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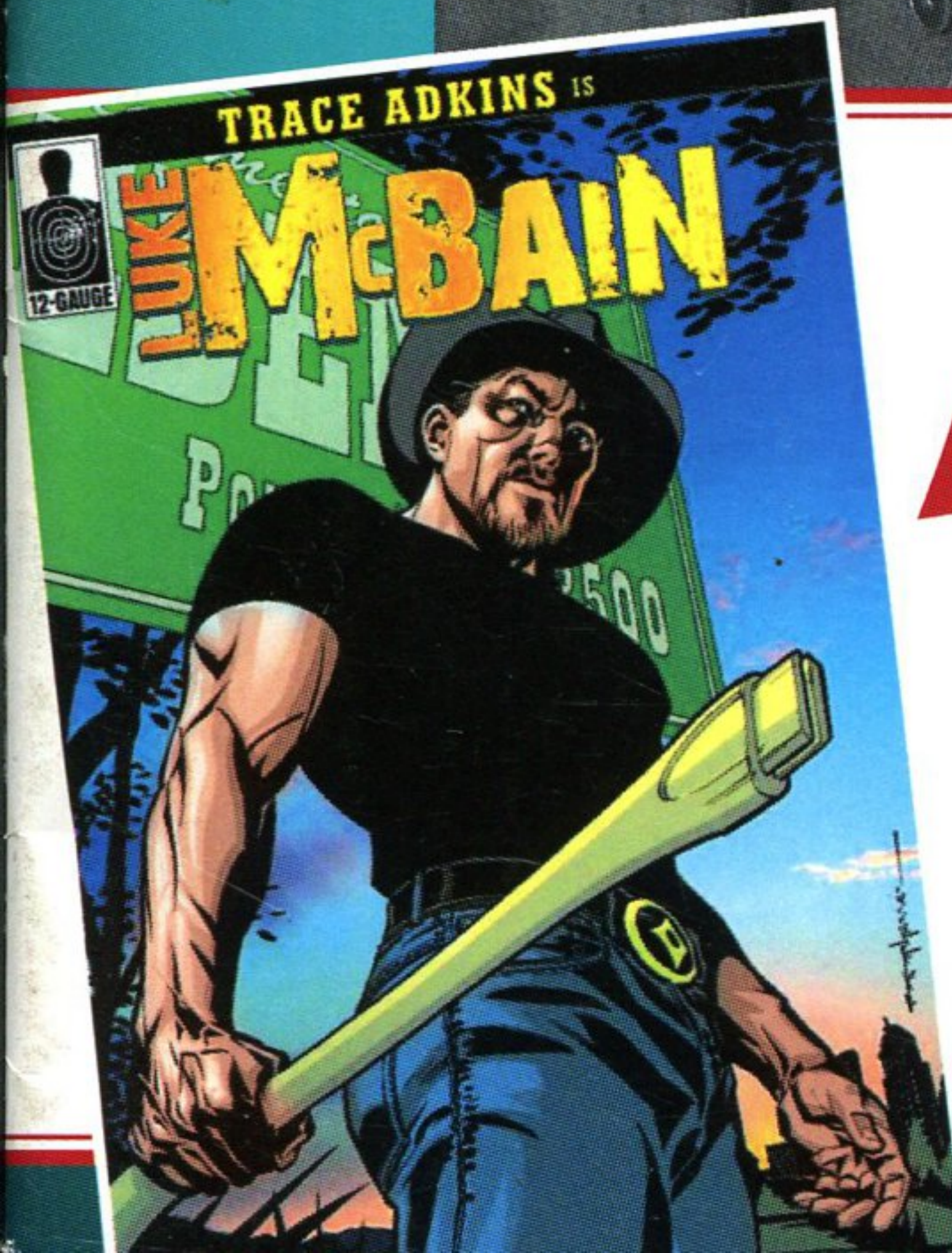
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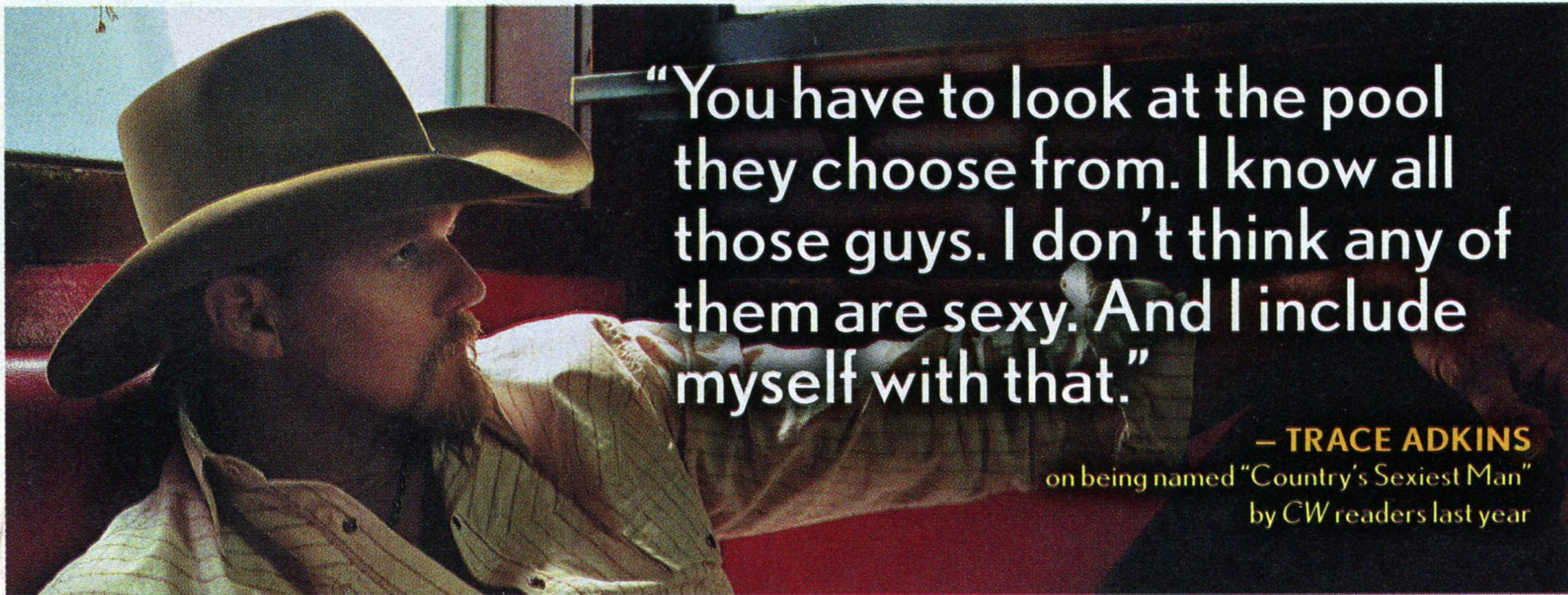
"She has got all Nic's good features. The eyes are probably like mine, but she has got Nic's skin and hair, and long legs."

