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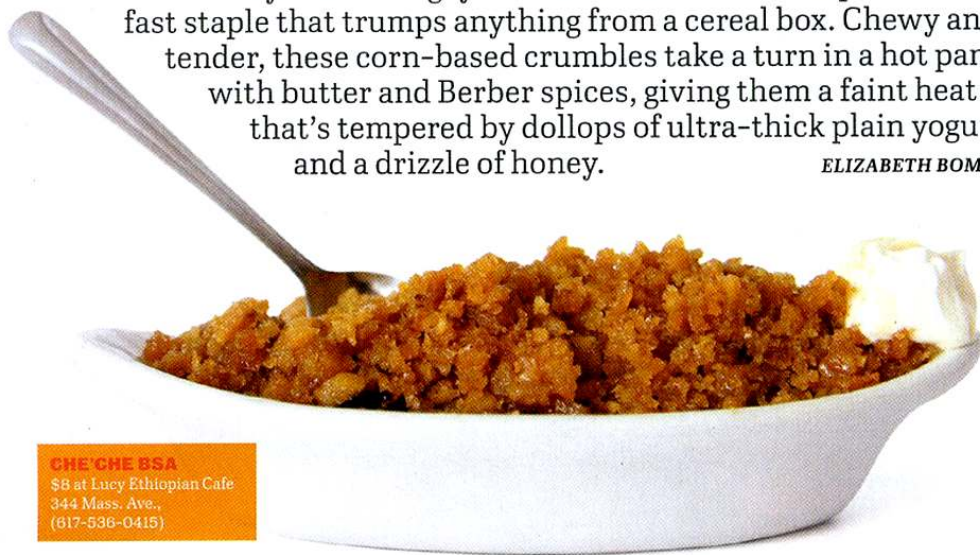


Good Eats

Breadwinner

Although Lucy Ethiopian Cafe's injera might be the best version of flatbread around (it's spongy, faintly sour and delicious), it's not even the most impressive dough-based item on the menu. Chef/owner Girmay Cirsto Ziegaye's che'che bsa is an Ethiopian breakfast staple that trumps anything from a cereal box. Chewy and tender, these corn-based crumbles take a turn in a hot pan with butter and Berber spices, giving them a faint heat that's tempered by dollops of ultra-thick plain yogurt and a drizzle of honey.

ELIZABETH BOMZE



CHE'CHE BSA

\$8 at Lucy Ethiopian Cafe
344 Mass. Ave.,
(617-536-0415)



Q&A

LEAFY QUEEN

Hedda Lettuce (real name Steven Polito) is a drag comedian and singer. She's appeared on TV series including *Sex and the City*, *Ugly Betty* and *Project Runway*, and films like *To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar*. The self-proclaimed "Queen of Green" appears at the W Boston Hotel on April 30.

What do you think of Boston's gay scene?

I think in order to fit in, one needs to wear Abercrombie & Fitch and a baseball cap. It's like sex, though. You need the right amount of foreplay to loosen everyone up, and then it's very fun!

Is it easy being green?

I hope you aren't calling me easy! Being green is very important, and sometimes remembering to recycle can be a lot of work.

What are your five makeup essentials?

I'm a drugstore kind of lady, and I'd say a really good Cover Girl mascara, some Max Factor cover-up, moisturizer, lip liner and—well, you can't buy this in a drugstore—but good bone structure. Have you seen my cheeks?

Do you only eat organic?

No, my diet varies. I'm an equal opportunity eater. I like white men, black men, Asian men...

What's the most uncomfortable thing in your wardrobe?

My breasts are very large and heavy. I've been thinking of downsizing, but that's not what my public expects.

Have you ever played with a Cabbage Patch doll?

Goodness, no. Cabbage makes me incredibly gassy.

KYLE WRIGHT

Beauty

Flyaways

Thanks to celebs like Steven Tyler, Ke\$ha and Selena Gomez, feather extensions are the new, must-have hair accessory. "At first I thought they were silly," says SalonCapri owner Nicholas Penna Jr. "But when I started to see them done right, they looked interesting. Then interesting turned to cool, and when *American Idol* started they turned into a craze."

The tiny strands take just minutes to snap on, and can be washed and styled along with your own hair. You can go with crazy colors or stick to neutral shades of brown or black and white. They're the perfect solution if you're too chicken to dye your locks.

AMANDA KNORR



Feather hair extensions

\$15-\$25 per feather at SalonCapri, 31 Lincoln St., Newton Highlands (617-969-1970); 406 Legacy Place, Dedham (781-320-0900) saloncapri.com

