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MEET THIS MONTH'S WINNER

Kathleen Guthrie

► **HER ANSWER:** My dependable, miracle-working flat iron. That thing has changed my life. If I were to wind up on a desert island, the only thing I would want with me is my flat iron. Seriously! If only this magic wand had been around when I was a skinny, braces-wearing, badly permed 13-year-old.

STATS: Age 43; San Francisco; freelance copywriter; single.

WHAT IS THE WORST JOB YOU EVER HAD? A brief stint as a telemarketer, trying to convince people to purchase tickets after they had turned down the three previous callers. I got yelled at—a lot.

WHAT IS THE MOST EMBARRASSING SONG ON YOUR IPOD? I don't have an iPod, but if I did, it would be *The Muppet Show's* Leprechaun Brothers—Animal, Beaker, and the Swedish Chef—singing "Danny Boy." I laugh and then cry every time I hear it.

MOST USELESS INVENTION? Any hair-removal gadget or goo that promises to be pain-free. Yeah, right.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ITEM IN YOUR WARDROBE AND WHY? My lucky scarf, which my sister brought back for me from Italy. It's made of orange woven linen with brightly colored threads. It's very cheery and very me.