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WHOLLY COW

A young chef with a love of butchery strikes out on his own



As ascents to culinary stardom go, Mark Cutrara's was fairly meteoric. Plucked from a sous position at the [Silver Spoon](#), last fall he opened the Danforth's [Globe Bistro](#) to great acclaim, earning well-deserved praise for his smarts and sensitivity at the stove and for his commitment to showcasing the very best from local suppliers. Then, just as quickly, it seemed, he'd left. **Cowbell** (1564 Queen St. W., 416-849-1095; opening planned for July), the chef's new venture on Queen West West, should prove more lasting. Invigorated by a stint as an apprentice at the [Healthy Butcher](#) last winter, Cutrara plans an ever-changing menu of nose-to-tail classics (he'll do his own butchery in-house), fresh Ontario lake fish and local organic produce—"simple bistro food done well," he says. And don't expect a backlit onyx bar or a bevy of short-skirted hostesses. "We didn't want to do the *Restaurant Makeover* look—that's what everybody's doing." A star is reborn.

Steaking a claim: locally sourced, dry-aged-tri-tip with preserved spring garlic and summer veg
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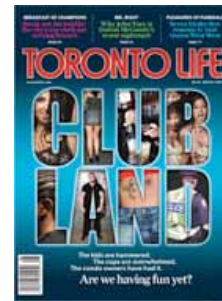
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