

## Stephan Pyles to open new restaurant Uptown next year. What should he call it?



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This morning, [Steven Doyle reported on Crave DFW](#) that [Stephan Pyles](#) signed a lease for a new restaurant Uptown.

I just confirmed with Pyles: He did sign a lease at Granite Properties' Park 17 development. The restaurant, which he hopes to open in the second quarter of 2012, will be something "very modern Texas," he told me.

"It won't be Star Canyon," he said, "but hopefully we'll evoke that spirit -- a celebration of Texas." It will be much more affordable than his namesake restaurant, with main courses in the \$20's, and check averages in the 40s. "I haven't quite developed it fully," said the chef. "It'll have influences from the south -- a lot of southern food. The techniques and tastes in general have come so far since Star Canyon was around; it's been 15 years." There will also be Mexican influences -- he plans to have a taco bar, with corn and flour tortillas made in-house -- plus range and cowboy cooking, along with a bit of Cajun and Creole, "because that's around in the state."

Pyles has always wanted to do a "really good fried chicken," he said. He offered one at Baby Routh, but only at lunch time. Using sous vide and C-Vaps, he'll be able to cook fried chicken at his new place to order. "When I found out Tiffany [Derry] was doing it over at Private Social," he said, "I thought shoot! Somebody beat me to it!" His will be a honey fried chicken.

He is close to deciding on a chef, probably someone from within his organization. The name? That's another story. He's looking for something that evokes modern Texas. A couple of ideas he liked were shot down by the trademark attorney, he said.

Hey -- maybe you have an idea. **What should Stephan Pyles call his new restaurant?**

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