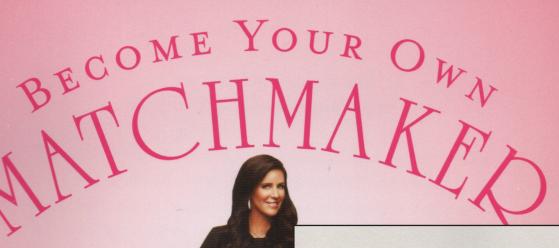
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makeup, however. Avoid the women who look like clowns, or the gay men wearing makeup. Never let a gay man tell you how to be a better woman—he'll never understand exactly what it's like to be an attractive female looking for a heterosexual male.

SKIN CARE: The real secret to great-looking makeup is great-looking skin. I'd suggest seeing your dermatologist to find a regimen that works for you. As far as procedures go, I like microdermabrasions, oxygen facials, Vi Peel, and Aluma skin treatments. I don't like to waste money, so I check out all the latest fads extensively before I indulge. I've been using La Prairie skin care products for twenty years, and I always break out when I try the hot, new fad, so I figure if it ain't broke, don't fix it. I mean, do I look like a forty-seven-year-old woman? I think not.

I've never used Botox, but I'm considering it. I'm certainly not against it, although I'd advise you to run away from any kind of an injection party. Think about it: There is usually alcohol at those events, and do you really want to be making decisions about your face when you're tipsy? Are you going to give credence to the opinions of your drunken friends? What about the person who's doing the injecting? Has he/she been drinking? People end up looking like Category Five hurricanes after those things, and they're horrified when they wake up the next morning. You should do all your skin care consulting in the light of day, in the privacy of an office, alone with a doctor and/or nurse who will be focused on you, not on socializing. If the doctor suggests a number of procedures

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