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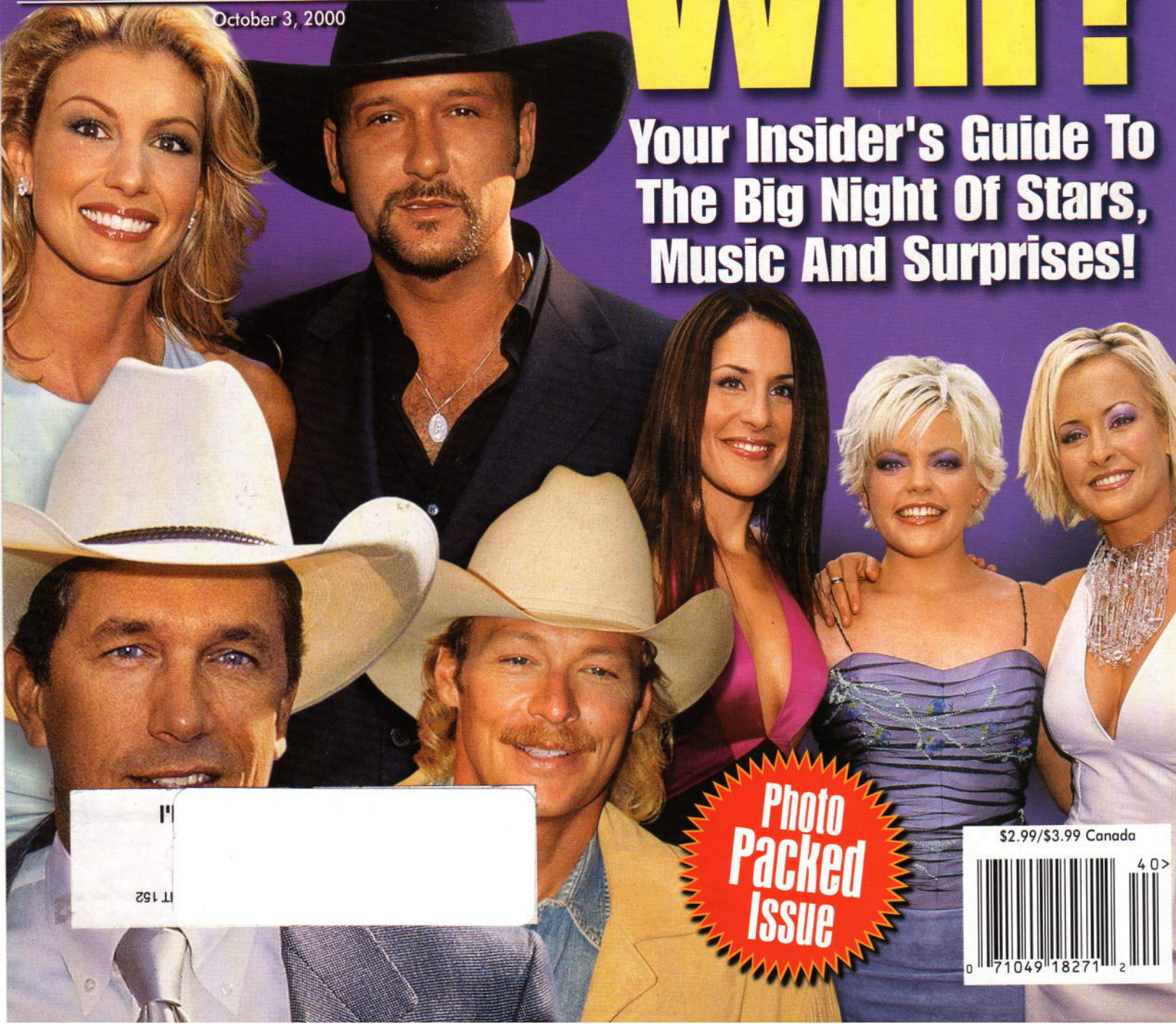
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Dixie Chicks

It's hard to believe that only two years ago the **Dixie Chicks** snagged the CMA's Horizon Award – the coveted hallmark of success for any newcomer. Considering their current dominance of country music, it seems as if they must have been with us all along.

In a way, they have – sisters Emily Robison and Martie Siedel started out playing on a Dallas street corner in the late '80s. They worked long and hard before the addition of firecracker lead singer Natalie Maines helped propel the group to superstardom. Their first major-label album, 1998's *Wide Open Spaces*, has now sold nine million copies.

In both years since their Horizon win, the Chicks have been nominated for the CMA's top prize. Though they lost in 1999 to Shania Twain, this could be their time – after all, they've been very busy little chicks this year. They mounted a barnstorming sellout headlining tour, sold six million copies of their current *Fly* album and racked up a slew of hit singles. They also ignited controversy

with the darkly humorous "Goodbye Earl," recounting the story of a pair of friends who do away with an abusive husband.

