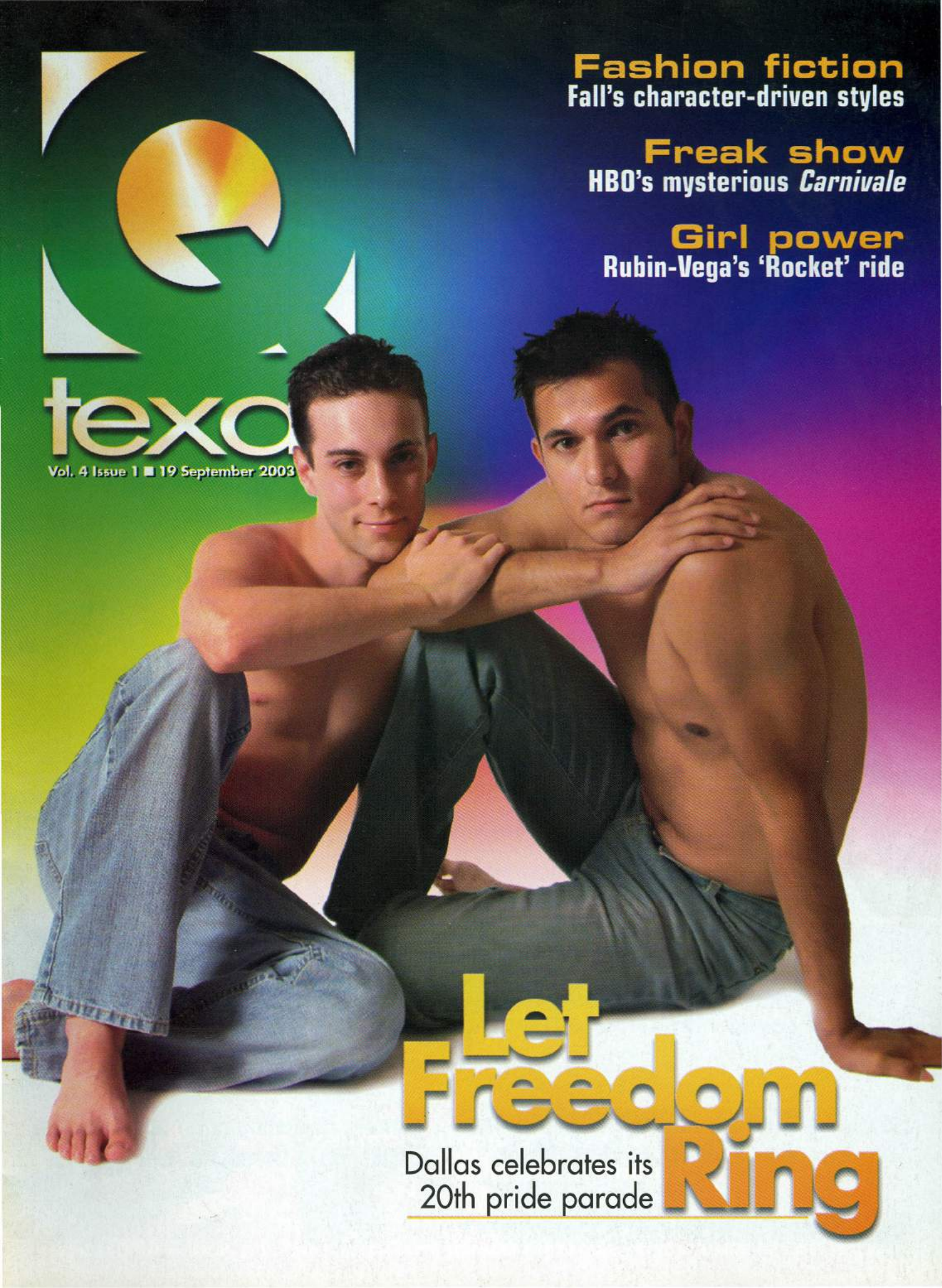

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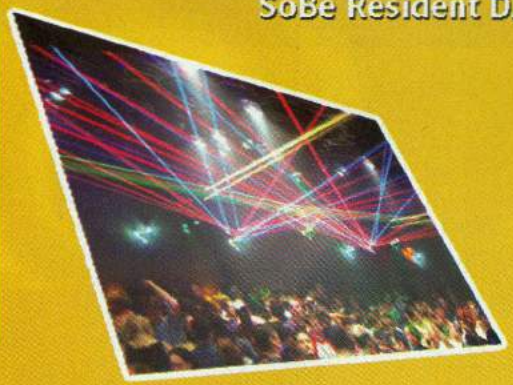
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Troubled entertainers Michael Jackson and Whitney Houston can breathe a sigh of relief — their secrets will remain undercover, for the moment at least.

