

## On the Slates: Grandma's Pasta and Chef's Inventions

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La Bottega, 147 Nassau Blvd., Garden City South, 516-486-0935, is a charming little Italian takeout shop with a small dining area (two tables) in the back. Owner Giuseppe Ruta worked at Osteria and Lupa in Manhattan, turns out sandwiches and salads to go or eat in. At lunch, I enjoyed a porchetta panino, the grill-pressed sandwich containing thinly sliced roasted suckling pig, arugula and olive oil. At night, in the dining room, Ruta will prepare made-to-order dinners for those who reserve and select a menu at least 24 hours in advance. The place also sells flowers, organic vegetables and Italian groceries.

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**HOLD THE MAYO . . . / unless it's spiked with lime juice or ancho chile. At new eateries, a sandwich isn't what it used to be.**

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“La Bottega in Garden City South, are making it big with innovative panini (grill-pressed Italian sandwiches) and colorful nouveau heroes. Most of the offerings are priced at less than \$10.”