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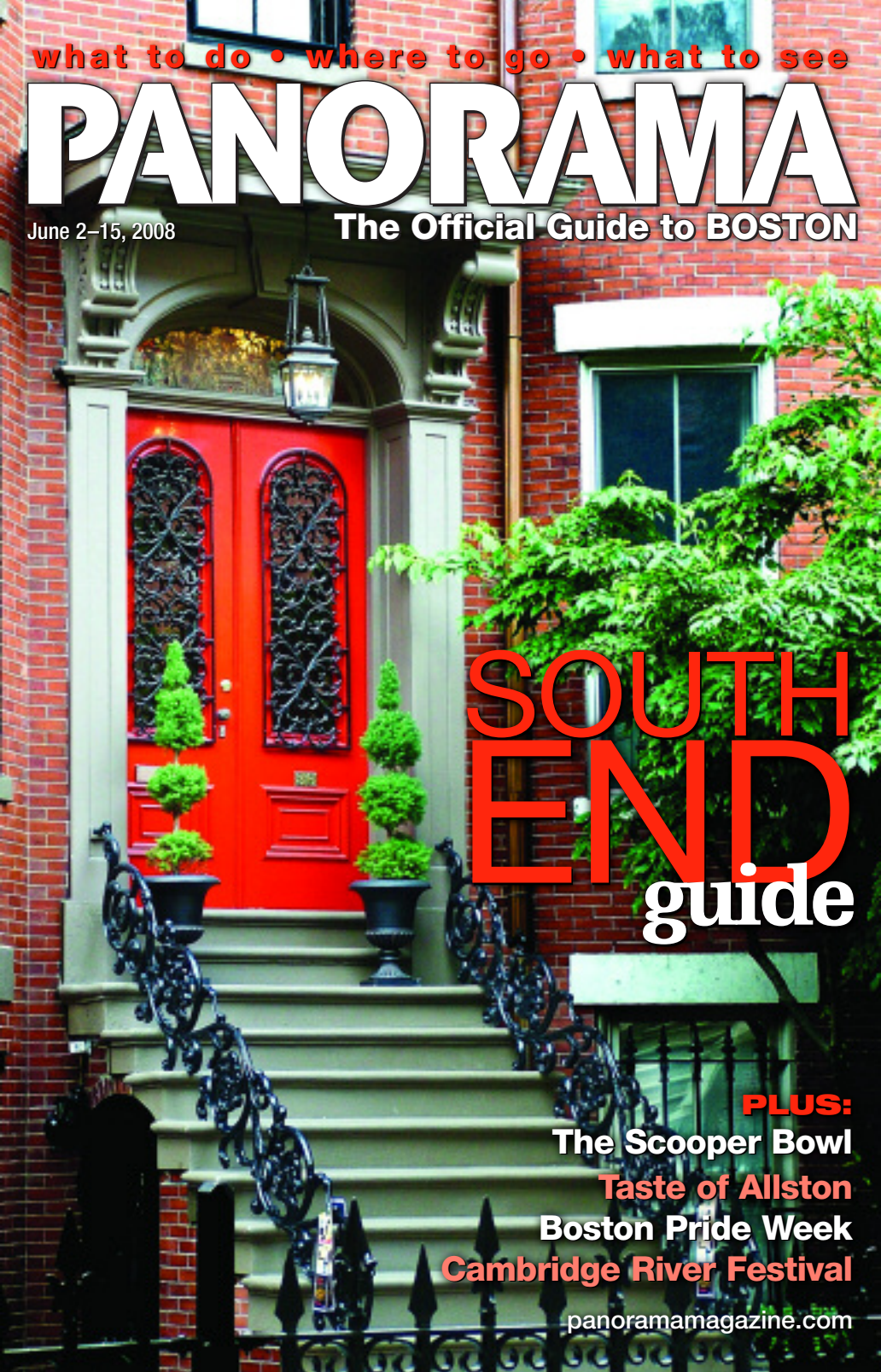

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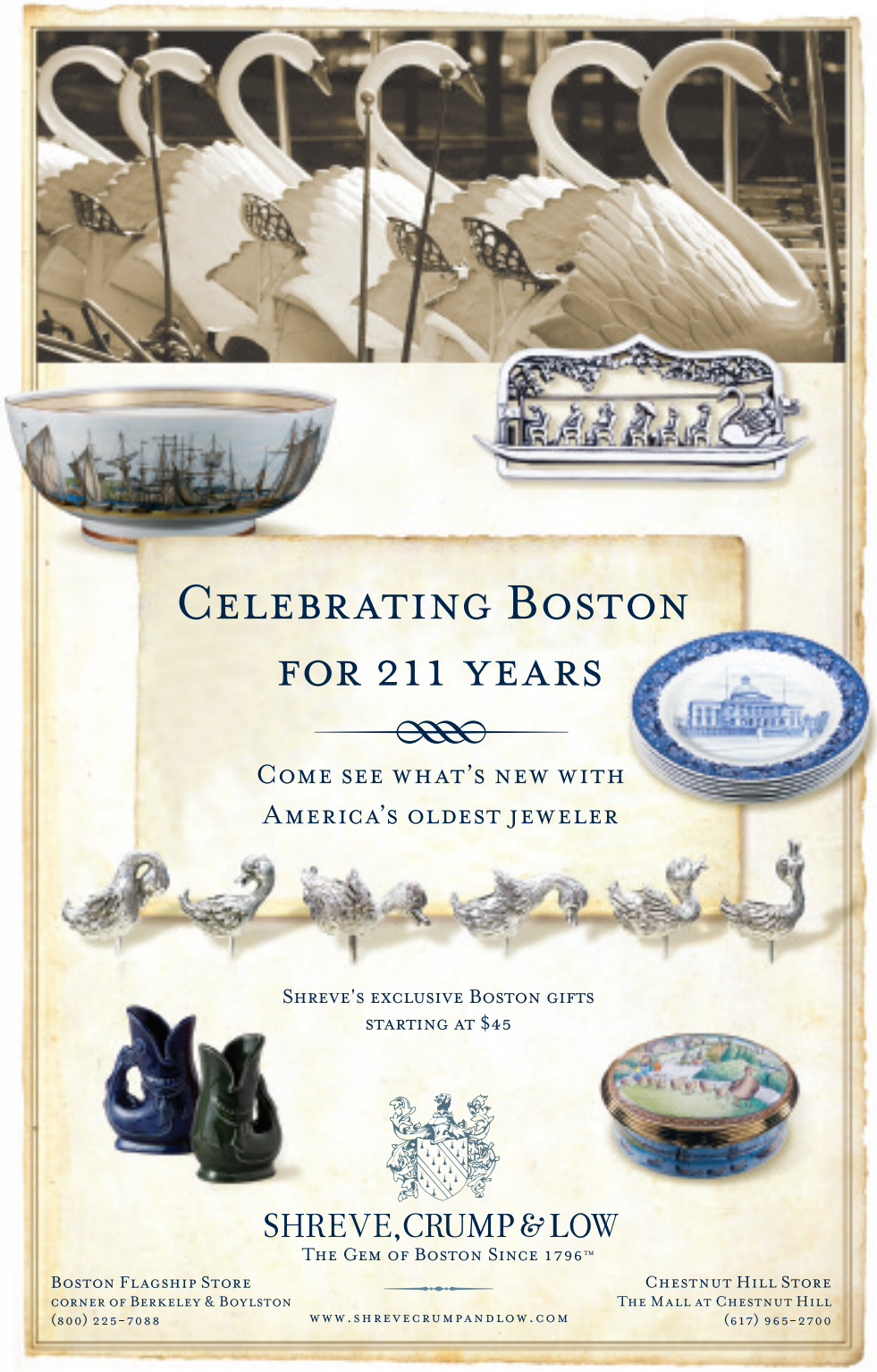

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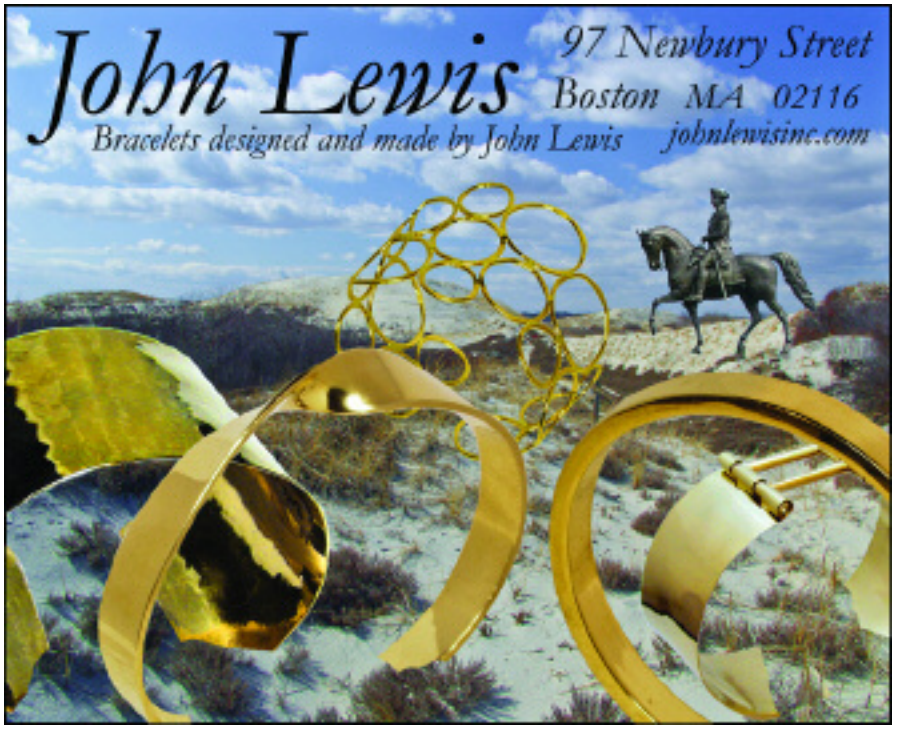

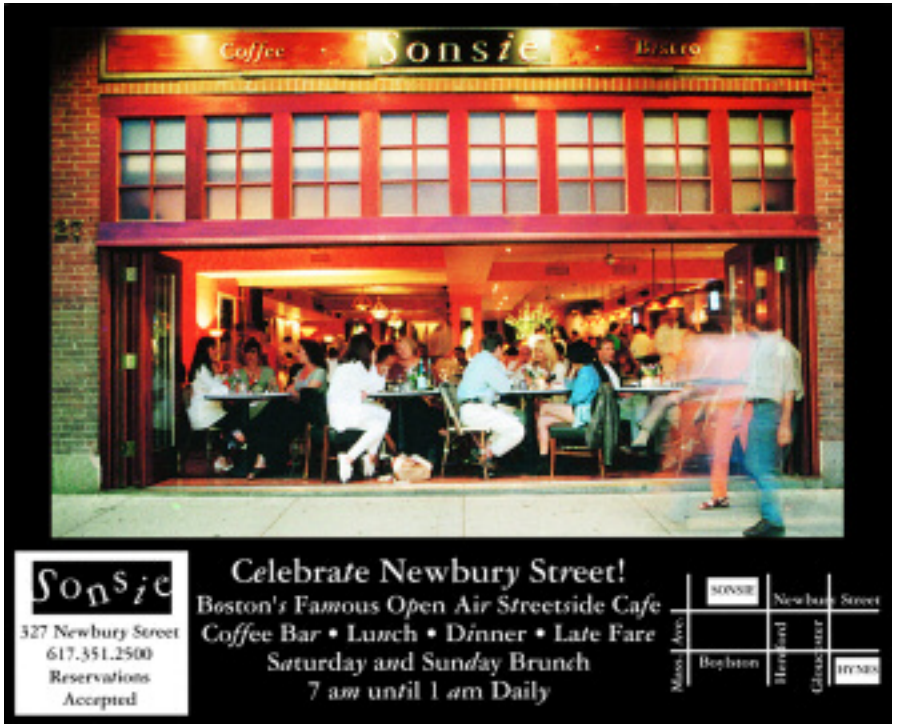

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NEWS&NOTES

by Josh B. Wardrop

Cost-Free Culture

The only thing better than going to a museum and expanding your mind is doing so without contracting your wallet. That's why Bostonians and Cantabridgians are justifiably excited about Bank of America's **Museums on Us** program. This nationwide program—which allows anyone holding a Bank of America ATM card free admission to participating museums—has expanded from past years, and is now in effect the first full weekend of every month for a full year.

That means that on **June 7 & 8**, visitors to the **Museum of Fine Arts** (pictured above) and the **Harvard Museum of Natural History** are admitted gratis, giving guests a chance to see the MFA's world-renowned art collections from the four corners of the globe or marvel at specimens from the natural world at HMNH. You can't put a price on the opportunity to see such one-of-a-kind delights—and thanks to Museums on Us, now you don't have to! *Refer to listings, pages 26 & 28.*

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RIVER REVELRY

Held along a mile-wide piece of riverbank, the 29th annual **Cambridge River Festival** (pictured above) bursts into life on **June 14**. The festival offers up the kind of broad selection of musical performance, delicious food and ethnically diverse arts and crafts that Cambridge itself is known for.

Beginning *at noon*, the one-day celebration of the arts features four stages of entertainment from national and local jazz, folk, gospel, Latin and world music performers. In addition, the festival features public art installations by a number of local artists and arts organizations, and more than 100 specialty food vendors and craftspeople. Plenty of kids' entertainment rounds out the afternoon, making the Cambridge River Festival a fun activity for rambunctious river rats of all ages. *Refer to listing, page 22.*

THE SCOOP FROM CITY HALL

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream. And when that ice cream is all-you-can-eat, featuring some of the most insanely delicious flavors by all of the region's top ice cream makers, now you're really talking something worth screaming about.

That's the fantastic frozen fun to be found at the annual **Scooper Bowl**, taking place **June 10–12** at City Hall Plaza. The event—a fundraiser for the children's cancer charity The Jimmy Fund—allows you to indulge your sweet tooth by sampling as much delicious ice cream as you can handle from dessertmakers like Baskin-Robbins, Cold Stone Creamery and Ben & Jerry's. And this year, the event is running a few hours later than in the past—as late as *8 pm.* on **June 11**—giving you even more time to stuff your face…er, we mean, "to do some good." *Refer to listing, page 22.*

BOSTON SHOWS ITS PRIDE

The first week of June is traditionally Boston's annual **Pride Week**, celebrating the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community, and this year is no exception. A week of special festivities, parades and performances (*visit www.bostonpride.org for a complete schedule of related events*) culminates this year with the **June 14 Pride Festival**. The event features a parade, beginning *at noon* at the corner of Tremont and Clarendon streets, and ending at City Hall Plaza, where participants can peruse more than 100 merchandise and food vendors and enjoy musical performances from local and national acts. It's one heck of a block party celebrating inclusion, diversity, and, above all, good times. *Refer to listing, page 22.*

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ALLSTON-YOU-CAN-EAT

Just beyond Boston University sits the multicultural neighborhood of Allston, a student mecca that's also one of the city's best spots for diverse, delicious and often inexpensive cuisine. Gourmands looking to explore this diversity and soak up some rays at the same time can head to Christian Herter Park along the Charles River on **June 15** *from noon–3 p.m.*, as the Allston Village Main Streets organization hosts the 11th annual **Taste of Allston** event (pictured above). This delicious day features food from dozens of Allston's top restaurants—a veritable United Nations of tasty treats from China, Brazil, Italy, India, Colombia, the U.S. and more—all for $20. It's a great chance to tour the world without ever leaving Boston. Your taste buds will thank you for it. *Visit www.allstonvillage.com for more information.*

calendar of events

TUESDAY, JUNE 3–THURSDAY, JUNE 5

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J.D. Drew (pictured) and the **Boston Red Sox** take on a divisional rival—the surprisingly improved **Tampa Bay Rays**, led by Carl Crawford and B.J. Upton—at Fenway Park. *Refer to listing, page 23.*

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

Two generations of amazing vocalists cross paths at Bank of America Pavilion when bluegrass singer **Alison Krauss** and Led Zeppelin frontman **Robert Plant** join forces. *Refer to listing, page 20.*

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water, Harvard Square's **Brattle Theatre** unreels a New England summertime classic—Steven Spielberg's terrifying 1975 blockbuster ***Jaws***. *Refer to listing, page 20.*

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

An annual tradition celebrating Asian culture returns to Boston as the popular **Dragon Boat Festival** takes place along the banks of the Charles River. *Refer to listing, page 22.*

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

PHOTO BY PAUL LYDEN

Three vignettes illustrating the human need to interact with others come to life when **North Shore Music Theatre** mounts its production of Susan Stroman's haunting, award-winning show ***Contact***. *Refer to listing, page 23.*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

One of modern R&B's top talents comes to Boston as multiple Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter and pianist **Alicia Keys** plays the TD Banknorth Garden. *Refer to listing, page 21.*

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

Stand-up comedy doesn't come any more vital, energetic and hilarious than from the one and only **Chris Rock**, who comes to the Wang Theatre for two shows. *Refer to listing, page 19.*

The Boys of Spring

THE HISTORY BOYS
SpeakEasy Stage Company
Through June 7

Acclaimed area theatre troupe SpeakEasy Stage Company hosts the regional premiere of *The History Boys*, playwright Alan Bennett's 2006 Tony Award winner for Best Play. The drama—which stars standout local performers Bob Colonna, Paula Plum and Chris Thorn, as well as eight current students or alumni of various New England colleges as "the boys"—tells the story of a British school and the struggle that ensues between a young, upstart history instructor and a respected, if more than a bit unorthodox, veteran English teacher. Which of these educators will, in the end, win the hearts and minds of the school's bright and shining "History Boys"? *Refer to listing, page 24.*

SHAKESPEARE 2.0

CARDENIO
American Repertory Theatre
Through June 8

Considering that the words, "Wanna go see the new Shakespeare play tonight?" haven't been uttered since around the year 1616, one would have to consider American Repertory Theatre's production of *Cardenio* a pretty big deal. Okay, so technically the play was written by Shakespeare scholar Stephen Greenblatt and contemporary playwright Charles L. Mee, but *Cardenio* is inspired by an actual play by the Bard himself—one that was lost to history shortly after its first performance back in the days of Queen Elizabeth I. The play, which takes place at a wedding in Umbria, places familiar Shakespearean romantic-comedic confusion and stirring verse into a modern setting, bringing Old Will into a whole new era. *Refer to listing, page 23.*

Love Letters

SHE LOVES ME
Huntington Theatre Company
Through June 15

The story of *She Loves Me*—the acclaimed Joe Masteroff/Sheldon Harnick/Jerry Bock musical that premiered in 1963—has been told and re-told many times over the years, including in the non-musical films *The Shop Around the Corner* and *You've Got Mail*. This romantic tale of a pair of bitter rivals by day—unaware that they're also romantic, anonymous penpals by night—closes Huntington's 2007–08 season, as well as outgoing Artistic Director (and *She Loves Me* director) Nicholas Martin's tenure at the helm of the Huntington. A cast of stellar actors (including Brooks Ashmankas, Kate Baldwin and Jessica Stone) adds to the fun as Martin wraps up his days at the Huntington with a play brimming with nostalgia, romance and great songs. *Refer to listing, page 24.*

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El Greco (Domenikos Theotokopoulos), *St. James (Santiago el Mayor)* (detail), about 1610–14. Oil on canvas. Museo del Greco, Toledo.

