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CINCO THERE HAVE
ALWAYS BEEN

DE LATINO ACTORS IN
HOLLYWOOD, BUT

CINEMA THE
CURRENT

CONTINGENT IS SMASHING

THE ROLE BARRIERS

JIMMY SMITS

Strength: A high I.Q. smolder

Standout Performance: Gen. Tomas Arroyo in *Old Gringo*. As one of Pancho Villa's men, he more than holds his own opposite Jane Fonda and Gregory Peck

Key Credits: *Running Scared*, *The Believers*, TV's "L.A. Law"

Upcoming: The "John-Houseman-in-*The-Paper-Chase*-role" in *Vital Signs*

Quote: "There are many wonderful Latino stories to be told, but I don't want to get pigeonholed into playing Latinos for the rest of my life."



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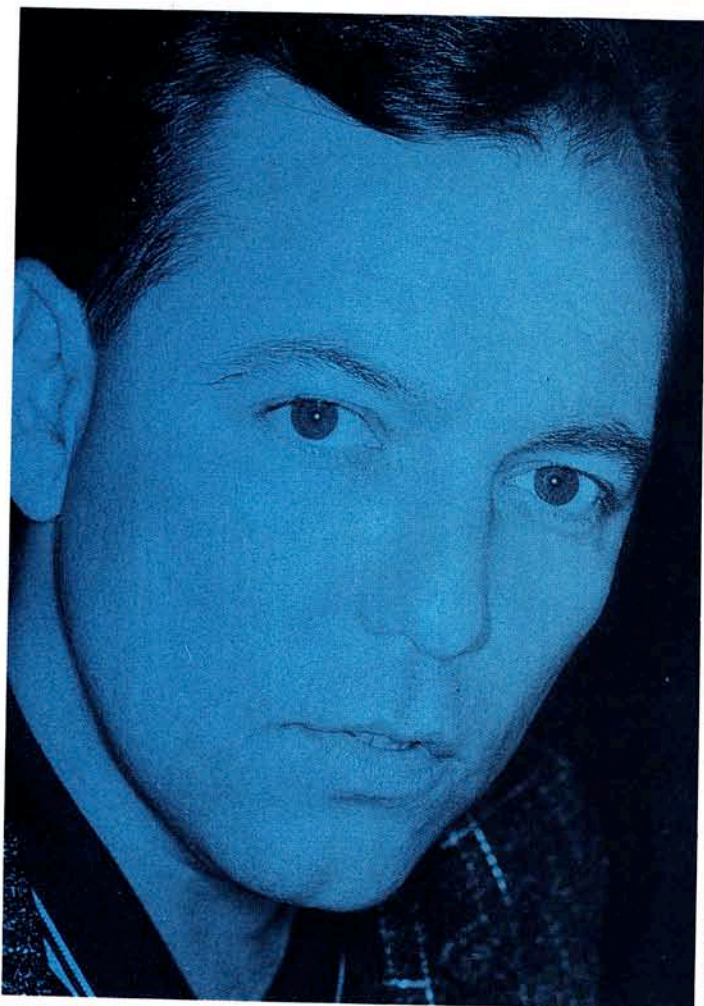


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RUBEN BLADES

Strength: Everyman charm that sneaks up on you

Standout Performance: In his first movie, *Crossover Dreams*, he played a salsa musician who abandons his roots when he has a crossover hit

Key Credits: *Fatal Beauty*, *The Milagro Beanfield War*, HBO's "Dead Man Out"

Upcoming: Plays a '40s Jewish mobster in Jack Nicholson's *The Two Jakes*

Quote: "I'm sure somebody must have said, 'Jack, there are a lot of Jews in Hollywood that need a job, why are you going to a Panamanian?'"

EDWARD JAMES OLMO

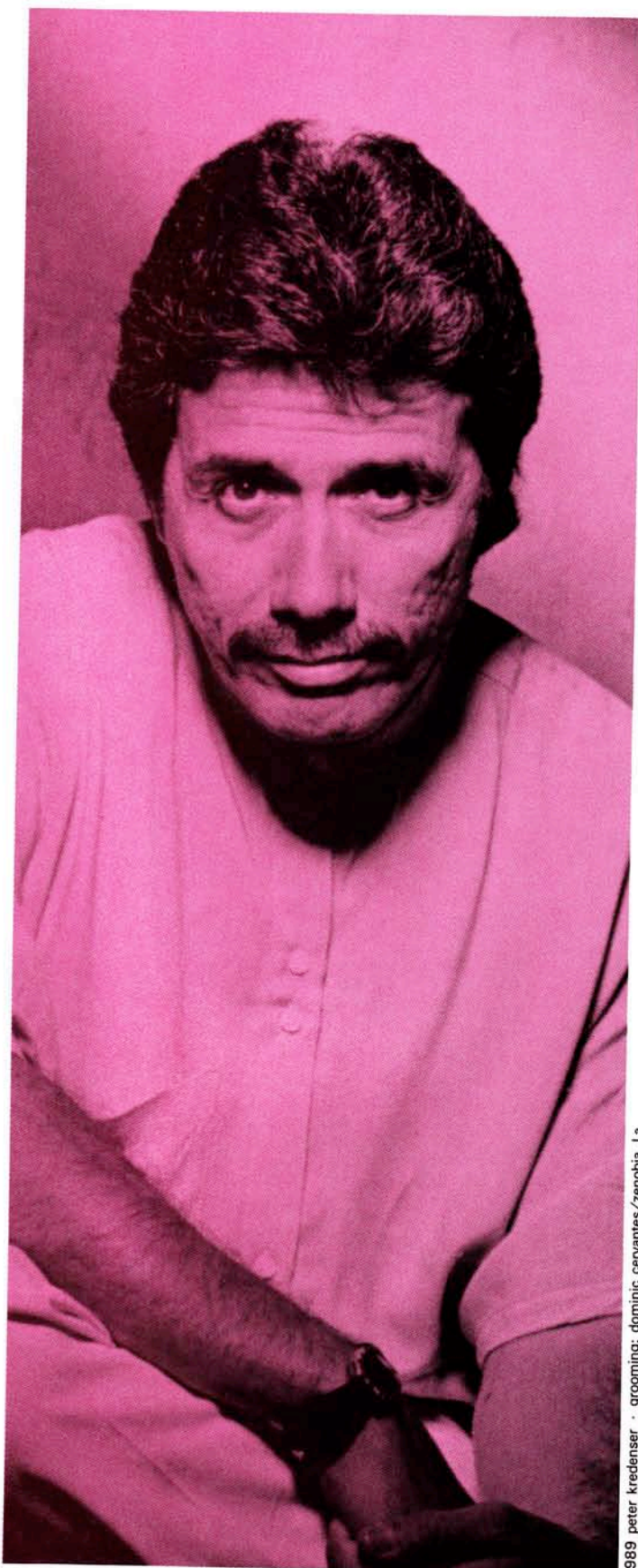
Strengths: A genuine presence that projects omniscience and moral authority

