Kim Kardashian Is Expecting a Baby with Kanye West!





By Nic Baird

Kanye West announced at a Sunday concert in Atlantic City concert that he and girlfriend Kim Kardashian are expecting a child, according to <u>People</u>. During the last song,"Lost in the World," West cut the music and asked the audience to applaud for his baby mama. Kardashian confirmed her pregnancy in a blog post. "We feel so blessed and lucky and wish that in addition to both of our families, his mom and my dad could be here to celebrate this special time with us," she wrote. "Looking forward to great new beginnings in 2013."

What are some ways to celebrate your pregnancy with your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

If you're going to become a parent, you shouldn't stop

congratulating yourself. Make sure you and your partner take time to reflect on your happiness together. Be excited! Here's how you can channel your elation:

- 1. Throw a party: Don't be too shy to share the good news! Throw a party together to announce the pregnancy. It's a great way to get the word out and express how excited you are to become a parent. Don't forget baby showers either. There are many opportunities for you and your partner to celebrate an upcoming child with friends and family.
- 2. Find new activities: They'll have to be some lifestyle changes during the pregancy, so maybe you need to look at new activities you and your partner can do together. It's important to stay active, but reduce stress. Explore your options, and find activities that will work as quality time for you and your partner.
- 3. Prepare for the baby: A great way to celebrate a child is to get things ready for after the birth. Research what you'll need to get for a healthy baby, and understand how you'll have to change your home. The anticipation you'll share with your partner will help build the excitement!

Do you have any ideas on how to celebrate a pregnancy with your partner? Share your suggestions below!

Is Being Center Stage Ruining Your Relationship?





By Michelle Rebecca

When you and your partner have a fight, do you blog, Tweet, change your status on Facebook and call all of your friends to let them know about it? If so, you might be endangering your relationship by sharing too much information with others.

As many celebrities (e.g., Kim Kardashian, Tom Cruise, Madonna) have discovered, it's hard to nurture the tender bud of a healthy romance in the harsh glare of the public eye.

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The Anatomy of a Fight

All couples argue, and everyone who has ever been in a relationship would probably admit to saying or doing something he or she later regretted. Normally, couples work through these less than ideal moments. Only the two of them, give or take a couple of very close friends, ever know that the unpleasantness took place at all.

Contrast that with the experience of an A-List celebrity who gets into it with her partner and exchanges some angry words with him in public. Those words won't be forgotten as tempers cool. Instead, they will be repeated on every entertainment show and analyzed between the covers of every magazine.

If the fight was shocking enough, marriage counselors may even come out of the woodwork to speculate on the future of the relationship.

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Long after the celebrity herself has made up with her partner and is ready to move on, her fans will still be talking about those few ill-advised words hurled in what should have been a private moment.

Limiting Public Access

Whether you're a movie star or a contractor estimating software sales agent, there's a lot to be said for keeping your personal relationships...well, personal.

Take a moment to think about celebrity couples who have flung open the doors on their private lives. How many of them are still together?

Now, think about celebrities who have consistently declined to turn their personal lives into public fodder. I'm thinking of names like Rowan Atkinson (married since 1990), Julia Roberts, who learned the hard way about the cost of conducting relationships under media scrutiny (now happily married since 2002), and Meryl Streep (married since 1978).

Are you beginning to see a trend?

How Does All This Apply to Me?

Okay, so maybe you're not a celebrity, but you can still make

choices about whether you invite others to take an intimate look at your relationship. You can decide whether to make your latest dust-up with your partner the most talked about event of the week among your social circle or whether to resolve matters quietly between the two of you.

Most people find that the rift between you and your loved one heals far more quickly when your spat stays private.

Maybe the next time somebody says, "Talk to me, girlfriend," your response should be, "No, thanks!"

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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 <u>Kim Kardashian</u> 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 <u>Angelina Jolie</u>, 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 galloon, 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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Kim Kardashian Is 'Still Handcuffed' to Kris Humphries, Lawyer Claims





By Michelle Danzig

Kim Kardashian and Brooklyn Nets star Kris Humphries are still married, according to <u>People</u>. Almost a year after the divorce papers were filed to end the 72-day union, the reality television mega-star is demanding a trial as soon as possible. Kardashian's lawyer, Laura Wasser said that Kardashian just wants to finalize the divorce and move on with her life.

Humphries is seeking an annulment, claiming that the \$20 million dollar nuptials were all for the more-than-successful, E! Television series *Keeping Up with the Kardashians*. While his attorneys gather evidence that the marriage was based on fraud, Humphries sticks to his claim that Kardashian never wanted to be married. A February 15 hearing date will determine when the divorce will go to trial.

What are some ways to remain civil during divorce proceedings?

Cupid's Advice:

Regardless of the reasons why a couple is getting a divorce, the process is difficult and can bring back emotions that the couple simple just didn't want to revisit. Remaining civil during a divorce can be one of the hardest aspects of severing the knot, but it is also an excellent way to ensure that your focus remains on resolving any issues and ultimately moving on with your life. Here are a few ways you can remain civil during a divorce:

- 1. Make a list of talking points before you have a discussion: By making an agenda of things you would like to discuss with your spouse and what you hope accomplish by the end of the conversation, you eliminate the possibility of running off track and leaving room for arguments.
- 2. Make compromises: Your marriage was once about compromise, so it is only fitting to keep the divorce under the same expectations. It is unusual that two people will want exactly the same things, but be prepared to give things up. Ultimately, decide what is really important to each of you and reach an agreement based on those terms.
- 3. Don't bad-mouth your spouse in front of the kids: Divorce is a very difficult thing for children to handle and they will have their own issues to deal with while their parents separate. Although you are angry and it may be difficult, try

your best not to speak poorly of your spouse in front of the kids. Placing the children in the middle of the divorce can cause them to feel trapped or even choose sides. It is perfectly fine to vent to friends or family, but be cautious with what you say around the children.

What are some other ways to keep your cool in the midst of your divorce? Share your comments below.

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





By Jennifer Ross

Kim Kardashian wants to start planning for her future with Kanye West; that is once her divorce papers come in.

