

Jennifer Lopez Says She Needs to Be Single Right Now



By Amanda Boyer

Jennifer Lopez appeared and chatted on 'The Meredith Viera Show' on Monday, September 8th. She officially revealed the news that she is newly single, and that is the way she likes it! According to UsMagazine.com when she was asked about her relationship status, she said, "I'm just being on my own. I feel like I need that right now." To leave the audience and Viera with some advice at the end of the show, she let everyone know that "all the relationships in your life and everything starts working when you take care of yourself."

What are some advantages to taking time to be single?

Cupid's Advice:

Freshly single and don't know what to do? Cupid has some tips so you can take full advantage of this time:

1. Work on yourself: This is time to concentrate on your goals and life, not someone else's. Go get a fresh new haircut and a mani-pedi. Do something different for a change to turn over a new leaf!

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2. Flirt: Have fun! Go out and find a cute guy to talk to. Being able to just casually hang out and talk to new guys is a fun part of being single and not tied down.

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3. Reconnect with friends: Have a friend you lost touch with in the past year? Reach out to them and make lunch plans at your favorite restaurant!

What do you do when you are single? Share your insights below!

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





By [Courtney Omernick](#)

In the latest celebrity news, [UsMagazine.com](#) 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 [celebrity relationship](#) 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 post-break-up? Share your stories in the comments!

Celebrity Baby News: 10 Famous Couples Who Had Twins



By [Whitney Johnson](#)

Nobody can resist [celebrity baby news](#) – especially when there are two bundles of joy! As if these famous couples aren't busy enough with their lives in the spotlight, they're also juggling twins and everything that comes with them: two bottles, two strollers, two wardrobes, and more. Below, we've pulled together a list of 10 celebrity parents who were doubly blessed in the baby department:

Exciting Celebrity Baby News

1. Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon: This Hollywood couple welcomed their twins, son Moroccan and daughter Monroe, in April 2011. After an extremely difficult pregnancy, including preeclampsia and gestational diabetes, the diva says she's done having kids.

2. Elsa Pataky and Chris Hemsworth: Already parents to 25-month-old daughter India, the *Thor* star and his leading lady welcomed twin boys, Tristan and Sasha, this past March. The proud mom has been showing off her adorable celebrity family on Instagram ever since.

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3. [Jennifer Lopez](#) and Marc Anthony: Although this famous couple split in 2011 after seven years together, twins Max and Emme seem to be doing just fine. The cuties celebrated their sixth birthday in February with a trampoline party.

4. Ricky Martin: In 2008, the Puerto Rican singer became a father to twin boys, Matteo and Valentino, born via a surrogate mother. Luckily, his sons have a great role model in their father, who has been honored multiple times for his humanitarian work.

5. Julia Roberts and Danny Moder: The *Pretty Woman* star married her cameraman hubby in 2002, and two years later, the Hollywood couple welcomed twins, daughter Hazel and son Phinnaeus. Since then, their family has grown to five, with the addition of son Henry in 2007.

6. Sarah Jessica Parker and Matthew Broderick: The talented couple's twin daughters, Loretta and Tabitha, were born via surrogate in 2009, seven years after the *Sex and the City* actress gave birth to their first child, son James Wilkie.

This Famous Couple Has Six Kids, And Two of Them Are Twins!

7. [Angelina Jolie](#) and Brad Pitt: This globe-trotting family of eight includes twins Knox and Vivienne, born in July 2008. This celebrity baby news got a lot of attention: The rights for the first images of the babies were sold to *Hello!* for 14 million dollars – the most expensive celebrity photos ever taken.

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8. Neil Patrick Harris and David Burtka: The *How I Met Your Mother* actor and his fiancé welcomed twins, son Gideon and daughter Harper, in 2010, born via a surrogate.

9. Rebecca Romijn and Jerry O'Connell: The Hollywood couple became parents to fraternal twin daughters, Dolly and Charlie, in 2008, just over a year after they married. Dolly is named after singer Dolly Parton, and Charlie is named after her dad's brother (a former *Bachelor* star!).

10. Julie Bowen and Scott Philips: The *Modern Family* actress and her husband of a decade are parents to three sons: Oliver, born in 2007, and twins John and Gustav, born in 2009.

Who are your favorite celebrity babies? Tell us in the comments below!

Matching Couples on the Red

Carpet





Casper Smart and Jennifer Lopez

They might not be a couple anymore, but this former pair brought beauty and elegance to the Golden Globes with their matching white outfits. Of course, Lopez shines no matter what she's wearing! Photo: Andrew Evans / PR Photos

Helping Your Child Through a Divorce





By Patricia Bubash, M.ed, LPC for [Hope After Divorce](#)

In spite of the naysayers who were telling me to not bother spending money to see *Jersey Boys*, I decided to go see the matinee (it was cheaper, of course). And I was glad that I ignored the unfavorable critics. I thought it was an excellent movie: good acting, touching story of poor boys making it big, and music that had everyone clapping, tapping their feet, and enjoying songs from their youth. I anticipate seeing it at least another two times and even buying the DVD when it comes out.

So where does my delight with *Jersey Boys* fit into a site devoted to helping those who are divorced or contemplating the end of their marriage? Not to give away any of the story, but I need to explain how my movie going experience and divorce corresponds.

Growing up, Frankie Valli lived in a low social economic neighborhood, the tough streets of New Jersey. Through determination, grit, drive, and connections, he achieves success and recognition in the entertainment world. And, not

so different from the regular guy who must make a living by working overtime and traveling, his career takes over his family time. From the all too common divorce stories, we know the toll that work takes on a marriage. The mother of his three daughters, his first true love, throws Frankie out.

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Just before he packs his two suitcases and departs the family home, Frankie puts his youngest daughter to bed. She asks him to sing to her (oh, how special would that be – a dad who sounded like Frankie Valli to sing you to sleep!). As he is singing, she interrupts him to ask, “Do you like me?”

Watching this scene, I felt a tug in my chest. I experienced flashbacks from conversations with former counseling clients, students, and my own daughters, who all shared similar deep feelings to me as I listened to their familiar, anguished words. Like my students and my kids, there was genuine confusion and puzzlement over *why* dad would no longer be living with them. Did he really have to go? And did they do something to cause him to be mad – mad enough to leave?

Young children often internalize that they are the reason for mom and dad divorcing – you know, the failed math grade, the disciplinary action for talking in class, squabbling with another student, or fighting too much with a sibling. It’s this idea that, “Had I been a better kid, they wouldn’t be divorcing.” The adults are so involved in their own dynamics, focusing on the logistics of getting out of the marriage, that the children’s interpretation of the why goes overlooked.

