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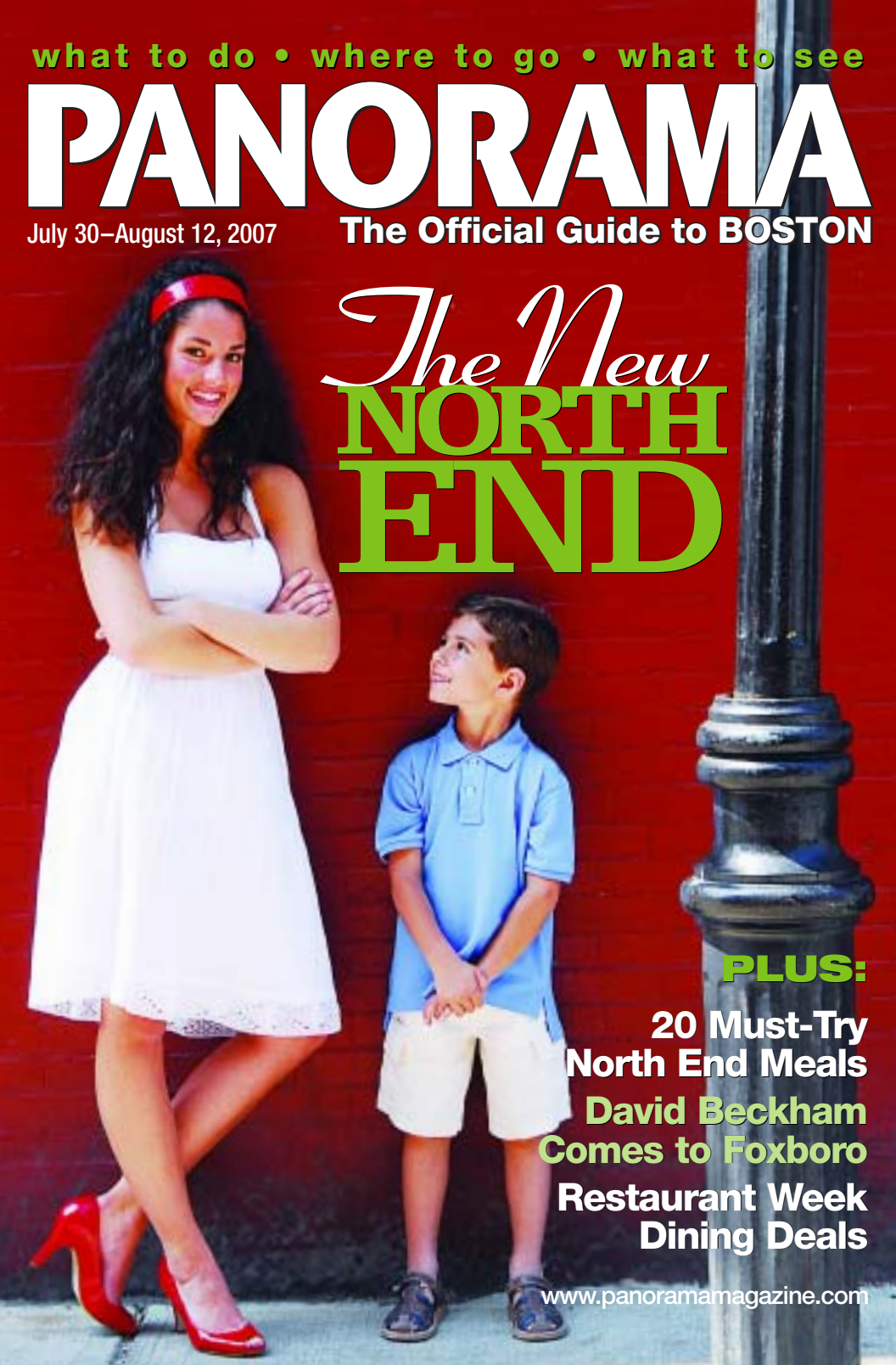

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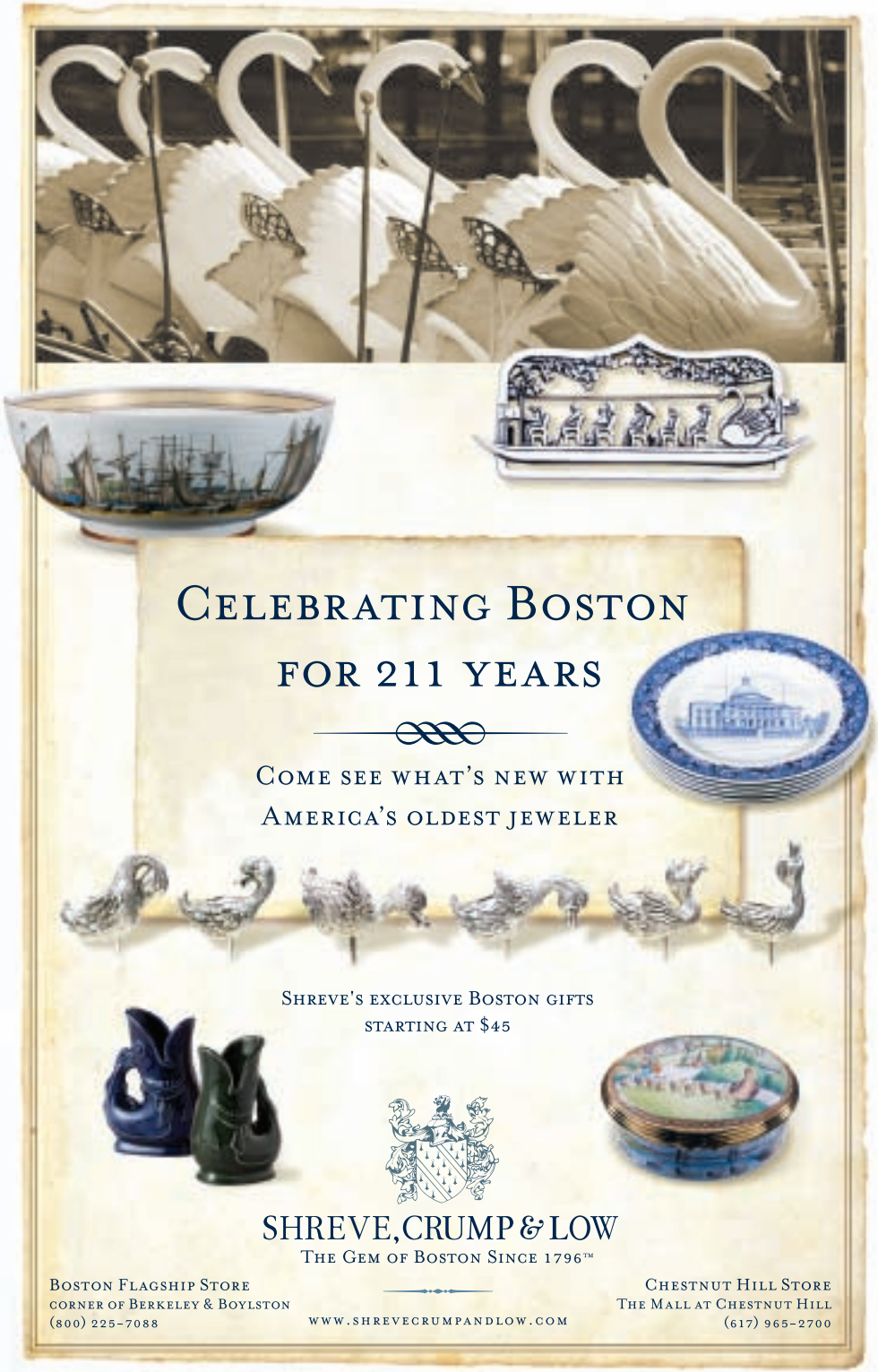

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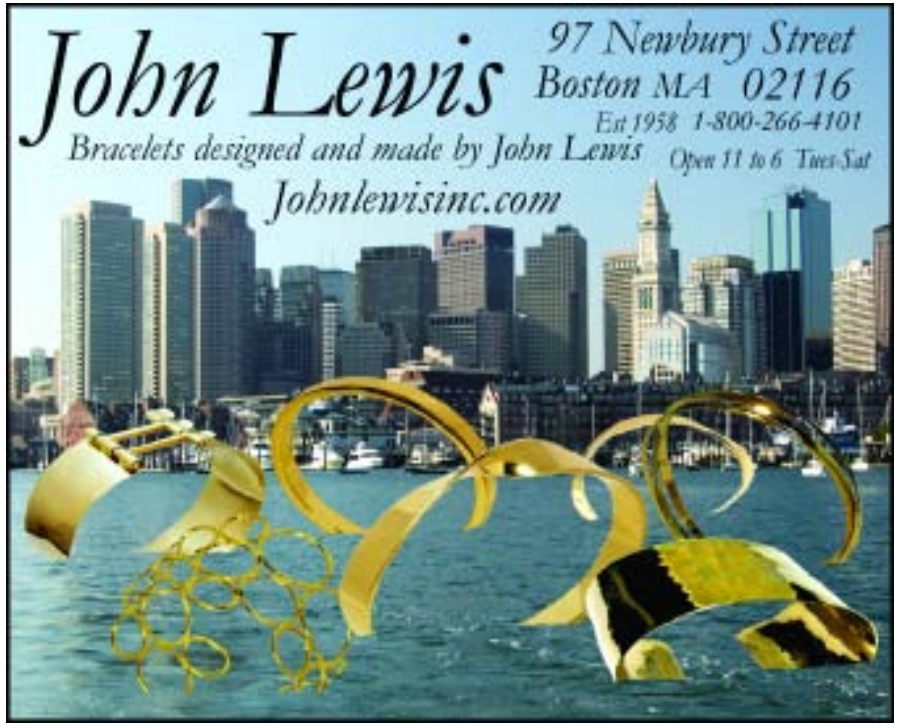

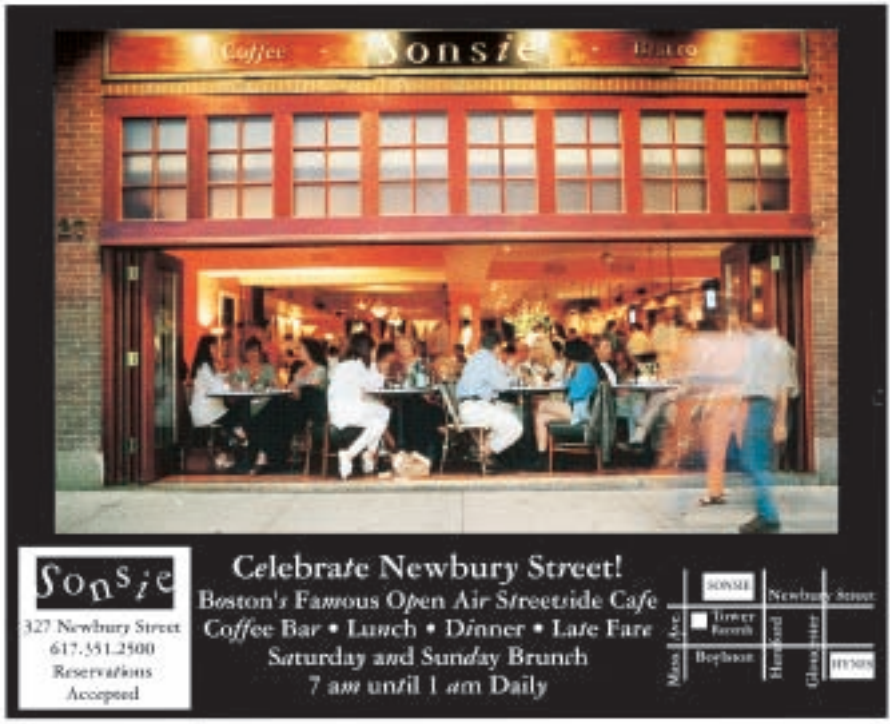

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NEWS&NOTES

by Josh B. Wardrop

A Gaelic Old Time

If you, like some of us here in Boston—a bonafide hotbed of Irishness—are just now recovering from your St. Patrick's Day hangover, you better hold onto your scally cap. Another occasion to celebrate all aspects of your Celtic heritage has arisen—the **2007 ICONS Festival**, held **August 10–12** at the Irish Cultural Center of New England in nearby Canton.

Formerly known as the Irish Connections Festival, this annual appreciation of Irish culture has grown in scope this year—taking the traditional cultural fair filled with Irish foods, crafts, games, children's activities, dance exhibitions and much more, and adding to the mix a massive three-day concert that features not only traditional Irish acts like **Tommy Makem**, **Altan** and others, but also folk artists and rockers like **The Black Crowes**, **Nanci Griffith** and Boston's own Celt-punk superstars **The Dropkick Murphys** (pictured above). The result is a party that can't be beat—one that will more than tide you over until next March 17. *Refer to listing, page 31.*

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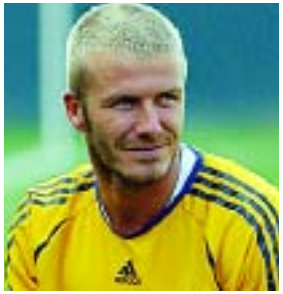
THE INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE OF PARTYING

And while the talk here in Boston always seems to be about the Irish, they're certainly not the only nationality engaging in cultural celebrations this month. In fact, with all the various ethnic festivals set to occur in the next two weeks, the Hub is looking like a veritable United Nations of Fun.

In Chinatown (pictured above), residents take to the streets on **August 12** to take part in the **August Moon Festival**, a Mid-Autumn Festival on the Chinese calendar observed by the eating of delicious moon cakes, parades and other activities. Over on the Charles River Esplanade, **India Day** also takes place **August 12**, featuring food and craft vendors, as well as demonstrations of Indian music and dance on the Hatch Shell stage. And, in Roxbury, from **August 10–12**, it's a full-on fiesta as the annual **Dominican Festival and Parade**—a weekend block party celebrating the heritage of the Dominican Republic—takes place. So, wherever you're from, there's a good chance the Hub is hosting an opportunity to get out there and celebrate your culture—or somebody else's! *Refer to listings, pages 31 & 32.*

MOVING PICTURES

Nobody will mistake Boston for the seaside town of Cannes anytime soon, but this month sees the return of one of the city's fastest-growing film festivals. Cultural diversity in the world of film is celebrated **August 1–5** at the 9th annual **Roxbury Film Festival**, sponsored by local activist group ACT Roxbury and the Color of Film Collaborative. The yearly events showcase more than 70 films spotlighting people of color over five days of film screenings, workshops for actors and directors, and forums by guests including actors Boris Kodjoe and Anthony Montgomery, director Jennifer Sharp and many other creators. Film lovers can check out new independent features, shorts and documentaries at five screening locations, and get a glimpse at a community that has long struggled for recognition and accurate representation in the world of motion pictures. *Refer to listing, page 28.*



THE JOY OF BECKS

There are those who read *Sports Illustrated*, and there are those that read *US Weekly*, and rarely do the two intersect, except when it comes to the one truly unifying figure between the worlds of professional sport and celebrity gossip: **David Beckham** (pictured above). The Englishman who's won fans from Britain to Madrid (as well as the hand of a Spice Girl) in his illustrious career is now on our shores, playing for the Los Angeles Galaxy of Major League Soccer. And while that normally puts him a whole continent away, you can catch Becks in action here on **August 12**, when the metrosexual midfielder and the Galaxy arrive in Foxboro to take on the New England Revolution at **Gillette Stadium**. Whether you drool over his ability to launch physics-defying kicks on goal or his rock-hard abs, Beckham's sure to be an all-around crowd-pleaser. *Refer to listing, page 32.*

calendar of events

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TUESDAY, JULY 31–THURSDAY, AUGUST 2
It's an American League East showdown as the **Boston Red Sox** take on the Baltimore Orioles in a three-game series. *Refer to listing, page 32.*

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 1 & THURSDAY, AUGUST 2
Music megastars **The Dave Matthews Band** return to the Tweeter Center for two evening shows sure to attract a crowd of college kids and soccer moms alike. *Refer to listing, page 31.*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2
Root for the **Boston Cannons** as they end their Major League Lacrosse season by taking on the Long Island Lizards at Harvard Stadium. *Refer to listing, page 32.*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4 & SUNDAY, AUGUST 5
Cheer on 4,800 cyclists as they bike through Boston and beyond to raise money for the Jimmy Fund in the 28th annual **Pan-Massachusetts Challenge**. *Refer to listing, page 32.*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5
Award-winning singer/songwriter **SteveSongs** and the nine stylish girls of **Girl Authority** (pictured) perform their energetic, kid-friendly songs as part of the **Kids Summer Music Festival** at the Regattabar. *Refer to listing, page 29.*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8
Immerse yourself in the exciting plot of George Bernard Shaw's play ***Misalliance***, performed by the Publick Theatre outdoors at Brighton's Herter Park. *Refer to listing, page 32.*

by Carolyn Dewart

Great Meals, Great Deals

RESTAURANT WEEK BOSTON
Various locations in Boston and Cambridge
August 5–10 & 12–17

Sure, dining out in Boston can cost a pretty penny. But for two weeks every summer, food-lovers get the chance to sample fine cuisine without emptying their wallets, thanks to the ever-popular Restaurant Week. From **August 5–10 and 12–17**, discerning foodies can enjoy mouth-watering three-course lunches (for just $20.07) or dinners ($33.07) at one of more than 100 top Boston and Cambridge restaurants—from French favorites like Aquitaine and Mistral, to the fresh seafood of Union Oyster House and Great Bay, to hot new names like OM (pictured above), Boston Public Meat and many more. Simply surf to www.bostonusa.com/restaurantweek for a full list of participating restaurants, and you'll be sampling Boston's best—at Boston's best prices—in no time.

START SAL-IVATING, SOUTHIE

SALVATORE'S
225 Northern Ave.
617-737-5454

Popular local pizza chain Sal's recently burst onto Boston's fine dining scene with the modern, upscale Salvatore's. Located on the South Boston Waterfront, Salvatore's looks to lure lovers of fine Italian fare away from the North End with its menu of modern and traditional favorites—boasting delectable dishes like veal saltimbocca, shrimp scampi and tasty fun-sized mini pizzas—guaranteed to please even picky patrons. Diners can also enjoy quiet indoor dining, an outdoor patio or simply stop in for take-out. Whichever option you choose, Salvatore's represents sal-vation for waterfront dwellers seeking a great meal.