Kardashian, 32, recently set the record straight to <code>UsMagazine.com</code>, confirming that she is not pregnant nor having a "surprise wedding" with West. Technically, she her divorce to Brooklyn Nets Kris Humphries is not official and continues at a snail's pace. However, a close source reveals that the couple does have a plan for their future. "Kim thinks they'll get engaged and try for a baby once the divorce is final...Kanye is actually being very patient." All that is needed is ink to dry on Kardashian's walking papers.

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

Cupid's Advice:

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

- 1. Jumping in too soon: While there is no set time for when to start dating again, you can jump into the dating pool too soon. The main thing to focus on is whether you have healed from your divorce. Taking the time to get to loving your single self and realizing what you did wrong before will help you not to make the same mistakes again.
- 2. Comparing your ex to your new partner: One thing a potential partner hates is being compared to the ex or even listening about him/her over dinner. So try not to do it. While you do not want to find an exact replacement to your ex, keep in mind that every person is different and will not necessarily act the same as your ex in a similar past situation. Bottom line, keep your ex in the past.

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

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

Hollywood Stars Who Rebounded With a Hot and Heavy Romance





By Daniela Agurcia

The best revenge is happiness. You may feel like wallowing in

your sorrows after a breakup with someone who you once thought was "the love of your life," but the best thing to do is get back on your feet and start dating again. Feeling sorry for yourself won't get you anywhere, and won't help you move on to bigger and better things, which is what you should want. Regardless of the reasons of why you and your partner ended things, you should want to look better then ever and get back into the dating scene.

You rebound to find that hot and heavy romance you were lacking in your previous relationship, and that's just what these celebrities did:

1. Kim Kardashian and Kanye West: We all remember the infamous divorce between Kim Kardashian and NBA player, Kris Humphries that lasted a total of 72 days. We all thought that Kardashian, 31 would avoid dating for a while after all of the accusations over her divorce with Humphries, but just months later she was reported dating none other than Kanye West. The reality tv star bounced back quickly and looks happier than ever in her new relationship. Kardashian has been living the fabulous life with West from driving his luxurious Mercedes to taking a trip together to one of the most romantic cities in the world, Paris. Regardless of what people are saying, the couple is currently unstoppable and this must be driving Humphries absolutely crazy.

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2. Eva Longoria and Eduardo Cruz: It was a tragic ending for Desperate Housewives star Eva Longoria's three-year marriage with Tony Parker when he was found cheating. Longoria was absolutely devastated when the trust was lost and she found herself filing for divorce in November, 2010. Just months later in February, 2011 the latin beauty began dating a man ten years younger than her, Penelope Cruz's brother, Eduardo Cruz. The on and off again couple keep laying on the PDA that has the unavoidable sparks flying between the two. Post-

divorce has never looked so good, having now dated someone younger has the star looking younger and hotter than ever.

3. Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis: Even though Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis were always rumored to have a fling with one another after years of filming That 70's Show together, it's finally official. It was never the right timing between the two since Kutcher was married for the past six years to 49-year-old Demi Moore. But ever since last November, when Moore and Kutcher split, rumors have been flying and Kunis was finally captured smooching Moore's ex at an LA party. We can't all help but wonder how it feels for Kutcher, 36, to go from dating a woman 13 years older than him to almost ten years younger than him. Even the new pair is trying to keep their distance in public as a respect for Moore, their chemistry is raging and you can see the love from miles away.

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4. Kate Winslet and Louis Dowler: Kate Winslet made a complete 180 when she went from dating behind the scenes director, Sam Mendes to the hot model, Louis Dowler. Winslet has taken an immediate upgrade in the looks department, dating the Burberry model shortly after her separation to Mendes. Is the oscarwinning actress looking to settle down after her 7 year marriage to Mendes, or is she just looking to have fun with the popular British model…and others? There's no harm in getting back on your feet after a long marriage and sudden split and testing out the waters. Some hot and heavy romance with a model could be just what the doctor ordered for a sad case of the blues.

What other Hollywood stars rebounded with a hot and heavy romance? Share your comments below.

Kim and Kanye Double Date with Scott and Kourtney on Halloween





By Nicole Weintraub

Sisters Kourtney and Kim Kardashian double dated for Halloween in Miami with their respective men — Scott Disick and Kanye West, according to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. The sisters are currently filming Kourtney & Kim Take Miami where they went out on a double date with their boyfriends, deciding to not have a big extravaganza for Halloween this year. Kourtney, Disick and West wore light colors in white and beige while Kim stood out in black leather pants and a black mesh top revealing a black bra underneath. Ever since Kim and West have come out as an official couple, he has been helping dress her. Kim and West have just recently starting dating, but have been friends for

several years. Kourtney and Disick have been together for several years, having two children together.

Is double dating a good idea?

Cupid's Advice:

Double dating can be a great way to relieve the pressure, or it can be a disastrous way of ruining your one on one time with your date. Here are ways it can be good or bad:

- 1. The more the merrier: While it may be a good idea to have a double date or even a group date in the beginning of dating, it can also take away from one on one time. Double dating is a great way of relieving tension and keeping the conversation going, but it takes the intimacy away from an actual date.
- 2. Different relationships: Kourtney and Scott have two children together while Kim and Kanye are in a brand new relationship. If you are going to double date, try to go out with a couple that are on the same page with their relationship. The more the two couples have in common, the more there will be to talk about.
- **3. Four different people:** A double date can quickly go from two couples spending time together to four people hanging out with one another. Make sure that while you are still conversing and spending time with the other couple that you are not ignoring your partner.

Do you think double dating is a good idea? Share your thoughts with us!

Dating After Divorce: How Soon Is Too Soon?





By Marni Battista

There is a certain philosophy that touts the best way to get over someone as getting *under* someone else. When we peruse the headlines and photos that cover those magazines at the checkout line, it seems clear that most Hollywood celebs certainly subscribe to this way of thinking.

Although Kim Kardashian's divorce from Kris Humphries isn't even finalized, there's talk about Kanye West designing her engagement ring. Plus, we've seen photos of their romantic trip to Italy for her birthday and heard rumors of them moving in together. Her recent marriage, albeit a short one, should have still been a significant part of her romantic life. It seems as though it's long forgotten — almost as if it didn't exist at all.