— **KEITH URBAN**
describes Sunday, his 1-year-old daughter with wife Nicole Kidman



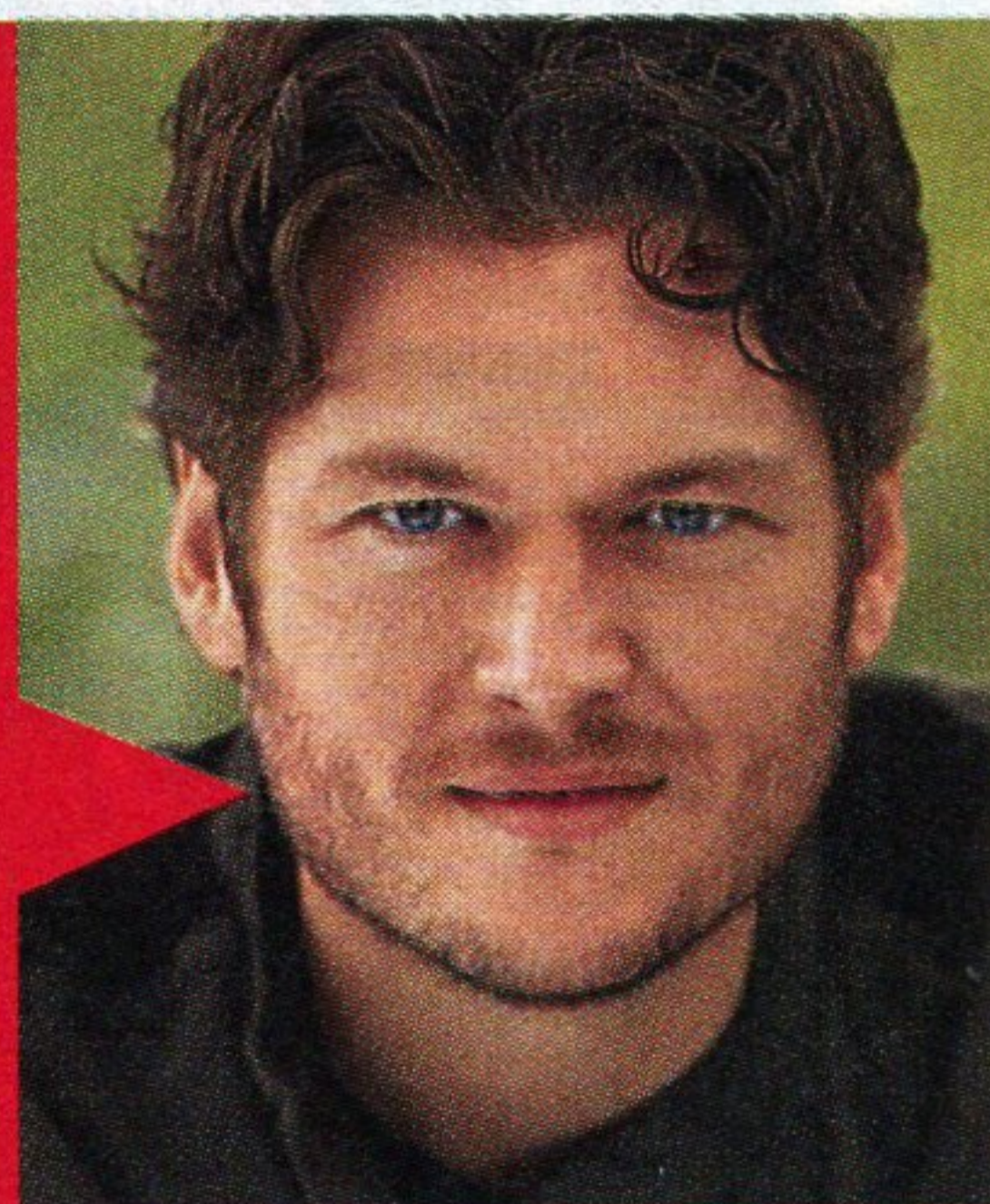
"You have to look at the pool they choose from. I know all those guys. I don't think any of them are sexy. And I include myself with that."