We reported recently that Liza Minnelli's estranged husband, David Gest, was to write a revealing autobiography, but now Gest's people say that's untrue. Gest has had exclusive access to many chart-topping music stars, including Houston and Jackson, through his work as a concert promoter. "There's no truth to it," says a spokesperson for the businessman. "David personally spoke to Michael Jackson and told him it's not true. He also sent word to Whitney."

Leonardo DiCaprio knows where to go when he wants a night off from his devoted lady fans — he hits a gay bar. The movie hunk and some pals were spotted in the VIP area of Montreal's Le Parking club last month, quietly drinking and smoking. DiCaprio is filming the Martin Scorsese biopic about Howard Hughes, *The Aviator*, in the Canadian city.

Buffy The Vampire Slayer star James Marsters has defended the on-screen lesbian kiss that nearly forced the show's creator to quit. Joss Whedon almost left the show he created when producers wanted to cut a kiss between two of the female characters. But Marsters (who plays Spike) believes the controversial kiss was essential.

"It wasn't about being gay; it was just about being in love. It was beautiful," he says. Marsters insists he is proud of the show for its decision to eventually include the scene. "It's hard, it's really hard to be gay in America. Ten percent of the viewership is gay, so they want to see that reflected

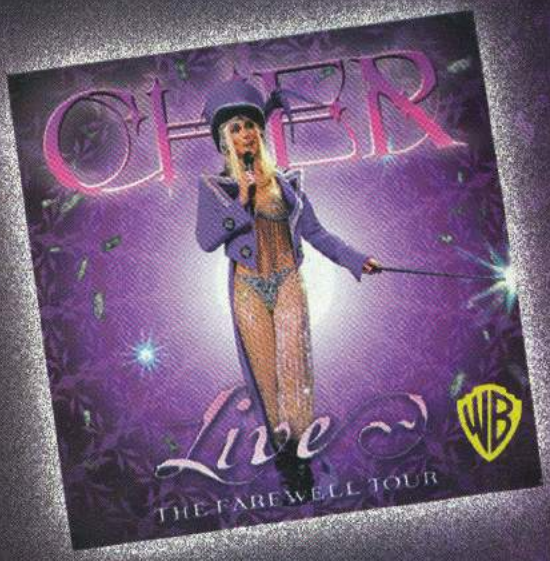

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on the screen, which is beautiful."

Actress Nicole Kidman was seen enjoying herself at a New York drag show, and spent the evening in the company of a man who was not current beau Lenny Kravitz.

The Hours star walked in unannounced and unnoticed to Club Show wearing a dark blazer and jeans, and took a seat just before the curtain. A source tells a British tabloid, "Obviously no one knew in advance she was coming or she would've been seated much more comfortably."

The Australian star soon drew attention towards herself by hollering and chatting excitedly. "She even had to flag down the cocktail waitress herself, waving her arms and calling 'woo-hoo,'" says the source. "She was overheard saying, 'What is this place? I'd like to do a show here.'" Happy Nicole was also spotted laughing uproariously at the wry references to fame and style in the camp show.



