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Not all of the good F-words are of the four-letter variety. Case in point: Fried and Frozen Mondays at Highland Kitchen (150 Highland Avenue, Somerville, 617.625.1131). The weekly event at this neighborhood eatery features two of our favorite food groups. Chef Mark Romano switches up the menu every week, but one indispensable entrée is the buttermilk fried chicken. Past options have included fried green tomatoes, fried oysters, fried pickles, and a fried pork sandwich. The concept — which bartender Joe McQuirk came up with after tripping over a blender in the restaurant’s basement — pairs all sorts of fried goodness with frozen margaritas, blackberry daiquiris, and Fernet Branca slushes. This could be the single best answer to a manic Monday that we’ve seen in a long while.

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We wish we had as many stamps in our passport as Jessica Good has. The Cambridge native and Simmons grad has seen the beaches of Mozambique, the streets of Paris, and countless places in between. Now she’s decided to bring her wanderlust to us with Passport Boutique (43 Brattle Street, Cambridge, 617.576.0900). The new Harvard Square shop features two floors of packable clothing and accessories, including traveler-friendly bags, sunglasses, cosmetics cases, jersey dresses, and knit tops that fold, fit, squish, and otherwise squeeze into suitcases. Clothing from Love by Ya-Ya, Rachel Pally, and Twinkle, along with accessories from Toss, Go Go Voyage, and Stephanie Johnson, are some of the reasons you’ll want to make a trip here before your next trip. Not getting on a plane anytime soon? Tote your laptop around in one of the GoGoGear weekender bags and try to imagine you’re en route anywhere other than work.