Bite-Sized Battle Royale

THE TAPAS CHALLENGE
Upstairs on the Square
91 Winthrop St., Cambridge
617-864-1933
July 30

If you can't get enough of the culinary showdowns on shows like "Top Chef" and "Hell's Kitchen," you'll want to head "Upstairs" and see the real deal—as leading area chefs celebrate the 25th anniversary of renowned Harvard Square eatery Upstairs on the Square by competing head-to-head in a Tapas Challenge. The Square's head chefs—Steven Brand, Anthony Marco and Seth Amsden—take on local gourmets including Jason Santos of Gargoyles and John Critchley of Toro in a battle to create the most distinctive and delicious small plates. Best of all, you're the judge—which means, in the name of competition, you'll just have to try all these sumptuous sample-sized morsels for yourself.

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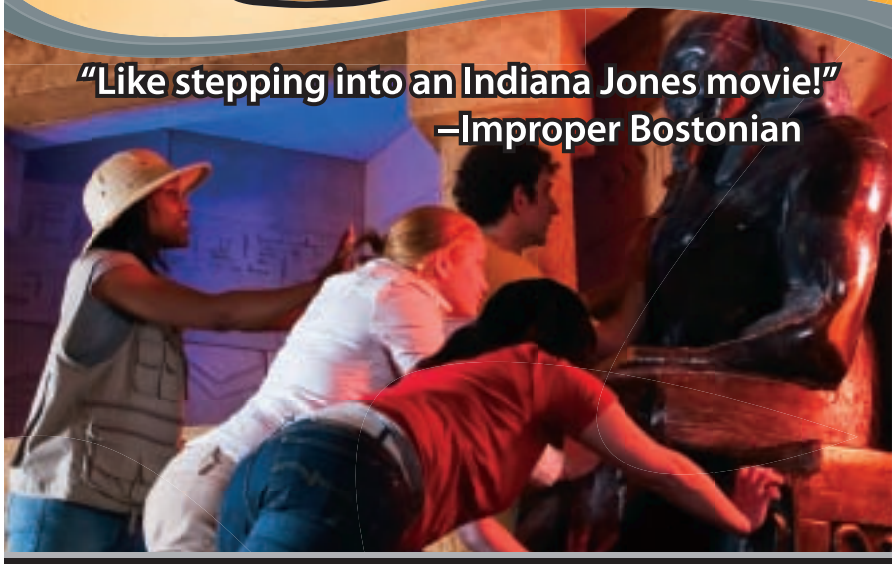

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by Scott Roberto

Modern Mythology

MAKING MYTH MODERN: PRIMORDIAL THEMES IN GERMAN 20TH CENTURY SCULPTURE
Busch-Reisinger Museum
Through December 30

The evolution of German artists' depictions of mythological figures in the 20th century is the focus of a new exhibit at Harvard University's Busch-Reisinger Museum. Reflecting the turbulent recent history of Germany, the sculptures by the six artists represented in the show—including painter Max Beckmann and conceptual art pioneer Joseph Beuys—also mirror the personal and political concerns of the individual creators. From the days of the Weimar Republic to the post-World War II era, the use of such iconic figures as Adam and Eve and Prometheus tell new stories that speak not just to the timelessness of what they represent, but also what they meant in each artist's life. *Refer to listing, page 36.*

BEND ME, SHAPE ME

ORIGAMI NOW!
Peabody Essex Museum
Through June 8, 2008

A virtual menagerie of creatures great and small—not to mention human and abstract forms—are now on display at Salem's Peabody Essex Museum. What makes these objects unique is that they have all been created from paper using the centuries-old Japanese art of origami. And not only can visitors view everything from a swarm of butterflies and colorful flowers to whimsical faces and complex geometrical shapes, but they can also "get in the fold" themselves by creating their own origami pieces at interactive stations. *Refer to listing, page 37.*

Hit the Road, Jack

***ON THE ROAD* SCROLL**
Boott Cotton Mills Museum
Lowell National Historical Park
115 John St., Lowell • 978-970-5000
Through October 14

Lowell's favorite son, Jack Kerouac (1922–1969), is getting the royal treatment in his hometown these days. Not only is the former industrial burg—just a short ride from North Station on the commuter rail—hosting a summer-long celebration of the famed beat poet and writer in honor of the 50th anniversary of the publication of his seminal novel *On the Road*, it is also the temporary home of the original manuscript of that legendary work. Visitors to the Boott Cotton Mills Museum can view the original scroll manuscript on which Kerouac typed the first draft of the famed work that first lured the Beat Generation on the open road. Other events—from poetry slams and film screenings to art exhibits and live music performances—are also taking place around the city, ensuring that the beat goes on. *Visit www.ontheroadinlowell.org for a complete list.*

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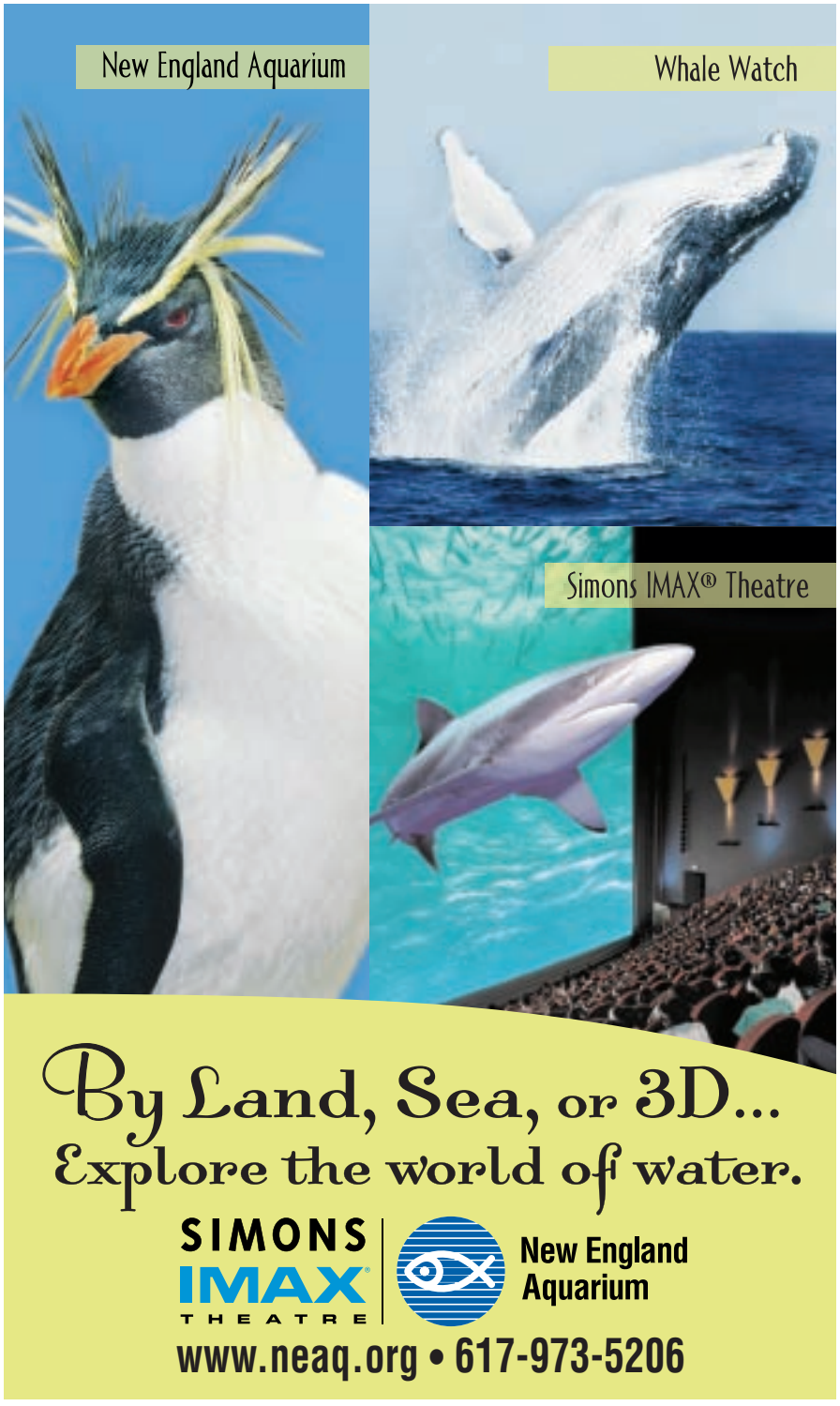

In the Mood for "The Dude"?

***THE BIG LEBOWSKI* SCREENING AND BOWLING PARTY**
The Coolidge Corner Theatre
August 6 at 7 p.m.

This weekend, eschew the latest summer blockbuster movie release and join fans at the Coolidge Corner Theatre in paying homage to one Jeffrey "The Dude" Lebowski at the theater's third annual bowling party extravaganza and screening of Joel and Ethan Coen's 1998 cult classic *The Big Lebowski*. Fans are invited to dress in their favorite bowling shirts and embrace a night dedicated to mistaken identities, dream sequences, White Russians, *Lebowski*-themed prizes and, of course, bowling while they watch the eminently quotable and quirky classic starring Jeff Bridges, John Goodman and John Turturro as "the Jesus." For devotees as well as *Lebowski* novices, it's a guaranteed strike.

—Carolyn Dewart

COCKTAIL OF THE WEEK

BOSTONIAN SILVER MARTINI
Atrium at Millennium Bostonian Hotel
26 North St.
617-523-3600

Silver anniversaries are a milestone in any relationship, well worthy of celebration and commemoration. That's why The Millennium Bostonian Hotel decided to mark 25 successful years in their Faneuil Hall-area location with the new libation The Bostonian Silver Martini. This tasty and refreshing cocktail combines Tanqueray Sterling Vodka, Cointreau, J. Lohr Riesling and white cranberry juice, and is garnished with a lime, watermelon Pop Rocks on the rim and silver candy beads for an extra flourish. With a cocktail this delicious in hand, we're only too happy to toast Millennium Bostonian's next 25 years.

—Kenna Caprio

Cavalcade of Concerts

The month of August is hot, and so is the local concert slate, with some of the biggest names in music hitting the Hub over the next two weeks.

- **The Beach Boys**: Everybody's favorite surfin' sexagenarians cruise on into Beantown **August 11**, for a free show at the Hatch Shell.
- **The Beastie Boys**: Hip-hop legends Ad Rock, MCA and Mike D make their long-awaited return to Boston with two shows—**August 5** at the Opera House and **August 6** at Bank of America Pavilion.
- **Beyonce** (pictured above): The truly "Bootylicious" Miss Knowles brings her spectacular pipes and even more spectacular stage show to TD BankNorth Garden on **August 12**.
- **Fountains of Wayne**: The pop geniuses who gave us "Stacy's Mom" play a free show at Copley Square Park on **August 9** as part of the WBOS Summer Concert series.
- **Justin Timberlake**: He can bring "Sexyback" all he wants—just so long as pop music's biggest star also brings Jessica Biel with him when he returns to the Garden on **August 10**.

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—Josh B. Wardrop

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by Kenna Caprio

A Family Affair

MAHRI
215 Newbury St.
617-437-0110

When handmade jewelry meets high fashion on Newbury Street, the result takes chic and convenient to a whole new level. Mother and daughter team Mahri Anagnostis and Aimee Bode are the team behind Mahri, Newbury's latest boutique, and an endeavor that combines the duo's expertise: Anagnostis designs and creates unique and fabulous jewelry, while Bode runs the fashion end, relying on her experience as a buyer for Bergdorf's. The store, an open and modern yet truly elegant space, offers beautiful gems and fun, flirty clothes, many from exclusive independent designers, making this one stop every fashion-conscious female will want to add to their next shopping trip.

PEANUTS, CRACKER JACK AND... BLING?

RED SOX JEWELRY LINE
Alpha Omega • Prudential Center
617-424-9030 and Harvard Square
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A lot of guys in Boston wear their love for the Red Sox on their sleeve—now Alpha Omega, the Sox's official jeweler and timekeeper, has come up with a way to do so literally. The retailer's created a line of sophisticated and stylish custom pieces—including dapper cufflinks bearing the Red Sox logo ($95, pictured), a handsome silver money clip ($125), a chic and sporty key ring ($125) and even a lovely ladies' charm bracelet ($225) for the fairer Sox fans. It may not compare to the mammoth ice sported by Sox slugger David Ortiz, but these new pieces will be sure to attract compliments next time you're at Fenway.

Head to Toe

With beach season in full swing—and more of our skin on display than ever—it's a perfect time to hit some of the Hub's best spas for the full body treatment.

MICHAUD COSMEDIX, 69 Newbury St., 5th floor, 617-262-1607. Remove stress, fine lines and acne from your face with a DermalQuench facial ($250), similar to an airbrush treatment. The oxygen is used to help a facial serum penetrate the skin more deeply as it hydrates and quenches.

EXHALE, 28 Arlington St., 617-532-7000. Head to Exhale for the Power Body Detox treatment ($180), which uses electrical pulses to tone muscles and help reduce bloating and cellulite. The treatment works on stomachs, thighs and the butt, where algae and conductive thermal clay are smoothed on to transfer the electricity. You'll be (pleasantly) shocked by the results.

ÉTANT, 524 Tremont St., 617-423-5040. Summer means flip-flops and sandals, so pamper yourself with an aromatherapy hand and foot massage using essential oils ($50 for 30 minutes). For even more relaxation, add a paraffin treatment to soften heels and palms ($70 total) until they are as soft as butter.

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NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Not just a Spaghetti Junction, today's North End abounds with diverse businesses

by Josh B. Wardrop

IN WITH THE NEW: Businesses that have recently opened in the North End include (top to bottom) The Velvet Fly, Lulu's Bake Shoppe and A Matter of Face.

PHOTOS BY KATHERINE C. COHEN

ASK ANYONE ABOUT BOSTON'S NORTH END, AND YOU'LL GET SOLEMN intonations about the historic Freedom Trail that runs through the narrow streets, breathless raves about the endless number of mouthwatering Italian restaurants lining the main drags, and…probably not much else. Recently, however, this classically Old World neighborhood has taken on a distinctly more modern and diverse vibe. The trattorias, salumerias and open-air cafes where residents gather to drink espresso and swap stories are all still there and thriving, but they've been joined by businesses that would once have been quite out of place in the North End.

In the mood for a pint of Guinness and a tasty plate of bangers and mash? Looking for a hip boutique selling vintage dresses, the perfect pair of designer jeans or high-end cosmetics? Then welcome to the *new* North End—a neighborhood embracing the idea that one cannot live on calzones and cannolis alone.

Alison Barnard was at the forefront of the North End's commercial facelift, when she opened her denim store **Injeanius** (441 Hanover St., 617-523-JEAN) two years ago on a rare quiet stretch of Hanover Street. She says that the North End fit her business plan for a number of reasons. "It's a close-knit community, and as such is very safe for women—consequently, a ton of women live down here," she says. "Young women, conscious of how they look, living in an area where there were no real boutiques—it seemed like a perfect fit."

So perfect, in fact, that Barnard has thrived sufficiently to open a second shop—a more mature, nightlife-inspired boutique called **Twilight**—a couple blocks down at 12 Fleet St. (617-523-8008). She says both shops have drawn an audience ranging from college students to senior citizens and the locals have adopted the shops wholeheartedly. "I see lots of familiar faces as I walk the streets of the North End," Barnard laughs. "Sometimes I feel like I know each and every female who lives here."

On Hanover Street, where Mike's Pastry and Modern Pastry loom like twin Sirens, seducing passers-by in to gorge themselves on their delectable range of Italian pastries, it would seem like reckless folly for a new bakery to stake its claim. However, baker Sandy Russo—proprietress of the just more than a year old **Lulu's Bake Shoppe** (227 Hanover St., 617-720-2200)—feels that her establishment fills a different niche than the aforementioned titans.

"We specialize in the Americanized stuff—cupcakes, brownie squares, cheesecakes—done in an old-fashioned way," she says, before adding, "Of course, we do have to have some cannolis and Italian cookies, or you lose a lot of business on this street!"

Russo, a chef-turned-baker who's lived in the North End for 20 years, says that her shop's location toward the front of the neighborhood's busiest commercial street has been phenomenal for attracting tourists, but that it's been capturing the hearts of the everyday residents that's given the most satisfaction. "People here are very loyal to their favorite bakery, but since we have a different focus, we've been able to get along. When we opened, there was a little resistance, but I'm feisty," she laughs. "We won them over."

Restaurateur Dan McMyler's North End establishment—an Irish pub called **Goody Glover's** (50 Salem St., 617-367-6444)—may seem like an anachronism in a neighborhood that stands as Boston's equivalent of New York's "Little Italy." However, the nearly two-year-old gastropub actually could be called an "extreme throwback" for the North End, which was, in the 1800s, a heavily Irish neighborhood.

"We wanted something different in this space," says McMyler, an Irishman himself. "So, I did some research, found out about Goody Glover [an Irish woman from the North End who was the last woman hung as a witch in Boston, in 1688], so we became an Irish pub."

McMyler says that about "80 percent of our business is probably locals—a lot of restaurant workers and young professionals." While he says some of the neighborhood's diehard Italians had concerns that Goody Glover's would "somehow dilute the integrity of an Italian neighborhood, we don't play up the Irishness. We don't fly the flag, or anything.

"People sometimes raise their eyebrows at change," says McMyler, "but it's good for the neighborhood to have a place where you can just get a burger or a reasonably-priced martini. I think we're a sign of the times."

For Lorrinda Cerrutti—who opened retro-chic boutique **The Velvet Fly** (424 Hanover St., 617-557-4FLY) with business partner BethAnn Hoyos one month ago—being situated in the North End was a perfect fit with the overall concept of the shop. "We're a mixture of modern and vintage fashions, and that's really what the North End is—it's an old neighborhood with a lot of younger people moving in all the time," says Cerrutti.

The Velvet Fly resides at the quieter far end of Hanover, past many of the neighborhood's well-known restaurants—where many a business has failed in the past due to lack of exposure. (Barnard, for one, recalls that when she opened Injeanius, she was warned that "people won't go down that far." "But I knew that women will walk an extra block to check out a store they've read about," she says, grinning.) Cerrutti feels, however, that "More businesses will be coming down here, and so will people."