Inspirational Italian

BENATTI
1128 Cambridge St.,
Cambridge
617-492-6300

Some restaurants burst on the scene with such overwhelmingly positive reviews that you know there's something special going on in the kitchen. By all accounts, Benatti—the small Italian eatery named for its chef, Andrea Benatti, that recently opened in Cambridge's Inman Square—is that sort of restaurant. Boasting a small menu reflecting the chef's Modena heritage, the tiny eatery scores with sumptuous risotto, succulent ossobucco and other dishes that combine simplicity of preparation and presentation with unexpected combinations of bold flavor. If you've heard that Italian cuisine begins and ends in the North End, you'll want to hop across the river and let Benatti prove that assumption wrong.

LUXURY SWEETS

AROA FINE CHOCOLATE
1651 Washington St.
617-425-4988

Attention chocolate lovers: Throw out those Whitman's Samplers left over from Mother's Day or (gulp) Easter, and get to the South End immediately, where you'll find Boston's newest nirvana for fans of all things chocolate—chef Alejandro Luna's exquisite sweet shop, Aroa Fine Chocolate. The former executive pastry chef at the Langham Hotel has opened an emporium filled with high-end European-style desserts, nougats, marshmallows, macaroons, hot chocolate and everything else a chocoholic could imagine, including Aroa's specialty bonbons in flavors like mango coriander, English breakfast tea, caramel cinnamon and port wine. Just don't blame Aroa if you can't ever go back to Hershey's.

Hold the Cracker Jack

Hot dogs, peanuts and beer may still be the most popular fare at Fenway Park, but our beloved Boston Red Sox have also inspired new culinary creations at some of the city's best restaurants.

- Eat like a ballplayer at the **Bristol Lounge** (Four Seasons, 200 Boylston St., 617-338-4400), with Sox-inspired dishes like the Yaz's Triple Crown (miniature crab cake sandwiches) and the Luis "El Tiante" Tiant Cigars (spring rolls stuffed with corned beef, sauerkraut and Swiss cheese) and cocktails like the Tickle-Ortiz-Me and the Sweet Caroline.
- Japanese import Daisuke Matsuzaka has inspired the Dice K Roll (filled with red and white spicy tuna and avocado, enrobed in raw mango and garnished with gold leaf) at **Haru** (55 Huntington Ave., 617-536-0770) and the Dice K Sake Cocktail, a mixture of sake and pomegranate juice, at **Privus Lounge** (165 Brighton Ave., 617-787-7483).
- Up until the 7th inning on any Sox game day, **Bonfire** (Park Plaza Hotel, 64 Arlington St., 617-262-FIRE) offers a Red Sox Game Day Menu loaded with delicious dishes like the Jim Rice and Beans (fried rice cakes with black bean crema), the Jacoby Beef Sliders (pictured) and Big Papi Jalapeno Poppers that you can enjoy while cheering the Sox to victory.

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Cocktail of the Week

THE NAKED I
Johnnie's on the Side
138 Portland St.
617-227-1588

Back in Boston's good old days (or bad old days, if you ask Mayor Thomas Menino), The Naked I was the name of a strip club in Boston's infamous adult district, affectionately dubbed "The Combat Zone." These days, such unsavory venues have all but vanished—but new restaurant Johnnie's on the Side is keeping the memory of a saucier period in Hub history alive with its Naked I cocktail. This potent libation is a mixture of Triple 8 vanilla vodka, Mozart white chocolate liqueur, white Crème de Cacao and a splash of raspberry liqueur. This Naked I packs a pleasant kick and, best of all, doesn't require a thick wad of singles to be enjoyed.

Here Comes the Bridezilla

MY BIG FAT RASHOMON WEDDING
ImprovBoston
June 6 & 13 at 8 p.m.

Wedding season is in full swing, but it's a safe bet you won't attend a set of nuptials this year as funny as *My Big Fat Rashomon Wedding*, taking place Fridays at ImprovBoston's Central Square theatre. Each week, audiences get to experience a hilariously improvised wedding ceremony from the perspective of a different character—be it the groom, the best man or even the not-to-be-trifled-with bride herself (pictured). This multi-perspective show modeled on Akira Kurosawa's film *Rashomon* is a hilarious exploration of the emotions and chaos that goes on behind the scenes of any wedding. Best of all, you don't even have to bring a gift! *Refer to listing, page 19.*

GARDEN PARTY

BRIGHTON BEER GARDEN
386 Market St., Brighton
617-562-6000

During the summer months, one of Boston's prime nighttime activities is watching our hometown hardball team, the Boston Red Sox. Although best enjoyed as a communal experience, tickets to games at Fenway are hard to come by and bars around the park fill up fast. That's why sports fans are stoked about the arrival of Brighton Beer Garden, a new nightspot that combines an expansive beer menu with a whopping 40 HD televisions to create a perfect spot for catching every inning of Sox action. And if you're not a baseball fanatic, fear not—the BBG also features live music and a delicious menu which ensures a night out that's a home run for all.

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South End Hospitality

All kinds of fun can be found in Boston's trendiest neighborhood

by Josh B. Wardrop

ETHNIC MELTING POT. YUPPIE NEIGHBORHOOD. JAZZ MECCA. GAY neighborhood. Bohemian artists' enclave. Trendy shopping and dining district. At one time or another, all of these labels have been attached to Boston's South End, a neighborhood located just south of the glitzy Back Bay and north of the working-class neighborhood of Roxbury. And they've all been true—in fact, it could be argued that few Boston neighborhoods have undergone more changes than the South End. Today, however, the neighborhood that's emerged is one of beautiful brick rowhouses and quiet tree-lined streets, anchored by some of the best thoroughfares in Boston—Tremont, Columbus, Harrison, Washington—for art, culture, shopping and dining.

"The South End has absolutely become one of the energetic focal points of the city," says Darryl Settles, who owned and operated the now-defunct restaurant/jazz club Bob's Southern Bistro in the South End for 17 years, and has seen the neighborhood develop into a jewel in Boston's cultural crown. "Every year, we're seeing more and more options for dining and nightlife…we've grown tremendously."

THE SCRUMPTIOUS SOUTH END

One of the first developments that truly put the South End on the map as an up-and-coming neighborhood was the emergence of some top restaurants. The city's best chefs found their way here, and led city dwellers and visitors to the South End by their stomachs. And today, the scene continues to explode with what seem to be new restaurant openings each month, allowing new blood to go toe-to-toe with established culinary players in a win-win situation for Boston gourmands.

Chef Gordon Hamersley was one of the pioneers of the South End dining scene when he and his wife Fiona opened **Hamersley's Bistro** (*refer to listing, page 61*) almost 20 years ago. The much-acclaimed eatery is notable for providing exquisite gourmet food in a comfortable atmosphere devoid of stuffiness and pretension.

Hamersley is far from the only "celebrity" chef that's looked to the South End to express his culinary talents. The red-hot Ken Oringer, who has eateries sprinkled around the city, chose the South End for his Spanish tapas bar **Toro** (*refer to listing, page 62*), which boasts a diverse menu of hot and cold small plates perfect for sharing with fellow diners. Chef Barbara Lynch has two eateries in the neighborhood: **B&G Oysters** (*refer to listing, page 61*), her collaboration with Garrett Harker specializing in fresh seafood delicacies, and **The Butcher Shop** (552 Tremont St., 617-423-4800), an authentic Parisian-style charcuterie that's all about exploring the bold flavors of meat. And Boston restaurant giant Christopher Myers (Radius, Great Bay, Via Matta) and his

WALKING THE DOG: Lauren of Maggie Inc. (opposite) enjoys a leisurely stroll with Keetje through the streets of the trendy (and dog-friendly) South End.

fiancee, pastry goddess Joanne Chang of Flour Bakery + Cafe, have fired up taste buds with their delicious joint project **Myers + Chang** (1145 Washington St., 617-542-5200), a trendy spot specializing in modern takes on traditional Asian cuisine.

Dining in the South End isn't just about the big names in the kitchen, however. The diversity of cuisine is really what sets the neighborhood apart as one of the best dining districts in Boston. Lovers of upscale French cuisine can find themselves in restaurant heaven at spots like Gallic brasserie **Gaslight** (560 Harrison Ave., 617-422-0224), while those who favor Italian can delight at Chef Anthony Susi's **Sage** (1395 Washington St., 617-248-8814), a recent transplant from the North End. The visually impressive **Banq** (1375 Washington St., 617-451-0077), which opened earlier this year in a former bank building, offers a fusion of French, Indian and Asian flavors with dishes like veal and basmati rice croquettes and tea smoked quail and date cigars.

And when you're in the mood for something more casual, but every bit as delicious, try neighborhood spots like **Pops** (560 Tremont St., 617-695-1250), with its wide assortment of sandwiches and upscale take on comfort food; **Anchovies** (433 Columbus Ave., 617-266-5088), which attracts loyalists with its low-key Italian-American fare, and the affordable and diverse **Franklin Café** (278 Shawmut Ave., 617-350-0010)..

A TASTE OF ITALY: The North End is not the only place to get fine Italian food, as evidenced by Sage on Washington Street in the South End, which features delectable appetizers like this Kobe carpaccio with arugula and shaved parmesan.

SHOPPING, ARTS & CULTURE

The number of artists living in the South End—once a significant population that helped to revitalize and reinvigorate the neighborhood—is dwindling somewhat as the neighborhood grows more affluent, but the gallery scene in the South End is still one of the strongest in the city. Galleries like the **Mills Gallery** inside the Boston Center for the Arts and the **Boston Sculptors Gallery** (*refer to listings, page 29*) are thriving, and the **SoWa Artists Guild** at 450 Harrison Ave. (home to the **Bernard Toale Gallery** and **Bromfield Gallery**) represents one of the largest and most diverse artists' collectives in the city—with more than 15 galleries and 50 artist studios linked together—and hosts regular events like seasonal art walks and monthly First Friday gatherings (with the next one taking place **June 6**) and exhibitions.

The South End is also home to a number of small theatres that produce some of Boston's most challenging and exiting dramatic works, like **SpeakEasy Stage Company**, which presents Alan Bennett's *The History Boys* at the **Boston Center for the Arts** **through June 7**, and the BCA itself, a four-acre, non-profit organization that boasts four resident theater companies and acts as a venue for productions large and small on a regular basis—including, this month, Gurnet Theatre Project's *Essential Self-Defense* (**beginning June 13**) and Imaginary Beasts' re-imagining of the works of Lewis Carroll, *Impossible Things* (**June 5–14**). And on the western edge of the South End, the **Factory Theatre** (791 Tremont St.) hosts some of Boston's edgiest theater in its 49-seat venue, including David Mamet's *Glengarry Glen Ross* **through June 15**. *Refer to listings, pages 23 & 24.*

Fashionistas seeking a refuge from the high-end chains of the Back Bay also flock to the South End to explore a wide range of funky, independent boutiques like **Leokadia** (667 Tremont St., 617-247-7463), with its selection of high-end footwear; artsy housewares purveyor **Michelle Willey** (8 Union Park St., 617-424-6700); gourmet dog treats and accessories shop **Polka Dog Bakery** (256 Shawmut Ave., 617-338-5155); and much more.

THE SOUTH END SOCIAL SCENE

If you're in search of a prime spot for lounging with a cocktail while you listen to music, scoping out the singletons or just chilling with friends, the South End offers plenty of options. **Flash's Cocktails** (310 Stuart St., 617-574-8888) serves up both classic libations and cutting-edge creations. The ultra-smooth **28 Degrees** (1 Appleton St., 617-728-0728) is a sleek and seductive hangout offering tasty cocktails and a diverse beer selection. **Clery's** (113 Dartmouth St., 617-262-9874) has a neighborhood pub feel that draws in big crowds on the weekends for food, drink and revelry. And **Wally's Café** (427 Massachusetts Ave., 617-424-1408) is one of the city's most venerable nightspots, opened back in 1947, and the last survivor of the South End's once-impressive array of jazz clubs. Wally's proudly continues to feature live music 365 days a year, all without charging a cover.

With a thriving gay community calling the South End home, it's no surprise that the neighborhood boasts a few of the city's most popular gay bars, including **Club Café** (209 Columbus Ave., 617-536-0966), a usually packed nightclub with a video bar, regular evenings devoted to '80s music, karaoke and dance nights, and a tasty restaurant (209 Boston) serving up grub, and **Fritz Lounge** (26 Chandler St., 617-482-4428), which bills itself as "Boston's Gay Sports Bar," and boasts six flat screen plasma TVs, dartboards and a convivial and relaxing after-work atmosphere.

COCKTAIL HOUR: French-themed eatery Gaslight also features a fine selection of signature cocktails at its inviting bar.

PHOTO BY JONATHAN DAISY

The biggest new addition to the South End nightlife scene is **The Beehive** (541 Tremont St., 617-423-0069), a 300-seat bar/restaurant/live music venue which opened last May. According to co-owner Settles, the Beehive (named for an early 20th century artists' colony in Paris) is a place where "mature audiences can come and enjoy themselves. Whatever they want to do—whether it's eat dinner, come and see live music, just hang out and have a drink—they can stay out late doing it." Ⓟ

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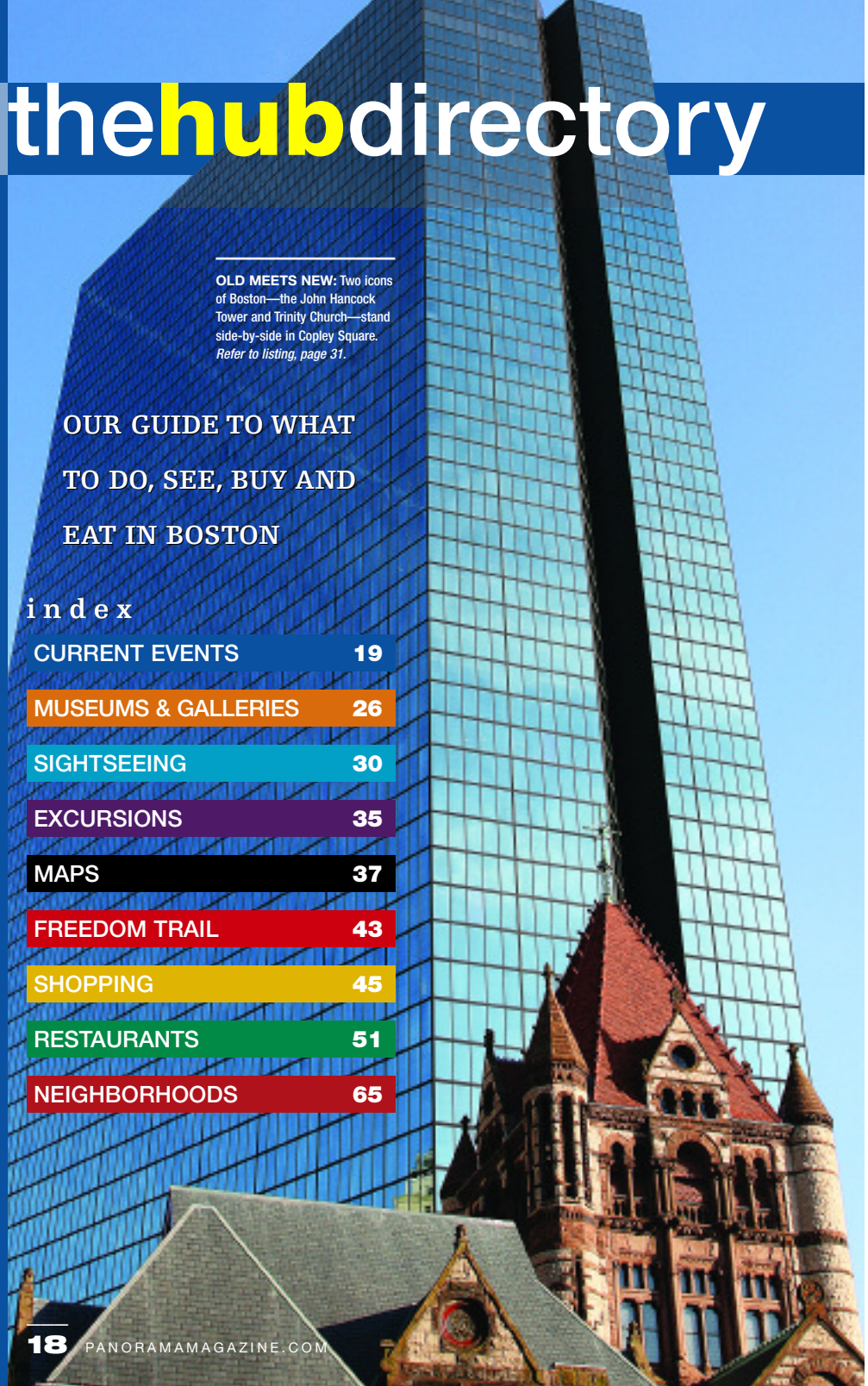

OLD MEETS NEW: Two icons of Boston—the John Hancock Tower and Trinity Church—stand side-by-side in Copley Square. *Refer to listing, page 31.*

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BOSTON POPS: Keith Lockhart leads the famed orchestra as its spring season at Symphony Hall gets into full swing. **Refer to listing, left.**

CLASSICAL

BOSTON POPS, Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., 617-266-2378. The Boston Pops were created in 1885 by Boston Symphony Orchestra founder Henry Lee Higginson, who wanted to provide lighter musical concerts for the summertime. Led by Keith Lockhart, now in his 14th season as conductor, the Pops are a quintessentially American tradition. ***June 10 & 11*** *at 8 p.m.*—JazzFest unites the Pops with Afro-Cuban virtuoso Arturo Sandoval, *tickets: $19–87;* ***June 12–14*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Pops welcomes guest actors Christine Ebersole, Ron Raine and Mary Louise Wilson for three performances of Stephen Sondheim's musical *A Little Night Music*, *tickets: $19–87.*

COMEDY

CHRIS ROCK, Citi Performing Arts Center, The Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont St., 800-447-7400. ***June 14*** *at 7 and 10 p.m. Tickets: $45.50–75.50.* One of comedy's most lauded performers returns to Boston for two shows, when Chris Rock brings his incendiary brand of stand-up to the Wang. The star of film and television's No Apologies tour—his first tour in three years—features all-new material from this masterful wit.