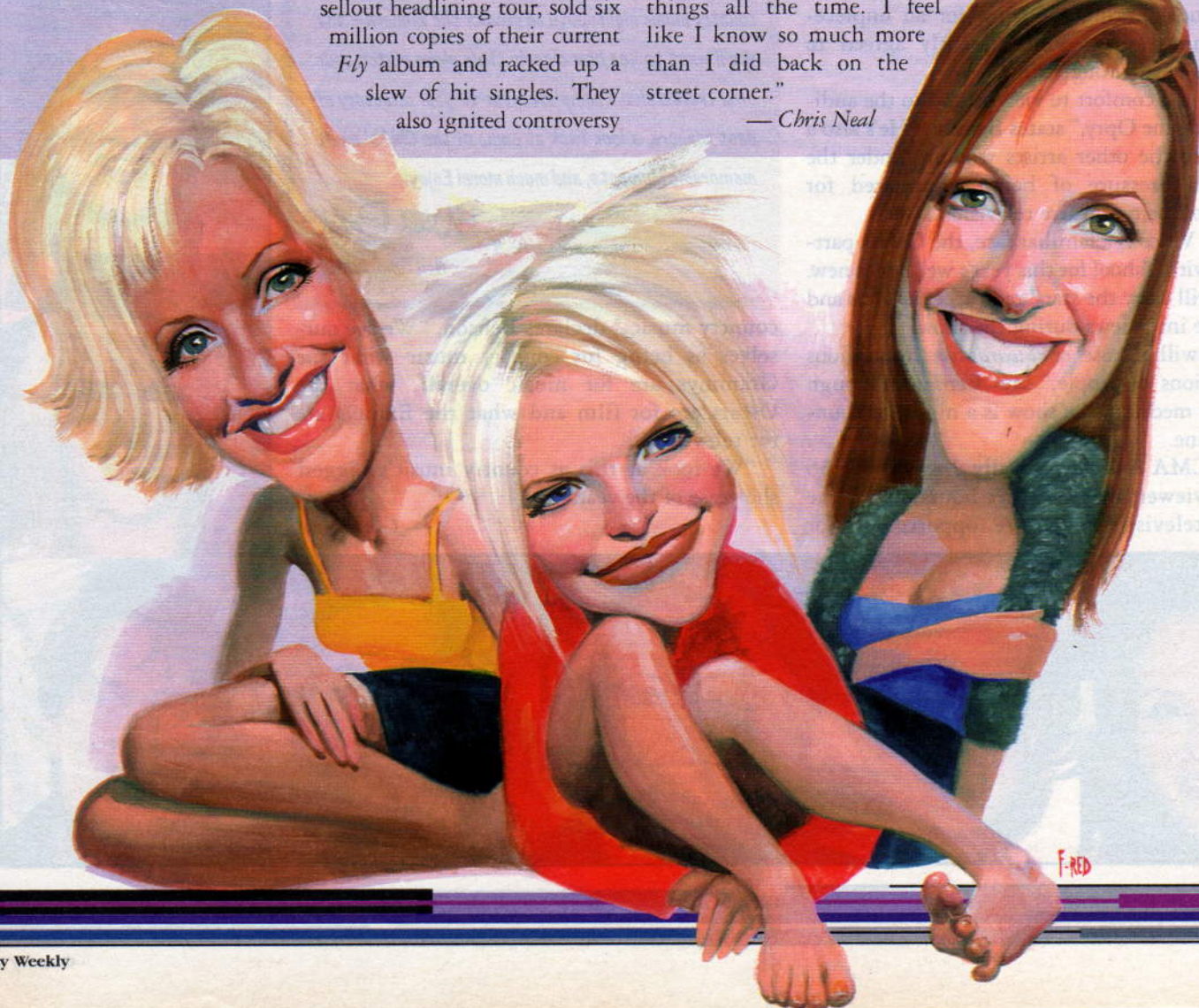
Beyond the Entertainer nomination, the Chicks are also up for Vocal Group of the Year, Album of the Year for *Fly*, Vocal Event of the Year for their collaboration with Asleep At The Wheel on "Roly Poly" and Music Video of the Year for "Goodbye Earl."

The growth and development of the past year wasn't confined to the Chicks' professional lives. Natalie married actor Adrian Pasdar in a Las Vegas wedding chapel in June. The couple are expecting their first child next April.

In the meantime, you can bet these triumphant Texans will continue to attract fans from all walks of life.

"It's definitely entering into a different realm," Martie said recently, "and you have to be open to learning new things all the time. I feel like I know so much more than I did back on the street corner."

— Chris Neal



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