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The Meaning of Life

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MAN AT HIS BEST

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STERN**

**Rips Us
a New One**

**Neil Young
Jerry Lewis
B.B. King
Alyssa Milano
John Kerry
Ron Howard
Bob Saget
Salman Rushdie
& the Mayor
of New Orleans**

WITH A VERY,
VERY SPECIAL
APPEARANCE BY
TONY CURTIS

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◀ HomeOffice

Designer: Campion Platt for DKNY Vibe: Boss's son **Three clues that not much work gets done here:** Chrome-and-leather daybed (\$12,000), telescope trained on nearby apartment, bottle of Hennessy X.O. **Cleanest tagging:** Platt covered a structural pillar with a chalkboard surface to elicit graffiti wisdom. (Typical postparty wit: "Jake woz here.") **Trick you can use:** To make the room look taller, Platt plastered a six-inch border of the ceiling in the same chocolate color he used on the walls.

Bar ▶

Designer: Rockwell Group for Maker's Mark Vibe: House of Mirrors meets House of Wax

Most inventive use of wax: Twenty pounds of it—the same red variety used on Maker's Mark bottles—was melted in sauté pans and poured over the bar top, drips and all. **Second most inventive use of wax:** About 320 bricks of it were stacked to form one of the walls. **Best mix of the glamorous and the common since Portia de Rossi started dating Ellen DeGeneres:** The seven-foot-long chandelier combines Swarovski crystals with nine-teen-cent acrylic rods.



MORE EVENTS, more celebrities, more fundraising: Minnie Driver and Heath Ledger, left, dropped by to show their support for Oxfam America, an international development and relief agency that aims to curb poverty by fostering self-sufficiency. Also lending his fame for a good cause, Ethan Hawke, right, performed a scene from the play *Talk Radio* to benefit New York City's Public Theater.