THE COMEDY CONNECTION, Quincy Market, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-248-9700. *Tickets: $15–25.* Named "The Best Comedy Club in the Country" (*USA Today*), this venue has featured national and local stand-up acts such as Chris Rock, Dane Cook and Dave Chappelle. ***June 2 & 9*** *at 8 p.m.*—Amateur Showcase with Kevin Knox; ***June 3 & 10*** *at 8 p.m.*—Comedy Showcase with Paul Nardizzi; ***June 4*** *at 8 p.m.*—Comedy Showcase with Frank Santorelli; ***June 5 & 12*** *at 8:30 p.m.*—Frank Santos "The R-Rated Hypnotist"; ***June 6*** *at 8 and 10:15 p.m.,* ***June 7*** *at 10:30 p.m*—John Heffron; ***June 8 & 15*** *at 7 p.m.*—Boston Comedy Showcase; ***June 11*** *at 8 p.m.*—Comedy Showcase with Jim Dunn.

THE COMEDY STUDIO AT THE HONG KONG, 1236 Massachusetts Ave., Harvard Square, Cambridge, 617-661-6507. *Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; shows begin at 8 p.m. Call for complete schedule. Cover: $8–10.* A place where fresh talent is discovered and headliners experiment. ***June 3 & 10***—Mystery Lounge; ***June 4***—David Powell with Mike Howington, Gary Petersen, Andrew Mayer and others; ***June 5 & 12***—The Micah-Myq Club; ***June 6***—Clark Eleftriadis with Reggie Williams, Quinn Collins, Ellen Moschetto and others; ***June 7***—Chris Oake with Clark Eleftriadis, Ahmed Bharoocham, Nate Johnson and others; ***June 8***—Gary Petersen with Wes Hazard, Sean Sullivan, Shawn Marek and others; ***June 11***—Joe Madaus with Renata Tutko, Billy Bob Neck, Mac Livingston and others; ***June 13***—Myq Kaplan with Alvin David, Mike Del Ilano, Bob Sheehy, Arielle Goldman and others; ***June 14***—Alvin David with Matt McArthur, Brett Anderson, Erin Judge and Luke Hanbury; ***June 15***—Ravi Subramanian, Rito Andrade, Chris Norton, Andy Ofiesh and others.

DICK DOHERTY'S COMEDY VAULT, 124 Boylston St., 800-401-2221. *Shows Tue–Thu at 8:30 p.m., Fri–Sun Open Mic at 9 p.m. Tickets: $10–15.* Located in the downstairs portion of Remington's bar and restaurant. ***June 4 & 11***—Wicked Wednesdays with Dick Doherty; ***June 5 & 12***—The Greg Howell Show; ***June 6***—L-Word Laughter, a Gay and Lesbian Showcase hosted by Amy Tee; ***June 8***—Micah Sherman hosts Open Mic Night.

IMPROV ASYLUM, 216 Hanover St., 617-263-6887. *Tickets: $15–20, dinner packages available. Visit www.improvasylum.com for complete show schedules. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to showtime.* Some of Boston's top improvisational comics perform uproarious and creative shows at their theater in the heart of Boston's North End. ***June 4 & 11*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Best of Improv Asylum; ***June 5 & 12*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***June 6, 7, 13 & 14*** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Mainstage Show; ***June 7 & 14*** *at midnight*—The Midnight Show.

IMPROVBOSTON, 40 Prospect St., Central Square, Cambridge, 617-576-1253. *Cover: $5–16.* This comedy troupe features sketch comedy, games, original music and audience participation. ***June 4 & 11*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Hump Fringe Show; ***June 4*** *at 10 p.m.*—The Naked Comedy Showcase; ***June 5 & 12*** *at 8 p.m.*—Bastards Inc.; *at 10 p.m.*—The Great and Secret Comedy Show; ***June 6 & 13*** *at 8 p.m.*—My Big Fat Roshomon Wedding; *at 10 p.m.*—TheatreSports; *at 11:30 p.m.*—Night Cap; ***June 7 & 14*** *at 6 p.m.*—Family Show; *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Mainstage Show; *at 9:30 p.m.*—Boston News Net; *at 11:30 p.m.*—Night Cap; ***June 8 & 15*** *at 7 p.m.*—Sgt. Culpepper's Comedy Jamboree.

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.

FILM

BOSTON INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL, Loews Boston Common, 175 Tremont St., 617-482-3900. *Visit www.bifilmfestival.com for a complete schedule of films and ticket prices.* ***June 6–14.*** Now in its sixth year, the Boston International Film Festival presents more than 100 short and feature films from more than 30 nations around the world, including Argentina,

France, Cape Verde, Rwanda, Singapore, the United Kingdom and many more.

THE BRATTLE THEATRE, 40 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-876-6837. *Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: $9.50; students & matinees $7.50; seniors & children $6.50.* Classic, cutting-edge and world cinema with double features almost every day. Now showing: ***June 6 & 7*** *at 3:15 and 7:30 p.m.—Cat on a Hot Tin Roof; at 5:15 and 9:30 p.m.—Touch of Evil;* ***June 7*** *at 11 a.m.—Jaws;* ***June 8*** *at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.—Zelig; at 1:15, 5:15 and 9:15 p.m.—Monty Python's The Meaning of Life;* ***June 10*** *at 5 and 8 p.m.,* ***June 11*** *at 6:30 p.m.,* ***June 12*** *at 8:30 p.m.—2001: A Space Odyssey.*

COOLIDGE CORNER THEATRE, 290 Harvard Ave., Brookline, 617-734-2500. *Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: $9.75; members, seniors & children (Mon–Thu) $6.75 and (Fri–Sun) $7.75.* This independent movie house screens recent indie films, as well as the classics. Now showing: ***June 2–5*** *at 5, 7:30 and 9:40 p.m.—Constantine's Sword;* ***June 8*** *at 10:30 a.m.—The Vortex.*

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: ***June 2*** *at 7 p.m.—Love Comes Lately;* ***June 9*** *at 7 p.m.—Going My Way; at 9:30 p.m.—Rally 'Round the Flag, Boys!;* ***June 14*** *at 7 p.m.—An Affair to Remember; at 9:15 p.m.—Make Way for Tomorrow;* ***June 15*** *at 3 p.m.—The Bells of St. Mary's.*

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: *The Alps; Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk.*

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, 465 Huntington Ave., 617-267-9300. *Screenings Thu–Sun, call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: $6–9.* The Museum of Fine Arts' Film Program has grown to become one of the nation's finest exhibitors of contemporary international cinema, restored classics and premieres of American independent films. Now showing: ***June 5*** *at 8:15 p.m.,* ***June 8*** *at 3:15 p.m.—Sweet Mud;* ***June 6*** *at 3:40 p.m.—Flight of the Red Balloon;* ***June 12*** *at 3 p.m.—Kaal* and *Speaking Tree.*

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: *U23D (tickets: $12.95); Sea Monsters 3D; Deep Sea 3D; Dolphins and Whales 3D.*

KIDS CORNER

BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, Museum Wharf, 300 Congress St., 617-426-6500. *Refer to listing in Museums.* Daily organized activities in the Art Studio and Play Space such as music and movement, finger puppet making and kitchen science. ***Daily*** *at 10 a.m.*—Playspace: Messy Activity; ***Daily*** *at 11 a.m.*—Art Studio: Paint Party; ***June 3 & 10*** *at 11:15 a.m.*—Playspace: Tasty Tuesdays; ***June 4 & 11*** *at 10:30 a.m.*—Pint-sized Science; ***June 5 & 12*** *at 1:30 p.m.*—Playspace: Silly Stretches; ***June 14*** *at 11 a.m.*—Kamishibai Japanese Storytelling.

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. Special events: ***June 2*** *at 4 p.m.*—Art Instruction for Teens; ***June 13*** *at 10 a.m.*—Infant/Toddler Sing-along; *at 2:30 p.m.*—Films for Teens: *Hairspray.*

PUPPET SHOWPLACE THEATRE, 32 Station St., Brookline, 617-731-6400. *Tickets: $10.* The first puppetry center in New England presents the magical world of puppet theater, enlightening audiences of all ages. ***June 4 & 5*** *at 10:30 a.m.—Where is Bunny's Tail? and Other Tales;* ***June 7 & 8*** *at 1 and 3 p.m.—Jack & The Beanstalk;* ***June 11 & 12*** *at 10:30 a.m.—The Hungry Caterpillar and Other Tales;* ***June 14 & 15*** *at 1 and 3 p.m.—Puss in Boots.*

LIVE MUSIC

BANK OF AMERICA PAVILION, 290 Northern Ave., 617-931-2000. This open-air waterfront venue features world-class rock, pop, blues and country performers set against the backdrop of the Boston skyline. ***June 3*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Raconteurs with The Black Lips, *tickets: $25 & 35;* ***June 5*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Robert Plant and Alison Krauss, *tickets: $38.50–65.*

BERKLEE PERFORMANCE CENTER, 136 Massachusetts Ave., 617-747-2261. ***June 2*** *at 8 p.m.*—Jaheim, *tickets: $48 & 58;* ***June 14*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Dave Brubeck Quartet, *tickets: $32.50 & 40;* ***June 15*** *at 6 p.m.*—Summer Beats '08, an evening of Indian/Bollywood music, *tickets: $39–109.*

CLUB PASSIM, 47 Palmer St., Cambridge, 617-492-7679. *Call for full schedule.* This intimate Harvard Square coffeehouse was a starting place for folk icons like Joan Baez and Bob Dylan. ***June 4 & 5*** *at 8 p.m.*—Dan Bern, *tickets: $25;* ***June 6*** *at 8 p.m.*—Robbie Fulks with Danny Click, *tickets: $20;* ***June 11*** *at 8 p.m.*—Landon Pigg with Brendan James, *tickets: $15;* ***June 14*** *at 8 p.m.*—Al Kooper Rockabilly Trio, *tickets: $17.*

HARPERS FERRY, 156 Brighton Ave., Allston, 617-254-9743. *Shows start at 8 p.m. Call for complete schedule.* This club offers live music daily and is renowned for showcasing local classic rock and rhythm 'n' blues cover bands. ***June 4***—Monte Montgomery, *tickets: $12;* ***June 5***—Eek-A-Mouse, *tickets: $20;* ***June 13***—Bang Camaro, *tickets: $10;* ***June 14***—Mark Bryan (of Hootie and the Blowfish) with Craig DeMelo, *tickets: $12.*

THE MIDDLE EAST, 472 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617-864-EAST. *Doors open at 8 p.m., shows start at 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Call for complete schedule.* Whether Upstairs, Downstairs or in the Corner, this club showcases the best in alternative/indie rock bands. ***June 5***—U.S. Air Guitar Championships, *tickets: $15;* ***June 6***—Mudhoney with The Cynics and The Men, *tickets: $20;* ***June 9***—Christian Death with Baby Boy H and Tombs, *tickets: $20;* ***June 13***—Psychostick with Look What I Did, Powerglove and Peelander-Z, *tickets: $12.*

ORPHEUM THEATRE, 1 Hamilton Place, 617-931-2000. The Orpheum opened in 1852 and was the site of the first Boston Symphony Orchestra performances and lectures by Booker T. Washington and Ralph Waldo Emerson. ***June 8*** *at 8 p.m.*—Djavan, *tickets: $35–50.*

PARADISE ROCK CLUB, 967 Commonwealth Ave., 617-562-8800. An intimate setting with a big sound, Paradise is one of Boston's favorite rock clubs. *All shows 18+ unless otherwise noted.* ***June 2*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Presets, *tickets: $12;* ***June 4*** *at 8 p.m.*—Ryan Cabrera, *tickets: $17.50;* ***June 5*** *at 9 p.m.*—The Breeders, *tickets: $22;* ***June 6*** *at 9 p.m.*—James Hunter, *tickets: $15;* ***June 7*** *at 9 p.m.*—Jamie Lidell, *tickets: $15;* ***June 8*** *at 8 p.m.*—Jakob Dylan, *tickets: $25;* ***June 9*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Kooks, *tickets: $20;* ***June 10*** *at 8 p.m.*—Swervedriver, *tickets: $20;* ***June 12 & 13*** *at 9 p.m.*—Mission of Burma, *tickets: $20.*

REGATTABAR, third floor of The Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett St., Cambridge, 617-661-5099. ***June 3*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Henry Butler, *tickets: $18;* ***June 4*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—The Bert Seager Quartet, *tickets: $15;* ***June 6*** *at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—The Wild Magnolias, *tickets: $22;* ***June 7*** *at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—Angel Band, *tickets: $25;* ***June 10*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Laszlo Gardony Trio, *tickets: $15;* ***June 13*** *at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—The Puppini Sisters, *tickets: $25.*

SANDERS THEATER, Memorial Hall, Harvard University, 45 Quincy St., 617-496-2222. ***June 13*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Dave Brubeck Quartet, *tickets: $32.50 & 40.*

SCULLERS JAZZ CLUB, DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel, 400 Soldiers Field Road, 617-562-4111. *Showtimes: Tue–Thu at 8 and 10 p.m., Fri & Sat at 8 and 10:30 p.m., Sun at 7 and 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Combination tickets include dinner and show.* ***June 5***—John Densmore's Tribal Jazz, *tickets: $25, $70 with dinner;* ***June 6 & 7***—John Pizzarelli, *tickets: $35, $80 with dinner;* ***June 10 & 11***—Brian Culbertson, *tickets: $32, $77 with dinner;* ***June 12 & 13***—Hiromi's Sonic Boom, *tickets: $25, $70 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. ***June 11*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Alicia Keys, *tickets: $47–122.50;* ***June 13*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers with Steve Winwood, *tickets: $50–95.*

TOP OF THE HUB, Prudential Tower, 52nd floor, 617-536-1775. Enjoy food, drink and the best view in Boston as you swing to live jazz and classics from the Great American Songbook. ***June 2, 8, 9 & 15*** *at 8 p.m.*—Marty Ballou Trio; ***June 8 & 15*** *at noon*—Lee Childs Group.

T.T. THE BEAR'S PLACE, 10 Brookline St., Cambridge, 617-492-BEAR. *Shows start at 8:30 p.m. Call for complete schedule. Cover: $8–14.* ***June 3***—Grand Army with Alexis Babini; ***June 5***—Township with Pet Genius, Cortez and Handsome Jack; ***June 8***—Donita Sparks and the Stellar Moments with Scarce and Shepherdess; ***June 12***—Damon and Naomi with Helena Espvali & Masaki Batoh and Drew O'Doherty.

TWEETER CENTER, 885 S. Main St., Mansfield (45 minutes south of Boston), 617-931-2000. The concerts at this outdoor amphitheater are a hallmark of summer and boast some of pop music's biggest acts. ***June 4*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Eric Clapton with Robert Randolph & The Family Band, *tickets: $49.50–125;* ***June 7*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Tim McGraw with Jason Aldean and Halfway to Hazard, *tickets: $25 & 55;* ***June 13*** *at 6:30 p.m.*—R.E.M. with Modest Mouse and The National, *tickets: $25–75;* ***June 14*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers with Steve Winwood, *tickets: $29.50–95;* ***June 15*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Rush, *tickets: $28–110.*

SPECIAL EVENTS

BOSTON PRIDE FESTIVAL, City Hall Plaza, 617-262-9405. ***June 14*** *beginning at noon. Visit www.bostonpride.org for a complete schedule of Pride Week events.* The annual Boston Pride Parade begins *at noon* at the corner of Tremont and Clarendon streets, featuring dozens of floats, costumes and supporters of Boston's gay community marching to the Pride Festival at City Hall Plaza, which features more than 100 merchandise and food vendors, as well as live music and a family area featuring carnival games and much more.

BUNKER HILL WEEK CELEBRATIONS, Bunker Hill Monument and other Charlestown locations, 617-242-5601. ***June 10–17.*** Join in the revelry of Bunker Hill Week, as Bostonians and visitors commemorate Boston's Revolutionary War history with events including a doll carriage parade for kids, a two-mile road race, re-enactments and the traditional Bunker Hill Day Parade on ***June 15.***

CAMBRIDGE RIVER FESTIVAL, Riverbend Park along Memorial Drive, between Harvard Square and Central Square, Cambridge, 617-349-4380. ***June 14*** *from noon–6 p.m. Free and open to the public.* All are invited to attend this one-day celebration of the arts along the banks of the Charles River. Visitors will enjoy multiple stages featuring live jazz, world, Latin and folk music, family art-making activities, specialty food and craft vendors, public art projects and much more.

DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL, along the Charles River, corner of De Wolfe Street and Memorial Avenue, www.bostondragonboat.org. ***June 8*** *from 9 a.m.–5 p.m.* Dragon Boat Festivals traditionally commemorate the life and death of the great Chinese poet Qu Yuan. The first U.S. festival was held in Boston 27 years ago as a vehicle to promote Asian culture. This year's festival includes Hong Kong Dragon Boat Races, Chinese arts and crafts, all varieties of Asian food, martial arts demonstrations, the Wah Lum Kung Fu Academy Lion Dance and musical performances throughout the day.

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 cobble-stoned paths dressed with garlands. ***June 7 & 8***—Santa Maria di Anzano Feast and Procession.

SCOOPER BOWL, City Hall Plaza, 800-52-JIMMY, or www.jimmyfund.org. ***June 10 & 12*** *from 11:30 a.m.–7 p.m.,* ***June 11*** *'til 8 p.m. Admission: $8; children (3–10) $4; children (under 3) free; 3-day Scooper Pass: $15.* The nation's largest, all-you-can-eat charity ice cream festival benefits the Jimmy Fund for children's cancer research. The extravaganza boasts live entertainment, music, prizes and enough ice cream from Baskin-Robbins, Cold Stone Creamery, Ben & Jerry's, Brigham's and many others to satisfy any sweet tooth.

SPORTS

2008 VISA CHAMPIONSHIPS **WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS**
Agganis Arena, Boston University, 925 Commonwealth Ave., 617-931-2000. ***June 5 & 7.*** *Tickets: $25–40.* The road to the Summer Olympics in Beijing goes through Boston for some of America's top female gymnasts. Watch as top U.S. hopefuls show off the skills that will help them go for the gold in this championship event.

BOSTON RED SOX **MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**
Fenway Park, 4 Yawkey Way, 617-482-4SOX.

June 3–5 *at 7:05 p.m.*	vs. Tampa Bay Rays
June 6 *at 7:05 p.m.*	vs. Seattle Mariners
June 7 *at 3:55 p.m.*	vs. Seattle Mariners
June 8 *at 1:35 p.m.*	vs. Seattle Mariners
June 10–12 *at 7:05 p.m.*	vs. Baltimore Orioles

BROCKTON ROX **CAN-AM LEAGUE BASEBALL**
Campanelli Stadium, One Lexington Ave., Brockton, 508-559-7070.

June 10 & 12 *at 7:05 p.m.*	vs. Ottawa Rapides
June 11 *at 10:30 a.m.*	vs. Ottawa Rapides
June 13 *at 7:05 p.m.*	vs. Atlantic City Surf
June 14 *at 6:05 p.m.*	vs. Atlantic City Surf
June 15 *at 1:05 p.m.*	vs. Atlantic City Surf

NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION **MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER**
Gillette Stadium, One Patriot Place, Foxborough, 800-543-1776 or 877-GETREVS.

June 8 *at 3 p.m.*	vs. FC Dallas

THEATER

BLUE MAN GROUP, Charles Playhouse, 74 Warrenton St., 617-931-2787 or 617-426-6912. *Performances: Tue–Thu at 8 p.m., Fri at 7 p.m., Sat at 2, 5, and 8 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.

CARDENIO, American Repertory Theatre, Loeb Drama Center, 64 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-547-8300. *Performances* ***through June 8****: Tue–Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $15–79.* This sparkling new romantic comedy based on a play by Shakespeare that was lost soon after its first performance has been woven into a contemporary story, now set at a wedding party on the terrace of a villa in Umbria. From the crisscrossing of suspicious lovers to soliloquies reimagined as wedding toasts, this reconstruction has Shakespeare's fingerprints all over it.

CONTACT, North Shore Music Theatre, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly, 978-232-7200. *Performances* ***beginning June 10****: Tue–Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 and 8 p.m., Sun & Wed at 2 p.m. Tickets: $32–79.* Director/choreographer Susan Stroman's haunting dance-play is divided into three parts: the first, inspired by an 18th-century painting by Jean-Honoré Fragonard, depicts a sexy romp in the French countryside; the second takes place in an Italian restaurant in 1954, where a woman escapes from her troubled marriage into fantasies; while the third centers on a lonely, middle-aged man who tries to connect with a young woman in a yellow dress.

ESSENTIAL SELF-DEFENSE, Gurnet Theatre Project, Plaza Black Box Theatre, Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., 617-933-8600. *Performances* ***beginning June 13****: Wed–Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 3 and 8 p.m., Sun at 3 p.m. Tickets: $25.* Disgruntled outcast Yul Carroll takes a job as an attack dummy

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in a woman's self-defense class and finds himself mysteriously drawn to Sadie. When local children start vanishing at an alarming rate, our hero, his lady friend and a motley assortment of poets, butchers and punk librarians prepare to battle the darkness on the edge of town in this Boston premiere by Adam Rapp (*Nocturne, Red Light Winter*).

GLENGARRY GLEN ROSS, Counter-Productions Theatre Company, Factory Theatre, The Piano Factory, 791 Tremont St., 866-811-4111. *Performances **through June 15**: Thu–Sat at 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. Tickets: $20.* David Mamet's Pulitzer Prize-winner revolves around the cutthroat world of small-time real estate salesmen trying to grind out a living by pushing plots of land on reluctant buyers in a never-ending scramble for their fair share of the American dream.

THE HISTORY BOYS, SpeakEasy Stage Company, Wimberly Theatre, Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont St., 617-933-8600. *Performances **through June 7**: Wed & Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 4 and 8 p.m., Sun at 3 p.m. Tickets: $51 & 54.* In Alan Bennett's Tony Award winner, a British headmaster hires a hotshot young history teacher to groom students for their college exams, pitting the young instructor against the school's maverick English teacher, who seeks to broaden the students' horizons in sometimes unorthodox ways.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST, Lyric Stage Company, 140 Clarendon St., 617-437-7172. *Performances **through June 7**: Wed & Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 4 and 8 p.m., Sun at 3 p.m. Tickets: $25–54.* Oscar Wilde's stylish comedy of manners is the story of assumed names, mistaken lovers and preposterous enchantment. This delightfully witty and light-hearted romp through Victorian society follows two young bachelors pretending to be earnest—and Ernest—as they aim to win their ladies' hearts.

IMPOSSIBLE THINGS, Imaginary Beasts, Hall A, Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont St., 617-933-8600. *Performances **Jun 5–14**: Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 3 and 8 p.m., Sun at 3 p.m. Tickets: $22.* Dipping its creative bucket deep into Lewis Carroll's well of nonsense, this vibrant re-imagining of Wonderland from the perspecive of its more marginal figures portrays a world of absurdity in a series of short, imaginative vignettes.

KING JOHN, Actors' Shakespeare Project, The Cathedral Church of Saint Paul, 138 Tremont St., 866-811-4111. *Performances **June 2, 5, 6 & 7** at 7:30 p.m., **June 4** at 2 p.m., **June 8** at 5:30 p.m. Tickets: $26–30.* The game of politics turns deadly as played by an innocent prince, his desparate mother, capricious rulers, treacherous nobles and tricky King John in Shakespeare's often-overlooked tragedy.

OUR TOWN, Wellesley Summer Theatre, Ruth Nagel Jones Theatre, Alumnae Hall, 106 Central St., Wellesley, 781-283-2000. *Performances **beginning June 4**: Thu at 7 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 3 and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m.* The small town of Grovers Corners, New Hampshire and its inhabitants play out the story of the endless cycle of birth, love and death at the dawn of the 20th century in Thornton Wilder's timeless classic.

RUTHLESS!, Metro Stage Company, Cambridge Family YMCA Theatre, 820 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617-524-5013. *Performances **June 6, 7, 12, 13 & 14** at 8 p.m., **Jun 8** at 2 p.m. Tickets: $20.* This hysterical and campy musical comedy traces the story of 8-year-old child actress Tina Denmark, her split-personality mother Judy and her stylish talent agent, Sylvia St. Croix, who has all the charm of Joan Crawford in a daycare center.

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***KING JOHN*: Actors' Shakespeare Project perform the Bard's seldom-produced tragedy of politics and treachery at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul on Tremont Street. Refer to listing, left.**

SHEAR MADNESS, Charles Playhouse Stage II, 74 Warrenton St., 617-426-5225. *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.

SHE LOVES ME, Huntington Theatre Company, Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Ave., 617-266-0800. *Performances: Tue–Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets: $25–70.* Inspiration for the Tom Hanks/Meg Ryan film *You've Got Mail*, this romantic musical comedy is the story of two lovesick, anonymous pen pals who work together during the day, blissfully unaware that they are writing to each other at night.

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 attractions, as well as savings up to 20% at local shops and restaurants.

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS: The Fenway institution celebrates the art of Spain in its El Greco to Velazquez: Art during the Reign of Philip III exhibit. Refer to listing, right.

BOSTON

BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, Museum Wharf, 300 Congress St., 617-426-6500. *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; Joshua's Journey, detailing a black cowboy's adventures and includes many hands-on activities, such as saddling a horse. Special exhibit: Children of Hangzhou: Connecting with China. *Refer to Kids Corner in Current Events for special events.*

INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART, 100 Northern Ave., 617-478-3100. *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.* 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: Accumulations, the latest additions to the ICA permanent collection; On the Sandra and Gerald Fineberg Art Wall: Dave Muller; Momentum 10: Ranjani Shettar; Street Level: Mark Bradford, William Cordova and Robin Rhode; Anish Kapoor: Past Present Future.

ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM, 280 The Fenway, 617-566-1401. *Tue–Sun 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $12; seniors $10; students $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.

JOHN F. KENNEDY PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM, off Morrissey Boulevard, next to UMass Boston, Dorchester, 866-535-1960. www.jfklibrary.org. *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 exhibit: Shaping Up America: JFK, Sports and the Call to Physical Fitness.

LARZ ANDERSON AUTO MUSEUM, Larz Anderson Park, 15 Newton St., Brookline, 617-522-6547. *Open Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $5; students, seniors and children (6–18) $3; children (5 and under) free.* The oldest collection of historic automobiles in the nation is displayed in the owner's original home. Special exhibit: Passion, Design, Performance: The Art of Italian Style. Lawn events: ***June 8***—Corvette Day; ***June 15***—German Car Day.

THE MARY BAKER EDDY LIBRARY, 200 Massachussets Ave., 617-450-7000. *Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: $6; seniors, students & youth (6–17) $4; children (under 6) free.* The Library explores the life and achievements of Mary Baker Eddy, a New England woman who defied conventional 19th-century thinking to become an influential religious leader, publisher, teacher and businesswoman. The museum also houses the famous Mapparium—a three-story stained-glass globe, opened in 1935, which allows visitors to stand in the center, giving them a unique look at how ideas have the power to inspire individuals and change the world. Special exhibits: Sensational Press, Radical Response; Verse-maker: Poetry and Mary Baker Eddy; Private Carriage, Public Journey; The Mapparium: An Inside View.

MCMULLEN MUSEUM OF ART, Boston College, 140 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill, 617-552-8100. *Mon–Fri 11 a.m.–4 p.m., Sat & Sun noon–5 p.m. Free admission.* Gallery tours held every *Sun at 12:30 p.m.* This museum is lauded for presenting interdisciplinary exhibits that spark new questions and renowned for its European, Asian and American collections. Special exhibit: ***through June 8***—Tree of Paradise: Jewish Mosaics from the Roman Empire.

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

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, 465 Huntington Ave., 617-267-9300. *Sat–Tue 10 a.m.–4:45 p.m., Wed–Fri 'til 9:45 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; children (6 and under) free.* The museum houses an outstanding collection of paintings, prints, sculptures, furnishings and other artwork from ancient times through the present, as well as the most comprehensive collection of Asiatic art in the world. Special exhibits: Sumo: Japan's Big Sport; Zhang Daqian: Painter, Collector, Forger; Kufic Korans: Calligraphy in the World of Islam; The Brilliance of Bird-and-Flower Painting: Gems of Asian Art; Antonio Lopez Garcia; El Greco to Velazquez: Art during the Reign of Philip III, *ticketed separately: $23, seniors & students $21, children $7.50.* Special events: ***June 7*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Music: Jenny Scheinman, *tickets: $18, seniors & students $14;* ***June 11*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Music: Mark Kozelek and Sun Kil Moon with Marissa Nadler, *tickets: $20, seniors & students $16;* ***June 14*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Museum Council hosts The Summer Party, a black-tie evening of art and entertainment benefiting the MFA, *tickets: $150.*

THE MUSEUM OF THE NATIONAL CENTER OF AFRO-AMERICAN ARTISTS, 300 Walnut Ave., Roxbury, 617-442-8614. *Tue–Sun 1–5 p.m.; by appointment for groups. Admission: $4; students & seniors $3.* Housed in the former Oak Bend Mansion, a neo-Gothic structure built in the early 1870s, this museum holds a slide archive and an extensive collection of African artifacts, prints and drawings. It also hosts national and international traveling exhibits. Special exhibits: Works by Calvin W. Burnettt (1921–2007); Reflections in Exile: Five Contemporary African Artists.

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE, Science Park, 617-723-2500. *Sat–Thu 9 a.m.–5 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, are featured. Special exhibits: Double Exposure: Photographing Global Climate Change; Planetarium Show: *What Happened to Pluto?;* ***beginning June 15***—Baseball As America, featuring memorabilia from the Baseball Hall of Fame. *Refer to Film listings in Current Events for complete Mugar Omni Theater schedule.*

OLD STATE HOUSE MUSEUM, 206 Washington St., 617-720-1713. *Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $5; seniors & students $4; children (ages 6–18) $1.* At the site of the Boston Massacre and the first reading of the Declaration of Independence in Boston, explore exhibits on the American Revolution, Boston's maritime history and the Boston Massacre. Special exhibits: The Old State House: A Hands-on History; Every Picture Tells a Story; Our Favorite Things; The Boston Massacre: A Sound and Light Show.

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

USS CONSTITUTION MUSEUM, Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, 617-426-1812. *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

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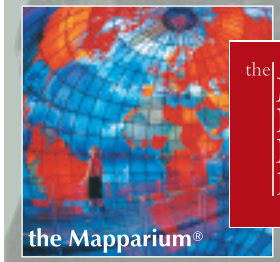

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CAMBRIDGE

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

BUSCH-REISINGER MUSEUM, Werner Otto Hall, 32 Quincy St. (enter through the Fogg Art Museum), 617-495-9400. *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; A Taste of Power: 18th-Century German Porcelain for the Table.

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; Long Life Cool White: Photographs by Moyra Davey; Renzo Piano's Art Museum for Harvard.

HARVARD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 26 Oxford St., 617-495-3045. *Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $9; seniors & 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; Arthropods: Creatures that Rule; Carl Linnaeus: A 300-Year Legacy; Sea Creatures in Glass; Looking at Leaves: Photographs by Amanda Means.

MIT LIST VISUAL ARTS CENTER, 20 Ames St., 617-253-4680. *Tue, Wed & Fri–Sun noon–6 p.m., Thu 'til 8 p.m. Free admission.* One of Boston's premier showcases for contemporary art, the List Center reflects MIT's position as a cutting-edge research institution by presenting works from the world's leading contemporary artists. Special exhibit: Chantal Akerman: Moving through Time and Space.

THE MIT MUSEUM, 265 Massachusetts Ave., 617-253-4444. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $7.50; seniors, students & children (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; Robots and Beyond: Exploring Artificial Intelligence at MIT; 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; Urban Design and Civil Protest: A Contemporary Meditation.

SACKLER MUSEUM, Quincy and Broadway streets, 617-495-9400. *Tours: Wed 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.

BEYOND BOSTON

CONCORD MUSEUM, 200 Lexington Road, Concord, 978-369-9763. *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m. Admission: $10; seniors & students $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 event: ***June 6 & 7***—Garden Affairs Tour, a tour of eight outstanding Concord gardens, departing from the museum, *tickets: $35.*

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: Moving Through New England; The 2008 DeCordova Annual Exhibition. Special event: ***June 8*** *from 10 a.m.–5 p.m.*—Art in the Park Festival and Art Sale.

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; Remember Me: Highlights from the National Heritage Museum; Boston Close Up: Windows on a New Century; The Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts: Celebrating 275 Years of Brotherhood; Keepers of Tradition: Art and Folk Heritage in Massachusetts; ***through June 15***—To Fly to the Aid of Humanity: Benjamin Franklin and the Lodge of Nine Sisters.

PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM, East India Square, Salem, 866-745-1876. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $15; seniors $13; students $11; children (16 and under) free.* The nation's oldest continually operating museum boasts a 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: Auspicious Wishes and Natural Beauty in Korean Art; Intersections: Native American Art in a New Light; Of Gods and Mortals: Traditional Art from India; All of My Life: Contemporary Works by Native American Artists; Yin Yu Tang, the 16-bedroom home of a prosperous Chinese merchant of the Qing Dynasty (1644–1911), *ticketed separately: $4;* Perfect Imbalance: Exploring Chinese Aesthetics; Gateway Bombay; Stage Idols: Japanese Kabuki Theater; Body Politics: Maori Tattoo Today; Wedded Bliss: The Marriage of Art and Ceremony; ***through June 8***—Origami Now.

THE ROSE ART MUSEUM, Brandeis University, 415 South St., Waltham, 781-736-3434. *Tue–Sun noon–5 p.m. Admission: $3; children (under 16) free.* The Rose boasts a collection of modern and contemporary art by artists including de Kooning, Rauschenberg and Warhol. Special exhibits: Alexis Rockman: The Weight of Air; The New Authentics: Artists from the Post-Jewish Generation; Paper Trail II: Passing Through Clouds.

SALEM WITCH MUSEUM, 19½ Washington Square North, Salem, 978-744-1692. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $8; seniors $7; children (6–14) $5.50.* 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

ARDEN GALLERY, 129 Newbury St., 617-247-0610. *Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–5:30 p.m.* Arden specializes in contemporary oil paintings and sculpture by nationally and internationally renowned artists, whose styles range from super-realism to abstraction. Special exhibit: ***through June 3***—Works by Kim Bernard.

