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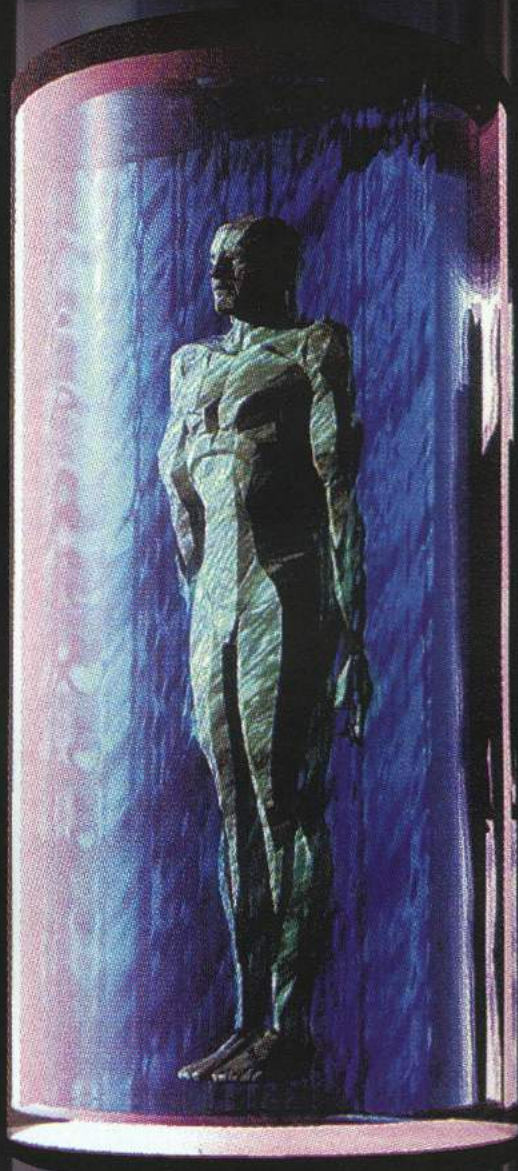
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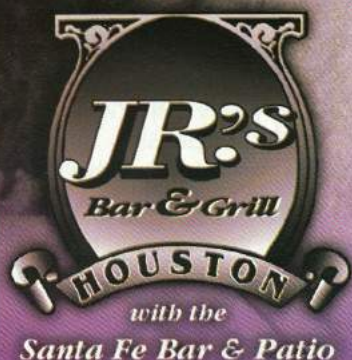
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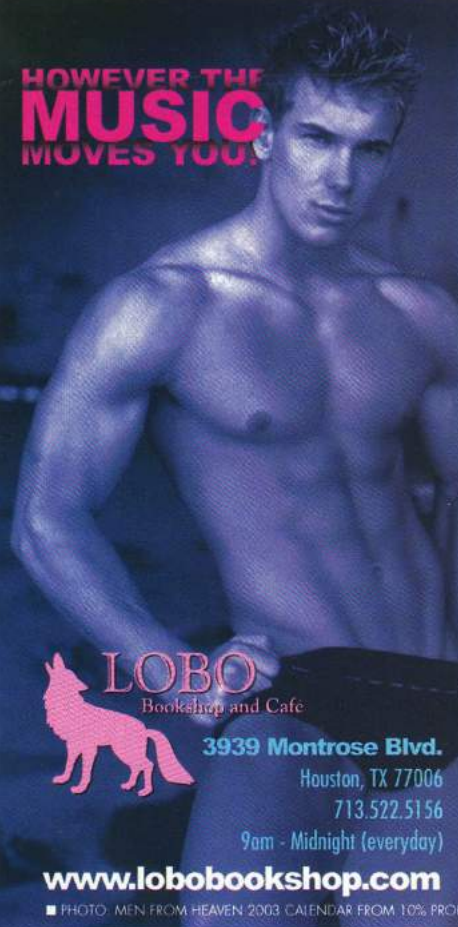
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film

by steven lindsey

Watching a live concert on film is much like watching a hot gay porn on video. They're both really fun to view, but no matter how hard you try, you're still not part of the action. Believe me, the cracks on my TV screen and the bruises on my thighs should be proof enough — at least for the latter argument.

