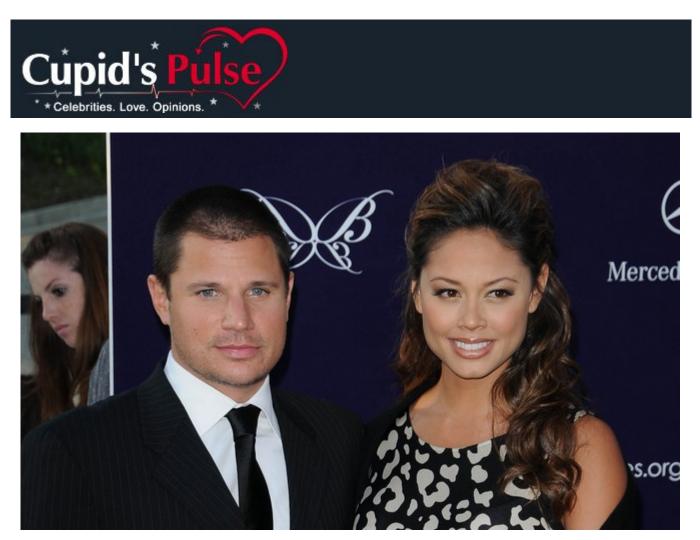
### Celebrity News: Nick & Vanessa Lachey Open Up About Premature Birth of Son Phoenix



By Melissa Lee

In <u>celebrity news</u>, Nick and Vanessa Lachey recently revealed some pretty upsetting details about the premature birth of their son, Phoenix. According to <u>People.com</u>, Nick was petrified throughout the six weeks their son spent in the NICU. On Monday night, Vanessa dedicated a dance to Phoenix on <u>Dancing with the Stars</u>. Phoenix, who was born at just 29 weeks, is thankfully doing well now, but Nick wanted to share their story to help other families going through a similar situation. Nick and Vanessa are also parents to two other children, Camden John, 5, and Brooklyn Elisabeth, 2.

### This celebrity news has us hugging our children tight. What are some ways to support your partner through a tough childbirth?

Cupid's Advice:

Despite having a difficult time with it, Nick and Vanessa shared their tough childbirth story in order to help other parents that are dealing with the same thing. If you are struggling to support your partner through a hard birth, head below to check out Cupid's advice:

1. Be as supportive as possible: It doesn't sound like a massive tip, but trust us when we say it's extremely important to be completely supportive throughout the entire process. Nothing will mean more to your partner than being 100% helpful, caring, and supportive. Emotional support is something that can't be bought, so make sure you are making the most effort to be there for them no matter what.

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2. Show them you care: In addition to that, try to express your love and support in little ways. Get them flowers or cook them their favorite meal – regardless of how you decide to show your love, just remember how crucial it is to make your partner feel appreciated and important. This can be more helpful than you think, so don't underestimate the importance of emotional support.

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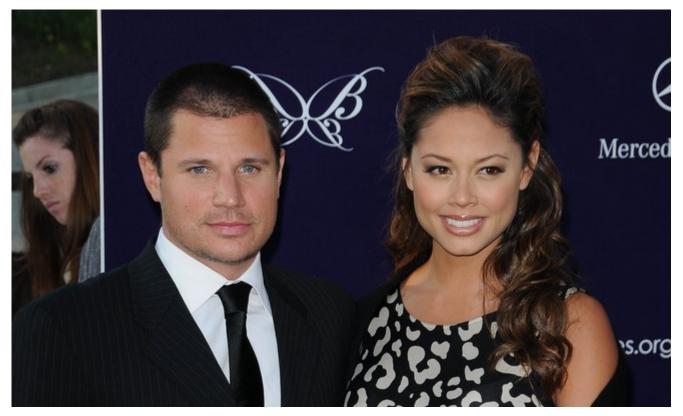
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3. Take on some of their jobs: If there are any ways you can lighten your partner's load, try your best to do so. Taking some of the weight off their shoulders is also super helpful. Try doing the laundry or cleaning the house so they have less things to stress about. At the end of the day, it's about making your partner feel as calm and loved as you possibly can.

What are some of your tips for helping your partner through a tough childbirth? Share your thoughts below.

## Celebrity News: 'Newlyweds' Producer Reveals The Truth Behind Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey Failed Marriage





By Marissa Donovan

Fourteen years ago, <u>Jessica Simpson</u> and Nick Lachey were happily married and had their own show on *MTV*. In an interview with <u>Complex.com</u>, producer Sue Kolinksy of <u>Newlyweds</u> spoke out about how the <u>celebrity exes</u> functioned as a newly married couple. The producer shared that their maturity levels contrasted and felt a sense of tension between the former <u>celebrity couple</u>. Kolinksy also added the only thing the couple seemed to have in common was their music careers. The couple split after the show's third season and are now happy in their new marriages.

This <u>reality Tv</u> show exposed the differences between this celebrity couple. How can you maintain a happy relationship when you and

# your partner are opposite from one another?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Opposites can attract one another, but sometime couples who are very different from each other run into more problems than those who are alike. Here's how you can keep the spark when you and your partner are total opposites:

**1. Keep finding common ground:** Keep trying to find similarities in activities and special interests. If you both enjoy golfing, play a game together. Also try new activities and see if you both can enjoy it as a couple!

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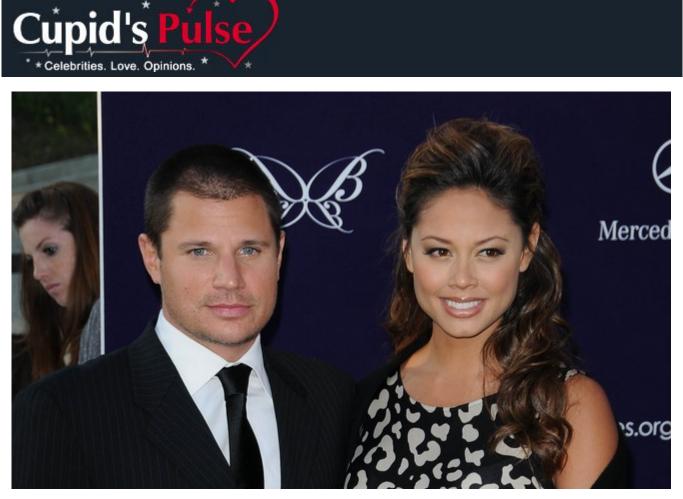
2. Embrace your differences: Do not put negative light on your differences, instead use them to your advantage as a couple. If your partner is the outdoorsy type, let them help you love nature. The contrasting traits you have individually can balance the relationship if you embrace them!

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**3. Find room to grow as a couple:** See how you and your partner can grow as a couple by watching how you bring the best out of each other. Patience is key and this kind of relationship has to go slow in order for things to stay on a positive note!

Do you think a *Newlyweds* reunion is a possibility in the future? We would love to hear what you think in the comments!

### Famous Couple Nick Lachey and Vanessa Minnillo Celebrate Second Celebrity Baby Shower



By Maggie Manfredi

Another celebrity pregnancy in the books! According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, famous couple Nick Lachey and Vanessa Minnillo recently celebrated a celebrity baby shower in honor of baby number two's upcoming arrival. They are the proud parents to their first celebrity kid Camden, 2, and are excitedly prepping for the birth of a baby girl. This hasn't stopped them from having fun though. The celebrity family took

on Peter Pan this Halloween: Nick as Peter, Vanessa as Captain Hook, and Camden as the crocodile.

This famous couple is just as excited for their second celebrity baby shower as they were for their first! What are some ways to make a baby shower for a second child appropriate?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Second time's a charm! Just because you aren't having a celebrity baby shower doesn't mean you shouldn't celebrate again with baby number two. Cupid has some advice on the best ways to have a baby shower for your second child:

1. Make it kid-friendly: Have the celebration be familyfriendly. You're welcoming a new baby, and your first born is welcoming a sibling. This is a big change for everyone, so don't leave anyone out!

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2. Use hand-me-downs: Does a registry seem silly since you already have hand-me-downs from your first baby? Instead of a registry for material things, pick a charity and ask your guests to donate in lieu of presents.

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**3. Pick a theme:** A festive theme makes any party more fun! Whether it is a princess party or circus-themed event, just play and enjoy this time before your family grows again.