Thus, we wonder, when is "too early" to start dating after

divorce? Here are a few lessons learned from Kimye's whirlwind romance and a few tips on navigating the dating world after divorce and answering the question, "How soon is too soon?"

1. It's okay to stay private about your romantic life. Kim's relationship with Kris, their wedding, and their subsequent divorce was splashed across every news outlet, gossip rag, and television station, practically documenting every minute of every day of her most private moments. Then, just weeks later, we got to watch concerned Khloe meddling in her sister's relationship business further as she questions Kanye about his relationship with Kim.

After a somewhat catastrophic end to a 72-day marriage, Kim pledged to keep her private life under wraps. But it seems as if she's been more enthusiastic than ever to share her life with millions, which could prove to be her downfall. While we know *People* will most likely not be camped outside your door, it could be yours too. If you were recently divorced or your divorce was just finalized, it is not necessary (nor do we recommend) to announce to the world your newfound status. (This includes minute-by-minute tweets and Facebook status updates.) There's no glory or dignity in "punishing" your ex by going public.

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Moreover, subscribing to Facebook as "Vaguebook" is also not recommended. Posts such as "So over it" or "Remind me never to trust men again" aren't going to help you recover in the long term. Avoid sharing your pain publicly, as it ultimately only creates ill will, makes friends of both you and your ex uncomfortable, and leaves everyone feeling shocked and helpless.

If you feel ready to date, however, get out there! Whether it's six months post-divorce or two years, there's no need to call everyone in your social circle and ask if they have

anyone to set you up with. We say keep it on the down low and take it easy. Also, consider your underlying motives for putting "the word out" to the general public. If it makes you fiendishly delighted that your ex finds out your "good news," thereby thinking you have "moved on," it's time to re-think your dating readiness. Any sort of delight in his possible pain means you still have some healing and forgiving to do before diving into the dating pool.

In fact, Kim may even be taking a bit of our advice; she *has* stated that if she does indeed get married again, "The next time, I want to do it on an island with just my friends and family, and that's it." Kim, we gotta tell you: we 100 percent agree.

2. Take your time. Kim says of her marriage to Kris Humphries, "I think I fell in love so quickly and wanted that to be my life so badly, but I just didn't take the time to find someone." Taking your time applies to standard dating as well as dating after divorce. Some of the biggest losses you'll experience in divorce are things like having regular love in your life, a warm body next to you, an activity partner, and someone to rely on.

So while it may seem like Kim is barely heeding her own advice by jumping quickly to a serious relationship with Kanye, she does note that they have known each other for 10 years; perhaps she did, in fact, "take her time." What's important to remember is that jumping into anything will not get you any closer to happiness if you forget about your actual needs.

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Check in with yourself post-divorce and evaluate if your needs have changed. You might be looking for someone different because you yourself have also changed. Remember, more than 60 percent of second marriages fail, and more than 70 percent of third marriages fail. That's typically because men and women

marry the same person with a different face again and again. Make sure you reflect on your dating patterns and do the internal work necessary to change those patterns. Fixing your broken picker now, before you head back into the pumpkin patch to look for your horse and carriage and the Prince Charming who comes with it, can help you prevent making the same mistakes.

3. You are in control of your life. Kim has a string of rocky relationships and two failed marriages behind her, but she hasn't let that affect her faith in love, marriage or happiness. One of the main reasons people wait to start dating after a divorce is caution about the prying eyes of family and friends, along with worries about what others will think about your new dating life. Kim seems to have skipped over that part rather breezily, and she has many more people to contend with than you probably do.

She has stated she ignores negative comments and no longer follows gossip blogs. If you're worried about what people around you will think when you begin dating again, avoid bringing up your dating escapades right away. But if it's making you feel good, just remember that **you** are in charge of your own happiness. When it comes down to it, it's you, yourself, and you — not anyone else.

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Kanye West Surprises Kim Kardashian with Birthday Cake at NYC Event





By Jennifer Ross

Although Kim Kardashian's birthday just passed on Oct. 21, the gifts just keep coming! While at the Angel Ball in New York City Monday night, Kanye West surprised his girlfriend, who just turned 32, with a wonderful chocolate cake. The reality star was very much surprised by the gesture, as West sat there, happy that he was able to pull this off. A witness reported to <code>Usmagazine.com</code>, "She looked genuinely surprised and thanked Kanye with a kiss!" As the charity gala continued on, the couple hardly stepped away from each other, looking very much in love and sneaking kisses ever so often. With this birthday cake surprise AND the birthday trip to Italy, you can definitely say Kanye West knows how to be romantic.

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

Cupid's Advice:

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

- 1. A false birthday party: When planning a surprise party, it's easy for someone to accidently leak the surprise out. To prevent this, why not plan the birthday party a few days in advance. This way, people can feel comfortable speaking to your partner about the party, just not the exact day. Plus, your mate will definitely be surprised on the day of the event.
- 2. Party-less surprises: If your partner happens to not like surprise birthday parties, don't fret. There are many ways to surprise him/her; such as filling the bedroom, their car or office with balloons, making them breakfast in bed, planning a fun road trip for two or surprising them with tickets to their favorite concert or event. The ideas are endless. Remember, a party is not the only way to show your love.
- **3. A party for one:** If your partner devotes more time everyone else but himself/herself, why not throw him/her a party for one. Set them up with a day at the spa, a golf lesson with a former pro, or a ride-a-long with a professional race car driver. The gift of time doing something they truly enjoy will leave him/her feeling loved and renewed.

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

Top 5 Celebrity Couple Predictions





By Yolanda Shoshana

It can be hard keeping up with the love life of celebrities. If you blink, you just might miss a breakup or a week long relationship between two costars. I pulled out my crystal skull to do predictions on some of the celebrities everyone wants to know more about:

1. Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds: This was the surprise wedding of the summer. Some media outlets have called Lively a trophy wife, because they believe she nothing but arm candy. I say, take a good look at Reynolds, because last time I checked, he was quite easy on the eyes. If anyone won a trophy it is Lively. Their age difference actually evens out since

women tend to mature faster than men; they meet right in the middle. I predict that Lively and Reynolds will have a fabulous marriage and stay pretty quiet when it comes to Hollywood drama. Let's root for these two, as their future is bright. By February, there will baby news from this sexy couple.

