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### **datebook diner's high 5**

*Moranville W.E.*

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This is W.E. Moranville's feature that profiles five food items that fit a specific category. This week's category is . . .  
More good desserts

Last week's cover story detailed some terrific desserts around town. Here are restaurants with other noteworthy finds I've enjoyed over the past year. (Keep in mind that offerings are subject to change):

\* Amici's: Yes, I often complain there's too much cheesecake in this town, but here the multicolored Spumoni Cheesecake traveled well beyond the ordinary. 1760 Beaver Ave. 274-5700.

\* Coconut Crème Brulee at Aunt Maude's: At this downtown Ames restaurant, this dessert proved a rich, silky beauty, with just a kiss of coconut for a unique touch. 547 Main St., Ames 233-4136.

\* Teacups and Tiaras: A terrific pumpkin cheesecake with a fluffy ginger-cream topping was a standout at this Valley Junction tearoom. 304 Fifth St., West Des Moines 277-8400.

\* Biaggi's: Some folks might consider the semifreddo here (which is sort of like an espresso float) a bit minimal, but I found it an uplifting, refreshing contrast to the robust entrees. 5990 University Ave. West Des Moines 221-9900.

\* Mezzodi's: A reader wrote to remind me of the individual chocolate baby cakes at this south-side eatery. They're served warm with an oozy interior, and the reader's highly enthusiastic accolades were equally gushy. 4519 Fleur Drive 287-3333.

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