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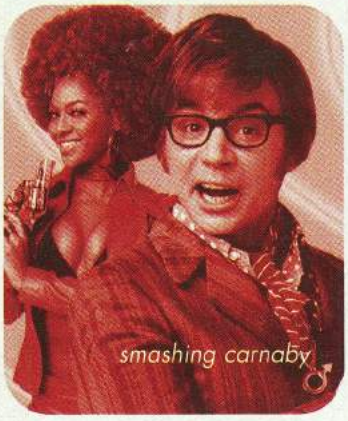
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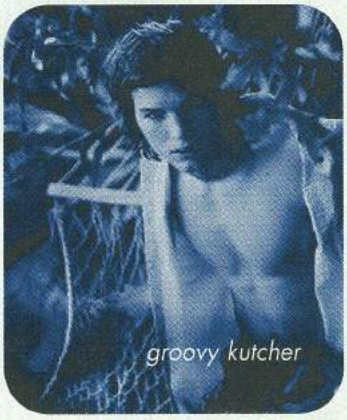
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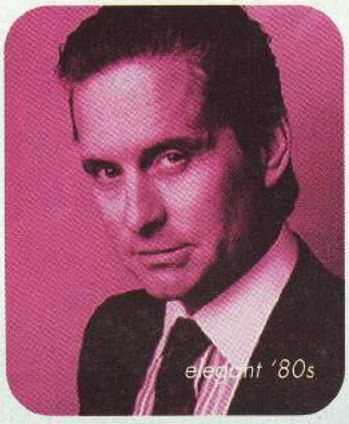
t-shirts (oh, how I wish I would have saved all mine). Snap button Western shirts and shirts with ripped-off sleeves are finding a place as well — and I know all you gym rats will love that last one! Even if you're not a workout junkie, you should definitely check out clothing this fall accented with extra detailing such as hoods and multiple pockets — it's the athletic look transformed to sexy sportswear.

the trend, but it was Jude Law's dreamy appearance in *The Talented Mr. Ripley* that gave it real style.) All you Prada boys had better go on a diet *now*. That look also encompasses stripes on suits, ranging from edgy chalks to muted pinstripes to colorful, unexpected combinations. If you really want make a statement, go for suede riding boots worn over your fave cargos, cords or velvet slim pants.







