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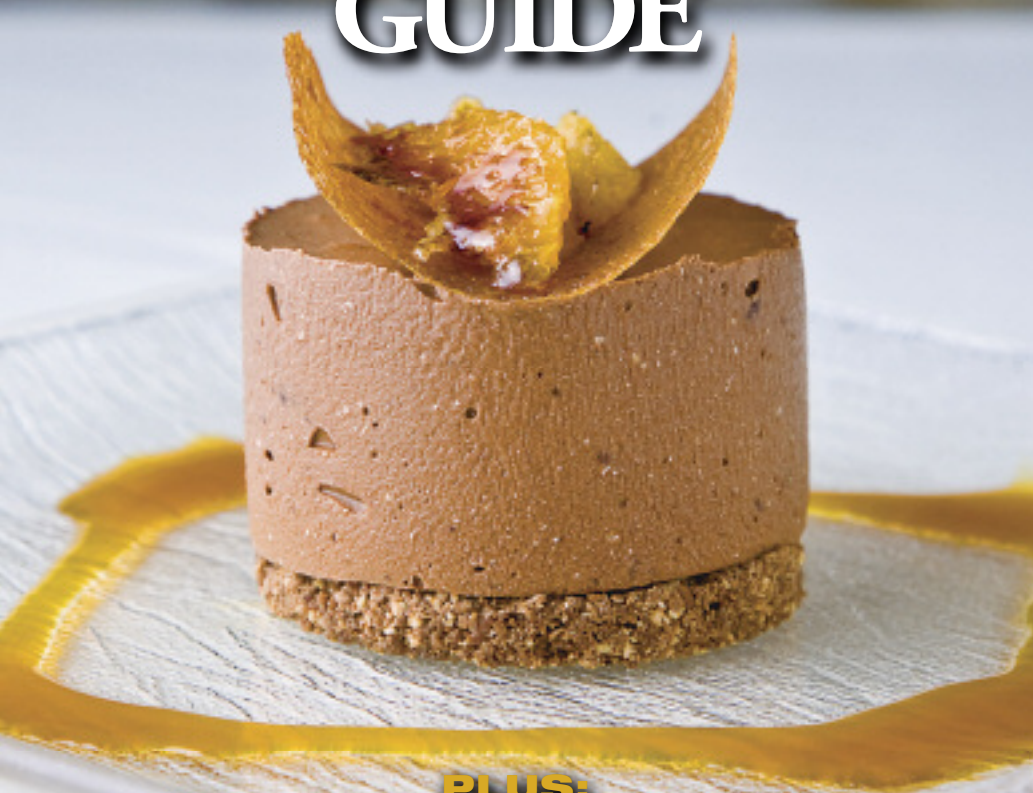

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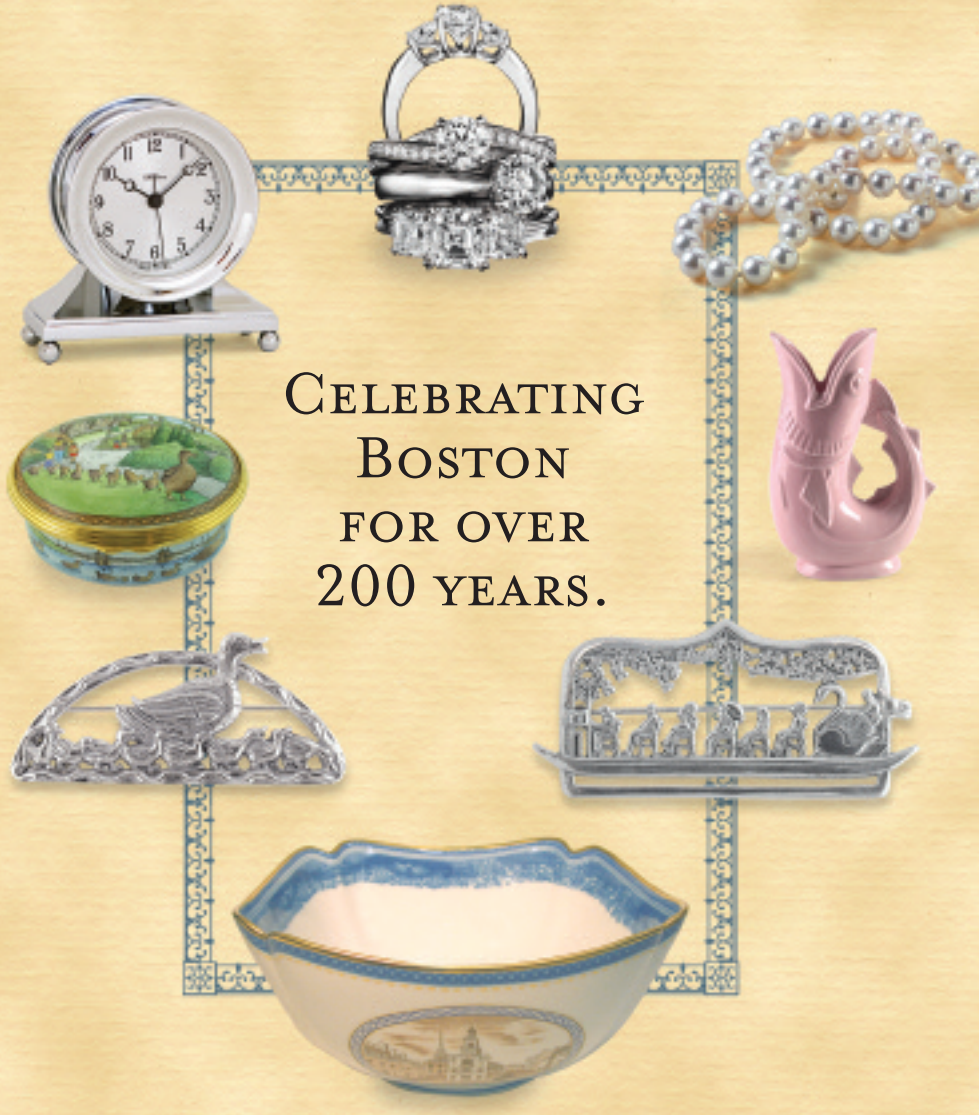

