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We hear . . .

THAT East Village hotspot The Flat will hold a weekly Tuesday-night party, Rock Lounge, featuring celebrity bartenders and DJs, starting with "Sopranos" star **Drea de Matteo** . . . THAT **Gwen Stefani** threw husband **Gavin Rossdale** a surprise birthday extravaganza at Hollywood's Spider Club with such guests as **Benicio Del Toro**, **Brad Pitt** and **Jennifer Aniston** . . . THAT **Ja Rule** furnished his sprawling New Jersey home with a shopping spree at the Maurice Vileny showroom on East 57th Street.

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THAT icons of the '80s — **Stephen Saban**, **Annie Flanders**, **Lisa Edelstein**, **James St. James** and **Rudolf** — are flying into town to co-host tonight's party at Avalon for **Patrick**

McMullan's "so80s' opening at Spike Gallery. Deejaying will be **Boy George**, **Johnny Dynell**, and **Anita Sarko** . . . THAT **Silvano Marchetto** is wondering who stole the bottles of extra virgin olive oil which he included with the invites to last night's bash at his restaurant to

launch his culinary products line . . . THAT while **President Bush** and **Queen Elizabeth** are dining tonight as guests of Ambassador **William Farish** in London, his daughter-in-law **Kelley Farish** will be at Sotheby's on York Avenue hawking children's clothes at the Bella Bliss booth at the Lenox Hill Neighborhood House Bazaar preview party.

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Diaz, Justin Timberlake, Janet Jackson and Rob Zombie at the L.A. opening of superclub Avalon, which already has branches in New York and Bos-



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Alyssa Milano turned up the heat at MTV Presents: Next Generation Xbox Revealed at the Avalon in Los Angeles. **Ashlee Simpson** was also in the house.