AXELLE FINE ARTS, 91 Newbury St., 617-450-0700. *Daily 10 a.m.–6 p.m.* This gallery specializes in displaying the finest in contemporary French representational painting. Special exhibit: Works by Fabienne Delacroix.

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. Special exhibit: Perimeter: Michael Beatty.

BERNARD TOALE GALLERY, 450 Harrison Ave., 617-482-2477. *Tue–Sat 10:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.* This gallery, established in 1992, specializes in cutting-edge contemporary art by both rising and established, internationally known artists. Special exhibits: Abelardo Morell: Pictures in Pictures; Naoki Honjo: Small Planet.

BOSTON SCULPTORS GALLERY, 486 Harrison Ave., 617-482-7781. *Wed–Sun noon–6 p.m.* This sculptors' cooperative has served as an alternative venue for innovative solo sculpture exhibitions since 1992. Special exhibit: MCC Grant Recipients in Sculpture.

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 June 4***—Works by Michael Zigmond.

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: Molly Luce: American Scene to American Green; Sing of America: Wood Engravings by Bernard Brussel-Smith.

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 acclaimed fine art poster gallery displays original vintage posters from the 1890s through post-World War II modern masters.

JUDI ROTENBERG GALLERY, 130 Newbury St., 617-437-1518. *Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m.* The Judi Rotenberg Gallery is one of the longest-standing independent galleries in Boston and is committed to both established and emerging talent in all media. Special exhibit: ***beginning June 5***—Cal Lane: Sweet Crude.

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. More than 75 U.S. and international artists are represented in various mediums, including glass, ceramics, wood, stone, mixed media and textiles. Special exhibit: Arcs and Angels: Works by Robert Cipriani and Rob Lorenson.

MILLS GALLERY, Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., 617-426-8835. *Sun, Wed & Thu noon–5 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 9 p.m.* The BCA presents exciting contemporary works by established and emerging local, regional, national and international visual artists, mounting approximately six large-scale exhibitions in the 2,200 square foot Mills Gallery each year. Special exhibits: ***through June 15***—Artadia Boston 2007, an exhibition of Artadia Award winners; Per-versions by Vasco Araujo.

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.

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 showcase different members of the artistic community, both established and up-and-coming.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RESOURCE CENTER, Boston University, 832 Commonwealth Ave., 617-975-0600. *Tue, Wed & Fri 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Thu 'til 8 p.m., Sat & Sun noon–5 p.m. Admission: $3; students & seniors $2; children (under 18) free.* PRC exhibitions and educational programs are guided by a philosophical inquiry into the intersection of photography with aesthetic, professional and critical discourses. Special exhibit: Exposure: The 13th Annual PRC Juried Exhibition.

PUCKER GALLERY, 171 Newbury St., 617-267-9473. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Sun 1–5 p.m.* Features work by Israeli, American and internationally known contemporary artists. The *Boston Phoenix* writes, "You can make a case for the Pucker Gallery as Boston's best gallery—though it's really more like a wonderful miniature museum." Special exhibits: ***through June 8***—Timeless Beauty: Korean Ceramics by Sung Jae Choi; Recent Reflections: New Photographs by Paul Cary Goldberg; ***beginning June 14***—Enduring Satire: New Works by Zevi Blum; Burning Tradition: Ken Matsuzaki.

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: Political 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. Special exhibit: ***through June 14***—James Jeffrey Grant: The Lure of Gloucester.

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

ODYSSEY CRUISES, departs daily from Rowes Wharf, 888-741-0281. *Brunch: Sat & Sun daily noon–2 p.m. Tickets: $52.90. Lunch: Mon–Fri noon–2 p.m. Tickets: $44.90. Dinner: Mon–Thu 7–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 8–11 p.m., Sun 6–9 p.m. Tickets: $64.90–99.90.* Boarding begins one hour prior to departure. Prices include meal. Midday and moonlight cruises also available. Cruise historic Boston Harbor while enjoying lunch, brunch or dinner aboard this elegant cruise ship. Three lavish decks offer a myriad of entertainment choices, from jazz to contemporary music, and every on-deck stroll reveals the glorious Boston skyline.

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 open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m.* 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. Special exhibit: The Magnificence of Trees: Photographs by Maria Muller, displayed in the Hunnewell Building Lecture Hall.

BOSTON ATHENAEUM, 10 Beacon St., 617-227-0270. *Mon 8:30 a.m.–8 p.m.,Tue–Fri 'til 5:30 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.–4 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: Always Delightfully Cool: Summer Vacations in Northern New England, 1825–1900.

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. *Mon–Thu 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 5 p.m. Free admission. Art & Architecture tours Sun at 2 p.m., 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, 617-242-5641. 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. Visitors can climb the nearby Bunker Hill Monument, a 221-foot granite obelisk, or visit the Bunker Hill Museum.

THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST, 175 Huntington Ave., 617-450-2000. *Free tours of The Mother Church Tue noon–4 p.m., Wed 1–4 p.m., Thu–Sat noon–5 p.m. and Sun 11 a.m.–3 p.m., every half hour. Services: Sun at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., Wed at noon and 7:30 p.m. Spanish language services: Sun at noon, Wed at 6 p.m.* The original Mother Church built in 1894 is at the heart of the Christian Science Center, situated on 14 acres in the Back Bay. The Romanesque structure is made from New Hampshire granite with stained glass windows illustrating Biblical events.

FOREST HILLS CEMETERY, 95 Forest Hills Ave., 617-524-0128. *Daily from 8:30 a.m. 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. Special event: ***June 8*** *at 2 p.m.*—Walking Tour: The Language of Flowers, *tickets: $9.*

HARRISON GRAY OTIS HOUSE, 141 Cambridge St., 617-227-3956. *Wed–Sun 11 a.m.–4:30 p.m., tours every half hour. Admission: $8; seniors $7; students & children (5–18) $4; children (under 5), Historic New England members and Boston residents free. $24 maximum per family.* Built in 1796 for Harrison Gray Otis and his wife, this grand mansion is an example of high-style Federal elegance. Tours offer insight into the social, business and family life of the post-Revolution American elite.

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. *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 & 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 378 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. *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 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.

TOURS AND TRAILS

ANTIQUE LIMOUSINE, 781-308-1921. www.Antique-Limousine.com. *Tours by appointment only.* Enjoy historic Freedom Trail tours in a 1939 Cadillac seven-passenger limousine, just like the Godfather's car. Get close to the sights where the trolley and duck tours can't. The drivers dress, speak and act the part. Just don't mess with them or you might be riding in the trunk. They'll make you an offer you can't refuse. Ask about their specials. Call to schedule a pick up.

BLACK HERITAGE TRAIL, 46 Joy St., 617-742-5415. *Free tours by appointment only. Call at least 24 hours in advance for reservations. Visit www.afroammuseum.org for site descriptions.* 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 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 10 a.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., Sun at 1 p.m.;* Boston Underfoot, *Sun at 2 p.m., tickets: $14;* Boston By Little Feet, *Fri & 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: Daily 9 a.m. 'til one hour before sunset. Tickets: $29; seniors, students & military $25; children (3–11) $19; (under 3) $5; special needs $15. Group discounts available.* Experience the city in an amazing vehicle that rides on land and water. The 80-minute tour visits most of Boston's famous sights. And just when you think you've seen it all, your Duck splashes into the Charles River for a spectacular water view.

BOSTON IRISH HERITAGE TRAIL, various sites Downtown and in the Back Bay, 671-696-9880. Maps available at Boston Common and Prudential Center Visitor Information Centers. www.irishheritagetrail.com. *Free and open to the public.* A self-guided, three-mile walking tour that covers 300 years of history as it takes you through Boston's downtown, North End, Beacon Hill and Back Bay neighborhoods. Learn about famous politicians, artists and war heroes and the rich tradition of rebellion, leadership and triumph that personifies the Boston Irish.

BOSTON MOVIE TOURS, 866-MOVIE-45. www.bostonmovietours.net. *Walking tours Thu–Sun at 2 p.m. Theater-on-Wheels bus tours Thu–Sun at 11 a.m. Tickets: Walking tours $20; seniors & students $17; children (6–12) $10; Theater-on-Wheels $35; seniors & students $32; children (6–12) $26.* Experience the city of Boston the way Tinseltown has through such films as *A Civil Action, Good Will Hunting, Mystic River, The Departed* and others. Both the 90-minute Boston Movie Mile Walking Tour and the 150-minute Theater-on-Wheels Tour—aboard a bus outfitted with video monitors playing movie clips that tours the city in climate-controlled comfort—take movie buffs to filming sites around Boston and Cambridge, sharing trivia and anecdotes about Hollywood in the Hub.

CITY VIEW TROLLEYS, departing every 20–30 minutes from the New England Aquarium, South Station, Boston Common and other locations, 617-363-7899. *Daily 9:30 a.m–5:30 p.m. Tickets: $29; seniors & students $27; children (4–12) $12. Discount tickets available online at www.cityviewtrolleys.com.* 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 sites along the Freedom Trail. Passengers can board and exit the trolley at any stop at any time during the tours.

FENWAY PARK TOURS, 4 Yawkey Way, 617-226-6666. *Tours leave daily, every hour on the hour, from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. or 'til three hours before game time. Tickets: $12; seniors $11; children (4–15) & 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. *Tours depart from the Visitor Center on Boston Common daily at 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. Additional 1:30 p.m. tours on weekdays. Tours depart from BosTix Tue–Sun at 11:30 a.m. Tickets: $12; seniors $10; children (12 and under) $6. Call for private tours.* 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: $36; children $23.* 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.

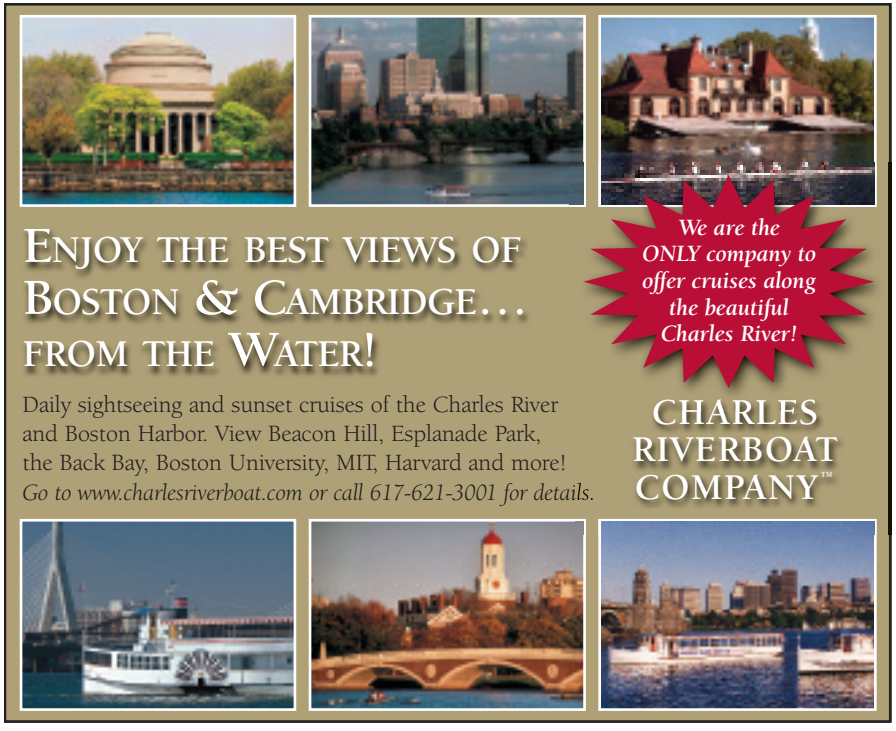
HISTORIC PUB CRAWL, BosTix Booth, Faneuil Hall, 617-357-8300. *Reservations required. Private tours for groups are available on most days. Tickets: $39.* ***June 3 & 10*** *at 5:30 p.m.* The Freedom Trail Foundation's 18th-century costumed guide takes you on a tour of Boston's historic pubs where treasonous 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.* This two-hour guided walking tour explores some of the hidden courtyards and passageways of the North End, visits the birthplace of Kennedy matriarch Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy and tells tales of Boston's oldest neighborhood, like the disastrous Great Boston Molasses Flood of 1919 that devastated much of the historic city sector.

OLD TOWN TROLLEY TOURS OF BOSTON, 617-269-7010. *Tours depart daily every 20 minutes 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $34; seniors & students $31; children (4–12) $13.* With 16 stops throughout the city, including the New England Aquarium, Fenway Park, *USS Constitution* Museum and 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 at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. depending on tour. Call for reservations and departure locations. Tickets: $25–30; students $20; children (12–17) $12.* Explore



Boston with your choice of five photographic journeys that reveal the scenic treasures of Beacon Hill, Back Bay, 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, 617-368-5080. *Tours begin approximately every 45 minutes, Tue–Thu noon–3 p.m., Fri noon–5:30 p.m., Sat 10 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: Mon–Fri at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m., Sat & Sun hourly from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Tickets: $29; seniors & students $25; children (3–11) $17; children (under 3) $7.* Boston's newest amphibious tour company takes visitors on a trip through the Hub they've never experienced. Enjoy a narrated bus tour through the streets of Boston, which suddenly becomes a nautical adventure when the bus becomes a boat that plunges boldly into the waters of Boston Harbor.

SWAN BOATS, Public Garden Lagoon, 617-522-1966. Rides: *daily from 10 a.m.–4 p.m., weather permitting. Tickets: $2.75; seniors $2; 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, 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 authority on "what to do, where to go and what to see."

WILDLIFE

FRANKLIN PARK ZOO, One Franklin Park Road, Franklin Park, 617-541-LION. *Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat & Sun 'til 6 p.m. Admission: $12; seniors $10; children (2–12) $7; children (under 2) free.* Home to more than 210 species, many of them endangered. Roam the Australian Outback Trail with kangaroos, explore the Tropical Forest and see the gorillas, marvel at the lion and tigers at Kalahari Kingdom and visit zebras, ostriches, ibex and wildebeests at Serengeti Crossing.

NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM, Central Wharf, 617-973-5200. *Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat & Sun 'til 6 p.m. Admission: $19.95; seniors (60+) $16.95; children (3–11) $11.95; 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. Special exhibit: Killer Instincts.

STONE ZOO, 149 Pond St., Stoneham, 781-438-5100. *Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat & Sun 'til 6 p.m. Admission: $9; seniors $8; children (2–12) $6; children (under 2) free.* Highlights include Yukon Creek, Mexican gray wolves, meerkats, snow leopards, jaguars, reindeer, river otters, llamas, miniature horses and Stone Zoo's newest arrivals, black bears. Special exhibit: Lord of the Wings: Birds of Prey, live animal demonstration.

CAMBRIDGE

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

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

CHRIST CHURCH, Zero Garden St., 617-876-0200. *Offices open Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Call for services.* This 1761 Tory house of worship was utilized as a Colonial barracks in the American Revolution.

FIRST CHURCH UNITARIAN/UNIVERSALIST, 3 Church St., Harvard Square, 617–876–7772. *Please call for services.* Harvard College provided the pews for its students in this 1833 building erected for the then-newly founded Unitarian Church.

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

HARVARD SQUARE/OLD CAMBRIDGE. *Take the "T" to Harvard on the Red Line.* 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 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Park ranger-guided tours Wed–Sun 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 1837–1882, a central gathering place for writers and artists in the 19th century and 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. *Daily 8 a.m.–5 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.

AMUSEMENT PARKS

5W!TS, 186 Brookline Ave., 617-375-WITS. *Wed–Sun at 11 a.m. Tickets: $20; children (12 and under) $16.* 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.

PROVINCETOWN FERRIES

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. *Thu–Sun at 9 a.m.; **June 9–13**: daily at 9 p.m.; **beginning June 14**: Mon–Wed at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Thu–Sun at 9 a.m., 2 and 6:30 p.m. Tickets: $71, children (ages 4–10) $60.* 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.

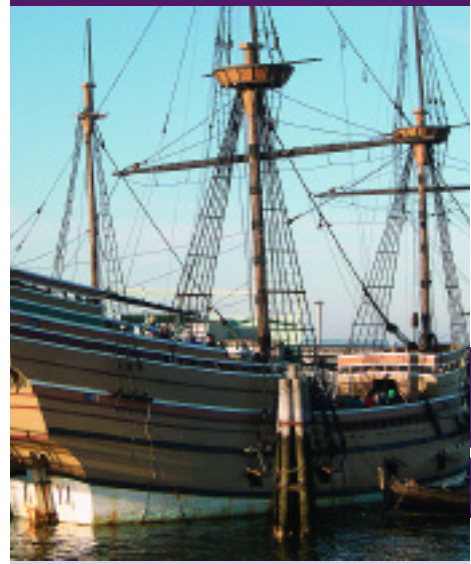
SIGHTS OF INTEREST

BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME, 1000 West Columbus Ave., Springfield, 413-781-6500. *Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Sat & Sun 'til 5 p.m. Tickets: $16.99; seniors $13.99; children (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 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.

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

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

OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Road, 508-347-3362. *Tue–Sun 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: This re-creation of the Pilgrims' 17th century settlement includes the *Mayflower II*, a replica of the settlers' original ship. **Refer to listing, below.**

PLIMOTH PLANTATION, 137 Warren Ave., 978-369-6993. *Henry Hornblower II Visitor Center: 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; Nye Barn, Hobbamock's (Wampanoag) Homesite, 1627 Pilgrim Village, Crafts Center: 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $28; seniors $25; children (ages 6–12) $18.* 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. Special exhibit: FlightPath: Plymouth Beach, photographs by Jim Fenton.

WHALE WATCHES

BOSTON HARBOR CRUISES, One Long Wharf, 617-222-4321. *Mon–Fri at 10 a.m., Sat & Sun at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tickets: $36; seniors $33; children (4–12) $30.* Cruise on high-speed catamarans to Stellwagen Bank, the East Coast's most famous destination for whale watching. Catch sight of humpback, finback and minke whales from the deck or from the comfort of a full modernized cabin boasting snack and beverage services. The tour is three hours, and free tickets on a future cruise are guaranteed if you don't spot one of these magnificent creatures.

