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Sofia of Maggie, Inc. enjoys Boston Harbor Cruises' 90-minute, high-speed catamaran ride to Provincetown (*refer to listing, page 55*).
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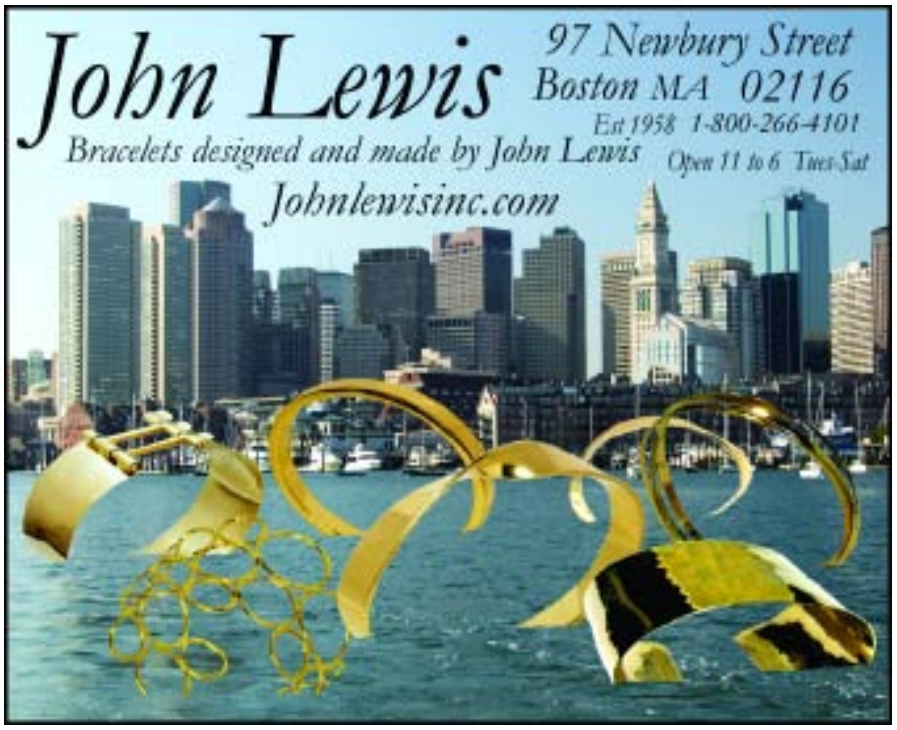

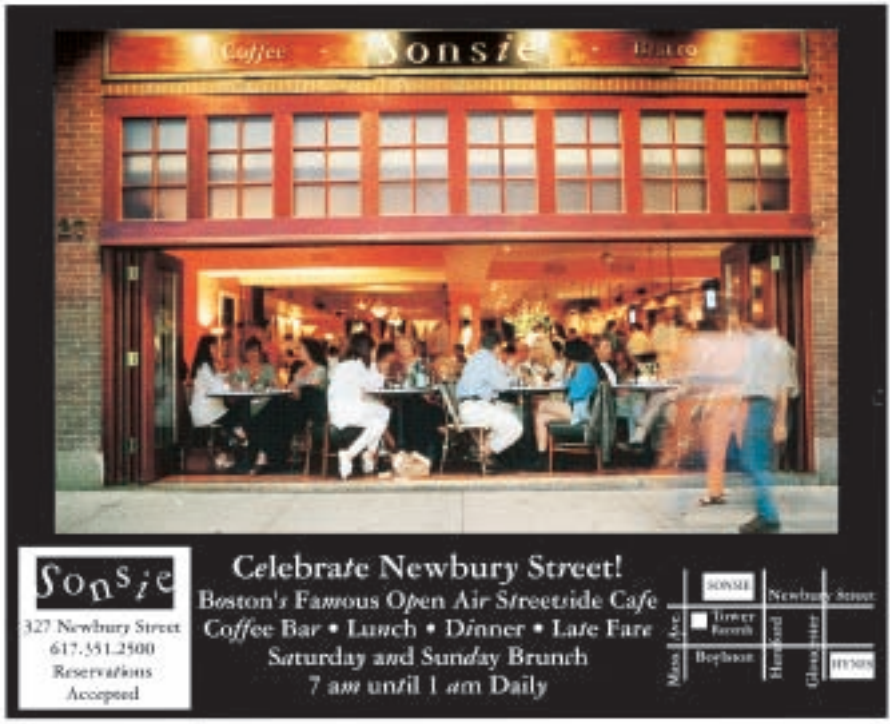

around the hub

NEWS&NOTES

by Josh B. Wardrop

Haahborfest Returns to the Hub

It's almost July, and in the hotbed of American history that is Boston, that only means one thing—celebrating the birth of our nation with the annual **Harborfest** festivities.

The main event, of course, doesn't happen until **July 4**, but the days leading up to Independence Day are chockfull of celebratory events around the city. Musical good times abound throughout the week, with City Hall Plaza hosting free concerts for all ages including blues from The Flounders (**June 29** *at 4 p.m.*) and smooth Motown classics from Souled Out (**June 30** *at 6 p.m.*).

On **July 1**, fans of steamy, creamy clam chowder can gorge themselves at the 26th annual **Chowderfest**, featuring chowder from some of New England's top seafood restaurants. This savory sampling of one of Boston's signature culinary specialties is always a high-point of Harborfest festivities.

Beyond these highlights, Harborfest features more than 200 special activities, including walking tours, clipper ship sails, historical lectures and performances of all types, for all ages. *For a detailed schedule, call 617-227-1528 or visit www.bostonharborfest.com. Refer to listing, page 30.*

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AHOY, THERE!

Thanks to Johnny Depp and the Disney publicity machine, it seems everyone in America wants to be a pirate these days. Of course, even Captain Jack Sparrow had to take baby steps: before you can plunder and pillage on the open seas, you gotta learn how to raise the sails and, you know, steer. If you're a yearning for a life on the open sea, you'll want to head to the sailboat docks at Lewis Wharf *from 1–6 p.m.* on **June 23**. That's when the **Boston Sailing Center** will be offering **free sailboat rides** on Boston Harbor to both novices and experienced scullers. Staff from the organization devoted to promoting sailing will be on hand to answer questions about sailing and talk about Boston's focal point in American maritime history. So, if you're looking to get your sea legs, make sure to sail on down! *For more information, call 617-227-4198.*

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calendar of events

FRIDAY, JUNE 22 & SATURDAY, JUNE 23

The **Summer Revels** perform their free, family-friendly musical ***A Celebration of the Sea***, featuring 19th century sea shanties, along Boston Harbor outside the Children's Museum. *Refer to listing, page 29.*

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

Internationally acclaimed Cape Verdean singer **Cesaria Evora** showcases her exotic mix of West African, Caribbean and Brazilian rhythms at the Berklee Performance Center. *Refer to listing, page 29.*

PHOTO BY STU ROSNER

THURSDAY, JUNE 28 & FRIDAY, JUNE 29

The **Boston Symphony Orchestra** kicks off their 2007 summer season at Tanglewood in Lenox with a collaboration with the **Mark Morris Dance Group**. *Refer to listing, page 27.*

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

Edgy American singer/songwriter **Ryan Adams**—confuse him with '80s Canadian rocker Bryan Adams at your peril—plays the Somerville Theater. *Refer to listing, page 30.*

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

Last chance to catch the comedy hit ***Kiki & Herb: Alive From Broadway*** at the Boston Center for the Arts, a hilarious cabaret show like none you've seen before. *Refer to listing, page 32.*

PHOTO BY DELLA HUFF

SUNDAY, JULY 1

Catch the **Boston Red Sox** as they take on the Texas Rangers in the rubber game of a three-game series at Fenway Park. *Refer to listing, page 32.*

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SOX HURLER PITCHES IN

Athletes like to laugh as much as the next guy, right? (Like that Barry Bonds fella…he seems like a barrel of laughs.) In any event, Red Sox pitcher Tim Wakefield (pictured above, middle, with Sox catcher Jason Varitek, right) definitely likes a good chuckle—almost as much as he likes helping young people through one of his charities of choice, **Pitching in For Kids**. On **June 28**, he manages to combine both pursuits with a benefit comedy show at the Comedy Connection in Faneuil Hall. The event features host Mike O'Malley (of TV's "Yes, Dear," pictured above left) as well as a dozen other gifted comics, a wall-to-wall buffet from some of Boston's top restaurants, and a chance to participate in silent and live auctions for great items, with monies going to support PIFK and its work. *Refer to listing, page 31.*

GET A WHIFF OF HISTORY

Any museum exhibit can show you what America's Colonial settlers wore, or play early recordings of pivotal figures in our nation's history. But it takes a very special museum to allow you to inhale deeply and *smell* what life was like 125 years ago.

The Bostonian Society recently opened a groundbreaking and interactive new exhibit, **The Old State House: A Hands-On History**, in Boston's Old State House building (*refer to listing, page 57*). The exhibition takes visitors through three galleries, each set to represent a landmark location in Boston like Quincy Market, or the site of a famous event—such as the Great Boston Molasses Flood in the North End or the Boston Fire of 1872.

What sets the exhibit apart, however, is the use of scents to illustrate these events—you'll actually smell molasses as you learn about the flood, and smell smoke while reading about the details of the devastating fire. Add to that hands-on elements like foam bricks children can use to assemble the Old State House wall, and three-dimensional puzzles and you've got a fascinating look at history that will have even the youngest child engaged and entertained. *For more information, including times and ticket prices, visit www.bostonhistory.org.*

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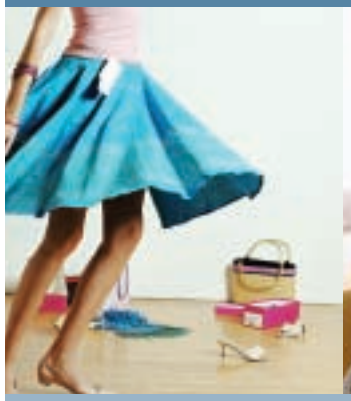

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Still Life

PHILIP-LORCA DICORCIA
Institute of Contemporary Art
Through September 3

Since completing his studies at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston in 1976 and earning his M.F.A. at Yale a few years later, photographer Philip-Lorca diCorcia has embarked on an influential career that has re-defined his chosen medium. Not beholden to the documentary photography of the past, diCorcia has carefully staged images featuring everyone from male prostitutes (the *Hustlers* series, pictured above) to exotic dancers to everyday people on the streets in exacting and dramatically lit detail that rivals the Baroque paintings of Caravaggio and Rembrandt. The ICA presents some of diCorcia's most iconic pictures in the largest showing of his work to date. *Refer to listing, page 34.*

ALL THAT GLITTERS

JEWELRY BY ARTISTS: THE DAPHNE FARAGO COLLECTION
Museum of Fine Arts
Ongoing

Wearable art has taken center stage at the Museum of Fine Arts, where the exhibit Jewelry by Artists presents almost 200 masterpieces created by some of the most renowned studio craftspeople of the last six decades, including limited edition work designed by renowned artists such as Alexander Calder, Pablo Picasso and Man Ray. *Refer to listing, page 35.*

Gallery Roundup

JOSH MICHTOM, *11 BEACON STREET*, 2005

SOMERVILLE MADONNAS, Paradise Lounge Gallery, 969 Commonwealth Ave., 617-562-8820, *through July 20* (pictured above). Local photographer Josh Michtom's obsessive documentation of religious statuary in the densely packed city to the north of Boston adorns the walls of this music venue/gallery space.

AMERICAN WOMAN, Fort Point Arts Community Gallery, 300 Summer St., 617-423-4299, *through July 14*. The digital collage work of Joanne Kaliontzis and the fabric art of Carla Michel make up this show exploring images of women as "perfect" homemakers from decades past.

THE ART OF TOOLS, Society of Arts and Crafts, *through July 29*. Tools, either actual or re-created, become works of art in this "utilitarian" exhibit. *Refer to listing, page 37.*

PRIVATE RESIDENCE and STILL, Bernard Toale Gallery, *through June 30*. The former show features the work of photographer Penelope Umbrico, who emulates images from home goods catalogs to comment on consumerism, while the latter exhibit by Tanja Alexia Hollander presents hauntingly quiet landscape photographs of the Israeli countryside. *Refer to listing, page 37.*

TOP LEFT: PHILIP-LORCA DICORCIA, *RALPH SMITH; 21 YEARS OLD; FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA; $25*, 1990–92; BOTTOM LEFT: JOHN PAUL MILLER, *POLYP COLONY*, C. 1975

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New Clubs on the Block

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The look of Boston's nightlife nexus—Lansdowne Street in the Fenway—is ever-changing: later this summer, venerable nightclubs Avalon and Axis are expected to close to make room for a new entertainment complex. But in the meantime, the block of bars and clubs has a pair of new additions in the space once occupied by Embassy and The Modern. The Quarter and RocketBar—a New Orleans-themed bar and a rock 'n' roll/sports lounge, respectively—recently made their debut, both featuring live music and DJs to provide non-stop diversion for the post-Sox game crowd, the weekend clubbers, or anyone looking for a good time. *—Kenna Caprio*

COCKTAIL OF THE WEEK

CLEMENTINE'S DARLING
Sasso
116 Huntington Ave.
617-247-2400

Generally sold by the boxload in your local produce section, the Clementine orange is now available another way—by the glass in Italian eatery Sasso's invigorating contemporary martini, Clementine's Darling. The light, sweet-tart cocktail, perfect for summer, is made with Svedka Clementine, a splash of Cointreau, fresh apricot and grapefruit juices and a splash of cherry juice at the bottom. The effect is a drink that looks like the hot summer sun, but goes down cool and refreshing. It's so tasty that this Clementine could be "lost and gone forever" in just a few swigs. *—Patricia Haning*

Silver Screen Specials

Check out these big-screen alternatives for a summer movie experience devoid of Transformers, sequels, multiplexes and Volvo-sized buckets of popcorn.

FREE FRIDAY FLICKS, Charles River Esplanade, ***Fridays at 8:30 p.m. beginning June 22.*** Spend Friday nights on the banks of the Charles River watching classic family films at sunset. *Refer to listing, page 28.*

MOVIES BY MOONLIGHT, The Boston Harbor Hotel, ***Fridays at dusk beginning June 22*** (pictured above). It's a scene worthy of a celluloid classic—the Boston city skyline behind you, and picturesque Boston Harbor stretching out before you. That's the setting for Boston Harbor Hotel's free outdoor Movies by Moonlight series, featuring timeless favorites like *Roman Holiday* (**June 22**) and *Goodbye, Mr. Chips* (**June 29**). *Refer to listing, page 28.*

SOMERVILLE THEATRE, 55 Davis Square, Somerville, 617-625-5700. If you simply must watch your movies indoors, why not do it sipping on something a bit stronger than a pail of Dr. Pepper? The independent Somerville Theatre now serves beer and wine, so you no longer need to choose between a movie and an after-dinner drink. *—Josh Wardrop*

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With so many new restaurants opening in Boston lately, it's easy to lose touch with some established faves. A couple such eateries, P.F. Chang's and The Hard Rock Café, have been busy, though—with the former adding a new 10,000-square-foot location serving up lettuce wraps and banana spring rolls in the Shops at Prudential Center, and the latter prepping to rock out of its current Copley Square location on **June 23**. Fear not, though, music lovers: Hard Rock's song keeps playing when it re-opens **July 2** near Faneuil Hall (20 Clinton St.) with a 514-seat restaurant and live music venue packed with Boston music memorabilia from bands like Aerosmith and Guster. *—Carolyn Dewart*

SALAD DAYS

TOSSED
Shops at Prudential Center
800 Boylston St.
617-424-8677

There's no better meal for a hot summer day than a crisp, fresh salad. Recent arrival to Boston Tossed plans to help the Hub go green with its array of traditional and creative salads (such as the Tossed Signature Salad, made with roasted chicken, goat cheese, mango, dried cranberries and more, pictured above) and specializes in made-to-order salads, where customers pick their lettuce, veggies, fruits, meats and dressings from an enormous palette of options. If you're looking for a restaurant where salads are anything but a side dish, you'll flip for Tossed. *—Carolyn Dewart*

Dining Calendar

Cookouts, BBQ and fresh seafood are summer culinary staples in Boston, and a few fun and delicious events promise to deliver them in abundance.

10TH ANNUAL CHEFS IN SHORTS, Seaport Hotel/World Trade Center, *June 22 from 7–9:30 p.m.* (pictured above). Benefiting The Greater Boston Food Bank, this event features grilled gourmet goodies for every appetite, cooked outdoors by top chefs like Anthony Caturano of Prezza and Katherine See of Kingfish Hall. *Refer to listing, page 31.*

PHANTOM GOURMET BBQ BEACH PARTY, City Hall Plaza, *June 22–24 from 10 a.m.–10 p.m.* It's all the ribs, chicken and other smoky, delectable delights you can handle as local TV restaurant review show "Phantom Gourmet" brings some of the city and nation's best BBQ masters together for a day of carnivorous celebration.

THE CELEBRATE SEAFOOD DINNER, New England Aquarium, *June 26 at 7 p.m.* This $75, three-course meal includes demonstrations and discussions about enjoying seafood caught by environmentally friendly means and how to keep ocean eco-systems safe. *—Kenna Caprio*

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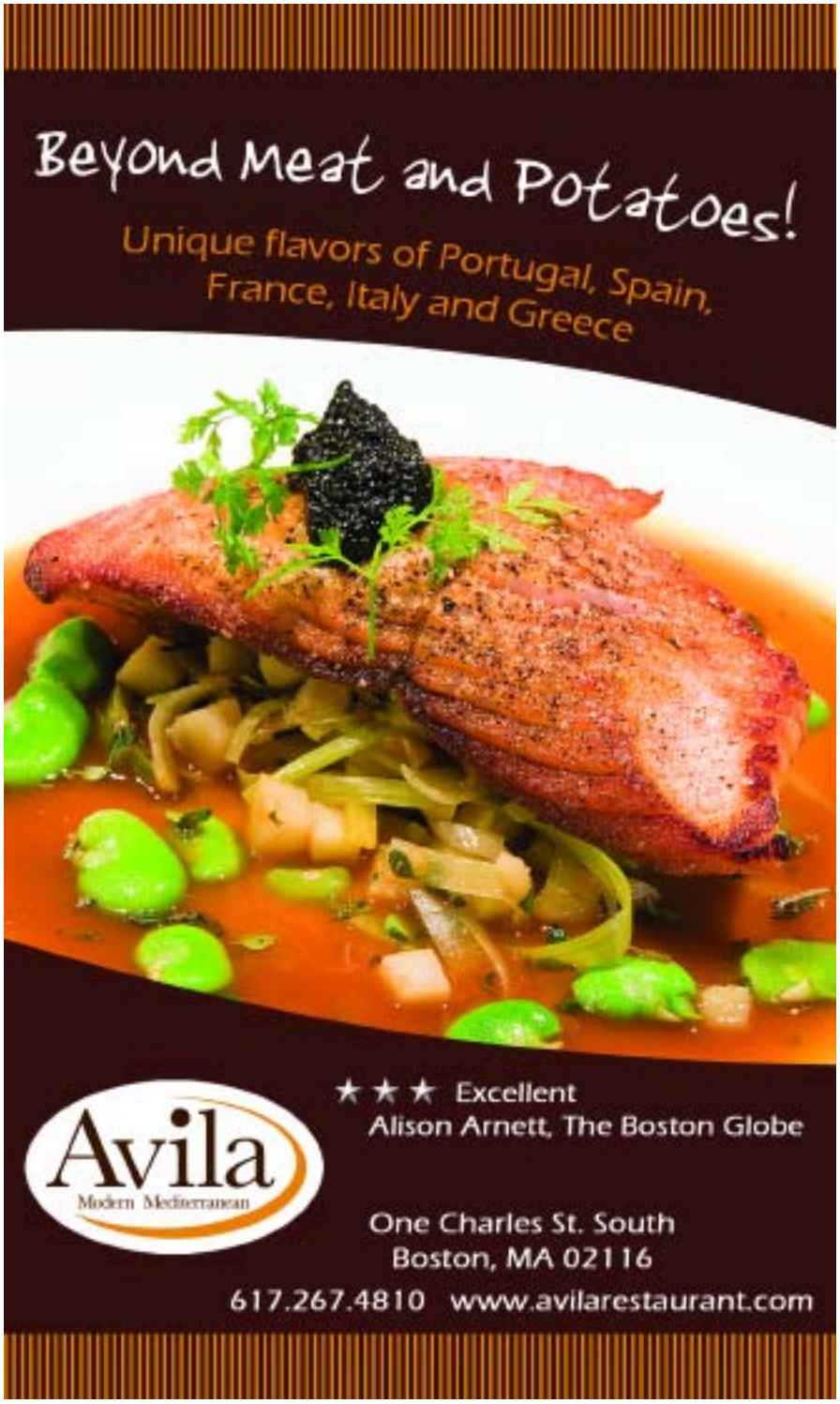

A Break from Bach

BOSTON POPS EDGEFEST CONCERTS
Symphony Hall
June 23, 24, 26 & 27

"Alternative" isn't an adjective often attached to symphony orchestras, who tend to conjure up images of composers in powdered wigs and buckled shoes. Still, it's hard to imagine alt-country faves Cowboy Junkies (pictured above), indie troubadour M. Ward or world-famous DJ Paul Oakenfold thusly adorned—they're the Boston Pops' newest collaborators, joining forces at the third annual Boston Pops EdgeFest. The successful series features the Pops applying their classical talents to sounds ranging from indie rock to Spanish flamenco. The Cowboy Junkies perform with the Pops on **June 23 & 24**, while Ward joins them **June 26 & 27**—the same days that Oakenfold presents a "symphonic remix" of a Pops performance of an original work by composer Felix Brenner. *Refer to listing, page 27.* *—Carolyn Dewart*

JIG TIME

RIVERDANCE
The Shubert Theatre
Beginning June 20

Given Boston's rich Irish history, it's no surprise that the Celtic dance spectacular *Riverdance* is a frequent returnee to Hub stages. This amalgamation of energetic step-dancing, lively fiddle music and a story based in Celtic myth keeps audiences entertained whether it's their first time in attendance or their fifth. Along with the Kennedy clan and Guinness, mark down *Riverdance* as another fabulous import from the Emerald Isle that Boston can't seem to get enough of. *Refer to listing, page 33.* *—Patricia Haning*

Delirium Delivers Delights

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL'S *DELIRIUM*
TD Banknorth Garden
June 29–July 1

With its whirl of elaborate costumes and jaw-dropping acrobatic performers, Cirque du Soleil's newest creation, Delirium, offers a creative culmination of urban dance, multimedia and theater. The incorporation—for the first time—of real-language lyrics in English, French, Spanish and other tongues (as opposed to previous Cirque shows boasting "invented language") brings a new verbal dimension to go with the music and motion of Delirium. In another first, Cirque musicians and singers take center stage, performing a sort of "remix" of Cirque's 20 most memorable music moments—allowing Delirium to present something familiar to Cirque fans, but in a wholly exciting new way. *Refer to listing, page 31.* *—Patricia Haning*

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NORTH END UNDERGOES COSMETIC CHANGES

A MATTER OF FACE
425 Hanover St.
617-742-5874

Nestled in the North End, amongst the gelato and cannolis, is a sweet new place to shop for cosmetics and skin care accessories. A Matter of Face is the neighborhood's first boutique for beauty, carrying upscale cosmetic lines such as Paula Dorf, Darphin and Bliss, as well as an array of Art of Shaving products for the boys. Left your compact at home rushing to dinner at a romantic North End eatery? Pop in and treat your skin to the mineral make-up lines by Susan Posnick and Alison Raffaele, a healthy alternative to thick pancake makeup. Now you can pamper your skin *and* your stomach while in the North End. *—Patricia Haning*

Summer Sales

Keeping your closet up-to-date and fashionable doesn't have to mean breaking the bank—not when many of Boston's best boutiques are boasting big seasonal sales.

SONIA RYKIEL, 280 Boylston St., 617-426-2033. Experience fine French style at tres chic prices during Sonya Rykiel's turn-of-the-season sale throughout June, where you can take 40% off selected fashions.

ANNE FONTAINE, 318 Boylston St., 617-423-0366. Clean, crisp and classic, Anne Fontaine's fashions are beautiful basics to add to any clothing collection. This month, individually crafted pieces like the white Nouma blouse (originally $265, now $185) are marked down 30%.

OILILY, 32 Newbury St., 617-247-2386. This Dutch kids' clothing store offers whimsical fashions inspired by an aquatic 'Dreams of the Sea' fairytale at prices that won't leave you fishing too deep in your pockets. Fun accessories like the V-Ship nautical bag (originally $135, now $87) coordinate with gear like the boys' plaid "dude summer" pants (originally $85, now $59 through July).*—Patricia Haning*

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DAY TRIPPIN'

Six breaks from Beantown just a quick trip away

by *Panorama* staff

IT'S A SOURCE OF PRIDE FOR BOSTONIANS THAT EVERYTHING IN OUR CITY IS conveniently located within walking distance. But after a while, all that closeness can get a bit confining. Fortunately, if you do decide to escape the city for the day, there are points of interest to visit in every direction.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE: Edgartown Light on Martha's Vineyard stands as a quintessential New England landmark.

LENOX

Located in the peaceful, wooded Berkshire Mountains, Lenox is best known to Bostonians as the home of **Tanglewood** (pictured left), the scenic al fresco concert venue that hosts the Boston Symphony Orchestra during the summer months. For more outdoor fun visit the **Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary**, which hosts **Pleasant Valley Day**, a celebration of nature for all ages, on **June 24**. Lenox is also home to **The Mount**, the expansive estate and gardens of author Edith Wharton, as well as the **Frelighuyen Morris House and Studio**, a hidden gem of a museum filled with Cubist art by painters including Miró and Picasso.

Approximate driving time: 2.5 hours. **Driving directions:** Take Mass Pike West to Exit 2, take a right off exit ramp to Rte. 20 West. **Other options:** **Bonanza/Peter Pan bus lines** (617-526-1801, departing from South Station). Amtrak (multiple departure points in Boston, 800-USA-RAIL) service to Pittsfield, just 10 minutes from Lenox.

LOWELL

Although it's no longer a textile-production hub filled with mill girls, Lowell still draws young people from miles around due to its hip art and music scene. Each weekend, the **Lowell Summer Music Series** (pictured left) offers outdoor concerts, with upcoming performers including Joan Osbourne (**June 29**) and Buckwheat Zydeco (**June 30**). And many are surprised to learn of Lowell's position as a mini-museum mecca—home to the **Boott Cotton Mills Museum**, the **American Textile Museum** and the culturally diverse **Revolving Museum**.

Approximate driving time: 40 minutes. **Driving directions:** Take Mass Pike West to Rte. 495 North to Exit 35C, or Rte.3 North to 30B. **Other options:** **MBTA Commuter Rail** trains from Boston's North Station.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD

With its vast stretches of beach and charming small-town atmosphere, it's easy to see why this little island is a favorite summer getaway for countless celebrities, including the Clintons, Bill Gates and Carly Simon. "The Vineyard" is also home to several historic lighthouses (Gay Head Light is pictured, left), as well as the **Flying Horses Carousel**, the oldest operating carousel in America. Come dusk, make your way to the Menemsha fishing village—the seaside area where Stephen Spielberg shot most of *Jaws*—for the best sunset viewing on the island.

Approximate driving time: 1 hour, 40 minutes to ferry. **Island Queen** ferry service (from Falmouth, 508-548-4800) takes 35 minutes. The **Steamship Authority** (from Woods Hole, 508-477-8600) takes 45 minutes. Numerous other ferry services are available. **Plymouth & Brockton** (508-746-0378, departing from Logan Airport and South Station) and **Bonanza/Peter Pan bus lines** travel from Boston to ferry departure points, as do **Amtrak** trains.

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NEWPORT, RI

Although it may be the smallest state in the union, Rhode Island is home to some of the most expansive estates you'll ever see. Many of Newport's mansions even invite visitors to tour their grounds, including the Italian villa-style **Chepstow**, the High Victorian **Chateau-sur-Mer** and **Belcourt Castle**, which is filled with an impressive collection of art and antiques. When it comes to culture, people who live in mansions don't fool around. For those who would prefer an outdoor event, **The Newport International Polo Series** hosts matches on **June 23 & 30**.

Approximate driving time: 1.5 hours. **Driving directions:** Take Rte. 95 South to Rte. 24 South to Rte. 114 South. **Other options:** **Bonanza/Peter Pan bus lines** serve Newport. **Amtrak** trains go to Kingston, which is 15 miles west of Newport.

PLYMOUTH

From history buffs to beach bums, Plymouth has a little something for everyone. The city is chockfull of historical museums that commemorate the Pilgrims' 1620 landing on Plymouth's shores. (And yes, Plymouth Rock is still there to mark the spot.) Don't miss **Plimoth Plantation**, where you can immerse yourself in a Pilgrim community from 1627 and explore the *Mayflower II* (pictured above), a replica of the ship that brought colonists to America. When you've had your fill of history, try soaking up the sun at one of the area's many beaches, including **White Horse Beach**, **Nelson Beach** and **Plymouth Beach**. And juice lovers can check out **Ocean Spray Cranberry World**, a salute to the tiny, tart berry.

Approximate driving time: 50 minutes. **Driving directions:** Rte. 3 South. **Other options:** Bus service from **Plymouth & Brockton bus lines, MBTA Commuter Rail** from South Station.

SOUTHERN MAINE

Once thought of as a distant territory populated by moose and trees, Maine is now hipper and more accessible than many realize. The city of Portland is home to the **Sea Dogs**—the Red Sox' AA affiliate—as well as a burgeoning nightlife scene and a trendy shopping district. With more than 120 outlet stores, **Kittery** is a bargain hunter's fantasy. And after all that partying and shopping, the gorgeous coastal village of **Kennebunkport** (pictured above, where the Bush clan chills in the summer) is the perfect place to unwind, whether you choose the secluded Goose Rocks Beach or the expansive Kennebunk Beach.

