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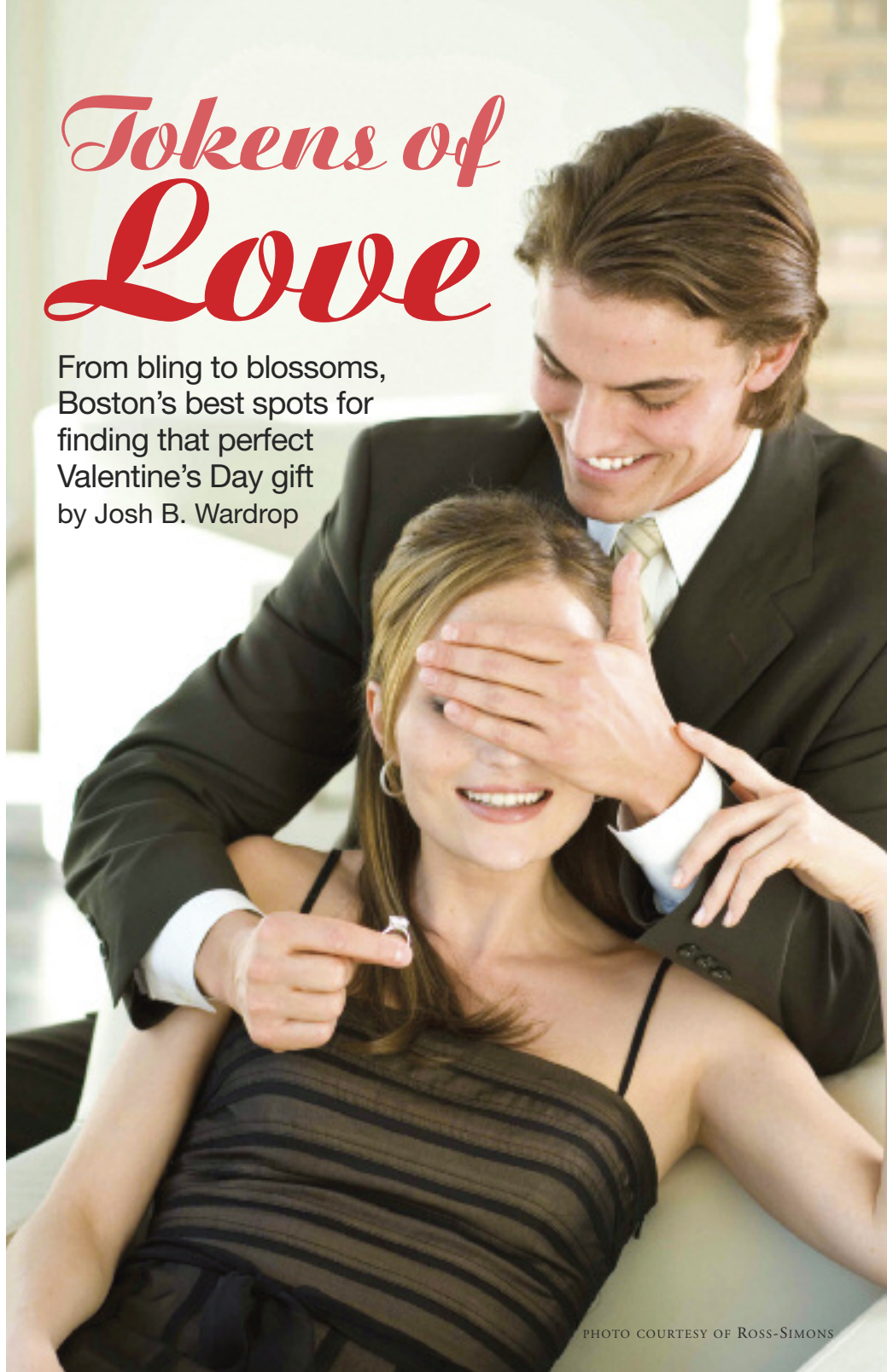

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A GIRL'S BEST FRIEND

When it comes to buying a romantic gift for the lady in your life this Valentine's Day, there's one "cliché" that's really more of a diehard truism: it's hard to go wrong with something glittery. Jewelry is still regarded as the ultimate material expression of deep, passionate love. Maybe it's because we see our one true love the way we see a piece of quality jewelry: flawless, precious and unique. Those searching for a special token of their affection this season will find no shortage of special heart-shaped items—made from everything from emeralds and rubies to topaz and (deep breath!) diamonds—at area jewelers like **Ross-Simons** (*refer to listing, page 19*), who generally treats the weeks leading up to **February 14** like a second Christmas season. (Incidentally, a reminder to the ladies: you aren't the only ones with a hankering for beautiful, shiny things—Ross-Simons, for example, is also well-known for its extensive collection of items for men, including top-of-the-line wristwatches from Tag Heuer, Breitling, Movado and other name designers.)

And Boston's fine jewelry options certainly don't end there—those in search of high-end and beauteous baubles for their sweetheart can admire and delight in the stunning handmade pieces of legendary Boston designer **John Lewis** (*refer to listing, page 19*); the glittering gems at **DePrisco Diamond Jewelers** (333 Washington St., 617-227-3339) and **Lux, Bond & Green** (*refer to listing, page 19*); the exotic designs of Israeli jewelry crafters at **Newbury 211** (*refer to listing, page 19*); and the world's first name in luxury jewelry, **Cartier** (40 Newbury St., 617-262-3300).

One important thing to remember about buying jewelry is that you don't have to spend a fortune in order to delight your fair lady (unless, of course, you met her on a reality television dating show—in which case, all bets are off). The Hub is filled with shops that offer lovely pieces at prices that won't have you eating Ramen noodles for the rest of the month. Despite its name, **Filthy Rich Celebrity Jewelry** (*refer to listing, page 18*) offers replicas of rings, necklaces and other pieces worn by legendary fashionistas like Jackie Kennedy, Marilyn Monroe and Audrey Hepburn at a fraction of the cost; **High Gear Jewelry** (*refer to listing, page 19*), another North End outpost, offers wallet-friendly sterling silver pieces, charm bracelets and other items to delight any lover of beautiful jewelry; and **Magpie** (416 Highland Ave., Somerville, 617-623-3330) features adorable pieces crafted by local artists that typically range from just $5–25.

FIVE FANTASTIC FLORISTS

1. **TWIG,** 769 Tremont St. and 83 Charles St., 617-292-8944.
2. **BOSTON CITY FLORIST,** 714 Commonwealth Ave., 800-292-7673.
3. **CENTRAL SQUARE FLORIST,** 653 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617-354-7553.
4. **WINSTON FLOWERS,** 131 Newbury St. and 176 Federal St., 800-457-4901.
5. **LOTUS DESIGNS,** 547A Columbus Ave., 617-262-7031.

SWEETS FOR YOUR SWEET

They say that the way to a man's heart is through is his stomach, but let's face it—you hardly need a Y chromosome to be susceptible to seduction by something sweet and sumptuous. Sugary treats have been used as a way to woo for a very long time and both men and women have found themselves hopelessly under the spell of a sweet token of affection—after all, there's a reason Eve didn't tempt Adam with a pickle.

The nation's hottest dessert trend as of late has to be cupcakes. No longer the pre-wrapped lunchbox fare of Hostess and Little Debbie, these perfectly sized treats have been popping up in specialty bakeries all across the nation. Boston is no exception, as the Hub boasts a number of dedicated cupcake shops featuring seasonal treats for Valentine's Day. **Sweet** (49 Massachusetts Ave., 617-247-2253; 225 Newbury St., 617-267-2253; Zero Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-547-2253) offers its usual wide assortment of flavors, as well as special "Sealed with a Kiss" boxes of four mini-cupcakes, while **Treat Cupcake Bar** (1450 Highland Ave., Needham, 781-444-4995) complements its "design-your-own-cupcake" bar with a special Valentine's "Box of Chocolates" set of miniature treats designed to resemble those multi-flavored candy gift assortments. And over in Somerville, the aptly named **Kickass Cupcakes** (378 Highland Ave., Davis Square, Somerville, 617-628-CUPS) ups the ante for Cupid's star-crossed (dessert) lovers by unleashing limited edition frosted cupcakes topped with plump and juicy chocolate-dipped strawberries.

While other bakeries battle it out for cupcake supremacy, Boston's undisputed first name is dessert is **Finale**. This gourmet desserterie with three area locations (*refer to listing, page 56*) specializes in the most decadent creations imaginable for those willing to submit to the thrall of their sweet tooth. This Valentine's Day, you and your sweetheart can throw all caloric care to the wind and unite in the consumption of Chef Nicole Coady's special Chocolate Crescendo for Two. This plate of perfection, which boasts Finale's famous molten chocolate cake and a host of other delectable pastries and treats, is designed to stoke the passion in any dessert lover.

If your one true love is a truly diehard chocoholic, Boston boasts plenty of quality chocolatiers and purveyors of sweets to provide delicious gifts that will score you big-time points come February 14. From **Beacon Hill Chocolates'** (91 Charles St., 617-725-1900) 20 varieties of heart-shaped truffles filled with everything from honey lemon caramel to strawberry champagne to chai latte, to the Be Mine! Concierge Box packed with white and dark truffles, milk chocolate "Hot Lips" and other decadent goodies at **Hotel Chocolat** in the Back Bay (141A Newbury St., 617-391-0513), to the bouquet of long-stem chocolate roses available from **Phillips Candy House** (818 Morrissey Blvd., 617-282-2090), there's simply no excuse to stick with the same old Whitman's Sampler this year.

CUPS & CAKES: Enjoy special Valentine's-themed cupcakes at delectable area dessert bakeries like Kickass Cupcakes (top) and Sweet (above).

TOP RIGHT PHOTO BY TIMOTHY RENZI

Of course, the only gift sweeter than the gift of chocolate is the gift of time spent with the one you love, so why not combine the two to give your significant other the best Valentine's Day present ever? You and your honey can hop aboard Old Town Trolley's **Boston Chocolate Tour** (*refer to listing, page 43*) and be taken on an excursion to taste sweet treats like Boston cream pie from the dessert's birthplace, the Omni Parker House, and the indescribable Chocolate Buffet at the Langham Hotel. Or celebrate Valentine's Day at the **Boston Chocolate School** (College Club of Boston, 44 Commonwealth Ave.) with An Evening of Chocolate and Wine, where you can sample New England artisan chocolates paired with different vintages by a master chocolatier. It's an elegant and romantic way to learn about the sweets you love so much in the company of the one you love the most. *Classes at 6 and 9 p.m.; visit www.tasteofchocolate.com for more information.*

A FEW OTHER OPTIONS...

Candy? Flowers? Precious gems? Been there, done that? Okay, Casanova, here's a few extra ideas for blowing your special someone's mind this Valentine's Day:

- Fancy the idea of a seductive love poem, but you realize all too well you're no Lord Byron? Spring for the real deal with **a book of romantic poetry** for the one who fills you with passion. **Grolier Poetry Bookshop** (6 Plympton St., Cambridge, 617-547-4648), the oldest continuously operating poetry bookshop in America, should be able to set you up with some verses that will have your sweetie swooning.
- Want your hubby or boyfriend to see you in a whole new light? Book yourself a **sexy pin-up photo session** at **Savas Studios** (456 Hanover St., 617-728-7775). They provide the period make-up, vintage lingerie and professional studio photography to help unleash your inner Bettie Page or Marilyn Monroe.

TEN ROMANTIC RESTAURANTS

1. **UPSTAIRS ON THE SQUARE,** 91 Winthrop St., Cambridge, 617-864-1933.
2. **SONSIE,** 327 Newbury St., 617-351-2500.
3. **BISTRO DU MIDI,** 272 Boylston St., 617-262-7031.
4. **THE HUNGRY I,** 71½ Charles St., 617-227-3524.
5. **OLEANA,** 83 Main St., Charlestown, 617-242-6009.
6. **TANGIERINO,** 134 Hampshire St., Cambridge, 617-661-0505.
7. **L'ESPALIER,** 774 Boylston St., 617-262-3023.
8. **RISTORANTE FIORE,** 250 Hanover St., 617-371-1176.
9. **LALA ROKH,** 97 Mt. Vernon St., 617-720-5511.
10. **TOP OF THE HUB,** 800 Boylston St., 617-536-1775 (pictured).

- Finally, if you've got $246,900 burning a hole in your pocket (and who doesn't, really?), you can opt for **Boston's Ultimate Valentine's Experience**. The package includes two nights at the luxurious Eliot Hotel in the Back Bay, a day of his and hers (or his and his, or hers and hers) beauty at G2O Spa & Salon, dinner for two at Top of the Hub, and a lady's pink sapphire ring and man's Patek Phillippe watch from Dorfman Jewelers. Sounds extravagant, but ask yourself—do your kids really *need* a college education? Ⓟ

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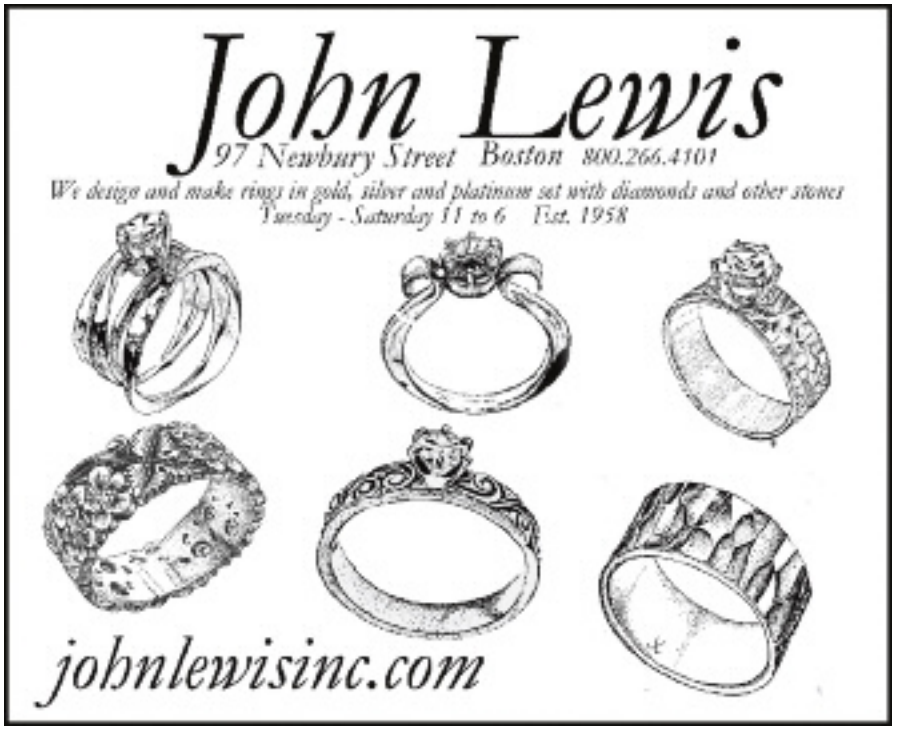

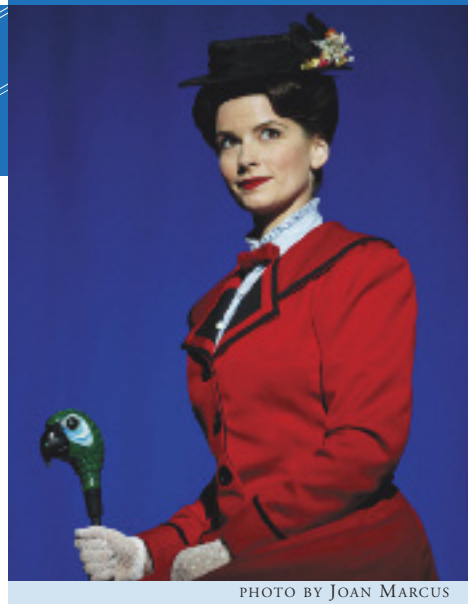

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***MARY POPPINS*:** The blockbuster musical based on the classic film makes its Boston debut at The Opera House beginning February 17. **Refer to listing, page 14.**

CLASSICAL

BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., 617-266-2378. *Tickets: $29–118, unless otherwise noted. Visit www.bso.org for a complete schedule of events.* Renowned throughout the world for its distinctive sound, impressive range and virtuosity, the Boston Symphony Orchestra—led by Music Director James Levine—celebrates its 130th year of performing the world's most beloved and stirring classical music. ***Feb 10 & 12*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Feb 11*** *at 7 p.m.*—The BSO is joined by guest conductor Susanna Malkki and cellist Alban Gerhardt for a program of works by Haydn, Dvorak and Sibelius; ***Feb 24 & 26, Mar 1*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Feb 25*** *at 1:30 p.m.*—James Levine and the BSO perform Mahler's *Symphony No. 9;* ***Mar 3, 5 & 8*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Mar 4*** *at 1:30 p.m.*—James Levine and the BSO are joined by violinist Christian Tetzlaff for a performance of works by Mozart, Birtwistle and Bartok.

DMITRI HVOROSTOVSKY, Celebrity Series of Boston, Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., 617-482-2595. ***Feb 27*** *at 3 p.m. Tickets: $40–83.* The world-renowned baritone delights his many fans with a recital of works by Faure, Liszt and Tchaikovsky.

EVGENY KISSIN, Celebrity Series of Boston, Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., 617-482-2595. ***Mar 2*** *at 8 p.m. Tickets: $40–83.* The one-time piano prodigy is now acknowledged as an accomplished master, and he returns to Boston to perform works by Franz Liszt and Aaron Richmond.

TAKACS QUARTET, Celebrity Series of Boston, Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St., 617-482-2595. ***Feb 18*** *at 8 p.m. Tickets: $47–60.* This acclaimed quartet returns to Boston, applying their unique blend of charm, humor and skill to classical works by Haydn, Bartok and Schubert.

COMEDY

BILL COSBY, Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., 888-266-1200. ***Feb 19*** *at 5 and 8 p.m. Tickets: $50.50–70.50.* An indisputed comedy legend returns to Boston, as America's favorite television father—the inimitable Bill Cosby—shares a special night of his trademark witty and insightful comedy about our human foibles and the bonds of family.

IMPROV ASYLUM, 216 Hanover St., 617-263-6887. *Tickets: $5–25, 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 this theater in the heart of Boston's North End. ***Feb 8 & 22, Mar 1*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Feb 15*** *at 8:30 p.m.*—House Teams; ***Feb 9, 16 & 23, Mar 2*** *at 8 p.m.*—Vanity Project; ***Feb 10, 17, 24 & Mar 3*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Feb 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 & 26, Mar 4 & 5*** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Mainstage Show; ***Feb 12, 19 & 26, Mar 5*** *at 11:59 p.m.*—Raunch.

MICHAEL SHOWALTER AND MICHAEL IAN BLACK, Brighton Music Hall, 158 Brighton Ave., Allston, 617-562-8801. ***Feb 28*** *at 9 p.m. Tickets: $12.* The hilarious "Michaels"—longtime friends and colleagues on television sketch programs like "The State" and "Stella"—bring their sidesplitting brand of stand-up back to Boston.

NICK'S COMEDY STOP, 100 Warrenton St., 617-482-0930. *Cover: $20.* Nick's is the city's longest-running comedy club. ***Feb 11 & 12*** *at 8:30 p.m.*—Joe List; ***Feb 18 & 19*** *at 8:30 p.m.*—Joe Wong; ***Feb 23–25*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Feb 26*** *at 6 and 8:30 p.m.*—The Amazing Kreskin; ***Mar 4 & 5*** *at 8:30 p.m.*—Michael Petit.

WILBUR THEATRE, 246 Tremont St., 617-248-9700. ***Feb 11*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Susie Essman, *tickets: $29 & 39;* ***Feb 12*** *at 7 p.m.*—Jennifer Coolidge, *tickets: $25 & 35;* ***Feb 18*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Richard Lewis & JB Smoove, *tickets: $29 & 45;* ***Feb 19*** *at 7 p.m.*—Sinbad, *tickets: $25 & 39;* ***Feb 26*** *at 7 and 9:45 p.m.*—Tracy Morgan, *tickets: $49 & 59;* ***Mar 5*** *at 7 p.m.*—Pablo Francisco, *tickets: $20 & 32.*

CONVENTIONS & EXPOS

BOSTON CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTER, 415 Summer St., 617-954-2000. ***Feb 26 & Mar 5*** *from 10 a.m.–8 p.m.,* ***Feb 27*** *from 11 a.m.–6 p.m.,* ***Feb 28–Mar 4*** *from noon–8 p.m.,* ***Mar 6*** *from 11 a.m.–5:30 p.m.*—New England Boat Show, *tickets: $14, children (15 and under) free.*

HYNES CONVENTION CENTER, 900 Boylston St., 617-954-2000. ***Mar 5***—Berklee High School Jazz Festival 2011.

