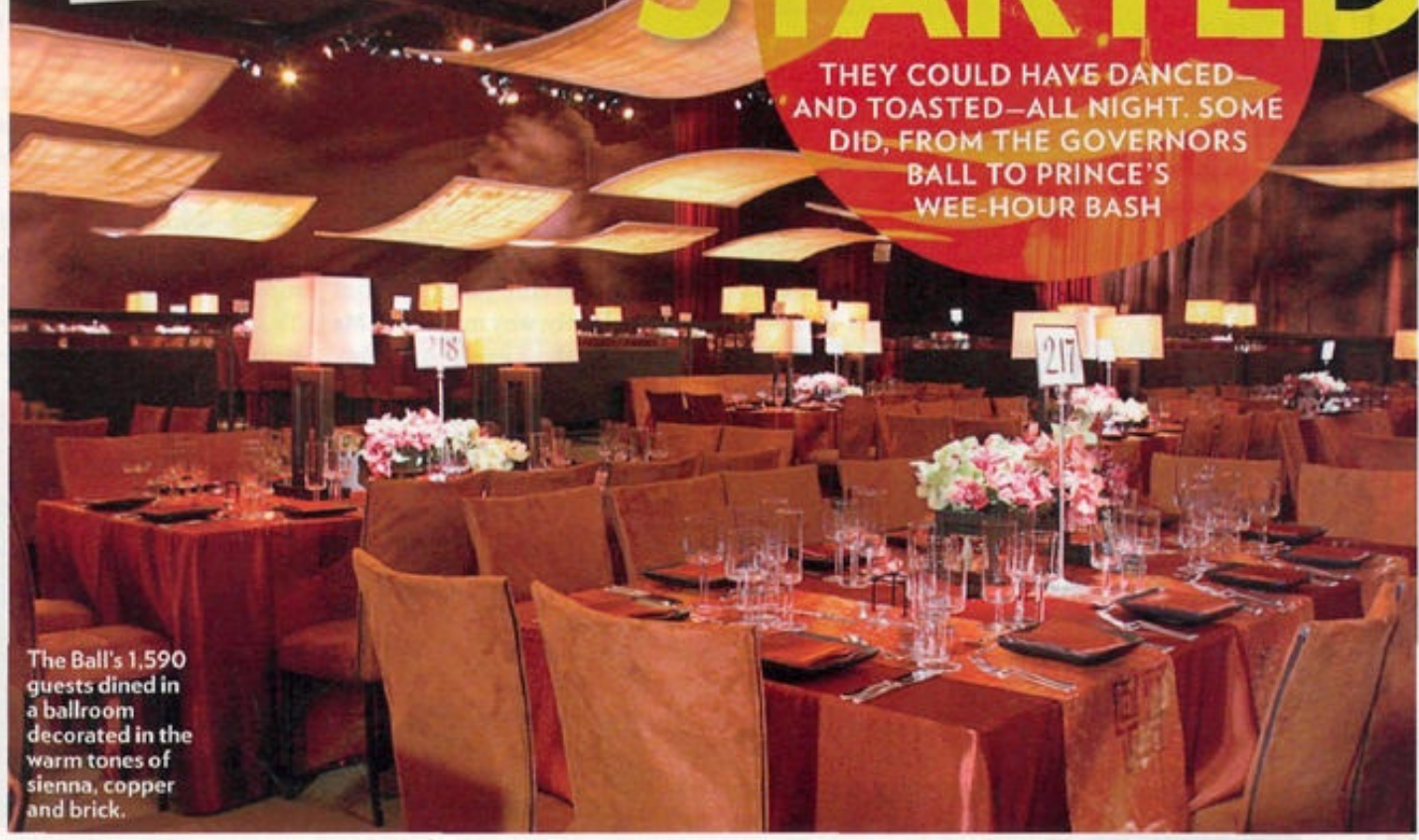




Unlike her first Oscar experience in 1985 as a nominee for *The Color Purple*, this time "I am very comfortable in my own skin," said Oprah Winfrey, who hit the Governors Ball with pals and caught up with Julia Roberts (in a Dolce & Gabbana dress and her own Cathy Waterman earrings). "And that is the best."

LET'S GET IT STARTED

THEY COULD HAVE DANCED—AND TOASTED—ALL NIGHT. SOME DID, FROM THE GOVERNORS BALL TO PRINCE'S WEE-HOUR BASH



The Ball's 1,590 guests dined in a ballroom decorated in the warm tones of sienna, copper and brick.