Approximate driving time: 1–2 hours. **Driving directions:** Take Rte. 1 North to 95 North. **Other options:** **Greyhound** buses (800-231-2222,) to Portland, departing from South Station; **Amtrak's Downeaster**, offering rail service from North Station to Portland and beyond (*visit www.thedowneaster.com for more information*). Ⓟ

Another Perfect Day in PROVINCETOWN

Planning a P-Town day trip you'll never forget

by Josh B. Wardrop

EVERY YEAR, TOURISTS FLOOD THE SMALL COASTAL town of Provincetown in search of a singular New England seaside experience, and they're never disappointed. The former fishing village has long been famous as an arts colony—packed with wonderful galleries, shopping and restaurants—as well as for being home to one of the nation's most thriving gay communities. Funkier than the rest of Cape Cod, yet quaint enough to bring grandma for a trip to the seashore, "P-Town" offers visitors the best of all possible worlds. Here's *Panorama*'s suggestions for crafting your own perfect daytrip to this coastal jewel.

When planning your trip to Provincetown, first things first: you've heard that getting there is half the fun, right? Well, think how much fun it will be when you don't have to wind your way through summer Cape Cod traffic behind the wheel of your car, all the while burning through $3.25 a gallon. Visitors to Provincetown can arrive via the skies (Cape Air flies from Boston to P-Town, just 35 minutes each way, a dozen times a day) or on the rails via Amtrak service. But by far the most appropriate way to journey to this traditional fishing community is over the sea itself. Two ferry services—**Bay State Cruise Company** and **Boston Harbor Cruises**—offer multiple daily departures to Provincetown, with each company boasting special "fast ferries" that can get visitors from the Boston mainland to P-Town in just 90 minutes. *Refer to listings, pages 54 & 55.*

To get your day in Provincetown started off on the right foot, you'll want to grab something savory and/or sweet from one of Commercial Street's delicious breakfast options. At **Relish** (93 Commercial St., 508-487-0488), you can choose from a selection of phenomenal baked goods, like their famous Marth's Lemon Blueberry Coffee Cake, or enjoy an egg sandwich with a creative twist—like The Beach, which unites two eggs, black bean mash, tomato and Swiss cheese. Or, you can hit the much-beloved **Provincetown Portuguese Bakery** (299 Commercial St., 508-487-1803) to indulge in traditional Portuguese pastries like the sweet fried dough malassadas or the trutas, filled with sweet potato(!).

Now, there's pretty much no point in coming to a seaside community if you're not planning on hitting the beach—it's like going to a four-star steakhouse and ordering the chicken. So, make a beeline for either of Provincetown's two National Seashore beaches—**Herring Cove Beach** and **Race Point**—to gaze out at the Atlantic, or even dive in and enjoy a bracing morning swim, before they get too crowded. A word to the wise: the waters at Race Point can be a tad rougher than Herring Cove, but it's also not unheard of to be able to spot whales from the beach en route to their "home" in Stellwagen Bank. (There are also a plethora of other beaches to be found on the other side of P-Town, also swimmable but not as picturesque, that face the bay rather than the ocean.)

The tip of the Cape is equally known for its seemingly endless rolling sand dunes, and racing across them in a dune buggy is the only way to really experience their beauty. **Art's Dune Tours** (4 Standish St., 800-894-1951)—a family business started by Art Costa, P-Town's "King of the Dunes," and now run by his son, Rob—has been taking visitors on one-hour narrated tours of the dunes since 1946, giving participants great views of the seashore, as well as the dune shacks that have housed some of P-Town's most famous residents. "You get out there in a Suburban, and they take you all across the dunes, and you'll see shacks that were lived in by people like Eugene O'Neill and Tennessee Williams when they came out to write in solitude," says Provincetown Tourism Director Bill Schneider. "It's really something else."

THINGS ARE LOOKING UP: President Theodore Roosevelt himself helped lay the cornerstone for the Pilgrim Monument in 1907.

All that tearing around in the fresh air is bound to work up a healthy appetite, and so it's an excellent time to stop for lunch. Most would agree that a trip to Provincetown simply isn't complete without a seaside meal at the world-famous **Lobster Pot** (321 Commercial St.,

GETTING AWAY: Boston Harbor Cruises offers a high-speed catamaran service from Boston to get you to Provincetown in no time.

508-487-0842). Whether it's lobsters, fried seafood, clam chowder or any other tasty delights from the deep, the Pot has been satisfying diners for years, and a visit is considered a P-Town dining tradition. For an eclectic alternative, look no further than **Napi's** (7 Freeman St., 800-571-6274), a former auto garage-turned-salvaged materials sculpture gallery, popular for both its creative decorating and cuisine, including seafood, vegetarian dishes and international flavors.

What's a day trip, you might ask, without a bit of souvenir shopping? Especially when you consider that the souvenirs you can bring back from P-Town go well beyond the average postcards and lobster shaped baseball caps to be found in your average Massachusetts tourist trap. Shopping in Provincetown is as eclectic an experience as everything else here, with options ranging from sublime antique shops like vintage jeweler **Small Pleasures** (359 Commercial St., 508-487-3712), to numerous art galleries like the **Albert Merola Gallery** (424 Commercial St., 508-487-4424), the **Berta Walker Gallery** (208 Bradford St., 508-487-6411) or the **Packard Gallery** (418 Commercial St., 508-487-4690)—just to name a few—that display and sell authentic pieces by the big art names from P-Town's past and present.

And to get your hands on the freshest, most authentic home-grown goods, the town hosts a **Saturday Farmers' Market** **beginning June 30**, located across from Town Hall on Ryder Street, where local farmers sell flowers, baked goods and fruits and vegetables of all sorts—giving you nutritious snacks to help sustain yourself throughout your full day of activity.

Just because you don't have your car with you, don't think that's an obstacle to taking in everything P-Town has to offer. Plenty of visitors opt for the 45-minute **Provincetown Trolley Tour**, which departs hourly from Town Hall, and explores a three-mile stretch of shopping and cultural attractions. In fact, according to Schneider, you're in the majority if you leave the wheels at home. "During the summer, bicycles are actually our primary mode of transport," he says. Whether you brought a two-wheeler with you or not, your next stop should be **Gale Force Bikes** (144 Bradford St., 508-487-4849), where you can rent bicycles and helmets, pick up maps of the area, and get all the equipment and information you need to take your own personal bike tour of Provincetown.

Once you have your bike, there's plenty of sights to see in P-Town. There's the **Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum** (1 High Pole Rd., 508-487-1310), which Schneider proudly proclaims is "the tallest all-granite structure in the United States." (252 feet, incidentally, for those of you who fancy a climb.) This year marks the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone for the monument.

Or, art lovers can explore the **Provincetown Art Association and Museum** (460 Commercial St., 508-487-1750), which celebrates members of the oldest art colony in the nation, and which recently completed an expansion—providing more space to display works by renowned talents like Robert Motherwell, Charles Heinz, Dorothy Gees Seckler and many more.

TWO WHEELS ARE BETTER THAN FOUR: Many Provincetown visitors opt to rent a bike to get around at shops like Gale Force Bikes, above.

Not to be overlooked is P-Town's tight-knit Portuguese community, who traditionally made up much of the fisherman corps. From **June 22–24**, P-Town's annual **Portuguese Festival** will be in full swing—boasting live music and dance performances, storytelling and, of course, plenty of authentic ethnic food. The highlight of the festival for gourmets is the annual kale soup contest, which virtually every restaurant in town enters, looking to receive the coveted first place award.

If you're still in P-Town come dinnertime, you'll find any number of lovely and delicious restaurants to satisfy your stomach's rumblings. In addition to great seafood options like the **Bistro at Crowne Pointe** (82 Bradford St., 508-487-6767) with its sumptuous lobster ravioli and seafood bouillabaisse, you'll find plenty of spots specializing in Mediterranean-influenced cuisine, thanks to P-Town's plentiful Portuguese and Italian population. Try **Front Street** (230 Commercial St., 508-487-9715) or the venerable **Ciro & Sal's** (4 Kiley Court, 508-487-6444) for an abbondanza of delicious pastas, risottos and antipasti.

And it's entirely possible you might decide to make your daytrip an overnight trip, and if that's the case, you certainly don't want to spend the night sitting in your room—not when P-Town has a plethora of nightclubs and cabarets boasting what Schneider calls "some of the most exciting, eclectic and colorful entertainment in the Commonwealth." Try **Club Euro** (303 Commercial St., 508-487-2505) for a danceclub vibe, or check out the live drag and comedy shows at **Post Office Café and Cabaret** (300 Commercial St., 508-487-3892).

Sound like a lot to fit into one visit? No need to worry—by the time you hop that ferry home, you'll doubtless be dreaming of a return visit to sample the unique charms of P-Town again. Ⓟ

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DUCKS IN A ROW: The *Make Way for Ducklings* statue, a tribute to Robert McCloskey's classic children's book, graces the Boston Public Garden. *Refer to listing, page 41.*

CLASSICAL

BOSTON POPS, Symphony Hall, 301 Mass. Ave., 617-266-2378. *Tickets: $18–85.* The Boston Pops were created in 1885 by Boston Symphony Orchestra founder Henry Lee Higginson, who wanted to provide a lighter musical concert for the summertime. Led by Keith Lockhart, now in his 13th season as conductor, the Pops are a quintessentially American tradition. ***June 19, 21, 22 & 28*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***July 1*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Guest vocalists Jason Danieley and Marin Mazzie join Keith Lockhart and the Pops for Oscar & Tony, a salute to the finest songs of Broadway and Hollywood; ***June 23*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***June 24*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—The Pops welcome alt-country faves Cowboy Junkies to the Boston Pops EdgeFest, a collaboration of classical and indie/alternative sounds; ***June 26 & 27*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Pops Boston Pops EdgeFest continues with singer-songwriter M. Ward and DJ Paul Oakenfold.

BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S TANGLEWOOD SEASON, Tanglewood, Lenox, 617-266-1200 or 888-266-1200. Located in the Berkshires, Tanglewood has been the Symphony's summer home since 1937. *Tickets: $8.50–98.* ***June 28 & 29*** *at 8:30 p.m.* at the Seiji Ozawa Hall—The BSO, in conjunction with guest performers The Mark Morris Dance Group, perform Purcell's *Dido and Aeneas;* ***July 1*** *at 2:30 p.m.* at Seiji Ozawa Hall—The Emerson String Quartet joins the BSO for a program of works by Beethoven.

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BOSTON POPS: Conductor Marvin Hamlisch leads a salute to the best of film and stage, featuring memorable themes from the golden age of cinema to the latest Hollywood blockbusters, and from the classics of the Great White Way to the most recent Broadway musicals, at Symphony Hall June 19. Refer to listing, left.

COMEDY

THE COMEDY CONNECTION, Quincy Market, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-248-9700.*Tickets: $15–30.* Named "The Best Comedy Club in the Country" (*USA Today*), this venue has featured national and local stand-up acts such as Chris Rock, Dane Cook and Dave Chappelle. ***June 18 & 25*** *at 8 p.m.*—Amateur Showcase hosted by Kevin Knox; ***June 19 & 26*** *at 8 p.m.*—Comedy Showcase with Paul Nardizzi; ***June 21*** *at 8:30 p.m.*—Frank Santos "The R-Rated Hypnotist"; ***June 22*** *at 8 and 10:15 p.m.,* ***June 23*** *at 6, 8:15 and 10:30 p.m.*—Bob Marley; ***June 24*** *at 7 p.m.*—Comedy Showcase with Mike Donovan; ***June 27*** *at 8 p.m.*—Comedy Showcase with Mike McDonald; ***June 28*** *at 7 p.m.*—"Pitching In For Kids" Fundraiser; ***June 29*** *at 8 and 10:15 p.m.,* ***June 30*** *at 6, 8:15 and 10:30 p.m.*—Bill Burr.

THE COMEDY STUDIO AT THE HONG KONG, 1236 Mass. Ave., Harvard Square, Cambridge, 617-661-6507. *Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; shows begin at 8 p.m. Call for complete schedule. Cover: $8–10.* A place where fresh talent is discovered and headliners experiment. ***June 19 & 26***—Mystery Lounge; ***June 20***—Luke Hansbury, Chris Oake, Enerstine Conklin and others; ***June 21***—Rick Jenkins, Bethany Van Delft, Ilan Elson-Schwab and others; ***June 22***—Arielle Goldman, Jim Flaherty and Maria Ciampa; ***June 23***—Jim Flaherty and Maria Ciampa; ***June 24***—Erin Judge and friends; ***June 27***—Clark Elefteriadis, Brian Joyce and Maria Ciampa and others; ***June 28***—Bob Hagearty, Jono Zalay, Gerroll Bennett and others; ***June 29***—Tom E. Morello, Cesar Cervantes, James Duffy and others; ***June 30***—Tom E. Morello, Maria Ciampa, Nate Johnson and others; ***July 1***—Sandy Asai, Matt McArthur, Josh Gondelman and others.

DICK DOHERTY'S COMEDY VAULT, 124 Boylston St, 617-574-9676. *Shows Thu–Sun at 9 p.m. Tickets: $10–15.* Located in the downstairs portion of Remington's bar and restaurant, this comedy studio boasts open mic night every Sunday. ***June 21 & 28***—Greg Howell and guests; ***June 22 & 29***—Outtakes improv comedy; ***June 23***—Dick Doherty with Wes Hazard and Kris Norton; ***June 24 & July 1***—Open mic night.

IMPROV ASYLUM, 216 Hanover St., 617-263-6887. *Wed & Thu at 8 p.m., Fri & Sat at 8 and 10 p.m. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to showtime. Tickets: $15–20, dinner packages available.* ***June 20 & 27*** *at 8 p.m.*—Lost in Boston...or, How I Learned to Love that Dirty Water; ***June 21*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***June 22, 23, 29 & 30*** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—It's the North End of the World As We Know It (And I Feel Fine); ***June 23*** *at midnight.*—The Midnight Show.

IMPROVBOSTON, Back Alley Theater, 1253 Cambridge St., Cambridge, 617-576-1253. *Cover: $5–15.* This comedy troupe features sketch comedy, games, original music and audience participation. ***June 20 & 27*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Hump; ***June 21 & 28*** *at 8 p.m.*—Zebro presents "The Orignal Zings of Comedy"; *at 10 p.m.*—The Great and Secret Comedy Show; ***June 22*** *at 8 p.m.*—Ladley and Craig; *at 10 p.m.*—TheatreSports; ***June 23 & 30*** *at 6 p.m.*—Family Show; *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Mainstage; ***June 24 & July 1*** *at 7 p.m.*—Sgt. Culpepper's Comedy Jam; ***June 29*** *at 10 p.m.* —TheatreSports.

JIMMY TINGLE'S OFF BROADWAY, 255 Elm St., Davis Square, Somerville, 617-591-1616. *Cover: $25–30. Call for reservations and complete schedule.* Founded by actor/comic/writer Jimmy Tingle, this venue features established and aspiring performers. ***June 21–23, 28–30*** *at 7:30*

p.m.—Jimmy Tingle's American Dream; ***June 22, 23, 29 & 30*** *at 10 p.m.*—Jimmy Tingle's Comedy Showcase.

NICK'S COMEDY STOP, 100 Warrenton St., 617-423-2900. *Fri & Sat at 8:30 p.m. Cover: $20.* Nick's is the city's longest-running comedy club. ***June 22 & 23***—John Joyce; ***June 29 & 30***—Mark Scalia.

CONVENTIONS & EXPOS

BAYSIDE EXPO CENTER, 200 Mount Vernon St., Columbia Point, 617-474-6000. ***June 23*** *from noon–6 p.m.*—And 1 Mix Tape Tour, a daylong exhibition of jaw-dropping basketball skill and technique, *tickets: $20.*

HYNES CONVENTION CENTER, 900 Boylston St., 617-954-2000. ***June 23 & 24*** *from 10 a.m.–5 p.m.*—Free health and fitness expo, featuring "The Dish," a cooking demonstration by top Boston chefs including Joe Brenner (Olives), Anthony Caturano (Copia, Prezza), Anthony Dawodu (33) and others.

FILM

THE BRATTLE THEATRE, 40 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-876-6837. *Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: $9; students & matinees $7.50; seniors & children $6.* Classic, cutting-edge and world cinema with double features almost every day. Now showing: ***June 18, 20 & 21*** *at 5:30, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.—Mala Noche;* ***June 22, 25–28*** *at 4:30 and 7:15 p.m.,* ***June 23 & 24*** *at 1:45, 4:30 and 7:15 p.m.—Journey From The Fall;* ***June 29*** *at 3:30, 5:30, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.,* ***June 30 & July 1*** *at 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. —Brand Upon the Brain!*

COOLIDGE CORNER THEATRE, 290 Harvard Ave., Brookline, 617-734-2500. *Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: $8.50; members, seniors & children $5.50.* This independent movie house screens recent indie films, as well as the classics. Now playing: *Once, Away From Her, The Lives of Others;* ***opening June 29***—Michael Moore's *Sicko.*. Special events: ***June 18*** *at 7 p.m.*—Science on Screen series screens *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan;* ***June 23*** *at midnight*—Joss Whedon's *Serenity;* ***June 24*** *at 11 a.m.*—The Sounds of Silents series screens *Pandora's Box.*

FREE FRIDAY FLICKS ON THE ESPLANADE, MDC Hatch Shell, Charles River Esplanade, Storrow Drive, 617-787-7200. *Free and open to the public.* A summertime tradition. Watch your favorite films, from the classics of yesteryear to the most popular films of today, at nightfall along the Charles River. ***June 23*** *at sunset*—TBA.

MOVIES BY MOONLIGHT, Boston Harbor Hotel, 70 Rowes Wharf, 617-439-7000. Every summer, The Boston Harbor Hotel terrace is transformed into an outdoor cinema for free Friday night flicks. ***June 22*** *at dusk—Roman Holiday;* ***June 29*** *at dusk—Goodbye Mr. Chips.*

MUGAR OMNI THEATER, Museum of Science, 617-723-2500 or 617-333-FILM. *Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: $9; seniors $8; children (3–11) $7. Discounted admission for showtimes after 6 p.m.* This IMAX theater presents larger-than-life images on a five-story high domed screen. Now showing: *Dinosaurs Alive!, Grand Canyon; Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees; Hurricane on the Bayou.*

BOSTON CANNONS: Enjoy Major League Lacrosse action at Boston University's Nickerson Field June 23. **Refer to listing, page 32.**

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, 465 Huntington Ave., 617-267-9300. *Screenings Thu–Sun, call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: $6–9.* The Museum of Fine Arts' Film Program has grown to become one of the nation's finest exhibitors of contemporary international cinema, restored classics and premieres of American independent films. Now showing: ***June 21*** *at 2 p.m.,* ***June 24*** *at 1:45 p.m.—Nina's Home; at 5:45 p.m.—Four Weeks in June;* ***June 21*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***June 23*** *at 1:45 p.m.,* ***June 30*** *at 10:30 a.m.—Buddy;* ***June 22*** *at 6 p.m.,* ***June 23*** *at 3:45 p.m.,* ***June 24*** *at 10:30 a.m.,* ***June 28*** *at 3 p.m.—The Busker;* ***June 23*** *at 10:30 a.m.,* ***June 24*** *at 12:10 p.m.,* ***June 29*** *at 6:15 p.m.—Manufactured Landscapes;* ***June 24*** *at 7 p.m.—Death at a Funeral;* ***June 28*** *at 4:45 p.m.—51 Birch Street; at 8 p.m.—The Collector;* ***June 29*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***June 30*** *at 3:45 p.m.,* ***July 1*** *at 12:15 p.m.—The Wedding Director;* ***July 1*** *at 2:15 p.m.—Be Fruitful and Mulitply.*

SIMONS IMAX THEATER, New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, 617-973-5200. *Sun–Wed 9:30 a.m.–9:30 p.m.; Thu–Sat 10 a.m.–9:30 p.m. Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: $9.95; seniors & children (3–11) $7.95.* The Simons is the first large-format theater in Boston to have 3D viewing capability. Now Showing*: Dinosaurs 3D: Giants of Patagonia, Lions 3D: Roar of the Kalahari, Deep Sea 3D, Sharks 3D, Whales.*

KIDS CORNER

BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, Museum Wharf, 300 Congress St., 617-426-8855. *Refer to listing in Museums.* Daily organized activities in the Art Studio, Play Space and KidStage, such as music and movement, finger puppet making and kitchen science. ***June 18*** *at 12:30 and 3:30 p.m.,* ***June 19 & 28*** *at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.,* ***June 20, 21, 25, 27 & 29***—KidStage: *Balancing Act;* ***June 18*** *at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.,* ***June 20, 21, 25 & 27*** *at 12:30 p.m.,* ***June 30*** *at 12:30 and 3:30 p.m.*—KidStage: *Tale of the Three Little Pigs;* ***June 20 & 27*** *at 10:30 a.m.*—Pint Sized Science; ***June 22 & 29*** *from 6–8 p.m.*—Boston Black Block Parties; ***June 22 & 26*** *at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.*—KidStage: *Count Me In.*

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY, 700 Boylston St., Copley Square, 617-536-5400. *Refer to listing in Sightseeing.* The first publicly supported municipal library in the world hosts many activities and special programs for children, including live performances, storytelling, interactive computer activities and films. ***June 22 & 29*** *at 10 a.m.*—Infant/Toddler Sing-Along.

PUPPET SHOWPLACE THEATRE, 32 Station St., Brookline, 617-731-6400. *Tickets: $9.50.* The first puppetry center in New England presents the magical world of puppet theater, enlightening audiences of all ages. Weekday morning shows are appropriate for ages 3–6. Weekend matinee shows are appropriate for ages 4–9. ***June 20 & 21*** *at 10:30 a.m.—Red Riding Hood & Other Tales;* ***June 27 & 28*** *at 10:30 a.m.,* ***July 1*** *at 1 p.m.—Here Come the Clowns.*

SUMMER REVELS, Outside the Boston Children's Museum, 300 Congress St., 617-972-8300. ***June 22*** *at 7 p.m.,* ***June 23*** *at 4 p.m. Free and open to the public.* Celebrate the arrival of summer with an open-air performance of the Revels' A Celebration of the Sea, a concert featuring 19th century sea shanties and ballads, set in an old New England seacoast town. This music and dance extravaganza is intended for family audiences of all ages.

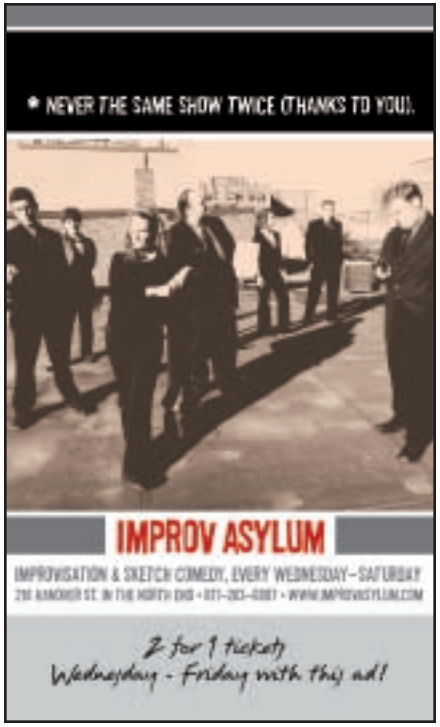
LIVE MUSIC

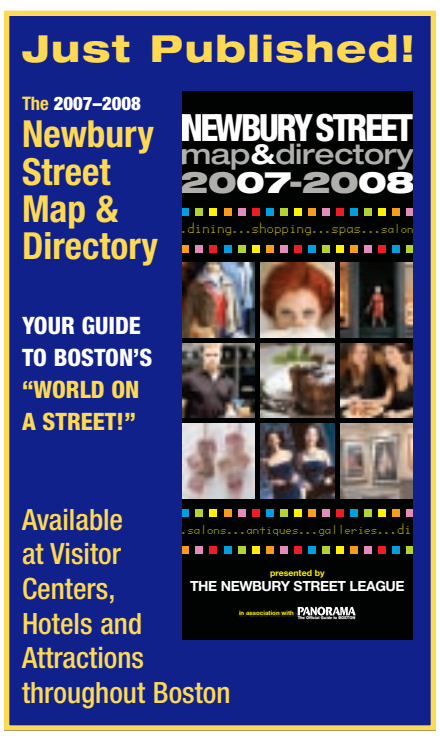
AVALON, 15 Lansdowne St., 617-262-2424. This popular nightclub hosts rock and pop music acts prior to evening dance nights with DJs. ***June 19*** *at 7 p.m.*—Fergie with Rooney, *tickets: TBA;* ***June 23*** *at 5:30 p.m.*—Till We Die with One in Vain, Prospect Hill, Breathe and Escape to Everything, *tickets: $15;* ***June 24*** *at 7 p.m.*—Manu Chao, *tickets: $30;* ***June 28–30*** *at 4 p.m.*—Emergenza Festival, *tickets: $15.*

AXIS, 13 Lansdowne St., 617-262-2437. *Call for full schedule.* This popular nightclub hosts rock, punk and alternative music acts prior to evening dance nights with DJs. ***June 27*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Straylight Run, *tickets: $16.50;* ***July 1*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Unwritten Law, *tickets: $16.50.*

BANK OF AMERICA PAVILION, 290 Northern Ave., 617-931-2000. This open-air waterfront venue features world-class rock, pop, blues and country performers set against the backdrop of the Boston skyline. ***June 24*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Lyle Lovett and k.d. lang, *tickets: $31–61;* ***June 26*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Morrissey, *tickets: $35–65;* ***June 28*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Wilco, *tickets: $25–35;* ***June 30*** *at 7 p.m.*—Rick Springfield with Eddie Money and Scandal, *tickets: $20–40.*

BERKLEE PERFORMANCE CENTER, 136 Mass. Ave., 617-747-2261. ***June 23*** *at 8 p.m.*—Cesaria Evora, *tickets: $30–50 (call 617-876-4275);* ***June 30*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Richard Thompson and His Band, *tickets: $25.50.*





BOSTON HARBOR HOTEL, 70 Rowes Wharf, 617-439-7000. *Free and open to the public.* The prestigious Boston Harbor Hotel presents its ninth annual free Summer in the City music series, featuring local and national blues band performing on the hotel's floating barge stage. ***June 21*** *at 6 p.m.*—Blues Barge with Jeff Pitchell; ***June 26*** *at 6 p.m.*—Summer Soul with East Side Horns; ***June 27*** *at 6 p.m.*—Summer Swing with The White Heat Orchestra; ***June 28*** *at 6 p.m.*—Blues Barge with The Duke Robillard Band.

CLUB PASSIM, 47 Palmer St., Cambridge, 617-492-7679. *Call for full schedule.* This intimate Harvard Square coffeehouse was a starting place for folk icons like Joan Baez and Bob Dylan. ***June 19*** *at 8 p.m.*—Melissa Ferrick, *tickets: $30;* ***June 24*** *at 8 p.m.*—Alice Peacock and Peter Bradley Adams, *tickets: $15;* ***June 28*** *at 8 p.m.*—Cormac McCarthy, *tickets: $15;* ***June 29*** *at 8 p.m.*—John McCutcheon, *tickets: $50.*

DCR HATCH SHELL, Charles River Esplanade. *Free and open to the public. General admission; outdoor seating.* ***June 23*** *at 7 p.m.*—Oldies 103.3 Free Summer Concert Series featuring Johnny Rivers.

HARPERS FERRY, 156 Brighton Ave., Allston, 617-254-9743. *Shows start at 8 p.m. Call for complete schedule.* This club offers live music daily and is renowned for showcasing local classic rock and rhythm'n' blues cover bands. ***June 19***—Fake Problems, *tickets: $8;* ***June 20***—People Noise with This Car Up, *tickets: $8;* ***June 26***—Jefferson Starship, *tickets: $40–65;* ***June 27***—Rocky Votolato with Langhorne Slim, *tickets: $12.*

JEROME AND ELAINE ROSENFELD'S CONCERTS IN THE COURTYARD, Calderwood Courtyard, Museum of Fine Arts, 617-369-3306. *Tickets: $25.* The MFA's summer music series brings in performers from a wide variety of genres, from zydeco to flamenco to folk. ***June 20*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Chris Smither with Jeffrey Foucault; ***June 27*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Boom Pam.

