# WHAT'S NEW, WHAT'S NOW, WHAT'S NEXT AT 14th & U

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Whether you live for summer or thrive on winter's chilly temps, you can't deny that springtime in the nation's capital is a magical season — especially at 14th and U. Get a spring in your step and explore Washington's most vibrant, dynamic neighborhood.

# NIGHT OVVLS





There's no better destination for a great night out than 14th and U, thanks to an eclectic mix of bars, restaurants, and music venues that will satisfy even the most diverse tastes. The best part? A plethora of amazing hangouts makes for incredibly inspired street style. Inside, the city's events the incredibly inspired large for after bars adventures.





Inside, the tress-obsessed can find out where to get the coolest cuts, color, and more, straight from three of the neighborhood's best salons. Get ready for a whole new 'do!



It's the perfect time to head to **Som Records** (1843 14th Street NW; (202) 328-3345) and dig through the crates for springtime jams. Whether it's some records for your backyard BBQ or the newest dancefloor banger, Som has you covered. Plus, everyone knows there's no better way to spend a chill Saturday than discovering some new tunes.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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Now at **GoodWood** (1428 U Street NW; (202) 986-3640), you can shop the new clothing collection designed by Jackie Flanagan, former owner of Nana boutique. After shuttering her Mount Pleasant shop this winter, Flanagan has devoted herself to designing a lovely, ladylike array of casual separates and dresses.

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Need a beautiful bouquet or a vase full of gorgeous flowers for a special occasion? **Bouquets & More** is set to open at 1628 U Street NW, offering up an alternative to uninspired delivery services and basic supermarket flowers.

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Head to **Vida Fitness** (1517 15th Street NW; (202) 588-5559) on Monday nights at 8:30 p.m. for a candlelight vinyasa yoga session. It's the perfect end to the most hectic day of the week, and an opportunity to enter into Tuesday in a more zen state.

## D/CITY EATS



**Kapnos** and **G**, the two new restaurant concepts from celeb chef Mike Isabella, are nearing completion. Inside a 7,000-square-foot space at 2201 14th Street NW, Isabella will launch Greek-centric Kapnos, focusing on roasted meats, as well as G, the first in a potential chain of Italian sandwich shops. What if you're ready to eat now? Celebrate patio season with a round of beers and a platter of the famous mini burgers at **Matchbox** (1901 14th Street

#### NW; (202) 328-0369).









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## <u>THIS NEIGHBORHOOD SHINES</u> <u>BRIGHTEST AFTER DARK</u>

For the neighborhood's stylish set, getting dressed to go out is an exercise in pure aesthetic pleasure. Experimenting with color, texture, silhouette — it's all part of the creative process that is so central to self-expression. Whether your idea of a good time is a rock 'n' roll show, a life-changing dinner experience, or a majorly sweaty get-down dance session, you'll find it on 14th and U. And better yet, you'll find some seriously stylish residents rocking the perfect outfit for your activity of choice — so prepare to be inspired. **1 SPOTTED AT** *11TH* & *U* 

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It doesn't take long for U Street to shake off the winter chill. This neighborhood gets glitzy with a little extra color, shimmer, and shine.

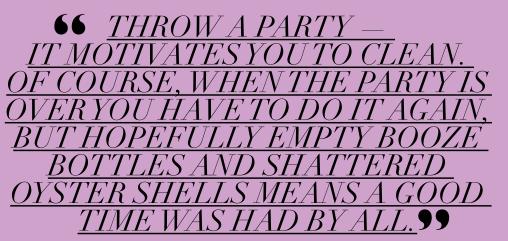
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ANNA KAHOE, OWNER, GOODWOOD

My spring cleaning is cutting all my skirts into <u>minis! Cue the</u> sunshine <u>my</u> wardrobe is ready! Though my legs are still sadly *`winte<u>r white</u>'...* ERIN DERGE, CO-OWNER, GINGER ROOT DESIGN

# "I CAN'T SAY THAT I EVER HAVE..."

LORI PARKERSON, OWNER, REDEEM

<u>"Since I'm packing up for</u> a move into a new house, no cleaning required." ERIC SMUCKER, OWNER, SMUCKER FARMS

> EVERYTHING WE HAVE HAS A PLACE IT LIVES. **WHENYOU HAVE** TWO LARGE DOGS AND A BABYBOY. YOUNEED TO HAVE A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING, BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T, IT'S A LITTLE CRAY CRAY."