Just across the street from The Velvet Fly, resides another of the North End's newest businesses—**A Matter of Face** (425 Hanover St., 617-74-BLUSH), a beauty boutique owned and operated by Paula Tierney. Tierney says that the North End has been tremendously welcoming to her—not just customers, but also the business community.

"On my first day in business, I think almost every woman business owner in the neighborhood came in to welcome me—and

BRIGHT IDEA: The denim shop Injeanius successfully opened its doors on restaurant-heavy Hanover Street two years ago.

quite a few of them bought stuff," Tierney laughs. "Two gentlemen who've lived in the neighborhood forever offered to put up ad flyers down around the waterfront—these are people I don't even know.

"Other businesses send customers my way, and I do the same," she adds. "That's what makes this area really thrive—there's a great deal of cooperation and support."

The North End isn't total nirvana for retailers—all the shop owners bemoan the lack of parking in the neighborhood, and there's still the struggle to get visitors to keep walking down Hanover Street once the glut of restaurants begins to thin out. But overwhelmingly, one gets the sense that these newcomers to one of Boston's oldest neighborhoods are excited about the transformative effect they're having, and anxiously awaiting new neighbors to join them in making the North End about more than just garlic, grappa and gnocchi.

"The diversification of the North End is great," says Barnard. "More people will be coming here than ever, because they have more reasons to do so—history, retail, great food. A rapidly transforming neighborhood like this is just a really fun place to be." Ⓟ

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Buon Appetito!

20 must-try dishes from the North End's best eateries

by Kenna Caprio and Carolyn Dewart

1 PARMIGIANA DI MELANZANE | CANTINA ITALIANA, 346 Hanover St., 617-723-4577: As one of the oldest restaurants in the North End, Cantina Italiana has had over 70 years to perfect traditional Italian recipes like its creamy Parmigiana di Melanzane ($19). The dish—an eggplant parmigiana layered with white besciamella sauce, topped with tomato sauce and baked with mozzarella—comes expertly prepared by chef (and Italy native) Fiore Colella.

2 THE BLUEBERRY MARTINI | FLORENTINE CAFÉ, 333 Hanover St., 617-227-1777: In addition to its delicious food, Florentine Café's open-air environment makes it a great stop for people-watching on Hanover Street, preferably while sipping a tasty blueberry martini ($11), an extra chilled, straight-up martini with a sugar rim, made from pureed blueberry juice, Stirrings Wild Blueberry and blueberry vodka.

3 MARCO POLO | LUCIA, 415 Hanover St., 617-367-2353: Lucia's Marco Polo ($23.75) satisfies seafood lovers' appetites with a fresh assortment of delights from the Atlantic. The dish combines shrimp, clams, mussels, fillet of sole, calamari and scallops together in a marinara sauce over linguini for a delicacy that would make Neptune himself weep with joy.

4 ARANCINI AND CALZONES | GALLERIA UMBERTO ROSTICCERIA, 289 Hanover St., 617-227-5709: Arancini—a deep-fried rice ball filled with meat, peas and cheese—or a stuffed calzone, both for $3.50 or less, make for an affordable lunch from this popular take-out spot. But get there early because lines can get long, and when they run out of food the doors are shut.

5 CALAMARI | MAMMA MARIA'S, 3 North Sq., 617-523-0077: Few appetizers are more popular in the North End than that mouth-watering mollusk, calamari. Mamma Maria's calamari appetizer ($10) offers a fresh, modern take on the classic dish: the marinated squid is grilled instead of deep-fried, creating a clean taste which is accented by roasted fennel and other savory herbs.

6 RIGATONI AL CINGHIALE | LUCCA, 226 Hanover St., 617-742-9200: Described as a sort of "Italian pulled pork," this unique dish ($23) is actually wild boar shoulder served with rigatoni pasta, peppers and onions in tomato sauce.

7 FRIED COD CHEEKS | MARCO, 253 Hanover St., 617-742-1276: Named by *Food & Wine* magazine as one of the 10 best new chefs, owner Marc Orfaly spices up Marco's menu by accenting Rome's traditional cuisine with flavors from around the world. We recommend the Mediterranean-influenced fried cod cheeks. Served with crispy prosciutto and hot cherry peppers, these salty and savory delights ($12) are sure to pop in your mouth.

8 CANNOLI | MARIA'S PASTRY SHOP, 46 Cross St., 617-523-1196: No stop in the North End is complete without an award-winning cannoli ($2) from the family-run pastry shop Maria's. The fried dough shell is freshly stuffed with chocolate cream, vanilla cream or Ricotta cheese the moment you order it. Competitor Mike's Pastry may attract throngs of tourists, but Maria's is truly a hidden gem beloved by locals.

9 TORRONE | MODERN PASTRY, 257 Hanover St., 617-523-3783: Not craving a cannoli? Then, stop in to Modern Pastry and try one of their famous honey almond dessert nougats, or torrone ($4.75). Choose from fla-

GRAB A SLICE: Robert, Stephen, Rebekkah and David share a pizza at Antico Forno, 93 Salem St.

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vors like the cappuccino torrone—dipped in distinctive milk coffee chocolate and a blend of espresso beans—or the white torrone, a fluffy vanilla nougat with roasted almonds.

LEMON SLUSH | **POLCARI'S COFFEE, 105 Salem St., 617-227-0786:** Blend in with the locals by ordering the coolest treat on the street at Polcari's Coffee. Although the frosty drink scooped from a barrel outside the shop's front door is really more of a lemon slush, locals have renamed it "lemonade" ($1-1.50.) While there, check out this venerable shop's large stock of coffee, tea and spices.

PIZZA | **PUSHCART PIZZERIA, 117 Salem St., 617-523-8123:** Make sure to grab a slice of pizza from Pushcart Pizzeria, especially on Monday nights, when you get free slices with the purchase of a drink. Pushcart tends to get fairly crowded with people stopping in for a slice ($2.50 & up) or a full pie ($9–14), but even when busy, the vibe remains casual.

MAIALE | **TERRAMIA, 98 Salem St., 617-523-3112:** Enjoy a private dinner at intimate Terramia, where the delicious Maiale—a fillet of pork tenderloin with a honey walnut crust, served with parsnip puree, baby spinach and dried California prune sauce ($29)—is one of the most popular dishes on the menu.

LOBSTER RAVIOLI | **LIMONCELLO RISTORANTE, 190 North St., 617-523-4480:** Served in a creamy crabmeat and cherry tomato sauce, Limoncello's version of what's now a staple of many North End menus is rich and filling without being overwhelming, and at just $15, is surprisingly affordable.

PROSCIUTTO BOCCONCINI E PEPERONI | **STREGA RISTORANTE, 379 Hanover St., 617-523-8481:** Before the main event, Italians like to start with an antipasti, or light appetizer. Long a popular choice of local and visiting celebrities, Strega offers a perfect one: homemade mozzarella wrapped inside thinly sliced prosciutto and topped with roasted red peppers ($14.95).

STUFFED VEAL CHOPS | **MASSIMINO'S CUCINA ITALIANA, 207 Endicott St., 617-523-5959:** Here's the ultimate insider tip: the special stuffed veal chops ($31.95)—served in a wild mushroom port reduction with fontina cheese, pancetta, fresh basil, and roasted red peppers—isn't even on the menu, but it is a house specialty they'll be happy to cook for you on request.

SALTIMBOCCA DI POLLO | **ANTICO FORNO, 93 Salem St., 617-723-6733:** Antico Forno's brick oven makes it one of the neighborhood's best bets for pizza and rustic dishes like the traditional Italian saltimbocca with chicken ($17). The dish—seared chicken breast topped with Parma prosciutto and fontina cheese in a Madeira mushroom wine sauce with sautéed garlic spinach—simply melts in your mouth.

CHICKEN PARMIGIANA AND MEATBALL PANINIS | **ARTU TRATTORIA AND ROSTICCERIA, 6 Prince St., 617-742-4336:** There's nothing that curbs mid-day hunger pangs like a sub, and no one makes them better than Artu. Indulge in a classic panini from Artu's take-out counter, including a killer chicken parm for $6.25, or the meatball panini made with homemade meatballs served for $5.95.

BOLOGNESE SAUCE | **ASSAGGIO, 29 Prince St., 617-227-7380:** Bolognese sauce, a meat-based light tomato sauce, is a staple of Italian cooking, and Assaggio has it mastered. Try it on any of the pastas for about $13.95 or sample Assaggio's lasagna, layered with Bolognese, for $14.95.

FROZEN CAPPUCCINO | **CAFFE GRAFFITI, 280 Hanover St., 617-227-1562:** Revel in the open air seating of Caffe Graffiti as you sip a frozen cappuccino and watch the hustle and bustle of Hanover Street. A perfect spot to chill and chat with friends, Graffiti also boasts imported Italian pastries and creamy gelato.

TIRAMISU AND ESPRESSO CORRETTO | **CAFFE VITTORIA, 296 Hanover St., 617-227-7606:** Open late on Friday and Saturday nights, Caffe Vittoria is the spot to indulge in an after dinner coffee and dessert. Try the Espresso Corretto, a mix of espresso and Sambuca ($4.20) and of course, no Italian meal is complete without that decadent dessert, tiramisu—a mix of Mascarpone cheese, espresso, ladyfingers, liquor and cocoa ($3.94). Ⓟ

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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 39.*

CLASSICAL

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. Visit www.bso.org for complete performance schedule. *Tickets: $8.50–98.* ***Aug 4*** *at 8:30 p.m.* at the Koussevitzky Music Shed—The BSO is joined by conductor Edo de Waart and cellist Yo-Yo Ma for an all-Dvorak program; ***Aug 8*** *at 8:30 p.m.* at Ozawa Hall—The BSO is joined by pianist Pierre-Laurent Aimard for a program of works by Schumann, Bach and others; ***Aug 10*** *at 8:30 p.m.* at the Shed—The BSO is joined by pianist Pierre-Laurent Aimard for a program of works by Ravel, Bartok and others; ***Aug 11*** *at 8:30 p.m.* at Ozawa Hall—The BSO is joined by conductor Rafael Fruhbeck de Burgos and violinist Itzhak Perlman for a program of works by Schumann, Bruch and Stravinsky; ***Aug 12*** *at 2:30 p.m.* at the Shed—The BSO is joined by conductor Rafael Fruhbeck de Burgos, pianist Emanuel Ax and the Tanglewood Festival Chorus for a program of works by Mozart and Haydn.

LANDMARKS ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL AT THE SHELL, Hatch Shell, Charles River Esplanade. *Free and open to the public. General admission; outdoor seating.* The popular local ensemble the Boston Landmarks Orchestra presents its summer season of outdoor concerts. ***Aug 1*** *at 7 p.m.*—The BLO performs their newly-commmissioned work for families, *David and 'Old Ironsides'*; ***Aug 8*** *at 7 p.m.*—The BLO salutes the Red Sox with works by Copland, Sousa and John Williams, and Julian Wachner's *Lifting the Curse: A Story of the Red Sox.*

BOSTON LANDMARKS ORCHESTRA: Conductor Charles Ansbacher leads the ensemble in the Landmarks Orchestra Festival at the Shell on the Esplanade Wednesday nights. **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. ***July 30 & Aug 6*** *at 8 p.m.*—Amateur Showcase hosted by Kevin Knox; ***July 31 & Aug 7*** *at 8 p.m.*—Comedy Showcase with Paul Nardizzi; ***Aug 1*** *at 8 p.m.*—Comedy Showcase with Mike McDonald; ***Aug 2 & 9*** *at 8:30 p.m.*—Frank Santos "The R-Rated Hypnotist"; ***Aug 3*** *at 10:30 p.m.*—John Valby (A.K.A. Dr. Dirty); ***Aug 5*** *at 7 p.m.*—Boston Comedy Showcase; ***Aug 8*** *at 8 p.m.*—Comedy Showcase with Jim Dunn; ***Aug 10 & 11*** *at 8 and 10:15 p.m.*—Jeffery Ross; ***Aug 12*** *at 7 p.m.*—Gallagher.

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. ***July 31***—Mystery Lounge!; ***Aug 1***—Evan O'Sullivan, Dot Dwyer, Taylor Conelly and others; ***Aug 2 & 3***—Todd Barry CD recording with guests; ***Aug 4***—Bethany Van Delft, Bob Hagearty, Jennifer Myszkowski and others; ***Aug 5***—Tim Dillon, Nate Johnson, Dan Hirshon and others; ***Aug 7***—Danny Hustle, Joe Howard, Mike Bent and others; ***Aug 8***—Paul A. Marino, Anthony Scofield, Tom E. Morello and others; ***Aug 9***—The Micah/Myq Show with guests; ***Aug 10***—Tom E. Morello, Gary Sohmers, Ed Domingues and others; ***Aug 11***—Bethany Van Delft, Chris Oake, Doug Chagnon and others; ***Aug 12***—Kris Earle hosts Joe LaRoche, Jono Zalay, PJ Westin 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. ***Aug 9***—Greg Howell and friends; ***Aug 10***—Improv comedy and stand-up with The Outtakes; ***Aug 11***—Boston Comics with Attitude; ***Aug 12***—Robbie Printz hosts 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.* ***Aug 1 & 8*** *at 8 p.m.—Lost in Boston…or, How I Learned to Love that Dirty Water;* ***Aug 2 & 9*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Aug 3 & 10*** *at 10 p.m.,* ***Aug 4 & 11*** *at 8 and 10 p.m.—It's the North End of the World As We Know It (And I Feel Fine);* ***Aug 4 & 11*** *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. ***Aug 1 & 8*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Hump Fringe Show; ***Aug 1*** *at 10 p.m.*—The Naked Comedy Showcase; ***Aug 2 & 9*** *at 8 p.m.*—Comedy Thursdays with Zebro; *at 10 p.m.*—The Great and Secret Comedy Show; ***Aug 3 & 10*** *at 8 p.m.* —Law and Puppet; *at 10 p.m.*—TheatreSports; ***Aug 4 & 11*** *at 6 p.m.*—Family Show; *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Mainstage; ***Aug 5 & 12*** *at 7 p.m.*—Sgt. Culpepper's Comedy Jam.

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 estab-

lished and aspiring performers. ***Aug 2–5 & 9–12*** *at 7:30 p.m.—Jesus: The Guantanamo Years.*

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. ***Aug 3 & 4***—Jim Coliton; ***Aug 10 & 11***—Mark Riley.

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: ***Aug 1*** *at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.—Apocalypse Now Redux;* ***Aug 6*** *at 3, 5:15, 7:30 and 9:45 p.m.—Strangers On a Train;* ***Aug 11*** *at 11 a.m.—The 400 Blows;* ***Aug 13*** *at 9:30 p.m.—Little Darlings.*

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: Michael Moore's *Sicko; La Vie en Rose; Paris, je t'aime; Crazy Love.* Special events: ***Aug 3 & 4*** *at midnight—The Warriors;* ***Aug 6*** *at 7:30 p.m.—The Big Lebowski,* featuring a pre-screening bowling party; ***Aug 10 & 11*** *at midnight*—Jiggy Crunk: The Pop Rap Sing-a-Long.

FREE FRIDAY FLICKS ON THE ESPLANADE, 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. ***Aug 3*** *at sunset—Back to the Future;* ***Aug 10*** *at sunset—TBD.*

HARVARD FILM ARCHIVE, Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts, 24 Quincy St., Cambridge, 617-495-4700. *Call for showtimes, complete schedule and ticket prices.* With more than 300 films shown per year, HFA is one of the most active art cinemas in New England. Now showing: ***July 30*** *at 7 p.m.—The Body Snatcher; at 8:30 p.m.—Isle of the Dead;* ***Aug 1*** *at 6:30 p.m.—Julius Caesar; at 8:45 p.m.—The Fall of the Roman Empire;* ***Aug 2*** *at 7 p.m.—Ivan the Terrible Part I; at 9 p.m.—Ivan the Terrible Part II;* ***Aug 4*** *at 7 p.m.—La marseillaise; at 9:30 p.m.—La nuit de varennes;* ***Aug 5*** *at 7 p.m.—Tol'able David; at 8:45 p.m.—To the Last Man;* ***Aug 6*** *at 7 p.m.—Winchester '73; at 8:45 p.m.—Bend of the River;* ***Aug 7*** *at 9:15 p.m.—The Ballad of Cable Hogue;* ***Aug 8*** *at 7 p.m.—Whisky Galore; at 8:45 p.m.—The Night My Number Came Up;* ***Aug 9*** *at 7 p.m.— Congorilla; at 8:30 p.m.—Something of Value;* ***Aug 10*** *at 7 p.m.—Anima Mundi* and *Unsere Afrikareise; at 8 p.m.—Hatari!*

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. ***Aug 3*** *at dusk—A Man For All Seasons;* ***Aug 10*** *at dusk—Invasion of the Body Snatchers.*

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.*

MOVIES BY MOONLIGHT: Enjoy *A Man for All Seasons* August 3 and *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* August 10 at the Boston Harbor Hotel on Rowes Wharf. **Refer to listing, left.**

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: ***Aug 2*** *at 2:30 p.m.—In Search of Mozart;* ***beginning Aug 2***—Music on Film Series.

ROXBURY FILM FESTIVAL, films are shown at Northeastern University, Cabral Center at John D. O'Bryant African-American Institute, 40 Leon St.; Massachusetts College of Art, Tower Auditorium, 621 Huntington Ave.; the Museum of Fine Arts, Remis Auditorium, 465 Huntington Ave., and other locations, 617-541-3900. ***Aug 1–5****. Tickets: $8–12 for feature films and short film programs, $75–125 for festival passes.* This urban film festival showcases feature-length films, documentaries and short films written, produced and directed by filmmakers of color. It also hosts panel discussions by industry professionals and networking opportunities for filmmakers. Special guests include actor Boris Kodjoe. *Call for complete schedule or visit www.roxburyfilmfestival.org.*

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. ***July 30 & 31*** *at 10 a.m.*—Playspace: Messy Activity; ***July 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27*** *at 11 a.m.*—Playspace: Music and Movement; ***July 18 & 25*** *from 12:30–2:30 p.m.*—Cornell UrbanBird Watch; ***July 21*** *at 11:30 a.m., 1:20 and 2:45 p.m.*—Critter Day: Rainforest Reptile Shows.

BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS EVENTS, Boston Harbor Islands National Park area, 617-223-8666. One of Boston's great geographical resources—the Boston Harbor Islands—provide a picturesque and exciting setting for family events all summer long. ***Aug 3 & 8*** *at noon and 1:30 p.m.*—Boston Children's Theatre presents *Tokoloshe* at Fort Warren on Georges Island, *free;* ***Aug 11 & 12***—Family Fun Day: Native American Gathering.

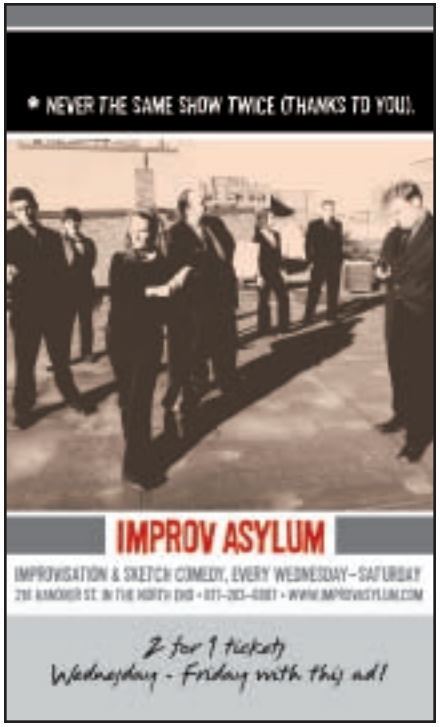
BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY, 700 Boylston St., Copley Square, 617-536-5400. *Refer to listing in Sightseeing.* The first publicly supported municipal library in the world hosts many activities and special programs for children, including live performances, storytelling, interactive computer activities and films. ***Aug 1*** *at 10:30 a.m.*—Valerie Stephens performs songs and stories for the whole family; ***Aug 2*** *at 2 p.m.*—Film: *Save the Last Dance;* ***Aug 8*** *at 10:30 a.m.*—Magician Steve Rudolph; ***Aug 9*** *at 2 p.m.*—Film: *Grease.*

KIDS SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL, Regattabar, The Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett St. Cambridge, 617-864-1200. A family summer jazz series of great music that's suitable for all audiences. ***Aug 5*** *at 3 p.m.*—Family-friendly tunes from SteveSongs and youthful girl-power songs from Girl Authority, comprised of girls aged 10–15, *tickets: $14;* ***Aug 12*** *at 3 p.m.*—High-energy kid-rock band The Dirty Sock Funtime Band, *tickets: $14.*

MAGIC CIRCLE THEATER, Tufts University, Medford/Somerville Campus, 617-627-3493. *Tickets: $7.* New England's oldest children's theater where young actors run lines, create sets and costumes and ultimately, perform. The program highlights all aspects of working at a theater. ***July 31*** *at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.,* ***Aug 1*** *at 10:30 a.m.,* ***Aug 9*** *at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.—The Wiz;* ***Aug 2*** *at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.—Peter Pan;* ***Aug 7*** *at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.,* ***Aug 8*** *at 10:30 a.m.—Charlotte's Web.*

ONE WORLD SUMMER PROGRAM, Mary Baker Eddy Library, 200 Mass. Ave., 617-450-7330. ***Aug 7*** *at 10 a.m.* The Mary Baker Eddy Library presents a series of craft activities, storytelling and fun appropriate for ages 4–10.

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. ***Aug 1 & 2*** *at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.—Aesop's Fables;* ***Aug 5*** *at 1 p.m.—Three Pigs and*



Other Tales; ***Aug 8 & 9*** *at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.—The Golden Touch of Midas and Other Tales;* ***Aug 12*** *at 1 p.m.—Bingo, the Circus Dog.*

LIVE MUSIC

AGGANIS ARENA, Boston University, 925 Commonwealth Ave., 617-931-2000. This new venue is a state-of-the-art, multipurpose entertainment center with more than 7,200 seats for concerts, sporting events and family shows. ***Aug 11*** *at 8 p.m.*—Muse, *tickets: $37.50.*

AVALON, 15 Lansdowne St., 617-262-2424. This popular nightclub hosts rock and pop music acts prior to evening dance nights with DJs. ***Aug 3*** *at 7 p.m.*—Rodney Atkins, *tickets: $25.*

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. ***July 30*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Moody Blues, *tickets: $35–60;* ***July 31*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Deep Purple with Blue Oyster Cult, *tickets: $28.50 & 38.50;* ***Aug 1*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Squeeze, *tickets: $25–45;* ***Aug 3*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Bryan Adams with George Thorogood and the Destroyers, *tickets: $35 & 50;* ***Aug 4*** *at 8 p.m.*—Zappa Plays Zappa, *tickets: $30–45;* ***Aug 5*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Crowded House with Pete Yorn and Liam Finn, *tickets: $25–45;* ***Aug 6*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Beastie Boys, *tickets: $45;* ***Aug 7 & 8*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—The Allman Brothers Band, *tickets: $35 & 50;* ***Aug 12*** *at 5 p.m.*—WBCN Band Camp, featuring Incubus, The Bravery, Satellite Party and others, *tickets: $38.50.*

BOSTON HARBOR HOTEL, 70 Rowes Wharf, 617-439-7000. *Free and open to the public. Performances begin at 6 p.m.* 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. ***July 31***—Summer Soul with Soul City; ***Aug 1 & 8***—Summer Swing with The White Heat Orchestra; ***Aug 2***—Blues Barge with The Love Dogs; ***Aug 7***—Summer Soul with World Premier Band; ***Aug 9***—Blues Barge with Jeff Pitchell.

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. ***Aug 2*** *at 7 and 10 p.m.*—Ryan Montbleau with Anne Heaton, *tickets: $18;* ***Aug 4*** *at 7 p.m.*—Joe Ely, *tickets: $35;* ***Aug 11*** *at 8 p.m.*—Nerissa and Katryna Nields, *tickets: $20;* ***Aug 12*** *at 7 p.m.*—Suzy Bogguss, *tickets: $30.*

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. ***Aug 4***—Southside Johnny & The Asbury Jukes with Eli "Paperboy" Reed, *tickets: $30;* ***Aug 6***—Kevin Max (of DC Talk), *tickets: $10;* ***Aug 9***—My Little Radio with Hi Five, *tickets: $20;* ***Aug 10***—Playin' Dead (Grateful Dead tribute), *tickets: $5.*

HATCH SHELL, Charles River Esplanade. *Free and open to the public. General admission; outdoor seating.* ***Aug 11*** *at 7 p.m.*—Oldies 103.3 Free Summer Concert Series featuring The Beach Boys.

JAZZ IN JULY, South Station Grand Concourse, 617-482-2319. *Free and open to the public.* Relax and enjoy great live jazz during lunchtime. ***July 30*** *from 12:30–1:30 p.m.*—Marianne Solivan Quartet.

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. ***Aug 1*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Andy Palacio and the Garifuna Collective; ***Aug 8*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Elvis Perkins in Dearland with Dr. Dog.

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. ***July 31***—You Am I with Smoking Popes, *tickets: $12;* ***Aug 4***—Lez Zeppelin with Band of Thieves, *tickets: $20;* ***Aug 11***—Junior Senior with Gravy Train, *tickets: $15;* ***Aug 12***—Tokyo Police Club with Ra Ra Riot and Vampire Weekend, *tickets: $12.*

OPERA HOUSE, 539 Washington St., 617-259-3400. This magnificent venue for opera and musical theater also hosts pop and rock concerts. ***Aug 5*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Beastie Boys, *tickets: $60.*

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.* ***Aug 3*** *at 9 p.m.*—Rocco DeLuca and the Burden, *tickets: $15;* ***Aug 4*** *at 8 p.m.*—Boson Rocks Reunion Bash, featuring top Boston bands of the 1990s, *tickets: $15;* ***Aug 9*** *at 9 p.m.*—Israel Vibration, *tickets: $20.*

REGATTABAR, third floor of The Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett St., Cambridge, 617-661-5099. ***Aug 2*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Django Reinhardt Festival, featuring Dorado Schmitt, *tickets: $25;* ***Aug 3 & 4*** *at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—Charlie Haden with Paul Bley, *tickets: $28;* ***Aug 8*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Jenny Scheinman Band with Nels Cline, *tickets: $20;* ***Aug 9*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Mark Murphy, *tickets: $23;* ***Aug 10*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Anat Ford, *tickets: $20.*

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.* ***Aug 1***—Scullers Dance Party with The Spanish Harlem Orchestra, *tickets: $38, $78 with dinner;* ***Aug 2***—Greg Abate Quartet, *tickets: $18, $58 with dinner;* ***Aug 3 & 4***—Karrin Allyson, *tickets: $25, $65 with dinner;* ***Aug 8***—Darryl Tookes, *tickets: $20, $60 with dinner;* ***Aug 9 & 10***—Acoustic Alchemy, *tickets: $25, $65 with dinner;* ***Aug 11***—The G-Clefs, *tickets: $25, $65 with dinner.*

TD BANKNORTH GARDEN, 100 Legends Way (Causeway Street), 617-624-1000. The former FleetCenter not only hosts Celtics and Bruins home games, but is the premier indoor concert arena for the city of Boston. ***Aug 10*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Justin Timberlake, *tickets: $53.50–151;* ***Aug 12*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Beyonce with Robin Thicke, *tickets: $59.75–200.75.*

TITO PUENTE LATIN MUSIC SERIES, O'Day Park, 85 West Newton St., 617-927-1717. *Free and open to the public. General admission; outdoor seating.* Musical performances sponsored by the Center for Latino Arts and Berklee College of Music. ***Aug 2*** *at 7 p.m.*—Nu' Guajiro.

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. ***July 30, Aug 5, 6 & 12*** *at 8 p.m.*—Marty Ballou Trio; ***July 31*** *at 8:30 p.m.*—Bob Nieske Trio; ***Aug 5 & 12*** *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.* ***Aug 1***—Pink Mantis with Patience Please and Madison Project; ***Aug 3***—The Information with The Snowleopards, The Lie Society and Hiss & Chambers; ***Aug 6***—Handsome Furs with The Faraway Places and Mean Creek; ***Aug 11***—Mucca Pazza with Beat Circus, HUMAN-WINE and Ara Anderson Iron and the Albatross.

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. ***Aug 1 & 2*** *at 7 p.m.*—Dave Matthews Band with Xavier Rudd, *tickets: $40 & 65;* ***Aug 9*** *at noon*—Vans Warped Tour, featuring Bad Religion, Coheed & Cambria, New Found Glory and others, *tickets: $24;* ***Aug 10*** *at 2 p.m.*—O.A.R., *tickets: $35;* ***Aug 11*** *at 7 p.m.*—Def Leppard with Styx and Foreigner, *tickets: $25–75.*

WBOS FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES, Copley Square Park, Boylston Street. Popular Boston radio station 92.9 WBOS hosts its annual free outdoor concert series. ***Aug 2*** *at 5:30 p.m.*—DeSol with Ryan Shaw; ***Aug 9*** *at 5:30 p.m.*—Fountains of Wayne with Sarah Borges and The Broken Singles.

SPECIAL EVENTS

AUGUST MOON FESTIVAL, Chinatown Gateway Arch, Harrison Street. ***Aug 12*** *from 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Free and open to the public.* This annual event celebrates the August Moon, acting as a Mid-Autumn Festival for the Chinese people. Revelers enjoy the tasty pastry delicacies moon cakes, and parades of children carry paper lanterns through the streets.

BOSTON RESTAURANT WEEK, at restaurants throughout the Boston and Cambridge area. ***Aug 5–10, 12–17****. Lunches: $20.07. Dinners: $33.07.* This seventh annual event celebrates Boston's vibrant culinary scene with more than 100 of the city's best restaurants offering three-course, prix-fixe menus at a reasonable price (cost does not include beverages, tax or gratuity). Almost every big player on the restaurant scene is taking part, including L'Espalier, Union Oyster House, Top of the Hub and many more.

DOMINICAN FESTIVAL AND PARADE, Ramsay Park, Melnea Cass Blvd., Roxbury, 617-201-2909. ***Aug 10–12*** *from noon–7 p.m. Free and open to the public.* Boston's Dominican population celebrates their culture and heritage with a weekend-long block party featuring live music, food and other entertainment, culminating in a parade ***Aug 12*** *at noon.*

ICONS FESTIVAL, Irish Cultural Centre of New England, Canton, www.iconsfestival.com. ***Aug 10*** *beginning at 7 p.m.,* ***Aug 11 & 12*** *beginning at noon. Tickets: $20–50 (weekend passes: $120); children 12 and under free.* The18th annual

edition of the region's most popular Irish festival sees a reinvention take place, with the traditional Irish food, crafts, children's entertainiment and activities, games, dance demonstrations and more augmented this year by a mammoth three-day concert featuring a mix of traditonal irish artists (Tommy Makem, Cherish the Ladies) Celtic-influenced folk (Nanci Griffith, The Roches) and rock (Dropkick Murphys, The Black Crowes, The Saw Doctors).

INDIA DAY, DRC Hatch Shell, The Charles River Esplanade. ***Aug 12*** *from 4:30–9 p.m. Free and open to the public.* The India Association of Greater Boston presents India Day 2007, celebrating India's independence day. The program includes classical and folk dances, instrumental music, popular and patriotic songs, crafts, Indian food and more.

LONGFELLOW SUMMER FESTIVAL 2007, 105 Brattle St., 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.* ***Aug 12*** *at 4 p.m.*—The Olmsted Ensemble performs works by Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven.

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. ***Aug 3*** *from 5–11 p.m.,* ***Aug 4 & 5*** *from noon–11 p.m.*—St. Agrippina Feast; ***Aug 10–12*** *at 1 p.m.*—Madonna Della Cava Procession.

PAN-MASSACHUSETTS CHALLENGE, Starting from Babson College, Wellesley, 800-WE-CYCLE. ***Aug 4 & 5*** *beginning at 7:30 a.m. Riders typically complete their ride Sunday from 9 a.m.–3 p.m.* The Pan-Massachusetts Challenge is the nation's first fundraising bike-a-thon. More than 4,000 cyclists from 37 states ride the six rigorous and scenic routes through 46 Massachusetts towns over one or two days, pedaling to raise money for the Jimmy Fund in an attempt to help wipe out cancer in children.

PLAYHOUSE IN THE PARK PERFORMING ARTS SERIES, Franklin Park Playstead, Dorchester, 617-908-4002. This *free* summer performing arts series is dedicated to Elma Lewis, founder of the Elma Lewis School of the Arts and originator of the original Playhouse in the Park in 1966—a series that brought performers like Duke Ellington and Billy Taylor to Boston. ***July 31*** *at 10:30 a.m.*—Chinese dance from the Chu Ling Dance Academy; ***July 31*** *at 5 p.m.*—Boston's Spotlight on Youth talent search; ***July 31*** *at 7 p.m.*—Latin jazz from Israel Pabon and Estudio II Orchestra; ***Aug 7*** *at 10:30 a.m.*—Contemporary dance from the A. Major Dance Company; ***Aug 7*** *at 6 p.m.*—Jazz from Richard Evans and The Makanda Project.

SPORTS

BOSTON CANNONS **MAJOR LEAGUE LACROSSE**
Harvard Stadium, 888-847-9700
Aug 2 *at 7:30 p.m.* vs. Long Island Lizards

BOSTON RED SOX **MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**
Fenway Park, 4 Yawkey Way, 617-482-4SOX.
July 31 & Aug 1 *at 7:05 p.m.* vs. Baltimore Orioles
Aug 2 *at 1:05 p.m.* vs. Baltimore Orioles

BROCKTON ROX **CAN-AM LEAGUE PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL**
Campanelli Stadium, One Lexington Ave., Brockton, 508-559-7070.
July 30 & 31, Aug 2 *at 7:05 p.m.* vs. Can-Am Grays
Aug 1 *at noon* vs. Can-Am Grays
Aug 7 *at 7:05 p.m.* vs. North Shore Spirit
Aug 10 & 11 *at 7:05 p.m.* vs.Quebec Capitales
Aug 12 *at 5:05 p.m.* vs. Quebec Capitales

NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION **MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER**
Gillette Stadium, One Patriot Place, Foxborough, 800-543-1776 or 877-GETREVS.
Aug 2 *at 7 p.m.* vs. Kansas City Wizards
Aug 5 *at 4 p.m.* vs. D.C. United
Aug 12 *at 7 p.m.* vs. Los Angeles Galaxy

NORTH SHORE SPIRIT **CAN-AM LEAGUE PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL**
Fraser Field, 365 Western Ave., Lynn, 781-592-0007.
Aug 3 *at 7:05 p.m.* vs. Worcester Tornadoes
Aug 4 *at 6:05 p.m.* vs. Worcester Tornadoes
Aug 5 *at 1:05 p.m.* vs. Worcester Tornadoes
Aug 8 & 9 *at 7:05 p.m.* vs. Brockton Rox

THEATER

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.

A MARVELOUS PARTY! THE NOËL COWARD CELEBRATION, The Club at Zero Arrow Theatre, Zero Arrow St., Cambridge, 617-547-8300. *Performances* ***through Aug 5****: Tue–Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sun at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $25–45, students $15.* Noël Coward, the incomparable composer, lyricist, and razor-edged playwright, serves as the inspiration for this effervescent revue, a lighthearted romp featuring 33 tunes and a bevy of sketches, anecdotes, writings and musings. Songs include "Mad About the Boy" and "Mad Dogs and Englishmen," as well as Coward's skewering of stage mothers, "Mrs. Worthington," and his lovingly caustic reworking of the lyrics in Cole Porter's "Let's Do It."

MISALLIANCE, Publick Theatre, Christian Herter Park, Soldiers Field Road, 617-782-5425. *Performances:* ***Aug 8, 9 & 12*** *at 7:30 p.m.,* ***Aug 10 & 11*** *at 8 p.m. Tickets $27 & $32.* When an airplane crash brings an intelligent Adonis and an enticing female Polish acrobat into the lives of Hypatia and her fiance Bunny, multiple romances—interrupted briefly by an attempted murder—ensue, as the characters provoke and challenge one another. Widely considered one of the great plays of the English language, George Bernard Shaw's comedy continues to be as fresh and modern as when it was written nearly a hundred years ago.