Have the perfect baby name for little Lachey? Share with us below!

### 5 Celebrity Couples Who Married Young





By April Littleton

Lately, many celebrities are choosing to get married in their 30s or older. However, plenty of the Hollywood stars exchanged vows while they were still in their teens or early 20s. Here is Cupid's top five celebrity couples who married young: 1. Megan Fox and Brian Austin Green: The former *Transformers* star was 18 years old when she began dating Brian Austin Green. At the time, he was 30. The lovebirds met on the set of *Hope & Faith* in 2004. They got engaged in February 2006, but broke it off three years later. In June 2010, the couple became engaged again. However, Fox claimed they never broke off the engagement in the first place. Fox and Green exchanged vows June 24, 2010 at the Four Seasons Resort on Maui. The duo have two sons together, Noah Shannon Green (born Sept. 27, 2012 and Bodhi Ransom Green (born Feb. 12, 2014). The *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* actress is also the stepmother to Green's son Kassius from his previous relationship with Vanessa Marcil Giovinazzo.

2. Hilary Duff and Mike Comrie: The former *Lizzie McGuire* actress was just 22 years old when she married former NHL player Mike Comrie. The couple began dating in 2007, and became engaged in February 2010. The pair married in Santa Barbara, California Aug. 14, 2010. However, the lovebirds announced their separation Jan. 10, 2014. They have a son, Luca Cruz Comrie, who was born March 20, 2012.

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**3. Olivia Wilde and Tao Ruspoli:** The *Her* actress married the Italian filmmaker and musician when she was 19 years old. They exchanged vows on a school bus in Washington, Virginia. In an interview, Wilde explained the duo married in an old bus because the wedding was a secret at the time. The couple separated Feb. 8, 2011, and divorced Sept. 29, 2011. Since then, Wilde has been in a relationship with *SNL* performer Jason Sudeikis. They got engaged in January 2013 and are expecting a baby boy in May 2014.

**4. Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey:** Simpson was 22 years old when she married Lachey. They duo married Oct. 26, 2002. Their relationship was documented on the reality TV series, *Newlyweds: Nick and Jessica*. The couple announced their

separation in November 2005. They filed for divorce Dec. 16, 2005, citing irreconcilable differences. The divorce was finalized June 30, 2006. Simpson dated Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo from 2007 to 2009. Currently, she's engaged to Eric Johnson. They have two children, daughter Maxwell Drew Johnson and Ace Knute Johnson.

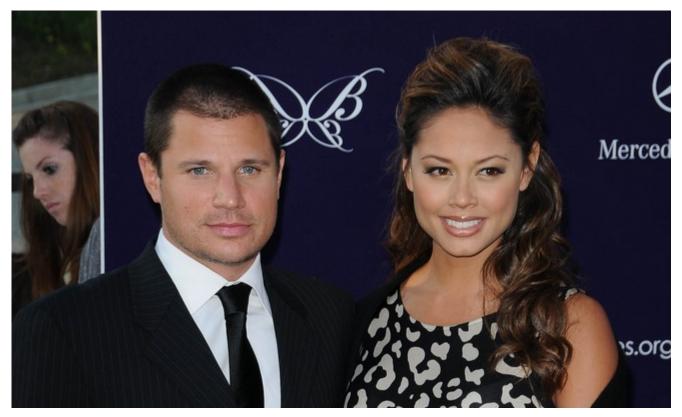
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**5.** Avril Lavigne and Deryck Whibley: The *Girlfriend* singer was 21 years old when she married Sum 41 performer Deryck Whibley. The pair began dating when Lavigne was 19 years old. Whibley proposed to her during a trip to Venice in June 2005. They married July 15, 2006 in Montecito, California. The couple divorced Nov. 16, 2010 after a little more than three years of marriage. However, they continued to work together. Whibley produced her fourth album and the single, *Alice*. Currently, Lavigne is married to Nickelback singer Chad Kroeger.

What other celebrity couples married young? Comment below.

## 5 Celebrity Couples that Waited for Marriage





By April Littleton

The decision to have sex isn't one that should be taken lightly, but it's a personal choice. You may choose to wait until the love of your life comes along or you may not (just make sure you're always safe). In Hollywood, many celebrities are quick to hop into bed with the next star they see standing next to them on the red carpet, but this isn't true for every person who has the spotlight shining down on them. Some celebrities pledge abstinence because of their religious beliefs, while others hold out until marriage out of respect for themselves. Here are five couples who waited until their big day:

1. Kevin Jonas and Danielle Deleasa: Kevin Jonas, the eldest of the Jonas Brothers was very outspoken about his decision to abstain from sex prior to getting married. As a symbol of his beliefs, he wore a punk rock purity ring from Tiffany's on his ring finger. Jonas married his longtime girlfriend and former hairdresser, Danielle Deleasa, on December 19, 2009. The purity ring was replaced with a wedding ring, and now, the happily-married pair is expecting their first baby. **Related Link:** <u>Celebrity Couples Who Cannot Wait to Become</u> <u>Parents</u>

2. Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon: After her marriage with music executive Tommy Mottola came to a halt, Carey decided to remain celibate with Nick Cannon until they exchanged meaningful "I Do's." In a December 2008 interview for *Mirror*, Carey said, "I definitely don't want to push it on anybody else. But we both have similar beliefs, and I just thought that it would be so much more special if we waited until after we were married." The happy couple have been married for five years now and are parents to twins, Monroe and Moroccan Scott, age two.

**3. Tina Fey and Jeff Richmond:** The Saturday Night Live alum was a virgin until she met her husband and composer of 30 *Rock*, Jeff Richmond, at the age of 24. The couple dated for seven years before finally marrying in a Greek Orthodox ceremony June 3, 2001. The famous pair is now parents to two daughters, Alice Zenobia and Penelope Athena.

**4.** Adriana Lima and Marko Jarić: In 2006, Lima told *GQ Magazine* that she had no plans to have sex until after she was married. The Brazilian Victoria's Secret model married Serbian NBA player, Marko Jarić, on Valentine's Day 2009. Since then, the duo have become parents to Valentina and Sienna.

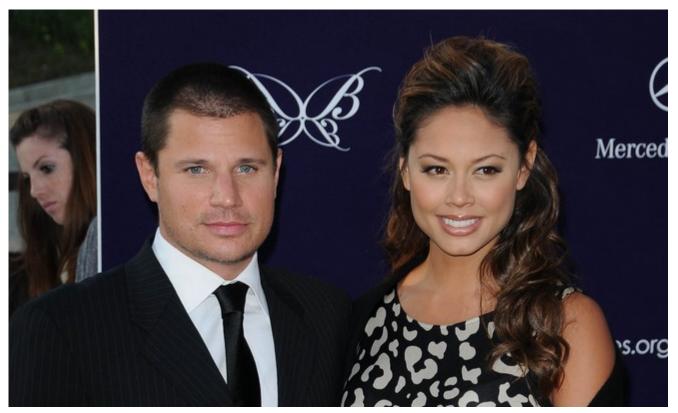
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5. Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey: Although this couple has since broken up and moved on to different relationships, no one can forget these lovebirds from the early 2000s. Because of her religious background, Simpson announced she would remain a virgin until her marriage to Lachey. The pop stars married October 26, 2002, but unfortunately, things ended in divorce only four years later.

What are some other celebrity couples who waited for marriage? Share below.

### Nick Lachey Wishes Jessica Simpson 'the Best' After Birth of Baby Ace





By April Littleton

According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, when <u>E! News</u> asked Nick Lachey if he still speaks with ex-wife, Jessica Simpson, Lachey said, "We're not in touch." Simpson gave birth to her second child, Ace Knute Johnson on June 30. "I certainly wish her the best, and I would like to think the same on her end, but we don't speak," Lachey said. The two have been divorced since 2006. What are some ways to remain civil after a divorce?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Going through a divorce is one of the hardest things a person can deal with. Once a divorce is finalized, you might still be involved in your ex's life, especially if you have kids together. If the divorce was amicable, it shouldn't be too hard to remain friendly with your former spouse. However, it may be a little more difficult to remain on good terms if the breakup was nasty. Cupid has some advice:

1. Know your limits: Now that the two of you are no longer a couple, it's important to set personal boundaries. Your ex doesn't need to know the details of your love life and he/she shouldn't be discussing dating with you either. You may still consider each other a friend, but that doesn't mean you should continue to tell each other everything. Choose what you tell your ex-spouse wisely. If possible, stay away from personal topics altogether.

