

Some people just can't resist the urge to play Cupid and fix up their friends.

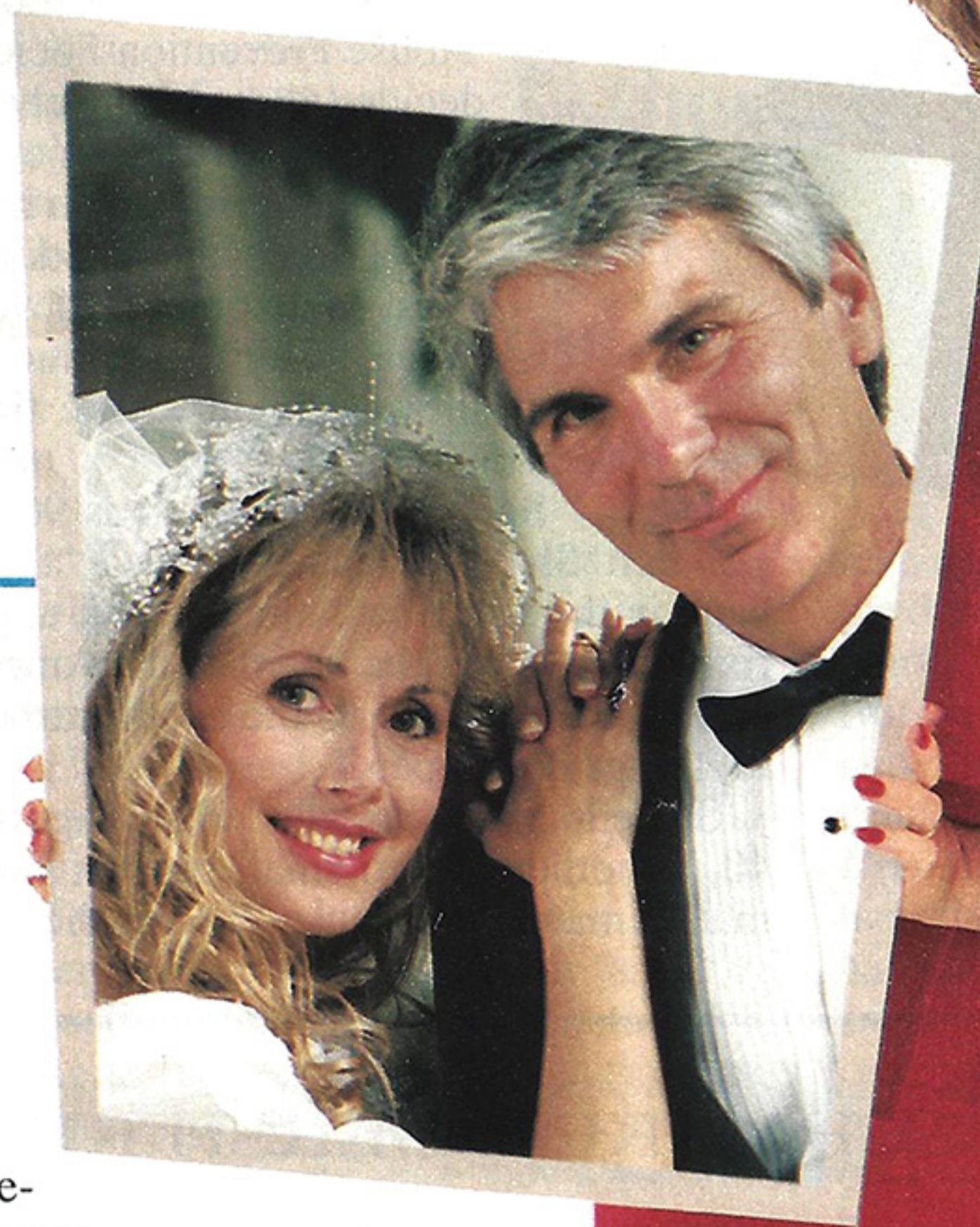
Matchmaker, Matchmaker

BUT THERE ARE OTHER, LESS SAINTLY MOTIVATIONS. Pari Livermore was plain, shy, and bookish growing up; she preferred staying home reading Shakespeare to going to parties. Still, she yearned for friends. "As I got older, I realized that if I gave people something, they would pay attention to me. I found that what I could give them was each other." She became skilled at making introductions. "And the more successful I was—well, it was like an addiction."

Today Livermore, in her early 50s, has an award-winning cable show in San Francisco called *Everybody's Angels*; each week she profiles people who've helped their community. Livermore herself could qualify. A fund-raiser for various organizations (she has raised hundreds of thousands for the Child Abuse Prevention Society, for example), she decided to make the charitable events double as singles parties. "You can't buy tickets to these fund-raisers. You have to be invited," she

says. "I've got a network of people who cull the highest caliber men and women in the San Francisco area. They're the kind of people who are so busy they just don't have time to meet the right person."

So far, Livermore has 95 marriages under her belt. She also happens to have "the most wonderful husband in the world" whom she met, appropriately, through a fix-up. "I was on the board of the American Cancer Society, and another woman on the board introduced us. So wonderful things do happen."



Marriages to her credit: 95

Secret to success: Being an incurable romantic.

One couple she matched: Janet and Michael Fox of Mill Valley, CA. She's a homemaker; he's an emergency room physician.

Janet: *Pari and I met when we were flight attendants together. She always knew people everywhere we went. And she'd always say to me, "Oh, do I have a good guy for you."*

Michael: *I'd been involved with her charity balls for quite a while. She knew it was very hard for me to meet someone. As an emergency*

room doctor, I work very strange hours, and the people I meet are usually not exactly feeling sociable when I see them. So Pari invited Janet to an event, and left an empty seat next to her. Which I took. We began talking, and I was smitten.

Janet: *Pari's gift is that she really believes in matchmaking. She keeps trying and trying until she gets it right. She really helped our relationship happen because when I wasn't sure if it was going anywhere, she would tell me: "Oh no, he's great." And then she'd go and say the same thing to Mike about me. She lays the groundwork so people are receptive to each other.*

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