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DESSERTS

1. **ICE CREAM JUBILEE**, *Navy Yard, 14th Street corridor*. The flavors change with the seasons, but the gin-and-tonic sorbet is always on offer.
2. **BUTTERCREAM BAKESHOP**, *Shaw*. You'll want to Instagram—and eat—pretty much everything in this whimsical bakery.
3. **BAKED & WIRED**, *Georgetown*. This sliver of a bakery specializes in fruit pies, cupcakes, and bars—and serves the city's best chai.

2. **The Salt Line**, *Navy Yard*. Classics such as Maine-style lobster rolls are served alongside creations like rockfish tartare with Worcestershire mayo.

3. **Hank's Oyster Bar**, *Dupont Circle, Capitol Hill, the Wharf, Old Town*. Get a fried-clam fix at Jamie Leeds's quartet of New England-style seafood houses.

2. **The Diner**, *Adams Morgan*. Fluffy omelets, French toast, and tater tots served round the clock.

3. **6Pizza**, *multiple area locations*. Gussy up your DIY pie with accessories such as fig balsamic or spicy chickpeas. Tied with: **Surf-side**, *Dupont Circle*. Unlike its Glover Park sibling, this taco stand stays up all night.

LATE NIGHT

1. **Amsterdam Falafelshop**, *Adams Morgan, L'Enfant Plaza, 14th Street corridor*. The menu is simple—just falafel and fries—but you can go wild with toppings.

BREAKFAST

1. **Ted's Bulletin**, *14th Street corridor, Capitol Hill, Gaithersburg, Merrifield, Reston*. Diner classics—sometimes with an upscale twist—served all day.