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: $35.95; children (11 and under) $29.95.* 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

CAPE COD AND THE ISLANDS. One of the nation's most beloved tourist destinations, Cape Cod 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.

NORTH SHORE. Just north of Boston, the North Shore encompasses Cape Ann, Beverly, Salem, Swampscott, Marblehead, Newburyport and many of Massachusetts' other well-kept secrets. The area offers sandy beaches, deep sea fishing trips, historic houses and art festivals. Less than 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. Plimoth 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 lovely seashore spots, such as White Horse and Nelson beaches.

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'Neil 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.

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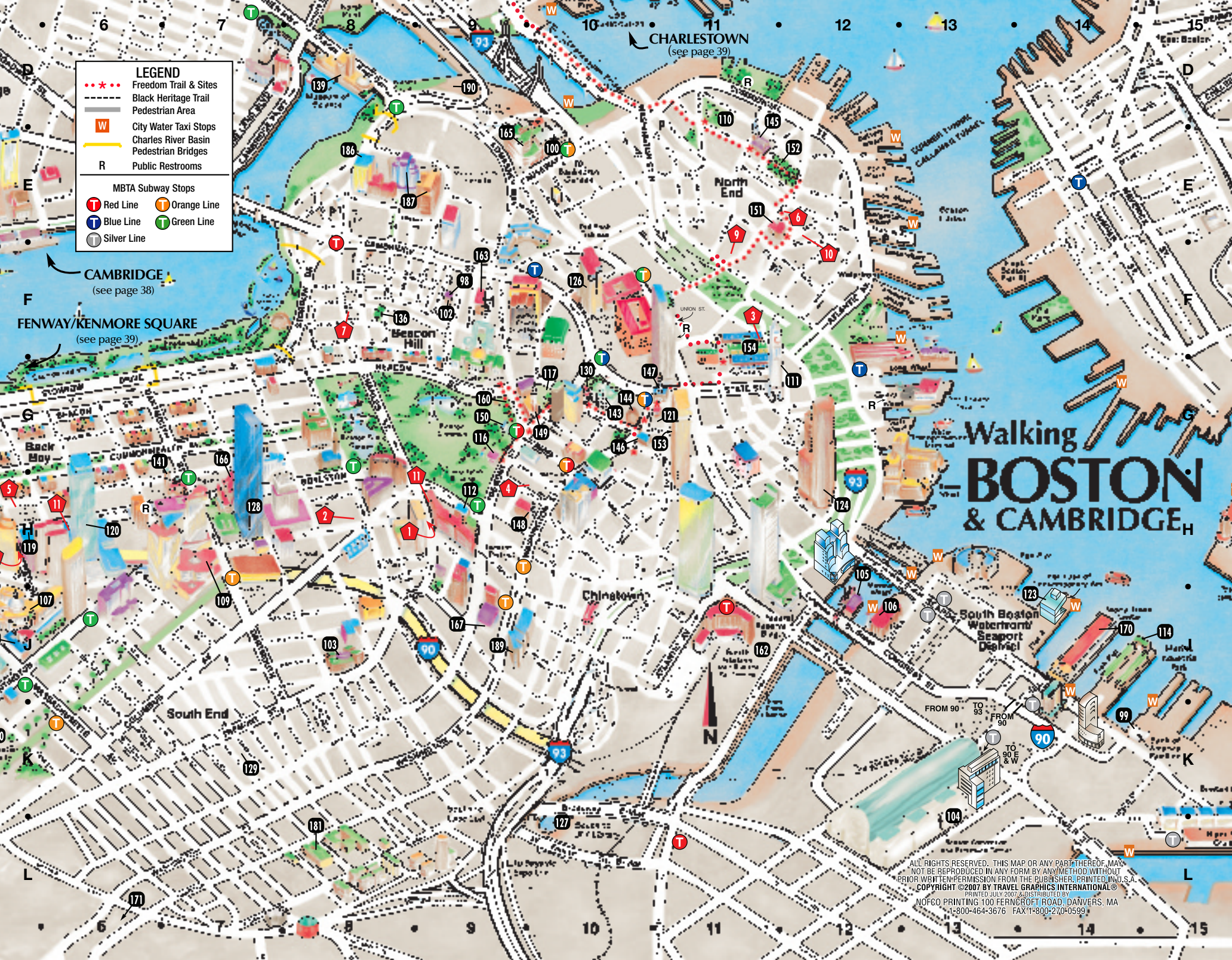
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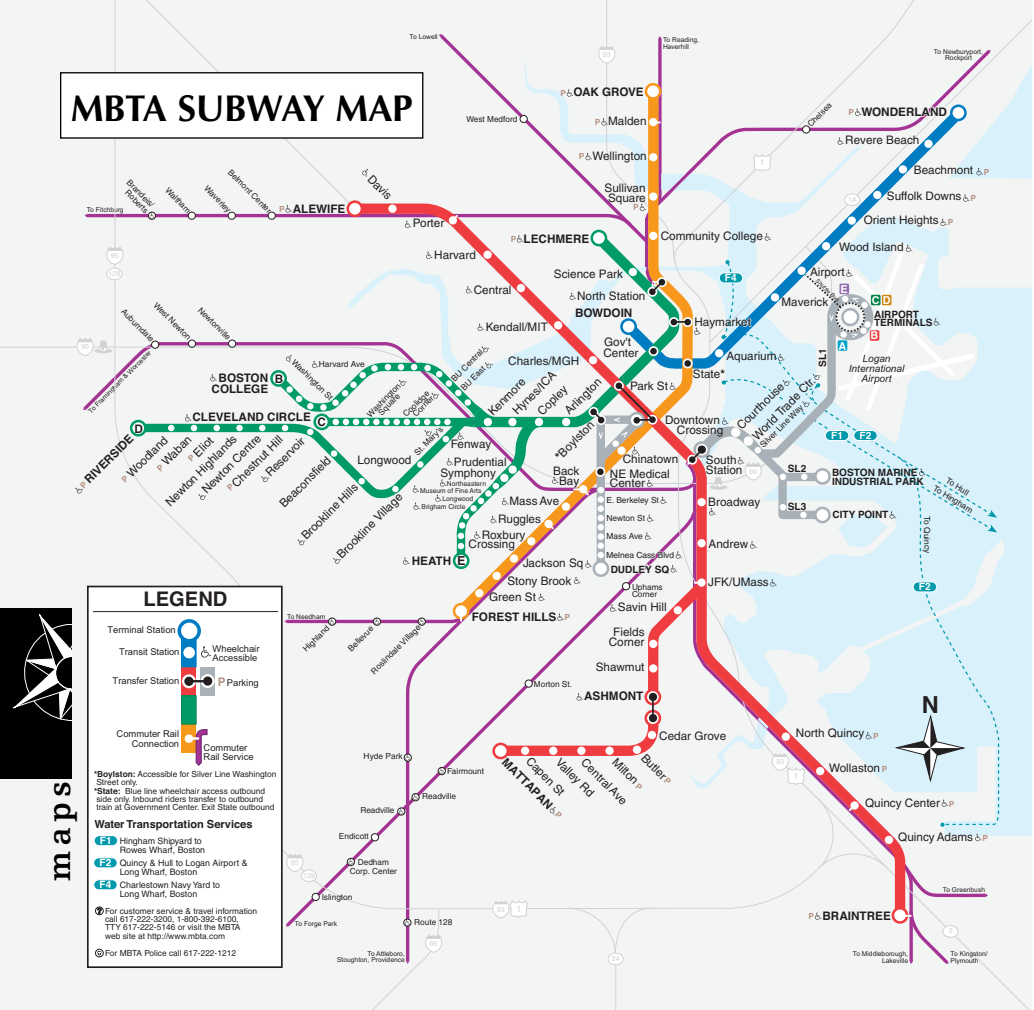

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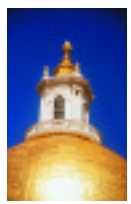
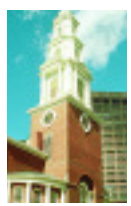
PARK STREET CHURCH: This still-active house of worship was built in 1809 and is considered an architectural landmark. **Refer to listing, left.**

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. *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.

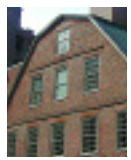


PARK STREET CHURCH. Corner of Park and Tremont streets, 617-523-3383. *Sunday services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 4 and 6 p.m. Morning services are traditional, evening services are contemporary.* Built in 1809, this church was described by Henry James as "the most interesting mass of brick and mortar in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

OLD GRANARY BURYING GROUND. Tremont Street next to Park Street Church, 617-536-4100. *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.

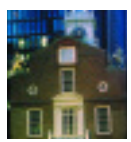
KING'S CHAPEL AND BURYING GROUND. Tremont and School streets, 617-227-2155. *Chapel open Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Services: Sun at 11 a.m., Wed at 12:15 p.m. Burying Grounds open daily 9 a.m.–3 p.m.* Still an active house of worship, King's Chapel was established in 1687 as the first Anglican congregation 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. *Daily 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, 617-720-1713. *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. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m., 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.

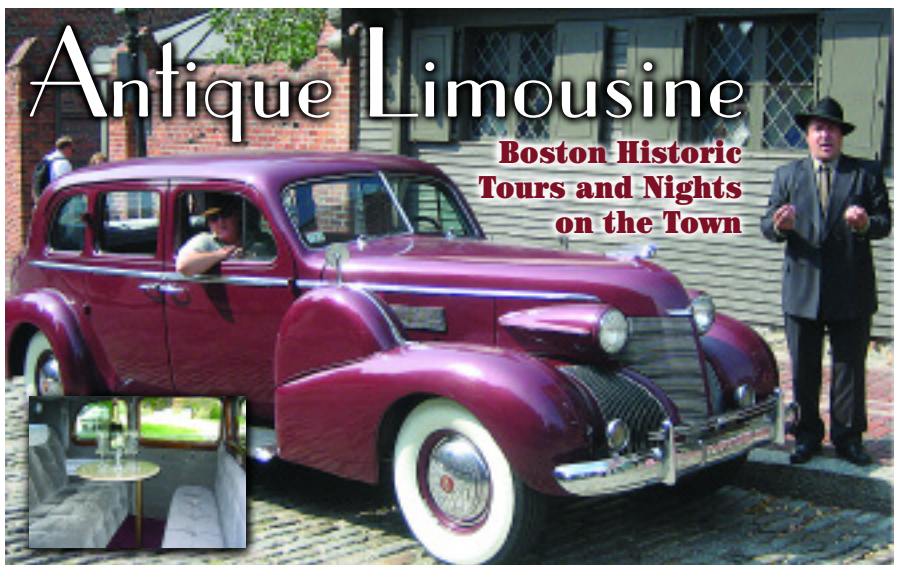
PAUL REVERE HOUSE. 19 North Square, Hanover Street, 617-523-2338. *Tue–Sun 9:30 a.m.–5:15 p.m. Admission: $3; students & seniors $2.50; children (5–17) $1; (under 5) free.* The oldest home in Boston (built c. 1680), occupied by silversmith and patriot Paul Revere from 1770 to 1800.

OLD NORTH CHURCH. 193 Salem St., 617-523-6676. *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 BURYING GROUND. Hull Street. *Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m.* 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. *Thu–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.



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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.

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BARNES & NOBLE, 800 Boylston St. (Prudential Center), 617-247-6959. *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–11 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–9 p.m.* One of America's largest booksellers boasts all the bestsellers, plus an extensive selection of back titles, audiobooks, magazines, CDs and more.

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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.

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BARBOUR BY PETER ELLIOT: This Newbury Street retailer offers a variety of British outdoor clothing—including jackets, sweaters, shirts and accessories—for men, women and children. Refer to listing, left.

SOODEE, 293 Newbury St., 617-236-7888. *Mon–Wed 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 8 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.* This boutique offers fun pieces of clothing that transport the buyer to a different age and place, with items that are modern, trendy and high fashion alongside others that are timeless and classic. Whether you need a party dress at the last minute, a designer bag at an affordable price or fashionable accessories to impress your friends, you will find it all at Soodee. Show *Panorama* ad (*page 47*) and get 10% off.

DEPARTMENT STORES

FILENE'S BASEMENT, 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 original Basement at Downtown Crossing provided shoppers with huge deals, thanks to its automatic markdown system which guarantees greater discounts the longer an item remains on the selling floor. Now the Back Bay location offers a more upscale version of bargain hunting.

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's 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.

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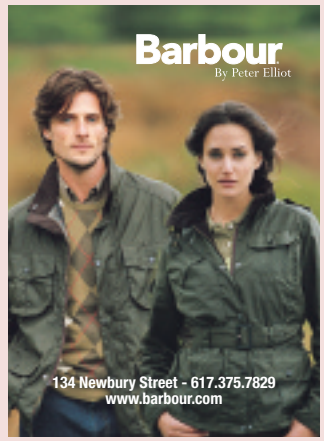
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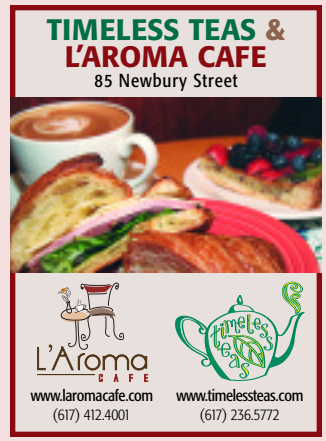
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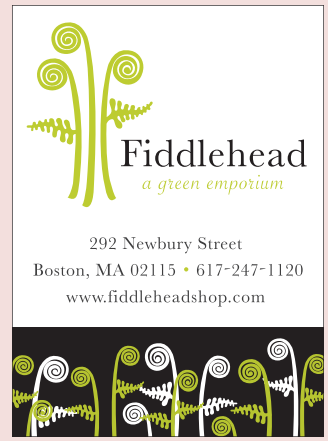
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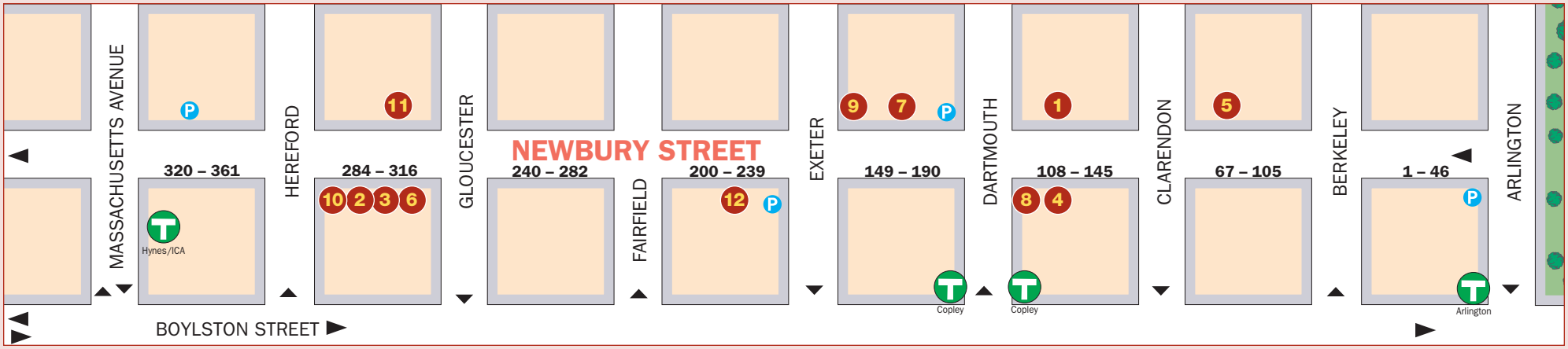

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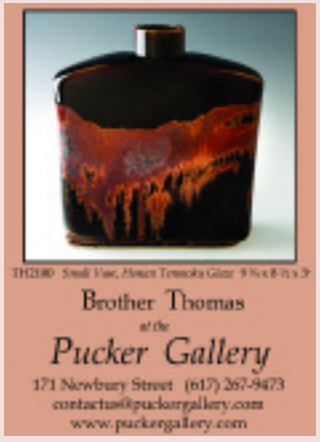
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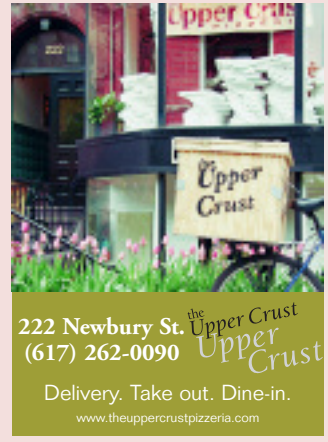
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MARSHALLS, 500 Boylston St., 617-262-6066. *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–9:30 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.;* 350 Washington St., Downtown Crossing, 617-338-6205. *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–7:30 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.* Its mantra "Brand name clothing for less" has made this discount 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

COMPTOIR DE FAMILLE, 127 Newbury St., 617-266-7970; Natick Collection, Natick, 508-651-0511. Newbury Street: *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Sun 'til 5 p.m.* Natick: *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–10 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.* This French home furnishings retailer boasts decorative accessories, furniture and tableware inspired by familial French design gleaned from a Parisian bistro or grand-mere's kitchen, all displayed in a general store-type ambiance.

FIDDLEHEAD, 292 Newbury St., 617-247-1120. *Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m.* This "green emporium" offers stylish gifts, accessories and home goods with an earth-friendly advantage, including natural and organic bath and body products; recycled glassware and dinnerware; sustainable tabletop linens; bamboo and organic cotton towels; recycled-paper stationery; eco-friendly jewelry; organic baby skin care; baby toys and gifts made from organic cotton and sustainably harvested woods; and bags and totes made from reclaimed materials.

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GOURMET FOOD & BEVERAGE

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.

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

JEWELRY/ACCESSORIES

HIGH GEAR JEWELRY, 204 Hanover St., 617-523-5804. *Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sat 'til 9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.* Merilee Wolfson's platinum-drenched contemporary fashion jewelry shop dazzles with an impressive selection of costume jewelry and semi-precious pieces. Whether you're looking for eco-friendly "green" jewelry from South America or looks fresh from the pages of the world's top fashion magazines, this is the go-to spot in Boston.

