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■ **Spike Lee** got deep into the Afrobeat groove at last week's opening of "Fela!," the funky Broadway musical about Nigerian superstar Fela Kuti. We asked Spike why we don't see more African-Americans at African concerts. "We're kind of slow," Lee deadpanned. "White college kids got into reggae way before African-American kids. When I heard Bob Marley's 'I Shot the Sheriff,' I said, 'That's not the real one! **Eric Clapton** did the real one!' African-Americans have been taught to hate Africa. We were told those people have bones through their noses." And what does he think of **Bill Cosby's** stand against gangsta hip-hop? "Other people have issues with Bill. I don't. It'd be easy for Bill to sit back and count his billions. He's trying."

■ No wonder late punk god Joey Ramone brought such electricity to "Gimme Gimme Shock Treatment." Back when he was known as Jeff Hyman, Joey spent a couple of weeks in St. Vincent's psych ward. "He would joke that [the female patients there] were all 'cracked in the head, but had a lot of good pills holding 'em together,'" his brother, **Mickey Leigh**, recalls in his new book, "I Slept With Joey Ramone." Leigh and co-author **Legs McNeil** launch their book at Barnes & Noble Tribeca on Tuesday night.

■ What New York real estate fortune may soon be in play? The wife of the out-and-about property titan is building her case.

■ **Jon Bon Jovi** is getting an early seat on Attorney General **Andrew Cuomo's** campaign train. The rocker, who's worked with the Cuomo-founded HELP organization, will headline his Dec. 17 birthday fund-raiser at the Sheraton ... **Alex Rodriguez** is keeping his bod toned for girlfriend **Kate Hudson**. Working out at Equinox in Miami Beach, **A-Rod** hit the elliptical machine and recumbent bike and spent 50 minutes pumping iron ... **Jay-Z**, hanging with Track Entertainment CEO **Andrew Fox** and other pals at M2, passed on the Perrier-Jouet, preferring his own Ace of Spades Champagne. He picked up the \$1,400 tab and left a \$1,000 tip ... Designer **Rachel Roy** may have found another hip-hop mogul to replace ex **Damon Dash**. **Andre Harrell** squired her to the

Details/DKNY Men "Brothers" screening. ... **David Copperfield** is renting his private island, Musha Cay, for the holidays. Blue Star Jets president **Todd Rome** will get you to the beach where **Oprah** and **Travolta** have played. ... **Gloriana** got so excited when she beat out **Lady Gaga** as Breakthrough Artist at L.A.'s American Music Awards that she walked off with the prop trophy. Staffers finally found her partying with it at the Standard. They've sent her a real one. ... Real estate queen **Barbara Corcoran**, flying back from Las Vegas, got so annoyed with a deaf passenger tearing up paper next to her that she sent him a polite note asking him to stop. He sent a note back: "No."

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