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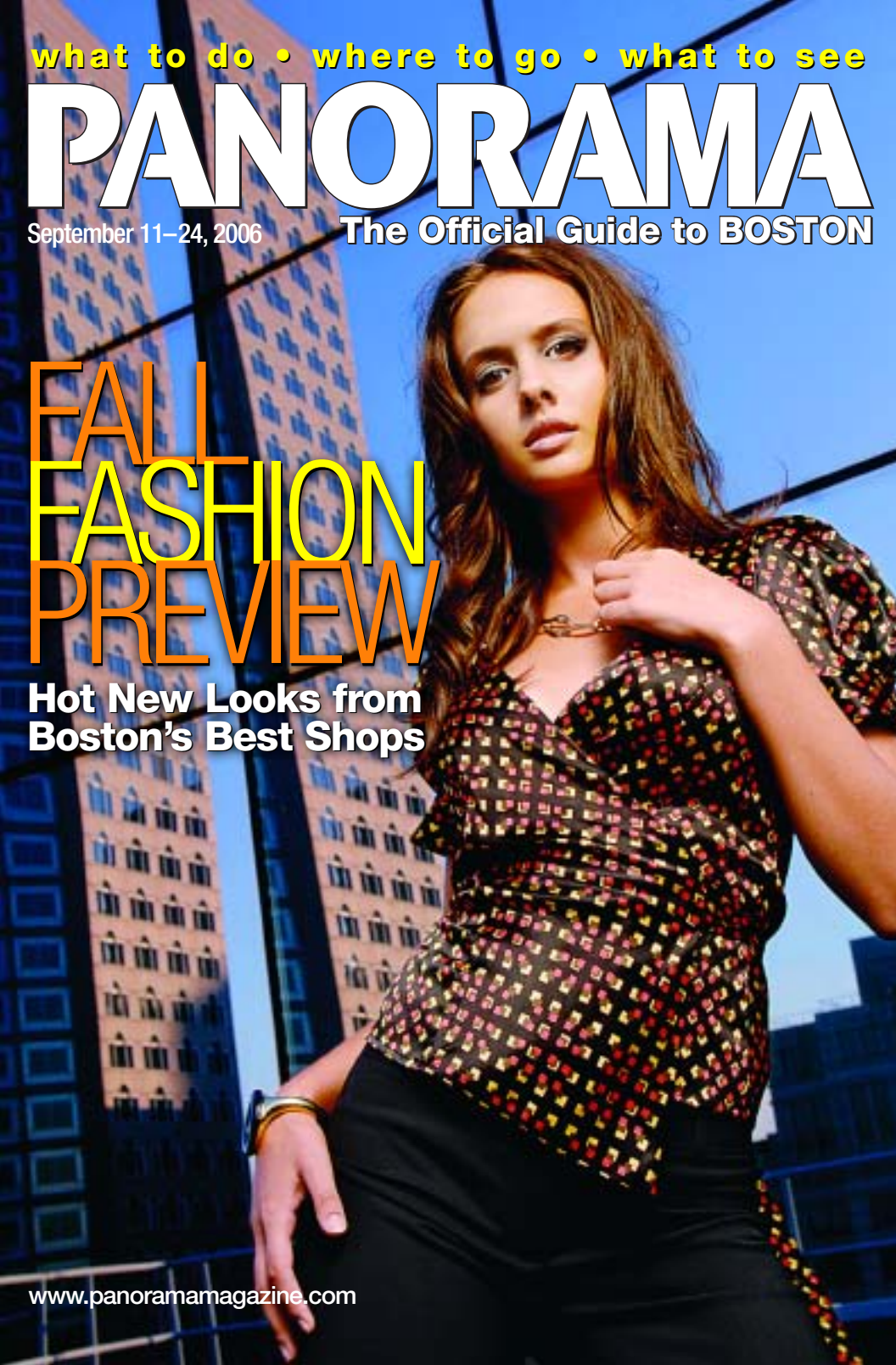

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Marle of Maggie Inc. enjoys the view of Boston from the roof of the new InterContinental Boston at 500 Atlantic Ave.

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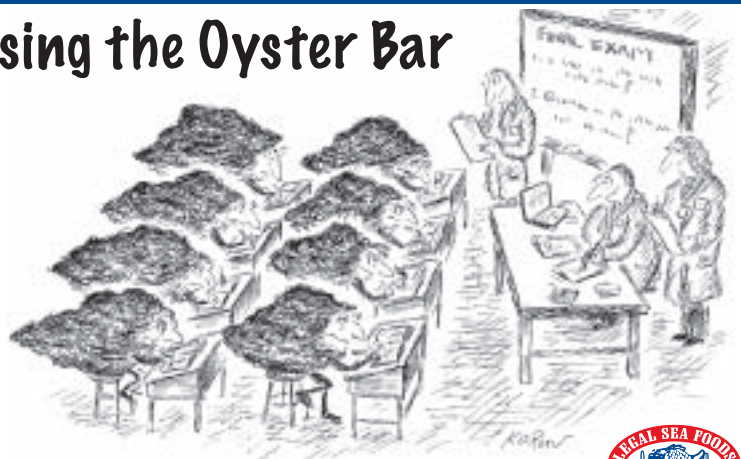

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news&notes

by Josh B. Wardrop

Mt. Auburn in Autumn

Normally, the words "cemetery" and "celebration" would be somewhat incongruous next to each other, but when one of Massachusetts' most venerable and beautiful landmarks reaches an impressive milestone like its 175th anniversary, attention must surely be paid.

Such is the case with **Mount Auburn Cemetery** in Cambridge. Established in 1831 as the nation's first garden cemetery, this picturesque and tranquil burial ground was the template for how we now regard cemeteries. Until Mt. Auburn, the idea of a pleasant and relaxing final resting place filled with trees, shade, artful sculpture, benches for contemplation and an abundance of delightful foliage and flora was pretty much unheard of—instead, cemeteries were mostly flat plots of land with row upon row of rather bare and plain gravestones, generally situated in the heart of the city.

A full year of special events have been planned to commemorate Mt. Auburn's anniversary, beginning with a ceremony and reception at the cemetery on **September 24**, featuring guest speakers including poet Celia Gilbert and a brass fanfare by musicians from New England Conservatory. Visitors can come and stroll the grounds, and look for the final resting places of luminaries like Mary Baker Eddy, Isabella Stewart Gardner, Winslow Homer and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow amidst the peace and beauty of a true natural treasure. *Refer to listing, page 43.*

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MODERN (ART) PROBLEMS

Lovers of cutting-edge visual art spent much of 2006 with **September 17** circled on their calendar—that was the day that the much-awaited new $51 million South Boston waterfront home of the **Institute of Contemporary Art** was set to open for business. Unfortunately, much like one or two other major construction projects here in the Hub over the years, unforeseen delays have popped up, forcing the ICA to delay the debut of Boston's first new major art museum in a century.

No new opening date has been confirmed as of this writing, but rumblings from ICA brass are hinting that the state-of-the-art facility will open sometime in November—which would certainly give contemporary art fans something to be thankful for along with their stuffing and cranberry sauce.

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calendar of events

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

From the British Invasion to the invention of rock opera, **The Who** have been musical pioneers for four decades. Now essentially a duo—guitarist Pete Townshend and vocalist Roger Daltrey (pictured)—the legendary rockers perform tonight at the TD Banknorth Garden. *Refer to listing, page 29.*

PHOTO BY PAUL LYDEN

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

North Shore Music Theatre premieres its staging of the Andrew Lloyd Webber classic, ***Jesus Christ Superstar***—a musical re-telling of the Son of God's last days on earth. *Refer to listing, page 32.*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

If you can't get no satisfaction, then check out the **Rolling Stones** in concert at Gillette Stadium. Last chance to see them? Don't bet on it. (As long as they keep Keith Richards, right, out of coconut trees, that is.) *Refer to listing, page 28.*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Brazilian vocalist **Cibelle** brings her sultry, alt-bossa nova stylings to the Somerville Theatre. *Refer to listing, page 29.*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Sing-a-longs are typically campfire activities, but the annual **RiverSing** invites guests to the Charles River to harmonize with local choruses, including vocal ensemble Libana, in a display of unity and a farewell to summer. *Refer to listing, page 31.*

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A NEW SET OF WHEELS

If watching the documentary *An Inconvenient Truth* has you feeling guilty about that gas-guzzling SUV you drive—or if you've had to take out a second mortgage just to keep the tank filled—you might want to check out **AltWheels** (pictured above) at City Hall Plaza on **September 22 & 23** and the Larz Anderson Auto Museum on **September 24**. Billed as the largest alternative transportation festival on the East Coast, this unique event shows off everything from solar-powered cars to hydrogen-fueled automobiles to vehicles running on trash and used vegetable oil! There'll also be demonstrations, exhibits, children's activities and the chance to test drive these Earth-friendly modes of transport. *Refer to listing, page 30.*

FANS FLIP FOR FREE FENWAY FEST

Anyone who's watched the Boston Red Sox plummet out of the playoff hunt—mostly due to a slew of injuries to key players like Jason Varitek and Manny Ramirez—could tell you that the prospect of a night at Fenway Park in September carries a lot less appeal in the Hub this year than usual.

However, the social activity Web site HeyLetsGo.com has come up with a way to get Red Sox fans excited about coming to Fenway again—hosting the **HeyLetsGo Fenway Fest** on **September 15**, *beginning at 6 p.m.* The event allows free entry into Fenway Park for an evening of socializing with fellow fans, and a chance to watch the Sox take on the Yankees in New York on the Fenway Jumbotron. There'll also be games like Dunk the Yankee (no real Yankees are expected to participate, unfortunately), live music, raffles, prizes, a chance to get your picture taken with the 2004 World Series trophy, ballpark food, complimentary drinks, and much more.

Admission is free, though HeyLetsGo will also be collecting money for Red Sox charities at the event. Participants do, however, need to register at HeyLetsGo.com in advance. *Refer to listing, page 30.*

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Open House

HARVARD MUSEUMS COMMUNITY DAY
various locations in
Harvard Square, Cambridge
September 17 from 1–5 p.m.

Ever dreamed of going to Harvard for free? Now you can! Well, not the university, per se, but at least you can get into its museums, gratis. On the afternoon of **September 17**, all of Harvard's museums—including the Arthur M. Sackler Museum, the Busch-Reisinger Museum, the Fogg Art Museum and the Harvard Museum of Natural History—are hosting an open house, and you're invited. Special activities include live model drawing in the Fogg Museum's Calderwood Courtyard (pictured above) *from 1–3 p.m.* and a Live Creature Feature *at 2, 3 and 4 p.m.* at the Museum of Natural History. *Refer to listings, pages 36 & 37.*

TAKE-HOME ART

STUDENT LOAN ART PROGRAM EXHIBITION
MIT List Visual Arts Center
Through September 17

Students at MIT have long been known for being a little different. While most college students have posters of the latest rock bands or Hollywood stars decorating their dorm rooms, kids at MIT—those lucky enough to win a lottery drawing, that is—get to hang the latest prints and works on paper from some of the most exciting contemporary artists on the planet on their walls. For the two weeks prior to the drawing, the List Visual Arts Center exhibits the nearly 350 works that are available for borrowing for the 2006–2007 academic year. Here's to one student loan that won't take years to pay off. *Refer to listing, page 36.*

The East Comes West

COSMOPHILIA
McMullen Museum of Art
Through December 31

Going beyond the Middle East, Boston College's McMullen Museum covers the breadth of the Islamic world—from Western Europe to Asia—over a span of 1,300 years to give an in-depth view of some of the most intricate, colorful and under-appreciated art in the world. Taken from the vast C.L. David Collection in Copenhagen, Denmark, the 123 objects on display—from textiles to ceramics and works on paper to ornamental metal and woodwork—are being shown in North America for the first time. Divided into five categories, the show explores not only Islamic artists' well-known use of intricate geometric patterning, but also their mastery of figural depictions (as in the tapestry shown above), floral designs and calligraphy. *Refer to listing, page 35.*

TOP RIGHT: *VELVET WITH LADY IN A NICHE*, 17TH CENTURY, INDIA OR IRAN, DAVID COLLECTION, COPENHAGEN; BOTTOM LEFT: TAKASHI MURAKAMI, *JELLYFISH EYES*, 2003

The Bin is In

BIN 26 ENOTECA
26 Charles St.
617-723-5939

Brother-and-sister restaurateurs Babak and Azita Bina (pictured above) have treated Bostonians to delicious and exotic meals for more than a decade—most recently at their one-of-a-kind Persian eatery Lala Rokh. Now, the siblings are further tantalizing taste buds in Beacon Hill with their new casual, yet refined, wine bar and restaurant Bin 26 Enoteca. Bin 26 pairs Azita's beloved Italian cuisine—including dishes like cocoa tagliatelle with Cepes mushroom ragout, and lime-flavored cold melon soup with ham and figs—with more than 150 wines from around the world, (including 50 by the glass) to offer all the class of a gourmet restaurant without the attitude. Check out this charming new addition to the culinary scene now, and be the first of your friends who's "Bin there, done that." —*Josh Wardrop*

Phantastic Phood Phills the Phenway

PHANTOM GOURMET FOOD FESTIVAL
Lansdowne Street
September 23
from 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

If you're into conspicuous consumption and delectable (if not exactly low-cal) foodstuffs, you'll want to be on Lansdowne Street on **September 23** for Boston's biggest display of gustatory excess for 2006: the Phantom Gourmet Food Festival. Sponsored by the popular local restaurant review TV show, this day of indulgence unites three dozen of the region's top eateries to provide tastings of their signature dishes. Your $30 ticket lets you chow down on everything from cream puffs (from Beard Papa) to sweet potato pecan pudding (Firefly's BBQ) to hamburgers (Fuddrucker's) to whoopee pies, crab cakes, hot dogs, and pretty much anything else you can imagine. *Refer to listing, page 31.* —*Josh Wardrop*

DISH OF THE DAY

THE FRUIT TART
Truly Jörg's Patisserie
Hotel Commonwealth
514 Commonwealth Ave.
617-266-6283

Fans of European-style desserts have a new hangout right in the heart of Kenmore Square—at Truly Jorg's Patisserie, it's Old World technique 24-7. World-renowned chef and owner Jorg Amsler's mouth-watering selection of European pastries includes cakes, Danish and croissants—but nothing will have you saying 'Ooh La La' like the fresh fruit tart. Heaping amounts of kiwi, blueberries, raspberries, strawberries and blackberries are complemented by an apricot glaze atop a flaky homemade crust, all for just $4. Cheaper than a trip to Europe, but just as sweetly satisfying. —*Erin La Rosa*

BOTTOM RIGHT PHOTO BY HEIDI MOESINGER

by Marketa Hulpachova

Behind the Curtain

BACKSTAGE: THE BEAUTY EVENT
Neiman Marcus
5 Copley Place
617-536-3660
September 8–17

The idea of being behind the scenes of a haute couture runway show is enough to make any well-groomed girl (and many a boy) swoon. Rather than idly dreaming of rubbing elbows with de la Renta, take advantage of the next best thing—Neiman Marcus's Backstage: The Beauty Event. For $85, you'll get model-worthy makeovers and skincare tips from some of the world's leading makeup artists, sample the newest high-end cosmetics and take home a tote full of must-haves by Marc Jacobs, Estee Lauder and Clinique. And if Oscar does happen to drop by, you'll be good and ready.

DRESSED FOR LESS

ZINNIA'S
1312 Mass Ave., Cambridge
617-354-1800

Shopping for a fall wardrobe isn't easy. Just when you've spent your last bit of energy—and savings—on that perfect pair of boots, you realize that your new slew of purchases is entirely devoid of accessories. Thankfully, Harvard Square is home to a trinket-filled jewelry shop called Zinnia's. Filled with eye-catching knick-knacks like scarf headbands ($10), beaded belts ($29.99) and sterling silver earrings ($10–30), this dazzling boutique offers stylish and affordable solutions to all your garnishing dilemmas.

Back Bay Bargains

FILENE'S BASEMENT
479 Boylston St.
617-424-5520

If you're familiar with the local shopping scene, you know that rummaging through bins in the unpretentious underground labyrinth known as Filene's Basement is the city's quintessential bargain-hunting experience. You may therefore be slightly stunned by the discount retailer's second Boston store, which opens **September 13** in the Back Bay. With its lavish carpeting, sconce lighting and wainscoted walls, the new Filene's looks more like an upscale department store than a discount emporium, but while you won't find the cluttered racks and hand-lettered signs inherent to its Downtown Crossing sister, you will find the same designer clothing for the same dirt cheap prices.

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Cocktail of the Week

CEDRIC'S CLOVER CLUB
Silvertone Bar & Grill
69 Bromfield St.
617-338-7887

With his affinity for traditional English gin, bar owner Josh Childs of hip Beacon Hill haunt Silvertone has a penchant for reviving classic cocktails. One of his more whimsical creations is the 1930s-inspired Clover Club—an airy froth of Plymouth Gin, lemon juice, grenadine and whipped egg whites. While it may sound unusual in today's 'tini-centered cocktail scene, this foamy concoction is one trip to the past that you won't want to miss.

—Marketa Hulpachova

A Few Laughs…

BOSTON COMEDY FESTIVAL
Various locations
Through September 16

Summer may be fading fast, but there's no reason to be glum—especially not with the Boston Comedy Festival hitting town. For the seventh straight year, comics from Boston and around the nation will descend on the Hub, performing at the city's top comedy clubs. On **September 14** at Cutler Majestic Theatre, Emerson College alums Denis Leary, Anthony Clark, Bill Burr and others celebrate 30 Years of Comedy at Emerson, while acerbic stand-up star Lewis Black (pictured) and Friends perform at the Majestic **September 15 & 16**. The festival concludes with eight up-and-comers taking the Majestic stage **September 16** to compete for the $10,000 top prize in the Festival's Comedy Contest. *Refer to listing, page 25.* *—Sarah Brickley*

WHEN HOOTIE MET FRANKIE

DARIUS RUCKER AND HIS BIG BAND
John Hancock Hall
September 23

Darius Rucker—lead singer of multi-platinum recording stars Hootie and the Blowfish—name-checked Bob Dylan on the band's biggest hit, "Only Wanna Be With You." He'll call to mind a different American musical icon, however, when Rucker and his Big Band come to Boston on **September 23** to perform the music of "The Chairman" himself, Frank Sinatra. The benefit concert—along with a pre-show dinner and silent auction—will raise money for The Fish House Foundation, an organization devoted to awarding college scholarships to deserving New England teens. *Refer to listing, page 28.* *—Josh B. Wardrop*

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Festival Fun

BOSTON FOLK FESTIVAL
UMass Boston campus
September 16 & 17

BOSTON BLUES FESTIVAL
DCR Hatch Shell
September 23 & 24

Summer's fading fast, and with it goes the ever-popular outdoor concert season. Boston music fans, however, aren't letting go without a couple final blowout events. On **September 16 & 17**, the annual Boston Folk Festival (pictured) returns to UMass Boston, uniting top artists like Bruce Cockburn and the legendary Richie Havens. Then, on **September 23 & 24**, the Charles River Esplanade temporarily becomes the Mississippi Delta, as talented blues artists like Brian Templeton and the Boston Blues Express perform at the free Boston Blues Festival. *Refer to listings, page 28.* *—Josh Wardrop*

SHE BOP

RESPECT: A MUSICAL JOURNEY
Stuart Street Playhouse
Beginning September 21

Billy Joel's "We Didn't Start the Fire" proved that people can appreciate history lessons, provided they can sing along. Perhaps that's why the creators of *Respect: A Musical Journey* decided to tell the story of how women's lives have evolved through the use of pivotal pop hits by female artists. The show follows four women through the music they listened to at important milestones in their lives—from "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend" to "I Will Survive," from Aretha Franklin to Tina Turner to Mariah Carey, sung by a cast that includes Tiana Checcia (pictured) as well as local favorite Kathy St. George, who appeared in the two-year run of *Menopause the Musical* at the Playhouse. *Refer to listing, page 33.* *—Erin La Rosa*

Big 3-0 for the BLO

BOSTON LYRIC OPERA 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
The Wang Theatre
September 15 at 8 p.m.

