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RUMORS and Innuendoes

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As I live and breathe I never thought I'd be writing about this! Actually, it's no surprise with all the Social Climbing Suzies we've got here. One of my exceptional spies called me with the scoop. A chef dressed in a professional white jacket and pants hurried through the kitchen of the Grand Paradise Valley Hotel last Saturday night, and, in moments, sans the whites, he emerged as a tuxedoed gentleman mixing with the \$500 a plate crowd. Would James D please tell me how he thought he was going to get away with this? Excuse me, the comments to your waiter about another place setting were a dead giveaway. Put the whites back on and start chopping onions, Buster. No freeloaders allowed.

The fundraiser for the National Psoriasis Association chaired by the beautiful Buffy Brinker (the former Mrs. Thomas) and her inamorata, Richard Chadsworth, had an auction item I was dying to win! An entire week at the Sheer Indulgence Spa!

Darlings, I need it. Gathering all this important gossip for you every week gives me stress. Lord knows the wrinkles I've created just

worrying about what you'll do next! At least it went to a deserving soul, Arianna Cohen, heir to the Chicken Wings Express fortune. Enjoy the massages and facials, Boobie, and think about me.

Speaking about people who need to be banned everything except McDonald's, what's Jean Rubin doing rushing around town hiring florists and photographers? Who would let that harridan plan an event? Only her daughter! I swear, someone's got to start raising the standards in our community or there will be riffraff everywhere. Until then, sweethearts, stay out of the sun.