International star and actress Jennifer Lopez and her husband, singer Marc Anthony, went through a divorce with young twins. They have seemed to be amicable and respectful in their new co-parenting roles, keeping their focus on their beautiful children. You may become divorced from one another, but you

will always be your children's parents together. These ex-spouses set a good example for all divorced parents on how to be respectful in the essential role each parent plays in the lives of their children, both equally important. Lopez recently ended her relationship with longtime boyfriend and dancer Casper Smart. Hopefully, she was able to gently communicate and share this decision with her son and daughter, as it would have been a loss of another relationship for them as well.

When this beautiful child in *Jersey Boys* asked her dad if he liked her, I knew the why of that question. Could it be that her dad really didn't like her and that she was the cause of it? Of course, Frankie assured his beautiful daughter that he loved her. And then he was gone. For many dads and moms who become so involved with work, after divorce, it is often said, "Not only did they divorce their ex but the children as well." It's an adult decision, but it's the kids who struggle most with a new family composition. They are commonly not ever asked what they want, which is the real tragedy in parents divorcing. Why shouldn't our children be asked what they want and what they think? They should at least be heard so parents can take into account knowing how their very own children feel about them dissolving their family.

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As a former educator, school counselor, family advocate, and, most credible of all, a divorced parent, I feel comfortable offering the following suggestions:

- Together, assure your children, "We may no longer want to be together, but we will always love you." You can never remind them of this truth enough. Your children need to feel secure in the continued love of both parents.
- Be honest. If divorce is imminent, then don't give your

children the false hope that you might be together again. Explain the changes: visitation, sharing of holidays, and any possible moves into a new home or school.

- Encourage them to talk with you and truthfully answer their questions.
- Let the school know the situation. Many times, a teacher has come to me with a student acting out, and we discover that the family is going through divorce. Knowing this helps the school in helping the child – thus, the reason for school counselors.
- Don't talk negatively about your ex-spouse in front of your children or even to others when your children might hear your conversation. Speaking despairingly of the other parent (even if it is true!) is like shooting an arrow in your child's heart.

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Divorce changes our lives and that of our children. It is one of the most difficult and emotional situations for a family to experience. Fortunately, we have resources like Hope After Divorce and Divorce Support Center. And through these resources, we find hope for the future. Our children also need to have hope for better times ahead, and as their parents, we are responsible for providing this hope.

(And go see *Jersey Boys* – it's definitely worth the money and your time!)

To find out more about Hope After Divorce, click [here](#).



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Just Friends – Is Jennifer Lopez Dating Maks Chmerkovskiy?





By Shannon Seibert

Even though they have publicly denied dating, the tension between Jennifer Lopez and Maks Chmerkovskiy is absolutely sizzling. Apparently the *Dancing with the Stars* pro, 34, attended Jennifer Lopez's show at Foxwoods Resort Casino in Connecticut on Saturday, June 21. Lopez, 44, and Chmerkovskiy then went and danced all night at Shrine Nightclub, creating quite the flirty scene for onlookers. Sources say that the two remained close to each other all night and the pair even held hands and talked before sharing a long hug and saying goodbye, according to UsMagazine.com.

How do you decide when to go public with your new relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Okay, so you've been keeping things casual for the time being, but how are you supposed to know when the right moment is to take things to the next level? Dating is a complicated game and you have to play your cards right or else things could not

end in your favor. You don't want to get andy or jump into things too quickly, so take a step back and think for a moment. We've picked out three major signs that you can use to interpret whether or not your relationship is ready to go public:

1. You are publicly showing affection for one another: If you're at the point of holding hands and kissing in public without second thought, you're probably heading in the right direction. If he isn't shy about wrapping his arm around you as you stroll into a local restaurant, he won't shy away from calling you his girlfriend.

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2. You consider it weird not to hear from one another all day: In a new relationship everything is about testing the waters and this includes limiting communication. You don't want to come off too strong or get overly invested while you're still in the trial stage. So when you're at the point in your relationship when you are messaging back and forth all day, talking on the phone, or hanging out every other day, you're prime and ready to take things public.

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3. You've met his parents: This is a huge and critical step in moving forward in your relationship. If you have met the man and woman who has instilled his values, then he definitely treasures you in his life. This is a privilege given to few and taken for granted by many. If his parents like you, they will serve as your advocate and can help you and your man connect on an even deeper level.

How did you know when it was time to move things forward? Tell us your story in the comments below!

Maksim Chmerkovskiy and Jennifer Lopez are Just Friends



By Laura Seaman

Despite the rumors of their romantic involvement, sources say that Maksim Chmerkovskiy and Jennifer Lopez are just friends. Despite the pair performing at the AMA's together, sources tell UsMagazine.com that it's not romantic. The pair met through a mutual friend, Leah Remini, who sources say is trying to play matchmaker. However, the "First Love" singer just went through a split with Casper Smart, though sources

say “they are both in a good place now.”

When is it time to start dating again?

Cupid’s Advice:

Sometimes it may seem like you’ll never get over your breakup, and other times you’re just thankful it’s over and you want to get right back out and try again. Whatever the case, there are a few things you should be aware of before you put your newly single self back on the market and start the dating game all over again:

1. Make sure you’re really over your ex. Just think about it; you wouldn’t want to date someone who was still in love with someone else, would you? So don’t put others in that situation. When you start dating, you need to be focused on the person you’re with in that moment, not the person who left a long time ago.

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2. Don’t date to get even, date because you want to. Some people seem to think that whoever starts dating first ‘wins’. A breakup isn’t a game, and there’s no winner. You’re not proving anything by going on a date, and if it turns out bad because you rushed into it, then you are just in a worse place than before. Start dating when *you* want to, and for the right reasons.

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3. Keep your standards. Just because someone broke up with you, or your relationship didn’t work out, doesn’t mean that anything is wrong with you. You still deserve a good relationship, and you’re not going to find it if you go out with any and every person that offers.

How did you start dating again after a breakup? Let us know in the comments!

Celebrity Interview: Hair Stylist Raphael Reboh Says Jennifer Lopez Has the Best Hair in Hollywood



By Brittany Stubbs

We all want to look our best, and that begins with managing

our hair. With clients including Cameron Diaz, Jennifer Aniston, Chrissy Tiegan, and Jennifer Lopez, Raphael Reboh definitely knows what he's doing when it comes to achieving glossy locks. Whether it's a celebrity in his chair or not, the stylist finds himself always stressing the same advice: Take care of your hair!

"Women often don't take care of their hair as much as their skin, but they should," he explains in our celebrity interview. "I find it weird that women will run out and buy hundreds of dollars worth of face cream that may not even work, but they won't spend the same amount of money and energy on their hair. Hair is connected to the scalp, so it's just as important."

Celebrity Interview with Hair Stylist to the Stars

Reboh explains that part of having healthy hair is knowing what's in the products you're using. He recommends speaking with a hair stylist who really knows your hair type to help guide you to the products and ingredients that will help *you* specifically – because, like a fingerprint, everyone's hair is unique.