When Paris Hilton can score a hit single, it would seem there's no longer much value placed on being able to carry a tune. Thankfully, there's still the talented performers of the Boston Lyric Opera—vocalists who still regard singing as a craft, and who remember when "diva" was a term of respect, not a synonym for "spoiled brat." Boston opera lovers get their chance to pay tribute to the BLO on **September 15** at their gala 30th Anniversary Celebration, which features a lavish cocktail hour and dinner party, followed by a concert uniting soprano Lisa Daltirus, mezzo-soprano Kate Lindsey and other vocalists with an orchestra led by Maestro Willie Anthony Waters (pictured above). *Refer to listing, page 29.* *—Josh Wardrop*

TOP RIGHT PHOTO BY DEBRA HESSER

Fashion is their Passion

BEACON STREET GIRLS
Available at bookstores around the city

From *Sweet Valley High* to *The Babysitters Club*, chick lit series have always been a hit among adolescent girls. In Boston, the new kids on the block are the Beacon Street Girls—five fictional local teens with distinct personalities and interests young readers can easily relate to. Inspired by current pop culture, *Fashion Frenzy*, the newest book in the series, aims to give young girls a positive perspective on the world of fashion. Launched by Massachusetts publisher and parent of two, Addie Swartz, the books are quickly becoming a trend among preteen girls, and are available in bookstores nationwide. *—Marketa Hulpachova*

Into the Blue

BLUE MAN GROUP: MAKING WAVES
Boston Children's Museum
Beginning September 21

Onstage, the blue-headed and frenetic Blue Man Group perform with the creativity and inquisitiveness of children—which makes them natural partners for the Boston Children's Museum and their new, blue exhibit "Making Waves." Here, visitors can play, learn and explore with the same zeal and imagination as the performance artists of Blue Man Group. And if that isn't enough to get you feeling blue, you can also play on Blue Man musical instruments like PVC pipe drums, the Slide-u-lum and the Build-u-lum. It may not be easy being green, but being blue sure looks like a blast! *Refer to listing, page 35.* *—Erin La Rosa*

E IS FOR EVERYBODY

THE BIG E
Eastern States Exposition Fairgrounds
Beginning September 15

Family entertainment that actually appeals to the whole family—impossible, you say? Head west and experience "The Big E," a three-week extravaganza spotlighting all six New England states against a backdrop of carnival games, massive rides, non-stop entertainment and amazing food. Between sampling real Rhode Island clam fritters and Maine blueberry pie, or petting camels and riding elephants at the petting zoo, or checking out live shows from Top 40 stars like Ciara and Carrie Underwood (pictured above), The Big E actually delivers on the promise of something for everyone. *Refer to listing, page 30.* *—Josh Wardrop*

Autumn Style

Whether it's cozy weekends in the country or cool days in the city, Boston's shops have you covered for fall

by Heather S. Burke

photography by Tim Llewellyn

Piazza Sempione sweater, $860 at **Neiman Marcus**; Prada Cacao belt, $445 at **Saks Fifth Avenue**; black wash skinny jeans, $168 at **Marc Jacobs**; oval wooden earrings, $9.99 at **Zinnia**.

MOVIN' TO THE COUNTRY: Kate of Maggie Inc. poses at Russell Orchards in Ipswich. *For additional credits, refer to page 59.*

Marc Jacobs Collection jersey dress, $1800 at **Marc Jacobs**; Chanel boots, $1160 at **Saks Fifth Avenue**.

JUMP AROUND: Marle of Maggie Inc. struts her stuff on the roof of the new InterContinental Boston. *For additional credits, refer to page 59.*

Marc by Marc Jacobs sweater, $188 at **Marc Jacobs**; bird charm necklace, $19.99 at **Zinnia**.

Marc by Marc Jacobs felted wool coat, $548 at **Marc Jacobs**; Wendy Mink black resin, citrine and agate necklace, $188 at **Nanette Lepore**.

Moschino blouse, $580 at **Saks Fifth Avenue**; platinum and diamond cultured Tahitian pearl drop earrings, $16,500, platinum and diamond rectangular link bracelet, $14, 800, platinum oval link diamond flower bracelet, $17,400 and platinum, diamond and green tourmaline Legacy ring, $6,550, all at **Tiffany and Co.**

Theory cropped cape sweater, $335, Juicy Couture blouse, $158, Elie Tahari pants, $248, all at **Saks Fifth Avenue**; Erickson-Beamon teardrop rhinestone earrings, $314 at **Nanette Lepore**; silver and gold ring, $55 at **Tayrona**.

Black and white lace top, $215, Lady Danger Skirt, $215, both by **Nanette Lepore**; Erickson-Beamon earrings, $202 at **Nanette Lepore**.

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ON THE SQUARE: The spire of Trinity Church, H.H. Richardson's architectural masterpiece in Copley Square, stands out against the modern backdrop of the Hancock Tower. *Refer to listings, page 41.*

PHOTO BY DELLA HUFF

CLASSICAL

WINSOR MUSIC CHAMBER SERIES, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 15 St. Paul St., Brookline, 781-863-2861. ***Sep 17*** *at 4 p.m. Tickets: $20; students and seniors $15.* The Winsor Music ensemble performs works by Bach and Beethoven, as well as the world premiere of Paul Moravec's *Oboe Concerto.*

COMEDY

BOSTON COMEDY FESTIVAL, various Boston locations, 617-782-8100. *Visit www.bostoncomedyfestival.com for complete schedule of events and admission prices.* This seventh annual event celebrates the best of Boston stand-up comedy, past and present, with a variety of performances from well-known and up-and-coming comics. ***Sep 14*** *at 7:30 p.m.* at Cutler Majestic Theatre, 219 Tremont St.—Denis Leary, Steven Wright, Anthony Clark, Bill Burr and others return to their alma mater for "30 Years of Comedy at Emerson," *tickets: $35 & 45;* ***Sep 15*** *at 8:30 p.m.* ***& Sep 16*** *at 9:30 p.m.* at Cutler Majestic Theatre—Lewis Black and Friends, *tickets: $35 & 45;* ***Sep 16*** *at 7 p.m.* at Cutler Majestic Theatre—The Boston Comedy Festival Contest Finals, featuring eight local comics competing for $10,000 in prize money. Following the contest, a special lifetime achievement award will be given to Dorchester native and comedy legend Norm Crosby, *tickets: $25.*

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 Chris Rock, Dane Cook and Dave Chappelle. *Tickets: $15–30.* ***Sep 11, 12 & 13*** *at 7 and 9 p.m.*—Boston Comedy Festival Preliminaries; ***Sep 19*** *at 8 p.m.*—Paul Nardizzi; ***Sep 15*** *at 8 and 10:15 p.m.*—Roz G and Chris Porter; ***Sep 16*** *at 6, 8 and 10:15 p.m.*—Chris Porter and Roz G; ***Sep 14 & 21*** *at 8:30 p.m.*—Frank Santos "The R-Rated Hypnotist"; ***Sep 17 & 18*** *at 7 & 9:15 p.m.*—Mike Epps; ***Sep 20*** *at 8 p.m.*—WBCN Night featuring Frank Santorelli; ***Sep 24*** *at 7 p.m.*—Mike McDonald.

THE COMEDY STUDIO AT THE HONG KONG, 1236 Mass. Ave., Harvard Square, Cambridge, 617-661-6507. *Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; shows begin at 8 p.m. Call for complete schedule. Cover: $8–10.* A place where fresh talent is discovered and headliners experiment. ***Sep 12 & 19***—Magic Lounge; ***Sep 13***—The Studio Picks, a Boston Comedy Festival Event with Chris Fleming, JJ Leslie and others; ***Sep 14***—Dan Sally Show; ***Sep 15***—Sue Burton, Sean Sullivan, Nate Johnson and others; ***Sep 16***—Arik Marks, Nate Johnson, Shaun Bedgood and others; ***Sep 17 & 24***—Erin Judge and guests; ***Sep 20***—Chris Tabb & Corey Manning present Orlando Baxter, Myq Kaplan and Mike Dorval; ***Sep 21***—Benefit for the Center for Cancer Support and Education; ***Sep 22***—Dan Sally, Chocolate Cake City, The Walsh Brothers and others; ***Sep 23***—Doug Chagnon, Myq Kaplan, Eric Riley Moore and others.

DICK DOHERTY'S COMEDY VAULT, 124 Boylston St, 617-574-9676. *Shows Thu–Sun at 9 p.m. Tickets: $10–15.* Located in the downstairs portion of Remington's bar and restaurant, this comedy studio boasts open mic night every Sunday. ***Sep 14 & 21***—Greg Howell and guests; ***Sep 15 & 22***—Outtakes, sketch comedy and standup; ***Sep 16***—Alvin David and guests; ***Sep 17***—Eric Riley Moore hosts open mic night; ***Sep 23 & 24***—EJ Murphy and guests.

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JIMMY TINGLE: The local writer/comedian performs his one-man show, Jimmy Tingle's American Dream, at his theater in Somerville. **Refer to listing, below.**

IMPROV ASYLUM, 216 Hanover St., 617-263-6887. *Wed & Thu at 8 p.m.; Fri & Sat at 8 and 10 p.m. Tickets: $15–20, dinner packages available.* ***Sep 14 & 21*** *at 10 p.m.*—Stand-Uprov; ***Sep 14 & 21*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Sep 15 & 22*** *at 10 p.m.,* ***Sep 16 & 23*** *at 8 & 10 p.m.*—Bird Flu Over The Cuckoo's Nest; ***Sep 15 & 22*** *at 8 p.m.*—Keepin It Clean (family show); ***Sep 16 & 23*** *at midnight*—Midnight Show.

IMPROVBOSTON, Back Alley Theater, 1253 Cambridge St., Cambridge, 617-576-1253. *Cover: $5–15.* This comedy troupe features sketch comedy, games, original music and audience participation. ***Sep 12 & 19*** *at 10 p.m.*—Zebro; ***Sep 13 & 20*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Hump Fringe Show; ***Sep 14 & 21*** *at 8 p.m.*— Comedy Thursday: UnNatural Selection; *at 10 p.m.*—The Great and Secret Comedy Show; ***Sep 15 & 22*** *at 8 p.m.*—Phys Ed with Coach Crotchky; *at 10 p.m.*—TheatreSports; *at 11:30 p.m.*—Night Cap; ***Sep 16 & 23*** *at 6 p.m.*—Family Show; *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Mainstage; *at 11:30 p.m.*—Night Cap; ***Sep 17 & 24*** *at 7 p.m.*—The Culpepper Comedy Jam.

JIMMY TINGLE'S OFF BROADWAY, 255 Elm St., Davis Square, Somerville, 617-591-1616. *Cover: $25–30. Call for reservations and complete schedule.* Founded by actor/comic/writer Jimmy Tingle, this venue features established and aspiring performers. ***Sep 14–16, 22 & 23*** *at 7:30 p.m.,* ***Sep 17*** *at 3 p.m.*—Jimmy Tingle's American Dream; ***Sep 15, 16, 22 & 23*** *at 10 p.m.*—Comedy at Ten stand-up show, *tickets: $10.*

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. ***Sep 12–16***—Boston Comedy Festival; ***Sep 22 & 23***—Larry Norton.

STEVE SWEENEY'S COMEDY CAFE, 711 Boylston St, 800-401-2221. *Shows Fri–Sat at 9:30 p.m. Tickets: $20.* Local funnyman Steve Sweeney teams with beantown comedy fixture Dick Doherty and special guest comics for uproarious show in this new downstairs comedy club. ***Sep 14–16***—Boston Comedy Festival shows; ***Sep 22***—Steve Sweeney and Greg Rodrigues; ***Sep 23***—Dick Doherty and Greg Rodrigues.

CONVENTIONS & EXPOS

BAYSIDE EXPO CENTER, 415 Summer St., 617-954-2000. ***Sep 22*** *from 3–10 p.m.,* ***Sep 23*** *from 10 a.m. –10 p.m.,* ***Sep 24*** *from 10 a.m.–6 p.m.*—New England Recreational Vehicle and Outdoor Adventure Expo.

HYNES CONVENTION CENTER, 900 Boylston St., 617-954-2000. ***Sep 14*** *at 7 p.m.*—An Evening with Sylvia Browne, *tickets: $35 & 50.*

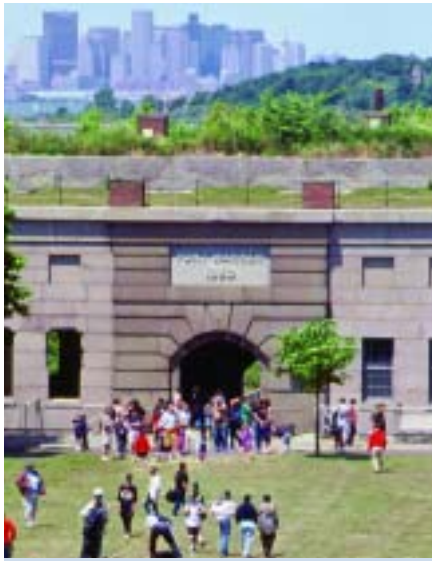
FILM

THE BRATTLE THEATRE, 40 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-876-6837. *Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: $9; students & matinee $7.50; seniors & children $6.* Classic, cutting-edge and world cinema with double features almost every day. ***Sep 11*** *at 5, 7:30 and 10 p.m.—Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas;* ***Sep 12*** *at 4:30 and 9:45 p.m.—Twelve Monkeys; at 7 p.m.—The Fisher King;* ***Sep 13, 15, 17, 20 & 21*** *at 3, 5:15, 7:30 and 10 p.m.—Mutual Appreciation;* ***Sep 15 & 16*** *at midnight—Terminator 2: Judgement Day;* ***Sep 17*** *at noon—Seeds; at 10 p.m.—Yellowbeard;* ***Sep 22*** *at 5, 7:15 and 9:30 p.m.—Leonard Cohen: I'm Your Man; at midnight—Predator;* ***Sep 23*** *at 2:45, 5, 7:15 and 9:30 p.m.—Wassup Rockers; at midnight—Predator;* ***Sep 24*** *at 2:45 and 7:15 p.m.—The Proposition; at 5 and 9:30 p.m.—Lady Vengeance.*

COOLIDGE CORNER THEATRE, 290 Harvard Ave., Brookline, 617-734-2500. *Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: $8.50; members, seniors & children $5.50.* This independent movie house screens recent indie films, as well as the classics. Now showing: ***Sep 13*** *at 7 p.m.—Hotel Rwanda;* ***Sep 15***—Manhattan Short Film Festival. Special event: ***Sep 17*** *at 7 p.m.*—Screenwriters Salon.

HARVARD FILM ARCHIVE, Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts, 24 Quincy St., Cambridge, 617-495-4700. *Call for showtimes, complete schedule and ticket prices.* With more than 300 films shown per year, HFA is one of the most active art cinemas in New England. Now showing: ***Sep 18*** *at 8:45 p.m.—Far From Heaven;* ***Sep 22*** *at 7 and 9 p.m.—The War Tapes.*

MUGAR OMNI THEATER, Museum of Science, 617-723-2500 or 617-333-FILM. *Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: $9; seniors $8; children (3–11) $7. Discounted admission for showtimes after 6 p.m.* This IMAX theater presents larger-than-life images on a five-story high, domed screen. Now showing: *Greece: Secrets of the Past; Wired to Win: Surviving the Tour de France; Dolphins; The Human Body; Africa: The Serengeti; To the Limit.*



BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS: Georges Island, home to Fort Warren, hosts events and activities for the whole family. **Refer to listing, page 27.**

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, 465 Huntington Ave., 617-267-9300. *Screenings Thu–Sun, call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: $6–9.* The Museum of Fine Arts' Film Program has grown to become one of the nation's finest exhibitors of contemporary international cinema, restored classics and premieres of American independent films. Now showing: ***Sep 14*** *at 2:15 p.m.,* ***Sep 16*** *at 10:30 a.m.,* ***Sep 21*** *at 6 p.m.,* ***Sep 23*** *at 10:30 a.m. and* ***Sep 24*** *at 12:40 p.m.—The Hermitage Dwellers;* ***Sep 14*** *at 3:45 p.m.—Lunacy; at 8 p.m.—A Glory from the God;* ***Sep 14*** *at 6 p.m.,* ***Sep 16*** *at noon and* ***Sep 21*** *at 2:15 p.m.—When the Sea Rises;* ***Sep 21*** *at 7:30 p.m.,* ***Sep 22*** *at 6 p.m. and* ***Sep 24*** *at 4:15 p.m.—Hand of God;* ***Sep 22*** *at 8 p.m. and* ***Sep 24*** *at 10:30 p.m.—The Bridesmaid.*

SIMONS IMAX THEATER, New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, 617-973-5200. *Sun–Wed 9:30 a.m.–9:30 p.m.; Thu–Sat: 10 a.m.–9:30 p.m. Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: $9.50; seniors & children (3–11) $7.50.* The Simons is the first large-format theater in Boston to have 3D viewing capability. Now showing: *Aliens of the Deep 3D; Sharks 3D; Wild Safari 3D; Deep Sea 3D.*

KIDS CORNER

BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, Museum Wharf, 300 Congress St., 617-426-8855. *Refer to listing in Museums.* Daily organized activities in the Art Studio, Play Space and KidStage, such as music and movement, finger puppet making and kitchen science. ***Sep 11 & 18*** *at 2 p.m.*—Messy Mondays; ***Sep 14 & 21*** *at 11 a.m.*—Sing-A-Story, *for children ages 3 and under;* ***Sep 11, 13, 15, 18, 20 & 22*** *at 11 a.m.*—Music and Movement activities.

BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS EVENTS, Georges Island, 617-223-8666. *Events are free, but some may require ferry fare; call for information.* One of Boston's great geographical resources—the Boston Harbor Islands—provide a picturesque and exciting setting for family events all summer long. ***Sep 11 & 13*** *at 11:15 a.m.*—Take part in the Bumpkin Island History Trek and discover fishing, farms, a children's hospital and naval cadets; ***Sep 16 & 23*** *at 11 a.m.*—Sea songs and Coastal Crafts for Little Mates brings fall fun to George's Island; ***Sep 23*** *at 11 a.m.*—Go on the Spectacle Island Cruise and enjoy a narrated tour of the Boston Harbor Islands.

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.

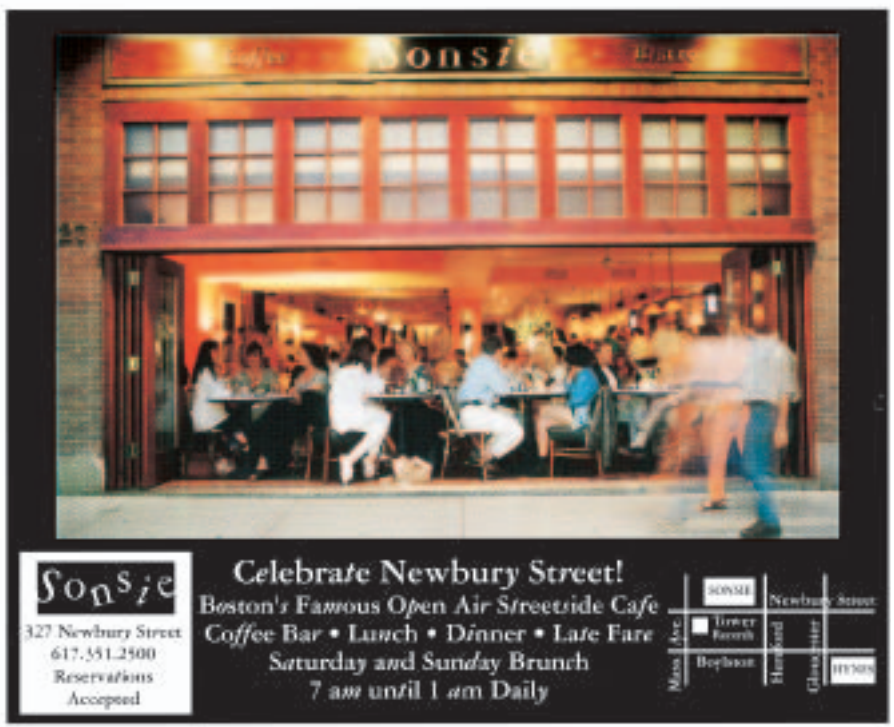
PUPPET SHOWPLACE THEATRE, 32 Station St., Brookline, 617-731-6400. *Tickets: $9.50.* The first puppetry center in New England presents the magical world of puppet theater, enlightening audiences of all ages. Weekday morning shows are appropriate for ages 3–6. Weekend matinee shows are appropriate for ages 4–9. ***Sep 20 & 21*** *at 1 and 3 p.m.—Fairy Circus* by Tanglewood Marionettes; ***Sep 23 & 24*** *at 1 and 3 p.m.—Cinderella, A Woodland Fairy Princess* by Deborah Costine.