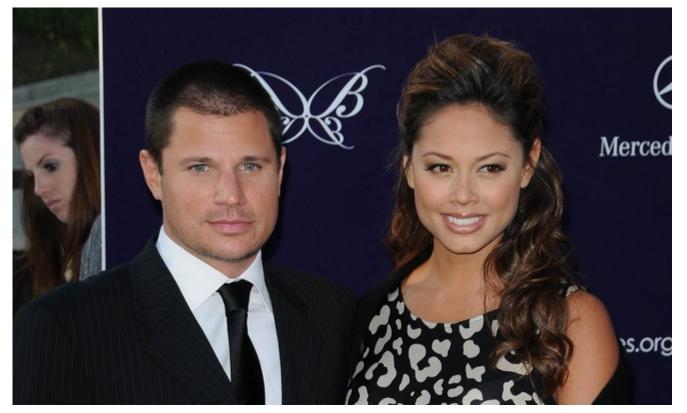
2. Get a third party: The best thing to do when dealing with an ex-wife/husband is to always seek out a person who can do the mediating between the two of you. If you're still at the stage where everything ends in a fight, find someone who is unbiased in the situation to help with final decisions (ex. visitation schedules for the kids) and to help smooth things over.

3. Give each other space: Take the time to move on from the divorce and all of the bad feelings that come with it. Refrain from making contact with each other for awhile. Putting some space between you and your ex will help both of you move on and you might eventually be able to form some kind of friendship later in the future.

How did you remain civil after a divorce? Comment below.

### Vanessa Lachey Explains Having Date Night on Father's Day





By Petra Halbur

Vanessa and Nick Lachey decided to dedicate last Father's Day to romance. The couple spent the day with their ninemonth-old son, Camden, in New York. The happy trio took a boat ride around Manhattan and had lunch together, according to <u>People</u>. In the evening, Vanessa and Nick treated themselves to a date night. According to Vanessa, keeping the spark alive is very important in their relationship. "I think people sometimes get lost in their kids and they may have forgotten what got them there in the first place, which is their relationship," she told <u>Parade</u>.

### What are some ways to keep the spark alive in your relationship?

#### Cupid's Advice:

When you and your partner are struggling to balance careers, children and other obligations, romance tends to go on the back burner. It's important to remember, though, that your relationship still deserves attention. Cupid has some ideas to help keep the spark alive:

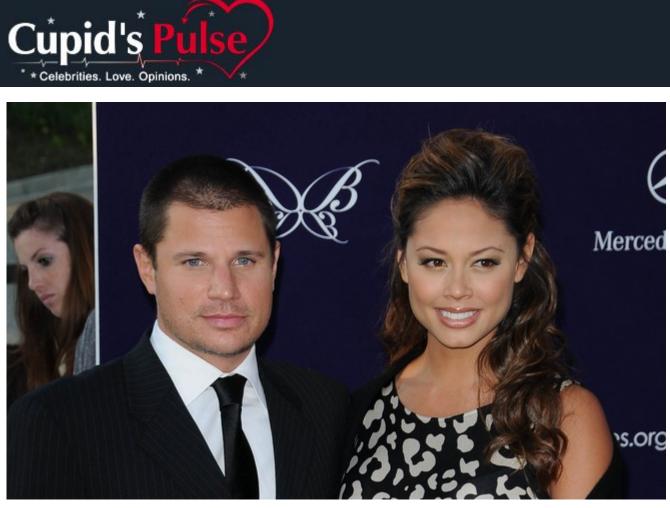
1. Take a tantric sex class: While the meditative and ritualistic practice of Tantra entails far more than just sex, many western couples have testified that tantric sex classes transformed their relationship by introducing them to an entirely new approach to love making. At the very least, it will get you two out of the house.

2. Change it up: The next time you have a date night, don't spend it at the same restaurant you always eat at. Try something new. Go to an ice-skating rink, take a moonlit walk through the park, go dancing at a salsa club. At the very least, make reservations at a restaurant you've never been to and order a heretofore un-sampled dish.

**3. Read 50 Shades of Grey:** While literary critics and feminists have taken issue with E.L James' best seller, the novel's raunchy content has reportedly saved marriages by encouraging couples to discuss sexual tastes and satisfaction.

How have you kept your relationship hot? Tell us below.

### Celebrity News: Nick Lacey Says 'Camden Is The Happiest Baby On Earth'



By Francoise Shirley for Celebrity Baby Scoop

New dad Nick Lachey is loving every minute with his 7-monthold son **Camden** who has "just started crawling." The crooner, 39, is debuting his new lullaby album, *A Father's Lullaby*, as well as his latest CD with 98 Degrees, titled 2.0.

Nick opens up to Celebrity Baby Scoop about the joys of fatherhood, touring this summer with wife Vanessa Lachey and their sweet son, his hopes for another son and a daughter, and his plans to keep "evolving" in the music industry. CBS: Tell us all about new lullaby album, A Father's Lullaby. Tell us about the songs and what inspired you to do the album.

NL: "Well, I was definitely inspired to do the album because of the impending birth of my son, Camden. All the emotions you feel in anticipation of this experience is perfect for writing music. I chose songs that were favorites of mine and then also wrote 6 originals for the record. The originals are so meaningful to me, truly inspired by my little man."

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CBS: Do you notice that Camden responds to your singing voice? Do you feel it's a special way to bond with your baby, whether you have a beautiful voice like yours or not?

NL: "Camden definitely recognizes my voice when he hears it. I think it's an incredible way to bond with your little one, whether you have a good singing voice or not!"

#### **CBS:** How is Camden doing?

NL: "Camden is great, he really is the happiest baby on Earth. He's just started crawling, which is a lot of fun."

CBS: You recently said you're moving home to Ohio in a few years. Do you plan to retire once you move home?

NL: "I'm way too young to retire! I do plan on spending as much time with my kids as possible though, so if that means trying to lighten the workload a little bit, then so be it. My family is definitely the priority at this point in my life."

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CBS: How has fatherhood changed you? Please share some of the greatest joys of fatherhood. Biggest challenges?

NL: "It has changed me for sure. It literally affects

everything you do, every decision you make. Your priorities completely shift and your kids instantly become the most important thing in the world. I think it's made me a more patient person as well.

My greatest joy is waking him up every day. Seeing that little boy look up and smile at me every morning is the perfect way to start my day. The biggest challenge is having enough time in the day to do everything I need to do."

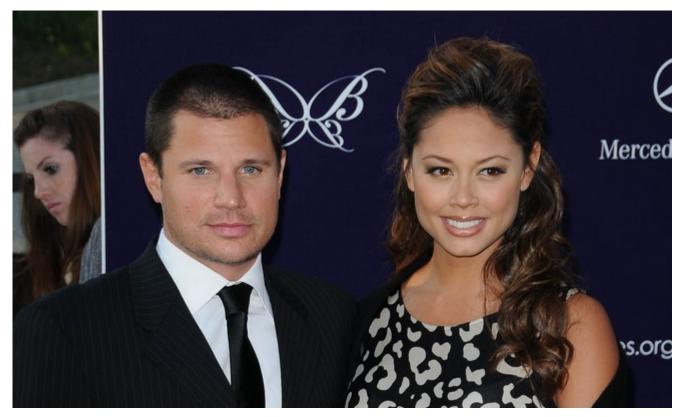
CBS: It seems like you're thrilled to have a son. Are you also hoping to have a daughter one day? How many kids would you like?

NL: "I think it would be a lot of fun to have a daughter one day, but either way, fatherhood is great, regardless of the gender. In a perfect world, we'd have one more boy, then a girl."

For the rest of the interview, click <u>here</u>.

### Vanessa Lachey Calls Nick Lachey a 'Doting Dad'





By Jennifer Ross

Vanessa Lachey has definitely won the jackpot when it comes to finding the perfect man in husband Nick Lachey. Vanessa, 31, recently opened up to <u>Sheknows.com</u> about life as a threesome, with new baby Camden John, and what a wonderful father Nick has become. "All of my hopes and dreams have come true and he [Nick] is awesome. I was actually joking earlier that if Nick could nurse Camden he would!" Even though Camden is a peaceful baby, his loving parents were still in for a surprise awakening when it came to his feeding schedule. Vanessa explains, "I didn't understand that they need to eat every two to three hours at first and then three to four a little after that. Sometimes we literally had 15 minutes between him falling asleep and then having to wake him for the next feed. I'm like, 'This goes on 24 hours a day and no one told me about this part of it!'"

