

DEPARTURES

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ROOT BEER FLOAT
Regress in style. A cup of homemade vanilla ice cream comes with a bottle of Boylan's root beer—the perfect accompaniment to a Monday-night screening of *The Birds* or *The Manchurian Candidate*.



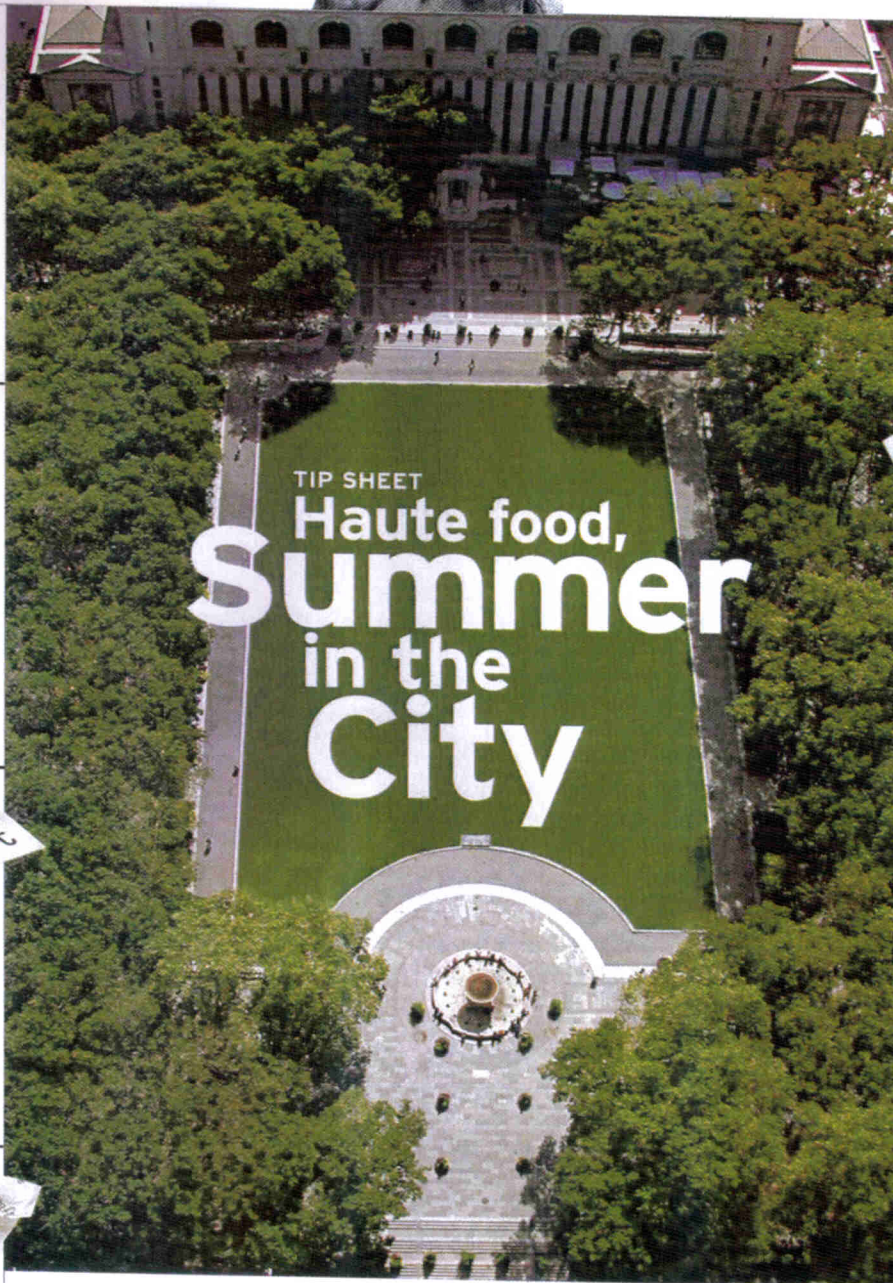
SLOW-ROASTED PORK SANDWICH
The best things are not always the tidiest. The rich, tender meat—spiked with jalapeños and red cabbage slaw—is served on a crusty ciabatta roll. Grab extra napkins.



PEANUT BUTTER CREAM'WICH
Competition is fierce for these treats—they sell out early. Crunchy peanut-butter cookies surround peanut butter whipped with sugar. At \$1 apiece, they're an affordable addition.



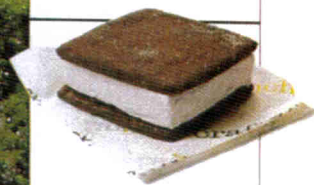
HAM AND AVOCADO ON BAGUETTE
Breakfast sandwiches too good to wait until lunch. How about fried egg with bacon, frisée, and Gorgonzola on ciabatta? What's a bagel?



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HOT CHOCOLATE
When there's a chill in the air, the ice cream kiosk turns its thoughts to daily hot chocolate flavors, such as ancho chile and the exquisite bay leaf.



ICE CREAM'WICH
The genius of pastry chef Erica Davis is on display in pairings such as chocolate cookies with banana ice cream, peach ice cream with graham cookies, and sundaes topped with toffee sauce.



BLACK PEPPER POTATO CHIPS
Life's too short for Lay's when there are thickly sliced spuds crisped in olive oil and spiced with pepper.



GRILLED GRUYERE
The classic comfort food has been re-vamped: Gruyère and caramelized onions + on rye, and fontina with black trumpet mushrooms and white-truffle fondue.

F CENTRAL PARK IS New York's Bois de Boulogne, then Bryant Park is its mini Jardin du Luxembourg. An \$18 million renovation restored the 1847 gem's original luster, making it polished enough to host New York's fashion week. The six acres on 42nd Street and Sixth Avenue also feature a *pétanque* court, a carousel, and free Wi-Fi. And until last May, the biggest draw was classic-movie screenings on the lawn—that is, until Craft restaurant's Tom Colicchio opened an outpost of his 'Wichcraft chainlet. Now the four cheery kiosks are the only reasons we need to pull up a little green chair.

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