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KELLYTOWLES, **GRAFFITI ARTIST** 

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<u>Go through each room one at a</u> time and throw out those things <u>you haven't used in a year.</u> Throw out that piece of furniture <u>you have to walk around,</u> <u>or don't like the upholstery on,</u> or has wobbly legs. Clean out all the things that slow you down and stress you out. Start fresh. PIXIE WINDSOR, OWNER, MISS PIXIES

"I REALLY TRY AND STAY ON TOP OF KEEPING **EVERYTHING CLEAN** ON A CONSISTENT BASIS. THAT WAY THERE IS NO NEED FOR A BIG SPRING CLEANING SESSION." <u>GREG GRAMMEN, OWNER, FEDERAL</u>

*"My hubby loves to clean and have a clean"* apartment, so he is cleaning all year long. Once a year, around spring, I'll go through and do a massive closet reorganization. I keep it fun by blasting music and drinking wine." ASHLEY TURCHIN, MODEL & COFOUNDER, ANTHOM

<u>Spring's message of renewal doesn't just apply to nature —</u> take it to heart and prep for the season with a brand-new look. We've compiled a handy cheat sheet to the best neighborhood salons, and what you'll want to know before you book.



## **IMMORTAL** BELOVED

This tucked-away salon on Church Street in Logan Circle is the destination of choice for Washington's forwardthinking fashion lovers. The airy space combines modern and vintage elements for a setting that feels both cool and comfortable.

YOU WILL SEE: Stylists who've mastered the rocker cool look.

YOU'LL BE INSPIRED BY: The daring color and cuts sported by the salon's staff, whether it's a platinum buzz cut tinged with pale pink or loose fiery-red waves.

YOU SHOULD TRY: A creative updo for your next fancy event — think fishtail braids, a Gibson Girl-style low bun, or a messy chignon.

**THE DEETS:** 1457 Church Street NW (202) 299-1050



<u>Thanks to its effortlessly hip vibe.</u> a walk through Gallery plan b is an irresistible part of any summer stroll along 14th Street. We caught up with gallery director David Kalamar to talk about up-and-coming artists, his favorite 14th Street jaunts, and what he'd do if he hit the jackpot.

for the next few months?

## \_\_\_\_\_ SEASONAL SPRUCE UP! \_\_\_\_\_

HAIR & NOW .....



## **PARLOUR** SALON

A colorful, cheery space plays host to a talented team of stylists trained

## **YOU WILL SEE:**

An impressive inventory of products, always find someone who can help along with an abundance of curlyhaired clients who flock to the salon for specialized cuts.

## YOU'LL BE INSPIRED BY:

The expertise demonstrated by the stylists during occasional workshops, which focus on everything from vintage-inspired looks to beach-babe tresses.

## YOU SHOULD TRY:

Bring your style into 2013 with a gamine, starlet-worthy pixie or a shoulder-grazing cut with plenty of body, a la Alexa Chung.

#### THE DEETS: 1522 U Street NW (202) 986-0080



## **BANG SALON** & SPA

One of the District's homegrown salon empires, Bang has earned to bring out the best in all hair types. a reputation for edgy cuts and color in a welcoming, unisex setting. An arsenal of staffers means you'll you achieve your vision.

## YOU WILL SEE:

Stylists sporting an eclectic range of styles, from polished, work-ready bobs to avant-garde layers.

## YOU'LL BE INSPIRED BY:

The razor-sharp, angular cuts and lustrous color, whether you opt for natural-looking highlights or richer, deeper hues.

## YOU SHOULD TRY:

An understated take on ombre, making just the ends of your hair a few shades lighter

THE DEETS: 1612 U Street NW (202) 299-0925





**BORN** February 10, 1937 Black Mountain, North Carolina D/CITY HISTORY Roberta Flack started at Howard University at 15 on a full piano scholarship, making her one of the youngest students to enroll there. She taught for years in Washington, D.C. high schools. She was discovered while performing at a DC nightclub. She is best known for her 1973 hit "Killing Me Softly With His Song."