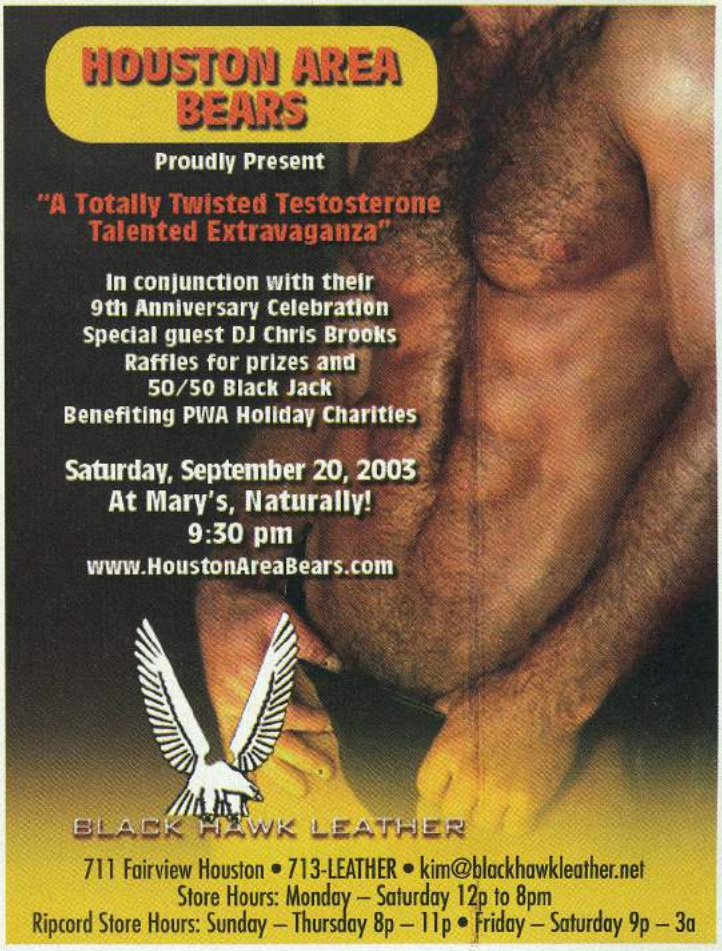


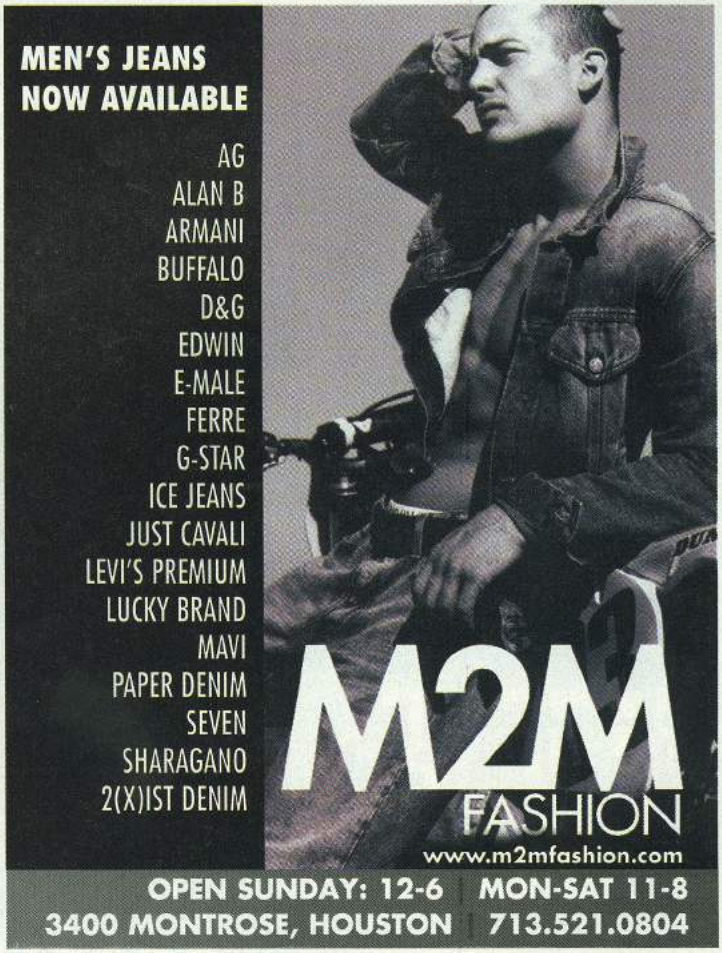
Another interesting trend I've spotted in the accessories field is the "trucker cap." It's larger and stiffer than a baseball cap and usually has some farm implement, feed store or beer logo on the crown. Big-ass belt buckles and chain wallets sported on the young and hip crowd complete the redneck couture.

On the other side of the coin, I've seen a snappier, dapper look that evokes images of London's Carnaby Street in the '60s with brightly patterned shirts, skinny ties and slim pants. (Austin Powers may have started

Nelly, this one's for you.

Club dressing for the autumn is all about paying tribute to glam rock and its icons: Iggy Pop, Ziggy Stardust, even KISS, but its target is definitely the younger crowd (if I see anyone over 30 with blue lipstick in gold lamé, I will put you into a mandatory fashion victim treatment program). Those that can pull off the rock star persona should shop for body-conscious pieces dusted in layers of glitter and sparkle. Dark sheens, metallic threads and silver glitter over slim pants and luxe leather jack-













ets will also garner raves. Remember: This look only works at a dance club, not shopping at Tom Thumb.

For those of you who have to dress up respectably for the workplace, here's a news flash: The monochrome schematic is loosing its steam. Skip the tone-on-tone look when putting together a suit and tie. Opt instead on a blue stripe shirt to pull out the blue in a suit, or mix a patterned tie with a stripe shirt and textured suit. (Remember Michael Douglas' *tres elegant* Gordon Gekko in *Wall Street*?)

A few tricks of the eye to keep in mind: Big, bold patterns tend to make you look larger; horizontal patterns make you look wider and vertical patterns make you look taller and skinnier.

Although I love all my black and gray clothes, a splash of color is definitely in order to brighten up all those cool wintry days. Reds and oranges are the key accent colors this season and provide a nice contrast to a muted palette. I'm not talking pumpkin orange (although you could pair it with black for Halloween), but rather rusts, ambers and other earthy tones that mix well with dark browns, grays and black. Like interior design, men's fashion has moved light years away from the matchy-matchy looks of yesteryear, embracing many characteristics as well as one's own personal sense of style.

As men's fashion continues to evolve, getting trendier and leaving many tired stalwarts behind, the shift in designer attitude is away from a few single must-have items into a broad range that offers something for everyone.

The good news is that while the styles are rugged and masculine, you don't have to have the perfect body to look good in them. And thanks to such style-conscious shows as the runaway hit *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*, hetero guys are almost spending as much time shopping as their queer compadres. And that's just great.

Here's looking at you, kid.

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20 years of Dallas pride

Dallas' milestone pride parade has a lot to celebrate

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This weekend, Big D's pride will shine brighter than a new penny, and rightly so.