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Although the Brazilian Blowout got a bad rep when the Keratin Treatment was introduced, the Miami native has a more positive opinion about the treatment. "I think Brazilian Blowouts are a miracle. Unlike Keratin Treatments that often dry the hair and make it flat, I find the Brazilian Blowout provides more shine and actually repairs the hair. I see the return of clients after the Blowout, and their hair is incredible."

Reboh is even working on his own line of products with a

similar treatment that he wants to call the Miami Blowout. He stresses that, no matter what treatment you're having done, it's very important that it's done properly. So make sure your stylist has plenty of experience!

Given Reboh's work styling celebrities, we couldn't help but ask a couple of questions about hair in Hollywood. In our celebrity interview, he raved about [Jennifer Lopez](#). Having done J. Lo's hair from the beginning of her career, he believes her gorgeous locks come from both good hair care and amazing cuts. "Great hair is all about movement, which comes from a great haircut," he reveals.

When asked who needs to change their hair, he didn't rat on any celebrity specifically, but he did voice his excitement for the short hair trend coming back, using the cut that [Beyonce](#) recently rocked for the Grammy Awards as an example. He candidly admits that he's tired of everyone having long waves. With long hair, you can turn on the curling iron and cover up a bad cut or damaged hair, but "short hair is where the talent is – which means you need to find a stylist who knows what they're doing because short hair shows everything."

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Celebrity Hair Stylist Shares Beauty and Dating Advice

Most people don't have the luxury of a professional stylist doing their hair everyday, but there are still little tricks that can help you look your best in between washes. Reboh encourages you to use dry shampoo to freshen hair, remove oils, and give your hair the movement of freshly-cleaned locks. Consider this dating advice before your next night out with your man: "The most important part of doing your hair is making it look sexy," he shares.

Speaking of sexy, we asked this celebrity stylist for his thoughts on what men find sexiest when it comes to hair. “Men often like women to have a lot of hair, not just in length but in body,” he says. “Extensions are great for adding thickness to your hair, even if you don’t want added length.” With this thought in mind, Reboh created his own extension line that consists of hair from Russia that is healthy, shiny, and lightweight, allowing your man to feel your head without even noticing the pieces.

Sexy hair isn’t just about texture or thickness though; the hair style you choose plays a role as well. Although a woman can look fabulous with curly or straight hair, Reboh encourages women to make sure they’re curling their hair the proper way. “If the curls aren’t done right, they can make women look older,” he explains. “When you’re curling hair yourself, make sure you know what you’re doing to make those beautiful, open curls because *that’s* what looks sexy.” If you don’t know the correct approach to curling, consider going with a classic, straight style with a lot of body.

If you’re in a time crunch to get sexy hair for tonight’s hot date, the stylist says to consider an updo (of course, using that dry shampoo again). It doesn’t have to be over-the-top, just something that is “simple and pretty and will correlate nicely with a romantic dinner.”

For more hair tips and information on Reboh, check out his salon’s site www.femmecoiffure.com/.

Celebrity Women Who Date

Younger Men



By Gabby Robles

Celebrity men aren't the only ones who go after what's young and hot in Hollywood. Sexy celeb women have helped get the term "cougar" published in the dictionary in it's slang term – and with all of these women dating much younger, we're surprised it hasn't happened sooner!

Sharon Stone and Martin Mica: This couple shares a 30-year age difference, but they haven't let that stop them from showing their love to the world! The duo have been dating for over a year and are still going strong despite rumors of a breakup that surfaced this past January. Mica was only six when Sharon Stone starred in *Basic Instinct*, but that was years ago, right?

Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon: Mariah's first husband, Tommy Mottola, was over 20 years older than she was. Naturally, Mariah decided to go 11 years younger when she married Nick Cannon. These two haven't let age compromise their marriage; they have been married over 5 years and have two adorable children together.

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Julianne Moore and Bart Freundlich: These two have a 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ -year age difference, but the actress and director have two children together. Moore stated that when she first began dating Freundlich, she was unsure their relationship would work. But as their relationship progressed, it didn't remain as a standing issue.

Kathy Griffin and Randy Bick: This pair has a near-20 year age difference. The comedienne and her marketing executive-boyfriend met at a food festival over a year ago. Kathy says she "hunted him down." Meow, cougar!

Danielle Fishel and Tim Belusko: These lovers just tied the knot on October 19 in Los Angeles. Their 7-year age gap doesn't stop them from being happy and finding their soulmates; The *Boy Meets World* star had previously said, "Tim is the one. He accepts me for exactly who I am!"

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Jennifer Lopez and Casper Smart: Lopez is 18-years Smart's senior, but these two have been going strong publically since July 2012. The singer revealed to Katie Couric, "It's hard for me to think of my age... I feel very youthful... And it's funny, until somebody brings up [the age difference], I don't think we really think about it." Well, we're happy for them!

Dating younger is how some people reach Cloud 9 – and it's not

a bad thing. As long as these couples keep in mind that age is just a number, they will continue to be happily in love!

What do you think of women dating younger? Share with us below!

Jennifer Lopez's Backup Dancer, Tera Perez Talks Relationships, JLo, Casper, and New Docu-series, 'A Step Away'





By Priyanka Singh

“Every superstar needs backup”, and that’s exactly what world-class superstar Jennifer Lopez gets as she begins her tour with the hottest, most talented group of dancers, one of which happens to be JLo’s stand-in dance captain, Tera Perez. This vibrant and driven dancer spoke with CupidsPulse.com about the new docu-series, *A Step Away*, which airs on Thursday, October 3rd on NUV0tv at 10/9c. The show gives us an intimate behind-the-scenes look at the lives of these backup dancers on the road as they balance love, relationships, work, family, and so much more.

Touring across the globe, rehearsing for several hours a day, being far away from home...how do these dancers handle this hectic lifestyle? Perez reveals that, on the show, viewers will see a mix of everything since they are such a dynamic group of people outside of all the glitz and glamour. She also opens up about her own experiences of touring while being in a relationship with backup dancer, Lake Smits, who is also part of the group. “I have to say, I’m really lucky. I’ve gotten to experience being on the road with Lake and travel the world,

spending every minute possibly with him for the past year and a half.” Perez considers herself fortunate for not having to deal with the struggles of a long-distance relationship on tour, but she still deals with the obstacles of being surrounded by each other all the time.

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One of the biggest challenges they face as a couple is keeping work separate from home. “Sometimes, you’re stressed out. You’re tired and frustrated, and you’re in pain from doing all these numbers. Your body is aching, and you’re with each other 24/7, doing the same thing. Not bringing that work home was definitely our biggest obstacle.” However, the couple is still going strong: They plan to live together after the tour.

