



Kevin Costner leads the Hatfields in their bloody feud.

## Hatfields & McCoys

History, May 28-30, 9 p.m. ET/PT | ★★★★★

**DRAMA** No matter how many bodies fall in clouds of gun smoke in this powerful six-hour production, you keep waiting for Kevin Costner to turn up, his sharp nose invariably pointing like a compass needle toward trouble. He's excellent as Devil Anse Hatfield, the calculating and unforgiving head of the clan that battled the McCoys in the legendary post-Civil War feud. The causes, ultimately pointless, were large and small: One tipping point was a disputed pig that may have been stolen from patriarch Randall McCoy, played by Bill Paxton (*Big Love*) as a spiritually righteous man who comes to see himself as a backwoods Job. McCoy is the tragic counterweight to Costner's cooler Hatfield. The pace sags, but the accumulation of sacrificed lives gives it all a haunting sorrow.

### SMELLS FISHY

*Mermaids: The Body Found* (Animal Planet, May 27) is a silly faux-documentary accusing the government of suppressing the ocean's merpersons. (We should be politically correct.) The idea that our evolutionary tree split into land- and sea-dwelling species is intriguing, but the cheesy CGI creatures swish about like Cirque du Soleil performers with tails. ★★★★★



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## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

**HAVE YOU EVER NEEDED COUPLES THERAPY LIKE YOUR LAW CHARACTER?** I've never

been in a relationship that needed therapy, but I have been in volatile ones. In my late 20s I was attracted to women who had a lot of fire. I liked the drama. We would yell a lot and fight, but it always made the sex better. I've changed, and I'm way past that phase now.

**WHAT'S YOUR TYPE?**

I love a woman who's passionate. That's sexy to me. I'm single right now, but I met this female car salesman the other day, and she was so sexy because she was in her element and loved her job. I don't need a car but almost bought one from her. That's how good she was. I also love good posture. When you see a woman stand up straight, it really works.

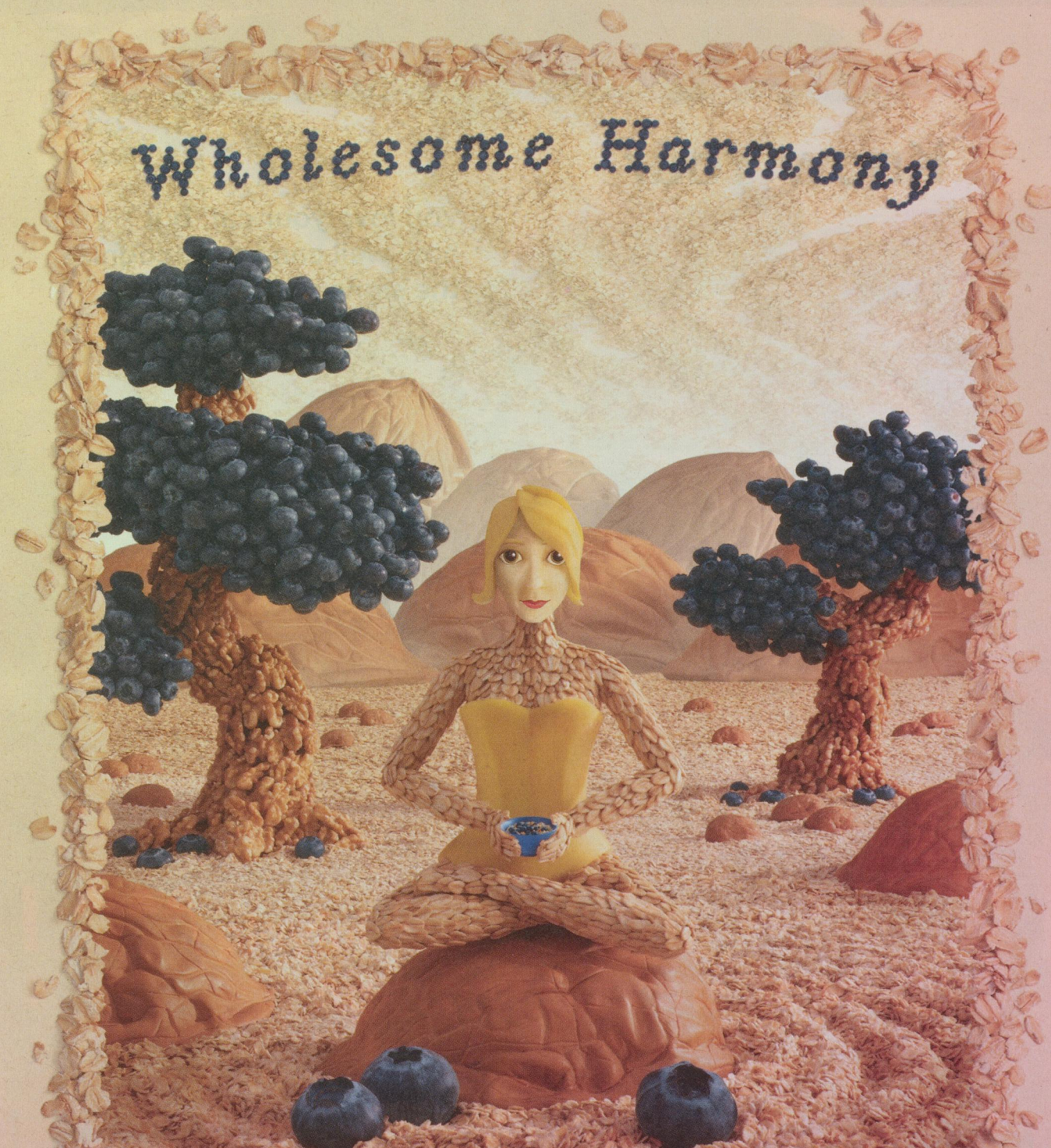
**WHAT'S THE BEST ADVICE YOU'VE RECEIVED ABOUT WOMEN?** At 13, my mom taught me the importance of opening a door and to always be a gentleman. It's made a huge difference.

**DO YOU HAVE A GUILTY PLEASURE THAT YOU NEED COUNSELING TO FIX?** I'm a huge fan of *Ice Loves Coco*. What I like most is their amusing life.

**They set up a date for their dog Spartacus to mate with another bulldog. That's crazy!** —PAUL CHI



Ealy, 38, stars with Warren Kole on the new USA drama.



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