MR. MARMALADE, Company One, Plaza Theatre, Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., 617-933-8600. *Performances* ***Through Aug 11****: Wed & Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 4 and 8 p.m., Sun at 7 p.m. Tickets: $15–30.* Lucy is a 4-year-old girl with a very active imagination. Unfortunately, her imaginary friend Mr. Marmalade doesn't have much time for her. Not to mention he beats up his personal assistant, is addicted to cocaine, and has a penchant for pornography. Five-year-old Larry, her only real friend, is the youngest suicide attempt in the history of New Jersey—and that's only the beginning in this Boston premiere by Noah Haidle (*Persephone*).

ROMEO AND JULIET, Publick Theatre, Christian Herter Park, Soldiers Field Road, 617-782-5425. *Performances:* ***Aug 2 & 5*** *at 7:30 p.m.,* ***Aug 3 & 4*** *at 8 p.m. Tickets $27 & $32.* Shakespeare's famous tale about two "star-crossed" lovers is equally about weaknesses in human nature, family structure and social order. One after the other, the social institutions that should have rescued them—family, church and ultimately the state—fail them, leading to their inevitable, tragic fate.

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.

THE TRAGICOMEDY OF DON CRISTÓBAL ET SEÑÀ ROSITA, Arsenal Center for the Arts' Black Box, 321 Arsenal St., Watertown, 617-923-8487. *Performances* ***beginning Aug 9****: Thu & Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 & 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. Tickets $20.* Enter the high-spirited and free-wheeling world of Federico Garcia Lorca's folk-play, which uses an imaginative blend of live action, masked performance and puppetry-arts to tell the Punch-and-Judy-like story of how one little lovelorn lass is forced to become the unwilling bride of the insatiable and ridiculous Don Cristóbal, Master of the Billy-Club.

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.

EDWARD HOPPER, *CHOP SUEY*, 1929

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS: Visitors continue to flock to the comprehensive retrospective of the work of iconic American painter Edward Hopper. Refer to listing, page 35.

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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 exhibit: 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; Works by Philip-Lorca diCorcia; Momentum 8: Dave McKenzie; Accumulations. Special event: ***Aug 9** at 6 p.m.*—The Harborwalk Sounds outdoor concert series presents Zili Misik.

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: 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.

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. Lawn events held from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Tickets: $10; seniors and children (ages 6–16) $5.* The oldest collection of historic automobiles in the nation is displayed in the owner's original home. Lawn events: ***Aug 4***—Mazda Miata Day; ***Aug 5***—Italian Car Day; ***Aug 12***—Larz Anderson Bicycle Show. Special event: ***Aug 3** at 8 p.m.*—April Verch performs in the Carriage House Concert Series.

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.

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. Extended Summer hours on Thu until 8 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 exhibit: Reflections on the Middle Passage.

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, 465 Huntington Ave., 617-267-9300. *Open Mon & Tue 10 a.m.–4:45 p.m., Wed–Fri 10 a.m.–9:45 p.m., Sat & Sun 10 a.m.–4:45 p.m. Admission (includes two visits in a 10-day period): $17; students & seniors $15; 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; Women of Renown: Female Heroes and Villains in the Prints of Utagawa Kuniyoshi; Material Journeys: Collecting African and Oceanic Art, 1945–2000; 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;* ***through Aug 1***—Through Six Generations: The Weng Collection of Chinese Painting and Calligraphy; ***through Aug 5***—War and Discontent.

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE, Science Park, 617-723-2500. *Sat–Thu from 9 a.m.–7 p.m., Fri 'til 9 p.m. Admission: $17; seniors $15; children (3–11) $14; 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.*

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.

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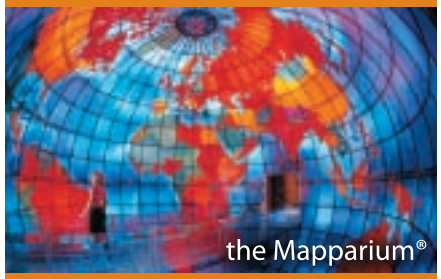

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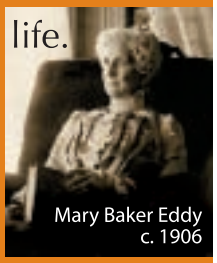

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USS CONSTITUTION MUSEUM, Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, 617-426-1812. *Open daily 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Free admission.* The museum preserves the treasures of "Old Ironsides," the U.S. Navy's flagship and the world's oldest commissioned warship. Includes weapons, documents, journals and more. Interactive exhibits allow visitors to load and fire a cannon, try out a sailor's sleeping quarters and virtually command the *Constitution* in battle. Special exhibits: Old Ironsides in War and Peace; Sailors Speak: A Sailor's Life for Me?; The Barbary War: Piracy, Politics and Power.

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 in Munich; Making Myth Modern: Primordial Themes in German 20th-Century Sculpture; Light Display Machines, two works by László Moholy-Nagy.

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; Contemporary Art from the Harvard University Art Museums Collections.

HARVARD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 26 Oxford St., 617-495-3045. *Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $9; seniors and students $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.

THE MIT MUSEUM, 265 Mass. Ave., 617-253-4444. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $7.50; seniors, students and youth (5–18) $3; 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 9 a.m.–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: ***through Aug 12***—A Splash of Blue.

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 exhibits: Nina Levy: Headlong and Big Baby; Beauty and Decay: Photographs of Flowers; Approaches to Narrative; ***through Aug 12***—The 2007 Annual DeCordova Exhibition. Special events: ***Aug 2*** *at 6:30 p.m.*—Jazz duo Matt Richard and Jim Robitaille, *tickets: $25 (includes box dinner and Twilight Tour);* ***Aug 9*** *at 6:30 p.m.*—Cellist Javier Caballero, *tickets: $25 (includes box dinner and Twilight Tour).*

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; Pets in America: The Story of Our Lives with Animals at Home; The Art of the Needle: Masterpiece Quilts from the Shelburne Museum; Unlocking the Code: Masonic and Fraternal Aprons; ***through Aug 12***—For Every Fighter, A Woman Worker: World War I Posters.

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;

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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 exhibit: ***through July 30***—Too Much is Not Enough by John Armleder.

SALEM WITCH MUSEUM, 19½ Washington Square North, Salem, 978-744-1692. *Daily 10 a.m.–7 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

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.

BERNARD TOALE GALLERY, 450 Harrison Ave., 617-482-2477. *Tue–Sat 10:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Open by appointment only in August.* This gallery, established in 1992, specializes in cutting-edge contemporary art by both rising and established, internationally known artists. Special exhibits: Summer Reading; Works by Sandy Litchfield.

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 Aug 4***—Cast and Constructed.

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: What is Big?

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.

CHASE GALLERY, 129 Newbury St., 617-859-7222. *Mon–Fri 10:30 a.m.–6 p.m., 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: ***beginning Aug 1***—Age of Innocence.

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: Albert Decaris: Early Works; European Drawing; Joseph Pannell in Spain.

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. Special exhibit: The 14th annual Summer Poster Show.

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 exhibits: ***through Aug 4***—Humaneyes: Works by Jennifer Amadeo-Holl, Ria Brodell, Jill Greenberg and Rune Olsen; ***beginning Aug 9***—With Love, Zygmund Jankowski.

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: In the Garden: Outdoor Artwork; Glass Menagerie: Creative Forms in Glass.

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: ***through Aug 4***—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. Special exhibit: ***through Aug 11***—Summer Salon.

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 exhibits: Fine Choices 2007: Pucker Gallery celebrates 40 years; A World in Grosz Disarray: Works on Paper by George Grosz.

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: ***beginning Aug 10***—Architecture/Structure in Contemporary Craft.

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.

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.

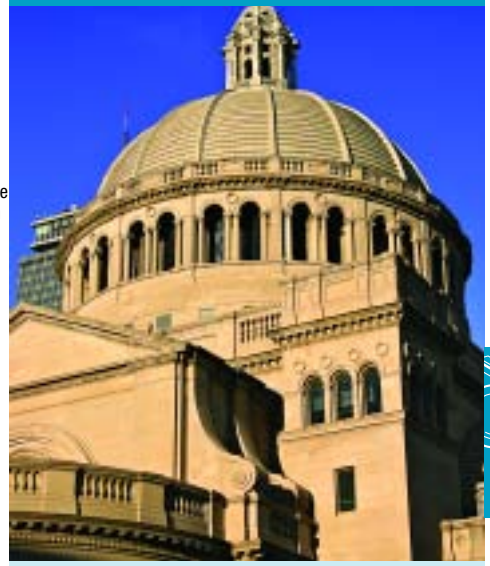
BOSTON ATHENAEUM, 10½ Beacon St., 617-227-0270. *Open: Tue–Fri 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Mon 'til 8 p.m. Art & Architecture tours: Tue & Thu at 3 p.m. Reservations required.* One of the oldest and most distinguished private libraries in the United States, the Athenaeum was founded in 1807. For nearly half 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.* 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., 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, Congress 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 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.

SKYWALK OBSERVATORY: Enjoy 360 degree views of the city and the surrounding area from atop the Prudential Building. **Refer to listing, left.**

BOSTON MOVIE TOURS, 866-MOVIE-45. www.boston movietours.net. *Call for complete schedule of tours. Tickets (by reservation only): $35; seniors & students $32; children (6–12) $26.* 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 local hotels and visitors' centers, at *9 a.m., 1 p.m and 4 p.m.* DQT provides first-class sightseeing and transfer services to incoming visitors to the Greater Boston area 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 minibuses. 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 and a half 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.

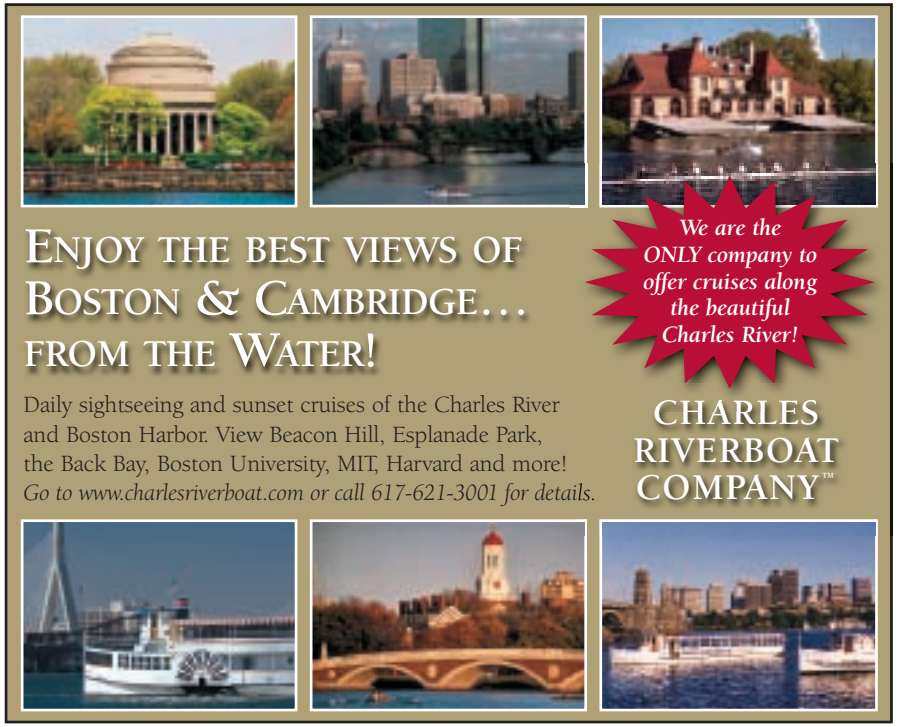
THE FREEDOM TRAIL FOUNDATION'S FREEDOM TRAIL PLAYERS, 617-357-8300. *Private tours depart from the Visitor Center on Boston Common. Tickets: $12; seniors $10; children (12 and under) $6.* Explore the Freedom Trail with costumed actors portraying famous patriots such as James Otis, Abigail Adams and William 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.* ***July 31 & Aug 7*** *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.

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 hid-



den 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.–5 p.m. Tickets: $32; seniors & students $28; children (3–12) $10.* 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, 617-522-9080. *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.

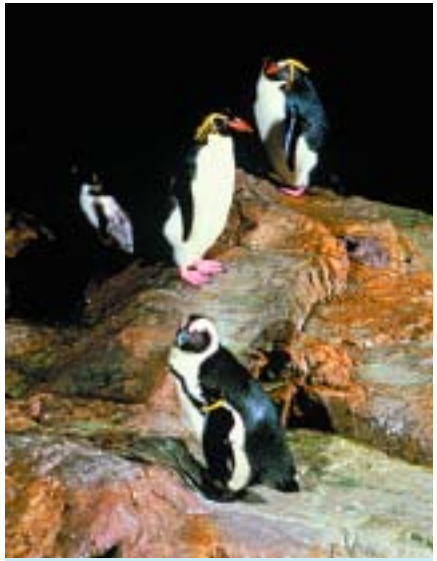
SUPER DUCK EXCURSIONS, departing from Charlestown Navy Yard, 877-34-DUCKS. *Tours: daily at 11 a.m., noon, 1, 2, 3 and 4 p.m. Tickets: $23, seniors and students $20, children (ages 3–11) $15, children (under 3) $5.* Boston's newest amphibious tour company takes visitors on a trip through the Hub they've 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.–5 p.m., weather permitting. Tickets: $2.75, seniors $2.00, 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."



NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM: This popular aquatic zoo features a wide variety of marine life, including the beloved penguins pictured above. **Refer to listing, below.**

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–Thu 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Fri–Sun 9 a.m.–7 p.m. Admission: $18.95; children (3–11) $10.95; 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 10 a.m.–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. Special event: ***Aug 4*** *from 11 a.m.–3 p.m.*—Teddy Bear Picnic, where youngsters can bring their teddy bears to the zoo to march in a teddy bear parade, and bear check-ups will even be provided by zoo staff for the furry creatures.

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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.

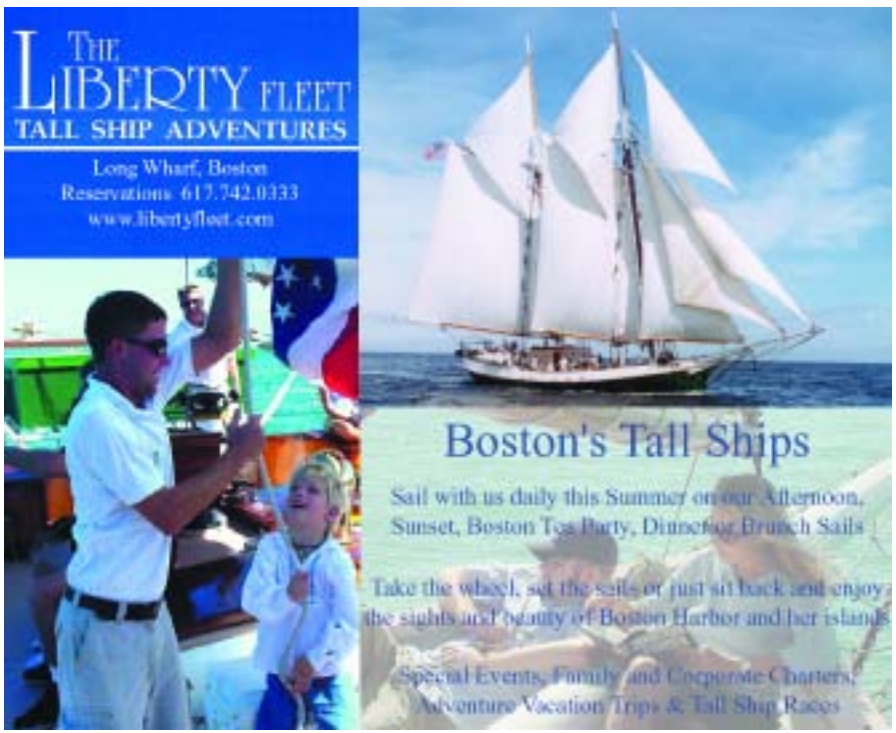
HARVARD AND RADCLIFFE YARDS. The centers of two institutions that have played major educational roles since Harvard's founding in 1636.

