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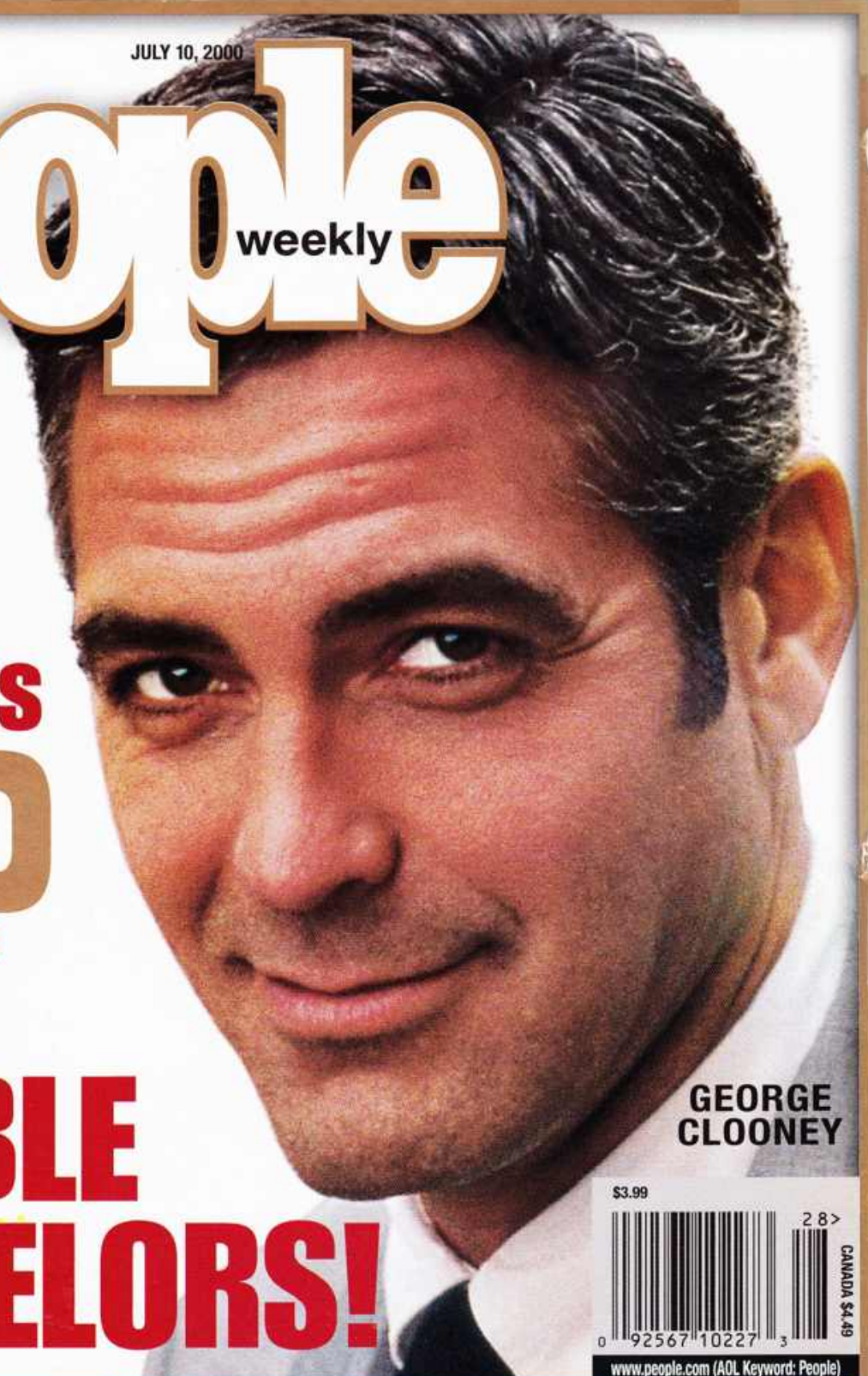
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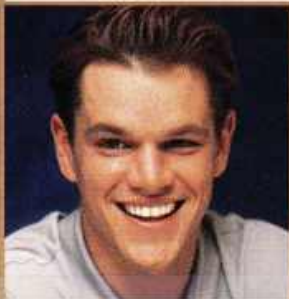
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# TOP 100