What are some ways to tell your partner will be a good parent?

Cupid's Advice:

With the holidays fast upon us, chances are you'll think about spending time with your immediate family. These thoughts can lead to future dreams of having your own family traditions; but before that can happen, you have got to find the right partner. So how can you tell if he/she will make a great parent? Here are few telling traits:

1. Strong stomach: Does your partner get easily grossed out? The truth is, kids are messy, with diaper changes, spit ups and runny noses. Having a "strong stomach" to be able to handle taking care of someone when they are sick is a sign that your mate will be there when you or your little ones need it most.

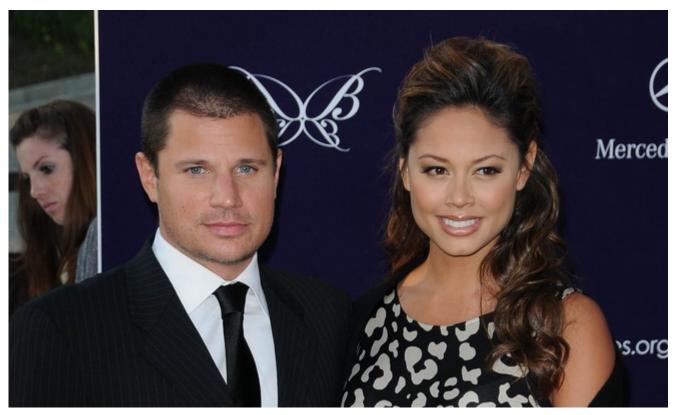
2. Creativity: Because kids have such vivid imaginations, you or your partner will someday need to entertain them...possibly for hours. Having a creative mind will show that your partner has a playful sense and won't take stressful things too seriously. After all, you will need a little fun to handle life with kids.

3. Nieces/nephews: A great indicator of your partner's parenting skills is how he/she treats their nieces and/or nephews. Does your partner remember their birthdays or play with them when together? Is your mate able to show emotions freely with them? Your partner being able to care for them is wonderful practice to someday loving your own.

How did you know your partner would be a great parent? Tell us your story below.

### Vanessa Minnillo Says She's 'Excited' to Become a Mom





Vanessa Minnillo and Nick Lachey's family is about to get bigger. The couple is expecting their first child in the next few months and it's no surprise that both are elated for the fast approaching arrival of their son. The couple is even more ready to take on the unexpected, which for Mrs. Lachey includes working on ABC's second season of *The Wipeout* with a newborn baby at home. The gorgeous star told <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, "We're still working on everything... it's an exciting time." Despite all that's going on, it's expected for these two to come out on top.

How do you prepare your relationship for welcoming a child?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Welcoming a child is an exciting experience for any couple. But like every change in a relationship, it takes adjustments. Here are some ways to maintain a successful relationship with a new child in your world:

**1. Recognize priorities:** Priorities change for any person who becomes a parent. Accept the fact that you must now share your sweetie with someone else: your baby.

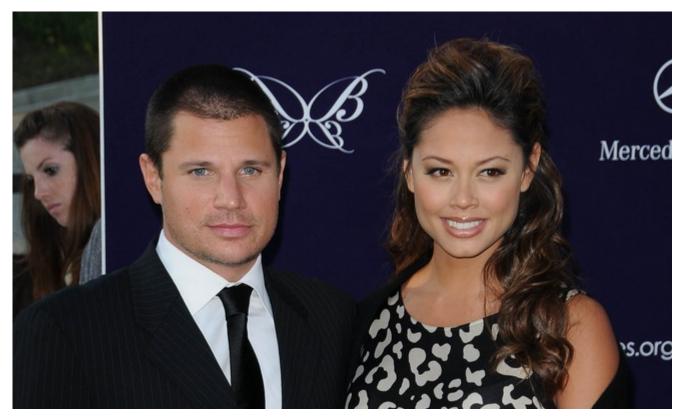
2. Family time: Continue to do things together, even if it's simply giving the baby a bath. You can bond with your baby and your love at the same time.

**3. Baby duty:** Split your baby duties equally. Work out who will be taking care of the baby at what times, including the middle of the night.

How would you prepare your relationship for a new baby? Share your thoughts with us.

### Celebrity Couples Who Let Money Ruin Their Relationship





By Lily Rose

It's 2.6 inches wide and 6.1 inches long, and we all want it. We're not sure what you're thinking, but we're talking about the Benjamin's, dough, loot, c-notes, otherwise known as ... money. The green stuff may not be the root of all evil, but it certainly is the root of a lot of relationship woes. Just ask these celebrity couples:

1. Sir Paul McCartney and Heather Mills: In June 2002, model Heather Mills and former Beatles member, Sir Paul McCartney, married, but then divorced just four years later. Money may not have ruined this couple's marriage, but it certainly made an amicable post break-up relationship seem improbable. Once the divorce papers were filed, the mudslinging started. Mills branded McCartney an abusive drug user, while she was labeled as a high-class prostitute. Watching the nasty insults and allegations flying back and forth was like watching a fast moving tennis match—it left the public dizzy and a bit nauseous. With a model on one side of the court and music royalty in the other, our bets were on McCartney. Mills ended up with a £24.3 million settlement, a mere fraction of McCartney's total net worth.

2. Rihanna and Chris Brown: It's all in the tweets, folks. Pop star Rihanna and long time ex-beau, singer Chris Brown, may be doing a little something-something on the down low. Brown's new girlfriend, aspiring model, Karrueche Tran, and Rihanna have even engaged in a little social media sparring on Twitter. If Rihanna and Brown are privately seeing each other, money is a likely factor in their unwillingness to publicize their reconciliation, as Rihanna fans may never forgive the pop princess for taking back her abusive ex. And seeing Rihanna and Brown together is just one more reminder of Brown's assault conviction– a reminder his career may not survive.

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**3.** Nick Lachey and Jessica Simpson: No one can argue that reality television is financially lucrative. But, many celebrity couples pay the ultimate price – their relationship. Just ask Jon and Kate Gosselin, Travis Barker and Shanna Moakler or Carmen Electra and David Navarro. Maybe it's the stress of having each of your private moments taped and shared with the public, or maybe it's having a camera crew following you around, hoping for controversy. Who knows? But one thing is crystal clear – couple-centered reality TV shows are almost always a precursor for divorce. For singer Nick Lachey and *Fashion Star* judge, Jessica Simpson, however, divorce may not have been such a bad thing. On July 15, 2011, Lachey married television host, Vanessa Minnillo and on May 1, 2012, Simpson and fiancée, Eric Johnson welcomed their daughter, Maxwell.

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What are some other celebrity couples who let money get in the way? Share your ideas below.

### Why Celebrities Fall In and Out of Love So Quickly



By <u>Whitney Baker</u>

In recent years, the divorce rate in America has hovered around 50 percent, and in Hollywood, this statistic appears to be closer to 70 percent.

For some celebrity couples, rushing into a serious relationship or even marriage is no big deal; they can always break up or file for an annulment or divorce, knowing that their family, friends and fans will stand behind them. They are not held accountable by their vows, viewing any "easy way out" as an acceptable solution.

But why do so many Tinseltown twosomes approach romance with such a wavering attitude, in such fleeting terms? Here are just a few reasons why some celebrity relationships change with the seasons:

1. Publicity: They say that all you need is love, but in the case of some celebrity relationships, all they want is publicity. And some celebrity couples continue to demand attention even *after* the break-up. Take Jon and Kate Gosselin, for example. The Jon & Kate Plus 8 stars are still garnering media attention for their failed marriage and exceptionally large family.

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2. Rushing things: Many celebrity couples mistake lust for love and rush into something too serious when they're still in the "get to know you" phase of their relationships. Beyond their own feelings, there may be outside pressure from family, friends and perhaps the media. For instance, Kim Kardashian's whirlwind romance with Kris Humphries lasted only 11 months, but included a made-for-television proposal, wedding and divorce. As this relationship's quick demise proved, infatuation can easily outweigh true love, but it doesn't last nearly as long.

