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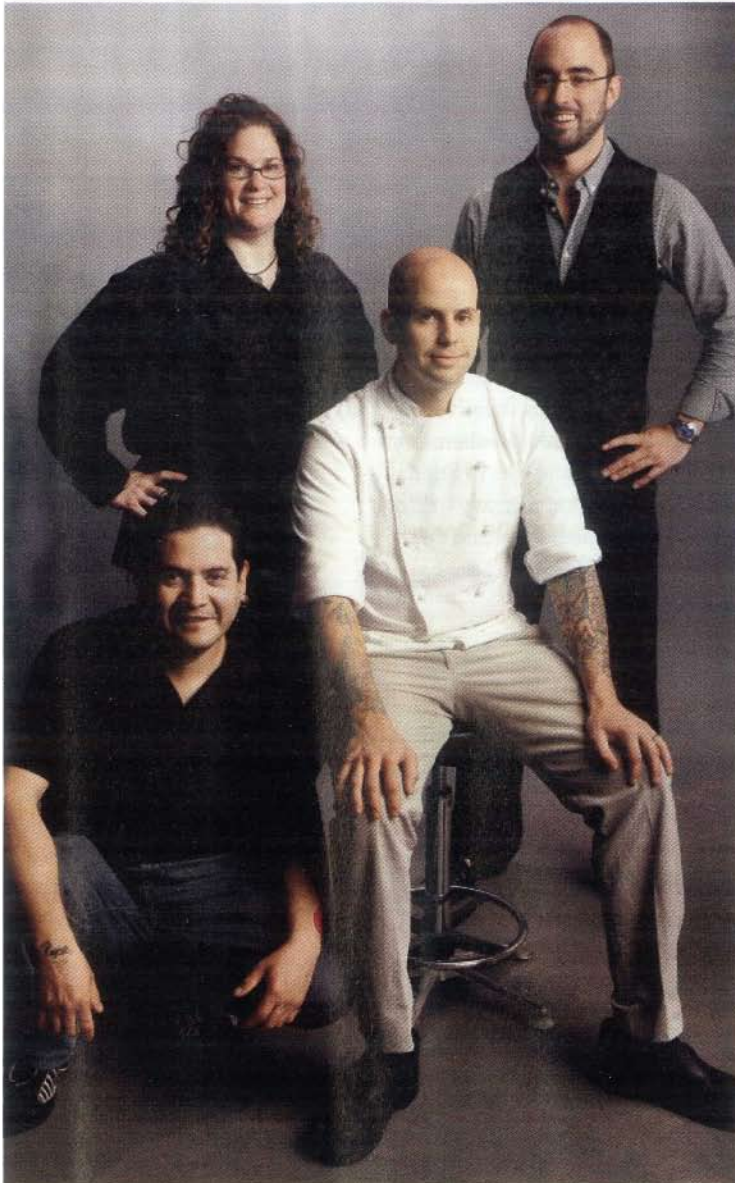
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LEFT TO RIGHT: JOSE MARTINEZ, JENNA MUELLER, GERARD CRAFT, CHAD GEORGE

THE DINING DREAM TEAM: FOUR OF THE BEST IN THE BIZ

GENERAL MANAGER **CHAD GEORGE, ECLIPSE RESTAURANT**

A good general manager is familiar with the wine list. A really good one writes it. Certified sommelier Chad George pairs wines with the same alacrity with which he pairs a chatty couple with a schmoozy server. 6177 Delmar, 314-721-1111, moonrisehotel.com

EXECUTIVE CHEF **GERARD CRAFT, NICHE**

Fiercely dedicated and a meticulous technician, Craft rises above his temperamental peers in this motivational paradox: How can a guy demand perfection and be so darned easygoing and humble at the same time? 1831 Sidney, 314-773-7755, nichestlouis.com

SERVER **JENNA MUELLER, HARVEST**

When a server is so immediately likable, plus has total command of the menu, you don't know whether to give her your order or ask her to sit down and join you. And this master of Midwestern professionalism just received her master's in counseling. Half-jesting, she notes, "If you think about it, it's a lateral move." 1059 S. Big Bend, 314-645-3522, harveststlouis.com

BUSSER **JOSE MARTINEZ, TERRENE**

How he gets from Point A to Point B as fast as he does, laden with his tray (sometimes two) of busser equipment, is a feat worthy of YouTube. Until someone rolls tape, enjoy the live version at Terrene. 33 N. Sarah, 314-535-5100, terrene-stlouis.com