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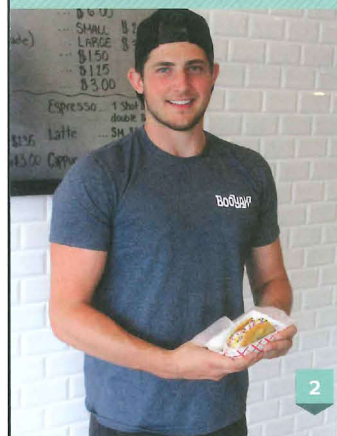
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## 1 THE TEN SPOT

The Ten Spot is a beauty bar that bills itself as the ultimate upscale “anti-spa” experience. They get you in and out fast without sacrificing quality or cleanliness. After falling in love with their neighbours and the tight-knit community, sisters Jacki and Jessi Allen decided Eglinton Avenue was the perfect place to open their Ten Spot franchise in 2014. “We like our neighbourhood a lot,” says Jacki. “We’re really happy doing what we’re doing.” Hit up The Ten Spot for a huge range of esthetic services, everything from waxing, to nails, to tinting and threading. Jacki’s favourite service? The facials. A special feature of Jacki and Jessi’s Ten Spot is the long community manicure table where guests sits side by side. “It’s really nice when we’re busy, you get a lot of people in there who are strangers and they all start talking. It creates a really fun atmosphere,” Jacki says.

424 Eglinton Avenue West 647-340-7768 [the10spot.com/forest-hill](http://the10spot.com/forest-hill)



## 2 BOOYAH INC.

Owned and operated by the Mincer family, Booyah Inc. is the home of your new summer indulgence: mix-and-match ice cream sandwiches. The first thing you notice about Booyah Inc., new to the Vaughan strip just south of St. Clair West, is its funky neon sign which injects some attitude into neighbourhood. Once inside, your most difficult decision is to choose a cookie, baked in-house of course, from a sleek display case. Next, choose a gourmet ice cream (or two) to sandwich inside. Good luck! Open late—10 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 11 p.m. on Fridays and weekends—to satisfy those insane cravings that always strike when least expected. Cones, milkshakes, smoothies, coffees and teas are also offered. A half ice cream sandwich (one cookie cut in half and two scoops of ice cream) is \$4.65, or go all out with a full-sized ice cream sandwich (two cookies and four scoops) for \$7.10.

16A Vaughan Road 647-347-2001 [booyah-inc.com](http://booyah-inc.com)



## 3 RAINBOW CATERPILLAR MULTILINGUAL BOOKSHOP

The mission of Rainbow Caterpillar Multilingual Bookstore is to preserve and promote culture by giving parents the tools to teach their children their own mother tongue, or even a second, third (or more!) language. The shop originally opened online in 2010, followed by its brick and mortar store at the end of 2012, and stocks books, DVDs, toys and games in languages as diverse as Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish. Rainbow Caterpillar also supports Canadian authors by seeking out Canadian titles translated into foreign languages. As well, Rainbow Caterpillar runs an annual a short story contest with the aim of supporting the preservation of mother languages in Canada. Previously, short stories written in Russian, Hungarian and Arabic have won the \$750 prize, and this year Rainbow Caterpillar made a special effort to encourage submissions in the many aboriginal and regional languages spoken in Canada.

165 Lauder Avenue 647-975-8800 [rainbowcaterpillar.ca](http://rainbowcaterpillar.ca)

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