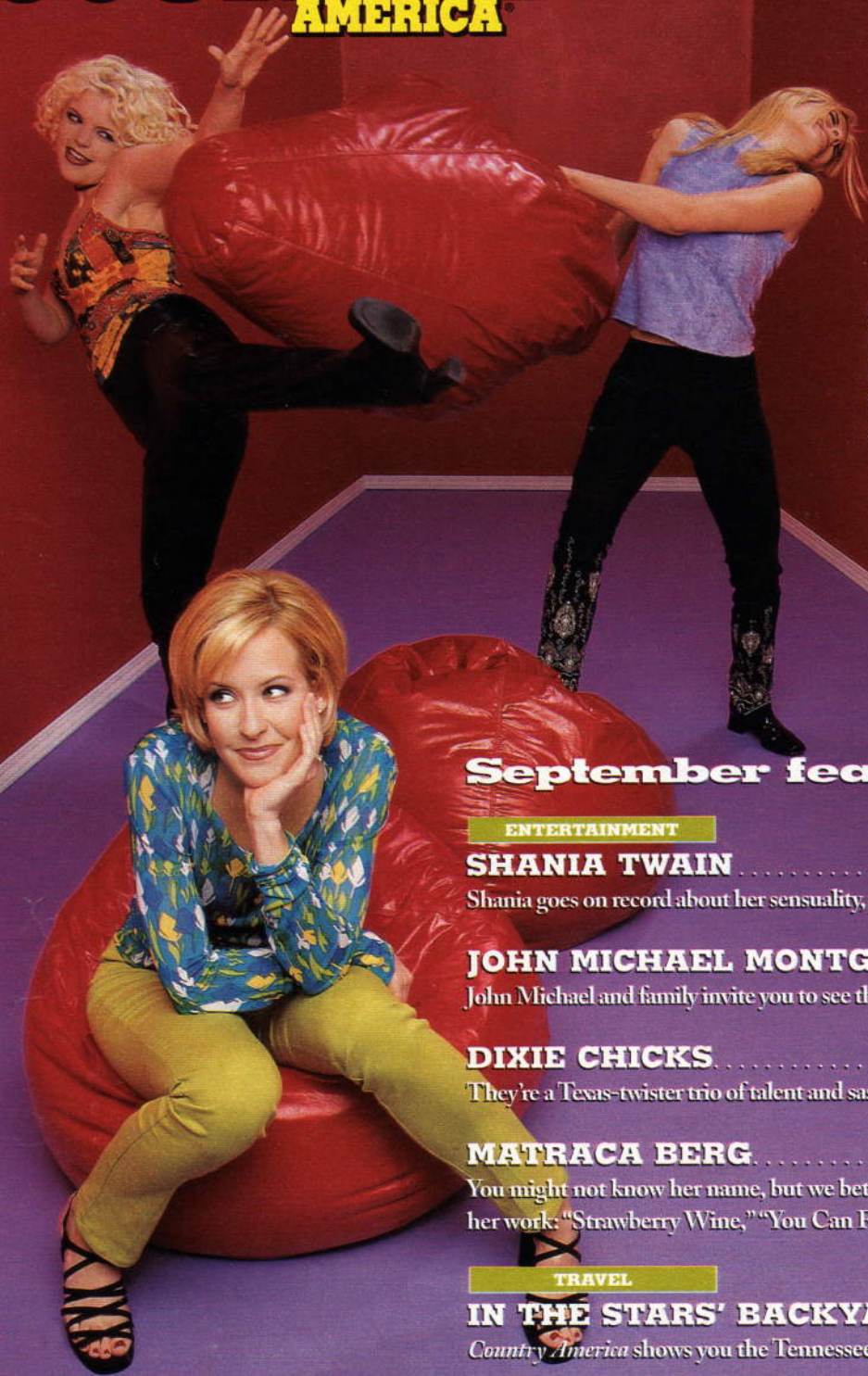


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CHICKS With PICKS

WHEN IT
COMES TO
HOT LICKS,
THE DIXIE
CHICKS
RULE THE
ROOST!

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"We're, like, traditional women with big dreams and very liberal ideas about what women can and should do," says Dixie Chick Martie Seidel (left) alongside musical mates Natalie Maines (middle) and Emily Erwin (right).