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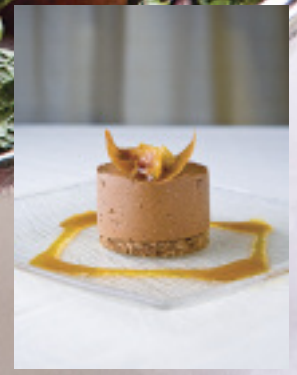

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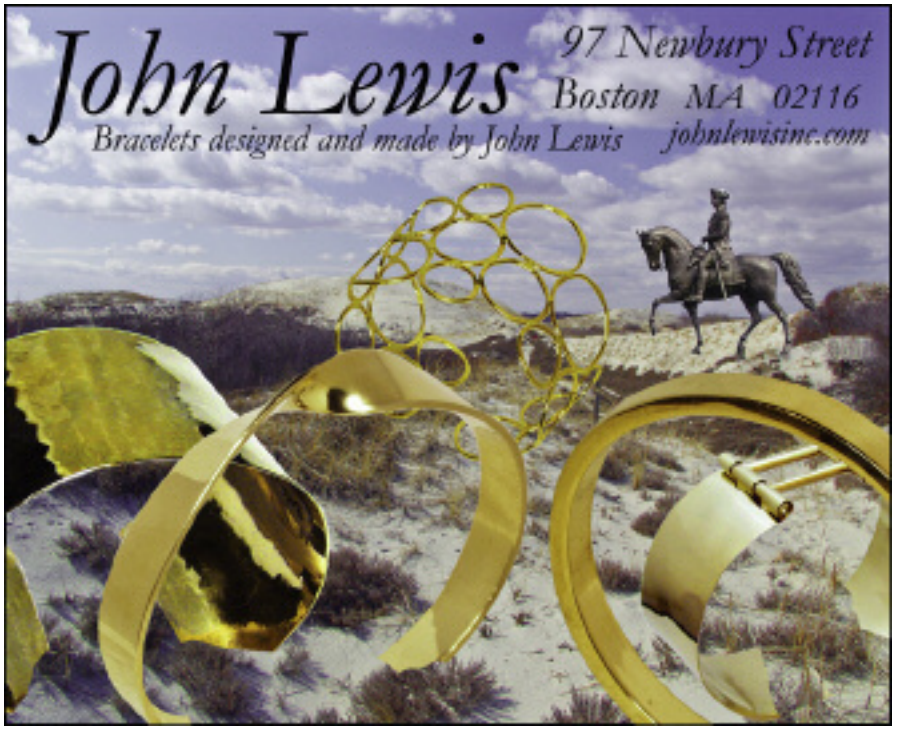

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NEWS&NOTES

by Josh B. Wardrop

City of Lights

'Tis the season…when Boston starts to resemble a Currier & Ives postcard, thanks to the arrival of white fluffy snow, wreaths on every corner and bright, sparkly holiday lights and giant Christmas trees. This month, Boston shows off its Yuletide spirit as tree-lightings and special events kick off the holiday season.

On **November 22**, the holiday season at **Faneuil Hall Marketplace** begins with a day of festive fun, including musical performances by local blues-rock favorites Ernie and the Automatics and Motown Records vocal ensemble Jada, as well as the lighting of FHM's Christmas tree. *Visit www.faneuilhallmarketplace.com for more information.*

Then, on **November 28** *at 5 p.m.*, stop by **Macy's** in Downtown Crossing for the traditional **Christmas tree lighting** (pictured). The legendary retailer—celebrating its 150th anniversary this year—hosts an annual event boasting performances by the Boston Children's Chorus and Boston Ballet, the official arrival of Santa Claus and, this year, the launch of Macy's new FAO Schwarz toy department. *Refer to listing, page 22.*

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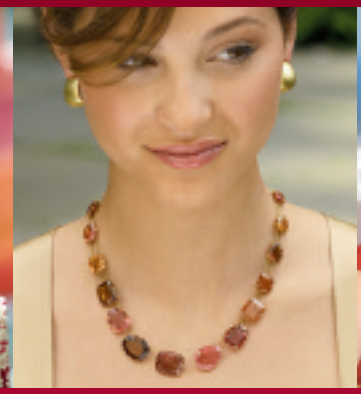

