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Boston!

French culture, from film to food to Bastille Day festivities, abounds in Boston this month

by Marketa Hulpachova and Josh B. Wardrop

Ask most people what they know about Boston's ethnic cultures and they're likely to answer with something about green beer and shamrocks, or a laundry list of the best places in the North End to get cannoli and really good spaghetti Bolognese. But there are other ethnicities that have a significant presence in Boston—if you only know where to look.

As Francophiles the world over prepare to celebrate major French festivities such as Bastille Day and the Tour de France, *Panorama* decided to explore French culture in Boston and find out how, if only for a little while, visitors can pretend the Charles is the Seine.

THE CENTER OF IT ALL

Anyone seeking French culture in Boston would be advised to start the search at the **French Library and Cultural Center** (53 Marlborough St., 617-912-0400). If someone within the city limits is baking a baguette or paying musical tribute to Edith Piaf, it's the French Library's *raison d'être* to know about it and share the info with the community.

The library itself is a tremendous resource for lovers of all things French. Incorporated in 1945, and lovingly nurtured by expatriate General Georges Doriot and his American wife Edna throughout the 1970s and 1980s, the library houses 25,000 books—the largest private collection of French literature in the U.S. It also offers French language classes for adults and children, cooking seminars, lectures by visiting French dignitaries, and, for some, a haven to connect or reconnect with French heritage.

For one day a year, the library throws one heck of a fete in celebration of Bastille Day, with the streets surrounding the building closed off for an old-fashioned block party with food and entertainment (*see sidebar, page 11*). This month's celebration on **July 15** is the first in two years for the French Library at its home base, which executive director Elaine Uzan Leary hopes is a sign that the anti-French sentiment that proliferated after France failed to back the U.S. military action in Iraq has dissipated. "It had an impact," she confesses. "The people who come here regularly kept coming, but we didn't have [the street party] because we could not get the corporate support."

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Gerard Depardieu in *36 Quai des Orfèvres*, 2004



Claude Monet, *Water Lilies*, 1905

LOUIS SLEPT HERE

Some of Boston's most famous names and landmarks are intimately connected with France. Revolutionary War hero Paul Revere originally had the family name Revoire, like his Huguenot descendants. And Faneuil Hall—one of Boston's most significant historical buildings—is named for French descendant Peter Faneuil, who built it and donated it to the city in 1742.

At King's Chapel, a column near the entrance was erected in 1917 as a memorial to Cavalier Saint-Sauveur, a French lieutenant who died while supporting the U.S. in the American Revolution. And Louis-Philippe d'Orleans, while in exile during the French Revolution in 1796, lived for several months above the Union Oyster House before claiming the French throne in 1830.

SHOW ME THE MONET

Though thousands of miles away from Montmartre, Boston-area galleries and museums abound in works by prominent French artists. Explore the treasures of the **Museum of Fine Arts**, where you can view pieces by Degas, Manet, Monet and Renoir, to name a few. Or drop by the **Fogg Art Museum** to visit the Art in France exhibit, which showcases works by Matisse, Cezanne, and Leger, as well as the not-to-be missed portrait of Madame de Pompadour painted by Bouchard during the 18th century. **Galerie d'Orsay** (33 Newbury St., 617-266-8001) may be considerably smaller than its Paris

inspiration, but it features masterworks by Pissarro and Chagall. If your idea of art has an engine and four wheels, ogle French relics at the **Larz Anderson Auto Museum's** L'Automobile exhibit. Refer to listings in *Museums*.

PARLEZ VOUS...SHOPPING?

The Back Bay, Boston's shopping mecca, looks nothing like the illustrious Champs-Élysées, but don't be surprised to find many of the same trendy French boutiques. Garb yourself in luxury at **Agnes B** (172 Newbury St.), **Chanel** (5 Newbury St.), **Hermes** (338 Boylston St.) or **Dior** (100 Huntington Ave.). Then, accessorize at **Louis Vuitton** (100 Huntington Ave. and Copley Place), **Cartier** (40 Newbury St.) and **Longchamp** (139 Newbury St.). Or indulge your olfactory senses with the collection of perfumes and scented candles at **Diptyque** (123 Newbury St.).

FOR FANS OF SUBTITLES

The French take pride in their films for a good reason—after Hollywood and India's "Bollywood," no country's movies reach as wide an audience and garner as much international attention from critics. In Boston, independent movie houses like **Kendall Square Cinema** (One Kendall Square, Cambridge), **Harvard Film Archive**, the **Brattle Theatre** and the **Coolidge Corner Theatre** frequently show new and classic French flicks.

PARIS IN BEANTOWN—From film and art at the Museum of Fine Arts (left and middle) to the wealth of resources at the French Library (below), Boston has a multitude of French culture to experience.



And from **July 7–24** the **Museum of Fine Arts** hosts its 10th annual **French Film Festival**, which includes a celebration of the 60th anniversary of the film *Les Enfants du Paradis* (*Children of Paradise*). Refer to listings, pages 16 & 17.



WATCHING THE WHEELS

Boston is known as a great sports town, and while a bike race across the pond isn't likely to rival the Red Sox for the region's affections, French restaurant **Brasserie Jo** (refer to listing, page 65) is taking advantage of interest in all things Lance Armstrong by showing the Tour de France on television. From **July 2–24**, the restaurant also offers daily special spotlighting dishes from the provinces through which the race passes. Just a few miles south, the **Jeanie Johnston Pub** (144 South St., Jamaica Plain, 617-983-9432) also offers the race on the tube daily.

VIVE LA REVOLUTION!

Celebrate French independence with food, music and more around town

by Marketa Hulpachova

It was July 14, 1789, when an outraged mob stormed the "impenetrable" walls of the Bastille, an infamous Parisian prison, sparking the French Revolution.

Nowadays, the French celebrate Bastille Day much as we do Independence Day, with a profusion of parades, parties and fireworks

On **July 15**, you can partake in the revelry at the **French Library and Cultural**

Center's Bastille Day Street Party. Held outdoors on the

rues of the Back Bay, between Berkley and Clarendon streets, this summer festival evokes the rebellious spirit of the 18th century Parisian citizenry (without the angry mob, that is). You'll have a chance to savor a la carte eats

from local bistros, drink wine, sing the "Marseillaise"

and rumba to the Creole beats of Emeline Michel (pictured left), Papa Wemba (pictured below) and Daby Toure.

Too revolutionary? You can also raise a glass to *liberté, égalité, fraternité* in the quieter ambience of **Sandrine's** (8 Holyoke St., Cambridge, 617-497-5300) on **July 16 & 17**, (Saturday from 4–10 p.m.; Sunday from 2–10 p.m.) where you can enjoy an outdoor menu and listen to a live French band.



Dining en Français

Chef Jacky Robert, Boston's ambassador of French dining, discusses the Hub's past and present as a hotbed of haute cuisine

by Josh B. Wardrop

Any discussion of French culture must inevitably turn to food. France is a nation that takes its cuisine very seriously—from the meticulous and delicate techniques involved in its preparation to the rare, often exotic, ingredients used to make signature dishes.

Chef Jacky Robert, one of only 200 Maitres Cuisinier de France in the world, has likely forgotten more of his French cuisine training than most chefs will ever know. Following the advice of his father, Robert first arrived in Boston from France in 1972, aspiring to make his name as a chef, and found himself at the vanguard of a movement that turned Boston diners onto Gallic grub during a stint at his uncle Lucien's legendary establishment, Maison Robert.

Since then, he's owned restaurants in California, returned to Maison Robert in the late 1990s, spent 2001–2003 as executive chef at another landmark Boston eatery, Locke-Ober, and last year opened his newest venture, the upscale yet casual Petit Robert Bistro (Kenmore Square, 468 Commonwealth Ave., 617-375-0699) which has drawn praise for its more relaxed take on classic haute cuisine. Recently, he spoke with Panorama about how French dining in Boston has evolved over three decades.



Derek Koyoumjian

FRENCH ACCENT—Chef Jacky Robert shows off his vegetarian lentil cake with red pepper puree and balsamic reduction at Petit Robert Bistro in Kenmore Square.

PANORAMA: When you first came to work in Boston, the city was still heavily into eating beans and cod. What was the climate like for French cuisine at that time?

JACKY ROBERT: Pretty much the big competition then was the Ritz-Carlton and Locke-Ober. There were a few French chefs (in town), but soon it seemed like *any* restaurant that wanted to get on the map needed a French chef to do so.

P: How does that compare to the scene today?

JR: I don't know how many *actual* French chefs are in Boston anymore. [For two

decades] cooking schools have been creating a new breed of "American French" chefs. So, today, Boston has people like Lydia Shire, Gordon Hamersley, Ken Oringer—Americans who have been to France and have studied French cuisine.

P: What effect has this "Americanization" of French cooking had on the cuisine itself?

JR: I think French cuisine is alive and well thanks to these Americans who have changed it. Where French chefs remain quite conservative, American chefs are very creative. They put no restrictions on themselves, and feel comfortable mixing in Latin American and Asian elements. And they're very well-regarded internationally for that creativity.

P: What are the biggest misconceptions that diners have about French cuisine?

JR: There's several. There's the myth that French cuisine has to be expensive...that it has to be made with "heavy" sauces, and that every establishment has a dress code. There's also a fear by diners that all French restaurants write their menus all in French—people seem worried they won't understand what they're eating.

P: Did those misconceptions inspire the concept of Petit Robert Bistro?

JR: Absolutely. We wanted to open the most affordable, casual French restaurant in Boston. There's a \$20 line that we don't want to go above for any dish. We write everything in English, so the place is accessible to everyone. That's given us a blend of customers, from college students in shorts to business people in suits.

P: Where do you see the future of French cuisine going?

JR: Fine dining restaurants will always be there, but today less people can afford them. So, I think the trend will be to do fine dining without the expense...and to hopefully open the doors of French restaurants to a younger generation of diners.

BON APPETIT!



Bostonians and visitors to the city are spoiled for choice when it comes to French restaurants. Here's some of the best the Hub has to offer:

- **Aujourd'hui:** This perennial AAA Five Diamond Award winner in the Four Seasons Hotel offers gourmet French cuisine and wines from a 1,800-bottle library.
- **Clio:** French-American fare with Asian influences in a setting styled after Parisian supper clubs. Chef Ken Oringer is a past winner of the James Beard Award.
- **L'Espalier:** Boston's other Five Diamond winner, L'Espalier is a world-class restaurant consistently ranked in Zagat Boston's top 5 and lauded by critics nationwide for its culinary excellence.
- **Hamersley's Bistro** (pictured above): Pioneers of the French cuisine scene in Boston, husband-and-wife team Gordon and Fiona Hamersley continue to receive raves.
- **The Hungry I:** Located in Beacon Hill, specializes in French country cuisine and boasts a picturesque patio for outdoor dining.
- **Pierrot Bistro Francais, 272 Cambridge St., 617-725-8855:** Like Petit Robert Bistro, Pierrot proves that traditional French fare can be had for a moderate price.
- **Pigalle:** Considered a restaurant for serious "foodies," this spot is perfect for a romantic pre- or post-theater meal.
- **Radius:** No list of acclaimed Boston restaurants would be complete without Chef Michael Schlow's modern nouveau French establishment.

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PANORAMA'S PICK

Stu Rosner/courtesy of the Boston Symphony Orchestra



ALL-AMERICAN B-Day by Micheline Frias

What better place to celebrate the birth of America than where it all began? On **July 4**, the birthplace of the American Revolution pulls out all the stops for a memorable birthday bash commemorating our nation's independence. **Harborfest** festivities offer plenty of opportunities to get into the patriotic spirit, including a view of the *U.S.S. Constitution*, a.k.a. "Old Ironsides," the oldest U.S. warship still afloat, as she conducts her annual cruise around the harbor and special 21-cannon salute to the nation. You also have the chance to hop aboard a ferry and hit the water from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and relive history at 10 a.m. with a reading of the Declaration of Independence at the Old State House, where it was first read in Boston in 1776. Finally, no 4th of July would be complete without the pageantry of a big fireworks show at 10:30 p.m., which comes at the conclusion of the annual **Boston Pops** extravaganza at the Hatch Shell on the Charles River Esplanade. The Pops are joined by country sensations Gretchen Wilson, Big & Rich and Cowboy Troy, as well as the winner of the PopSearch 2005 Talent Competition. Refer to listing, below.

CLASSICAL

Boston Pops Orchestra, at the Hatch Shell, Charles River Esplanade, 617-266-1200. *Free and open to the public.* The Boston Pops were created in 1885 by Boston Symphony Orchestra founder Henry Lee Higginson, who wanted to provide a lighter musical concert for the summertime. Led by Keith Lockhart, now in his 11th season as conductor, the Pops are a quintessentially American tradition. **July 4** at 8 p.m.—Pops Goes the 4th!, refer to story, above; **July 13** at 8:30 p.m., at the Koussevitzky Music Shed at Tanglewood in Lenox—The Pops perform works by Broadway composer Stephen Sondheim, refer to listing, below.

Boston Landmarks Orchestra, Boston Common Parade Ground. *Free and open to the public.* **July 8 & 9** at 8 p.m.—Fifth anniversary celebration for the BLO, featuring works by Holst, Beethoven and Thomas Oboe Lee; **July 17** at 4 & 5:30 p.m.—Landmarks Concert for Children presents Nkeiru Okoye's new orchestral work *Phillis Wheatley: America's First Black Poet*. Refer to story, page 22.

Boston Symphony Orchestra's Tanglewood Season, Tanglewood, Lenox, 617-266-1200 or 888-266-1200. Located in the Berkshires, Tanglewood has been the Symphony's summer home since 1937. *Tickets: \$16-76.* **July 4 & 5** at 7 p.m. at Koussevitzky

Music Shed—James Taylor; **July 7** at 8:30 p.m. at Seiji Ozawa Hall—Chanticleer; **July 8** at 8:30 p.m. at the Shed—Opening night at Tanglewood as the BSO performs Mahler's *Symphony No. 8*; **July 9** at 8:30 p.m. at the Shed—BSO performs works by Mendelssohn and Bruckner; **July 12** at 8:30 p.m. at Seiji Ozawa Hall—Deborah Voigt; **July 14** at 8:30 p.m. at Seiji Ozawa Hall—Beaux Arts Trio.

Masterworks Chorale, National Heritage Museum, 33 Marrett Rd., Lexington, 781-235-6210. *Tue* at 8 p.m. *Tickets: \$9.* Summer Sing is a 10-week program that gives audiences the opportunity to perform as the chorus in a different masterpiece of the choral repertoire each week. **July 5**—Haydn's *Mass in D Minor* (Lord Nelson); **July 12**—Durufle's *Requiem*.

Society for Historically Informed Performance, Lindsey Chapel, Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury St., 508-212-6038. **July 14** at 8 p.m. *Tickets: \$15.* Baroque women's trio Tres perform works by Francesca Caccini and others.

COMEDY

The Comedy Connection, Quincy Market, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-248-9700. *Cover and times may vary. Call for*

full schedule. Named "The Best Comedy Club in the Country" (*USA Today*), this venue has featured national and local stand-up acts such as Wendy Liebman, Chris Rock, Rosie O'Donnell and Dave Chappelle. *Tickets: \$12-40. July 5 at 8 p.m.*—Paul Nardizzi; *July 6 & 13 at 8 p.m.*—Harrison Stebbins; *July 7 & 14 at 8:30 p.m.*—Frank Santos, "The R-Rated Hypnotist"; *July 8 & 9 at 8 and 10:15 p.m.*—Adam Ferrara; *July 11 at 8 p.m.*—Amateur Showcase hosted by Kevin Knox; *July 15 at 8 and 10:15 p.m.*—Craig Shoemaker; *July 17 at 7 p.m.*—Rich Ceisler.

The Comedy Studio at the Hong Kong, 1236 Mass. Ave., Harvard Square, Cambridge, 617-661-6507. *Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; nightly shows begin at 8 p.m. Call for complete schedule. Cover: \$7-10.* A place where fresh talent is discovered and headliners experiment. *July 5 & 12*—The Magic Lounge; professional magic show; *July 6 & 13*—Tony V Experiment with special guests; *July 7 & 14*—Dan Sally Show with Dave Rattigan, Nate Johnson and others; *July 8 & 15*—The Walsh Bros., Bob Hagearty, Shaun Bedgood and others; *July 9*—Chibuzo, Bob Hagearty, Rick Jenkins; *July 10 & 17*—Erin Judge Presents: Mike Oster, Tony Pike and others; *July 16*—Rick Jenkins and guests.

Dick Doherty's Comedy Vault, Remington's Restaurant, 124 Boylston St., 617-482-0110. *Call for reservations and complete schedule.* Showtimes: *Thu-Sat at 9 p.m.; open mic Sun at 9 p.m. Cover: \$10-15.* Located in an actual bank vault downstairs in Remington's Eating and Drinking Exchange, this club features top area comics. *July 7 & 14*—Greg Howell and friends; *July 8-10*—Danny Kelly and others; *July 15 & 16*—Steve Bjork and Boston's best standup; *July 17*—Alvin David hosts open mike night.

Improv Asylum, 216 Hanover St., 617-263-6887. Showtimes: *Wed & Thu at 8 p.m.; Fri & Sat at 8 and 10 p.m. Tickets: \$15-20, dinner packages available. Wed & Thu at 8 p.m., Fri & Sat at 8 and 10 p.m.*—*Pork Fried Clowns*, featuring satirical audience-inspired improv and sketch comedy. *Every Thursday at 9:45 p.m.*—*Talent showcase; Every Sat at midnight*—*The Midnight Show* promises to be quick-witted, controversial and hilarious.

ImprovBoston, Back Alley Theater, 1253 Cambridge St., Cambridge, 617-576-1253. Showtimes: *Wed at 8 p.m.; Thu & Fri at 8 and 10 p.m.; Sat at 6, 8 and 10 p.m.; Sun at 7 p.m. Cover: \$5-12.* This comedy troupe features sketch comedy, games, original music and audience participation. *Wed*—The Hump; *Thu*—UnNatural Selection and The Great & Secret Comedy Show; *Fri*—TheatreSports; *Sat*—ImprovBoston Family Show and ImprovBoston Mainstage; *Sun*—Sgt. Culppepper's Improvisational Jamboree.

Jimmy Tingle's Off Broadway, 255 Elm St., Davis Square, Somerville, 617-591-1616. Founded by comic, actor and writer Jimmy Tingle, this multi-use venue features both established and aspiring performers. *July 8, 9 15 & 16 at 7:30 p.m.*—*American Dream*, Jimmy Tingle's new one-man show, *tickets: \$20.*

Nick's Comedy Stop, 100 Warrenton St., 617-423-2900. *Fri & Sat at 8:45 p.m. Cover: \$15.* Nick's is the city's longest-running comedy club. *July 8 & 9*—Ira Proctor, Paul Keenan and Shane Moss; *July 15 & 16*—Jim Colton, Larry Lee Lewis and Owen Bonus.

CONVENTIONS & EXPOS

Hynes Convention Center, 900 Boylston St., 617-954-2000. *July 4-8*—2005 American Dance Awards and National Championships; *July 12-14*—Macworld Boston 2005.

DANCE

2005 Meet the Artist Master Classes, Green Street Studios, 185 Green St., Cambridge, 978-402-2339. *Tickets: \$20.* Advanced-level and professional dancers are invited to attend Master Classes with top choreographers and dancers. *July 9 at 10 a.m.*—David Parker & The Bang Group; *July 16 at 10 a.m.*—David Dorfman.

FILM

The Brattle Theatre, 40 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-876-6837. *Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: \$9; students & matinees \$7.50; seniors & children \$6.* Classic, cutting-edge and world cinema with a different double feature almost every day. Now showing: *July 11*—Premiere screening of Bill Millio's *Dangerous Crosswinds*.

Coolidge Corner Theatre, 290 Harvard Ave., Brookline, 617-734-2500. *Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: \$8.50; members \$5.50; seniors & children \$5.50.* This independent movie house screens recent indie films, as well as the classics. Now showing: *The Emperor's Journey; Stolen Childhoods; Anya in and Out of Focus; Shake Hands with the Devil.* Special events: *July 6 at 7 p.m.*—"Freaks and Geeks" creator Paul Feig reads from his memoir *Superstud: Or How I Became a 24-Year-Old Virgin*, and the Coolidge screens his favorite episodes of "Freaks and Geeks" on the big screen; *July 11 at 7:30 p.m.*—The Summertime Blues Series presents *Spider John Koerner: Been There Done That.*

Free Friday Flicks on the Esplanade, MDC Hatch Shell, Charles River Esplanade, Storrow Drive, 617-787-7200. *Free and open to the public.* A summertime tradition presented by WBZ News Radio 1030. Watch your favorite films, from the classics of yesteryear to the most popular films of today, at nightfall along the Charles River. *July 8 at 8:30 p.m.*—*Shark Tale*; *July 15 at 8:30 p.m.*—*The Wizard of Oz.*

Harvard Film Archive, Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts, 24 Quincy St., Cambridge 617-495-4700. *Call for showtimes, complete schedule and ticket prices.* With over 300 films shown per year, HFA is one of the most active art cinemas in New England. Now showing: *July 4 at 7 p.m.*—*Under the Roofs of Paris*; at 9 p.m.—*A Nous La Liberte*; *July 6 at 7 p.m.*—*Cri-la*; at 9 p.m.—*The Hunt*; *July 8 at 7 p.m.*—*Run for Cover*; at 9 p.m.—*The Lusty Men*; *July 10 at 7 p.m.*—*The Southerner*; at 9 p.m.—*Diary of a Chambermaid*; *July 13 at 7 p.m.*—*Harvest*; at 9 p.m.—*Baker's Wife.*

Loews Boston Common, corner of Tremont and Avery streets, 617-423-3499 or 617-333-FILM. *Call for showtimes, complete schedule and ticket prices.* This state-of-the-art cineplex is the largest downtown movie theater in New England, featuring 4,500 stadium seats and 19 oversized screens spanning 100,000 square feet. Special event: Fan Favorite Thursdays, free showings of favorite films.

Movies at the Milk Bottle, Boston Children's Museum, 300 Congress St., 617-426-6500. Bring a blanket, grab an ice cream cone and enjoy short, quirky outdoor movies every Friday night all summer long. *July 8 at dusk*—*Clifford the Big Red Dog*; *July 15 at dusk*—TBD.

Movies by Moonlight, Boston Harbor Hotel, 70 Rowes Wharf, 617-439-7000. Every summer, The Boston Harbor Hotel terrace is transformed into an outdoor cinema for free Friday night flicks. *July 8 at dusk*—*To Kill a Mockingbird*; *July 15 at dusk*—*Marty.*

Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Ave., 617-267-9300. *Screenings Thu-Sun, call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: \$9; students & seniors \$8.* The Museum of Fine Arts' Film Program has grown to become one of the nation's finest exhibitors of contemporary international cinema, restored classics and premieres of American independent films. Special event: *opening July 7*—10th Annual Boston French Film Festival: *July 7 at 8 p.m.*—*36 Quai Des Orfevres*; *July 8 at 6 p.m.*—*Rules of Silence*; at 8 p.m.—*Changing Times*; *July 9 at 2:45 p.m.*—*My Father is an Engineer*; at 4:50 p.m.—*Genesis*; at 8:15 p.m.—*Lila Says*; *July 10 at 7 p.m.*—*The Last Mitterand*; *July 14 at 4:15 p.m.*—*History of the Cannes Film Festival*; *July 15 at 7:45 p.m.*—*Triple Agent*; *July 16 at 7 p.m.*—*The Beat That My Heart Skipped.*

Mugar Omni Theater, Museum of Science, 617-723-2500 or 617-333-FILM. *Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: \$7.50; seniors \$5.50; children (3-11) \$6.50. Discounted admission for showtimes after 6 p.m.* This IMAX theater presents

larger-than-life images on a five-story high, domed screen. Now showing: The Summer of Adventure film series, featuring the large-format films *Everest*, *Shackleton's Antarctic Adventure*, *Coral Reef Adventure*, *Lewis & Clark: Great Journey West* and *Mystery of the Nile*.

