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## Weekly Chef and Menu Report: The Week of November 4, 2013

*Every week, we take a look at some new chefs and menus that have appeared across the country. Here's this week's roundup:*

### New York City

**Center Bar**, located in the Time Warner Center and serving Mediterranean small plates and cocktails, launched a [lunch](#) service offering the full small plate and cocktail menu, according to a press release. The lunch service, beginning at 12 p.m., is offered on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Seasonal items include braised Berkshire pork belly and North Carolina quail as well as the Winter Margarita with Inocente tequila, Cointreau, apple and clove.

**The National** in midtown just launched new brunch cocktails with a twist. The drinks can be ordered by the glass for \$12 or in carafes to share. Featured cocktails include the Royal Sangria made with Pavan French Muscat Liqueur, Dorothy Parker Gin, Yuzu, fresh berries, ginger, and mint; the Morning Spritzer made with Cointreau, grapefruit, and club soda; and the Blood Orange & Ginger Mimosa made with Berlucchi "Cuvee '61" Sparkling, Solerno Blood Orange Liqueur, fresh ginger, and blood orange.

Ashton Warren, former pastry chef at Restaurant **Marc Forgione** just joined the team at **Duane Park**, considered New York's "only high end and celebrated Burlesque Supperclub," according to a press release. This fall, she's making Lady Ashton's Chocolate [Cake](#), a two-layer chocolate decadence with a chocolate crème filling, and a Walnut-Apple Bread Pudding with a Maple Salted Caramel.

The Kronie, a crossiant-donut hybrid by **Jolie's Sweet Creations**, are available at the Holiday Shops in Bryant Park, according to a press release. These treats, which have been called the "best damn donut around," come in many flavors including Nutella, Cannoli, Boston Cream, Apple Crumb Pie, Maple Bacon, and Salted Caramel. The Holiday Shops run through January 5.

A "Light Fare" menu is now offered at Chinese restaurant **Philippe Chow** for diners seeking a light bite between lunch and dinner, according to a press release. The light menu items will include chicken, beef, or shrimp satay skewers and crispy seaweed salad.

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