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membership has its privileges

For celebrity unwinding, velvet ropes are out, private clubs are in

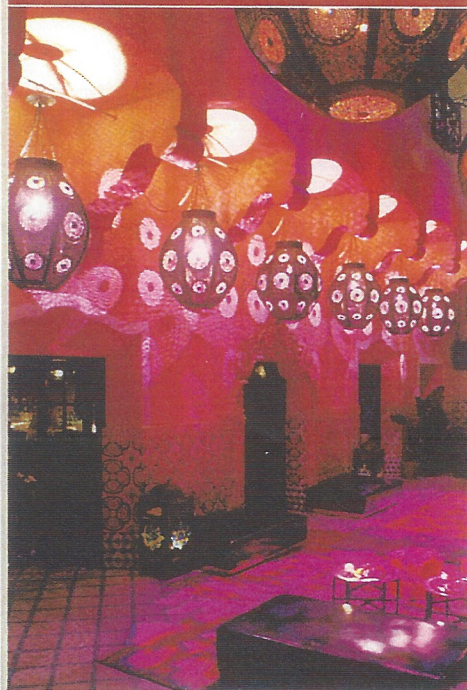
The phrase "members only" sounds either stuffy (your grandparents' country club) or ominous (Yale's Skull and Bones secret society). But today's members-only clubs offer a kinder, gentler exclusivity, one that's fun, relaxed and hip. Sure, there are fees to pay, and sometimes committees to win over, and often confidentiality agreements to sign. But for stars who want to kick back in relative privacy it's worth the effort to join (or to glom onto a friend who's a member). Below, six clubs where even the most recognizable stars don't mind getting carded. —reported by Alysia Rafal

spider club, n.y.c.

place Lounge and dance floor nestled on third story of N.Y.C.'s Avalon Club **spotted** Britney Spears, Whoopi Goldberg **vibe** Hovering-celebrity hot spot—guests can monitor the action on the two floors below **look** Moroccan chic in a goth setting (the building was formerly an Episcopal church) **bonus** Guests can use a private entrance. **trivia** Bruce Willis is a co-owner. 47 West 20th St.; 212-807-7780 or nyavalon.com



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spider club, hollywood

place Intimate lounge divided into two unique spaces, one known for its dance floor, the other for its indoor smoking patio (there's a retractable roof) **neighbor** Like its sister club in N.Y.C., this Spider Club is adjacent to the popular Avalon Club. **spotted** Jennifer Aniston, Brad Pitt, Ashton Kutcher, Tyra Banks **vibe** Star mecca **look** Exotic, eclectic Spanish-Moroccan glam **bonus** A concierge service tracks members' fave drinks, foods and preferred tables **trivia** Donovan Leitch is the creative director. 1737 N. Vine St.; 323-462-8270 or avalonhollywood.com

