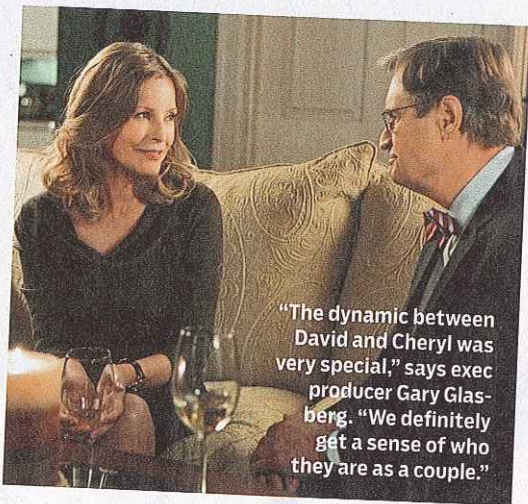


Date With an Angel

If you troll online dating sites, you probably don't encounter many blokes with bow ties. But you might have missed one: Dr. Donald "Ducky" Mallard, David McCallum's *NCIS* character—who, we learn tonight, has employed a Web-matching service to snag himself an angel. That would be Cheryl Ladd, guest starring as a social-work administrator who quickly forms an intellectual bond with the loquacious medical examiner.

Ladd's but the latest in a run of '70s TV stars—Lily Tomlin dropped by recently—guesting on the series. "We all have memories that go back to *Charlie's Angels*," says exec producer Gary Glasberg, "but I'm also a big fan of a fantastic *Happy Days* episode Cheryl did when I was a kid." The admiration runs both



"The dynamic between David and Cheryl was very special," says exec producer Gary Glasberg. "We definitely get a sense of who they are as a couple."

ways: "She's such a fan of the show, she'd actually come to the set one time, before this ever happened, literally just to visit."

Is Ladd related to the case of the week? "She hears about and definitely has an effect on it," says Glasberg, "and certainly has an effect on *him*."

Now if only this love interest would stick around long enough to chirp: "Good morning, Ducky..." —Chris Willman

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