**STRAN SMITH, 29, cowboy, Childress, Texas.** Rugged good looks, natural grace and a winning way with a lasso—Stran Smith could ride circles around the Marlboro Man. 1997's Texas All-Around and Calf-Roping Champion roped in more than \$100,000 in prize money last year. The third-generation rodeo sensation, who also models western duds for magazine and TV ads, is humble to boot. "I'm no superstar," he insists. "I've just taken the gifts that God has given me and tried to give back to others in a Christian way." A teetotaler who has never married, Smith still lives and works at his family's 9,000-acre cattle ranch. What does a girl need to corral him? "Christian values," he says, "and a sense of humor." **IDEAL PARTNER:** One who loves playing with his nine nieces and nephews. **CAVEAT:** He's been casually seeing a former rodeo queen for a year or two.

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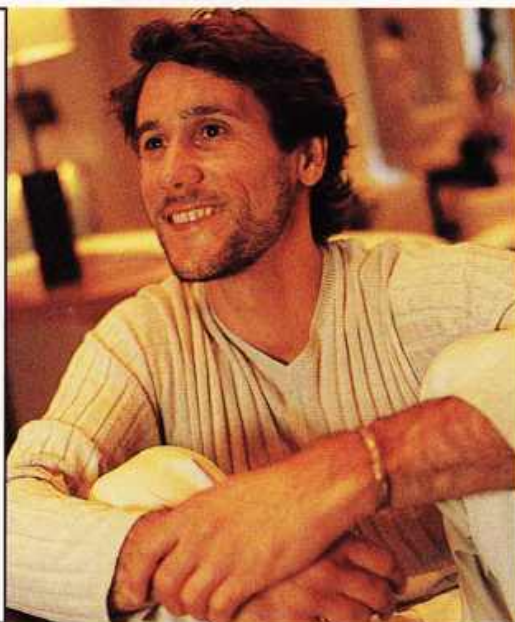


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**MARK WEXLER, 44, photojournalist, Chicago and Los Angeles.** "I want someone to share my frequent-flyer miles with," says the son of Oscar-winning movie cinematographer Haskell Wexler (*Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*). The never-wed adventurer has trekked Siberian tundra and African jungle to snap prizewinning shots for magazines such as *National Geographic*. "Living on airplanes isn't really conducive to an active social life," he laments, though he does strive to exercise and "eat as healthy as I can." He says he got close to the altar several years ago with a doctor ex but "I don't think I was ready." Now, "I really want to have a family." **A GOOD CATCH BECAUSE:** "I'm a good listener." **CAVEAT:** Tough to reach at work.

**SEAN CUMMINGS, 35, hotelier and real estate developer, New Orleans.**

Sure, he comes from a wealthy local family (father John is a successful attorney with extensive real estate holdings), cruises around town in a Porsche and owns International House, a hip hotel favored by visiting celebs. But Cummings isn't relaxing on Big Easy Street. The Brown University grad is also a serious soul and devoted Big Brother who helps run a summer camp for kids with cerebral palsy. "If a marriage is not a spiritual union," says Cummings, who is nine months out of a long-term relationship, "it's bound to fail." **LOOKING FOR:** "An independent thinker." **CAVEAT:** Very picky.



LISA MEANS



CHRIS HASTON/NBC

**KEVIN EUBANKS, 42, Tonight Show music director, Los Angeles.**

"I was just wondering," asks the amiable guitarist, "What makes me any different than any other unmarried guy?" Okay, Kev, listen up: On top of that hefty *Tonight Show* paycheck and impressive musicianship (he composed the show's closing theme song), Eubanks is "honest and straightforward," says pal and nightly stage partner Jay Leno. Mom Vera notes that her son, whose last serious relationship (with actress Tamara Townsend, 29) ended in 1998, is "always concerned about other people." **LOOKING FOR:** "A woman who's dedicated to something." **CAVEAT:** Few Saturday night dates, thanks to frequent moonlighting as a club guitarist.