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**3. Time apart**: Relationships require both time and effort to flourish. For celebrities, time together isn't always possible. Their busy schedules often keep them apart; such was the case with Katy Perry and Russell Brand. After only 14 months of marriage and a Christmas spent 7,000 miles apart, Brand filed for divorce. As celebrities focus on their individual careers, they fail to make the proper commitment to build a lasting and meaningful relationship.

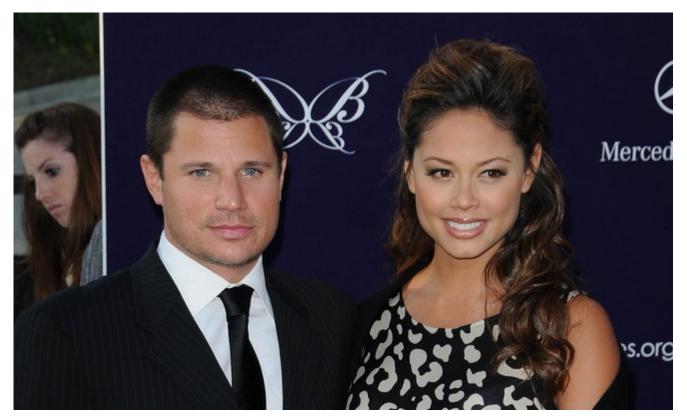
**4. Just because they can**: Among some celebrities (such as Britney Spears in her younger years and Brandi Glanville of *The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills* fame), there's a sense that they can do anything they want. Spears married childhood friend Jason Alexander in a Las Vegas ceremony, only to have it annulled a mere 55 hours later. Glanville – a divorced mother of two – rushed into Las Vegas nuptials with a close friend on New Year's Eve. Calling it a "drunken BFF thing," she later admitted that they were just having fun.

**5. Constant media attention**: Sure, some celebrities fall in and out of love for publicity's sake, but on the opposite note, too much media hype can also lead to heartbreak. Back in 2003, Nick Lachey and Jessica Simpson seemed to be living a fairytale romance until MTV cameras invaded their home for the reality hit *Newlyweds: Nick and Jessica*. Similarly, Taylor Swift and Jake Gyllenhaal dated for only two months at the end of 2011 and sources blame the short-lived romance on aggressive media coverage.

Why do you think some celebrity romances don't last? Share your comments below.

### Vanessa Minnillo Talks Up Pregnancy on Double Date





Pregnancy can be tough, so it's no wonder Nick Lachey took mom-to-be Vanessa Minnillo on a double date this weekend, right? Well, no. According to <u>People</u>, Minnillo spent the double date in Brentwood, Calif. gushing about how wonderful her pregnancy has been. An onlooker said, "She has this cute little belly."

How much about your pregnancy should you share with friends?

#### Cupid's Advice:

There's thin line between just enough information and too much information. Cupid has some tips on how much you should be sharing about your pregnancy:

1. Facebook: Pregnancy updates on facebook are TMI. It's nice to share this moment of happiness with friends, but not so much with your entire friend list which contains coworkers and old teachers.

2. All in the details: It's not a crime to want to share your pregnancy with anyone and everyone. The difference is in the details. If you're not especially close with someone, you

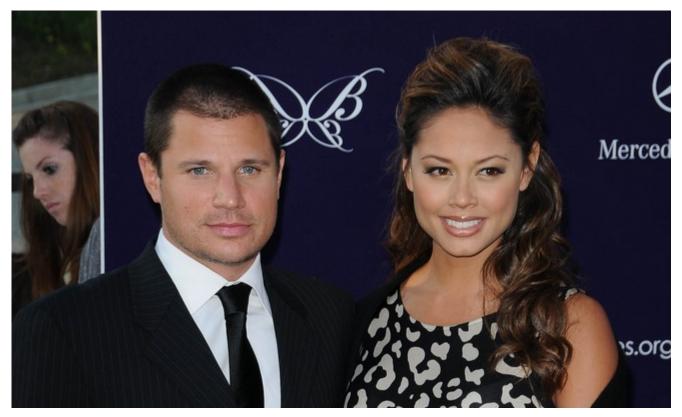
should know how much is too much. No one needs pregnancy advice from too many people.

**3. It's okay to fib a little:** Don't want to tell your friends about that morning sickness you had before brunch? It's okay to tweak how your pregnancy is going so that you don't have to share some of the more unpleasant details.

What do you share about your pregnancy with friends? Share below.

### 5 Celebrity Couples Who Should Rekindle Their Romance





By Samantha Mucha

There are some things in life that go together like peanut butter and jelly or a refreshing glass of lemonade on a hot summer day. Some of our favorite celebrity couples compliment each other in the same way. Although many of our most loved duos have split and moved on, there's no shame in wishing they would reunite. Think way back to Britney Spears and Justin Timberlake; they always seemed like the perfect couple on "The Mickey Mouse Club." What would life be like if all of our favorite Hollywood couples got back together? Here are a few Tinseltown twosomes we would love to see respark their old flames:

1. Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt: So maybe Pitt allegedly cheated on Aniston, but who didn't love them together? This seemingly perfect blonde couple seemed as if they were going to live happily ever after, but that changed once Pitt filmed *Mr. and Mrs. Smith*, and Angelina Jolie stepped into the picture. Both Pitt and Aniston denied that Jolie was the reason for their divorce filing in 2005.

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2. Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony: A recent split for this dynamic duo came as a surprise to most. With such high intensity careers, however, it was almost expected that the couple would eventually butt heads. Although Lopez approves of Anthony's new girlfriend, it's simply not possible to replace this previously successful and passionate couple.

**3. Demi Moore and Bruce Willis:** This former duo's divorce came as a shock to the public. The pair had three children and a seemingly happy marriage, so a separation seemed almost impossible. After over 10 years of marriage, though, the couple agreed to divorce without disclosing a reason and came to a fair settlement. They're close friends to this day.

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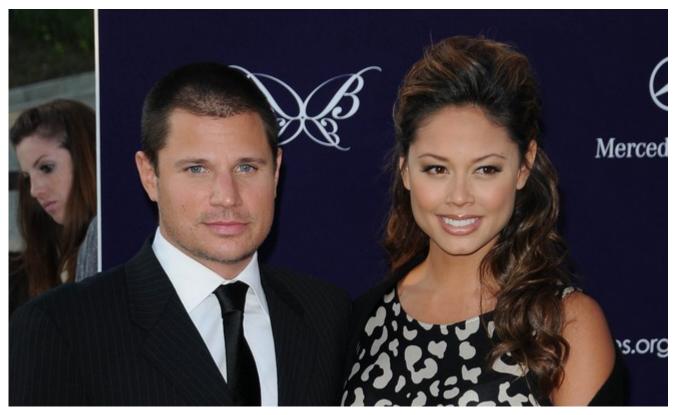
4. Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey: With this pair, a reality television series had no positive outcome other than revenue. According to *People*, Joe Simpson, Jessica's father and manager said, "Do they fight? Hell yes, they fight. Have there been moments when Nick has wanted to leave Jessica or Jess has wanted to leave Nick? Absolutely." Their reality show, "Newlyweds," was a first of its kind, allowing a look into celebrity marriage bliss; but apparently the show falsely depicted the couple. Life on the show appeared happy, but behind the scenes, these two were arguing to the point of demise.

5. Britney Spears and Justin Timberlake: This former young couple met as members of "The Mickey Mouse Club" in front of the cameras as teenagers. After three years of dating, it seemed that Spears and Timberlake were meant for each other. Unfortunately, fame and fortune took a toll on their relationship, as they battled drama sparked by rumors.

What other celebrity couples do you think should rekindle their romances? Share your thoughts below.

### Most Beautiful Famous Couples





By Jessica Smith

Beauty comes from the inside and out, and the radiance of love can be the most profound beauty people can exude. There are plenty of beautiful celebs in Hollywood, and when two gorgeous celebrities are matched together, they turn heads and leave us awe-struck. Here are ten of the most beautiful famous couples that Hollywood has to offer:

### **Beautiful Famous Couples**

1. Prince William and <u>Kate Middleton</u>: The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have earned the number one spot on our list. They've been married less than a year, but ever since Princess Kate elegantly walked down the aisle, she has taken the world by storm with her class and beauty – and let's not forget her great fashion instinct.

