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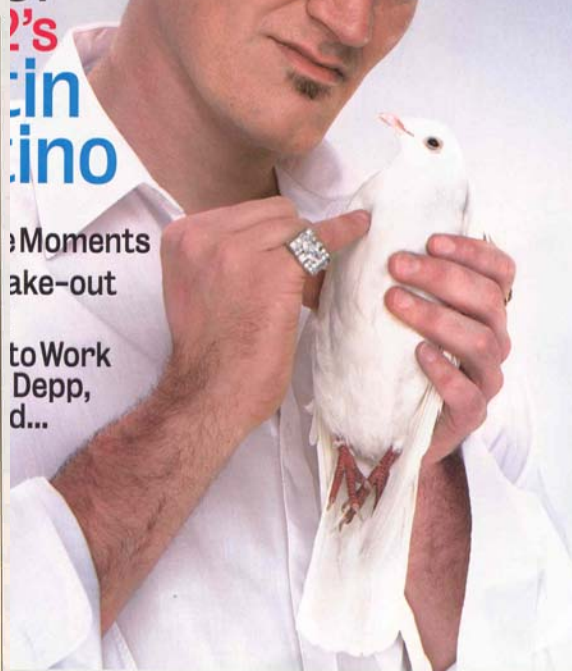
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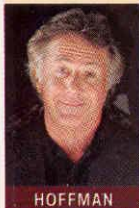
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L.A. Looks

Chaos reigned at L.A.'s second annual Mercedes-Benz Fall Fashion Week, with a fire truck crashing the Michelle Mason cat-



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walk, and Antonio Sabato Jr. getting into a backstage scuffle at Heatherette.

The event

(which took place March 29-April 2) lured the likes of C-listers Jerry O'Connell and China Chow. That plus the outlandish looks—stripes, polka dots, and white leather—ensured that L.A. won't swipe the U.S. fashion tiara from NYC. But West Coast style does have one advantage, according to Dustin Hoffman (at Jenni Kayne): "Less clothes."

—Liane Bonin, with additional reporting by Carrie Kravetz and Robin Tolkan