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calendar of events

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18–SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Lovers of rude French knights and savage killer rabbits, rejoice, for everyone's favorite medieval musical, ***Monty Python's Spamalot***, returns to Boston for one week only. The award-winning show "lovingly ripped off" from the motion picture *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* sings and dances its silly, merry way across the stage of The Colonial Theatre. *Refer to listing, page 24.*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

The **Boston Celtics** sent the **Detroit Pistons** packing in last year's Eastern Conference finals. The rematch between Paul Pierce (pictured) and the C's and the Pistons (with new acquisition Allen Iverson) rocks the TD Banknorth Garden. *Refer to listing, page 23.*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24 & TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Thirty years ago, he was best known as "Mork," but today **Robin Williams** is an Oscar winner and one of comedy's most influential and successful voices. The legendary comic makes a long-awaited return to stand-up for two evening shows at the Orpheum Theatre. *Refer to listing, page 20.*

PHOTO BY MICHAEL LUTCH

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28 & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

World-renowned conductor and former **Boston Symphony Orchestra** music director Seiji Ozawa (pictured) returns to his old stomping grounds at Symphony Hall for the first time since 2002 when he leads the BSO in a program featuring the works of Messiaen and Berlioz. *Refer to listing, page 19.*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Since forming in South Africa in 2002, The **Soweto Gospel Choir** has sang its contemporary African gospel music alongside musical legends like Bono and Jimmy Cliff. The 52-person ensemble heads to Symphony Hall to perform selections from their latest recording, *African Spirit. Refer to listing, page 22.*

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HE'S A MEAN ONE...

All us "Whos down in Whoville" better beware this month, because there's a foul-tempered green guy on his way to Boston to put the kibosh on holiday fun in the Hub. On **November 26**, the much-awaited stage adaptation of a Christmas classic hits the Citi Performing Arts Center when ***Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical*** (pictured above) makes its Boston debut.

The show tells the familiar-to-generations tale of how that nasty-wasty skunk The Grinch launches a one-man war on Christmas, only to discover that the holiday he hates may not be so bad after all. Packed with singing, dancing and colorful, elaborate sets and costumes, *Grinch* is set to delight audiences of all ages this holiday season. *Refer to listing, page 23.*

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Unique Gifts

ANNUAL ARTISTS' MARKET AT THE SHOP @ DECORDOVA
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INSIDEOUT: THE MUSEUM SCHOOL ART SALE
School of the Museum of Fine Arts
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November 19–23

We all know holiday shopping can be stressful: fighting crowds and waiting in line for hours on end just to find out your loved one already owns that exact sweater (in four colors, no less). If you want to give that special someone a truly special gift, try a creative approach: from **November 19–23**, InsideOut: The Museum School Art Sale (pictured above) features hundreds of one-of-a-kind pieces by students, alumni and faculty of the School of the Museum of Fine Arts. Or head to the DeCordova Museum in Lincoln (*refer to listing, page 28*), currently hosting its 15th Annual Artists' Market, featuring paintings, photographs, ceramics, jewelry, clothing and more from talented artisans. Proceeds from both sales support current and future artists, so you'll be giving back while you shop.

—Nicole McGovern

Lap of Luxury

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We'd all like to savor the sensation of slipping into the plush bathrobes and sleeping on the silky sheets found in lavish hotels in our own homes, but face it—stealing is just wrong. That's why lovers of luxury can rejoice at the arrival of the first Frette outpost in Boston, located within the Jewel Box promenade of the new Mandarin Oriental Hotel on Boylston Street. Provider of fine linens to royalty and fine hotels since 1860, Frette sells gorgeous cashmere and Danish mink throws, Egyptian cotton bathrobes and slippers, silk velvet boudoir pillows, top-drawer table linens and many more items sure to lend that essence of Italian sophistication to any home. *—Nicole McGovern*

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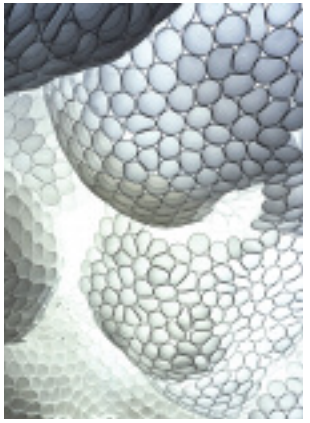
Missing your weekly cardio or yoga classes while visiting Boston? In a world of "members only" fitness clubs, the new Life in Synergy Studio in Back Bay offers fitness that fits your life. A new venture from local entrepreneur Helena Collins, Life in Synergy offers a variety of exercise classes including yoga, Pilates, salsa, Chi Gong and "six-pack grounding abs" in a sophisticated space split into studios that reflect the classical elements of earth, wind, water and fire. Best of all, all workouts at Life in Synergy are on a class-by-class basis ($20 per class or 10 for $150), and feature access to a personalized, interactive web page that lets all clients chart their fitness progress. *—Joseph Normandin*