Of course, we had to ask Perez what it was like working with Lopez, one of the biggest global superstars in the entertainment business. “She doesn’t let anything slide. You always have to be on your A-game with her because she notices everything! That’s probably the biggest challenge, but she pushes you to be a better person.”

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JLo’s love life comes up in discussion too since her boo, Beau Casper Smart, happens to be the choreographer. Of their relationship, Perez says, “They’re really great. They have great chemistry and a great creative partnership.” She went on to parallel their two love lives and how it’s unique to see their two relationships play out together on tour. “They have their’s, and we have our’s. You see it for exactly what it is, and it’s just this great chemistry and love for each other.”

Be sure to tune in for A Step Away tonight on NUV0tv at 10/9c!

How do you balance work and love under a tight schedule? Share your thoughts below.

Celebrity News: 10 Hot Latin Celebrities



By Jennifer Harrington

It's no secret that the influence of Latino celebrities is growing every day (Latino celebrities have 600 million followers on Facebook and Twitter!). And with a new South American pope in office, Cinco de Mayo quickly approaching, and frequent news coverage of the growing Latino population in the United States, we figured it was a good time to look at the hottest Latino/Latina celebrities. Here's Cupid's opinion of who is sizzling!

Jennifer Lopez

Jennifer was born in New York City to Puerto Rican parents, and she's been a staple in the entertainment world for years – as a dancer, actress, entrepreneur, fashion designer, singer, and *American Idol* judge. When J-Lo joined *American Idol* as a judge, it was seen as an important move because the show is very popular with Hispanic audiences, and she brought a kinder, more positive attitude to the show. While she's moved on from the popular show, there's no question she will continue to remain a staple in pop culture.

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Alex Rodriguez

Like Jennifer Lopez, Alex was born in New York City. He was raised in a Dominican family and currently plays baseball for his hometown team, the New York Yankees (although he grew up a Mets fan!). In addition to making plays on the baseball diamond, Alex has also been linked romantically to several major celebrities, including Kate Hudson, Cameron Diaz, and Madonna.

Eva Longoria

Eva is a Mexican-American, and best known for her roles on *The Young and the Restless* and *Desperate Housewives*. Her role as the saucy Gabrielle Solis on *Desperate Housewives* may have ended when the series wrapped last year, but Eva remains in the spotlight. Most notably, she was actively involved in President Barack Obama's re-election campaign in 2012, and she even spoke at the Democratic National Convention!

Mario Lopez

Mario is a close friend of Eva's, and like Eva, he is of Mexican descent. Mario is best known for his role as A.C.

Slater on *Saved by the Bell*, and in recent years, he's remained in the limelight with an appearance on *Dancing with the Stars* and as host of the daily entertainment program, *Extra*. Recently, it was announced that Mario's family with dancer Courtney Mazza is expanding; the couple is expecting their second child in the fall.

Sofia Vergara

Sofia is a Colombian-born actress, television hostess, and model – and if you watch television, it's hard to miss her. A star of ABC's hit TV show *Modern Family*, Sofia is also featured in advertisements for Diet Pepsi and Cover Girl cosmetics. Sofia has also made a splash within the Latino community because many wonder if she takes the Latino stereotype too far with her portrayal of loud and boisterous Gloria on *Modern Family* and remarks she made in a 2012 interview with *Esquire* magazine about common Latino stereotypes.

Enrique Iglesias

Enrique was born in Spain, and his father was a well-known singer and entertainer. Enrique established himself as a singer in the late 1990s with songs such as "Bailamos" and "Hero". He has performed at the Super Bowl, and has been dating tennis star Anna Kournikova for the past decade. Enrique is extremely private about his relationship with Anna, and has even remarked that marriage is not a priority for the couple as long as they are happy and committed to each other.

Penelope Cruz

Penelope was born in Spain, and is well-known worldwide for her work as an actress. She first burst on the scene with films such as *Blow* and *Vanilla Sky* (this movie also sparked her three-year romance with co-star Tom Cruise; the couple allegedly broke up because she refused to embrace his Scientology beliefs). She's now married to Spanish actor

Javier Bardem, and she is expecting the couple's second child later this year.

Antonio Banderas

Antonio is also Spanish. He was in several high-profile movies in the 1990s, including *Evita*, *Interview with the Vampire*, *Philadelphia*, and *The Mask of Zorro*. He is married to fellow celebrity Melanie Griffith. Today, Antonio does voice work for movies such as *Shrek* and focuses on parenting his daughter, Stella. He's spoken out about the importance he places on fatherhood by saying that he takes Stella out on "daddy-daughter" date nights once a week.

Shakira

Shakira is a Colombian singer-songwriter. She crossed over into the English market in 2001 (a native Spanish speaker, she's fluent in English and Portuguese, and can speak some Italian, French, and Catalan) with hits like "Whatever, Whenever" and "Hips Don't Lie". Shakira is featured on this season's installment of *The Voice* and recently welcomed her first child (son Milan) with her boyfriend, a Spanish football player.

Salma Hayek

Like Eva and Mario, Salma is Mexican-American. She's known for her roles in films like *Desperado*, *Dogma*, and *Frida* and the television show *Ugly Betty*. She is married to French billionaire François-Henri Pinault, and the couple has a young daughter. Her charitable work over the years has increased, and she focuses her efforts on raising awareness of violence against women and discrimination against immigrants.

What do you think – who is your favorite Latin celebrity, and why? Share your comment below.

Expert Dating Advice: The Benefits and Pitfalls of Dating a Younger Man



By Marni Battista

Demi Moore, Mayor of Cougarville – Population: 1?

Demi Moore has done it again. Earlier this year, she scooped up a hunk of a fellow, and this time he is even younger than Ashton Kutcher. In January, Moore, who is currently in the middle of her divorce with Kutcher, was seen out doing nothing but drinking and partying with the younger set. She was

photographed with art dealer, Vito Schnabel, who is 26 years old – which, in case anyone is counting, is half of her age. So should our collective response be along the lines of “you go, girl!”, or should we feel sorry for her? She shares her admiration for younger guys with the likes of Jennifer Lopez, Mariah Carey and Madonna, so it seems to be a common trend in Hollywood. Is there really a difference if a woman dates a man fewer than 10 years younger than her versus 20-plus years younger? Does it matter?

We can learn a few things from these famous ladies about the benefits and pitfalls of dating a younger man.

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BENEFITS

Lack of baggage: Hooray! No psycho ex-wife? Check. No kids who hate you? Check. When dating a younger man, you can be confident that he won't have a nightmare ex to drive you crazy. Plus, he won't come loaded with a horrendous view of women based on his traumatic past relationships.

Having grown up in a slightly more modern society than you will most likely enable him to have a fresher perspective on women as well as a different opinion of “the working woman,” as his mom may very well have been that very girl. In addition, because there is less baggage, there is less compromise for the older woman. There is less “stuff” to have to incorporate from his life into yours. And as a result, he's more likely to slip into your everyday world effortlessly.