THE MIDDLE EAST, 472 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 617-864-EAST. *Doors open at 8 p.m., shows start at 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Call for complete schedule.* Whether Upstairs, Downstairs or in the Corner, this club showcases the best in alternative/indie rock bands. ***June 19***—The 69 Eyes with Wednesday 13, Fair to Midland and Night Kills the Day, *tickets: $18;* ***June 21 & 22***—The National, *tickets: $14;* ***June 23***—The Slip with Bobby Bare Jr. and Fully Celebrated, *tickets: $20;* ***June 30***—The Monsters of Mock Festival, starring cover bands Backseat Lover (Pearl Jam), Nutshell (Alice in Chains) and Negative Creep (Nirvana), *tickets: $12.*

PARADISE ROCK CLUB, 967 Commonwealth Ave., 617-562-8800. An intimate setting with a big sound, Paradise is one of Boston's favorite rock clubs. *All shows 18+ unless otherwise noted.* ***June 23*** *at 9 p.m.*—Robby Roadsteamer, *tickets: $12;* ***June 29*** *at 9 p.m.*—The Fiery Furnaces, *tickets: $15;* ***June 30*** *at 9 p.m.*—Antigone Rising, *tickets: $15.*

REGATTABAR, third floor of The Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett St., Cambridge, 617-661-5099. ***June 19*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—JFJO with Club D'Elf, *tickets: $18;* ***June 20*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Guy Davis, *tickets: $16;* ***June 21–23*** *at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—Bill Frisell Trio, *tickets: $25.*

ROCK AND BLUES CONCERT CRUISES, Long Wharf, 617-467-4037. Hop aboard the Boston Harbor Cruise boat Frederick L. Nolan Jr. for these weekly evening cruises, which feature live rock, blues and soul music from regional and national performers. ***June 21*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—The Radiators, *tickets: $35;* ***June 29*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Max Creek, *tickets: $29;* ***June 30*** *at 5:30 and 9:30 p.m.*—The Ryan Montbleau Band, *tickets: $29.*

SCULLERS JAZZ CLUB, DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel, 400 Soldiers Field Road, 617-562-4111. *Showtimes: Tue–Thu at 8 and 10 p.m., Fri & Sat at 8 and 10:30 p.m., Sun at 7 and 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Combination tickets include dinner and show.* ***June 20***—Nora York with The Amazing Band, *tickets: $20, $60 with dinner;* ***June 21***—Down to the Bone, *tickets: $26, $66 with dinner;* ***June 22 & 23***—Toots Thielemans and The Kenny Werner Trio, *tickets: $28, $68 with dinner;* ***June 27***—Meredith D'Ambrosio and The Kenny Higgins Trio with Kenny Wentl, *tickets: $18, $58 with dinner;* ***June 28 & 29***—Lou Donaldson Quartet, *tickets: $22, $62 with dinner.*

SOMERVILLE THEATER, 55 Davis Square, Somerville, 617-625-5700. ***June 29*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Ryan Adams, *tickets: $36.*

TOP OF THE HUB, Prudential Tower, 52nd floor, 617-536-1775. Enjoy food, drink and the best view in Boston as you swing to live jazz and classics from the Great American Songbook. ***June 18, 24, 25 and July 1*** *at 8 p.m.*—Marty Ballou Trio; ***June 19–21, 26–28*** *at 8:30 p.m.*—The Chris Taylor Trio; ***June 22, 23, 29 & 30*** *at 9 p.m.*—The Chris Taylor Quartet; ***June 24 & July 1*** *at noon*—Lee Childs Group.

T.T. THE BEAR'S PLACE, 10 Brookline St., Cambridge, 617-492-BEAR. *Shows start at 8:30 p.m. Call for complete schedule. Cover: $8–14.* ***June 22***—Taxpayer with Emergency Music, Blizzard of 78 and The Vershok; ***June 27***—The Nightwatchman (Tom Morello of Rage Against the Machine and Audioslave) with Dustin Kensrue; ***June 29***—Protokoll with Wildildlife, New Thrill Parade and Mmoss; ***June 30***—The Luxury with Thick as Thieves, The Spies and Huck.

TWEETER CENTER, 885 S. Main St., Mansfield (45 minutes south of Boston), 617-931-2000. The concerts at this outdoor amphitheater are a hallmark of summer and boast some of pop music's biggest acts. ***June 22*** *at 7 p.m.*—Lynyrd Skynyrd with Doobie Brothers, *tickets: $25–55;* ***June 23*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—The Fray with OK Go and Mae, *tickets: $25.50 & 40;* ***June 27*** *at 7 p.m.*—Rush, *tickets: $25.50–78;* ***June 30*** *at 7 p.m.*—Poison with Ratt and White Lion, *tickets: $25–45.*

SPECIAL EVENTS

BOSTON HARBORFEST, 617-227-1528. ***Beginning June 28.*** Over half of the events are *free;* others cost *$1–10.* This citywide, star-spangled celebration honoring Independence Day features more than 200 scheduled events and attracts more than 2.5 million people. Festivities include several walking tours, concerts, Revolutionary War-era historical reenactments, visits from U.S. naval ships and more. ***June 28*** *at noon*—Opening Ceremonies at Faneuil Hall Marketplace; ***June 29*** *at 4:30 p.m.*—The Flounders in concert on City Hall Plaza; ***June 30*** *from 6–10 p.m.*—Party on the Plaza with Souled Out; ***July 1*** *from 6–8 p.m.*—Sunset Sail aboard the *Liberty Clipper, tickets: $18–30.*

BOSTON CHOWDERFEST, City Hall Plaza, 617-227-1528. ***July 1*** *from 11 a.m.–6 p.m. Tickets: $10, children (under 12) $7.* The 26th Annual Chowderfest brings restaurants from all around Boston to compete for the title of "Boston's Best Chowder." Over a thousand gallons of New England's signature dish is ladled out to a crowd of over 12,000 enthusiastic chowder-samplers in this fun-filled Boston tradition.

CHEFS IN SHORTS, Concourse at World Trade Center East, 2 Seaport Lane. ***June 22*** *from 7–9:30 p.m. Tickets: $60 per person,* includes beer and wine. New England's leading chefs prepare an outdoor, summer-in-the-city barbecue. Participating chefs include Frank Toohey of Aura, Dante DeMagistris of Dante, Katherine See of Kingfish Hall and many others. *Visit www.seaportboston.com for tickets.*

DELERIUM, TD Banknorth Garden, 100 Legends Way (Causeway Street) 617-931-2000. ***June 29*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***June 30*** *at 3 and 8 p.m.,* ***July 1*** *at 8 p.m. Tickets: $39.50–125.* Cirque du Soleil presents its first live arena event, the appropriately titled *Delerium,* for four shows in Boston. The full-scale spectacle unites the usual jaw-dropping Cirque melange of acrobatics, vivid color and imagery, exotic costuming, music dance and multimedia elements in what the troupe calls "a quest for balance in a world increasingly out of sync with reality."

DOUG FLUTIE PRE-TOURNAMENT PARTY, Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1 Avenue De Lafayette, 508-270-8855. ***June 18*** *from 6–11 p.m. Tickets: $150.* Former New England Patriots and Boston College quarterback Doug Flutie hosts a benefit for the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism, established in honor of the athlete's son, Doug Jr. The event—a precursor to Flutie's annual Celebrity Golf Classic—features a performance by The Flutie Brothers Band, a cocktail reception, buffet dinner and a live and silent auction, with proceeds benefiting the Foundation. *Visit www.dougflutiejrfoundation.org for more information.*

GARRISON KEILLOR, Tanglewood Music Center, West Street, Lenox, 617-266-1200. ***June 30*** *at 5:45 p.m. Tickets: $18–89.* The popular radio host and storyteller performs a live broadcast of his long-running NPR show *A Prairie Home Companion* from the summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

LONGFELLOW SUMMER FESTIVAL 2006, 105 Brattle Street, Cambridge, 617-876-4491. Summer music and poetry events take place on the side lawn of Longfellow Historic Site and all events are *free and open to the public. Seating is limited, but blankets and lawn chairs are encouraged.* ***June 24*** *at 4 p.m.*—Performance by chamber music ensemble Arcadian Winds; ***July 1*** *at 4 p.m.*—Performance by Synergy Brass Quintet.

NORTH END FEASTS AND PROCESSIONS, The North End. www.northendboston.com. Boston's "Little Italy" honors patron saints and the neighborhood's culture with weekend festivals featuring Italian delicacies, streetside bands playing Sicilian melodies and vendors offering authentic wares on the cobblestoned paths dressed with garlands. ***June 24*** *at 2 p.m.*—St. Jude's Procession.

PITCH IN FOR KIDS BENEFIT, Comedy Connection, Fanueil Hall Marketplace, 617-367-3322. ***June 28*** *at 7 p.m. Tickets: $150.* This celebrity-packed evening of comedy and fun is hosted by Boston Red Sox pitcher Tim Wakefield, catcher/captain Jason Varitek, and comedian Mike O'Malley ("Yes, Dear") and features hilarious stand-up comics, a buffet

reception and charity auction. Proceeds benefit the Pitching in for Kids Foundation, which provides services and funds for hospitalized children and their families.

SPORTS

BOSTON CANNONS **MAJOR LEAGUE LACROSSE**
Nickerson Field, Boston University, 888-847-9700
June 23 *at 7 p.m.* vs. New Jersey Pride

BOSTON RED SOX **MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**
Fenway Park, 4 Yawkey Way, 617-482-4SOX.
June 29 & 30 *at 7:05 p.m.* vs. Texas Rangers
July 1 *at 2:05 p.m.* vs. Texas Rangers

BROCKTON ROX **CAN-AM LEAGUE PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL**
Campanelli Stadium, One Lexington Ave., Brockton, 508-559-7070.
June 26–28 *at 7:05 p.m.* vs. North Shore Spirit

NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION **MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER**
Gillette Stadium, One Patriot Place, Foxborough, 800-543-1776 or 877-GETREVS.
June 23 *at 7:30 p.m.* vs. Toronto FC

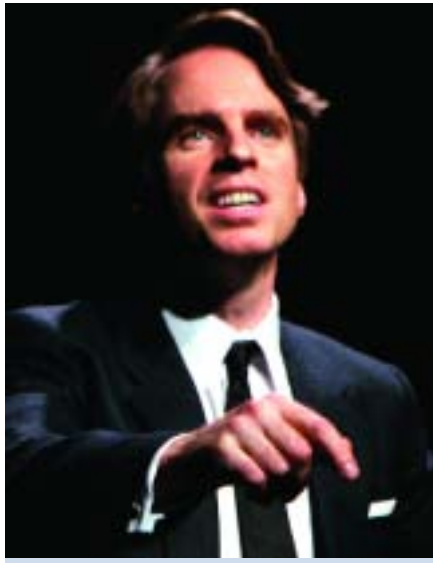
NORTH SHORE SPIRIT **CAN-AM LEAGUE PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL**
Fraser Field, 365 Western Ave., Lynn, 781-592-0007.
June 19–21 *at 7:05 p.m.* vs. Atlantic City Surf
June 22 *at 7:05 p.m.* vs. Quebec City Capitales
June 23 *at 6:05 p.m.* vs. Quebec City Capitales
June 24 *at 1:05 p.m.* vs. Quebec City Capitales
June 30 *at 6:05 p.m.* vs. Nashua Pride
July 1 *at 1:05 p.m.* vs. Nashua Pride

THEATER

AND NOW LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MISS JUDY GARLAND, Backyard Productions, Inc., Lyric Stage Company, 140 Clarendon St., 617-437-7172. *Performances: Wed–Sat at 8 p.m., Sun at 3 p.m. (**June 27** at 2 p.m.) Tickets: $45–50.* Adapted by Tony McLean from Miss Garland's infamous memoir recordings and starring local favorite Kathy St. George (*Menopause the Musical*), this show provides a unique insight into the woman, the human being and the songs, including "By Myself," "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows," "The Trolley Song," "The Man That Got Away," "Chicago" and "Over The Rainbow."

BLUE MAN GROUP, Charles Playhouse, 74 Warrenton St., 617-931-2787 or 617-426-6912. ***Ongoing.*** *Performances: Tue–Thu at 8 p.m., Fri at 7 p.m., Sat at 4, 7 and 10 p.m., Sun at 2 and 5 p.m. Tickets: $48–58.* This giddily subversive off-Broadway hit features three muted, blue-painted performers who spoof both contemporary art and modern technology through wry commentary and bemusing antics. The show has been updated to include new performance pieces, new music and alterations to the sound and lighting design.

CAPITOL STEPS, Cutler Majestic Theatre at Emerson College, 219 Tremont St., 800-233-3123. ***June 23*** *at 8:30 p.m. Tickets: $35–55.* The only group in America that attempts to be funnier than Congress, this troupe of current and former Congressional staffers satirize the very people and places



RFK: A PORTRAIT OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY: The political icon is portrayed by Jack Holmes in the off-Broadway hit at the Stuart Street Playhouse. **Refer to listing, page 33.**

that once employed them. Performing political musical satire, they take a humorous look at serious issues, providing laughs for millions.

INDIAN INK, Small World Big Sky Productions, Plaza Black Box Theatre, Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., 617-728-4321.*Performances **through July 1**: Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri & Sat at 8 p.m., Sun at 3 p.m. Tickets: $24.* Legendary scribe Tom Stoppard uses India's struggle for independence in 1930 as the setting for his romantic tale of transformed lives, Indian Ink. An Englsh poet and an Indian artist have a brief encounter, and five decades later their heirs try to piece together the truth about the relationship in a witty, elegant tale of passion, love and fate.

JUST SAY LOVE, Stagewrights Corp., Plaza Black Box Theatre, Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., 617-728-4321. *Performances **through June 30**: Thu–Sat at 8 p.m., Sun at 3 p.m. Tickets: $20–25.* Do relationships start in the bedroom or in the heart? When Guy and Doug meet on a park bench it looks like their relationship can go nowhere but into bed. But it seems forces beyond their control have something else in mind.

KIKI & HERB: ALIVE FROM BROADWAY, Wimberly Theatre, Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont St., 617-933-8600. *Performances **through June 30**: Tue–Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 4 and 8 p.m. Tickets: $25–50.* The outrageous alter egos of Justin Bond and Kenny Mellman bring their smash-hit Broadway show to Boston for the first time. Fresh off having been named one of the 10 best Broadway shows of 2006 by *The New York Times*, the duo's signature blend of old showbiz antics and indie-rock attitude will have Boston audiences swooning with adoration and doubling over with laughter.

LOVE'S LABOUR'S LOST, Actors' Shakespeare Project, The Basement at the Garage, Garage Mall, 38 JFK St., Cambridge, 866-811-4111. *Performances **through June 24**: Wed–Fri at 7:30 p.m., Sat at 2 and 7:30 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. Tickets: $15–40.* Four young lords swear an oath to give up the company of women for three years and devote themselves to study. Soon after, the Princess of France arrives with her three friends and the four lords are instantly smitten. In ASP's rendition of this classic comedy, six actors play 16 roles—dancing back and forth between male and female, pursuer and pursued.

RFK: A PORTRAIT OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY, Stuart Street Playhouse, Radisson Hotel, 200 Stuart St., 800-447-7400. *Performances: Wed–Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. Tickets: $39.50.* Written and performed by Jack Holmes, this play follows the footsteps and personal transformation of one of America's most dynamic and tragic political figures, whose historic rise to power sparked a nation's hope, while his tragic death left a world forever wondering what might have been.

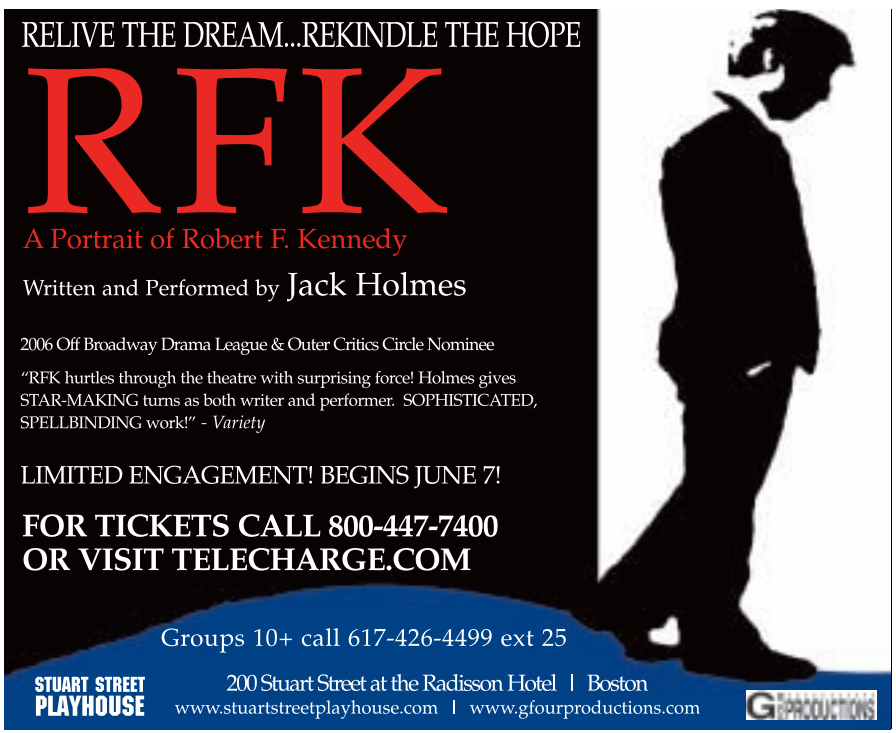
RIVERDANCE, The Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont St., 800-447-7400. *Performances **beginning June 20**: Wed & Sat at 2 & 8 p.m., Thu & Fri at 8 p.m., Sun at 1 & 7 p.m. Tickets: $29.50–69.50.* The acclaimed celebration of Irish music, song and dance that has touched the hearts of millions around the world triumphantly returns to Boston. Whether it's your first time or your fifth, you won't want to miss the chance to experience the spirit, beauty and power of this international phenomenon in the more intimate setting of the Shubert Theatre.

SHEAR MADNESS, Charles Playhouse Stage II, 74 Warrenton St., 617-426-5225. ***Ongoing.*** *Performances: Tue–Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 6 and 9 p.m., and Sun at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets: $40.* Boston's hilarious whodunnit where the audience takes a stab at catching the killer. Become an armchair sleuth in the longest-running play in U.S. history

TICKETS

BOSTIX, Faneuil Hall Marketplace and Copley Square, 617-723-5181. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m. (Faneuil Hall location closed Mon); Sun 11 a.m.–4 p.m.* Information and tickets, including half-price seats on day of event, for the best performing arts around Boston. Log on to www.bostix.org to purchase discounted tickets and receive special e-mail updates. All ticket offers subject to availability.

GO BOSTON CARD, Available at Bostix locations at Faneuil Hall Marketplace and Copley Square and at the Visitor Information Center on Boston Common, 617-742-5950. *Cards can be purchased in one, two, three, five and seven day increments, and range from $45–135 for adults, $25–65 for children.* The GO Boston card offers unlimited free admission to more than 60 area atttractions, as well as savings up to 20% at local shops and restaurants.



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MUSEUM OF SCIENCE: The current exhibit Discovering Chimpanzees: The Remarkable World of Jane Goodall is accompanied by the IMAX film *Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees* (pictured above). **Refer to listing, page 35.**

BOSTON

BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, Museum Wharf, 300 Congress St., 617-426-6500. *Open daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri 'til 9 p.m. Admission: $10; children (2–15) & seniors $8; children (one-year-olds only) $2; children (under 1) free; Fri 5–9 p.m. (Family Night) $1.* The newly expanded and renovated museum features a plethora of interactive exhibits that allow children to learn about science, history and culture firsthand. Exhibits include: Construction Zone, a child-sized work site with miniature skyscrapers inspired by the Big Dig; Arthur & Friends, featuring the stars of everyone's favorite PBS program; Boston Black, celebrating Boston's Caribbean, African and African-American cultures; Kid Power, which allows active kids to use energy in healthy ways and teaches them about fitness and nutrition; Katrina's Kids Project, a display of artwork by the youngest victims of Hurricane Katrina. *Refer to Kids Corner in Current Events for special events.*

COMMONWEALTH MUSEUM, Massachusetts Archives Building, 220 Morrissey Blvd., 617-727-9268. *Mon–Fri from 9 a.m.–5 p.m., second and fourth Sat of the month 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Free admission.* Across from the JFK Presidential Library, this museum houses the collection of the Massachusetts Archives and is ideal for fans of history or genealogy. Special exhibits: Archaeology of the Big Dig; Le Grand Derangement: The Acadian Exile in Massachusetts, 1755–1766.

INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART, 100 Northern Ave., 617-478-3100. *Open Sat, Sun, Tue & Wed 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Thu & Fri 'til 9 p.m. Admission: $12; students & seniors $10; children (under 17) free. Free to all Thu 5–9 p.m. Film screenings: $9.* Boston's first new art museum in 100 years is a state-of-the-art, gleaming structure on the South Boston waterfront which presents installations of contemporary paintings, sculptures and photographs, as well as cutting edge live dance and musical performances. Special exhibits: Chiho Aoshima's digitally rendered mural on the Sandra and Gerald Fineberg Art Wall; Bourgeois in Boston, works by Louise Bourgeois; Momentum 7: Misaki Kawai; Works by Philip-Lorca diCorcia. Special events: ***June 21*** *at 6 p.m.*—Harborwalk Sounds free concert series, featuring jazz guitarist Jake Hertzog; ***June 28*** *at 6 p.m.*—Harborwalk Sounds: Jazz trumpeter Gordon Au.

ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM, 280 The Fenway, 617-566-1401. *Open Tue–Sun 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $12; seniors $10; students with I.D. $5; children (under 18) free. Visitors named Isabella are admitted free.* Commissioned by Boston aristocrat Isabella Stewart Gardner and modeled after a 15th-century Venetian palace, the museum exhibits 2,500 objects, including the works of Rembrandt, Botticelli, Raphael, Titian and Matisse. Special exhibit: ***Beginning June 29***—Stefano Arienti: The Asian Shore.

JOHN F. KENNEDY PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM, off Morrissey Boulevard, next to UMass Boston, Dorchester, 866-535-1960. www.jfklibrary.org. *Open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $10; students & seniors $8; children (13–17) $7; children (under 12) free; library forums free.* This museum portrays Kennedy's life, leadership and legacy in 21 exhibits, three theaters, 20 video presentations and more. Special exhibits: A Journey Home, John F. Kennedy and Ireland explores President Kennedy's relationship to his ancestral homeland; Jacqueline Kennedy Entertains: The Art of the White House Dinner. Special event: ***June 18*** *from 5:30–7:30 p.m.*—The Art of Entertaining with "Miss Manners."

LARZ ANDERSON AUTO MUSEUM, Larz Anderson Park, 15 Newton St., Brookline, 617-522-6547. *Open Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $5; students, seniors and children (6–18) $3; children (5 and under) free.* The oldest collection of historic automobiles in the nation is displayed in the owner's original home. Special events: ***June 23*** *from 10 a.m.–2 p.m.*—Extinct Autos Day; ***June 24*** *from 10 a.m.–2 p.m.*—British Car Day.

THE MARY BAKER EDDY LIBRARY, 200 Mass. Ave., 888-222-3711. *Open Tue–Sun from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: $6; seniors, students with ID and youth (6–17) $4; children (under 6) and members free.* Home to the world-famous Mapparium, a three-story stained-glass globe depicting the world as it existed in 1934, which guests can walk through. Visitors to the library can follow Mary Baker Eddy's quest for insight and embark on one of their own through interactive exhibits in the Quest Gallery, or try out a "desk job" at the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Christian Science Monitor.* Special exhibit: Sensational Press, Radical Response.

MCMULLEN MUSEUM OF ART, Boston College, 140 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill, 617-552-8100. *Mon–Fri 11 a.m.–4 p.m., Sat & Sun noon–5 p.m. Free admission.* Gallery tours held every *Sun at 12:30 p.m.* This museum is lauded for presenting interdisciplinary exhibits that spark new questions and renowned for its European, Asian and American collections. Special exhibit: A New Key, modern Belgian art from the Simon Collection.

THE MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY, African Meeting House, 46 Joy St. (corner of Smith Court), Beacon Hill, 617-725-0022. www.afroammuseum.org. *Open Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Free admission; donations welcome.* Explore the history of Boston's 19th-century African-American community at the African Meeting House, the oldest African-American church still standing in the United States. In addition, there are tour maps available for the Black Heritage Trail. Special exhibit: A Gathering Place for Freedom, commemorating the bicentennial of the historic African Meeting House.

THE MUSEUM OF THE NATIONAL CENTER OF AFRO-AMERICAN ARTISTS, 300 Walnut Ave., Roxbury, 617-442-8614. *Open Tue–Sun 1–5 p.m.; by appointment for groups. Admission: $4; students & seniors $3.* Housed in the former Oak Bend Mansion, a neo-Gothic structure built in the early 1870s, this museum holds a slide archive and an extensive collection of African artifacts, prints and drawings. It also hosts national and international traveling exhibits. Special exhibits: Reflections on the Middle Passage; Enter-ACTION: New Artwork by Maya Freelon.

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, 465 Huntington Ave., 617-267-9300. *Open Sat–Tue 10 a.m.–4:45 p.m., Wed–Fri 10 a.m.–9:45 p.m. (Thu & Fri after 5 p.m., west wing only). Admission (includes two visits in a 10-day period): $17; students & seniors $15; Thu & Fri after 5 p.m., $2 discount; Wed after 4 p.m., pay as you wish; children (7–17) $8.50 on weekdays before 3 p.m., free at all other times, youths 6 and under free.* The museum houses an outstanding collection of paintings, prints, sculptures, furnishings and other artwork from ancient times through the present, and the most comprehensive collection of Asiatic art in the world. Special exhibits: Glittering Gold: Illuminations in Islamic Art; Tsutsugaki Textiles from the Collection of David and Marita Paly; Beyond Basketry: Japanese Bamboo Art; Donatello to Gianbologna: Italian Renaissance Sculpture; Through Six Generations: The Weng Collection of Chinese Painting and Calligraphy; Women of Renown: Female Heroes and Villians in the Prints of Utagawa Kuniyoshi; Material Journeys: Collecting African and Oceanic Art, 1945–2000; War and Discontent; Jewelry by Artists: The Daphne Farago Collection; Ed Rossbach Fiber Art from the Daphne Farago Collection; Edward Hopper, *ticketed separately: $23, seniors and students $21, children $7.50.*

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE, Science Park, 617-723-2500. *Open daily from 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri 'til 9 p.m. Admission: $16; seniors $14; children (3–11) $13; children (under 3) free. Planetarium, laser show and Omni theater tickets: $9; seniors $8; children (3–11) $7. Combination ticket prices and evening discounts available.* Interactive science exhibits, plus laser and astronomy shows in the Charles Hayden Planetarium. Special exhibit: Discovering Chimpanzees: The Remarkable World of Jane Goodall. *Refer to Film listings in Current Events for complete Mugar Omni Theater schedule.* Showing at the Planetarium: *Into the Unknown; Destination Moon.*

SPORTS MUSEUM OF NEW ENGLAND, 5th and 6th floor premium seating levels, TD Banknorth Garden, Causeway Street, 617-624-1234. *Open daily 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission on the hour only, until 3 p.m. Hours altered during TD Banknorth Garden events, call ahead. Admission: $6; seniors & children (6–17) $4; children (under 6) free.* The Sports Museum showcases New England's rich sports heritage through an unparalleled collection of artifacts, multimedia and artwork. Exhibits include the Boston Bruins Hall of Fame portraits, the Boston Garden Penalty Box and New England's Olympic Heroes.

USS CONSTITUTION MUSEUM, Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, 617-426-1812. *Open daily 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Free admission.* The museum preserves the treasures of "Old Ironsides," the U.S.

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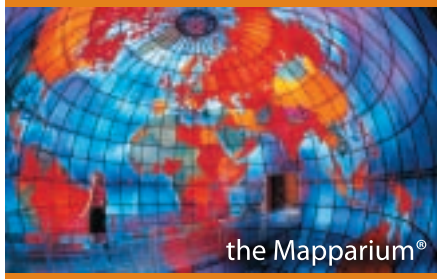

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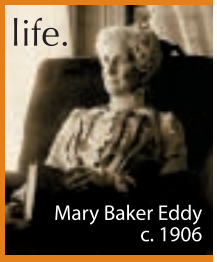

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CAMBRIDGE

Due to limited parking, it is best to take the Red Line when traveling to Harvard, Central or Kendall squares. The Cambridge Discovery Booth located at the Harvard Square "T" entrance provides additional information.

BUSCH-REISINGER MUSEUM, Werner Otto Hall, 32 Quincy St. (enter through the Fogg Art Museum), 617-495-9400. *Open Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun 1–5 p.m. Tours: Mon–Fri at 1 p.m. Admission: $9, seniors $7; students $6; children (under 18) free.* Central and Northern European artists, with an emphasis on German-speaking countries. Special exhibits: Art and Design from Central and Northern Europe since 1880; Paintings by Max Beckmann from the Pinakothek der Moderne, Munich.

FOGG ART MUSEUM, Quincy and Broadway streets, 617-495-9400. *Tours: Mon–Fri at 11 a.m.; see Busch-Reisinger Museum for hours and admission fees.* The museum displays European and American masterpieces from the Middle Ages to the present and hosts concerts and guided tours. Special exhibits: Modern Art, 1865–1965; American Art at Harvard; 18th century European Ceramics and Paintings; The Last Ruskinians: Charles Eliot Norton, Charles Herbert Moore and their circle.

HARVARD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 26 Oxford St., 617-495-3045. *Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $9; college students & seniors $7; children (3–18) $6.* Among the museum's 17 galleries is the internationally acclaimed Ware Collection of Blaschka Glass Models of Plants, a unique collection of over 3,000 glass flower models created between 1886 and 1936. Special exhibits: Nests and Eggs; Dodos, Trilobites and Meteorites; Climate Change: Our Global Experiment; Meteorites; Arthropods: Creatures that Rule.

MIT LIST VISUAL ARTS CENTER, 20 Ames St., 617-253-4680. *Tue–Sun noon–6 p.m.; Fri 'til 8 p.m. Free admission.* One of Boston's premier showcases for contemporary art, the List Center reflects MIT's position as a cutting-edge research institution by presenting works from the world's leading contemporary artists. Special exhibits: Works by Cameron Jamie; On the Media Test Wall: *Time After Time* by Anri Sala.

THE MIT MUSEUM, 265 Mass. Ave., 617-253-4444. *Tue–Fri 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat & Sun noon–5 p.m. Admission: $5; students, seniors & youth (5–18) $2; children under 5 free.* Exhibits interpret themes and ideas related to MIT research and activities. Ongoing exhibits: Mind and Hand: The Making of MIT Scientists and Engineers; Holography: The Light Fantastic; Gestural Engineering: The Sculpture of Arthur Ganson; Flashes of Inspiration: The Work of Harold Edgerton; Deep Frontiers: Ocean Engineering at MIT; Ship Models: The Evolution of Ship Design. Special exhibit: Singular Beauty, simple microscopes from the Giordano collection.