TOP LEFT: ERICA DEMARCO, *FALL CASCADE* NECKLACE, 2008; BOTTOM RIGHT PHOTO BY TIMOTHY RENZI

Warming Up to Minimalism



TARA DONOVAN
Institute of Contemporary Art
Through January 4

Sometimes the mark of genius is doing something so deceptively simple that it prompts others to shout "Why didn't I think of that?" And sometimes it's winning a MacArthur Foundation "genius" grant. Brooklyn-based sculptor Tara Donovan—subject of her first-ever museum survey, currently at the Institute of Contemporary Art—has both bases covered. She has wowed audiences for nearly a decade with her creations, which take advantage of the properties of common items like styrofoam cups, toothpicks and drinking straws in unique and fascinating ways. Whether configuring pins in the shape of a cube or forming a topographic landscape from plastic cups, her engaging, accessible take on minimalism is sure to inspire awe. *Refer to listing, page 26.*

WEDDING MARCH

THE TRIUMPH OF MARRIAGE: PAINTED CASSONI OF THE RENAISSANCE
Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum
Through January 18

Carried through the streets of towns in Renaissance Italy like conquering heroes, cassoni—elaborately decorated wedding chests—were treasured symbols of the joining of wealthy and powerful families. Often covered in complex allegorical paintings depicting the struggles of love and fidelity, these historic artifacts were one of many items acquired by bygone Boston aristocrat Isabella Stewart Gardner. Now her eponymous Fenway museum hosts 15 of these celebratory works of art gathered from institutions across the country, including several panels from Mrs. Gardner's own collection. *Refer to listing, page 26.*

In the Galleries

OPEN STUDIOS DIRECTORY EXHIBITION, Brickbottom Gallery, *through November 23*. In celebration of the 21st open studios event at the Somerville arts facility (**November 22 & 23** *from noon–2 p.m.*), the Brickbottom Artist Association presents a variety of work in all media from 100 of its members. *Refer to listing, page 30.*

ICON OF LOSS, Pucker Gallery, *through December 2*. These 36 hauntingly surreal recent paintings by Samuel Bak were inspired by an infamous photo of a young boy being evicted from the Warsaw ghetto by the Nazis during World War II. *Refer to listing, page 30.*

OUR CUPS RUNNETH OVER, Society of Arts and Crafts, *through January 25* (pictured above). Cups both functional and decorative by 64 artists are on display. *Refer to listing, page 30.*

KEEPING TIME: CYCLE AND DURATION IN CONTEMPORARY PHOTOGRAPHY, Photographic Resource Center, *through January 25*. This group show presents the work of seven photographers who document time and light, either through prolonged exposures that reveal startling optical effects or by capturing various moments over an extended period. *Refer to listing, page 30.*

TOP LEFT: TARA DONOVAN, *UNTITLED (STYROFOAM CUPS)*, 2003; BOTTOM LEFT: FRANCESCO PESELLINO, *THE TRIUMPHS OF LOVE, CHASTITY AND DEATH*, CA. 1450

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THE SWEET LIFE

A baker's dozen of delicious desserts from Boston's best restaurants

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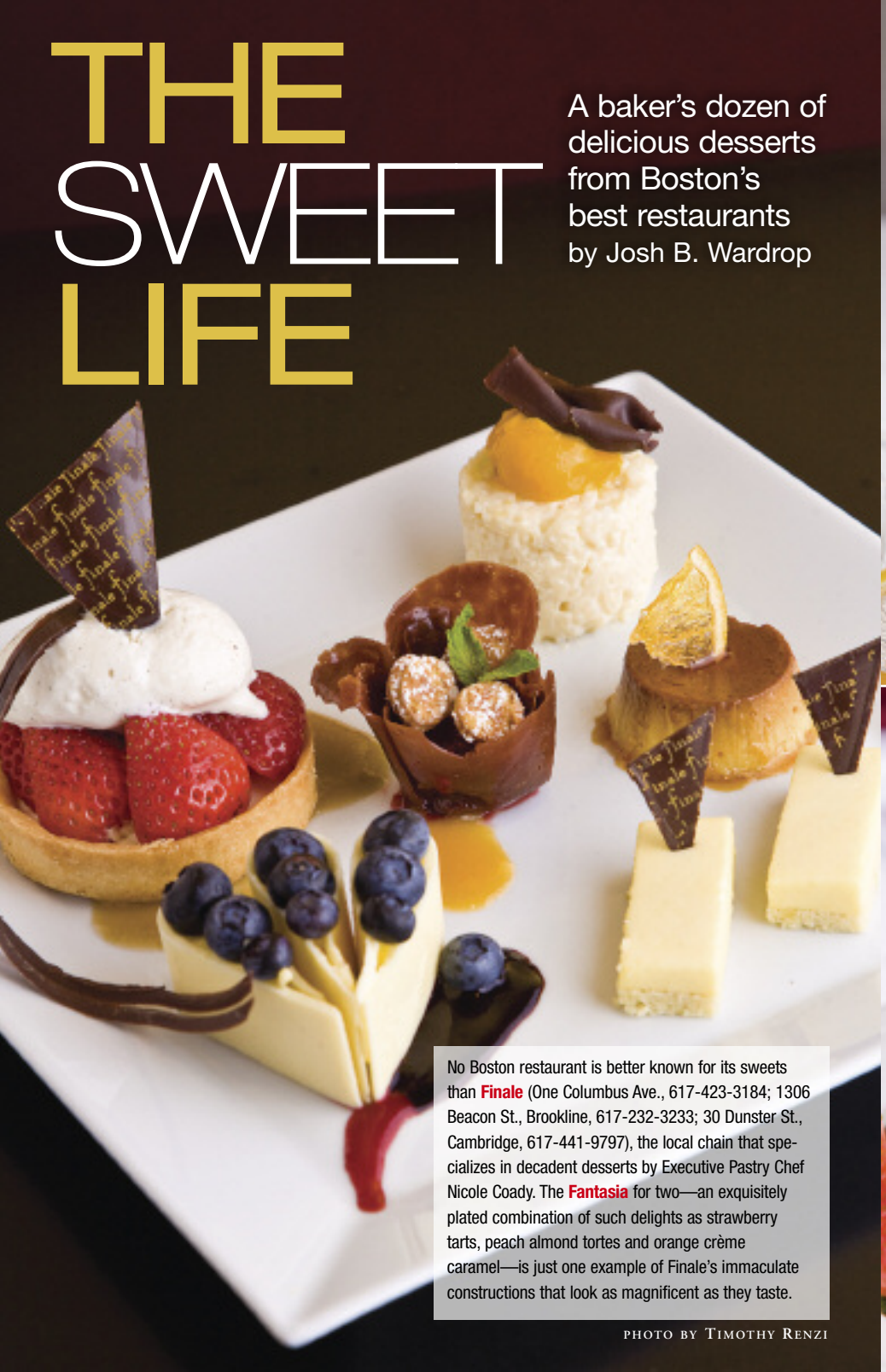