Health: A younger guy has a much higher probability of being healthy and fit. This means that, when you go on that beach stroll or hike in the hills, he's not going to be complaining about his knees. For a woman who feels “young at heart” and also has a healthy lifestyle, a younger man will feel like more of a match.

An added bonus? When it comes to the care and feeding of her partner, the extent of a younger man's daily intake will be more along the lines of a B vitamin rather than Preparation H or Tiger Balm. We like the former option better.

PITFALLS

He may not know what he wants to be when he grows up: When you date a man who's your age (or perhaps five or ten years your senior), he'll most likely be established in his career and set on his life intentions. But a younger man might be just starting out or still struggling with what he wants to do. Not only can this cause an issue regarding his financial security, but it can also lead to an identity crisis – for both of you. Being with a man who is launching a professional career or perhaps is between jobs can be a daunting task. You just have to be up to the challenge.

Fear of leaving you for a younger lady: Jennifer Lopez supposedly has asked boyfriend Casper Smart, "Why don't you go find a young girlfriend and get out of here? What do you want with me?" Well, we can think of a few things... But he doesn't appear to be going anywhere, so perhaps she has nothing to worry about anyway.

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That said, it's a common for an older woman dating a younger man to fear that he'll leave her for someone younger. Unfortunately, you can't make yourself younger or make him older, so it's critical to get comfortable and trust that his feelings for you extend beyond the physical.

Whether your type of guy is older or younger than you, just remember that if it feels right and he meets all your needs (emotional, physical, intellectual and spiritual), you can go for it while still holding on firmly to your dignity!

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JLo and Casper Smart: Should You Get a Puppy Together?



By Jane Greer, PhD for Galttime.com

When is puppy love the smart choice?

Jennifer Lopez and boyfriend Casper Smart [introduced](#) the

newest member of their family to the public recently via Twitter – a brown boxer puppy they’ve named Bear. Lopez, who has four-year-old twins with ex-husband Marc Anthony, has been dating Smart since 2011. This step seems worth noting – not only for them but for all couples who might be wondering what the next phase of their partnership might be.

It is easy to get caught up in the excitement of your love and just want to enjoy the day-to-day, but at some point things must grow in one way or another. Sometimes the next step is decided for you, with an unplanned pregnancy for example. Other times, a couple may hastily get ahead of themselves, moving in together or taking on more responsibility than they might be ready for. Or maybe they already have kids who are begging for a new sibling. Often when partners find themselves biting off more than they are ready to chew, the relationship can implode.

Instead of being taken by surprise, one way to test the waters of how you and your partner might handle responsibility in your shared life together is to get a pet. It will give you a sense not only of how your partner will be in a traditional role, but also how you’ll take to it. Think of it as a practice run. Having a pet, especially if it’s a puppy, requires some of the necessary behavior that occurs when you have a baby. Your schedule changes so you can take care of the dog – walk him, feed him, train him, and comfort him when he whines during the night. It will tell you a lot about how much each of you will be able to sacrifice your personal needs and work as a team to cover all the bases. Pets might be really cute, and melt your heart, but there is no denying how much hands-on obligation they require. In many ways, it is its own form of parenthood.

Puppies might bring puppy love and tug at your heartstrings, but they pack a punch when it comes to accountability – as does building a life with another person. JLo and Casper are

doing it right, they are dipping their toes into the pool of settling down more before taking that jump. They brought home Bear before adding to their already existing family, allowing them the time to find the balance between love and reality.

The bottom line is that if your biological clock is ticking and you think you want a baby, but you're wondering about the timing and what it will mean to your relationship, take control rather than letting yourself be pushed into anything before you're sure you're ready. Instead, do a dry run with a pet – after all, you are never too old for puppy love.

Jennifer Lopez and Casper Smart Share a Romantic Dinner in Time for VDay





By Andrea Surujnauth

Celebrity lovebirds are celebrating Valentines Day early this year. Jennifer Lopez and her boyfriend Casper Smart were seen sharing a romantic dinner Friday night at Cenconi's in West Hollywood. A source told [People](#) that the couple was "canoodling at the table". Lopez and her beau sat close as they had dinner together but there were no public displays of affection. The source also adds that "They were sweet together and Jennifer was laughing all night long," Lopez has been dating Smart since fall of 2011.

What are some ways to make dinner with your partner romantic?

Cupid's Advice:

Restaurants are always packed on Valentines Day. It can be a struggle to get reservations and make your partner's Valentines day romantic and special. But no need to worry! Cupid is here with some advice on how to make a dinner at home romantic for your beau!

1. Create a special dinner: Make your sweetheart's favorite

dishes. This is sure to make your partner feel special and loved.

2. Decorate: Light some candles and put some roses on the table. Decorations are key to setting the romantic mood. If you want to go all out, play some sweet love songs in the background as well!

3. Dress to impress: Dress up and have your partner dress up too. This will make the dinner feel more special and less like a regular dinner at home.

How do you make your dinner romantic for your partner? Comment below and let us know.

J. Lo and Casper Smart: What Their Body Language Says About Their Love





By Jared Sais

Since they began dating over a year ago, Jennifer Lopez and her much-younger beau, Casper Smart, have faced their fair share of rumors: from breakups to makeups, nobody ever thought this couple would last. Most recently, they were spotted at Tiffany & Co. in Australia – could an engagement be in their future? To better understand the truth about their relationship, I analyzed the four photos below.

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Picture #1 (moving clockwise from the top left): Casper's Body Language

Casper is strutting his stuff, puffing out his chest (literally inflating himself and, perhaps, his ego), flashing a big grin and projecting a ton of confidence with his straight, head-up walk. This action could be overcompensation in order to prove to the press, his [girlfriend](#) or himself that he deserves her and this sort of attention. Of course, he could also be showing pride – and when you're a 25-year-old

dude dating J. Lo, why wouldn't you be proud?

Picture #2: Casper as Protector

For a four-year-old, Emme is actually quite poised, as she isn't crying or burying her head. She is showing some sort of hesitation by extending both arms towards Casper and creating a closed-off barrier between her and the paparazzi. Emme has a startled, deer-in-the-headlights look – a mixture of surprise, fear and confusion. Still, she trusts Casper to protect her, clenching *both* her hands with his and literally reaching for that extra sense of security. This behavior indicates that Emme finds strength and support in Casper, who assumes the role of protector as he leads both ladies. J. Lo, unfazed by the cameras and sporting her patented forced, fake smile, is the consummate professional. Even so, she refuses to abandon her motherly instinct as she protectively extends her hand to guide Emme to safety.

