

# Miranda Kerr and Orlando Bloom Welcome a Son



Orlando Bloom is no longer the only man in the house! According to *People*, Bloom and wife Miranda Kerr welcomed their son Flynn on January 6th.

“I gave birth to him naturally; without any pain medication and it was a long, arduous and difficult labor, but Orlando was with me the whole time supporting and guiding me through it. I could not have done it without him,” the model said on her Kora Organics Web site on Tuesday. “We are so happy and are enjoying our time together as a family. He is our little ray of sunshine. Thank you everyone for your beautiful well wishes and your lovely thoughts.”

**How can you support each other during the birthing process?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

It's no secret that having a child is a difficult process, but

with a little help from your spouse, it doesn't have to be a nightmare. Cupid has a few ways you and your partner can support one another:

**1. Learn together:** It's important that you and your spouse are familiar and comfortable with the process before it happens. Attend birthing classes together. You have to learn about effective ways to support each other before you can actually do it.

**2. Communicate:** It's not easy to support your partner if you're not sure how to help. Keep the line of communication open about the experience and how it's affecting the both of you. Always remind each other that you're in this together!

**3. Have a plan:** The worst time to panic is when the baby is on his or her way. Have a solid plan in place ahead of time so that when the time does come, all you have to worry about is being there for each other.

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## Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt Share a PDA-Filled Golden Globes





Angelina Jolie may not have won big at the Golden Globes this past Sunday, but she didn't leave empty-handed! At the end of the night, she still got to go home with her hunky mate, Brad Pitt. As host Ricky Gervais brutally mocked Jolie's nomination for *The Tourist*, the 35-year-old actress sat with her head resting on her man's shoulder. Then, according to *UsMagazine.com*, she was later seen sweetly fixing Pitt's tie. Although Jolie didn't get an award, her partner's reassuring consolation certainly won her heart!

## **What are subtle ways to show you care in public?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

At the Golden Globes, Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt managed to show that they cared for each other without getting too mushy. Cupid thought of some ways that you can do the same:

- 1. Hold hands:** Holding your special someone's hand in public is a great way to make him or her feel special. It may not seem like you're doing much, but it's actually a great way to show your partner that you're proud to be in a relationship.
- 2. Do sweet favors:** When it comes to adoring your partner in public, waiting on them hand and foot never fails. It could

be as simple as taking her jacket, filling her glass of wine, or even helping her out of a chair. If you do something before she has to ask, it shows you were thinking about her happiness first.

**3. Wink:** A very simple and overlooked gesture that goes a long way is a small bat of the eye. A wink as you smile at your partner shows her that you have eyes for no one else!

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## Lamar Odom Is Surprised by Khloe Kardashian's Intelligence



LA Laker Lamar Odom admits that he was surprised at how smart wife Khloe Kardashian was when they first met, according to

UsMagazine.com. Odom says in *Playboy's* February issue, "You don't know what to expect. Next thing I know I'm spending every day with her. We just hit it off." The couple wed in September 2010 after dating for only 32 days. And Odom definitely doesn't regret his decision to become a married man. "With her I was like, 'If I do what I normally do, I'm going to lose her,'" Odom explains. "'And if I lose her, I think it's going to hurt a lot.' Right then and there I knew. We were together every day."

## **Should you change for your partner?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Nothing is more exciting than connecting with someone new, but as time goes on, you may begin to notice some important differences between yourself and your partner. Should you change yourself to match your partner? Cupid has some thoughts:

- 1. Keep morals and values intact:** It takes a long time to develop personal morals and values, and they shouldn't be taken lightly. Chances are that you think the way you do for a reason, so don't be too quick to chance your views for someone else.
  - 2. Opposites attract:** It's not secret that it's possible to fall for someone who is very different from you, but make sure to stay true to yourself in the relationship.
  - 3. Change if it's for the best:** Who's to say that change is always a bad thing? There may be something about your partner that you particularly admire, so changing yourself to match that quality you aspire to is perfectly fine.
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# Sandra Bullock Denies Romance with Ryan Reynolds



Apparently, Sandra Bullock and Ryan Reynolds are not “lovahs,” at least according to Bullock’s interview with Al Roker in an interview earlier this week. The actors have been close friends for 10 years, but at this time in her life the only man Bullock looks forward to seeing at the end of her day is her son, Louis, according to *People*. “I think there will be a collective sigh amongst women across the united States when I say he’s not my lovah,” she said.

**How do you use humor to fend off relationship rumors?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

Constant pestering from family and friends about you potentially dating a close friend can get obnoxious. That said, sometimes it’s best to combat those comments with humor:

**1. Make a funny:** If nobody believes your denial, give in and play along. By giving dramatic fabricated details about a date that never happened, the topic will soon die out when friends finally get what they want, which is you discussing the “relationship.”