No Boston restaurant is better known for its sweets than **Finale** (One Columbus Ave., 617-423-3184; 1306 Beacon St., Brookline, 617-232-3233; 30 Dunster St., Cambridge, 617-441-9797), the local chain that specializes in decadent desserts by Executive Pastry Chef Nicole Coady. The **Fantasia** for two—an exquisitely plated combination of such delights as strawberry tarts, peach almond tortes and orange crème caramel—is just one example of Finale's immaculate constructions that look as magnificent as they taste.

PHOTO BY TIMOTHY RENZI

Back Bay favorite **Sasso** (116 Huntington Ave., 617-247-2400) proves that dinner at an Italian restaurant can end with more than just cannoli or tiramisu. Sasso's menu is full of unique delicacies like the icy goodness of the **chocolate semifreddo** accented with toasted coconut croquant, citrus tuille and a burnt orange reduction.

PHOTO BY TIMOTHY RENZI

On its own, day-old bread is for the birds. But if you mix it with eggs, milk, sugar and other tasty ingredients—well, then you've got bread pudding. At **Sonsie** (327 Newbury St., 617-351-2500), they've found a way to make it even more scrumptious. The **chocolate bread pudding** is Sonsie's signature dessert, served warm with whipped cream and drizzled with chocolate sauce.

PHOTO BY SAMANTHA E. KANTER

Some restaurants make delicious desserts, and some restaurants make history. That's the case with **Parker's Restaurant** at the Omni Parker House Hotel (60 School St., 617-227-8600), where the beloved classic, the **Boston Cream Pie**, is commonly believed to have been invented back in 1856. To this day, the delicious custard-filled treat (more of a cake than a pie, to be exact) is still served to hungry historians.

PHOTO BY TIMOTHY RENZI

Considering that **Top of the Hub** (800 Boylston St., Prudential Center, 52nd floor, 617-536-1775) gives diners the most magnificent perspective of the Boston skyline, it takes some doing to get diners to tear their eyes away from the view. That's why Pastry Chef Tommy Choi works overtime to create such mouthwatering desserts as the **date pudding cake** with spicy carrot coulis, sticky toffee sauce and vanilla ice cream.