SACKLER MUSEUM, Quincy and Broadway streets, 617-495-9400. *Tours: Mon–Fri at 2 p.m.; see Busch-Reisinger Museum for hours and admission fees.* Designed by James Stirling, Britain's famous post-modernist architect, the museum houses ancient Oriental and Islamic collections. Special exhibits: Overlapping Realms, arts of the Islamic world and India, 900–1900; Downtime; Pavilions of Love: A Ritual Space in Indian Painting.

BEYOND BOSTON

CONCORD MUSEUM, 200 Lexington Road, Concord, 978-369-9763. *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m. Admission: $10; seniors & students with I.D. $8; children (6–17) $5; family rates available. Ample free parking on Cambridge Turnpike.* Relive Concord's history, from Native American habitation and European settlement to the days of Emerson, Thoreau, the Alcotts and Hawthorne. Special exhibit: A Splash of Blue. Special event: ***June 24** at 2 p.m.*—Fashions in Flowers: Ornamental Gardens in the Early 19th Century, a lecture by Christie Higginbottom, *tickets: $12.*

DECORDOVA MUSEUM AND SCULPTURE PARK, 51 Sandy Pond Road, Lincoln, 781-259-8355. *Tue-Sun 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $9; seniors, students & children (6–12) $6. Sculpture Park: open sunrise to sunset, free admission.* Tour one of the largest contemporary art museums and the only permanent public sculpture park in New England. Special exhibit: The 2007 Annual DeCordova Exhibition.

NATIONAL HERITAGE MUSEUM, 33 Marrett Road, Lexington, 781-861-6559. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sun noon–5 p.m. Free admission.* Devoted to presenting exhibitions on American history and popular culture as a way of preserving our national heritage. Special exhibits: Sowing the Seeds of Liberty: Lexington and the American Revolution; For Every Fighter, A Woman Worker: World War I Posters; Pets in America: The Story of Our Lives with Animals at Home; The Art of the Needle: Masterpiece Quilts from the Shelburne Museum; ***beginning June 30***—Unlocking the Code: Masonic and Fraternal Aprons.

PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM, East India Square, Salem, 866-745-1876. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $13; seniors $11; students $9; children (16 and under) free.* The nation's oldest continually operating museum boasts a brand-new wing with a 190-seat auditorium and a glass-covered atrium. The collection showcases African, Asian, Pacific Island and American folk and decorative art, a maritime collection dating back to the museum's earliest days, and the first collection of Native American art in the hemisphere. Special exhibits: Intersections, Native American Art in a New Light; Of Gods and Mortals, traditional art from India; Sketched at Sea; All of My Life, contemporary works by Native American artists; Yin Yu Tang, the 16-bedroom home of a prosperous Chinese merchant of the Qing Dynasty (1644–1911), *ticketed separately: $4;* Joseph Cornell: Navigating the Imagination; Perfect Imbalance: Exploring Chinese Aesthetics; Origami Now; ***beginning June 23***—Accidental Mysteries.

THE ROSE ART MUSEUM, Brandeis University, 415 South St., Waltham, 781-736-3434. *Tue–Sun noon–5 p.m. Admission: $3; museum members and children (under 12) free.* The Rose boasts a collection of modern and contemporary art by artists including de Kooning, Rauschenberg and Warhol. Special exhibits: Works by John Armleder; Paper Trails II.

SALEM WITCH MUSEUM, 19½ Washington Square North, Salem, 978-744-1692. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $7.50; seniors $6.50; children (6–14) $5.* Life-size stage settings and historically accurate narration recreate the hysteria of the Salem Witch Trials and executions of 1692. Translations available in Japanese, French, German, Italian and Spanish. Special exhibit: Witches: Evolving Perceptions.

GALLERIES

BAAK GALLERY, 35 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-354-0407. *Mon–Sat 10:30 a.m.–8 p.m.; Sun 1–6 p.m.* BAAK presents collections of American and international designer jewelry, as well as a variety of 2D fine arts. The frequently changing exhibits showcase works by both established and emerging artists. Special exhibit: ***through June 20***—Stepping Stones by Kristen Johnson.

BARBARA KRAKOW GALLERY, 10 Newbury St., 617-262-4490. *Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.* The Barbara Krakow Gallery attracts top contemporary artists from around the world, showcasing work that focuses on minimalism and conceptualism. Works by Mark Making; Works by Flora Natapoff.

BERNARD TOALE GALLERY, 450 Harrison Ave., 617-482-2477. *Tue–Sat 10:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.* This gallery, established in 1992, specializes in cutting-edge contemporary art by both rising and established, internationally known artists. Special exhibits: ***through June 30***—Penelope Umbrico: Private Residence; Tanja Alexia Hollander: Still.

BOSTON SCULPTORS GALLERY, 486 Harrison Ave., 617-482-7781. *Tue–Sat noon–6 p.m.* A sculptors' cooperative that has served as an alternative venue for innovative solo sculpture exhibitions since 1992. Special exhibit: ***through June 23***—works by Pat Shannon and Leslie Wilcox.

BRICKBOTTOM GALLERY, 1 Fitchburg St., Somerville, 617-776-3410. *Thu–Sat noon–5 p.m.* This not-for-profit gallery presents thoughtful and professionally curated art exhibitions and fosters a stable, permanent artist community of residents and non-resident members. Special exhibit: ***through June 23***—Immersed in Italy: Off the Beaten Track.

BROMFIELD ART GALLERY, 450 Harrison Ave., 617-451-3605. *Wed–Sat noon–5 p.m.* Boston's oldest artist-run gallery features shows by members of the cooperative, while exhibitions by visiting artists are selected by current members. Special exhibit: ***through June 30***—Jennifer Day: Air and Ocean.

CHASE GALLERY, 129 Newbury St., 617-859-7222. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.* Since 1990, Chase Gallery has been one of the city's top galleries for the exhibition of contemporary artists, both representational and abstract. Special exhibit: ***through June 30***—Works by Bernd Haussmann.

CHILDS GALLERY, 169 Newbury St., 617-266-1108. *Tue–Fri 9 a.m.–6 p.m.; Mon & Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m.* The longest-running of the commercial Newbury Street galleries, Childs has one of the largest inventories of oil paintings, drawings, watercolors, and prints in the U.S. Special exhibits: Anne Lyman Powers: By the Shore; Art in the Countryside: A Look at the Pastoral; Streams to the River, River to the Sea.

INTERNATIONAL POSTER GALLERY, 205 Newbury St., 617-375-0076. www.internationalposter.com. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Sun noon–6 p.m.* This internationally recognized fine art poster gallery displays original vintage posters from the 1890s through post-World War II modern masters.

JUDI ROTENBERG GALLERY, 130 Newbury St., 617-437-1518. *Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m.* The Judi Rotenberg Gallery is one of the longest standing independent galleries in Boston and is committed to both established and emerging talent in all media. Special exhibit: Carol Gove: Elements of Heredity.

L'ATTITUDE GALLERY, 218 Newbury St., 617-927-4400 *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Sun noon–5 p.m.* This gallery boasts contemporary sculpture, crafts and art for the home, garden and commercial environments, as well as an outdoor sculpture garden. Over 75 U.S. and international artists are represented in various mediums, including glass, ceramics, wood, stone, mixed media and textiles. Special exhibits: Renato Foti: A Colorful Perspective; In the Garden: Outdoor Artwork.

MILLS GALLERY, Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., 617-426-8835. *Wed & Thu noon–5 p.m., Fri & Sat noon–10 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m.* The BCA presents exciting contemporary works by established and emerging local, regional, national and international visual artists, mounting approximately six large-scale exhibitions in the 2,200 square foot Mills Gallery each year. Special exhibits: (un)Building; History Re-Visited, new photography by Oscar Palacio.

NIELSEN GALLERY, 179 Newbury St., 617-266-4835. *Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.* Renowned for its fine collection of contemporary paintings, drawings and sculptures. Special exhibit: ***beginning June 23***—Summer Invitational Group Exhibition.

PEPPER GALLERY, 38 Newbury St., 617-236-4495. *Tue–Fri 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; Sat 11 a.m.–5 p.m.* Committed to presenting contemporary representational and abstract works by living artists, the gallery rotates its exhibitions every five weeks to represent different members of the artistic community, both established and up-and-coming.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RESOURCE CENTER, Boston University, 832 Commonwealth Ave., 617-975-0600. *Tue, Wed & Fri 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Thu 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sat & Sun noon–5 p.m. Admission: $3; students and seniors $2, children under 18 free.* PRC exhibitions and educational programs are guided by a philosophical inquiry into the intersection of photography with aesthetic, professional and critical discourses. Special exhibit: ***through July 1***—Exposure: The 12th Annual PRC Juried Exhibition.

PUCKER GALLERY, 171 Newbury St., 617-267-9473. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; Sun 1–5 p.m.* Features work by Israeli, American and internationally known contemporary artists. The *Boston Phoenix* writes, "You can make a case for the Pucker Gallery as Boston's best gallery—though it's really more like a wonderful miniature museum." Special exhibit: Fiber of Life: New Photographs by Cary Wolinsky.

SOCIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS, 175 Newbury St., 617-266-1810. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Sun noon–5 p.m.* The oldest non-profit crafts organization in the country specializes in contemporary American crafts. The jewelry, furniture, glass and ceramics range from cutting edge to traditional, from functional to sculptural. Special exhibit: The Art of Tools.

VOSE GALLERIES, 238 Newbury St., 617-536-6176. *Mon–Fri 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.* Established in 1841, Vose Galleries—the oldest family-owned art gallery in the United States—specializes in American artists from the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries. Its new contemporary wing, expanding the collection to living artists, opened in 2001. Special exhibit: ***through June 30***—Carol Rowan: New Horizons.

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PUBS AND BARS

THE BELL IN HAND TAVERN, 45 Union St., 617-227-2098. *Daily 11:30 a.m.–2 a.m.* Opened in 1795, the Bell in Hand is the oldest tavern in the U.S. This casual pub, offering pints, food and live music, attracts locals, students and tourists alike. *Tue*—Karaoke night.

BILL'S BAR, 5.5 Lansdowne St., 617-421-9678. *Wed–Sat 9 p.m.–2 a.m., Sun 10 p.m.–2 a.m. Call for cover and age restrictions.* A laid-back, no frills, no fuss bar with musical entertainment nightly. *Sun*—Reggae Sundays.

THE BLACK ROSE, 160 State St., next to Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-742-2286. *Daily 11:30 a.m.–2 a.m.* Enjoy live Irish music nightly and on select afternoons in an authentic pub setting.

BRISTOL LOUNGE, Four Seasons Hotel, 200 Boylston St., 617-351-2052. Jazz entertainers create sounds as lush as their setting on a Boston-made, antique Steinert piano. Live music nightly.

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THE CACTUS CLUB, 939 Boylston St., 617-236-0200. *Restaurant: Sun 11:30 a.m.–10 p.m.; Mon & Tue 4:30–10 p.m.; Wed & Thu 11:30 a.m.–11 p.m.; Fri & Sat 'til midnight; bar open 'til 2 a.m. daily.* Famous for its margaritas, this restaurant and bar offers a full lunch and dinner menu. *Sun 10 p.m.–midnight*—Free taco bar; *Mon–Thu 4–7 p.m.*—Half price appetizers at bar.

CASK 'N FLAGON, 62 Brookline Ave, 617-536-4840. *Daily 11:30 a.m.–2 a.m.* A hangout for Red Sox fans since the days of Yastrzemski and Fisk, this classic bar boasts tons of TVs for watching the Sox—if you get shut out of Fenway Park across the street—and is loaded with photos depicting the histories of Fenway and the Sox. Recently given a major facelift, the Cask now also boasts Oliver's, a new back room nightclub with a dance floor and second bar.

CHEERS, 84 Beacon St., 617-227-9605. *Daily 11 a.m.–1 a.m.* Also: Faneuil Hall Marketplace. The model for the beloved sitcom, this Back Bay pub is one of the top tourist attractions in Boston. Live weekend entertainment.

DAISY BUCHANAN'S, 240 Newbury St., 617-247-8516. *Daily 11:30 a.m.–2 a.m. No cover.* Cash only. Located on Boston's hopping Newbury Street, this casual singles spot attracts college students, businessmen and women, and even the occasional professional athlete, and remains one of the city's most popular bars. Full kitchen serves pub-style food seven nights a week.

DICK'S LAST RESORT, Quincy Market, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-267-8080. *Daily 11 a.m.–2 a.m.* Watch for the outrageous antics of Dick's sassy staff as they serve up buckets of sloppy ribs, succulent crab and shrimp, juicy steaks and chicken, two-fisted sandwiches, burgers and salads. If that isn't entertaining enough, there's live music every night with no cover. ***SEE LOCATOR #3 ON CENTER MAP.***

GRAND CANAL, 57 Canal St., 617-523-1112. *Daily 11 a.m.–2 a.m. Cover varies.* This Faneuil Hall area restaurant and pub transports the authentic style of the Victorian Irish pub scene to Boston with high ceilings, antiques, red wallpaper, a grandfather clock rising over the bar, photos of Dublin's Grand Canal, a balcony, an alcove and a working fireplace.

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JULIEN BAR, Langham Hotel, 250 Franklin St., 617-451-1900. *No cover.* Enjoy cocktails and piano entertainment in this historic lounge, voted Boston's "Best Fancy Bar." *Mon–Fri from 5–11 p.m.; Sat from 6 p.m. 'til midnight*—Pianist Jeffrey Moore; *Sun from 11 a.m.–3 p.m.*—Sunday Jazz Brunch in Café Fleuri.

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THE OAK BAR, Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, 138 St. James Ave., Copley Square, 617-267-5300. *No cover.* Popular among the fine scotch and cigar crowd, The Oak Bar is a Boston favorite for upscale lounging. *Sun–Thu 11:30 a.m.–midnight, Fri & Sat 'til 1 a.m. Tue–Thu*—Live piano music; *Fri & Sat*—The Bill Laughlin Jazz Quartet.

THE PURPLE SHAMROCK, 1 Union St., 617-227-2060. *Daily 11:30 a.m.–2 a.m. Sat & Sun 9 a.m. brunch.* Located on the Freedom Trail, The Purple Shamrock offers an escape from the nearby activity of Quincy Market. Menu items include burgers, sandwiches, hearty pastas, fresh seafood, tender steaks and more. After dark, The Purple Shamrock has nightly entertainment, including a mix of live music. *Mon*—Trivia night; *Tue*—live music; *Wed*—Karaoke and DJ.

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NIGHTCLUBS

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ARIA, 246 Tremont St., 617-338-7080. *Fri 11 p.m.–2 a.m.; Sat 10 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover: $10–15. Call for age restrictions.* Located in the basement of the Wilbur Theatre, this nightspot features chic decor with plush red couches and dance music—from International to House. Dress to impress.

AVALON, 15 Lansdowne St., 617-262-2424. *Fri–Sun 10 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover: $10–20. 19+ Thu & Fri.* One of Boston's premier nightclubs featuring Euro and Top 40 dance nights. It's also the city's largest club venue for live music acts. *Fri*—renowned DJs from around the world at Avaland; *Sat*—Tease with DJ Adilson; *Sun*—Gay Night.

AXIS, 13 Lansdowne St., 617-262-2437. *Daily 10 p.m.–2 a.m.; closed Tue, Wed & Sun. Cover: $5–20. 19+. Mon*—Static, gay night; *Thu*—La Vida with Hip-hop and R&B; *Fri & Sat*—Hip-hop and R&B.

BOSTON BILLIARD CLUB, 126 Brookline Ave., 617-536-POOL. *Mon–Sat 11:30 a.m.–2 a.m.; Sun noon–2 a.m. 18+ Sun–Thu.* Ranked Number One Billiard Club in the country by *Billiards Digest*, this nightspot is perfect for pool aficionados and novices alike. Free parking. *Mon*—Free lessons; *Wed*— Ladies' Night: each lady gets 25% off table time, four ladies per table play for free; *Thu*— Music Trivia Night; *Mon, Tue & Thu*—League Night.

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FOUNDATION LOUNGE, Hotel Commonwealth, Kenmore Square, 500 Commonwealth Ave., 617-859-9900. *Tue–Sun 5 p.m.–2 a.m.* Sophisticated and mature, this lounge fuses the L.A. hipster scene with the cool and funky elegance of European and Asian nightlife, boasting plush couches, exotic lighting, Zensai Japanese appetizers *'til 12:30 a.m.* and a wide array of creative cocktails. *Tue at 8 p.m.*—Torch Tuesdays; *Thu at 9 p.m.*—Soulicious Thursdays; *Wed, Fri & Sat at 10 p.m.*—DJs.

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JILLIAN'S BOSTON, 145 Ipswich St. (behind Fenway Park), 617-437-0300. *Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–2 a.m., Sun noon–2 a.m. Sun–Thu 18+.* One of Boston's largest entertainment complexes, this fun and diverse club features 50 pool tables, 200 high-tech games, blackjack for fun and six full bars. Lucky Strike Lanes bowling is located on the third floor, and there's late-night dancing at Tequila Rain ("spring break 52 weeks a year") on the first floor. Proper dress required.

SAINT, Copley Square Hotel, 90 Exeter St., 617-236-1134. *Thu–Sat 7 p.m.–2 a.m., Sun & Mon 10 p.m.–2 a.m.; closed Tue & Wed. Table reservations available.* One of Boston's hottest nightclubs, Saint offers gourmet dining, nightly DJs, and the chance to lounge on overstuffed couches (and even beds) in private and public rooms. Proper dress required.

SANCTUARY, 189 State St., 617-573-9333. *Open nightly 'til 2 a.m.* Spread out over three floors, Sanctuary bills itself as "Boston's premiere dining and lounge experience," featuring a full menu, outdoor seating for lunch and dinner, and resident DJs *Thu–Sat.* Voted one of the sexiest bars in Boston by *Boston* magazine.

GAY AND LESBIAN

CLUB CAFE, 209 Columbus Ave., 617-536-0966. *Open daily 11 a.m.–2 a.m. No cover.* In the back of the 209 restaurant, you'll find the Moonshine and Satellite lounges, voted "Best of Boston" by *Boston* magazine and *The Improper Bostonian* for best gay and lesbian nightspot. *Wed–Sat at 9 p.m.*—Moonshine Video Bar.

JACQUES CABARET, 79 Broadway St., 617-426-8902. *Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–midnight; Sun noon–midnight. Cover: $6, $10 Fri & Sat. Cash only.* Featured in *Modern Bride* as the "best place for a bachelorette party," Jacques Cabaret allows its patrons to mingle and disco-dance with drag-queens. *Mon*—Tranny show; *Tue*—Karaoke; *Wed*—Delightful Divas; *Thu*—Jacques Angels; *Fri & Sat*—Miss Leading Ladies; *Sun*—Amateur Talent Night.

MACHINE, 1254 Boylston St., 617-536-1950. *Fri & Sat 12 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover varies. Cash only.* With two dance floors, four bars, six pool tables, pinball machines, video games and theme nights, this club offers Boston's gay and lesbian party-goers a plethora of nightlife options. *Thu at 10 p.m.*—Karaoke with Eve Adams; *Fri*—VJ Tom Yaz and DJ Darrin Friedman; *Sat*—Anthem Night featuring DJ Manuel Santiago.

SIGHTS OF INTEREST

ADAMS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK, 1250 Hancock St., Quincy, eight miles south of Boston, 617-770-1175. Take the "T" to the Quincy Center stop on the Red Line. *Visitor Center is open daily from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Trolley tours: depart every 30 minutes from 9:15 a.m.–3:15 p.m. Tickets: $5; children (under 16) free.* This oft-overlooked historical gem offers insight into the lives of U.S. presidents John Adams and son John Quincy Adams. Tour the birthplaces of both presidents, as well as "The Old House," which was home to five generations of the Adams family.

ARNOLD ARBORETUM, 125 Arborway, Jamaica Plain, 617-524-1718. *Grounds open year-round dawn to dusk. Free admission. Visitor Center open Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Sun noon–4 p.m.* This 265-acre tree sanctuary designed by Emerald Necklace architect Frederick Law Olmsted opened in 1872. Now a National Historic Landmark, the arboretum and its gardens contain more than 7,000 varieties of trees, shrubs and flowers for your perusal.

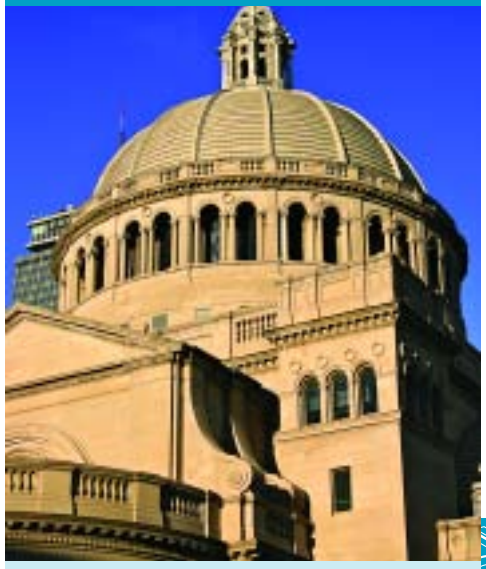
BOSTON ATHENAEUM, 10½ Beacon St., 617-227-0270. *Open: Tue–Fri 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Mon 'til 8 p.m. Art & Architecture tours: Tue & Thu at 3 p.m. Reservations required.* One of the oldest and most distinguished private libraries in the United States, the Athenaeum was founded in 1807. For nearly half a century, it was the unchallenged center of intellectual life in Boston, and by 1851 it had become one of the five largest libraries in the country. Special exhibit: Acquired Tastes, 200 Years of Collecting for the Boston Athenaeum.

BOSTON PUBLIC GARDEN, bordered by Arlington, Charles, Beacon and Boylston streets. *Open daily dawn to dusk.* Established in 1837, the Public Garden is the nation's first public botanical garden. Its 24 acres are filled with scenic and diverse greenery, as well as sculptures, including one that commemorates the popular children's book *Make Way for Ducklings.* Other fixtures include the Lagoon—home to the famed Swan Boats from April through Labor Day—and the world's smallest suspension bridge.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY, 700 Boylston St., Copley Square, 617-536-5400. *Open Mon–Thu 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 5 p.m., Free admission. Art & Architecture tours offered Mon at 2:30 p.m., Tue & Thu at 6 p.m., Fri & Sat at 11 a.m., Sun at 2 p.m.* The first publicly supported municipal library in the world hosts one million visitors a year, who come to view this architectural masterpiece and its collection of more than five million books. Film festivals, exhibits and children's programs run throughout the year.

BUNKER HILL PAVILION, Boston National Historical Park Visitors Center, Charlestown, 617-242-5601. Located yards from the *USS Constitution. Visitor center and bookstore open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m.* Check out "Whites of Their Eyes," a dramatic multimedia presentation of the Battle of Bunker Hill, one of the first major battles of the Revolution. Or climb the nearby Bunker Hill Monument, a 221-foot granite obelisk.

CUSTOM HOUSE TOWER, 3 McKinley Square, 617-310-6300. *Free historical tours offered Mon–Thu at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Fri & Sat at 4 p.m. Tours may be cancelled due to weather conditions, call ahead.* Boston's first skyscraper, the Custom House, stands high over Boston Harbor as one of the city's most impressive landmarks. Crowned by its distinctive clock tower and restored with modern luxuries, the building epitomizes the preservation of Boston's historic architecture. Today, the Marriott Corporation operates this landmark.



FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST: The Romanesque Mother Church in the Back Bay stands at the heart of the Christian Science Center. **Refer to listing, below.**

THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST, 175 Huntington Ave., 617-450-2000. *Free tours of The Mother Church Thu–Sat noon–4 p.m., every half hour, and Sun after 10 a.m. service. Services: Sun at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., Wed at noon and 7:30 p.m. Spanish language services: Sun at noon, Wed at 6 p.m.* The original Mother Church built in 1894 is at the heart of the Christian Science Center, situated on 14 acres in the Back Bay. The Romanesque structure is made from New Hampshire granite with stained glass windows illustrating Biblical events.

FOREST HILLS CEMETERY, 95 Forest Hills Ave., 617-524-0128. *Open daily from dawn to dusk.* Created in 1848, this cemetery serves as the final resting place of Eugene O'Neill, Anne Sexton, e.e. cummings, William Lloyd Garrison and former Boston Celtic Reggie Lewis. The 275 acres of twisting paths also contain sculptural treasures, an arboretum, a "library" of life stories and an open-air museum.

JOHN F. KENNEDY NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, 83 Beals St., Brookline, 617-566-7937. *Open Wed–Sun 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Admission: $3; children (17 and under) free. Guided tours every half-hour 'til 3.* This modest frame house is the well-preserved 1917 birthplace and childhood home of the 35th president of the United States, and also the first home shared by the president's father and mother, Joseph P. and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy. Includes a collection of household furnishings, photographs and significant mementos personally collected and arranged by the president's mother.

JOHN HANCOCK TOWER, 200 Clarendon St., 617-572-6000. Rising 62 stories into the sky, this I.M. Pei-designed, sliver-of-glass skyscraper is New England's tallest building and is considered by many to be one of the world's most beautiful skyscrapers. The building houses the headquarters of its namesake, insurance giant John Hancock Financial.

NEW ENGLAND HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL, ongress Street near Faneuil Hall, 617-457-8755. *Tours available.* This haunting memorial features six luminous glass towers etched with the six million prisoner numbers of those who perished in the Holocaust. Visitors can walk under the towers and read the dramatic stories of the victims and heroes of this tremendous human tragedy.

THE SKYWALK OBSERVATORY AT THE PRUDENTIAL CENTER, 617-859-0648. *Open daily 10 a.m.–10 p.m. Skywalk kiosk closes at 6 p.m. Admission (including a headset audio tour of points of interest): $11; seniors and students $9; children (under 12) $7.50. Observatory may be closed due to weather conditions, please call ahead.* Enjoy spectacular 360-degree panoramic views of Boston and beyond and learn about the city's 375 years of culture and history on the Antennae Audio Tour. Displays include "Dreams of Freedom," about the Boston immigrant experience, and a theater showing "Wings Over Boston," a spectacular aerial tour of the entire city.

TRINITY CHURCH, Copley Square, 617-536-0944. *Open Sun 7 a.m.–7 p.m., Tue–Sat 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Tours available for $5; seniors & students $4; children under 16 free with an adult. Guided Tours: most weekdays at 11 a.m., 1 and 2 p.m., Sun at 12:15 p.m. (free). Self-Guided Tours: Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Sun 1–5 p.m.* Built in 1877, this house of worship, a combination of Victorian, Gothic and French Romanesque styles, is one of the great masterpieces of American church architecture. The church is located in Copley Square adjacent to the John Hancock Tower.

TOURS AND TRAILS

BLACK HERITAGE TRAIL, 46 Joy St., 617-742-5415. *Free tours by appointment only. Call at least 24 hours in advance for reservations.* A guided tour through the north side of Beacon Hill, including the homes of politicians and entrepreneurs; the African Meeting House, built in 1806; the oldest standing house built by an African-American (1797); and the home of Lewis and Harriet Hayden, who harbored runaway slaves. Maps are available at the Museum of African American History.

BOSTON ART TOURS, 617-732-3920. *Call for full tour schedule. Tickets: $25; teens $15; children (under 12) free.* Boston Art Tours offers excursions to area museums and galleries that highlight different historical time periods. Family-friendly tours offering lively descriptions of works to help further a child's understanding of art are also available.

BOSTON BIKE TOURS, 617-308-5902. *Tours: Fri–Sun at 11 a.m. Tickets: $30–35 (including bike rental).* Tours make stops at various sites while your guide shares history and pokes fun at the city and its heritage. Tours leave from the Boston Common Visitor Center at Park Street Station (bikes and equipment are provided).

BOSTON BY FOOT, 617-367-2345 or 617-367-3766. *Tickets: $12, children (6–12) $8, unless noted. Call for tour locations.* Guided 90 minute tours highlighting the rich architecture and history of the city, led by trained volunteers. The Heart of the Freedom Trail, *every day at 10 a.m.;* Victorian Back Bay, *Mon at 5:30 p.m., Fri & Sun at 10 a.m.;* Literary Landmark Tour, *Sat at 2 p.m.;* Beacon Hill, *Mon–Fri at 5:30 p.m., Sat at 10 a.m., Sun at 2 p.m.;* North End, *Fri & Sat at 2 p.m.;* Boston Underfoot, *Sun at 2 p.m., tickets: $14;* Boston By Little Feet, *Mon & Sat at 10 a.m., Sun at 2 p.m., tickets: $8.*

BOSTON DUCK TOURS, Prudential Center and Museum of Science. www.bostonducktours.com. *Tours: seven days a week, 9 a.m. 'til one hour before sunset. Tickets: $27; seniors, students & military $24; children (3–11) $18; (under 3) $5; special needs $12. Group discounts available.* Experience the city in an amazing vehicle that rides on land and water. The 80-minute tour visits most of Boston's famous sights. And just when you think you've seen it all, your Duck splashes into the Charles River for a spectacular water view.

BOSTON MOVIE TOURS, 866-MOVIE-45. www.bostonmovietours.net. *Call for complete schedule of tours. Tickets (by reservation only): $32; seniors & students $28; children (6–12) $25.* Experience the city of Boston the way Tinseltown has through such films as *The Departed, Legally Blonde, Good Will Hunting, Mystic River* and others. The Theater-on-Wheels tour takes movie buffs to filming sites aboard a bus outfitted with video monitors playing movie clips, touring the city in climate-controlled comfort. Or opt for the Boston Movie Mile Walking Tour, exploring film locations on foot.

CITY VIEW TROLLEYS, departing from the New England Aquarium, South Station, Boston Common and other locations, 617-363-7899. *Daily 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., every 10–15 mins. Tickets: $29; seniors and students $27, children (12 & under) free.* This year-round trolley company offers tours with eight stops at the most scenic and historic locations in Boston, including the New England Aquarium and stops along the Freedom Trail. Passengers can board and exit the trolley at any stop at any time during the tours.