**2. Do as Sandra does:** Play light on the subject. By saying something along the lines of, “I could only wish he’d take me out,” you acknowledge that you two aren’t dating and at the same time give the audience a mental picture of you two together.

**3. Stay away from sarcasm:** Although a dry joke may be your weapon of choice, take into consideration others’ feelings beforehand so you don’t offend anyone. Only use sarcasm if you’re sure it will be well-received.

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# Miranda Cosgrove Wanted Shia LaBeouf As Her New Year’s Kiss





When *People* asked *iCarly* star, Miranda Cosgrove, about her dream New Year's smooch, she replied, "If I could pick anyone, it would be Shia LaBeouf." Not only have the pair met, but Cosgrove also admits, "He's really cute." Despite her wish, the young actress was kiss-less at midnight. When it comes to turning that dream into a reality, she admits that not having a driver's license is limiting the possibilities. "I got my permit," Cosgrove says, "but I'm still not officially driving and I don't have a car." If a car is all that it takes, perhaps 2012 will prove lucky for the starlet.

**What are some ways to snag a kiss from someone you like?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

New Year's might be over, but that's no reason to shy away from kissing someone you like! Cupid's got three ways to hook a kiss from that special someone:

- 1. Drop a few hints:** While we would all like to think that that special guy or gal can read our minds, it never works out that way. Rather than hope that they understand how you feel, lay down some inviting body language. A light touch against their arm can send the right message.



**2. Dress the part:** Of course kisses can happen in sweatpants, but it never hurts to glam it up! Pop in a mint, spray some perfume and dress up with a nice blouse when you're ready to lay one on him.

**3. Lean in:** If you're not afraid to be a little forward, why not initiate the kiss? Nothing is sexier than confidence!

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## Most Romantic Movies of 2010



By Erika Mionis

2010 has been a big year for movies. Sequels like *Iron Man 2* and *Toy Story 3* have ruled at the box office, while animated films like *Despicable Me* and *How to Train Your Dragon* have made their marks as well. Those aside, the year was also particularly crammed with many a chick flick. From romantic comedies (*When in Rome*, *Knight and Day*) to romantic dramas

(*Dear John*, *Remember Me*), nearly all of the movies have had easily identifiable themes and laughs that we learned from and enjoyed. Out of all the great romantic movies we have seen this year, the following have had lessons that effortlessly apply in the real world:

**Easy A:** This romantic comedy had us rolling in the aisles. Emma Stone masterfully portrays Olive Penderghast, the teenage protagonist whose sarcasm is as razor-sharp as it is endearing. After pretending to lose her virginity to help out a friend, Olive's reputation begins a downward spiral as nasty rumors circulate around her school. Eventually, her childhood crush helps her regain her reputation and her happiness. Though based in high school, the film manages to support an overarching theme; the idea that those who really care about you will stick by you, no matter what.

**Blue Valentine:** This drama will have you on the edge of your seat. While the basic romance in this film is not immediately detectable, this tale of two troubled lovers is one of the most heart-wrenching films we've seen in a while. The film follows the now-broken couple of Dean (Ryan Gosling) and Cindy (Michelle Williams) over different points in their relationship. MTV's NextMovie.com calls the film, "A meditation on the nature of romantic relationships that's undeniably depressing yet incredibly insightful." It's safe to say that the flick is not a cheerful one, but it does present a viable warning. Be cautious when entering a relationship. Don't progress too quickly, and thoroughly examine your values before making a serious commitment.

**Eclipse:** The third installment in the *Twilight Saga* was also the most successful, both with critics and at the box office. Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) is forced to choose between her steadfast vampire boyfriend, Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson), and her best friend-turned-new flame Jacob Black (Taylor Lautner). The film gave us an important lesson about the

dangers of jealousy (especially if you're caught in a tumultuous love triangle between a shirtless werewolf and a sparkling vampire). The movie is undeniably entertaining, and the sheer gorgeousness of the cast left us reeling.

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## Controversial Beauty Queen Carrie Prejean is Having a Baby Boy



After their July wedding, Carrie Prejean and Kyle Boller are proud to announce that they're not only pregnant but are expecting a baby boy on May 9, 2011. [Us Weekly](#) reports that Prejean, the controversial Miss California USA 2009 who was stripped of her crown for alleged breaches in contract, is happy about having

a boy and becoming a mother. But is the beauty queen concerned about the baby weight? Prejean's husband, Oakland Raider's quarterback Kyle Boller, made it clear that he has "the most beautiful pregnant wife ever."