2. Tom Brady and Gisele Bundchen: Fame, fortune, and beauty – this Hollywood couple has it all. They've been married for almost two years, and they're definitely turning heads. The New England Patriots quarterback and his supermodel wife have an 18-month old son and are making big plans for a new mansion.

3. Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie: You can't mention celebrity couples without this dynamic duo making the list. Pitt and Jolie have been fighting human rights as a couple for six years, and they exude beauty inside and out with their celebrity love for one another and their love of helping people in need.

4. David and Victoria Beckham: There's plenty of spice in this duo's life, and we've watched these stars transform into responsible parents over the span of their twelve year romance. Victoria gave birth to their fourth child, daughter Harper, a few months ago, and their kids would certainly be included in the list for most beautiful celebrity kids.

**5. Penelope Cruz and Javier Barden:** The Spanish actress and her beau make a lovely couple as fans watch them raise their son Leo after being married for just over a year.

6. Nick Lachey and Vanessa Minnillo: These newlyweds have been married for less than a year, and they described their celebrity wedding as a dream come true. Hopefully, having their wedding televised didn't leave these two lovebirds with

the reality TV show curse!

7. Orlando Bloom and Miranda Kerr: This famous couple can't get any sexier. The twosome has been married a little more than a year, and it's hard to believe they've already had their first child. If you saw Kerr modeling Victoria's Secret lingerie in this year's fashion show, then you probably saw her hubby watching her enviable post-baby body glide down the catwalk and giving her a standing ovation.

8. Adam Levine and Anne Vyalitsyna: They're sexy, and they know it. Their celebrity romance seems hot and steamy as they pose nude for magazine covers and Vyalitsyna appears in his music videos. You could see the infatuation in Adam's smile as he and his girlfriend locked eyes as the Victoria's Secret model strutted her stuff down the catwalk recently.

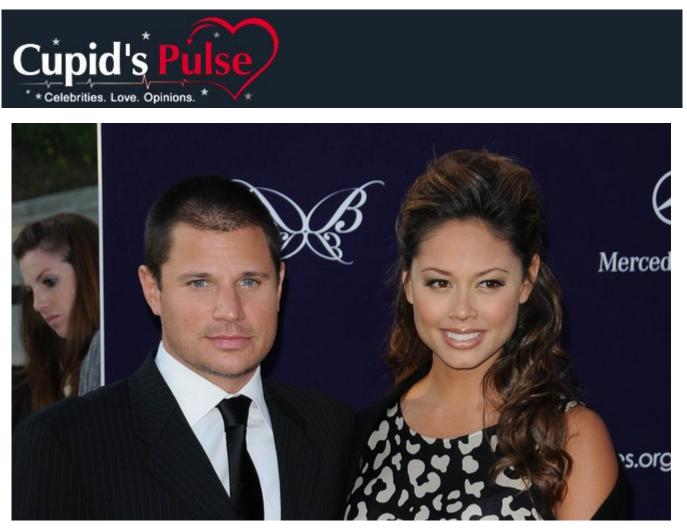
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**9. Will Smith and Jada Pinkett:** Apart from the recent rumors of a celebrity divorce after being married for fourteen years, this power couple is still together and we're cheering for their recovery. The pair – and their famous children – are a force to be reckoned with, and their talent seems unstoppable.

10. Ryan Reynolds and Blake Lively: This young duo is one of the newest Hollywood couples to step onto the scene, and they're leaving their mark. It looks like the *Gossip Girl* may have finally found her man. The two can't seem to get enough of their love for each other, and for fans, there's nothing like living vicariously through a young and hopeful couple.

What other beautiful Hollywood couples would you add onto the list? Share your comments below.

### Vanessa Minnillo Changes Her Name



Vanessa Minnillo is no more. The 31-year-old, who married Nick Lachey in July, has officially changed her name to Vanessa Lachey, reports <u>E! Online</u>. Lachey took to Twitter to break the news, tweeting, "So. I'm making it official, and I LOVE my new name! @VanessaLachey has a nice ring to it."

What are some things to consider before changing your last name after marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

Though taking your husband's name used to be expected, more and more women are now choosing to keep their maiden names. Here are a few things to consider before making your decision:

1. The repercussions: Having a different last name than your partner can be troublesome. Organizing financial documents, insurance papers, and other investments are often easier when you and your spouse have the same last name.

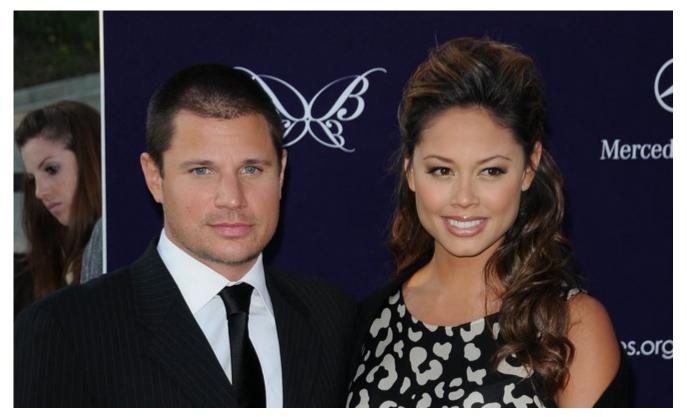
2. Your partner's feelings: If your partner wishes for you to take his name, you should take his feelings into consideration. However, make sure his wishes are only a small factor, not the deciding factor.

**3. Your preference:** Don't let society's expectations overrule your personal preference. It's your name, and ultimately, it's your choice.

Did you take your husband's name after marriage? Feel free to share your feelings on the subject in a comment below.

### Vanessa Minnillo and Nick Lachey Get Married





When Vanessa Minnillo and Nick Lachey tied the knot on Friday in a tropical paradise surrounded by their nearest and dearest, their guests had no idea what to expect. According to <u>People</u>, their wedding invitations came in the form of a place ticket with the only instructions being to dress "island chic." The day of the ceremony, the lucky guests were swept off to a secret island location. On July 30th, viewers everywhere will also get to witness this special ceremony at 9 p.m. ET/PT on TLC as part of the Nick & Vanessa's Dream Wedding special.

What are some creative wedding themes?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Having a theme wedding is a great way to make your wedding memorable for your friends and family. If you're considering revolving your wedding around a theme, here are some fun ideas:

**1. Holiday theme:** Have your wedding on your favorite holiday. Valentine's Day is always a popular choice, but having a St.

Patrick's Day or Christmas wedding can also be fun.

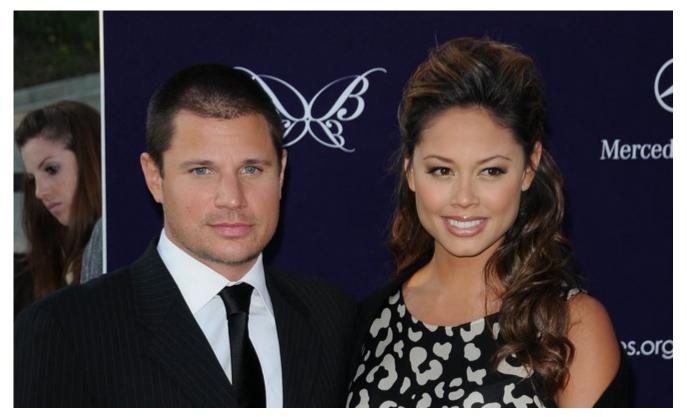
2. Fire and ice: Even the best relationship can still run hot and cold once in a while. Embrace both the fiery and icy aspects of your relationship with some great decorations. Candles and ice sculptures are a great combination.

**3. Wild Wild West:** It may not be for everyone, but if you're a honky tonk kind of couple, go for it!

Was your wedding themed? Share your experience below.

# Nick Lachey Explains Why He's Marrying Vanessa Minnillo on TV





It's official! Nick Lachey and Vanessa Minnilo have agreed to their wedding recorded live, according have to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. However, Lachey admits that having cameras at their wedding wasn't an easy decision. "We kind of wrestled with that for a while, for obvious reasons," he told reporters Saturday during his bachelor party at TAO in Las Vegas. "Having done reality TV in the past, I didn't necessarily want to jump right back into it without having thought it through to great length, and we did." A reason the singer agreed to have cameras on his special day was because they weren't going to stay there for long. "It's a one-off special; a chance to kind of have a great experience and a great moment in our lives documented on TV, and also for us, to have a great wedding video at the end of it," he said of their TLC wedding special, which will be broadcast shortly after the couple swaps vows.