OCCUPATIONS Teacher, pianist, songwriter, singer **INSTRUMENTS** Piano, vocals

## Q: What do you have up your sleeve in terms of programming

A: We will be exhibiting works by D.C.-based artist Freya Grand from May 15th through June 16th. This gallery exhibition follows Grand's solo show at the National



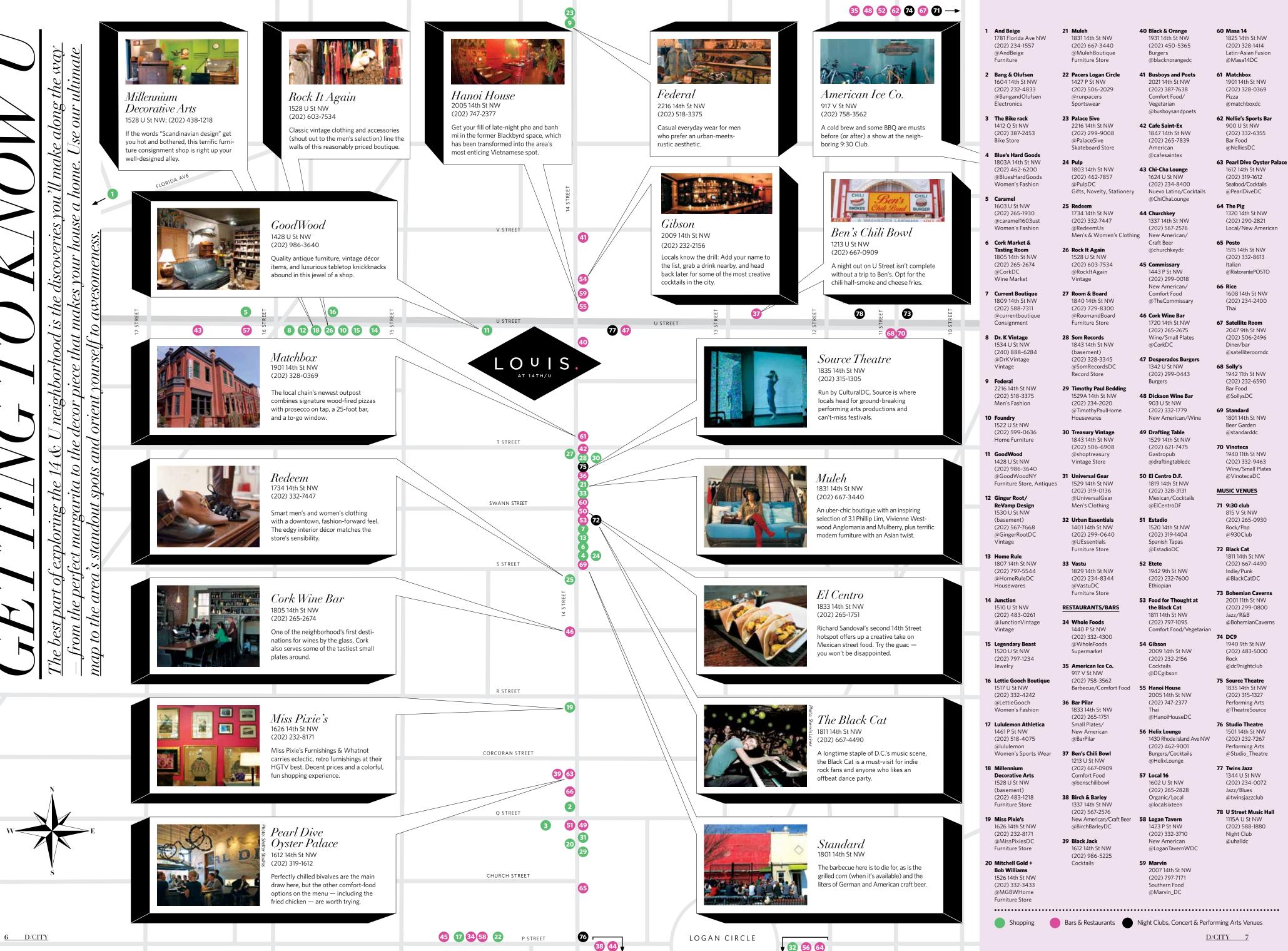
Museum of Women in the Arts. Grand creates ethereal landscapes derived from her travels across the world. She creates compositions of varied sizes to explore different aspects o the landscape. Her exhibition at plan b will focus primarily on her seascapes, which are calming yet full of energy.