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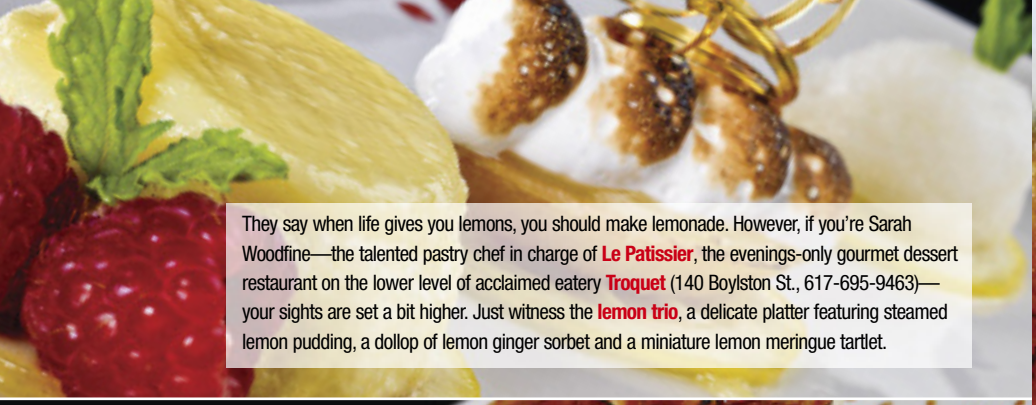
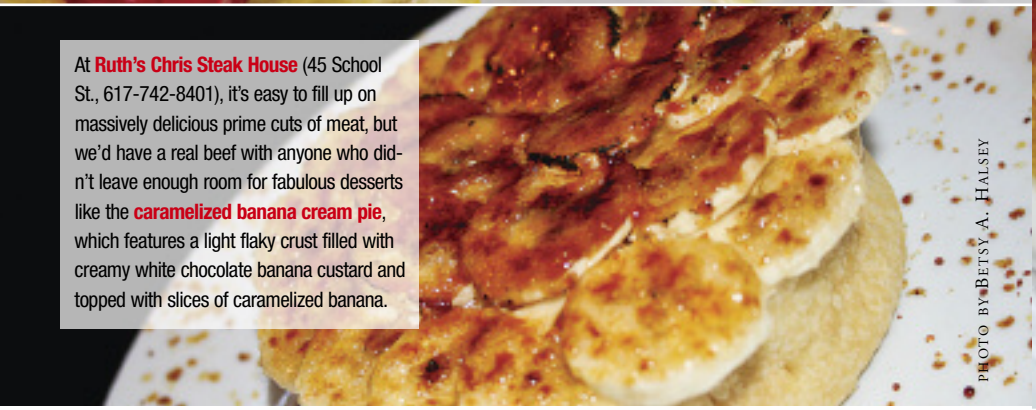


They say when life gives you lemons, you should make lemonade. However, if you're Sarah Woodfine—the talented pastry chef in charge of **Le Patissier**, the evenings-only gourmet dessert restaurant on the lower level of acclaimed eatery **Troquet** (140 Boylston St., 617-695-9463)—your sights are set a bit higher. Just witness the **lemon trio**, a delicate platter featuring steamed lemon pudding, a dollop of lemon ginger sorbet and a miniature lemon meringue tartlet.



At **Ruth's Chris Steak House** (45 School St., 617-742-8401), it's easy to fill up on massively delicious prime cuts of meat, but we'd have a real beef with anyone who didn't leave enough room for fabulous desserts like the **caramelized banana cream pie**, which features a light flaky crust filled with creamy white chocolate banana custard and topped with slices of caramelized banana.

PHOTO BY BETSY A. HALSEY

Halloween may have come and gone, but 'tis still the season for pumpkin-flavored treats. At Somerville eatery **Gargoyles on the Square** (219 Elm St., 617-776-5300), Pastry Chef John George has one sweet creation that will drive any discerning dessert-lover out of their gourd: the smooth and smashing **pumpkin crème brulee**, served with chocolate spiced biscotti and pear jam.

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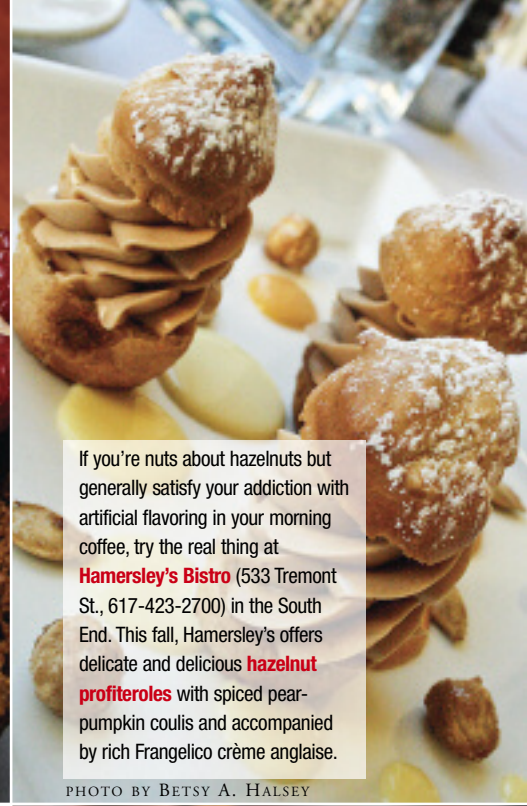

If you're nuts about hazelnuts but generally satisfy your addiction with artificial flavoring in your morning coffee, try the real thing at **Hamersley's Bistro** (533 Tremont St., 617-423-2700) in the South End. This fall, Hamersley's offers delicate and delicious **hazelnut profiteroles** with spiced pear-pumpkin coulis and accompanied by rich Frangelico crème anglaise.

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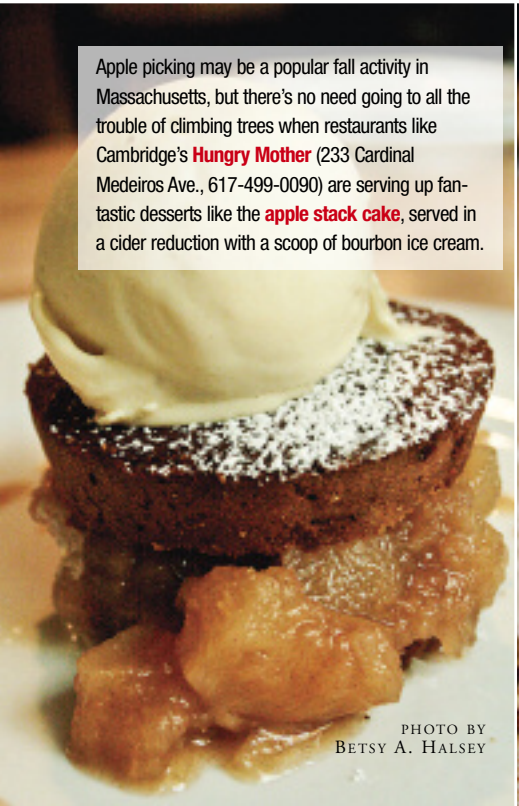