LIVE MUSIC

AGGANIS ARENA, Boston University, 925 Commonwealth Ave., 617-931-2000. This new venue is a state-of-the-art, multipurpose entertainment center with more than 7,200 seats for concerts, sporting events and family shows. ***Sep 22*** *at 8 p.m.*—Widespread Panic, *tickets: $35.*

AVALON, 15 Lansdowne St., 617-262-2424. This popular nightclub hosts rock and pop music acts prior to evening dance nights with DJs. ***Sep 12*** *at 8 p.m.*—Zero 7 with Jose Gonzalez, *tickets: $17;* ***Sep 13*** *at 7 p.m.*—The Wreckers, featuring Michelle Branch and Jessica Harp, *tickets: $25;* ***Sep 14*** *at 7 p.m.*—Citizen Cope, *tickets: $25;* ***Sep 16*** *at 7 p.m.*—Mason Jennings, *tickets: $17.50;* ***Sep 19*** *at 8 p.m.*—Drive-By Truckers with Bobby Bare Jr., *tickets: $15.25;* ***Sep 22*** *at 5:45 p.m.*—Badfish (Sublime tribute band), *tickets: $18;* ***Sep 24*** *at 7 p.m.*—Buckethead with That 1 Guy, *tickets: $16.50.*

AXIS, 13 Lansdowne St., 617-262-2437. *Call for full schedule.* This popular nightclub hosts rock, punk and alternative music acts prior to evening dance nights with DJs. ***Sep 18*** *at 6:30 p.m.*—Little Steven's Underground Garage presents The Zombies, The Mooney Suzuki, The Fleshtones and others, *tickets: $20;* ***Sep 22*** *at 6:30 p.m.*—Dead Kennedys with The Generators, *tickets: $15.*



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. ***Sep 12*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—The Strokes, with Wolfmother and The Mess Hall, *tickets: $35 & 40;* ***Sep 24*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Keane, *tickets: $29.50–39.50.*

BOSTON BLUES FESTIVAL, DCR Hatch Shell, Charles River Esplanade. ***Sep 23 & 24*** *beginning at noon. Free and open to the public.* Boston's only free two-day blues festival presents a bill of great local and national blues acts. This year's lineup includes Mary Lou Ferrante, Jimmy and the Soul Cats, Brian Templeton, The Soul Band, Boston Blues Express and others.

BOSTON FOLK FESTIVAL, UMass-Boston campus, 100 Morrissey Boulevard, 617-287-6911. ***Sep 16 & 17*** *from 11 a.m.–7 p.m. Tickets: two-day pass $65; Sat or Sun $40; children 6–14, $10 per day, children under 6 free. Call for tickets and visit www.bostonfolkfestival.org for full schedule.* The festival brings together some of folk's premier artists, including Richie Havens, Eileen Ivers, Tish Hinojosa, Bruce Cockburn, Jesse Winchester, Jennifer Kimball and many more.

CLUB PASSIM, 47 Palmer St., Cambridge, 617-492-7679. *Call for full schedule. Tickets: $15.* This intimate Harvard Square coffeehouse was a starting place for folk icons like Joan Baez and Bob Dylan. ***Sep 15*** *at 8 p.m.*—Scott Alarik with Hanneke Cassel; ***Sep 16*** *at 8 p.m.*—Owen Plant; ***Sep 22*** *at 8 p.m.*—Rani Arbo & Daisy Mayhem; ***Sep 23*** *at 7 and 10 p.m.*—Edie Carey.

DARIUS RUCKER AND HIS BIG BAND, Back Bay Events Center, John Hancock Hall, 180 Berkeley St., 781-213-4212 or 877-548-3237. ***Sep 23*** *at 8 p.m.; preceded by a dinner reception and silent auction at 6 p.m. Tickets: $75–125; $250 with dinner.* The lead singer of multi-platinum recording act Hootie and the Blowfish presents a unique evening of music, as he and his Big Band take on the songs of Frank Sinatra. The special performance benefits The Fish House Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that awards college scholarships to students in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

GILLETTE STADIUM, One Patriot Place, Foxboro, 800-543-1776. The home of the New England Patriots and the New England Revolution is also Massachusetts' biggest capacity outdoor concert arena. ***Sep 20*** *at 7 p.m.*—The Rolling Stones with Kanye West, *tickets: $62.50–352.50.*

HARPERS FERRY, 156 Brighton Ave., Allston, 617-254-9743. *Shows start at 8 p.m. Call for complete schedule.* This club offers live music daily and is renowned for showcasing local classic rock and rhythm 'n' blues cover bands. ***Sep 15***—Dan Bern, Ember Swift and Craig Demelo, *tickets: $15;* ***Sep 16***—Nashville Pussy with Priestess and Rye Coalition, *tickets: $15;* ***Sep 21***—MC Exposition, *tickets: $8–13;* ***Sep 24***—Katie Locke, *tickets: $5;* ***Sep 25***—Queen V with The Triple Dids, *tickets: $5.*

THE MIDDLE EAST, 472 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 617-864-EAST. *Doors open at 8 p.m., shows start at 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Call for complete schedule.* Whether Upstairs, Downstairs or in the Corner, this club showcases the best in alternative/indie rock bands. ***Sep 14***—The Gossip, Erase Errata and Mika Miko, *tickets: $12;* ***Sep 15***—Magnolia Electric Co., Bottomless Pit and Shearwater, *tickets: $14;* ***Sep 17***—Lupe Fiasco, Prone 2, J-Rize and Soular

1776**: The Lyric Stage Company mounts its version of the Tony Award-winning musical about the founding of our country. Refer to listing, page 34.**

Prominence, *tickets: $25;* ***Sep 20***—The English Beat with Lynval Golding of The Specials and Pauline Black from The Selecter, *tickets: $20.*

OPERA HOUSE, 539 Washington St., 617-259-3400. This magnificent venue for opera and musical theater also hosts pop and rock concerts. ***Sep 21*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Charles Aznavour, *tickets: $55.50–135.50.*

PARADISE ROCK CLUB, 967 Commonwealth Ave., 617-562-8800. *Call for complete schedule.* An intimate setting with a big sound, Paradise is one of Boston's favorite rock clubs. *All shows 18+ unless otherwise noted.* ***Sep 15*** *at 9 p.m.*—Michael Brook, *tickets: $10;* ***Sep 16*** *at 9 p.m.*—Nouvelle Vague, *tickets: $14;* ***Sep 17*** *at 8 p.m.*—Kasabian, *tickets: $15;* ***Sep 18*** *at 8 p.m.*—Golden Smog, *tickets: $20;* ***Sep 20*** *at 8 p.m.*—Apollo Sunshine, *tickets: $12;* ***Sep 21*** *at 9 p.m.*—John Brown's Body, *tickets: $16.50;* ***Sep 22*** *at 9 p.m.*—Lambchop, *tickets: $15;* ***Sep 23*** *at 9 p.m.*—Ryan Montbleau Band, *tickets: $15.*

REGATTABAR, third floor of The Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett St., Cambridge, 617-661-5099. ***Sep 13*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Mark Hummel's Blues Harp Blowout, featuring Magic Dick and James Montgomery, *tickets: $22;* ***Sep 14*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Slaid Cleaves, *tickets: $15;* ***Sep 15 & 16*** *at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—John Scofield Trio, *tickets: $25;* ***Sep 19*** *at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—Steve Smith's Jazz Legacy, *tickets: $24;* ***Sep 20 & 21*** *at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—Mike Stern Band, *tickets: $24;* ***Sep 22 & 23*** *at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—The Bad Plus, *tickets: $28.*

SCULLERS JAZZ CLUB, DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel, 400 Soldiers Field Road, 617-562-4111. *Showtimes: Tue–Thu at 8 and 10 p.m., Fri & Sat at 8 and 10:30 p.m., Sun at 7 and 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Combination tickets include dinner and show.* ***Sep 11***—Guitar and Saxes, featuring Richard Elliot, Peter White, Gerald Albright and Jeff Golub, *tickets: $40, $80 with dinner;* ***Sep 12***—Esperanza, *tickets: $16, $56 with dinner;* ***Sep 13***—Kenny Werner Trio, *tickets: $18, $58 with dinner;* ***Sep 14***—Stanley Jordan, *tickets: $20, $60 with dinner;* ***Sep 15 & 16***—John Pizzarelli, *tickets: $30, $70 with dinner;* ***Sep 19***—Dave Weckl, *tickets: $18, $58 with dinner;* ***Sep 20***—Elan Trotman, *tickets: $16, $56 with dinner;* ***Sep 21 & 22***—Patricia Barber, *tickets: $22, $62 with dinner.*

SOMERVILLE THEATER, 55 Davis Square, Somerville, 617-876-4275. ***Sep 21*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Bossa nova from Cibelle, *tickets: $25;* ***Sep 23*** *at 8 p.m.*—Mexican guitar duo Rodrigo y Gabriela, *tickets: $25.*

TD BANKNORTH GARDEN, 100 Legends Way (Causeway Street), 617-624-1000. The former FleetCenter not only hosts Celtics and Bruins home games, but is the premier indoor concert arena for the city of Boston. ***Sep 16*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—The Who, *tickets: $54.50–204.50.*

TOP OF THE HUB, Prudential Tower, 52nd floor, 617-536-1775. Enjoy food, drink and the best view in Boston as you swing to live jazz and classics from the Great American Songbook. ***Sep 11, 17, 18 & 24*** *at 8 p.m.*—Marty Ballou Trio; ***Sep 12–14*** *at 8:30 p.m.*—Bob Nieske Trio; ***Sep 15 & 16*** *at 9 p.m.*—Bob Nieske Group with vocalist Maggie Galloway; ***Sep 17 & 24*** *at noon*—Lee Childs Group; ***Sep 19–21*** *at 8:30 p.m.,* ***Sep 22 & 23*** *at 9 p.m.*—Tony Careilli Group.

T.T. THE BEAR'S PLACE, 10 Brookline St., Cambridge, 617-492-BEAR. *Shows start at 8:30 p.m. Call for complete schedule. Cover: $8–14.* ***Sep 15***—Dear Leader, Campaign for Real Time, New Idea Society and Boone; ***Sep 17***—Scissors For Lefty, New London Fire and The Dark Romantics; ***Sep 20***—Dengue Fever and Okay Thursday; ***Sep 21***—The Jealous Girlfriends and Larissa Maestro.

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. ***Sep 15*** *at 7 p.m.*—Santana with Jeff Beck, *tickets: $39–75.50;* ***Sep 16*** *at 3 p.m.*—Family Values Tour, featuring Korn, Deftones, Stone Sour and others, *tickets: $9.99–59.50;* ***Sep 23*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Def Leppard and Journey, *tickets: $25–75.*

OPERA

BOSTON LYRIC OPERA, Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont St., 617-542-4912. ***Sep 15*** *at 8 p.m. Tickets: $35–85.* The Boston Lyric Opera marks its 30th anniversary with a celebration concert featuring vocalists Lisa Daltirus, Kate Lindsey, Michael Hayes, Earle Patriarco and Morris Robinson perfoming operatic favorites from shows like *Aida, Il Barbiere di Siviglia* and *Otello.* The concert is preceded by a cocktail and dinner party, and followed by a post-concert dance party in the Wang's Grand Lobby (*separate admission charged for the pre-concert event, beginning at 5:30 p.m.*).

ORFEO, Handel and Haydn Society, Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont St., 617-262-1815. ***Sep 22 & 23*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Sep 24*** *at 3 p.m. Tickets: $47–81.* The acclaimed classical ensemble opens its 2006–07 season with a performance of Monteverdi's dramatic opera. The production is helmed by Chinese director Chen Shi-Zeng, and is sung in Italian with English subtitles.

SPECIAL EVENTS

ALTWHEELS, City Hall Plaza in Boston and the Larz Anderson Auto Museum in Brookline, www.AltWheels.org. ***Sep 22*** *from 7 a.m.–7 p.m.,* ***Sep 23*** *from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. at City Hall;* ***Sep 24*** *from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. at Larz Anderson. Tickets: free at City Hall Plaza; $7 adults, $5 students, seniors and children 6–17 at Larz Anderson Museum.* The fourth annual AltWheels Transportation festival is the largest celebration of alternative modes of transportation on the East Coast. The event features a display of solar-powered vehicles, hydrogen-fueled cars, recumbent bikes and other remarkable devices, while also offering fun activities like Segway scooter rides, interactive exhibits, children's activities and much more.

THE BIG E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield, 413-205-5115. ***Beginning Sep 15*** *from 10 a.m.–10 p.m. Gates open at 8 a.m. Tickets: $12–15; children (ages 6–12) $8–10; children (under 6) free.* This year's Eastern States Exposition—the largest fair in the Northeast—promises to be bigger than ever, featuring a Mardi Gras parade and live entertainment from acrobats and national music acts such as Brad Paisley, Carrie Underwood, Foreigner, Ciara and Lee Ann Womack, with additional activities including rides, shopping, livestock and agricultural exhibits, crafts and cuisine from around the world.

BOSTON OPEN STUDIOS. Through December, more than 1,200 Boston artists open their studios to the public, providing a rare look into the booming art scene in 12 Boston neighborhoods. *Events are free and open to the public.* ***Sep 17 & 18*** *from 11 a.m.–6 p.m.*—20th annual United South End Artists Open Studios, visit www.useaboston.com or call 617-267-8862.

CORTEO, Cirque du Soleil, Suffolk Downs, Junction of Rtes. 1A & 145, 866-999-8111. *Performances: Tue & Wed at 8 p.m., Thu–Sat at 4 & 8 p.m., Sun at 1 & 5 p.m. Tickets: $45–80; $31.50 & 56 for children under 12.* The world-renowned Cirque du Soleil brings its awe-inspiring acrobatics back to Boston with the new show, *Corteo.* Bringing to life the dream of a clown, this lyrical yet playful show presents jaw-dropping gymnastic and acrobatic spectacle that will delight and touch audiences of all ages.

HEYLETSGO FENWAY FEST, Fenway Park. ***Sep 15*** *from 6–11 p.m. Admission is free, but pre-registration is required at www.HeyLetsGo.com.* Boston-based social website HeyLetsGo.com hosts a special evening for Red Sox lovers, inviting baseball fans into Fenway Park to watch the Red Sox take on the Yankees on the park's Jumbotron, play carnival games, enjoy live music by Boston bands, get pictures taken with the 2004 World Series trophy, enjoy ballpark food and complimentary drinks, all while meeting new people.

JIMMY FUND WALK, starting points in Hopkinton, Wellesley, and at Harvard Medical School in Boston, 866-JFW-HERO. ***Sep 17.*** Join in the fight against cancer by participating in the 18th annual Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk alongside more than 6,000 walkers. The Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk gives participants the opportunity to follow the route of the 26.2-mile Boston Marathon in honor or memory of friends, family, co-workers, and patients facing all forms of the disease. In its 17-year history the Jimmy Fund Walk has contributed more than $40 million to support cancer research and care.

LONGFELLOW SUMMER FESTIVAL 2006, 105 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-876-4491. Summer music and poetry events take place on the side lawn of Longfellow Historic Site and all events are *free and open to the public.* ***Sep 23 & 24*** *at 1 p.m.*—Children can enjoy poetry reading and writing, drawing and painting in the garden and playing 19th century games on the Longfellow House's East Lawn.

PHANTOM GOURMET FOOD FESTIVAL, Lansdowne Street (near Fenway Park). ***Sep 23*** *from 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Tickets: $30. (Tickets must be purchased in advance at www.phantomgourmet.com.) Ages 21+.* Hosted by the popular local restaurant review TV show, the Phantom Gourmet Festival unites some of Boston's tastiest restaurants in a day-long event showing off their signature dishes. Sample barbecue, hot dogs, whoopie pies, ice cream, oysters, crepes, candies and more from spots like Fuddruckers, Black Cow, Panera, Kelly's Roast Beef, Firefly's and more. Plus, guests can sign up for private parties at clubs along Lansdowne Street such as The Tiki Room, Game On, Jake Ivory's and others.

RIVERSING 2006, at the Weeks Footbridge between Allston and Cambridge, 617-972-8300. ***Sep 21*** *from 6–7:30 p.m. Free admission.* Join hundreds of singers at the Weeks Footbridge to celebrate the passage from summer to fall. Under the artistic leadership of the Revels, this event includes, among other things, participatory group singing across the Charles River, the lighting of the Weeks Bridge, bell-ringing and musical performances by Mystic Chorale, Musica Sacra and other local vocal ensembles.

SPORTS

BOSTON RED SOX **MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**
Fenway Park, 4 Yawkey Way, 617-482-4SOX.
Sep 19–21 *at 7:05 p.m.* vs. Minnesota Twins

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS **NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE**
Gilette Stadium, One Patriot Place, Foxborough,
800-543-1776 or 877-GETREVS.
Sep 24 *at 8:15 p.m.* vs. Denver Broncos

NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION **MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER**
Gilette Stadium, One Patriot Place, Foxborough,
800-543-1776 or 877-GETREVS.
Sep 23 *at 7:30 p.m.* vs. Kansas City Wizards

THEATER

AIN'T MISBEHAVIN', Turtle Lane Playhouse, 283 Melrose St., Newton, 617-244-0169. *Performances* ***beginning Sep 15****: Thu–Sat at 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. Tickets: $25.* This rollicking, swinging, finger-snapping revue evokes the delightful humor and infectious energy of Thomas "Fats" Waller and the Golden Age of the Cotton Club as a versatile cast struts, strums and sings the songs Waller made famous in a career that ranged

from uptown clubs to Tin Pan Alley, Hollywood and concert stages all over the world.

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: $48–58.* This giddily subversive off-Broadway hit features three muted, blue-painted performers who spoof both contemporary art and modern technology through wry commentary and bemusing antics. The show has been updated to include new performance pieces, new music and alterations to the sound and lighting design.

BOBRAUSCHENBERGAMERICA, American Repertory Theatre, Loeb Drama Center, 64 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-547-8300. *Performances: Tue–Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. Tickets: $15–76.* A fantastical road trip through the American landscape written as Robert Rauschenberg—one of America's greatest living artists—might conceive it, the play is a glorious collage of images and sensations: Rauschenberg's childhood home, a human martini, a pizza delivery boy, the world's worst collection of chicken jokes and more.

CALVIN BERGER, Gloucester Stage Company, 267 East Main St., Gloucester, 978-281-4433. *Performances **through Sep 17**: Thu & Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 3 and 8 p.m., Sun at 5 p.m. Tickets: $15–35.* This witty and hip new musical resets the beloved tale of *Cyrano de Bergerac* in an American high school. Our hero of insecurity, Calvin Berger, communicates with the girl of his dreams through a handsome classmate. This winner of the prestigious Jerry Bock Award for Outstanding Achievement for Musical Theatre is a delight for all ages.

THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK, Gloucester Stage Company, 267 East Main St., Gloucester, 978-281-4433. *Performances **beginning Sep 21**: Thu & Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 3 and 8 p.m., Sun at 5 p.m. Tickets: $15–35.* Who would have imagined the educational and inspirational power of the notes of one young girl hiding during the Nazi occupation of Holland? GSC presents Wendy Kesselman's adaptation of this remarkable story.

I AM MY OWN WIFE, Boston Theatre Works, Zero Arrow Theatre, Zero Arrow St., Cambridge, 617-728-4321. *Performances **beginning Sep 14**: Tue–Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri & Sat at 8 p.m., Sun at 3 p.m. Tickets: $35 & 40; seniors $32 & 37; students $22.* Inspired by interviews conducted by playwright Doug Wright (*Quills*) over several years, this one-man show tells the fascinating story of Charlotte von Mahlsdorf, a German transvestite who managed to survive the Nazi onslaught as well as the repressive Communist regime that followed.

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR, North Shore Music Theatre, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly, 978-232-7200. *Performances **beginning Sep 19**: Tue & Thu at 7:30 p.m., Wed at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 & 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. Tickets: $35–70.* This groundbreaking rock musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice changed the face of musical theater forever when it debuted on Broadway in 1971. Chronicling the last seven days in the life of Jesus and dramatizing the excitement caused by his message, his betrayal, his trial before Pontius Pilate and his ultimate sacrifice, this classic tale includes the songs "I Don't Know How to Love Him," "Gethsemane" and the title song.

MONSTERS, Centastage, Plaza Theatre, Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., 617-933-8600. *Performances **beginning Sep 14**: Tue–Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 4 & 8 p.m., Sun at 3 p.m. Tickets: $32.* On her 40th birthday, Samantha wakes up to some shocking visitors and has to face the demons of middle age in what turns out to be a hilarious romp of a day. Determined to strike out on a soul-searching adventure and an overhaul of her life, Samantha must deflect her mother's overwrought warnings and battle a troupe of her own monsters: Apathy, Fear and Body.

THE MOON AWAY, As-Yet-To-Be Theatre Company, Devanaughn Theatre, The Piano Factory, 791 Tremont St., 866-811-4111. *Performances **through Sep 16**: Fri & Sat at 8 p.m. Tickets: $10 & 15.* Based on an actual incident, this world premiere by former Bostonian Edward Crosby Wells is a powerful and intense drama that takes place in the mid-1980s. Joe, a photographer in southern New Mexico, grappling with his identity as a gay man, is suddenly thrown into a nightmare when he is accused of sexual contact with a minor.