- Q: What's been your single favorite exhibition to date? A: My favorite exhibition is a recent one that showcased the work of Marilee H. Shapiro, an artist who recently turned 100. The exhibition contained work from nearly eight decades of her career. It was truly inspiring to see a collection like this in a gallery setting — most often, only museums get to experience this type of exhibit. It was great to see the reactions of clients to the work, and to the fact that this artist is not only alive, but still creating work every day.
- $Q\!\!:\!$  Let's say you win the lottery. What work of art are you buying? A: I would be buying art from the artists we show at plan b. We typically put up exhibitions based on the art we like or



would have in our own homes. There are numerous pieces from past exhibits that I would be proud to display in my anartment. The problem is that my apartment is not big enough, so if I won the lottery, I would get a bigger apartment so I could display more art.

- Q: What are your favorite businesses in the 14th & U area?  $\Lambda$ : I like all the restaurants, and I'm especially excited about Le Diplomate, which should be opening soon. My favorite,
- though, is Rice. Sak, the owner, is an amazing guy who is very community-oriented, and his restaurant consistently provides great Thai food in a comfortable atmosphere.
- Q: What do you love most about 14th Street? A: I love that 14th Street is constantly evolving. We have been in this location for eight years now, and the area is continually growing and flourishing. The foot traffic in the evening and both day and night on the weekends is just amazing. I lived on Logan Circle back in the early 90's, and wouldn't venture out on foot after dark. A lot has changed since then.





The 14th & U neighborhood is a haven for secondhand treasures of all sorts, whether you're shopping for jewelry, clothing, home goods, furniture, or some combination therein. We picked the brains of some super-savvy locals – Katerina Herodotou of Treasury, Yvette Freeman of Foundry, and Anne Fox of Legendary Beast — to find out their top-secret tips for scooping the best vintage scores.

### MAKE IT YOUR OWN.

'Vintage doesn't have to be different from the rest of your wardrobe," Herodotou says. "You can find reasonable, wearable pieces in great condition to incorporate into an everyday wardrobe that no one else will have. My tip is usually to just look for the original version of the modern designs you wear today, because most current fashion is just a take on vintage styles."

#### KNOW WHERE TO LOOK.

Herodotou favors the U Street and Adams Morgan neighborhoods for vintage boutiques, and flea markets for more eclectic finds. Freeman frequents GoodWood, Miss Pixie's, and Simon Vintage in the District; Old Lucketts Store in Leesburg; Decorium Gifts & Home in Old Town; and Silk & Burlap in Frederick.

#### DON'T OVERTHINK IT.

"At any time, you can find a gorgeous 1950's sofa sitting beside a cowhide chair with a Union Jack pillow on top," Freeman says of her shop. "That's a great thing about shopping vintage — anything goes! Collect what you like, and your space will always reflect your story. The design will come naturally."

#### EDUCATE YOURSELF.

"Vintage and antique furniture is not only timeless in style, but it's also made exceptionally well," Freeman says. "That said, be aware of reproduction furniture being passed off as vintage. Check things like drawers for dovetailing and hardware for a finish on both sides (not just the front surface). If the piece has carving or detailed woodwork, check to make sure it's not attached with glue. It should have small finishing nails attaching it to the body of the piece."

#### MAKE SURE YOU LOVE IT.

"When buying for yourself, I say love it or don't buy it," Fox says. "That way, you accumulate a collection you will always wear, not one dictated by fleeting trends."

