

“I Will Always Love You” by Whitney Houston



By Daniela Agurcia

Girls all over the world stood in front of their mirrors, hairbrush in hand, while singing along to Whitney Houston's hit single, "I Will Always Love You," when it first debuted in 1992. Houston's cover of Dolly Parton's "I Will Always Love You" was said to have transformed the original country song into a memorizing gospel-like song. It remained number one on the charts for weeks all over the world, a hit record.

Houston's unique voice conveyed an inspiring emotion through this song about an everlasting love to a loved one who has left. At the 54th Grammy Awards, the day after the superstar's sudden death, Jennifer Hudson sang a replica of

Whitney Houston's song as a tribute, leaving chills and tears in anyone who watched the beautiful performance. "I Will Always Love You" will continue to be one of the greatest songs of all time, and Whitney Houston will forever be remembered as an inspiration for love and music.

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How was Whitney Houston an inspiration to you? Share your thoughts below.

Video Exclusive: Food Network's Anne Burrell Gives Valentine's Day Cooking Tips





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Food Network star Anne Burrell knows a thing or two about spurring the fires of romance over the flame of a hot stove.

Cooking has always been revered as a mutual romantic touchstone, and no day is better to exploit this fact than on Valentine's Day. Be it chocolates or spaghetti with a nice bolognese sauce, treating your partner's palette with care can lead to delicious consequences. Anne dishes on how to cook for your partner this Valentine's Day, using the kitchen as an aphrodisiac atmosphere where love can only grow.

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Khloe Kardashian and Lamar Odom Lease New Apartment in

Dallas



According to [E! Online](#), Khloe Kardashian and NBA basketball player Lamar Odom have finally settled down and rented an amazing new apartment in Dallas, Texas. The happy couple is leasing a two-bedroom, two-bath at \$7,500 a month in the W Dallas Victory Hotel & Residences after Lamar recently signed to play with the Dallas, Mavericks. Their new pad is owned by Mack Hicks, the son of Texas Rangers owner and Dallas business magnate Tom Hicks and is beautifully designed by Penny Sanders of Sanders Studio. It features slate flooring, wet bar, kitchen with Miele appliances, bathrooms tiled in Mother of Pearl and a pool table, all things the Kardashian clan can enjoy when visiting. When taking time to relax from their hectic celebrity lives, the couple can enjoy the W residences luxuries which include a pair of fitness centers, Bliss spa, zero-edge infinity pool, private entertainment room and

something called a 'Whatever Whenever' service.

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Food Network Chef Marcela Valladolid Shares Her Sexiest Dish to Impress a Date



Food Network celebrity Chef Marcela Valladolid released a new cook book this past fall titled, *Mexican Made Easy: Everyday*

Ingredients, Extraordinary Flavor. In this interview she talks about food, relationships, and sexy spiked peppermint hot chocolate. What they say is true—food is the key to someone's heart!

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'The Voice' Winner Javier Colon Shares His Holiday Date Night Plans During Rockefeller Center Tree Lighting





By Steven Zangrillo

As the weather goes from brisk to brash, we drag out our North Face jackets and holiday scarves in preparation for the winter ahead. Sometimes it takes the glow of a loved one to keep us cozy, which is why the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree can produce some of the warmest moments of the holiday season.

Beneath the glow of the freshly lit evergreen, Javier Colon (Winner of NBC's "The Voice") serenaded a crowd with Christmas classics. Afterwards, we chatted with him about his upcoming plans with his family for the Holiday season.

Video courtesy of Richard Zangrillo and NBC Studios.

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Food Network's Anne Burrell and Geoffrey Zakarian Talk Holiday Cooking and Love



By Steven Zangrillo

As the Holidays draw closer and families get together, it's easy to get roped into the manic hustle and bustle. Cooking with your loved ones, especially your special someone, can act as a great escape from all of the stress. It can even bring you and your partner closer. CupidsPulse.com spoke with Food Network's Anne Burrell and Geoffrey Zakarian and got their take on whipping up some holiday romance in the kitchen.

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Video Exclusive: Jackie Collins Talks About New Book, Goddess of Vengeance



By Royal Young

In Jackie Collins' world, romance is sexier, Hollywood stars burn brighter and revenge runs deeper. The London born lurid legend looks at American culture through a savvy, satirist's

eye, using iconic pop culture figures as her inspiration. In Goddess of Vengeance (St. Martin's Press) the author's famed femme fatale Lucky Santangelo is back, with a cast of sexy, wicked characters all clawing for positions of power. Fierce, funny with a sensual shot of fame, Collins teaches us how to claw to the top and stay there. We spoke with Collins about how far she would go for love, why vengeance is so attractive and the surprises she still has in store. To order a copy of her new book you can go to www.JackieCollins.com and follow her on Twitter at @jackiecollins.

