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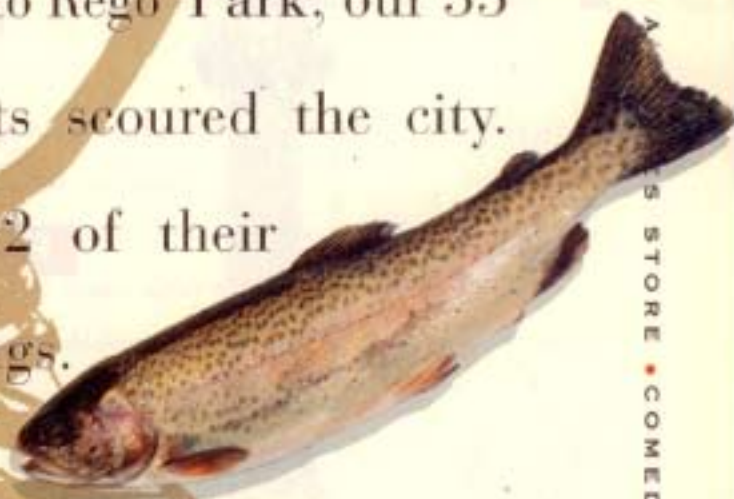
tion. From Central Park to Rego Park, our 35

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experts scoured the city.

Here are 112 of their favorite things.



## DEFENSE LAWYER

*Gerald Shargel makes his living by keeping people—"reputed" people, mostly—out of jail. When Shargel, 49, won freedom for Tommy Gambino (who paid \$12 million in fines; he could afford it), other defense lawyers were appalled. "Good Lord! No jail or probation? For a mob guy?" one wailed to The American Lawyer. "I hope my clients don't hear about this. They'll*



Ronald C. Modine

*all want the same thing from me!"*

*Shargel represented Sammy Gravano in the last John Gotti trial—until the judge threw Shargel (and Gotti's lawyer, Bruce Cutler) off the case. Figuring he was cooked without Shargel, Gravano became a federal witness—thus cooking Gotti. "Sammy couldn't be without his magician," says a lawyer. Shargel may have to work some magic on his own behalf—he's being investigated by prosecutors who call him "house counsel" for the Gambino crime family. Even so, defendants just call him. And call him. And call him.*

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