— **TRACE ADKINS**
on being named "Country's Sexiest Man" by CW readers last year



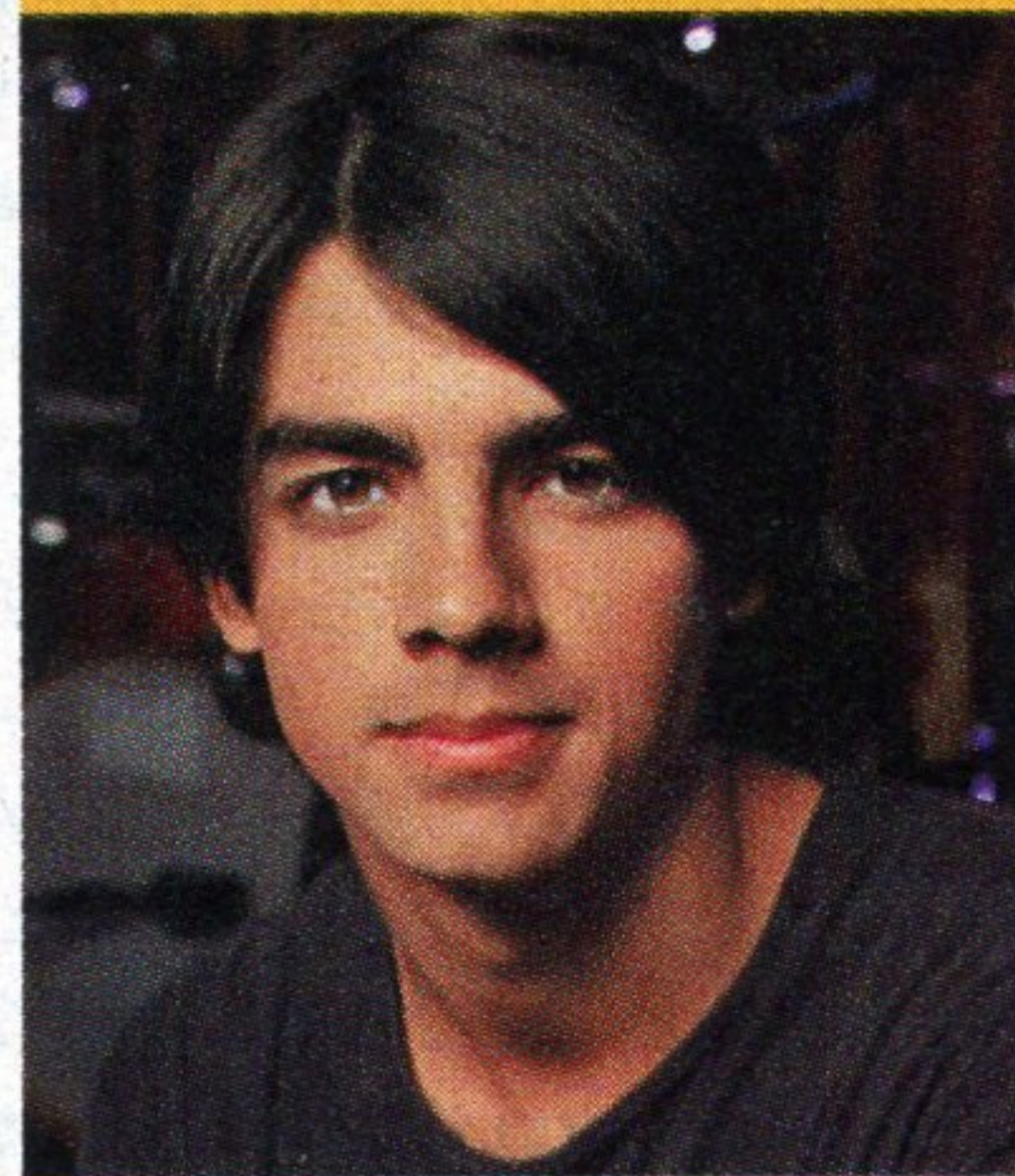
"Miranda just told me that if I mention the sexy thing again, she's going to roll up the *Country Weekly* and shove it in my ass."

