



## Best ribs

**FOXLEY** 207 Ossington, 416-534-8520

Sushi pit chef Tom Thai on the map at Tempo and Canoe, but his bronto-sized beef side ribs have earned him an entirely new following. Slow-cooked tender and fall-from-the-bone, they luxuriate in a sticky sweet shallot glaze that deserves to be bottled.

## Best roti

**VENA'S**

1263 Bloor West, 416-532-3665

For so-called fast food, these gargantuan Guyanese-style rotis can take a long time coming. That's because nearly everything – including the house's superior dhalpuri – prepared at Mashud and Homewaty Siddique's modest take-away is made to order. But what's the rush when, instead of cheap, gristly chicken and potato filler, they're loaded with butterflied shrimp and al dente asparagus?

## Best salad bar

**SUNNY CAFE @ NOAH'S**

322 Bloor West, 416-963-8624

Back in the day, salad bars were a dime a dozen round these parts. Henryk and

Ursula Lorek's self-serve takeout café in a health food store offers one of the few that remain today, featuring a lineup of leafy greens and comfort-food casseroles – steamed kale, chick-peas with quinoa, rice-noodle lasagna – that's not only organic but vegan to boot.

## Best service

**COWBELL**

1564 Queen West, 416-849-1095

The locally harvested card of hotshot chef Mark Cutrara may get all the attention, but if it weren't delivered by his staff of unusually polished professionals, no one would be fighting for a table. Because they're attentive yet never fawning, the only attitude served up here is the right kind: can I be of service? **CONTINUED ON PAGE 92**