DON QUIJOTE TOURS, 617-328-1333, www.tourboston.com. Offers daily sightseeing tours in Spanish, Portuguese and Italian. Pick up is from the local hotels and visitors' centers, at *9 a.m. and 1 p.m.* DQT provides first-class sightseeing and transfer services to incoming visitors to the Greater Boston and throughout New England, offering excursions to Boston, Cape Cod, Newport, Plymouth, Old Sturbridge Village and more. Si desea conocer a Boston y/o a Nueva Inglaterra, los expertos guías de Don Quijote Tours lo llevarán por una ruta espectacular, rica en historia y cultura en sus elegantes y cómodos mini-buses. Puede escoger excursiones de medio-día (tour local de Boston) excursiones de dia completo, en español y pasear desde el centro de la ciudad al Cape Cod, Newport, Plymouth y/o el "Old Sturbridge Village" y mucho más. Llamenos su llamada es importante para nosotros.

FENWAY PARK TOURS, 4 Yawkey Way, 617-226-6666. *Tours: leave hourly seven days a week. abbreviated tour three hours before game time, year round, rain or shine. Tickets: $12, seniors $11, children (2–15) & military personnel $10.* Tours originate at the Souvenir Store located on Yawkey Way across from Service Gate D, rain or shine. This tour offers an inside look at America's oldest active Major League ballpark, including a visit to the top of the famed "Green Monster" and stories from Boston Red Sox history.

THE FREEDOM TRAIL FOUNDATION'S FREEDOM TRAIL PLAYERS, 617-357-8300. *Private tours depart from the Visitor Center on Boston Common. Tickets: $12; seniors $10; children (12 and under) $6.* Explore the Freedom Trail with costumed actors portraying famous patriots such as James Otis, Abigail Adams and William Dawes in this 90-minute tour. Stops include the Park Street Church, the Boston Massacre Site, the Old State House and Faneuil Hall. Private tours may be tailored to individual needs and interests.

GHOSTS AND GRAVESTONES TOUR, 617-269-3626. *Nightly at 6, 7, 8 and 9 p.m. Reservations required. Tickets: $30.60; children $18.90.* Step aboard the trolley of doom for a tour of the dark side of Boston. Your host, a 17th century gravedigger, tells the tales of the Angel of Death, the Boston Strangler and other infamous characters from Boston's past. After completing your sojourn into the macabre, step off the trolley for a walk through two of the oldest burying grounds in the city.

HISTORIC PUB CRAWL, BosTix Booth, Faneuil Hall, 617-357-8300. *Reservations required.* ***June 19 & 26*** *at 5:30 p.m. Tickets: $39.* The Freedom Trail Foundation's 18th-century costumed guide takes you on a tour of Boston's historic pubs where treasonous events were hatched 250 years ago. Enjoy plenty of beer and light fare along the way.

NORTH END MARKET TOUR, 64 Cross St., take the "T" to Haymarket, 617-523-6032. *Three-hour tours: Wed & Sat at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Fri 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Reservations required. Custom tours for groups available. Tickets: $48.* Michele Topor, an authority on Italian cuisine and culture, hosts award-winning culinary walking tours through one of the nation's oldest Italian-American communities.

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NORTH END SECRET TOURS, North Square (across from The Paul Revere House), 617-720-2283. *Tours: Fri & Sat 10 a.m., 1 and 4 p.m. Reservations required. Tickets: $30 per person.* This two-hour guided walking tour explores some of the hidden courtyards and passageways of the North End, visits the birthplace of Kennedy matriarch Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, and tells tales of Boston's oldest neighborhood, like the disastrous Great Boston Molasses Flood of 1919 that devastated much of the historic city sector.

OLD TOWN TROLLEY TOURS OF BOSTON, 617-269-7150. *Departs every 25–30 minutes daily from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Tickets: $29; seniors & students $26; children (3–12) $9.* With 16 stops throughout the city, including the New England Aquarium, Fenway Park, USS Constitution Museum, the Trolley Stop Store on the corner of South Charles and Boylston streets, patrons can enjoy a 110-minute, fully narrated sightseeing tour of more than 100 points of interest aboard the orange-and-green, all-weather trolley.

PHOTO WALKS, 617-851-2273. *Tours: daily, times vary either 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. depending on tour. Call for reservations and departure locations. Tickets: $25; students $20; children (ages 12–17) $12.* Explore Boston with your choice among four photographic journeys that reveal the scenic treasures of Beacon Hill, the Public Garden, the Waterfront, or the Freedom Trail. Each walking tour provides fascinating historical information and simple, creative tips on composing artistic photographs of area attractions.

SAMUEL ADAMS BREWERY TOUR: DRINK IN A LITTLE HISTORY, 30 Germania St., Jamaica Plain, 888-661-2337. *Tours: begin approximately every 30 minutes, Tue–Thu noon–3 p.m., Fri noon–5:30 p.m.,Sat 11 a.m.–3 p.m. One-hour tours include samples (ID required). Tickets: $2 donation to a local charity. Call for special events and closings.* Learn about the art of brewing beer and taste rich malts and spicy hops on this tour of the original Samuel Adams brewery.

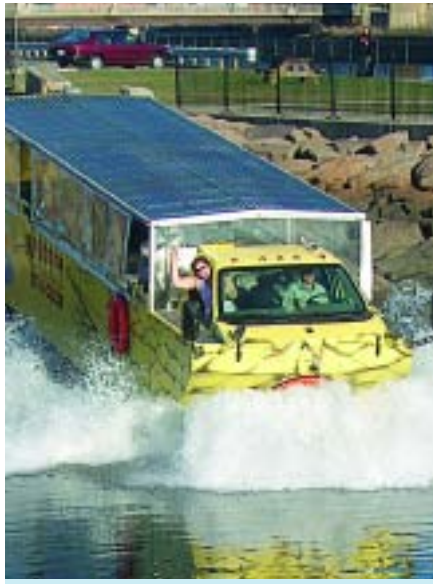
SUPER DUCK TOURS, departing from Charlestown Navy Yard, 877-34-DUCKS. *Tours: weekdays at 10 and 10:30 a.m., noon, 12:30, 2 and 2:30 p.m.; Sat and Sun, also at 4 and 4:30 p.m. Tickets: $23, seniors and students $20, children (ages 3–11) $15, children (under 3) $5.* Boston's newest amphibious tour company takes visitors on a trip through the Hub they've never experienced. Enjoy a narrated bus tour through the streets of Boston, which suddenly becomes a nautical adventure when the bus becomes a boat that plunges boldly into the waters of Boston Harbor.

SWAN BOATS, Public Garden Lagoon, 617-522-1966. *Rides: daily from 10 a.m.–4 p.m., weather permitting. Tickets: $2.75, seniors $2.25, children (2–15) $1.25.* One of Boston's oldest and most treasured traditions, these pedal-powered boats glide around the Public Garden and under the smallest suspension bridge in the world.

URBAN ADVENTOURS, 800-979-3370, www.urbanadventours.com. Book online with the promo code 'Panorama,' and receive 10% off the purchase of 2 or more tickets. Offering guided bicycle tours and bike rentals, Urban AdvenTours gives visitors a range of ways to explore Boston on two wheels. Opt for the basic City View tour, or explore historical buildings on the Art and Architecture tour or get some great shots of Boston on the Photography tour.

VISITOR RESOURCES

PANORAMA WELCOME CENTER AT COPLEY PLACE, Adjacent to the Westin Skybridge, 617-236-1027. If you lose your copy of *Panorama* magazine while touring Boston, you can stop in at the Welcome Center and replace it, and while you're there, get further information on Boston area attractions from a local expert on "what to do, where to go and what to see." Or purchase local attraction tickets, such as the popular multi-purpose Go Cards, at this helpful tourist resource center.



SUPER DUCK TOURS: Boston's newest amphibious tour splashes down in Boston Harbor. **Refer to listing, left.**

WILDLIFE

FRANKLIN PARK ZOO, One Franklin Park Road, Franklin Park, 617-541-LION. *Open Mon–Fri 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat & Sun 'til 6 p.m. Admission: $11; seniors $9.50; children (2–12) $6; children (under 2) free.* Home to more than 210 species, many of them endangered. Roam the Australian Outback Trail with wallabies and kangaroos, explore the Tropical Forest and see the gorillas, marvel at the lion and tigers at Kalahari Kingdom, take in the multi-colored wonders at Butterfly Landing and visit zebras, ostriches, ibex and wildebeests at Serengeti Crossing.

NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM, Central Wharf, 617-973-5200. *Open Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat–Sun 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Admission: $17.95; children (3–11) $9.95; children (under 3) free. Refer to Current Events section under Film for IMAX theater listings. Combination ticket prices available.* Dedicated to advancing knowledge of the world of water, this outstanding aquatic zoo features a 187,000-gallon Giant Ocean Tank containing a Caribbean coral reef with sharks, sea turtles, moray eels and other aquatic life. Be sure to check out the popular penguin habitat. The adjacent Simons 3D IMAX Theater is the first theater of its kind in the Boston area.

STONE ZOO, 149 Pond St., Stoneham, 781-438-5100. *Open Mon–Fri 'til 5 p.m., Sat & Sun 'til 6 p.m. Admission: $8; seniors $7; children (2–12) $5; children (under 2) free.* Highlights include Yukon Creek, Mexican gray wolves, snow leopards, jaguars, reindeer, river otters, llamas and miniature horses, as well as educational programs at the Animal Discovery Center.

CAMBRIDGE

Due to limited parking, it is best to take the Red Line when traveling to Harvard, Central or Kendall squares. The Cambridge Discovery Booth located at the Harvard Square "T" entrance provides additional information.

CAMBRIDGE COMMON/OLD BURYING GROUND. A grazing pasture and cemetery for Puritan Newtowne, as well as a favorite meeting spot for public figures and a tent site for the Continental Army. Early college presidents and town residents were buried in "God's Acre" across from the Common.

CHRIST CHURCH. This 1761 Tory house of worship was utilized as a Colonial barracks in the American Revolution.

FIRST CHURCH UNITARIAN/UNIVERSALIST. 617–876–7772. Harvard College provided the pews for its students in this 1833 building erected for the then-newly founded Unitarian Church.

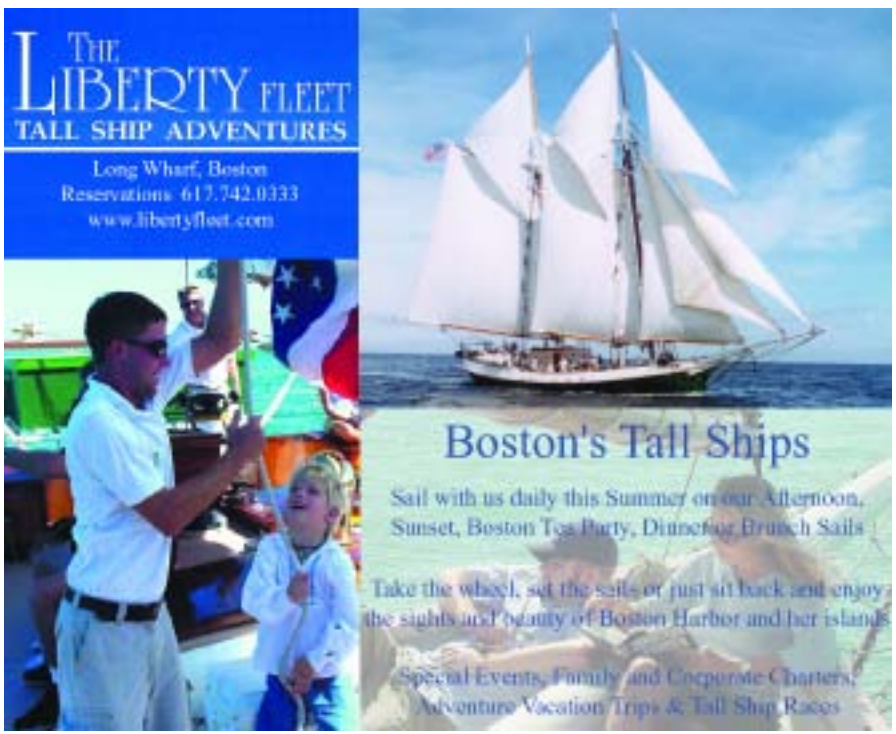
HARVARD AND RADCLIFFE YARDS. The centers of two institutions that have played major educational roles since Harvard's founding in 1636.

HARVARD SQUARE/OLD CAMBRIDGE. The center of Cambridge activity since the 17th century, the Square is home to Harvard University, historic buildings, bookstores, cafes, restaurants and shops.

LONGFELLOW NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, 105 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-876-4491. *Wed–Fri 12:30–4:30 p.m. Park ranger-guided tours at 1, 2, 3 and 4 p.m., Sat & Sun 10 a.m.–4 p.m., tours at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., 1, 2, 3 and 4 p.m. Admission: $3, children (under 16) free.* This 1759 Georgian mansion was home to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow from 1837 to 1882 and a central gathering place for writers and artists in the 19th century. It also served as George Washington's headquarters during the siege of Boston in 1775–76. Original furnishings, books and art from around the world are on display.

MOUNT AUBURN CEMETERY, 580 Mount Auburn St., Cambridge, 617-547-7105. *Open daily, including holidays, from 8 a.m.–7 p.m.* Founded in 1831 by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Mount Auburn was the first landscaped cemetery in the country. Many prominent Americans are buried here, including Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Isabella Stewart Gardner and Winslow Homer. The cemetery is also an arboretum, sculpture garden and wildlife sanctuary.

TORY ROW (BRATTLE STREET). One of the nation's most beautiful residential streets, Tory Row is the site of Loyalist mansions and their elegant neighbors from every period of American architecture.



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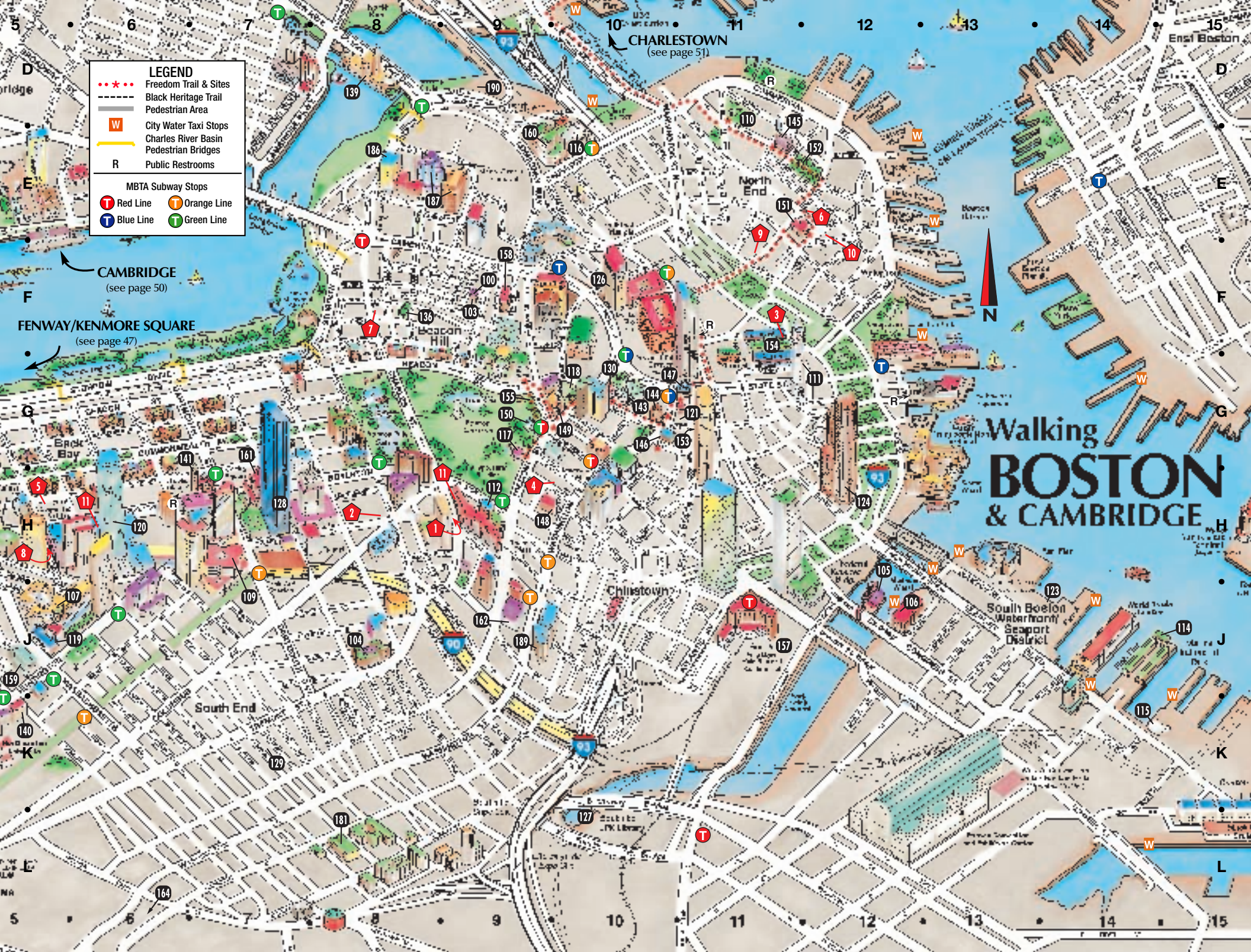
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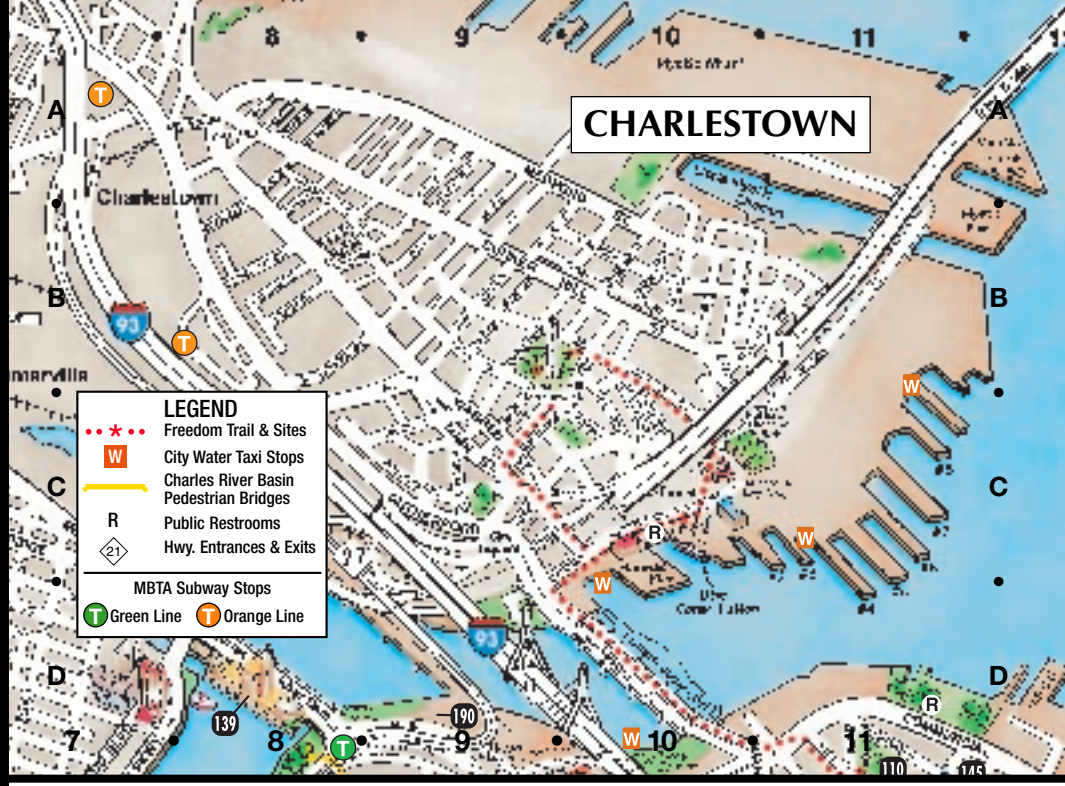
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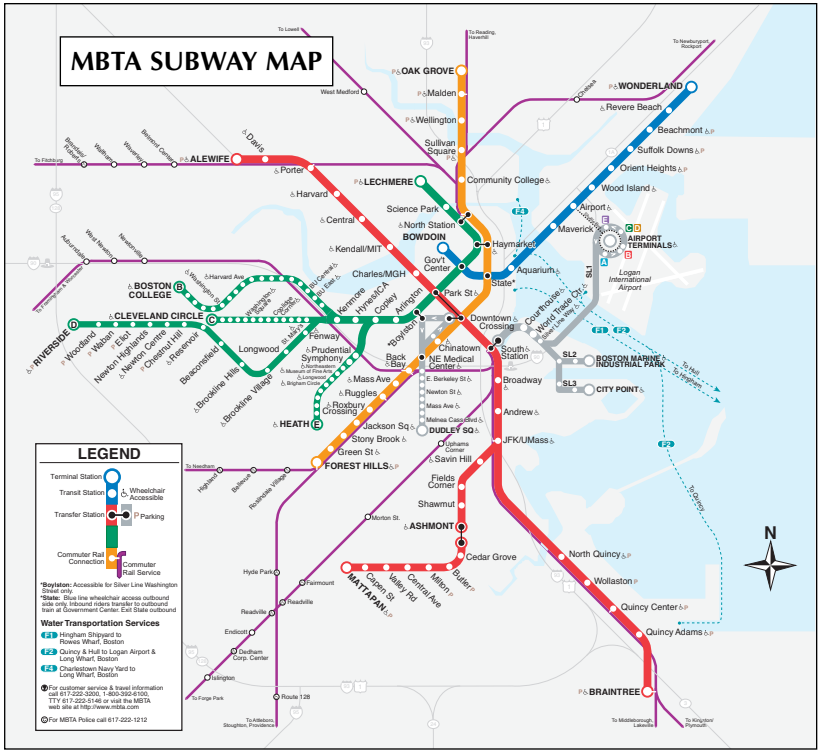
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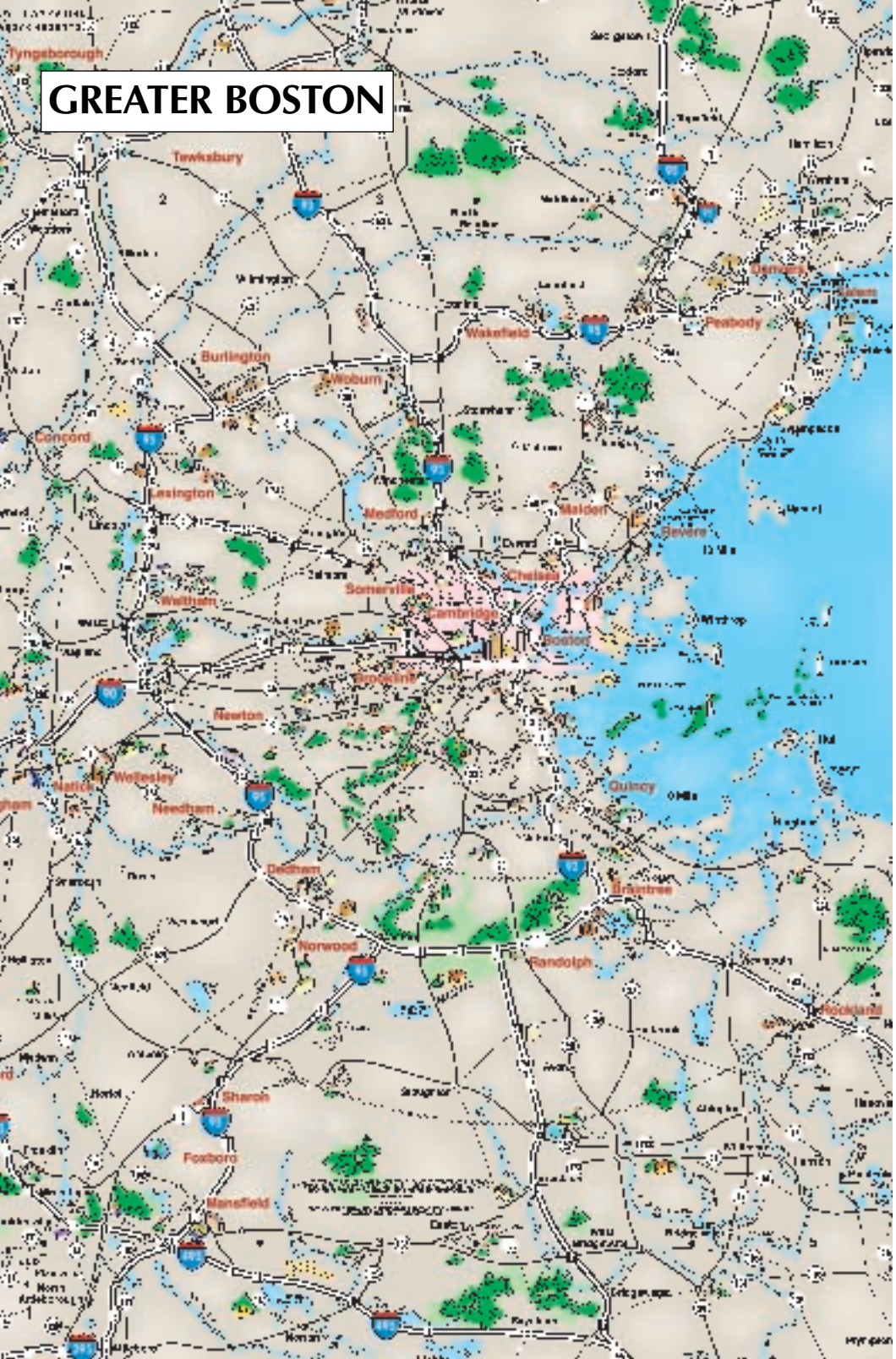


EXCURSIONS

AMUSEMENT PARKS

5W!TS, 186 Brookline Ave., 617-375-WITS. *Open daily at 10 a.m. Tickets: $14–20.* Combining the appeals of theme parks, museums and haunted houses, 5W!ts provides visitors with action-packed interactive game-play and puzzle-solving activities. Current show: Tomb, which allows players to journey to the center of a buried pharaoh's final resting place, facing challenges and obstacles along the way.

SIX FLAGS NEW ENGLAND, 1623 Main St. (Rte. 159 South), Agawam, 413-786-9300. *Open daily: call for hours of operation. Tickets: $49.99, seniors $26.99, kids $29.99; after 4 p.m., $24.99.* Part of one of the nation's top amusement park chains, Six Flags New England is the region's largest option for thrills and chills, featuring humongous roller coasters, water rides and more—including the Superman: Ride of Steel and the Catapult.

BIKE RENTALS

GALE FORCE BIKES, 144 Bradford St. Extension, Provincetown, 508-487-4849. *Open daily 8 a.m.–8 p.m.* Explore the beauty of the Cape Cod National Seashore and the offbeat neighborhoods of Provincetown in a way that's fun and affordable…by bike! Gale Force offers a variety of bikes to rent for a few hours or an entire week. They also provide free parking, helmets, locks and maps.

CRUISES

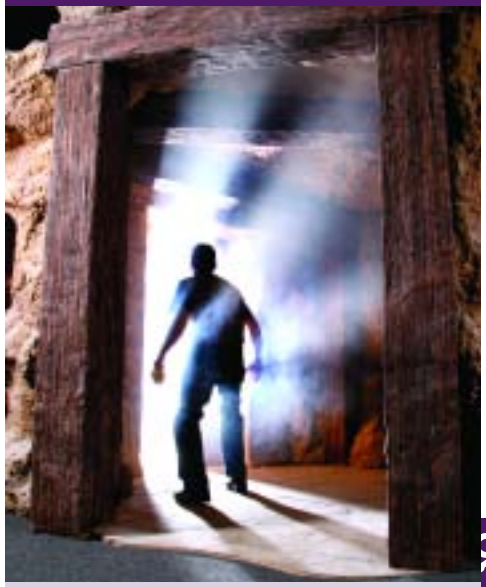
BOSTON HARBOR CRUISES, One Long Wharf, 877-SEE-WHALE. *Call for reservations and departure times.* The premiere ticket to ride on Boston Harbor since 1926, BHC offers whale watches, the Cape Cod Fast Ferry, the new high-speed boat ride Codzilla, historical sightseeing, lighthouse and sunset cruises, Charles River and Locks tours, and private charters and entertainment cruises.

CHARLES RIVER BOAT TOURS, depart from Cambridgeside Galleria and World Trade Center, 617-321-3001. *Call for full schedule and ticket prices.* Enjoy 60-minute sightseeing tours of Boston and Cambridge along the Charles River, or venture out into Boston Harbor for a view of the city. Private charters also available.

LIBERTY FLEET OF TALL SHIPS, departs daily from Long Wharf, 617-742-0333. *Daily sails at noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tickets: $30, children (12 and under) $15.* Come aboard to relive the days of Boston Tall Ships. Take the wheel, set the sails or just sit back and enjoy the sights and beauty of Boston Harbor and her islands. Full cash bar available.

MASSACHUSETTS BAY LINES, depart from 60 Rowes Wharf, 617-542-8000. *Call for full schedule and ticket prices.* Take a tour of the harbor as the captain narrates a 55-minute cruise. Observe the colorful Boston skyline on a sunset cruise, dance the night away on a music cruise *Fri & Sat*, or swoon under the stars on a moonlight cruise *Fri & Sat. Private charters also available.*

SPIRIT OF BOSTON, departs daily from the Seaport World Trade Center, 617-748-1450. *Lunch: Sat & Sun daily noon–2 p.m. Tickets: $40. Lobster Lunch: Fri & Sat noon–2 p.m. Tickets: $55. Dinner: Sun at 6, Mon–Sat at 7. Tickets: $72–85.* Boarding begins 30 minutes prior to departure. Prices include meal. Sunset dinner and moonlight cruises also available. Cruise historic Boston Harbor while enjoying lunch, brunch or dinner aboard this elegant cruise ship. Three lavish decks offer great food and entertainment from resident combo Hit City, and every on-deck stroll reveals the glorious Boston skyline.