Simons IMAX Theater, New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, 1-866-815-4629. *Sun-Wed 9:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Thu-Sat: 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: \$8.95; seniors & children (3-11) \$6.95.* This recent addition to the New England Aquarium is the first large-format theater in Boston to have 3D viewing capability. Now showing: *Galapagos*; *Sharks 3D*; *Aliens of the Deep*.

GALLERIES

Arden Gallery, 129 Newbury St., 617-247-0610. *Mon-Sat 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m.* Arden Gallery is a contemporary art gallery representing regional, national and international painters and sculptors ranging in styles from realism to abstraction. Special exhibit: *opening July 5*—Works by Stephen Dinsmore.

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 Josef Albers, Uta Barth, Mel Bochner, Daniel Buren, Chuck Close, Mike Glier, Jenny Holzer, Ellsworth Kelly, Maryellen

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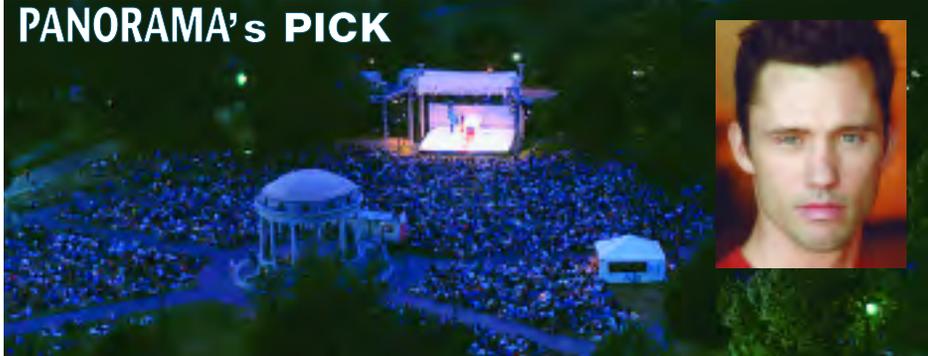
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PANORAMA'S PICK

**BARD** Yard by Christopher Wallenberg

Boston attracts visitors with its world-class museums, internationally renowned orchestra and opulent theaters that host celebrated musicals and plays each year. One of the area's best summertime cultural treats, though, doesn't take place behind an intimidating edifice, but in an outdoor public space. Every year the **Commonwealth Shakespeare Company** mounts free Shakespearean plays on Boston Common. For this year's 10th anniversary production, CSC stages the Bard's most famous work, **Hamlet, beginning July 16** in its new location on the Common's roomier Parade Grounds. The play stars up-and-coming film, TV and stage actor Jeffrey Donovan (from the USA Network's "Touching Evil," pictured above) as the brooding Dane. After communing with the ghost of his father, the contemplative prince soon discovers that something is, indeed, "rotten in the state of Denmark." So bring your lawn chairs, blankets and picnic baskets, and arrive early to stake out a spot on the grass. *Refer to listing, page 26.*

Latas, Sol LeWitt, Julian Opie, Jeff Perrott, Jonathan Seliger, Kelly Sherman, Bill Thompson, Peter Wagner and Laura Wulf.

Berenberg Gallery, 4 Clarendon St., 617-536-0800. *Tue-Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.* The Berenberg Gallery brings to Boston the dynamic creations of contemporary folk and self-taught artists. Special exhibit: Clint Griffin, a right of passive.

Boston Sculptors Gallery, 486 Harrison Ave., 617-482-7781. *Tue-Sat 11 a.m.-6 p.m.* A sculptors' cooperative that has served as an alternative venue for innovative solo sculpture exhibitions since 1992. Special exhibit: July/August summer group show.

Bromfield Art Gallery, 27 Thayer St., 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: **opening July 6**—Gail Martin, Renovation; Summer Musings, MassArt's Summer Studios.

Childs Gallery, 169 Newbury St., 617-266-1108. *Tue-Fri 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Mon & Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m.* The longest-running of the commercial Newbury Street galleries, Childs has one of the largest inventories of oil paintings, drawings, watercolors, prints and sculpture in the United States. Special exhibits: **through July 10**—Chauncey Ryder, Printmaker; Art of the Mid-Century; Art from Provincetown; **opening July 11**—A Century of Still Life; Henry Pitz Goes to the Circus; Letterio Calapai, Woodblocks Old and New.

Gallery NAGA, 67 Newbury St., 617-267-9060. *Tue-Sat 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.* Gallery NAGA specializes in studio furniture and paintings by New England artists, and also exhibits works by contemporary photographers, printmakers and sculptors. Special exhibit: The Repetitive Mark, featuring works by John Eric Byers, Elizabeth Cheek, Janice Handleman, Reese Inman, Masako Kamiya and Jessie Morgan.

Howard Yezerski Gallery, 14 Newbury St., 3rd Floor, 617-262-0550. *Tue-Sat 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.* Features contemporary art, including photography, sculpture and prints.

International Poster Gallery, 205 Newbury St., 617-375-0076. www.internationalposter.com. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun noon-6 p.m.* This internationally recognized fine art poster gallery displays original vintage posters from the 1890s through the post-World War II modern masters. Special exhibit: Summer Games! A Century of Sports Posters.

L'Attitude Gallery, 218 Newbury St., 617-927-4400. *Tue-Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun & Mon noon-5 p.m.* Features contemporary sculpture, crafts and art for the home, garden and commercial environments. The gallery also boasts an outdoor sculpture garden. Over 75 U.S. and international artists are represented in various mediums, including glass, ceramics, wood, stone, mixed media and textiles. Special exhibit: Color Connections group show.

Nielsen Gallery, 179 Newbury St., 617-266-4835. *Tue-Sat 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.* Renowned for its fine collection of contempo-

rary paintings, drawings and sculptures. Special exhibit: **opening July 9**—Summer invitational.

Pepper Gallery, 38 Newbury St., 617-236-4495. *Tue-Fri 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sat 11 a.m.-5 p.m.* Committed to presenting contemporary representational and abstract works by living artists, the gallery rotates its exhibitions every five weeks to represent different members of the artistic community, both established and up-and-coming. Special exhibit: Summer selections by Nana Gregory, Melinda Hackett, Lise Lemeland and Sam Tan.

Photographic Resource Center, Boston University, 832 Commonwealth Ave., 617-353-0700. *Tue, Wed, & Fri 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thu 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat & Sun noon-5 p.m.* Admission: \$3. PRC exhibitions and educational programs are guided by a philosophical inquiry into the intersection of photography with other aesthetic, professional and critical discourses. Special exhibit: **opening July 8**—The Leopold Godowsky, Jr. Color Photograph Awards.

Pucker Gallery, 171 Newbury St., 617-267-9473. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sun 1-5 p.m.* Featuring works by Israeli, American and internationally known contemporary artists. Named by the *Boston Phoenix* as one of the best art galleries in the city: "You can make a case for the Pucker Gallery as Boston's best gallery—though it's really more like a wonderful miniature museum." Special exhibit: **opening July 9**—Fine Choices 2005, selections by gallery artists.

Robert Klein Gallery, 38 Newbury St., 617-267-7997. *Tue-Fri 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sat 11 a.m.-5 p.m.* Devoted to fine art photography from the 19th century through the present day, the gallery has featured works by such well-known artists as Ansel Adams and Diane Arbus. Special exhibit: Summer Salon show.

Society of Arts and Crafts, 175 Newbury St., 617-266-1810. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun noon-5 p.m.* The oldest non-profit crafts organization in the country (more than 100 years old) specializes in contemporary American crafts. The jewelry, furniture, glass and ceramics range from cutting edge to traditional and from functional to sculptural. Special exhibit: Things Your Mama Said, multimedia works inspired by artists' recollections of their mothers.

Vose Galleries, 238 Newbury St., 617-536-6176. *Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.* Established in 1841, Vose Galleries—the oldest family-owned art gallery in the United States—specializes in American artists from the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries. Special exhibits: Vose Contemporary, group exhibition; Landscapes by John F. Enser.

KIDS CORNER

Boston Children's Museum, Museum Wharf, 300 Congress St., 617-426-8855. *Refer to listing in Museums.* Daily organized activities in the Art Studio, Play Space and KidStage such as music and movement, finger puppet making and kitchen sci-



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ence. Special events: **July 6 & 13** from noon–1 p.m.—Summer Beats Dance Series; **July 8 & 15** at noon—Fort Point Channel Summer Outdoor Music Series; **July 15** from noon–9 p.m.—Liberdad! Connecting with Cabo Verde.

Boston Public Library, 700 Boylston St., Copley Square, 617-536-5400. Refer to listing in Sightseeing section. The first publicly supported municipal library in the world hosts many activities and special programs for children, including live performances, storytelling, interactive computer activities and films. Special event: **July 13** at 10:30 a.m.—The Wayne Martin Puppets.

Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Ave., 617-267-9300. Refer to listing in Museums. The fine arts are not just for adults. Special activities: **Mon–Fri** at 3:30 p.m.—Children's Room, free gallery and workshop program for children ages 6 to 12, offering active exploration of the MFA's collection through art projects, drama, poetry and music; **Tue & Wed** at 3:30 p.m.—Books Bring Art Alive explores the MFA collections using picture books, gallery activities and adult/child art projects.

Puppet Showplace Theatre, 32 Station St., Brookline, 617-731-6400. The first puppetry center in New England presents the magical world of puppet theater to a broad community, enlightening audiences of all ages. Tickets: \$8.50. **July 6 & 7** at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.—Everybody Loves Pirates; **July 13 & 14** at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.—Very Delicious by Stara Zagora Pupper Theater from Bulgaria.

LIVE MUSIC

Avalon, 15 Lansdowne St., 617-262-2424. This popular nightclub hosts rock and pop music acts prior to evening dance nights with DJs. **July 13** at 9 p.m.—Bronson Arroyo, tickets: \$30; **July 15** at 7 p.m.—Dinosaur Jr. with Bardo Pond and Magik Markers, tickets: \$25.

Axis, 13 Lansdowne St., 617-262-2437. Call for full schedule. This popular nightclub hosts rock, punk and alternative musical acts prior to evening dance nights with DJs. **July 7** at 7 p.m.—GBH with The God Awfuls, tickets: \$15; **July 12** at 9 p.m.—Deep Dish, tickets: \$10; **July 14** at 7 p.m.—The Adolescents with The Briggs, tickets: \$12.

Bank of America Pavilion, 290 Northern Ave., 617-931-2000. This open-air waterfront venue features world class rock, pop, blues and country performers set against the backdrop of the Boston skyline. **July 7** at 7:30 p.m.—Donna Summer, tickets: \$38.50–75; **July 12** at 7:30 p.m.—The Moody Blues, tickets: \$35–55; **July 13** at 7 p.m.—The Sugar Water Festival with Queen Latifah, Jill Scott, Erykah Badu and Floetry, tickets: \$46–86; **July 15 & 16** at 7:30 p.m.—Tom Jones, tickets: \$35–55.

Boston Harbor Hotel, 70 Rowes Wharf, 617-439-7000. Free and open to the public. The prestigious Boston Harbor Hotel presents its seventh annual free Blues Barge series, featuring local and national blues band performing on the hotel's floating stage. **July 7** at 6 p.m.—Bob Margolin and the Willie "Big Eyes" Smith Band; **July 14** at 6 p.m.—Troy Gonyea (ex-Fabulous Thunderbirds guitarist).

Club Passim, 47 Palmer St., Cambridge, 617-492-7679. Call for full schedule. This intimate coffeehouse in Harvard Square was a starting place for legendary folk icons such as Joan Baez and Bob Dylan. **July 6** at 8 p.m.—David Berkeley, tickets: \$10–12; **July 9** at 8 p.m.—Garnet Rogers with Dave Gunning, tickets: \$13–15; **July 13** at 7 & 10 p.m.—Eddie from Ohio, tickets: \$23–25; **July 14** at 8 p.m.—Chris & Meredith Thompson, tickets: \$10–12.

Concerts in the Courtyard, Remis Auditorium, Museum of Fine Arts, 617-369-3306. Tickets: \$25, \$20 for MFA members. The MFA's summer music series brings in performers from a wide variety of genres, from zydeco to flamenco to folk. **July 6** at 7:30 p.m.—Fouretet with Sunburned Hand of the Man; **July 13** at 7:30 p.m.—Juanito Pascual.

DCR Hatch Shell, Charles River Esplanade. Free and open to the public. General admission; outdoor seating. **July 4** at 8:30 p.m.—Boston's Fourth of July concert spectacular with the Boston Pops. **July 9** at 7 p.m.—WODS Oldies in Concert: Johnny Rivers.

Dick's Last Resort, 55 Huntington Ave., 617-267-8080, www.dickslastresort.com. No cover. Call for full schedule. Live music daily from classic rock acts and cover bands, 74 kinds of beer and dining options that include buckets of ribs, shrimp, lobster, crab cakes, chicken and crab legs.

Harpers Ferry, 156 Brighton Ave., Allston, 617-254-9743. Shows start at 8 p.m. Call for complete schedule. This club offers live music daily and is reknown for showcasing local classic rock and rhythm'n' blues cover bands. **July 4**—Mem Shannon and the Membership, tickets: \$8; **July 5 & 12**—Carmen's Condition (formerly South Street Band), tickets: \$4; **July 9**—Superhoney with The Evolved, tickets: \$8; **July 11**—Michaelangelo with Riding Shotgun, tickets: \$4; **July 14**—Back in Black (AC/DC tribute band), tickets: \$5; **July 16**—Town Hall CD Release Party, tickets: \$8.

Jazz in July, 617-482-2319. Mondays in South Station Grand Concourse, Wed on Summer Street in front of Filene's, Fri on the corner of School and Washington streets. 12:30–1:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. Relax and enjoy great live jazz during lunchtimes. **July 6**—Rebecca Shrimpton/Eric Hofbauer Duo; **July 8**—The Dean Marcellana Latin Jazz Group; **July 11**—Rusty Scott Quartet with Patrice Williamson; **July 13**—John Kordalewski Trio.

The Middle East, 472 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 617-864-EAST. Doors open at 8 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Call for complete schedule. Cover: \$8–20. Whether Upstairs, Downstairs or in the Corner, this entertainment club showcases the best alternative and indie rock bands in town. **July 9**—Bettie Serveert, tickets: \$12; **July 10**—Powerman 5000 with Jaded, tickets: \$16–18; **July 15**—Musician United Against Cancer benefit featuring The Revolutionary Snake Ensemble, The Gulf, The Less Lonesome, Bowman and The Swedes, tickets: \$9; **July 16 & 17**—The Doom and Grind Fest, tickets: \$12–20.

Paradise Rock Club, 967 Commonwealth Ave., 617-562-8800. Call for complete schedule. Intimate setting with a big sound, Paradise is one of Boston's favorite rock clubs. All shows 18+ unless otherwise noted. **July 7** at 9 p.m.—Rachid Taha, tickets: \$15; **July 9** at 9 p.m.—Mr. Brownstone with Lingo, tickets: \$12; **July 12** at 8 p.m.—Caesars with The Sights and The Golden Republic, tickets: \$12; **July 14** at 9 p.m.—Femi Kuti with Toussaint Liberator, tickets: \$25; **July 17** at 8 p.m.—Shelby Lynne with Raul Midon, tickets: \$12.

Regattabar, third floor of The Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett St., Cambridge, 617-661-5099. Call for complete schedule and ticket information. **July 8 & 9** at 7:30 & 10 p.m.—Ron Carter Golden Striker Trio, tickets: \$25; **July 13** at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.—Sol Y Canto and Snake Trio, tickets: \$16; **July 15 & 16** at 7:30 & 10 p.m.—Ruth Brown, tickets: \$25.

Somerville Theatre, 55 Davis Square, Somerville, 617-625-4088. **July 15** at 8 p.m.—Tegan & Sara, tickets: \$17; **July 16** at 8 p.m.—Indoor Summer Folk Festival, tickets: \$25.

T.T. the Bear's Place, 10 Brookline St., Cambridge, 617-492-BEAR. Shows start at 8:30 p.m. Call for complete schedule. Cover: \$8–14. **July 9**—Baby Strange with The Break Mission, Self-Righteous Brothers and The Ferns; **July 14**—Kay Hanley with Tim Williams; **July 15**—Turin Brakes with West Indian Girl; **July 16**—Dressy Bessy with Jason Lowenstein, Vox Vermillion and Morning Theft; **July 17**—VHS or Beta with Controller Controller and Appomattox.

Tito Puente Latin Music Series, O'Day Park, 85 West Newton St., 617-927-1717. Free and open to the public. General admission; outdoor seating. Musical performances sponsored by the Center for Latino Arts and Berklee College of Music. **July 10** at 4 p.m.—Bobby Sanabria.

Tweeter Center, Routes 140 and 146, Mansfield (45 minutes south of Boston), 617-931-2000. The concerts at this outdoor amphitheater are a hallmark of summer and boast some of pop music's biggest acts. **July 7** at 7 p.m.—John Mellencamp and John Fogerty, tickets:

\$26–65; **July 8** at 6:30 p.m.—3 Doors Down with Staind, Breaking Benjamin and No Address, tickets: \$26.50–66; **July 9 & 10** at 7 p.m.—Dave Matthews Band, tickets: \$40–57.50; **July 15** at 11 a.m.—Ozzfest, featuring Ozzy Osbourne, Black Sabbath, Iron Maiden, Mudvayne and more, tickets: \$39.75–85.25; **July 16** at 7:30 p.m.—Earth, Wind & Fire and Chicago, tickets: \$26.25–75.25.

Wally's Cafe, 427 Massachusetts Ave., 617-424-1408. **Mon–Sat** from 9 a.m.–2 a.m.; **Sun** from noon–2 a.m. Bands play at 9 p.m. No cover. Wally's was established in 1947 by Joseph L. Walcot, the first African-American to own a nightclub in Boston. It played a large part in the growth of jazz music in this country and continues to host live jazz daily.

Wang Theatre, 427 Tremont St., 800-447-7400. **July 9** at 8 p.m.—Michael Buble, tickets: \$53–63.

NIGHTCLUBS

Aria, 246 Tremont St., 617-338-7080. **Tue–Sun** 11 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover: \$5–15. Call for age restrictions. Located in the basement of the Wilbur Theatre, this hotspot features a chic decor with plush red couches and dance music—from International to House. Dress to impress.

Avalon, 15 Lansdowne St., 617-262-2424. **Thu–Sun** 10 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover: \$10–20. 19+ on Thu & Fri; 21+ on Sat & Sun. One of Boston's premier nightclubs featuring Euro and Top 40 dance

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by Amy Bass

Concert halls? Who needs 'em? The **Boston Landmarks Orchestra** is celebrating its fifth year of taking classical music to the streets with its free summer concert series. Enjoy the sounds of violins and cellos as the orchestra performs more than a dozen concerts in different parks and locations throughout Greater Boston. Conducted by Charles Ansbacher (pictured left), the BLO kicks off its season **July 8 & 9** on Boston Common with a program featuring Beethoven's famous *Symphony No. 5*, Gustav Holst's *The Planets* and the world premiere of Thomas Oboe Lee's astronomically themed *Pluto*. On **July 17**, introduce the kids to the joys of the symphony with composer Nkeiru Okoye's *Phillis Wheatley: America's First Black Poet*, a musical tribute to the first African-American to become a published author. Narrated by acclaimed writer Carolivia Herron, the piece continues Landmarks' annual presentation of a new orchestral work for children. This summer, the BLO continues to take the stuffiness out of classical music and replace it with free, fresh air. *Refer to listing, page 15.*

nights. It's also the city's largest club venue for live music acts. **Thu**—Hip-hop night; **Fri**—renowned DJs from around the world at Avaland; **Sat**—Tease with DJ Adilson; **Sun**—Gay Night.

Axis, 13 Lansdowne St., 617-262-2437. **Mon & Thu–Sun 10 p.m.–2 a.m.** Cover: \$5–20. 19+. **Mon**—Static, gay night; **Thu**—International College Night, featuring house music; **Fri**—Flavor Fridays, hip-hop, Top 40, reggaeton; **Sat**—Seductive Saturdays, featuring reggae, R&B.

The Alley, One Boylston Place, 617-351-7000. **Thu–Sat 10 p.m.–2 a.m.** Cover: \$5–10. Located in the famous Boylston Street alleyway, this one-stop nightclub includes the Big Easy Bar, Sugar Shack, Sweetwater Cafe and the newest addition, Liquor Store. Party Mardi Gras-style on Boston's version of Bourbon Street

Boston Billiard Club, 126 Brookline Ave., 617-536-POOL. Ranked Number One Billiard Club in the country by *Billiards Digest*, this nightclub is perfect for pool aficionados and novices alike. **Mon**—free lessons; **Wed**—Ladies' Night: each lady gets 25 percent off table time. Four ladies per table play for free; **Sun–Thu**—League Night.

Boston Rocks Nightclub, 245 Quincy Market (near Faneuil Hall), 617-726-1110. **Thu–Sat 9 p.m.–2 a.m.** Cover varies. 21+. Where Boston comes to rock. **Fri**—Gone7 presents The Loft with R & B and hip-hop music; **Sat**—Shotgun Saturdays with VJ Johnnie Walker Black spinning Top 40. No hats allowed.

Club Cafe, 209 Columbus Ave., 617-536-0966. **Thu–Sat 9 p.m.–2 a.m.** No cover. In the back of the 209 restaurant, you'll find the Moonshine and Satellite lounges, voted "Best of Boston" by *Boston* magazine and *The Improper Bostonian* for best gay and lesbian nightclub.

Jillian's Boston, 145 Ipswich St. (behind Fenway Park), 617-437-0300. www.jilliansboston.com. **Open daily 11 a.m.–2 a.m.** One of Boston's largest entertainment complexes, this fun and diverse club attracts over a million people a year. Features 50 pool tables, 200 high-tech games, blackjack for fun, six full bars, Lucky Strike Lanes on the third floor and full-service dining and late-night dancing at Tequila Rain on the first floor. Proper dress required.

The Modern, 36 Lansdowne St., 617-536-2100. **Tue, Thu–Sat 10:30 p.m.–2 a.m.** Cover varies. Located behind Fenway Park, this chic lounge offers a laid-back alternative to the dance clubs that fill most of the street. DJs perform nightly, specializing in international music.

The Rack, 24 Clinton St., 617-725-1051. **Mon–Fri 4 p.m.–2 a.m.; Sat & Sun 3 p.m.–2 a.m.** No cover. This upscale billiards club, restaurant and bar is known for attracting celebrities, as well as Boston's young professional crowd. DJs nightly from 10 p.m.–2 a.m.

The Roxy, 279 Tremont St., 617-338-7699. **Thu–Sat 10 p.m.–2 a.m.** Cover: \$10–15. **Fri**—R&B, hip-hop and reggae; **Sat**—High-energy house, techno and dance music.