SEAPORT WORLD TRADE CENTER, 200 Seaport Blvd., 617-385-4212. ***Feb 11*** *from 5:30–8 p.m.,* ***Feb 12*** *from 10 a.m.–6 p.m.,* ***Feb 13*** *'til 4 p.m.*—The Boston Globe Travel Show, *tickets: $10, children (18 and under) free;* ***Feb 24 & 25*** *from noon–9 p.m.,* ***Feb 26*** *from 10 a.m.–9 p.m.,* ***Feb 27*** *'til 6 p.m.*—New England Home Show, *tickets: $12, children (17*

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and under) free; ***Mar 4*** *from noon–8 p.m.,* ***Mar 5*** *from 10 a.m.–6 p.m.,* ***Mar 6*** *'til 5 p.m.*—Boston Golf Expo, *tickets: $10, seniors $9, children (12 and under) free.*

DANCE

ASPEN SANTA FE BALLET, Celebrity Series of Boston, Tsai Performance Center at Boston University, 685 Commonwealth Ave., 617-482-2595. ***Mar 4*** *at 7:30 p.m.,* ***Mar 5*** *at 8 p.m. Tickets: $47 & 57.* This contemporary company with a commitment to classical dance makes its Celebrity Series debut with a graceful and entrancing performance for any ballet lover.

SHEN YUN PERFORMING ARTS, Citi Performing Arts Center, The Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont St., 866-348-9738. ***Feb 11*** *at 7:30 p.m.,* ***Feb 12*** *at 2 and 7:30 p.m.,* ***Feb 13*** *at 2 p.m. Tickets: $60–165.* Experience classical Chinese dance and music in this gloriously colorful and exhilarating show. An art form several millennia old, Chinese dance brings to life ancient legends through its leaps, spins and delicate gestures.

FILM

COOLIDGE CORNER THEATRE, 290 Harvard St., Brookline, 617-734-2500. *Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: $9.75; students & matinees (before 5 p.m.) $7.75; seniors & children (under 12) $6.75.* This independent movie house screens recent indie films, as well as the classics. Now playing: *On the Bowery.* Special events: ***Feb 12*** *at 11:59 p.m.*—Naked Girls Reading: Love Stinks; ***Feb 18, 19, 25 & 26*** *at 11:59 p.m.—Maniac;* ***Feb 21*** *at 7 p.m.—Death in Venice.*

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: *Adrenaline Rush: The Science of Risk; Australia: Land Beyond Time; Mysteries of the Great Lakes; Whales.*

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, 465 Huntington Ave., 617-267-9300. *Screenings Thu–Sun, call for complete schedule. Tickets: $6–10.* 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 independent films. Special events: ***Feb 11*** *at 7:30 p.m.,* ***Feb 12*** *at 10:30 a.m.—City of God;* ***Feb 17*** *at 5:30 p.m.,* ***Feb 18*** *at 7:30 p.m.—Chinatown;* ***Feb 25*** *at 6:15 p.m.,* ***Feb 26*** *at 1 p.m.,* ***Feb 27*** *at 2:30 p.m.—The Friends of Eddie Coyle.*

PARAMOUNT THEATRE, 559 Washington St., 617-824-8000. *Visit www.artsemerson.org for complete schedule. Tickets: $10.* Special events: ***Feb 13*** *at 2 p.m.—A Shine of Rainbows;* ***Feb 18 & 19*** *at 7 p.m.—Beauty and the Beast;* ***Feb 19*** *at 2 p.m.,* ***Feb 20*** *at 7 p.m.—Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory;* ***Feb 26*** *at 2 p.m.—Charlotte's Web.*

SIMONS IMAX THEATER, New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, 617-973-5200. *Open daily at 9:30 a.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: *Under the Sea 3D; Hubble 3D; Sea Rex 3D: Journey to a Prehistoric World; Inception; Dolphins and Whales.*

KIDS CORNER

CELEBRATE! SERIES, John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Columbia Point, next to UMass Boston, 617-514-1644. ***Feb 22*** *at 10:30 a.m.* This free performing arts program (for children ages 5 and up) highlighting America's rich cultural diversity presents storyteller Valerie Tutson sharing tales and songs from African tradition.

COOLIDGE CORNER THEATRE, 290 Harvard St., Brookline, 617-734-2500. *Tickets: $9.75; children $7.75.* ***Feb 12*** *at 10:30 a.m.*—Alex the Jester; ***Feb 20*** *at 10:30 a.m.*—Music from The Cat's Pajamas; ***Feb 27*** *at 10:30 a.m.*—Magic by Scott Jameson; ***Mar 5*** *at 10:30 a.m.*—Music from Little Groove.

DISNEY ON ICE PRESENTS TOY STORY 3, TD Garden, 100 Legends Way, 617-624-1000. *Performances:* ***Feb 18*** *at 7 p.m.,* ***Feb 19 & 26*** *at 11 a.m., 3 and 7 p.m.,* ***Feb 20 & 27*** *at noon and 4 p.m.,* ***Feb 21*** *at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.,* ***Feb 23*** *at 1 p.m.,* ***Feb 24*** *at 10 a.m and 2 p.m.,* ***Feb 25*** *at 1 and 7 p.m., Tickets: $22–92.* All of your favorite characters from *Toy Story 3* come to life in this skating spectacular. Join Woody, Buzz Lightyear, Jessie and all of the *Toy Story* gang in this lovable tale of friendship perfect for families.

HANSEL AND GRETEL, Boston Lyric Opera, Wheelock Family Theatre, 200 The Riverway, 617-879-2300. *Performances:* ***Mar 5 & 6*** *at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. Tickets: $12–18.* In the operatic adaptation of this beloved fairytale, a gingerbread house tempts Hansel and Gretel's taste buds, but beware—behind those sugar-coated walls lurks a witch!

THE SECRET GARDEN, Wheelock Family Theatre, 200 The Riverway, 617-879-2300. *Performances:* ***Feb 11 & 18*** *at 7:30 p.m.,* ***Feb 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 & 27*** *at 3 p.m.,* ***Feb 22–25*** *at 1 p.m. Tickets: $20–30.* Mary Lennox, alone and bitter about her circumstances, is moved to the house of her absentee uncle. Through her curiosity (and a helpful robin), she discovers a long-locked garden and uncovers a family's secret in this musical adapted from the children's literature classic by Frances Hodgson Burnett.

LIVE MUSIC

BERKLEE PERFORMANCE CENTER, 136 Massachusetts Ave., 617-747-2261. ***Feb 8*** *at 8 p.m.*—Wayne Shorter Quartet, *tickets: $46 & 66;* ***Feb 18*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—David "Honeyboy" Edwards with Big Head Todd & The Monsters, *tickets: $25–50;* ***Feb 24*** *at 8:15 p.m.*—Bobby McFerrin performs with Berklee students, *tickets: $10.*

BRIGHTON MUSIC HALL, 158 Brighton Ave., Allston, 617-779-0140. *Shows start at 9 p.m. For complete schedule and cover charges, visit www.brightonmusichall.com.* This new club offers live music nightly and is geared toward showcasing up-and-coming local and national rock, roots, indie and cover bands. ***Feb 10*** *at 7 p.m.*—Hellogoodbye, *tickets: $15;* ***Feb 12***—Mason Jennings, *tickets: $20;* ***Feb 19***—Rustic Overtones, *tickets: $20;* ***Feb 23***—Nicole Atkins & The Black Sea, *tickets: $12;* ***Mar 1***—Ivan Neville's Dumpstaphunk, *tickets: $13;* ***Mar 3*** *at 7 p.m.*—The Pretty Reckless, *tickets: $13;* ***Mar 4***—Bleu, Tracy Bonham and Jim Boggia, *tickets: $12.*

HOUSE OF BLUES, 15 Lansdowne St., 888-693-BLUE. *Shows at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Visit www.hob.com/boston for full schedule.* The House of Blues club, concert hall and restaurant across from Fenway Park welcomes top rock, blues and pop acts. ***Feb 11***—Josh Ritter and The Royal City Band, *tickets: $25 & 35;* ***Feb 17***—Robert Randolph & the Family Band, *tickets: $25;* ***Feb 18***—George Clinton & Parliament/Funkadelic, *tickets: $29 & 39;* ***Feb 19*** *at 7 p.m.*—Interpol with School of Seven Bells, *tickets: $30 & 40;* ***Feb 20***—Trey Anastasio Band, *tickets: $39.50 & 55;* ***Feb 26*** *at 7 p.m.*—Girl Talk with Max Tundra and Junk Culture; ***Feb 27*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Flogging Molly, *tickets: $29.50 & 39.50;* ***Mar 1***—Motorhead with Clutch and Valient Thorr, *tickets: $29.50 & 39.50;* ***Mar 4***—The Saw Doctors with AM Taxi, *tickets: $27.50.*

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. ***Mar 3 & 4*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Furthur, featuring Bob Weir and Phil Lesh, *tickets: $68.40.*

PARADISE ROCK CLUB, 967 Commonwealth Ave., 617-562-8800. An intimate setting with a big sound, the Paradise is one of Boston's favorite rock clubs. *For a complete schedule, visit www.thedise.com; all shows 18+ unless otherwise noted.* ***Feb 7*** *at 8 p.m.*—Gang of Four, *tickets: $33;* ***Feb 10*** *at 9 p.m.*—Rusted Root, *tickets: $30;* ***Feb 16*** *at 8 p.m.*—Morcheeba, *tickets: $33;* ***Feb 19*** *at 9 p.m.,* ***Feb 20*** *at 8 p.m.*—Dr. Dog, *tickets: $30.50;* ***Feb 21*** *at 7 p.m.*—Plain White Ts, *tickets: $24.50;* ***Feb 26*** *at 9 p.m.*—Barrington Levy, *tickets: $30.50.*

SCULLERS JAZZ CLUB, DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel, 400 Soldiers Field Road, 617-562-4111. *Visit www.scullersjazz.com for full schedule.* ***Feb 10*** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Dave Koz, *tickets: $38, $76 with dinner;* ***Feb 11 & 12*** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Keiko Matsui, *tickets: $30, $68 with dinner;* ***Feb 16*** *at 8 p.m.*—Aardvark Jazz Orchestra, *tickets: $20, $58 with dinner;* ***Feb 17*** *at 8 p.m.*—Buster Williams with Steve Wilson, Patrice Rushen and Cindy Blackman, *tickets: $25, $63 with dinner;* ***Feb 18*** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Lizz Wright, *tickets: $28, $66 with dinner;* ***Feb 25 & 26*** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Kurt Elling, *tickets: $30, $68 with dinner;* ***Mar 4 & 5*** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Angela Bofill, *tickets: $40, $78 with dinner.*

TD 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. ***Mar 1*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Bon Jovi, *tickets: $19.50–149.50.*

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. ***Feb 7, 21 & 28*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Feb 14*** *at 7 p.m.*—Marty Ballou Trio; ***Feb 8–10, 15–17*** *at 8:30 p.m.,* ***Feb 11, 12, 18 & 19*** *at 9 p.m.*—The Steve Soares Trio; ***Feb 13, 20 & 27*** *at noon*—Lee Childs Group; *at 8 p.m.*—The Rebecca Cline Trio; ***Feb 22–24*** *at 8:30 p.m.,* ***Feb 25 & 26*** *at 9 p.m.*—The Tony Carelli Group.

WANG THEATRE, Citi Performing Arts Center, 270 Tremont St., 617-482-9393. ***Feb 17*** *at 8 p.m.*—Gipsy Kings with Nicolas Reyes and Tenino Baliardo, *tickets: $45–125;* ***Feb 21*** *at 8 p.m.*—David Gray, *tickets: $33.50 & 50;* ***Mar 5*** *at 8 p.m.*—Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith, *tickets: $35–65.*

WILBUR THEATRE, 246 Tremont St., 617-248-9700. ***Feb 9*** *at 8:30 p.m.*—The Diplomats of Solid Sound, *tickets: $46.75 & 51.85;* ***Feb 17*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Herb Alpert and Lani Hall, *tickets: $34.45 & 49.80;* ***Feb 24*** *at 8 p.m.*—Taj Mahal, *tickets: $35.50 & 51.85.*

OPERA

CARDILLAC, Opera Boston, Cutler Majestic Theatre at Emerson College, 219 Tremont St., 800-233-3123. *Performances:* ***Feb 25 & Mar 1*** *at 7:30 p.m.,* ***Feb 27*** *at 3 p.m. Tickets: $34–171.* A modernist thriller set in late 17th-century Paris during a time of unsolved murders and based on a tale by E.T.A. Hoffmann, this 1926 opera by Paul Hindemith tells the story of a successful goldsmith with an obsessive need to be reunited with his treasured creations and willing to go to any length to get them back.

LA TRAVIATA, Teatro Lirico D'Europa, Cutler Majestic Theatre at Emerson College, 219 Tremont St., 800-233-3123. ***Mar 4 & 5*** *at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $30–85.* In Verdi's tragedy set in 19th-century Paris, a young man, Alfredo Germont, falls deeply in love with a wealthy French prostitute, Violetta Valery. Without Alfredo's knowledge, his father visits Violetta and asks her to give up her relationship with his son because it has brought shame upon their entire family.

SPECIAL EVENTS

BOSTON WINE FESTIVAL, Boston Harbor Hotel, 70 Rowes Wharf, 888-660-WINE. *Call for ticket prices and full event schedule or visit www.bostonwinefestival.net.* ***Feb 11***—Valentine's Dinner dance, a romantic evening of food, music and dancing, accompanied by various champagnes, *tickets: $195;* ***Feb 18***—Flavors of the Mediterranean, featuring wines from Spain, Southern France and Italy, *tickets: $75;* ***Mar 2***—Dunn Vineyards Showcase, *tickets: $175;* ***Mar 4***—California Cabernet Reception, *tickets: $75.*

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION, Phillips Square, Chinatown. ***Feb 13*** *from 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Free and open to the public.* A day of special festivities celebrating the Year of the Rabbit kicks off with a lion dance parade through the streets of Chinatown.

GOOD VS. EVIL: AN EVENING WITH ANTHONY BOURDAIN AND ERIC RIPERT, Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., 800-745-3000. ***Mar 4*** *at 8 p.m. Tickets: $35–200.* Two of America's best-known and most respected chefs share behind-the-scenes stories about working in restaurants and discuss how food resonates in our personal lives and in cultures around the world.

SPORTS

BEANPOT HOCKEY TOURNAMENT — **NCAA HOCKEY**
TD Garden, 100 Legends Way, 800-745-3000.

Feb 7 *at 5 p.m.*	Harvard vs. Northeastern
Feb 7 *at 8 p.m.*	Boston College vs. Boston University
Feb 14 *at 4:30 p.m.*	Consolation Game
Feb 14 *at 7:30 p.m.*	Championship Game

BOSTON BLAZERS — **NATIONAL LACROSSE LEAGUE**
TD Garden, 100 Legends Way, 1-888-BLAZERS.

Feb 12 *at 7:30 p.m.*	vs. Colorado Mammoth
Mar 6 *at 5 p.m.*	vs. Buffalo Bandits

BOSTON BRUINS **NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE**
TD Garden, 100 Legends Way, 617-624-1000.

Feb 9 *at 7 p.m.*	vs. Montreal Canadiens
Feb 11 *at 7 p.m.*	vs. Detroit Red Wings
Feb 15 *at 7 p.m.*	vs.Toronto Maple Leafs
Mar 3 *at 7 p.m.*	vs. Tampa Bay Lightning
Mar 5 *at 7 p.m.*	vs. Pittsburgh Penguins

BOSTON CELTICS **NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**
TD Garden, 100 Legends Way, 617-523-3030.

Feb 10 *at 8 p.m.*	vs. Los Angeles Lakers
Feb 13 *at 1 p.m.*	vs. Miami Heat
Feb 16 *at 7:30 p.m.*	vs. New Jersey Nets
Mar 2 *at 7:30 p.m.*	vs. Phoenix Suns
Mar 4 *at 7:30 p.m.*	vs. Golden State Warriors

THEATRE

BLUE MAN GROUP, Charles Playhouse, 74 Warrenton St., 617-931-2787 or 617-426-6912. ***Ongoing***. *Tue–Thu at 8 p.m., Fri at 7 p.m., Sat at 4, 7 and 10 p.m., Sun at 2 and 5 p.m. Tickets: $49 & 69.* 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.

BURIED CHILD, Commonwealth Shakespeare Company, Wimberly Theatre, Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont St., 617-426-0863. ***Feb 21*** *at 7 p.m. Free; post-show wine and cheese reception $20.* Academy Award-winner Chris Cooper (*Adaptation, American Beauty*) stars alongside Marianne Leone in this staged reading of Sam Shepard's drama about a dysfunctional American family, directed by Jim True-Frost.

MARY POPPINS, Boston Opera House, 539 Washington St., 617-931-2787. *Performances* ***beginning Feb 17****: Tue–Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 and 8 p.m., Sun at 1 and 6:30 p.m. Tickets: $25–120.* Featuring the irresistible story and unforgettable songs from one of the most popular Disney films of all time—plus brand-new breathtaking dance numbers and spectacular stage-craft—this hit Broadway show about a magical English nanny has been called "a perfect piece of musical theater" by the *New York Post*.

MY NAME IS ASHER LEV, Lyric Stage Company, 140 Clarendon St., 617-585-5678. *Performances* ***beginning Feb 11****: Wed & Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 3 and 8 p.m., Sun at 3 p.m. Tickets: $25–52.* This stage adaptation of the Chaim Potok novel follows the journey of a controversial young Jewish painter whose artistic gift threatens to estrange him from his sheltered Hasidic community in postwar Brooklyn and the parents he loves. While his mother is caught between her son and her husband, Asher must choose between his art and his faith.

NINE, SpeakEasy Stage Company, Roberts Studio Theatre, Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont St., 617-933-8600. *Performances* ***through Feb 20****: 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: $25–57.* Based on Fellini's classic film *8½*, this musical tells the story of celebrated film director Guido Contini, who is facing both mid-life and marital crises after turning 40. Drifting toward a nervous breakdown, Guido finds himself examining his past flawed relationships with the many women who have come through his life, while struggling to accept and live life as a mature adult man.

RAIN: A TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES, Citi Performing Arts Center, The Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont St., 866-348-9738. ***Feb 25*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Feb 26*** *at 3 and 8 p.m. Tickets: $38–78.* This acclaimed Beatles tribute—a multi-media experience that fuses historical footage from the 1960s with an uncanny live musical performance—covers the Fab Four from their beginnings as lovable mop tops through the psychedelic late '60s and their long-haired, hard-rocking rooftop days.

REASONS TO BE PRETTY, SpeakEasy Stage Company, Roberts Studio Theatre, Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont St., 617-933-8600. *Performances* ***beginning Mar 4****: 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: $25–55.* This incendiary drama from Neil LaBute (*Fat Pig, The Shape of Things*) asks, "How much is 'pretty' worth?" Sparked by one man's offhand remark about his girlfriend's appearance, the play navigates the crumbling relationships of four young friends as they come to terms with their unfulfilling lives and question the American obsession with physical beauty.

SHEAR MADNESS, Charles Playhouse Stage II, 74 Warrenton St., 617-426-5225. ***Ongoing***. *Performances: Tue–Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 6 and 9 p.m., Sun at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets: $42.* This hilarious Boston-set whodunnit, where the clues change every night and the laughs come fast and funny, is a worldwide phenomenon filled with up-to-the-minute spontaneous humor and quicksilver improvisation where the audience becomes part of the action and gets to solve the crime.