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DJ Jessica Who Says Men Can Be Intimidated By Independent Women



Socialite Alexandra DiNovi Opens Up For the First Time About Her Virginity and Saving Herself for Love



By **Vicky Sullivan** of **Aspiring Socialite**

It was only a few years ago when Hollywood actress and socialite, Alexandra DiNovi, was discovered in a restaurant in her hometown of Hinsdale, Illinois. Soon after, she was dancing with Vince Vaughn in the poker scene of *The Break-Up*.

Having been romantically linked to celebrities, such as Jack Osbourne, DiNovi has a lot to say on Hollywood dating.

However, despite the temptation and appeal of the glamorous red carpet life, she remembers to stay true to herself and her

values when it comes to relationships.

In 2010, DiNovi took home Best Actress at the New York Film Festival for *Purity: A Dark Film*, a short film about virginity, sex, and emotion that she wrote, directed, and starred in. Seeing that art often imitates life, much of the film is based on real events in her life, including her virginity. For the first time ever, this rising star is opening up about her very personal decision to remain pure and save herself for love. As she explains it, "Love isn't about sex; it's about friendship and respect."

How much of your personal life was incorporated into the film *Purity*?

Most of it was completely true.

I heard you wear a purity ring. Can you tell us more about it?

I bought myself a purity ring the week before I moved to L.A. I had it shipped to myself because I wanted to remember to stay true to myself in L.A. I wanted a constant reminder of who I am and what I believe in. I was thinking I would be dating different types of guys, and I didn't want to lose my virginity or myself to some random hot guy.

Why is saving yourself for love so important to you?

I think that my soul mate will appreciate me giving my body and soul to him. He won't be sharing me with anyone else. When I do fall in love, I will love him unconditionally.

What advice would you give girls looking to save themselves for the right one?

What is the point of having sex without love? That doesn't even make sense to me. Sex is a special gift, and it's really

supposed to be for marriage. It is something that soul mates share. I wouldn't have it any other way. I've been in love, so I understand how the rush feels. I won't settle for sex without love ever. Self-control is underrated in our society.

How would you describe true love?

I've been in love once in my life, and it's the best feeling in the whole world. Sometimes, you can't even eat. It's like an entire body high. Love is patient. True love is not about sex. It's about friendship. True love has to do with a genuine partnership where two people love unconditionally, forgive, and respect each other. It has to do with listening and being there for each other always.

Who is your celebrity crush?

I have a few crushes, and I'm actually already talking to them. The only other slight celebrity crush that I have is Ryan Phillippe. He's such a cool guy. I admire him. I also think he has a great work ethic, especially regarding health and fitness. Ironically, I like bad boys.

What do you look for in a guy?

I like a guy who is genuine, athletic, and fun to be around. He has to make me smile a lot. I love a playful guy who I can laugh with.

What do you do to get ready for date and where do you like to go?

I work out, head to the steam room, get a few new dresses, get my hair and nails done, and assemble the perfect outfit (preferably with one of my gay friends). I have two favorite "secret" spots where I like to go when I'm on a date in West Hollywood. One is a private hotel and the other is a low key Italian restaurant that has a great vibe.

How do you keep yourself from giving into temptation?

It's sometimes a challenge when guys who I admire want to hook up, and there's nothing behind it. I think that sex is empty without love. I used to date this actor and he always told me that. We're still really close. He said, "From my many sexual experiences, sex without love is meaningless." This is coming from an extremely attractive movie star. He encourages me to wait for my soul mate. Although, he often tells me he thinks we will end up together and that I am his ideal wife. Who knows? We might.

To learn more about Alexandra DiNovi, visit her website at www.AlexandraDiNovi.com. You can also follow her on Facebook and Twitter.

Hollywood: Portrayals of Domestic Violence





By LaVonya Reeves

As a survivor of domestic violence, this is a subject close to my heart, and it leads me to asks questions like:

- What responsibility does Hollywood have for depicting healthy relationships?**
- Do they accurately represent abusive relationships?**

You've undoubtedly seen the headlines and read the stories, as there are cases upon cases of such violence. One relatively recent example has to do with the controversy surrounding Eminem and Rihanna's music video for "Love The Way you Lie," which depicts the emotional highs and lows, resentment and lies, and even physical altercations in one specific abusive relationship. In the video, actress Megan Fox and the former hobbit guy from *Lost* (Dominic Monaghan) show us an unhealthy relationships filled with sex, tender moments, fights, violence, and fire.

And let's not forget the highly publicized domestic violence

incident between R&B singers Rihanna and Chris Brown. Rihanna (whose unhealthy relationship with Chris Brown was made public when he hit her) also sings the chorus and is shown throughout the video.