Venu, 100 Warrenton St., 617-338-8061. **Thu–Sun 11 p.m.–2 a.m.** Cover varies. You'll find a highly fashionable Euro crowd at this Theater District club. DJs nightly.

Whiskey Park, Boston Park Plaza Hotel, 64 Arlington St., 617-542-1482. Rande Gerber, husband to Cindy Crawford, opened the latest installment of his Whiskey franchise, a posh addition to the Boston night scene. The 3,500 square-foot space contains two separate bars—one more intimate, and the other a lively lounge.

SPECIAL EVENTS

7th Annual Lantern Festival, Forest Hills Cemetery, 95 Forest Hills Ave., Jamaica Plain, 617-524-0128. **July 14** from 6–9 p.m. **Tickets: \$10.** Based on the Japanese Bon Festival, this Buddhist-based ritual commemorates deceased family and friends. Construct and decorate paper lanterns, light them and set them afloat on a small lake at dusk. Before sunset, enjoy picnics and a pan-Asian program of music and dance featuring the a capella group The VariAsians, Master Tsuji's Samurai Taiko drummers and Chu Ling Dance Academy. *Refer to story, page 48.*

Bastille Day Street Dance Party, Marlborough St. between Berkeley and Clarendon St., 617-912-0423. **July 15** from 6–11 p.m. **Tickets: \$30.** Celebrate liberte, egalite and fraternite at the French Library and Cultural Center's 30th annual Bastille Day party, featuring dancing, food, and wine along with musical per-

formances by international artists Papa Wemba, Emeline Michel and Daby Toure. *Refer to feature story, page 8.*

Boston's Fourth of July on the Esplanade, The Hatch Shell on the Charles River Esplanade, 1-888-4TH-POPS. **July 4.** *Free and open to the public.* The event features performances by the Boston Pops, "America's Orchestra," as well as a spectacular fireworks extravaganza that kicks off with the Pops playing its signature *1812 Overture* by Tchaikovsky. The Esplanade opens to the public at 6 a.m. Recorded music program begins at noon. At 8 p.m., Keith Lockhart leads the Boston Pops Orchestra featuring special guests, including the winner of the Pops' talent search, POPSearch 2005. The spectacular fireworks display begins at approx. 10 p.m. over the Charles River. For more information, go to www.July4th.org. *Refer to story, page 15.*

Boston Harborfest, 617-227-1528. **Through July 4.** Many events are free; others cost between \$1–10. This city-wide, star-spangled celebration honoring Independence Day features more than 200 scheduled events and attracts more than 2.5 million people. **July 4** from 11 a.m.–1 p.m.—U.S.S. Constitution Turnaround Cruise; at 1 p.m.—Musical group Jada performs a mix of pop and rhythm and blues at City Hall Plaza.

Boston 375. Various events held throughout Boston through Sept. In celebration of Boston's 375th birthday, events to commemorate its history take place in every one of its neighborhoods. Major events include two parades, a fireworks display

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PANORAMA's PICK



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by Josh B. Wardrop

The Australians have made numerous contributions to world culture: Vegemite sandwiches, the boomerang and Olivia Newton-John, just to name a few. But not since Peter Allen came from Down Under to enthrall the international theater community has there been a sensation quite like *Puppetry of the Penis*, the revealing comedy show that makes a stop at Boston's Lyric Stage **beginning July 12**. The show's original creators, Simon Morley and David Friend, have returned to the world stage to astound, amuse and induce sympathetic wincing as they practice what they've dubbed "the ancient art of genital origami." While *Puppetry* remains a huge international hit, spawning multiple companies of willing disciples/performers, this tour is being dubbed "The So Long Tour" by its creators. So, this could well be your last chance to see the original puppeteers perform "The Hamburger," "The Loch Ness Monster" and other favorites. A word to the wise: leave the kids at home, lest the remainder of your visit be filled with questions you'd rather not answer. *Refer to listing, below.*

and art shows such as the ongoing 375 Views of Boston exhibit at City Hall Plaza. **July 17 at City Hall Plaza**—Gospel Fest.

Brimfield Antiques Fair, Brimfield Fairgrounds, take Mass Pike West to Route 20 West (Exit 9), Brimfield, 617-491-3434. **July 5-10 from 6 a.m.-6 p.m.** Some areas require an entrance fee, usually \$5. The Brimfield Antiques Fair began in the 1950s and has become the largest and best-known antiques show in the U.S. with over 5,000 dealers from all over the country. The show has a carnival-like atmosphere, appropriate for all ages, and is located along a one-mile stretch on both sides of Route 20. *Refer to story, page 50.*

Italia Unita 2005 Italian Festival, Central Square, East Boston, 617-561-3201. **July 15-17. Free and open to the public. Call for full schedule.** This 11th annual, three-day event celebrates Italian heritage. Kids delight in rides and games, face painting, balloon animals and more, while adults enjoy authentic Italian food, wine stumping and bocce matches. This year's musical guests include Paul London and disco legends The Village People.

Longfellow Summer Festival 2005, 105 Brattle Street, Cambridge, 617-876-4491. Summer music and poetry events take place on the side lawn of Longfellow Historic Site and all events are free and open to the public. Seating is limited, but blankets and lawn chairs are encouraged. **July 4 at 4 p.m.**—Brass Connection, a concert of 19th century period music and rousing patriotic pieces, including the marches of John Philip

Sousa; **July 9 at 11 a.p.m.**—First-person performance piece about the life of black Continental soldier Peter Salem; **July 10 at 4 p.m.**—Performance by Synergy Brass Quintet; **July 17 at 4 p.m.**—Poetry reading by Marge Piercy.

North End Italian Feasts & Processions, The North End. www.northendboston.com. Boston's "Little Italy" honors patron saints and its culture with weekend festivals featuring Italian delicacies, streetside bands playing Sicilian melodies and vendors offering authentic wares on the cobblestoned paths dressed with garlands. **July 10**—Madonna Del Grazie Procession; **July 17**—St. Rocco Society Procession.

Plymouth Waterfront Festival, Plymouth, 40 minutes south of Boston, off Water Street between Brewster and Leydon streets, 508-746-0037. **July 16 & 17. Free and open to the public. Call for full schedule.** This annual festival features children's rides and activities, the Blessing of the Fleet, Plymouth Library book sale, international food area, live music and more than 100 New England artisans displaying their wares.

Puppetry of the Penis, Lyric Stage, 140 Clarendon St., 866-811-4111. Performances **beginning July 12: Tue & Wed at 8 p.m., Thu-Sat at 7 & 9:30 p.m., Sun at 7 p.m.** Tickets: \$35. This adults-only exhibition of the "ancient Australian art of genital origami" returns to Boston, leaving audiences gasping with more than 40 heroic and hilarious installations that include crowd pleasers like The Pelican, The Windsurfer, The Eiffel Tower, the

Loch Ness Monster and their signature creation, the Hamburger. *Refer to story, page 24.*

Salem Maritime Festival, Salem, 30 minutes north of Boston, 978-740-1696. **July 16 from 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; July 17 from noon-4 p.m. Free and open to the public.** Family fun includes reenactments, children's events, music and food. Celebrate Salem's nautical and multicultural heritage on Derby Wharf with traditional maritime arts and crafts and musicians from New Bedford singing sea shanties.

SPORTS

Boston Cannons vs. **Major League Lacrosse**
 Nickerson Field, Boston University, 888-847-9700.
July 16 at 7 p.m. vs. Baltimore Bayhawks

Boston Red Sox vs. **Major League Baseball**
 Fenway Park, 4 Yawkey Way, 617-482-450X.
July 14 & 15 at 7:05 p.m. vs. New York Yankees
July 16 at 1:20 p.m. vs. New York Yankees
July 17 at 6:05 p.m. vs. New York Yankees

Brockton Rox vs. **CanAm League Professional Baseball**
 Campanelli Stadium, One Lexington Ave., Brockton, 508-559-7070.
July 4 at 1:05 p.m. vs. Grays
July 8 & 9 at 7:05 p.m. vs. North Shore Spirit
July 10 at 5:05 p.m. vs. North Shore Spirit

New England Revolution vs. **Major League Soccer**
 Gillette Stadium, One Patriot Place, Foxborough, 1-800-543-1776 or 1-877-GETREVS.
July 16 at 7:30 p.m. vs. FC Dallas

North Shore Spirit CanAm League Professional Baseball
 Fraser Field, 365 Western Ave., Lynn, 781-592-0007.
July 4 at 5:05 p.m. vs. Quebec Capitales
July 5-7 at 7:05 p.m. vs. New Jersey Jackals
July 11 & 12 at 7:05 p.m. vs. Elmira Pioneers
July 13 at noon vs. Elmira Pioneers
July 15 at 7:05 p.m. vs. Brockton Rox
July 16 at 5:05 p.m. vs. Brockton Rox
July 17 at 2:05 p.m. vs. Brockton Rox

THEATER

Amerika, American Repertory Theatre, Loeb Drama Center, 64 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-547-8300. Performances **through July 10: Tue-Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 and 7:30 p.m.** Tickets: \$12-72. When Karl Rossmann steps off the boat in New York Harbor, he is thrust into a whirlwind of adventures. The world he discovers is both beautiful and grotesque in this adaptation by Gideon Lester based on Franz Kafka's first, unfinished novel that is a utopian vision of the future and a nightmare of capitalist excess, highlighting the little-known, more playful side of this great 20th-century master.

Arcadia, Publick Theatre, Christian Herter Park, Soldiers Field Road, 617-782-5425. Performances **through July 17: Sun, Wed & Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri & Sat at 8 p.m.** Tickets: \$30. The

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Bat Boy, The Musical, Provincetown Theatre Company, The Provincetown Inn, 1 Commercial St., Provincetown, 508-487-9793. *Performances beginning July 11: Mon–Wed at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$18–30.* This off-Broadway hit has played to sold out houses across the United States and London. Based on an actual story in *The Weekly World News*, this comedy/horror show about a half boy/half bat discovered in a cave in West Virginia traces his life journey as he tries to fit into small town life, falls in love and resists giving into prejudice.

Blue Man Group, Charles Playhouse, 74 Warrenton St., 617-931-2787 or 617-426-6912. *Performances: Wed & 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: \$46–56.* 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.

Cinderella, North Shore Music Theatre, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly, 978-232-7200. *Performances beginning July 12: Tue at 8 p.m., Wed at 2 and 8 p.m., Thu & Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$35–68.* Originally created for television by the legendary team of Rodgers and Hammerstein, this magical musical adaptation of the timeless fairy tale continues to enchant theatre audiences all over the world. This new production of the classic tale of love and transformation features dazzling special effects created exclusively for this unique theatre-in-the-round.

Dinner With Friends, Gloucester Stage Company, 267 East Main St., Gloucester, 978-281-4433. *Performances through July 17: Wed–Fri 8 at p.m., Sat at 4 and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$15–30.* Donald Margulies' bittersweet comedy is a delicate feast of the joys and sorrows that confront marriage in middle age. Tom and Beth and Gabe and Karen have been best friends for years, but when one couple faces divorce, loyalties are chosen, secrets are revealed and love is put to the test.

8-Track: The Sounds of the 70's, Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham, 781-279-2200. *Performances beginning July 7: Wed & Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 4 and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$18–32.* Four powerhouse performers and over 50 infectious songs make this revue a rousing, often hilarious, musical journey through the "forgotten decade" of the 1970s. Celebrate the greatest hits of the era from such artists as The Emotions, The Carpenters, Barry Manilow, Marvin Gaye, The Doobie Brothers, The Bee Gees, Helen Reddy, K.C. & The Sunshine Band and many, many more.

Frogz, Imago Theatre, American Repertory Theatre, Zero Arrow Theatre, Zero Arrow St., Cambridge, 617-547-8300. *Performances through July 10: Tue–Thu at 7 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 & 8 p.m., Sun at 2 & 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$40–50.* The acclaimed Imago Theatre of Portland, Ore. brings its aston-

ishing menagerie of wonder, whimsy and wackiness to Boston. Featuring penguins playing musical chairs, a cat trapped in a giant paper bag and orbs running wild in the audience, *Frogz* is a madcap revue of illusion, comedy and fun that, according to the *New York Times*, "opens the eyes to the possibilities of exploration in the vast realm of imagination."

A Girl Called Dusty, Provincetown Repertory Theatre, The Provincetown Theater, 238 Bradford St., Provincetown, 508-487-9793. *Performances beginning July 7: Sun, Tue–Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 5 and 9 p.m. Tickets: \$31.* Loosely based on the life of legendary pop singer Dusty Springfield, this new play delves into the psychological conflict between youthful dreams and the realities that follow. This uplifting drama includes such Springfield classics as "Son of a Preacher Man," "The Look of Love," "Wishin' and Hopin'" and "You Don't Have to Say You Love Me."

Hamlet, Commonwealth Shakespeare Company, Shakespeare on the Common, 617-532-1252. *Performances beginning July 16: Tue–Sat at 8 p.m., Sun at 7 p.m. Free on Boston Common.* Ghosts, murder and madness take over Boston Common when CSC brings William Shakespeare's most powerful tragedy to the picturesque environs of the country's oldest public park. Amesbury, Mass. native Jeffrey Donovan (*Hitch*, "Touching Evil") stars as Hamlet and film director Sam Weisman (*George of the Jungle*, *What's The Worst That Could Happen?*) plays Polonius.

The Lovers, Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theatre, next to the town Pier, Wellfleet, 508-349-6835. *Performances through July 12: Sun–Tue at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$25.* Two of Harold Pinter's most compelling plays, *The Lover* and *Ashes to Ashes*, are combined into a single riveting evening that explores the erotic cat-and-mouse game of modern marriage in this production directed by New Repertory Theatre artistic director Rick Lombardo.

Menopause the Musical, Stuart Street Playhouse, Radisson Hotel, 200 Stuart St., 800-447-7400. *Performances: Wed–Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 4 and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 and 5 p.m. Tickets: \$42.50.* This hilarious celebration of women and "the change" starts with four ladies at a Bloomingdale's lingerie sale who bond over their menopausal ailments—memory loss, brain skips, hot flashes, night sweats, not enough sex, too much sex and more. The joyful musical parodies 28 classic Baby Boomer songs.

Pippin, Turtle Lane Playhouse, 283 Melrose St., Newton, 617-244-0169. *Performances: Thu–Sat at 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$24, seniors (Thu only) & students (Fri only) \$17.* In a magical age where kings ruled and battles roared, Pippin searches to discover the secret of true happiness and fulfillment. This hip, tongue-in-cheek Stephen Schwartz (*Wicked*, *Godspell*) musical, winner of multiple Tony awards when it debuted in 1973, presents an anachronistic, fairy-tale world that continues to appeal, with such memorable songs as "Magic To Do" and "Morning Glow."

Pugilist Specialist, Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theatre, next to the town Pier, Wellfleet, 508-349-6835. *Performances through July 16: Wed–Sat at 8 p.m., Sun at 4 p.m. Tickets: \$25.* In this New England premiere by acclaimed young playwright Adriano Shaplin, Emma Stein, an ambitious explosives expert, is one of four highly trained U.S. Marines cherry-picked to complete a mission to eliminate a mustachioed Arab despot nicknamed "The Bearded Lady." Will her fierce idealism survive

against the legitimized brutality and unthinking obedience of the U.S. military?

Shear Madness, Charles Playhouse Stage II, 74 Warrenton St., 617-426-5225. *Performances: Tue–Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 6:30 and 9:30 p.m., Sun at 3 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$34–50.* Boston's hilarious whodunnit where the audience takes a stab at catching the killer. Become an armchair sleuth in the longest-running non-musical play in U.S. history.

The Syringa Tree, American Repertory Theatre, Loeb Drama Center, 64 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-547-8300. *Performances beginning July 15: Fri & Sat at 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m., Tue–Thu at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$36–72.* Returning after a sold-out run in January, this deeply personal story of an abiding love between two families—one white, one black—in 1960s South Africa spans four generations. Playwright and former A.R.T. company member Pamela Gien inhabits 24 characters, transforming from black to white, from old to young, revealing the complexities of her characters' dreams, struggles, losses and laughter.

TICKETS

Bostix, Faneuil Hall Marketplace and Copley Square, 617-723-5181. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m. (Faneuil Hall closed Mon); Sun 11 a.m.–4 p.m.* Information and tickets, including half-price seats on day of event, for the best performing arts around Boston. Subject to availability.

Explorers Pass, Available at 60 Rowes Wharf, 800-887-9103. *Pass price: \$35.* The pass offers free admission to 10 top Boston attractions—including the New England Aquarium, JFK Library and Boston Harbor Cruises—over a two-day period. Card holders are also entitled to preferred entry at select attractions and savings of up to 20% at shops and restaurants around the city.

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TRANSPORTATION

Boston By Boat, 617-422-0392. *10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat & Sun only. All-day adult fare: \$10, \$5 for children.* www.savetheharbor.org. Water shuttle runs every 45 minutes between the U.S.S. Constitution in Charlestown and the World Trade Center in South Boston, making stops near popular waterfront-area attractions.

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One thing that most guys who attended private or prep school don't miss about that period of their lives is their uniform. Then again, on the days where you can't decide what to wear, the whole uniform idea might not seem so bad. For those of you going through your closet wishing you had kept your prep school threads around, check out **Uniform**, where you can look good without reverting to school ties. Owner Gary Ritacco opened his shop in April to provide an alternative to pricier men's clothing stores while still offering trendy brands like Penguin, Lee, L.A.'s American Apparel and Blue Marlin. A one-stop shop of sorts, fellas can pick up everything from a pair of Wrangler jeans to skin care products to stylish furniture. Whatever you buy, Ritacco's style choices have to be an improvement over the Sisters of St. Mary's idea of proper attire. And Uniform is a safe-haven for any guy who wants to look good without busting the seams of his wallet. Boasting clothing that's unique, urbane and fashionable, this South End shop will have men looking anything but "uniform."

Boston is a shopper's paradise. You'll discover stores ranging from heavyweights like Filene's, Macy's, Saks Fifth Avenue and Giorgio Armani to unique, closet-sized boutiques. Whether your tastes run to exclusive designer creations or the casual, country look, handmade furniture or the latest electronic gadgetry, antique jewelry or superbly crafted leather goods, there's a store to fulfill every shopper's dream. The best way to grasp the city's diversity is simply to explore. The following pages describe the various shopping areas and provide a taste of what they offer.

NEWBURY STREET

One of the most popular shopping areas in the city, Newbury Street is the home of exclusive designer boutiques and high-end fashion shops, numerous

art galleries, interesting restaurants and cafes, beauty salons and spas, and unusual gift and jewelry shops.

Akris, 16 Newbury St., 617-536-6225. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.* Founded in Switzerland in 1922 by the Kriemler family, this design house is the only true couture house outside of Paris and Milan that has distinguished itself for its creative, elegant and modern fashions. Its designer collection for women is comprised of elegant, understated suits, coats, dresses and a selection of evening wear.

Allen-Edmonds, 36 Newbury St., 617-247-3363. *Mon-Sat 9:30 a.m.-6 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 tassels. 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. Available in 164 different size and width combinations.

Cartier, 40 Newbury St., 617-262-3300. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.* If diamonds are forever, the House of Cartier is timeless. With more than 150 years of experience as one of the world's leading luxury goods companies, Cartier is a symbol of prestige, glamour, innovation and quality. This premier jeweler offers a

dazzling display of diamonds, jewelry and accessories, including timepieces, silver, crystal, perfume, designer pens and leather accessories.

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

Ermenegildo Zegna, 39 Newbury St., 617-424-9300. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun noon-5 p.m.* Originally a small, family-run textile business transformed into a world leader in elegant men's clothing, this Italian design house has focused passionately on quality since its founding in 1910. Today, Zegna is a fourth-generation, family-run enterprise that boasts a tradition of designing and producing the finest in menswear by utilizing exclusive fabric designs. Zegna is also known for its vast, first-rate necktie selection.

The Hempst, 207 Newbury St., 617-421-9944. *Mon-Sat 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Sun noon-6 p.m.* The Hempst offers quite possibly the largest selection of hemp clothing and accessories in the country.

John Fluevog, 302 Newbury St., 617-266-1079. *Mon-Sat 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Sun 1-6 p.m.* This funky footwear retailer features shoes created by the maverick designer. His highly original creations range from mind-bending platforms to the classic black boot and his tried-and-true "Angels," placing him on the cutting edge of footwear design for both men and women. The Newbury Street locale is the only place in Boston to find a wide range of his styles.

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's Back Bay for more than 30 years. Using only solid precious metals and natural stones, he makes the jewelry in his own workshop and signs it with the unique John Lewis trademark. His aim is "to make jewelry at a reasonable price, of excellent workmanship and uncommon beauty." Jewelry designed by John Lewis is creative, professional and impressive—a statement of good taste and a constant delight to the wearer.

A Knit and Needlepoint Store by Mary Jo Cole, 11 Newbury St. (between Arlington and Berkeley streets), 617-536-9338; fax 617-536-9333. *Mon-Sat 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun by chance.* The fine art of handpainted needlepoint and gorgeous knitting yarns are showcased here. Individual instruction is available at a moment's notice from the knowledgeable staff and there is never a charge for lessons when the project is purchased here. Whatever your particular interest, Mary Jo Cole has a broad selection of patterns and materials from which to choose. Also offering fine finishing. Visit the website at www.needlepoint-boston.com.

Louis Boston, 234 Berkeley St., 617-262-6100. *Mon 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Tue & Wed 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thu-Sat 'til 7 p.m.* Housed in a historic Back Bay building that was once the New England Museum of Natural History, this Boston institution is



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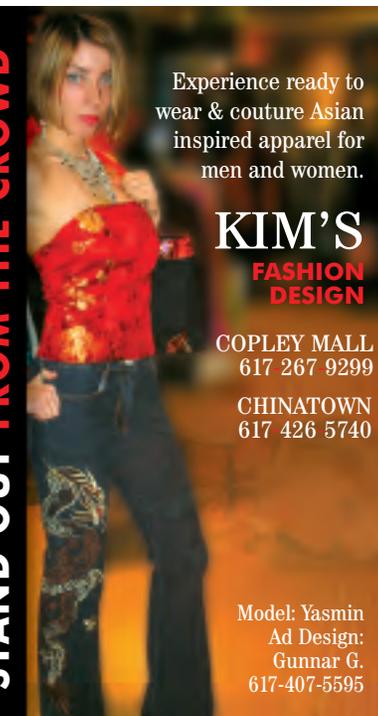


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MaxMara, 69 Newbury St., 617-267-9775. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Sun noon-6 p.m.* Founded in 1951 and with more than 1,000 stores worldwide, MaxMara is Italy's largest women's ready-to-wear manufacturer. Its hallmarks are luxurious fabrics, stylish silhouettes and hand detailing. MaxMara embodies the principles of truly great Italian fashion—classic design and excellent quality.

Newbury Comics, 332 Newbury St., 617-236-4930. *Mon-Thu 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m.; Sun 11 a.m.-8 p.m.* Also: Government Center, 1 Washington Mall, 617-248-9992; 36 JFK St. (in the Garage Mall), Harvard Square, Cambridge, 617-491-0337; 211 Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge, 617-491-7711. You'll have a "wicked good time" at this upstart local chain of music stores, which offers hand-down the cheapest CDs in town, including import, domestic, independent and major label releases. It also features an array of T-shirts, comic books, jewelry and other pop culture kitsch items.