— **BLAKE SHELTON**
describes (via Twitter) girlfriend Miranda Lambert's reaction to his status as our recent "All-Time Sexiest" cover subject



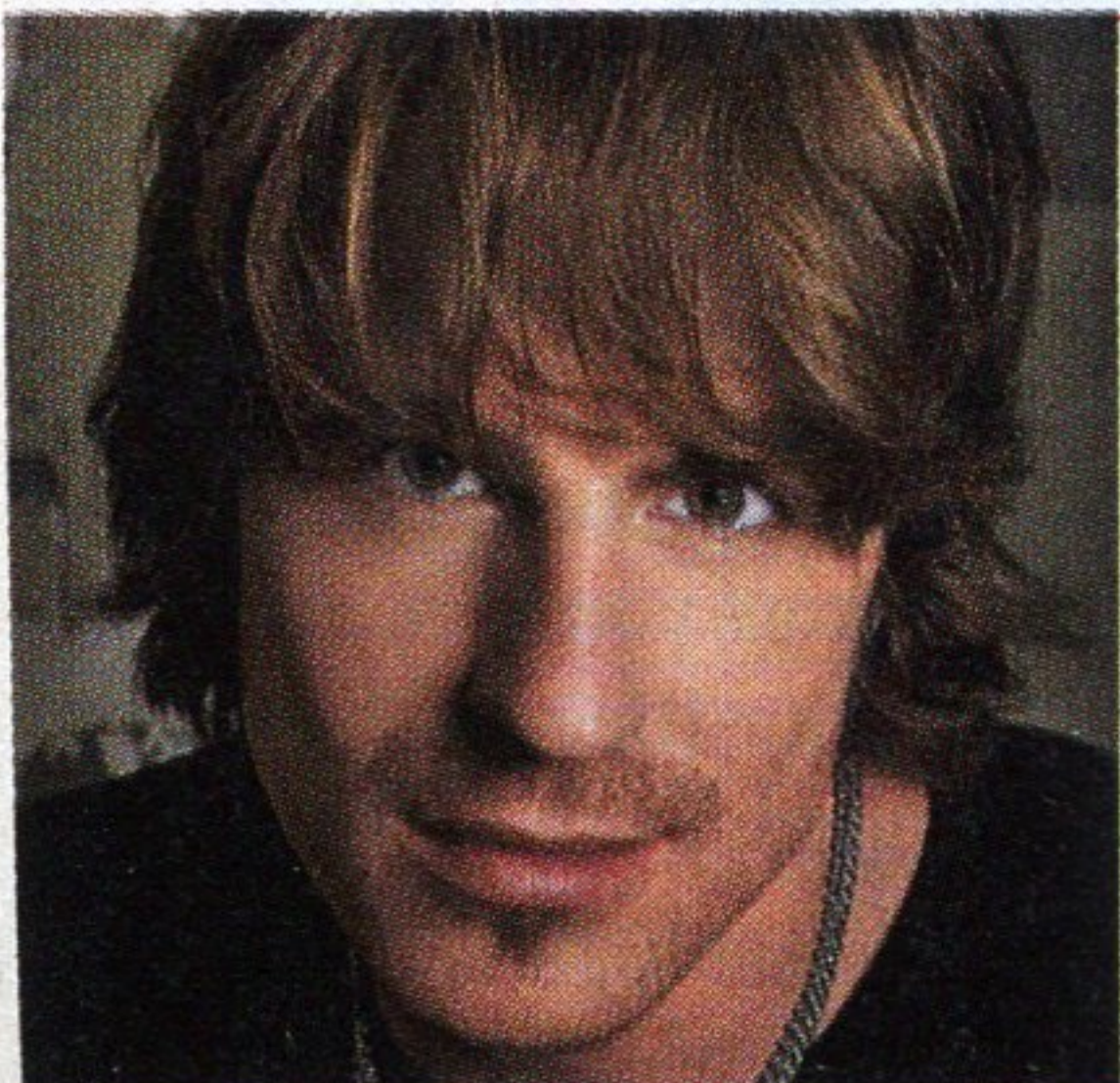
"I'm a huge country music fan, always have been, and *American Saturday Night* is an incredible record."