**What can you do to make your pregnant partner feel beautiful?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

As the months go by and the baby weight piles on, pregnancy can make a woman feel anything, but beautiful. Prove her wrong by borrowing a few of these ideas:

**1. Book the spa:** If your partner is feeling a little down, surprise her by mentioning that you booked her a prenatal massage at the spa. It'll show her that she's still on your mind. Plus, a little rest is always appreciated.

**2. Romance her:** Bring back date night, and make sure she dresses to the nines. A romantic dinner will help remind her just how much you love being in her company.

**3. Spice it up:** Being pregnant can make some women feel the farthest thing from sexy. Buy some maternity lingerie, and rekindle the romance. Show her that you still find her beautiful.

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**Ashton Kutcher Explains  
Twitter Flirting with Wife,**

# Demi Moore



Ashton Kutcher is blazing the trail for a whole new way of romance in 2011, [Us Weekly](#) reports. Kutcher dishes on his tactics behind those flirty tweets about his wife of five years, Demi Moore. “In some ways, it’s no different than sending flowers to the office: You are declaring your love for everyone to see. Who doesn’t like to be publicly adored?” But Kutcher also knows when to make the moves in person, too. “There’s no text that can replace a loving touch when someone we love is hurting.”

**What are ways to show your partner you love him?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

Ashton Kutcher may get it just right when it comes to maintaining a perfect mixture of digital shout-outs and personal love notes. Take his lead the next time you want to stand out:

**1. Actions speak:** That old saying that “actions speak louder

than words” rings true. If words aren’t your weapon of choice, a small gesture like doing the dishes before your partner gets home from work will show that you care.

**2. Give some R&R:** The days are getting shorter, and the nights are getting colder. Block out some time in the evening to cuddle on the couch with a cup of hot chocolate and your favorite holiday movie. Go above and beyond by providing popcorn and a shoulder massage.

**3. Make homemade gifts:** Anyone can go out to the store and buy something, but by taking the time to crochet a scarf or putting together a gift basket of your love’s favorite homemade desserts, it really shows you care.

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## Reese Witherspoon Feels Sexier with Age





As little girls, we're afraid of monsters in the closet. But when we grow up, that monster is replaced with a fear of aging. But Reese Witherspoon isn't afraid of getting older! "Funny doesn't sag!" Witherspoon tells [Us Weekly](#). The 34-year-old actress assures us that age brings more sexual confidence. "You're not as intimidated by it, not as embarrassed by it. Sexuality and femininity is an accumulation of age and wisdom and comfort in your own skin." **Is it tougher to date as you get older?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Reese Witherspoon is living proof that aging isn't a bad thing. Cupid has a few reasons that dating gets easier with age:

- 1. Experience:** First dates can be awkward when you're young and haven't been on many of them. When you've been dating for a long time, things will come much more natural to you than they did when you were 20.
- 2. Knowledge:** On top of the experience, you now have dating knowledge. Because you've been dating for a long time, you know how to handle things if they take a turn for the worse. Preparation is key!

**3. Confidence:** When we get older, we really discover and embrace who we are. Now that you're comfortable with yourself, your confidence will shine through. That's a rare gift only age can give!

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## Ryan Seacrest and Julianne Hough's Romantic Paris Holiday



What is the most romantic city in the world? Paris, of course! Ryan Seacrest had the right idea by taking his sweetheart, Julianne Hough there with his family over Thanksgiving. The group took advantage of the the City of Light by visiting a selection art galleries, shops and the best restuarants Paris has to offer.



According to [People](#), Hough and Seacrest also found some alone time on their balconied terrace and couldn't keep their hands off each other! Nothing says "je t'aime" like a nice romantic vacation. **What are the best cities for a romantic getaway?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Ryan Seacrest and Julianne Hough aren't the only ones who want to spend some quality vacation time together. Cupid came up with a few great cities for a romantic getaway:

**1. Venice:** Complete with its unique canals, bridges, and historical buildings, Venice, Italy, is guaranteed to melt your heart. A gondola ride with your special someone will make you fall in love all over again!

**2. London:** Get a view of one of the most extravagant cities from above by taking a flight on the London Eye. Take a romantic stroll with your partner along one of the many beautiful rivers. No matter where you go, you're guaranteed to have a wonderful time.

**3. New York City:** Even the Big Apple has many romantic options. From the bright neon lights of Times Square to the spotlights on Broadway, there's always a feeling of excitement in the air. Go on a carriage ride through Central Park or ice skating at Rockefeller Center. The city that never sleeps offers amazing opportunities for lovers 24/7!

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# **Biggest Loser's Sam Poueu**

# Proposes to Fellow Contestant Stephanie Anderson



It's official!