Standout Performance: His Oscar-nominated turn as inspirational schoolteacher Jaime Escalante in *Stand and Deliver*

Key Credits: *Zoot Suit*, *Wolfen*, *Blade Runner*, *The Ballad of Gregorio Cortez*, TV's "Miami Vice"

Upcoming: *Triumph of the Spirit*

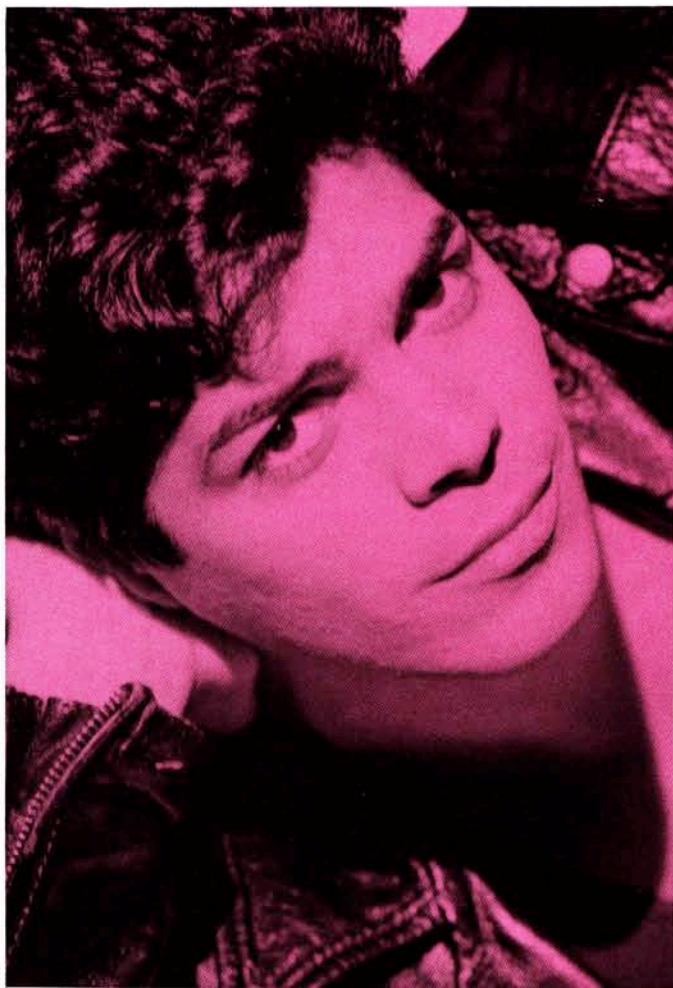
Quote: "If Latin American actors are working, it's got an



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economic basis. We spend more on entertainment per capita 5 to 1 than Anglos, and we drink 2 1/2 beers to every one of theirs."

ESAI MORALES

Strength: Sex appeal whether he's playing sexy or not
Standout Performance: Playing Ritchie Valens's troubled older brother in *La Bamba*, instead of the rock star part he was originally (and predictably) cast in

Key Credit: *Bad Boys*

Upcoming: *Naked Tango, Bloodhounds of Broadway*

Quote: "I want to be an actor. Period. They don't call Robert De Niro and Al Pacino famous Italian actors."

ANDY GARCIA

Strength: Doesn't have to say a word to hold the camera
Standout Performance: Angel Maldonado, part menacingly cool, part murderously hysterical drug kingpin in *8 Million Ways to Die*
Key Credits: *The Mean Season, The Untouchables, Stand and Deliver, Black Rain*

Upcoming: *Internal Affairs, Show of Force*

Quote: "I don't negate that I'm Spanish, but I'm not a Spanish actor. No one asks Dustin Hoffman, 'How do you feel representing the Jewish community in Hollywood?'"