5W!ITS: The interactive amusement park in the Fenway area currently features the Egyptian themed adventure Tomb. **Refer to listing, left.**

SIGHTS OF INTEREST

BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME, 1000 West Columbus Ave. Springfield, 413-781-6500. *Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Sat & Sun 10 a.m.– 5 p.m. Tickets: $16.99; seniors $13.99; youths (5–15) $11.99; (4 & under) free.* In 1891, James Naismith developed the game of basketball and its original 13 rules in Springfield, Mass. Now Springfield is home to the Hall of Fame, an edifice that pays homage to the greatest men to play and coach the game, like Bill Russell, Magic Johnson, Michael Jordan and Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski. The Hall of Fame also includes interactive basketball fun for visitors and numerous exhibits.

DR. SEUSS NATIONAL MEMORIAL SCULPTURE GARDEN, 220 State St., Springfield, 413-263-6800. *Sculpture Garden is open daily from 9 a.m.–8 p.m.* This fitting artistic tribute—as well as a museum devoted to Theodore Seuss Geisel's literary accomplishments and favorite characters like the Lorax, Yertle the Turtle, the Sneeches and Horton the Elephant—was created by Geisel's step-daughter, Lark Grey Diamond-Cates. Besides the sculpture of Geisel sitting at a drawing board with the Cat in the Hat as his muse, pieces include the Yertle the Turtle Tower and the Grinch.

ELM BANK RESERVATION, Wellesley, 617-698-1802. *Reservation is open dawn to dusk year round, gates open at 8 a.m.* Bordered by the Charles River on three sides, the Elm Bank Reservation is 182 acres of woodlands, fields and old estate property. Deer and other wildlife live along the river banks of the reservation, which also contains areas for hiking, playing soccer, canoeing, kayaking and picnicking.

MINUTE MAN NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK, Concord and Lexington (North Bridge Visitor Center, 174 Liberty St., Concord), 978-369-6993. *Park grounds open sunrise to sunset. Visitor Center open 9 a.m.–5 p.m.* Created in 1959 to preserve the sites associated with the opening battles of the American Revolution, Minute Man Park consists of over 900 acres of land along original segments of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, including Lexington Green and Concord's North Bridge. The park also preserves The Wayside, the 19th-century home of literary greats Nathaniel Hawthorne, Louisa May Alcott and Margaret Sidney.

OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Rd., 508-347-3362. *Open daily 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $20; seniors $18; children $6 (under 3 free).* Take a trip back in time at this recreation of an early 19th-century New England village where costumed educators show visitors what life in the early days of America was really like. Visit a tin shop, a cider mill and a blacksmith, while touring restorations of period New England homes and marveling at authentic remnants from a long-gone age.

PLIMOTH PLANTATION, 137 Warren Ave., 978-369-6993. *Henry Hornblower II Visitor Center, open 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Nye Barn, Hobbamock's (Wampanoag) Homesite, 1627 Pilgrim Village, Crafts Center, 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $25, seniors $22, children (ages 6–12) $15.* When the Pilgrims landed in America during the 17th century, they landed at Plymouth Rock. They built their settlement three miles south of the rock and named it Plimoth Plantation. Today, visitors can tour the Plantation and see how the Pilgrims went about their daily lives, hunting, gathering and making crafts.

YANKEE CANDLE FACTORY, 5 North St., South Deerfield, 800-839-6038. *Factory visitor's center is open 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m. Call for additional information.* The Yankee Candle Factory is one part of a larger complex devoted to the company. It also includes a museum, a candle store and the Bavarian Christmas Village. Visitors are able to dip their own creations at this one-of-a-kind must-see for fans of the popular scented candles.

TRANSPORTATION

BAY STATE CRUISE COMPANY, 200 Seaport Blvd. at the World Trade Center, 877-PT-FERRY. *Visit www.provincetownfastferry.com or call for ticket prices, reservations and departure times.* Enjoy fast or traditional ferry service daily from Boston to Provincetown aboard the new and sleek Provincetown III.

BOSTON HARBOR CRUISES PROVINCETOWN FERRY, Long Wharf, 617-973-5206. *Departures Mon–Wed at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Thu–Sun at 9 a.m., 2 and 6 p.m. Tickets: $70, children (ages 4–10) $60, roundtrip.* Travel between Boston and Provincetown in speed and style, aboard the largest and fastest passenger-only catamaran in the U.S. In just 90 minutes, you'll journey from Boston to Provincetown, enjoying full creature comforts.

WHALE WATCHES

BOSTON HARBOR CRUISES, One Long Wharf, 877-SEE-WHALE. *Mon-Fri at 10 a.m. Sat and Sun 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tickets: $35, seniors $32, children $29.* Cruise on state-of-the-art high speed catamarans with three outside decks for optimum whale watching. Enjoy a climate-controlled interior with cushioned seating and a full galley, as well as narration from professional researchers from WCNE, the region's foremost authority on New England's whale population.

NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM, Central Wharf, 617-973-5206. *Mon–Fri at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Sat & Sun at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets: $36.70, children (11 and under) $30.40.* Discover the history of Stellwagen Bank aboard the Aquarium's whale watch vessel, the 111-foot catamaran *Voyager III*. Search for a variety of whales, including humpback, finback and minke. Interactive exhibits include microscope stations, electronic navigation, computer whale programs, meteorological instruments and movies.

DESTINATIONS

THE BERKSHIRES. These mountains located roughly three hours west of Boston are Massachusetts' answer to New York's Catskills. Part of the Appalachian Trail, the Berkshires are considered a top cultural resort location, home to numerous antique shops, art galleries, spas, spots for boating, scenic biking and hiking, as well as Tanglewood, the Boston Symphony Orchestra's summer home and a venue for jazz and popular concerts.

CAPE COD AND THE ISLANDS. Henry David Thoreau said "(Cape Cod is)…a vast morgue, where famished dogs may range in packs—the most uninviting landscape on earth." Apparently, Thoreau didn't know everything, because today Cape Cod is one of the nation's most beloved tourist destinations. The Cape has 559.6 miles of coastline for swimming, kayaking, sailing and snorkling. There's also the uber-wealthy islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket which provide the perfect balance of ritzy indulgence and traditional old New England whaling and merchant culture.

LOWELL. Ever since the Industrial Revolution in America was sparked there, Lowell has been a city on the cutting edge. Though no longer a textile-production hub, Lowell is now known for its concentration of museums and galleries, including The Brush Art Gallery and the Whistler House Museum of Art, as well as historical institutions such as the Boott Cotton Mills Museum, the American Textile Museum,

and the New England Quilt Museum. And for baseball lovers, the Lowell Spinners—the Red Sox A team—offer an affordable way to glimpse future stars.

NEWPORT, R.I. About 90 minutes south of Boston lies the affluent seaside community of Newport, best known for its concentration of meticulously preserved mansions. The expansive estates range from the Versailles-inspired Marble House, to the High Victorian Chateau-sur-Mer, to the Italian-villa style Chepstow. Newport is also home to the International Tennis Hall of Fame, and has a busy harbor rife with boats available for rent or charter.

NORTH SHORE. Just north of Boston, the North Shore encompasses Cape Ann, Gloucester, Peabody, Salem, Swampscott, Marblehead, Newburyport and some of Massachusetts' other well-kept secrets. The area offers sandy beaches, deep sea fishing trips, historic houses and art festivals. Just an hour from the city of Boston, the North Shore is a relaxing region where visitors can sample Massachusetts' rich maritime heritage.

PLYMOUTH. The site of the Pilgrims' 1620 landing is still marked by Plymouth Rock, and the surrounding area is dotted by historical museums that celebrate the town's origins. Plimouth Plantation offers visitors a chance to step into a Pilgrim village from 1627 and explore the *Mayflower II*, a replica of the ship that dropped anchor in Plymouth Harbor nearly four centuries ago. Other favorite stops for history buffs include the 1749 Court House & Museum and the Plymouth National Wax Museum. Plymouth's coastal location also provides it with some great beaches, such as White Horse Beach and Nelson Beach.

PROVINCETOWN. Located on the tip of Cape Cod, Provincetown marches to its own beat. This New England fishing village and prominent art colony is home to a thriving gay community, and is also where playwright Eugene O'Neill penned some of his best work and Thoreau completed his walk around the Cape. Provincetown boasts miles of beaches, a charming and eclectic shopping district, trails for hiking and biking and whale watches for those looking to escape the busy city.

SALEM. This North Shore town will always be known for the Salem Witch Trials of 1692, but Salem also boasts a bustling wharf with many bars and restaurants, and is regarded as an up-and-coming enclave for the young and trendy. Fans of spooky stuff can visit the New England Pirate Museum to see what life was like when Blackbeard roamed the high seas, or tiptoe through the Salem Witch Museum or Witch Dungeon Museum. On Halloween, the city transforms into one giant party for ghosts and ghouls, but 365 days a year, Salem is a charming place to explore and enjoy.

SOUTHERN MAINE. Contrary to its image as a far-flung, moose-filled wilderness, Maine has many points of interest within a couple hours' drive from Boston. Kittery is a mecca for bargain-hunters, boasting 100+ outlet stores ranging from Black & Decker to J Crew. The seaside community of Portland, known for its artsy boutiques, is also home to a burgeoning nightlife scene and the Red Sox AA affiliate, the Portland Sea Dogs. And Maine's coastal communities are renowned for their abundance of fresh lobster and beautiful beaches, including Kennebunk Beach and Ogunquit Beach.

FREEDOM TRAIL

The Freedom Trail begins at the Boston Common Information Kiosk, where you can obtain a guide map for $2 or rent a self-guided audio tour complete with sound effects and anecdotes for $15. Park ranger-guided tours depart from the Boston National Historical Park Visitors Center at the corner of State and Devonshire streets *Mon–Fri at 2 p.m. and Sat & Sun 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Call 617-242-5642 for information.*

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OLD NORTH CHURCH: Boston's oldest church was made famous by Paul Revere in 1775 when he hung two lanterns from its spire to warn colonists about advancing British troops. Refer to listing, page 58.

BOSTON COMMON. Set aside in 1634 as a military training field and grazing pasture, the Common is the oldest public park in America. The park served as quarters for British as well as Colonial troops, and later housed Civil War regiments. The British Army set out for the start of the Revolutionary War from what is now Park Square.

THE STATE HOUSE. Beacon Street, top of Beacon Hill facing Boston Common, 617-727-3676. *Open Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–5 p.m., except holidays. Guided tours 10 a.m.–4 p.m.* The famous golden dome of the State House marks the government seat of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Samuel Adams laid the cornerstone, and the building stands on land bought from John Hancock. The red brick portion was designed by legendary architect Charles Bulfinch.

PARK STREET CHURCH. Corner of Park and Tremont streets, 617-523-3383. *Sunday services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 4 and 6 p.m. Morning services are traditional, evening services are contemporary.* Built in 1809, this church was described by Henry James as "the most interesting mass of brick and mortar in America."

OLD GRANARY BURYING GROUND. Tremont Street next to Park Street Church, 617-635-7389. *Open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m.* This historic cemetery, formerly the town granary, is the final resting place of John Hancock, Paul Revere, Robert Treat Paine, Samuel Adams, Peter Faneuil and the victims of the Boston Massacre. A stone inscribed "Mary Goose" (a.k.a. Elizabeth Goose) allegedly marks the grave of Mother Goose.

KING'S CHAPEL AND BURYING GROUND. Tremont and School streets, 617-227-2155. *Chapel open Sat 10 a.m.–4 p.m., and Sun 1:30–4 p.m. Services: Sun at 11 a.m., Wed at 12:15 p.m. Burying Grounds open daily 9 a.m.–3 p.m.* Still an active house of worship, King's Chapel was established in 1687 as the first Anglican congregation in Boston. The second chapel, built in 1754, became the first Unitarian church in America after the Revolution.

SITE OF THE FIRST PUBLIC SCHOOL AND BEN FRANKLIN'S STATUE. On School Street, marked by a column and commemorative plaque. On April 13, 1635, the town voted to establish the first public school in the country. Nearby is Benjamin Franklin's statue, built in 1856, the first portrait statue erected in the United States.

SITE OF THE OLD CORNER BOOKSTORE. School and Washington streets. Constructed as an apothecary in 1718, the ground floor was later a bookstore and literary center of Boston and a meeting place for notables like Emerson, Hawthorne and Thoreau.

OLD SOUTH MEETING HOUSE. 310 Washington St., 617-482-6439. *Open 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $5; students & seniors $4; children (6–18) $1.* This building housed many town meetings, the most famous of which saw an outraged Samuel Adams signal the start of the Boston Tea Party.

OLD STATE HOUSE. Corner of Washington and State streets, 617-720-3292. *Open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $5; students & seniors $4; children (6–18) $1; children (under 6) free.* Built in 1713, this seat of colonial government was the cen-

ter of activity for such patriots as John Hancock and Samuel and John Adams. It was from the east balcony that the Declaration of Independence was first read in Boston.

BOSTON MASSACRE SITE. State Street in front of the Old State House. At the next intersection below the State House, a ring of cobblestones marks the site of the clash between a jeering Boston crowd and a British guard of nine soldiers on March 5, 1770.

FANEUIL HALL. Merchants Row and Faneuil Hall Square, 617-242-5689. *Open Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m. and Sun noon–6 p.m. Historical talks given every half hour from 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., when hall is not in use.* "The Cradle of Liberty" combines a free marketplace on the first floor with the town meeting hall upstairs, the site of fiery revolutionary debate.

PAUL REVERE HOUSE. 19 North Square, Hanover Street, 617-523-2338. *Open Tue–Sun 9:30 a.m.–5:15 p.m. Admission: $3; students & seniors with I.D. $2.50; children (5–17) $1; (under 5) free.* The oldest home in Boston (built c. 1680), occupied by silversmith and patriot Paul Revere from 1770 to 1800.

OLD NORTH CHURCH. 193 Salem St., 617-523-6676. *Open daily 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Sun services at 9 and 11 a.m.* Known as Christ Church and erected in 1723, this is Boston's oldest standing church. Two lanterns were hung here April 18, 1775, signaling the Redcoats' departure by sea for Lexington and Concord.

COPP'S HILL BURIAL GROUND. *Open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m.* Hull Street. Set out in 1660, Copp's Hill was Boston's second cemetery. Many remarkable people are interred here, including the Mather family of ministers and Edmund Hartt, builder of the *USS Constitution.*

BUNKER HILL MONUMENT. Breed's Hill, Charlestown, 617-242-5641. *Lodge and museum open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m.* The site of the historic battle of June 17, 1775.

USS CONSTITUTION. Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, 617-242-5670. *Open Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–5:50 p.m. Tours every half-hour 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m.* This 44-gun frigate is the world's oldest commissioned warship, christened 'Old Ironsides' during the War of 1812 when the cannonballs of a British warship literally bounced off her triple hull.

ART & ANTIQUES

PUCKER GALLERY, 171 Newbury St., 617-267-9473. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Sun 1–5 p.m.* Founded in 1967 as a showcase for the talents of Israeli artists, the gallery has displayed and sold a wide range of art by international artists, including works by Chagall, Picasso and Hundertwasser.

ARTS & CRAFTS

A KNIT AND NEEDLEPOINT STORE BY MARY JO COLE, 11 Newbury St., 617-536-9338. *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun by chance.* The fine arts of handprinted needlepoint and gorgeous knitting yarns are showcased here. Instruction is available from the knowledgeable staff and lessons are free when the project is purchased here. Visit www.needlepoint-boston.com.

THE SOCIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS, 175 Newbury St., 617-266-1810. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m.* The oldest nonprofit craft organization in the country, established in 1897. The Society specializes in contemporary American crafts, jewelry, furniture, glass and ceramics ranging from cutting edge to traditional, and from functional to sculptural.

CLOTHING

BARBOUR BY PETER ELLIOT, 134 Newbury St. (between Dartmouth and Clarendon streets), 617-375-7829. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* A century-old British country clothier, Barbour features world-famous waxed cotton jackets, along with a variety of vests, sweaters, shirts, pants and accessories for men, women and children. If you are looking for fashion with function, this is one place you must visit.

CHANEL BOUTIQUE, 5 Newbury St., on the ground floor of the Taj Hotel, 617-859-0055. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m.* Modeled after the famed Chanel Boutique in Paris, the Boston outpost of this storied franchise offers a range of Chanel products, including a line of clothing designed by Karl Lagerfeld, as well as shoes, accessories, handbags and fragrances.

LOUIS BOSTON, 234 Berkeley St., 617-262-6100. *Mon 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Tue & Wed 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 7 p.m.* Housed in a historic former Back Bay museum building, this Boston institution maintains its cutting-edge allure by offering upscale men's fashions by up-and-coming designers, as well as women's fashions, bed and bath items and home accessories.

URBAN OUTFITTERS, 361 Newbury St., 617-236-0088. *Mon–Thu 10 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m., Sun noon–8 p.m.* Also: 11 JFK St., Harvard Square, Cambridge, 617-864-0070. Where urban hipsters turn for funky men's and women's fashions. The store also features a wide array of housewares, shoes, accessories, gifts, books, cards and other bric-a-brac.

DEPARTMENT STORES

FILENE'S BASEMENT, 426 Washington St., 617-542-2011; 479 Boylston St., 617-424-5520. *Mon–Fri 9:30 a.m.–8 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.* For decades, the Basement has provided shoppers with huge deals, thanks to its automatic markdown system which guarantees greater discounts the longer an item remains on the selling floor. A "must-visit" for bargain hunters.

BUILD-A-BEAR WORKSHOP: The do-it-yourself toy store offers official stuffed animals of Red Sox mascot Wally the Green Monster at its shop at Faneuil Hall Marketplace. **Refer to listing, page 64.**

H & M, 350 Washington St., 617-482-7081; 100 Newbury St., 617-859-3192. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.* This youthful, cutting-edge department store opened its Boston shop in 2001. Its mission of "fashion and quality at the best price" translates to inexpensive, trendy clothes for men and women, as H & M boasts the freshest, most up-to-date fashion trends in color, material and style.

MACY'S, 450 Washington St., 617-357-3195. *Mon–Sat 9:30 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.* This famous New York-based department giant features floor after floor of the latest culinary tools, bed and bath items, incredible gifts and hot fashions. Choose from your favorite designers—Polo, Liz Claiborne, Jones New York and DKNY—or Macy's exclusive labels.

MARSHALLS, 500 Boylston St., 617-262-6066. *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–9:30 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.*; 350 Washington St., Downtown Crossing, 617-338-6205. *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–7:30 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.* Its mantra "Brand name clothing for less" has made this discount retailer a bargain-hunter's dream come true. From Ralph Lauren to Calvin Klein, Marshalls features designer clothing for men, women and children.

T.J. MAXX, 350 Washington St., 617-695-2424. *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–7:30 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.* This discount retailer offers brand name and designer fashions for men, women and kids, as well as accessories, fine jewelry and items for the

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TEDDY BALLGAME'S, 1 South Station, 617-330-1230. Located at the South Station concierge desk, Teddy Ballgame's offers tours of Boston that leave right from South Station, a wide variety of Red Sox souvenirs, t-shirts and books about the history of Boston.

THE BOSTON BAKED BEAN, 291 Newbury St., 617-266-0050. *Tue–Sat 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* This fun new store features the Bean's unique collection of adult and children's apparel, souvenir and gift items, candy and treats, plush toys and collectible figurines, gift baskets and more. Whatever you're looking for, the Boston Bean has it all. www.thebostonbakedbean.com.

GOURMET FOOD & BEVERAGE

CARDULLO'S GOURMET SHOPPE, 6 Brattle St., Harvard Square, Cambridge, 617-491-8888. *Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–8 p.m., Sat 'til 9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.* www.cardullos.com. Since opening in 1950, Cardullo's has offered the best gourmet products the world has to offer, including a deli featuring a wide variety of imported meats and specialty wines, chocolates, teas and other unique items that make Cardullo's a must-see stop in Harvard Square.

TIMELESS TEAS, 85 Newbury St., 2nd floor, 617-236-5772. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* This Back Bay tea shop offers more than a hundred varieties of tea from around the world, including green, black, white and Yerba Mate teas, as well as gift baskets, biscuits, gourmet jams and tea accessories.

HOME ELECTRONICS

BANG & OLUFSEN, 30 Newbury St. and 1 Design Center Place, Suite 643, 617-262-4949. Newbury Street: *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m.;* Design Center: *Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–5 p.m.* Founded in 1925, this leading innovator in both technology and aesthetics offers everything from complete home electronics systems and home phones to headphones, cell phones and assorted accessories. www.bang-olufsen.com.

JEWELRY/ACCESSORIES

BAAK GALLERY, 35 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-354-0407. *Mon–Sat 10:30 a.m.–8 p.m.; Sun 1–6 p.m.* BAAK presents collections of American and international designer jewelry, as well as a variety of 2D fine arts. The frequently changing exhibits showcase works by both established and emerging artists.

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COPLEY PLACE, Copley Square, 617-369-5000. The magnificent Copley Place features more than 100 upscale stores, including Neiman Marcus, Tiffany & Co., Gucci and Williams-Sonoma. A variety of restaurants, including Legal Sea Foods, offer shoppers numerous dining options. To receive a free Ultimate Shopping Excursions card, stop by one of the customer service kiosks.

THE CORNER MALL, corner of Winter and Washington streets. *Open daily.* One-stop shopping in Downtown Crossing. You'll find the latest styles at shops like Discovery Imports, Bath & Body Works, Champs, Wet Seal and Aldo Shoes. In addition, the Corner Mall features an international food court to please every palate, including Sakkio Japan and India Entrees.

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THE HERITAGE ON THE GARDEN, 300 Boylston St., 617-426-9500. *Call for individual store hours.* This residential/office/retail complex located alongside the Public Garden features a handful of upscale retailers, including St. John Boutique, Sonia Rykiel, Escada, Hermes, Candela Spa and Anne Fontaine.

THE SHOPS AT PRUDENTIAL CENTER, 800 Boylston St., 800-SHOP-PRU. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.* The Shops at Prudential Center features over 75 stores and restaurants including The Cheesecake Factory, Saks Fifth Avenue, Ann Taylor, J. Jill and Alpha Omega. It is also the launch spot for the city's renowned tourist resource, the Boston Duck Tours.

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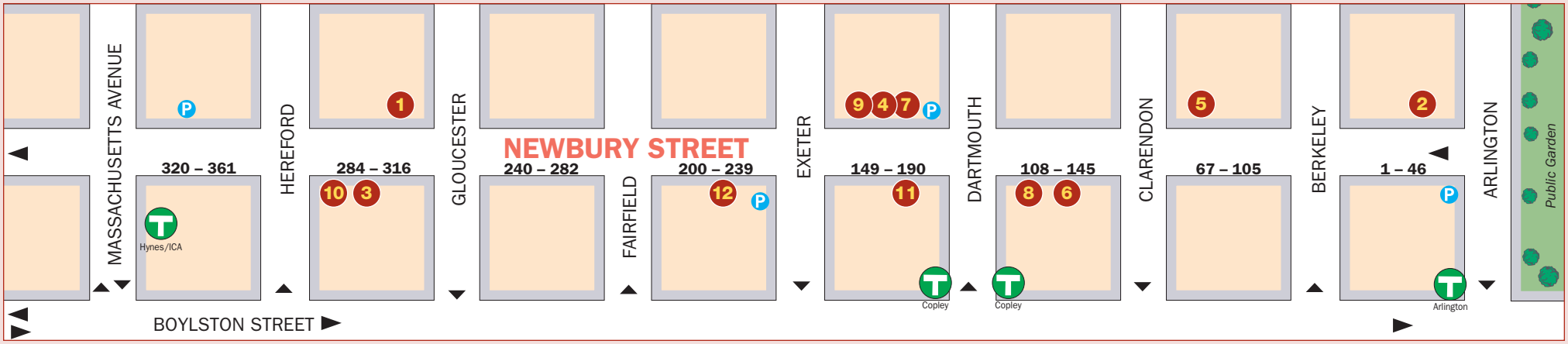

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NEWBURY COMICS, 332 Newbury St., 617-236-4930. *Mon–Thu 10 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m.; Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.* Also: Government Center, 1 Washington Mall, 617-248-9992; 36 JFK St. (Garage Mall), Cambridge, 617-491-0337; 211 Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge, 617-491-7711. You'll have a "wicked good time" at this upstart local chain, which boasts the cheapest CD prices in town, including import, indie and major label releases, as well as T-shirts, comics and other pop culture kitsch items.

SHOES

HELEN'S LEATHER, 110 Charles St., 617-742-2077. *Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Thu noon–8 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* For more than 35 years, Helen's Leather has supplied New Englanders with quality Western boots by makers like Lucchese, Tony Lama, Justin, Nocona and Frye. In addition, Helen's sells Western belts, buckles, shirts and Stetson hats, as well as leather jackets and bags.

JOHN FLUEVOG, 302 Newbury St., 617-266-1079. *Mon–Sat noon–8 p.m., Sun 1–6 p.m.* This funky footwear retailer features shoes created by the maverick designer, ranging from mind-bending platforms to the classic black boot and his tried-and-true "Angels." The Newbury Street locale is the only place in Boston to find a wide range of his cutting-edge styles.

SPORTING GOODS

BILL RODGERS RUNNING CENTER, 353 North Market Bldg., Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-723-5612. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* Owned by the four-time Boston Marathon winner, the Bill Rodgers Running Center boasts the most experienced running staff in Boston. Since 1977, they have been helping fellow runners find the best shoes for their individual needs.

SPORTS MEMORABILIA

FENWAY SPORTSZONE, 306 Newbury St., 617-437-1010. *Open daily 11 a.m.–7 p.m., with extended hours on game days.* Boasting "The most balls in Boston," Fenway Sportszone is Boston's largest memorabilia shop, featuring the city's biggest selection of autographed items. They also have all your fan gear and souvenir needs as well as a huge selection of apparel from Majestic, MLB Authentic, Sully's Tees and many others. ***SEE LOCATOR #5 ON CENTER MAP.***

TOYS

BUILD-A-BEAR WORKSHOP, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 6 North Market St., 617-227-2478. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* Build-A-Bear Workshop offers guests a unique and exciting entertainment retail experience based on the premise that nearly everyone, regardless of age, has a special fondness for stuffed animals. When guests visit a Build-A-Bear Workshop store, they enter a lighthearted teddy-bear themed environment consisting of fun bear-making stations.

RESTAURANTS

ALLSTON/BRIGHTON

BIG CITY PIZZA KITCHEN & POOL HALL, 138 Brighton Ave., Allston, 617-782-2020. In this renovated, two-floor bank building, you'll find one-of-a-kind "retro-metro" décor featuring life size murals, as well as 15 champion-size pool tables, 6 foosball tables, 80 beer taps and outrageous thin crust pizzas that always keep customers coming back. L, D, LS, Sat & SB. $

THE SUNSET GRILL & TAP, 130 Brighton Ave. (corner of Harvard and Brighton avenues), Allston, 617-254-1331. This popular Allston hangout features Boston's best beer selection, with more than 112 beers on tap and over 400 microbrews. Its food entices too, with award-winning steam beer burgers, famous curly fries, buffalo wings and giant nachos. L, D, C, LS, SB. $

BACK BAY

AUJOURD'HUI, Four Seasons Hotel Boston, 200 Boylston St., 617-351-2037. An elegant eatery with the Public Garden as a backdrop, and a perennial recipient of the AAA Five Diamond Award. Enjoy exquisite modern French cuisine, accompanied by a selection from an 1,800-bottle wine library. Reservations recommended. D Mon–Sat 5:30–10:30 p.m., Sun 6–10 p.m.; SB 11 a.m.–2 p.m. $$$$

AZURE, The Lenox Hotel, 61 Exeter St., 617-933-4800. Azure's menu and concept are designed to be as clear and understated as the color palette itself. Nationally recognized executive chef Robert Fathman, known for his innovation and playful risk-taking in the kitchen, creates contemporary American cuisine with a sophisticated edge and an emphasis on fresh seafood. B, D. $$$

BANGKOK BLUE, 651 Boylston St., 617-266-1010. The experienced chefs at Bangkok Blue prepare authentic Thai food, with each dish individually suited to your taste, from mild to spicy, using quality, fresh ingredients. Low carb programs can be requested. Complement your food with a Thai beer or a glass of wine. Seasonal outdoor seating is available. L Mon–Fri 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m., Sat & Sun noon–3 p.m.; D daily 5–10 p.m. $$

BRASSERIE JO, The Colonnade Hotel, 120 Huntington Ave., 617-425-3240. The "sister" of chef Jean Joho's award-winning Chicago restaurant combines traditional favorites (coq au vin and steak frites) with unique specialties (Uncle Hansi's onion tart). Home-brewed beer, a wine list and desserts made in the French tradition complete this Gallic experience. Seasonal outdoor patio. B, L, D. $$

CLIO, The Eliot Hotel, 370-A Commonwealth Ave., 617-536-7200. James Beard Award-winning chef Ken Oringer serves up French-American fare with some striking Asian influences in a sleek, sophisticated atmosphere that's styled after a Parisian supper club. Bacon-wrapped foie gras, caramelized swordfish au poivre and ginger-glazed oxtail keep customers coming back for more. D. $$$$

COTTONWOOD CAFE, 222 Berkeley St., 617-247-2225. Specialties include open-grill steaks, poultry, pasta and vegetarian dishes. Voted "Boston's Best Southwestern Restaurant" and "Boston's Best Margarita." Reservations recommended. Two hours free validated parking. L Mon–Fri 11:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; D Sun–Thu 'til 10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m.; Sat & SB 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m. C, LS, VP. www.cottonwoodboston.com. $$

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DOUZO, 131 Dartmouth St., 617-859-8886. This casual eatery serves traditional Japanese cuisine, as well as an eclectic mix of original fare such as duck tataki and salmon-kiwi rolls, as well as creative cocktails. Known for its ultra-fresh ingredients and its artistic presentation of dishes, Douzo has become one of the city's trendiest dining destinations. L, D. $$$$.

