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## Eight-Day Week



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**"THE DIAMONDS I WORE TO THE MET BALL** are actually a necklace from my collection that we fashioned into a jeweled headpiece to coincide with the superhero theme of the evening," wrote Ivanka Trump in an e-mail. "My inspiration behind the look was the princess from *The Never Ending Story*." Ms. Trump will be donating diamond and black spinel drop earrings, valued at \$10,000, to **Society, Safari and the Circus** (an inevitable collaboration!), which raises money for Memorial Sloan-Kettering's pediatric program. "We are thrilled to be a part of this great event and charitable cause," said Ms. Trump. But moving on from clowns to floral headdresses, **Village Care of New York** stages a runway show of floral headgear, "**Tulips & Pansies: The Headdress Affair**," featuring headdresses designed by **Betsey Johnson, Catherine Malandrino, Yigal Azrouel, Shoshanna and Lela Rose** (fresh off designing Jenna Bush's bridesmaid dresses, but we all have to make a living). Hosts include **Richie Rich** and **Traver Rains** of campy fashion label Heatherette and ubiquitous model, columnist and kook, **Lydia Hearst**. "Richie and I have been attending for several years," said Mr. Rains, calling from L.A., where he and Mr. Rich "just did an event at the Playboy Mansion. We dressed the Playmate of the Year. Her name's Jade." We asked Mr. Rains if the rumors of an impending business breakup between him and the vaguely cross-dressing Mr. Rich were true. He paused. "Not really," he said. "We're plugging along." Meanwhile, international children's charity **Operation Smile** hosts a dinner and auction chaired by the aforementioned Ivanka's brother, **Donald Trump Jr.**, and his wife, **Vanessa**, featuring special guest **Meadow Soprano**, a.k.a. **Jamie-Lynn Sigler**, not to mention "Smile Committee" chairs and vice chairs including rising (or is it clawing?) socialites **Byrdie Bell, Gillian Hearst Simonds, Olivia Palermo, and Dabney Mercer**. (Don't worry, they're all being relocated to the Hamptons for the summer any day now.) Finally, members of a singularly annoying New York tribe that we'll loathe for the next 10 years before invariably joining—yep, the **Brooklyn writer-moms!**—stage a terrifying gathering at the Montauk Club in Park Slope (wait, we're retching up our frozen burrito) called **I Am Edgy Mom, Hear Me Roar: Tales of Motherhood Without Sanctimony**. Readers include **Lenore Skenazy**, the *New York Sun* writer who put her 9-year old on the train alone (edgy!), and **Amy Sohn**, who used to write depressing columns about anonymous sex but then she had a kid, so, well, you know ...

[*Society, Safari and the Circus, Gustavo's, 409 East 59th Street, 7 p.m., 212-639-7972; Tulips & Pansies: The Headdress Affair, 135 West 18th Street, 7 p.m., 212-337-5743; Operation Smile benefit, Skylight Studios, 275 Hudson Street, 6:30 p.m.; I Am Edgy Mom, Hear Me Roar, Montauk Club, 25 Eighth Avenue, Park Slope, 7 p.m.*]