PATIENCE OF NANTUCKET, Up You Mighty Race Inc., Plaza Black Box Theatre, Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., 617-933-8600. *Performances **through Sep 23**: Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 4 and 8 p.m., Sun at 4 p.m. Tickets: $27.50; students and seniors $22.50.* On the evening of November 24, 1860, one woman will be murdered, but two will lose their lives. Based on true events, this dramatic play tells the story of Patience Cooper, a church-going, God-fearing widow charged with the murder of an elderly shopkeeper. During her trial, she is railroaded in a racial witch hunt that shakes up and tears apart the tiny island of Nantucket.

THE PILLOWMAN, New Repertory Theatre, Arsenal Center for the Arts, 200 Dexter Ave., Watertown, 866-811-4111. *Performances: Sun & Wed at 2 and 7:30 p.m., Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 3:30 and 8 p.m. Tickets: $30–50.* Last season's Tony Award-winning hit by Martin McDonagh makes its New England premiere. In an unidentified totalitarian state, a writer faces two police interrogators after his stories inspire a string of grisly crimes. As the police resort to increasingly absurd and hilariously unconventional methods to crack the case, the stories come to life, blurring the line between fact and fiction.

RADIO GOLF, Huntington Theatre Company, Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Ave., 617-266-0800. *Performances: **Sep 12–14 & 21** at 7:30 p.m., **Sep 15, 16 & 22** at 8 p.m., **Sep 20** at 2 and 7:30 p.m, **Sep 23** at 2 and 8 p.m., **Sep 24** at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets: $15–75.* The final play from the late Pulitzer Prize- and Tony Award-winner August Wilson—part of his landmark ten-play cycle chronicling the African-American experience through the 20th century—comes to the Huntington on its way to Broadway. Set in Pittsburgh in 1997, the play centers around a mayoral hopeful and his business partner, who have a sure-fire plan to revitalize the decrepit Hill District of their youth. Standing in their way is the mythical house at 1839 Wylie Avenue, and the man who claims to own it. Will commerce or culture overcome?

RESPECT: A MUSICAL JOURNEY, Stuart Street Playhouse, Radisson Hotel, 200 Stuart St., 800-447-7400. *Performances **beginning Sep 21**: Wed–Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 and 8 p.m., Sun*

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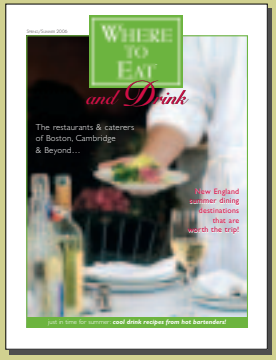

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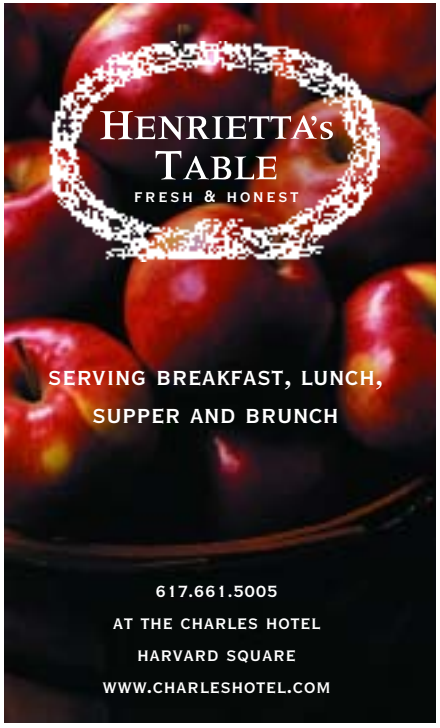

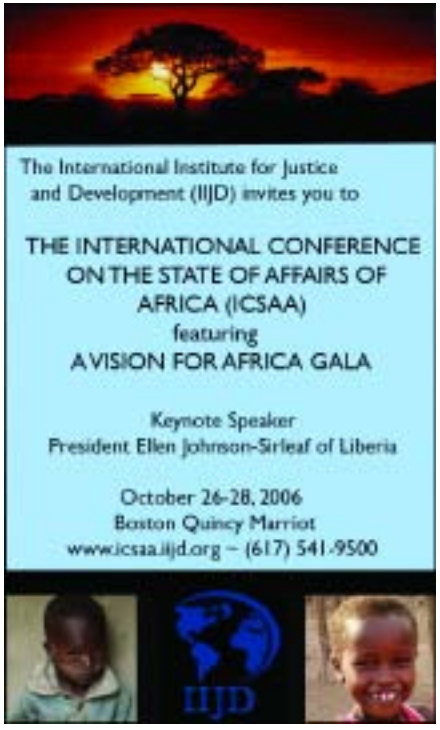

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1776, Lyric Stage Company, 140 Clarendon St., 617-437-7172. *Performances **through Sep 17**: Wed & Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 3 and 8 p.m., Sun at 3 p.m. Tickets: $25–50.* The Tony Award winner for Best Musical in 1969, this acclaimed recreation of the summer of 1776, when America's Founding Fathers declared their independence from Britain, is a stirring, patriotic celebration of our nation's birth.

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., and 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 WOMEN, SpeakEasy Stage Company, Roberts Studio Theatre, Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont St., 617-933-8600. *Performances **beginning Sep 22**: Wed & Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 4 and 8 p.m., Sun at 3 p.m.* An all-star cast of Boston's finest actresses join forces to present this classic comedy by Clare Boothe Luce. Set in New York society in the 1930s, the play deals with questions of motherhood, marital infidelity and other weighty issues among a group of self-absorbed Manhattan society women.

TICKETS

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

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MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS: Running in conjunction with Americans in Paris, 1860–1900 through September 14 is the exhibit Sargent, Chase, Cassatt: Master Paintings from a Private Collection, a display of 22 works by the title artists. Refer to listing, below.

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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 plethora of interactive exhibits that allow children to learn about science, history and culture firsthand. Exhibits include: Airplay, Construction Zone, a child-sized work site with miniature skyscrapers inspired by the Big Dig; Arthur's World, settings of the popular book series where children can write and star in their own Arthur adventures; Boston Black, celebrating Boston's Caribbean, African and African-American cultures; Japanese House, make your own Haiku and origami; ***beginning Sep 21***—Blue Man Group: Making Waves, make music using some of the Blue Man Group's unique and oddball instruments; ***beginning Sep 22***—Pack Your Bags, learn about why we travel and the fun that comes from seeing new places. *Refer to Kids Corner in Current Events for special events.*

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

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: ***through Sep 17***—Artist-in-residence Henrik Håkansson.

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

LARZ ANDERSON AUTO MUSEUM, Larz Anderson Park, 15 Newton St., Brookline, 617-522-6547. *Open Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Lawn events from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Admission: $5; students, seniors and children (6–18) $3; children (5 and under) free. Admission to the Lawn events (includes museum admission): $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. Lawn events: ***Sep 16***—Hot Rod, Custom & Gasser Show; ***Sep 24***—Alt Wheels Festival.

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

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

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: Ambassadors of Abolition.

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

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*

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visits in a 10-day period): $15; students & seniors $13; Thu & Fri after 5 p.m., $2 discount; Wed after 4 p.m., pay as you wish; children (7–17) $6.50 on weekdays before 3 p.m., free at all other times, youths 6 and under free. 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 the most comprehensive collection of Asiatic art in the world. Special exhibits: ***through Sep 24***—Americans in Paris, 1860–1900, *ticketed separately: $23, seniors and students $21, youth (ages 7–17) $7.50;* On Stage in Osaka: Actor Prints from the MFA Collection; Tradition and Transformation: Japanese Art 1860–1940; Understanding the Master: Dong Qichang and his circle; Designing the Modern Utopia: Soviet Textiles from the Lloyd Cotsen Collection; Recent Acquisitions: African Printed Textiles; Tsutsugaki Textiles from the Collection of David and Marita Paly; Beyond Basketry: Japanese Bamboo Art; ***through Sep 14***—Sargent, Chase, Cassatt: Master Paintings from a Private Collection; ***through Sep 17***—Laura McPhee: River of No Return; ***beginning Sep 20***—Domains of Wonder: Masterworks of Indian Painting.

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE, Science Park, 617-723-2500. *Open daily from 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri 'til 9 p.m. Admission: $16; seniors $14; children (3–11) $13; children (under 3) free. Planetarium, laser show and Omni theater tickets: $9; seniors $8; children (3–11) $7. Combination ticket prices and evening discounts available.* Interactive science exhibits, plus laser and astronomy shows in the Charles Hayden Planetarium. Special exhibits: Body Worlds 2, the anatomical exhibition of real human bodies, *ticketed separately: $24 adults, $21 seniors/students, $18 children;* Weatherwise, exploring the science and technology of weather forecasting. At the Mugar Omni Theater: *Refer to Film listings in Current Events for complete schedule.* Showing at the Planetarium: *Destination Moon; Far, Far Away: The Worlds of Star Wars; The Sky Tonight.* At the Wright 3D Theater: *Mars!; Majestic Elephants and Rhinos 3D; 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 New England's rich sports heritage through an unparalleled collection of artifacts, multimedia and artwork. Exhibits include the Boston Bruins Hall of Fame portraits, the Boston Garden Penalty Box and New England's Olympic Heroes.

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 exhibits: Old Ironsides in War and Peace; A Sailor's Life for Me?

CAMBRIDGE

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

BUSCH-REISINGER MUSEUM, Werner Otto Hall, 32 Quincy St. (enter through the Fogg Art Museum), 617-495-9400. *Open Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun 1–5 p.m. Tours: Mon–Fri at 1 p.m. Admission: $9, seniors $7; college students $6; children (under 18) free. (Free admission on Sat from 10 a.m.–noon, daily after 4:30 p.m., and from 1–5 p.m. on* ***Sep 17*** for Harvard Museums Community Day*)* Central and Northern European artists, with an emphasis on German-speaking countries. Special exhibits: Art and Design from Central and Northern Europe since 1880; German Art of the 1980s from the Heliod Spiekermann Collection; Extra Ordinary Every Day: The Bauhaus at the Busch-Reisinger; Objects for a Kunstkammer: Early European Collecting, 1550–1700; Rembrandt and the Aesthetics of Technique.

FOGG ART MUSEUM: The Harvard University museum presents Under Cover, an exhibition of artists' sketchbooks. Refer to listing, below.

FOGG ART MUSEUM, Quincy and Broadway streets, 617-495-9400. *Tours: Mon–Fri at 11 a.m.; see Busch-Reisinger Museum for hours and admission fees.* The museum displays European and American masterpieces from the Middle Ages to the present and hosts concerts and guided tours. Special exhibits: Modern Art, 1865–1965; American Art at Harvard; 18th-century European Ceramics and Paintings; Nominally Figured: Recent Acquisitions in Contemporary Art; Under Cover: Artists' Sketchbooks.

HARVARD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 26 Oxford St., 617-495-3045. *Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $9; college students & seniors $7; children (3–18) $6; free for MA residents Sun 9 a.m.–noon and free for all from 1–5 p.m. on* ***Sep 17*** for Harvard Museums Community Day. 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 and Meteorites; Climate Change: Our Global Experiment; Looking at Landscape, environmental puzzles from three photographers.

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 Sep 17***—Student Loan Art Program Exhibition.

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. Ongoing exhibits: Mind and Hand: The Making of MIT Scientists and Engineers; Holography: The Light Fantastic; Robots and Beyond: Exploring Artificial Intelligence at MIT; Gestural Engineering: The Sculpture of Arthur Ganson; Flashes of Inspiration: The Work of Harold Edgerton; Deep Frontiers: Ocean Engineering at MIT; Ship Models: The Evolution of Ship Design; Special exhibits: Tech'ing it to the Next Level; Singular Beauty: Simple Microscopes from the Giordano Collection.

SACKLER MUSEUM, Quincy and Broadway streets, 617-495-9400. *Tours: Mon–Fri at 2 p.m.; see Busch-Reisinger Museum for hours and admission fees.* Designed by James Stirling, Britain's famous post-modernist architect, the museum houses ancient Oriental and Islamic collections. Special exhibits: Cultivating Virtue, botanical motifs and symbols in East Asian art; The New Chinese Landscape: Recent Acquisitions; Sharon Lockhart: Pine Flat.

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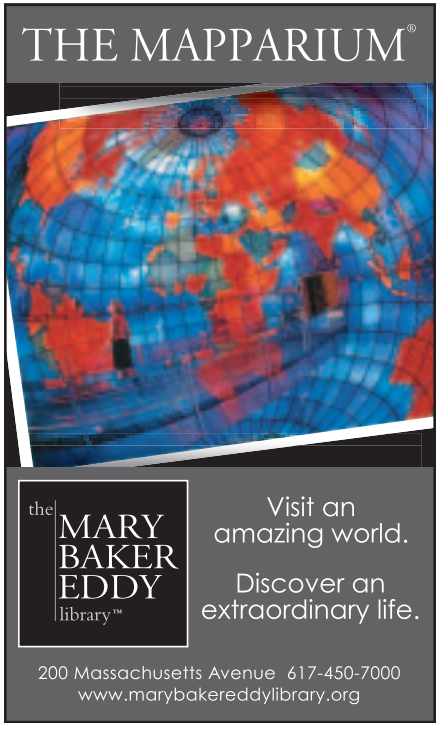
CONCORD MUSEUM, 200 Lexington Road, Concord, 978-369-9763. *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m. Admission: $8; seniors & students with I.D. $7; children (6–17) $5; family rates available. Ample free parking on Cambridge Turnpike.* Relive Concord's history, from Native American habitation and European settlement to the days of Emerson, Thoreau, the Alcotts and Hawthorne. Special exhibit: ***through Sep 17***—An American Legacy: Recent Acquisitions.

DECORDOVA MUSEUM AND SCULPTURE PARK, 51 Sandy Pond Road, Lincoln, 781-259-8355. Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–5 p.m. *Admission: $9; seniors, students & children (6–12) $6. Sculpture Park: open sunrise to sunset, free admission.* Tour one of the largest contemporary art museums and the only permanent public sculpture park in New England. Special exhibits: Going Ape: Confronting Animals in Contemporary Art; William Tucker: Horses; ***through Sep 22***—Great Buys: Museum Purchases.

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: Collection Gems, rare books and maps from the Van Gorden-Williams Library; American Family Treasures, decorative arts from the D.J. and Alice Shumway Nadeau collection; Journey Out of Darkness, American heroes in Hitler's POW camps; American Visions of Liberty and Freedom; ***through Sep 17***—Gershwin to Gillespie, portraits in American music.

PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM, East India Square, Salem, 866-745-1876. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $13; seniors $11; students $9; children (16 and under) free.* The nation's oldest continually operating museum boasts a brand-new wing with a 190-seat auditorium and a glass-covered atrium. The collection showcases



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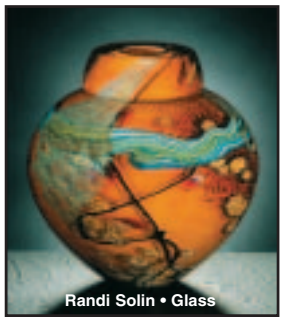

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THE ROSE ART MUSEUM, Brandeis University, 415 South St., Waltham, 781-736-3434. *Tue–Sun noon–5 p.m. Admission: $3; museum members and children (under 16) free.* The Rose boasts a collection of modern and contemporary art by artists including de Kooning, Rauschenberg and Warhol. Special exhibits: ***beginning Sep 21***—Balance and Power: Performance and Surveillance in Video Art; Works by Clare Rojas.

SALEM WITCH MUSEUM, 19½ Washington Square North, Salem, 978-744-1692. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $7.50; seniors $6.50; children (6–14) $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.

GALLERIES

ARDEN GALLERY, 129 Newbury St., 617-247-0610. *Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–5:30 p.m.* Arden specializes in contemporary oil paintings and sculpture by nationally and internationally renowned artists, whose styles range from super-realism to abstraction. Special exhibits: Heat of the Moment, new paintings in encaustic by Joanne Mattera.

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

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: Edward Burtynsky; Donald Judd.

BOSTON SCULPTORS GALLERY, 486 Harrison Ave., 617-482-7781. *Tue–Sat noon–6 p.m.* A sculptors' cooperative that has served as an alternative venue for innovative solo sculpture exhibitions since 1992. Special exhibits: Close to Naked, works by Ellen Wetmore; Site-Insight.

BROMFIELD ART GALLERY, 450 Harrison Ave., 617-451-3605. *Tue–Sat noon–5 p.m.* Boston's oldest artist-run gallery features shows by members of the cooperative, while exhibitions by visiting artists are selected by current members. Special exhibit: Members Show.

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

CHILDS GALLERY, 169 Newbury St., 617-266-1108. *Tue–Fri 9 a.m.–6 p.m.; Mon & Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m.* The longest-running of the commercial Newbury Street galleries, Childs has one of the largest inventories of oil paintings, drawings, watercolors, and prints in the U.S. Special exhibit: ***beginning Sep 12***—Beyond Degas: Dance in Art in the 19th and 20th centuries.

INTERNATIONAL POSTER GALLERY, 205 Newbury St., 617-375-0076. www.internationalposter.com. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Sun noon–6 p.m.* This internationally recognized fine art poster gallery displays original vintage posters from the 1890s through post-World War II modern masters. Special exhibit: ***through Sep 21***—Summer Delights.

L'ATTITUDE GALLERY, 218 Newbury St., 617-927-4400 *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Sun noon–5 p.m.* This gallery boasts contemporary sculpture, crafts and art for the home, garden and commercial environments, as well as an outdoor sculpture garden. Over 75 U.S. and international artists are represented in various mediums, including glass, ceramics, wood, stone, mixed media and textiles. Special exhibits: ***through Sep 15***—Outdoor Connections; ***beginning Sep 15***—Complex Layers, works by Tim Harding and Meg Black.

NIELSEN GALLERY, 179 Newbury St., 617-266-4835. *Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.* Renowned for its fine collection of contemporary paintings, drawings and sculptures. Special exhibit: ***beginning Sep 16***—Seal Point Series, paintings by John Walker.

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: Coloring Book Hybrids: An Artist Reinterprets Childhood by Karen Moss.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RESOURCE CENTER, Boston University, 832 Commonwealth Ave., 617-975-0600. *Tue, Wed & Fri 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Thu 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sat & Sun noon–5 p.m. Admission: $3; students and seniors $2.* PRC exhibitions and educational programs are guided by a philosophical inquiry into the intersection of photography with aesthetic, professional and critical discourses.

PUCKER GALLERY, 171 Newbury St., 617-267-9473. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; Sun 1–5 p.m.* Features work by Israeli, American and internationally known contemporary artists. The *Boston Phoenix* writes, "You can make a case for the Pucker Gallery as Boston's best gallery—though it's really more like a wonderful miniature museum." Special exhibits: Places of High Wonder, photographs by B.A. King; Small Enchantments, collages by Judith Stoddard King.

SOCIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS, 175 Newbury St., 617-266-1810. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Sun noon–5 p.m.* The oldest non-profit crafts organization in the country specializes in contemporary American crafts. The jewelry, furniture, glass and ceramics range from cutting edge to traditional, from functional to sculptural. Special exhibit: 2006 Artist Awards.

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. Its new contemporary wing, expanding the collection to living artists, opened in 2001.

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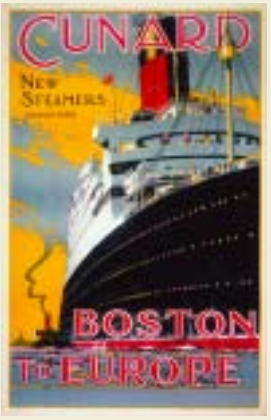

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BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY: Offering more than books, this venerable institution is home to striking art and architectural details. **Refer to listing, right.**

SIGHTS OF INTEREST

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

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

BOSTON ATHENAEUM, 10½ Beacon St., 617-227-0270. *Member hours: Tue–Fri 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Mon 'til 8 p.m.; Sat 9 a.m.–4 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. *Swan Boat Rides* ***through Sep 17****: Daily (weather permitting) 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $2.75; children (2–15) $1.25; seniors $2.* Established in 1837, the Public Garden is the nation's first public botanical garden. Its 24 acres are filled with scenic and diverse greenery, as well as sculptures, including one that commemorates the popular children's book *Make Way for Ducklings*. Other fixtures include the Lagoon—home to the famed Swan Boats from April through Labor Day—and the world's smallest suspension bridge.

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

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

CUSTOM HOUSE TOWER, 3 McKinley Square, 617-310-6300. *Free historical tours offered Mon–Thu 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Fri & Sat 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.

THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST, 175 Huntington Ave., 617-450-2000. *Free tours of The Mother Church Thu–Sat, noon–4 p.m., every half hour; Services: Sun at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., Wed at noon and 7:30 p.m. Spanish language services: Sun at noon, Wed at 6.* 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 in Museums.*

FOREST HILLS CEMETERY, 95 Forest Hills Ave., 617-524-0128. *Open daily from 7 a.m. 'til 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 exhibit: Dwelling: Memory, Architecture and Place, a sculpture installation dealing with the idea of homes.