Niketown, 200 Newbury St., 617-267-3400. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Sun noon-6 p.m.* An enormous temple to the Nike franchise, this sporting goods retailer proffers all things Nike, including footwear, apparel, equipment and accessories. The store features an homage to the Boston Marathon, seats from the old Boston Garden and autographed shoes from former Marathon champion Uta Pippig.

Pucker Gallery, 171 Newbury St., 617-267-9473. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sun 1-5 p.m.* Founded in 1967 as a showcase for the talents of Israeli artists, the gallery has displayed and sold a wide range of art across the United States, Canada and around the world, including works by Chagall, Picasso and Hundertwasser. Recent special exhibits include the distinctive work of Samuel Bak and Brother Thomas.

Rugby, 342 Newbury St., 617-247-2801. *Mon-Wed 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Thu-Sat 'til 8 p.m., Sun noon-6 p.m.* This casual clothing store from Ralph Lauren and features the latest in preppy couture, with edgy fashions aimed the college-aged set at prices lower than Lauren's traditional Polo gear.

Small Pleasures, 142 Newbury St., 617-267-7371; 92 State St., 617-722-9932. Newbury Street: *Mon-Sat 11 a.m.-6 p.m.*; State Street: *Mon-Fri 10 a.m.-5 p.m.* Specializing in antique jewelry and vintage watches, this unique store with locations in the Back Bay and the Financial District features watch brands like Rolex, Cartier and Tiffany and engagement rings from the 1920s, as well as custom design and repair services, all in an intimate Art Deco setting.

The Society of Arts and Crafts, 175 Newbury St., 617-266-1810. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun noon-5 p.m.* The oldest

nonprofit craft organization in the country, established in 1897. The Society specializes in contemporary American crafts, jewelry, furniture, glass and ceramics ranging from cutting edge to traditional, and from functional to sculptural. In addition to the retail crafts gallery, there is an exhibition gallery featuring four shows each year.

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

Virgin Megastore, 360 Newbury St., 617-896-0950. *Daily 10 a.m.-midnight.* The British music retail heavyweight chose Boston for its 22nd North American location. Three levels and more than 40,000 square feet of space feature thousands of books, CDs, videos and DVDs, as well as interactive listening kiosks and the Virgin Cafe on the top floor.

BACK BAY/BOYLSTON STREET

In the area framed by the Hynes Convention Center at one end and the famed jewelers Shreve, Crump & Low, the beautiful Public Garden and the bustling Theater District at the other, shoppers can find many department stores, bookshops, florists, jewelers and restaurants.

Adesso, 200 Boylston St., 617-451-2212. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun noon-5 p.m.* Adjoining Boston's Four Seasons Hotel and across from the Public Garden is one of America's leading resources for beautifully designed furniture, lighting and accessories. Adesso imports and stocks a vast range of Europe's finest designer products such as Ligne Roset, France, renowned for its beds, sofas and comfortable seating, and Alessi, Italy, famous for its stainless-steel teakettles and serving pieces.

Crate & Barrel, 777 Boylston St., 617-262-8700. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.-6 p.m.* Also: Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-742-6025; 48 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-876-6300. *Call for other location hours.* This fun yet sophisticated home fashions store features everything from kitchenware and furniture to flatware, glassware and bath and body accessories.

Copley Place, Copley Square, 617-369-5000. The magnificent Copley Place features more than 100 upscale stores, including Neiman Marcus, Tiffany & Co., Gucci, BOSS Hugo Boss and Williams-Sonoma. A variety of restaurants, including Legal Sea Foods, provide shoppers with many dining options. To receive a free Ultimate Shopping Excursions card, which offers savings at many Copley Place shops as well as at a number of nearby tourist attractions, stop by one of the customer service kiosks.

Copley Square Farmers' Market, Copley Square, along St. James Avenue (in front of Trinity Church), 781-893-8222. *Tue & Fri 11 a.m.-6 p.m.* Vendors from farms across the state of Massachusetts sell homegrown fruits, vegetables, breads, flowers and more from their farms.

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

Kim's Fashion Design, 2 Copley Place, Suite 200, 617-267-9299; 12 Kneeland St., Chinatown, 617-426-5740. Copley: *Daily 10 a.m.-9 p.m.*; Chinatown: *Daily noon-6 p.m.* Kim Pham, owner and seamstress of these unique stores, has been a driving force in the Asian fashion industry for over 20 years. As a child, Kim was introduced to the family business of custom design in a small shop in Vietnam, and her motivation and passion for the industry has only grown with time. Specializing in couture, Asian-inspired apparel for both men and women, Kim uses only the finest silks for each piece, with painstaking attention to detail and overall fit.

Lux Bond & Green, 416 Boylston St., 617-266-4747. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thu 'til 7 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.

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

Restoration Hardware, 711 Boylston St., 617-578-0088. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sun noon-6 p.m.* This unique hardware retailer features sleek, distinctive, high-quality items for the home—from classic home furnishings to lighting and kitchen accessories to garden supplies, tools, books, fixtures and other unique devices. Each product is imbued with the store's classic design, affordable pricing and whimsical product information.

Shreve, Crump & Low, 330 Boylston St., 617-267-9100. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.* Serving Bostonians since 1796, this tried-and-true Boston institution boasts of being the oldest continuously operating luxury business in the country. Its landmark art deco store is filled with cases of glittering diamonds, fine jewelry and watches. The galleries also offer silver, china, crystal, porcelain, stationery, furniture, antiques, giftware and much more.

The Shops at Prudential Center, 800 Boylston St., 1-800-SHOP-PRU. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.-6 p.m.* Located in the heart of Boston's Back Bay, The Shops at Prudential Center features over 75 shops and restaurants including The Cheesecake Factory, Legal Sea Foods, Saks Fifth Avenue, Ann Taylor, J. Jill and Alpha Omega Fine Jewelry and Watches. It is also home to the city's best tourist destinations, including Boston Duck Tours, Beantown Trolley and Boston's tallest skyscraper observatory, the Skywalk View and Exhibit.

Simon's Men's Clothing, 220 Clarendon St., between Newbury and Boylston, 617-266-2345. *Mon-Sat 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Wed & Thu 'til 7 p.m., Sun noon-5 p.m.* This store has been offering fine men's clothing at realistic prices for four generations and is the oldest family-run men's clothing store in

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Tall Girl Shop, 211 Berkeley St. at Boylston St., 617-424-7164. *Mon, Tue and Fri 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Wed and Thu 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* At Tall Girl, you'll find an incredible selection of fashions for taller women of all ages. Tall Girl fashions have been expertly proportioned to fit long-limbed women of sizes 6–22.

The Tannery, 402 Boylston St., 617-267-0899. *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–7 p.m.* Also: 11A Brattle St., Harvard Square, Cambridge, 617 491-0810. Serving customers since 1973, The Tannery is recognized as one of the world's best footwear stores. With locations in both Boston and Cambridge, The Tannery offers customers 200 of the top name brands to choose from, including Birkenstocks, Dansko, Ecco and Clarks.

CHARLES STREET

Charles Street is the main commercial area of historic Beacon Hill. Brick sidewalks, gas-lit street-

lamps, quaint stores, romantic restaurants and cozy cafes tucked away on every level of the brownstones make this one of the most charming areas in the city.

Black Ink, 101 Charles St., 617-723-3883; 5 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-497-1221. *Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* Trendy knick-knacks, from silk change purses to sensual candles to sushi-eating accessories, and nostalgic memorabilia such as tin lunch boxes can be found at this quirky, fun gift shop.

Devonia Antiques, 43 Charles St., 2nd floor, 617-523-8313. *Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–5 p.m., closed Wed & Sun.* Perched on "Antiques Row," this unique, 1,200-foot showroom specializes in antiques for the dining room, including an array of English porcelain, European stemware circa 1880 and hand-painted cabinet plates.

Helen's Leather, 110 Charles St., 617-742-2077. *Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Thu noon–8 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m. Closed Tue.* For more than 30 years, Helen's Leather has been supplying New Englanders with one of the area's largest selections of quality Western boots. Boot makers include Lucchese, Liberty, Tony Lama, Justin, Nocona and Frye. Along with the boots, Helen's also has a great selection of Western belts, buckles, shirts and Stetson hats, as well as a great selection of leather jackets and bags.

Koo de Kir, 34 Charles St., 617-723-8111. *Mon–Fri 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m.* This sleek home goods store exudes warmth and irreverence with its selection of

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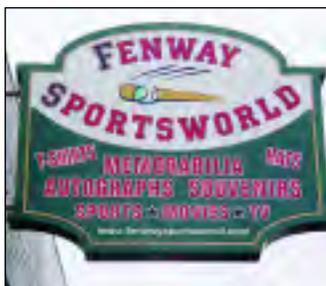
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Wish, 49 Charles St., 617-227-4441. *Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Thu ‘til 8 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* Proving you can find hip couture off Newbury Street, this fashion boutique is home to designers like Nanette Lapore, Rebecca Taylor and Jean Yu. The chic yet welcoming shop offers cashmere sweaters, pink chiffon dresses, rhinestone-detailed turtle-necks and beaded purses—all perfect for a night on the town.

DOWNTOWN CROSSING

Dynamic Downtown Crossing is jammed with stores and services of every conceivable nature. Streets are bricked over to form a pedestrian walkway where cars are not permitted during business hours. The area offers outdoor benches, street vendors and fast-food eateries that create a convenient shopping district.

The Corner Mall, corner of Winter and Washington streets. *Open daily.* One-stop shopping and eating in Downtown Crossing. Across from Filene’s Basement, you’ll find the latest styles at a variety of exciting shops, from Discovery Imports and Bath & Body Works to Lids and Aldo Shoe. In addition, the Corner Mall features an international food court offering eateries to please every palate, including Cafe La Brioche, Sakiko Japan, India Express and Bourbon Street Cafe.

Eddie Bauer, 500 Washington St., 617-423-4722. *Mon–Sat 9:30 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.* This local outlet of the renowned Seattle-based chain offers seasonal collections of fine-quality, casual apparel, footwear, travel gear and accessories for men and women, all at steep discounts from the regular retail prices.

Filene’s, 426 Washington St., 617-357-2100. *Mon–Sat 9:30 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.* Founded in Boston in 1851, Filene’s is New England’s premier department store, offering six floors of apparel and accessories for the entire family. Discover the latest collections from renowned designers such as Donna Karan, Calvin Klein, Ralph Lauren and Tommy Hilfiger as well as cosmetics and fragrances from Chanel and Lancôme and bed and bath products by Laura Ashley and Croscill.

Filene’s Basement, 426 Washington St., 617-542-2011. *Mon–Fri 9:30 a.m.–8 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.* There are certain “musts” for visitors to Boston: a ride on the Swan Boats, a tour of the Freedom Trail and a shopping trip to Filene’s Basement. For more than 90 years, the Basement has provided Boston shoppers with terrific bargains. The store’s automatic markdown system guarantees that the longer the item remains on the selling floor, the greater the discount.

H & M, 350 Washington St., 617-482-7081. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.* This youthful, cutting-edge European department store opened its Boston outpost in 2001. Its mantra of “fashion and quality at the best price” translates to inexpensive, trendy clothes for men and women. H & M scours the globe in search for the freshest, most up-to-date fashion trends in color, material and style.

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

T.J. Maxx, 350 Washington St., 617-695-2424. *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–7:30 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.* This discount retailer offers brand name and designer fashions for men, women, teens and kids, as well as accessories, fine jewelry and items for the home. Prices are slashed 20 to 60% off most department store rates. T.J. Maxx offers current trends of the highest quality.

FANEUIL HALL MARKETPLACE

Quincy Market, the centerpiece of Faneuil Hall Marketplace, was an early American marketplace filled with food and produce vendors. Now it houses countless stores, restaurants and snack counters. The North and South Markets are home to more than 125 stores where shoppers indulge in everything from jewelry and clothes to flowers and art.

Bill Rodgers Running Center, 353 North Market Place, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-723-5612. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–8:45 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* Owned by four-time Boston Marathon winner and legend Bill Rodgers, this footwear retailer is committed to helping runners of all levels choose the most suitable shoes, not just the bestselling or most expensive. Features include a vast selection of shoes, apparel and accessories along with an experienced, knowledgeable staff.

Haymarket, near Quincy Market/Faneuil Hall. *Open Fri and Sat from dawn to dusk.* A local institution, this open-air market harkens back to the pre-supermarket days when Bostonians bought their fruits, vegetables, meat, seafood and other foodstuffs from roadside stalls. Those pampered by the modern-day supermarket experience may experience culture shock from the loud and chaotic atmosphere and the throngs of shoppers, but the bargain prices are hard to beat and the character is distinctly old-school Boston.

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 pucharts and entertainment events unique to this wonderful area. Within walking distance are literally hundreds of other shops, restaurants, pubs and nightspots.

CAMBRIDGE/HARVARD SQUARE

Home of Harvard’s hallowed halls, this eclectic neighborhood is the heart of Cambridge. This mecca of stores includes an array of small bookshops, clothing stores, quaint coffee houses and restaurants.

Alpha Omega, 1380 Mass. Ave., Harvard Square, Cambridge, 617-864-1227. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Thu ‘til 7 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* Also: The Shops at Prudential Center, 800 Boylston St., 617-494-9030. Dedicated to the art of timekeeping, Alpha Omega is an authorized agent for more than 20 prestigious watch brands including Akteo, Bertolucci, Breitling, Georg Jensen, Movado, Omega, Rado, Seiko, Alain Silberstein, TAG Heuer and Raymond Weil. Don’t miss the exceptional collection of jewels, gold and platinum treasures or the new and vintage Swatch collection.

CambridgeSide Galleria, 100 CambridgeSide Place, Cambridge, 617-621-8666. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9:30 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.* Conveniently located at the Lechmere stop on the Green Line, this three-level mall features department stores such as Filene’s, Sears and Best Buy, as well as more than 100 other stores and specialty shops including the largest Gap in Boston, Abercrombie & Fitch, J. Crew, Old Navy, Borders, Victoria’s Secret and more.

The Coop at Harvard Square, 1400 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 617-499-2000. Harvard Book Building: *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–10 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–9 p.m.* Brattle/Palmer Building: *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun noon–7 p.m.* Founded by Harvard students

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The Garment District, 200 Broadway, Cambridge, 617-876-5230. *Sun–Tue 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Wed–Fri ‘til 8 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.–7 p.m.* A vintage clothing-lover’s paradise, this two-level thrift warehouse is a local institution. The offerings include an array of corduroys, painter pants and vintage Levi’s; knock-off designer dresses; ironic old-school T-shirts; ‘70s go-go boots; and more polyester than at a convention of used-car salesmen. The ambitious (or desperate) among you can sift through the mounds of clothing at the downstairs Dollar-A-Pound.

Stonestreets, 1276 Mass. Ave., Harvard Square, Cambridge, 617-547-3245. *Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* This sophisticated men’s clothier is one of the area’s most revered establishments. You’ll discover a casual-yet-refined collection of Italian and American designers. The knowledgeable staff will make sure that you find the proper garment, superbly tailored to your specifications.

Tower Records, 95 Mt. Auburn St., Harvard Square, Cambridge, 617-876-3377. *Sun–Thu 10 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat ‘til midnight.* This music superstore features everything from CDs, tapes and records to videos, books and periodicals. Its music selection runs the gamut from classical to country to current pop, rock and soul sounds.

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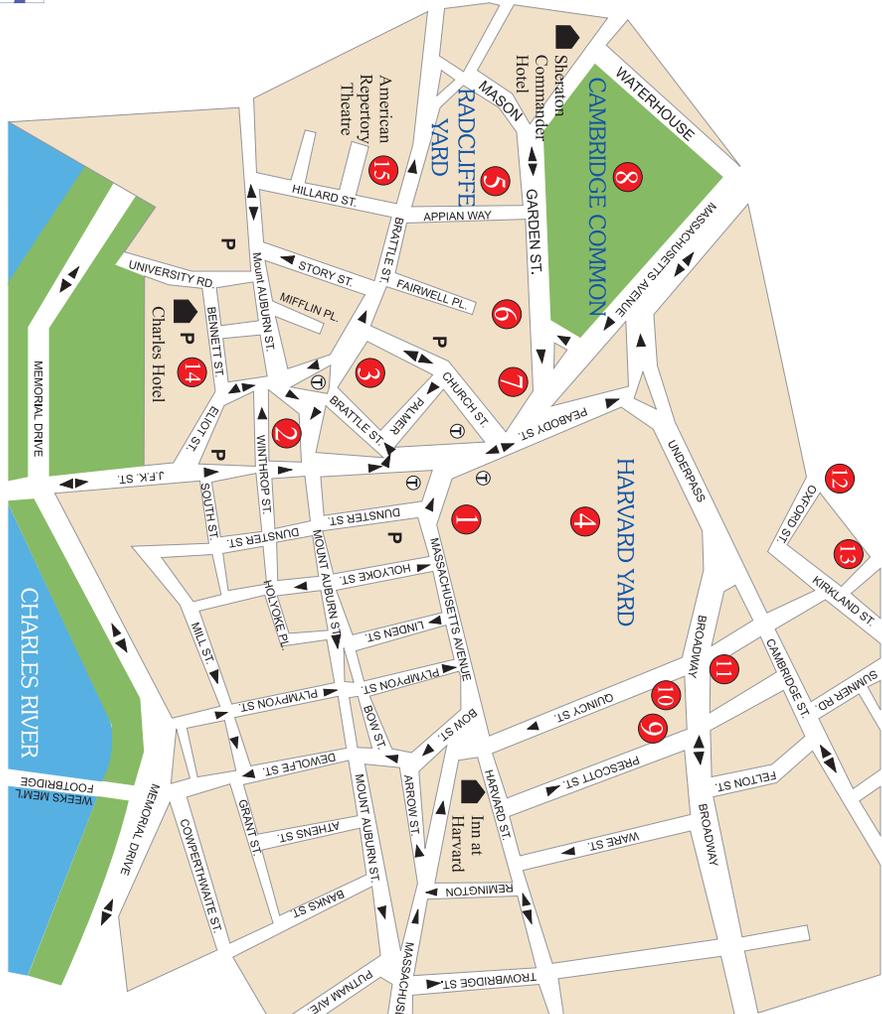
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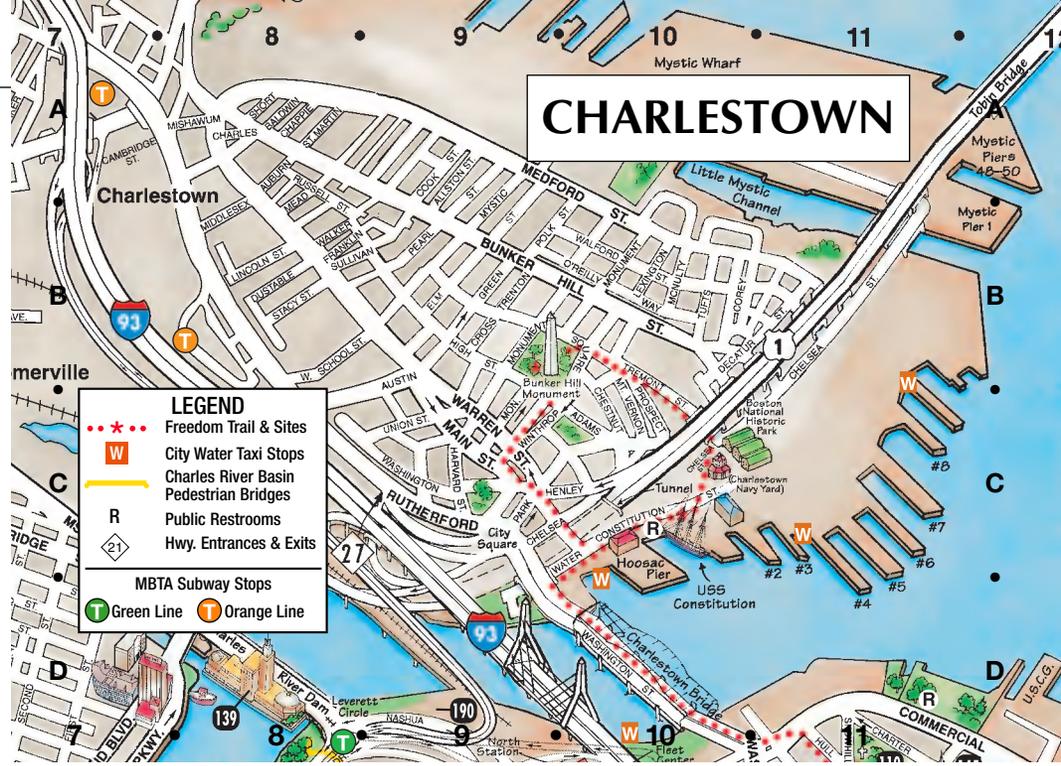
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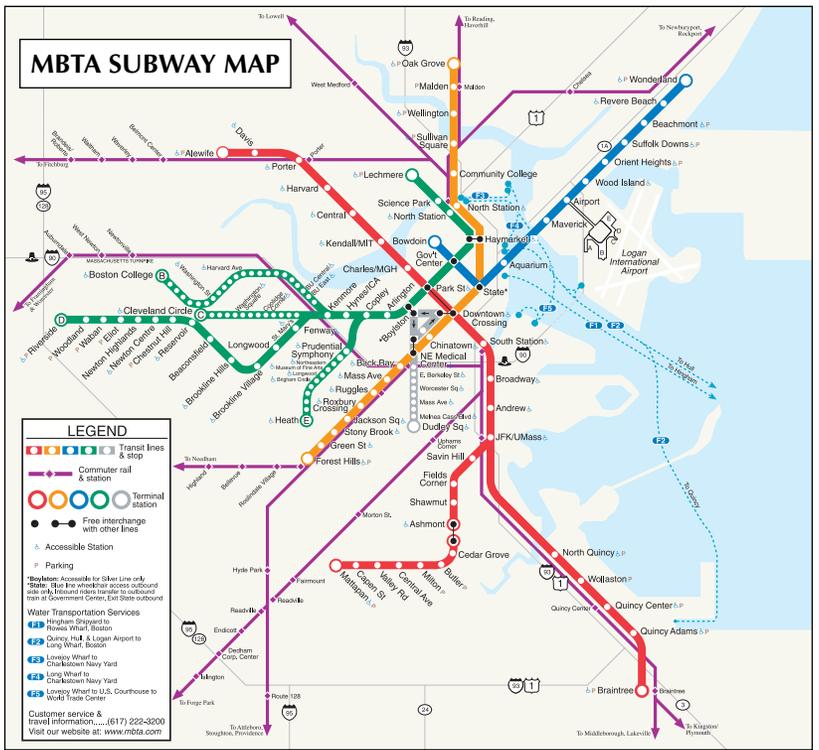
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Annie Mae Young, Work Clothes quilt, with center medallion of strips, 1976

A STITCH in Time

by Scott Roberto

Modern art can sometimes come from the unlikelyst of places. One such locale—the tiny, remote community of Gee's Bend in Alabama, bordered on three sides by a sweeping curve in the Alabama River—serves as the point of origin of the acclaimed travelling exhibit **The Quilts of Gee's Bend**, which takes up residence at the **Museum of Fine Arts through August 21**. Consisting of 65 vibrant, hand-made quilts created since 1930, the exhibit showcases the work of four generations of slave-descended, African-American female quilters who toiled in relative isolation from the outside world. Despite this fact, this tight-knit group has stitched together a remarkable body of work—mostly from the remnants of old clothes and sheets—that rivals the best in 20th century abstract art. The lively geometric patterns featured in the show have been dazzling onlookers since 2002, when the exhibit debuted at the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston. Refer to listing, page 46.