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–Sun 12:30–4:30 p.m., Park ranger-guided 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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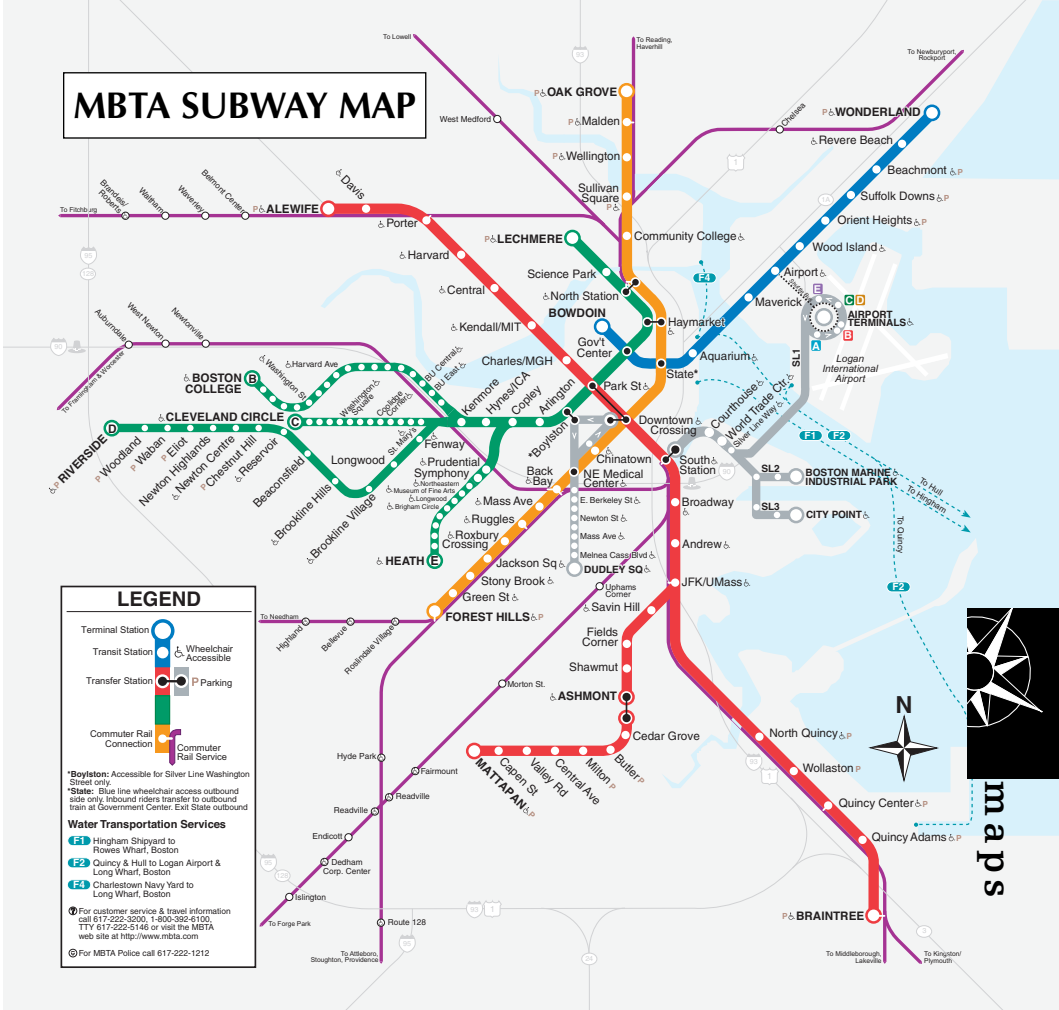

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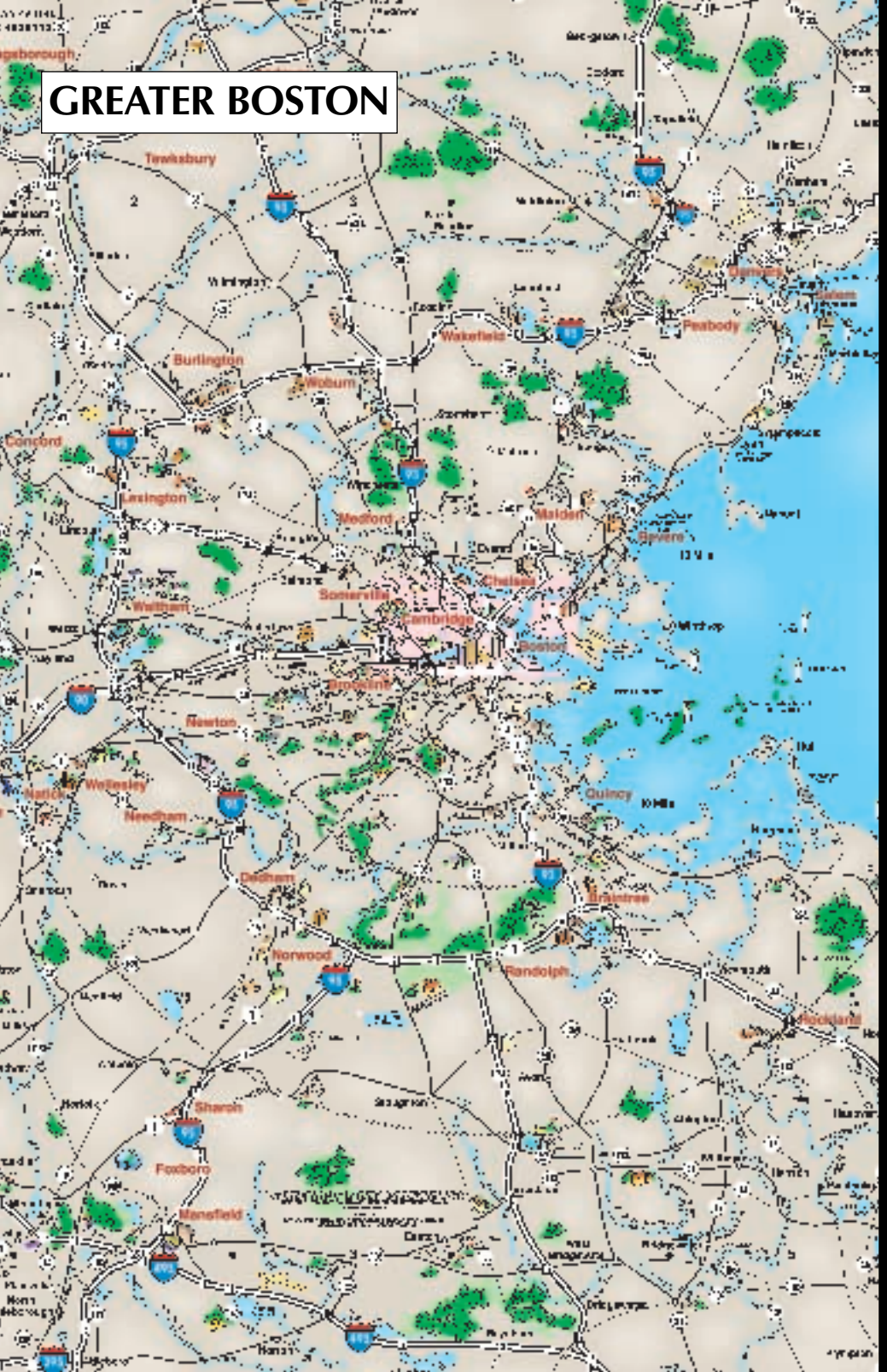
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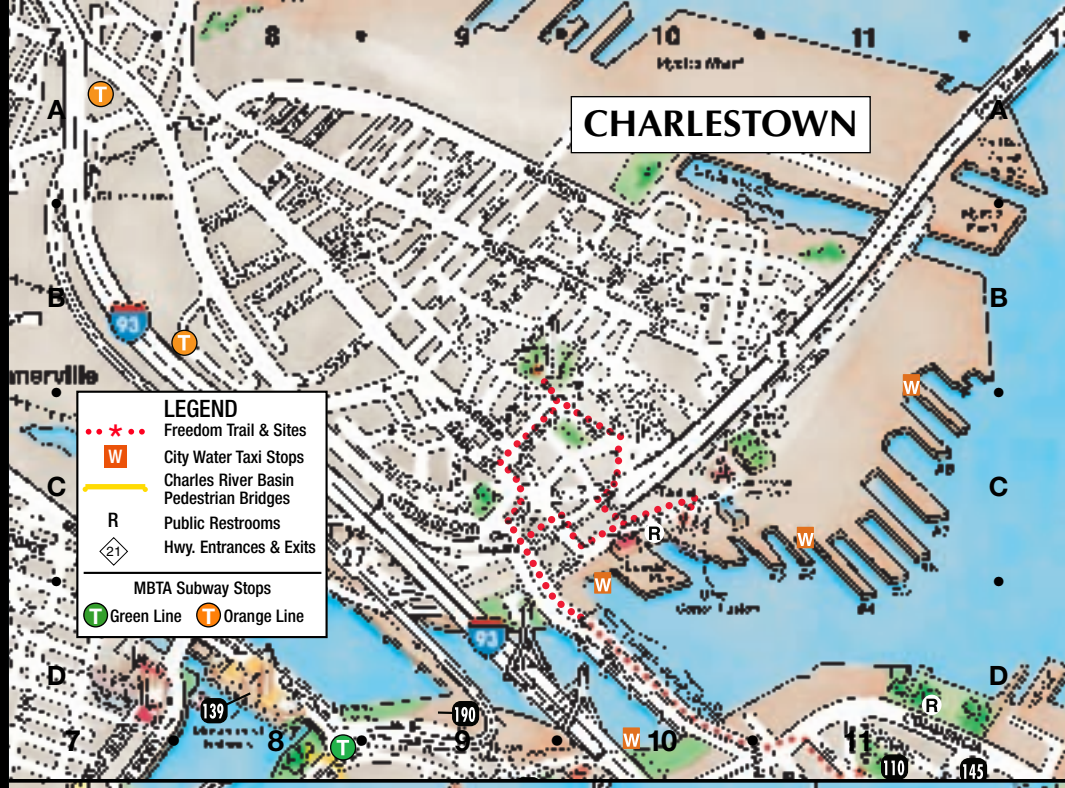
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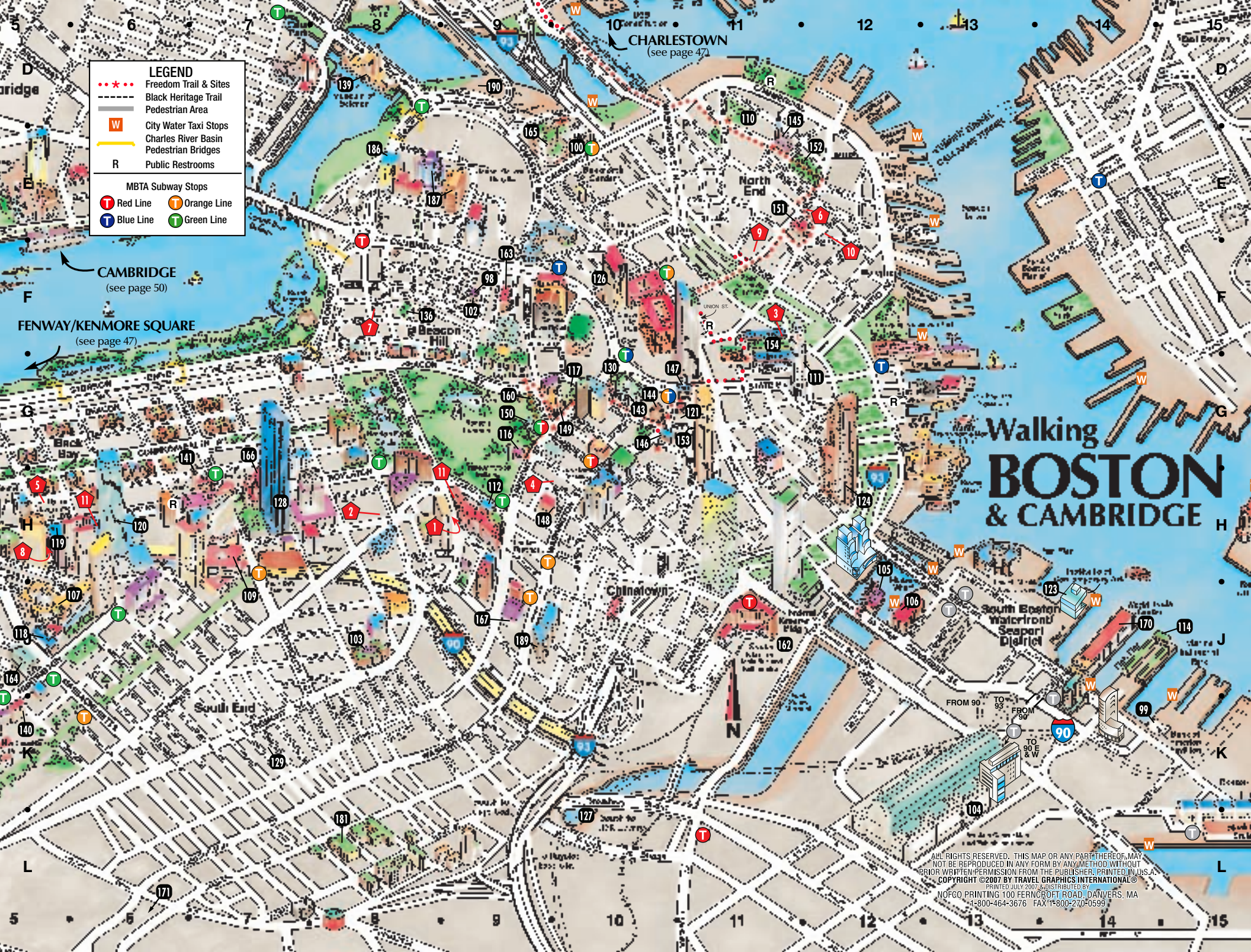
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CHEERS: The place where everybody knows your name offers top pub grub and plenty of brew at the original location on Beacon Street and at its newer site at Faneuil Hall Marketplace (pictured above). **Refer to listing, below.**

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.

BUKOWSKI'S TAVERN, 50 Dalton St., 617-437-9999. *Daily 11:30 a.m.–2 a.m. Cash only.* Traditional pub-style food and more than 100 types of beer characterize this cozy and unpretentious hole-in-the-wall space near the Prudential Center Mall.

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.

THE GREEN DRAGON TAVERN, 11 Marshall St., 617-367-0055. Boston's premier 18th-century tavern on the Freedom Trail. Serving lunch and dinner daily with lobster specials *Mon–Thu.* Entertainment nightly with a traditional Irish 'seisiun' every *Sat from 4–8 p.m.*

JAKE IVORY'S, 9 Lansdowne St., 617-247-1222. *Thu 9 p.m.–2 a.m., Fri & Sat. 8:30 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover: $4–10, table reservations available.* Come join the crowds who marvel at (and sing along with) the dueling pianists at this club in the heart of nightlife central, Lansdowne Street. Great for a casual night out, after work parties or friendly get-togethers.

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.

MR. DOOLEY'S BOSTON TAVERN, 77 Broad St., Financial District, 617-338-5656. *Open nightly. Fri & Sat $5 cover.* This authentic Irish pub features charming ambiance, 13 imported drafts on tap and live music six nights a week. Journalists, politicians and young professionals find Mr. Dooley's to be "a great place for a pint and a chat."

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.

TOP OF THE HUB, 800 Boylston St., 617-536-1775. Listen to the sounds of live jazz seven nights a week while experiencing the breathtaking view atop Boston's Prudential Center. Featuring a midnight menu *Sun–Wed 'til 1 a.m., Thu–Sat 'til 2 a.m.*

NIGHTCLUBS

THE ALLEY, One Boylston Place, 617-351-7000. *Fri & Sat 9:30 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover: $5–10.* Located in the famous Boylston Street alleyway, this one-stop nightspot includes Sweetwater Cafe, Suite, Mansion and the Liquor Store, where you can ride Boston's only mechanical bull. The Alley offers a fun night out for most every taste.

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.

DISTRICT, 180 Lincoln St., 617-426-0180. *Wed–Sat 'til 2 a.m.* This distinctive nightspot in the heart of Boston's industrial chic Leather District mixes eclectic décor, shareable appetizers and hearty entrees such as tuna sashimi with delicious cocktails, while DJs spin nightly, setting a vibe that strikes a balance between exotic and sensual, laid-back and casual.

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.

GAME ON, 82 Lansdowne St., 617-351-7001. *Mon–Fri 7–10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.–2 a.m., Sat & Sun 8 a.m.–2 a.m.* The ultimate for any sports club enthusiast: a bar/restaurant/nightclub built inside Fenway Park. The newest jewel in the renovation of the Fenway area, this nightspot offers a cool, sleek spot in which to sample a full menu and watch the Sox, and other sporting events, on a number of big-screen TVs.

HONG KONG, 1238 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 617-864-5311. *Thu–Sat from 10 p.m.–2:30 a.m. No cover charge.* This three-floor Chinese restaurant features a lounge, a bar with DirectTV satellite and a lively dance club featuring techno to hip hop to Madonna. Try one of the Hong Kong's signature scorpion bowls while you rub elbows with the locals and Harvard University students.

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.

KINGS, 10 Scotia St., 617-266-BOWL. *Mon 5 p.m.–2 a.m., Tue–Sun 11:30 a.m.–2 a.m.* Voted Best of Boston 2006, Kings features state of the art bowling lanes, pool tables and video technology for sports viewing. With three bars and a full-service restaurant serving top-notch American cuisine, Kings is truly a playground for grown-ups.

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.

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 partygoers 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.

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.

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, 617-621-3001. *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.

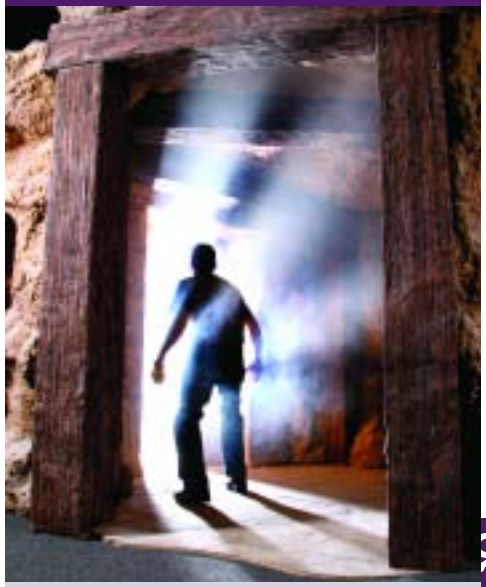
LIBERTY FLEET OF TALL SHIPS, departs daily from Long Wharf, 617-742-0333. *Daily sails at noon, 3 and 6 p.m. Tickets: $30, children (12 and under) $15.* Come aboard to relive the days of Boston Tall Ships. Take the wheel, set the sails or just sit back and enjoy the sights and beauty of Boston Harbor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

SIGHTS OF INTEREST

BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME, 1000 West Columbus Ave. Springfield, 413-781-6500. *Mon–Fri & Sun 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat 9 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.

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.



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

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., 508-746-1622. *Henry Hornblower II Visitor Center, open 9:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Nye Barn, Hobbamock's (Wampanoag) Homesite, 1627 Pilgrim Village, Crafts Center, 9:15 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 6:30 p.m. Tickets: $70, seniors $65, 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 and noon., Sat at 10:30 a.m., 12:30, 2:30 and 5:30 p.m., Sun at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., 12:30 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.

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.