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2. Kristen Stewart and Robert Patterson: Can you say hot mess? The rumors continue to fly that they are on again, spending time apart or can't live without each other. The list goes on. Who knows what we should believe at this point. Stewart and Patterson are attempting to figure out what is going on between them, because they do care for each other. Once the Twilight hype is over, it will be the end of their relationship. The movie is the glue that holds them together, and Patterson will end up finding love with another actress which will prompt his ending the relationship with Stewart for good.

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- 3. George Clooney and Stacy Keibler: Despite breakup rumors, these two are still a couple. But tick tock! Can't you hear the clock ticking on this relationship? The main reason people are saying the pair is close to splitsville is because it's about that time when Clooney calls off the relationship. Keibler can take a deep breathe; she will make it to the Oscars with Clooney. However, her days are numbered. She will love again, and you know Clooney will. In a few years, I see that Clooney will pull a "Warren Beatty type move" and find someone younger than him with whom to settle down. They will never marry, but she will be around for the long haul.
- **4. Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher:** This pairing is interesting indeed. Did you know that Kutcher was Kunis' first kiss? From what we have seen, we know that Kutcher has it in him to be in a long term relationship, but it is said that Kunis wants to take it at a slow nice pace. This is not to mention the fact

that Kutcher is still married to Demi Moore. Kunis and Kutcher will have a nice run, but eventually she will want someone a little more grown up, which will break Kutcher's heart. What goes around comes around, dear Ashton.

5. Kim Kardashian and Kanye West: Who else is surprised that they are still together? This couple has lasted longer than Kardashian's last marriage. That deserves a round of applause. Then again, according to the media, Kanye has always had a thing for Kim. They are a good match since they both love the spotlight, expensive things and causing a commotion. Kardashian and West may taunt the public with an engagement, which they may actually mean (at the time); the wedding will, however, not take place. Media and money aside, Kardashian wants love just like anybody, but has to get her self love in check before that happens. Kardashian really loved Reggie Bush and continues to seek that type of love. Also telling the media that she thinks she will marry West was a bad move. It's like giving a guy an ultimatum in front of a live audience. The stars are coming into play for these celebrities, so stay tuned into their love stories because now only time will tell.

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Kim Kardashian Says She Can't "Imagine Being With Anyone Else" Other Than Kanye West





By <u>Jessica DeRubbo</u>

It looks like Kim Kardashian and Kanye West are getting pretty serious, according to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. In the November issue of *Tatler* magazine, Kardashian opens up about her strong romance with West. She says, "It's so nice to have a best friend in this game who understands everything you're going through. Being with someone I've known for so many years is comforting." Kardashian, who has been married twice before to Damon Thomas and Kris Humphries, is certain the West is "the one." "I can't even think about being with anyone else than the man I'm with," she says.

How do you know when you've found "the one"?

Cupid's Advice:

Dating around can get confusing, and it's sometimes hard to know when you've found the person you're meant to be with long-term. Cupid has some advice:

- 1. The spark doesn't fade: Even after months of dating, you still get butterflies in your stomach when you go to see your partner. That's a sure sign that the connection you have is likely not to fade for some time.
- 2. You feel secure: Security is a great thing in a

relationship. If you don't feel as if something small could throw your relationship off, it shows that you're committed to making your relationship work far into the future.

3. You trust each other: Part of security means trusting one another. You should have no doubt that your partner will never cheat on you, for one. If you question it, you may want to rethink whether he/she is "the one."

What are some other ways to know you've found "the one"?

Five Ways To Make Sure Your Summer Romance Falls Into Autumn





By Dr. Tranquility

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The fun and flirtiness of summer makes this season notorious for lust and love. Whether you're still testing the waters like Kim Kardashian and her new beau Kanye West, or you have found long-lasting love like Jennifer Anniston and Justin Theroux, here are some tips to make your summer romance endless.

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- 1. Plan your fall activities now: With Labor Day right around the corner, you and your special someone will have no problem finding something to do as long as the long weekend is filled with activities. Consider the Hudson Valley Fall Festivals or visit Cape Cod in Boston to check out Martha's Vineyard for festivals and fairs going on all weekend. On the West Coast, travel to San Francisco (the weather is better in the fall than in the summer) or Laguna Beach. Wherever you decide to go or not, the point is that planning together strengthens the commitment in your relationship while giving both of you something in which to look forward.
- 2. Get into a routine: Things tend to get a little "real" when September rolls around and you realize that you have to get back into your work or school routine. Now is the time to ease into those very important chats about where your relationship fits among all of the other chaos. Fall also brings along family and holiday gatherings. Get a feel for each other's traditions and core values. Holidays tend to bring tension and anxiety to a new relationship, so reduce the stress with lots of communication, and be prepared for the family reunions and gift giving to come.
- 3. Get excited for football season: What is more fun than tailgating for a big game with all of your friends? Get all of the food and beverages together, and make an awesome day trip out of it. If either of you have a college homecoming game on the horizon or a professional football game you're

dying to attend, go together for an unforgettable experience.

- **4. Fall means fall clothes:** Shopping is my all-time favorite sport. Plan to go on a spree like a Kardashian, but do it together. Hit one of those great outlet malls to make your shopping outing even more enjoyable. Helping one other select clothes you both like is an intimate activity you'll both be stimulated by the experience, so make sure to have a great night planned as well.
- 5. Stay in touch while at work: If you are both career people, the end of summer means an accelerated work schedule. Don't let work have all of your attention. Call or text your honey to simply ask how his or her day is going. Try to keep it short to respect each other's schedules, but do it at least once each day. It shows that you are in each other's thoughts and that you care, which is essential to budding your relationship. When you get together after a long day, give each other a detailed breakdown to show your partner that they're a part of your life even when you're not together.

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There are a couple weeks still left of summer, so keep up the romance by completing everything you have left to do on your checklist. Go kayaking, continue to dine outdoors and have another beach day before it's back to business in the fall. All of the time you spend together now will help you develop and maintain the feelings that will keep your relationship thriving throughout the fall.