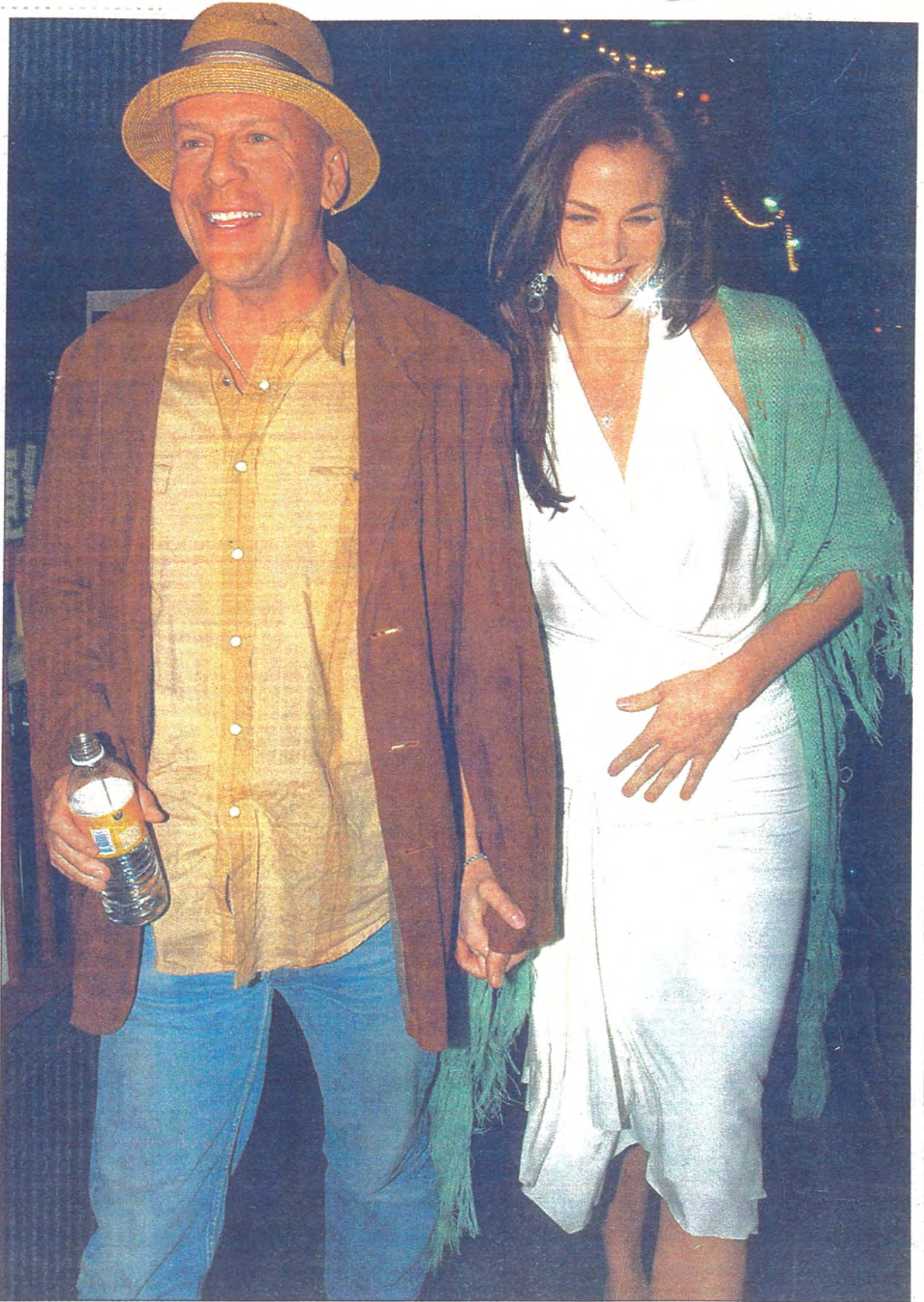


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Birthday boy Bruce throws an all-star party

Bruce Willis celebrates his 49th birthday at L.A.'s Spider Club with girlfriend (and brand-new brunette) Brooke Burns, 27, of the reality show "Dog Eat Dog." The A-list revelers included Jack Nicholson, Kevin Costner and, of course, Bruce's ex, Demi Moore, with her love, Ashton Kutcher.

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Disco dive

DISCO balls fell from the ceiling and bonked two men on their heads at Spider Club early Sunday morning. The glittering globes struck **Jeffrey Donovan**, star of "Touching Evil" on USA, and party promoter **Keith Collins**. "They just literally fell out of the blue," said Collins, who later underwent a CAT scan at a nearby hospital. "It was the size of a 27-inch TV set. They gave me an ice pack. I'm still a little shaken up about it. I'm just lucky it didn't snap my neck." A Spider Club spokeswoman said girls dancing on banquettes must have bumped the balls off the ceiling. "They took all the balls down and they're either going to make sure they're more secure or redesign the room," she said. "The ceilings aren't that high, and from what I gather no one was hurt."

Slender starlets **Amber Valletta** and **Selma Blair** preen at the L.A. premiere of "Hellboy."

Bruce Murphy/
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DONALD Trump is putting the full-court press on **Alex Rodriguez's** real estate agent in the hope of luring the Yankee slugger into buying an apartment in one of his buildings. Sources tell The Post's **Braden Keil** that The Donald recently flew A-Rod's rep,

Adam Modlin, down to Florida on his private Boeing 707 jet, then put him up at Trump's swanky Mar-a-Lago estate in Palm Beach, after the two visited with Rodriguez in Tampa during spring training. Brokers say Rodriguez is looking to spend about \$20 million for a pad. Modlin had no comment.

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Joe Francis gone wild

"GIRLS Gone Wild" creator **Joe Francis** has turned into persona non grata in Los Angeles. "Everyone is kind of sick of him," said our insider. "He is really tacky and people turned on him after he went on **Howard Stern's** radio show and blabbed about his fling with **Paris Hilton**. They are pretty scared he will turn on them and tell their secrets too." Francis found out just how unwelcome he was on Friday night when he tried to get into the exclusive Spider club, but was turned away. "Joe doesn't have a membership card. He saw Paris and **Nicky** outside and tried to yell to them but they blanked him." Francis proceeded to get on top of his Mercedes in the club's parking lot and "scream for anyone to let him in." He was ignored and eventually left. A rep for Francis said: "Joe was invited by **Donovan Leitch** and the girl at the door wouldn't find [Leitch]. Meanwhile, Paris flew to Vegas with Joe after the [Stern] interview and is not upset about it."