Former *Biggest Loser* contestant Stephanie Anderson plans on saying "I do" to fellow contestant Sam Poueu, according to [Us Weekly](#). Poueu popped the question at NBC's *Biggest Loser* ranch in California. "I wanted to go back to the ranch, because that's where it all started," said Poueu. The two, who collectively lost 241 pounds on the show, are now ready to build a life together, and they want their *Biggest Loser* family to be there when it happens. "They know what we've been through," says Stephanie Anderson. Though the groom's brother will be his best man, his cousin and partner on the series, Koli Palu, will be a groomsman. Between the announcement and the wedding decisions, the couple has been too caught up in all the excitement to set a date!

**What are ways to decide who will be at your wedding?**

## Cupid's Advice:

Like Sam Poueu and Stehphanie Anderson, engaged couples have to face the difficult decision of who to have at their wedding. Cupid has some tips:

**1. You couldn't imagine it without them:** The first thing you should consider when deciding on guests is what the wedding would be missing without them. Consider looking at wedding photos 10 years down the line. If you want to see them in the memories, invite them to the wedding.

**2. You've known them for a long time:** Next, you should think about the people who have been present in your life the longest. Usually these are the people who will still be in your life long after the wedding!

**3. You attended their wedding:** If you still have room for more guests, invite those who invited you! If you were special enough to be in their wedding, return the favor!

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# Hard Sell Author Jamie Reidy Cooks Up Recipes in New Book, Bachelor 101





By [Lori Bizzoco](#)

From representing pharma to cooking chicken parma, there's no telling what best-selling author Jamie Reidy will do next. One thing that remains consistent is that his books are results-oriented and focus on sealing the deal, whether it's in pharmaceutical sales or winning over a new love interest. Reidy's new book, *Bachelor 101: Cooking + Cleaning = Closing*, is a cookbook and lifestyle guide for "idiot single guys like me," he told Cupid in a recent interview.

A former pharmaceutical salesman, Reidy is best known for writing *Hard Sell: The Evolution of a Viagra Salesman*, the basis for today's movie release, *Love and Other Drugs* starring Jake Gyllenhaal and Anne Hathaway. Cupid had the wonderful opportunity of speaking with Reidy last month, and he filled us in on his new book, which boasts 30 idiot-proof recipes for men who want to wow" that special someone:

### **What's the premise of Bachelor 101?**

The premise is that single guys aren't just going to get off their butts and stop ordering in Domino's, or learn how to clean their apartment without some sort of an incentive. The incentive is that your odds on a successful date go way up if you take the time and put in some effort that cooking

requires. Women know how much work goes into cooking, so if a guy actually cooks for them instead of making a reservation, that should make a nice impression.

### **Why do you think most men don't like to cook?**

I think first of all, because it seems like a huge deal. "Oh man, I'm cooking." It seems like an entire process, and it's just scary, and that's because we are totally unfamiliar. It's just like anything else – if you don't know how to work the remote of your TV, you sit down for a while and you look through the directions and you figure it out. Then, you look back and say I can't believe that I didn't know how to do that.

Being in the kitchen is the same thing, knowing how to chop and dice and that sort of thing. I was terrified of the broiler. You couldn't get me near the broiler, but I had to do it for a few meals and it's pretty easy. Sauté seems like a scary, fancy word, but it means to heat up in butter or oil, so why is that such a fancy word? It's primarily the fear of the unknown.

### **After how many dates would you say that a man should cook for a woman?**

Well, that all depends. It depends on how old the people involved are. I would say that for people in their late 30s, they're a lot faster to do things like that, whereas if you are in your 20s, a woman may be gun-shy about going over to a guy's house. Who knows – if you met someone at a bar or grocery shopping or something and got a good vibe, and the guy said, "Why don't I make you dinner sometime?" the spontaneity could really wow you.

### **Where did you get the recipes for your book?**

A majority of the recipes I tested out came from women, but a couple of them came from some buddies of mine. I learned a

couple of great lessons there. Every recipe is basically a paragraph that women give to each another. So I would read these paragraphs, and even though my friend who gave it to me would say, "it's the easiest recipe ever," I would be cooking and invariably I would miss something. My eyes would glaze over the items in the middle of the paragraph. I figured out that it must be something in our DNA. Guys need a list, a step-by-step list. My book literally has 1. Open oven door; 2. Slide out bottom rack. This way I can say, "Check, I did that. Yes, I did that." I can check things off as I go.

**Were there any lessons that you learned while writing *Hard Sell* that helped when writing *Bachelor 101*?**

Yes, I guess there are two things; one is a personal encouragement thing and the other is as a writer. What I learned from *Hard Sell* is that I have a voice that people respond to – it's tongue-in-cheek, self-deprecating, with pop culture references. So when I started writing *Bachelor 101*, my voice was very clear and I didn't have any doubt that if people would only get their hands on it they would laugh and find it informative and entertaining. *Hard Sell* gave me the encouragement and validation to do that.

As a writer, what writing *Hard Sell* taught me is that you can't be half-assed about it. It took me a little over a year-and-a-half to write it, but I would walk away from it for a month or two. It wasn't like I was writing every day, or every week. My mom had a great point years ago. She said, "Ya know what? I think writers, I think they write...like everyday." It cut right through me. I realized that if you aren't writing everyday then you probably aren't serious. So I knew with *Bachelor 101*, I knew that I had to be doing something everyday, whether it was writing, cooking, or taking notes throughout the process. I had to be much more disciplined, which I learned through writing *Hard Sell*.

**What is your favorite recipe in the book?**

My favorite recipe is not the one that's gotten the most rave reviews. The crab cakes have been cooked the most often and have gotten just absolute rave reviews. My favorite recipe is chicken breast dipped in ranch dressing, dropped into a huge zip-lock bag full of cornflakes. There is another variation of that, with crumbled up Ritz crackers. It's a tremendous comfort food, but it's not the healthiest thing in the world.

### **What's on the horizon?**

I'm currently writing screen plays. Right now, I am doing a couple of different things, including a romantic comedy. I am also writing a collection of humorous essays about me and my dad.

Cupid thanks Jamie Reidy for his time! Check out *Bachelor 101: Cooking + Cleaning = Closing* on Amazon.com and see *Love and Other Drugs* today!

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# **Love and Other Drugs Movie Trailer with Jake Gyllenhaal & Anne Hathaway**





Based on the novel “Hard Sell: The Evolution of a Viagra Salesman” by Cupid’s guest author this week, Jamie Reidy, *Love and Other Drugs* brings former *Brokeback Mountain* co-stars Jake Gyllenhaal and Anne Hathaway back together again on the big screen. When Jamie (Gyllenhaal), a charming pharmaceutical drug rep meets Maggie (Hathaway), a seductive free-spirit, the two can’t seem to shake each other. Soon they find themselves bitten by the love bug ... a bite so deep that no prescription can cure it.

**How can you handle dating someone who is emotionally unattached?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

Being in a relationship with none of the emotional attachments that comes along with it may seem like a good idea, but it definitely poses some challenges. Here’s how to deal:

**1. Have a game plan:** If you decide to involve yourself in a situation where it’s all action and no talk, discuss the terms and conditions first. Meeting expectations is easier when you’re both on the same page.



**2. Take small steps:** Chances are that your partner is emotionally unavailable for a reason. Try to be patient, and content with the small steps that they may be making towards a more emotionally stable relationship.

**3. Know when to call it quits:** If one of you starts wanting more from the relationship than the other can handle, it could be time to say goodbye. If you don't want the same things, there may be no other solution.

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## **Singer Duffy's Lyrics Show a 'Hopeless Romantic'**





Duffy's new album *Endlessly*, out Dec. 7, shows a new side of her: the hopeless romantic. The 26-year-old Grammy winner told [People](#) she was looking for love when she wrote the title track on her album. "I had a piece missing. I thought, 'Who am I going to have those special moments with?' I needed some arms around me." Duffy found what she was looking for in September 2009 when she began dating rugby player Michael Phillips. "The story is yet to be finalized," she says, "but it seems like a happy ending."

## **How can you tell if your romantic notions are realistic?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

All of us tend to ignore reality sometimes and instead focus on the romantic, idealistic side of love. Here's how to tell whether your ideas about love are realistic:

- 1. Life is no fantasy:** If you're waiting to ride off into the sunset with Prince Charming, you'll be waiting a long time. Keep in mind that no relationship is a fairytale.
- 2. Look around:** Do you know a perfect couple who never fights and does romantic things together all the time? If you can't

find a real-life example, it probably doesn't exist.

**3. Be open:** Don't let your unrealistic expectations keep you from meeting people. Just because he doesn't meet all of your criteria doesn't mean he couldn't be the one.

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# 'Survivor' Contestant Stephenie LaGrossa and Philadelphia Phillies Pitcher, Kyle Kendrick Get Married



Stephenie LaGrossa, three-time *Survivor* contestant, tells [People](#), "I never thought

there was 'the one,' but now I believe it." She and Philadelphia Phillies pitcher, Kyle Kendrick got married in front of 105 guests at the Silverado Resort in Napa, California. The outdoors ceremony featured the bride in a dress by Priscilla of Boston, while the groom adorned a tuxedo by Huge Boss. Don't forget about the dogs! Bebe and Champ "acted as flower girl and ring bearer and wore a white dress and a tuxedo, respectively."

## **How can you incorporate your pets into your wedding?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

While your wedding is meant to honor your relationship with your fiancée, why leave out the little guys who are there through thick and thin: your pets!

**1. Wedding party:** Who said anything about the flower girl and ring bearer being human? Adding your pets to the wedding party like Stephenie LaGrossa and Kyle Kendrick makes for great pictures, especially when clothed in dresses and tuxedos alike.

**2. Gifts:** Turn your party favors into donations to a local animal shelter. Gifts for the newlyweds can be substituted with contributions to an animal charity.

**3. Cake topper:** Couples adorn their wedding cakes with figurines resembling themselves, but why not the pets? Forget the traditional couple sitting atop the icing and find a cake topper that looks exactly like Gypsy and Beau.

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# Baby Spice to Welcome Baby Number Two



Baby Spice will be showing another baby bump soon! Spice Girl singer Emma Bunton, 34, recently announced her second pregnancy with longtime boyfriend Jade Jones via Twitter. “So our family grows, we are so excited to announce we’re having our second baby,” Emma Bunton wrote, according to [Us Weekly](#). She and Jade Jones have one son, Beau, who is three-years-old and who seems to be excited about the news. Emma Bunton tweeted, “Beau’s wish for a brother or sister has come true!”

**How can a couple tell when they’re ready for another baby?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

A baby brings a couple joy and strength in their relationship, but also a higher level of responsibility and stress. So, how do you know when you’re ready to bring another bundle of joy

into your family's life? Cupid offers some advice:

**1. Ask yourself questions:** Before planning a pregnancy, you should ask yourself, "Why do I want this baby?," "How will this baby affect our lives?" and "Are we ready for this change?" If honest answers to these questions from you or your partner seem convoluted, you should consider waiting until your lives and relationship are in a more stable place.

**2. Consider economics:** According to the Wall Street Journal, the average cost of raising a child today is over \$225,000. You and your partner should consider whether you're financially stable enough and can provide a good life for yourselves, your other child or children and the new baby before considering having another.

**3. Keep family in mind:** The most important thing for you to consider in this decision is your other child or children. Are they happy, healthy and stable? Will you have enough time, money and attention for all your children? You should also consider other family members, such as siblings and parents, and whether they will be available to help you and your partner with your new bundle of joy.

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## Seth Green Watches Wife Play Video Games for Hours on End





Newlyweds Seth Green

and Clare Grant have been embracing each other's silly sides since their May 1wedding, reports [People](#). The self-proclaimed geeks spend their time together creating viral videos for Youtube and making each other laugh. This kind of behavior may not come as a shock from a pair who met in a comic book shop. "We might be together a long time before we think about kids," Grant admits, saying she and her husband are focusing on each other right now.**What are some unique activities to do with your partner?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

We all know that having one-on-one time with your beau is important. The question is, how do you keep it interesting?

Cupid has some special activity suggestions:

**1. Get out:** Are you outdoorsy and adventurous? Try something like rock climbing or sky diving. Find gyms or specialty stores in your area where you can practice on climbing walls before you attempt the real deal. If jumping out of a plane isn't your thing, perhaps a little white-water rafting is instead. These adrenaline-pumping dates will bring a smile to your faces and a spark to the bedroom.

**2. Movie night:** If you and your partner are more of a cuddle-

up-at-home type, designate a night solely for yourselves: no calls, texts or other interruptions allowed. Rent a movie and play some board games, with special rules just for you. Or find a discount theatre in your area and catch a cheap flick.

**3. Wine tasting:** Take something you both are interested in and turn it into a hobby. Are you both self-proclaimed wine junkies? Find a local winery and take a tour together over the weekend. Afterwards, buy a bottle of the vineyard's own and enjoy it later on that evening.

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## Emma Stone in Easy A



In high school, where everyone knows everyone else's



business, [Easy A](#) takes an inside look at the ongoing wheels of the rumor mill in a California high school. Loosely inspired by the novel *The Scarlett Letter*, protagonist Olive's (Emma Stone) reputation goes from respectable girl to down-right floozy – in a matter of a week. What started out as good intentions by accepting gift cards as payment for boosting another student's reputation around school soon throws Olive's life and reputation into question. As one rumor turns into another and that rumor turns into yet another rumor, Olive risks losing her best friend (Alyson Michalka) and secret crush (Penn Badgley). To set the record straight, Olive decides to go online and tell the world her side of the story, in hopes of redeeming her image and righting her wrongs.

**What's the best way to redeem your image in the eyes of the one you love?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Chances are that something will come up between you and your beau during your relationship that will require an apology.

