarzenegger. Schwarzenegger admitted to fathering a child by his and Shriver's former housewife.

What are some life changes you can make after a divorce?

Cupid's Pulse:

Going through a divorce is tough, but moving on with your life

afterward is tougher. Cupid offers suggestions on some life changes you can make after a divorce:

1. Move forward slowly: It takes time getting used to being single. Letting others know how you feel will help you move on with your life slowly and steadily.

2. Meet others: It might take some time, but go out of your comfort zone and mingle with others when you're ready. You'll meet new friends and possibly the person who is truly right for you.

3. Embrace new opportunities: With all the time you'll have on your hands, get involved in extra-curricular activities. You'll be surprised when you discover new hobbies and talents.

What did you do after your divorce? Share your experiences below.

Are Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie Finally Considering Marriage?





Don't get your hopes up, team Jennifer fans. Rumor has it that Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie may wed in the near future.

"The kids ask about marriage. It's meaning more and more to them," Pitt told [People](#). "So it's something we've got to look at." Originally the plan was to wait until everyone can legally marry, but the children have changed the duo's hearts.

Pitt also spoke of the parenting ways he and Jolie use to bring up their children, as well as how they get their alone time. "Angie and I do everything we can to carve out some semblance of normalcy for them, to re-create the kinds of moments that were special for us."

How do things change once you tie the knot?

Cupid's Advice:

Marriage is a big step, and you both need to be serious about it. Cupid knows what's coming, so here's what to prepare yourself for before you tie the knot:

1. Less effort: Some look at marriage as the grand prize. If

this is you, you may feel you worked hard enough to get here, so now it's time to relax. Not putting in as much time and effort to keep the relationship strong can lessen the meaning and power it once had.

2. Interest level: Forever is a long time. It's also enough time for one to get bored of the same old thing. Sometimes you're going to need to give your partner more space or spend extra time together to keep the relationship fresh.

3. Sharing and the future. There are so many important factors couples must consider before tying the knot. Prenups, living situations, and of course, children, are primary. Remember that, from now on, this person is a part of you. Make decisions together.

How did marriage change your relationship? Share below!