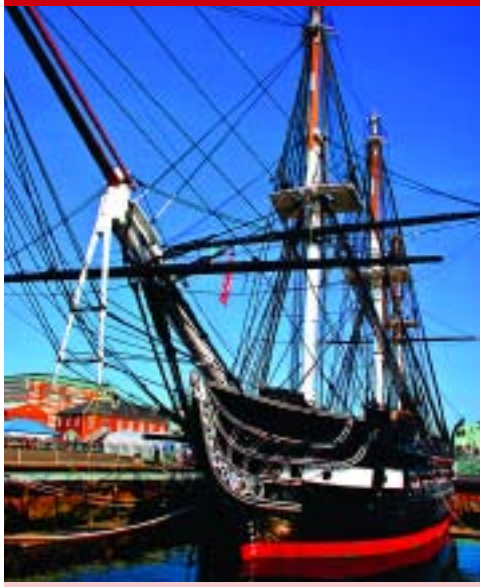
PLYMOUTH. The site of the Pilgrims' 1620 landing is still marked by Plymouth Rock, and the surrounding area is dotted by historical museums that celebrate the town's origins. Plimouth Plantation offers visitors a chance to step into a Pilgrim village from 1627 and explore the *Mayflower II*, a replica 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



USS CONSTITUTION: "Old Ironsides," the world's oldest commissioned warship, resides at the Charlestown Navy Yard. **Refer to listing, page 57.**

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.*

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 center 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.

freedom trail

BUILD-A-BEAR WORKSHOP: The do-it-yourself toy store offers a variety of stuffed animals at its shop at Faneuil Hall Marketplace. **Refer to listing, page 61.**

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

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.

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 home. Prices are slashed 20–60% off most department store rates. T.J. Maxx offers current trends of the highest quality.

FURNITURE & HOME GOODS

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GIFTS & STATIONERY

DODD HOUSE GIFT SHOPPE, 176A Salem St., 617-523-8556. *Open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m.* Located across from the historic Old North Church on the Freedom Trail, this store is chockfull of Boston- and North End-themed t-shirts, hats, mugs and other gift items to meet all your souvenir needs.

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.

POLCARI'S COFFEE, 105 Salem St., 617-227-0786. *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–6 p.m.* This North End institution, established in 1932, specializes in coffees from around the world, as well as teas, exotic spices, grains, rice, flour, beans, stove-top coffee machines, garden seeds and extracts for making your own liqueurs.

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.

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MALLS/SHOPPING CENTERS

CAMBRIDGESIDE GALLERIA, 100 CambridgeSide Place, Cambridge, 617-621-8666. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9:30 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.* This three-level mall features department stores such as Filene's, Sears and Best Buy, as well as more than 100 other stores and specialty shops including the largest Gap in Boston, J. Crew, Old Navy, Borders, Victoria's Secret and more.

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.

MARKETPLACE CENTER, located between Faneuil Hall and the Waterfront. Twenty-four distinctive shops surround an open court known as the Exedra, where you will always find a wide range of unusual pushcarts and entertainment events unique to this wonderful area. Within walking distance are literally hundreds of other shops, restaurants, pubs and nightspots.

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.

MUSIC/VIDEO

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.

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G20, 338 Newbury St., 617-262-2220. *Mon–Wed 8 a.m.–8 p.m., Thu & Fri 'til 9 p.m., Sat 'til 6 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–6 p.m.* With a modern day spa and an extensive offering of salon services, G20 offers the latest in cutting-edge treatments in a laid-back urban atmosphere.

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.

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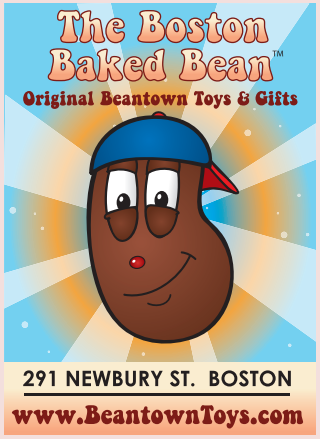

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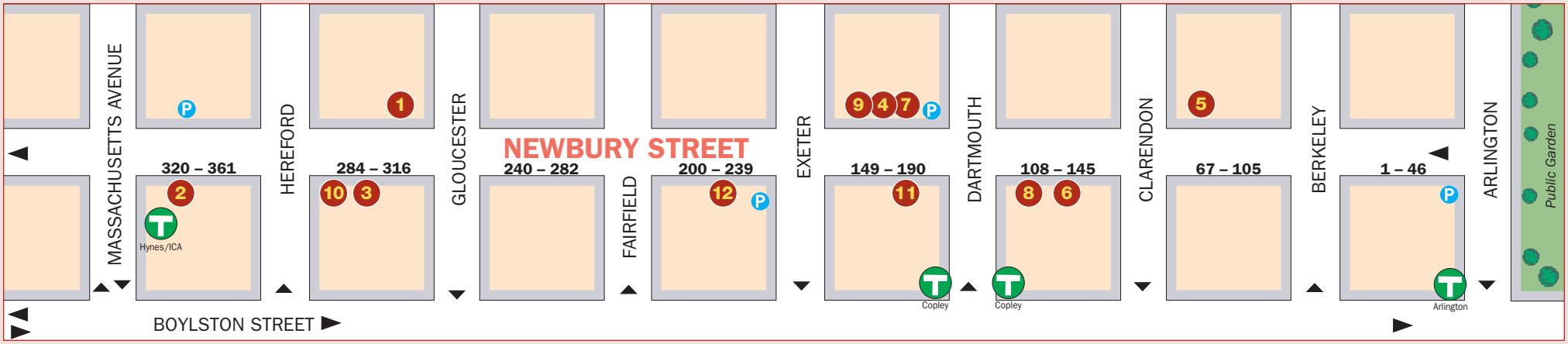

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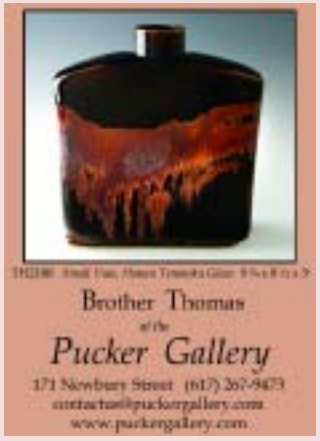

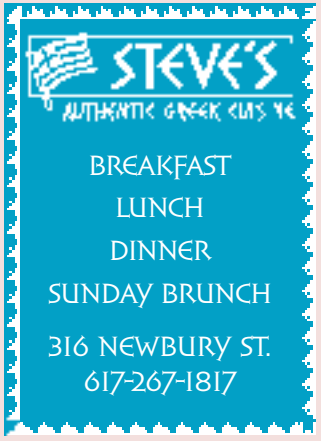

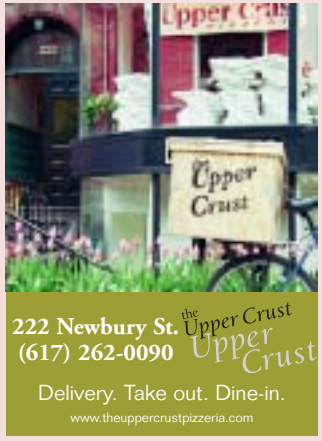

RESTAURANTS

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THE UPPER CRUST: Delectable pies by this pizzeria favorite are available at its Back Bay, Beacon Hill and suburban locations. **Refer to listing, page 68.**

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. $$

DAVIO'S NORTHERN ITALIAN STEAKHOUSE, 75 Arlington St., 617-357-4810. Enjoy fine steaks, pasta and seafood, or lighter fare in the spacious bar. L Mon–Fri 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.; D Sun–Tue 5–10 p.m., Wed–Sat 'til 11 p.m. C, VP. www.davios.com. $$$. ***SEE LOCATOR #2 ON CENTER MAP.***

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. $$$$.

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	***Cuisine index on page 66.***	
LS	Late Supper (serving after 10 p.m.)		
VP	Valet Parking		
NC	Credit Cards Not Accepted		
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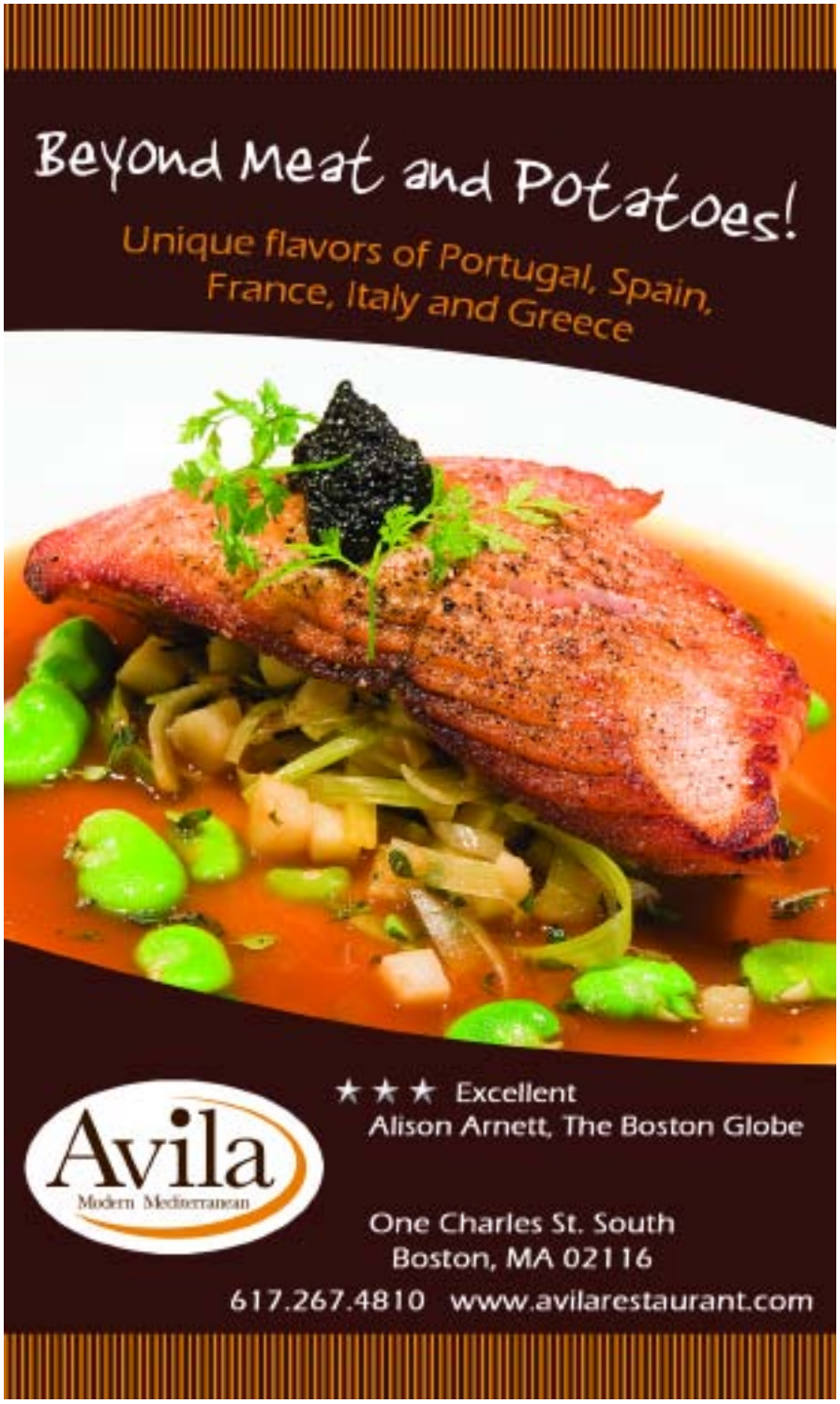

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EXCELSIOR, The Heritage on the Garden, 272 Boylston St., 617-426-7878. This culinary masterpiece delivers bold and contemporary American cuisine at its stunning Back Bay location. An impressive collection of 500 wines, representing all regions of the world, is displayed in Boston's only climate-controlled glass wine tower. Pre- and post-theater dining available. D, C, LS. $$$$

JASPER WHITE'S SUMMER SHACK, 50 Dalton St., 617-867-9955; 149 Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge, 617-520-9500; Logan Airport, Terminal A, 617-569-9695. Top-notch fare such as pan-roasted lobster, award-winning fried chicken and an impressive raw bar in a casual setting. Boston: Sun–Wed 11:30 a.m.–10 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 11 p.m., raw bar Thu–Sat 'til 1 a.m. Cambridge: Mon–Thu 11:30 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m., Sun 3–9 p.m. $$$. ***SEE LOCATOR #8 ON CENTER MAP.***

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. $$$$

***THE OAK ROOM,** 138 St. James Ave., Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, 617-267-5300. This sophisticated spot offers a traditional steakhouse menu of prime steaks and chops and fresh seafood. Replete with stately wood paneling, rich draperies and wall ornaments for a comfortable yet elegant feel. B, L, D daily. The adjoining Oak Bar offers martinis, raw bar and full Oak Room menu. $$$$

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. $

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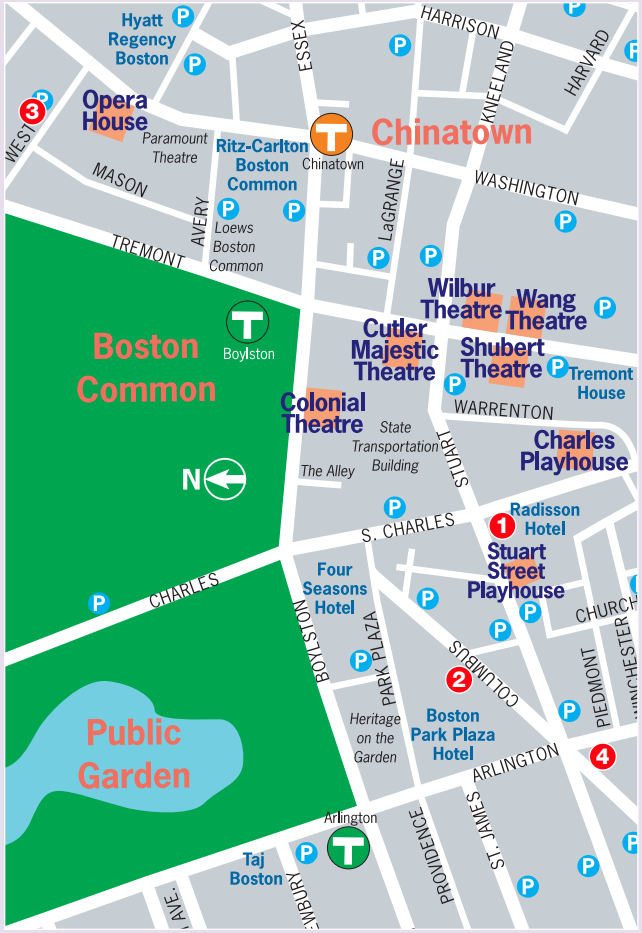

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SKIPJACK'S SEAFOOD EMPORIUM, 199 Clarendon St., Copley Square, 617-536-3500; other locations outside Boston. Enjoy a comfortable atmosphere and specialties such as blackened tuna sashimi, moonfish, Maryland crabcakes and lobster. Winner of Best of 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. $$

SMITH & WOLLENSKY, The Castle at Columbus & Arlington, 617-423-1112. Located in a spectacular setting where chef Tindaro Losurdo creates outstanding steakhouse fare, this legendary restaurant features USDA Prime dry aged steaks. The meticulously restored former armory, known simply as "The Castle," is accented by seven working fireplaces and dining rooms that span four floors to blend fun and formality. D, C. $$$$

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. $$$$

***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., Cambridge, 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. $

IVY RESTAURANT, 49 Temple Place, 617-451-1416. This casual yet stylish restaurant and lounge dishes out delicious Italian cuisine with an American twist. The flat wine list offers over 60 bottles for $26, allowing patrons to accentuate the flavors of their meals with delicious vintages. Order either a regular serving of delectable cuisine or opt to indulge in several smaller dishes. L, D, C, 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. $$

LOCKE-OBER, 3 Winter Place, 617-542-1340. Helmed by local culinary innovator Lydia Shire (Biba, Excelsior), this downtown landmark has been refurbished and restored to its former glory. The menu of this Boston Brahmin bastion has been updated, but Shire has kept many of its classics, including the legendary lobster Savannah. L, D, LS. $$$$

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. $$$$

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.

