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Top Three Parties: Making a Racket, a Small Celebration, Social Studies

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1. Maria Sharapova. 2. Veronica Webb. 3. Lucy Liu and Cooper Ray. *From PatrickMcMullan.com.*

VF Daily's picks for the top three parties around the globe last night.

Making a Racket

What: Sony Ericsson V.I.P. party.

Where: Liv Nightclub at the Fontainebleau Miami Beach.

Who: Maria Sharapova, James Blake, Venus Williams, Serena Williams, Eliza Dushku, Santigold, Rafael Nadal, Fernando Verdasco, Rick Fox, Nicky Hilton, and Wyclef Jean.

Why: Tennis stars and others (is Santigold a secret racket fanatic?) turned out for the celebration that opened the 11-day [Sony Ericsson Open](#) in which the top 180 tennis players will face off.

Talking Point: The tournament's ability to [defy](#) the recession with champagne and high-end shopping.

A Small Celebration

What: *ASmallMagazine* dinner.

Where: Bobo, New York City.

Who: Andy Spade, Alice Temperley, Maria Cornejo, Antony Todd (who was also at Tuesday night's BMW Art Car World Tour), Cynthia Rowley and Bill Powers, Waris, Byrdie Bell, Meredith Melling Burke, Sabine Heller, Eugenia Gonzalez, Julia Restoin-Roitfeld, Derek Blasberg, Ange Donhauser, Adi Gil, Ann Dexter-Jones, Veronica Webb, Keira Chaplin, Kimberly Guilfoyle Villency, Eric Villency, and Poppy Delevingne.

Why: Hosted by Volkswagen and *ASmallWorld* (the socialite-networking site), the dinner honored design-world wonders Andy Spade, Alice Temperley, Maria Cornejo, and Antony Todd.

Talking Point: The fashion. In a crowd like this, you can't help but covet thy neighbor's Dior. Bonus points to **Amy Greenspon** for her sunshiny, tulip-shaped sheath, and to Veronica Webb, who made hot-pink velvet ruffles look divine.

Social Studies

What: The opening of Cooper Ray's Social Primer.

Where: Lily Lodge, West Hollywood.

Who: Cooper Ray, Perry Reeves, Crystal Lourd, Jamie Tisch, Lulu de Kwiatkowski, Lucy Liu, Sally Perrin, Cameron Silver, Lady Victoria Hervey, and Magda Berliner.

Why: Because Ray, the editor of SocialPrimer.com, which teaches gentlemen how to "instill civility into an uncivilized world," took his brand one step further with the pop-up shop that features his favorite picks from the site.

Talking Point: The merits of old-school style, as guests admired the vintage stationery, soaps, and bow ties.

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