



## WHAT'S NEW IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

**I**n a city rife with contrary opinions, few subjects have ignited as much controversy as the location of the **National World War II Memorial** (202/426-6841; [nps.gov](http://nps.gov))—smack on the National Mall, disturbing the sight lines between the **Lincoln Memorial** and Washington Monument. But four years later, the elliptical monument is one of the Mall's must-see stops. • The revitalized Penn Quarter neighborhood is anchored by the spectacularly renovated **Old Patent Office Building** (Eighth and F Sts.; 202/633-1000; [si.edu](http://si.edu)), which now contains the **National Portrait Gallery** and the **Smithsonian American Art Museum**. Where else can you find a Gilbert Stuart portrait of George Washington and a Jenny Holzer sculpture under one roof? Penn Quarter is also known for inventive restaurants like **Proof** (775 G St. NW; 202/737-7663; dinner for two \$110), with a market-driven menu, champagne trolley, and 40-plus wines by the glass; and the hopping brasserie **Poste**

(555 Eighth St. NW; 202/783-6060; dinner for two \$80), accessed through a 19th-century carriage portal. The recent arrival of Wolfgang Puck's tri-level **The Source** (575 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202/637-6100; dinner for two \$120) considerably ups the ante, perhaps forecasting splashier openings to come. • In ever-happening Dupont Circle, housewares shop **Tabletop** (1608 20th St. NW; 202/387-7117) has opened a second floor to make room for Blu Dot tables and Marimekko bags. Through August, the excellent **Textile Museum** (2320 S St. NW; 202/667-0441; [textilemuseum.org](http://textilemuseum.org)) hosts "Indigo," an exhibition focusing on the prized dye; displays include original William Morris chintz and Yoruba adire cloth. **Hudson Restaurant & Lounge** (2030 M St. NW; 202/872-8700; lunch for two \$60) is the neighborhood's stylish new canteen, serving comfort-food classics (corned beef hash, buttermilk fried chicken) from early morning until late at night. At cozy **Veritas** (2031 Florida Ave. NW; 202/265-

6270), charcuterie and cheese plates are paired with any of two dozen flights of wine. • In Georgetown, **Hook** (3241 M St. NW; 202/625-4488; dinner for two \$110) is luring foodies for the seafood-focused, locavore cooking of Barton Seaver, one of the city's brightest young chefs. A few blocks away, the **District Line** (1250 Wisconsin Ave.; 202/558-5508) brings edgy, tailored menswear from British labels like Ben Sherman to a clientele more accustomed to pinstripes and loafers. • Meanwhile, the long-embattled U Street Corridor continues to blossom: At **Muléh** (1831 14th St. NW; 202/667-3440), contemporary Filipino furniture shares space with hard-to-find domestic and European clothing labels. **Wild Women Wear Red** (1512 U St. NW; 202/387-5700) stocks sexy but practical shoes and accessories. Cocktails? Head to the upstairs lounge at **Marvin** (2007 14th St. NW; 202/797-7171), a "Belgian-Soul Food" restaurant-bar named for native Washingtonian Marvin Gaye.

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