FENWAY/KENMORE SQUARE

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. $$

ASSAGIO, 25-29 Prince St., 617-227-7380. This wine bar and bistro offers nightly specials from its mesquite-wood grill, as well as some of the best traditional Italian cuisine blended with an artful, contemporary taste. Complement your dinner with one of 110 wines or a unique international beer or microbrew. Reservations accepted. L, D, LS daily noon–midnight. $$

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 POMPEI, 280 Hanover St., 617-227-1562. Pompei features a wide variety of coffee, 160 wines by the glass, Italian cordials, pizza, Italian sandwiches, homemade cannoli and ice cream imported from Italy. Open daily 4 p.m.–12:30 a.m.; B 8 a.m.–11:30 p.m.; L 11:30 a.m.–4 p.m.; LS 'til 3:30 a.m. $

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.***

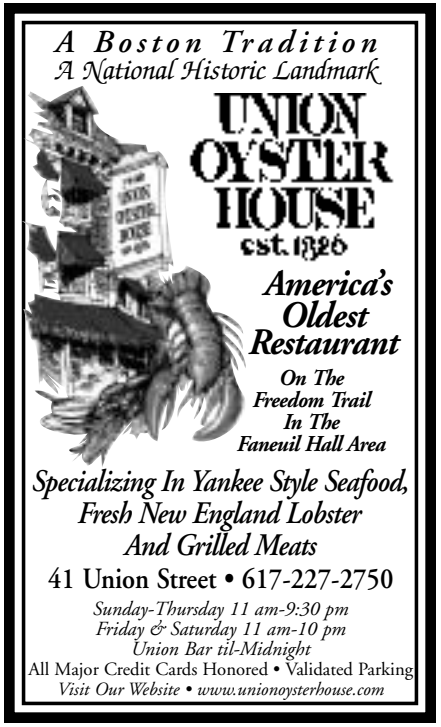
LUCCA RESTAURANT & BAR, 226 Hanover St., 617-742-9200. This North End eatery is still racking up accolades for its regional Italian cuisine, lively bar and elegant atmosphere. D nightly 5 p.m.–12:15 a.m. C, Valet Parking. $$$. ***SEE LOCATOR #9 ON CENTER MAP.***

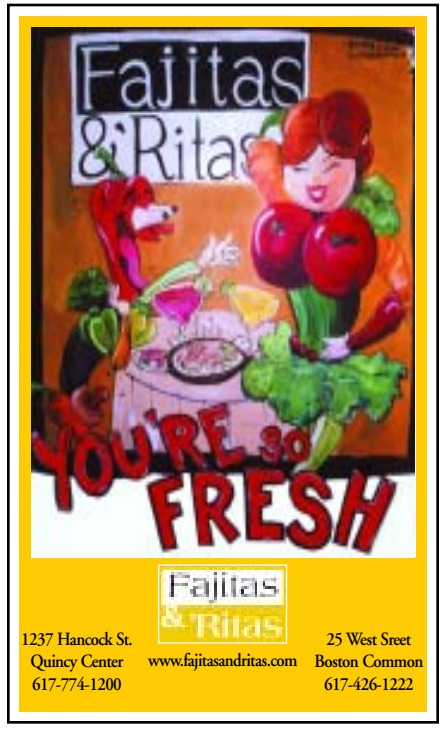
LUCIA RISTORANTE & BAR, 415 Hanover St., 617-367-2353. Lucia has been a North End culinary landmark for nearly 30 years, featuring innovative Italian dishes alongside traditional favorites in a distinct setting. L 11 a.m.–3 p.m., D 3 p.m.–11 p.m. VP. www.luciaboston.com. $$

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.***

MARCO RESTAURANT, 253 Hanover St., 617-724-1276. Chef Mark Orfaly goes from bustling French restaurant Pigalle to this quiet and intimate Italian eatery in the North End. Orfaly's distinctive cooking style intensifies the flavors of quintessential Italian dishes like the chicken liver crostini and fresh linguine with clams. D. $$$

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. $

RISTORANTE SARACENO, 286 Hanover St., 617-227-5888. Neapolitan cuisine served in an intimate atmosphere complete with charming, beautifully decorated exposed brick walls. Reservations recommended. L noon–3 p.m.; D 3–10:30 p.m. VP, C. $$

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. $$$

THE CHANNEL CAFE, 300 Summer St., 617-426-0695. Started by local artist Ana Crowley, the cafe reflects its art gallery setting and the friendliness of a small, local shop. It even boasts classy entrees like the pan-seared salmon and the half-chicken cooked under a brick at a reasonable price. B, L, D. $

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. $$

***BOB'S SOUTHERN BISTRO,** 604 Columbus Ave., 617-536-6204. Boston's premier soul food restaurant features performances by talented local jazz musicians, which accent a delightful assortment of southern and Cajun cuisines to satisfy any palate. Live jazz SB. L, D, LS, C. $$

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 monsieur (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. $$

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. $$$

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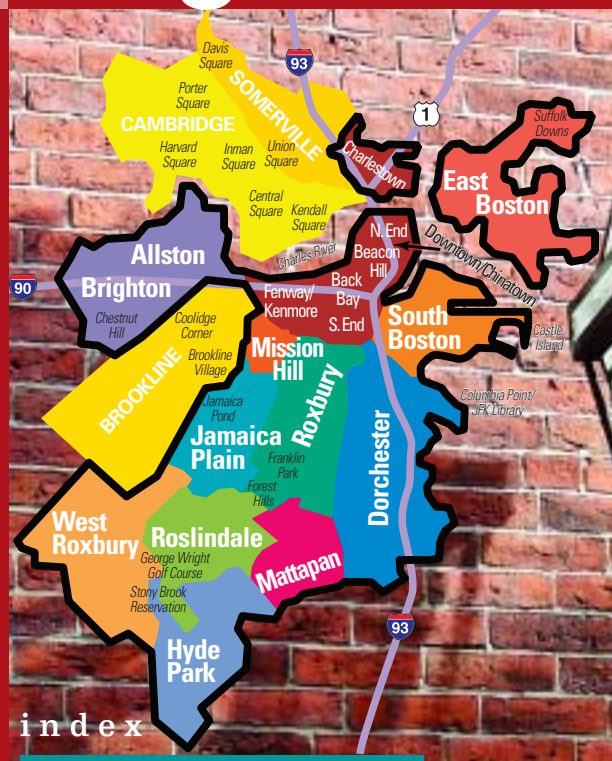

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BRIGHT LIGHT: Gaslamps and brick buildings, such as these in Beacon Hill, are two hallmarks of the city's historic neighborhoods. *Refer to page 88.*

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JAMAICA PLAIN

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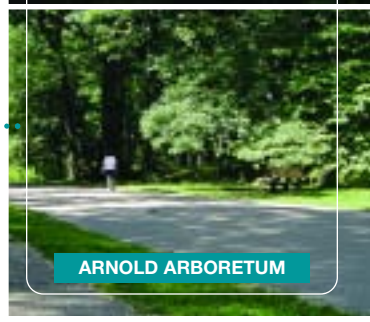

One of the city's most diverse areas, "JP" contains thriving Latino, African-American, Irish and gay communities that mingle within its ample green space—including Arnold Arboretum and the Jamaica Pond area—and among main drag Centre Street's restaurants, bars and shops. Once a country resort for Boston 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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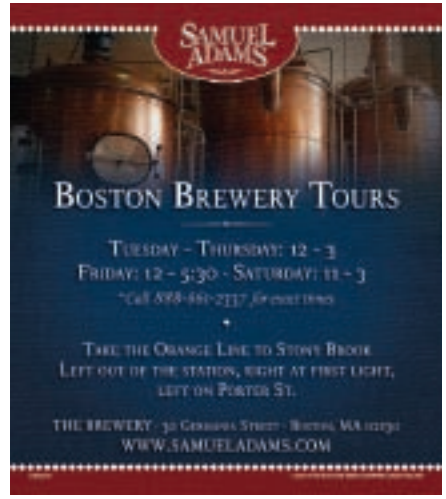

NORTH END

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OLD NORTH CHURCH

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NORTH END SUMMER FEASTS

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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 Ⓣ:

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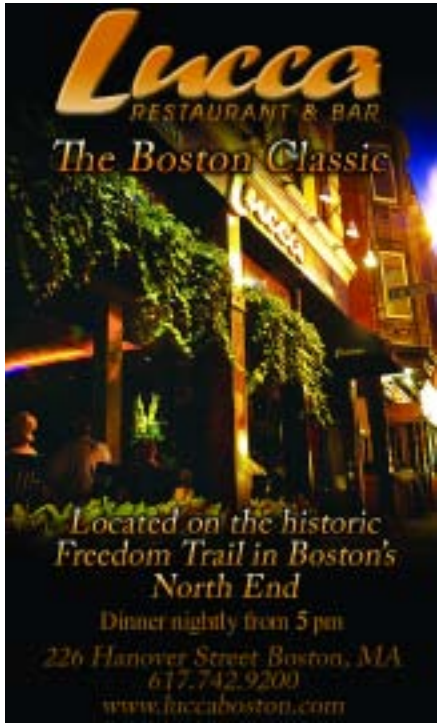

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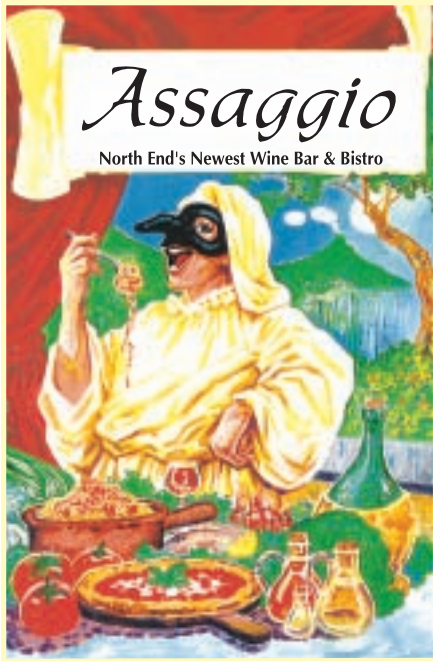

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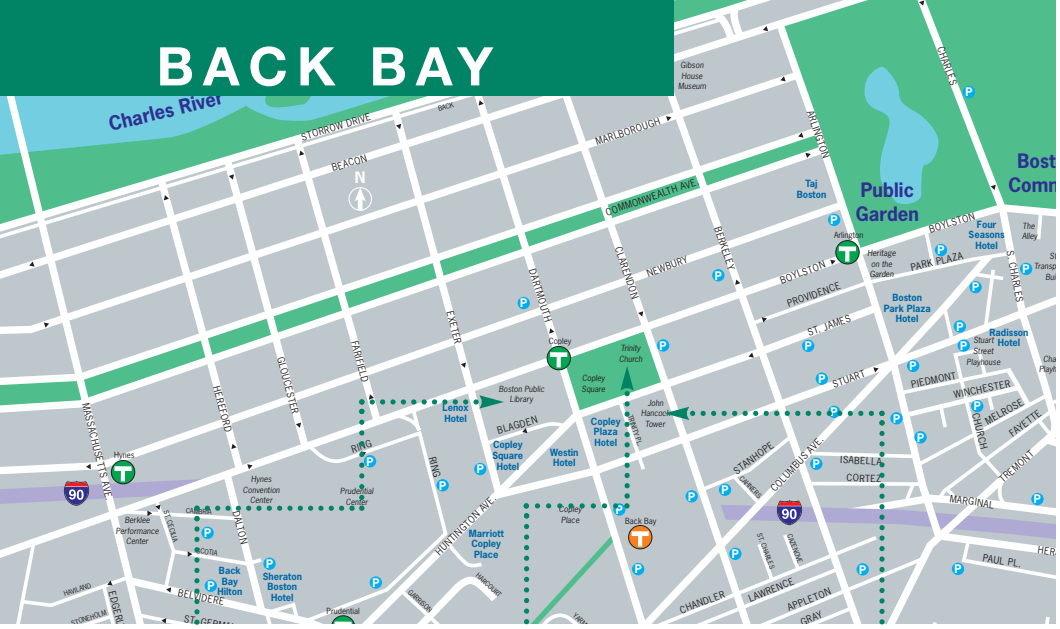

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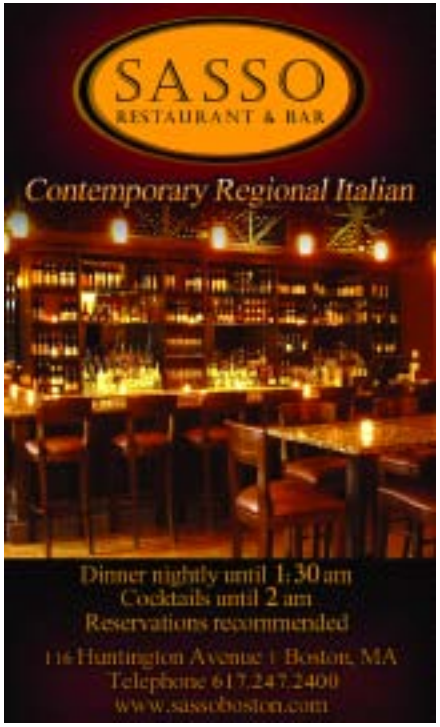
Boston's chic Back Bay is home to classically beautiful brownstone residences, glamorous retail space and a plethora of dining options, spa services and nightlife. Its crown jewel is Copley Square, home to the John Hancock Tower as well as historic landmarks the Boston Public Library and Trinity Church.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

ATTRACTIONS:

- Trinity Church, *refer to listing, page 40*
- Boston Public Library, *refer to listing, page 39*
- John Hancock Tower, *refer to listing, page 39*

GET THERE ON THE Ⓣ:

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



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THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD: Cobblestoned Acorn Street remains a picturesque sight.

GET THERE ON THE Ⓣ:
Red Line to Charles Street or Park Street,
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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
- Boston Common
- Public Garden
- Massachusetts State House
- Boston Athenaeum
- African Meeting House

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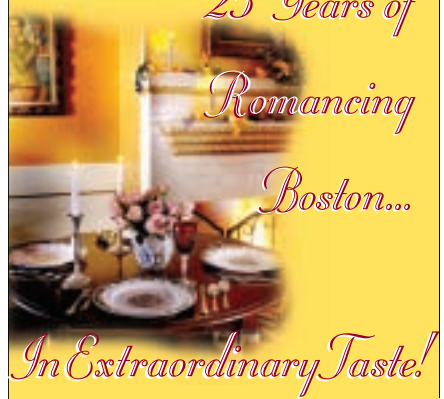
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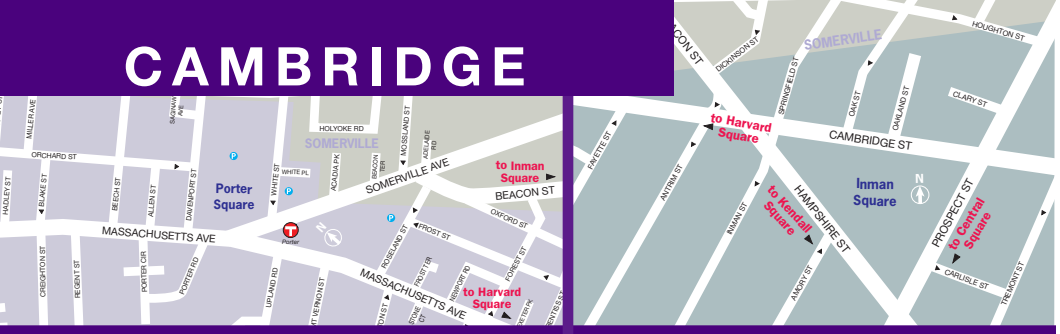

what to see

HARVARD SQUARE
(see map, page 92)

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.

Harvard Square, the grand cultural and geographical nucleus of Cambridge, boasts performing arts theaters, movie theaters, museums, restaurants and retail stores along 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. Ⓟ

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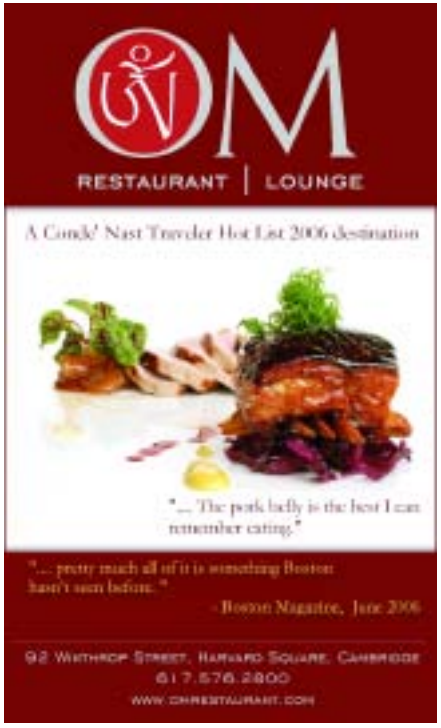
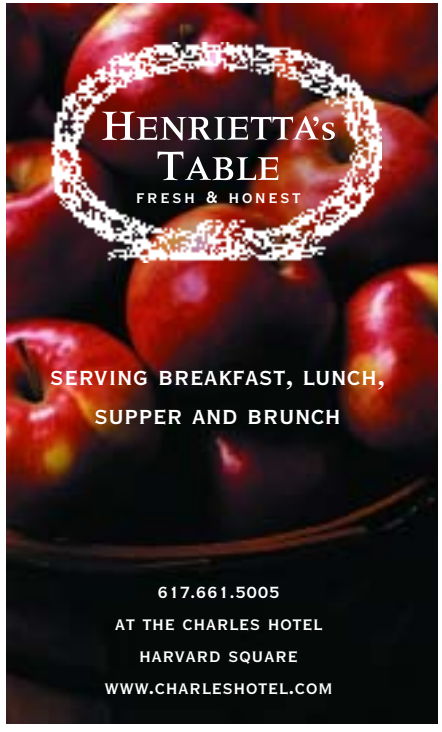
ATTRACTIONS:

- Harvard Yard
- MIT Museum
- MIT Stata Center
- Fogg Art Museum
- Sackler Museum
- Longfellow House
- MIT List Visual Arts Center
- American Repertory Theatre
- CambridgeSide Galleria
- Busch-Reisinger Museum
- Mount Auburn Cemetery
- Harvard Museum of Natural History

GET THERE ON THE Ⓣ:

Red Line to Kendall, Central, Harvard and Porter, Green Line to Lechmere.





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5 questions with...

Michele Topor

by Josh B. Wardrop

Michele Topor is a 35-year resident of Boston's North End, and a culinary guru who leads foodies through the traditional Italian neighborhood each week on her exploration of the borough's top specialty stores, The North End Market Tour (*refer to listing, page 41*). She spoke to *Panorama* about what makes the North End Boston's most popular destination.

> "[The North End is] social and intimate and rich with history."

Q: Talk about the North End Market Tours. What do you hope people get out of them?
A: I think of it as a walking cooking class exploring the culture of Mediterranean food. I want people to learn about the best authentic ingredients, so they can make better, healthier food.

Q: What are three places every visitor to the neighborhood should visit?
A: Well, there's Hanover Street—our social center, where everybody comes together. The Old North Church is a very special place. And there's Polcari's—a shop that sells coffee, beans, nuts…stepping in is like going back in time 40 years.

Q: Settle the eternal debate when it comes to North End pastry: Mike's or The Modern?
A: Honestly, I go to Maria's! (laughs) The others are very good, but Maria is very Old World, and she fills all her cannolis as you order them. No self-respecting Italian would buy a pre-filled cannoli!

Q: Silly question—can you suggest a good North End restaurant?
A: (Laughs) What are you in the mood for? For pizza, I like Antico Forno, and I love Ernesto's—a little hole-in-the-wall on Salem Street. For a romantic meal, Mamma Maria is so pretty, and they make you feel special dining there. I love Marco—they cure their own salami…I could keep going!

Q: What makes the North End such a special place?
A: It's the city's oldest neighborhood, and it's retained that Old World feeling of community. It's social and intimate, and rich with history. And where can you eat better? Ⓟ

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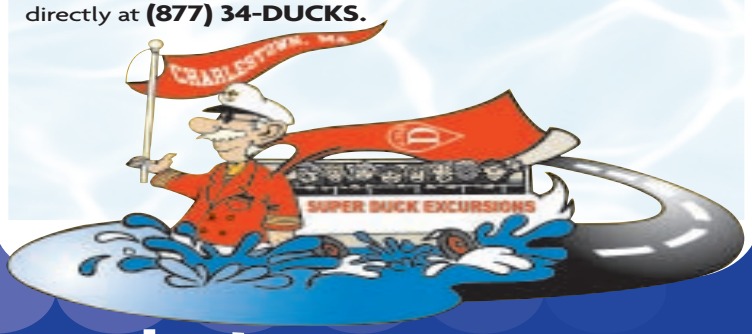

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