

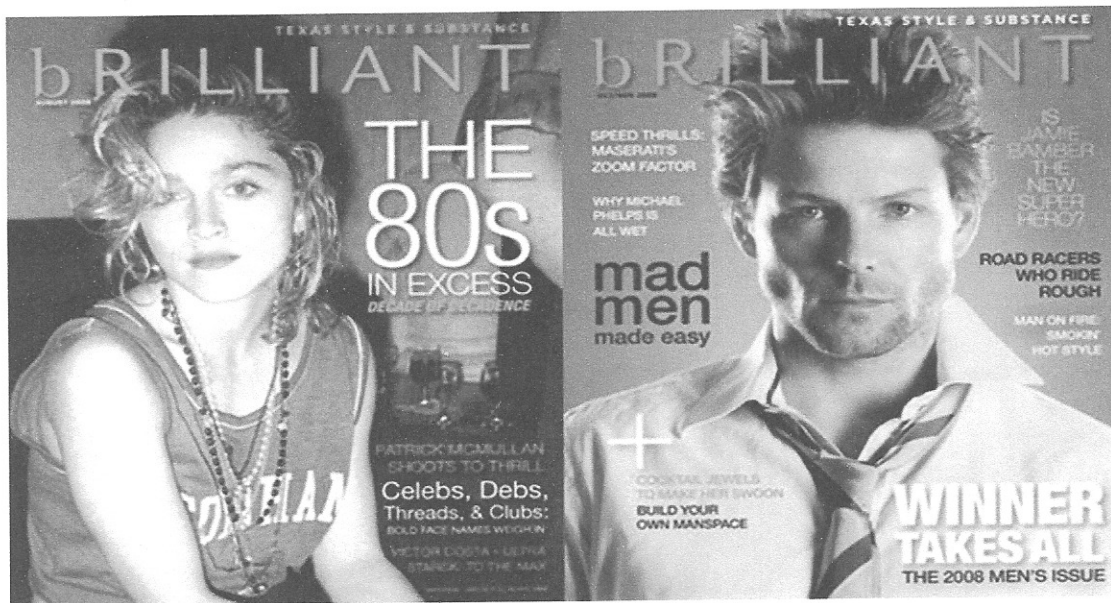
## PERFECT FIXER UPPER

### The New Matchmaking with Julia McCurley

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“Matchmaker, Matchmaker, make me a match. Fine me a find, catch me a catch.” Leave it to Broadway to create the perfect mood for “setting someone up”...now, in 2011 the busy world of romance is singing a new time to an old plight. Just how does one find the perfect mate without kissing too many frogs? Enter socialite matchmaker Julia McCurley. She has quite a track record of creating and liasing successful relationships that last. Here, a great writer Adrienne Albregts gets close up and real to learn the secrets of the trade. — *The Society Diplomat*

Nothing whispers luxury more graciously than personal service, especially when it comes to your love life.

**You know when you’ve reached a certain level of distinction. It’s when you can no longer find the time to cook, clean or be bothered with driving yourself to the gym.** For years, you have dedicated your life to your career. You’ve propelled your way to the top, and taken everyone down in your path. Success has come and swept away your precious time, though. Yet, every aching second of it was well worth the pain. Go on, admit it. You love the life you have built for yourself.

**Well sweetheart- now its time to reward yourself. You deserve it.**

No, I’m not suggesting you reward yourself with yet *another* sleek sports car or diamond-encrusted watch. I’m suggesting you try something *more*. Something more stimulating, like an attractive companion- one who is

equally as successful, charming and charismatic as you. The only problem is where do you find that person? And more importantly, how do you find the time to search for the special someone?

**Enter Julia McCurley, personal matchmaker and founder of Something More, a professional matchmaking firm located in Austin, Texas.** Certified by the Matchmaking Institute of America, McCurley adheres to a strict code of conduct when it comes to her clients. She also offers date coaching and image consulting to ensure her clients get the most out of her service. "I always do a thorough background check, and I have a very high standard when it comes to potential clients," enthuses McCurley. "My current client list consists of attractive and successful people. If someone comes to me and they aren't those things, I have no problem turning them away."

Why would someone choose Something More over other types of dating, especially Internet dating? The answer is simple; time often gets in the way for career-oriented people. For McCurley, her clients have committed their lives to becoming successful; sometimes that equated to a lack of love life simply because happy hours are still working hours. Furthermore, it takes approximately 11 hours of sifting through online profiles to find just one match. That's exactly where Something More comes in. **McCurley does all the legwork so her clients can meet face to face and decide for themselves whether or not there is a spark worth igniting.**

Just how does Something More really work? First, McCurley gets to know each and every one of her clients via a two-hour-long interview. Upon acceptance into her matchmaking service, she will be there throughout her clients' entire dating life – from first date to the walk down the aisle. McCurley says, **"When I set you up, you'll know everything about the person you're about to meet.** You will know if they have kids or not; you'll know if they've been divorced, or if they have issues with pets. I really get to know my clients' value systems and then match them accordingly. Every person I meet with signs a contract stating that they want to be in a long-term relationship. If I get the feeling that they aren't ready for that, I don't set them up."

**McCurley have us an inside look at what she recommends for a first date. Here's what she loves...**

-Seeing is believing: you never get a second chance to make a first impression, you absolutely must dress to impress, Ladies-85% of men prefer a skirt or dress, Men- No flip flops. No woman wants to see your toes on a first date.

-Loose lips sink ships: be careful what personal information you reveal such as reasons for breakups, do not complain and listen twice as much as you talk.

-Lighten up: have fun, show your humorous side, you can never go wrong making someone laugh and enjoying themselves while on a first date.