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Celebrity Couples Who Have Been Hurt By Their Own Stardom





By Courtney Allen

In wonderful world of Hollywood, maintaining both a long-lasting relationship and a fast-paced career is evidently a huge challenge. The jam-packed schedules and non-stop tabloid mania in the everyday lives of celebrities leaves us constantly wondering when the next split will be—the fact they are going to happen is a guarantee. Nasty rumors of deceit, unexpected flings with co-stars and stress from an intense

life can make stardom a celebrity couple's worst enemy. Unfortunately for these five celebrity duos, losing their battle to fame proved inevitable:

1. Kate and Jon Gosselin: Jon and Kate Gosselin first captured our hearts with their hit TLC show, Jon and Kate Plus Eight, which documented their hectic life as parents of sassy-yet-sweet twin girls and a set of adorable sextuplets. The Gosselins graced our television screens for seven seasons as they traveled the globe as a family, while we all hoped their marriage wouldn't end like many of the reality star relationships that preceded them. But Jon and Kate proved no different as the show slowly revealed Kate's exploding temper and ego while the tabloids unraveled Jon's late-night getaways with other women. Years later, the two had one of the most public divorces in Hollywood.

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- 2. Rihanna and Chris Brown: Rihanna and Chris Brown shocked the world when their relationship began in 2008. In our minds, the singers couldn't be a more perfect match, as they're two beautiful and unique voices with stunningly-good looks. Things quickly changed after an incident in 2009 in which Brown allegedly assaulted the female pop star. The two have made amends since then and rumors of a new relationship have spread, especially after the recent release of their song, "Birthday Cake (Remix)." But due to their long-lasting tabloid presence and heated past, we can't help but think that a second try will end in disaster.
- **3. Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt:** The split between *Friends* star Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt, her "Mr. Perfect," was by far the most controversial divorces in the history of Hollywood. With Aniston's glowing skin and Pitt's captivating eyes, they always had America's attention. It wasn't until the 2004 production of *Mr. and Mrs. Smith* that things seemed to

get off track. Pitt quickly fell in love with co-star Angelina Jolie while filming the movie, leaving him and Aniston's happily ever after in the dust as rumors swirled of an affair. Jen filed for divorce in 2005 and Pitt almost immediately began dating Jolie. Now called "Brangelina," the couple has six kids and have made their mark as one of the most powerful couples in Hollywood.

4. Kim Kardashian and Reggie Bush: Kim Kardashian bared it all for her E! show Keeping Up With the Kardashians, including her relationship with NFL star Reggie Bush. The reality show revealed their head-over-heels romance for several seasons. But after their final split, the unfortunate truth was revealed: Kardashian's stardom was too much for Bush, who never seemed to adjust. Kardashian has since been searching for her fairytale: a guy who accepts both her and her lifestyle. She found love in her marriage to Kris Humphries, but that relationship ended after just 72 days. Now the star is happily dating Kanye West. Thankfully, the socialite seems to be taking her new relationship slow, because if there's anything Kim has learned, it's that fame comes at a high price.

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5. Katy Perry and Russel Brand: California girl Katy Perry and British comedian Russell Brand began dating in middle of 2009. The two didn't waste any time getting serious as news of their engagement hit the headlines by the end of the same year. And in just ten months, the couple was married. The world watched the pop-star and her new hubby closely as we formed our opinions on whether they would last. Fourteen months later, the pair proved all the doubters right. Russell Brand filed for divorce last December, citing irreconcilable differences. But between both of their busy schedules and separated traveling, it's no wonder the pair couldn't stand the test of

time.

Which celebrity couples do you think have been most hurt by their stardom? Share your thoughts with us!

How to Make Sure Your Divorce is Amicable, Fair and Fast





By Amy Osmond Cook

Thanks to Kris Humphries and Kim Kardashian, we have the celebrity divorce spectacle to which we've become accustomed. There are no kids (and apparently no deep feelings) involved, but oh, do we have drama! This divorce, like so many others, is all about money. Consider the top ten biggest divorce payouts in history below:

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- Rupert Murdoch's divorce from Anna Murdoch; estimated at \$1.7 billion
- Adnan Khashoggi's divorce from Soraya Khashoggi; estimated at \$850 million
- Bernie Ecclestone's divorce from Slavica; estimated at £750m
- Craig McCaw's divorce from Wendy McCaw; estimated to exceed
 \$460 million
- Mel Gibson's divorce from Robyn; estimated at \$425 million
- Michael Jordan's divorce from Juanita Jordan; estimated to exceed \$260 million
- Charles Edgar Fipke's divorce from Marlene Fipke; estimated at \$200 million
- Neil Diamond's divorce from Marcia Murphey; estimated at \$150 million
- Harrison Ford's divorce from Melissa Mathison; estimated at \$118 million
- Greg Norman's divorce from Laura Andrassy; estimated at \$103 million

Most of us won't have a divorce settlement in the millions, but there are a few things you can do to make sure that any future split with your partner is amicable, fair, and fast:

1. Write a prenup. An ironclad prenup is the easiest way to speed up the divorce process. In 1985, Steven Spielberg and Amy Irving wrote a prenuptial agreement on a cocktail napkin. Four years later, Amy contested the agreement—and won. As a result, she received a settlement of about 100 million, or half of her ex-husband's earnings, after just four years of

marriage. The reason? Her attorney wasn't present, allowing her to contest the prenup on the grounds of fairness, full disclosure, and duress. In the absence of an ironclad prenup, husbands and wives usually split their assets equally.

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- 2. Don't cheat. Rudy Giulini's public affair with Judith Nathan cost him dearly when he and his wife, Donna Hanover, divorced. When they separated in October 2000, he was making a modest income as a government official. Then the 9/11 tragedy happened, and his popularity soared. Because they were already separated, Donna wasn't legally entitled to the money he maid following the date of separation, including an estimated \$8M in speaking fees alone. But because Giuliani wanted to keep some of the more salacious details of his personal life out of the public record, he settled—paying an estimated \$6.8M, a substantially higher amount than he was legally obligated to pay.
- 3. Don't forget about intellectual property. Sometimes the greatest assets are the intangible ones. In 2000, Michael Douglas agreed to pay his first wife, Diandra, half of the acting earnings he accrued while they were married, including money from any future "spinoffs." In 2011, Diandra filed suit, stating that she was entitled to half of Michael's earnings from Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps, because it is a spinoff from the original Wall Street (which was filmed during their marriage). Michael claims is that the new movie is a sequel and not a spinoff, so Diandra isn't entitled to anything. The case revolves around one point: Is the new movie a spinoff or a sequel? If it's a spinoff, she gets half. If it's a sequel, she gets nothing. In this case, a judge will decide. But you can learn from Michael's potentially costly mistake by shoring up your intellectual property rights.