#### WHERE TO GET YOUR FIX:

3 The handsome crew at Blue's Hard Goods 4 Mad for mod at Foundry

1 A stylish setup at Treasur

02 Dripping vintage gold at

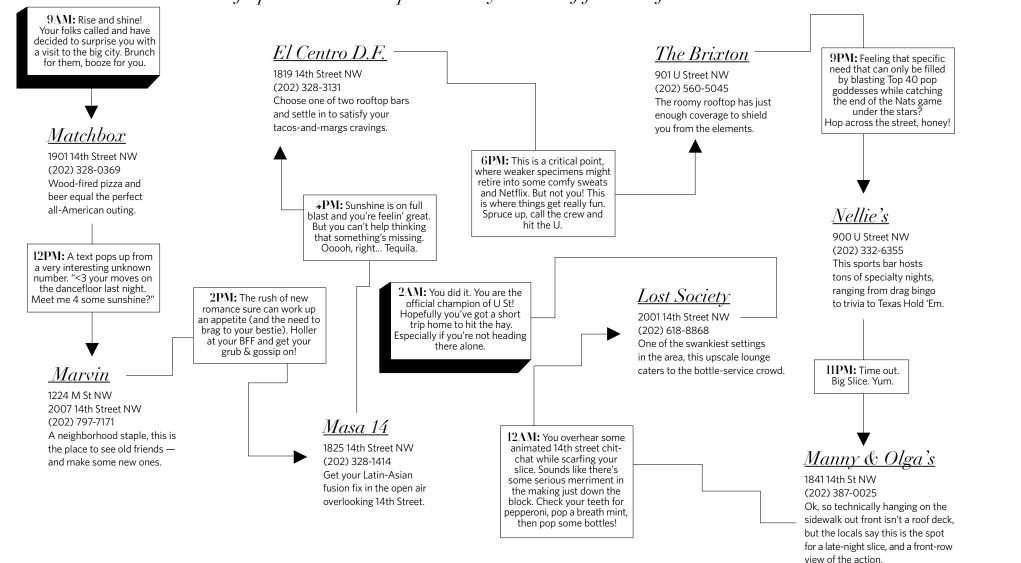
Legendary Beast

Treasury: 1843 14th St. NW; (202) 332-9499 Foundry: 1522 U Street NW; (202) 599-0636 Legendary Beast: 1520 U Street NW; (202) 797-1234 Miss Pixie's: 1626 14th St NW; (202) 232-8171 GoodWood: 1428 U Street, NW; (202) 986-3640

Dr. K Vintage: 1534 U St NW; (202) 506-1817 Blue's Hard Goods: 1803 14th St NW; (202) 462-6200 Junction: 1510 U St NW; (202) 483-0261 Rock It Again: 1528 U St NW; (202) 603-7534 Millennium Decorative Arts: 1528 U St NW; (202) 483-1218



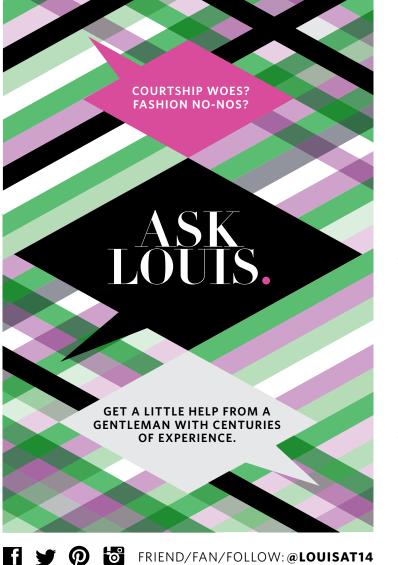
On hot summer nights, the U Street corridor comes alive, and there's no better place to take in the spectacle than a breezy rooftop bar. The question is: How can you maximize your rooftop time and still squeeze every last bit of fun out of 14th & U?





