



Jennifer Garner

BUTTER ■ October 5

The story Ambitious, limelight-obsessed Laura (Garner, 40) will stop at nothing to win a butter-sculpting competition at the Iowa State Fair in this satire.

Clothes call Down to business! Garner, who also produced, “really rolled up her sleeves,” director Jim Field Smith tells *Us*. The star sent him hundreds of photos of herself in “crazy dresses” as she searched for the perfect *Stepford Wives*-esque look for her tightly wound character. “Jennifer had mood books filled with pictures,” says Smith. Her hair inspiration: politico wife Cindy McCain!

Emma Watson

THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER

■ September 21 ■

The story Watson, 22, finally leaves Hogwarts behind with this coming-of-age movie set at a Pittsburgh high school. She’s Sam, a bighearted senior whose new pal, introverted freshman Charlie (Logan Lerman, 20), harbors a secret crush on her.

Miss America The Brit worked overtime to become an average U.S. teenager. “She trained to nail the accent,” director Stephen Chbosky tells *Us*. Plus, Watson says she pestered all her friends about their proms!




FALL HUNKS!

Brad Pitt broods as a hired gun tailing two hoods in the gritty thriller *Killing Them Softly*. (November 30)

Denzel Washington saves a plane from crashing, but the pilot’s life soon spirals downward in *Flight*. (November 2)

Daniel Craig battles a new baddie (Javier Bardem) as James Bond in *Skyfall*. Bonus: The blue Speedo is back! (November 9)

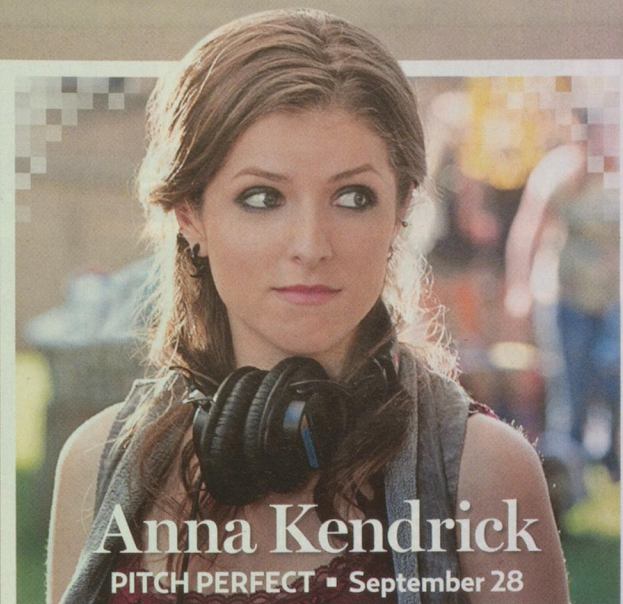
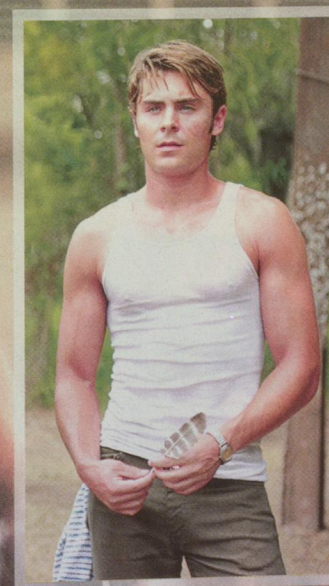


Nicole Kidman

THE PAPERBOY
■ October 5 ■

The story Nic gets nasty! Kidman, 45, wears a wig, squeezes into tight skirts and pees on Zac Efron. She plays a trashy sexpot who joins a journalist (Matthew McConaughey) and his brother (Efron, below) to get her beau off death row.

Shocking scenes As for her already notorious urination sequence (she squats over Efron on a beach to heal a jellyfish sting), “we never thought about it,” director Lee Daniels tells *Us*. The bedroom romp between her and the actor, 24, however, was a toughie: “She’s too old for him, and he’s too young for her. It’s meant to be awkward for them, and it sure *was* awkward to film!”



Anna Kendrick

PITCH PERFECT ■ September 28

The story Street-smart Beca (Kendrick) gets to college, then reluctantly joins the Bellas, an all-girl a cappella group set on dominating at a national competition.

Vocal adrenaline Kendrick, 27 — a former Broadway ingenue — sings versions of David Guetta’s “Titanium” and Simple Minds’ “Don’t You (Forget About Me).” Off screen, she worked her vocal cords by endlessly gabbing with her fellow Bellas. Director Jason Moore tells *Us*, “The trick was getting all the girls in and out of makeup!”



Viola Davis and Maggie Gyllenhaal

WON'T BACK DOWN ■ September 28

The story Moms on a mission! Two parents (Davis, 47, and Gyllenhaal, 34) get so fed up with their local inner-city school, they fight to take it over themselves.

Focus on family “When I met Maggie, she said, ‘I worry it’s a long shoot, and I want to be there for my child [Ramona, 5],’” director Daniel Barnz tells *Us*. (Since filming, she gave birth to Gloria, 5 months.) “I thought, Please take the role! Be a bad mom! You’ll play a great one!”