When Dallas' pride parade moved from June to September two decades ago, one of the reasons was to recognize an earlier federal court ruling holding in favor of gay rights. How fitting, then, that on the milestone 20th anniversary of the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade, we are celebrating an important development in gay rights with the United States Supreme Court's recent decision striking down the state's discriminatory gay anti-sodomy law.

You can hold your head high at several events over the weekend. On Saturday, September 20, *Qtexas* magazine and *Dallas Voice* sponsor the sixth Gay Day at Six Flags Over Texas. The park is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.. It's also Texas Heritage Month at the park, with many terrific exhibits and booths on display. The Gate admission is $39.99, but you can buy advance tickets for $25 at Crossroads Market, Outlines Clothing Store, The Cathedral of Hope bookstore, Tapelenders Video and Resource Center of Dallas.

Afterward, you can attend a reception for all former parade grand marshals from 6-8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Select Love Field, or head over to the Wyndham Anatole for a special "Free to be Me" concert put on by the Turtle Creek Chorale, at 7:30 p.m. and again at 9 p.m.

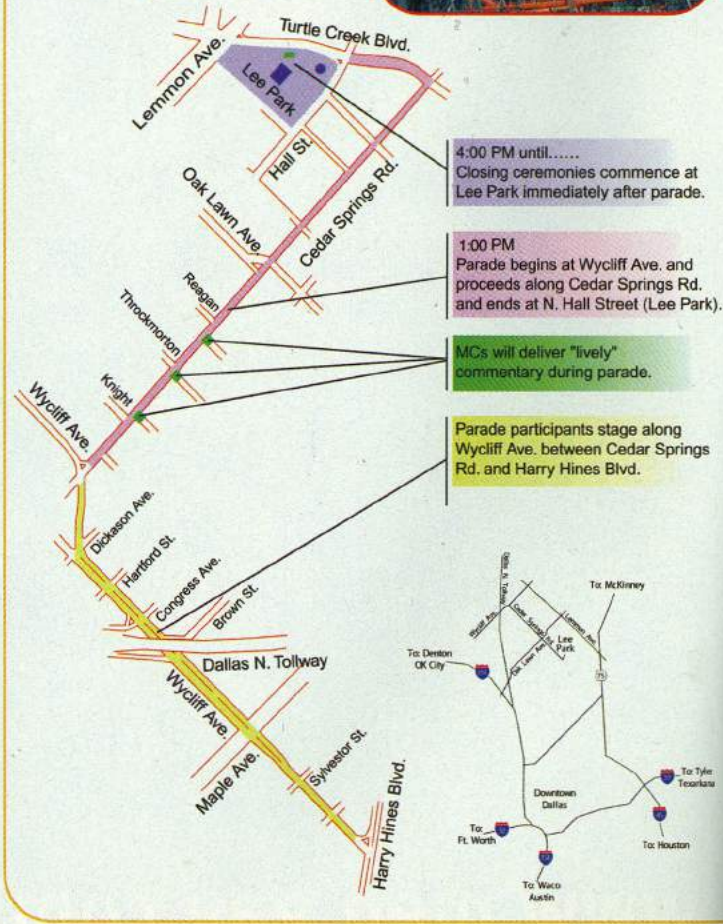
Sunday, September 21, is the parade, starting at 1p.m. on Cedar Springs Road. Following the floats, there will be speeches, performances (such as Martha Wash's "It's Raining Men") and honors for the past honorary, special and traditional grand marshals. There's never been a better year to be out and proud. And that's what freedom is all about.

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parade route



quish your tickets and walk behind the curtain, it's not all that interesting.

And yet, I'm morbidly curious about it all. Perhaps it's the excruciatingly languid pacing that lulls me into complacency until one shocking twist in the final shot of each episode promises something greater the next time. Or maybe it's just the pure joy of seeing Adrienne Barbeau back at work — hard to say.


barbeau

Carnivale is certainly not a show that's prepared to herald the next great gay character, at least not yet. In the first three hours, Fleck has a combined-episode screen time of no more than about 90 seconds. Hopefully that will change, because dammit, TV doesn't devote enough time to gay men with bad skin.

The show also isn't likely to replace *Sex and the City* or *Six Feet Under* as cream of the HBO crop, either as it relates to gay characters or simply for pure entertainment value. It is, however, far better and a lot more daring than most anything out there on network TV.


flack

So what does all this cautious praise really mean? Let's say it made me set it for a season pass on TiVo, just to see how it all ends. Whether I'm severely disappointed or pleasantly surprised in the outcome, it's sure to be an interesting journey for *Carnivale*'s spirited band of characters. And as the State Fair of Texas rapidly approaches, my newfound pro-carnie activism might just change the world of that guy that runs the Tilt-A-Whirl.

