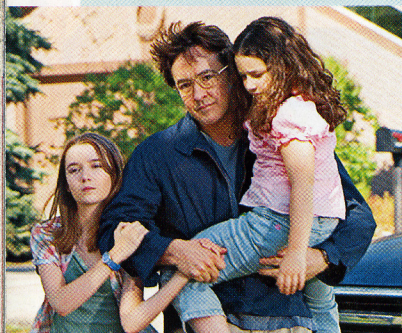


Hey! CHECK IT OUT!

The lowdown on what to see, read, watch and play right now **BY JOYCE CHANG**

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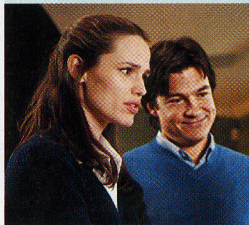


The War at Home

Grace Is Gone

• Starring John Cusack, Shélan O'Keefe, Gracie Bednarczyk (Dec. 7)

In this exquisitely written and acted film, Cusack plays a dad who takes his girls on a road trip while figuring out how to tell them their mom died fighting in Iraq.



Knocked Up: Teen Edition

Juno

• Starring Jennifer Garner, Jason Bateman, Ellen Page (Dec. 5)

Page's performance as a sarcastic pregnant high-schooler is genius. Garner and Bateman play prospective adoptive parents.



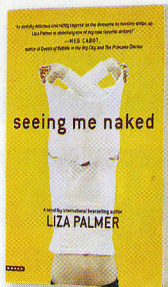
Oscar, Oscar!

Atonement

• Starring Keira Knightley (Dec. 7)

Based on Ian McEwan's bestselling novel, this epic romance set in WWII Europe is breathtaking in every way.

Knightley with James McAvoy



Read

Smart Chick Lit

Seeing Me Naked

• Liza Palmer, 5 Spot, \$13.99, Jan. 8

Palmer tells a story like a girlfriend over brunch. Her latest tale: An L.A. pastry chef struggles with a hard-to-please family and problematic boyfriends. Sound familiar? It's still fun.

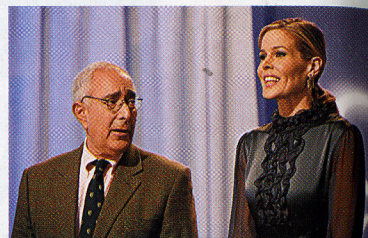
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Most Guiltiest Pleasure

America's Most Smartest Model

• Starring Ben Stein, VHI (series finale Sun., Dec. 16, 9 p.m.)

See the final models compete in the walk-off royale.



Play



Pop Holiday

The KT Tunstall Holiday Collection

• KT Tunstall (in stores, only at Target)

A cool alternative to the usual fare. Festive yet hip.



Hip-Hop Royalty

Growing Pains

• Mary J. Blige (mid-December)

The queen is back with her eighth disc. Danceable and disco-infused, it features collabs with Ne-Yo and Timbaland.

With which TV family would you like to spend the holidays?

“Larry David and his family on *Curb Your Enthusiasm* are so funny and dysfunctional, like most real families!”



Emmy Rossum

“The family *Guy's*. That strange baby might make for some good table conversations.”



Christina Applegate

“The people on *The Office*. Michael would undoubtedly dress as Santa with Dwight as his trusty reindeer.”



Olivia Wilde