What are the advantages of having your wedding recorded?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Your wedding day is special and is one of the most important

days of your life. It's a day that couples want to cherish and what better way to do that than to have it recorded? Here's why:

1. Memories: Having your special day recorded means you'll be able to relive the moment over and over again. If things start getting tough, remind yourself about how happy you were on your wedding day.

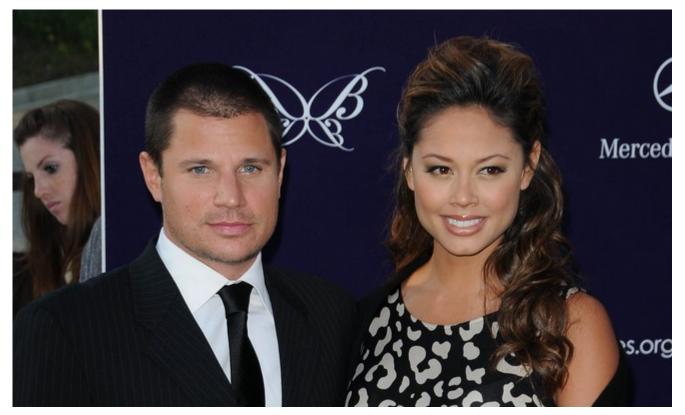
2. Friends and family: You may not hang out with your friends and family as much as you used to, and a wedding video will allow you to see your loved ones all together on your special day.

**3. Pass it down:** You can pass your wedding video on to your children so they can see the day you were married.

Is there a specific reason why you or someone you know recorded their wedding? Let us know in a comment below.

### Nick Lachey Has 3-Day Vegas Bachelor Party





Nick Lachey, 37, had the luxury of having a 3-day bachelor party in Las Vegas this past weekend. And though "whatever happens in Vegas stays in Vegas" is the typical cliché that comes to mind, Vanessa Minnillo assured <u>UsMagazine.com</u> that this bachelor's party was far from *The Hangover*'s tumultuous adventure. Minnillo kept her presence known when Lachey received a black and red layered cake with a ball and a chain on top that was shackled to a mini Lachey's leg. It read, "Property of Vanessa."

### What are the perks of having a bachelor/bachelorette party in Las Vegas?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Bachelor/bachelorette parties are your last chance at splurging on fun before you're married. Celebrate for the moment, as well as for the future!

**1. Money money money moonaay**: Las Vegas is all about the green stuff. What's better than doing some legal gambling and winning money right before you get married?

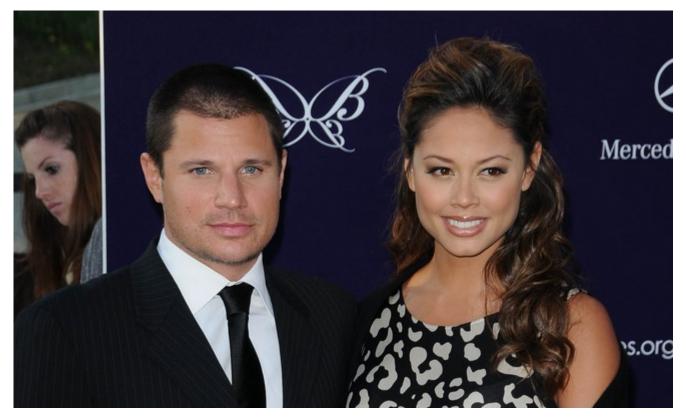
2. Live entertainment: Not only do you have the joy of being with your longtime friends, enjoying old memories and dreaming about a future-to-be, but you have the entertainment of some of Vegas' most popular shows, like burlesque!

**3. Food galore!**: What has high quality food, at affordable prices? Vegas. Vegas has it all. Check out the multiple buffets in all the casinos on the strip.

Have some memories of a bachelor or bachelorette party in Sin City? Share it with Cupid below!

### Nick Lachey Serenades Vanessa Minnillo to Apologize





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

#### What are some creative ways to apologize to your partner?

#### Cupid's Advice:

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

1. Send your apology: When you make a big display of your amends, it shows thought and sincerity. For example, send a singing telegram. A small gift and a charming note can go a long way when you've messed up.

2. Show the world you're sorry: The internet is a powerful way

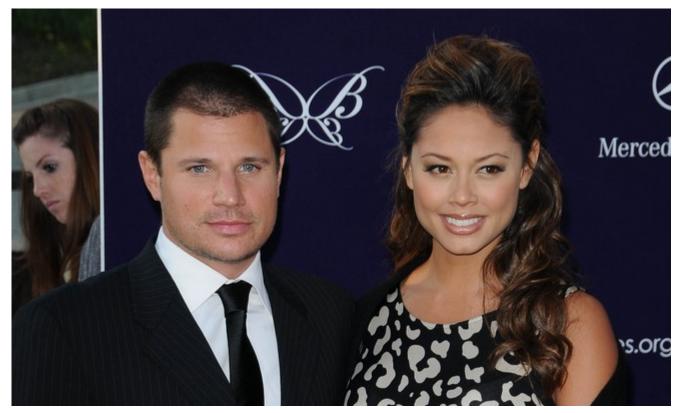
to have your message heard today. Use it to your advantage by making an apology video and posting it on the web for everyone to see. This will let your partner know that you're aware of your mistake, and you want the world to know.

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

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

### Nick Lachey and Vanessa Minnillo Have Wedding Shower





Nick Lachey and Vanessa Minnillo celebrated their upcoming nuptials this past Sunday at the London Hotel in West Hollywood with an extravagant and unforgettable wedding shower, according to <u>People</u>. The couple and their friends and family seemed excited about their wedding as they took in the amazing views and delicious food from chef Gordon Ramsay's kitchen within the hotel. The party had both a laid back and sophisticated atmosphere where all the guests were able to enjoy themselves and have a great time.

### What are some reasons to have a wedding shower before your nuptials?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Nick Lachey and Vanessa Minnillo enjoyed themselves at their wedding shower, and Cupid has a few reasons why having a wedding shower before *your* nuptials is a good idea as well:

1. It helps calm your nerves: What better way to calm your wedding jitters than to have a fun party with family and friends where you can relax and enjoy each others' company? Having a wedding shower is a great way to celebrate each other

without worrying about planning-related stress.

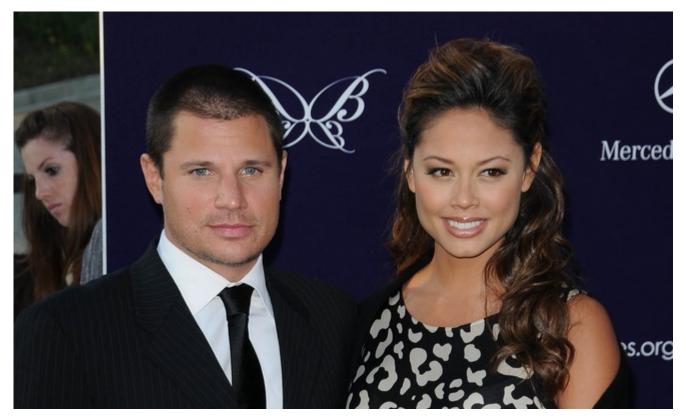
2. It gets you even more excited: Having a wedding shower before your nuptials helps get you and your significant other even more excited for the big day by having a pre-celebration with family and friends.

3. It allows everyone to get to know each other: Having a wedding shower before your nuptials helps your family and friends get to know each other better before the wedding so at the reception they'll have an even better time. This is the time where you can introduce family and friends from both sides and make sure everyone gets along.

Did you have a wedding shower before your nuptials? Share your experience below.

### The Dating Double Standard





By High Yield Hottie

Ever thrown a drink in a man's face because he said something piggish? I have (and highly recommend it). However, while recently out to dinner with a male friend — let's call him Master Key — I curbed my natural reflex and listened to what he had to say. As we cocktailed, our conversation turned to how many intimate partners were acceptable for men and women in this day and age. Master Key crudely summed it up as follows:

"It's a key/lock situation. Well, a man is naturally the key. The woman is the lock. A key that opens many different locks is an amazing key. But a lock that is opened by many different keys isn't worth anything at all."

