

JT LeWho??

REMEMBER THAT little scuttlebutt back in 2006 over the true identity of the not-so-true-to-life male run-away prostitute, JT Leroy? Turns out his tell-all autobiography was penned by a female fortyish red-head named Laura Albert, creating what the *San Francisco Chronicle* referred to as the "greatest literary hoax in a generation." Part of the hoax included the many public appearances of JT, spotted with celebs like Winona Ryder, Calvin Klein and Gus Van Sant. Who posed as JT?

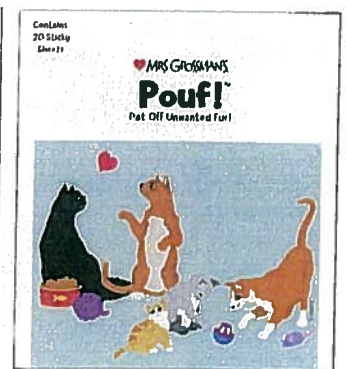
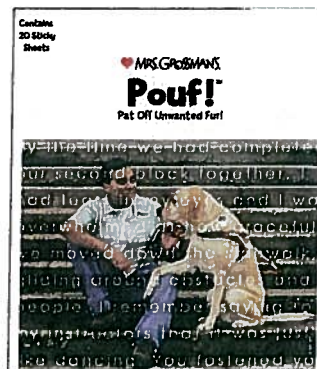
Albert's teenage sister-in-law, Marin native Savannah Knoop, whose memoir of her experience, *Girl Boy Girl*, published by Seven Stories Press, will be coming out in October. Besides making this foray into publishing, Knoop also runs an organic clothing company, Tinc, with her sister, Hennessey. Their goods can be seen in September's online Fashion Trends section of marinmagazine.com.



Loka Retreat Center

You'll have to figure out the "who" and "what" but when it comes to your next local group meeting or function, check out the newly opened Loka Retreat Center. Located near Cascade Falls in Mill Valley, this former artist studio has been turned into a 1,100-square-foot conference room with bamboo floors and huge windows ideal for meditative arts, yoga or even team-building. Check out ohanloncenter.org for more information.

POUF!



TWO NORTH BAY BUSINESSES, the kid-favorite sticker company Mrs. Grossman's and San Rafael's Guide Dogs for the Blind, have joined forces to aid fur-covered-pet lovers. Pouf! (Pat Off Unwanted Fur) packs are made up of aesthetically pleasing, card-size adhesive (fur-grabbing) sheets created by Mrs. Grossman herself, who is donating a portion of net proceeds to Guide Dogs. mrgrossmans.com