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ROLAND FLAMINI ON THE ASSASSINATION THAT WASN'T

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THE 2012 RESTAURANT GUIDE

THE TASTIEST, MOST CREATIVE, SPLURGE-WORTHY DINING IN TOWN

WHAT WOULD

JOSÉ ANDRÉS, ROBERT WIEDMAIER AND WOLFGANG PUCK ORDER FOR THEIR LAST MEALS?

... PLUS OTHER JUICY TIDBITS ABOUT THESE CULINARY CHAMPIONS


GOURMET LEGENDS **PATRICK O'CONNELL** AND **MICHEL RICHARD** SPILL THE BEANS

TOP CHEF **BRYAN VOLTAGGIO'S** RECIPE FOR ENDING CHILDHOOD HUNGER

AND... PARTIES! PARTIES! PARTIES!

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MOST CREATIVE DISH:
Lobster Begula pasta

Michel Richard

Central Michel Richard, Michel, Citronelle, James Beard Foundation Outstanding Restaurant 2008

**WHAT IS THE INSPIRATION
BEHIND YOUR LOBSTER
REGULA PASTA?**

The pearl pasta reminds me of giant caviar. It is fun, and when you eat it the pasta rolls in your mouth. It looks like Beluga caviar but it tastes like a rich lobster risotto.

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**WHAT IS YOUR COOKING
PHILOSOPHY?**

My cooking philosophy is freshness, and I love texture. I want to make food that is the perfect dance partner to your palate. I want to make beautiful music (sounds of crunching!) in your mouth. When you eat my food, I want you to feel like the chef is in love with you.

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**IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT ABOUT
WASHINGTON MAKES IT A FOOD
DESTINATION?**

There is so much variety of cuisines here in Washington, and there are more great chefs cooking here all the time. It is an international menu as well as a celebrity one. New York City watch out!

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**IF YOU COULD COOK FOR
ANYONE LIVING OR DEAD,
WHOM WOULD IT BE?**



Alive — with my best friends around the table.

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**WHAT IS YOUR 'DEATH ROW'
MEAL?**

Perfect roasted chicken with French fries. A lot of Champagne and Côte du Rhone. Great ice cream for dessert.

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YOUR GUILTY FOOD PLEASURE?

Ice cream out of the microwave at midnight. Don't tell my wife.

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**WHAT SPECIAL DISH DO YOU
PLAN TO MAKE FOR THE
HOLIDAYS?**

Turkey with chestnuts and truffles

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**WHAT HOLIDAY TRADITION DO
YOU ALWAYS OBSERVE?**

I love Thanksgiving. No gifts, no

religion, just friends and family. Everyone can come to my table.

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**FAVORITE PLACE IN
WASHINGTON?**

Walking in Georgetown, reminds me of Saint-Germain-des-Prés in Paris. Great Falls is relaxing, I love to feel the water next to me, I go with my little dog Scout. The National Gallery of Art — I am an artist. I love the classics.

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FAVORITE PLACE TO SHOP?

H Mart and Asian markets in the west D.C. area. The wharf fish market in Washington and the Farmer's Market at Dupont Circle.

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FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT?

Mussel Bar by Robert Wiedmaier, Et Voila, CityZen, Cesco in Bethesda, Bizou in Potomac. I miss Roberto Donna's food.

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FAVORITE WAY TO UNWIND?

Fishing with my daughter on the Potomac by the Chain Bridge and driving across the key bridge into the District. You can see Georgetown University, National Cathedral, the monuments, the Kennedy Center. It gives me a thrill! So does the Smithsonian's Julia Child exhibit.