Cue my desire to give him a martini facial and poke his eyes out with the plastic olive skewer.

Yet despite my disgust for his sexist point of view, he has a point. While women have been tirelessly shattering glass ceilings and income bracket double standards professionally, there's one area where the double standard seems to persist, and that's in dating. Even as adult women, in the eyes of many men (and women, too), we're still held to the binary categorization of "slut" or "nice girl." So what's a gal like you to do with this infuriating double standard? Take a cue from some of our celebrity friends and choose to own it, call it out, hide it or accept it.

**1. Own It:** In the words of Rihanna, "I might be bad, but I'm perfectly good at it!" You're comfortable with your sexploits and prefer to flaunt them.

*Ex.* Madonna: Not only was she the "material girl," but she was the ultimate alpha female. She embraced her sexuality and made a whole career out of it, which has since been emulated by many.

2. Call It Out: Not quite rising to the level of an "Own It" woman, you operate in a gray area between "nice girl" and "slut." You prefer to fight the double standard with verbal double entendres, rather than with double Ds in people's faces.

*Ex.* LeAnn Rimes: Labeled a home wrecker, she spoke out against this double standard. While I certainly don't approve of dating a married man, her comments are right on the mark; a cheatin' woman is always lambasted more than a cheatin' man. This woman might slink around, but she never slinks away in silence.

**3. Hide It:** This woman seems to be your classic "nice girl" on the surface, put together and demure looking. While she might not show her naughtiness to the world, someone has seen it. There might even be irrefutable proof!

*Ex.* Natalie Portman: Knocked up. Is there any other way to say it? Despite her good girl image, she shocked us when she got herself prego (sans ring) with her *Black Swan* co-star.

**4. Accept It:** If you can't beat 'em, follow along. You're the type of woman who adheres to the Sandra D 1950's nice girl code: "Keep your filthy paws off my silky drawers!"

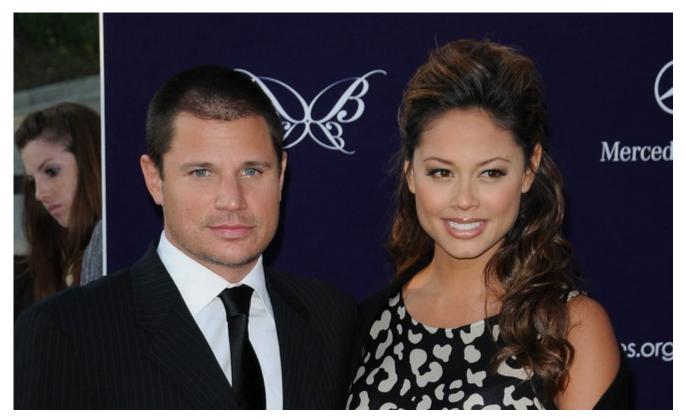
*Ex.* Jessica Simpson (well, before Nick Lachey): She took Master Key's lock/key theory to heart and kept her own lock key-less until marriage.

While Master Key may disagree, there's no universal right choice when it comes to how you feel about the dating double standard and how many keys unlock your lock!

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# 5 Celebrity Couples We Want to Reunite





By Tanni Deb

We've all had a moment when we've stared wide eyed in utter shock at the TV screen after finding out our favorite celebrity couple has split, trying to figure out what went wrong. After all, this pair seemed to be in such a happy relationship!

There will always be famous duos that we think about months (or ever years!) down the line, wondering if they'll ever reconcile. While the possibility may be a long shot, no one can help wishful thinking. With that said, here are five celebrity couples we would like to reunite:

1. Britney Spears and Justin Timberlake: The famous singers first met in 1993 on the sets of *The Mickey Mouse Club* and began dating five years later. They were everyone's favorite celebrity couple in the late 90's, but their relationship ended in 2002. After their breakup, Timberlake released 'Cry Me A River,' a revenge song for Ms. Spears herself. As much as everyone loved this musical duo it doesn't seem like they'll ever get back together — romantically, at least. We can hope for a musical collaboration, right?

2. Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey: Although wedding bells are ringing for both performers, who wouldn't like this aesthetically pleasing couple to reunite? The pair met in 1998 and within weeks of meeting each other, Lachey told his 98 Degrees band members Simpson would be his future bride. He proposed in 2002 and the marriage lasted for three years. Could *Newlyweds*, MTV's reality show which aired the couple's married life, be to blame?

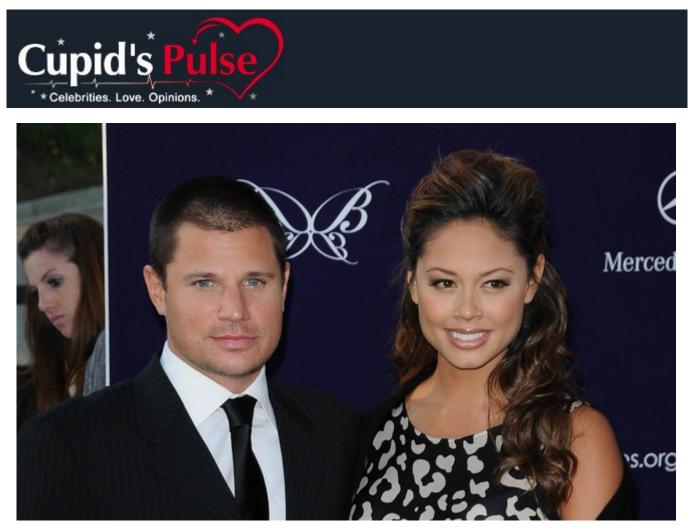
3. Reese Witherspoon and Ryan Phillippe: This blonde coupling were married for seven year when they split in 2006. While they seemed to have a successful relationship, they spoke openly about having to work on their marriage, and underwent couples therapy in 2002. Despite Witherspoon's recent nuptials, we can't stop thinking of what a beautiful couple she and Phillippe made.

4. Scarlett Johansson and Ryan Reynolds: After only two years of marriage, the pair called it quits in 2010. Rumor had it that Reynolds had an affair with *Gossip Girl* star Blake Lively, and Us Weekly reported that he told friends Johansson "treated him badly." Though the *Lost in Translation* actress has certainly moved on, we wonder if she and her ex-husband will ever reconcile.

5. Courteney Cox and David Arquette: They fell in love on the set of *Scream* in the mid-90s, tied the knot in 1999, had their first child in 2004 and then shocked the world when they announced their separation in 2010. However, the couple isn't giving up, as they're currently undergoing marriage counseling. We wish these two the best of luck!

These are just a few of the many celebrity couples we'd love to see together again. Which celebrity do *you* want to see back with their ex? Let us know in a comment below!

## Celebrities Who Love the Derby



By Andrew Pryor

Known as "The Most Exciting Two Minutes In Sports" because of its rapid duration, the Kentucky Derby is a combination of old-time tradition and the fast-paced fanaticism of sports betting. Love and luck will both be in the air on May 7 – a love for the "sport of kings" and desire for the luck it takes to see something amazing happen. If you're planning on making the trip to Churchill Downs, you might see a few amazing celebrities as well. Here are a few of the past celebrity couples that have been to the Derby:

**1. Nick Lachey and Vanessa Minnillo:** These engaged lovebirds made an appearance at last year's races.

**2. Rebecca Romijn and Jerry O'Connell:** He's a *Bachelor* no longer and she's the farthest thing from *Ugly*. And both of them saw the Derby last May.

**3. Mario Lopez and Courtney Mazza:** The *Entertainment Tonight* personality started dating Broadway dancer Mazza in 2008. Two years later, they attended the "Run for the Roses."

And here are some celebrity singles that are looking for a win, place, or show (or maybe even love!) at the Derby:

1. Terrell Owens: A guest at last year's events, this highprofile football player always wants to be where the action is - and the Downs has plenty of action to offer.

**2. Maria Menounos:** This sexy television correspondent showed up to the Kentucky Derby last year, which was a welcome break from interviewing celebrities.

**3. Idris Elba:** Known best as *The Wire's* Stringer Bell, he attended last year's Derby in style.