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26/Sarah Jessica Parker...What Kind of Household Name Is That? BY JESS CAGLE She is within *Striking Distance* of fame, but Hollywood is still more than a bit unsure about just what to do with her.

32/The Frill of It All BY REBECCA ASCHER-WALSH The sumptuous sets of *The Age of Innocence*—a bargain at \$5 million.

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42/TELEVISION KEN TUCKER on *NYPD Blue*; also *A Day in the Life of Country Music*, *Joe's Life*, *Harts of the West*, and *Grace Under Fire*. **PLUS:** *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*'s second season.

48/BOOKS TOM DE HAVEN on Stephen King's *Nightmares & Dreamscapes*; also Elmore Leonard's *Pronto*. **PLUS:** The divorce duel of books by Nashville's Ralph Emery and Skeeter Davis.

52/MUSIC DAVID BROWNE on Native American rock; also ABBA, Donna Summer, and John Hiatt. **PLUS:** Country star John Michael Montgomery; a Breeder answers 10 stupid questions.

58/VIDEO LAWRENCE O'TOOLE on action star Chuck Norris; also *Mac*, *El Mariachi*, and Prince's *Hits*. **PLUS:** Megastars' minor directorial debuts; vacuous videos from *SNL* alums.

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