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Cosmic Cocktail Party

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I joined the revelers this evening at *City Paper's* annual Cosmic Cocktail bash, held at AVAM. There was a line out the door to get into this event, always a popular one. I was greeted by CP publisher **Don Farley** and his lovely wife **Maggie** upon entering. My pal **Jen Marsh**, CP's advertising director came over immediately and introduced me to staffer **Donald Ely**, who's produced some cool illustrations for *Style* in the past year. I caught up with *Sun* restaurant reviewer **Richard Gorelick** to get the skinny on what's going on there now that veteran critic **Elizabeth Large** has retired. Of all the restaurants that were represented at the [party](#), I can easily say the tastiest thing I had all night was the thin-crust pizza from **Bagby Pizza Co.** in Harbor East. I had to return for seconds on that one. The mini burgers from **Kooper's Chow Hound** were a close second. My friend **Lars Rusins** of Baltimore Foodies had a table there, manned by Foodies **Neil & Deni Tabor**. Ran into lots of other friends and acquaintances in the [course](#) of the evening: **John Marsh & Michelle Geczy**, photographer **John Davis**, **Dru Bynum & Jamie Campbell**, **J.M. Giordano**, Everyman Theatre's **David Alima**, **Bruce Alderman**, and lots more. When the party was winding down, a few of us trekked up a few blocks to The Idle Hour for late-night cocktails and mingling.

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