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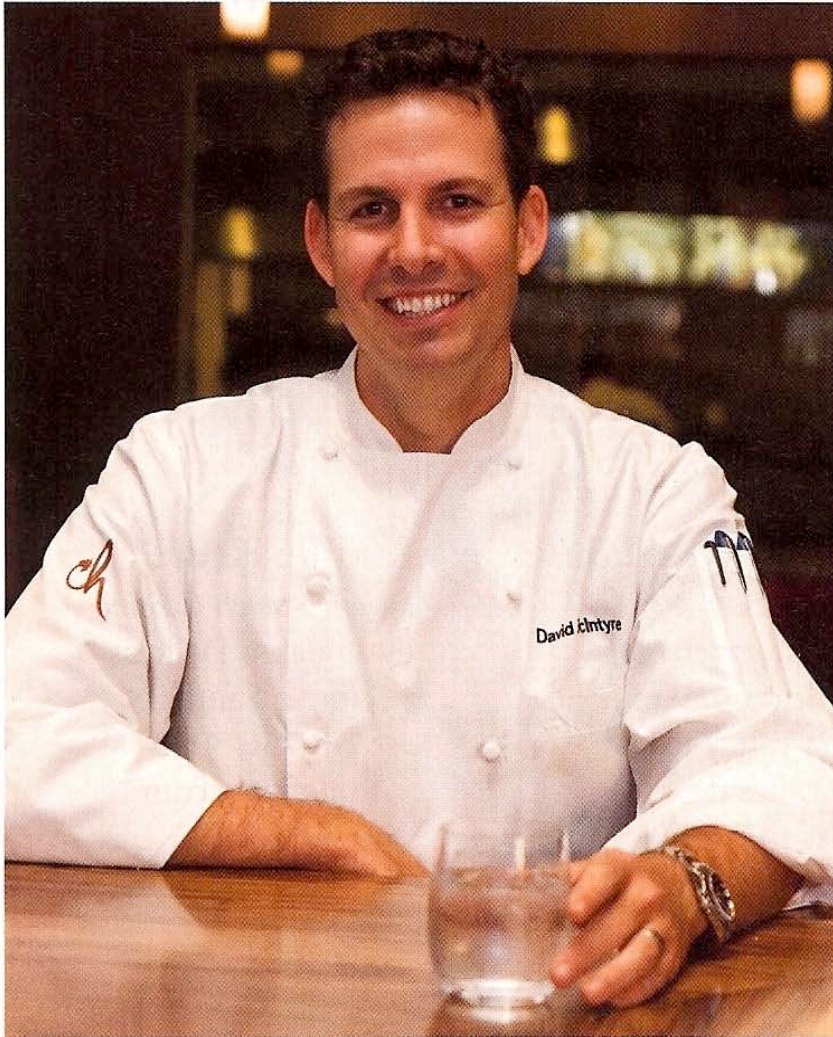
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RAMONA D'VIOLA

From Beverly Hills to Broadway

EVERYBODY CLAIMS to have worked for Wolfgang Puck, but David McIntyre actually did, putting in eight years at Spago—Beverly Hills, and then consulting on Cut, Puck's reportedly glorious steakhouse in the Regent Beverly Wilshire hotel. With his wife, Mariah, McIntyre recently opened Crescent Heights Kitchen & Lounge on the ground floor of a new office tower on West Broadway at Kettner. The address seems a bit daring, although surrounding office buildings should provide lunch-hour trade, replaced at night by guests from condo buildings and hotels. A neutral, 21st-century décor of gray, white and taupe flatters guests no matter what they wear, and McIntyre's menu should please most tastes. The Crescent Heights salad is a very Lyonnaise affair of tartly dressed frisée, bacon, sliced fingerling potatoes and poached egg. Spanish chorizo, saffron beurre blanc and garlic clash sensationally in a cast-iron cocotte brimming with plump Bouchot mussels. The meuniere-style sauté of wild striped bass also is perfectly executed. In fact, all is lovely, though ambitious prices mark it particularly for celebrations.