HARRISON GRAY OTIS HOUSE, 141 Cambridge St., 617-227-3956. *Open Wed–Sun 11 a.m.–4:30 p.m., tours every half hour. Admission: $8; free for kids, Historic New England members and Boston residents. $24 maximum per family.* Built in 1796 for Harrison Gray Otis and his wife, this grand mansion is a 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 'til 3.* This modest frame house is the well-preserved 1917 birthplace and childhood home of the 35th president of the United States, and also the first home shared by the president's father and mother, Joseph P. and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy. Includes a collection of household furnishings, photographs and significant mementos personally collected and arranged by the president's mother.

JOHN HANCOCK TOWER, 200 Clarendon St., 617-572-6000. Rising 62 stories into the sky, this I.M. Pei-designed, sliver-of-glass skyscraper is New England's tallest building and is considered by many to be one of the world's most beautiful skyscrapers. The building houses the headquarters of its namesake, insurance giant John Hancock Financial. The 60th floor observatory was closed after September 11, 2001.

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.–9:30 p.m. Skywalk kiosk closes at 6 p.m. Admission (including a headset audio tour of points of interest): $10.50; seniors and students $8.50; children (under 12) $7. 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. Displays include "Dreams of Freedom," about the Boston immigrant experience; an exhibit overlooking Fenway Park dedicated to the legendary Red Sox slugger Ted Williams; and a theater showing "Wings Over Boston," a spectacular aerial tour of the entire city.

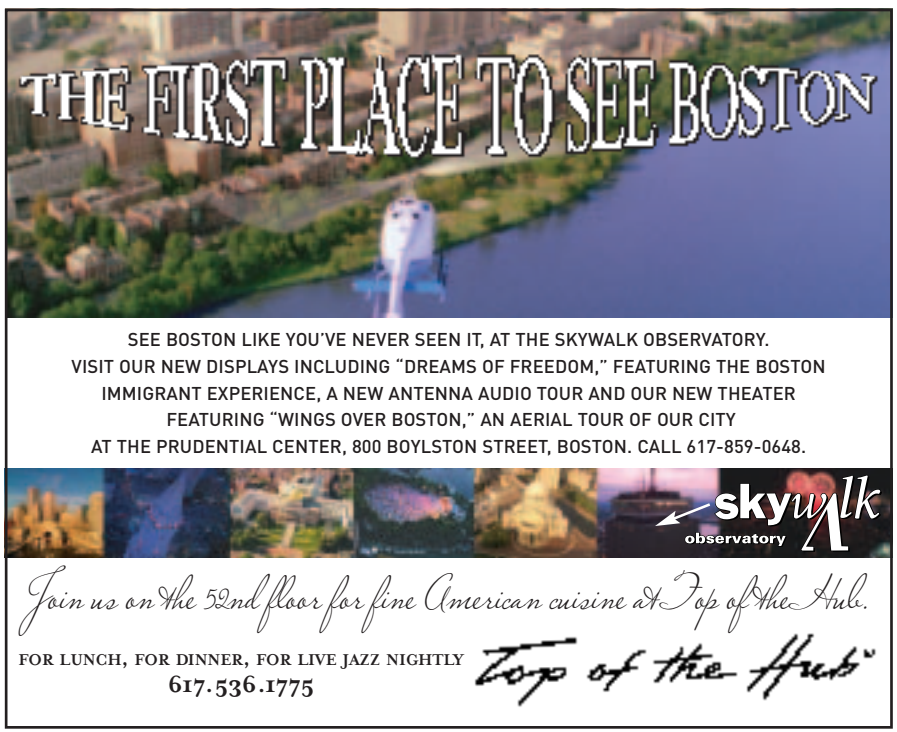
TRINITY CHURCH, Copley Square, 617-536-0944. *Open Sun 7 a.m.–7 p.m., Tue–Sat 9 a.m.–6 p.m.; tours available for $5, children under 12 free.* Built in 1877, this house of worship, a combination of Victorian, Gothic and French Romanesque styles, is one of the great masterpieces of American church architecture. The building is located in Copley Square adjacent to the I.M. Pei-designed John Hancock Tower.

TOURS AND TRAILS

BEACON HILL WALKING TOURS, 617-227-3957, Ext. 256. *Tickets: $10; reservations recommended.* Guided tours highlighting the richly European section of Boston along the Freedom Trail.

BLACK HERITAGE TRAIL, 46 Joy St., 617-742-5415. *Free tours: 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 their understanding of art.

BOSTON BIKE TOURS, 617-308-5902. *Tours: Sat & Sun at 11 a.m. Tickets: $25 (w/o bike rental, $20). Private tours available on weekdays.* Tours make stops at various sites while your guide shares history and pokes fun at the city and its heritage. Tours leave from the Boston Common Visitor Center at Park Street Station (bikes and equipment are provided).

BOSTON BY FOOT, 617-367-2345. *Tickets: $10, children (6–12) $8, unless noted. Call for tour locations.* Guided 90 minute tours highlighting the rich architecture and history of the city, led by trained volunteers. The Heart of the Freedom Trail, *every day at 10 a.m.;* Victorian Back Bay, *Thu at 5:30 p.m., Fri & Sun at 10 a.m.;* Literary Landmark Tour, *Sat at 2 p.m.;* Beacon Hill, *Mon–Fri at 5:30 p.m., Sat at 10 a.m., Sun at 2 p.m.;* North End, *Fri & Sat at 2 p.m.;* Boston Underfoot, *Sun at 2 p.m., tickets: $12;* 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: $26; seniors, students & military $23; children (3–11) $17; (under 3) $5; special needs $12. Group discounts available.* Experience the city in an amazing vehicle that rides on land and water. The 80-minute tour visits most of Boston's famous sights. And just when you think you've seen it all, your Duck splashes into the Charles River for a spectacular water view.

BOSTON MOVIE TOURS, departs from the Boston Common Visitors Center. 866-MOVIE-45. www.bostonmovietours.net. Boston Movie Mile: *tours Wed–Mon at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., tickets: $20; seniors & students $16; children (6–12) $10.* Theater-on-Wheels: *tours Sat at 10 a.m. & 1 p.m., tickets: $35; seniors & students $32; children (6–12) $25 (departs from The Rack, 24 Clinton St.). Reservations strongly encouraged.* Experience the city of Boston the way Tinseltown has through such films as *A Civil Action, Good Will Hunting, Mystic River* and others. The 90-minute Boston Movie Mile walking tour takes movie buffs to 30 spots where some of Hollywood's biggest stars have come to film. Tour guides also offer up behind-the-scenes stories and Hollywood gossip. Meanwhile, the new Theater-on-Wheels takes movie buffs aboard a bus outfitted with video monitors playing movie clips, covering more ground in air-conditioned comfort.

FENWAY PARK TOURS, 4 Yawkey Way, 617-226-6666. *Tours daily from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. or three hours before game time. Tickets: $12, seniors $11, children & military personnel $10.* Tours originate at the Souvenir Store located on Yawkey Way across from Service Gate D, rain or shine. Have you dreamt of going behind-the-scenes of the legendary home of the Boston Red Sox? This tour offers an inside look at America's oldest active Major League ballpark, including a visit to the top of the famed "Green Monster."

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HISTORIC PUB CRAWL, BosTix Booth, Faneuil Hall, 617-357-8300. ***Sep 12 & 19*** *at 5:30 p.m. Reservations required. Private tours for groups are available on most days. Tickets: $39.* The Freedom Trail Foundation's 18th-century costumed guide takes you on a tour of Boston's historic pubs where treasonous events were hatched 250 years ago. Enjoy plenty of beer and light fare along the way.

THE LITERARY TRAIL, departs from the Omni Parker House, 60 School St., 617-621-4020. *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 (home to Ralph Waldo Emerson's study) and famed Walden Pond.

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

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

OLD TOWN TROLLEY TOURS OF BOSTON, 617-269-7150. *Departs every 25–30 minutes daily from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $29; seniors & students $26; children (3–12) $5.* 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.

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

SAMUEL ADAMS BREWERY TOUR: DRINK IN A LITTLE HISTORY, 30 Germania St., Jamaica Plain, 617-522-9080. *Tours: Thu at 2 p.m.; Fri at 2 and 5:30 p.m.; Sat at 11 a.m.–2 p.m. every half-hour; one-hour tours include samples (ID required). Tickets: $1 donation given to a local charity. Call for complete hours, special events and closings.* Learn about the art of brewing beer and taste rich malts and spicy hops on this tour of the original Samuel Adams brewery.

SWAN BOATS, Public Garden Lagoon, 617-522-1966. Rides: *daily* ***through Sep 17****, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., weather permitting. Tickets: $2.75, seniors $2, children (2–15) $1.25.* One of Boston's oldest and most treasured traditions, these pedal-powered boats glide around the Public Garden and under the smallest suspension bridge in the world.

WILDLIFE

FRANKLIN PARK ZOO, One Franklin Park Road, Franklin Park, 617-541-LION. *Open weekdays 10 a.m.–5 p.m., weekends 'til 6 p.m. Admission: $9.50; seniors $8; children (2–12) $5.50; children (under 2) free.* Home to more than 210 species, many of them endangered. Roam the Australian Outback Trail with wallabies and kangaroos, explore the Tropical Forest and see the gorillas, marvel at the lions at Kalahari Kingdom, and visit zebras, ostriches, ibex and wildebeests at Serengeti Crossing. Special exhibits: Butterfly Landing; Tiger Tales.

NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM, Central Wharf, 617-973-5200. *Open Mon–Thu 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Fri–Sun 9 a.m.–7 p.m. Admission: $17.95; children (3–11) $9.95; 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. The adjacent Simons 3D IMAX Theater is the first theater of its kind in the Boston area. Special exhibits: Amazing Jellies; Sea Dragons. Special Event: ***Sep 18*** *from 10 a.m.–4 p.m.*—Aqua Kids Family Day.

STONE ZOO, 149 Pond St., Stoneham, 781-438-5100. *Open weekdays 10 a.m.–5 p.m., weekends 'til 6 p.m. Admission: $7.50; seniors $6.50; children (2–12) $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."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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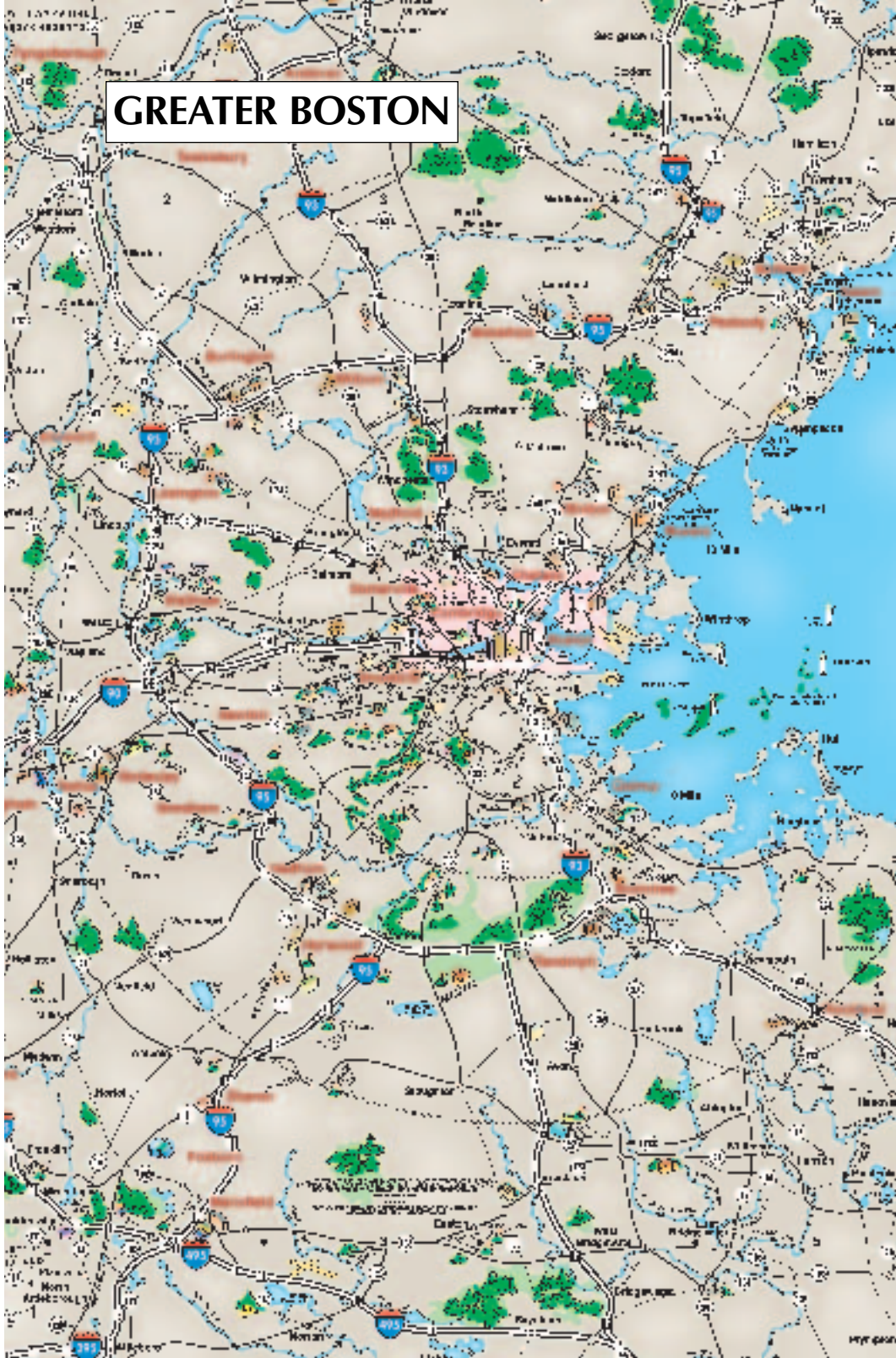

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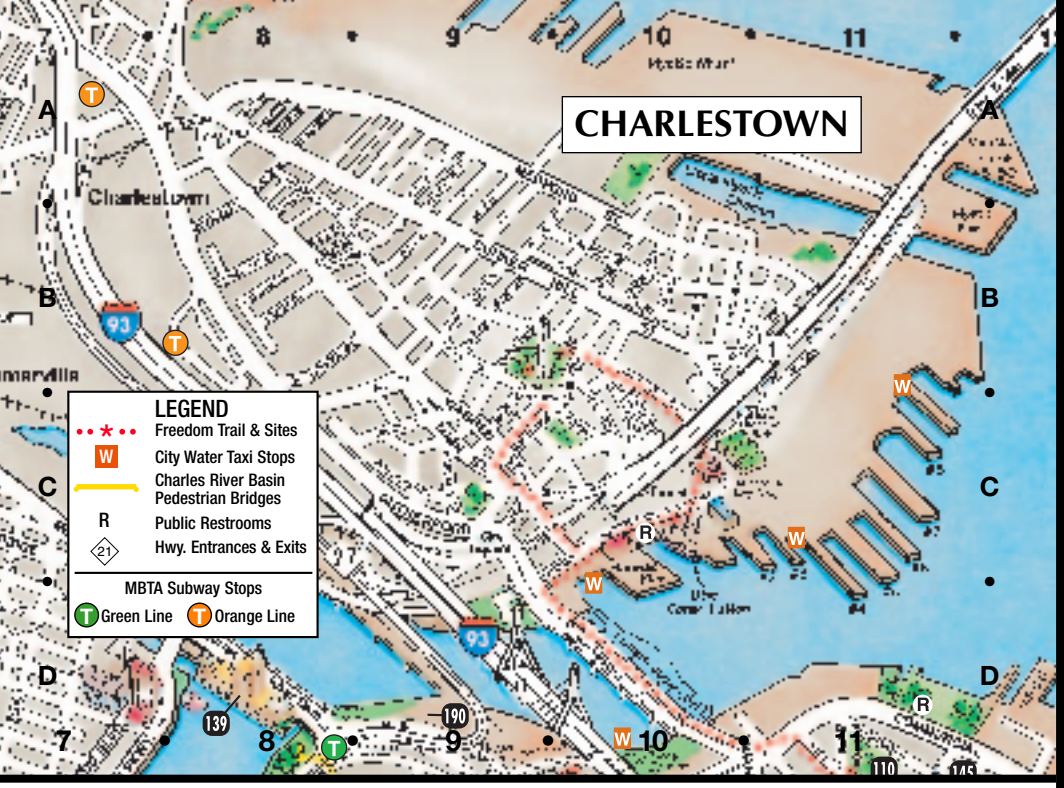
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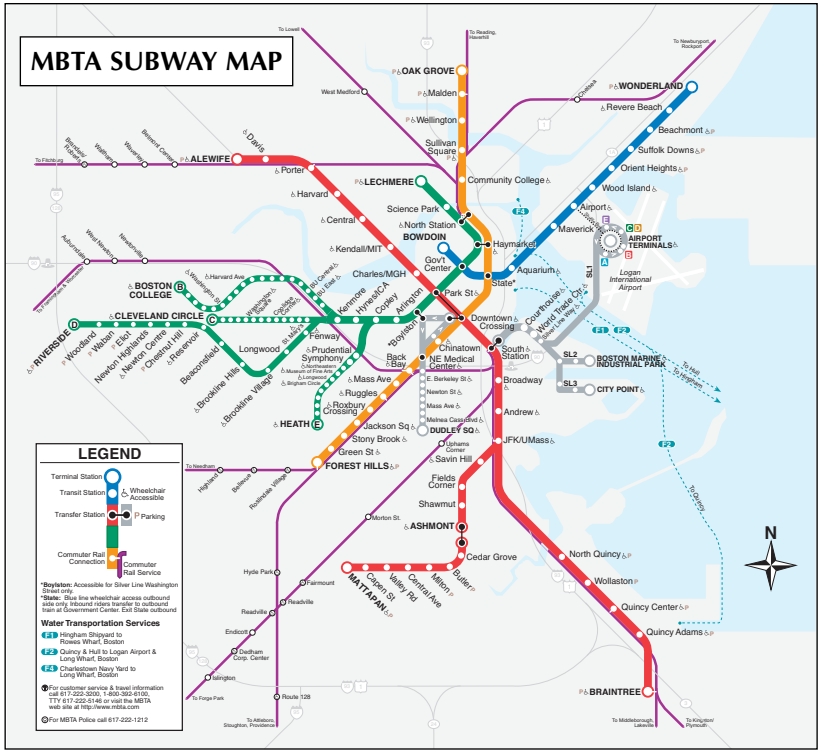
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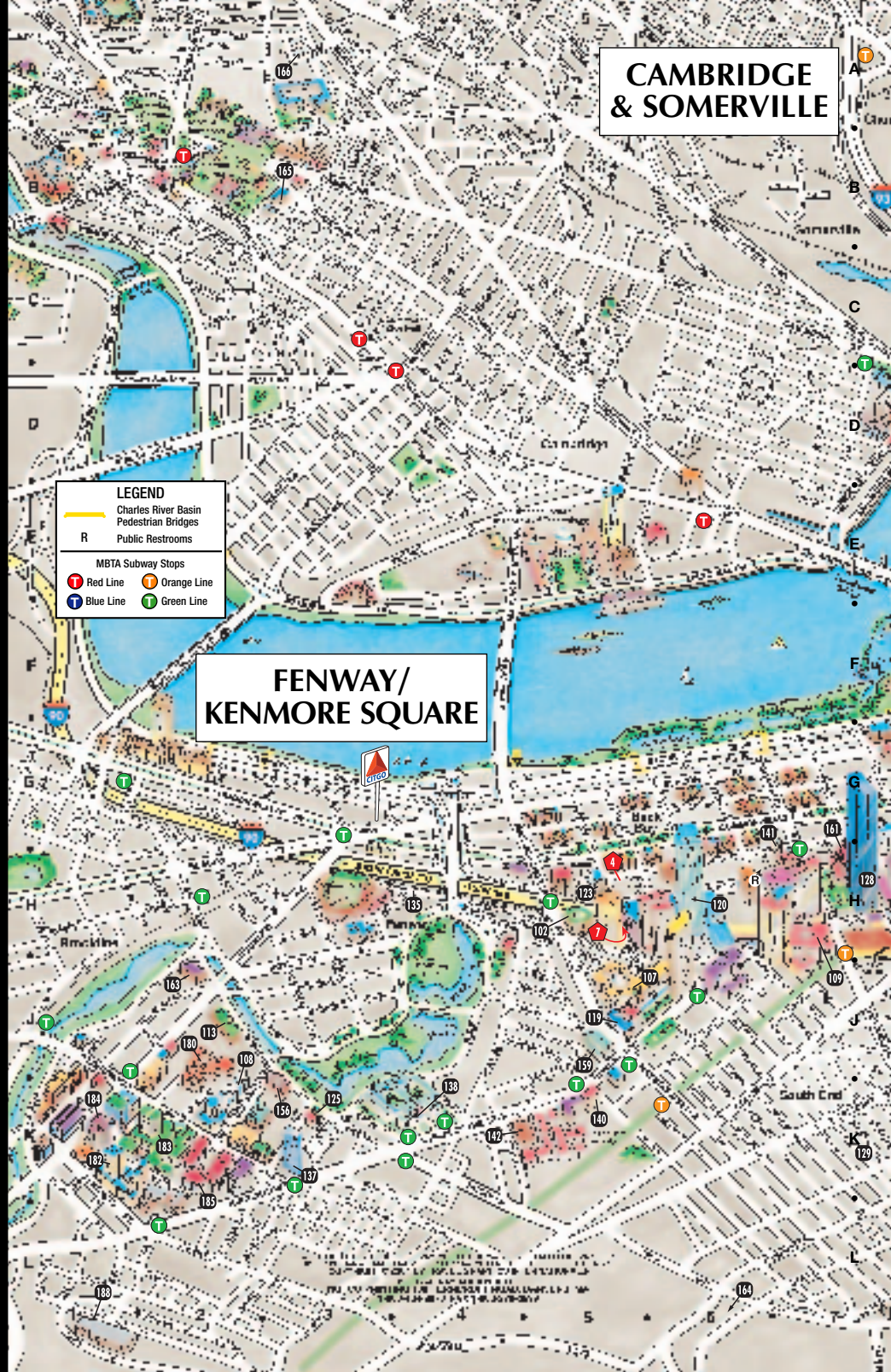
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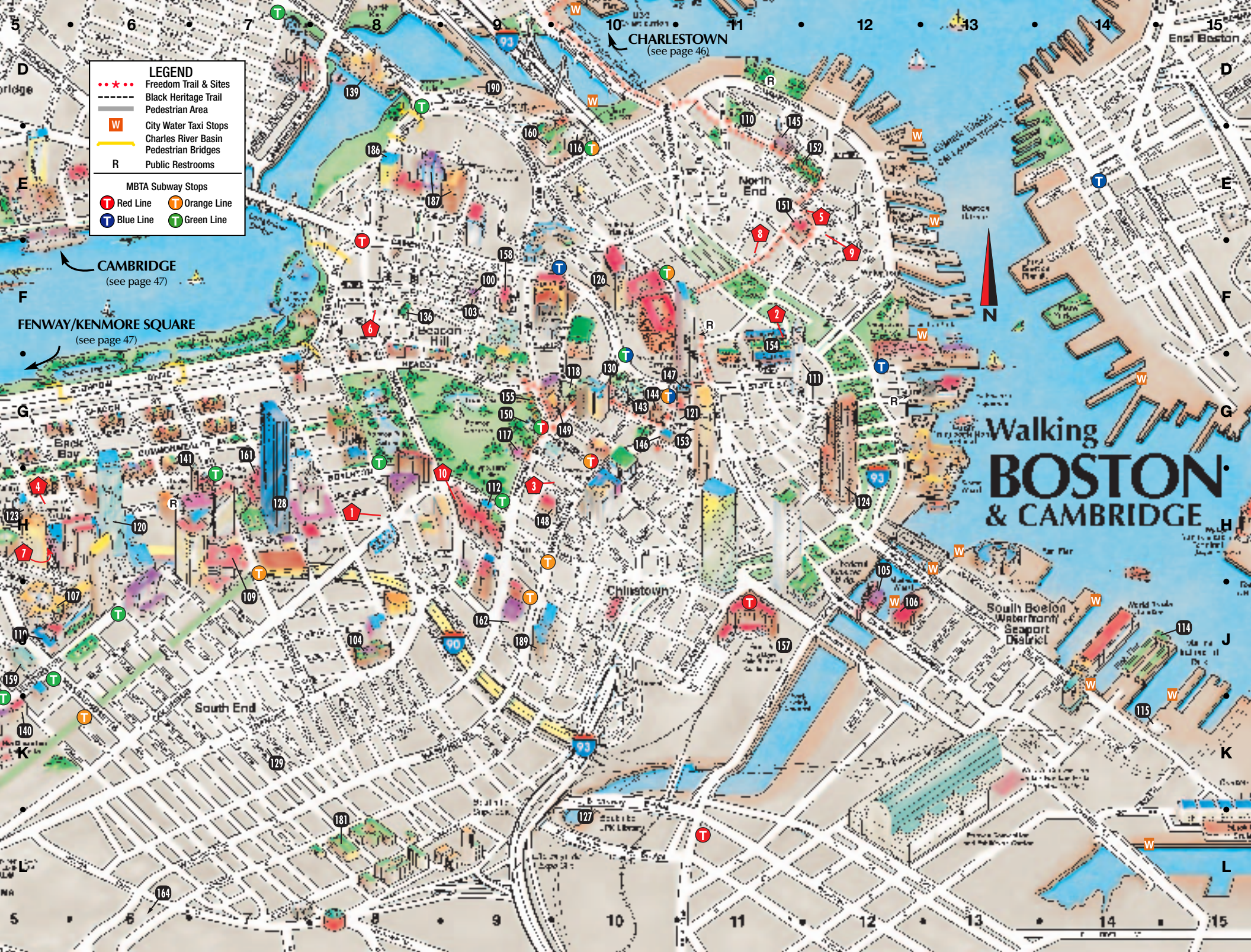
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OLD NORTH CHURCH: The lanterns ("two if by sea") lit during Paul Revere's Ride hung from the tower of this church, which still stands tall in the North End today. **Refer to listing, page 51.**