TERMINUS, Abbey Theatre, Paramount Theatre, 559 Washington St., 617-824-8000. *Performances:* ***Feb 8–10*** *at 7:30 p.m.,* ***Feb 11*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Feb 12*** *at 2 and 8 p.m.,* ***Feb 13*** *at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets: $25–79.* Catapult from the bustling streets to the skies above Dublin, then plummet deep to the bowels of the earth as three people are ripped from their daily lives and thrown into a fantastical world of singing serial killers, avenging angels and love-sick demons.

TICKETS

BOSTIX, Faneuil Hall Marketplace and Copley Square, 617-723-5181. *Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; 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.

BOSTON CITYPASS, www.citypass.com. Visit five of Boston's best attractions for one low price. Save 50% and avoid ticket lines. *Booklet price: $46; youth (3–11) $29.* Ticket booklets are available at the first attraction visited and are valid for nine days. The CityPass ticket booklet includes admission to five major attractions: the New England Aquarium, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, Skywalk Observatory at the Prudential Center and your choice of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum or the Harvard Museum of Natural History, plus extra coupons for local businesses.

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BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, Museum Wharf, 300 Congress St., 617-426-6500. *Sat–Thu 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri 'til 9 p.m. Admission: $12; children (under 1) free; Sat–Thu 4–5 p.m. $5; Fri 5–9 p.m. (Family Night) $1.* The popular museum for families of all ages 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. Special exhibits: Big & Little, an exhibit that examines size and scale; Torn From Home, an exhibit about refugees and human rights; ***beginning Mar 3***—You Are Here, an exhibit of art made at the museum and from artists in the Fort Point Channel neighborhood.

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: $15; seniors $13; students $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: Mark Bradford; Gabriel Kuri; On the Fineberg Art Wall: Francesca DiMattio. Special event: ***Feb 25*** *at 2 p.m.*—Musical performance by The Celestial Septet, a pairing of The Nels Cline Singers and the Rova Saxophone Quartet, *tickets: $20.*

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 works by Rembrandt, Botticelli, Raphael, Titian and Matisse. Special events: ***Feb 13*** *at 1:30 p.m.*—Pianist Paavali Jumppanen, *tickets: $23;* ***Feb 27*** *at 1:30 p.m.*—Trio Cavatina, *tickets: $23;* ***Mar 6*** *at 1:30 p.m.*—A Far Cry, *tickets: $23.*

JOHN F. KENNEDY PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM, Columbia Point off Morrissey Boulevard, next to UMass Boston, Dorchester, 866-535-1960. www.jfklibrary.org. *Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $12; seniors & students $10; children (13–17) $9; children (12 and under) free; library forums free.* This museum portrays Kennedy's life, leadership and legacy in 21 exhibits, three theaters, 20 video presentations and more. Special exhibits: Poetry and Power: The Inaugural Address of John F. Kennedy; Passing the Torch: The Inauguration of John F. Kennedy.

THE MARY BAKER EDDY LIBRARY, 200 Massachusetts 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 can inspire individuals and change the world. Special exhibits: Hall of Ideas; Sensational Press, Radical Response; Peace Flag; Mary Baker Eddy: A Life of Service.

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS: The work of renowned painter and School of the Museum of Fine Arts alum Kristin Baker is now on display at the famed Fenway institution. Refer to listing, below.

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 renowned for its European, Asian and American collections. Special exhibit: Dura Europos: Crossroads of Antiquity.

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): $20; seniors & students $18; Wed after 4 p.m., pay as you wish; children (7–17) $7.50 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: Modernist Photography, 1910–1950; Nicholas Nixon: Family Album; New Works: Prints, Drawings, Collages; Heaven and Hell in Japanese Art; Artists Abroad: London, Paris, Venice and Rome, 1825–1925; Kristin Baker: New Paintings; Scaasi: American Couturier; Millet and Rural France; Flowers and Festivals: Four Seasons in Japanese Prints; ***beginning Feb 9***—Conversations: Photography from the Bank of America Collection; ***beginning Feb 12***—An Unspoken Dialogue with Japanese Tea; ***through Feb 13***—Fresh Ink: Ten Takes on Chinese Tradition; ***through Feb 27***—Chinese Master

ABOVE: KRISTIN BAKER, *RIME AFFINITY*, 2010, PHOTO BY MATTHU PLACEK

Paintings from the Collection; ***through Mar 6***—Mirror of Holland: Drawings from the Maida and George Abrams Collection; ***through Mar 13***—Embroideries of Colonial Boston: Samplers. Special events: ***Feb 13*** *at 3 p.m.*—Valentine's Day Concert, featuring songs from Broadway, *tickets: $25;* ***Feb 23*** *at 5:30 p.m.*—Winesdays, explore wine selections with the help of a wine connoisseur; ***Mar 4*** *at 5:30 p.m.*—MFA First Fridays, featuring live music, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, *free with museum admission.*

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE, Science Park, 617-723-2500. *Sat–Thu 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri 'til 9 p.m. Admission: $21; seniors $19; children (3–11) $18; 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.* This popular museum for families of all ages boasts interactive science exhibits, as well as laser and astronomy shows in the Charles Hayden Planetarium. Special exhibits: Diabetes: A Deeper Look; Voices Without Faces, Voices Without Races: An Audio Journey; LaserLab; Race: Are We So Different?; ***beginning Feb 13***—Cosmic Light; Planetarium Show: *Undiscovered Worlds—The Search Beyond Our Sun.* Special event: ***Feb 13***—The Museum officially reopens the newly renovated, state-of-the-art Charles Hayden Planetarium.

OLD STATE HOUSE MUSEUM, 206 Washington St., 617-720-1713. *Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $7.50; seniors & students $6; children (6–18) $3.* 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, and take themed tours of the city. Special exhibits: The Old State House: A Hands-on History; The Boston Massacre Multimedia Presentation; From Colony to Commonwealth; Our Favorite Things: Boston Stories; Preservation of the Old State House; Treasures from the Bostonian Society's Collections. Special event: ***Mar 5*** *beginning at 11 a.m.*—The 241st anniversary of the Boston Massacre, featuring day and evening events including a children's re-enactment (with styrofoam snowballs) and recreation of the Redcoats' murder trial.

THE SPORTS MUSEUM, 5th and 6th floor premium seating levels, TD Garden, Causeway Street, 617-624-1234. *Daily 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission on the hour only, 'til 3 p.m. Hours altered during TD Garden events, call ahead. Admission: $10; seniors & children (10–17) $5; children (under 10) 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 warship. Includes weapons, documents, journals and more. Interactive exhibits allow visitors to load and fire a cannon, try out a sailor's sleeping quarters and virtually command the *Constitution* in battle. Special exhibits: Old Ironsides in War and Peace; The Barbary War; Model Shop; All Hands on Deck: A Sailor's Life in 1812; 32nd Annual Ship Model Show. Special event: ***Feb 21–25***—School Vacation Week Activities.

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 exhibit: A Little Scrap for Recollection's Sake: Quilts from the Concord Museum.

PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM, East India Square, Salem, 866-745-1876. *Tue–Sun and holiday Mondays 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: Written on the Waves: Shipboard Logs and Journals; Eye Spy: Playing with Perception; Faces of Devotion, Indian Sculpture from the Figiel Collection; Fish, Silk, Tea, Bamboo: Cultivating an Image of China; Auspicious Wishes and Natural Beauty in Korean Art; Of Gods and Mortals: Traditional Art from India; FreePort [No. 001]: Charles Sandison; Painting the Modern in India; Perfect Imbalance: Exploring Chinese Aesthetics; Intersections: Native American Art in a New Light; ***through Feb 21***—Imprints: Photographs by Mark Ruwedel; ***beginning Feb 26***—Golden: Dutch and Flemish Masterworks from the Rose-Marie and Eijk van Otterloo Collection.

SALEM WITCH MUSEUM, 19½ Washington Square North, Salem, 978-744-1692. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $8.50; 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 renowned artists, whose styles range from super-realism to abstraction. Special exhibits: ***through Feb 28***—Works by Paul Balmer; ***beginning Mar 1***—Works by Sherrie Wolf and Victoria Adams.

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: Works by Kiki Smith.

BOSTON SCULPTORS GALLERY, 486 Harrison Ave., 617-482-7781. *Wed–Sun noon–6 p.m.* A sculptors' cooperative that has served as an alternative venue for innovative solo sculpture exhibitions since 1992. Special exhibits: ***beginning Feb 9***—Works by Dan Wills and Chris Frost.

BROMFIELD ART GALLERY, 450 Harrison Ave., 617-451-3605. *Wed–Sat noon–5 p.m.* Boston's oldest artist-run gallery features shows by members of the cooperative, while exhibitions by visiting artists are selected by current members. Special exhibits: ***through Feb 26***—Part and Process; Gallery Artists Show; ***beginning Mar 2***—Carol McMahon: The Age of Un-Reason; Barbara Poole: Invasive Species, Unintended Consequences.

CHASE YOUNG GALLERY, 450 Harrison Ave., 617-859-7222. *Tue–Sat 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun 'til 4 p.m.* One of the city's top galleries for the exhibition of contemporary artists, both representational and abstract. Special exhibit: ***through Feb 27***—Works by Tezh Modarressi.

COPLEY SOCIETY OF ART, 158 Newbury St., 617-536-5049. *Tue–Sat 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m.* The oldest non-profit art association in the U.S. represents more than 500 living artists and hosts between 15–20 exhibitions each year by contemporary painters, photographers, sculptors and printmakers. Special exhibits: ***through Feb 25***—Co/So Artist Members A to Z: Arabesque; Co/So New Members' Show.

GRAND CIRCLE GALLERY, 347 Congress St., 617-346-6459. *Wed & Fri 11 a.m.–2 p.m., Thu 'til 7 p.m., Sat 'til 3 p.m.* This gallery specializes in vintage travel posters and black & white photography. Special exhibit: Vintage Winter Sports.

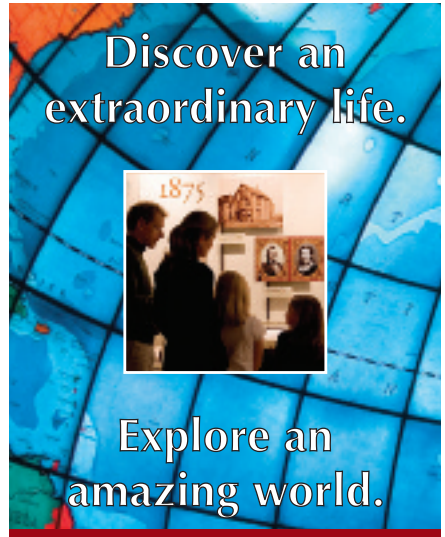
INTERNATIONAL POSTER GALLERY, 205 Newbury St., 617-375-0076. www.internationalposter.com. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* The acclaimed fine art poster gallery displays original vintage works from the 1890s through post-World War II modern masters. Special exhibit: Winter Break: The Great Poster Escape.

MILLS GALLERY, Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., 617-426-8835. *Sun & Wed noon–5 p.m., Thu–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 Mills Gallery each year. Special exhibits: ***through Feb 27***—This Must Be The Place and Swap Meet; ***beginning Feb 28***—Community Windows: Morville House.

PANOPTICON GALLERY, 502C Commonwealth Ave., 617-267-8929. *Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.* This gallery is one of the oldest fine art photography galleries in the United States specializing in contemporary, modern and vintage photography. Special exhibits: ***through Feb 22***—Contemporary Culture: Photographs by Erik Schubert and Brian Kaplan; ***beginning Feb 24***—Storytellers: Photographs by Frank Armstrong, Bill Franson and Stella Johnson.

PUCKER GALLERY, 171 Newbury St., 617-267-9473. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Sun 10:30 a.m.–5 p.m.* Features work by Israeli, American and internationally known contemporary artists. Special exhibits: ***through Feb 14***—Surpassing Boundaries: Richard Milgrim's Ceramics for Tea and Beyond; Enrico Pinardi: Metaphysical Intonations; ***beginning Feb 19***—Mallory Lake: Shadows; The Marks of a Master: Recent Work by Phil Rogers.

SOCIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS, 175 Newbury St., 617-266-1810. *Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m.* The oldest non-profit crafts organization in the country specializes in contemporary American crafts. The jewelry, furniture, glass and ceramics range from cutting-edge to traditional, from functional to sculptural. Special exhibit: ***beginning Feb 11***—The Loom: On Around and Through.



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FILTHY RICH CELEBRITY JEWELRY: Licensed replicas of jewelry worn by such famous names as Jacqueline Kennedy are featured at this North End boutique. **Refer to listings, below & page 38.**

ART & ANTIQUES

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.

L'ATTITUDE GALLERY, 211 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.

ARTS & CRAFTS

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

CLOTHING

BROOKS BROTHERS, 46 Newbury St., 617-267-2600. *Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Sat 'til 6 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* Since 1818, Brooks Brothers has been a staple of men's attire—everything from sophisticated suits to more casual, preppy apparel. Whether it's the perfect pair of boxers or a chic blazer, fellas are sure to revel in the classy, clean appearance for which the Brooks Brothers brand is known.

LOUIS, Fan Pier, 60 Northern Ave., 617-262-6100. *Mon–Wed 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 7 p.m., Sun 11:30 a.m.–5 p.m.* This Boston institution brings modern fashion to the Seaport District, offering upscale men's clothing by up-and-coming designers, as well as women's fashions, bed and bath items and home accessories.

DEPARTMENT STORES

FILENE'S BASEMENT, 497 Boylston St., 617-424-5520. *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.* This classic Boston off-price store—touting the slogan "Where Bargains Were Born!"—offers designer and brand name fashions for men, women and the home.

H & M, 350 Washington St., 617-482-7001; 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.

MACY'S, 450 Washington St., 617-357-3000. *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–10 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–9 p.m.* Discover the season's hottest trends, newest styles and best prices. Choose from your favorite designers: Coach, Polo, DKNY, Hugo Boss, the Martha Stewart Collection and more.

MARSHALLS, 500 Boylston St., 617-262-6066: *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–10 p.m., Sun 'til 8 p.m.;* 350 Washington St., Downtown Crossing, 617-338-6205: *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 'til 9 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.–8:30 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–8 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, at prices 20–60% off most department store rates.

GIFTS & SOUVENIRS

FIREFLY JEWELRY & GIFTS, 270 Newbury St., 617-375-5885. www.fireflyboston.com. *Mon, Tue & Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Wed–Fri 'til 6:30 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.* Since 2003, Firefly has become the "go-to" gift boutique catering to visitors and locals alike. From unique gifts by local artists to fun and fashionable home décor, there's something for every taste. Firefly also offers a wide array of handcrafted jewelry from artists around the country.

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

JEWELRY/ACCESSORIES

FILTHY RICH CELEBRITY JEWELRY, 236A Hanover St., 857-366-4620. www.filthyrichofboston.com. *Mon–Wed 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 8 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m.* You don't have to be "filthy rich" to look like a million! Licensed replicas of jewelry worn by Jacqueline Kennedy, Audrey Hepburn and other Hollywood legends of the past—as well as today's hottest celebrities and designers—are all here. Their jewelry will have you dazzling like a star on the red carpet for a fraction of the price.

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.

JOHN LEWIS, INC., 97 Newbury St., 617-266-6665. *Tue–Sat 11 a.m.–6 p.m.* John Lewis has been creating jewelry of imaginative design in Boston for more than 30 years. Using only solid precious metals and natural stones, Lewis aims "to make jewelry at a reasonable price of excellent workmanship and uncommon beauty."

LUX BOND & GREEN, 416 Boylston St., 617-266-4747. *Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sat 'til 5 p.m.* Since 1898, Lux Bond & Green has provided its customers with diamonds, gold jewelry, watches and giftware from around the world. The store offers a corporate gift division, bridal and gift registry, a full-service repair department, gift certificates and elegant gift wrapping.

NEWBURY 211, 211 Newbury St., 857-753-4669. *Daily 10 a.m.–8 p.m.* This shop offers one-of-a-kind jewelry—handmade by Israeli designers from silver and 18 and 24 karat gold with handset precious gems—as well as unique designer gowns and accessories.

ROSS-SIMONS JEWELERS, The Shops at Prudential Center, 800 Boylston St., 617-262-0935; The Natick Collection, Natick, 508-655-2956; Atrium Mall, Chestnut Hill, 617-965-5300. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.;* Chestnut Hill: *Sun noon–6 p.m.* Ross-Simons Jewelers is New England's famous destination for fabulous jewelry and fine Swiss watches—all at legendary great prices. If you're thinking about diamonds, Ross-Simons is a must-visit attraction. They have one simple promise: the absolute best prices on certified diamonds anywhere in the country.

MALLS/SHOPPING CENTERS

COPLEY PLACE, Copley Square, 617-262-6600. The magnificent Copley Place features more than 100 upscale stores, including Neiman Marcus, Tiffany & Co., Eileen Fisher and Williams-Sonoma, and fine restaurants like Legal Sea Foods that offer shoppers numerous dining options. To receive a free Ultimate Shopping Excursions card, stop by one of the customer service kiosks.

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

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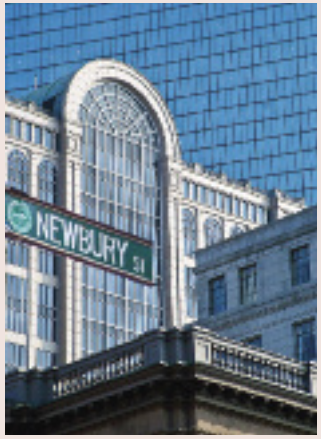
Newbury Street



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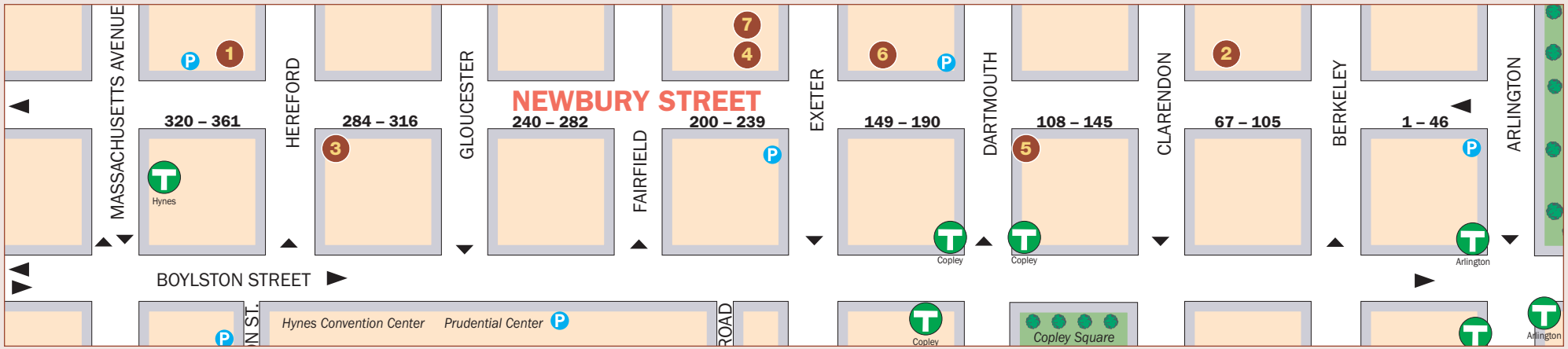

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THE HERITAGE ON THE GARDEN, 300 Boylston St., 617-426-9500. *Call for individual store hours.* This residential/office/retail complex located across from the Public Garden features a handful of upscale retailers, including St. John Boutique, Sonia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

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

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

MUSIC/VIDEO

NEWBURY COMICS, 332 Newbury St., 617-236-4930. *Mon–Thu 10 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.* Also: 36 JFK St. (Garage Mall), Cambridge, 617-491-0337; North Market Building, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-248-9992. 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

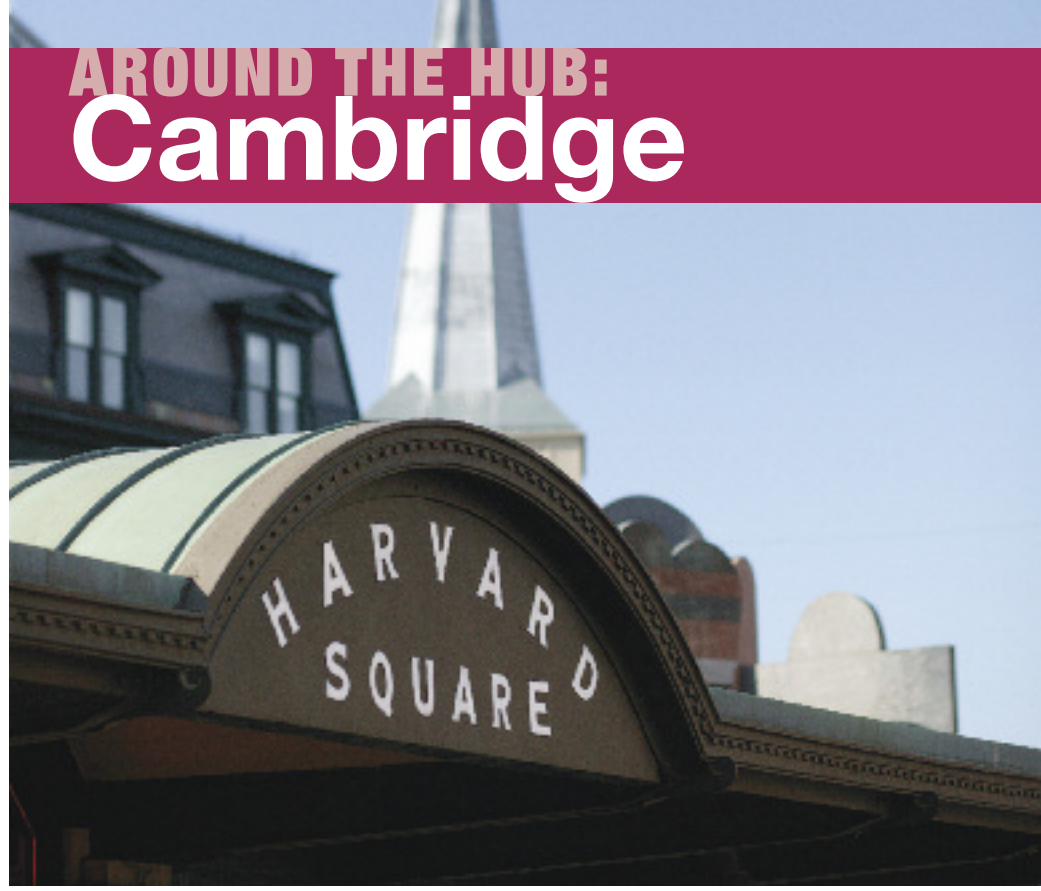
ALLEN-EDMONDS, 36 Newbury St., 617-247-3363. *Mon–Sat 9:30 a.m.–7 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m.* Step out in luxurious style with Allen-Edmonds' collections of wing tips, capped toes and slip-on kilties and tassles. This world-class men's footwear retailer, famous for its 212-step construction process, features shoes made of top-quality leather and all-natural materials.