— **JOE JONAS**
of the Jonas Brothers on Brad Paisley's latest CD



"I have never owned a TV. I'm 36 years old and I've always listened to the radio and played my music."

— **JIMMY WAYNE**



HE SAID,

SHE SAID

Male and female stars often answer the same questions as differently as if they lived on separate planets.

When Dr. Jóhn Gray's *Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus* was published in 1992, it was an instant phenomenon. The book—which delves into the differences between how men and women communicate and relate—continues to be a bestseller. To illustrate these male/female differences, Dr. Gray created this metaphor: *Once upon a time, Martians and Venusians met, fell in love and had wonderful relationships together—because they respected and accepted their differences. Then they came to earth and amnesia set in: They forgot they were from different planets.*

Now, we don't know about Toby Keith, Trace Adkins, Tim McGraw, Blake Shelton and other male country stars being Martians (although

we swear we saw some kind of serpentine tail slip out of Blake's shirt one time). And we don't know whether Carrie Underwood, Reba McEntire, Faith Hill, Miranda Lambert and other female country stars have ever walked on the surface of Venus. But we do know that when a male country star and a female country star answer identical questions, the chances of their answers being dead-on identical are kind of like the odds of someone winning the lottery.

So, we put those odds to the test. Here are some of your favorite male stars tackling the same questions asked of some of your favorite female stars. After reading their dueling answers, we think you'll have a better take on this whole Mars-versus-Venus thing—including just how different (and sometimes how alike!) men and women really are.

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF MARRIAGE?



BLAKE
SHELTON

I'll be totally honest with you. I don't think about it. And maybe [Miranda] just seems like somebody that I'm meant to be with, you know? And I guess because I'm that comfortable with it, I don't sit around and think about that type of stuff. I can't imagine her not being part of my life, so I don't think about what's gonna happen 30 years from now. Because it just seems more natural than that.



MIRANDA
LAMBERT



I'm at the age now where all my friends are married and having babies. So, on some days I go, "Wow, I sometimes wish I had that normalcy." Then other days it's like, "What the heck would I do with a baby?"

I feel like I'm still at a great place 'cause I'm 25, and I have all the time in the world. Or, if I decided to tomorrow, I'm at the place in my life where I could. So I don't see it happenin' anytime soon. But it definitely crosses my mind sometimes—the all-American dream. Gettin' married with the white dress, havin' the kids. It's just one of those "however we feel" situations. But I definitely don't see me without him. I think we'll be together forever.

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS?



TOBY
KEITH

Best-case scenario is keep it going just like it is—just be able to tour when you want to, be able to release songs.

There's no way you can stay on radio forever. If you're talking about the next 20 years, I'm looking at the guys that are 20 years older than me and they're not getting played. I don't think you have to have chart action and I don't think you have to have mainstream radio, but at the same time, I think you have to have a place for your fans to come hear your music and I think those guys do a pretty good job of reaching their fans. So just longevity, that's the only goal.

CARRIE
UNDERWOOD



I don't have any as far as, "I wanna win this," and "I want to get this many this," and "I want to sell this." I'm just going with it. If I set too many crazy goals, I think I won't enjoy what's going on around me. I do have my life goals. Someday of course, I'd like to get married, but as far as career, I love what I do and I'm just hoping I can do that for a little longer.