Apple picking may be a popular fall activity in Massachusetts, but there's no need going to all the trouble of climbing trees when restaurants like Cambridge's **Hungry Mother** (233 Cardinal Medeiros Ave., 617-499-0090) are serving up fantastic desserts like the **apple stack cake**, served in a cider reduction with a scoop of bourbon ice cream.

PHOTO BY BETSY A. HALSEY

Napoleon was one of the greatest military leaders the world has ever known, but today most of his historical exploits are of less interest to modern dessert lovers than the pastry that bears his name. At **Prezza** (24 Fleet St., 617-227-1577) in the North End, diners can top off a great meal with the **pumpkin Napoleon**, a cake layered with cream cheese frosting, topped with toasted pecans and served with a chai shooter.

PHOTO BY BETSY A. HALSEY

When it comes to dessert, some would argue there's no such thing as "over the top." The **deep-fried cheesecake** at **The Living Room** (101 Atlantic Ave., 617-723-5101) would seem to be the perfect example of delicious culinary recklessness. This slice of New York style cheesecake is deep-fried until it's golden and crunchy, then served with mango and kiwi sauces for an extreme (and extremely delicious) final course.

PHOTO BY BETSY A. HALSEY

A certain amount of participation in one's dessert-eating never hurt anybody. That's the premise that **The Wine Cellar** (30 Massachusetts Ave., 617-236-0080), Boston's popular fondue restaurant, has subscribed to for years, and diners seem to agree. Those who sample the eatery's delectable **dessert fondues** are able to dip everything from fruits to marshmallows to cookies in their choice of dark or milk chocolate for a heavenly, hands-on end to any evening. Ⓟ

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GOT THE TIME?: The clock tower of the Custom House, Boston's first skyscraper, stands proud near Faneuil Hall Marketplace. *Refer to listing, page 32.*

PHOTO BY BARBARA LUISI

DRESDEN STAATSKAPELLE: Conductor Fabio Luisi (above) leads the German orchestra—one of the oldest in the world—at Symphony Hall November 19. **Refer to listing, left.**

CLASSICAL

BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., 617-266-1200. *Tickets: $29–114.* Renowned throughout the world for its distinctive sound, impressive range and virtuosity, the Boston Symphony Orchestra—under the direction of conductor James Levine—celebrates its 128th year with a season that brings fresh perspectives to a well-known repertoire while offering insights into the future of classical music. ***Nov 20, 22 & 25*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Nov 21*** *at 1:30 p.m.*—The BSO, joined by conductor Gennady Rozhdestvensky and cellist Lynn Harrell, performs works by Brahms, Elgar and Tchaikovsky; ***Nov 28*** *at 1:30 p.m.,* ***Nov 29*** *at 8 p.m.*—The BSO, joined by conductor Seiji Ozawa, pianist Peter Serkin and the women of the Tanglewood Festival Chorus, performs works by Messiaen and Berlioz.

CANTATA SINGERS, Longy School of Music, One Follen St., 617-868-5885. ***Nov 23*** *at 3 p.m. Tickets: $20–58.* The Cantata Singers offer a performance of songs and vocal chamber music by composer Benjamin Britten.

DRESDEN STAATSKAPELLE, Celebrity Series of Boston, Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., 617-482-2595. ***Nov 19*** *at 8 p.m. Tickets: $37–85.* Accompanied by Viennese pianist Rudolf Buchbinder, the gifted orchestral ensemble performs works by Beethoven and Brahms.

EMMANUEL MUSIC, Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury St., 617-536-3356. *Admission: free will offering for weekly cantatas.* ***Nov 23*** *at 10 a.m.*—The Emmanuel orchestra and chorus present the weekly Sunday Bach Cantata, performing Bach's *BWV 140;* ***Nov 30*** *at 10 a.m.—BWV 61.*

COMEDY

CAPITOL STEPS, Sanders Theatre, 45 Quincy St., Harvard University, Cambridge, 617-496-2222. ***Nov 29*** *at 8 p.m. Tickets: $29–38.* The nationally-acclaimed political comedy troupe brings their trademark mix of musical parody and incisive political satire back to Cambridge as part of their "Campaign and Suffering" tour.