Carnivale
Grade: B-
An encore presentation of the premiere airs on HBO Friday, September 19 at 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, September 20 at 11:30 p.m. New episodes premiere every Sunday at 8:30 p.m. with repeat presentations throughout the week.

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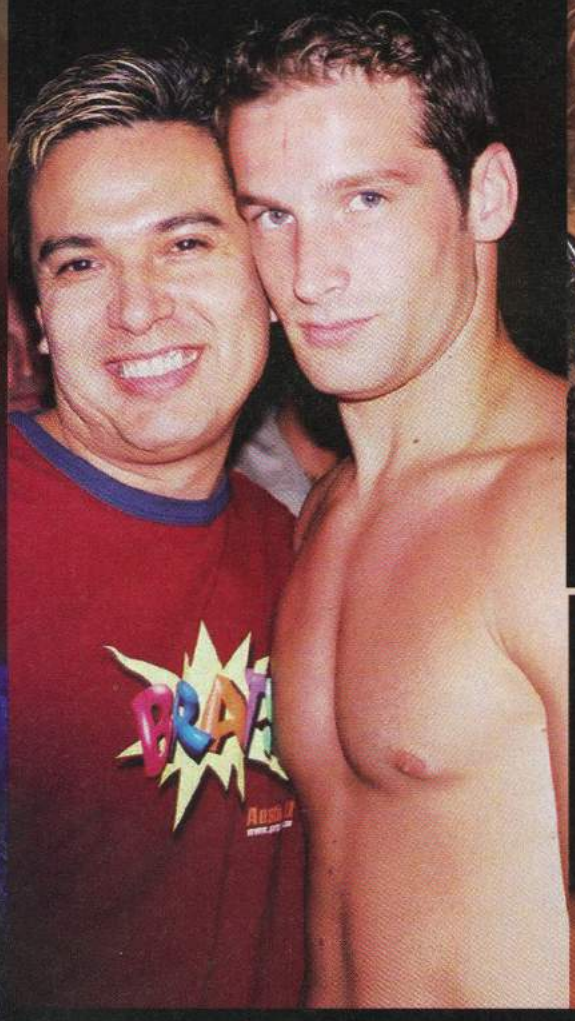
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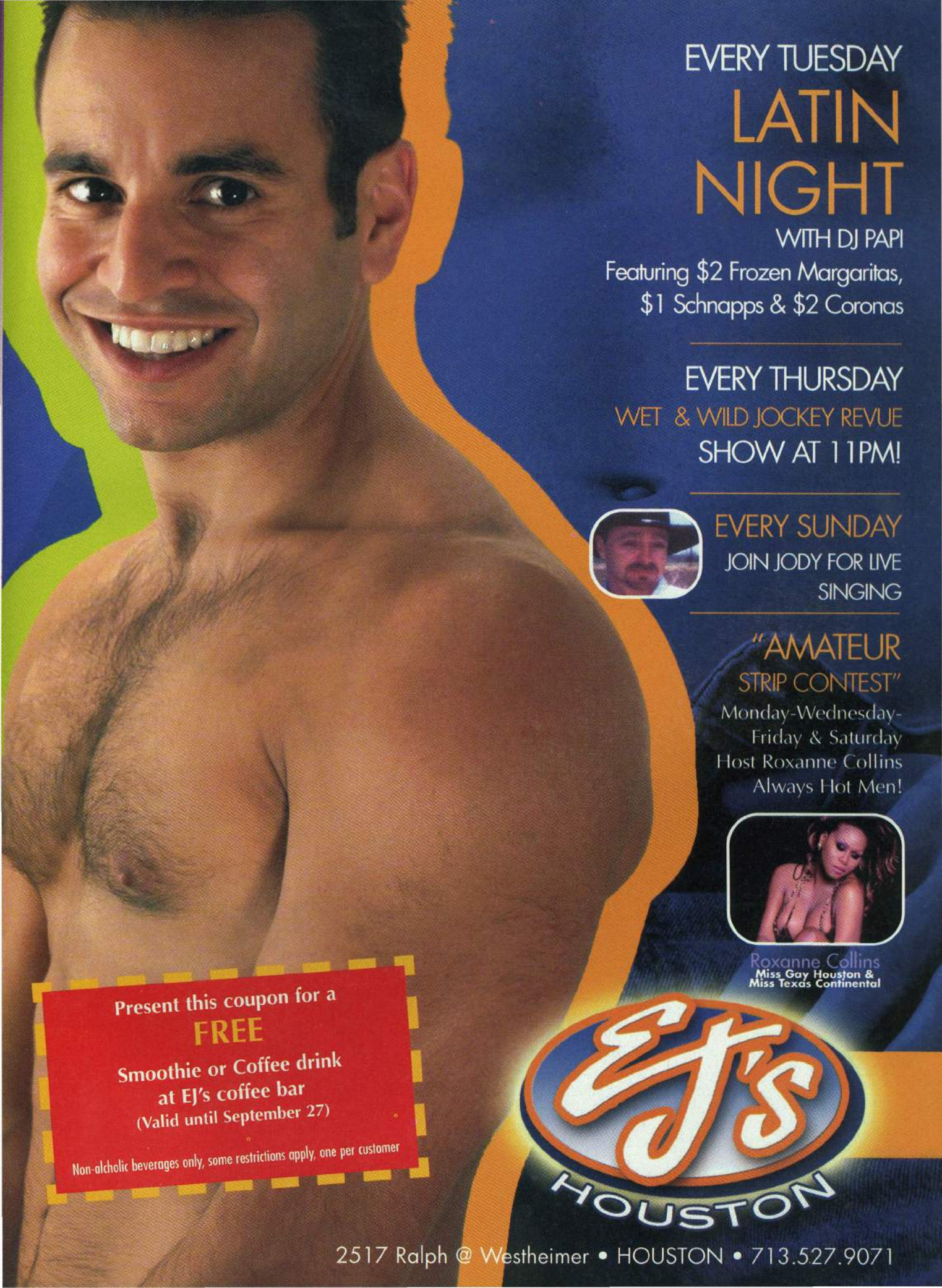


