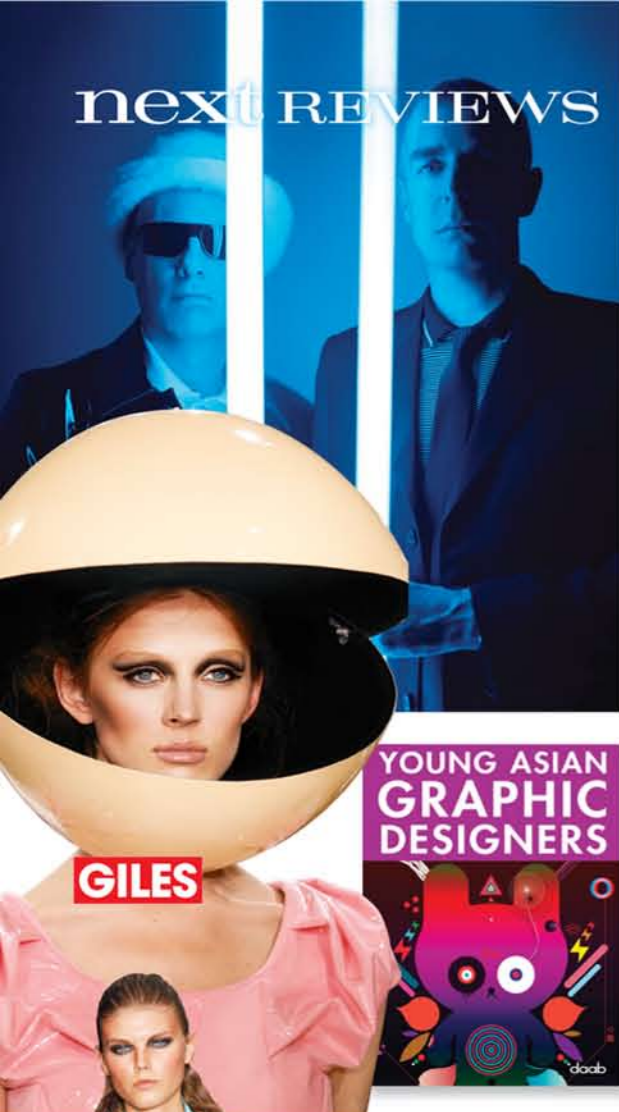


THE POP CHART

FLARE traces spring's biggest runway inspirations, from *Star Trek* to Michael Jackson

RECAP: Models wocka-wocka'd down Giles Deacon's yellow-dotted runway, sporting Pac-Man headpieces, smeared polka-dots, camouflage and hits of primary colours. Think of the show as the most stylish arcade in the world. **GILES GIRLS WILL LOVE:** The new *Pet Shop Boys*' CD, *Yes*, featuring the first single, "Love Etc." **Young Asian Graphic Designers** by Daab. It's a 384-page hardcover that explores new graphic-design talents from Pac-Man's turf. **The King of Kong: A Fistful of Quarters** on DVD—a hilarious documentary about the zany subculture that surrounds video game players.

TREND: ARCADE CHIC



GILES

YOUNG ASIAN GRAPHIC DESIGNERS



ALEXANDER WANG



RECAP: Although 24-year-old Alexander Wang was still a baby in the decade of decadence, the blasts of aqua, hits of violet and touches of pink in his fab collection look plucked right out of a Go-Go's video. **WANG-STERS WILL LOVE:** *Miami Vice: The Complete Series* on DVD. The 27-disc ode to tinted windows, sockless loafers and every shade of salmon and sea breeze invented will have fans of the Wang-man reeling. **The kitschy art of Jeff Koons, including his famous stainless-steel *Balloon Dog* series.**

TREND: '80s REDUX



BETSEY JOHNSON

RECAP: Saturated with sexy colour and frills, Betsey Johnson's big-top collection included cropped jackets in topaz blue, fuchsia minis and a batch of *Pirates of the Caribbean*-worthy party dresses. **JOHNSON-ITES WILL LOVE:** Toronto-based artist **Juno Youn's** latest body of work: circus- and magic-themed collections of watercolour and China ink on paper. **J. Depp**, a 192-page visual biography on the only Hollywood swashbuckler who can pull off wearing pirate shirts.

TREND: STYLE CIRCUS

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TREND: BACK TO THE FUTURE



GARETH PUGH

DSQUARED2



BALMAIN



JEWELRY DESIGN



RECAP: Channelling the closets of Princess Leia and the queens of England, the avant-garde British designer played with black-and-white structured silhouettes made of vinyl, leather and a host of industrial fabrics. The Victorian collars, exaggerated shoulders and medieval waists attracted Beyoncé as a newfound fan. **PUGH ENTHUSIASTS WILL LOVE:** The new *Star Trek* film, hitting theatres in May, starring Winona Ryder, Eric Bana and a newly styled Lt. Uhura for 2090 (incoming "it" girl Zoë Saldana). **A beautifully photographed hardcover called *Jewelry Design* by Daab that features jewelry that looks as though it was created in the fifth dimension.**



RECAP: From *Charlie's Angels* to Veruschka to Bianca Jagger, Toronto-born Dsquared2 design duo Dean and Dan Caten had '70s disco chic collection that included white bell-bottoms and shiny gold trench coats. **DSQUARED2 DEVOTEES WILL LOVE:** **Discostyle.com**, a place where boogie lovers can legally download bootie-shaking MP3s for free as well as get the latest news on disco-fied fashion, film and books. **Swarovski's** crystal-embellished pocket binoculars and Bluetooth headset look very disco 3000.

TREND: RETRO DISCO



RECAP: Filled with acid-washed jeans, a curious reworking of Michael Jackson's bedazzled jackets and more bandage-wrapped looks than a *Grey's Anatomy* episode, designer Christophe Decarnin's vision was 100-percent retrosexual. **BALMAIN SUPPORTERS WILL LOVE:** The newly announced **Jackson 5** reunion, onstage (a tour sans MJ) and off (two newly expanded reissues of their classic albums *Destiny* and *Triumph*). **The artwork of Alexandros Vasmoulakis.** The Greek-born, Berlin-based artist's playful acrylic paintings remind us of the King of Pop. Check them out at www.zap51.com/pheyo.

TREND: THE KING OF POP

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