HELEN'S LEATHER, 110 Charles St., 617-742-2077. *Mon–Wed, Fri & Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Thu noon–8 p.m., Sun 'til 6 p.m.* For 40 years, Helen's Leather has supplied New Englanders with quality Western boots by makers like Lucchese, Tony Lama, Justin, Nocona and Frye. In addition, Helen's sells Western belts, buckles, shirts and Stetson hats, as well as leather jackets and bags.

JOHN FLUEVOG, 302 Newbury St., 617-266-1079. *Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Sun noon–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.

THE TANNERY, 402 Boylston St., 617-267-5500. *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–7 p.m.* Also: 11A & 39 Brattle St., Harvard Square, Cambridge, 617-491-0810 and 617-491-1811. Since 1973, The Tannery has been recognized as one of the world's best footwear stores. The Tannery offers customers 200 of the top name brands to choose from, including Birkenstocks, Dansko, Ecco and Clarks.

AROUND THE HUB: Cambridge



Square Deal

Just across the Charles River from Boston, Cambridge is a diverse and cosmopolitan city abounding with art, culture, fine dining and exceptional shopping. Yet, thanks to its division into "squares," Cambridge retains the feel of several small neighborhoods, each with its individual flair and style.

Central Square is the social center for Cambridge, with great restaurants, bars and music venues such as the Middle East Cafe, T.T. the Bear's Place and The Cantab Lounge.

Harvard Square is home to Harvard University's sprawling campus, including its associated theaters and museums. In addition, visitors flock to the neighborhood for a diverse range of retail shops, restaurants, coffee shops, bars and clubs that offer something to satisfy every taste.

The quieter, more residential **Inman Square** abounds with ethnic food shops, bars and restaurants along with local and national jazz acts at Ryles Jazz Club.

Kendall Square, home to MIT and many bio-tech firms, also hosts foreign and indie films at Kendall Square Cinema and boasts a growing number of eclectic nightspots.

Just beyond Harvard Square, **Porter Square** is full of funky second-hand shops and restaurants, as well as live music at the Lizard Lounge and Toad. Ⓟ

ATTRACTIONS:

- Harvard Yard
- MIT Museum
- Harvard Art Museums
- American Repertory Theater
- Harvard Museum of Natural History

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

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***THE DONKEY SHOW*: The disco-centric re-telling of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* fires up Saturday nights at Oberon in Harvard Square. Refer to listing, page 25.**

SIGHTS OF INTEREST

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.

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, cafes, restaurants and shops.

LONGFELLOW NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, 105 Brattle St., 617-876-4491. *Public tours closed for the season; grounds open daily from dawn to dusk.* This 1759 Georgian mansion was home to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow from 1837–1882 and a central gathering place for writers and artists in the 19th century. It also served as George Washington's headquarters during the seige of Boston in 1775–76.

MOUNT AUBURN CEMETERY, 580 Mount Auburn St., 617-547-7105. *Daily 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Closing times may vary.* 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.

ENTERTAINMENT

THE BRATTLE THEATRE, 40 Brattle St., 617-876-6837. *Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: $9.75; students & matinees $7.75; seniors & children $6.75.* Classic, cutting-edge and world cinema with double features almost every day. Special events: ***Feb 13** at 1:30, 4:15, 7 and 9:45 p.m., **Feb 14** at 4:15, 7 and 9:45 p.m.—Casablanca; **Feb 18–26**—*Bugs Bunny Film Festival.

CHARLES HOTEL ICE SKATING RINK, 1 Bennett St., 617-864-1200. *Mon–Fri from 4–7 p.m., Sat & Sun from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Skate rental $5, children (under 12) $3.* This 2,900-square-foot, illuminated outdoor ice skating rink boasts rink-side refreshments from the New England-influenced restaurant Henrietta's Table.

CLUB PASSIM, 47 Palmer St., 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. ***Feb 10 & 11** at 8 p.m.*—Kris Delmhorst, *tickets: $20; **Feb 22 & 23** at 8 p.m.*—Dan Bern with Common Rotation, *tickets: $30; **Feb 24** at 8 p.m.*—Al Stewart, *tickets: $30; **Feb 26** at 8 p.m.*—David Mallett, *tickets: $30; **Feb 27** at 6 and 8:30 p.m.*—Lindsay Mac, *tickets: $18; **Mar 4** at 8 p.m.*—Zoe Lewis, *tickets: $20; **Mar 6** at 6 and 9 p.m.*—Anne Heaton, *tickets: $18.*

THE COMEDY STUDIO AT THE HONG KONG, 1238 Massachusetts Ave., Harvard Square, 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. ***Feb 8, 15 & 22***—Mystery Lounge, featuring professional magicians; ***Feb 9***—Laura Crawford, Dan Crohn, Alana Eisner and others; ***Feb 11***—Jimmy Anicet, Jason Marcus, Tim Messenger and others; ***Feb 16***—David Lee Bass, James Creelman, Tom Dunlap and others; ***Feb 17***—P.J. Brown, Maria Ciampa, Jeff Landry and others; ***Feb 20***—Shaun Bedgood, Towanda Gona, Erik Levi, Andy Ofeish and others.

IMPROVBOSTON, 40 Prospect St., Central Square, 617-576-1253. *Performances: Wed–Sun. Cover: $7–16. Visit www.improvboston.com for a complete schedule of shows.* This comedy theater features improv sketch comedy, stand-up shows, games, original music and audience participation.

THE MIDDLE EAST, 472 Massachusetts Ave., 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. ***Feb 10***—Deerhoof, *tickets: $15; **Feb 12***—Cowboy Mouth, *tickets: $20; **Feb 16***—Rooney with Eisley, *tickets: $15; **Feb 20***—Big Gigantic with Kraddy, *tickets: $16; **Feb 27***—The Toasters, *tickets: $15.*

REGATTABAR, 3rd floor of The Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett St., 617-661-5000. ***Feb 8** at 7:30 p.m.*—Buckwheat Zydeco, *tickets: $24; **Feb 10** at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—The Lee Konitz/Dan Tepfer Duo, *tickets: $25; **Feb 11 & 12** at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—Bill Charlap Trio, *tickets: $25; **Feb 14** at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—Somi, *tickets: $20; **Feb 17** at 7:30 p.m.*—Vusi Mahlasela, *tickets: $25; **Feb 18** at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—The Vijay Iyer Trio, *tickets: $22 & 25; **Feb 25** at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—Cyrus Chestnut Trio, *tickets: $25; **Mar 1 & 2** at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—Mike Stern Band, *tickets: $22; **Mar 5** at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—Charmaine Clamor, *tickets: $20 & 22.*

SANDERS THEATRE, Memorial Hall, Harvard University, 45 Quincy St., 617-482-6661. ***Feb 11** at 8 p.m.*—The Tierney Sutton Band, *tickets: $36–46.*

THEATRE

AJAX, American Repertory Theater, Loeb Drama Center, 64 Brattle St., 617-547-8300. *Performances: **Feb 12 & 13, 15, 17 & 18, 22–25, Mar 1–4** at 7:30 p.m., **Feb 16** at 7 p.m., **Feb 19, 20, 26 & 27, Mar 5 & 6** at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $25–65.* In this world premiere translation of Sophocles' classic work, the great warrior Ajax recovers from a bout of madness, struggling to live with the consequences of his crazed violence and with the trauma of war in a poignant examination of how combat affects the mind of a soldier.

THE DONKEY SHOW, American Repertory Theater, Oberon, 2 Arrow St., 617-547-8300. ***Ongoing**. Performances: Sat at 8 and 10:30 p.m. Tickets: $25–55.* Bringing the ultimate disco experience to Boston, this crazy circus of mirror balls, feathered divas, roller skaters and hustle queens tells the story of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* through great '70s anthems like "We Are Family," "I Love the Nightlife," "Car Wash," "Ring My Bell" and "Last Dance."

GLASS HOUSE, RevDc, Durrell Theatre, Cambridge Family YMCA, 820 Massachusetts Ave., 508-796-3895. *Performances: **Feb 18, 19, 25 & 26** at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $15.* Behind a great man lies a dark secret that is holding him in bondage, an image that he can't keep hidden and a price he is not ready to pay.

PROMETHEUS BOUND, American Repertory Theater, Oberon, 2 Arrow St., 617-547-8300. *Performances: **Feb 25 & 28, Mar 1–3** at 7:30 p.m., **Mar 4** at 7 p.m. Tickets: $25–55.* Written by Tony and Grammy Award-winning lyricist and playwright Steven Sater (*Spring Awakening*) with music composed by Grammy Award-winning System of a Down lead singer Serj Tankian, this new musical is inspired by Aeschylus' ancient Greek tragedy about the suffering of Western civilization's first prisoner of conscience.

TI-JEAN & HIS BROTHERS, Underground Railway Theater and Boston Playwrights' Theatre, Central Square Theater, 450 Massachusetts Ave., 866-811-4111. *Performances: **Feb 10, 17, 23 & 24, Mar 3** at 7:30 p.m., **Feb 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 & 26, Mar 4 & 5** at 8 p.m., **Feb 13, 20 & 27, Mar 6** at 2 p.m. Tickets: $40.* Derek Walcott's powerful folk parable—a celebration of Haitian art, music and spirit—portrays a Caribbean family in crisis: three brothers are pulled into a dangerous game with the Devil in a fanciful, dark and ultimately hopeful story of battling despair through fierce humor and love.

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

HARVARD ART MUSEUMS, 485 Broadway, 617-495-9400. *Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $9; seniors $7; students $6; children (18 and under) free.* The Harvard Art Museums—including the Fogg and Busch-Reisinger museums, which are closed for renovations—are currently housed at the Arthur M. Sackler Museum, which has been reinstalled with some of the finest works representing the collections of all three museums. Special exhibits: Re-View, a collection of highlights from the Harvard Art Museums; Brush and Ink Reconsidered: Contemporary Chinese Landscapes; I Was Not Waving but Drowning; Berlin and Moscow 1918/1933: Artists, Media, Politics; Arts of Asia; Tangible Things; ***beginning Feb 26***—Feininger at Harvard: Drawings, Watercolors and Photographs; ***through Mar 5***—The Origins of Modernity: The "New" 18th Century.

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 more than 3,000 glass flower models created between 1887 and 1936. Special exhibits: Climate Change: Our Global Experiment; Arthropods: Creatures that Rule; Evolution; The Language of Color; Headgear: The Natural History of Horns & Antlers; Tangible Things: Objects from Other Harvard Collections at the Harvard Museum of Natural History.

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 the area's premier showcases for contemporary art, the List Center reflects MIT's position as a cutting-edge research institution by presenting works from the world's leading contemporary artists. Special exhibits: Stan VanDerBeek: The Culture Intercom; ***beginning Feb 14***—Berenice Abbott: Portraits.

THE MIT MUSEUM, 265 Massachusetts Ave., 617-253-5927. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $7.50; children, seniors & students $3; children (under 5) free.* Exhibits interpret themes and ideas related to MIT research and activities. Ongoing exhibits: Holography: The Light Fantastic; Robots and Beyond: Exploring Artificial Intelligence at MIT; Gestural Engineering: The Sculpture of Arthur Ganson; Learning Lab: The Cell; The Humorous Side of MIT: Poster Art by Donald J. Hatfield, 1950–1960; Types We Can Make: A Selection of Contemporary Swiss Type Design; Luminous Windows 2011; The MIT 150 Exhibition.

CLUBS AND BARS

THE CANTAB LOUNGE, 738 Massachusetts Ave., 617-354-2685. *Mon–Wed 8 a.m.–1 a.m., Thu–Sat 'til 2 a.m., Sun noon–1 a.m.* The crowd at The Cantab Lounge is just as diverse as its Central Square location's residents. The enduring dive features an eclectic offering of live jazz, soul and rock, and a large selection of domestic and imported beers. *Tue*—Bluegrass Night; *Wed*—Poetry Slam.

ENORMOUS ROOM, 567 Massachusetts Ave., 617-491-5550. *Nightly 5:30 p.m.–1 a.m.* Don't let the name fool you—the bar's intimate and relaxed atmosphere will make you feel as if you invited the DJ or band into your living room. A hip, young crowd flocks nightly to this Central Square spot to enjoy the Middle Eastern decor, plush furniture, cutting-edge music and excellent food and drink selections.

LIZARD LOUNGE, 1667 Massachusetts Ave., 617-547-0759. *Sun, Tue & Wed 7:30 p.m.–1 a.m., Mon 9 p.m.–1 a.m., Thu–Sat 7:30 p.m.–2 a.m.* Offering everything from poetry slams to open-mic comedy, this funky hangout attracts a mix of young intellectuals and professionals. Live entertainment is featured most nights, and can be enjoyed from one of the many intimate two-person tables. Pre- or post-show you can head upstairs to the Cambridge Common and enjoy a beer and an appetizer.

REDLINE, 59 JFK St., 617-491-9851. *Kitchen: Mon–Sat 5–11 p.m. Bar: Mon–Wed 'til 1 a.m., Thu–Sat 'til 2 a.m.* A bustling bar scene is housed within this fashionable lounge/restaurant, which serves delicious and creative cocktails and cuisine. Local and international DJs keep the energetic and mature crowds shaking their bodies on the dancefloor well into the night.

DINING

Refer to Dining, page 49, for key to restaurant symbols.

THE ASGARD IRISH PUB & RESTAURANT, 350 Massachusetts Ave., 617-577-9100, www.classicirish.com. The Asgard was designed in Ireland, with local artists putting the finishing touches on a truly one-of-a-kind bar. Communal tables and a variety of cool, comfortable places to sit—along with an extensive menu, a large craft beer selection, outdoor patio, live music, trivia nights, DJs and no cover charge—make the Asgard a perfect spot for a pint and a meal. Mon–Wed 11 a.m.–1 a.m., Thu & Fri 'til 2 a.m., Sat 10 a.m.–2 a.m., Sun 'til 1 a.m. $

DANTE, Royal Sonesta, 40 Edwin H. Land Blvd., 617-497-4200. Dante de Magistris serves playful, rich fare with Italian, French and Spanish influences while diners savor great views of the Charles River and the Boston skyline. B, L, D, Sat & SB. $$$$

HENRIETTA'S TABLE, The Charles Hotel, One Bennett St., 617-661-5005. Only locally grown and organic produce is used to create a lively, textured menu of reinterpreted New England classics. Private dining room available. B, L, D, Sat & SB. $

HONG KONG, 1238 Massachusetts Ave., 617-864-5311, www.hongkongharvard.com. A local favorite for more than five decades, this Harvard Square fixture serves a full array of classic Chinese dishes and exotic drinks, including its world-renowned scorpion bowl. Perfect for a meal with friends, including lunch, dinner or late-night snacks, or for checking out the latest sports action in the bar. Sun–Wed 11:30 a.m.–2 a.m., Thu 'til 2:30 a.m., Fri & Sat 'til 3 a.m. $

INDIA PAVILION, 17 Central Square, 617-547-7463. One of the best traditional Northern Indian 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 Indian wines and beer. L buffet daily noon–3 p.m.; D daily 3–11 p.m. $

RIALTO, The Charles Hotel, One Bennett St., 617-661-5050. One of Greater Boston's top restaurants, Rialto specializes in fine wines and delectable Italian cuisine. Chef Jody Adams showcases her creative talents on a brand-new menu. Reservations recommended. D. $$$$

SHERATON COMMANDER RESTAURANT, 16 Garden St., Harvard Square, 617-547-4800. New England-style cuisine in an elegant setting with a casual atmosphere. B, L, D, SB. $$

UPSTAIRS ON THE SQUARE, 91 Winthrop St., 617-864-1933. Boasting an eclectic decor, this quirky eatery features everything from gourmet pizza to wood-grilled lamb loin. A charming blend of eccentricity and culinary luxury. L, D, C, LS. $$$$

WAGAMAMA, 57 JFK St., 617-499-0930; Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Quincy Market, Boston, 617-742-9242; The Prudential Center, 800 Boylston St., Boston, 617-778-2344. This international chain, modeled on the classic Japanese ramen noodle bar, offers affordable prices, speedy service and authentic food. L, D. $$

ZEPHYR ON THE CHARLES, Hyatt Regency Cambridge, 575 Memorial Drive, 617-441-6510. This restaurant serves a traditional menu of appetizers and entrees—including jumbo lump blue crab cakes and Maine lobster—bursting with flavor and flair. B, L, D, C. $$

ZOE'S, 1105 Massachusetts Ave., 617-495-0055, www.zoescambridge.com. 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–Wed 7:30 a.m.–9 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 10 p.m., Sun 8 a.m.–9 p.m. $

SHOPPING

BOUTIQUE FABULOUS, 1309 Cambridge St., 617-864-0656. *Mon–Thu 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 9 p.m., Sun 'til 6 p.m.* This Cambridge boutique credits itself as the place where "fabulous people get their style." The store is filled with items that are all hand-picked by owner Mara Anka Kustra, running the gamut from vintage to new to handmade.

CAMBRIDGESIDE GALLERIA, 100 CambridgeSide Place, 617-621-8666. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun noon–7 p.m.* This three-level mall features department stores such as 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.

THE GARMENT DISTRICT, 200 Broadway, 617-876-5230. *Sun–Fri 11 a.m.–8 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.–8 p.m.* A vintage lover's paradise, this two-level thrift warehouse sells everything from vintage Levi's to knock-off designer dresses and '70s go-go boots. The ambitious (or desperate) can sift through the heaping piles of the downstairs Dollar-A-Pound. The Garment District also incorporates Boston Costume, an excellent resource for all your costume party needs.