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STEVE'S GREEK CUISINE: This Back Bay institution features such Greek specialties as spanikopita, shish kebabs and gyros. **Refer to listing, page 68.**

KEY		AVERAGE PRICE OF DINNER ENTREES	
B	Breakfast	**$**	Most less than $12
L	Lunch	**$$**	$12–18
D	Dinner	**$$$**	$19–25
BR	Brunch	**$$$$**	Most more than $25
SB	Sunday Brunch	*Many restaurants offer a wide range of entrees and prices; therefore, the classifications are only approximations.*	
C	Cocktails		
LS	Late Supper (serving after 10 p.m.)		
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NC	Credit Cards Not Accepted		
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L'AROMA CAFE, 85 Newbury St., 617-412-4001. This Italian cafe offers delicious soups, sandwiches and European pastries and desserts, as well as Italian coffee and assorted teas. Relax in its spacious interior or enjoy outdoor patio dining from April through October. B, L. $

L'ESPALIER, 30 Gloucester St., 617-262-3023. Situated in a historic Back Bay townhouse, this sophisticated French classic helmed by top chef Frank McClelland is a favorite of both power brokers and couples out for a romantic evening. Widely acknowledged by critics and diners alike as one of the finest French restaurants in the nation, and the creme de la creme of acclaimed Boston eateries. D. $$$$

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SASSO RESTAURANT, 116 Huntington Ave., 617-247-2400. The newest endeavor from the restaurateurs behind popular North End eatery Lucca, Sasso offers contemporary and upscale regional Italian cuisine. Executive Chef David Ross serves delicious dishes complemented by an extensive wine list, as well as a menu of lighter fare for the after-hours crowd and C 'til 2 a.m. Reservations accepted. D beginning nightly at 5 p.m.; late-night menu available 'til 1:30 a.m. VP. $$$

SHINO EXPRESS SUSHI, 144 Newbury St., 617-262-4530. If your day of shopping has left you craving sushi, this tiny, subterranean sushi bar specializes in freshly prepared maki rolls and fun specials. Affordably priced, Shino Express offers Newbury Street shoppers a fast, cheap dining alternative. L & D. $

SKIPJACK'S SEAFOOD EMPORIUM, 199 Clarendon St., Copley Square, 617-536-3500; other locations outside Boston. Enjoy a comfortable atmosphere and specialties such as blackened tuna sashimi, moonfish, Maryland crabcakes and lobster. Winner of Best of Boston 2003 award for seafood. Jazz Brunch Sun 11 a.m.–3 p.m., L & D Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m. $$

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SONSIE, 327 Newbury St., 617-351-2500. Recommended by *Boston* magazine as the place to "see and be seen." The lively restaurant features a streetside cafe, 50-foot mahogany bar, brick oven, creative takes on classic American cuisine and a colorful dining room. The restaurant's newest attraction is its downstairs candlelit wine bar, an intimate and lovely brick-walled spot in which to enjoy items from a 250-bottle menu. L, D, C, LS, VP. $$$

STEVE'S GREEK CUISINE, 316 Newbury St., 617-267-1817. For more than 20 years, this family-run restaurant has offered Greek hospitality and masterfully prepared Greek cuisine. Serving specialties like spanikopita, pastichio, shish kebabs and gyros, Steve's is a favorite. B, L, D. $

***THE TAJ BOSTON,** 15 Arlington St., 617-536-5700. This 1927 landmark offers award-winning contemporary French cuisine. The historic Dining Room is available for special events only. The Cafe: B, L, D, Sat & SB. The Lounge: L, D, C, LS. The Bar: L, D, C, LS. $$$$

TAPEO, 266 Newbury St., 617-267-4799. This popular Back Bay cousin to Dali in Somerville offers delectable, authentic tapas in a glorious Newbury Street setting, complete with seasonal patio dining for prime people-watching as you enjoy your scallops in saffron cream, lobster ravioli and sangria. D, C. $$

***TOP OF THE HUB,** 800 Boylston St., Prudential Center, 617-536-1775. There is nothing like sitting 52 stories above Boston for dining and a spectacular view of the city. The magnificent cuisine complements the breathtaking views. L, D, LS, C. Live jazz seven nights a week. $$$$

TURNER FISHERIES, Westin Hotel Copley Place, Stuart and Dartmouth streets, 617-424-7425. Known for its fresh seafood and winner of several regional awards, Turner features seven-foot-high French windows, swooping Hollywood banquettes, mahogany paneling and cobalt blue tile. Private dining rooms accommodate 10–140 guests. VP available on Dartmouth Street. B, L, D, C, LS. $$$

THE UPPER CRUST, 222 Newbury St. 617-262-0096; 20 Charles St. 617-723-9600, 286 Harvard St., Brookline, 617-734-4900; 41 Waltham St., Lexington, 781-274-0089. Traditional Neapolitan-style pizza (thin crust, chunky sauce) in an urban setting. Come sit with friends in the uniquely designed dining room, enjoy a specialty pizza and watch your favorite team on an HDTV screen. If you're on the go, call ahead for take-out (allow 20–25 minutes) or just pop in for a slice. Delivery is available. $$

BEACON HILL

ANTONIO'S, 288 Cambridge St., 617-367-3310. One of Boston's finest Italian restaurants (across from Mass. General Hospital on historic Beacon Hill). Traditional Italian food with nightly specials and complementing wine list. Specials include homemade fusilli, shrimp margarita and chicken/sausage vinegar peppers and potatoes. L, D Mon–Thu 11 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 10:30 p.m. $

***CHEERS,** 84 Beacon St., 617-227-9605; Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-227-0150. Both the original Beacon Hill pub and its spinoff offer a tasty selection of traditional fare and an abundant beverage selection, including their award-winning Bloody Mary and a variety of draft beers. Live entertainment Thu–Sat nights, and officially licensed Cheers merchandise sold on site. L, D, C, LS. $

THE FEDERALIST, Fifteen Beacon Hotel, 15 Beacon St., 617-670-2515. The menu at this elite spot brings artistic flair to dishes like tenderloin of beef Wellington and skillet-roasted French Dover sole, in an atmosphere evoking the stately class of the world's most private clubs. A rooftop herb garden and in-kitchen fish tanks help to ensure culinary perfection. B, D, Sat & SB, C, LS. $$$$

HUNGRY I, 71½ Charles St., 617-227-3524. In a two-story townhouse with three working fireplaces and an outdoor patio, Chef Peter Ballarin delights patrons with French country cuisine and creative desserts. Signature dishes include venison au poivre and braised rabbit a la moutard. L Thu and Fri only, noon–2 p.m.; D 5:30–9:30 p.m.; SB 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Private dining rooms available. $$$$. ***SEE LOCATOR #7 ON CENTER MAP.***

LALA ROKH, 97 Mt. Vernon St., 617-720-5511. Named for a legendary Persian princess, this elegant restaurant is owned by siblings Babak and Azita Bina. Using their mother's recipes, they've created a unique dining experience in the only restaurant of its kind in New England. L Mon–Fri noon–3 p.m.; D nightly 5:30–10 p.m. Reservations recommended. C, VP. www.lalarokh.com. $$

MA SOBA, 156 Cambridge St., 617-973-6680. Hailed for the "Best Sushi in Boston" by *Boston* magazine, this sleek eatery offers a variety of Asian cuisine, from Chinese and Thai to Korean and Japanese, as well as an extensive wine list. L & D Mon–Wed 11:30 a.m.–10:30 p.m., Thu & Fri 'til 11 p.m.; D Sat 4–11 p.m., Sun 'til 10:30 p.m. C. www.masobaboston.com. $$

NO. 9 PARK, 9 Park St., 617-742-9991. Nationally acclaimed chef Barbara Lynch serves up French and Italian style dishes in a sophisticated bistro atmosphere atop Beacon Hill. Chef Lynch has a subtle hand in the kitchen, turning out inventive renditions of classic Italian and French fare such as fresh pasta and foie gras. L, D, LS. $$$$

CAMBRIDGE

DOLPHIN SEAFOOD, 1105 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 617-661-2937; 12 Washington St., Natick, 508-655-0669. These family-owned restaurants offer seafood hand-picked every morning from the Boston piers. Complement your dish with the famous "Dolphintini" cocktail. L & D Mon–Fri 11:30 a.m.–10 p.m. www.dolphinseafood.com. $$

HENRIETTA'S TABLE, The Charles Hotel, One Bennett St., Cambridge, 617-661-5005. Nothing but locally grown and organic produce is used to create a lively, textured menu of reinterpreted New England classics. Private dining room available. B Mon–Fri 6:30–11 a.m., Sat 7–11 a.m., Sun 7–10:30 a.m.; Sat and SB noon–3 p.m.; L Mon–Fri noon–3 p.m.; D daily 5:30–10 p.m. $

HONG KONG, 1238 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 617-864-5311. A local favorite for five decades, this Harvard Square fixture serves a full array of classic Chinese dishes and exotic drinks, including its infamous scorpion bowls. Perfect for a meal with friends anytime, including post-midnight to beat the late-night munchies. Open Sun–Thu 11:30 a.m.–2 a.m., Fri & Sat 'til 3 a.m. $

LA CREPERIE, 1154 Mass. Ave., 617-661-6999. This Harvard Square institution has been serving up delicious and healthy crepes for nearly ten years. Try the roasted wild mushroom, fresh thyme and melted swiss; the spicy Thai peanut chicken salad; the Nutella chocolate with fresh mixed berries; or caramelized sugar, lemon juice and fresh strawberries. L & D. Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–10:30 p.m., Sun 'til 5:30 p.m. $

LA GROCERIA RESTAURANT, 853 Main St., Cambridge, 617-876-4162. Specializing in fresh handmade pasta, grilled fish and lobster, La Groceria has offered great Mediterranean cuisine for more than 35 years, and has been featured in *Gourmet* magazine and *Zagat Survey*. Children's menu available. Mon–Fri 11 a.m.–10 p.m., Sat 3–10 p.m., Sun 4–10 p.m. www.lagroceria.org. $$

OM, 92 Winthrop St., Cambridge, 617-576-2800. Acclaimed chef Rachel Klein serves New American cuisine in a beautifully lit and stunning upstairs dining room, while mixologist Clif Travers prepares his signature Aromatherapy concoctions at the popular Om ultra-lounge downstairs. Om's signature creations include Steak & Eggs and Zen Te'. D, C. $$$

RIALTO, The Charles Hotel, One Bennett St., Cambridge, 617-661-5050. One of Greater Boston's top restaurants, which recently underwent an extensive renovation, features fine wines and delectable Italian cuisine. Chef Jody Adams showcases her creative talents on a brand-new menu. D only. Reservations recommended. $$$$

RENDEZVOUS, 502 Massachusetts Ave., Central Square, Cambridge, 617-576-1900. Renowned Boston chef Steve Johnson uses regional products and the spices of Northern Africa, Italy, France and Spain to create his own twist on seasonal cuisine. Rotating entrees can include grilled Portuguese sardines with roasted peppers, fennel and capers or Moroccan style kofte with minted yogurt. D. $$

SHERATON COMMANDER RESTAURANT, 16 Garden St., Harvard Square, Cambridge, 617-234-1365. New England-style cuisine in a relaxed, elegant setting with a casual atmosphere. B, L, D, SB. $$

UPSTAIRS ON THE SQUARE, 91 Winthrop St., Cambridge, 617-864-1933. Boasting an eclectic decor, this lush urban oasis features everything from gourmet pizza to Colorado rack of lamb. A charming blend of eccentricity and culinary luxury. L, D, C, LS. $$$$

ZEPHYR ON THE CHARLES, Hyatt Regency Cambridge, 575 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, 617-441-6510. This restaurant serves small-portioned, tapas-like dishes, featuring eclectic fare like sushi-grade tuna tartare and wood-grilled tiger prawns. The setting features spectacular views of the Boston skyline. B, L, D, C. $$

ZOE'S, 1105 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 617-495-0055. Offering a menu of delicious homemade Greek and American food in a fun atmosphere, this retro establishment serves breakfast all day, and take-out and catering are available. A popular destination for the weekend brunch crowd, Zoe's is also a great place for dinner, boasting an affordable selection of beer and wine. For dessert, try

the delicious cheesecake frappe or the famous frozen hot chocolate. B, L, D, SB. Mon–Sat 7:30 a.m.–10 p.m., Sun 8 a.m.–9 p.m. $

CHARLESTOWN

OLIVES, 10 City Square, Charlestown, 617-242-1999. Celebrity chef Todd English got his start with this local eatery and the Charlestown flagship restaurant is still the unparalleled king of his endeavors. Sample English's multi-layered, ingredient rich, pan-Mediterranean creations. D. $$$$

DOWNTOWN

AVENUE ONE, Hyatt Regency (near The Opera House and Downtown Crossing), 1 Ave. de Lafayette, 617-422-5579. Enjoy Boston's most extensive fondue menu in a relaxed atmosphere. B, L, D, C, VP. $$

***CAFÉ FLEURI,** Langham Hotel Boston, 250 Franklin St., 617-451-1900. Enjoy what *Boston* magazine calls "the best Sunday brunch in Boston," or sample a la carte Mediterranean and American fare, and French desserts—all within a sunlit garden atrium. B Mon–Fri 6:30–11:30 a.m., Sat 7:30–11 a.m.; L daily 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.; D Mon–Sat 6–10 p.m., Sun 4–10 p.m.; SB 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m. $$

CALITERRA, Hilton Boston/Financial District, 89 Broad St., 617-348-1234. Located in the heart of the Financial District, this casual, upscale restaurant features Cal-Ital cuisine with seasonal New England flavors. B, L, D. $$

CHART HOUSE, 60 Long Wharf, 617-227-1576. The Chart House boasts an impressive menu of fresh seafood, including specialties like the crab, avocado and mango stack appetizer, shrimp fresca, macadamia crusted mahi-mahi, slow roasted prime rib and its signature dessert—hot chocolate lava cake. Private parties for 30 or more by reservation only. L, D, C, free VP. $$$

FAJITAS & 'RITAS, 25 West St., 617-426-1222. Established in 1989, Fajitas & 'Ritas features fresh, healthy Tex-Mex and barbecue cuisine. The restaurant stresses generous portions, affordable prices, open casual space and prompt, friendly service. Mon–Tue 11:30 a.m.–9 p.m., Wed, Thu & Sat 'til 10 p.m., Fri 'til 11 p.m., Sun noon–8 p.m. C, LS. www.fajitasandritas.com. $. ***SEE LOCATOR #4 ON CENTER MAP.***

INTRIGUE, Boston Harbor Hotel at Rowes Wharf, 617-856-7744. Casual elegance surrounds this unique cafe. Beautiful decor and breathtaking harbor views are perfect for those who desire a cosmopolitan, relaxed atmosphere. Enjoy a global menu created by renowned chef Daniel Bruce. B, L, D, LS. $

***KENNEDY'S MIDTOWN,** 42 Province St., 617-426-3333. Kennedy's offers all the comforts of a traditional pub, featuring prime aged steaks, seafood and classic pub fare with a touch of class. Kennedy's upstairs location offers a relaxing dining atmosphere with a lively bar offering live piano music on Thu, Fri & Sun. Open daily; L 11 a.m.–4 p.m.; D Sun–Tue 4–10 p.m., Wed–Sat 'til 11 p.m.; B Sat & Sun 9:30 a.m.–2 p.m. www.kennedysmidtown.com. $$

MCCORMICK & SCHMICK'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT, Park Plaza Hotel, 34 Columbus Ave., 617-482-3999; Faneuil Hall Marketplace, North Market, 617-720-5522. Renowned for fresh seafood and lively atmosphere, M & S also offers steak, chicken and pasta dishes. Daily 11 a.m.–11:30 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til midnight. Bar menu Mon–Fri 3:30–6:30 p.m., Sat & Sun 10 p.m.–midnight. $$$

MERITAGE, Boston Harbor Hotel at Rowes Wharf, 617-439-3995. Fresh, seasonal cuisine is carefully matched to an appropriate vintage from the 12,000-bottle wine collection. The restaurant's interior combines slate, marble, exotic wood and leather, creating a luxurious atmosphere to accompany a hearty meal. All menu items come in appetizer and entree sizes. D, LS. $$$$

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE, Science Park, 617-723-2500. Forget dinner and a movie—now it's brunch and a movie at the noontime Skyline Sunday Brunch. The package includes tickets to the Museum's newest IMAX film, admission to the exhibit halls and free parking. *Tickets: $32; seniors $31; children $30.* Reservations recommended. $

OCEANA, Marriott Long Wharf Hotel, 296 State St., 617-227-3838. One of Boston's premier seafood spots. Boasting a breathtaking view of the harbor, Oceana offers uniquely prepared fresh seafood. B, L, D, SB. $$

PARKER'S RESTAURANT, Omni Parker House, 60 School St., 617-725-1600. Executive chef Gerry Tice celebrates nostalgic cuisine with a contemporary flair. The stately dining room reflects the rich culinary heritage that lives on at the birthplace of Boston cream pie and the Parker House roll. B, L, D. $$$$

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAKHOUSE, 45 School St., 617-742-8401. Housed in Boston's Old City Hall, Ruth's Chris Steakhouse offers the finest USDA prime steaks served sizzling hot, as well as fresh seafood and an award-winning wine list, all in a gracious environment with warm hospitality. L, D, C. $$$$

YE OLDE UNION OYSTER HOUSE, 41 Union St., 617-227-2750. Steps from Quincy Market stands America's oldest restaurant, serving Yankee-style seafood, beef and chicken. Famed for its oyster bar where Daniel Webster dined daily. Specialties include clam chowder, swordfish and fresh lobster. L, D Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–9:30 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 10 p.m. VP. www.unionoysterhouse.com. $$$

EAST BOSTON/AIRPORT

HARBORSIDE GRILL, Hyatt Harborside, 101 Harborside Drive, 617-568-6060. The Harborside Grill offers panoramic views of the Boston skyline from every seat in the dining room. During the day, the Grill is a welcoming casual location for a bowl of chowder, and in the evening is transformed into a sophisticated seafood restaurant. Open daily 6 a.m.–10 p.m. B, L, D, SB, C, VP. $$$

FANEUIL HALL

DICK'S LAST RESORT,** Quincy Market, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-267-8080. Watch for the outrageous antics of Dick's sassy staff as they serve up buckets of sloppy ribs, succulent crab and shrimp, juicy steaks and chicken, two-fisted sandwiches, burgers and salads. If that isn't entertaining enough, there's live music every night with no cover. L, D, C. www.dickslastresort.com. $$. ***SEE LOCATOR #3 ON CENTER MAP.

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BRAVO, Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Ave., 617-369-3474. Executive chef Sebastian Porto brings his creative touch to an eclectic and contemporary menu. The restaurant's bold decor, created by famed restaurant designer Peter Niemitz, meshes with a rotating selection of the MFA's modern masterpieces. L daily 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.; D Wed–Fri 5:30–8:30 p.m.; SB 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m. $$$

EASTERN STANDARD, Hotel Commonwealth, 528 Commonwealth Ave., 617-532-9100. This brasserie in the heart of Kenmore Square resembles an old hotel dining room with its decor, but the restaurant attracts a diverse crowd, from businessmen to Red Sox fans seeking a pre-game bite. Its menu caters to both crowds, with offerings ranging from the Good Plate of Offal to veal schnitzel to sandwiches. B, L, D. $$

THE GARDNER CAFÉ, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, 280 The Fenway, 617-566-1088. Chef Peter Crowley offers casual-yet-elegant, French-infused fare with an artistic twist. The seasonal menu changes every few weeks, often inspired by current events at the museum as well as Mrs. Gardner's own recipe books. Warmer weather allows seating amongst the lush vegetation of the museum's Monks Garden. L, SB. $$

GREAT BAY, Hotel Commonwealth, 500 Commonwealth Ave., 617-532-5300. Christopher Myers and chef Michael Schlow (Radius, Via Matta) present their unique take on seafood and raw bar concepts. This eclectic space serves delectable fare such as fish tacos and the acclaimed baked stuffed lobster. L, D, SB, C, LS. $$$

NORTH END

ANTICO FORNO, 93 Salem St., 617-723-6733. Antico Forno—Italian for "old stove"—features brick-oven classics such as roasted chicken with garlic and herbs; pizza with artichoke hearts, porcini mushrooms and buffalo mozzarella; and linguini with clams, mussels, calamari and shrimp, sautéed in a plum tomato sauce and baked in parchment. L Mon–Sat 11:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.; D Mon–Thu 3:30–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 10:30 p.m., Sun 11:30 a.m.–10 p.m. $$

CAFFE GRAFFITI, 307 Hanover St., 617-367-3016. Located in the heart of Boston's historic North End, Caffe Graffiti is one of the most popular places for residents and visitors alike. Rated the best espresso and cappuccino by the *Improper Bostonian* and best homemade and imported pastries by *Boston's Best Guide*, you won't be disappointed by this classic North End establishment. Open daily 6 a.m.–midnight. $

CAFFE VITTORIA, 296 Hanover St., 617-227-7606. This popular European-style cafe in the North End offers a variety of desserts, cappuccino and espresso. Sun–Thu 8 a.m.–midnight, Fri & Sat 'til 12:30 a.m. NC. $

FLORENTINE CAFE, 333 Hanover St., 617-227-1777. Revered by visitors and residents for decades, this historic cafe is one of Boston's culinary landmarks. Lobster ravioli with tomatoes and lobster cream sauce and seared veal with grilled shrimp in Frangelico mushroom sauce are just two of the Italian wonders awaiting you in this charming bistro setting. Daily noon–1 a.m. L, D, C. $$$. ***SEE LOCATOR #6 ON CENTER MAP.***

LUCCA RESTAURANT & BAR, 226 Hanover St., 617-742-9200. This North End eatery is still racking up accolades for its regional Italian cuisine, lively bar and elegant atmosphere. D nightly 5 p.m.–12:15 a.m. C, Valet Parking. $$$. ***SEE LOCATOR #9 ON CENTER MAP.***

MAMMA MARIA, 3 North Square, 617-523-0077. "Mamma Maria stands for what Italian food is. Simplicity, quality ingredients and fun…the food of love" (Emeril Lagasse, 2004). Mamma Maria offers charming views of the neighborhood and city skyline, as well as a Wine Spectator Award-winning wine list. D Sun–Thu 5–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m. VP. www.mammamaria.com. $$$. ***SEE LOCATOR #10 ON CENTER MAP.***

MASSIMINO'S CUCINA ITALIANA, 207 Endicott St., 617-523-5959. Owner/chef Massimino was formerly head chef of Naples' Hotel Astoria and Switzerland's Metropolitan Hotel. His eatery's specialties include veal chop stuffed with arugula, prosciutto, smoked mozzarella and black olives, amongst other delights. L, D, LS, C. Mon–Thu 11 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m., Sun noon–9 p.m. $

PUSHCART CAFFE AND PIZZERIA, 115 Salem St., 617-523-8123. This open-front pizzeria offers fantastic pizzas, calzones and salads, as well as beer, wine and cordials in a relaxed bar atmosphere. Enjoy free pizza on *Mon* with a drink and five TVs featuring the NFL and the Major League Baseball packages every night. Pushcart also offers free delivery via scooter to the North End and Waterfront. L & D Mon–Fri 11:30 a.m.–midnight, Sat & Sun 1 p.m.–midnight. $

STANZA DEI SIGARI, 292 Hanover St., 617-227-0295. This classic cigar parlor in the North End serves fine food, cigars and liqueurs. Open daily 5 p.m.–1 a.m. $

TERRAMIA RISTORANTE, 98 Salem St., 617-523-3112. Since opening in 1993, Terramia has aimed to convince North End diners that there was always more to Italian food than red sauce. Specializing in creative interpretations of Italian classics, Terramia offers seasonally based dishes and an extensive wine list in a cozy, rustic atmosphere. D Sun–Thu 5–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 10:30 p.m. $$

SOUTH BOSTON WATERFRONT

AURA, Seaport Hotel, One Seaport Lane, 617-385-4300. Aura's seasonal menus showcase a passion for using fresh, local ingredients. Chef John Merrill partners with local farmers and fishermen to select freshly harvested vegetables, seafood that is just off the boat and specially aged meats and cheeses to create his award-winning meals. B, L, D, SB. $$$

SOUTH END

B&G OYSTERS, 550 Tremont St., 617-423-0550. This sophisticated South End raw bar from James Beard Award-winning chef Barbara Lynch (No. 9 Park) and partner Garrett Harker features bivalves from Wellfleet to the West Coast, as well as signature dishes like the lobster BLT and the Maine lobster roll. L, D, LS, VP. $$

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DELUX CAFE & LOUNGE, 100 Chandler St., 617-338-5258. This tiny South End pub has long been a local favorite for its inexpensive eats and rock-and-roll atmosphere. Don't expect typical bar food, however, as the eatery's monthly menu can include everything from pan-seared tuna to a grilled cheese sandwich featuring brie and chutney to chips and salsa made with seasonal fruit. D, C, LS, NC. $

HAMERSLEY'S BISTRO, 533 Tremont St., 617-423-2700. This pioneering French-American classic, helmed by the husband and wife team of Gordon and Fiona Hamersley, first put the South End dining scene on the map. Try the duck confit or the roast chicken with garlic, lemon and parsley. Long regarded as one of the city's top tables. D. $$$$

PETIT ROBERT BISTRO, 480 Columbus Ave., 617-867-0600; 468 Commonwealth Ave., 617-375-0699. These unpretentious yet lovely eateries aim to maintain the same ambiance and sensibility of an authentic Paris bistro with quintessential French fare such as the croque monseiur (ham and cheese sandwich), escargots Bourguignon and its specialty, the burgerdog. L, D. $$$

TORO, 1704 Washington St., 617-536-4400. Chef Ken Oringer's Spanish restaurant aims for a highly social dining experience. The seating is a series of communal tables and the small, perfect-for-sharing tapas dishes—such as salt cod fritters, rainbow beet salad and salty fried chili peppers—blend a variety of vibrant styles and flavors. D, C. $$$

***209,** 209 Columbus Ave., 617-536-0966. This casual eatery serves a diverse menu of modernized comfort food with a Southwestern flair, and is also a favorite of the Sunday brunch crowd. L, D, LS, C, SB. $$

UNION BAR AND GRILLE, 1357 Washington St., 617-423-0555. This sleek, upscale American bistro in the SoWa District, features everything from gourmet comfort food like the Reuben sandwich and a beef-and-sausage burger to the award-winning $10K tuna in a roasted tomato vinaigrette. D, C, LS, SB. $$$

THEATRE DISTRICT

AVILA MODERN MEDITERRANEAN, One Charles Street South, 617-267-4810. Enjoy flavors of Spain, Portugal, France, Italy and Greece with a modern flair. The menu includes small plates of cod fritters, fried cheese and chicken livers, appetizers of tuna ceviche, onion soup and watercress salad, as well as the finest quality all natural beef and fresh seafood entrees, with breads, desserts and ice creams made fresh daily. L, D, C. $$$. ***SEE LOCATOR #1 ON CENTER MAP.***

FINALE, One Columbus Ave., 617-423-3184; 30 Dunster St., Harvard Sq., Cambridge, 617-441-9797; 1306 Beacon St., Brookline, 617-232-3233. One of the only dessert restaurants in America, Finale features items like the caramel carnivale and the "molten chocolate cake." Chef Nicole Coady's menu is complemented by a drink menu of ports, champagnes, cordials and "Finale Favorites." A light dinner menu is available. L & D. $$

***JACOB WIRTH,** 37 Stuart St., 617-338-8586. Opened in 1868, Jacob Wirth is the city's second-oldest restaurant, serving traditional German fare, including wiener schnitzel, sauerbraten and a great selection of German beers. This Theatre District mainstay still resembles an old-time saloon, complete with ancient mahogany bar, weathered floors and weekly piano sing-alongs. L, D, C, LS. $$

JER-NE RESTAURANT & BAR, The Ritz-Carlton Boston Common, 12 Avery St., 617-574-7176. This lively hot spot takes center stage in the Theatre District and features chef Scott Gambone's signature seasonal surprises as well as "common dishes" for patrons to share. B, L, D, SB, C, LS. $$$$

LEGAL SEA FOODS RESTAURANT, 26 Park Plaza, Park Square Motor Mart, 617-426-4444; 255 State St., Long Wharf, 617-227-3115; Prudential Center, 800 Boylston St., 617-266-6800; other locations. For more than 50 years, Legal Sea Foods has served the freshest seafood possible, including oysters, succulent New England lobsters and its famous clam "chowda." Extensive wine list. L & D. $$$

MAGGIANO'S LITTLE ITALY, 4 Columbus Ave., Park Plaza Bldg., 617-542-3456. Set in a vibrant dining atmosphere, Maggiano's blends the tradition of family, friends and good times with authentic Italian cuisine. Offers old and new world Italian recipes, desserts and a full list of wines. Accommodations for small parties and large banquets are available. L Mon–Thu 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.; D 5–10 p.m., Fri 'til 11 p.m.; L & D Sat 11:30 a.m.–11 p.m., Sun 'til 10 p.m. C. $$$

P.F. CHANG'S, 8 Park Plaza, 617-573-0821; Prudential Center, 617-378-9961. Enjoy unforgettable Chinese cuisine, attentive service and delicious desserts all served in a stylish bistro setting. Featuring an award-winning wine list, P.F. Chang's offers an extensive wine-by-the-glass program as well as original cocktails like the Lucky Cat Martini. L, D & LS. Reservations accepted. Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–11 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til midnight. www.pfchangs.com. $$. ***SEE LOCATOR #11 ON CENTER MAP.***

RUSTIC KITCHEN, Park Square, 210 Stuart St., 617-423-5700. This lively and classic Italian-Mediterranean bistro combines a distinctive award-winning menu with a comfortable, inviting and attractive rustic atmosphere. All breads, pastas and desserts are prepared fresh daily on the premises. Pre-theatre menu, three private dining rooms, garden lounge and weekly cooking classes are available. L 11:30 a.m.–4 p.m.; D 4 p.m.–2 a.m.; SB 11 a.m.–4 p.m. C, LS, VP. www.rustickitchen.biz. $$

THEATRE CAFE, Radisson Hotel, 200 Stuart St., 617-574-2752. Located in the heart of the Theatre District, this restaurant features traditional American fare in a comfortable atmosphere and is a great location for pre- and post-theater dining. Seasonal outdoor dining and discounted parking at on-site garage is available. B, L, D. $$

VIA MATTA, 79 Park Plaza, 617-422-0008. Radius owners Michael Schlow and Christopher Myers helm this Italian-style trattoria, named in 2002 as one of "America's Best New Restaurants" by *Esquire* and "One of America's Best Restaurants" by *Gourmet.* L, D, VP. $$$$

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Boston's Tables

Your guide to dining out in the Hub

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ON THE MENU

RAW BAR
Hot and Spicy Peel and Eat Shrimp ♦ Steamed Littleneck Clams ♦ Mussels in Wine and Garlic

APPETIZERS
Calamari Alla Griglia ♦ Coconut Tempura Shrimp ♦ Maryland Lump Crab Cake

SEAFOOD
Grilled Mahi Mahi Teriyaki ♦ Wasabi Crusted Salmon ♦ Gingered Sea Bass ♦ Seafood Cioppino ♦ Sea Scallops in a sweet sauce ♦ Swordfish

PRIME RIB & STEAKS
Filet Mignon ♦ Prime New York Sirloin ♦ Steak Au Poivre

PASTA
Lobster Ravioli ♦ Clams Genovese ♦ Hot Hot Seafood Pasta: shrimp, scallops, calamari and mussels in red hot chili tomato sauce over fettuccini

SKIPJACK'S

199 Clarendon Street
617-536-3500
www.skipjacks.com
Open for lunch & dinner Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m.; Sun brunch 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

Skipjack's owner Jeff Senior loves seafood as much as everyone else in the Boston area, but when he opened his eatery more than 17 years ago, he had seen enough plates of boiled lobster and baked scrod to know locals were in need of a change. So he brought in fish caught in far-off waters and added exotic flavors to what was caught right here at home. The restaurant quickly became a popular spot for those with a hankering for seafood served with his new approach. And the differences reach far beyond the menu. The ambiance steers clear of the nautical themes that have become the standard, opting instead for elegant touches in a room with an overall intimate feel thanks to pressed tin accents and mahogany paneling throughout. There's even prepared-on-premises sushi by master sushi chef Tsui "Otto" Hiu Tou, who previously won Bostonians over with his wild creations at Oiishi and Ginza. For all its uniqueness, Skipjack's does not let traditionalists down either. Classics like clam chowder, fried haddock and a fisherman's platter with golden fried clams, scallops, calamari, oysters and scrod all find a happy home on the menu. And what's more, steak, poultry dishes and a raw bar round out an experience that is remarkably eclectic while still remaining true to its core seafood niche.

ON THE MENU

RAW BAR
Crab, Avocado and Mango Stack ♦ Seared Peppered Ahi Tuna ♦ Shrimp Cocktail

APPETIZERS
Coconut Crunchy Shrimp ♦ Lobster Spring Rolls ♦ Jumbo Lump Crab Cake

SEAFOOD
Steamed Maine Lobster ♦ Dynamite Mahi Mahi ♦ Herb Crusted Salmon ♦ Spiced Yellowfin Ahi ♦ Pan Seared Sea Scallops ♦ Baked Stuffed Shrimp ♦ Alaskan King Crab Legs ♦ Dungeness Crab Clusters

PRIME RIB & STEAKS
Prime Rib ♦ Filet Mignon ♦ New York Strip ♦ Tenderloin Medallions

DESSERT
Hot Chocolate Lava Cake
Raspberry Crème Brulée

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Let Chart House—the #1 rated seafood chain and waterfront restaurant by *Zagat*—take you to a place where time stands still, the historic Hancock Counting House. This Boston landmark once housed the offices of John Hancock, an American patriot. Experience their million-dollar renovations while savoring a seamless blend of high quality seafood and steaks—including whole, steamed lobster, cracked for you right at your table, and prime rib rubbed with aromatic herbs and spices and slow roasted to succulent perfection. Free valet parking is available.

ON THE MENU

APPETIZERS
Boneless Buffalo Tenders ♦ Scallops & Bacon ♦ Clam Chowder

ENTREES
NY Sirloin ♦ Filet Mignon ♦ Shepherd Pie ♦ Fish & Chips ♦ Honey Salmon ♦ Chicken, Broccoli & Ziti ♦ Lobster Ravioli

SANDWICHES
Kennedy's Sirloin Burger ♦ Mushroom Swiss Burger ♦ Club Sandwich ♦ Dublin Chicken Sandwich ♦ Lobster Roll

WEEKEND BRUNCH
Eggs Benedict ♦ Lobster Benedict ♦ Eggs Floretine ♦ Omelets ♦ Irish Breakfast

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ON THE MENU

APPETIZERS AND SOUPS
Soft Shell Crab ♦ Tempura ♦ Spring Roll Trio ♦ Miso Soup ♦ Hot and Sour Soup ♦ Wonton Soup

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ENTREES
Crispy Sesame Chicken ♦ General Tao's Chicken ♦ Grilled Salmon Fillet ♦ Teriyaki (Salmon, Beef, Chicken) ♦ Short BBQ Rib (Kalbi) ♦ Bi Bim Bap ♦ Seafood Trio ♦ Pad Thai ♦ Udon ♦ Chow-Fun

DUMPLINGS
Pot Sticker
Dim Sum Basket

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www.MasobaBoston.com

Voted number one for sushi by Citysearch, AOL CityGuide and CBS A-List, Ma Soba serves the city's best blend of contemporary and traditional Asian cuisine prepared by outstanding chefs. Relax in this Beacon Hill establishment with a fine wine selection from Ma Soba's comprehensive wine cellar in a setting described as "strikingly attractive and ultra urbane" by the *Boston Herald*.

ON THE MENU

APPETIZERS
Kashk-e bademjan: eggplant, caramelized onions and goat's milk yogurt garnished with minced beef and mint oil ♦ Borani-e esfenaj: sauteed spinach, caramelized onions, walnuts and homemade yogurt.

ENTREES
kabab and chelo kabab (skewered) selections ♦ Fesenjan: juicy Long Island duck, covered in a tangy sauce made with pomegranate, topped with walnuts and served atop basmati rice ♦ Grilled filet of salmon, brushed with a bright green glaze made of basil, feta cheese and garlic and accompanied by saffron-seared potatoes and tasty grilled vegetables

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LALA ROKH
97 Mt. Vernon St., Beacon Hill • 617-720-5511
www.lalarokh.com

Owned by the brother-sister team of Babak Bina and Azita Bina-Seibel, Lala Rokh is a family business in the truest sense of the phrase. Azita prepares traditional Persian fare based on recipes handed down from their mother and from her mother before her, making the menu something of a family heirloom. "We agreed that I would use her recipes, but I would not cheat," says Bina-Seibel. What can we say: Mother knows best.

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BRIGHT LIGHT: Gaslamps and brick buildings, such as these in Beacon Hill, are two hallmarks of the city's historic neighborhoods. *Refer to page 88.*

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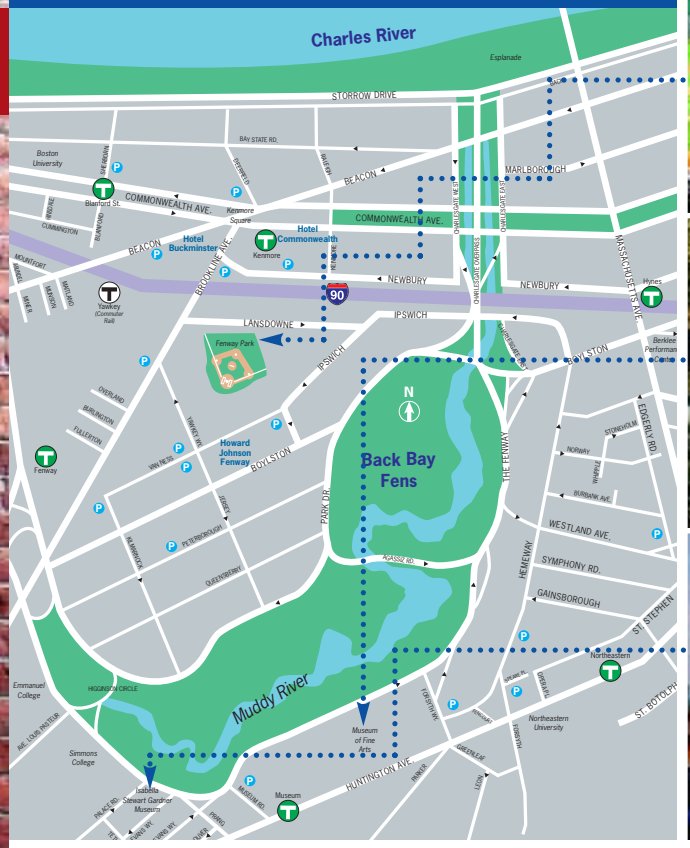
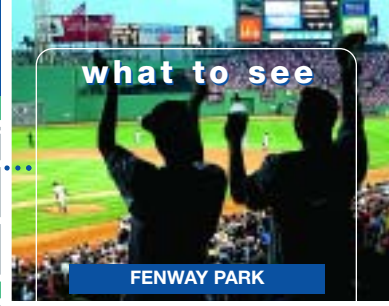
THE FENWAY





This neighborhood is best known for Fenway Park, home to our beloved Boston Red Sox, but its name actually comes from the Fens, the green parkland that winds its way through the area and makes up part of the famed Emerald Necklace. Nightclub dwellers should check out Lansdowne Street for dancing, sports bars and even a bowling alley, while Kenmore Square, famous for the Citgo sign, has become a bustling dining destination. Also not to be missed are Symphony Hall, the Museum of Fine Arts and the Isabella Stewart Gardner—which can be found along with several Boston universities along Huntington Avenue. Ⓟ

GET THERE ON THE Ⓣ:
Green Line to Kenmore and Fenway, E Line to Symphony, Northeastern and Museum of Fine Arts

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LA VERDAD PHOTO BY KATHERINE C. COHEN

VIVA LA FENWAY!

Until recently, grabbing a meal on Lansdowne Street meant a sausage and pepper sub from a street vendor. But now acclaimed celebrity chef Ken Oringer has opened his latest endeavor across the street from Fenway Park: a tasty taqueria called **La Verdad** (One Lansdowne St., 617-351-2580), which serves up creative tacos, tortas and other delicacies, along with cold cerveza (beer to us gringos) and margaritas.

NORTH END

what to see

COPP'S BURIAL GROUND

OLD NORTH CHURCH

PAUL REVERE HOUSE

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NORTH END SUMMER FEASTS

Every summer, the streets of the North End, Boston's own little piece of Italy, are packed with street vendors, parades and revelers during joyful feasts and festivals celebrating various Italian saints. This feast season continues on **June 24** with the **St. Jude's Procession**. *Refer to listing, page 31.*

Renowned as Boston's "Little Italy," the North End is Boston's oldest neighborhood, having given birth to the American Revolution from its narrow, cobblestone streets. Known today for its abundance of Italian bakeries, cafes and restaurants as well as a growing number of boutiques, visitors should be sure not to miss its Freedom Trail sites: Paul Revere's House, Copp's Hill Burying Ground and the Old North Church. Ⓟ

ATTRACTIONS:

- Paul Revere House
- Old North Church
- Copps Hill Burial Ground

GET THERE ON THE Ⓣ:

Orange or Green Line to Haymarket

ABOVE MIDDLE AND BOTTOM PHOTOS BY DELLA HUFF

Italian food lovers rave about the "*creative and substantial*" cooking at this North End "*keeper*" that's a "*new star,*" providing "*classy modern Italian food.*" The ever-changing menu incorporates seasonal vegetables and the catch of the day, and features homemade pasta dishes prepared in unconventional styles.

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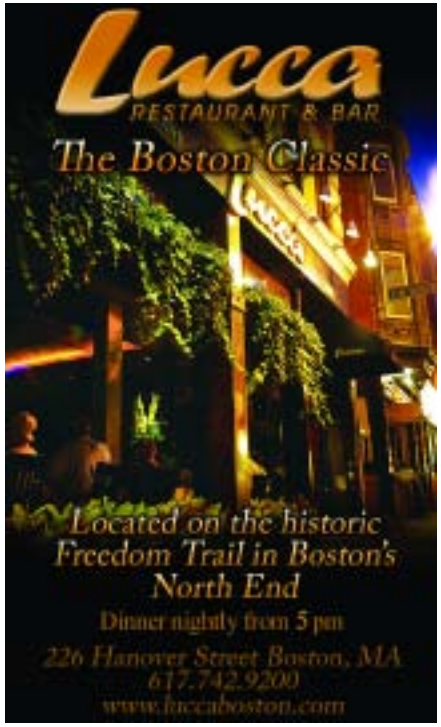

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NORTH END

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BEYOND SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALLS: Dine on classic Italian cuisine at places like Pushcart Caffe & Pizzeria (top) and Terramia Ristorante (above).

Dodd House Gift Shoppe

Opposite the Old North Church
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JAMAICA PLAIN

One of the city's most diverse areas, "JP" contains thriving Latino, African-American, Irish and gay communities that mingle within its ample green space—including Arnold Arboretum and the Jamaica Pond area—and among main drag Centre Street's restaurants, bars and shops. Once a country resort for Boston Brahmins, it teems with 19th century mansions while its current-day affordability attracts a younger generation of hipsters, artists and musicians. Ⓟ

ATTRACTIONS:

- Jamaica Pond
- Arnold Arboretum
- Forest Hills Cemetery
- Boston Beer Museum

GET THERE ON THE Ⓣ:

Green Line (E) to Heath Street; Orange Line to Stony Brook, Green Street and Forest Hills

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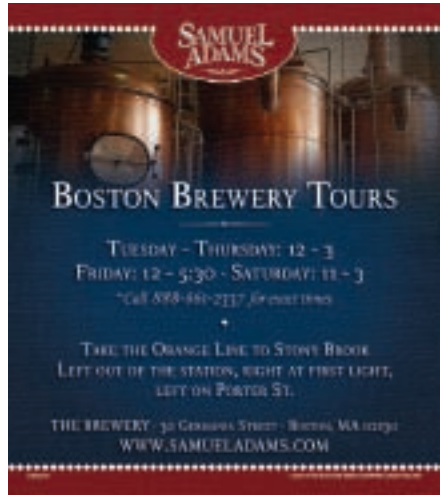

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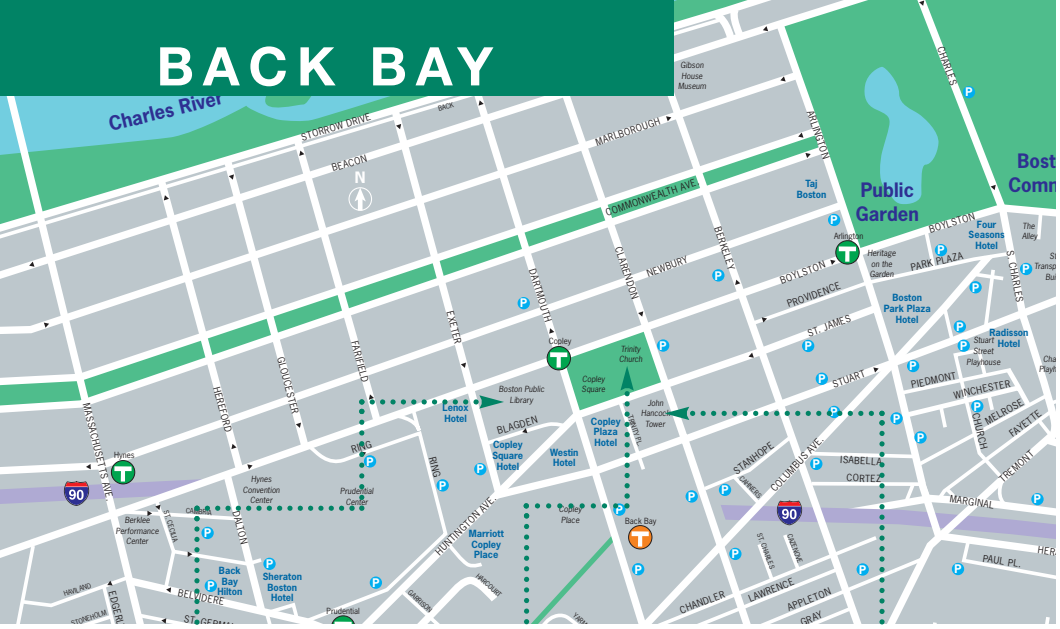

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what to see

TRINITY CHURCH

JOHN HANCOCK TOWER

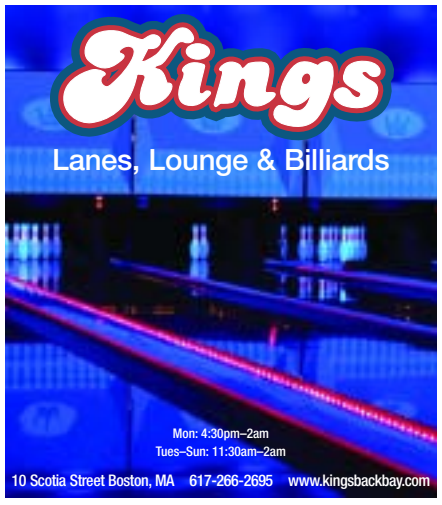
Boston's chic Back Bay is home to classically beautiful brownstone residences, glamorous retail space and a plethora of dining options, spa services and nightlife. Its crown jewel is Copley Square, home to the John Hancock Tower as well as historic landmarks the Boston Public Library and Trinity Church. But its pulse centers primarily around the bustling commercial districts of Boylston and Newbury streets. Ⓟ

ATTRACTIONS:

- Trinity Church, *refer to listing, page 42*
- Boston Public Library, *refer to listings, pages 28 and 41*
- John Hancock Tower, *refer to listing, page 42*

GET THERE ON THE Ⓣ:

Orange Line to Back Bay; Green Line to Arlington, Copley or Hynes Convention Center



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The Hub's reputation as one of the most European cities in the U.S. is evidenced by a visit to this neighborhood. Home to the State House and tucked between the Charles River Esplanade, Boston Common and the Public Garden, Beacon Hill's picturesque cobblestone streets are lined by impeccable brownstones and gas-lit street lamps. To experience firsthand what it's like to live in one of our pricier neighborhoods, stroll the shops and restaurants of Charles Street or pass through Louisburg Square, the historic home to legions of Boston Brahmins and the present home of Senator John Kerry. Ⓟ

ATTRACTIONS:

- Louisburg Square
- Massachusetts State House
- Boston Common
- Boston Athenaeum
- Public Garden
- African Meeting House

GET THERE ON THE Ⓣ:

Red Line to Charles Street or Park Street, Blue Line to Bowdoin.

THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD: Cobblestoned Acorn Street (top) remains a picturesque sight; the Boston Athenaeum (above), founded in 1807, is one of the oldest and most distinguished private libraries in the country and offers tours twice a week.

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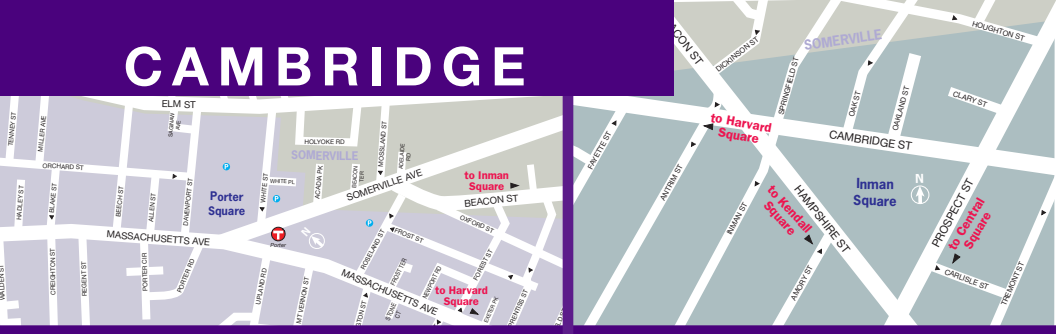

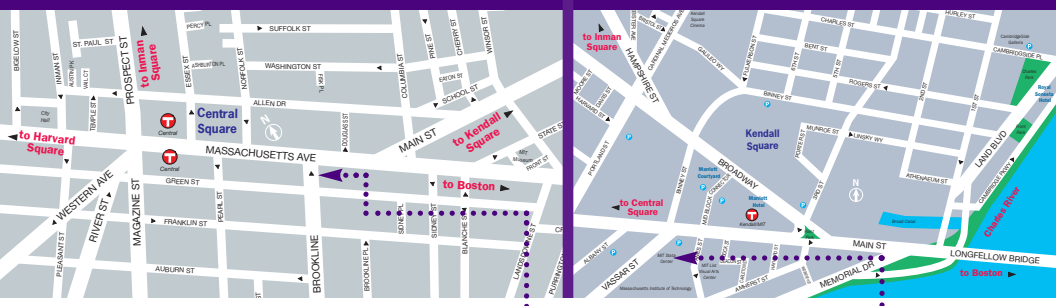

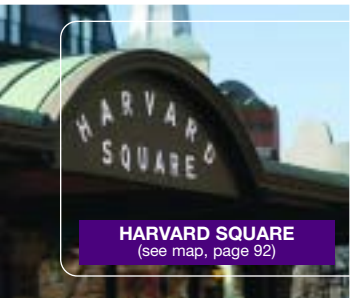

HARVARD SQUARE
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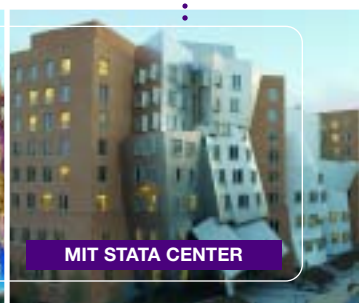
CENTRAL SQUARE



MIT STATA CENTER

what to see

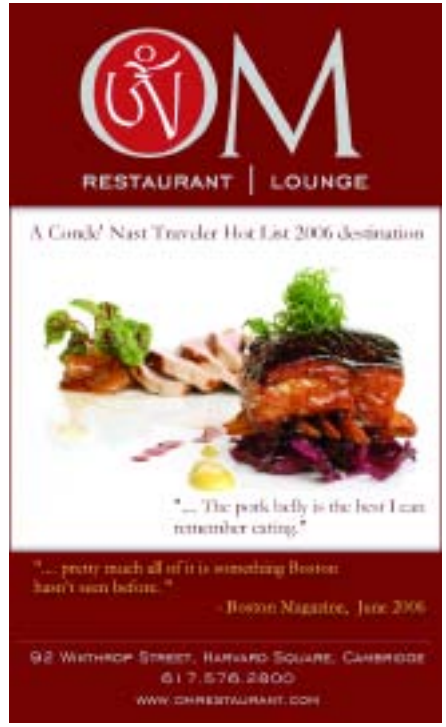
with its storied history as the home to Harvard University.

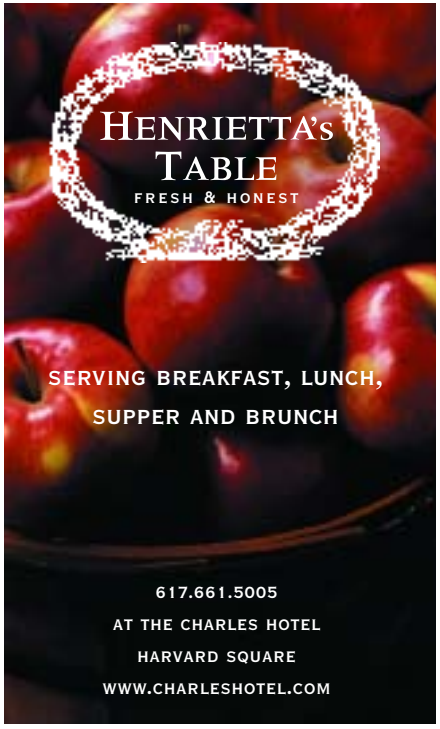
Just north of Central Square, the quieter, more residential **Inman Square** boasts ethnic food shops, bars and restaurants along with acclaimed comedy at ImprovBoston and local and national jazz acts at Ryles Jazz Club.

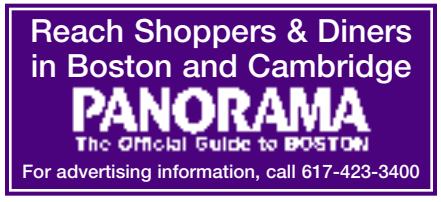
Kendall Square, home to MIT and many modern, sleek bio-tech firms and research labs, also is host to foreign and independent films at Kendall Square Cinema and the shopping mecca CambridgeSide Galleria, which houses over 100 stores.

The young, artistic crowd influences the stretch of Cambridge just beyond Harvard Square. **Porter Square** is full of eclectic second-hand shops and restaurants, as well as an avant-garde arts scene and live music at the Lizard Lounge. Ⓟ

GET THERE ON THE Ⓣ:
Red Line to Kendall, Central, Harvard and Porter.







The people of Cambridge would like to inform the world that their fine city is not a neighborhood of Boston. Although it often gets lumped together with Beantown, Cambridge stands alone with all the sustaining qualities of an international city center. Throughout its diverse squares, nearly 100,000 residents share a spirited range of cultural influences.

Central Square sets a swift pace as the social center for Cambridge, with its coffee shops, burrito joints, down-home music stores, great restaurants and outstanding music venues such as the Middle East Cafe, T.T. the Bear's Place and The Cantab Lounge.

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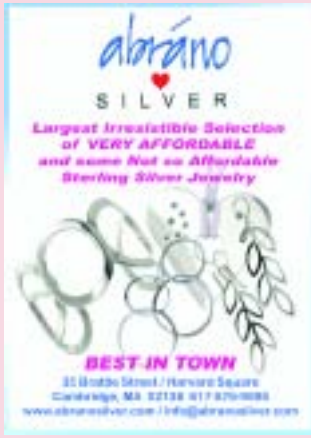

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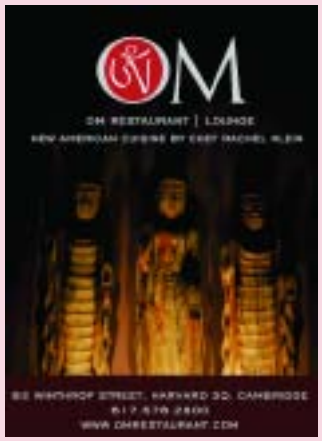

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Anne Packard

by Josh B. Wardrop

Artist Anne Packard made a name for herself in the 1960s with stunning and evocative paintings of the dunes, shores and skyline of her Provincetown home. Today, she and her daughters Cynthia and Leslie run the Packard Gallery on P-Town's main drag, at 418 Commerical St. Packard talks to *Panorama* about her artistic career.

"Painting... is my oldest friend—that's what I get up each day to do."

Q: You began your career relatively late—at age 30, as a newly-single mother of five. What was it like trying to break through at that time?
A: I hung my paintings on a fence and sold them for $15, $20. After a while, I met [Provincetown artist Robert] Motherwell, and he helped me along and gave me some credibility.

Q: Did you receive formal art training, or are you self-taught?
A: My parents wouldn't send me to art school. My father always said I would've been ruined if I'd gone, and I suppose I might have gotten hung up on being "innovative" and "artsy-fartsy."

Q: Your grandfather, Max Bohm, was a renowned 20th century Impressionist. Was his artistic influence always present growing up?
A: My parents never encouraged me when it came to art. But [Bohm's] paintings have been a tremendous influence on both the subject matter and mood of my works.

Q: Do you find that your enthusiasm for creating art is the same as it's always been?
A: I still love to paint. I don't get up in the morning to have coffee or read the paper. The painting itself is my oldest friend—that's what I get up each day to do.

Q: Do you ever find yourself dabbling with new techniques, or are you set in your ways as an artist?
A: Cynthia always wants me to be on the cutting edge, and I do play and experiment. But I'm in a beautiful time right now and very content with my career. Ⓟ

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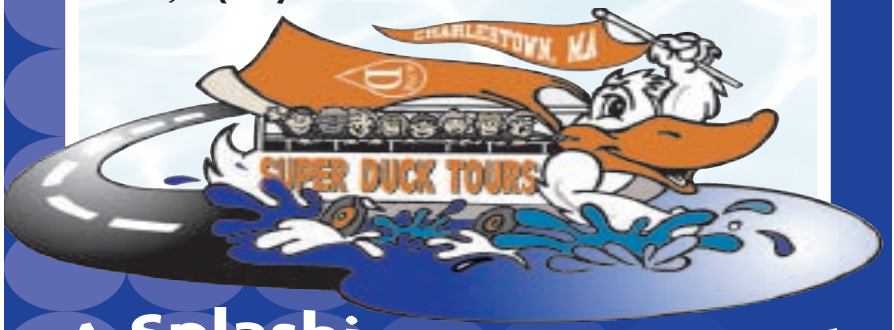

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