

## Last Scene Here { JONATHAN SOROFF }

# PUTTING ON THE HEAT



### The Kids Are Alright

The weather outside was frightful, but the crowd was quite delightful; in fact, pretty much all the town's pretty people turned out at the **Liberty Hotel** for the **Winter Warm Up** party to benefit **Youth Design**.

A program that provides high school students with paid internships in the design field, the charity was founded by **Denise Korn**, who clearly has a lot of admiring friends and colleagues, as they braved Snowmageddon to be there. Among them: cohosts **Erica Corsano** and **Ricardo Rodriguez**, the rarely glimpsed **Rich Levitan** with his whirling dervish of a wife, **Anna**, red-hot redhead **Amy D'Ablemont Burns**, silver fox **Marty Jones**, design avatar **Matthew Bacon**, Karmaloop cuties **Jackie Munoz** and **Sara Garcia**, the tall, dark and handsome **Daren Bascome**, **Lev** "Freshy-Fresh" **Glazman**, style icon and It-Girl **Liana Peterson Krupp**, Back Bay yummy mummy **Maura Connolly**, latter-day conquistador **Javier Cortes**, real estate mack daddy **Rob Caro**, and so on and so forth, ad infinitum.

The evening began with a cocktail reception, and some welcoming remarks that made cocktails all the more welcome, and continued with a dance party that attracted a young, sexy, artsy crowd—think of the cast of an MTV reality show minus all the neuroses and drug problems. The room, meanwhile, was decorated with orange banners and big orange Y's, which some board members stuck to their chests.

"You look like you're wearing a Yale sweatshirt," said one guest, "except that it's Princeton's colors."

In other sartorial news, kabuki socialite **Marilyn Riseman** (who wasn't there) seems to be passing the fashion baton to her granddaughter, **Joanna Prager** (who was), while another guest asked, "Does this look better buttoned or unbuttoned?" to which a friend replied, Mae West-style, "I don't know. I'll tell you later."

However, the evening's funniest exchange took place when a guest said, "Now you have me all confused," to which another responded, "I have that effect on people. I confuse myself most of the time."

### Poor Camel...

Celebrity sex tapes are a dime a dozen. 501 C-3 sex tapes? Not so much. That was only one of the things that made the **Planned Parenthood**



fund-raiser at the **Mandarin Oriental, Boston** interesting.

Another was the guest list, which included national head honcha **Cecile Richards** (the bane of many Capitol Hill existences), honoree **Ilene Greenberg**, the hale and hearty **George Denny** and his activist wife, **Leigh Weatherly**, arctic blonde beauty **Jen Hawkins** and her other half, **Tom**, education czar **Tom Payzant** and his other half, **Ellen**, the formidable **Brit d'Arbeloff**, Room to Grow chief **Saskia Epstein** and her husband, **Paul**, political activist and supermarket heiress **Deb Goldberg**, eminent architect **Clement van Buren** and Cantabrigian do-gooder **Jill Bresky**, philanthropic party pair **Sherif** and **Mary Nada**, the honorable judge **Nonnie Burns**, Brookline eminences **Coco** and **Kyra Montagu**, bright young things **Alison** and **Zander Packard**, the tweely named **Tee Taggart** and **Jack Turner**, a whole lot of pro-choice Republicans (judging by the applause generated by Richards' shout-out to their support) and one woman who said, "I just got back from Palm Beach, and every single woman there had had so much plastic surgery they all looked like they were in shock."

As for the sex tapes, these, of course, refer to the video showing a Planned Parenthood employee behaving badly, which has become a YouTube sensation. (According to Richards, it was an anomaly, and the offender was fired.) Also, demonstrating how divisive the issue is, a security detail wearing glaringly obvious ear-pieces was stationed outside the ballroom.

Not that it wasn't a celebratory affair, full of witty repartee, like the person who looked at the smoked salmon on the plate and said, "Bad breath! See? Even the meal is a prophylactic!"

It was also highly edifying to learn that the very first I.U.D. was invented by some ancient wag who figured out that stuffing a camel's uterus with a date would prevent pregnancy.

Something I'm sure to bring up at my next dinner party.

### Ding, Ding, Ding!

We have a winner: Bootylicious fashion plate **Laura Baldini** won our last contest, correctly guessing that the dress worn at the opening of the new MFA wing was from the final collection of Alexander McQueen. Girl knows her haute couture. \*\*\*

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