But the barrier created by the two-dimensional film medium is somehow broken down in Margaret Cho's uproariously crowd-pleasing standup-act-turned-film, *Notorious C.H.O.* While there is definitely something special that you can only experience seeing a comic live, the energy and raucous hilarity of her act transports you into her virtual reality. It's just magic. Best of all, in the on-screen version, you can see every facial expression and subtlety that would be impossible from

C.H.O., the live concert, has played to sold-out venues nationwide for more than a year. Over the past few months, the film version has played all over Texas at the state's finest gay and lesbian film festivals. It seems that suddenly Cho is everywhere, ready to bury Barbra and Liza once and for all to become the gay diva for a new generation. With so much exposure, chances are you've seen her routine in some form. In any case, you're in for a delectable Asian treat.

Now, because there is no plot, no set and really no "actors," it's difficult to summarize *Notorious C.H.O.* without giving away its greatest jokes. But I'll try anyway. Arguably, Cho's most famous impersonation is that of her oh-so-traditional mother, whom you get to meet in real life in the

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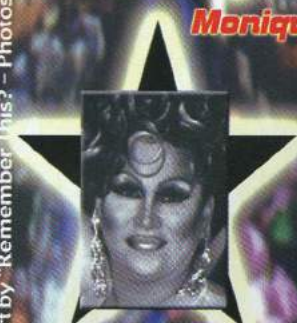
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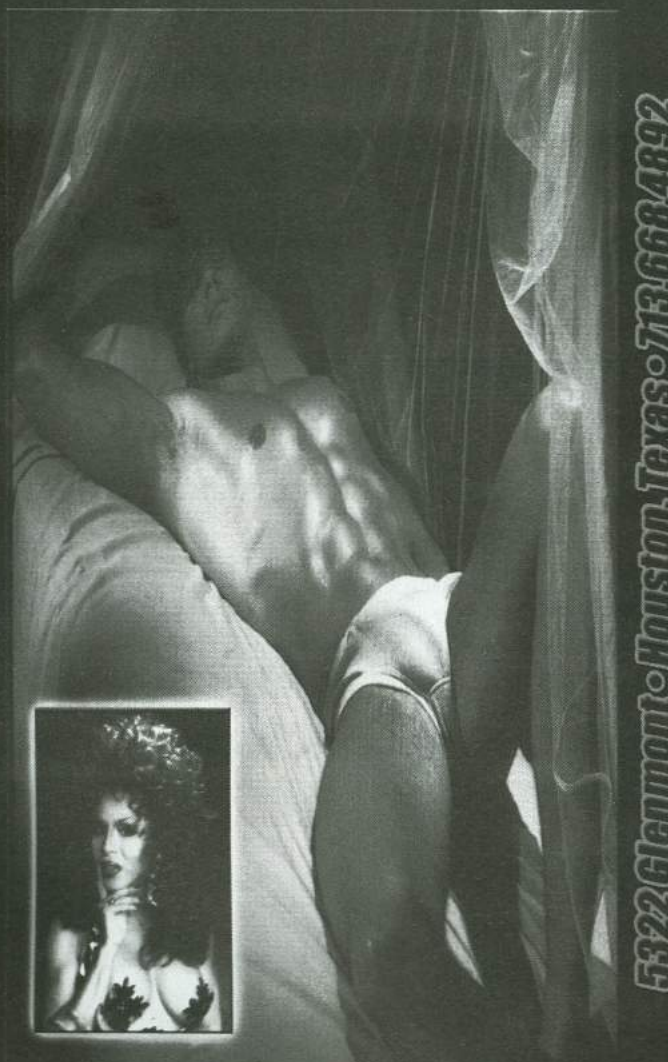
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pre-concert portion of the film. Knowing that her mom is sitting in the audience is enough to make you squirm a little more as she discusses her mom's views on homosexuality (everybody's a little bit gay), as well as other give-your-parents-a-stroke material such as fisting, S&M, orgasms and colonic irrigation.

It's all timely and so brutally honest that you'll find yourself laughing at subjects that previously seemed unfunny. Even the delicate matter of 9/11 and its aftermath is demystified long enough that some humor can be found amongst the tragedy.

And just so you don't miss out on the best part of patronizing the arts — people watching — the film includes segments before and after the concert showing the amazingly diverse crowd. Gay men, lesbians, drag queens, Asian tourists and the occasional straight couple mingle and unite for a diversity experience like no other. Everybody is treated with an equal dose of humiliation and stereotype, destroying dissections that ultimately prove one thing — there's something funny about everything.

And there's something funny as hell about Margaret Cho, proving once again that there's no business like Cho business.

Grade: A

Not Rated

Written by and Starring: Margaret Cho

Directed by: Lorene Machado

Running Time: 95 minutes

Notorious C.H.O. opens today in Dallas at the Landmark Inwood Theatre and in Houston at the Landmark Greenway Theatre. The film continues its Texas run in Austin on September 20 at the Landmark Dobie Theatre and on September 27 at the Regal Fiesta Theatre in San Antonio. El Paso residents can make the short drive to Old Mesilla's Fountain

Theater to catch Cho's film in October.