Abuse and domestic violence does not discriminate, as there are as many men who fall victim to domestic violence as women.

Look at MTV's Teen Mom reality star Amber Portwood who was arrested and charged with felony domestic battery and child neglect stemming from her behavior on the reality TV series.

Portwood, 20, while in a tumultuous relationship with her on-and-off fiancé, punched him in the face. Gary Shirley, 24, is the father of Portwood's daughter, Leah. He subsequently filed charges against her for assaulting Shirley in front of their child.

What is Dating and Domestic Violence?

Dating or domestic violence is not a disagreement; it represents a violation of trust.

Pre-battering violence:

Verbal abuse, hitting objects, throwing objects & making threats.

Beginning Levels:

Slapping, pinching, kicking, and pulling of hair.

Severe levels:

Choking, beating-with objects (sticks, ball bats, etc...), use of weapons, and sexual assault.

One in 3 women in battering relationships is sexually assaulted. While drinking and drug use do not cause battering, these elements can create a violent situation. When chemical dependency is involved, both the injuries and lethality of abuse may increase.

An estimated 1.3 million women/men are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year. Some studies say the numbers are even greater – up to 5.3 million – since most

assaults go unreported.

If you or someone you know is a victim or have been a victim to domestic violence, please tell someone, because help is available.

Call 911

The National Domestic Violence Hotline

<http://www.ndvh.org/>

(TTY) ANONYMOUS & CONFIDENTIAL HELP 24/7

1.800.799. SAFE

(7233) 1.800.787.3224

National Sexual Assault Hotline

RAINN RAPE ABUSE & INCEST NATIONAL NETWORK

<http://www.rainn.org/>

1.800. 656-HOPE

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**Reality Stars Head to
Catalina Island for 2nd
Annual Reality Reunion**

Weekend



By Melissa Tierney

It's almost time again for the 2nd annual "Reality Reunion" on Catalina Island. If you haven't had your fill of drama and cat fighting during this year's reality television season, there's sure to be some juicy gossip at this summer's oversized party where contestants from the *Bachelor*, *Bachelorette*, *Survivor* and *The Amazing Race* are all set to travel to Catalina Island. There will be raffles, contests, partying and tons of fun.

A portion of the ticket proceeds will go to the "name a tent" fundraiser for the Catalina Experience- a non-profit organization whose mission is to create awareness of the local marine environment and of the critical habitat found on

Catalina Island. All remaining funds from the weekend will go to Stand Up 2 Cancer.

Unfortunately for all you reality TV fans, the event is for reality stars only. However, four lucky fans can snag tickets to this year's Reality Reunion by heading to www.realityreunion.com and purchasing them for \$1,500 each. Who knows, you may come back with a rose or at the very least a tee-shirt that says you survived the 2nd annual Reality Reunion weekend!

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





By Royal Young

For the past 30 years, Flavor Flav has been a pioneer in hip hop, politics and romance-based reality television. As one of the first and greatest hype men, Flav was an integral part of Public Enemy, who went on to be named best hip hop group and best hip hop album of all time by Rolling Stone. His hit show *Flavor of Love* brought VH1 7.5 million viewers per episode making him the most popular reality star in the genre's history – and also a surprising source of romantic advice and love drama.

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

In his new memoir, *Flavor Flav: The Icon* (Farrah Gray Publishing), the rapper talks about his early days growing up in Freeport, Long Island, where he describes himself as a

“class clown.” He makes some controversial confessions as well, alleging he was in touch with his sexuality from a very early age, having his first sexual experience at 6-years-old, and opening up about his long time drug addiction.

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

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

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Jesse Csincsak Hosts ‘Bachelorette Beatdown’ on RTVZone.com





The Bachelorette – Season 7 – Recap – Ep 1 from Patrick O'Neill on Vimeo.

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The Bachelorette – Season 7 – Recap – Ep 8 from Patrick O'Neill on Vimeo.

The Bachelorette – Season 7 – Recap – Ep 9 – Finale from Patrick O'Neill on Vimeo.

For all you *Bachelor* and *Bachelorette* fans that need more than just watching Ashley Hebert every Monday night, check out season 4 *Bachelorette* winner Jesse Csincsak on RTVZone.com as he hosts a new weekly webisode series called The Bachelorette Beatdown. Csincsak will be joined weekly by a panel of five to 10 former cast members from different *Bachelor* and *Bachelorette* seasons that will dish on the love and drama surrounding the current season of ABC's *The Bachelorette* and the franchise in general.

Viewers may watch the show by visiting RTVZone.com and clicking WATCH LIVE on the main page. On demand viewing will be available within a few hours of airing. The program will also feature live video and interaction amongst the panel, who will occasionally take viewer questions from Twitter, chat and video mail.

