

divorce. “Ben and Jen like and admire each other as people, but it just didn’t work as a marriage,” says the Affleck source. “They have no interest in getting back together.” Rejoining the singles scene isn’t at the top of anyone’s to-do list, either. Affleck has been unattached since the summer. (A source says he and actress Sienna Miller are

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just “friends,” in response to recent photos of the onscreen love interests holding hands on the *Live by Night* set.) And the Garner source explains that the busy mother of three “has no time to think about dating.”

But in the months since the Nannygate bombshell, neither Affleck nor Garner — who did not have a prenup and are worth more than \$100 million combined, per a source — has actually filed for divorce. “Jen feels that Ben gave up working on the marriage, so it’s up to him to file,” says the family source, who believes Affleck has a “strategy as to when and where” he will submit paperwork. Counters the Affleck source, “Ben will file for divorce when he is ready.”

Until then, Affleck and Garner will continue to navigate their life as one very modern family. “They plotted for this divorce to be amicable,” says the Garner source, “and they are sticking with that plan.” In Hollywood, where many ex-husbands and ex-wives speak only through attorneys, that’s nothing short of a Christmas miracle. **US**

# Love After The Voice

Gwen Stefani and Blake Shelton turn a working relationship into romance that works

BY RACHEL CHANG

**W**ith her precisely painted red lips, distressed jeans and wedge Reeboks, Gwen Stefani didn’t exactly fit the profile of a shopper at the Country General Store in L.A.’s Van Nuys. Browsing the racks of Frye cowboy boots, Stetson hats and Wrangler jeans in the Western-wear shop December 17, the mom of three lingered over a navy men’s shirt with red and turquoise embroidered flowers. An hour later, the L.A.M.B. designer emerged with four bags filled with boots, pants and button-downs.

The gear will be under the tree December 25 with a Blake Shelton name tag. For the first Christmas since the “Used to Love You” rocker, 46, separated from husband Gavin Rossdale and the country singer, 39, divorced

wife Miranda Lambert, the two will be together. In years past, Stefani and Rossdale would take kids Kingston, 9, Zuma, 7, and Apollo, 22 months, skiing at Mammoth Mountain resort (*see box, right*). Shelton would feast on Lambert’s gourmet mac ‘n’ cheese at his Tishomingo, Oklahoma, ranch. Now, the couple of two months “are deciding where to spend



They goofed off with fellow judges Pharrell Williams (left) and Adam Levine (right) Dec. 7.



Stefani and Shelton, says a source, "are living in the moment."

Christmas," says a Shelton source. "Things are going great and they love being together."

### DOMESTIC BLISS

Since NBC's *The Voice* ended its ninth season December 15, the co-mentors have increased the tempo of their relationship. Carpool rides to work and flirting on set — one *Voice* source says they "would text each other from their chairs during commercials" — have been replaced with family time. In early December, Shelton whisked Stefani to meet his mom, Dorothy, in Oklahoma. Says a Shelton friend, "It was a huge step for him."

Shelton, on the other hand, is practically part of the Stefani family. While Stefani shopped December 17, Shelton gamely helped her dad, Dennis, load boxes into a van at her parents' home in Westlake, California. He's also been helping out with her kids at Stefani's 9,000-square-foot Beverly Hills home. "Blake has spent a lot of time with Gwen's kids and loves them," says the Shelton confidant. "He thinks Gwen is an incredible mom. He gets a kick out of her cool boys." Indeed, the couple took Apollo to lunch at L.A.'s Loteria Grill after their chores



The new couple kissed after a double date at L.A.'s Casa Vega Dec. 8.

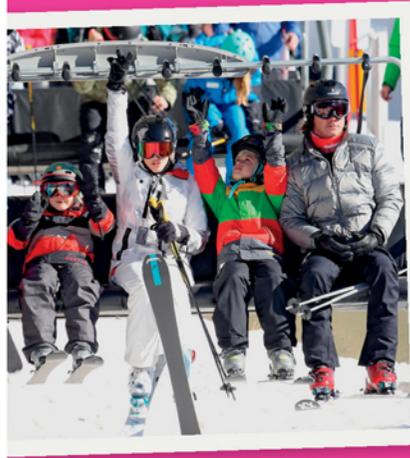
December 17. "Blake's been really good to her — and for her," says a Stefani source. "She's happy with him."

### CHANGE IS GOOD

It shows. Stefani — who told *Us* in January, "I love to get made up and dress up" — has begun wearing her hair loose and toning down her signature cat eyes. "Gavin liked Gwen with heavy makeup, but Blake doesn't," says a Stefani confidant. "He told her she doesn't need all of that, so she's softened her look — especially when she and Blake are alone."

She won't need the makeup anytime soon. Come January, Stefani, who pretaped her performance on NBC's *New Year's Eve With Carson Daly*, will focus on recording her upcoming album. Shelton kicks off his tour February 18 in Cincinnati and returns to *The Voice* February 29, where Christina Aguilera will fill his girlfriend's revolving chair. Promises the Stefani source, "Gwen will be visiting him a lot on tour!"

## Gavin's Getaway With the Boys



» Gwen Stefani lost the slopes in her pending divorce. Between Christmas and New Year's, Gavin Rossdale, 50, will take their sons on their annual family trip to Mammoth Lakes, California. A Rossdale source says the former Bush rocker will bring along a nanny (no, not Mindy Mann of the affair that blew up his marriage). While a Stefani insider notes it will be "very hard" for her to be apart from her kids, the parents (left, in 2014) are committed to keeping the kids happy. Says the source, "They've built it up as a special boys' trip with Dad. And the kids will constantly FaceTime with Gwen."

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