BOSTON

Boston Children's Museum, Museum Wharf, 300 Congress St., 617-426-8855. Open daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri 'til 9 p.m. Admission: \$9; children (2–15) & seniors \$7; children (one-year-olds only) \$2; children (under 1) free; Fri 5–9 p.m. (Family Night) \$1. The museum features a variety of educational and entertaining activities for children, including interactive exhibits that allow children to learn about science, history and culture through hands-on experience. Special exhibits: Pattern Wizardry explores the wonderland of colors, shapes and sound; Adventures with Clifford The Big Red Dog; Boats Afloat allows kids to explore urban water environments; Boston Black: A City Connects celebrates Boston's many black cultures; Airplay illustrates the amazing powers of air; access/ABILITY educates people about living with disabilities. Refer to Kids Corner in Currently for special events.

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Commonwealth Museum, Massachusetts Archives Building, 220 Morrissey Blvd., 617-727-9268. Mon–Fri from 9 a.m.–5 p.m., sec-

ond and fourth Sat of the month 'til 3 p.m. (except holiday weekends). Free admission. Across from the JFK Library, this museum houses the collection of the Massachusetts Archives and is ideal for fans of history or genealogy. Special exhibits: John Adams: Atlas of American Independence; Archaeology of the Central Artery Project: Highway to the Past.

Gibson House Museum, 137 Beacon St., 617-267-6338. Open Wed–Sun for guided tours at 1, 2 & 3 p.m. Admission: \$7; students & seniors \$5; children \$2. A National Historic Landmark, the Gibson House, completed in 1860, is an unspoiled, single-family Victorian row house in the Back Bay. Now a museum offering guided tours of its four floors, the house retains a perfectly preserved 19th century kitchen, scullery, butler's pantry and water closets, as well as formal rooms and private family quarters filled with the Gibsons' original furniture and personal possessions. Special exhibit: Nan Freeman, Drawings: Treasures from the Gibson House Museum.

Institute of Contemporary Art, 955 Boylston St., 617-266-5152. Open Tue, Wed & Fri noon–5 p.m., Thu 'til 9 p.m.; Sat & Sun 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: \$7; students & seniors \$5; children (under 12) free; Thu 5–9 p.m. free. Installations of contemporary paintings, sculptures and photographs change regularly. Special exhibits: Getting Emotional, expressive artwork by 32 international artists, including Nan Goldin, John Currin, Andy Warhol and Barbara Kruger; Momentum 4: Roe Ethridge, the New-York based photographer explores genre and narrative; opening July 2 at the

Charlestown Navy Yard—The Secret Ark of Icon Park, an installation by Jerry Beck.

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, 280 The Fenway, 617-566-1401. Open Tue–Sun 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: \$10; weekends \$11; seniors \$7; students with I.D. \$5; children (under 18) free. Visitors named Isabella are admitted free. Commissioned by Boston aristocrat Isabella Stewart Gardner and modeled after a 15th-century Venetian palace, the museum exhibits 2,500 objects, including the works of Rembrandt, Botticelli, Raphael, Titian and Matisse. Special exhibit: Stray Dogs: Danijel Zezelj presents his contemporary poetic illustrations which explore life's dark side.

John F. Kennedy Library and Museum, off Morrissey Boulevard, next to UMass Boston, Dorchester, 1-877-616-4599. www.jfklibrary.org. Open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: \$10; students & seniors \$8; children (13–17) \$7; children (under 12) free. This museum portrays Kennedy's life, leadership and legacy in 21 exhibits, three theaters, 20 video presentations and more. Special exhibits: JFK in World War II, featuring a selection of materials from JFK's military service in the South Pacific; Presents for a President and a First Lady, a display of 65 state gifts presented to the President and Mrs. Kennedy by foreign leaders from around the world.

Larz Anderson Auto Museum, Larz Anderson Park, 15 Newton St., Brookline, 617-522-6547. Open Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: \$5; students, seniors and children (6–18) \$3; children (5 and under) free. Admission to the Lawn events: \$7; children \$5. Fee includes admission to all museum exhibits. The oldest collection of historic automobiles in the nation is displayed in the owner's original home. Special exhibit: L'automobile—A Century of Innovation and Style celebrates the French automobile industry. Lawn events: July 9 at 1 p.m.—Micro and Mini Car Day; July 15 at 8 p.m.—An evening of music from Jake Amerding; July 17 at 8 p.m.—American Muscle Day.

McMullen Museum of Art, Boston College, 140 Commonwealth Ave., Chestnut Hill, 617-552-8100. Open Mon–Fri 11 a.m.–3 p.m., Sat noon–5 p.m. Free admission. This museum is lauded for presenting interdisciplinary exhibits that spark new questions and is renowned for its European, Asian and American collections. Gallery tours held every Fri at 12:30 p.m. Special exhibit: through July 12—Tree: A New Vision of the American Forest, photographs by James Balog.

The Museum of Afro-American History, African Meeting House, 46 Joy St. (corner of Smith Court), Beacon Hill, 617-725-0022. www.afroammuseum.org. Open Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Free admission; donations welcome. Explore the history of Boston's 19th-century African-American community at the African Meeting House, the oldest African-American church still standing in the United States. In addition, there are tour maps available for the Black Heritage Trail. Special exhibit: Learning from the Past: Revisiting the Abiel Smith School, 1835–1855. Special event: July 16 from noon to 3 p.m.—Annual Freedom Day Culture Fest.

The Museum of the National Center of Afro-American Artists, 300 Walnut Ave., Roxbury, 617-442-8614. Open Tue–Sun 1–5 p.m.; by appointment for groups. Admission: \$4;

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Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Ave., 617-267-9300. *Open Sat–Tue 10 a.m.–4:45 p.m., Wed–Fri 10 a.m.–9:45 p.m. (Thu & Fri after 5 p.m., west wing only). Admission (includes two visits in a 10-day period): \$15; college students & seniors \$13; Thu & Fri after 5 p.m., \$2 discount; Wed after 4 p.m., pay as you wish; children (under 18) \$6.50 on weekdays before 3 p.m., free at all other times. Separate ticketing for Gund Gallery exhibit.* The museum houses an outstanding collection of paintings, prints, sculptures, furnishings and other artwork from ancient times through the present, and boasts the most comprehensive collection of Asiatic art in the world. Special exhibits: Photographs by Hiroshi Sugimoto; The Sylvan Barnet and William Burto Collection; Future Retro: Drawings from the Great Age of American Automobiles; The Quilts of Gee's Bend; **opening July 9**—Sounds of the Silk Road: Musical Instruments of Asia.

Museum of Science, Science Park, 617-723-2500. *Open daily from 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri 'til 9 p.m. Admission: \$14; seniors \$12; children (3–11) \$11; children (under 3) free. Planetarium, laser show and Omni theater tickets: \$8.50; seniors \$7.50; children (3–11) \$6.50. Combination ticket prices and evening discounts available.* Interactive science exhibits, plus laser and astronomy shows in the Charles Hayden Planetarium. Special exhibits: Brain: The World Inside Your Head, a traveling exhibit presenting the latest research on the brain; Beyond the X-Ray; Butterfly Garden, *ticketed separately: \$4*; Playing by the Rules: Fish, Fads and Fireflies. At the Mugar Omni Theater: Summer of Adventure Film Series: *Mystery of the Nile; Everest; Shackleton's Antarctic Adventure; Lewis & Clark: Great Journey West; and Coral Reef Adventure. Refer to Currently section under Film for complete Mugar Omni Theater listings.* Showing at the Planetarium: *Countdown to Supernova.* At the Wright 3D Theater: *Blue Magic; Bugs!*

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

U.S.S. Constitution Museum, Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, 617-426-1812. *Open daily 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Free admission.* The museum preserves the treasures of "Old Ironsides," the U.S. Navy's flagship and the world's oldest commissioned warship. Includes weapons, documents, journals and more. Interactive exhibits allow visitors to load and fire a cannon, try out a sailor's sleeping quarters and virtually command the *Constitution* in battle. Special event: **through July 4** from 11 a.m.–4 p.m.—Boston Harborfest hosts an interactive production of the ship's history; **July 4** from 10 a.m.–1 p.m.—Fourth of July Harbor Cruise, tickets: \$60, children (under 12) \$35.

CAMBRIDGE

Due to limited parking, it's best to take the Red Line when traveling to Harvard, Central or Kendall squares. The Cambridge Discovery Booth located at the Harvard Square "T" entrance provides additional information. Please note that numbered sites correspond to the map of Harvard Square on page 36.

Busch-Reisinger Museum (9), Werner Otto Hall, 32 Quincy St. (enter through the Fogg Art Museum), 617-495-9400. *Open Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun 1–5 p.m. Tours: Mon–Fri at 1 p.m. Admission: \$6.50; seniors & college students \$5; children (under 18) free; free Sat 10 a.m.* A museum devoted to promoting the enjoyment and critical understanding of Central and Northern European artists, with an emphasis on German-speaking countries. Special exhibit: Extra Ordinary Every Day: The Bauhaus at the Busch-Reisinger.

Fogg Art Museum (10), Quincy and Broadway streets, 617-495-9400. *Tours: Mon–Fri at 11 a.m.; see Busch-Reisinger Museum for hours and admission fees.* The museum displays European and American masterpieces from the Middle Ages to the present and hosts concerts and guided tours.

Harvard Museum of Natural History (12), 26 Oxford St., 617-495-3045. *Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: \$7.50; college students & seniors \$6; children (3–18) \$5; free Sun 9 a.m.–noon and Wed 3–5 p.m.* Among the museum's 17 galleries is the internationally acclaimed Ware Collection of Blaschka Glass Models of Plants, a unique collection of over 3,000 glass flower models created between 1886 and 1936. Special exhibits: Dodos, Trilobites & Meteorites: Treasures of Nature and Science at Harvard; Romancing the Stone: The Many Facets of Tourmaline; Thoreau's Walden: A Journey in Photographs by Scot Miller.

MIT List Visual Arts Center, 20 Ames St., 617-253-4680. *Tue–Sun noon–6 p.m.; Fri 'til 8 p.m. Free admission.* One of Boston's premier showcases for contemporary art, the List Center reflects MIT's position as a cutting-edge research institution by presenting works from the world's leading contemporary artists. Special exhibit: **through July 10**—Sturtevant: The Brutal Truth.

The MIT Museum, 265 Mass. Ave., 617-253-4444. *Tue–Fri 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat & Sun noon–5 p.m. Admission: \$5; students, seniors & youth (5–18) \$2.* Exhibits interpret themes and ideas related to MIT research and activities. Special exhibits: InvenTeams Showcase, a display of selected inventions by high school students; **through July 10**—The Clipper Ship Era.

Sackler Museum (11), Quincy and Broadway streets, 617-495-9400. *Tours: Mon–Fri at 2 p.m.; see Busch-Reisinger Museum for hours and admission fees.* Designed by James Stirling, Britain's famous post-modernist architect, the museum houses ancient Oriental and Islamic collections. Special exhibit: Forging the New: East Asian Painting in the 20th Century.

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: \$8; seniors & students with I.D. \$7; 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: David Sibley's Birds. Special event: **July 5** at 1 p.m.—Summer Museum Story Hour, A Little Bird Told Me, an adult/child program featuring a different bird-related story and activity each week.

DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park, 51 Sandy Pond Road, Lincoln, 781-259-8355. *Museum: Tue–Sun 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: \$9; seniors, students & children (6–12) \$6. Sculpture Park: open sunrise to sunset, free admission.* Tour one of the largest contemporary art museums and the only permanent public sculpture park in New England. Special exhibits: The 2005 DeCordova Annual Exhibition; Collection Highlight: Makoto Yabe; Abstract Elements: The Dr. Beatrice H. Barrett Collection of Art.

National Heritage Museum, 33 Marrett Road, Lexington, 781-861-6559. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sun noon–5 p.m. Free admission.* Devoted to presenting exhibitions on American history and popular culture as a way of preserving our national heritage. Special exhibits: Old Glory: July 1942 Magazine Covers; Teenage Hoboes in the Great Depression: Materials from the Uys Family Collection; Memories of World War II: Photographs from the Archives of the Associated Press.

Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem, 866-745-1876. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: \$13; seniors \$11; students \$9; children (16 and under) free.* The nation's oldest contin-

ually operating museum boasts a brand-new wing with a 190-seat auditorium and a glass-covered atrium. The collection showcases African, Asian, Pacific Island and American folk and decorative art; a maritime collection dating back to the museum's earliest days; and the first collection of Native American art in the hemisphere. Special exhibits: In Nature's Company; Air Lines; The Art of Shopping in China; Carved by Nature: Untamed Traditions in Chinese Decorative Art; Yin Yu Tang, the 16-bedroom home of a prosperous Chinese merchant of the Qing Dynasty (1644–1911), *ticketed separately: \$4*; **opening July 16**—The Kingdom of Siam, The Art of Central Thailand 1350–1800.

The Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University, 415 South St., Waltham, 781-736-3434. *Tue–Sun noon–5 p.m. Admission: \$3; museum members and children (under 16) free.* The Rose boasts a collection of modern and contemporary art by artists including de Kooning, Rauschenberg and Warhol. Special exhibits: Xavier Veilhan: The Photorealist Project; Double Take: Photorealism from the 1960s and '70s; Anri Sala: Dammi i Colori. Special event: **July 9** at 2 p.m.—Gallery talk with Raphaela Platow and Stephanie Molinar.

Salem Witch Museum, 19½ Washington Square North, Salem, 978-744-1692. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: \$6.50; seniors \$6; children (6–14) \$4.50.* 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.

PANORAMA'S PICK



Hannah Mahoney

LIGHT Up the Night by Diana Aramburu

After navigating your way through street performers, bargain hunters and crowded beaches this summer, you might need a moment to catch your breath. Though the word “festival” doesn’t usually equal “relaxation,” **Forest Hills Cemetery’s 7th annual Lantern Festival on July 14 from 6–9 p.m.** promises a day that combines lively performances with quiet reflection. The Lantern Festival is based on Japan’s Bon Festival, a 500-year-old Buddhist tradition where the living pay their respect to their ancestors by setting candle-lit lanterns afloat to represent the soul’s journey after death. Participants can make their own lanterns, adorning them with words and/or drawings, and calligraphers are also on hand to inscribe characters representing hope, love and eternal peace. At sunset, candles are lit inside each lantern and set afloat on the cemetery’s lake. Though a solemn event, visitors to the cemetery can picnic, dance and enjoy music from the Samurai Taiko Drummers led by Master Tsuii, and The VariAsians, an a capella singing group. *Refer to listing, page 53.*

NEIGHBORHOODS

Back Bay. Once a low-lying harbor basin flooded at high tide, the Back Bay was transformed by the massive landfill projects of the 19th century. The project took some 50 years to complete, but the result was one of the most beautiful neighborhoods in the world. Marked by its regal brownstones, tree-lined thoroughfares and alphabetically arranged street names, the Back Bay is home to Newbury Street (“the East Coast’s own Rodeo Drive”), Copley Square and the Boston Public Library.

Beacon Hill. The Hub’s reputation as one of the most European of American cities is most likely earned by the neighborhood of Beacon Hill. Louisburg Square takes you back to London circa 1600, and the area’s narrow cobblestone streets, brownstones and gas-lit streetlamps all add to its “old world” charm. Beacon Hill boasts the quaint shops of Charles Street, the nearby Boston Common and the Massachusetts State House with its eye-catching golden dome.

Brookline. The birthplace of former President John F. Kennedy, this Green Line-accessible borough, which is practically part of Boston, has also spawned such prominent personalities as Mike Wallace of “60 Minutes” fame and late night talk show kingpin Conan O’Brien. It is also home to the art-house movie palace Coolidge Corner Theatre, a wide range of dining options and bucolic Larz Anderson Park, which contains an auto museum.

Cambridge. This city on the other side of the Charles River is home to two world-renowned institutions of higher learning:

Harvard University, the oldest college in the country, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. A bastion of American liberalism, Cambridge is also known for its diverse squares—Harvard, Central, Kendall, Porter and Inman—which boast a flock of cultural, historic, shopping and dining attractions.

Charlestown. This neighborhood’s legacy dates back to the Revolutionary War, when it was the site of the Battle of Bunker Hill. The battle is memorialized by the Bunker Hill Monument, a towering white obelisk overlooking the harbor. Charlestown also hosts the *U.S.S. Constitution*, which is docked at the Boston National Historical Park. Long considered an insular Irish community, Charlestown has grown more diverse thanks to real estate developers and the opening of several popular bars and restaurants, such as Todd English’s landmark eatery, Olives.

Chinatown. Once regarded as a pale version of the Chinatowns in New York and San Francisco, Boston’s focal point for Asian and Asian-American culture contains a wealth of shops selling Asian imports and groceries, as well as countless eateries offering regional cuisine and late hours, making it one of the best places to go for an after-midnight meal.

Downtown/Financial District. One of Boston’s most active urban centers, this area encompasses Government Center, the Financial District, Downtown Crossing and the newly dubbed Ladder District, an area known for its wide array of bars and restaurants that cater to the after-work and pre-theater crowds. Downtown Crossing is a blend of commerce and

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PANORAMA'S PICK DAY TRIP

Blast to the PAST by Matt Karr

It's no surprise to Bostonians that the local PBS affiliate airs a bevy of programs dedicated to the hunt for the perfect antique: For more than 40 years, we've seen those obsessed with all things old and unusual storm the south central border of the state in search of the ideal treasure at **The Brimfield Antiques & Collectibles Show**, which is held this summer from **July 5-10**. Since 1959, this six-day-long fair has attracted droves of visitors to a mile-long stretch of Brimfield, Mass., just off the Mass Pike along Route 20, temporarily ballooning the quaint little town's population of 3,000 to more than 30,000—and that's not even counting the more than 5,000 antiques dealers who set up shop there. From dawn 'til dusk, fair-goers from all over the world create a carnival-like atmosphere, where shopping, food and fun abound. On-site shippers are available to transport your purchases to their new homes, and porters can help you carry those larger finds. With this display of tradition you can blast into the past, and even take some history home with you. *Refer to listing, page 24.*

culture, with street vendors and shopping at department stores like Macy's and the world-famous Filene's Basement standing alongside historical sites such as the Old South Meeting House and Old City Hall. Government Center, home to the current City Hall and its surrounding Plaza, lies adjacent to historic Faneuil Hall Marketplace.

The Fenway. Named for the Fens, the green parkland that winds its way through the neighborhood, the Fenway is home to Fenway Park, the legendary ballpark that hosts Beantown's beloved Red Sox. It is also a mecca of clubs (on Lansdowne Street), sports bars and restaurants. Several of the city's prominent cultural institutions, including the Museum of Fine Arts, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and Symphony Hall, are located nearby.

Jamaica Plain. One of the city's most diverse areas, "J.P." contains thriving Latin-American, African-American, Irish and gay communities and is home to Jamaica Pond and Arnold Arboretum, two of the city's finest green spaces. Once a "country resort" area for Boston Brahmins, the neighborhood boasts striking 19th-century mansions on the streets closest to the Pond and eclectic shops and restaurants along Centre Street.

North End. Boston's own "Little Italy," the North End's uniquely European character is exemplified by narrow streets, cobblestone sidewalks and brick rowhouses. Although gentrification has changed the face of the neighborhood, the North End is still home to the best Italian dining in the city. The Old North Church, the Paul Revere House and Copp's Hill Burial Ground—all of which are stops on the Freedom Trail—are located here.

Roxbury is one of the city's earliest settlements, founded by English colonists in 1630. Today, it is the heart of Boston's African-American community and is home to such landmarks as Mission Church, a massive, Romanesque-style basilica built in 1876; Franklin Park, a vast greenspace designed by famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted that contains a zoo and golf course; and the Museum of the National Center for Afro-American Artists, which displays a wide range of works by black artists.

Somerville. Just northeast of Cambridge, the city of Somerville has long attracted students, artists and musicians with its low rents, proximity to Tufts and Harvard universities and easy access to the "T," adding a creative flair to this traditionally blue-collar area. Activity focuses around two commercial centers, Union and Davis squares, which feature a wide array of ethnic restaurants, cafes, galleries and shops.

South Boston. "Southie," as this neighborhood is commonly called, is a community bordered by Boston Harbor, the Financial District and Dorchester. The popular recreational spot Castle Island is home to historic Fort Independence. The Fort Point Channel area is known as an artists' enclave and is also home to the Boston Children's Museum. The fast-developing Seaport District, including Fish Pier, contains seafood restaurants, the World Trade Center Boston and the new Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. But the heart of "Southie" is its boisterous Irish community, which hosts a renowned annual St. Patrick's Day parade along Broadway.

South End. Every city has a neighborhood that is a locus for cutting-edge art and culture. In New York, it's SoHo. In San Francisco,

it's the Haight. In Boston, it's the South End. Brimming with art galleries, unique shops, bookstores and some of the hottest restaurants in the city, the South End is definitely where it's at.

AMUSEMENT PARKS

5Wits, 186 Brookline Ave., 617-375-WITS. Sun & Mon 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Wed & Thu 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Fri & Sat 11 a.m. to midnight. Tickets: \$12-20. Combining the appeals of theme parks, museums and haunted houses, 5Wits provides visitors with action-packed interactive game-play and puzzle-solving activities. Current show: *Tomb*, which allows players to journey to the center of a buried pharaoh's final resting place, facing challenges and obstacles along the way.

Six Flags New England, 1623 Main St. (Rte. 159 South), Agawam, 413-786-9300. Open daily 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Tickets: \$41.99, seniors \$26.99, kids \$25.99; after 4 p.m., \$24.99. Part of one of the nation's top amusement park chains, Six Flags New England is the region's largest option for thrills and chills from humongous roller coasters, water rides and more—including the Superman: Ride of Steel and the brand-new Mr. Six's Pandemonium.

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Charles River Boat Tours, depart from CambridgeSide Galleria and The World Trade Center, 617-621-3001. Call for full schedule and ticket prices. Enjoy daily 60-minute sightseeing tours of Boston and Cambridge along the Charles River, or venture out into Boston Harbor for a view of the city. Private charters also available.

Gondola di Venezia Tours, Charles River Esplanade, 1-866-2-VENICE. Tours: Wed-Sun 2-11 p.m. Tickets: Traditional Tours \$69 for two; Sunset Tours (without accordion player) \$99 for two, (with accordion player) \$139 for two; Bellissimo Tours \$219 for two; all tours \$15 each additional person. Tours depart from beneath the Arthur Fiedler Footbridge on the Esplanade. With authentic Venetian gondolas and an Old World approach to romance, these picturesque rides along the Esplanade Lagoon feature complimentary snacks.

Liberty Fleet of Tall Ships, departs daily from Long Wharf, 617-742-0333. *Daily sails at noon, 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tickets: \$30, children \$18.* Come aboard to relive the days of Boston Tall Ships. Take the wheel, set the sails or just sit back and enjoy the sights and beauty of Boston Harbor and her islands. Full cash bar available.

