



Crowley at one of her favorite haunts, Big Bear Café.

The best places to ...

CHAT WITH FRIENDS

Big Bear Café
1700 First St. NW; 202-470-5543 • Crowley's favorite post-show hangout is where she relaxes with friends. "[It] reminds me of the Seattle coffeehouses when they first started," she says. "And it's in a lively urban neighborhood with a great pulse to it."

SEE A PLAY

Shakespeare Theatre Co.
Sidney Harman Hall; 610 F St. NW; 877-487-8849 • "I love it because it's an intimate theater, and Shakespeare has to be done intimately," Crowley says.

Why I Love ... Washington, D.C.

With 30 years in the nation's capital, CNN anchor **Candy Crowley** may be the ultimate D.C. insider

The veteran of eight presidential campaigns, CNN's Candy Crowley is as comfortable reporting from Capitol Hill as she is out in the field relaying history as it's made. Crowley's even-handed style of reporting has covered stories ranging from the 9/11 aftermath to the ceremonies commemorating the 40th anniversary of D-Day on the beach at Normandy. But there's nothing she loves more than being smack in the middle of an adrenaline-charged election year.

"I'm very biased toward a great story, and the political beat is a passionate one," Crowley says. "The 2008 election was almost perfect because it involved no certain banner carrier on either side. The best thing about covering politics is you don't know the ending."

She began at CNN as a general

assignment reporter in 1987 and rose through the ranks to become the network's chief political correspondent. For the past year, she's been host of the Sunday morning political talk show *State of the Union*.

Originally, the English major's plan was to be a novelist, but post-graduation practicality landed her a job writing news at WASH radio station in D.C. "I fell in love with journalism after the fact," Crowley recalls.

The Michigan native has lived in the D.C. area for the past 30 years, and since *State of the Union* keeps her closer to home, Crowley enjoys her hometown more than ever. "Having my own show is a lot of work, but it's great fun," she says. "It's different from running and gunning on the campaign trail ... now I have time to take people to dinner."—STACEY MORRIS



PONDER HISTORY

The FDR Memorial
900 Ohio Drive SW • "It's spectacular," she says. "All the hallmarks of FDR's presidency are shown here, from the wars to the bread lines. To me, it's a very calming place. It says that if we made it through all this, we can make it through today's challenges."

GO ORGANIC

Restaurant Nora
2132 Florida Ave. NW; 202-462-5143 • "It was the first certified organic restaurant in the country," says Crowley, who's a longtime vegetarian. "They have great gnocchi. During springtime it's paired wonderfully with spring vegetables."