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SHREVE, CRUMP & LOW, 440 Boylston St., 617-267-9100. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Thu 'til 7 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m.* Serving Bostonians since 1796, this Boston institution boasts of being the oldest continuously operating luxury business in the U.S. Its new location is filled with glittering diamonds, fine jewelry and watches. The galleries also offer silver, china, porcelain, stationery, antiques and more.

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.

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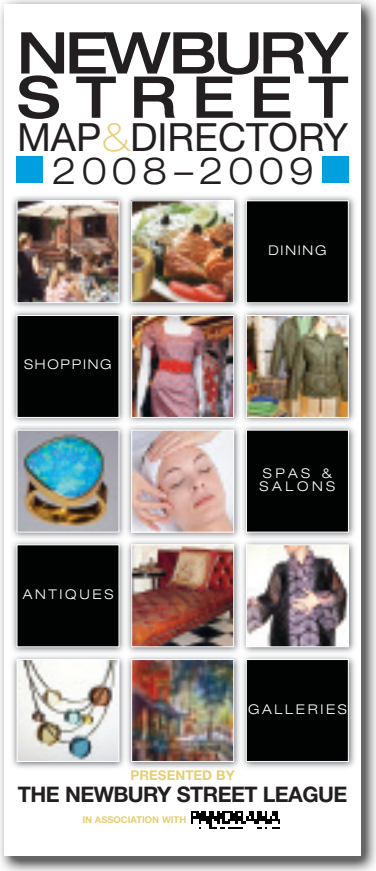

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MUSIC/VIDEO

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

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

SPORTING GOODS

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

SPORTS MEMORABILIA

FENWAY SPORTSZONE, 306 Newbury St., 617-437-1010. *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.***

RESTAURANTS

ALLSTON/BRIGHTON

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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., next to the famous Old South Church near Copley Square, 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 fresh, quality 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. $$$

CAPITAL GRILLE, 359 Newbury St., 617-262-8900. Everything you expect in a steakhouse can be found right here at this upscale Newbury Street favorite, from the extraordinary dry-aged porterhouse to the homemade cheesecake. A perfect spot for power lunches or special occasions. D, C, LS. $$$$

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. $$

CROMA, 269 Newbury St., 617-247-3200. Voted one of "Boston's Best" by both *Boston* magazine and *The Improper Bostonian*, this restaurant and pizzeria offers up a variety of delectable dining options, from their diverse range of Neapolitan-style pizzas to seafood cannelloni and filet mignon. Croma also boasts a weekend brunch menu served with your choice of mimosa or Bloody Mary. L, D, BR, C. $$

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ZOE'S: This popular eatery near Harvard Square in Cambridge is known for its delicious Greek and American specialties, as well as for serving delicious breakfasts all day. **Refer to listing, page 56.**

KEY		AVERAGE PRICE OF DINNER ENTREES	
B	Breakfast	**$**	Most less than $12
L	Lunch	**$$**	$12–18
D	Dinner	**$$$**	$19–25
BR	Brunch	**$$$$**	Most more than $25
SB	Sunday Brunch	*Many restaurants offer a wide range of entrees and prices; therefore, the classifications are only approximations.*	
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DOUZO, 131 Dartmouth St., 617-859-8886. This casual eatery serves traditional Japanese cuisine and an eclectic mix of original fare such as duck tataki and salmon-kiwi rolls, as well as creative cocktails. Known for its ultra-fresh ingredients and its artistic presentation of dishes, Douzo has become one of the city's trendiest dining destinations. L, D. $$$$.

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. $$$$

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SONSIE, 327 Newbury St., 617-351-2500. Recommended by *Boston* magazine as the place to "see and be seen." The lively restaurant features a streetside cafe, 50-foot mahogany bar, brick oven, creative takes on classic American cuisine and a colorful dining room. The restaurant also boasts a 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. Winner of several regional awards, Turner Fisheries is known for its fresh seafood, as well as the decor designed by Peter Niemitz, which features seven-foot-high French windows, 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. $

CLINK, The Liberty Hotel, 215 Charles St., 617-224-4004. Clink offers diners a menu of tapas-style small plates, tasting pours of wine and exotic cocktails in an energetic, social environment—an adaptable place where dinner at the bar or just cocktails at a table is the norm. B 6:30–11 a.m., L 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m., D 5–11 p.m. $$$

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.***

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

BAMBARA, 25 Edwin H. Land Blvd., Cambridge, 617-868-4444. Bambara blends sophistication and comfort, with such menu items as grilled cheese and tomato soup alongside spice cured duck breast with a bonny doon rhone blend. Bambara's cuisine celebrates New England's bounty and its seasonal flavors, which can be enjoyed in concert with its fine wine selection. B, L, D, C. $$

***DANTE,** 40 Edwin H. Land Blvd, Cambridge, 617-497-4200. Chef Dante de Magistris dishes out playful, rich fare with Italian, French and Spanish influences. The sophisticated eatery boasts a seasonal patio and gorgeous views of the Charles River and the Boston skyline. B Mon–Fri 6:30–10:30 a.m., Sat & Sun 7:30–10:30 a.m.; L Mon–Fri 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.; D Mon–Thu 5:30–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m.; Sat & SB 11 a.m.–2 p.m. $$$$

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. $

INDIA PAVILION, 17 Central Square, Cambridge, 617-547-7463. One of the best traditional Northern Indian cuisine restaurants in the area, India Pavilion has been a Cambridge staple for more than 25 years. A menu of lamb, chicken and vegetarian specialties is complemented by a selection of fine

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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. $$$$

SANDRINE'S BISTRO, 8 Holyoke St., Cambridge, 617-497-5300. Renowned chef Raymond Ost serves delicious French cuisine with German flair in a cozy, upscale atmosphere right around the corner from Harvard University. Signature dishes include Alsatian pizza, terre et mer, suffrom pot au feu and roasted baby spring lamb rack. Daily 11:30 a.m.–11:30 p.m. $$$$

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 Massachusetts 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. $$$$

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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. $$

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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. $$$

***ELEPHANT & CASTLE,** 161 Devonshire St., 617-350-9977. This British pub and restaurant is famous for its fish and chips, great beer selection and the warmth of its hospitality. Also enjoy trivia Tue at 6:30 p.m., live music Fri at 6:30 p.m., Sat karaoke, murder mystery dinner theater and comedy. Banquet space available. B Mon–Sat 6:30–11 a.m., Sun 7 a.m.–noon; L & D daily 'til 11 p.m.; C 'til 1 a.m. $$

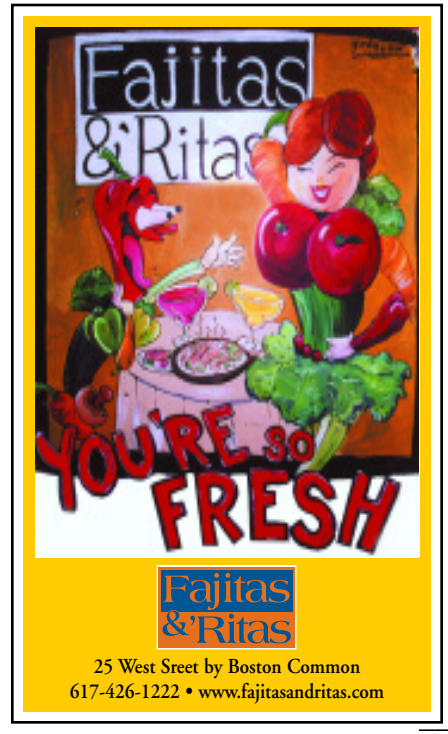
FAJITAS & 'RITAS, 25 West St., 617-426-1222. Established in 1989, Fajitas & 'Ritas features fresh, healthy Tex-Mex and barbecue cuisine. The restaurant stresses generous portions, affordable prices, open casual space and prompt, friendly service. Mon–Tue 11:30 a.m.–9 p.m., Wed, Thu & Sat 'til 10 p.m.,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

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

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

***THE KINSALE IRISH PUB & RESTAURANT,** 2 Center Plaza (Cambridge Street), 617-742-5577. Hand-crafted in Ireland and shipped to Boston, this classic pub features a cozy interior with beautiful Celtic motifs and a menu of steaks, seafood, burgers, pasta and traditional Irish fare with 20+ beers on tap, including many craft brews. Also enjoy the 100-seat seasonal patio, live music and trivia on Wed. Sat & SB $7.99–$11.99. Validated parking after 6 p.m. L, D, C. $$

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. $$$$



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. $$$$

MIEL, InterContinental Hotel, 510 Atlantic Ave., 617-217-5151. This "Brasserie Provencal" is the first upscale restaurant in Boston that is open 24/7. Meaning "honey" in French, Miel uses the ingredient in a number of its specialty meals, but also offers a variety of other options, such as its voluminous raw bar. Diners can enjoy the extensive wine list and country-style décor while overlooking Boston Harbor. $$$

OCEANA, Marriott Long Wharf Hotel, 296 State St., 617-227-3838. Executive chef Joseph Chaves serves seasonal dishes, including fresh seafood delivered directly to the hotel's dock, in a dining room offering panoramic views of Boston Harbor. www.marriottlongwharf.com. B, L (Mon–Fri), 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. $$$$

RADIUS, 8 High St., 617-426-1234. James Beard Award-winning chef/owner Michael Schlow and chef de cuisine Patrick Connolly churn out impeccably prepared nouveau French fare in an ultra-modern, minimalist setting. Pastry chef P.J. Waters creates rapturously delectable desserts. The ambiance is powerbroker chic, and the service is top-notch. L, D, C, LS. $$$$

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, 45 School St., 617-742-8401. Housed in Boston's Old City Hall, Ruth's Chris Steak House 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 MARKETPLACE

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.

***HARD ROCK CAFE,** 22–24 Clinton St., 617-424-ROCK (7625). Hard Rock Cafe offers classic American cuisine served up with a healthy dose of rock 'n' roll at its new, larger digs. While you eat, check out the largest collection of authentic rock 'n' roll memorabilia around, stop by the Rock Shop for the coolest gifts and enjoy live music from the hottest bands around. L, D, C, LS. $

FENWAY/KENMORE SQUARE

BRAVO, Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Ave., 617-369-3474. Chef Jacqueline Kelly brings her 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. $$

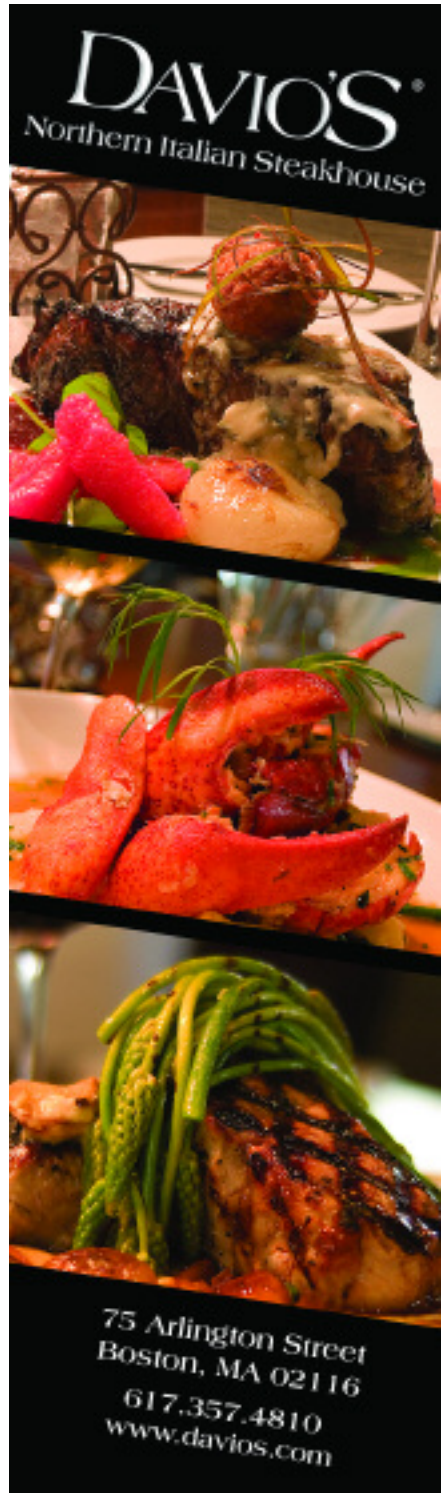
GREAT BAY, Hotel Commonwealth, 500 Commonwealth Ave., 617-532-5300. Christopher Myers and chef Michael Schlow (Radius, Via Matta) present their unique take on seafood and raw bar concepts. This eclectic space serves delectable fare such as fish tacos and the acclaimed baked stuffed lobster. L, D, SB,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

ASSAGGIO, 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 imbued 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 POMPEI, 280 Hanover St., 617-227-1562. Pompei features a wide assortment of coffees, 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 3–11 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.***

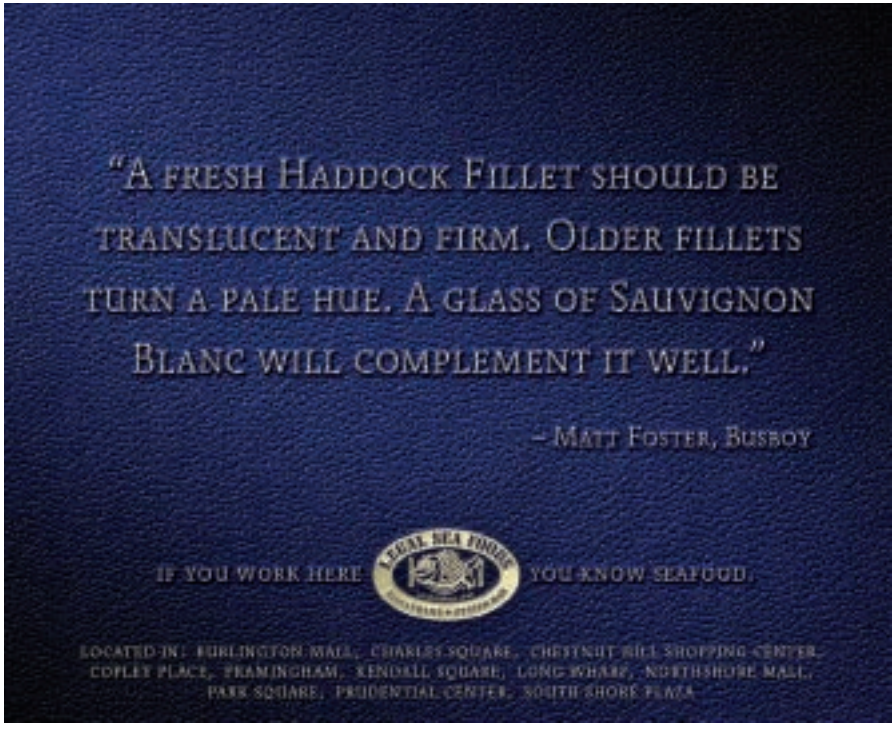
MASSIMINO'S CUCINA ITALIANA, 207 Endicott St., 617-523-5959. Owner/chef Massimino was formerly head chef of Naples' Hotel Astoria and Switzerland's Metropolitan Hotel. His eatery's specialties include veal chop stuffed with arugula, prosciutto, smoked mozzarella and black olives, amongst other delights.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

RISTORANTE BELLA VISTA, 288 Hanover St., 617-367-4999. Located in the heart of the historic North End, this casual yet elegant family-style restaurant offers authentic Italian cuisine, from escarole soup to lobster fra diavolo. Open daily noon–10:30 p.m. $$

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

AURA, Seaport Hotel, One Seaport Lane, 617-385-4300. The newly expanded and renovated waterfront restaurant features chef Rachel Klein's global, Asian-influenced menu, as well as steakhouse offerings such as the Painted Hills Farm all-natural sirloin and the Brandt all-natural filet. B, L, D, SB. $$$

LTK BAR AND KITCHEN, 225 Northern Ave., 617-330-7430. LTK (Legal Test Kitchen) is just that—a test kitchen that ventures into uncharted waters and pushes the boundaries of innovation in both its bar and restaurant menus. With inspired, seasonal cocktails, an award-winning wine list and multicultural, non-coursed dining options, LTK offers a cutting-edge yet comfortable environment. L, D, LS, C. $$$

SAUCIETY, Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel, 425 Summer St., 617-532-4670. As its name implies, this modern American grill is all about the sauce. Sauciety's dinner menu is weighted toward grilled, seared and pan-roasted meat dishes, served with a diverse choice of sauces—from parmesan foam to whiskey-spiked ketchup to amber ale caramelized onion and beyond. B, L, D, C. $$$$

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. $$

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. $$$$

ICARUS, 3 Appleton St., 617-426-1790. Chef Chris Douglass' Icarus has been a South End staple since 1978. Enjoy New American cuisine like seared sea scallops or roasted rack of lamb complemented by an extensive wine list, perfect for celebrating or a nice evening out. Mon–Thu 6–9:30 p.m., Fri 'til 10 p.m., Sat 5:30–10 p.m., Sun 'til 9 p.m. $$$$

MASA, 439 Tremont St., 617-338-8884. Bringing the Southwest to the South End, chef Philip Aviles serves up specialties such as roasted salmon with chipotle and horseradish crust and chili rubbed cowboy cut steaks. Masa also serves Sunday brunch, a variety of margaritas and other cocktails, and a $1 tapas menu. D, BR, C. $$$

SAGE, 1395 Washington St., 617-248-8814. Acclaimed chef Anthony Susi's modern Italian restaurant in the hip SoWa district of the South End features delectable gourmet appetizers like Kobe carpaccio along with enticing, innovative entrees like rice-smoked duck breast and spring pea ravioli in its dining room, cafe and bar. D 5:30–10 p.m., C 'til 1 a.m. $$$

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***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 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. Legal Sea Foods, a Boston tradition for more than 50 years, features more than 40 varieties of fresh fish and shellfish as well as an award-winning wine list. There's no doubt why legions of fans have fallen for Legal hook, line and sinker. L & D. $$$

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

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

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ON THE MENU

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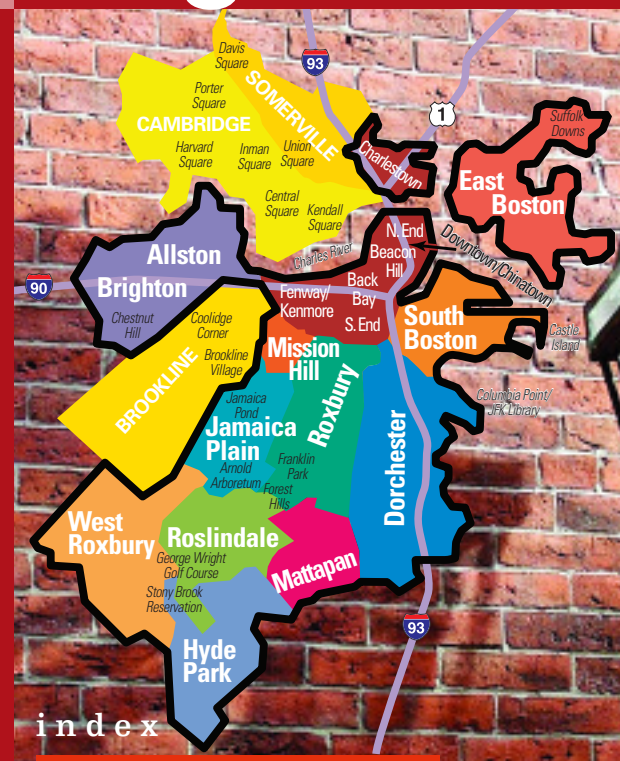

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BRIGHT LIGHT: Gaslamps and brick buildings, such as these in Beacon Hill, are two hallmarks of the city's historic neighborhoods. *Refer to page 74.*

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SOUTH END

JAMAICA PLAIN

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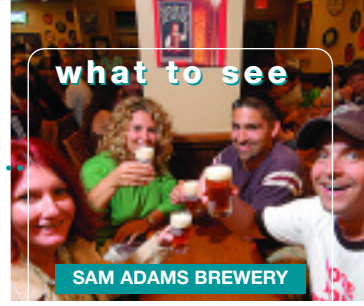

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ATTRACTIONS:
- Boston Center for the Arts/Cyclorama
- SoWa Galleries

GET THERE ON THE T:
Orange Line to Back Bay or Mass. Ave. or Silver Line to East Berkeley St. through Mass. Ave.