You may even need to redeem yourself a little. If you handle the situation with grace and poise, you'll save yourself some major time and embarrassment:

**1. Come clean:** Even if it comes to something that your partner probably doesn't want to hear, lying will always come around to get you in the end. It's best to be completely open and honest after making a mistake in your relationship. Admit that what you did was wrong, and prove that you have integrity by owning up to it.

**2. Do it in privacy:** Make sure that when you're attempting to redeem yourself, you do it in a private place. If the subject comes up in a public area, carefully maneuver the conversation into seclusion. By keeping your intimate conversation away from prying ears, your partner will realize the importance of

the discussion and will be more apt to take you seriously.

**3. Keep a cool head:** If you're in a situation where you feel the need to save face, chances are that your partner is pretty angry with you at the moment. During your discussion, your mate may lose his temper. Try to stay reasonable, because the worst thing you can do is dish him anger in return. If you need to, take a break and come back to the conversation when you're both level-headed again.

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## Joe Jonas Is “Head over Heels” for Ashley Greene



Despite being spotted holding hands at a Walgreen's and on a date at Disneyland, pop singer Joe Jonas and *Twilight* star Ashley

Greene have been keeping their relationship under wraps. Recently, a source told [People](#) that "[Joe] is head over heels for [Ashley]. He thinks she is down-to-earth and absolutely beautiful. He hasn't been this into a girl in a long time." The couple have only been dating a few months, but things appear to be moving quickly – rumors circulated that Greene recently took Jonas home to meet her parents.

## **Why is it dangerous to fall in love so fast?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

You can't help who you fall in love with, but you can control the pace. If things are moving too quickly, the relationship might fizzle before it has a chance to grow. Cupid says proceed slowly for the following reasons:

- 1. Missing out on the little things:** If you rush into a relationship, you may overlook little quirks, pet peeves and the natural process of getting to know one another. Taking the fast track could have consequences that ultimately destroy any hope for coupledness before you begin.
- 2. Feelings might not be there:** As they say, many people are "in love with love" and will rush a relationship to get to that place. The problem is that when that initial phase is over you may be left with someone who you don't really love. By taking your time, you'll have a better chance to get to know one another.
- 3. It's all-consuming:** Like Greene and Jonas', a rushed relationship can take up all of your free time and alienate you from the rest of the world. If a split happens, you may find that you have fewer friendships and family relationships to fall back on.

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# 'Life As We Know It' Starring Katherine Heigl & Josh Duhamel



For a story about romance cropping up in the most unexpected places (with often hilarious results), check out the new comedy *Life As We Know It*. In the film, two single adults are forced to raise a baby together after their mutual friends die in an accident and leave their daughter in their friends' care. The situation is complicated even more by the fact that Holly (Katherine Heigl) and Eric (Josh Duhamel) don't exactly get along. But for the sake of Sophie, their new baby girl, they must learn to live together. In the end, after going through all the challenges that new parents face together,

their relationship goes from outright hostility to mutual respect ... and eventually, maybe even love.

## **How can having a baby bring you together as a couple?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Raising a child is the hardest job in the world, and children often change relationships forever. Cupid has some insight on what to expect after bringing home a baby, and how to make sure the bond between you and your partner stays strong:

**1. Take a break:** The chaos that a new baby brings leaves little time to focus on your partner (or yourself, for that matter). Make sure to take a night off once in awhile to de-stress. It'll also help you realize that you couldn't do it without your mate.

**2. Learn new things:** Becoming a parent can bring out a whole new side of a person. You might learn that your partner is more caring and responsible than you'd ever imagined. Don't forget to tell him how much you appreciate his new soft side.

**3. Grow stronger:** Raising a child presents so many new challenges to a couple that it can't help but strengthen a relationship. Every time you feel so tired and stressed out that you want to give up, remember that you are in this together.

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# 'Bones' Star Emily Deschanel Ties the Knot



A match was made in Hollywood this weekend when actress Emily Deschanel wed writer and actor David Hornsby. The couple tied the knot in front of friends and family at a small ceremony in the Pacific Palisades area of Los Angeles, reported [People](#). The pair are both stars in the world of television, with Deschanel starring on FOX's crime show, *Bones*, while Hornsby is most famous for his work on FX's *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*.

**Is having the same career as your spouse good or bad?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Cupid knows that common interests make couples stronger, but that sometimes, opposites attract. So will matching career paths make or break a couple? Cupid has some insight from both sides:

**1. Separate, but equal works:** Being in the same career field as your spouse gives you a common passion, but working in the same building, or even for the same company, might not give each of you the space you need to be happy.