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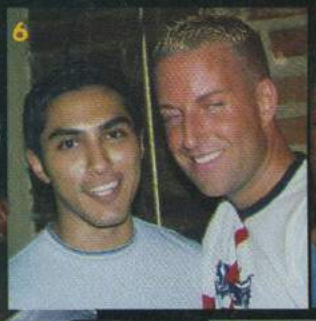
1. Keith, Eric and Tom at Guava Lamp. **2.** Raul, Luis and Ruben at South Beach. **3.** Kelly and Jason at Michael's OutPost. **4.** Alondra and Stephanie at Viviana's. **5.** Marilla, Michael and Vicci at Chances. **6.** Romero and Tom at JR.'s Bar & Grill. **7.** Kristy, Kim and Joanna at Chances. **8.** Joe, Ginny and Marcel at O.















Qbites

Sexy S — Circuit DJ Kimberly S brings her trademark sound to O on Friday, September 19. She'll be spinning from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m., and the cover is only $5 for 21 and up.

Steel To Come — Steel Weekend isn't too far off, and there will be a kick-off party at Mo Mong's on Wednesday, September 24 from 6-9 p.m. Enjoy $2 martinis and get a good deal on advance purchase VIP tickets.

Hide And Hair — South Beach hosts "Leather and Feathers," a CD release party for *Dance Floor Domination* by resident DJ Rick Taconi on Thursday, Sept 25. There'll be CD giveaways all night for a $2 cover. Leather and feather attire encouraged.

Kick Up Your Spurs — Two-step your way into his heart Tuesdays at Brazos River Bottom. The Rainbow Ranglers offer free dance lessons, and there are drink specials every day until 9 p.m.

Watch And Sing — Saturdays at Guava Lamp mean that Brit DJ Limey plays your favorite videos. Then on Sundays, enjoy karaoke starting at 10 p.m.

Play With Your Toyz — Thursdays at Toyz Disco means an amateur strip contest hosted by Monique, with $375 in prize money and DJ Alex T. And Friday is always ladies' night!

Open Mic Night — Every Thursday at Chances, from 9 p.m.-1 a.m., take to the stage and show how well you can sing. The show is hosted by FO, a local all-female rock band, but musicians and vocalists of all styles and genres are welcome. There's no cover for 21 and up.