#### ------ WHAT'S YOUR FLAVOR? ------D/CITY SIGNATURE SIPS Adding keys to a key ring? Save your manicure by using a staple remover to pry open the ring instead of your nails. When the sun shines on the District, everything tastes a little sweeter <u>— especially the cocktails. One of The Brixton's most creative</u> Stretch a wide rubber band around a can of mixologists, Jack Caminos, schooled us on three delicious concoctions paint so it crosses the opening - use it to wipe that make the most of a seasonal highlight: fresh citrus. These excess paint off your brush. refreshing sips are sure to be the hit of any sunny soiree. Drink up! C Add a hanging shoe rack to the door of a laundry room or **AFTERNOON DELIGHT** THE FIRST TIME KISS & SWALLOW broom closet to keep cleaning supplies organized. 1 oz Santa Teresa orange rum 2 oz Milagro Blanco tequila 2 oz dry gin Use bright-colored nail polish to 1 oz lavender simple syrup 1 oz white rum Juice of 1/2 lime customize (and identify) house keys. 1 to 1 1/2 oz fresh lemon juice 1/2 oz tart cherry liqueur 1 oz ginger liqueur Ginger beer or club soda G Club soda 1 oz grapefruit juice 1/4 oz lemon juice Angostura bitters Lose an earring under the 1 egg white couch? Slip a stocking over 0 Start with a Collins glass; pour in a vacuum hose attachment Broke the base off your wine the gin, simple syrup, and fresh Add tequila, lime juice, and ginger to retrieve it. Add all ingredients to a shaker; glass? Stick the stem into a lemon juice. Add ice and stir; liqueur to a shaker; shake and top with a splash of club soda and add ice and shake vigorously. transfer to a rocks glass. Top with potted plant for a creative garnish with a cucumber slice or Strain out the ice and shake again. soda or ginger beer and 5 dashes votive candle holder. lavender sprig. Serve in a martini glass; garnish of angostura bitters. Gently with grapefruit zest. squeeze a mint sprig to release the essential oils and use as garnish. $\begin{pmatrix} x & x \\ \cdots \end{pmatrix}$ $(\overset{\times}{\longrightarrow})(\overset{\times}{\longrightarrow})$ Use an old sunglasses case to pack headphones and phone chargers for (3) = light and refreshing (3) (3) = mildly boozy (3) (3) (3) = hangover-ready TIPSY TOTAL tangle-free traveling.





<u>Ready for a helping of cold, hard truth? Relationships are tough —</u> and there are some situations that not even your closest BFFs and three rounds of drinks can resolve. That's where Louis comes in: D/City's resident love guru will take those burning questions and soothe them with an answer steeped in style and topped with a dollop of oh-so-French wit.

- Q: I've met someone I really like possibly The One but we can't seem to get out of the texting-only, "are u out tonight?" phase. How can I take this to the next level?
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  m A}$ : First, darling, we must determine this: Did you meet this potential love of your life while you were out celebrating like a beautiful young ingénue, downing bubbly in a bacchanalian-esque evening of indulgence? If so, I say you must banish the thought of him or her forever. There is no common ground between you; it is too hard to build a bridge over a martini glass. But, if you met this one — The One, you say — over a heartfelt conversation about your shared passion for foreign films or mountain biking, then I say this: You must give it time. Channel your inner Brigitte Bardot and play a little hard-to-get — your charms are irresistible, non?
- Q: It's time for a third date with a new love interest, and I think this is the time to pull out all the stops, put my cards on the table, and say I want to be exclusive. What's the right setting for this pivotal moment in a relationship?
- A: For me, I like to ply a potential love match with an indulgent cocktail, some beautiful macarons, and perhaps a few jewel-encrusted baubles first, to truly demonstrate the depth of my affection. But for you, my friend, I would suggest a more — dare I say it? — "low-key" approach. Stay away from moments with extra pressure, like intimate dinners or pillow-talk time; instead, pop the "are we or aren't we" question when you are simply having a marvelous time together. Your soulmate will feel more inclined to say yes when the pressure is off and if he or she is crazy enough to say no, you haven't risked eternal humiliation.





THE FIND: WUNDER UNDER CROP PANTS LOCATION: LULULEMON <u>1461 P STREET NW; (202) 518-4075</u> <u>PRICE: \$72</u>

Designed to be the company's most versatile yoga pant yet, the Wunder Under crops landed on our radar for a few reasons — namely, the wide, comfy waistband; the chafe-resistant flat seams; and the spring-y peach hue.



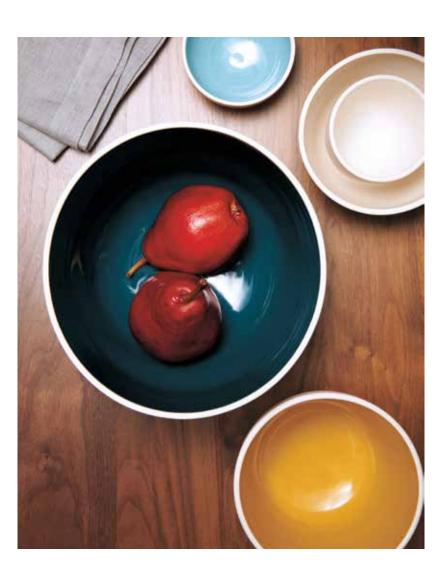
THE FIND: VINTAGE FABRIC TIES LOCATION: GINGER ROOT DESIGN 1530 UST NW; (202) 567-7668 <u>PRICE: \$78</u>

Cut from vintage fabric and made by hand, Ginger Root's collection of neckwear is a must-browse for dapper D.C. men. Each tie has a contrasting lining fabric for that signature quirky-cool touch.