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

Odyssey Cruises, departs daily from Rowes Wharf, 1-888-741-0281. *Brunch: Sat & Sun daily noon-2 p.m. Tickets: \$42-48. Lunch: Mon-Fri noon-2 p.m. Tickets: \$37. Dinner: Mon-Thu 7-10 p.m., Fri & Sat 8-11 p.m., Sun 6-9 p.m. Tickets: \$78-92. Boarding begins one hour prior to departure. Prices include meal. Midday and moonlight cruises also available.* Cruise historic Boston Harbor while enjoying lunch, brunch or dinner aboard this elegant cruise ship. Three lavish decks offer a myriad of entertainment choices, from jazz to contemporary music, and every on-deck stroll reveals the glorious Boston skyline.

SIGHTS OF INTEREST

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

Arnold Arboretum, 125 Arborway, Jamaica Plain, 617-524-1718. *Grounds open year-round, 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, all labeled for your perusal.

Boston Athenaeum, 10½ Beacon St., 617-227-0270. *Member hours: Tue-Fri 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Mon 'til 8 p.m. Public 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.

Boston Public Garden, bordered by Arlington, Charles, Beacon and Boylston streets. *Open daily dawn to dusk.* Established in 1837, the Public Garden is the nation's first public botanical garden. Its 24 acres are filled with scenic and diverse greenery, as well as sculptures, including one that commemorates the popular children's book *Make Way for Ducklings*. Other fixtures

include the Lagoon, home to the famed Swan Boats from April through Labor Day, and a suspension bridge designed as a miniature replica of the Brooklyn 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 offered Mon at 2:30 p.m., Tue & Thu at 6 p.m., Fri & Sat at 11 a.m.* The first publicly supported municipal library in the world hosts one million visitors a year who come to view this architectural masterpiece and its collection of more than five million books. Film festivals, exhibits and children's programs run throughout the year.

Boston Tea Party Ship and Museum, Congress Street Bridge, 617-338-1773. **Temporarily closed due to fire damage.** This replica of the famous ship, being repaired off-site, remains an indelible token of patriotism on the site of the "single most important event leading to the American Revolution." On a cold evening in 1773, a group of colonists led by the Sons of Liberty snuck aboard a British ship and threw hundreds of chests of tea into Boston Harbor in protest of taxation without representation.

Bunker Hill Pavilion, Boston National Historical Park Visitors Center, Charlestown, 617-242-5601. Located yards from the U.S.S. Constitution. *Visitor center and bookstore open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monument open daily from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Free admission.* Check out "Whites of Their Eyes," a dramatic multimedia presentation of the Battle of Bunker Hill, one of the first major battles of the Revolution. Or climb the nearby Bunker Hill Monument, a 221-foot granite obelisk.

Charles River Esplanade, 617-635-4305. This tree-lined park along the Charles River basin is a popular spot for leisurely strolls and picnics as well as recreational activities. Sports enthusiasts are drawn to the 17-mile biking, jogging and walking path between the Museum of Science and Watertown, while others flock to the water to sail, windsurf, canoe or kayak. The nearby DCR Hatch Shell frequently hosts concerts and films, as well as performances by the world-famous Boston Pops.

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

Emerald Necklace, parks throughout Boston, 617-635-7487. *Free guided tours by appointment only.* This world-famous string of parks that runs through the city was the brainchild of renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, and took almost 20 years to complete. The six green spaces—Back Bay Fens, Riverway, Olmsted Park, Jamaica Pond, Arnold Arboretum and Franklin Park—stretch five miles from the Charles River to Dorchester and make up over 1,000 acres of parkland. Although not officially part of the Emerald Necklace, Boston Common and the Public Garden are sometimes considered the starting points, and are connected to the Necklace by the Commonwealth Avenue Mall.

The First Church of Christ Scientist, 175 Huntington Ave., 617-450-3790. *Services: Sun at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., Wed at noon and 7:30 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. *Also see listing for the Mary Baker Eddy Library.*

Forest Hills Cemetery, 95 Forest Hills Ave., 617-524-0128. *Open daily from dawn to dusk.* Created in 1848, this cemetery serves as the final resting place of Eugene O'Neill, Anne Sexton, e.e. cummings, William Lloyd Garrison and former Boston Celtic Reggie Lewis. The 275 acres of twisting paths also contain sculptural treasures, an arboretum, a "library" of life stories and an open-air museum. Special event: **July 14** from 6-9 p.m.—7th annual Lantern Festival, *refer to story, page 48.*

Harrison Gray Otis House, 141 Cambridge St., 617-227-3956. *Tours: Wed-Sun 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. every 30 minutes. Admission: \$8; seniors \$4; students \$2.50; free for kids, Historic New England members and Boston residents.* Built in 1796 for Harrison Gray Otis and his wife, Sally, this grand mansion is a brilliant example of high-style Federal elegance. Tours offer insight into the social, business and family life of the post-Revolution American elite.

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

John Hancock Tower, 200 Clarendon St., 617-572-6429. Rising 62 stories into the sky, this I.M. Pei-designed, sliver-of-glass skyscraper is New England's tallest building and is considered by many to be one of the most beautiful skyscrapers in the world. The building houses the headquarters of its namesake, insurance giant John Hancock Financial. Unfortunately, the observatory on the 60th floor was closed after September 11, 2001.

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

The Mary Baker Eddy Library, 200 Mass. Ave., 617-450-7000. *Open Tue-Sun from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission: \$6; seniors, students with ID and youth (6-17) \$4; children (under 6) and members free.* Home to the world-famous Mapparium, a three-story stained-glass globe depicting the world as it existed in 1934, which guests can walk through. Visitors to the library

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Minute Man National Historical Park, Concord and Lexington, 978-369-6993. Minute Man Visitor Center is located on Route 2A West; North Bridge Visitor Center is at 174 Liberty St. *Both open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m.* Created in 1959 to preserve the sites associated with the opening battles of the American Revolution, Minute Man Park consists of over 900 acres of land along original segments of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, including Lexington Green and Concord's North Bridge. The park also preserves The Wayside, the 19th-century home of literary greats Nathaniel Hawthorne, Louisa May Alcott and Margaret Sidney.

New England Holocaust Memorial, Congress Street near Faneuil Hall. This haunting memorial features six luminous glass towers etched with the six million prisoner numbers of those who perished in the Holocaust. Visitors can walk under the towers and read the dramatic stories of the victims and heroes of this tremendous human tragedy.

The Skywalk Observatory at the Prudential Center, 617-859-0648. *Open daily 10 a.m.–10 p.m.* Skywalk kiosk closes at 6 p.m. Admission (including a headset audio tour of points of interest): \$9.50; seniors \$7; children (under 12) \$6.50. Observatory may be closed due to weather conditions, please call ahead. Enjoy spectacular 360-degree panoramic views of Boston and beyond and learn about the city's 375 years of culture and history on the new Antennae Audio Tour. Recently added displays include "Dreams of Freedom," featuring the Boston immigrant experience; an exhibit overlooking Fenway Park dedicated to the legendary Red Sox slugger Ted Williams; and a new theater showing "Wings Over Boston," a spectacular aerial tour of the entire city. **SEE LOCATOR #11 ON CENTER MAP.**

Trinity Church, Copley Square, 617-536-0944. *Open daily from 8 a.m.–6 p.m.; tours available.* Built in 1877, this house of worship, a combination of Victorian, Gothic and French Romanesque styles, is one of the great masterpieces of American church architecture. The building is located in Copley Square adjacent to the I.M. Pei-designed John Hancock Tower, itself a contemporary architectural masterpiece. The church is currently in the midst of a \$53 million preservation initiative.

TOURS AND TRAILS

Black Heritage Trail, 617-742-5415. *Tours: Mon–Sat at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. Call at least 24 hours in advance for reservations.* A guided tour through the north side of Beacon Hill, including the homes of politicians and entrepreneurs; the African Meeting House, built in 1806; the oldest standing house built by an African-American (1797); and the home of Lewis and Harriet Hayden, who harbored runaway slaves. Maps are available at the Museum of Afro-American History.

Boston Art Tours, 617-732-3920. *Call for full tour schedule. Tickets: \$25; teens \$15; children (under 12) free.* Boston Art

Tours offers various excursions to area museums and galleries that highlight different historical time periods. Families may choose from age-appropriate tours offering lively descriptions of works to help further the understanding of art.

Boston Bike Tour, 617-308-5902. *Tours: Sat & Sun at 11 a.m. Tickets: Sat tour \$20 (w/o bike rental, \$15), Sun tour \$25 (w/o bike rental, \$18).* Tours make stops at various sites while your guide shares history and pokes playful fun at the city and its heritage. Tours leave from the Boston Common Visitor Center at Park Street Station (bikes and equipment are provided).

Boston By Foot, 617-367-2345 or 617-367-3766. Guided 90 minute tours highlighting the rich architecture and history of the city, led by trained volunteers. *Tickets: \$10, children (6–12) \$8, unless noted. Call for tour locations.* The Heart of the Freedom Trail, *every day at 10 a.m., tickets: \$11, children (6–12) \$8;* Victorian Back Bay, *Fri, Sat & Sun at 10 a.m., Tue & Thu at 5:30 p.m.;* Literary Landmark Tour, *Sat at 2 p.m., tickets: \$11, children (6–12) \$9;* Beacon Hill, *Mon–Fri at 5:30 p.m., Sat at 10 a.m., Sun at 2 p.m.;* North End, *Fri & Sat at 2 p.m.;* Boston Underground, *Sun at 2 p.m., tickets: \$11, children (6–12) \$9;* Boston By Little Feet, *Mon & Sat at 10 a.m., Sun at 2 p.m., tickets: \$8.*

Boston Duck Tours, Prudential Center and Museum of Science. www.bostonducktours.com. *Tours: seven days a week, 9 a.m. 'til one hour before sunset. Tickets: \$25; seniors, students & military \$22; children (3–11) \$16; (under 3) \$3; special needs \$10. Group discounts available.* Experience the city in an amazing vehicle that rides on land and water. The 80-minute tour visits most of Boston's famous sights. And just when you think you've seen it all, your Duck splashes into the Charles River for a spectacular water view.

Fenway Park Tours, 4 Yawkey Way, 617-226-6666. *Tours daily each hour from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. or until three hours before game time. Tickets: \$12; seniors \$11; children (under 14) \$10.* Tours originate at the Souvenir Store located on Yawkey Way across from Service Gate D, rain or shine. Have you dreamt of walking across the field where Red Sox legends spent their glory days? This tour offers a behind-the-scenes look at America's oldest active Major League ballpark, including a glimpse behind the famed "Green Monster."

The Freedom Trail Foundation's Freedom Trail Players, departs from the Visitor Center on Boston Common, 617-357-8300. *Tours daily at 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. Tickets: \$12; children (12 and under) \$6.* Explore the Freedom Trail with costumed actors portraying famous patriots such as James Otis, Abigail Adams and William Dawes in this 90-minute tour. Stops include the Park Street Church, the Boston Massacre Site, the Old State House and Faneuil Hall.

Ghosts and Gravestones Tour, 617-269-3626. *Tours daily at 6, 7, 8 and 9 p.m. Reservations required. Tickets: \$30; children: \$18.* Step aboard the trolley for a tour of the dark side of Boston. Your host, a 17th century gravedigger, tells the tales of the Angel of Death, the Boston Strangler and other infamous characters from Boston's past. After completing your sojourn into the macabre, step off the trolley for a walk through two of the oldest burying grounds in the city.

Harpoon Brewery Tour, 306 Northern Ave., 1-888-HARPOON ext. 522. *Tours: Tue–Sat at 3 p.m., Fri & Sat at 1 and 3 p.m. Free admission.* This waterfront institution is one of Boston's only microbreweries. Visitors gather at the Tap Room, which overlooks the brewery, for 30- to 45-minute tours of the plant.

The Innovation Odyssey, departs from 28 State St. (at 2 p.m.), free shuttle from Museum of Science (at 1:45 p.m.), 617-350-0358. *Tours: 2nd Sat of every month (This month: July 9) at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$25; students (with ID) \$15; children (under 10) \$10; family rate \$50.* This two-hour journey showcases Boston as the birthplace of such innovations as the telephone, the Internet and modern surgery. Board a luxury motorcoach to visit Boston's hidden historical treasures, including the MIT Museum, Harvard Medical School and the Ether Dome at Mass General Hospital. DVD program included.

The Literary Trail, departs from the Omni Parker House, 60 School St., 617-350-0358. *Call for full tour schedule. Tickets: \$30; children (under 12) \$26.* Group tours also available. *Tickets include entrance to all museums on the trail.* This 20-mile tour includes stops at the Boston Athenaeum; the Omni Parker House; Cambridge's Longfellow House; the Concord Museum, which houses Ralph Waldo Emerson's study; and famed Walden Pond.

North End Market Tour, 64 Cross St., take the T to Haymarket, 617-523-6032. www.northendmarkettours.com. *Wed & Sat 10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 2–5 p.m.; Fri 10 a.m.–1 p.m.*

and 3–6 p.m. Reservations required. Custom tours for groups available. *Tickets: \$49 per person.* Michele Topor, an authority on Italian cuisine and culture, hosts award-winning culinary walking tours through one of the nation's oldest Italian-American communities.

North End Secret Tours, North Square (across from The Paul Revere House), 617-720-2283. *Fri & Sat 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Reservations required. Tickets: \$30 per person.* This two-hour guided walking tour explores some of the hidden courtyards and passageways of the North End, visits the birthplace of Kennedy matriarch Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, and tells unusual tales of Boston's oldest neighborhood.

Old Town Trolley Tours of Boston, 617-269-7010. *Departs every 15–20 minutes daily from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: \$29; seniors & students \$26; children (under 12) free.* With 16 stops throughout the city, including the New England Aquarium, U.S.S. Constitution Museum, the Trolley Stop Store on the corner of South Charles and Boylston streets, and most major hotels (see your concierge), patrons can enjoy a 100-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: Wed & Thu at 2 p.m.; Fri at 2 and 5:30 p.m.; Sat at noon, 1 and 2 p.m.; one-hour tours include samples (ID required). Tickets: \$2; donation given to a local charity.* Learn about the art of brewing beer

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Swan Boats, Public Garden Lagoon, 617-522-1966. Rides: *daily from 10 a.m.–5 p.m., weather permitting. Tickets: \$2.50, children (2–15) \$1, seniors \$2.* One of Boston's oldest and most treasured traditions, these pedal-powered boats glide around the Public Garden and under the smallest suspension bridge in the world.

CAMBRIDGE

Due to limited parking, it is best to take the Red Line when traveling to Harvard, Central or Kendall squares. The Cambridge Discovery Booth located at the Harvard Square "T" entrance provides additional information. Please note that numbered sites correspond to the map of Harvard Square on page 36.

Cambridge Common/Old Burying Ground (8). 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 (6). This 1761 Tory house of worship was utilized as a Colonial barracks during the American Revolution.

First Church Unitarian/Universalist (7). Harvard College provided the pews for its students in this 1833 building erected for the then-newly founded Unitarian Church.

Harvard and Radcliffe Yards (4 & 5). The centers of two institutions that have played major educational roles since Harvard's founding in 1636.

Harvard Square/Old Cambridge (1). The center of Cambridge activity since the 17th century, the Square is home to Harvard University, historic buildings, bookstores, cafes, restaurants and shops.

Mount Auburn Cemetery, 580 Mount Auburn St., Cambridge, 617-547-7105. *Open daily from 8 a.m.–5 p.m.* Founded in 1831 by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Mount Auburn was the first landscaped cemetery in the country. Many prominent Americans are buried here, including Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Isabella Stewart Gardner and Winslow Homer. The cemetery is also an arboretum, sculpture garden and wildlife sanctuary.

Tory Row (Brattle Street) (3). 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.

WHALE WATCHES

Boston Harbor Cruises, One Long Wharf, 617-222-4321. *Mon–Fri at 10 a.m. and noon, Sat & Sun at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$31, seniors \$28, children \$25.* Cruise on high speed catamarans to Stellwagen Bank,

the East Coast's most famous destination for whale watching. Catch sight of humpback, finback and minke whales from the deck or from the comfort of a full modernized cabin boasting snack and beverage services. The tour is three hours, and free tickets on a future cruise are guaranteed if you don't spot one of these magnificent creatures.

Massachusetts Bay Line Whale Watches, Departing from Rowes Wharf behind The Boston Harbor Hotel, 617-542-4321. *Mon–Fri at 10:30 a.m. Sat & Sun at 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tickets: \$29, children \$23.* Get out on the open water in search of the sea's most majestic creatures on this four-hour tour of Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary. On board, professional marine biologists will be on hand to share their knowledge of whales and other marine wildlife.

New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, 617-973-5206. *Mon–Fri at 9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m., Sat & Sun at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets: \$29, seniors \$26, children \$20.* Discover the history of Stellwagen Bank aboard the Aquarium's whale watch vessel, the 111-foot catamaran *Voyager III*. Search for a variety of whales, including humpback, finback and minke. Interactive exhibits include microscope stations, electronic navigation, computer whale programs, meteorological instruments and movies.

WILDLIFE

Franklin Park Zoo, One Franklin Park Road, Franklin Park, 617-541-LION. *Open Mon–Fri from 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat & Sun 'til 6 p.m. Admission: \$9.50; seniors \$8; children (2–15) \$5.50; children (under 2) free.* Home to more than 210 species, including many endangered animals. Roam the Australian Outback Trail with wallabies and kangaroos; explore the Tropical Forest and see the gorillas; marvel at the lions at Kalahari Kingdom; and visit zebras, ostriches, ibex and wildebeests at Serengeti Crossing.

New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, 617-973-5200. *Open Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sat & Sun 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Admission: \$15.95; seniors \$13.95; children (3–11) \$8.95; children (under 3) free. Refer to Currently section under Film for IMAX theater listings. Combination ticket prices available.* Dedicated to advancing knowledge of the world of water, this outstanding aquatic zoo features a 187,000-gallon Giant Ocean Tank containing a Caribbean coral reef with sharks, sea turtles, moray eels and other aquatic life. Be sure to check out the popular penguin habitat. Special exhibit: Amazing Jellies. The adjacent Simons 3D IMAX Theater is the first theater of its kind in the Boston area. *Refer to Film in Currently for complete IMAX theater listings and Kids Corner for special events.*

Stone Zoo, 149 Pond St., Stoneham, 781-438-5100. *Open daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: \$7.50; seniors \$6.50; children (2–15) \$4.50; children (under 2) free.* Highlights include Snowy Owl creek, Mexican gray wolves, snow leopards, jaguars, reindeer, river otters, llamas and miniature donkeys, as well as educational programs at the Animal Discovery Center. The Zoo is also home to the nation's first "Earth Park." Special exhibit: Lord of the Wings: Birds of Prey, an ongoing educational show. Special event: **July 17**, from 11 a.m.–3 p.m.—Celebrate the jaguar cubs' first birthday.

PROVINCETOWN

Despite being bordered by the Atlantic Ocean on three sides, P-Town (as the locals call it) at the very tip of Cape Cod is far more than just the sum of its beaches and shores. Established in 1727 as the fishing and commerce center of the Cape, the area has grown to be culturally diverse, from the Portuguese fisherman that were early settlers to its current reputation as a popular vacation spot for the gay and lesbian community. P-Town offers visitors top-notch dramatic arts, galleries and a hopping nightlife scene during the summer months. And yes, it also has some of the Northeast's most spectacular beaches.

If you go, start your day with a stroll and some people watching on Commercial Street. The area's main drag is lined with eclectic shops, candy stores and, well, drag queens! For a high-speed tour of the nearby beaches and the famous dunes, check out Art's Dune Tours (Commercial and Standish Streets, 1-800-894-1951). The one-hour tour takes you through the National Seashore Park and by the dune shacks, once inhabited by shipwrecked sailors and later by literary figures such as Jack Kerouac and Eugene O'Neill.



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PROVINCETOWN



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THE REDCOATS ARE COMING—Men costumed as British loyalists march in formation along the Freedom Trail near Faneuil Hall.

The Freedom Trail begins at the Boston Common Information Kiosk, where you can obtain a free guide or rent a handheld self-guided audio tour complete with sound effects and anecdotes for \$15, \$12 for each additional adult and \$10 for children. Free 90-minute, park ranger-guided tours depart from the Boston National Historical Park Visitors Center at the corner of State and Devonshire streets, Mon–Fri at 2 p.m., Sat & Sun at 10 & 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. First come, first serve. Arrive 30 minutes prior to tour. Call 617-242-5642 for more information. The number accompanying each site listed below refers to the site's location as shown on Panorama's map (see facing page).

Boston Common (1). 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 (2). Beacon Street, top of Beacon Hill facing Boston Common, 617-727-3676. Open Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–5 p.m., except holidays. Guided tours Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. The famous golden dome of the State House marks the government seat of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The cornerstone was laid by Samuel Adams, and the building stands on land bought from John Hancock. The red brick portion was designed by the legendary architect Charles Bulfinch.

Park Street Church (3). Corner of Park and Tremont streets, 617-523-3383. Sunday services at 8:30 & 11 a.m. and 4 & 6 p.m. Morning services are traditional, evening services are

contemporary. Built in 1809, this church was described by Henry James as “the most interesting mass of brick and mortar in America.”

Old Granary Burying Ground (4). Tremont Street next to Park Street Church, 617-635-7389. Open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. This historic cemetery, formerly the town granary, is the final resting place of John Hancock, Paul Revere, Robert Treat Paine, Samuel Adams, Peter Faneuil, and the victims of the Boston Massacre. A stone inscribed “Mary Goose” (a.k.a. Elizabeth Goose) allegedly marks the grave of Mother Goose.

King's Chapel and Burying Ground (5). Tremont and School streets, 617-227-2155. Open Mon, Thu, Fri & Sat 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Services: Sun at 11 a.m., Wed at 12:15 p.m. Burying Ground open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Tours: Mon and Thu–Sat 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.; Tue and Wed 1–4 p.m. Visitors are reminded that King's Chapel is a house of worship. The chapel was established in 1687 as the first Anglican congregation in Boston. The second chapel, built in 1754, became the first Unitarian church in America after the Revolution.

Site of the first public school and Ben Franklin's statue (6). 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 (the forerunner of the Boston Latin School). Nearby is Benjamin Franklin's statue, built in 1856, the first portrait-statue erected in the United States.

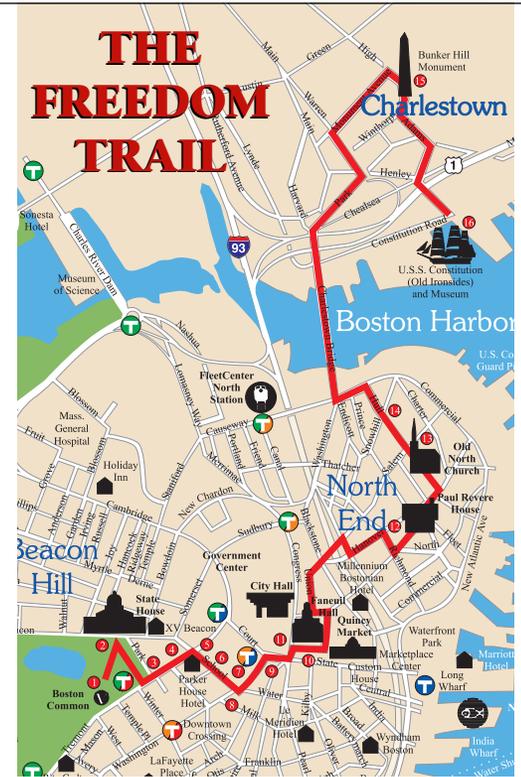
Site of the Old Corner Bookstore (7). School and Washington streets, 617-367-4000. Constructed as an apothecary in 1718, the ground floor was later a bookstore that became the center of literary Boston and the meeting place of such notables as Emerson, Hawthorne, and Thoreau.

Old South Meeting House (8). 310 Washington St., 617-482-6439. Open daily 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: \$5; students & seniors \$4; children (6–18) \$1; children (under 6) free. This building housed many town meetings, the most famous of which triggered the Boston Tea Party. Permanent exhibit: Voices of Protest.

Old State House (9). Corner of Washington and State streets, 617-720-3292. Open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: \$5; students & seniors \$4; children (6–18) \$1; children (under 6) free. Built in 1713, this seat of colonial government was the center of activity for such patriots as John Hancock and Samuel and John Adams. It was from the east balcony that the Declaration of Independence was first read in Boston.

Boston Massacre Site (10). 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 (11). Merchants Row and Faneuil Hall Square, 617-523-1300. Open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Historical talks given daily every half hour 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Military museum open Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. “The Cradle of Liberty” combines in one building a free enterprise market on the first floor with a free marketplace for the exchange of ideas upstairs.



Paul Revere House (12). 19 North Square, Hanover Street, 617-523-2338. Open daily 9:30 a.m.–5:15 p.m. Admission: \$3; students & seniors with I.D. \$2.50; children (5–17) \$1; (under 5) free. The oldest home in Boston, built about 1680, was occupied by Paul Revere from 1770 to 1800.

Old North Church (13). 193 Salem St., 617-523-6676. Open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Sun services at 9 and 11 a.m. Known as Christ Church and erected in 1723, this is Boston's oldest standing church, where two lanterns were hung on April 18, 1775, signaling the Redcoats' departure by sea for Lexington and Concord.

Copp's Hill Burial Ground (14). Open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Hull Street. Set out in 1660, Copp's Hill was Boston's second cemetery. Many remarkable people are interred here, including Increase Mather, his son Cotton, Cotton's son Samuel Mather and Edmund Hartt, builder of the U.S.S. Constitution.

Bunker Hill Monument (15). Breed's Hill, Charlestown, 617-242-5641. Climb the monument from 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Lodge and museum open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. The site of the historic battle of June 17, 1775.

U.S.S. Constitution (16). Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, 617-242-5670. Free guided tours Tue–Sun from 10 a.m.–3:50 p.m. This 44-gun frigate is the oldest commissioned warship in the world. The U.S.S. Constitution Museum, located adjacent to the ship, is open daily from 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Call 617-426-1812.

PANORAMA'S PICK



East Meets **ITALY** by Christine Celli

DOMANI BAR & TRATTORIA 51 Huntington Ave., 617-424-8500 / \$\$\$

It seems everything chef Rene Michelena touches turns to gold. His new culinary venture, **Domani Bar & Trattoria**, is the latest in an ever-growing list of accomplishments from the now-prolific local foodie. Situated just upstairs from the last restaurant that employed his skills in the kitchen, Saint, Domani is a more traditional eatery than its downstairs neighbor—at least as far as portion size goes. While Saint set its focus on small, tapas-style fare in order to appeal to late-night nosherers, Domani is poised to accommodate normal restaurant goers—from mid-day lunchers to date-night diners. But as with all of Michelena's menus, Domani blends a wide range of influences. Don't let the Vespa parked in the dining room fool you—Italy may be the cuisine's point of origin but Michelena famously loves to play with various cultural influences, most notable the Asian flavors on which he was raised. Hence the creation of a grilled shrimp pizzette with pea stems, roasted garlic and chili flakes and a lobster roll wrapped not in a hot dog bun, but a savory crepe and blended with celery, tarragon and parsnips. Even more traditionally Italian entrees like the roasted chicken or veal chop are given a Michelena kick from seasonings such as lemongrass and marsala mustard sauce. Lending the eatery a little more of the Italian styling that is its inspiration, Domani offers outdoor dining and cafe-style windows that open onto Huntington Avenue. There may not be any piazzas in sight but the scent of the great cooking coming from the kitchen is sure to entice hungry patrons from the street.

B = Breakfast
L = Lunch
D = Dinner
BR = Brunch
SB = Sunday Brunch
C = Cocktails
LS = Late Supper
VP = Valet Parking
***** = Entertainment

AVERAGE PRICE OF DINNER ENTREES

\$ — Most entrees less than \$12
\$\$ — Most entrees \$12-18
\$\$\$ — Most entrees \$19-25
\$\$\$\$ — Most entrees more than \$25

Many restaurants offer a wide range of entrees and prices; therefore, the classifications are only approximations. Restaurants listed accept major credit cards unless otherwise specified.

AMERICAN

Apropos, Sheraton Boston, 39 Dalton St., 617-375-6500. Drawing its influences from American regional cuisine with a strong New England flair, the menu at Apropos offers hearty, satisfying dishes ranging from pan-roasted Chilean sea bass to grilled New York sirloin and herbed roasted chicken. The menu, created by executive chef Joseph Nartowicz, exudes the flavors of Boston. B, L, D, SB. \$\$\$

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

***Avenue One**, Hyatt Regency, Financial District, 1 Ave. de Lafayette, 617-422-5579. Enjoy Boston's most extensive fondue menu in a relaxed atmosphere. Live jazz every Thu. B, L, D, C. \$\$\$

***Cheers**, 84 Beacon St., 617-227-9605. Also: Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-227-0150. Both the original Beacon Hill and Faneuil Hall locations offer a mouthwatering selection of traditional fare and an abundant beverage selection, including their award-winning Bloody Mary and a variety of draft beers. Live entertainment is offered Thu-Sat nights. Pick up officially licensed Cheers merchandise at the gift shop. L, D, C, LS. \$

Daisy Buchanan's, 240A Newbury St. (corner of Fairfield St.), 617-247-8516. For more than 30 years, this popular sports-oriented get-together spot in the heart of the Back Bay has provided a comfortable place to mingle and meet new and old friends and enjoy a menu of pub specials. L, D, C daily 11 a.m.-2 a.m. \$

***Dick's Last Resort**, Prudential Center, 55 Huntington Ave., 617-267-8080. This is the joint your mama warned you about. Dick's serves buckets of barbecue pork ribs and chicken, as well as lobster, shrimp and crab legs, steak and salads. There are also 74 kinds of beer. Dick's has SB 10 a.m.-3 p.m., which includes Belgian waffles, omelets, crab cake Benedict, breakfast burritos, fresh fruit and a make-your-own Bloody Mary bar. Live music, no cover, no dress code and definitely no class. Open daily, Dick's Last Resort is billed as "The Shame of Boston." L 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; D Sun-Thu 4 p.m.-midnight, Fri & Sat 'til 1 a.m. www.dickslastresort.com \$\$\$

Excelsior, The Heritage on the Garden, 272 Boylston St., 617-426-7878. This modern restaurant features chef Eric Brennan's focus on unique, pure and fresh ingredients. An impressive, award-winning collection of 600 wines, representing all regions of the world, is showcased in a climate-controlled, three-story wine tower. Pre- and post-theater dining available. D, C, LS. \$\$\$\$

Finale, One Columbus Ave., behind the Four Seasons Hotel, 617-423-3184; 30 Dunster St., Harvard Sq., Cambridge, 617-441-9797. One of the only dessert restaurants in America, Finale features items like the caramel carnivale and its signature "molten chocolate cake." Chef Nicole Coady's menu is complemented by its luscious drink menu of ports, champagnes, cordials and its well-known "Finale Favorites." A light dinner menu is available. L & D. \$\$\$

HIGH 5: WANT FRIES WITH THAT?

Hot, salty and golden brown, nature's perfect food, the French fry, goes with just about everything you can imagine. And now that our nation's put that ugly "Freedom Fries" foolishness in the past, it's time to celebrate the finest, funnest fries Boston has to offer.



1 BOSTON BEER WORKS, 61 Brookline Ave., 617-536-1337; 110 Canal St., 617-896-2337. BBW offers enough delicious variations of rough-cut, skin-on fries to satisfy everyone in your dining party: fiery fries, cheese fries, chili fries, sour cream and chive fries, gravy fries, sweet potato fries, and, my favorite, the classic steak fries.

2 SUNSET GRILL & TAP, 130 Brighton Ave., Allston, 617-254-1331. Primarily known for its many beers from around the world, Sunset also has some delicious fries to soak up all that brew. The sour cream and chive fries are a popular choice, but it's the fun-to-look-at (and eat) curly fries that score highest.

3 LEGAL'S TEST KITCHEN, Logan International Airport Terminal A, 617-568-1888. Wait a second—going to the airport for fries? It makes more sense when you consider that's where Legal's Test Kitchen is, and that one of the new tasty recipes they've worked up is for the delicious rosemary parmesan French fries.

4 STELLA, 1525 Washington St., 617-247-7747. A hip Italian joint may not seem the logical place to find French fries. But consider that Stella's Tuscan fries are hand-cut Idaho potatoes served with pequinillo peppers, parmesan cheese, salt, pepper, garlic and vinegar, and you've got a vibrant taste you're unlikely to find anywhere else.

5 MCDONALD'S, various locations. Gourmets can decry this selection all they want, but can anything compare to the salty, greasy crispiness of a good batch of McDonald's fries? There's a reason they've sold about 80 bazillion of them, folks. —Josh B. Wardrop

The Federalist, Fifteen Beacon Hotel, 15 Beacon St., 617-670-2515. The menu at this powerbrokers' haven offers artistic imagination in the preparation of dishes ranging from Colorado rack of lamb to skillet-roasted French Dover sole, in an atmosphere that evokes the stately traditions of the world's most private clubs. A rooftop herb garden and in-kitchen fish tanks help to ensure culinary perfection. B, D, Sat & SB, C, LS. \$\$\$\$

The Foggy Goggle, 911 Boylston St. (across from the Hynes), 617-266-3399. "If you don't know how to have fun, stay home," is the motto of this Back Bay hot spot. The crazy decor, the enthusiastic staff and the "Foggy Fish Bowl" emphasize fun above all. Late night pizza and pub food available. D, LS, C Tue-Sat 4 p.m.-2 a.m. \$

***Hard Rock Cafe**, 131 Clarendon St., two blocks from Boylston St., 617-424-ROCK (7625). HRC Boston serves up the best down-home American food possible, seasoned with a healthy dose of rock 'n' roll. Try the infamous "Pig" sandwich, excellent burgers and chicken sandwiches. Memorabilia highlights include "The Aerosmithsonian," the "Boston Wall of Fame," Phish's vacuum, Jim Morrison's leather pants and Madonna's bustier. L, D, C, LS. \$

Jer-Ne Restaurant & Bar, The Ritz-Carlton Boston Common, 12 Avery St., 617-574-7176. Chef Jason Adams sets an uncharted course of adventure in contemporary cuisine, featuring American favorites, seafood and steaks, all artistically presented. The artful menu is created from a palette of lush local

flavors. The restaurant also boasts an exhibition kitchen. B, L, D, SB, C, LS. \$\$\$\$

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

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

Perdix, 560 Tremont St., 617-338-8070. A New American bistro in the South End run with flair by chef Tim Partridge and his wife Nini Diana. Elegant and charming, this welcome newcomer has been acclaimed for such whimsical signature dishes as "Today's steak with whatever Tim wants" and the dessert staple, "Really freakin' good chocolate torte." D. \$\$\$

Speeder & Earl's, Copley Square Hotel, 47 Huntington Ave., 617-536-9000. Boston's "quirkiest" breakfast and coffee bar, serving traditional and innovative favorites such as eggs Benedict and malted waffles. Boston's best pastries and premium blends of gourmet coffee from Speeder & Earl's of Vermont are also featured. B, L, Sat & SB, D. \$



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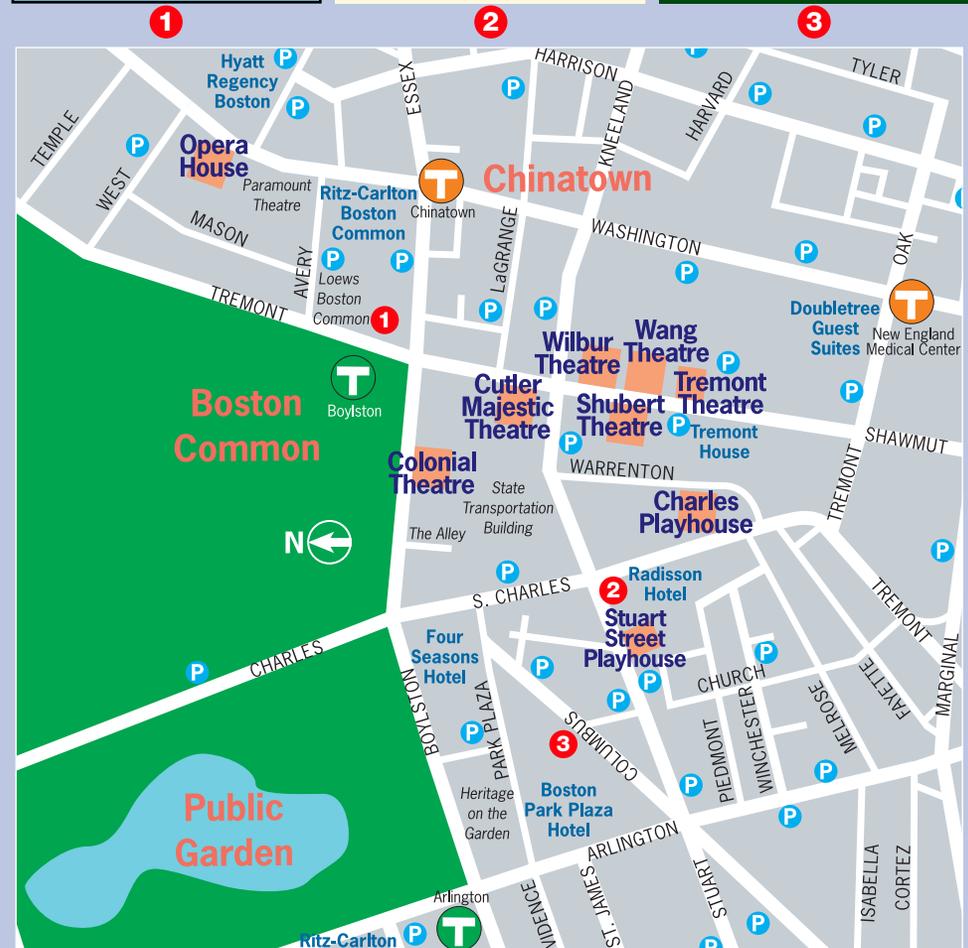
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Stephanie's on Newbury, 190 Newbury St., 617-236-0990. Recommended by *The New York Times*, chef/owner Stephanie Sidell's eatery showcases sophisticated American cooking, including salads, grilled fish, chicken and comfort food, such as meatloaf. Casual elegance at its best with 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. \$\$\$

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

Theatre Cafe, Radisson Hotel, 200 Stuart St., 617-574-2752. Located in the heart of the theater 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. Open daily for B, L, D. \$\$

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

UpStairs on the Square, 91 Winthrop St., Cambridge, 617-864-1933. Boasting an eclectic decor, this lush urban oasis features everything from gourmet pizza to Colorado rack of lamb, created by renowned chefs Amanda Lydon and Susan Regis. L, D, C, LS. \$\$\$\$

CHINESE

New Shanghai Restaurant, 21 Hudson St., Chinatown, 617-338-6688. Specializing in Shanghai and Cantonese cuisine, this much-lauded Chinatown destination features a menu chock full of Chinese favorites, such as General Gau's chicken and Peking duck, as well as delectable seafood dishes, like the crispy whole fish and scallops with black peppercorn glaze. L, D, LS. \$\$

Peking Tom's Longtang Lounge, 25 Kingston St., 617-482-6282. This hip, funky downtown eatery specializes in gourmet makeovers of traditional Cantonese and Polynesian dishes such as kung pao chicken and the ubiquitous pu pu platter, as well as potent, colorful cocktails like the scorpion bowl and the innovative kumquat mojito. L, D, C, LS. \$\$

P.F. Chang's, 8 Park Plaza, Theatre District, 617-573-0821. Traditional Chinese cuisine and American hospitality combine in this upbeat bistro. Specialties include Chang's chicken in south-

ing lettuce wraps, Dan Dan noodles and orange peel shrimp. An array of vegetarian dishes such as Sichuan-style long beans and stir-fried spicy eggplant are also available. Enjoy an impressive list of over 50 wines. Reservations accepted but not required. L & D Sun-Wed 11:30 a.m.-11 p.m., Thu-Sat 'til midnight. C, LS. \$\$\$

EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

Lala Rokh, 97 Mt. Vernon St., 617-720-5511. Lala Rokh, the legendary princess immortalized in the 19th-century tale by Irish poet Thomas Moore, is honored by brother/sister team Babak and Azita Bina. Using their mother's home-style Persian recipes and unusual imported spices, they've created a unique dining experience in the only restaurant of its kind in New England. Elegant and affordable, it's a highlight of historic Beacon Hill. L Mon-Fri noon-3 p.m.; D nightly 5:30-10 p.m. Reservations recommended. VP. www.lalarokh.com \$\$\$

FRENCH/FRENCH-AMERICAN

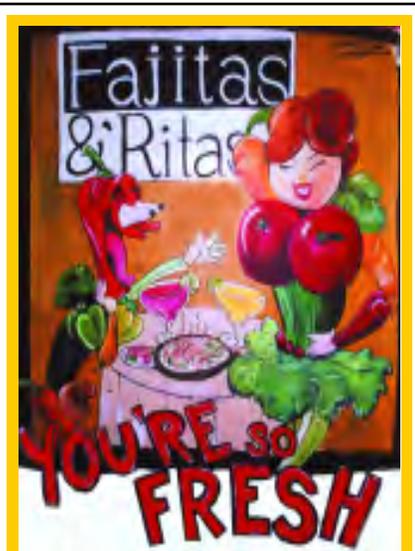
Aujourd'hui, Four Seasons Hotel Boston, 200 Boylston St., 617-351-2037. Featuring an ambiance of contemporary elegance with the Public Garden as a backdrop, this eatery is one of only two restaurants in the state to receive the AAA Five Diamond Award. With its recent re-opening and new look, Aujourd'hui welcomes chef de cuisine Jerome Legras, whose debut menu of modern French cuisine uses the freshest regional ingredients. To complement the flavors, sommelier Ted Davidson offers an award-winning selection of wine from an 1,800-bottle library. Reservations recommended. D Mon-Sat 5:30-10:30 p.m., Sun 6-10 p.m.; SB 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. \$\$\$\$

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

***Café Fleuri**, Langham Hotel Boston, 250 Franklin St., 617-451-1900. Feast under the stars in Mediterranean ambiance. Enjoy what *Boston* magazine hails as "the best Sunday brunch in Boston" or partake in a wonderful à la carte menu featuring Mediterranean fare, regional American specialties, and authentic French pastries and desserts—all within a beautiful sunlit garden atrium. B Mon-Fri 6:30-11:30 a.m., Sat 7:30-11 a.m.; L daily 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; D Mon-Sat 6-10 p.m., Sun 4-10 p.m.; SB 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. \$\$\$

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

Hammersley's Bistro, 533 Tremont St., 617-423-2700. This pioneering French-American classic, helmed by the husband



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***Julien**, Langham Hotel Boston, 250 Franklin St., 617-451-1900. The award-winning Julien offers creative contemporary French cuisine in a formal dining room of unparalleled elegance and intimacy. An ideal setting for pre-theatre dining, a private business dinner or a romantic celebration. D Mon-Sat 6-10 p.m. Tapas menu available at bar Mon-Fri 4-7 p.m. \$\$\$\$

L'Espalier, 30 Gloucester St., 617-262-3023. Situated in a historic Back Bay townhouse, this sophisticated French classic helmed by top chef Frank McClelland is a favorite of both power brokers and couples on a romantic night out. D. \$\$\$\$

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

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

Pigalle, 75 Charles St. South, 617-423-4944. This welcoming bistro in Park Square brings exquisite French cuisine to the Theatre District via the inventive culinary artistry and personally charming service of co-owners and husband-and-wife team Marc Orfaly and Kerri Foley. D, VP. \$\$\$

Radius, 8 High St., 617-426-1234. James Beard Award-winning chef Michael Schlow churns out impeccably prepared nouveau French fare such as foie gras-suffused Vermont pheasant and New Zealand loin of venison in an ultra-modern, minimalist setting. Pastry chef Paul Connors creates rapturously delectable desserts. The ambiance is powerbroker chic, and the service is top-notch. L, D, C, LS. \$\$\$\$

Spire, Nine Zero Hotel, 90 Tremont St., 617-772-0202. Alluringly ensconced in Boston's most fashionable luxury boutique hotel, Spire features a striking interior and chef Gabriel Frasca's cuisine, which combines flavors from France, Italy, Spain and Portugal with seasonal New England ingredients. Named one of "America's 50 Best Hotel Restaurants" by *Food and Wine*. B, L, D, LS, VP. \$\$\$\$

FRENCH COUNTRY

Hungry i, 71 1/2 Charles St., 617-227-3524. This restored two-story Beacon Hill townhouse features three working fireplaces and a charming outdoor patio. Chef Peter Ballarin celebrates over 20 years of romancing patrons with French country cuisine and his flair for creative desserts. Signature dishes include venison au poivre, braised rabbit à la moutard and turbin of sole. L Thu and Fri only, noon-2 p.m.; D 5:30-9:30 p.m.; SB 11

a.m.-2 p.m. Private dining room available upon request. SEE LOCATOR #6 ON CENTER MAP. \$\$\$\$

INDIAN

Gandhi, 704 Mass. Ave., Central Square, Cambridge, 617-491-1104. Savor the scents and flavors of India and enjoy exceptional Indian cuisine in the heart of Central Square. Only the freshest produce, herbs and delicate spices are used to prepare the healthy fare. L daily noon-3 p.m.; D noon-11 p.m.; SB noon-3 p.m. L buffet daily noon-3 p.m., "All you can eat" \$5.95. Beer & wine. \$

INTERNATIONAL

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

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

Rialto, The Charles Hotel, One Bennett St., Cambridge, 617-661-5050. One of Greater Boston's top restaurants features fine wines and cuisine from France, Italy and Spain. Chef Jody Adams lends her creative talents to seasonal dinner menu items such as grilled pork tenderloin with Ligurian potato-cheese pie, pine nuts and basil. D only. Reservations recommended. \$\$\$\$

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

Sonsie, 327 Newbury St., 617-351-2500. Recommended by *Boston* magazine as the place to "see and be seen." The lively restaurant features a streetside cafe, 50-foot mahogany bar, brick oven and colorful dining room. The menu by award-winning chef Bill Poirier includes tempura tuna roll with avocado, mizuna and tobiko caviar and herb pappardelle with asparagus. L, D, C, LS, VP. \$\$\$

33 Restaurant and Lounge, 33 Stanhope St., 617-572-3311. Featuring a popular contemporary American menu, this stylish establishment transforms into the exceptional through a unique fusion of traditional New England cuisine with hints of the exotic. Under the guidance of executive chef Anthony E. Dawodu, previously of the Four Seasons Boston, this flavorful menu has gained popularity for its vegetarian options as well as the ability of its dishes to cater to dietary needs. D Mon-Sat 5-11 p.m. Bar: Mon-Sat 5 p.m.-2 a.m. Lounge: Tue-Sat 8 p.m.-2 a.m. \$\$\$



