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## PARTYREPORT (page 1 of 4)

It was yet another big night. First stop: the POV Charity party, hosted by Marcello Cabezas - where the next generation of Hollywood was presenting short films. From culture we moved on to the nightly search for Paris Hilton. We figured our best bet was her own film's party at Sopra. Co-star Paul Sorvino arrived early, but after we filled ourselves on appetizers (mmm, fried stuffed olives), we abandoned the Paris mission to move on to Marben and the party for Weirdsville. In the VIP we chatted with the film's star, Scott Speedman, as well as Peter Dinklage, Wes Bentley, Taryn Manning and Matt Frewer.

Our final stop was the ET Canada Lounge at Casa Loma, where the official after-party for Deficit was being held. Packed with A-listers, we contentedly sat on a couch as Gael Garcia Bernal (famous actor, new director) sipped next to us. Also in the crowd: Joaquin Phoenix, Jennifer Connelly, Dave Grohl, Diego Luna, Mark Ruffalo and Paulo Costanzo.

## CONTESTCANDID



Our next winner of the Celebrity Photo Contest is Lori Alboino, for snapping this picture of Matt Damon. Send in your photos of celebrities, and you could win a star-treatment manicure and pedicure from FLOW Nail Spa in Toronto. See our contest page for details!

## FAMOUSFASHION



Ooh, heaven is a place on earth. And it's called The Wardrobe Lounge.

Here's how it works: Celebrities come in. Celebrities select clothing, jewellery, shoes and bags. Celebrities wear it. Celebrities return it (well, not in person - the lounge has a 24 hour pick-up service). In our opinion, it's the best VIP perk the festival has to offer - and it has us wondering if we could



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convince stylist and lounge-master, Nicholas Mellamphy, that we're famous in Germany.

Even if we couldn't get decked out in a designer outfit, he was at least willing to let us peruse the racks. There's a strong focus on Canadian brands (including Wayne Clark, Colette Harmon, Obakki and Jason Meyers) plus international collections such as Escada, Nike, Police Sunglasses and J. Lindeberg. We lingered a bit longer in front of the stunning necklaces by Dean Davidson (also a favourite of Mena Suvari), the selection of footwear from Zola Shoes, and the Clara Kasavina handbags.

With such a broad and beautiful luxury fashion collection, it's no wonder The Wardrobe Lounge has attracted A-List attendees. Uma Thurman borrowed Myles Mindham Jewellery, while Andre Benjamin (a.k.a Andre 3000) selected a pair of Nike Vintage runners. Maria Bello borrowed JourNuit evening shoes for the premiere of The Jane Austen Book Club, and Rachel Leigh Cook picked out a black sequin mini shift from Nada to wear to the premiere of her film, All Hat. As for us... we helped ourselves to the free Bulldog coffee and Thuet baked goods. (We hope to graduate to shoes next year.)

## INSIDERINSIGHT

Paul Smith gives us picks tailored for our film flavour:

Tell me, sweetspotters - what's your "film flavour"? Documentary? Horror? Hollywood?

The Toronto International Film Festival® will have showcased over 340 films by the time the Festival ends, this Saturday evening. And although we've reached the half-way mark of the Festival - there are still four days to get your ass to a theatre and catch some amazing cinematic masterpieces. Boasting 14 different programmes, TIFF proves itself as an international smorgasboard of film.

You want "kung-fu-cut-em-up-slasher-flicks"? Check out the Midnight Madness Programme.

Paul's Pick:

FLASH POINT

Thurs. Sept. 15th - 11:59 pm (Ryerson Theatre)

Documentaries are your thing? We've got 'em...all part of the Real to Reel Programme.

Paul's Pick:

BODY OF WAR - Phil Donahue directed this one...that's right, Phil Donahue.

Sat. Sept. 15th @ 12 pm (Cumberland)

Or, perhaps you're looking for films that push the envelope and challenge our social and cultural assumptions? Then Vanguard is the programme for you.

Paul's Pick:

DEFICIT - This is Gael Garcia Bernal directorial debut.

Fri. Sept. 14 @ 12:15 pm (Scotiabank Theatre) Paul has worked for the Toronto International Film Festival Group for nearly 5 years. Obviously a huge film junkie, Paul also enjoys: brunching with 'the ladies', lusting after David Beckham and, of course, SHOES. (And for the record, he's NOT a shallow guy).



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## LOUNGEREPORT (page 3 of 4)

We need to learn how to pose. When LeeLee Sobieski and Tricia Helfer came into the IT Lounge with Robert Cuffley, Director of their festival flick *Walk All Over Me*, we were amazed at how instantaneously they could orient themselves for the perfect pic. It also seemed like the only moment the two weren't laughing. (Their side commentary had us chuckling as well.)

LeeLee started her visit with a Jamieson Calcium Chew, because it looked like chocolate. (According to her mother, who was also in the lounge, she has a chocolate problem currently substituting her usual ice cream problem). Tricia couldn't wait to try the Moor Allure Mud Mask before her premiere. Both picked out our two coveted items from Esprit: the knitted-sleeve cord jacket (\$149.50) and the purple plaid wool trench (\$269.50). And like every star before them, they couldn't get over the gorgeous designs of Trove and The Right Hand Gal. Final stop: Signing the polaroid wall for Big Brothers Big Sisters. LeeLee wins for most artistic; she's the only star who has added multicoloured floral art with her name. But we'll give the bonus charitable points to Tricia, who is also a big supporter of animal rescue programs (all of the items in her online Shop at [www.triciahelper.com](http://www.triciahelper.com) are donated to the worthy causes for fuzzy friends).



## FESTIVALFIND

What: Melatonin-3 Strips

Where we found it: The IT Lounge

Where you can find it: Retailers listed at [www.jamiesonvitamins.com](http://www.jamiesonvitamins.com)

Why it's sweet: Well we've made it to the home stretch of whirlwind wining, dining and celeb-spying. Not that we're complaining (trust us), but all these late night parties have left us just a little less perky than usual. Thanks to the Melatonin-3 Strips by Jamieson Laboratories, we've found a little piece of magic. These fast-acting sleeping aids not only help us catch those much missed Z's, but support our weakened immune systems. We love that they taste like delicious mint-chocolate and dissolve quickly on our tongues. They come in a handy travel pack so have quickly replaced our lipgloss as the don't-leave-home-without-it product in our purse.



## CELEBRITYSIPS

If you didn't get a chance to get out to any TIFF events this year, bring a little piece of the red carpet to your own party with this delicious cocktail:

SKYY Red Carpet Fizz

1.5 oz. SKYY Vodka

Orchard Apple Juice



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Dole Cranberry Raspberry Sparkler  
FIJI Water ice cubes

Fill a tall glass with FIJI Water ice cubes (to ensure you don't mar the delicate flavour combinations), add vodka and equal parts Orchard Apple Juice and Dole Cranberry Raspberry sparkler (for some bubbles!)

## SCREENINGSESSION (page 4 of 4)

Ever wondered what it was like at a gala screening? One of our readers shares her scoop:

What: "Rendition"

When: Friday, September 7

How: Like most of TIFF it's all about who you know when it comes to getting awesome access. Cake Beauty contributed its new Satin Sugar All Purpose Treatment Balm to the after-party gift bag and got the goods.

Roy Thompson Hall was buzzing with energy and excitement. Gentle reminders over the PA system calling for everyone to take their seats were completely ignored. With 1 minute to go, a fleet of pimped out black Caddies rolled up...

Then the POP POP POPPING of hundreds of cameras started, and Jake Gyllenhaal made his way into the building. I have to admit I was never really understood the hype around Jakey, but oh my, I got it! He was courteous, charming and cut a hot figure in his classic black suit. Reese then took to the red carpet. She is MINI (5 ft, best estimate) and looked classic in a black strapless number with an open back - classic but coquettish.

Before the movie (which was absolutely fantastic) the cast was introduced on stage. Reese and Jake were beside each other at a safe distance but if body language guru's were there, they'd smell a couple.