The key to an amicable split is to decide money matters before

it gets ugly. Whether you are happily married or contemplating divorce, considering a prenup, keeping your actions blackmail-proof, and dealing with your intellectual property will serve you well.

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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.

5 of the Most Lavish Hollywood Weddings





By Jessica Nappi

Every girl dreams of the perfect wedding, with the most beautiful dress, and of course, Prince Charming. Some celebrities are able to turn these dreams into reality with weddings that both cost millions of dollars and look gorgeous. From custom-made attire to venues that resemble paradise, these celebrity couples top our list of lavish weddings we will never forget:

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- 1. Prince William and Kate Middleton: Undoubtedly the most talked-about wedding of 2011 and perhaps the most anticipated 'I do' since Princess Diana's royal wedding, Prince William and Kate Middleton had a lavish wedding that will be very difficult to top. The royal pair wed at Westminster Abbey in front of 1,900 guests, while thousands more gathered outside to watch the newlyweds ride by in a horse-drawn carriage and kiss on the balcony of Buckingham Palace. The cake alone cost \$80,000 and Middleton's custom-made dress cost \$70,000. Overall the wedding had to be supported by the tax-payers of England because it cost over \$30 million.
- 2. Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries: The whole world was fortunate enough to see this wedding thanks to a camera crew

so large that 50 guests had to be cut to accommodate for it. Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries wed in a beautiful vintage Hollywood black-and-white-themed ceremony where she helped design every detail. The venue was at a private estate in Montecito, California that is worth an estimated \$20 million. Over 500 guests witnessed the 'I do's' under large white tents that were built to keep the wedding under wraps and to fit in with the black-and-white theme. Let's not forget about the wedding dresses; yes, there was more than one. Each of the three gowns was Vera Wang and reportedly cost \$20,000 a pop. The entire wedding cost anywhere from six to ten million dollars, but we wouldn't expect anything less from Kim Kardashian.

- 3. Elizabeth Hurley and Arun Nayar: Elizabeth Hurley and Indian textile heir Arun Nayar started dating in 2002 and waited to wed until 2007. The lavish and eight day-long wedding was worth the wait. Because the couple came from different backgrounds, their wedding was divided into two locations. For the British wedding, Hurley married Nayar in a beautiful ceremony at Sudeley Castle in Gloucestershire where Elton John gave the bride away. The nuptials continued in India at a similarly-star-studded ceremony. Hurley wore beautifully embellished dresses and chocolate fountains were scattered all across the venue making this wedding unforgettable. The wedding cost an estimated \$2.5 million.
- 4. Fergie and Josh Duhamel: This celebrity pair opted for a white fantasy wedding at the Church Estates Vineyards in Malibu. Fergie and Josh Duhamel exchanged vows under magnolia trees filled with thousands of white roses. The bride carried a bouquet of flowers studded with crystals and wore a beautifully fitted Dolce & Gabbana gown. The reception was held in a tent that was made to look like a forest of trees, with the ceiling covered in lights. Kate Hudson, Rebecca Romijn, and Jerry O'Connell were a few of the many celebrities who attended this extravagant wedding.

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5. Kendra Wilkinson and Hank Baskett: Kendra Wilkinson and former NFL player Hank Baskett's wedding was not only lavish: it was one of a kind. They were the first couple ever to wed at the Playboy Mansion other than Hugh Hefner himself. Of course, they had to make it special. Kendra walked down the aisle in a princess-style white gown and wore more than \$100,000 worth of platinum jewelry by Michael Barin. The ceremony was held out in the open on a lawn where white rose petals and flower wreaths lined the aisle. Hundreds of guests, including plenty of playmates, watched the happy couple promised to be together forever in this beautiful ceremony.

Celebrity weddings will always peak our interest because of how over-the-top they can be. These five celebrity weddings were definitely lavish, but in the world of Hollywood, there will always be more that will top these. Stay tuned.

What are some of your favorite celebrity weddings? Tell us below.

Kim Kardashian Cries on Roller Coaster with Kanye West





Kim

Kardashian and Kanye West are looking for quite the adventure, and and they seemed to have found it at Six Flags' Magic Mountain in Santa Clarita, California. According to <u>People</u>, the power couple visited the amusement park on Tuesday with Kim's youngest sisters, Kendall and Kylie Jenner, where they all made sure to get their fill of adrenalin. The reality star's Twitter featured a photo of herself on a rollercoaster with a petrified look on her face. She later added, "Mannn my crying face! I officially am afraid of heights now."

What are some romantic adventures to go on with your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Romantic adventures are a great alternative to the usual dinner dates with lit candles and roses. Here are some great ways to incorporate exciting and new things in your relationship:

- 1. Skydiving: Going skydiving is guaranteed to be an unforgettable and fun experience. There's no one better to share this moment with than your significant other.
- 2. Snorkeling: Exploring the ocean can be amazing, especially if you go to a particularly beautiful beach. Hold hands and swim with your love to see the beauty of the underwater world.

3. Cruise: Travel on a boat and experience the beauty of the islands. This will let you have some one-on-one time with your sweetie while also being surrounded by other fun people.

What kind of romantic adventure would you want to go on? Share your thoughts with us!