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Virgo (August 23-September 22) Most of the week's momentum will be in baby steps — the pace won't pick up until the 24th. Watch what is said around an ambitious co-worker. We suggest that you pass on a too-good-to-be-true financial venture. Wednesday's full moon heightens your emotions.

Libra (September 23-October 22) All in all, it looks like a week of surprises. The sun transits to your sign on Tuesday and that new moon in Libra on the 25th will strongly empower you. Though the urge to move is strong, it's better to stay put for the time being — the grass isn't always greener.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21) Wanting to help others is noble, Scorp, but don't try to take on anyone else's pain. Your plate is more than full and there's barely time to handle what's going on now. A social gathering on the 21st lightens your mood considerably. Your sweetie has a nice surprise in store for you.

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) Finally there seems to be a truce between your mind/needs and heart/desires. Now that you're back on track and over that rough spot, it's time to celebrate — Sunday would be perfect. In fact, why not host an Emmy party? A new income source is very close to you.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19) There's no getting around the fact that relationships are difficult to sustain — it takes both sides willing to work and compromise. A long-in-the-works change at work comes to fruition next month — expect a ton of compliments and salutations. All that hard work finally paid off, Cappy!

Aquarius (January 20-February 18) It appears that your serious work side and goofy play half haven't been getting along too well — could it be that you're taking on too much at once? Those poor nerves can only handle so much stress. Book that dream vacation by Monday, and if necessary, take the trip by yourself.

Pisces (February 19-March 19) Financial matters are better than you think, though far from great. Your other half has been feeling a bit left out — open your heart and say exactly what's bothering you. Tension levels could reach a boiling point on the 24th, so try to bury yourself in work that day.

Aries (March 20-April 19) Put that healthy ego in storage and allow diplomacy and tact to be your guides this week. The sun changing signs always makes for an unsettling day or two. You need to get out and laugh — friends have missed that party animal side of you. Check your car's rear tires for a slow leak.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Career matters and the well being of a loved one continue to take up your time. That unique business proposal may prove to be a hard sell initially — a new and influential client has most of the answers. Stay off the interstate on Monday. A sibling's marriage is in crisis mode.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) You're never at a lack for ideas and inspired concepts but you encounter problems due to financial restrictions. Being in the right place at the right time sure can help. Try looking in places where you'd never expect to strike gold. Ask that laid back best buddy for his expert opinion.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Progress continues to be steady but slow where career is concerned, but Rome wasn't built in a day. Keep plugging away in your quiet manner — people in charge are quite impressed. Your best work usually gets done behind the scenes. Ignore the catty remarks of dense people.

Leo (July 23-August 22) Both the pen and sword are mighty and needed in order to achieve success. This isn't the time to do battle, Leo — stop chomping at the bit and work on those ever expanding financial plans. Don't hesitate to give credit where it's due. A lovely surprise waits on Saturday night.

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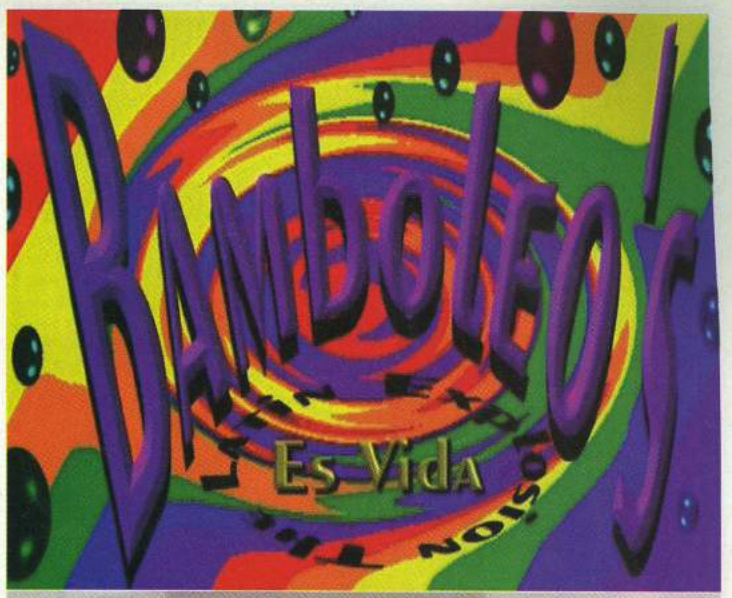
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