Still can't get enough Cho? Catch Margaret's *I'm the One* tonight

and throughout the month of September on the Sundance Channel. Check local listings for specific times in your city.



Fancy from page 22

sub-par and some scenes seem to stall completely, making them uncomfortable to watch at best. But for all the flaws (such as a very dirty camera lens in an early scene) there is an experimental bravery and uniqueness of perspective that must be applauded. Every time I wanted to shut off the TV and give up, something compelled me to keep watching to see what happened next.

Overall, *The Business of Fancysdancing* is a mixed bag of highs and lows, the inspired and the contrived, the entertaining and the boring. It could've been much improved by shaving off about 30 minutes of unnecessary deviations, but perhaps it's through these detours that the film actually finds its voice and we as an audience are allowed to grow.

Or maybe I'm just hungry and want to wrap things up. You be the judge.

Grade: B-

Not Rated

Starring: Evan Adams, Michelle St. John, Gene Tagaban, Swil Kanim and Rebecca Carroll

Written and Directed by: Sherman Alexie

Running Time: 104 minutes

The Business of Fancysdancing opens today in Dallas at the Angelika Film Center. Future dates include November 22 at the Angelika Film Center in Houston, and at a later time in Austin.

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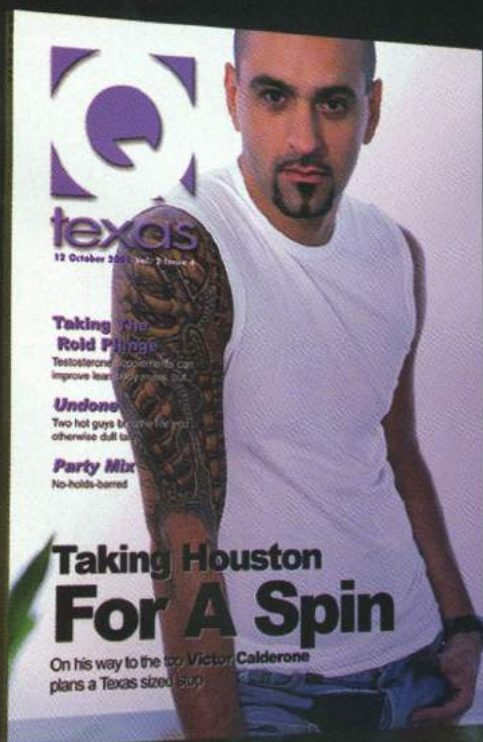
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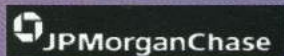
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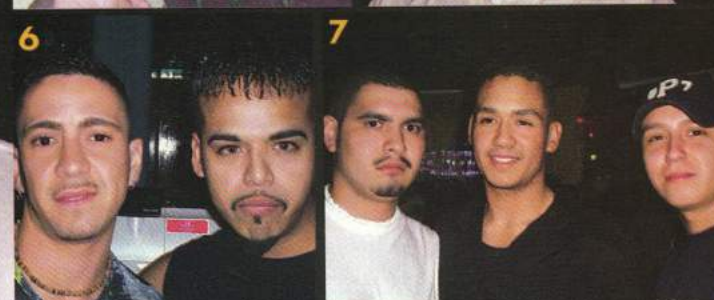
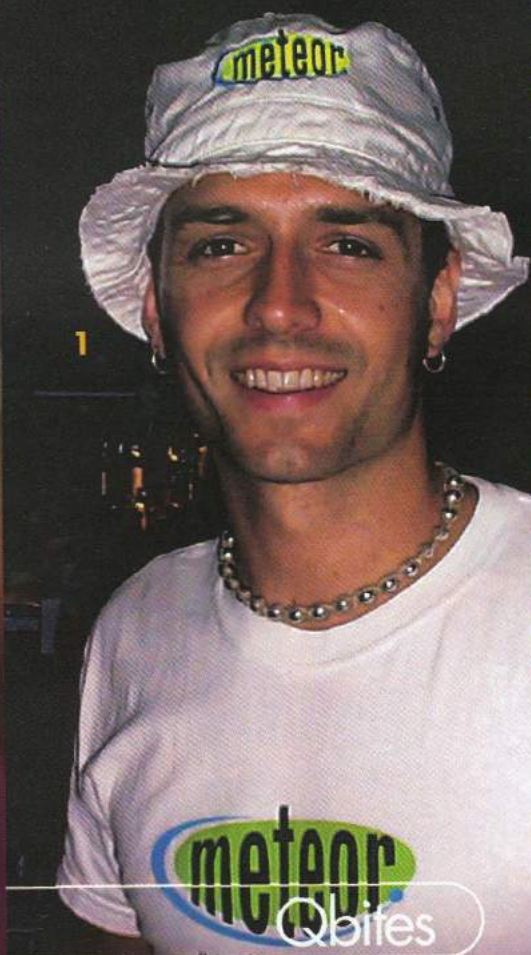
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Latin Lover — Every Wednesday in September during Cafe con Leche, South Beach is giving away tickets to see Enrique Iglesias and Paulina Rubio in concert on Wednesday October 2. Drawings will be at 11:30, 12:30 and 1:30. Bring your ticket stub from the concert for no cover all night.