With spring's warm weather and clear skies comes the instantaneous desire to wipe the slate clean and start fresh, with a renewed focus on looking and feeling your best. Tap into that energy with some smart purchases and spiritboosting experiences — all waiting for you at 14th & U.





THE FIND: PIGEON TOE CERAMICS POTTERY LOCATION: ROOM & BOARD <u>1840 14TH STREET NW; (202) 729-8300</u> PRICE: \$34 TO \$166

Made by skilled artisans in Portland, these beautiful nesting bowls and place settings are part of Room & Board's recent expansion into housewares. The simple, classic dishes are perfect for everything from casual snacks to James Beard-worthy meals.



THE FIND: VINTAGE CUFF LINKS LOCATION: BLUE'S HARD GOODS 1803 14TH STREET NW; (202) 462-6200 PRICE: VARIES and useful — and they look cool, too.



THE FIND: GORDY'S PICKLES LOCATION: CORK MARKET 1805 14TH STREET NW; (202) 265-2674 <u>PRICE: \$10</u> A labor of love by D.C. locals Sarah Gordon and Sheila Fain, Gordy's Pickle Jar is a success story if we've ever heard one. And for good reason the sweet and spicy condiments are habit-forming.

Not sure what to scoop up for graduation or Father's Day gifts? A set of handpicked cuff links from Mr. Vintage is a no-brainer, since they're equal parts unique



#### THE FIND: ARTIST TALKS LOCATION: HAMILTONIAN GALLERY 1353 U STREET NW; (202) 332-1116

PRICE: FREE

In conjunction with new exhibitions, U Street's Hamiltonian gallery offers patrons the chance to partake in intimate conversations with featured artists. The two-hour talks cover everything from inspiration to the artistic process.



THE FIND: SYDNEY HALE CO. CANDLES LOCATION: REDEEM <u>1734 14TH STREET NW; (202) 332-1116</u> **PRICE: \$28** Made in Virginia in small batches, these artisan hand-poured candles come in scent combinations that are utterly intoxicating, whether you opt for Woodsmoke & Amber or Blue Spruce & Spearmint.



THE FIND: CHILTON DESK LOCATION: ROOM & BOARD <u>1840 14TH STREET NW; (202) 729-8300</u> PRICE: \$1,999 TO \$2,699 Available in two sizes and your choice of walnut or cherry finish, the Chilton desk is a cohesive blend of industrial and salvaged style. Each solid wood slab has a unique shape and grain, and is secured to a sturdy, hand-welded steel base.



THE FIND: DUDE & CHICK GREETING CARDS LOCATION: PULP 1803 14TH STREET NW; (202) 462-7857 PRICE: VARIES These cheeky letterpress cards range from sweetly quirky to downright blush-worthy, but it's all in good fun. Send them to your long-distance BFFs for a wallet-friendly pick-me-up.



THE FIND: OPEN MIC NIGHT LOCATION: BUSBOYS AND POETS 2021 14TH STREET NW; (202) 387-7638 PRICE: \$5

On the first Friday of every month, catch an open mic night and talent showcase from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. Expect everything from poetry, live music, comedy, dance, magic — you name it.

#### THE FIND: U STREET FARMERS MARKET LOCATION: 14TH AND U STREETS NW

This lively farmer's market happens every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and provides locals with the chance to score fresh produce, farmstead cheeses, baked goods, and more. Make like an early bird and get there at 9 a.m. for the best selection, or stop by just before close if you're hoping to get a deal.





THE FIND: ALKEMIE JEWELRY LOCATION: GOODWOOD 1428 U STREET NW; (202) 986-3640 PRICE: VARIES yet-rough accessories.

A husband-and-wife team designs this eco-friendly jewelry line from California's Topanga Canyon, and the locale's earthy, bohemian vibe is evident in the elegant-

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