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Gov's Michelle a party star

"I'm the only person making money off of **Bernie Madoff**," laughed **Patrick McMullan** when someone remarked on his widely published party pictures of the smirking swindler. The lensman was at Chelsea's Sebastian+Barquet Gallery, where swells were swilling Inocente tequila margaritas and admiring the sleek Millennium Modern furniture designed by **Geoffrey Bradfield**. Also unveiled was a broken-plate portrait of the interior decorator by **Julian Schnabel**. Captivating the chic crowd was **Michelle Paterson**, who's becoming increasingly comfortable and effective as New York's first lady. She chatted up **Ralph Rucci**, **Edwina Sandys** and **Richard Kaplan**, **Kimberly** and **Eric Villency**, **Sharon Handler**, **John Cahill** and **Monique van Vooren**. Later at Buddakan, **Anne Slater** confided to Qatari UN Ambassador **Nassir al-Nasser** and wife **Muna** that she's buying a cottage in horsy Wellington, Fla., near the homes of **Mayor Bloomberg**, **Bruce Springsteen** and **Madonna**.

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