The Freedom Trail begins at the Boston Common Information Kiosk, where you can obtain a guide map for $2 or rent a self-guided audio tour complete with sound effects and anecdotes for $15. Park ranger-guided tours depart from the Boston National Historical Park Visitors Center at State and Devonshire streets, *Mon–Fri at 2 p.m., Sat & Sun at 10 & 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. Arrive 30 minutes in advance. Call 617-242-5642 for information.*

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

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

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

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

KING'S CHAPEL AND BURYING GROUND. Tremont and School streets, 617-227-2155. Services: *Sun at 11 a.m., Wed at 12:15 p.m. Burying Ground open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Tours are usually Sat 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., but may not be led due to construction.* 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. 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. School and Washington streets. Constructed as an apothecary in 1718, the ground floor was later used as 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. 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 saw an outraged Samuel Adams give the signal to proceed with the Boston Tea Party.

OLD STATE HOUSE. Corner of Washington and State streets, 617-720-3292. *Open daily 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $5; students & seniors $4; children (6–18) $1; children (under 6) free.* Built in 1713, this seat of colonial government was the center of activity for such patriots as John Hancock and Samuel and John Adams. It was from the east balcony that the Declaration of Independence was first read in Boston.

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

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

PAUL REVERE HOUSE. 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 c. 1680), occupied by silversmith and patriot Paul Revere from 1770 to 1800.

OLD NORTH CHURCH. 193 Salem St., 617-523-6676. *Open daily 9 a.m.–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. Two lanterns were hung here April 18, 1775, signaling the Redcoats' departure by sea for Lexington and Concord.

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

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

U.S.S. CONSTITUTION. Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, 617-242-5670. *Open Tue–Sun from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Tours every half-hour 10:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.* This 44-gun frigate is the oldest commissioned warship in the world, christened 'Old Ironsides' during the War of 1812 when the cannonballs of a British warship literally bounced off her triple hull.

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  (Haymarket T Station)
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  25 Union Street, Boston 617-723-5252

PLIMOTH PLANTATION: The interactive, living museum in Plymouth on the South Shore re-creates the lives of the region's earliest settlers. **Refer to listing, page 53.**

AMUSEMENT PARKS

5W!TS, 186 Brookline Ave., 617-375-WITS. *Thu 11 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m., Sun 'til 7 p.m. Tickets: $14–20.* Combining the appeals of theme parks, museums and haunted houses, 5W!ts provides visitors with action-packed interactive game-play and puzzle-solving activities. Current show: Tomb, which allows players to journey to the center of a buried pharaoh's final resting place, facing challenges and obstacles along the way.

SIX FLAGS NEW ENGLAND, 1623 Main St. (Rte. 159 South), Agawam, 413-786-9300. *Open Daily; 10 a.m.–10 p.m.. Tickets: $49.99, kids $29.99.* Part of one of the nation's top amusement park chains, Six Flags New England is the region's largest option for thrills and chills, featuring humongous roller coasters, water rides and more—including the Superman: Ride of Steel and the Catapult.

CRUISES

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

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, 212-209-3370. *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; Bellisimo 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. Call ahead for availability.* Come aboard to relive the days of Boston Tall Ships. Take the wheel, set the sails or just sit back and enjoy the sights and beauty of Boston Harbor and her islands. Full cash bar available.

ODYSSEY CRUISES, departs daily from Rowes Wharf, 888-741-0281. *Brunch: Sat & Sun noon–2 p.m. Tickets: $42–48. Lunch: Mon–Fri noon–2 p.m. Tickets: $39. 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

BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME, 1000 West Columbus Ave. Springfield, 413-781-6500. *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $16.99; seniors $13.99; youths (5–15) $11.99; (under 5) free.* In 1891, James Naismith developed the game of basketball and its original 13 rules in Springfield, Mass. Now Springfield is home to the Hall of Fame, an edifice that pays homage to the greatest men to play and coach the game, like Bill Russell, Magic Johnson, Michael Jordan and Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski. The Hall of Fame also includes interactive basketball fun for visitors and numerous exhibits.

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

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

GARDEN IN THE WOODS, 180 Hemenway Rd., Framingham, 508-877-7630. *Open from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $7, seniors/students $5, youth (6–18) $3.* New England's premier wildflower garden, the Garden in the Woods contains 1,600 types of plants, including rare and endangered specimens. The garden offers beauty and serenity amidst a dazzling array of colors. Special exhibit: Rock On! Celebrating Stone in the Garden, featuring 37 sculptures by New England visual artists.

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

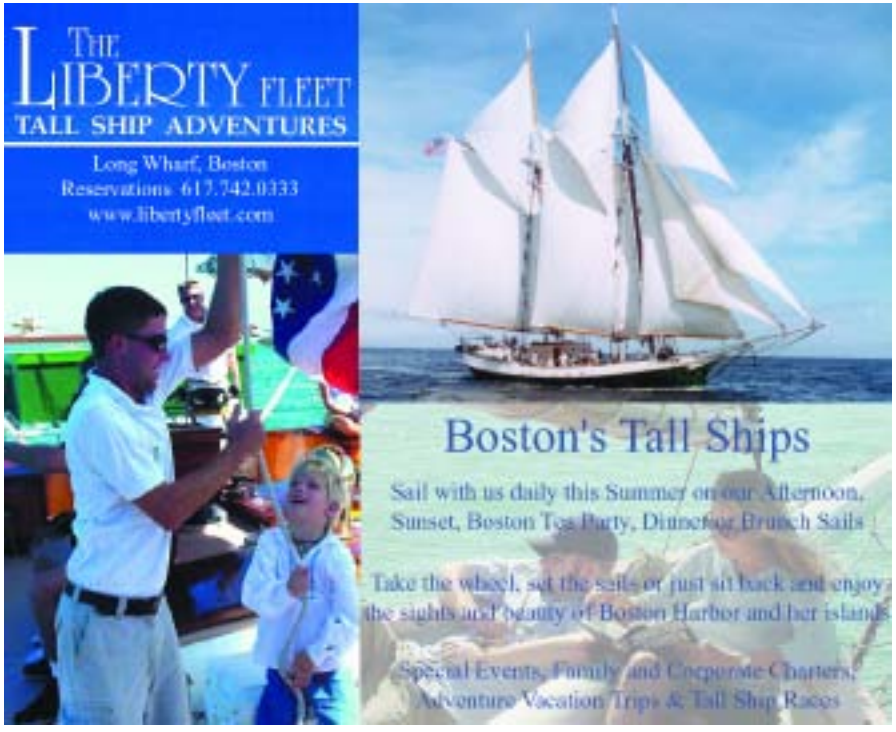
OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Rd., 508-347-3362. *Tue–Sun 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $20, seniors $18, children $6 (under 3 free).* Take a trip back in time at this recreation of an early 19th-century New England village where costumed educators show visitors what life in the early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

PLIMOTH PLANTATION, 137 Warren Ave.,508-746-1622, *Henry Hornblower II Visitor Center, open 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Nye Barn, Hobbamock's (Wampanoag) Homesite, 1627 Pilgrim Village, Crafts Center, 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $24, seniors $21, children $14.* When the Pilgrims landed in America during the 17th century, they landed at Plymouth Rock. They built their settlement three miles south of the rock and named it Plimoth Plantation. Today, visitors can tour the Plantation and see how the Pilgrims went about their daily lives, hunting, gathering and making crafts.

YANKEE CANDLE FACTORY, 5 North St., South Deerfield, 877-636-7707. *Factory visitor's center is open 9:30 a.m.–6 p.m. Call for additional information.* The Yankee Candle Factory is one part of a larger complex devoted to the company. It also includes a museum, a candle store and the Bavarian Christmas Village. Visitors are able to dip their own creations at this one-of-a-kind must-see for fans of the popular scented candles.

WHALE WATCHES

BOSTON HARBOR CRUISES, One Long Wharf, 617-227-4321. *Mon–Fri at 10 a.m., Sat & Sun at 10:30 a.m., 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. Tickets: $35, seniors $32, children $29.* Cruise on high speed catamarans to Stellwagen Bank, the East



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MASSACHUSETTS BAY LINE WHALE WATCHES, Departing from Rowes Wharf behind The Boston Harbor Hotel, 617-542-8000. *Mon–Fri at 10 a.m. and noon, Sat at 10:30 a.m., 12:30, 2:30 and 5:30 p.m., Sun at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. Tickets: $32.95, children $25.95.* Get out on the water in search of the sea's most majestic creatures on a four-hour tour of Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary. On board, 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 9:30 a.m & 1:30 p.m., Sat & Sun 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets: $31, seniors & students $28, children $25.* Discover the history of Stellwagen Bank aboard the Aquarium's whale watch vessel, the 111-foot catamaran Voyager III. Search for a variety of whales, including humpback, finback and minke. Interactive exhibits include microscope stations, electronic navigation, computer whale programs, meteorological instruments and movies.

DESTINATIONS

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

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

LOWELL. Ever since the Industrial Revolution in America was sparked there, Lowell has been a city on the cutting edge. Though no longer a textile-production hub, Lowell is now known for its concentration of museums and galleries, including The Brush Art Gallery and the Whistler House Museum of Art, as well as historical institutions such as the Boott Cotton Mills Museum, the American Textile Museum, and the New England Quilt Museum. And for baseball lovers, the Lowell Spinners—the Red Sox single-A minor league team—offer an affordable way to glimpse future stars.

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

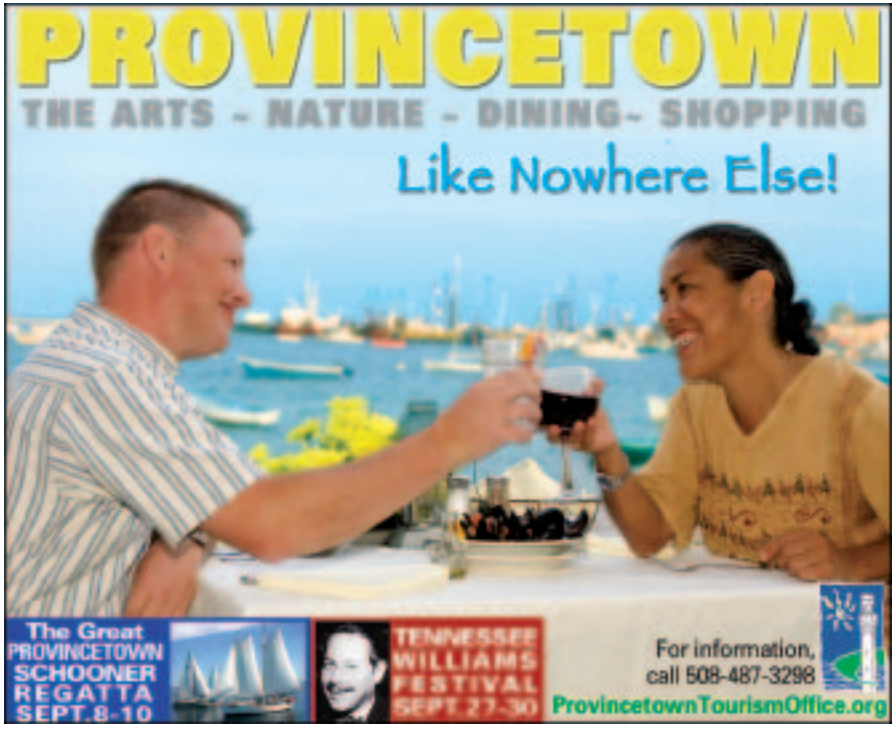
NORTH SHORE. Just north of Boston, the North Shore encompasses Cape Ann, Gloucester, Peabody, Salem, Swampscott, Marblehead, Newburyport and some of Massachusetts' other well-kept secrets. The area offers sandy beaches, deep sea fishing trips, historic houses and art festivals. Just an hour from the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

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

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

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

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



SHOPPING

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DODD HOUSE GIFT SHOPPE: This gift shop in the North End lies along the Freedom Trail right across from the Old North Church. **Refer to listing, page 58.**

ART & ANTIQUES

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

ARTS & CRAFTS

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

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

BOOKS

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

BORDERS, 10–24 School St., 617-557-7188; CambridgeSide Galleria, Cambridge, 617-679-0887. School Street: *Mon–Fri 7 a.m.–9 p.m., Sat 8 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–8 p.m.* Galleria: *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9:30 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.* This major retailer provides readers with seemingly limitless options regarding books and periodicals, as well as an extensive music section.

CLOTHING

ANTHROPOLOGIE, 799 Boylston St., 617-262-0545; 300 Boylston St., Chestnut Hill, 617-559-9995. Boylston: *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.;* Chestnut Hill: *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9:30 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.* With stores in more than 20 states and around the world, Anthropologie specializes in inspiring, upscale clothing, accessories and home decor with a vintage and global flair.

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.

JASMINE SOLA, 344 Newbury St., 617-867-4636; 800 Boylston, Prudential Center, 617-578-0550; 199 Boylston St., Chestnut Hill, 617-332-1212; 37–39 Brattle St., Harvard Square, 617-354-6043. Newbury Street: *Mon–Thu 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 9 p.m., Sun noon–7 p.m.; call for hours of other locations.* This popular boutique carries an array of hip clothing from trendy designers like Diesel, Miss Sixty, Juicy Couture, Seven Jeans and Blue Cult.

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

PATAGONIA, 346 Newbury St., 617-424-1776. *Mon–Thu 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 8 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* This outdoor apparel store sells a variety of clothing for all conditions. The Newbury Street store also regularly invites outdoorsmen to talk about their latest trips and experiences.

DEPARTMENT STORES

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

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

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

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

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

EYEGLASS SALES & REPAIR

VISION HOUSE, 7 JFK St., Harvard Square, Cambridge, 617-661-3676. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun 1–5 p.m.* Known for its stylish selection and superior service, Vision House has been a fixture in Harvard Square for more than 30 years. Its vast selection of eyewear includes such designers as Gucci, Dolce & Gabbana, Vera Wang, Burberry, Oliver Peoples, Oakley and Maui Jim. One-hour service is available, as well as an on-site optometrist for eye exams and contact lens fittings. Walk-in appointments are welcome.

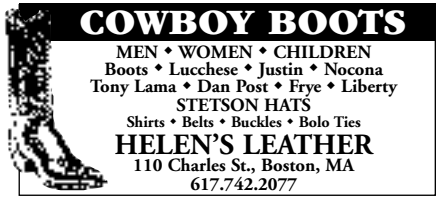
FURNITURE & HOME GOODS

ADESSO, 200 Boylston St., 617-451-2212. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m.* One of America's leading resources for beautiful furniture, lighting and accessories. Adesso imports a vast range of Europe's finest designer products—such as Ligne Roset, renowned for its beds, sofas and comfortable seating, and Alessi, known for stainless-steel teakettles and serving pieces.

BOWL AND BOARD, 1354 Beacon St., Brookline, 617-566-4726; 1063 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617-661-0350. *Mon–Wed 10:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m., Fri & Sat 10:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m. Cambridge store closes and opens a half hour earlier Mon–Sat.* Whether it's candles for lighting, linens for draping, tables for setting, or gadgets for using, Bowl and Board has what you need for every occasion. Opening its first store in Hingham in the 1960s, this family-run home goods store now operates four locations in Massachusetts.

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.

RESTORATION HARDWARE, 711 Boylston St., 617-578-0088. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.* This hardware retailer features distinctive, high-quality items for the home—from home furnishings and lighting to kitchen accessories and garden supplies. Each product is imbued with the store's classic design, affordable pricing and whimsical product information.