Famous Celebrity Couples Who Get On Our Nerves





By Daniela Agurcia

When two slightly obnoxious celebrities get together, it creates something much worse than either would be alone. Everyone can name one of these celebrity couples: When you see them, you just want to change the channel or put down your

magazine. Sometimes, certain famous couples make you want to scream, "Enough already!" Being one of these celebrity relationships can definitely be a bad thing. Whether they're obnoxiously cute, painstakingly annoying, or overly pompous together, it gets to the point where no one wants to hear about them anymore. Here are some celebrity couples that we could live without:

Annoying Famous Couples

1. Selena Gomez and Justin Bieber: At first, there was a lot of hype about whether Selena Gomez had Justin Bieber fever. Turns out, she did. The couple kept their famous relationship under wraps for a while, and even today, they still try to be discreet about it. They're that one couple that refuses to be open about their relationship and love, regardless of all of the cute and cuddly photos found of them or their occasional lovey-dovey tweets and quotes. Either be open about your relationship and act normal about it…or hand him over!

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- 2. Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries: Even though Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries aren't together anymore, they were a Hollywood couple that will be hard to forget. There was so much hype about Kardashian finding love and having the most extravagant celebrity wedding with the man of her dreams, only to have it all end 72 days later. The engagement, wedding, and divorce flashed right before our eyes. Ultimately, the marriage was an all-time record, and one we wish would just disappear all together.
- 3. Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt: Famous couple Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt have been non-stop from the start, doing everything to the extreme. From the day that Pitt left Jennifer Aniston to be with Jolie, the two are always

aiming for perfection. The pair has adopted from all over the world, constantly donate to charity and attend mission trips all over the globe. Plus, we can't forget that they just happen to be one of the best looking Hollywood couples. Here we can certainly say "Enough already!"

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- 4. Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson: We loved Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson in the *Twilight* movies who doesn't love a vampire romance? We were all rooting for the two to end up together in real life, but between their low-key status and "I don't care" attitude, they're not as great as we thought they would be. They always seem as if they're in a bad mood about something. Plus, have you *ever* seen them show affection?
- **5. Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt:** How are they famous again? Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt blew up because of their roles on the reality TV show *The Hills*. Their drama was entertaining at first, but it grew old after the show, thanks to her music videos and several other TV appearances. Between that and Montag's numerous plastic surgeries, the celebrity couple has received nothing but negative spotlight, eventually eliminating all the "glory" from their fame.

What celebrity couple bothers you the most? Share your comments below!

Kanye West Serenades Kim

Kardashian at His Concert





Kimye is at it

again. Bad-boy Kanye West held a solo concert in Atlantic City this weekend in which Ms. Kardashian attended. The rapper performed for thousands as the reality star sang and danced in the V.I.P. box. According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, West sang directly to his equally famous girlfriend as he performed his hit song "Way too Cold," in which Kanye sings "I admit I fell in love with Kim." The musician later yelled to the crowd, "If you love someone tonight... hold on real tight!" Although the pair weren't side-by-side, it is clear the rapper is taking his own advice when it comes to his love for Kim K.

What are some ways to publicly show you care about your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Showing your significant other you care is important in every relationship because words are not always enough. Here are

some great ways to express how you feel in more active ways:

- 1. PDA: Showing affection to your love is the simplest yet sweetest gesture to show you care. Simply holding their hand or kissing their forehead can go a long way.
- 2. Recite a poem: Bring your honey to an open mic night and surprise them with your poem. Share your deepest feelings for them in front of a crowd of strangers.
- **3. Invite them to a special event:** Take them to an awards show or a fancy business dinner. Sharing a special moment with them really shows how important they are and how much you want to show them off.

What does your partner do that shows they care about you? Share your experiences with us.

Kim Kardashian and Kanye West Visit a Children's Hospital





Kim Kardashian is

really bringing out a kinder side of her new beau, Kanye West. Known for his bad boy image, West has calmed down his image since he first started dating Kardashian two months ago. According to <code>UsMagazine.com</code>, the famous duo visited the Children's Hospital in Los Angeles. Could Kim be testing Kanye's true character before tying the knot? On <code>Oprah's Lifeclass</code>, Kardashian said, "I don't know why it took us so long to get together: I think we've always had an attraction to each other, but we've always been in other relationships or it wasn't the right timing. One day it just happened."

What are some ways to be charitable as a couple?

Cupid's Advice:

Getting to know a new partner is exciting and nerve wrecking. Taking time to be charitable together is a great bonding experience and can really tell you a lot about your new love. Here are some ways to be charitable as a couple:

- 1. Volunteer: Volunteering is the easiest way to help people in need. Check out websites like volunteermatch.org to find short or long term volunteer opportunities and make it a date.
- 2. Entertain: Why not turn your next dinner party or get together into a charity event? Ask friends to bring donations

or give a donation for the whole group.

3. Shop: Have a bunch of coupons you don't use? As a couple, gather coupons to buy items on the cheap or for free to give away to people in need.

How are you and your partner charitable together? Share your comments below.

Beyonce and Jay-Z & Kanye West and Kim Kardashian Show the Love at the BET Awards





What do you get when

you bring superstar couples Jay-Z and Beyoncé Knowles and Kanye West and Kim Kardashian together at the BET Awards? A whole lot of love. The two couples brought a lot of attention

when they took the best seats in the house right next to each other. Knowles wore a bright satin dress and Kardashian was showing off her sexy curves in a white mini dress. The two ladies seemed to get along perfectly, and all four of them looked thrilled to have this double date.

What are the benefits to a double date?

Cupid's Advice:

Even though you should always have one-on-one time with someone to get to know them, there are a lot of benefits to bringing along another couple for a double date. Here are some reasons why a double date might sometimes be better:

- 1. You're more comfortable: When you're alone with your date and there's a constant pressure of thinking of things to say and staring at them awkwardly, it's easy to feel nervous. When you're around more people, you're likely to loosen up a little.
- 2. More to talk about: There's always more to talk about when there are more people at the dinner table. When there's another couple around, you'll have fewer silent moments than if it was just you and your date alone.
- 3. Less likely to fail: Even if you have a terrible date, at least you have two other people to entertain you throughout the night. It's much better than being stuck alone with someone you truly can't stand.

How do you think a double date can be better? Share your thoughts below.

Is Kanye West Daddy Material?





By Amy Osmond Cook

All signs point to a third marriage for Kim Kardashian, after she revealed her strong feelings for grammy-winning artist Kanye West in a recent interview with Oprah. Kim stated, "I want babies; I want my forever; I want my fairytale." Kanye appears to be equally smitten. But is he daddy material?

As Dr. David L. Hill describes in his new book, *Dad to Dad: Parenting Like a Pro*, a father's role in his child's life has no equal. Premature babies gain weight better if their dads are involved in their care. Children with involved fathers have better language skills, make better grades and enjoy better self-esteem than those without them. Children whose fathers are involved in their care are less likely to wind up in jail, use drugs and alcohol or become pregnant in their

teen years. Fathers are monumental.

Especially considering her recent snafu with Kris Humphries, Kim will want to take her time deciding if Kayne is the right man for her and her future reality stars. Here are three ways to tell if Kanye is ready for Kim's fairytale life with babies:

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- 1. How does he treat his mother? Does your guy respect his mother or talk down to her? Does he compliment her or criticize her? The first rule of good fathering is to love and respect his child's mother, and a boy's relationship with his mother is usually the model that he will follow in subsequent relationships.
- 2. Can he go with the flow? As every parent knows, the bestlaid plans are often foiled by a baby who won't sleep, a child who gets sick or a teenager who needs some reassurance. Before you walk down the aisle, a trip to Disneyland with someone's little terrors may be warranted. If it's still the happiest place on earth at the end of the day, chances are that your guy is flexible enough to be a good father.

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3. You are more important to him than his party plans. If your guy is out partying with the guys every night, chances are he's not ready to settle down and have a dozen kids. Any parent knows that babies determine their own schedules—which (if you're lucky) consist of twelve hours of sleep. So, unless you plan on getting a night nurse, you're going to be watching a lot of movies at home.

Only time will tell whether Kanye and Kim will have little fashionistas of their own, but Kanye's storybook relationship with his mother, who has now passed, bodes well for his future parenting skills. This relationship is memorialized in his song, "Hey Mama": "Hey Mama, I wanna scream so loud for you/ 'Cause I'm so proud of you/ Let me tell you what I'm about to do ... I appreciate what you allowed for me, I just want you to be proud of me."

Maybe the third time is a charm.

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Hollywood's Messiest Splits





By Evan Goldaper

We all wish it could be different, but breakups are rarely painless. Whether it's the kids, money, future plans or just anger, there's almost always something to fight over. In a word: drama. If you follow the roller coaster ride that is Hollywood relationships, you're sure to have realized that celebrity splits are the biggest and most dramatic splits around. Cupid took a look at some of the worst celebrity divorces in recent years to see what practical lessons could be learned from the wreckage:

1. Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries: No discussion of celebrity breakups would be complete without a look at Kim Kardashian's legendary split with Kris Humphries following a 72-day marriage. The two only dated for six months before Humphries proposed, and they never settled on plans for life after the wedding. Both accused the other of using their relationship as a money-making scheme. Financial issues aside, it's this pair's insistence on keeping themselves in the public eye that turned what could've been a quick and quiet split into a massive, messy parting of ways. In fact, their divorce is taking longer than their entire marriage ... but it has kept their names in the tabloids.

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2. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Maria Shriver: The aftermath of Arnold Schwarzenegger and Maria Shriver's relationship shows that no matter how long a couple has been together, breakups can still be difficult and dramatic. Though the two had been married for 25 years, Schwarzenegger revealed in May of 2011 that, over a decade earlier, he had fathered a child with his housekeeper. The longtime couple tried to work things out in couples' therapy, but even Schwarzenegger admitted that what he had done was inexcusable. Though Shriver quickly moved into a separate mansion, the two are technically still married and discussion of their divorce continues to this day.

- 3. Charlie Sheen and Brooke Mueller: In December of 2009, reports broke that Charlie Sheen assaulted his wife Brooke Mueller with a knife, setting in motion another of Tinseltown's biggest breakups. Both Sheen and Mueller are known for their erratic behavior and substance abuse, which ended up putting a huge amount of stress on their relationship. Sheen's violence quickly led to a split, but the ensuing custody battle lasted for months. Though they initially settled on joint custody of their twins, the two began tossing threats back and forth to get that changed. It wasn't until Mueller got close to \$1.75 million in settlement that things simmered down.
- 4. Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt: And finally, the most confusing breakup of all: Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt's. They were married twice—in 2008 in Mexico and in 2009 in the United States—but their marriage still didn't last long. As early as March of 2011, rumors began about their breakup when Montag fired Pratt as her manager. Soon after, she divorced him, claiming he insisted on controlling both her life and the press surrounding her. The two battled on and off for months, with Pratt threatening to release their sex tapes if Montag didn't film a new reality show with him. However, the two were spotted together in Costa Rica during one of these battles, making many assume that these overblown arguments were just attempts at getting attention. Either way, the two were back together by September.

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So what can we learn here? Well sure, you might not have \$1.75 million to give to your ex or paparazzi hounding your every decision, but you certainly do have your own level of concerns about your well-being. Talk about your issues with your partner, and you can keep them from getting in the way of romance. Even if you do break up, communication will keep your split clean.

Kim Kardashian and Kanye West Spend the Day in Paris





The new couple that

has been causing all the buzz, Kanye West and Kim Kardashian, was spotted together in one of the most romantic cities, Paris. West had just been returning to the City of Love for his 'Watch The Throne Tour' encore performance, and Kardashian joined him, according to <u>People</u>. The pair was staying at the Four Seasons Hotel George V and stepped out for brunch and dessert on Father's Day Sunday. West, 35 and Kardashian, 31 took a drive in a white Lamborghini convertible later that day, and sat in traffic for a while, but at least in each others' company.

What are some of the most romantic cities for couples?

Cupid's Advice:

- 1. Paris: There's a reason so many celebrity couples are spotted in Paris. Who wouldn't want to have a candlelit dinner and champagne under the Eiffel Tower? Also, with the charming cafes and beautiful buildings, the city is irresistible for love.
- 2. Venice: When people think of Venice, they think of a romantic ride on a gondola ride down a narrow quiet canal, while viewing the beautiful buildings around them with someone they love. And it's all too true!
- **3. Rome:** This city is also an ancient beauty. Nothing sets the mood more than beautiful ancient art and a nice stroll down the lovely streets of Rome.

What places do you find to be the most romantic? Share your thoughts below.