THE HARVARD COOP, 1400 Massachusetts Ave., 617-499-2000. *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–10 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–9 p.m.* Founded in 1882, The Harvard Cooperative Society—better known as The Coop—has grown into America's largest college bookstore. Located right in Harvard Square, The Coop offers a huge selection of officially licensed Harvard insignia sportswear and souvenirs, as well an array of books, fine art prints, posters, frames, stationery and greeting cards.

Harvard Square

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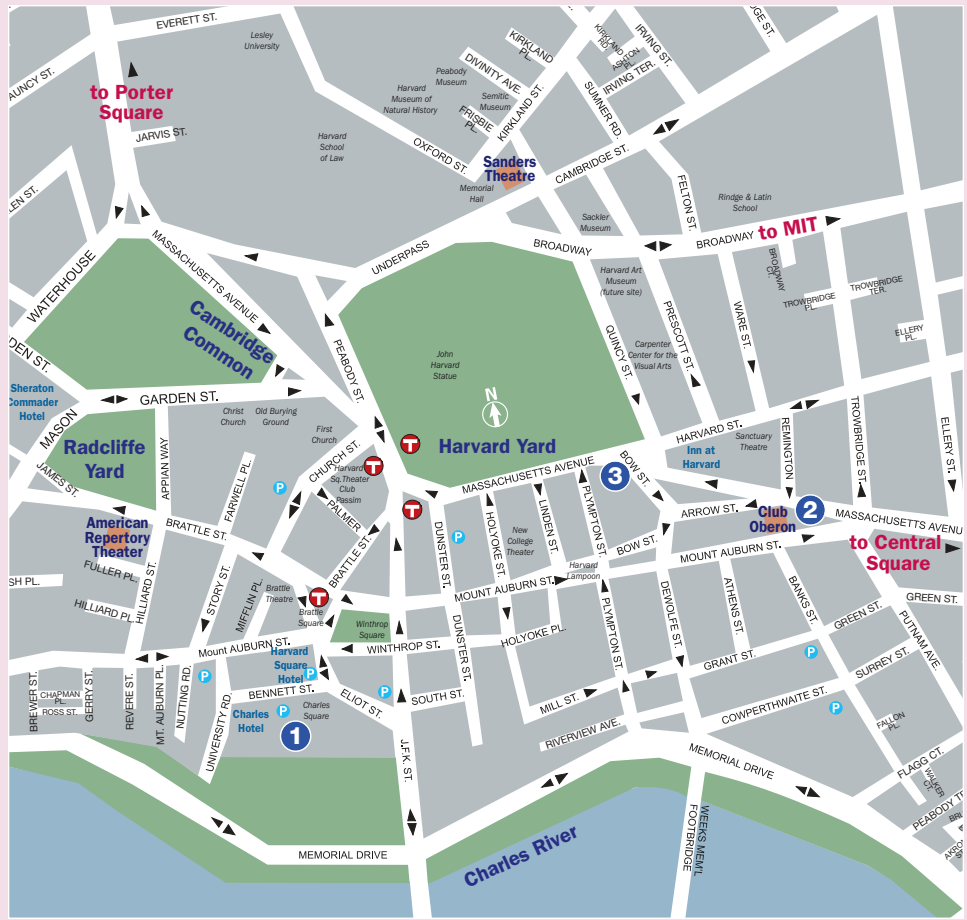

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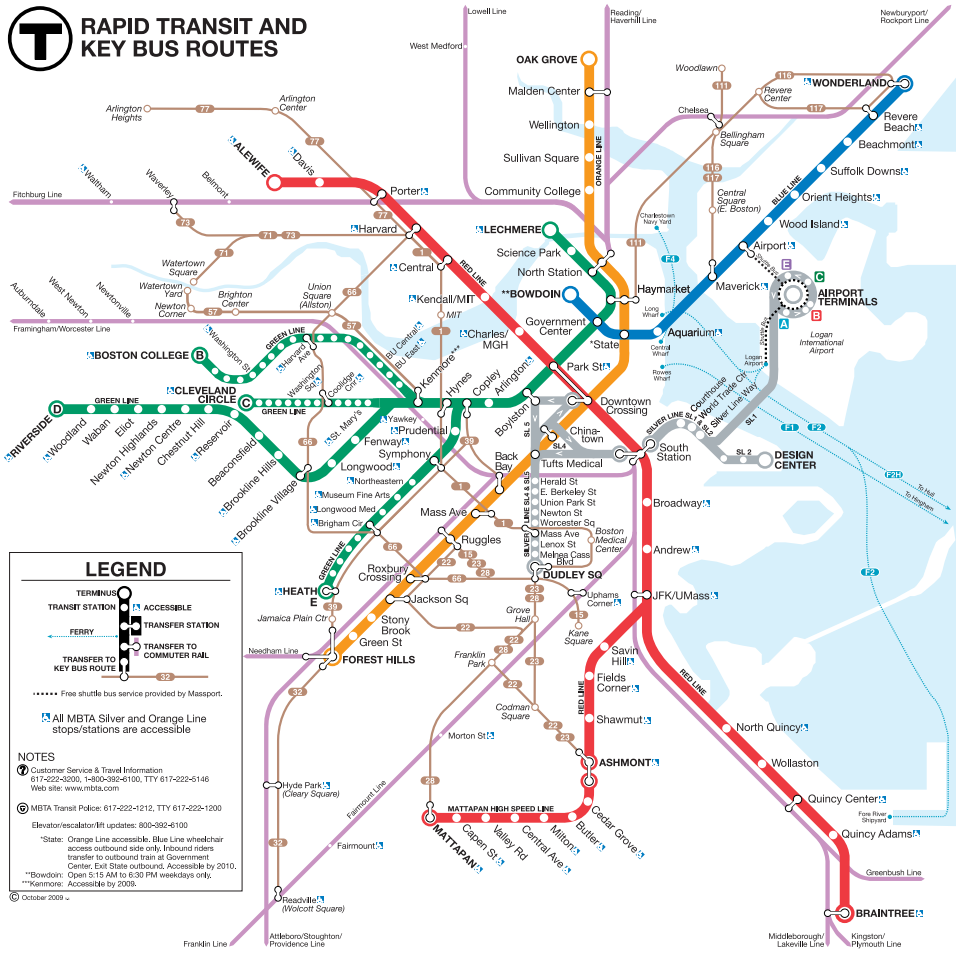

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- TRANSIT STATION
- ACCESSIBLE
- FERRY
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Cambridge/Somerville
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Beacon St
Broadway
Main Street
Portland St
Galileo Galilei Way
Cardinal Medeiros Av
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Columbia St
Massachusetts Av
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Brattle St
Concord Av
Garden St
Cambridge St
Western Av
Putnam Av
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Longfellow National Historic Site
Harvard Art Museum Sackler Museum
Harvard Museum of Natural History
Harvard Stadium
Soldiers Field Rd
Harvard Yard
Edward J. Sennott Park
Donnelly Park
Ahern Park
City Hall
Cambridge Public Library
Lesley University
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Central Square
Kendall Square
Lechmere
Charles River

Charlestown
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CHARLESTOWN
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Bunker Hill Monument Park
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Community College
Training Field
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USS Constitution
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WEST
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BEACON
HILL
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FINANCIAL
DISTRICT
SOUTH
END
SOUTH
BOSTON
WATERFRONT
SOUTH
BOSTON
Charles River
Boston Inner Harbor
Boston Common
Public
Garden
Kendall
Square
Louisburg
Square
Copley
Place
Prudential
Center
Hynes
Convention
Center
Museum of
Science
Leonard P. Zakim
Bunker Hill Bridge
TD Garden/
North Station
Massachusetts
General Hospital
City
Hall
Institute of
Contemporary Art
World
Trade
Center
Boston
Convention
& Exhibition
Center
Bank of
America
Pavilion
Federal
Reserve
Bldg.
Christopher
Columbus Park
Charlesbank
Playground
Puopolo
Playground
Rotch
Playground
Peters
Park
Blackstone
Square
Franklin
Square
Carter
Playground
Christian
Science
Plaza
Paul
Revere
Park
Ahern
Park
CambridgeSide
Galleria Mall
Longfellow Bridge
Storrow Memorial Dr
Memorial Dr
Commonwealth Av
Boylston St
Beacon St
Tremont St
Washington St
Massachusetts Av
Huntington Av
Columbus Av
Atlantic Ave
Congress St
Summer St
Seaport Blvd
Broadway Bridge
Sumner Tunnel
Callahan Tunnel
Water Shuttle To Charlestown
INTERSTATE 93 TUNNEL
Copp's Hill
Burying Ground
Old North
Church
Paul
Revere
House
Faneuil
Hall
Old State
House
Boston
Massacre Site
King's Chapel &
Burying Ground
Granary
Burying
Ground
Park St
Church
The Mass.
State House
First Public
School Site
Old Corner
Bookstore
Old South
Meeting
House
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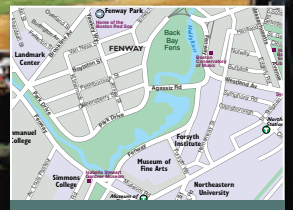
THE FENWAY

Fenway Park



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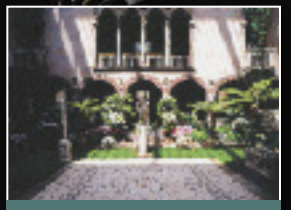
MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS



GARDNER MUSEUM

This neighborhood is best known for Fenway Park, home to our beloved Boston Red Sox, but its name actually comes from the Fens, the green parkland that winds its way through the area and makes up part of the famed Emerald Necklace. Nightclub dwellers should check out Lansdowne Street for dancing, sports bars and even a bowling alley, while Kenmore Square, famous for the Citgo sign, has become a bustling dining destination.

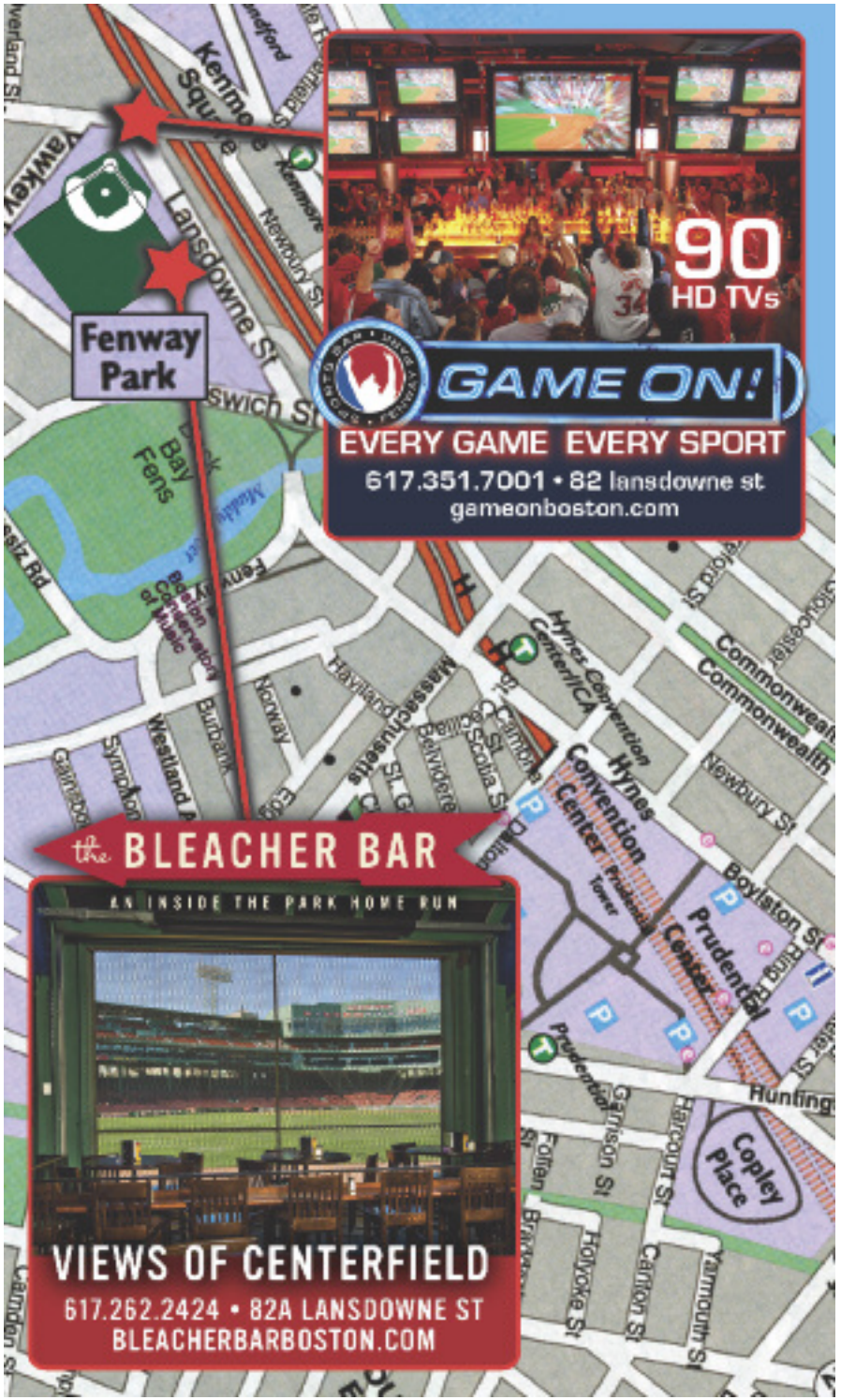
While the roar of the crowd at Red Sox games and the hubbub at nearby restaurants and bars grows louder each year, it doesn't overshadow The Fenway's status as a cultural mecca within Boston. The world-renowned Museum of Fine Arts resides on Huntington Avenue, and is the city's premier destination for viewing works of art from some of the most famous artists of all time. Also, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum displays the collection of the wealthy philanthropist in a beautiful building complete with a garden courtyard. Classical music lovers can take abundant delight in the numerous performing ensembles housed in the Fens, including The Boston Conservatory, New England Conservatory, and most prominently, The Boston Symphony Orchestra and its home performance venue, Symphony Hall. Ⓟ

ATTRACTIONS:

- Fenway Park
- Museum of Fine Arts
- Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

GET THERE ON THE Ⓣ:

Green Line to Kenmore and Fenway, E Line to Symphony, Northeastern and Museum of Fine Arts



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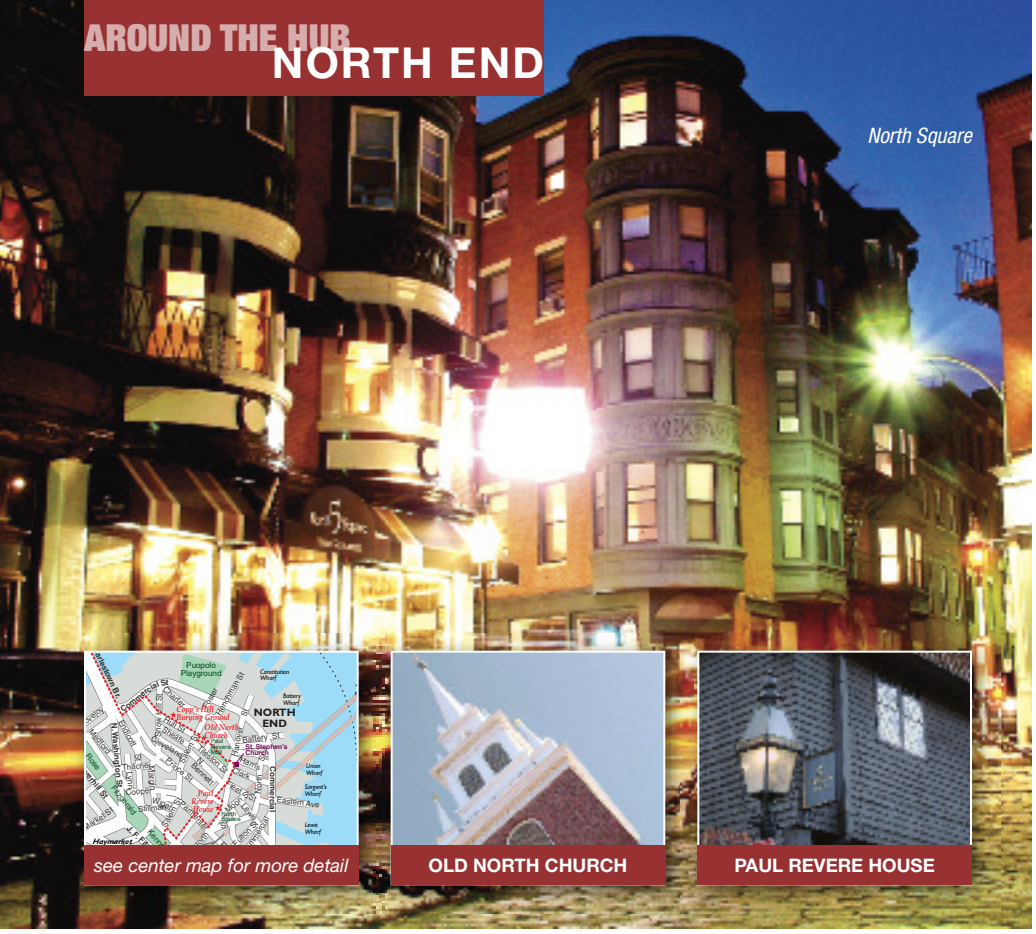
NORTH END



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

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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: the Paul Revere House, Copp's Hill Burying Ground and the Old North Church. Ⓟ

ATTRACTIONS:

- Paul Revere House
- Old North Church
- Copp's Hill Burying Ground

GET THERE ON THE Ⓣ:

Orange or Green Line to Haymarket

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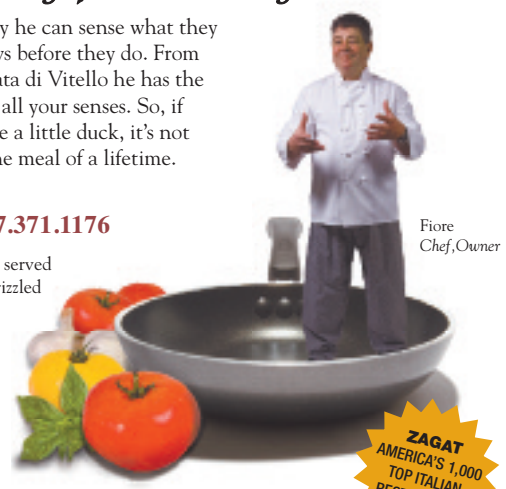

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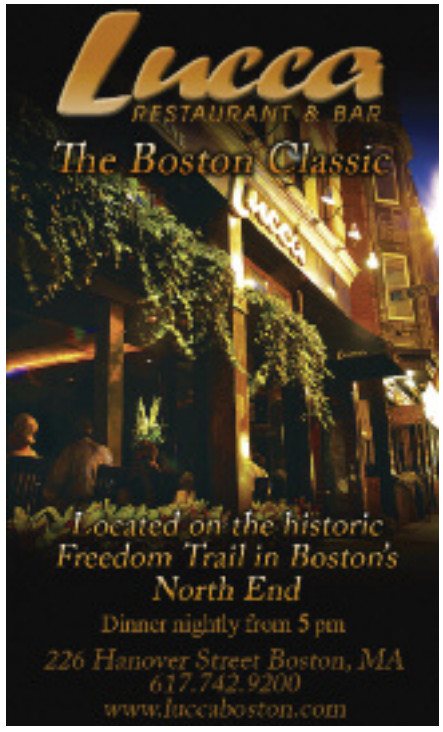

AROUND THE HUB BACK BAY

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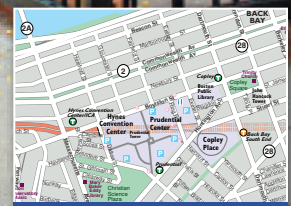
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Boston's chic Back Bay is home to classically beautiful brownstone residences, glamorous retail space and a plethora of dining options, spa services and nightlife. Its crown jewel is Copley Square, home to the John Hancock Tower as well as historic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

ATTRACTIONS:
- Trinity Church
- Boston Public Library
- John Hancock Tower
- Christian Science Center
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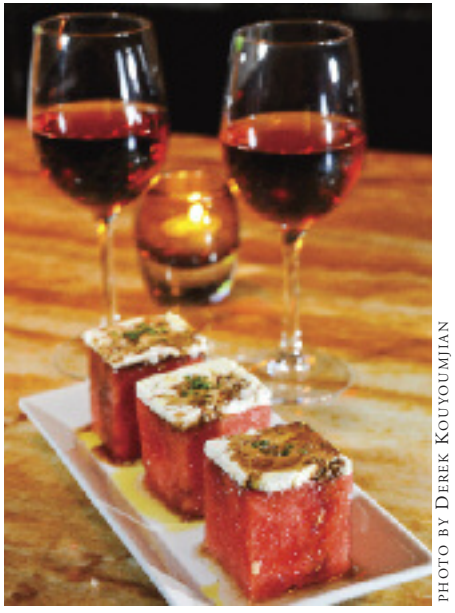

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The State House

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

ATTRACTIONS:

- Louisburg Square
- Boston Athenaeum
- Massachusetts State House
- African Meeting House

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

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ICE SKATING

FANEUIL HALL ICE SKATING, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-635-2120. ***Through Feb 27****: Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m. Fees: $5; children $3; rental skates $5.* For the first time ever, Boston's most popular tourist destination for shopping and dining offers outdoor ice skating for all ages.