**2. Diversity adds spice:** On the other hand, having different careers, skills and passions can add a different dimension to your relationship, by allowing you to teach each other something new.

**3. Moderation is key:** In either instance, making sure you balance your career and how much time and effort you put into it with everything else you and your spouse hold dear – including each other – will help keep your relationship healthy.

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## Jennifer Lopez's new film: The Back-up Plan





With Zoe's (Jennifer Lopez) biological clock ticking away, she gives up on love and makes a plan to have a sperm donor create her family. No sooner is the in vitro process finished and Zoe meets her soulmate, Stan (Alex O'Loughlin). The problem is, Zoe can't see past her personal love issues, which stem from a childhood where her mom died, her dad ran out, and her grandmother was left to raise her. Not long after discovering that her procedure was a success, Zoe begins falling for Stan. She struggles to hide her pregnant 'condition,' but eventually chooses to let him in on the truth, including the fact that she's having twins! Although Zoe expects Stan to run away, he steps up and expresses his desire to stick around. Anyone can fall in love but doing it backwards, in a nine-month window, with two kids on the way could stress out even the best of us.

**How do you find time for love when you have a busy schedule?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Like most people, you probably take on more than you should. You manage to get by, but would love to feel that you've accomplished tasks instead of just getting through them.



Cupid has some great ways to strike a balance:

**1. Put it down on paper:** The first thing you should do is write down your schedule on a calendar in advance. Then, mark your top priorities with easy-to-read bold colors. Staying organized is key!

**2. Share your activities:** If you and your partner have equally busy schedules and find that you never see each other, take an hour each week to compare notes. With effort and a little schedule juggling, you'll find some quality time to spend together.

**3. Avoid distractions:** Sure, you may be tempted to watch a *Survivor* re-run with your beau even when you still have work to do, but it's best to resist, resist, resist! Losing focus and concentration in the middle of a project means it will take even longer. Being efficient and completing tasks will give you quality time together.

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## Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes Keep Romance Alive





Ever since Tom Cruise jumped on a couch on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*, people have doubted whether his relationship with Katie Holmes is real. But as Cupid recently reported, the couple are still very much in love five years later, and do everything they can to keep the spark alive in their marriage. In fact, Holmes recently told [People](#), "My husband has red roses for me everywhere I go and whenever we travel." Both Cruise and Holmes are true romantics and are very affectionate toward one another and their 4-year-old daughter, Suri. Holmes said, "Being a mother is so dreamy." **How can you tell if your partner is a true romantic?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

- 1. He doesn't expect credit:** If your partner waits to give you a dozen roses until you're in front of your friends, he might be looking for positive recognition from someone besides you. When he does sweet things without asking for credit or thanks, he's a true romantic (and is so into you)!
- 2. He knows you:** If he uses inside info to do lovey-dovey things that he knows you and only you would appreciate, then he is truly devoted. For example, buying you a box of chocolates on Valentine's Day is sweet, but serenading you

with your favorite Backstreet Boys song? Dorky, but totally romantic.

**3. He's all about consistency:** It's easy for him to do sweet and thoughtful things at the beginning of the relationship when everything is new, exciting and he's still trying to impress you. But if he still pulls out your chair for you after 25 years of marriage, he's a true romantic.

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## Tina Fey & Steve Carell in 'Date Night'



This comedy action film is about a hardworking couple and

exhausted parents, Phil and Claire Foster (Steve Carell from the “The Office” and Tina Fey of “30 Rock”), that can barely find the energy and enthusiasm to go on their routine date night. Aware that the romantic spark is going out of their relationship, Phil and Claire decide to do something different for this night out. When they can’t get into a popular restaurant in the city, they take another couple’s reservations and are mistaken as the Tripplehornes by the bad guys who are hunting the other couple down.

## **Can a couple rekindle the spark in a relationship?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Couples set into a routine may find themselves doing nothing instead of something exciting because they find no enthusiasm or energy left. In order to avoid being stuck in a ‘rut,’ Cupid has found some much safer ways than Phil and Claire Foster’s date night to re-ignite your relationship below:

- 1. Make the relationship a priority:** Spend time alone together and focus on each other. Touch often. Reconnect by talking more about dreams, fears and personal stories and avoid discussions about schedules, kids and to-do lists.
- 2. Mix it up:** Break out of your comfort zone and stop following a routine. Try a new place or activity. Steal away a few minutes early in the morning or cut back on late night TV.
- 3. Go with the flow:** Show your trust in your partner. Whether something bad or good happens, you’re in it together. Don’t be afraid to show a different side of yourself.

It’s not always easy to come up with a special way to spend time with your partner. Follow Cupid to Weekend Affairs: Nighttime Thrills! for some fun suggestions.

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