

DOGGIE DINER, the landmark from SF's now defunct hot-dog chain was inspired by a "weiner dog," which is the same breed as...



DOUG WASHINGTON is one-third of the team behind Town Hall and the newly opened...



LET'S BE FRANK is the brand of 100 percent grass-fed-beef hot dogs founded by Larry Bain and...



SAMMIE, the red brindle dachshund that inspired the...



SALT HOUSE, where his wife, Freya Prowe, painted a huge piece on the back wall called...



SUE MOORE, the "meat forager" for Chez Panisse, which is owned by...



"SAMMIE SNAPS," dog biscuits in Elizabeth Falkner's fall-release cookbook *Demolition Desserts*, shot by photographer...



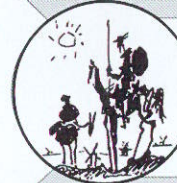
QUIXOTE'S DEVOTION, which was inspired by Miguel de Cervantes' idealistic and impractical protagonist...



ALICE WATERS, who spent her first college year at UC Santa Barbara, where she met her Alpha Phi sorority sister...



FRANKIE FRANKENY, who just so happens to be longtime friends with...



DON QUIXOTE DE LA MANCHA, who also inspired the offbeat Quixote Winery, which was founded by...



ELEANOR BERTINO, a publicist for many SF restaurants, who worked with chef...



ELIZABETH FALKNER, who worked as the pastry chef at Rubicon restaurant during the time it was headed by executive chef...



CARL DOUMANI, the former owner of Stag's Leap Winery and a founding father of...



TODD HUMPHRIES when he was at Campton Place. He's now chef and co-owner of St. Helena's Martini House, where in the wine cellar is a...



TRACI DES JARDINS, now executive chef and co-owner of Jardinière with...



GONADS (the Gastronomic Order of the Nonsensical and Dissipatory), the all-male group whose membership includes...



WALRUS SKULL that dates back to 5000 B.C. and was found during a fishing expedition in Alaska by the restaurant's co-owner...



7 DEGREES of Separation

THE Pat Kuleto GAME

BY KIMBERLY YEN

The local restaurant industry is indeed a tangled web. But if anyone is caught in the middle, it's Pat Kuleto, the Hawaiian-shirt-wearing, pony-tail-sporting restaurateur. After almost 10 years, he's stepping back into the spotlight with two characteristically over-the-top restaurants in Rincon Park slated to open this fall: Epic Roasthouse and Waterbar, with noted chefs Jan Birnbaum and Mark Franz at their respective helms.



BEN STILLER filmed his new Farrelly brothers comedy at the restaurant Luella, the "second child" of chef-owner Ben de Vries, whose firstborn is...



FRANK XU, the owner of the Mandarin-style Chinese restaurant at the base of Bernal Heights called...



EDGARDO CHACON, the top hairstylist at Kamalaspas, has a client by the name of...



HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA, the 14th spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhism, whose followers include...



GEMMA DEVRIES, who attended Pacific Primary preschool with Hannah Cosselmon, daughter of...



JASMINE TEA HOUSE, which delivered crispy beef soup with fried wontons and sesame chicken to former president...



GAVIN NEWSOM, who shares his October 10th birthday with...



LAURENT MANRIQUE, the corporate executive chef of Aqua, who holds an annual benefit for the Tibetan Aid Project and enjoys dining at...



ERIK COSSELMON, the executive chef of Kokkari Estiatorio, who is married to...



BILL CLINTON during a visit to SF in 2002. Two years before that, he and his daughter, Chelsea, were seen dining at...



MARIO LOPEZ, the runner-up on *Dancing with the Stars*, the TV show that has also featured the smooth moves of...



YUET LEE, a late-night, chef's-fave Chinatown diner, whose owner, Sam Yu, spends his nights off at...



DEBORAH KWAN, a food publicist who used to work with the "Sausage King"...



THE SLANTED DOOR, which has been known to put on the menu wild mushrooms from purveyor Wine Forest Mushrooms, owned by...



JERRY RICE, the now-retired wide receiver for the 49ers, the team whose red and gold colors inspired the...



CHENERY PARK, the cozy Glen Park neighborhood restaurant where chef Gaines Dobbins uses the skills he learned under...



BRUCE AIDELLS, the founder of Aidells Sausage Company, who is married to...



CONNIE GREEN, the Wine Country-based mycologist who forages for porcini, chanterelles and cocoli, all of which are needed for...



49ER SUSHI ROLL, a popular choice at Ace Wasabi's, which gets its fish from International Marine Products, the same purveyor used by...



PAUL PRUDHOMME, the Louisiana-based chef behind blackened redfish and a longtime mentor and inspiration to...



NANCY OAKES, executive chef and co-owner of Boulevard with...



SAUTÉED SQUAB WITH WILD MUSHROOMS, which is—drum roll—one of the very favorite dishes of...



MARK FRANZ, the executive chef and co-owner of Farallon restaurant with...



JAN BIRNBAUM, the soon-to-be executive chef of the upcoming Embarcadero restaurant venture, Epic Roasthouse, created by...