Picture #3: Establishing Shot of Comfort

To accurately interpret non-verbal cues, you must establish baseline traits for comparative analysis. This picture is a great example since, once again, J. Lo has her “paparazzi face” on: she remains unfazed by the photographers and might as well be on stage. Casper is in a variation of his comfort position; having ones' hands close to the body is a typical and safe default position. He also has a relatively neutral face, which usually means “do not disturb” (utilized universally on subways and airplanes). There is a ton of non-verbal action going on behind the couple, as their bodyguard is giving someone the death stare along with the pinched lips of anger. Whoever it is, they are about to have a very unpleasant experience.

Picture #4: Proxemics & Closeness

Proxemics are observations dealing with space as an elaboration of culture, which means that closeness

implies...closeness. Since facial expressions are easily faked (something J. Lo does quite often), proxemics can be an accurate indicator of how close a couple truly is. Consider, for example, how difficult it is to be near someone you dislike or the frequency of couples retreating to separate areas after an argument. We have an instinctual need to be social, and there are countless studies detailing how human contact releases endorphins (that's why hugging relieves stress and why the correct handshake can lead to a promotion). So how close are these two? As you can see, they are literally intermingled, which says that on an intimate level, things are going great. However, there is more to a relationship than a physical connection.

Conclusion

The jury is out on whether J. Lo and Casper are in it for the long haul, so hold off on any name mash-ups for now. However, if they can overcome an 18-year age difference, which inherently has a ton of pitfalls, I vote for J-LoCa because it's definitely going to be a wild and crazy ride.

Do you think J. Lo and Casper's love will last? Tell us in the comments below!

**Extravagant Hollywood
Couples' Gifts Within Reach
of Your Budget**



By Shelly Cone

Ah, to be in love around the holidays! The peace, the goodwill ... and the gifts. Of course, any holiday gift from your loved one is special, but if you happen to be in [celebrity relationship](#), you can bet that special comes with a high price tag. As the holiday season draws near, we can only guess at what some of the most celebrated Hollywood couples are buying for each other. But based on what some celebrity couples have already given each other this year, it's likely there will be some luxury under their trees.

Hollywood Couples' Over-the-Top Gifts

There's no word yet on what gifts newlyweds Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel will exchange for their first Christmas as a

married celebrity couple, but with thoughtful Timberlake, it must be something good. When they wed earlier this year, he gave his new bride four stackable wedding rings that matched her 18-karat celebrity engagement ring.

Jennifer Lopez's celebrity love Casper Smart will likely be waiting with anticipation at what lays under the tree for him this Christmas, considering Lopez gifted him with a white Dodge Ram truck for his 25th birthday this year. And when [Kim Kardashian](#) went birthday shopping for beau Kanye West (maybe she's hoping for a ring this Christmas?), she selected a \$750,000 Lamborghini as a gift. Wonder how she'll top that!

Then, of course, there's the queen of gift-giving [Angelina Jolie](#), who reportedly has bestowed on her husband a \$1.6 million helicopter with flying lessons and a \$12,000 olive tree, among other things. Last Christmas, she gave Brad Pitt his own waterfall in California so that he can build his dream home.

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Shop Like You're In a Celebrity Relationship

So if you're not a member of the elite or in a Hollywood couple, how do you express your million dollar love without spending that much? Maybe you can't buy your loved one a waterfall or a helicopter, but you can buy a gift that can help satisfy a passion for travel. Gifts for travelers can be extravagant or fit into any budget. If you are in California, a simple hike to the Nojoqui Falls in the Santa Ynez Valley or water rafting on the Kern River can easily fit into any budget and may be a fun substitute for giving your love a waterfall this Christmas. Just remember to gear up with some gifts for hikers before your trip!

For an even more budget-friendly gift, print out photos of him in his various travels and frame them in variety of sizes in a montage to his international experiences. Make sure the photos capture him looking his most worldly and he'll be ecstatic about showing off your gift.

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Maybe your honey isn't so much into travel, and instead, the waterfall is the thing that calms the senses of your practicing yogi sweetie. Help your gentle one find their peace without having to book a trip away from home. Some yoga DVDs can help them find their center. Add some yoga accessories, and you'll be their hero – the kind, sensitive hero with the great abs.

Who wouldn't want a luxury car? Unless you're a socialite or a member of Hollywood royalty, keep dreaming. We'd all like that spectacular sports car as a gift, but the average person will be overjoyed over any gifted vehicle. Show your love you care for them as well as the environment with an eco-friendly (and budget-friendly) Honda fit. For less than \$20,000, you can give your better half the nimble and fun to drive car that U.S. News and World Report ranks the number one affordable small car. With 28/35 miles per gallon, the Fit will prove to be a great fit for your bank account and your environmentally responsible sensibility.

But perhaps you want to put a sparkle in her eyes. While I'm sure the new Mrs. Timberlake is thrilled with her bling, it may not be in your best interest to buy the girl in your life a ring, unless she is The One. If you want the bling but want to keep things on the lighter side or maybe you've already given her that sparkler and want to buy her something fashionable, check out DuePunti Diamond Rings. The ultra affordable rings come in a variety of fashionable colors perfect for stacking along with a .02 ct. diamond ring in the center of each one. Your lady can mix and match or wear them

all. And with the price, you can afford to buy several!

Your wallet may not be loaded, but there's no doubting the love in your heart. Take a cue from those extravagant gift-giving celebs and buy something fantastically thoughtful but totally within reason. You don't have to spend Kardashian money to give someone a happy holiday!

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5 Reasons Why Men Are Attracted to Celeb Bad Girls





By Joshua Pompey

There is just something about a bad girl that men can't seem to resist. We know they are bad for us, but that sure doesn't stop us from feeling the way that we do, especially when it comes to the celebs who we crush on. Look no further than the overwhelming attention paid to stars like Megan Fox, [Angelina Jolie](#), and Lindsay Lohan during the heights of their popularity. Don't forget: It wasn't that long ago when Jolie's [celebrity news](#) was focused on her carrying a vile of blood around her tattoo-laced body and lip locking with her brother on national television!

Why Celeb Bad Girls

Take a trip a little further down memory lane, and you may recall a time when bad girl [Britney Spears](#) dressed up as a schoolgirl and crushed the competition (like good girls Mandy Moore and Jessica Simpson). When it comes down to it, the allure of a bad girl makes a lot of sense. Here are a few reasons why men can't resist these types of women:

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1. The promise of sexuality: When men see a bad girl, the look and the attitude conjures images of a woman who is free with her sexuality. Women such as Fox ooze sexuality, making us believe that a night with her will be different from any experiences we've ever had. This is enough to make any man weak at the knees when contemplating the sexual revolution that could enter his life.

2. The excitement a bad girl brings to the table: Life can be boring sometimes. Many of us fall into the same day-to-day routines, week after week, month after month. But not with a bad girl. With a bad girl like celeb Lohan, we know we will be in for one heck of a ride, full of exotic trips, random adventures, and potential trouble. This trouble may not be good for relationships and love, but it sure is exciting.