MIDDLE PHOTO BY DELLA HUFF

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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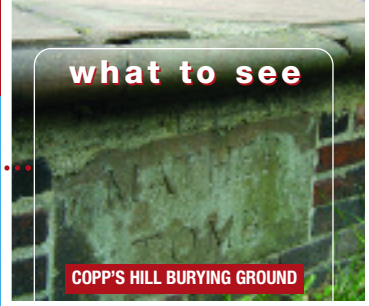
COPP'S HILL BURYING GROUND

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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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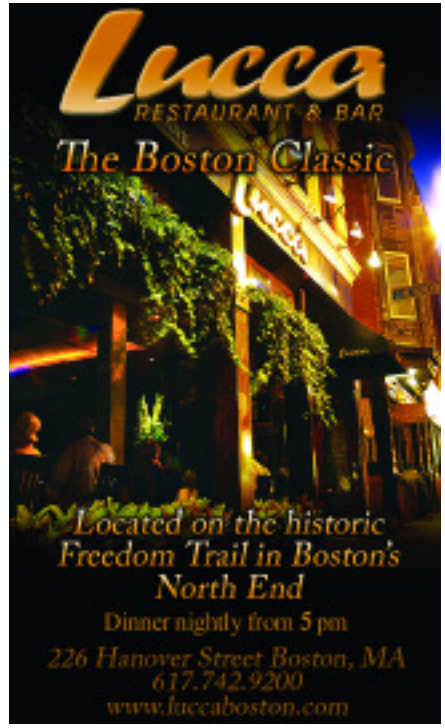

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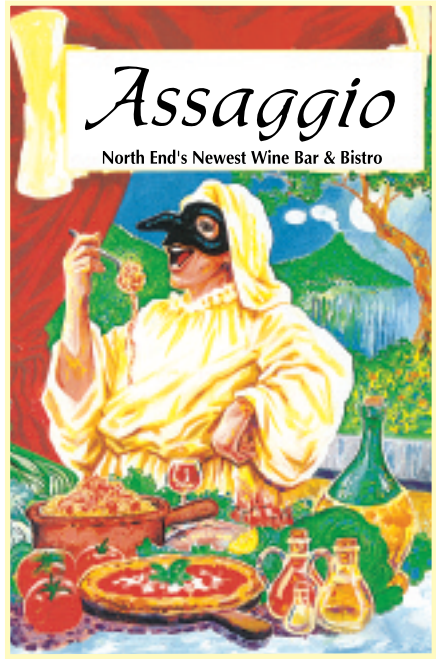

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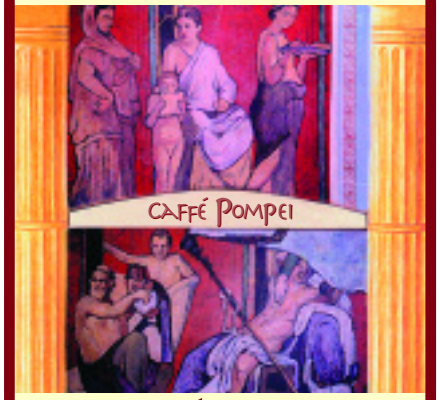

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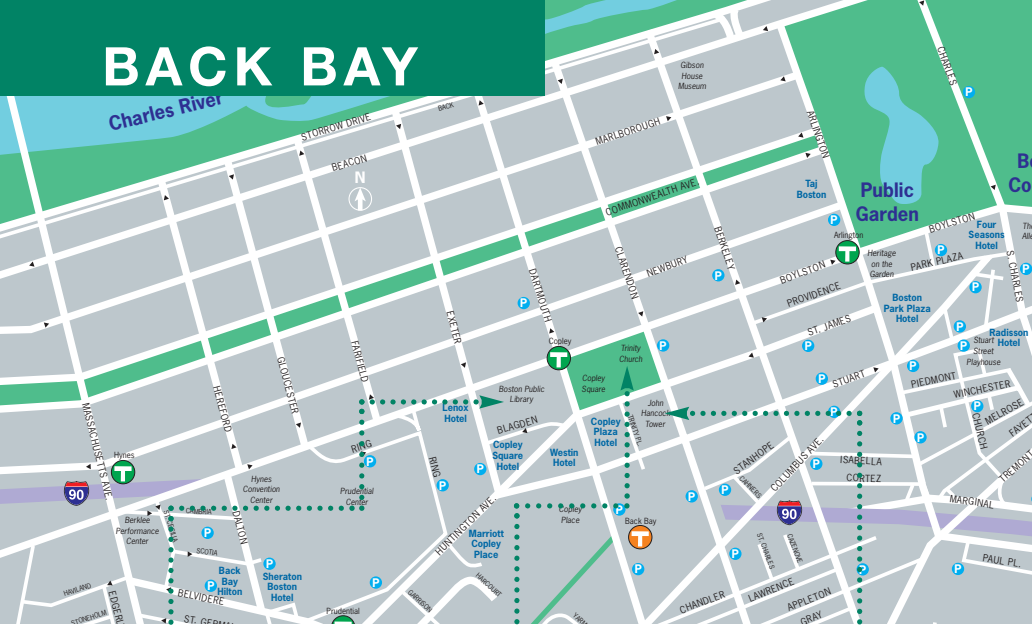

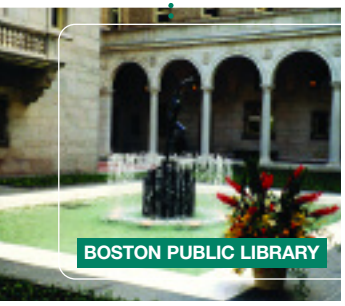
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TRINITY CHURCH

JOHN HANCOCK TOWER

what to see

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:
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- Boston Public Library
- John Hancock Tower

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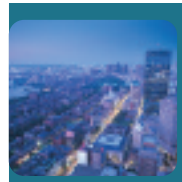
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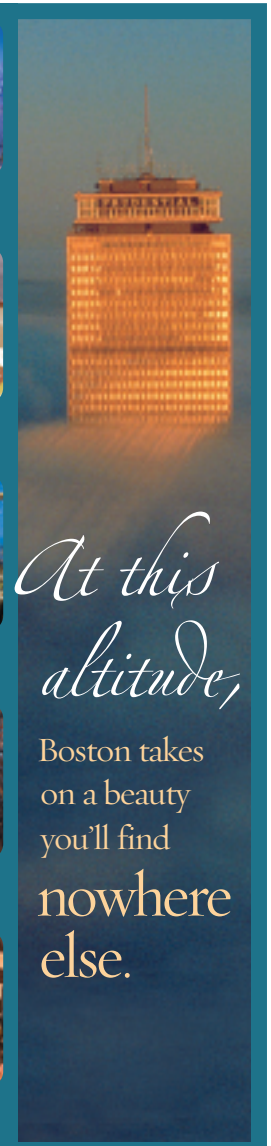
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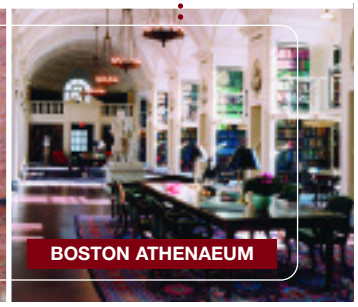

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ATTRACTIONS:

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

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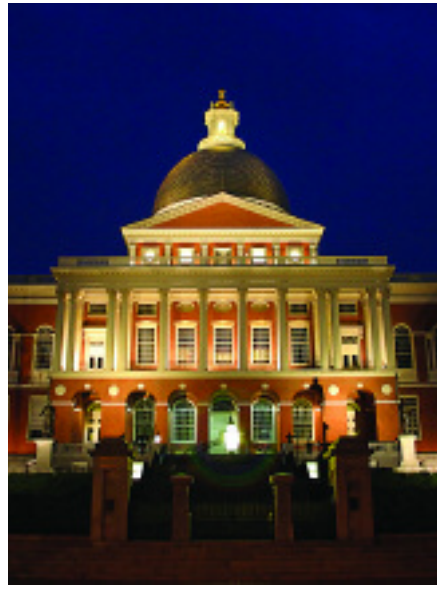
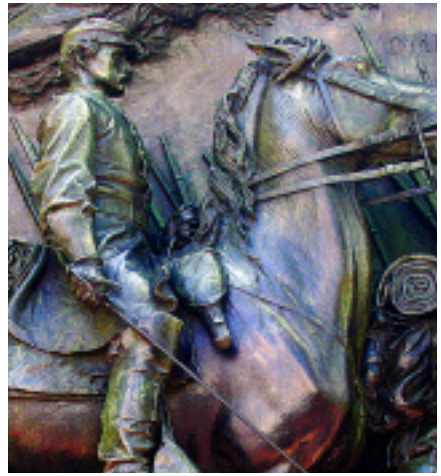


GOLDEN OLDIE: Massachusetts' seat of government, the golden-domed State House, sits atop Beacon Hill.



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FALLEN HEROES: A tribute to the Massachusetts 54th Regiment, the nation's first all-black regiment, sits on Boston Common across from the State House.

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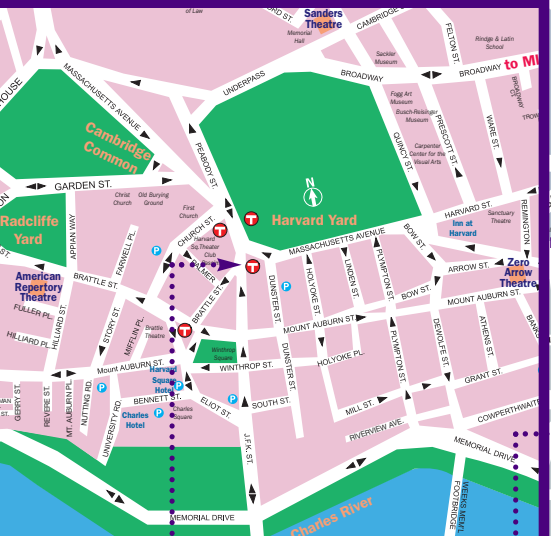

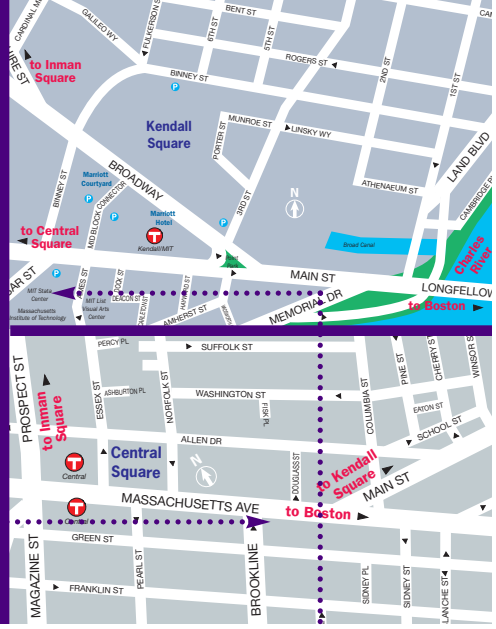

The people of Cambridge would like to inform the world that their fine city is not a neighborhood of Boston. Although it often gets lumped together with Beantown, Cambridge stands alone with all the sustaining qualities of an international city center. Throughout its diverse squares, nearly 100,000 residents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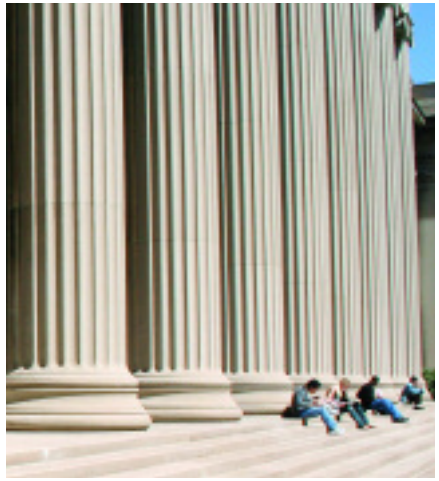

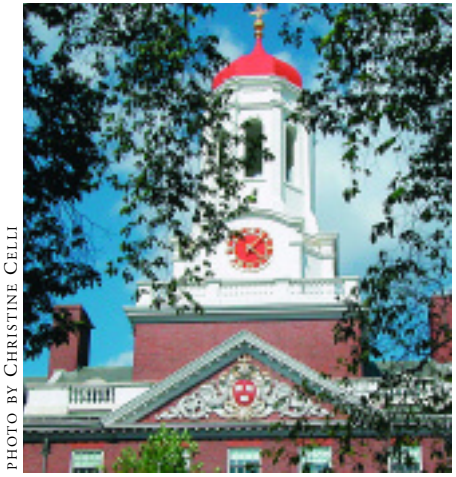

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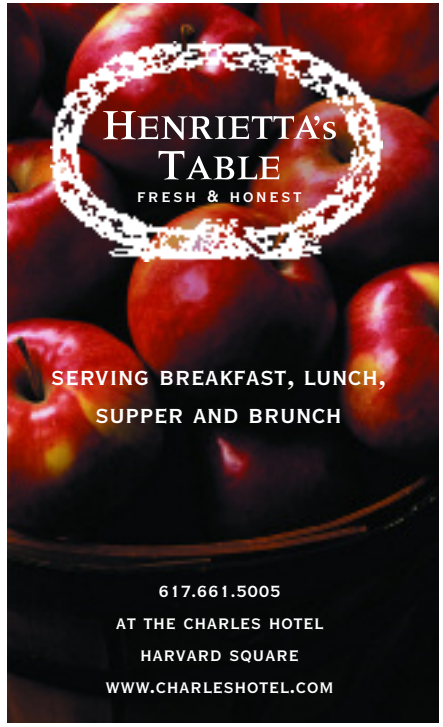
IT'S ACADEMIC: Massachusetts Institute of Technology (top) and Harvard University (above) both feature distinctive architecture.

ATTRACTIONS:

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

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



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5 questions with...

Clinton Kelly

by Josh B. Wardrop

Style expert Clinton Kelly is best known to fashion-forward types as co-host of the popular TLC show "What Not to Wear." On **June 5** *at 6 p.m.*, Kelly appears at Macy's in nearby Chestnut Hill (55 Boylston St., Newton, 617-243-4600) for a special "Finding Your Fit" style seminar. The Boston College alumnus talked to *Panorama* about fashion trends both good and bad.

"Most people get that we're trying to help them."

Q: What will you be talking about at the Macy's fashion event?
A: We'll be looking at wardrobe essentials—helping people figure out how to get the most for their money and pick out pieces that work for day, evening, work and the weekend. I'll also answer any and all questions people have for me—it's pretty rare anyone stumps or surprises me anymore, but I encourage trying! (laughs)

Q: What are some key fashion trends you're seeing for summer?
A: There are a ton right now—too many to follow, really. But bright citrus colors—lime green, yellow, orange—are in this season. Bold prints and florals are big right now, as are tribal looks like batik prints and gladiator sandals.

Q: What's the worst fashion trend at the moment?
A: Well, I think Crocs are just ridiculous, unless you're a child or you're working in the garden. And I've seen more leggings than I'd care to lately.

Q: Do the subjects on "What Not to Wear" ever curse you and co-host Stacy London out for trashing their wardrobes?
A: Who knows? After we trash the clothes we get the heck out of there! (laughs) Most people get that we're trying to help them, so it doesn't generally get ugly.

Q: You're a BC grad—planning to hit any old haunts during your visit?
A: Well, I still love to walk down Newbury Street—it's so beautiful, and the shopping's amazing. Boston was a great place to go to school—when you turn 21, there's plenty of places to celebrate and people to celebrate with! Ⓟ

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