

PARADE

The Return of Maura Tierney

The beloved *ER* star has a new book, a new TV series (*The Whole Truth*), and a new perspective after a battle with breast cancer.



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1. Parenthood (NBC/Sept. 14/10 p.m.)
Tune in Tuesday to Season 2 of NBC's smart, poignant drama about the headaches and heartaches facing one Berkeley, Calif., family. Craig T. Nelson and Peter Krause (l) top a stellar ensemble cast.

Percival's Planet (Fiction/Holt/\$27)

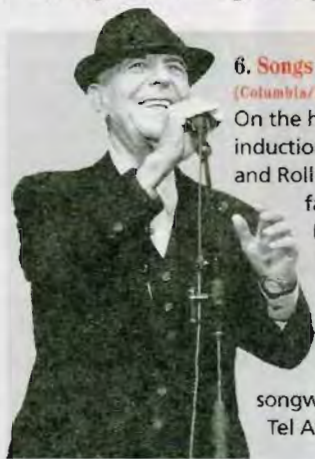
his expansive and enlarging second novel, Michael Chabon toggles between several dreamers caught up in the hunt for a ninth planet circa 1928: two driven outsiders, a clutch of Boston Brahmins, a beautiful, broken woman. While rooted firmly in reality, the book broaches deeper, more piercing mysteries.

Patti LuPone: A Memoir (Nonfiction/Crown Archetype/\$26)

roadway legend LuPone brings her considerable charm from the stage to the page in a revealing look at her life, loves, and leading roles. Whether dishing on difficult co-stars or reflecting on personal failures, she proves, as always, that she has a flair for drama.

5. Flamingo (Island/\$14)

On hiatus from his band, Killers lead singer Brandon Flowers releases his first solo effort this Tuesday. Featuring electro-rock anthems and Roy Orbison-esque falsetto, *Flamingo* is a love letter to Flowers' hometown of Las Vegas—reflecting all its glitter and grit.



6. Songs From the Road (Columbia/Legacy/\$15)

On the heels of his 2008 induction to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the famously reclusive Leonard Cohen launched his first tour in 15 years. *Songs From the Road* captures the iconoclastic singer-songwriter on stages from Tel Aviv to San Jose.

4. 2010 MTV Video Music Awards (MTV/tonight/9 p.m.)

Don't miss one of the year's most outrageous evenings of music and pop culture, as a truckload of video awards are given out live in L.A. Late-night goddess Chelsea Handler will host, and guests include Kanye West, Ne-Yo, Penn Badgley, Selena Gomez (r), and goddess Chelsea Handler will host, and guests include Kanye West, Ne-Yo, Penn Badgley, Selena Gomez (r), and the ubiquitous Justin Bieber.



7. The Town (Warner Bros./Sept. 17)

Ben Affleck directed and stars in this twisty thriller about a bank robber who falls in love with his hostage (Rebecca Hall). Pursued by a relentless FBI agent (Jon Hamm), he begins to question himself, his team, and the only life he knows. Jeremy Renner and Blake Lively also star.

8. Konexi (ZimZala Games/\$20/Ages 10+)

This creative new game may remind you of some old favorites, but it's a true original. At each turn, players must add a three-dimensional letter to the growing stack to form a new word with the adjacent letters. A player's luck runs out when the word-sculpture tumbles or when no new words can be made with the letters available.



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