3. The promise of a chase: Men will always want what they can't have. When men chase after bad girls, they know they may be setting themselves up for mistreatment, frustration, and neglect, but the allure of that chase is enough to outweigh the negatives. Deep down, we all want to be the ones to conquer the Jennifer Lopez's of the world and get them to settle down.

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4. The look: Pull up pictures of some of the most notorious bad girls, and you will find one common thread: All of them look and dress incredibly sexy. Men are extremely visual creatures. We become excited by the over-sexualized visuals a bad girl presents. When choosing between the pretty girl in the turtleneck and the bad girl who shows off what she has, our primal sides want the bad girl that stimulates us visually.

5. The attitude: The way a female carries herself can work wonders for her appeal. An average looking woman can become

extremely attractive by walking, talking, and acting as if she has it going on. Bad girls such as Jolie give off a vibe of living in their own world, and everyone else is just in their orbit. This attitude of complete confidence can be liberating to men who feel constrained by society. There is something very sexy about a woman that marches to the beat of her own drum.

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Celebrity Baby News: Best Announcements from Famous Couples





By Lily Rose

First comes love; then, comes marriage; then, comes a little one sitting in a baby carriage. In 2012, things may not happen *exactly* in that order – especially for our favorite celebrity couples. No matter the order of things, when the little bundle of joy does come, it is cause for celebration and for baby announcements. When it comes to [celebrity baby news](#), announcements range from traditional to over-the-top.

Announcing Celebrity Baby News

Some famous couples opt to announce their baby's arrival with a simple yet heartfelt press release. Kristin Cavallari and Jay Cutler, who welcomed Camden Jack Cutler on Aug. 8, decided to go that route. So did Kelsey and Kayte Grammer, who welcomed daughter, Faith Evangeline Elisa Grammer, on July 13. Also taking a simplistic approach, Hilary Duff tweeted her son Luca's first photo.

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But why settle for simple and heartfelt when you can do it big and make it financially lucrative? From the date the press first learns there's a celebrity pregnancy to the date the child arrives, most publications are scrambling, begging, and scheming to get their hands on the first baby pics. Some celebs, such as former reality TV star turned fashion designer, Jessica Simpson, chose to circumvent the rigmarole by simply selling the pictures. *People* featured the first snapshots of Simpson's daughter, Maxwell Drew. Simpson was reportedly paid \$800,000 for their exclusive right to her little girl's first photos.

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Simpson isn't the only one to sell the privilege of offering the public its first glimpse of her child. Former *American Idol* judge Jennifer Lopez and Latin crooner Marc Anthony also sold the exclusive rights to the first pictures of their twins. As far as the price goes, Lopez and Anthony didn't do too shabby either: The celebrity couple reportedly made a cool \$6 million.

Famous Couple's Expensive Baby Pics

Of course, no one does it as big as Hollywood couple [Angelina Jolie](#) and [Brad Pitt](#). The public waited with bated breath to see the child produced by the genetically blessed superstars. Jolie and Pitt reportedly sold the photos of their twins, Knox and Vivienne, for more than \$11 million.

Still, some famous couples chose a different but still non-traditional route to share their celebrity baby news. For example, singer, Beyonce Knowles and her rap star husband Jay-Z erected a tumblr page displaying daughter Blue Ivy's first photo shoot. The page was offered free to the public.

Some think selling your baby's first photos seems just plain

wrong. Others figure, why not? It's better than the paparazzi chasing you down the street for them! Let us know your thoughts.

Ben Affleck Discusses Staying in Touch With His Exes



By Nicole Weintraub

Even though Ben Affleck is happily married to wife Jennifer Garner with three beautiful children, he still keeps in touch with his former beaus according to UsMagazine.com. The actor revealed that he still keeps in touch with Jennifer Lopez whom

he dated for approximately two years. The two e-mail back and forth to touch base with one another. "I touch base. I respect her. I like her," he explained. Prior to dating Jennifer Lopez, the actor has been linked to Gwyneth Paltrow whom he dated for three years. Though, the one who stole his heart permanently was Jennifer Garner. "She truly is kind. She means no one any harm. She doesn't have ill will for any person," he gushed regarding his wife and the mother of his three children.

What are some reasons to stay in touch with an ex?

Cupid's Advice:

Friends with exes – it's a controversial topic that varies from person to person. If you are one of those people who want to remain in contact after a split, here are some reasons to back you up:

1. Friends forever: If you were friends before your relationship, you may want to remain friends after your relationship. Just because the two of you did not work out romantically does not mean that the two of you will make horrible friends. Sometimes two people are truly just better off as friends.

2. Connections: You never know whom you are going to come across in the future. You may want to keep in touch and touch base every now and then with an ex to see if they have any networking connections that can help you down the line in your career, especially if the two of you have or currently work together.

3. Formality: It is a small, small world. If you and your ex remain in contact and bump into one another at a function down the road, it will not be as awkward as if you go complete separate ways. You don't have to be best friends, but a simple smile and nod would do.

Why would you keep in touch with a former partner? Share with us!

Behind-the-Scenes Guys Who Became the Leading Man



By Melissa Caballero

It's very common and predictable when co-stars and celebrities start dating each other. They meet on the set of their new hit films and attend the same award ceremonies. They surround each other on a regular basis so why wouldn't they find another who they are interested in? I mean, who else are they going to

meet and date? Then you hear news like the fact that Natalie Portman was engaged and pregnant, and you think, “But with who? How could that be?” Well, it turns out you don’t have to be an A-lister to date one.

Here are five of your favorite female celebrities who found love with behind-the-scenes guys:

1. Natalie Portman and Benjamin Millepied: Portman and Millepied met during the filming of the *Black Swan*. Sure enough, Millepied served as choreographer for the film and was blown away by Natalie’s talent and grace on the dance floor. Millepied is a principal dancer in the NYC ballet and is now this ballerina’s Cavalier.

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2. Jennifer Lopez and Casper Smart: After working together for some time, their professional dancing relationship turned a bit more personal. Lopez and Smart connected only a short time after her split with Marc Anthony, but they seem to be getting along better than ever. It is obvious that there’s a lot of love and attraction between the two – and boy does she deserve it!

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3. Julia Roberts and Danny Moder: Roberts met Moder while filming the movie, *The Mexican* in 2001 – he was the cameraman! While he may not have been her leading man in the film, Roberts said after meeting him that she was “born to love and be the wife of this man.” Ten years later, this notion still proves true and they have three beautiful children together.

4. Whitney Port and Tim Rosenman. We first met Whitney on *The Hills*, where she worked side-by-side with Lauren Conrad in the

fashion bizz, and then we followed her to the Big Apple where she starred in her own reality show, *The City*. Whitney then announced that she was dating *The City*'s Associate Producer, Tim Rosenman. While the show is no longer on the air, it was a still a success for Port's love life.

