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Conventional thinking and years of conditioning dictate that more often than not, salad goes with a meal. The French country salad at Odeon is so much better as a prologue to roasted half-chicken and garlic mashed potatoes. Or the walnut-endive-and-Stilton salad at Café des Artistes—just bearable without the promise of peach- or plum-glazed duck. Even the fresh, leafy, lightly dressed greens and plump, always-ripe tomatoes at Les Deux Gamins can't dissuade one from proceeding to the steak au poivre and accompanying frites. Still, occasionally, all you want is a salad. And the place to get one is **TOSSED** (295 Park Avenue South, near 23rd Street; 674-6700).

It's fast. And the salad—whether you build your own or put your faith in any one of the succulent, kaleidoscopic, and enormous freshly prepared servings—stands alone. There's the chopped Greek with kalamata olives, or the tossed niçoise with capers, cornichons, and seared tuna, or the baby spinach with grilled portobellos, "hickory-sweet-smoked" bacon, toasted hazelnuts, and onions with black-peppercorn Asiago dressing. And you can call them all dinner. Yes, they deliver.

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