Be sure to check it out the first episode **tonight, May 31 at 7 p.m. EST**, submit your questions via Twitter (@RTVZone) and share your thoughts about Jesse's Bachelorette Beatdown series with us below. Happy watching!

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Can a Magic Pill Help You Live Forever?



By Jennifer Harrington

If you could take a pill and live for 500 years, would you do it? Mark Wexler's new documentary, *How to Live Forever*, which chronicles how we might delay, or even defeat death, is centered on this thought-provoking question. As I sat and watched the screening of this new documentary, I couldn't help but wonder what this meant for relationships and marriage. After all, 500 years is an awful long time to be with one person. Would this miracle pill allow women an extension on fertility, giving us the ability to really have it all – a career, family and children?

Though the documentary didn't answer those questions, it *did* introduce us to a colorful cast of characters, including 94-year-old exercise guru Jack LaLanne (who passed away earlier this year) and 101-year-old chain-smoking, beer-drinking marathoner Buster Martin.

Each senior citizen profiled challenged the stereotypical notion of youth and what truly gives life meaning. Celebrities Suzanne Somers (who declared she would like to reach the age of 100, or even 120!) and Phyllis Diller made cameos to share their tips on finding the fountain of youth.

Everyone in the film had a variety of opinions regarding how to live a long life, and each had something that got them out of bed every day. The passions of those profiled in *How to Live Forever* varied from kite flying, to fishing, to martinis (Eleanor Wasson, profiled in the film, is the author of the book *28,000 Martinis and Counting*).

However, there were two stories that made a lasting impression:

First was the story of an 80-year-old woman, who not only competed in the Ms. Senior America beauty pageant, but was preparing to become a bride for the first time. Her message centered around being receptive to finding love at any age. It was a good reminder that it's often the simple things in life (love, family and laughter) that contribute most to a long and happy life.

The second was the story of a Japanese adult movie star who is featured in films with his long-time wife. His universal message focused on romance and intimacy being important in keeping us "young at heart."

Director Mark Wexler commented on the common thread that linked each person in his documentary and said, "These were people who'd lived through turbulent times and faced great adversity, yet no matter where they were or what their background, they all shared remarkable grace, humor and

resilience.”

Interestingly, most of the people profiled in the documentary said they would decline the opportunity to live 500 years, if given the choice.

Cupid wants to know: If you could live for 500 years, would you stay with the same person or have multiple marriages?

For more, check out *How to Live Forever* on May 13, or visit the documentary’s page on Facebook.

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When Strangers Click – HBO’s Take on Online Dating





By Jennifer Harrington

With love on everyone's mind on [Valentine's Day](#), it's no surprise that HBO chose Feb. 14 to premiere a documentary chronicling the new avenue to find love in the 21st century – online dating. *When Strangers Click: Five Stories From the Internet* tells the stories of individuals who have explored Internet dating.

[Trailer](#)

Knowing the documentary would premiere on Cupid's big day, our friends at Single Edition invited us to an advanced screening in New York City, which featured a Q&A with Robert Kenner of the Oscar-nominated *Food, Inc.*, who both directed and produced the film. The audience included 12 to 15 dating and relationship bloggers based in the city.

For anybody who has ventured into online romance – or for those who are just curious about discovering love on the web – *When Strangers Click* is worth checking out. This movie both resonates with and intrigues viewers, resulting in a very entertaining one-hour special.

From the woman who cried on her 30th birthday because she was convinced she would spend the rest of her life alone (but later found love online), to the New Jersey woman who married a Prague-based man who spoke virtually no English simply because she felt the indescribable “click” with him, it’s easy to become emotionally invested in these real stories of love. More shocking is the tale of a Swedish man who created an avatar on Second Life, an online virtual world: he forged a relationship with a woman he met through the site, went on to father her child, and the two continued their virtual (and real-life) romance.

During the Q&A, many bloggers noted that the documentary felt a bit “dated,” as it mentioned AOL and chat rooms. A few bloggers also said that the film reinforced negative stereotypes about online dating (one said that the people profiled seemed to be “on the fringe” of society), which were more prevalent 10 years ago, but aren’t now. However, they appreciated that Kenner picked a variety of different stories to tell and that not all of the stories had a happy ending. In fact, he mentioned that he is looking for more stories to potentially do another segment.

While surprising, this extreme quest for love makes viewers question how far they would go to find their own soul mate in a world increasingly dominated by social media. With more people than ever venturing into the world of online dating, this movie is sure to spark dialogue about dating virtually.

Don’t forget to catch *When Strangers Click* on **Monday, Feb. 14 at 9 PM ET** on **HB02**.

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