GIFTS & STATIONERY

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

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

GOURMET FOOD & BEVERAGE

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

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

JEWELRY/ACCESSORIES

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

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.

SMALL PLEASURES, 142 Newbury St., 617-267-7371; 92 State St., 617-722-9932. *Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–6 p.m.* Specializing in antique jewelry and vintage watches, this unique store features Art Nouveau and Art Deco engagement rings from the 1920s, as well as custom design and repair services, all in an intimate Art Deco setting.

MALLS/SHOPPING CENTERS

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

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BILL RODGERS RUNNING CENTER: Wall-to-wall running shoes and an expert staff is what you will find at this shop run by the four-time Boston Marathon winner. Refer to listing, page 59.

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

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

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.

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

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

MUSIC/VIDEO

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

VIRGIN MEGASTORE, 360 Newbury St., 617-896-0950. *Mon 10 a.m.–12:30 a.m., Tue–Thu 'til 11 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til midnight, Sun 11 a.m–11 p.m.* The British music retailer chose Boston for its 22nd North American location. Three levels and more than 40,000 square feet of space house thousands of books, CDs, videos and DVDs, as well as interactive listening kiosks.

SHOES

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

SPORTING GOODS

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

SPORTS MEMORABILIA

FENWAY SPORTSZONE, 306 Newbury St., 617-437-1010. *Open daily 11 a.m.–7 p.m., with extended hours on game days.* Boasting "The most balls in Boston," Fenway Sportszone is Boston's largest memorabilia shop, featuring the city's biggest selection of autographed items. They also have all your fan gear and souvenir needs as well as a huge selection of apparel from Majestic, Moonlight Graham, Homegirls, Sully's T's and more. ***SEE LOCATOR #4 ON CENTER MAP.***

TOYS

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

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ON THE COVER: Diane Von Furstenberg wrap blouse, $175, and Theory pants, $230, both at Saks Fifth Avenue; 18k gold and black jade Sevillana cuff, $4,300, and 18k gold Aegean necklace, $7,500, both by Elsa Peretti at Tiffany and Co.

TABLE OF CONTENTS: Theory cropped cape sweater, $335, Juicy Couture blouse, $158, Elie Tahari pants, $248, and Prada boots, $1150, all at Saks Fifth Avenue; Erickson-Beamon teardrop rhinestone earrings, $314 at Nanette Lepore; silver and gold ring, $55 at Tayrona.

ABOVE: Missoni sweater dress, $3085, and brown leather belt, $225, both at Neiman Marcus; Sunburst gold metal earrings, $28 at Tayrona.

DICK'S LAST RESORT: This down 'n' dirty bar and restaurant serves buckets of delicious grub, 74 different beers, creative cocktails and features live music and crazy antics every night. **Refer to listing, right.**

PUBS AND BARS

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

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

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

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

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

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

CASK 'N FLAGON, 62 Brookline Ave, 617-536-4840. *Sun–Wed 11:30–1 a.m.; Thu–Sat 'til 2 a.m.* A hangout for Red Sox fans since the days of Yastrzemski and Fisk, this classic bar boasts tons of TVs for watching the Sox—if you get shut out of Fenway Park across the street—and is loaded with photos depicting the histories of Fenway and the Sox. Recently given a major facelift, the Cask boasts a new back room with a dance floor and second bar.

CHEERS, 84 Beacon St., 617-227-9605. *Daily 11 a.m.–12:30 a.m.* Also: Faneuil Hall Marketplace. The model for the beloved sitcom, this Back Bay pub is one of the top tourist attractions in Boston. Live weekend entertainment.

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

DICK'S LAST RESORT, Quincy Market, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-267-8080. *Daily 11 a.m.–2 a.m.* Live music seven nights a week. No cover, no dress code and certainly no class. Seventy-four kinds of beer for the novice or serious sudster, and a full bar for the hardcore. This restaurant (of sorts) features buckets of messy ribs, shrimp, lobster, chicken, catfish and crab legs.

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

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

JAKE IVORY'S, 9 Lansdowne St., 617-247-1222. *Thu 9 p.m.–2 a.m.; Fri & Sat. 7 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover: $5–8, table reservations available.* Come join the crowds who marvel at (and sing along with) the dueling pianists at this club in the heart of nightlife central, Lansdowne Street. Great for a casual night out, after work parties or friendly get-togethers.

JULIEN BAR, Langham Hotel, 250 Franklin St., 617-451-1900. *No cover.* Enjoy cocktails and piano entertainment in this historic lounge, voted Boston's "Best Fancy Bar." *Mon–Sat from 11 p.m.–1 a.m.*—Pianist Jeffrey Moore; *Sun from 11 a.m.–3 p.m.*—Sunday Jazz Brunch in Café Fleuri.

KINSALE IRISH PUB AND RESTAURANT, Two Center Plaza, Cambridge Street, 617-742-5577. The city's only Irish pub and restaurant built in Ireland and shipped to Boston. There is never a cover charge. *Tue at 7:30 p.m., Sat at 9 p.m.*—Live Irish music; *Fri at 9 p.m.*—Rock and pop music*; Sun noon–3 p.m.*—Brunch.

MR. DOOLEY'S BOSTON TAVERN, 77 Broad St., Financial District, 617-338-5656. *Open nightly. Fri & Sat $3 cover.* This authentic Irish pub features charming ambiance, 13 imported drafts on tap and live music six nights a week. Journalists, politicians and young professionals find Mr. Dooley's to be "a great place for a pint and a chat."

THE OAK BAR, Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, 138 St. James Ave., Copley Square, 617-267-5300. *No cover.* A favorite among the fine scotch and cigar crowd, The Oak Bar is a Boston favorite for upscale lounging. *Sun–Thu 10:30 a.m.–midnight; Fri 'til 12:30 a.m.; Sat 'til 1 a.m. Tue & Wed*—Pianist Rebecca Cline; *Thu*—Pianist Steve Heck; *Fri & Sat*—The Bill Laughlin Quartet.

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

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

NIGHTCLUBS

THE ALLEY, One Boylston Place, 617-351-7000. *Fri & Sat 10 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover: $5–10.* Located in the famous Boylston Street alleyway, this one-stop nightspot includes the Big Easy Bar, The Alley Cat, Sweetwater Cafe and the Liquor Store, where you can ride Boston's only mechanical bull. Party Mardi Gras-style on Boston's version of Bourbon Street.

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE RACK, 24 Clinton St., 617-725-1051. *Mon–Fri 4 p.m.–2 a.m.; Sat & Sun 11 a.m.–2 a.m.* An upscale restaurant and billiards club featuring 14 tournament-sized pool tables and a huge dance floor, The Rack is one of the hottest hangouts for pro athletes and local celebs. Proper dress required.

SAINT, Copley Square Hotel, 90 Exeter St., 617-236-1134. *Daily 5 p.m.–2 a.m.; closed Tue & Wed. Table reservations available.* One of Boston's hottest nightclubs, Saint offers gourmet dining, nightly DJs, and the chance to lounge on overstuffed couches (and even beds) in private and public rooms. Proper dress required.

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

GAY AND LESBIAN

CLUB CAFE, 209 Columbus Ave., 617-536-0966. *Thu–Sat 11 a.m.–2 a.m. No cover.* In the back of the 209 restaurant, you'll find the Moonshine and Satellite lounges, voted "Best of Boston" by *Boston* magazine and *The Improper Bostonian* for best gay and lesbian nightspot. *Wed–Sat at 8 p.m.*—Moonshine Video Bar.

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

MACHINE, 1254 Boylston St., 617-536-1950. *Fri & Sat 10 p.m.–2 a.m. Cover varies. Cash only.* With two dance floors, four bars, six pool tables, pinball machines, video games and theme nights, this club offers Boston's gay and lesbian partygoers a plethora of nightlife options. *Mon*—Stroke Mondays, Strip-Pool tournament; *Thu at 10 p.m.*—Karaoke with Eve Adams; *Fri*—VJ Tom Yaz and DJ Darrin Friedman; *Sat*—DJ Dovah and International night featuring DJ J.R. Vega.

ALLSTON/BRIGHTON

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

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

BACK BAY

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. $$$

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

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

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

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

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

COLD STONE CREAMERY: Taste a last gasp of summer at one of the many local outposts of this national ice cream company. **Refer to listing, page 73.**

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

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GOURMELI'S SEAFOOD, Marriott Copley Place, 110 Huntington Ave., 617-236-5800 ext. 6741. Enjoy the sushi bar or

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

AVERAGE PRICE OF DINNER ENTREES

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

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

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L'AROMA CAFE, 85 Newbury St., 617-412-4001. This Italian cafe offers delicious soups, sandwiches and European pastries and desserts, as well as Italian coffee and assorted teas. Relax in its spacious interior or enjoy outdoor patio dining from April through October. B, L. $

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

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

***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. $$$$

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

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

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

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

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

33 RESTAURANT AND LOUNGE, 33 Stanhope St., 617-572-3311. Under the guidance of executive chef Anthony E. Dawodu, this stylish establishment offers an exceptional and unique fusion of traditional New England cuisine with hints of the exotic. L Mon–Fri 11 a.m.–3 p.m. D Mon–Sat 5–11 p.m. Bar: Mon–Sat 5 p.m.–2 a.m. Lounge: nightly 8 p.m.–2 a.m. SB 10 a.m.–3 p.m. $$$$

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

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

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

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

BEACON HILL

ANTONIO'S, 288 Cambridge St., 617-367-3310. One of Boston's finest Italian restaurants (across from Mass. General

Hospital on historic Beacon Hill). Traditional Italian food with nightly specials and complementing wine list. Specials include homemade fusilli, shrimp margarita and chicken/sausage vinegar peppers and potatoes. L, D Mon–Thu 11 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 11 a.m.–10:30 p.m. $

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

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

HUNGRY I, 71½ Charles St., 617-227-3524. In a two-story townhouse with three working fireplaces and an outdoor patio, Chef Peter Ballarin delights patrons with French country cuisine and creative desserts. Signature dishes include venison au poivre and braised rabbit a la moutard. L Thu and Fri only, noon–2 p.m.; D 5:30–9:30 p.m.; SB 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Private dining rooms available. $$$$. ***SEE LOCATOR #6 ON CENTER MAP.***

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

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

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

CAMBRIDGE

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

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

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

LA GROCERIA RISTORANTE ITALIANO, 853 Main St., Cambridge, 617-876-4162. Specializing in fresh handmade pasta, grilled fish and lobster, La Groceria has offered great Northern Italian cuisine for more than 30 years, and has been featured in *Gourmet* magazine and *Zagat Survey*. Children's menu available. Mon–Fri 11 a.m.–10 p.m., Sat 3–10 p.m., Sun 1–9 p.m. www.lagroceriarestaurant.com. $$

OM, 92 Winthrop St., Cambridge, 617-575-2800. Acclaimed chef Rachel Klein serves New American cuisine in a beautifully lit and stunning upstairs dining room, while mixologist Clif Travers prepares his signature Aromatherapy concoctions at the popular Om ultra-lounge downstairs. Om's signature creations include Steak & Eggs and Zen Te'. D, C. $$$

RIALTO, The Charles Hotel, One Bennett St., Cambridge, 617-661-5050. One of Greater Boston's top restaurants features fine wines and cuisine from France, Italy and Spain. Chef Jody Adams lends her creative talents to menu items such as grilled quails on brioche toast with apricots, provolone and capocolla ham. D only. Reservations recommended. $$$$

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. $$

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

ZOE'S RESTAURANT, 1105 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, 617-495-0055. Offering a spectacular menu of delicious homemade Greek and American food in a fun atmosphere. This retro establishment serves breakfast all day, and take-out and catering are available. A popular destination for the weekend brunch crowd, Zoe's is also a great place for dinner, boasting an affordable selection of beer and wine. For dessert, try the delicious cheesecake frappe or the famous frozen hot chocolate. B, L, D, SB. Mon–Sat 7:30 a.m.–10 p.m., Sun 8 a.m.–9 p.m.

CHARLESTOWN

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

DOWNTOWN

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

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

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

FAJITAS & 'RITAS, 25 West St., 617-426-1222. Established in 1989, Fajitas & 'Ritas features fresh, healthy Tex-Mex and barbecue cuisine. The restaurant stresses generous portions, affordable prices, open casual space and prompt, friendly service. Mon–Tue 11:30 a.m.–9 p.m., Wed, Thu & Sat 'til 10 p.m., Fri 'til 11 p.m., Sun noon–8 p.m. C, LS. www.fajitasandritas.com. $. ***SEE LOCATOR #3 ON CENTER MAP.***

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

***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 Tue–Sat 6–10 p.m. Tapas menu available at bar Mon–Fri 4–7 p.m. $$$$

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

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

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

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

AVILA MODERN MEDITERRANEAN: The latest addtion to the Theatre District dining scene serves cuisine from Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, Greece and North Africa. **Refer to listing, page 73.**

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

PARKER'S RESTAURANT, Omni Parker House, 60 School St., 617-725-1600. Executive chef 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. $$$$

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

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 cuisine that 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. $$$$

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

EAST BOSTON/AIRPORT

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

FANEUIL HALL

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

FENWAY/KENMORE SQUARE

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

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

GREAT BAY, Hotel Commonwealth, 500 Commonwealth Ave., 617-532-5300. Christopher Myers and chef Michael Schlow (Radius, Via Matta) present their unique take on 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. $$$

NORTH END

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

CAFFE 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. $

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DAVIDE, 326 Commercial St., 617-227-5745. Boasts an upscale yet casual atmosphere with Northern Italian-inspired dishes. Accolades include the Zagat Award, The Five-Star Diamond Award and plaudits from *Wine Spectator.* All pastas and desserts made fresh on premises. Reservations recommended. L Mon–Fri 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.; D daily 5–10 p.m. C, VP. $$$

FLORENTINE CAFE, 333 Hanover St., 617-227-1777. Revered by visitors and residents for decades, this historic cafe is one of Boston's culinary landmarks. Lobster ravioli with tomatoes and lobster cream sauce and seared veal with grilled shrimp in Frangelico mushroom sauce are just two of the Italian wonders awaiting you in this charming bistro setting. Daily noon–1 a.m. L, D, C. $$$. ***SEE LOCATOR #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 eatery is racking up raves for its regional Italian cuisine, superb wine list, lively bar and elegant ambiance. D nightly 5–11 p.m.; Sat & Sun 'til 11:30 p.m.; bar menu 'til 12:15 a.m.; C 'til 1 a.m. VP. $$$. ***SEE LOCATOR #8 ON CENTER MAP.***

MAMMA MARIA, 3 North Square, 617-523-0077. "Mamma Maria stands for what Italian food is. Simplicity, quality ingredients and fun…the food of love" (Emeril Lagasse, 2004). Mamma Maria offers charming views of the neighborhood and city skyline, as well as a Wine Spectator Award-winning wine list. D Sun–Thu 5–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m. VP. www.mammamaria.com. $$$. ***SEE LOCATOR #9 ON CENTER MAP.***

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

MAURIZIO'S, 364 Hanover St., North End, 617-367-1123. Casual, intimate, understated—serving some of the best Mediterranean cuisine in Boston. Enjoy fresh fish from the grill, roasted rack of lamb with rosemary and garlic in a chianti sauce as well as chef/owner Maurizio's favorite pasta dishes. D Mon–Sat 5–10 p.m., Sun 2–10 p.m.; L Fri & Sat. Mention *Panorama* and get a free appetizer for your table. Reservations accepted. www.mauriziosboston.com. $$

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

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

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

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

SOUTH BOSTON WATERFRONT

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

SOUTH END

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

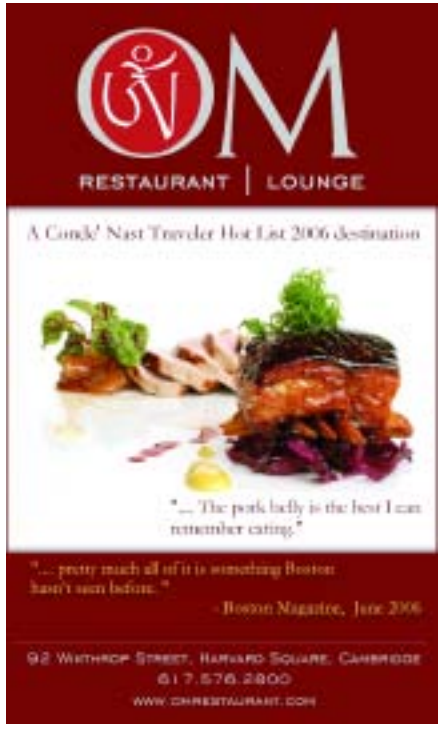
HAMERSLEY'S BISTRO, 533 Tremont St., 617-423-2700. This pioneering French-American classic, helmed by the husband and wife team of Gordon and Fiona Hamersley, first put the South End dining scene on the map. Try the duck confit or the roast chicken with garlic, lemon and parsley. Long regarded as one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

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

THEATRE DISTRICT

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

COLD STONE CREAMERY, 8 Park Plaza Suite D-5, 617-523-1020; 175 Cambridge St., 617-275-4241; 201 Brookline Ave., 617-266-COLD; 100 City Square, Charlestown, 617-242-0100. Originating in the desert heat of Arizona in 1988, Cold Stone has taken the country by storm with its unique, creamy blended ice cream mixed on a frozen granite stone to create a wide variety of flavors. Served in a fresh baked waffle cone, Cold Stone lovers can create their own flavor combination from available



mix-ins or choose from Cold Stone Originals like Candy Land, a blend of cake batter ice cream, Snickers, M&M's and Kit Kat. $

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

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

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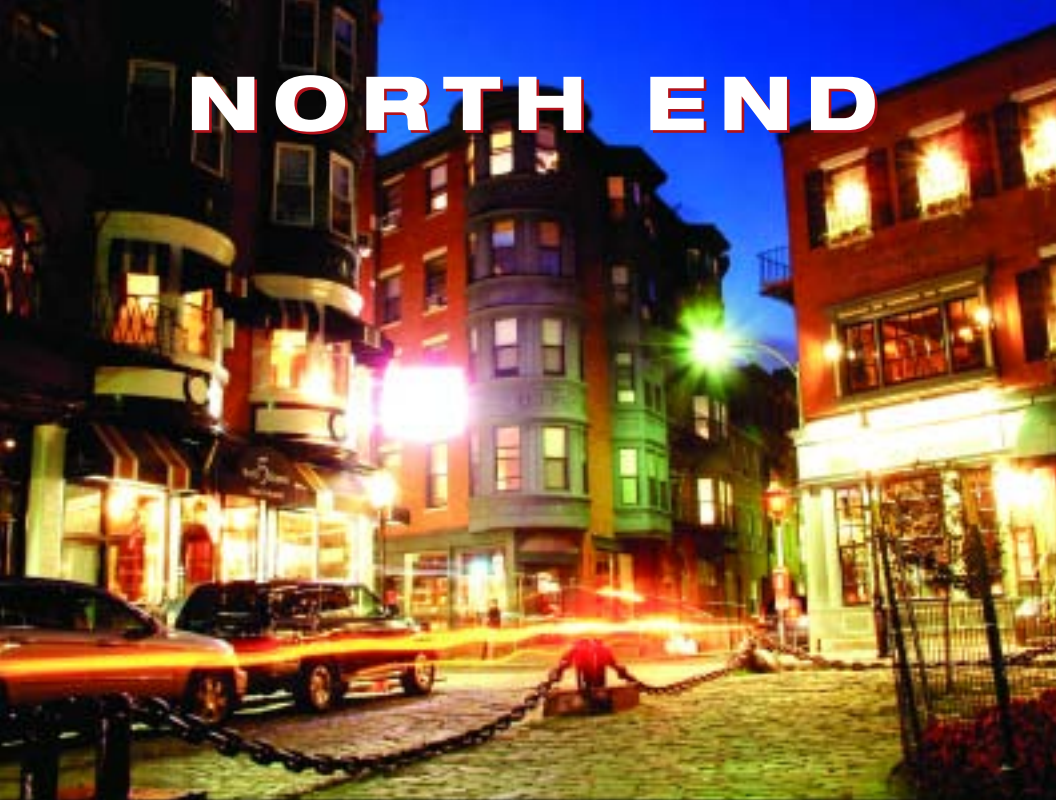

Old World Charm

Renowned as Boston's "Little Italy," the North End is constantly brimming with the aroma of garlic and freshly cooked cuisine. But much of the North End's charm comes from its storied history. 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.

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.

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 owned 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, is Boston's oldest standing church (built in 1723) and 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*.

TIME TRAVELING: North Square's cobblestoned streets play host to not only fine Italian eateries, but also to the historic Paul Revere House on the Freedom Trail.

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AN INVITING GLOW: Old and new restaurants offering everything from pizza to pasta and formal to informal dining can be found along the ancient streets of the North End.

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 descendents, 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.