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

IRISH

***Black Rose**, 160 State St., next to Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-742-2286. Located in the Faneuil Hall Marketplace area, this popular pub features aged beef, chicken, fresh native seafood, light fare, hearty sandwiches and other American and Irish classics from the grill served in a casual, jovial atmosphere. Live Irish music nightly and weekend afternoons. L, D, LS, SB. Traditional Irish breakfast served. \$

***The Green Dragon Tavern**, 11 Marshall St., 617-367-0055. Boston's premier 18th-century tavern, located on the Freedom Trail, is home to Boston's only Guinness/Oyster Festival. Microbrews and a large selection of imported beers flow from its taps. Live entertainment nightly, with a traditional Irish seisiun (session) Sat 4-8 p.m. L, D, C, Sat & SB. \$

***Hennessy's of Boston**, 25 Union St., 617-742-2121. Located near Faneuil Hall, Hennessy's serves up items like wood-grilled Irish salmon, Kilmacalogue chowder, shepherd's pie, burgers, soups, salads and a huge bar appetizer menu. An extensive beer and wine list, private snugs, farmer's tables and a turf-burning fireplace. Featuring live entertainment five nights a week and monthly performances by pop bands directly from Ireland. L, D, SB. \$

ITALIAN

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

Caffe Pompei, 280 Hanover St., 617-227-1562. Pompei features a wide variety of coffee, 160 wines by the glass, Italian cordials, pizza, Italian sandwiches, homemade cannoli and ice cream imported from Italy. Open daily 4 p.m.-12:30 a.m.; B 8 a.m.-11:30 p.m.; L 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; LS 'til 3:30 a.m. *SEE LOCATOR #2 ON CENTER MAP.* \$

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

Caliterra, Wyndham Boston Hotel, 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. \$\$\$

Ciao Bella, 240A Newbury St., 617-536-2626. Modern Italian decor accented with marble and woodwork forms a graceful backdrop for the house specialty—chops. Fresh Alaskan king crab, tender lamb chops and veal chops head up the menu,

accompanied by moderately priced wines. L, D, LS daily; SB 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. \$\$\$

Davio's Northern Italian Steakhouse, 75 Arlington St., 617-357-4810; Royal Sonesta Hotel, 5 Cambridge Parkway, Cambridge, 617-661-4810. *Refer to listing under Steakhouses for full description.* \$\$\$

Florentine Cafe, 333 Hanover St., 617-227-1777. Revered by visitors and residents since its post-Prohibition debut, this historic North End cafe has become one of Boston's culinary landmarks. Lobster ravioli with fresh tomatoes and lobster cream sauce, seared veal with grilled shrimp in Frangelico mushroom sauce, and grilled prosciutto-wrapped Angus beef with alfredo risotto are just a few of the Italian wonders awaiting you in this charming bistro setting. Daily noon-1 a.m. L, D, C. *SEE LOCATOR #5 ON CENTER MAP.* \$\$\$

Lucca Restaurant & Bar, 226 Hanover St., 617-742-9200. Winner of the Wine Spectator Award of Excellence 2002, *Zagat Survey's* "Top New Restaurant 2002" and winner of Best of Boston 2001, this new North End eatery is racking up accolades for its regional Italian cuisine, award-winning wine list, lively bar and elegant atmosphere. D nightly 5-11 p.m.; weekends 5-11:30 p.m.; bar menu 'til 12:15 a.m.; C 'til 1 a.m. VP. *SEE LOCATOR #9 ON CENTER MAP.* \$\$\$

Mamma Maria, 3 North Square, Prince and Garden Court streets, 617-523-0077. "Mamma Maria stands for what Italian food is. Simplicity, quality ingredients and fun...the food of love." (Emeril Lagasse, *Food Network*, 2004). "Best Italian Cuisine" (*Frommer's Boston 2005*). Set in a three-story, 19th-century brick row house overlooking North Square in the North End, Mamma Maria offers charming views of the neighborhood and city skyline, as well as a *Wine Spectator* Award-winning wine list. The seasonal menu features regional Italian dishes using local ingredients. Five private dining rooms available. D Sun-Thu 5-10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m. Reservations accepted. VP. *www.mammamaria.com. SEE LOCATOR #10 ON CENTER MAP.* \$\$\$

Massimino's Cucina Italiana, 207 Endicott St., 617-523-5959. Owner/chef Massimino was formerly head chef of England's Birmingham Hotel, Naples' Hotel Astoria and Switzerland's Metropolitan Hotel. Elegant, comfortable surroundings. Specialties include: veal chop stuffed with arugula, prosciutto, smoked mozzarella and black olives; and Norwegian salmon stuffed with escarole and shrimp in a wild mushroom cream sauce. Parking nearby. L, D, LS, C. Mon-Thu 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m.; Sun noon-9 p.m. \$

Teatro, 177 Tremont St., 617-778-6841. One of the hottest additions to the Theatre District, Teatro's reasonably priced Italian-influenced menu was created by executive chef Robert Jean with owner/chef Jamie Mammano. The restaurant has been praised by foodies and critics alike, dubbed "Best Pre-Theatre Dining 2003" (*Improper Bostonian*) and "Best Italian Restaurant 2003" (*Boston* magazine). D Mon-Sat 5 p.m.-midnight; Sun 4-11 p.m. Reservations accepted. *www.teatroboston.com* \$\$\$

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Olives, 10 City Square, Charlestown, 617-242-1999. Celebrity chef Todd English got his start with this local eatery and the Charlestown flagship restaurant is still the unparalleled king of his endeavors. Sample English's multi-layered, ingredient rich, pan-Mediterranean creations. Reservations are not accepted, so arrive early and be prepared to wait. D. \$\$\$\$

MUSEUM DINING

Bravo, Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Ave., 617-369-3474. Bravo is an exciting addition to the culinary offerings at the MFA. Chef Benjamin Cevelo brings the creative flair he developed while working with Wolfgang Puck, offering a light, eclectic and contemporary menu. The restaurant is a work of art itself, with bold colors and clean lines created by famed restaurant designer Peter Niemitz. The inviting, warm ambiance complements a rotating selection of some of the MFA's modern masterpieces. L daily 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.; D Wed–Fri 5:30–8:30 p.m.; SB 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m. \$\$\$

Museum of Science, Science Park, 617-723-2500. Dinner and a movie is old news—today it's brunch and a movie at the non-time Skyline Sunday Brunch, offering views of the Charles River and the Cambridge and Boston skylines. The package includes tickets to the newest IMAX film in the Mugar Omni Theatre, admission to the exhibit halls and free parking. *Tickets: \$32; seniors \$31; children \$30.* Reservations recommended. The Science Street Cafe offers appetizers and drinks before or after viewing the exhibit hall, Fri from 6–10 p.m. \$

NEW ENGLAND

***Durgin-Park**, 340 Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-227-2038. A Boston landmark in historic Faneuil Hall (where your grandfather and great-grandfather may have dined) features steaks, chops and seafood in a New England tradition. Piano and oyster bars open late. L, D. \$

Henrietta's Table, The Charles Hotel, One Bennett St., Cambridge, 617-661-5005. "Fresh and Honest" is its creed. Nothing but locally grown and organic produce are used to create a lively and textured menu of reinterpreted New England classics. Daily specials feature the best available fruits, vegetables, fish, poultry and meats, prepared in an open kitchen. Private dining room available. B Mon–Fri 6:30–11 a.m., Sat 7–11 a.m., Sun 7–10:30 a.m.; Sat and SB noon–3 p.m.; L Mon–Sat noon–3 p.m.; D daily 5:30–10 p.m. \$

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

SEAFOOD

Anthony's Pier 4, 140 Northern Ave., 617-482-6262. For 37 years, this world-renowned institution has catered to a local,

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The Barking Crab, 88 Sleeper St., 617-426-CRAB. No frills, just down-and-dirty dining at this ramshackle little clam shack that has become a Boston dining institution. You'll pluck mussels and steamers from plastic buckets and drink wine out of styrofoam cups under a red and yellow outdoor tent brimming with communal-style picnic tables. The fare includes fresh fish specials of the day, the Barking Crab cake burger and lobster and crabmeat rolls. L & D Sun–Wed 11:30 a.m.–11 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 1 a.m. *SEE LOCATOR #1 ON CENTER MAP.* \$\$\$

Dolphin Seafood, 1105 Mass Ave., Harvard Square, Cambridge, 617-661-2937; 12 Washington St., Natick, 508-655-0669. Its motto is "Fish fresher than ours hasn't been caught yet." These family-owned restaurants, which have served the local community since 1974, offer seafood hand-picked every morning from the Boston piers. Relax in a casual and friendly atmosphere. Specials include: salmon, scrod, seafood combination plates, clam bake dinners and steamed lobsters, complemented by their famous "Dolphin tini" cocktail. L & D Mon–Fri 11:30 a.m.–10 p.m. www.dolphinseafood.com \$\$\$

Gourmeli's Seafood, Marriott Copley Place, 110 Huntington Ave., 617-236-5800 ext. 6741. Enjoy the sushi bar or indulge in fresh lobster, swordfish and more. Offering an array of fresh New England seafood and entrees. B, L, D. \$\$\$

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

Harborside Grill, Hyatt Harborside, 101 Harborside Drive, 617-568-6060. The Harborside Grill offers panoramic views of the Boston skyline from every seat in the dining room. During the day, the casual atmosphere makes it a welcoming location for a cup of coffee or bowl of chowder. In the evening, the Grill is transformed into a sophisticated dining room featuring fresh New England seafood. Open daily 6 a.m.–10 p.m. B, L, D, SB, C, LS, VP. \$\$\$

Jasper White's Summer Shack, 50 Dalton St., 617-867-9955; 149 Alewife Brook Parkway, Cambridge, 617-520-9500. World-renowned chef, cookbook author and Boston foodie godfather Jasper White brings his extensive knowledge of seafood and New England fare to the Back Bay and Cambridge. For a casual night out, the restaurant offers the freshest seafood available, including the chef's famous pan-roasted lobster, hearty chowders, grilled fish, award-winning fried chicken and an unparalleled raw bar. Boston: Daily 11:30 a.m.–11 p.m., raw bar Thu–Sat 'til 1 a.m. Cambridge: L Mon–Fri 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m. Lighter fare served from 3–5 p.m.; D Mon–Thu 5–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m., Sun 3–9 p.m. *SEE LOCATOR #7 ON CENTER MAP.* \$\$\$

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Legal Sea Foods Restaurant, 26 Park Plaza, Park Square Motor Mart, 617-426-4444; 255 State St., Long Wharf, 617-227-3115; Copley Place, 100 Huntington Ave., 617-266-7775; Prudential Center, 800 Boylston St., 617-266-6800; 5 Cambridge Center, Kendall Square, Cambridge, 617-864-3400; other locations. For more than 50 years, Legal Sea Foods has served the freshest seafood possible, including oysters, wood-grilled fish, succulent New England lobsters and its famous clam "chowda." Extensive wine list. L & D. \$\$\$

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant, Boston Park Plaza Hotel, 34 Columbus Ave., 617-482-3999; Faneuil Hall Marketplace, North Market, 617-720-5522. Recognized nationwide for its fresh seafood and lively atmosphere, McCormick & Schmick's offers more than 30 varieties of fresh seafood, as well as steak, chicken and pasta dishes and a unique menu that changes daily. L daily 11 a.m.–4 p.m.; D Sun–Thu 4–11:30 p.m., Fri & Sat 4 p.m.–midnight. Bar open daily 'til 1:30 a.m. Bar menu Mon–Fri 3:30–6:30 p.m., Sat & Sun 10 p.m.–midnight. Casual attire. \$\$\$

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

Skipjack's Seafood Emporium, 199 Clarendon St., Copley Square, 617-536-3500; 1400 Worcester Rd. (Rte. 9), Natick, 508-628-9900; 55 Needham St., Newton, 617-964-4244. Enjoy fresh-grilled seafood in a comfortable atmosphere. Specialties include blackened tuna sashimi, Skipjack's moonfish, Maryland crabcakes and lobsters. Winner of Best of Boston 2003 award for seafood restaurant. Swing with the Winiker Orchestra Jazz Brunch Sun 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Boston: L & D Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m. Newton: L & D 11:30 a.m.–10:30 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m., Sun 'til 9 p.m. \$\$

Turner Fisheries, Westin Hotel Copley Place, corner of Stuart and Dartmouth Streets, 617-424-7425. Seafood, honest and current, is on the menu at one of Boston's newest and grandest seafood restaurants. Known for its fresh seafood and winner of several regional awards, Turner's features seven-foot-high French windows, swooping Hollywood banquettes, mahogany paneling and cobalt blue tile. Private dining rooms accommodate 10–140 guests. Discounted VP at The Westin Hotel Copley Place. L, D, C, LS. \$\$\$

Wisteria, Doubletree Hotel Boston, 821 Washington St., 617-956-7900. This restaurant and bar with a nouveau Asian twist offers an innovative menu that synthesizes New England seafood and Asian cuisine. Impeccable service and attention to detail are apparent, from the unique presentation of entrees on signature china to the welcoming hotel towel offered upon being seated. L & D. \$\$\$

Ye Olde Union Oyster House, 41 Union St., 617-227-2750. Steps away from Quincy Market on the Freedom Trail stands America's oldest restaurant, serving Yankee-style seafood, flame-grilled beef and chicken. Famous for its oyster bar where Daniel Webster dined daily. Specialties include clam chowder, shrimp, swordfish, seafood platters and fresh lobster. L, D Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–9:30 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 10 p.m. VP. www.unionoysterhouse.com \$\$\$

SOUTHWESTERN

Cottonwood Cafe, 222 Berkeley St., 617-247-2225. Specialties include open-grill steaks, poultry, seafood, pasta and vegetarian dishes. Voted "Boston's Best Southwestern Restaurant" and "Boston's Best Margarita." Reservations recommended. Private function rooms. Two hours free validated parking. L Mon–Fri 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.; D daily 'til 11 p.m.; Sat & SB 11 a.m.–3 p.m. C, LS, VP. www.cottonwoodboston.com \$\$

Fajitas & 'Ritas, 25 West St., 617-426-1222; 1327 Hancock St., Quincy Center, 617-774-1200. Established in 1989, Fajitas & 'Ritas is an easygoing, fun restaurant and bar which features fresh, healthy Tex-Mex and barbecue cuisine. The award-winning locations stress generous portions, affordable prices, open casual space and prompt, friendly service, and is a great place to throw a party. Boston: Mon–Tue 11:30 a.m.–9 p.m., Wed, Thu & Sat 'til 10 p.m. Fri 'til 11 p.m., Sun noon–8 p.m. Quincy:

Mon–Wed 11:30 a.m.–9 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 10 p.m., Sun 5–9 p.m. C, LS. www.fajitasandritas.com. *SEE LOCATOR #4 ON CENTER MAP* \$

STEAKHOUSES

Davio's Northern Italian Steakhouse, 75 Arlington St., 617-357-4810; Royal Sonesta Hotel, 5 Cambridge Parkway, Cambridge, 617-661-4810. The menu includes selections of the finest cuts of meats, homemade pastas, fresh seafood and more. Enjoy lighter fare and a late night menu in the spacious bar and parlor area. The Park Square location is close to the theater, historic sites, shopping and includes function space for 10–300 people, while the Cambridge location on the banks of the Charles River features an outdoor patio and a spectacular view of the Boston skyline. L Mon–Fri 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.; D Sun–Tue 5–10 p.m., Wed–Sat 'til 11 p.m.; C, VP. www.davios.com. *SEE LOCATOR #3 ON CENTER MAP* \$\$\$

***The Oak Room**, 138 St. James Ave., Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, 617-267-5300. This sophisticated restaurant offers a traditional steakhouse menu of prime steaks, generous chops and fresh New England seafood. Replete with stately wood paneling and accented with rich draperies and wall ornaments for a comfortable yet elegant feel. B, L, D daily. The Oak Bar specializes in classic and contemporary martinis, offering a raw bar and the complete Oak Room menu. \$\$\$

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dining spotlight



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HUNGRY I

Nestled on historic Beacon Hill, **The Hungry i** stands as evidence of Boston's more European qualities. Maybe it's helped by the old-world feel of the neighborhood, but more likely it's the French-influenced menu, changed seasonally by chef/owner Peter Ballarin. Either way, an evening spent by candlelight in what has frequently been called the most romantic restaurant in town transports you to another world.

The cozy, more rustic lower level was once a bohemian coffeehouse dubbed the Hungry Intellectual. Today The Hungry i features three working fireplaces and Victorian-inspired details. It also doubles as a special occasion destination for out-of-towners and the perfect neighborhood dining spot for locals. Ballarin maintains this balance by creating an ambiance that satisfies every whim, including an outdoor patio for fair weather days and the more elegant dining rooms upstairs. But while the space keeps diners comfortable, it's the food that keeps them happy.

The menu is small but varied, offering a mix of local ingredients flavored by various ethnic accents. The nightly specials give Ballarin a chance to experiment: One night featured a first course of perogi-like potato dumplings dressed with a rich cream sauce, giving the Polish staple French decadence. Other starters include the *snow crab and scallop Newburg* and a *salad of spinach, Valencia oranges and toasted pecans*.

Hungry i's most popular entree has to be the *venison au poivre noir*. Succulent slices of meat are coated in black pepper and served with a red wine reduction sauce enriched with sour cream. But beef is handled with equal aplomb in the *filet maison*, a tenderloin seared with shallots and crispy pancetta that is a wonderful medley of textures and flavors. Top notch seafood options are also available, like the *Costa Rican snapper* rolled with asparagus and fresh thyme. Because the atmosphere is so ideal, plan to linger over dessert and a good, strong cup of coffee. After all, it's the European way.

HUNGRY I
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“ Frequently called the most romantic restaurant in town. ”

The NORTH END

Renowned as Boston's "Little Italy," the North End is constantly brimming with the aroma of garlic and freshly cooked cuisine. But its storied history is also part of its charm. The oldest neighborhood in the city, it gave birth to the American Revolution on its narrow cobblestone streets and has been home to wave after wave of new immigrants. Today, the North End remains one of the most European neighborhoods in America. Here's a look at what you'll find:

FOOD

The North End is widely known for its abundance of Italian restaurants. The cuisine is authentic and consistently delicious, whether Old World Sicilian, traditional Northern Italian or Mediterranean fusion. And though the ambience can be boisterous, romantic or somewhere in between, the setting is usually intimate, with patrons rubbing elbows with one another in crowded dining rooms—it's all part of the European feel.

SIGHTSEEING

One of Boston's most well-known attractions is, of course, the Freedom Trail. Three of its sites are located in the North End. The **Paul Revere House**, Boston's oldest home built circa 1680, was occupied by the famed silversmith/patriot/midnight rider and his family (including 16 children!) from 1770–1800. Christ Church, a.k.a. the **Old North Church**, Boston's oldest standing church (built in 1723) served as the signal tower that spurred

Revere on his jaunt through the countryside. And **Copp's Hill Burying Ground**, founded in 1660 as the Hub's second cemetery, provided the final resting place of many famous colonials, such as the Puritan preachers of the Mather family, including Salem Witch Trial-era firebrand Cotton Mather, and Edmund Hartt, whose shipyard constructed the U.S. Navy's flagship *U.S.S. Constitution*.

ENTERTAINMENT

In keeping with its Old World character, the North End observes many traditions imported from the shores of Europe. One such annual rite is the weekly **Italian feasts and processions**, kept alive by immigrants and their descendants, that take place throughout the summer and enliven this already spirited locale. These spectacles usually celebrate the patron saints of Italian villages and center around jubilant parades of the saints' statues through the North End's winding roadways. Food vendors, hawking everything from

sausage to calamari, add their own flavor to the scene.

If you're looking for belly laughs instead of a full belly, have a seat at the **Improv Asylum** on Hanover Street to take in the wild antics of this innovative comedy troupe. The Asylum offers off-the-cuff fun and hilarity at its original North End venue.

And if you haven't had enough of good old Paul Revere, check out **Paul Revere Tonight**, which runs at the Old North Church during the summer and fall. Award-winning actor David Conner re-creates this legendary figure and tells the oft-untold stories of Revere's upbringing and his midnight ride.

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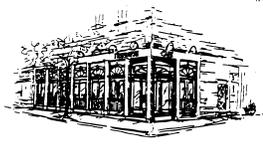
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SIGN OF THE TIMES

The Citgo Sign in Kenmore Square remains an enduring Boston icon

by Christopher Wallenberg and Josh B. Wardrop

Since 1965, the famous Citgo sign has loomed high over Kenmore Square, beckoning forth mammoth home runs swatted over Fenway Park's left field wall, the Green Monster. Photographs of the Olympic swimming pool-size, double-faced sign have appeared on postcards, in newspapers, magazines and books.

Yet the sign has faced much adversity over the years—including five hurricanes, an energy crisis and even the threat of demolition. From 1979 to 1983, the sign was darkened when then Governor Ed King asked that it be turned off as a symbol of energy conservation—even though it only used \$60 a week worth of electricity. By 1983, the sign's demise seemed imminent. The inactive icon was falling apart and the petroleum giant decided that it should be dismantled.

Angry Bostonians, however, protested its demolition, calling it a beloved symbol of the city and a great example of urban neon art, roadside culture and the post-war zeitgeist. Reacting to the public outcry, the Boston



Christopher Wallenberg

Landmarks Commission stepped into the fray and Citgo eventually relented. Instead, the company spent \$50,000 to restore the sign to its former glory and promised to maintain it.

This year, another redesign intended to provide better lighting and more energy efficiency has, ironically, taken the "gas" from the gas station sign. In March, the neon tubes that lit the Citgo sign since its inception were replaced by brighter, computer-operated light emitting diodes (LED), like you'd find in an alarm clock.

At the behest of area residents, the Citgo sign is lit only from dusk 'til midnight. **F**



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DID YOU KNOW?

- Some half dozen similar Citgo signs once stood in American cities, including Chicago and Milwaukee. Before the Citgo sign became the illuminated icon it is today, its spot was held by a large, light-less Cities Services sign, the company's former name. Neon was added to the sign in 1965.
- The 60 by 60 foot sign boasted 5,878 red, orange, blue and white glass neon tubes measuring more than five miles in length.

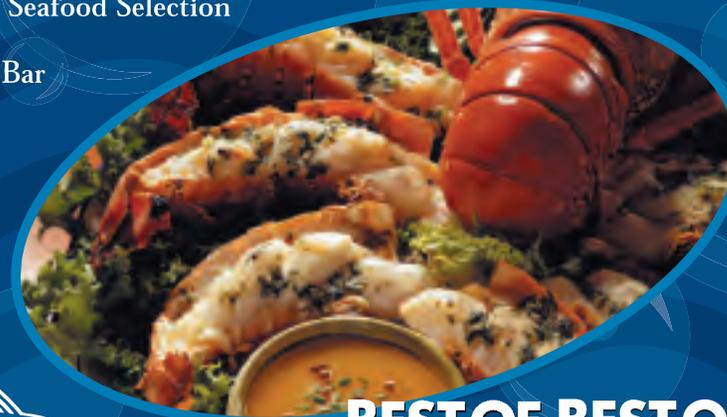


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