FROG POND ICE SKATING RINK, Boston Common, 617-635-2120. *Mon 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Tue–Thu & Sun 'til 9 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 10 p.m. Fees: $4; children (under 13) free; rental skates $8 ($5 for children); lockers $1. Seasonal passes available.* Ice skating on Boston Common's Frog Pond has become a staple of wintertime in Boston. The heated skate house offers hot chocolate, snacks and music.

JACK KIRRANE SKATING RINK AT LARZ ANDERSON PARK, 23 Newton St., Brookline, 617-739-7518. *Tue & Thu 10 a.m.–noon, Fri 7:45–9:45 p.m., Sat & Sun noon–5 p.m. Fees: $8; children $5; rental skates $6; skate sharpening $7.* Named one of the most romantic destinations in the Hub by *Boston* magazine, Larz Anderson Park was the former residence of the Anderson family and is now a 64-acre public park that is home to the Auto Museum, several themed gardens and historical artifacts. The skating pavilion sits atop a wooded hill in the middle of what was once an Italian garden designed by Charles A. Platt in 1901.

SIGHTS OF INTEREST

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

BOSTON ATHENAEUM, 10½ Beacon St., 617-227-0270. *Tue, Thu & Fri 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., Mon & Wed 'til 8 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: ***beginning Feb 9***—Elegant Enigmas: The Art of Edward Gorey.

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 September—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., Sun 1–5 p.m. Free admission. Art & Architecture tours Mon at 2:30 p.m., Tue & Thu at 6 p.m., Fri & Sat at 11 a.m., Sun at 2 p.m.* The first publicly supported municipal library in the world hosts one million visitors a year, who come to view this architectural masterpiece and its collection of more than five million books. Film festivals, exhibits and children's programs run throughout the year. Special exhibit: Greetings from Boston: Vintage Postcards.

CUSTOM HOUSE TOWER, 3 McKinley Square, 617-310-6300. *Observation deck tours daily, except Fri, at 2 p.m.; tickets: $3. Tours may be cancelled due to weather conditions, call ahead.* Boston's first skyscraper, the Custom House, stands high over Boston Harbor as one of the city's most impressive landmarks. Crowned by its distinctive clock tower and restored with modern luxuries, the building (operated by the Marriott Corporation) epitomizes the preservation of Boston's historic architecture.

THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST, 210 Massachusetts 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 5 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.

NEW ENGLAND HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL, Carmen Park, Congress Street near Faneuil Hall, 617-457-8755. *Tours available upon request.* 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.

OTIS HOUSE MUSEUM, 141 Cambridge St., 617-994-5920. *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.

THE SKYWALK OBSERVATORY AT THE PRUDENTIAL CENTER, 800 Boylston St., Prudential Tower, 50th floor, 617-859-0648. *Daily 10 a.m.–8 p.m. Skywalk kiosk closes at 6 p.m. Admission (including a headset audio tour of points of interest): $12; seniors & students (with college ID) $10; children (under 12) $8. Observatory may be closed due to weather conditions, please call ahead.* The Skywalk is New England's premier observatory, offering spectacular 360-degree panoramic views of Boston and its most famous sites. This unique experience is a must for all Boston visitors, and boasts an audio tour, multi-media theater, the Dreams of Freedom Immigration Museum and much more.

TRINITY CHURCH, 206 Clarendon St., Copley Square, 617-536-0944. *Sun 7 a.m.–7 p.m., Mon–Fri 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Worship services: Sun 7:45, 9 and 11:15 a.m., 6 p.m.; Thu 12:10 p.m. Tours available for $6; seniors & students (with ID) $4; children (under 16) free with an adult. Guided tours and self-guided visits: Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Sun 1–5 p.m.* Built in 1877, this house of worship is a combination of Victorian, Gothic and French Romanesque styles and one of the great masterpieces of American church architecture.

TOURS AND TRAILS

ANTIQUE LIMOUSINE, 617-309-6414. www.bostontours-antiquelimo.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 trolleys 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., 617-725-0022. *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 CHOCOLATE TROLLEY TOUR, departs from the corner of Boylston and Charles streets, 617-269-7150. *Sat at 11 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Tickets: $80. Reservations required.* Old Town Trolley takes chocoholics on a delicious tour of some of

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BOSTON GLIDERS SEGWAY TOURS, 75 Commercial St., 866-611-9838. *Tours: daily at noon and 3 p.m. Tickets: $60. Reservations required.* Tour the city of Boston in a whole new way aboard that one-man, upright motorized vehicle, the Segway. Tour guides (or "Adventure Captains") lead participants on a one-hour tour of popular Boston neighborhoods like the North End and the Seaport District, taking in sights like the Rose Kennedy Greenway and the picturesque Harborwalk.

BOSTON IRISH HERITAGE TRAIL, various sites Downtown and in the Back Bay, 617-696-9880. Maps available at Boston Common and Prudential Center Visitor Information Centers. www.irishheritagetrail.com. This self-guided, three-mile walking tour covers 300 years of history, taking you through Boston's downtown, North End, Beacon Hill and Back Bay neighborhoods. Learn about famous politicians, artists and war heroes, and the Boston Irish's rich tradition of rebellion, leadership and triumph.

BOSTON UPPER DECK TROLLEY TOURS, 617-742-1440. *Tours depart daily from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. on the half hour; schedule is subject to change, visit www.bostonupperdeck trolleytours.com or call ahead for availability. Tickets can be purchased aboard trolleys or at various locations throughout the city. Tickets: $36; military, seniors & students $32; children (3–11) $18; children (under 3) free.* Boston's newest upper deck "Green" and eco-conscious trolley fleet provides superior views as you tour Boston's historic sights in comfort. This 2.5 hour loop covers more than 100 points of interest, including Fenway Park, the North End, the *USS Constitution*, Back Bay and the Theatre District. As a bonus, connect with Super Tours' Cambridge loop, which takes visitors to Harvard Square and Cambridge's historic universities. All of this, plus a free second day on the trolley makes this comprehensive tour one of Boston's very best values for visitors.

CITY VIEW TROLLEY TOURS, of the Freedom Trail and historic Boston, *departing every 20–30 minutes* from the Boston Common Visitor Center, New England Aquarium, South Station, North Station, Faneuil Hall Marketplace and other locations, 617-363-7899. *Mon–Sun 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Tickets: $34; seniors & students $32; children (4–12) $12. Save up to $6 per ticket when you buy online at www.cityviewtrolleys.com.* This year-round trolley company offers Hop On & Off privileges at the most scenic and historic locations, including the New England Aquarium and sites along the Freedom Trail, Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market, the North End, Beacon Hill, the historic waterfront, the *USS Constitution*, Bunker Hill and many more.

FENWAY PARK TOURS, 4 Yawkey Way, 617-226-6666. *Tours leave daily, every hour on the hour, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Tickets: $12; seniors $11; children (3–15) & 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, 1 and 3:30 p.m. Tickets: $13; seniors $11; children (12 and under) $7. 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.

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SAMUEL ADAMS BREWERY TOUR: The Boston Beer Company's original brewery in Jamaica Plain offers visitors an inside look at the brewing process, along with samples of some of America's finest brews. **Refer to listing, page 45.**

HISTORIC PUB CRAWL, BosTix Booth, Faneuil Hall, 617-357-8300. *Reservations required.* ***Feb 8, 15 & 22, Mar 1*** *at 5:30 p.m. Tickets: $43.* The Freedom Trail Foundation's 18th-century costumed guide takes you on a tour of Boston's historic pubs where treasonous events were hatched more than 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 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Reservations required. Custom tours for groups available. Tickets: $50.* Michele Topor, an authority on Italian cuisine and culture, hosts walking tours through one of the nation's oldest Italian-American communities.

OLD BOSTON TOURS, 831-241-2626. *Visit www.oldboston tours.com for a complete tour schedule. Reservations required.* Learn about Boston while seeing sights both famous and obscure as you walk one of Old Boston Tours' offerings, including the "Secret" Tour of the North End, the Old Boston Pub Crawl and the Power of Women Tour, focused on Boston's remarkable ladies. Tours are led by talented local historians and reveal more than you ever knew about the history of the Hub.

OLD TOWN TROLLEY TOURS OF BOSTON, 617-269-7010. *Tours depart daily every 20 minutes from 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Tickets: $38; seniors & students $35; children (3–12) $15; children (under 3) free.* With 16 stops throughout the city, including the New England Aquarium, Fenway Park, *USS Constitution* Museum and the Trolley Stop Store at 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.

SAMUEL ADAMS BREWERY TOUR: DRINK IN A LITTLE HISTORY, 30 Germania St., Jamaica Plain, 617-368-5080. *Tours begin approximately every 45 minutes, Mon–Thu & Sat 10 a.m.–3 p.m., Fri 'til 5:30 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.

WILDLIFE

FRANKLIN PARK ZOO, One Franklin Park Road, Franklin Park, 617-541-LION. *Daily 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: $14; seniors $11; children (2–12) $8; military personnel with ID $7; $8 for all from 10 a.m.–noon the first Sat of each month.* Home to more than 210 species, many of them endangered. Roam the Australian Outback Trail with kangaroos, visit the gorillas in the Tropical Forest, marvel at the lion and tigers at Kalahari Kingdom and see zebras, ostriches and wildebeests at Serengeti Crossing.

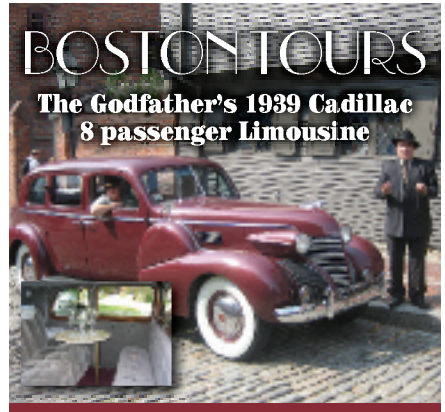
NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM, Central Wharf, 617-973-5200. *Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat & Sun 'til 6 p.m. Admission: $21.95; seniors (60+) $19.95; children (3–11) $13.95; children (under 3) free. Refer to Current Events section under Film for IMAX theater listings. Combination ticket prices available.* Dedicated 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; a popular penguin habitat; Northern fur seals in the Marine Mammal Center; and the Simons 3D IMAX Theater.

STONE ZOO, 149 Pond St., Stoneham, 781-438-5100. *Daily 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: $11; seniors $9; children (2–12) $7; military personnel with ID $5.50; $7 for all from 10 a.m.–noon the first Sat of each month.* Highlights include Mexican gray wolves, meerkats, snow leopards, jaguars, reindeer, river otters, llamas, black bears and white-cheeked gibbons.

BEYOND BOSTON

5W!TS, Patriot Place, North Marketplace, Two Patriot Place, Foxboro, 508-698-1600. *Mon–Thu & Sun 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 10 p.m. Tickets: $18; children (12 and under) $14.* Combining the appeals of theme parks, museums and haunted houses, 5W!ts provides visitors with action-packed interactive game-play and puzzle-solving activities. *Espionage,* the brand-new attraction at Patriot Place, turns players into secret agents whose mission involves cracking safes, hacking computers and dodging lasers.

MINUTE MAN NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK, Concord and Lexington (North Bridge Visitor Center, 174 Liberty St., Concord), 978-369-6993. *Park grounds open sunrise to*



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sunset. Created in 1959 to preserve the sites associated with the opening battles of the American Revolution, Minute Man Park consists of more than 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 and Louisa May Alcott.

OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Road, 508-347-3362. *Wed–Sun 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Tickets: $20; seniors $18; children (3–17) $7; (under 3) free.* Take a trip back in time at this recreation of an early 19th-century New England village where costumed educators give visitors a glimpse of life in America's early days. Visit a tin shop, a cider mill and a blacksmith, ride the old-fashioned yellow stagecoach and tour restorations of period New England homes while marveling at authentic remnants from a long-gone age. Special event: ***Feb 12 & 13***—Be Mine: Chocolate and Valentines, view antique valentines and learn about the process of making chocolate.

DESTINATIONS

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

BLUE HILLS RESERVATION, Reservation Headquarters, 695 Hillside St., Milton, 617-698-1802. Covering more than 7,000 acres in the suburbs of Boston, Blue Hills Reservation offers a scenic escape from the hustle and bustle of the city. With campgrounds, fishing, hiking and mountain biking among the activities, Blue Hills is a popular destination year-round. The 22 hills provide scenic views and more than 125 miles of trails for any outdoor enthusiast, and the reservation also offers a number of fun winter activities including ice-skating, cross-country skiing and downhill skiing on the 635-foot-high Great Blue Hill.

NASHOBA VALLEY SKI AREA, 79 Powers Rd., Westford, 978-692-3033. *Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–10 p.m., Sat & Sun 8:30 a.m.–10 p.m. Lift tickets: $20–46. Group rates (15+) available.* Nashoba Valley Ski Area offers skiing and snowboarding as well as New England's largest snow-tubing park. There are more than 15 ski trails, varying in levels from beginner to advanced, with both private and group lessons available for skiers at any level. Those looking to snowboard can take advantage of Nashoba Valley's extensive terrain park which includes rails, boxes and a feature jump. For something a little different, visitors can head to the 15-lane snow-tubing park, which provides fun for all ages. An on-site restaurant and a Marriott hotel located just two miles away offer a chance to relax and rejuvenate between activities.

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

OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE: Get a glimpse of life in 18th-century New England at this living museum located in central Massachusetts. **Refer to listing, left.**

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 enjoy and explore.

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.

WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN, 499 Mountain Rd., Princeton, 978-464-2300. *Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–10 p.m., Sat & Sun 8 a.m.–10 p.m. Lift tickets: $38–56. Group rates (15+) available.* Reaching 2,006 feet above sea level, Wachusett Mountain is the highest peak in Massachusetts east of the Connecticut River. The mountain offers skiing and snowboarding on its more than 100 acres and provides lessons for anyone from beginners to aspiring racers, as well as a half-pipe, Polar Kid's Playground and dining options such as The Black Diamond restaurant and The Coppertop Lounge. If you don't have a car, you can now get to Wachusett by taking the commuter rail "Ski Train," providing transportation from North Station to the mountain.

FREEDOM TRAIL

The Freedom Trail begins at the Boston Common Information Kiosk, where you can obtain a guide map, rent a self-guided audio tour or take a walking tour (in season) with an 18th-century costumed guide. (Ticket sales of Freedom Trail Foundation tours help preserve the historic sites.) Boston National Historical Park (National Park Service) tours begin at State and Devonshire streets. *Please call 617-357-8300 or visit TheFreedomTrail.org for additional information.*

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

THE STATE HOUSE. Beacon Street, top of Beacon Hill facing Boston Common, 617-727-3676. *Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–4 p.m., except holidays. Advance registration is required for guided tours.* 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 acquired 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., 4 and 6:30 p.m. Morning services are traditional, evening services are contemporary.* Built in 1809, this church was described by Henry James as "the most interesting mass of brick and mortar in America."

OLD GRANARY BURYING GROUND. Tremont Street next to Park Street Church, 617-635-4505. *Open Tue–Sat 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.* This historic cemetery, adjacent to the former 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, as well as Elizabeth Goose, believed to be the legendary "Mother Goose."

KING'S CHAPEL AND BURYING GROUND. Tremont and School streets, 617-227-2155. *Chapel open Mon, Thu, Fri & Sat 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Services: Sun at 9:45 and 11 a.m., Wed at 12:15 p.m. Burying Grounds open daily 9 a.m.–5 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.

PHOTO BY DELLA HUFF

OLD STATE HOUSE: The former seat of the colonial government in Massachusetts was the site of the first reading of the Declaration of Independence in Boston. **Refer to listing, page 48.**

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 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: $6; seniors & students $5; children (6–18) $1; children (under 6) free.* This building housed many town meetings, the most famous of which saw an outraged Samuel Adams signal the start of the Boston Tea Party.

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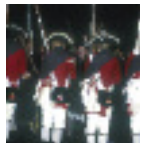
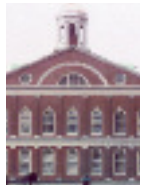
OLD STATE HOUSE. Corner of Washington and State streets, 617-720-1713. *Daily 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: $7.50; seniors & students $6; children (6–18) $3; children (under 6) free.* Built in 1713, this seat of Colonial government was the center of activity for such patriots as John Hancock and Samuel and 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-Thu 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 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 marketplace on the first floor with the town meeting hall upstairs, the site of fiery revolutionary debate.

PAUL REVERE HOUSE. 19 North Square, North Street, 617-523-2338. *Daily 9:30 a.m.–4:15 p.m. Admission: $3.50; seniors & students $3; children (5–17) $1.* 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 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Services: Sun at 9 and 11 a.m., Thu at 6 p.m.* Known as Christ Church and erected in 1723, this is Boston's oldest standing church. Two lanterns were hung here on 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. *Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m., last climb at 4:30 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.–3:50 p.m. Tours every half-hour.* 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.

PHOTO BY STEPHANIE SAVAS

JASPER WHITE'S SUMMER SHACK: Enjoy classic New England seafood year-round at this local restaurant's outposts in Cambridge and the Back Bay. **Refer to listing, below.**

ALLSTON/BRIGHTON

BIG CITY PIZZA KITCHEN & POOL HALL, 138 Brighton Ave., Allston, 617-782-2020. Big City boasts 15 pool tables, 4 foosball tables, 80 beer taps and outrageous thin crust pizzas that always keep customers coming back. L, D, LS, Sat & SB. $

***DEVLIN'S,** 332 Washington St., Brighton, 617-779-8822. This upscale pub serves flavorful cuisine that unites tradition and innovation, including delicious pasta, fish, steak and pizza. L, D, BR, LS. $$

***PORTER BELLY'S,** 338 Washington St., Brighton, 617-254-3300. This Irish pub is a top spot for a casual lunch or to wind down with a pint of beer and hear some live music after a long day. L, D, SB. $

THE SUNSET GRILL & TAP, 130 Brighton Ave. (corner of Harvard and Brighton avenues), Allston, 617-254-1331. This popular Allston hangout features Boston's best beer selection, with more than 112 beers on tap and 380 microbrews and exotic imports. 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

BACK BAY SOCIAL CLUB, 867 Boylston St., 617-247-3200. Inspired by a time when social clubs served as focal points for cocktails, conversation and community, Back Bay Social Club beckons those who crave delicious food, a laid back vibe and good company. B, L, D, C, LS. $$

BISTRO DU MIDI, 272 Boylston St., 617-426-7878, www.bistrodumidi.com. Bistro du Midi showcases authentic cuisine from southern France in a welcoming, warm and beautiful setting overlooking the Public Garden. Executive Chef Robert Sisca presents modern creations boasting the freshest ingredients, bringing the simple, clean and bold flavors of Provence to Boston. D Sun–Wed 5–10 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 11 p.m.; Sat & SB 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Bar: Sun–Wed 11:30 a.m.–1 a.m., Thu–Sat 'til 2 a.m. $$$$

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

JASPER WHITE'S SUMMER SHACK, 50 Dalton St., 617-867-9955; 149 Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge, 617-520-9500, www.summershackrestaurant.com. 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. $$$

L'ESPALIER, Mandarin Oriental Boston, 774 Boylston St., 617-262-3023. This sophisticated French classic, consistently named as one of Boston's top eateries, is a favorite of both power brokers and couples out for a romantic evening. D. $$$$

MORTON'S THE STEAKHOUSE, One Exeter Plaza (699 Boylston St. at Exeter Street), 617-266-5858; World Trade Center East, Two Seaport Lane, 617-526-0410. These renowned steakhouses are famous for their prime-aged beef, including filet mignon and New York strip steak. They also serve a variety of other non-beef entrees, including jumbo lump crab cakes and double rib lamb chops. Mon–Fri 5:30–11 p.m., Sat & Sun 5–10 p.m. $$$$

***THE OAK ROOM,** Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, 138 St. James Ave., 617-267-5300. This high-end eatery offers a traditional steakhouse menu of prime steaks and chops and fresh seafood in an elegant hotel setting. B, L, D daily. $$$$

POST 390, 406 Stuart St. (corner of Clarendon Street), 617-399-0015, www.post390restaurant.com. This bi-level restaurant located at luxury residence The Clarendon offers refined, upscale comfort food—including Kobe beef hot dogs, meatloaf and homemade ravioli—and three fireplaces for a swanky

KEY

B	Breakfast
L	Lunch
D	Dinner
BR	Brunch
SB	Sunday Brunch
C	Cocktails
LS	Late Supper (serving after 10 p.m.)
VP	Valet Parking
NC	Credit Cards Not Accepted
*	Entertainment

AVERAGE PRICE OF DINNER ENTREES

$	Most less than $12
$$	$12–18
$$$	$19–25
$$$$	Most more than $25

Many restaurants offer a wide range of entrees and prices; therefore, the classifications are only approximations.

