



SPECIAL ISSUE

BEST OF NEW YORK

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New York, New York—and environs! Everything. We love it. You love it. Even when it sort of drives you nuts. But mostly it's about loving it. The *Voice's* Best of New York enumerates the crème de la crème of this bustling burg—with all the dope on where to go for, oh, that first kiss, gnocchi *and* mod rock, some great goat roti (Jamaican *or* Trinidadian), hundreds of other things. Plus our favorite Gotham personalities, and the places in the city that make you feel like you're somewhere else...

PROCURABLES

best public aid to self-hate



New Yorkers search for new ways to hate themselves each day. Enter the brilliant Walter sibling creative team, who offer up non-reversing **TRUE MIRRORS**, sold by appointment only. Since 1999, a sample mirror has been on display in their storefront window, providing 24-hour access to unflipped self-viewing. Your nightmarish reflection is purportedly a real-deal image of how others see you. Here's how it feels to look at your face: "My left eye is gargantuan. I have massively crooked teeth. My nose is slanted. I am an ogre." On their (philosophical) Web site, truemirror.com, the Walters persuasively insist that True Mirrors are a "new doorway to a great world of self-discovery and enlightenment." Break on through to the other side? 43 East 1st Street, 614-6636 CP Chelsea Peretti CP