5. Kandi Burruss and Todd Tucker: We heard of the news that *Real Housewives' of Atlanta* star Kandi Burruss was dating one of the show's cameramen during last year's reunion show, and it was all thanks to her cast-mate Phaedra Parks for encouraging him to pursue Kandi. I guess Phaedra knew best, because rumor has it that the two have secretly engaged.

What are some other behind-the-scenes guys who found love with an A-list sweetheart? Share your comments below.

Jennifer Lopez Opens Up About Divorce From Marc Anthony





By Nicole Weintraub

Jennifer Lopez recently opened up about her divorce from ex Marc Anthony to Katie Couric on her new show *Katie*, according to UsMagazine.com. The duo were married in 2004 and have twins together – Emme and Max. “You never want to break up a family,” Lopez confessed in regards to coming to the conclusion that it was time to file for divorce. She thought very carefully, especially since the pair has two children. The former partners are doing their best to co-parent, even though they are no longer together. “We love our kids and we have love for each other,” she revealed in regards to her current relationship with her ex. The star is currently dating Casper Smart, a choreographer who is 18 years her junior.

What are some things to consider before getting a divorce?

Cupid’s Advice:

Calling it quits on a marriage and filing for a divorce is a tough decision to make. Here are some things to keep in mind before taking that route:

1. A brighter future: Divorces are absolutions to marriages, which is a huge step. Make sure that you're not just looking for an easy way out. If times are hard, they may get better in time. For better or worse and there might be better days in the future.

2. The repercussions: If there are children involved, especially younger children, it's not going to be easy. Custody battles ensue as well as splitting money and properties. Make sure that you are prepared to deal with what is to come.

3. Communicate: Does your partner know how you are feeling? If you are sensing problems in your marriage, before filing for divorce see if they have similar views. Try to work things out before calling it quits.

What are some things you would consider before divorcing? Share with us in the comments below.

Jennifer Lopez: I Want To Be A Great Parent





By Jenny Schafer for Celebrity Baby Scoop

Jennifer Lopez gets gorgeous in Givenchy on the cover of [InStyle](#)'s September 2012 issue, on newsstands August 17. In the interview, J.Lo, 43, opens up about being mom to 4-year-old twins **Max** and **Emme** and "believing in love."

On motherhood: "Of course, I'm the same as any parent. I feel the pressures of wanting to be a great parent and of wanting to do right by my children. I feel the pressure of knowing you can't be perfect even though you want to be. One thing I've learned: Being a mom, or a dad, is the most important job there is. It doesn't matter who you are. You have to embrace it for everything that it is."

On love: "The most important quality the man in my life should have is that he is sweet. I like the good guys and the hard part is that you never stop believing in love. You never stop. But that's also the best part. You never stop believing, and you never, ever give up."

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On surviving tough times: “I live by the mantra that God doesn’t give you anything you can’t handle. It’s not until something bad or difficult happens that you really get to grow. And then you realize that those difficult moments, the times when you feel pain, are when you do a lot of your growing. You realize: There’s no reason to be terrified of things. Either way I’m going to be OK. At this point in my life, I’ve learned I can really survive things.”

Celebrity Couples Who Are Better Off Single



By Nisha Ramirez

It's hard to be in the spotlight 24/7, but celebrity relationships can make that even harder. Famous people are known for pairing up with other stars for publicity or because of their poor judgment, but neither ensures success. Whether they find each other before they make it big or start out their relationships at the top of their careers, it seems like celebrity relationships always end badly. It's no surprise that many celebs often seem on the verge of a breakup, and the following celebrities are some of the many who seem better off single:

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1. Selena Gomez and Justin Bieber: From the moment Selena Gomez started dating Justin Bieber, she received death threats from Bieber's many fans, indicating some serious stresses that are unique to their partnership. It's likely a sign that Hollywood's cutest couple should think about having fun apart and enjoying their youth and fame alone.

2. Bethenny Frankel and Jason Hoppy: Early on Bravo TV's *The Real Housewives of New York*, Bethenny Frankel and Jason Hoppy found love and success. She gave birth to their first child, Bryn, and increased her Skinny Girl trademark with her own Bravo reality shows *Bethenny Getting Married* and *Bethenny Ever After*. However, on this season of *Bethenny Ever After*, the couple bickered in almost every episode and divorce rumors began to spread. Though Frankel addressed these rumors on her talk show and stated that she and Hoppy have not seen a divorce lawyer, it's clear that this couple should take some time out from the reality TV spotlight or call it quits altogether.

3. Kim Kardashian and Kanye West: Kim Kardashian and Kanye West are becoming serious and aren't shying away from the public eye. Rumors of their romance began after Amber Rose,

West's ex, explained how Kardashian sent emails and pictures to the rapper while she and West were still dating. Plus, Kardashian recently ended her marriage with Kris Humphries after 72 days. Relationships that start off as affairs rarely end happily. These two would be better off on their own.

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4. Jennifer Lopez and Casper Smart: Pop star and actress Jennifer Lopez, 42, started dating her 25-year-old backup dancer Casper Smart months after she divorced Marc Anthony. However, critics and fans accuse Smart of being nothing more than Lopez's boy toy because of their age difference. Considering this and also Lopez's poor track record of dating celebs, she really needs to stop falling in love with love.

What celebrity couples do you think are better off single? Share your comments below.

Jennifer Lopez Celebrates Her 43rd Birthday with Casper Smart





She might be getting older, but Jennifer Lopez shows no sign of slowing down. According to [People](#), to celebrate her birthday, the singer was spotted with her partner Casper Smart as they were on their way to lunch at Nobu. Smart held her hand and led the star through a crowd of paparazzi outside of their hotel. Turning 43 isn't the only thing Lopez should be celebrating: she recently was named number one on Forbes' Celebrity 100 list.

What are some ways to make your partner's birthday special?

Cupid's Advice:

✖ Birthdays should always be special, so there's often a lot of pressure to find the right thing to do for your partner's special day. Consider these fun ways to make sure that your significant other has a great day:

1. Book a trip: Vacations are expensive, but you can still plan a weekend getaway on a budget. If your beau loves to golf, look up nearby resorts. If they're more of a gambler, check out some casinos! Even just preparing a picnic lunch and

heading to a park can make for a pleasant day trip.

2. Wake him up with breakfast in bed: Wake up extra early and prepare your partner's favorite meal. Whether it's bacon and eggs or pancakes and French toast, go all out and make what they like best. This also gives you an excuse to spend some extra time together in bed.

3. Plan a day of surprises: Coordinate a day with all of your beau's favorite activities, but don't tell them what you'll be doing. Do they have a favorite restaurant? Take them there for lunch. Obsessed with baseball? Get tickets to a game!

How did you celebrate your significant other's birthday? Share your story below!