THE COMEDY STUDIO AT THE HONG KONG, 1236 Massachusetts Ave., Harvard Square, Cambridge, 617-661-6507. *Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; shows begin at 8 p.m. Call for complete schedule. Cover: $8–10.* A place where fresh talent is discovered and headliners experiment. ***Nov 18 & 25***—Mystery Lounge; ***Nov 20***—MC Mr. Napkins hosts David Grabiner, Maria Ciampa, Jimmy Bowers and others; ***Nov 21 & 28***—The Reid & Renata Show, featuring special guests; ***Nov 22***—JJ Leslie, DJ Reason, Jono Zalay and others; ***Nov 23***—The Tom E. Morello Show with Josh Gondelman, Bob Sheehy, Jimmy Anicet and others; ***Nov 26***—Fresh Faces Showcase with PJ Brown, Peter Bowers, Sean Sullivan and Jimmy Igoe; ***Nov 29***—Rick Canavan, Andrew Mayer, Jon Rineman and others; ***Nov 30***—Joe Wong with Peter Bowers, Roman Pierce, Tim Dillon and others.

DICK DOHERTY'S COMEDY VAULT, 124 Boylston St., 800-401-2221. *Shows Tue–Thu at 8:30 p.m., Fri–Sun Open Mic at 9 p.m. Tickets: $12–15.* Located in the downstairs portion of Remington's bar and restaurant across from Boston Common. ***Nov 17 & 24***—Kevin Knox's Comedy Showcase; ***Nov 18 & 25***—Jim Lauletta's Comedy Showcase; ***Nov 19 & 26***—Wacky Wednesdays wih Paul Nardizzi; ***Nov 20***—Chris Zito's comedy showcase; ***Nov 21 & 22***—Robbie Printz and Josh Gondelman; ***Nov 23***—Josh Gondelman hosts Boston's wildest open mic night; ***Nov 27***—The Chris Knox Show; ***Nov 28 & 29***—Brad Mastrangelo, Mike Whitman and friends; ***Nov 30***—Open mic night.

IMPROV ASYLUM, 216 Hanover St., 617-263-6887. *Tickets: $15–20, dinner packages available. Visit www.improvasylum.com for complete show schedules. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to showtime.* Some of Boston's top improvisational comics perform uproarious and creative shows at their theater in the heart of Boston's North End. ***Nov 20 & 26*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Nov 21, 22 & 29*** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Main Stage Show; ***Nov 20*** *at 9:45 p.m.*—Free Improv Set; ***Nov 22 & 29*** *at midnight*—Midnight Show.

IMPROVBOSTON, 40 Prospect St., Central Square, Cambridge, 617-576-1253. *Cover: $7–16.* This comedy troupe features sketch comedy, games, original music and audience participation. ***Nov 19 & 26*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Hump; ***Nov 20 & 27*** *at 8 p.m.*—Bastards, Inc.; *at 10 p.m.*—The Great and Secret Comedy Show; ***Nov 21 & 28*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—SketchHaus; *at 8 p.m.*—Between Jobs; *at 9:30 p.m.*—Harold Night; *at 10 p.m.*—Friday Night Face-Off; *at 11:30 p.m.*—Night Cap; ***Nov 22 & 29*** *at 6 p.m.*—IB Family Show; *at 7 p.m.*—The Mosaic; *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Mainstage; *at 9:30 p.m.*—Boston News Net; *at 11:30 p.m.*—Night Cap; ***Nov 23 & 30*** *at 7 p.m.*—Sgt. Culpepper's Comedy Jamboree.

NICK'S COMEDY STOP, 100 Warrenton St., 617-423-2900. *Fri & Sat at 8:30 p.m. Cover: $20.* Nick's is Boston's longest-running comedy club. ***Nov 21 & 22*** *at 8:30 p.m.*—Paul

Keenan, Tim Kalin and Tom Dustin; ***Nov 28 & 29*** *at 8:30 p.m.*—Mark Scalia, Erik Hoffer and Tom Dustin.

ROBIN WILLIAMS, Orpheum Theatre, One Hamilton Place, 866-448-7849. ***Nov 24 & 25*** *at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $57–97.* One of stand-up's undisputed legends returns to Boston on his first U.S. tour since 2002. The hyperkinetic Williams' "Weapons of Self-Destruction" tour finds the gifted comedian, actor and Academy Award winner riffing on topics both personal and political in his trademark free-wheeling stream-of-consciousness manner.

WILBUR THEATRE, 246 Tremont St., 617-248-9700. This venerable Boston theatre is the new home of Boston's Comedy Connection, a club that attracts top national headlining stand-up acts to Boston. ***Nov 20*** *at 8 p.m.*—Jim Gaffigan, *tickets: $44.75 & 54.75;* ***Nov 21*** *at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—Artie Lange, *tickets: $58 & 75;* ***Nov 29*** *at 7 and 9:45 p.m.*—Eddie Griffin, *tickets: $25 & 35.*

CONVENTIONS & EXPOS

BAYSIDE EXPO CENTER, 200 Mt. Vernon St., 617-474-6000. ***Nov 20 & 21*** *from 4–10 p.m.,* ***Nov 22*** *from 10 a.m.–8 p.m.,* ***Nov 23*** *'til 6 p.m.*—2008 Ski and Snowboard Expo, *tickets: $12.*

DANCE

THE NUTCRACKER, Boston Ballet, The Opera House, 539 Washington St., 617-931-2787. *Performances:* ***Nov 28*** *at 7:30 p.m.,* ***Nov 29*** *at 1 and 7:30 p.m.,* ***Nov 30*** *at 1 and 5:30 p.m. