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ve qualifier, and you suspect some sort of institutional "the best," but you decide and what difference does it make how *New York Magazine* differentiates between one knitting circle (page 88) and another? (Is the instructor? The knitting better? Do the amateur knitters—the knitting poseurs—go elsewhere?) You note that the Best Place to Buy Flat-Screen TV:

**B** ago, and you entertainment ue to flip flummoxed right now you resolve have  
**E** urchin dish fit. "I'm not You look at your readers who "In your 'Best in New York."  
**S** a little smug. You center from any old through the magazine, you were when you were looking for a this one. You also notice out your favorite  
**T** didn't get your massive, store; you got it from the best store. see the Exhale yoga center, and remember feeling even more stressed out yoga center that didn't creep that *New York's* food restaurant as having the best applaud your stomach growls. call your wife and place you had clarifying "I'm leaving receive protest imagine your- had the 'best' misrepresented Had you been in your would have best potted duck in

found on West 78th Street between Broadway and Amsterdam in the kitchen of my dear aunt Geraldine." Your mental composition is interrupted as Best

**O** f administration for responding from Nigerian ing to  
**N** the account. petent- pages later, (page 100). freely admit that rub your face, irrational by doing that. need a facial. You Puppy (page 108) as the collar. The dog—which you  
**E** ago and vow revenge. You Borgata in Atlantic City the next tournament, to an urgent and confidential only surviving son dictator, who is apparently enter a tive partner- her if she's transfer of \$18 million into her You wonder if *New York* has a Assistant-Replacement Agency you notice a recommendation You're fairly comfortable with this may be the best category tionally assuming that you can Yes, you recognize the place where your hate—has a habit  
**W** Poker Weekend (page eye. You wince \$600 you lost to younger brother ask your assis- and inquire but she's denial of a about reg- busy e-mail dead  
**M** 84) catches your as you think of the Jack's annoying two weeks tant to call the  
**Y** will- lucra- ness with accep bank Incom- A few Facial quality and mindedly you need a that you a Mint on a "couture" dog kitchen and

**Y** oom, yapping ferociously and punctuating turns with a sharp little ARF! Yap, yap, yap, yap, ARF! Yap, yap, yap, yap, ARF! Sometimes it slips on the rug and goes crashing into whack! You it happens. Place Mint on  
**O** a Puppy is slightly used the name of the Best because the yapping, question recently decapitated taking her for some sort of a note to call the Best Environ- the only thing the dog appears or even mildly annoying basement. You continue the magazine. Page 62: tage Lamps. The Geraldine. Best Same-  
**R** interested chihuahua. Craft Studio couture- your 4-year- threatening mentally  
**K** to have is the flipping Best gift  
**Y** o write (page collared piece old's beloved doll, domestic predator. Friendly Extremator no interest in bug population through Vin- Aunt 110:  
**Y** perfect you think Day Dry would have best scilled be  
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# Sweet Spots

*Adam Platt's tour of the city's most decadent desserts.*

**OLD-WORLD CLASSIC: SOUFFLÉ, LA CARAVELLE.** 33 West 55th Street (212-586-4252). Ask for ice cream, which the waiter will drop into your soufflé (chocolate or Grand Marnier) from a great height, like a depth charge.

**NEW WORLD COMFORT: BUTTERSCOTCH PANNA COTTA, DAVIDBURKE & DONATELLA.** 133 East 61st Street (212-813-2121). Leave it to Burke to present this beautifully textured dish in a martini glass and spike it with swirls of curry and cocoa gelée.

**OLD-WORLD COMFORT: STICKY TOFFEE PUDDING, SCHILLER'S LIQUOR BAR.** 131 Rivington Street (212-260-4555). Mr. McNally transforms one of the stodgy delicacies of his youth into the epitome of hip.

**FUSION: RASPBERRY GRANITÉ, ASIATE.** 80 Columbus Circle (212-805-8881). It's really a disassembled raspberry snow cone, with rich spoonfuls of chocolate mousse.

**CUTTING-EDGE: DESSERT FLIGHT, JEAN GEORGES.** 1 Central Park West (212-299-3900). The themes change seasonally, but Johnny luzzini's hypercreative desserts are always interesting and usually delectable.

**SIMPLE PLEASURE: APPLE CIDER DOUGHNUT, HEARTH.** 403 East 12th Street (646-602-1300). An old-style fritter laced with apple cider, fried to order, and served with chunky applesauce and a dab of maple whipped cream.



PANNA FROM HEAVEN:  
davidburke & donatella's  
butterscotch panna cotta.