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Chief among these would seem to be distraction, including not only the aforementioned glitzy social affairs but a copious array of stridently enriching extracurricular activities. In addition to the ever-popular Diller-Quaile and Ballet Academy East, the Barclay and Knickerbocker social dancing cotillions and the Cavaliers sports program, children are lining up for such newcomers as Broadway Babies, in which a cast of professional musical-theater performers—some of whom are Broadway regulars—belt out classic show tunes for toddlers, and Art Farm, a “mommy-and-me” class featuring an exotic petting zoo (leopard geckos, Siamese fighting fish, a chinchilla) in a building on East 91st Street. Factor in private tutors and play dates—to say nothing of school—and it’s a wonder anyone can find the time for hide-and-seek, much less see-and-be-seen.

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