Refer to Cuisine Index, page 59.

urban tavern atmosphere with fantastic views of the Back Bay. L, D, C, LS. $$$

SKIPJACK'S SEAFOOD EMPORIUM, 199 Clarendon St., Copley Square, 617-536-3500, www.skipjacks.com; other locations outside Boston. Enjoy a comfortable atmosphere and specialties such as blackened tuna sashimi, moonfish, Maryland crabcakes and lobster. Winner of Best of Boston 2003 award for seafood. Jazz Brunch Sun 11 a.m.–3 p.m., L & D Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–10:30 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til midnight. $$

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

SNAPPY SUSHI, 144 Newbury St., 617-262-4530; 420 Highland Ave., Davis Sq., Somerville, 617-625-0400, www.snappysushi.com. These popular sushi bars specialize in freshly prepared maki rolls and fun specials. Affordably priced, Snappy offers sushi lovers a fast, cheap dining alternative. L & D. $

SONSIE, 327 Newbury St., 617-351-2500, www.sonsie boston.com. Recommended by *Boston* magazine as the place to "see and be seen," this lively restaurant features a street-side cafe, 50-foot mahogany bar, brick oven, creative takes on classic American cuisine and a colorful dining room. Sonsie 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. $$$

STEPHANIE'S ON NEWBURY, 190 Newbury St., 617-236-0990. Lauded by *The New York Times*, chef/owner Stephanie Sokolove's eatery showcases sophisticated cooking and classic comfort food. Casual elegance at its best with a sidewalk cafe, club-like bar and skylit dining space. Mon–Sat 11:30 a.m.–11 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–10 p.m. L, D, SB 10 a.m.–3 p.m., C, VP Tue–Sat evenings. $$$

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, as well as a historic Dining Room for special events. Cafe: B, L, D, Sat & SB. Lounge: L, D, C, LS. Bar: L, D, C, LS. $$$$

***TOP OF THE HUB,** 800 Boylston St., Prudential Center, 617-536-1775, www.topofthehub.net. 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. Live jazz seven nights a week. L, D, LS, C. $$$$

TURNER FISHERIES, Westin Hotel Copley Place, Stuart and Dartmouth streets, 617-424-7425. Turner Fisheries is known for its fresh seafood, as well as its impressive decor, which features seven-foot-high French windows, mahogany paneling and cobalt blue tile. B, L, D, C, LS. $$$

VLORA MEDITERRANEAN RESTAURANT & WINE BAR, 545 Boylston St., 617-638-9699, www.vloraboston.com. Located in Copley Square, Vlora embraces the Mediterranean adage of "eat better, live well." Featuring authentic southern Italian, Greek and Albanian cuisine, the fresh ingredients are enhanced only with olive oil and fresh herbs, making Vlora's signature dishes unmatched in the city. Open daily 10 a.m.–1 a.m. B, L, D, C, LS, Sat & SB, VP. $$$

BEACON HILL

ANTONIO'S, 288 Cambridge St., 617-367-3310, www.antonios onbeaconhill.com. One of Boston's finest Italian restaurants, Antonio's serves traditional Italian food with nightly specials and a complementing wine list. Specialties include homemade fusilli, chicken/sausage with vinegar peppers and potatoes, and shrimp margarita. 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 tasty traditional fare and an abundant beverage selection. Live entertainment Thu–Sat. L, D, C, LS. $

CLINK, The Liberty Hotel, 215 Charles St., 617-224-4004. Artfully marrying European culinary tradition with contemporary American innovation, Clink's dining room features elements of the original cells from its earlier life as the Charles Street Jail. Clink's lobby bar draws urbanites with its energetic nightlife scene. B 6:30–11 a.m.; L 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.; D 5–11 p.m. C. $$$

NO. 9 PARK, 9 Park St., 617-742-9991. Acclaimed chef Barbara Lynch serves up French- and Italian-style dishes in a sophisticated bistro atmosphere atop Beacon Hill, offering inventive versions of classic fare like fresh pasta and foie gras. L, D, LS. $$$$

SCOLLAY SQUARE, 21 Beacon St., 617-742-4900. Scollay Square is a warm, inviting environment serving American comfort food at a reasonable price with a sophisticated cocktail list. This neighborhood bistro-style restaurant is a great meeting place for friends and small groups to eat, drink and socialize, and features a nightly three-course $22 menu and a "Make Your Own Bloody Mary Bar" for SB. Open daily 11:30 a.m.–11 p.m. L, D, SB, C. www.scollaysquare.com. $$$

CHARLESTOWN

MAX & DYLANS, 1 Chelsea St., Charlestown, 617-242-7400; 15 West St., 617-423-3600, www.maxanddylans.com. This hip, casual restaurant features appetizers, flatbreads, sandwiches and refined comfort food entrees along with vibrant cocktails. Open daily 11:30 a.m.–2 a.m. L, D, LS, SB. $$

***THE WARREN TAVERN,** 2 Pleasant St., Charlestown, 617-241-8142, www.warrentavern.com. More than 225 years old, the Warren is the oldest tavern in Massachusetts, and was frequented by historical figures like George Washington and Paul Revere. Today, diners can sit beside a warm, roaring fire and enjoy fresh-made soups, Angus burgers, shepherd's pie and other comfort foods. Live music Wed & Thu. L, D, BR. $$

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***BOND,** Langham Hotel Boston, 250 Franklin St., 617-451-1900. This swanky restaurant and lounge boasts a diverse cocktail and wine menu to accompany its wide range of exotic international cuisine. L, D, C. $$$

***CAFÉ FLEURI,** Langham Hotel, 250 Franklin St., 617-451-1900. Enjoy one of Boston's top Sunday brunches, or sample a la carte Mediterranean and American fare and French desserts within a sunlit garden atrium. B, L, D, SB. $$

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. $$

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

***THE KINSALE IRISH PUB & RESTAURANT,** 2 Center Plaza (Cambridge Street), 617-742-5577, www.classicirish.com. 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. L, D, C. $$

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. D, LS. $$$$

MIEL, InterContinental Hotel, 510 Atlantic Ave., 617-217-5151. This "Brasserie Provencal" brings the feel and flavor of the French countryside to Boston's waterfront. Diners can enjoy the extensive wine list or an exquisite "small plate" SB in a dining room overlooking Boston Harbor. $$$

OCEANA, Marriott Long Wharf Hotel, 296 State St., 617-227-3838, www.marriottlongwharf.com. 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. B, L (Mon–Fri), D, SB. $$

O YA, 9 East St., 617-654-9900. This contemporary and edgy sushi eatery, crowned Boston's best restaurant of 2009 by *Boston* magazine, boasts a simple, natural decor that perfectly complements the exquisitely created dishes. The intimate seating capacity of 37 diners makes reservations a must. D, C, VP. $$$

PARKER'S RESTAURANT, Omni Parker House, 60 School St., 617-725-1600. Enjoy nostalgic cuisine with a contemporary flair within the stately dining room where Boston cream pie and the Parker House roll were first served. B, L, D. $$$$

RADIUS, 8 High St., 617-426-1234. James Beard Award-winning chef/owner Michael Schlow and staff offer impeccably prepared nouveau French fare in an ultra-modern, minimalist setting. The ambiance is powerbroker chic, and the service is top-notch. L, D, C, LS. $$$$

ROWES WHARF SEA GRILLE, Boston Harbor Hotel at Rowes Wharf, 617-856-7744. Chef Daniel Bruce celebrates Boston's spectacular harborfront and the bounties that come from it at this contemporary, nautical-influenced eatery overlooking Boston Harbor. B, L, D. $$$

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, www.unionoysterhouse.com. Steps away 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. $$$

FANEUIL HALL MARKETPLACE

***DICK'S LAST RESORT,** Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Quincy Market, 617-267-8080, www.dickslastresort.com. Watch for the outrageous antics of Dick's sassy staff as they serve up buckets of sloppy ribs, succulent crab, juicy steaks, two-fisted sandwiches, burgers and salads. There's live music every night and never a cover. L, D, C. $$.

***HARD ROCK CAFE,** 22–24 Clinton St., 617-424-7625. The Hard Rock offers classic American cuisine served with a healthy dose of rock 'n' roll. After you eat, take in the massive collection of authentic music memorabilia or enjoy live music from hot local and national acts. L, D, C, LS. $

NORTH 26, Millennium Bostonian Hotel, 26 North St., 617-557-3640. North 26 combines a commitment to fresh, local meats and seafood with a dedication to simple, hearty regional dishes. B, L, D, C. $$$

FENWAY/KENMORE SQUARE

***AUDUBON CIRCLE,** 838 Beacon St., 617-421-1910. Since 1996, Audubon Circle has catered to the tastes of the Fenway area—whether you're in the mood for an upscale alternative to the Fenway Frank or a late night hot spot on the weekends, when live DJs bring out a funky and friendly crowd. D, SB, C. $$

EASTERN STANDARD, Hotel Commonwealth, 528 Commonwealth Ave., 617-532-9100. This Kenmore Square brasserie resembles an old hotel dining room, and attracts a diverse crowd, from businessmen to Red Sox fans seeking a pre-game bite. B, L, D. $$

***HOUSE OF BLUES,** 15 Lansdowne St., 617-960-8358. The popular national chain known for live music and good times also offers delicious cuisine with a Southern influence, as well as a famous bi-weekly Gospel Sunday Brunch. L, D, C. $$

***THE LANSDOWNE,** 9 Lansdowne St., 617-247-1222. The Lansdowne brings a touch of Ireland to the Fenway with its swanky wood interior, beer list of hard-to-find European imports and menu of traditional Irish pub food. L, D, C, LS. $$

NORTH END

ANTICO FORNO, 93 Salem St., 617-723-6733, www.anticofornoboston.com. Antico Forno (Italian for "old stove") fea-

tures 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. 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, www.assaggio-boston.com. 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 and sandwiches, pizza, 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. $

***CANTINA ITALIANA,** 346 Hanover St., 617-723-4577, www.cantinaitaliana.com. Cantina Italiana has been serving generations of locals and visitors in the North End since 1931. Diners crave the taste of Cantina's food, and some say their mouths water just thinking about eating here. That's why when even the slightest change is made, they let it be known—some things should stay as they are. Reservations recommended. L Mon–Sat 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.; D Mon–Sat 3–11 p.m., Sun noon–10:30 p.m. VP. $$$

LUCCA RESTAURANT & BAR, 226 Hanover St., 617-742-9200; 116 Huntington Ave., 617-247-2400, www.lucca-boston.com. This North End eatery (with a second location in the Back Bay) racks up accolades for its regional Italian cuisine, lively bar and elegant atmosphere. D 5 p.m.–12:15 a.m. C, Valet Parking. $$$.

MASSIMINO'S CUCINA ITALIANA, 207 Endicott St., 617-523-5959, www.massiminosboston.com. Owner/chef Massimino—former head chef of Naples' Hotel Astoria and Switzerland's Metropolitan Hotel—offers up specialties like the veal chop stuffed with arugula, prosciutto, smoked mozzarella and black olives, amongst numerous other delights. L, D, LS, C. Mon–Thu 11 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri–Sun 'til 11 p.m. $

NEPTUNE OYSTER, 63 Salem St., 617-742-3474. Named for the Roman god of the sea, this small raw bar in the North End offers an enormous selection of seafood, sometimes cooked with a hint of Italian flair. The menu features 12 varieties of oysters, the hearty New England lobster roll, oyster minestrone and lobster scampi. L, D. $$$

REGINA PIZZA, 11½ Thacher St., 617-227-0765, www.reginapizza.com; also: Quincy Market, Faneuil Hall Marketplace; The Shops at Prudential Center, 800 Boylston St.; South Station, Atlantic Ave. and Summer Street; 353 Cambridge St., Allston, 617-783-2300. Since 1926, patrons have been indulging in delicious, homemade pizza at Boston's oldest brick-oven pizzeria. Delivery available. L & D Mon–Thu 11:30 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m., Sun noon–10 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–11:30 p.m. $$

***RISTORANTE FIORE,** 250 Hanover St., 617-371-1176, www.ristorantefiore.com. Voted by Zagat as one of the top 1,000 Italian restaurants in the country, Ristorante Fiore embodies both the North End's past and present with authentic Italian dishes as well as contemporary variations on the classics. Fiore boasts three distinct dining rooms and the North End's only rooftop dining. Reservations recommended. Live piano music nightly 6:30–9:30 p.m. L Mon–Sat 11:30 a.m.–4 p.m.; D Mon–Sat 4–11 p.m., Sun noon–11 p.m. C. VP 5–11 p.m. $$

RISTORANTE SARACENO, 286 Hanover St., 617-227-5888, www.saracenos.com. 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. $$

STREGA, 379 Hanover St., 617-523-8481; One Marina Park Drive, Fan Pier, 617-345-3992. Strega's menu includes Italian favorites like fettuccine carbonara and gnocchi sorrentina. A popular stop for visiting celebrities, Strega's original North End location is one of the area's most popular nightspots, while the new Strega Waterfront draws diners looking for a great meal with a great view. L, D, LS, C. $$$

TERRAMIA RISTORANTE, 98 Salem St., 617-523-3112, www.terramiaristorante.com. 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. $$

SOMERVILLE

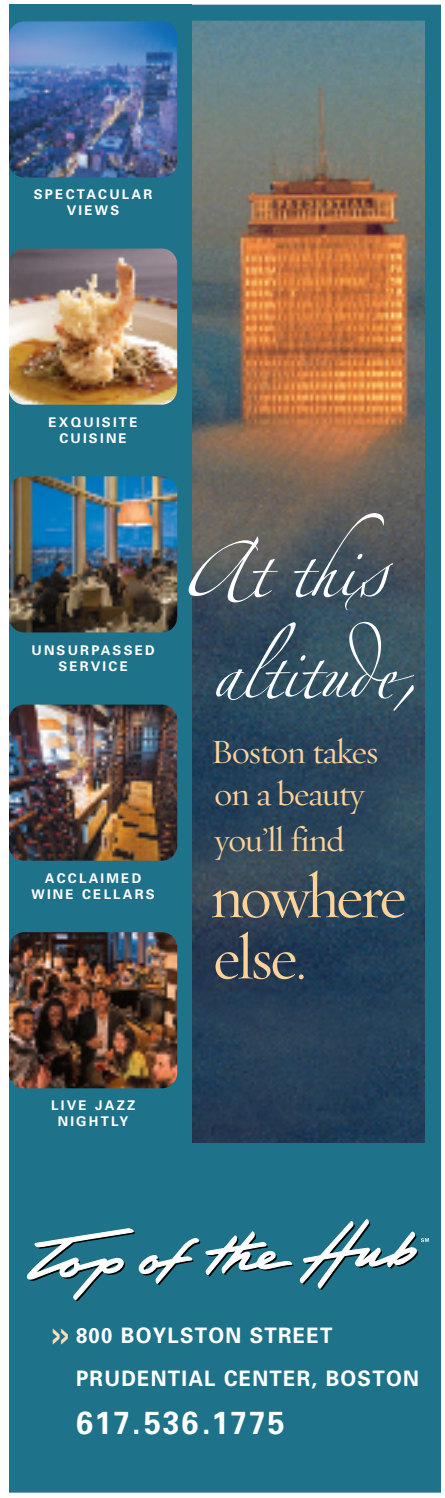
DALI, 415 Washington St., Somerville, 617-661-3254. Authentic Spanish tapas are perfect for sharing, and with at least 40 offerings on the menu it's easy to find something for every taste—be it garlic soup, pork sausage with figs, braised rabbit with juniper and garlic or saffron-battered shrimp. Entrees are also served, and everything can be washed down with a pitcher of sangria or a selection from Dali's expansive wine list. D. $$

***ORLEANS,** 65 Holland St., Somerville, 617-591-2100, www.orleansrestaurant.com. Diners flock to this stylish restaurant/bar in the heart of Davis Square for the fresh seasonal cuisine and its status as a happening weekend nightspot. Entertainment Wed–Sun. L Mon–Fri 11 a.m.–3 p.m.; D daily 4:30–10 p.m.; Sat & SB 10:30 a.m.–3 p.m. Bar menu available Sun–Wed 2:30–10 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til midnight. $$

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. $$$

BARLOW'S, 241 A St., 617-338-2072, www.barlowsrestaurant.com. Carved from the remains of an old mill, this



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SOUTH END

HAMERSLEY'S BISTRO, 533 Tremont St., 617-423-2700. This pioneering French-American classic, helmed by husband-and-wife team Gordon and Fiona Hamersley, first put the South End dining scene on the map. D. $$$$

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. $$$

MYERS + CHANG, 1145 Washington St., 617-542-5200. Inspired by traditional Taiwanese cuisine and Asian street food, this fun and funky eatery offers playful and novel takes on the classic dishes and flavors of Southeast Asia. L, D, C. $$

SIBLING RIVALRY, 525 Tremont St., 617-338-5338. Each night, brothers/chefs David and Bob Kinkead create "dueling" menus that showcase their talents with different interpretations of shared ingredients. D,C, LS. $$$

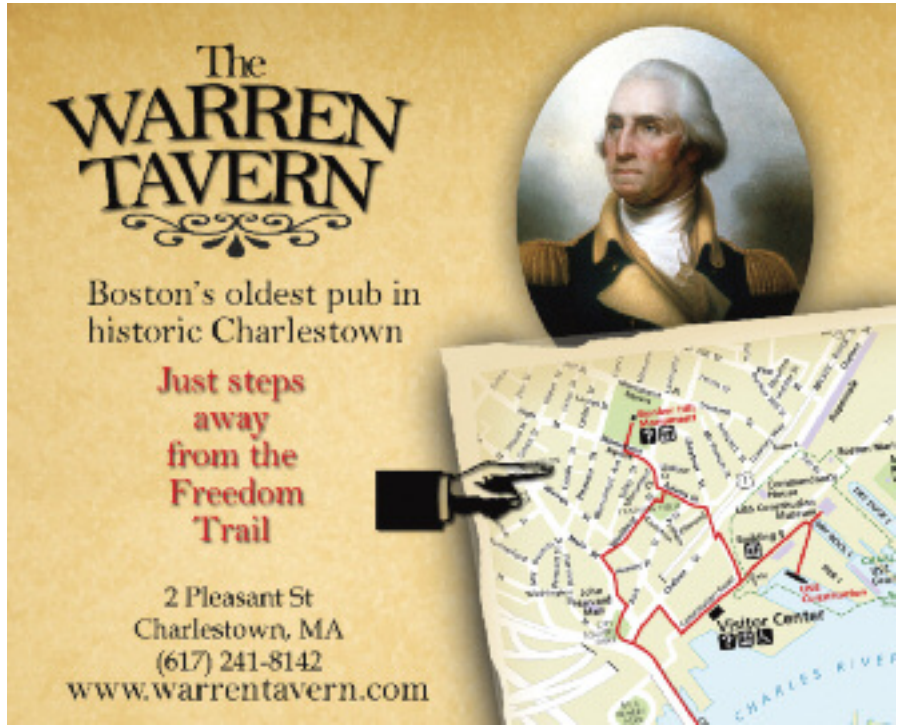
TORO, 1704 Washington St., 617-536-4400. Chef Ken Oringer's Spanish restaurant aims for a highly social dining experience. The seating is a series of communal tables and the small, perfect-for-sharing tapas dishes—such as salt cod fritters, crispy pork belly and salty fried peppers—blend a variety of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

THEATRE DISTRICT

AVENUE ONE RESTAURANT, Hyatt Regency, One Avenue de Lafayette, 617-422-5579, www.regencyboston.hyatt.com. Newly renovated and located in the heart of the Theatre District, Avenue One restaurant and lounge serves contemporary New England cuisine in a relaxed atmosphere. Enjoy a refreshing cocktail, three-course prix fixe dinner or a delectable dessert. Discounted parking available. B 6:30–11 a.m., L 11 a.m.–3 p.m, D 5–10 p.m. C, VP. $$$

AVILA MODERN MEDITERRANEAN, One Charles Street South, 617-267-4810, www.avilarestaurant.com. Enjoy the flavors of Spain, Portugal, France, Italy and Greece with a modern flair at this popular eatery. The menu includes small plates of sauteed squid, baked moussaka and chicken livers, appetizers of tuna tartare, creamy corn soup and roasted beet salad, as well as the finest quality beef, fresh seafood and breads, desserts and ice creams made fresh daily. L, D, C. $$$.