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CAMBRIDGE

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

Central Square

Central Square sets a swift pace as the social center for Cambridge professionals. It's lined with coffee shops, burrito joints, down-home music stores, and its own share of great restaurants like La Groceria, Gandhi and Cuchi Cuchi. Every night of the week, fans of rock, jazz, hip-hop and the blues line up at the doors of venues such as the Middle East Cafe, T.T. the Bear's Place and The Cantab Lounge.

Harvard Square

The grand cultural and geographical nucleus of Cambridge houses six performing arts theaters, three movie theaters, nine museums, over 100 restaurants and more than 400 retail stores. History is everywhere, including storied Harvard Yard, home of the homonymous Harvard University, which makes its quaint presence felt on the north side of the square. With all this intellectual energy flowing, it's no surprise that Harvard Square has been dubbed "the book mecca of the world." Not everyone here is a student, though. A walk along Massachusetts Avenue or JFK Street reveals musicians, magicians and street performers, who add color to the already bustling square. Diners flock to Harvard Square for the food as well, at favorites like Henrietta's Table, UpStairs on the Square and Rialto.

HIGHER LEARNING: The Massachusetts Institute of Technology is not only one of the area's most prestigious schools, it is also home to some very striking architecture.

Inman Square

Just north of Central Square, the quieter, more residential Inman Square prides itself on its hometown sensibility, with a diverse working-class population, many of whom speak Portuguese. No elitism here: the area's only monument is the Cambridge Fireman's Mural. It is a place where food brings people together, whether at a range of local ethnic markets or at restaurants known for their bold flavors, like Chris Schlesinger's East Coast Grill. It does get rowdy over at ImprovBoston, where an acclaimed comedy troupe spoofs sports, mystery and pop culture with jamboree music and general "joyful chaos." Local and up-and-coming national jazz acts entertain music lovers at Ryles Jazz Club.

Kendall Square

Kendall Square, home to MIT—with its conspicuous concrete dome, the scene of many famous pranks—looks more like a high-brow business park than a neighborhood. Among the modern, sleek bio-tech firms and research labs, there are more than a few secret hiding places for fun. At the Kendall Square Cinema, movie buffs can check out foreign and independent films along with ice cream and espresso. And for shoppers, the CambridgeSide Galleria houses over 100 stores, including Banana Republic, J. Crew and Best Buy.

Porter Square

The young, artistic crowd influences the stretch of Cambridge just beyond Harvard Square. Porter Square, on the outskirts of Mass. Ave., is full of eclectic second-hand shops and home to restaurants like the Cambodian-French favorite Elephant Walk and the Temple Bar. For a feel of the avant-garde arts scene, head to the provocative Lizard Lounge for a poetry jam or live music. Ⓟ

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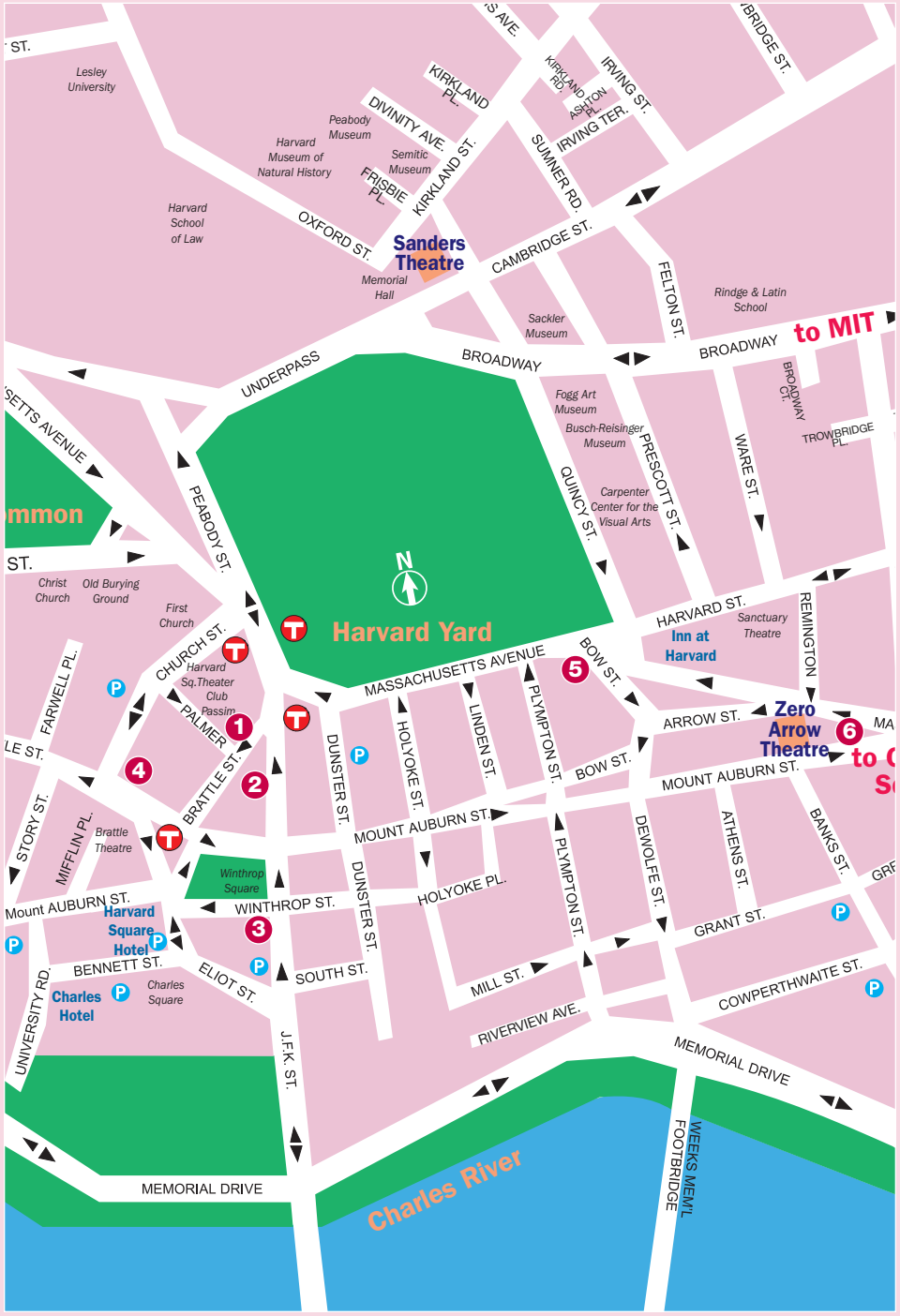

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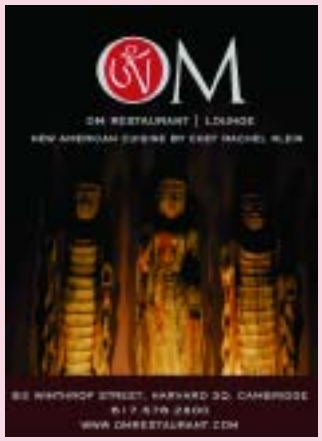

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Between 1857 and 1882, what we know as today's Back Bay was a tidewater flat for the Charles River. Gradually it was filled in, the largest part of a project that would more than double the size of the city. Once the swamp was gone, architect Arthur Gilman drew up the plans to build a largely uniform series of three- and four-story brownstones.

Real estate is pricey in this highly desired neighborhood—bordered on the north by the Charles River, Arlington Street to Park Square on the east, Columbus Avenue to Huntington Avenue, Dalton Street and the Massachusetts Turnpike on the south, and Charlesgate East on the west—and it's easy to understand why when one strolls past the gorgeous old brick buildings, amply shaded by trees, and within short walking distance of picturesque Boston Common and the Public Garden. Another prominent feature is the alphabetical cross streets, which intersect the main residential thoroughfares of Beacon Street, Marlborough Street and Commonwealth Avenue, as well as the commercial boulevards of Newbury and Boylston streets.

NIGHT LIGHTS: The picturesque Back Bay skyline, appointed by the Hancock and Prudential towers, glitters after sunset.

The Back Bay draws a high number of visitors because of Newbury Street, which has been referred to as "the East Coast's own Rodeo Drive." If you're itching to rev up the charge cards, and names like Gucci, Cartier and Chanel get your heart racing, then this is the place for you. Once your shopping is complete (or you just need to rest and reload), the street also boasts ice cream shops like JP Licks and Ben and Jerry's, and fashionable restaurants and bars like Sonsie and Stephanie's on Newbury, great for outdoor dining.

The Back Bay is also home to some of Boston's architectural standouts—from the classic beauty of Trinity Church (built in 1877) and the Boston Public Library to Boston's largest and most impressive modern skyscrapers, the 62-story John Hancock Tower and the Prudential Center, which houses offices, restaurants and shops. Ⓟ

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Perhaps no neighborhood in Boston combines as many disparate resources for its residents as The Fenway. Named for the Fens—the green parkland that winds its way through the neighborhood—the area combines the natural splendor of The Emerald Necklace with a heavy concentration of culture, education and recreation.

Two segments of the population are most often found in the Fenway: college students and Red Sox fans. With a large number of Boston's institutions of higher learning massed in or near the Fenway—including Northeastern University, Simmons College, Boston University, Wentworth Institute of Technology, Wheelock College and Emmanuel College—it's quite common to find yourself negotiating crowds of backpack-wearing students on their way to class during the daytime. And once darkness falls, those same youngsters are out in force to explore the Fenway's vital club scene—particularly on Lansdowne Street, which offers revelers everything from dance and music clubs to billiards and bowling.

Then of course, there's Fenway Park. Opened in 1912, it is the nation's oldest active Major League Baseball park, and it draws millions of people every year to cram into small seats, marvel at the 37-foot high wall in left field, (affectionately dubbed "the Green Monster") and share in the mystique of one of baseball's most enduring franchises.

PLAY BALL: Historic Fenway Park, built in 1912, serves as the home to the beloved Boston Red Sox and is surrounded by a multitude of sports bars and restaurants.

Nearby Kenmore Square is undergoing a renaissance of sorts today, with new shops, hotels and restaurants replacing the raunchy, rock 'n' roll atmosphere of landmarks from past decades like the Kenmore Square Movie House and punk rock club The Rathskellar. Now the neighborhood is moving upscale with the presence of the glamorous Hotel Commonwealth and restaurants like Great Bay and Eastern Standard.

Above photo by Della Huff

The roar of the crowd at Red Sox games hasn't overshadowed The Fenway's status as Boston's cultural mecca. The world-renowned Museum of Fine Arts on Huntington Avenue is the city's premier destination for viewing works of art from some of the most famous artists of all time. The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum displays the lifelong artistic passions and collections of its namesake philanthropist in a beautiful building complete with central courtyard. And classical music lovers take abundant delight in the numerous performing ensembles, including The Boston Conservatory, New England Conservatory and most prominently, The Boston Symphony Orchestra and its performance venue, Symphony Hall. Ⓟ

URBAN OASIS: The garden courtyard at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum is the perfect place to relax and recharge your batteries.

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BEACON HILL

Heart of the City

As much as early Bostonians struggled to define themselves as members of a new nation, remnants of the Old World's culture, morality and, particularly, its physical architecture were bound to live on in Boston. Today, there's nowhere in Boston that this still holds true more than the historically upper-class environs of the Beacon Hill neighborhood.

Beacon Hill has traditionally been the home of leaders—Boston's first mayor, John Phillips, lived here, as well as instrumental figures in the formation of Boston, such as Harrison Gray Otis, William Scollay and Charles Bulfinch, who were all property owners here. Beyond that, Beacon Hill has remained the seat of political power in Boston. The Massachusetts State House was completed at the top of Beacon Hill in 1798, and in 1874 it received the gold leaf finish on its massive dome, which, thanks to diligent maintenance and renovations over the years, still shines brilliantly today.

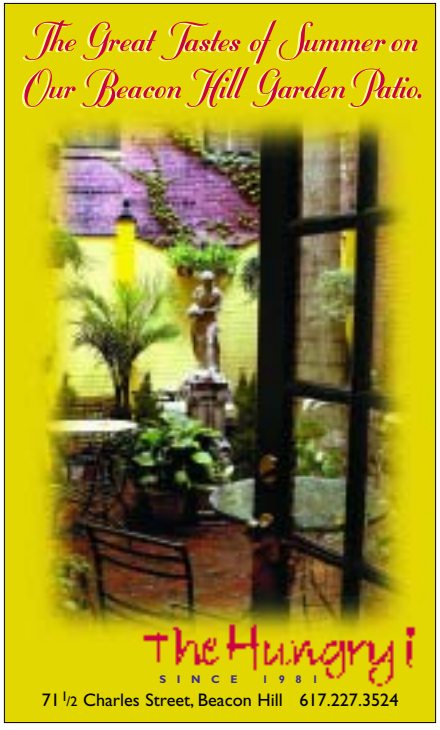
It's here that visitors to the Freedom Trail begin their travels—passing by historical landmarks such as Park Street Church, the Old Granary Burying Ground (final resting place of John Hancock, Paul Revere, Samuel Adams and other Revolution-era luminaries), King's Chapel and, on School Street, the site of America's first public school (in 1856, a statue of Benjamin Franklin was erected near the site). One spot on the Trail not to be missed is the Old State House, at the corner of Washington and State streets. In 1776, the Declaration of Independence was first publicly read in Boston from the building's east balcony, and the building overlooks the site of the Boston Massacre in 1770.

Physically, the neighborhood still bears resemblance to its European roots—narrow cobblestone streets and gas-lit streetlamps still abound. While other areas of Boston are loaded with trendy restaurants and designer boutiques, visitors to Beacon Hill are more likely to find quaint antique shops along Charles Street and "local" restaurants, off the beaten path but beloved for generations. One exception is the original place "where everybody knows your name"—the Bull & Finch Pub, used as the inspiration for the classic sitcom "Cheers," can be found on Beacon Street and still draws in throngs of tourists annually.

And for those who cherish the outdoors, Beacon Hill shares the Boston Common with Downtown, offering visitors the opportunity to take advantage of a natural oasis upon which to throw a Frisbee, soak up some sun, ride a foot-pedaled Swan Boat through the Public Garden, or simply sit on a bench and watch the world go by, the way generations of Bostonians have done before. Ⓟ

IT'S ALL UPHILL: Beacon Street near the intersection with Charles Street runs uphill along Boston Common towards the State House.

SEAT OF POWER: The State House atop Beacon Hill is the legislative heart of Massachusetts.



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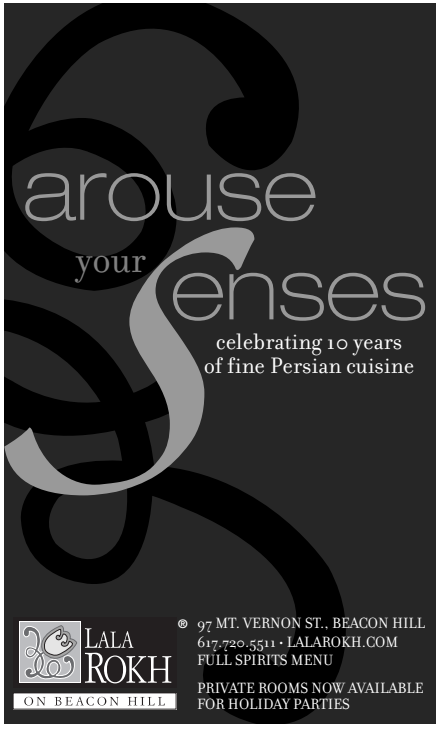

5 questions with...

Oliver Mak

by Marketa Hulpachova

As the co-founder of Bodega (6 Clearway St., 617-421-1550), the new Boston shop whose innovative concept has become iconic in global sneaker culture, 27-year-old Oliver Mak, a local DJ and graffiti artist, is full of opinions about urban fashion—and he's not afraid to share them.

Q: You've been open for over three months now. How's Bodega doing?
A: Business has been pretty insane—we're completely hidden and people just keep finding us. We recently added lines by Maharishi and Fiberops. So far, it's been pretty unplanned.

Q: How does Boston's style compare to other cities?
A: Like every region, Boston has a certain look, but for street wear, the fashion center is always going to be New York City, though it's shifting towards Tokyo. It's basically just a question of access to the product—if you compare Boston to Berlin, the kids are probably going to be wearing 90 percent of the same stuff.

Q: What do you like to wear?
A: 10.Deep Clothing is possibly some of the finer stuff on Earth. And I really like sneakers—Nikes and Vans are always quality. There's been a sneaker mania ever since Air Jordans came out. Now the generation that has always loved sneakers actually has the paper and the market has shifted in their favor.

> "We're completely hidden and people just keep finding us."

Q: What do you dislike about local fashion?
A: They need to open one of those "Life is Good" shops in the deep, deep 'hood—on Blue Hill Ave. or in Harlem. Maybe this stuff flies on Martha's Vineyard, but I feel like it's insane. What they're celebrating—it's basically colonialism.

Q: What about Bodega do you find most rewarding?
A: The good thing about this hip-hop/sneaker/graffiti culture is that it crosses all bridges—destroys all lines. The space unites a demographic that doesn't normally interact, especially in Boston, which is still very segregated. ®

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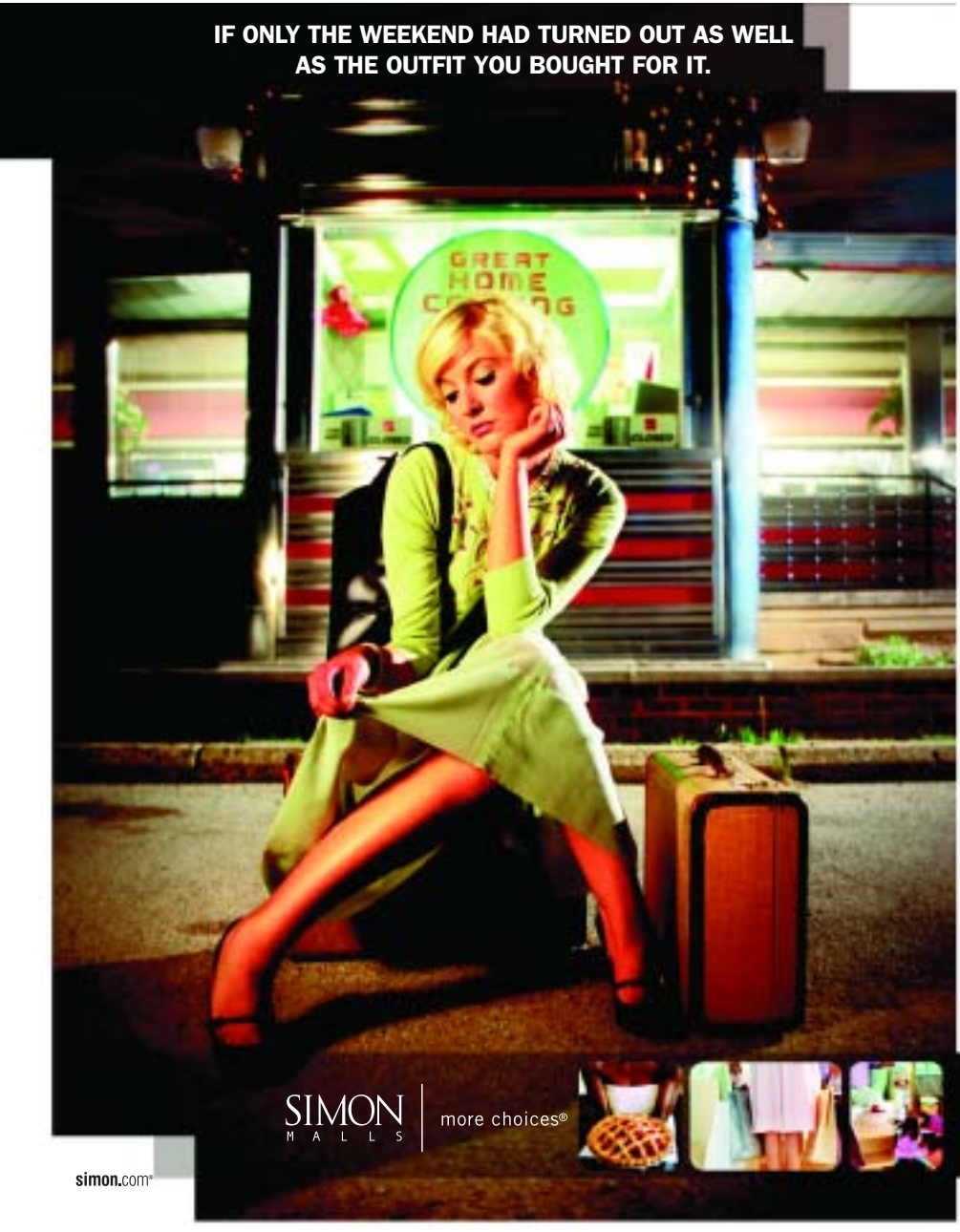

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