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## Actress teams with 'Matchmaker' to find father the right date



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When Irv Richards first met Bravo TV's "Millionaire Matchmaker" Patti Stanger through his famous daughter, Denise Richards, Stanger wanted to set him up.

"I didn't think much of it at the time," said Irv, 62, who owned Jitters Coffee

Pub in Oceanside from 1992-2003 and lost his wife of 37 years to cancer five years ago.

Last year he decided he was ready to date again. In tonight's "Matchmaker" episode, which airs at 10 p.m., Stanger, aided by Irv's actress daughter, tries to help him pick the right lady. "I was really, really happy with my choice," reports Richards, who has been staying with Denise in Los Angeles and in Murrieta.

Their date? Making dinner with a private chef at Denise's home.

Irv says they dated a couple more times and remain friends. Meanwhile, he just sold the house he owns in Encinitas and plans to buy a house in the Carlsbad area and move back here.

**Seau's trustee:** As if Bette Hoffman didn't have enough on her plate as executor of Junior Seau's estate and former head of his foundation, she learned last fall that she had breast cancer.

Now Hoffman is emerging from that battle grateful for some very special friends, especially Gina Seau, Junior's ex-wife. Gina attended every doctor's appointment and sat with her all day at chemo sessions, reports Hoffman, 73.

Gina explained, "Bette has worked tirelessly helping our family navigate through the difficulty of the year and, on top of it, battling breast cancer."

This month, just before Hoffman started chemotherapy, two of her Solana Beach friends, Amy Clemons and Maggie Rintala, invited her to a neighborhood get-together where both shaved their heads to cheer her on.

"Their support has been so amazing, I want to do whatever I can to help," said Hoffman, who already has signed up 55 walkers at \$55 each (Junior's jersey number) for this fall's Susan G. Komen cancer race for the cure.

**Super Bowl bet:** As the 49ers get set to battle the Baltimore Ravens, Sens. Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein have accepted the Super Bowl wager of Sens. Barbara Mikulski and Ben Cardin. If the Ravens lose, the Maryland legislators will ship out Faidley's Seafood crab cakes, Berger Cookies and Heavy Seas beer. If the Ravens win, the California senators agreed to send them a San Francisco feast of Dungeness crab, Napa Valley wine, sourdough bread and Northern California cheeses.

Then came Boxer's and Feinstein's zinger: "We feel that it is only fitting that crab is on the menu since you are likely to be feeling very crabby after a tough loss by your Ravens."

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