FINALE, One Columbus Ave., 617-423-3184; 30 Dunster St., Harvard Sq., Cambridge, 617-441-9797; other locations. This standout for sweets offers a wide array of specialty dessert creations, savory fare, coffees, wine and cocktails. L, D, LS, C. $$



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LEGAL SEA FOODS, 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. www.legalseafoods.com. 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. Named "Boston's Most Popular Restaurant" (*Zagat* 2010/2011). L & D. $$$

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. $$

WEST END/NORTH STATION

BOSTON BEER WORKS, 112 Canal St., 617-896-2337; 61 Brookline Ave., 617-536-2337. Celtics and Bruins fans can enjoy 15 microbrews on tap and an extensive menu of bold American food, including BBQ baby back ribs, classic sandwiches, buckets of fries and a full burger menu at BBW's second Boston location, just steps from TD Garden. L, D. $

THE FOURS, 166 Canal St., 617-720-4455. With sports memorabilia covering the walls and plenty of plasma screens broadcasting all the big games, it's no wonder this Boston bar was voted #1 Sports Bar in America by *Sports Illustrated*. Moreover, the homemade clam chowder, buffalo wings and abundant menu of appetizers, sandwiches and pub food have made it as popular for its cuisine as its sports scene. L, D, LS. $$

***THE HARP,** 85 Causeway St., 617-742-1010. Drawing in an after-work crowd as well as sports enthusiasts from the nearby TD Garden, this Irish pub boasts 14 beers on tap and a wide choice of traditional bar food that will satisfy anyone's cravings. Weekends offer a livelier setting with live bands and a DJ on the basement dance floor. L, D, C, LS. $$

MA SOBA, 156 Cambridge St., 617-973-6680. Rated #1 for Best Sushi by Citysearch, this sleek eatery offers a variety of Asian cuisine, from Chinese and Thai to Korean and Japanese, as well as an extensive wine list. L, D, C. $$

NEBO, 90 N. Washington St., 617-723-6326. Located just steps away from the TD Garden, this upscale pizzeria and enoteca with a familial vibe offers up a pleasing menu of antipasti, homemade pastas and 30 varieties of Neapolitan-style pizza, all served in a stylish environment of natural wood, chocolate suede and brick walls. D. $$$

***WEST END JOHNNIE'S,** 138 Portland St., 617-227-1588. This restaurant's décor, featuring autographed memorabilia, elegant woodwork, and impressive floor-to-ceiling windows, evokes the historic feel of Boston's old West End. The menu offers a mix of Italian and traditional New England cuisine, but also includes ethnic dishes such as Portuguese littlenecks and pan roasted Scottish salmon. L, D, SB, C. $$$

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PUBS AND BARS

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

THE BLACK ROSE, 160 State St., 617-742-2286. *Mon–Fri 11 a.m.–2 a.m., Sat & Sun 9 a.m.–2 a.m. Cover: $5.* Voted one of America's top ten Irish establishments, Quincy Market's own Black Rose pub boasts a 30-year tradition of authentic live music seven nights a week. Seasoned Bostonians, students and tourists cheerfully rub elbows at the bar and sing along.

BLEACHER BAR, 82A Lansdowne St., 617-262-2424. *No cover. Sun–Wed from 11 a.m.–1 a.m., Thu–Sat 'til 2 a.m.* Inside Fenway Park, underneath the bleachers, take in center field views of America's most beloved ballpark. With the feel of a neighborhood pub and featuring a deli-style menu and cold beer, Bleacher Bar is open all year round. *Fri & Sat*—live music.

BRISTOL LOUNGE, Four Seasons Hotel, 200 Boylston St., 617-351-2037. Jazz entertainers create sounds as lush as their setting on a Boston-made, antique Steinert piano. Live music nightly.

THE BURREN, 247 Elm St., Davis Square, Somerville, 617-776-6896. *Daily 11:30 a.m.–1 a.m.* This popular Irish pub, located in Somerville's Davis Square, features traditional Irish music every night of the week. Rock bands play in the back room, and hearty fare like burgers, steak and shepherd's pie is served along with a large selection of draught beer and wine. *Mon at 8 p.m.*—Set dancing lessons; *Tue*—Open mic.

CASK 'N FLAGON, 62 Brookline Ave., 617-536-4840. *Mon–Wed 11:30 a.m.–1 a.m., Thu & Fri 'til 2 a.m., Sat 11 a.m.–2 a.m., Sun 'til 1 a.m.* A hangout for Red Sox fans since the days of Yastrzemski and Fisk, this classic bar boasts tons of TVs for watching the Sox—if you get shut out of Fenway Park across the street—and is loaded with photos depicting the histories of Fenway and the Sox. The Cask also boasts Oliver's, a back room nightclub with a dance floor and second bar. *Wed at 8 p.m.*—Trivia.

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

CLERY'S, 113 Dartmouth St., 617-262-9874. *Daily 11 a.m.–2 a.m.* Considered one of the city's best neighborhood bars, Clery's is a cozy bistro and party-friendly bar wrapped all in one. Irish food and 16 draught beers are served at the bar or by the fireplace, and live DJs and karaoke offer a good time on select nights.

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

DICK'S LAST RESORT, Quincy Market, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-267-8080. *Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–11 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 1 a.m.* Watch for the outrageous antics of Dick's sassy staff as they serve up buckets of sloppy ribs, succulent crab and shrimp, juicy steaks and chicken, two-fisted sandwiches, burgers and salads. If that isn't entertaining enough, there's live music every night with no cover.

DILLON'S, 955 Boylston St., 617-421-1818. *Daily 11 a.m.–2 a.m.* Located in the heart of the Back Bay, Dillon's draws an older, stylish crowd of young professionals and locals. The front bar and sunken dining area feature flat-screen TVs, leather seating and upscale fare.

THE GOOD LIFE, 28 Kingston St., 617-451-2622. *Mon–Fri 11:30 a.m.–2 a.m., Sat 11 a.m.–2 a.m., Sun 'til 10 p.m.* Under new management, this downtown bar has been transformed into a sleek lounge serving up comfort fare like mac and cheese and grilled salmon, and contemporary live bands and DJs. Highlights include the extensive vodka selection and local artwork on display.

THE GREATEST BAR, 262 Friend St., 617-367-0544. *Mon–Fri 4 p.m.–2 a.m., Sat & Sun noon–2 a.m. Cover charge varies.* Located across from TD Garden, the home of the Boston Celtics and Bruins, there's no better place to sit back, enjoy a beer or martini, and remember why Boston rocks.

THE KINSALE IRISH PUB & RESTAURANT, Two Center Plaza, Cambridge Street, 617-742-5577. *Mon & Tue 11 a.m.–12:30 a.m, Wed–Fri 'til 2 a.m., Sat 10 a.m.–2 a.m., Sun 'til 12:30 p.m.* The city's only Irish pub and restaurant built in Ireland and shipped to Boston. There is never a cover charge. *Tue at 7:30 p.m., Sat at 10 p.m.*—Live Irish music; *Wed at 6:30 p.m.*—Trivia; *Thu at 8 p.m.*—Karaoke.

THE LIVING ROOM, 101 Atlantic Ave., 617-723-5101. *Daily 11 a.m.–1 a.m.* Really, the name says it all. The Living Room is comfortable and casual, and the plush, pillowy couches are just begging you to sink in. Although it's a high-end lounge, there's no pretention here and the feel is homey. Creative cocktails and an extensive menu of comfort food favorites are best enjoyed in The Living Room.

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

REVOLUTION ROCK BAR, 200 High St., 617-261-4200. *Tue–Fri 4 p.m.–2 a.m.* When you love it loud, Revolution Rock Bar is the perfect place to unleash your inner guitar god. The two-level bar/restaurant boasts live entertainment *Wed–Fri* and DJs on *Sat*, a dance floor and a casual, unpretentious vibe.

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 380 microbrews. Its food entices too, with award-winning steam beer burgers, famous curly fries, buffalo wings and giant nachos.

TOP OF THE HUB, 800 Boylston St., 617-536-1775. *Daily 11:30 a.m.–1 a.m.* Listen to the sounds of live jazz seven nights a week while experiencing the breathtaking view atop Boston's Prudential Center. Featuring a midnight menu.

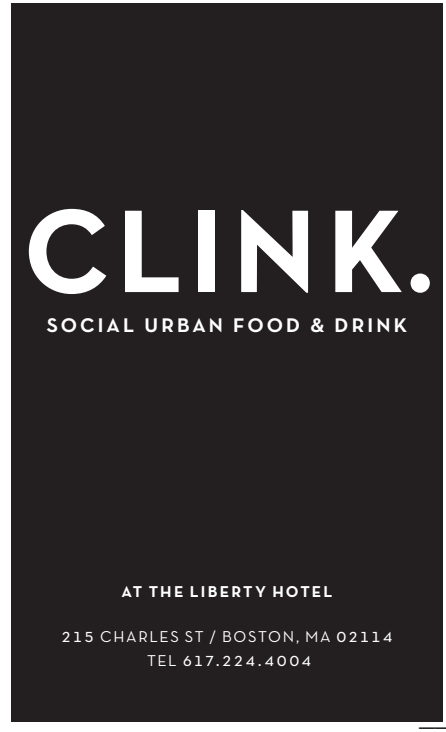
WHISKEY PARK, Park Plaza Hotel, 64 Arlington St., 617-542-1482. *Mon–Sat 5 p.m.–2 a.m., Sun 7 p.m.–2 a.m.* A sleek, sophisticated lounge in Boston's swank Park Plaza Hotel, Whiskey Park attracts a diverse crowd of internationals and the occasional celebrity. Finger foods are served alongside an extensive drink menu, and dark wood and dim lighting set the mood.

NIGHTCLUBS

ALIBI, Liberty Hotel, 215 Charles St., 857-241-1144. *Daily 5 p.m.–2 a.m.* You'd never believe this swanky hangout in the luxe Liberty Hotel was once Boston's infamous Charles Street Jail. These days, Alibi's menu of delectable bar bites from culinary legend Lydia Shire, potent cocktails named for celebrities (real and imaginary) who've walked on the wrong side of the law (like the John Daly and the Gordon Gekko) and crowd of fashionable clientele has urban nightlife lovers fighting to get in, rather than out.

THE BEEHIVE, 541 Tremont St., 617-423-0069. *Nightly 5 p.m.–2 a.m.; Sat & Sun Brunch 10:30 a.m.–3 p.m., bar 3–5 p.m.* This South End establishment offers a full and diverse dinner menu, sophisticated cocktail selection and nightly live jazz performances, making The Beehive the mature hipster's choice for a fun and funky night out.

DISTRICT, 180 Lincoln St., 617-426-0180. *Mon & Tue 4 p.m.–2 a.m., Wed, Fri & Sat 7 p.m.–2 a.m., Thu 'til midnight.* This distinctive nightspot in the heart of Boston's industrial chic Leather District mixes eclectic décor, shareable appetizers and hearty entrees such as tuna sashimi with delicious cocktails, while DJs spin nightly, setting a vibe that strikes a balance between exotic and sensual, laid-back and casual.



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GYPSY BAR, 116 Boylston St., 617-482-7799. *Wed 10 p.m.–2 a.m., Thu–Sat 5 p.m.–2 a.m.* Internationals, or locals with a little international flair, will feel at home in this chic destination in the Theater District. Enjoy tapas-size plates of Moroccan-spiced chicken legs or fennel-crusted ahi tuna, homemade sangria and designer martinis, and DJs spinning international or Top 40 dance tunes. With its high-style decor, dimly lit corners and occasional celebrity appearances, the Gypsy Bar is the place to see and be seen—or just to enjoy a late-night rendezvous.

HOWL AT THE MOON, 184 High St., 617-292-4695. *Mon–Fri 4 p.m.–2 a.m., Sat 6 p.m.–2 a.m. Live music Wed–Sat.* Howl at the Moon is a high-energy, clapping, stomping, dancing, rock 'n' roll dueling piano show. Part bar, part sing-along, the Howl at the Moon experience is centered around two baby grand pianos and audience participation. Howl at the Moon also boasts supersized 86-ounce cocktails for groups.

JILLIAN'S BOSTON, 145 Ipswich St. (behind Fenway Park), 617-437-0300. *Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–2 a.m., Sun noon–2 a.m. Sun–Thu 18+, Fri & Sat 21+ after 8 p.m.* One of Boston's largest entertainment complexes, this fun and diverse club features 50 pool tables and six full bars. Lucky Strike Lanes bowling is located on the third floor, and there's late-night dancing at Tequila Rain ("spring break 52 weeks a year") on the first floor. Proper dress required.

KINGS, 50 Dalton St., 617-266-2695. *Mon 5 p.m.–2 a.m., Tue–Sun 11:30 a.m.–2 a.m. 21+ after 6 p.m.* Kings features state-of-the-art bowling lanes, pool tables and video technology for sports viewing. With three bars and a full-service restaurant serving top-notch American cuisine, Kings is truly a playground for grown-ups. *Tue at 8 p.m.*—Trivia; *Wed at 9 p.m.*—Open mic; *Thu at 9:30 p.m., Sat at 10:30 p.m.*—Karaoke; *Fri at 9 p.m.*—Live jazz.

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CLUB CAFE, 209 Columbus Ave., 617-536-0966. *Mon–Thu beginning at 4 p.m., Fri & Sat beginning at noon, Sun beginning at 11 a.m. No cover.* In the back of this restaurant, you'll find the Moonshine and Satellite lounges, voted "Best of Boston" by *Boston* magazine and *The Improper Bostonian* for best gay and lesbian nightspot. *Wed at 9 p.m.*—Karaoke; *Thu*—Video Revolution with VJ Ryan Grow; *Fri & Sat*—Edge Dance Nights with DJ Aga.

FRITZ, 22 Chandler St., 617-482-4428. *Daily noon–2 a.m.* Boston's best gay sports bar also features the South End's best brunch every *Sat & Sun 10 a.m.–3 p.m.*

MACHINE, 1254 Boylston St., 617-536-1950. *Fri & Sat noon–2 a.m. Cover varies. Cash only.* With two dance floors, four bars, six pool tables, pinball machines, video games and theme nights, this club offers Boston's gay and lesbian partygoers a plethora of nightlife options. *Thu at 10 p.m.*—Karaoke with DJ Adam Morris; *Fri*—Machine Fridays; *Sat*—Rotating dance nights; *Sun*—Club Classics with DJ Ace Boogie.

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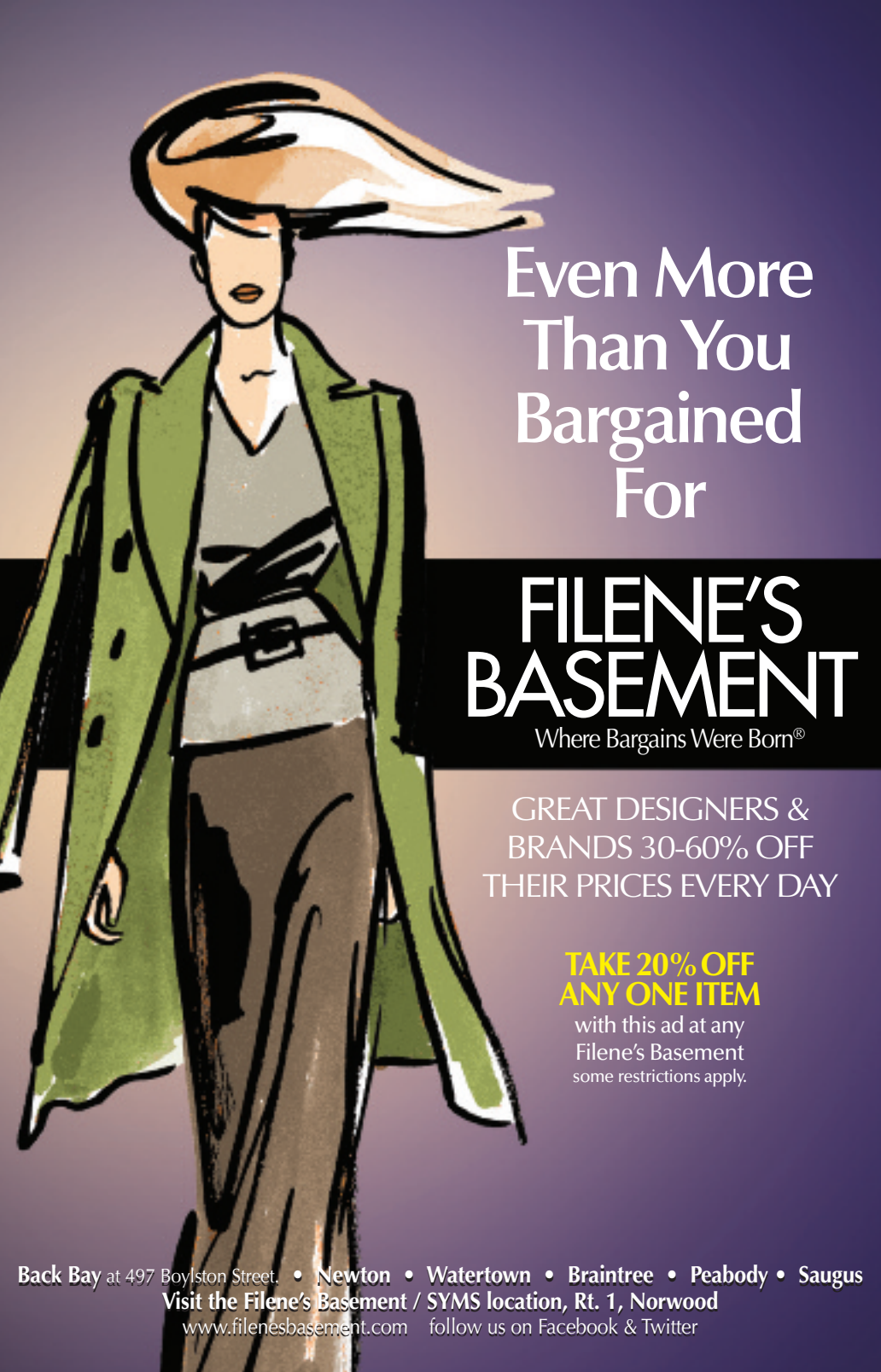
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