Have A Ball — The Misfits, a Levi-Leather social club, will be hosting "lockdown," their fourth annual Levi/Leather/Uniform Ball at Club Rehab on Sunday, September 22 from 3-9 p.m. It will benefit the Houston Buyers Club and the Lesbian and Gay Community Center. Tickets available through Misfit members and at misfithouston.org.

It's A Live — Recording artist 50-Pak will be appearing live at a debut album release party at Blue Zone on Saturday, September 21 at 9 p.m.

Boys Will Be Girls — The Imperial Court of Houston and Emperor I Sean Carter present "His Majesty's Turnabout!" — where boys will be girls and girls will be boys. Saturday, September 14 at 8:30 p.m. at E/J's.

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Libra (September 23-October 22) You'll need to tow the line at work, especially this weekend. A minor shakeup could have your nerves in a major bind. Stop worrying and just enjoy yourself. An "ex" with dubious intentions should be avoided like the plague. Don't butt into a friend's love life, no matter how well intentioned the advice.

Scorpio (October 23-November 21) Playing hard to get works up to a point, but don't get too carried away or you'll risk ending up alone. A recent financial scare is over and done with. Use Saturday to take care of those annoying chores around the house. We suggest that you decline a friend's offer regarding a blind date. Do this nicely!

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21) It's nice that you're enjoying that new and high-tech PC, but you've been avoiding the social scene and friends are a bit concerned. Turn off the monitor and go out on the town Saturday night. Wear that flashy "party shirt." It's sure to catch the eye of someone interesting and adorable.

Capricorn (December 22-January 19) Though finances are quite solid, you're not made of money. Stop falling for every hard luck story that comes your way. An idea that was before its time will soon resurface and blossom as a winner. Attention to detail is vital to success this week. Force yourself to be cordial with an ex-roommate.

Aquarius (January 20-February 18) Refurnishing your place shouldn't cost a fortune—which you don't have, by the way. Stop by a few thrift shops and garage sales this weekend to search for hidden bargains. Don't hesitate to ask your best friend for that big favor. He'll actually be hurt if you don't. Stay close to home on Sunday night.

Pisces (February 19-March 19) An influential business contact will be all ears with what you have to say. Just make sure that your presentation is detailed and to the point. Get to know that new neighbor this weekend (isn't he a dream?). Sinuses look a bit tender, so stay out of smoke-filled places. Friday looks best for scoring.

Aries (March 20-April 19) Keep that temper and mouth in check, especially Sunday. More tact will be needed when dealing with an oversensitive client. Watch spending for another three weeks and everything should be fine. Have that oil filter changed before your vehicle becomes a "smoke mobile." Lay off the fatty food for a while.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) That sporty new 2003 car sure is a dream, but it's way out of your price range. Look for something that's a year or two old. That way you'll still have some cash to play with. Making a move at this time isn't the answer to the restlessness inside of you. But you are way overdue for a serious vacation getaway.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Too much time on your hands isn't a good thing. Gemmy. How about taking some classes to broaden your horizons? Energies may be a bit scattered as the week starts out. Get plenty of rest Friday night, because the weekend looks extremely active on the social front. Spend Monday night by yourself.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) The last couple of weeks have been frustrating at work, but the next three look very smooth. It's a good time to ask the boss about that overdue raise. Why not take him out to lunch? Sort through the mail thoroughly and don't discard anything important. Saturday night turns out to be a perfect 10.

Leo (July 23-August 22) Leo, the lion/lioness, looks a bit grumpy as the week begins. Could that be because no one has paid you special attention? Maybe if you act a bit nicer and shower a few compliments things will change. In fact, we guarantee it. We suggest you throw an informal gathering this weekend. You make the perfect host.

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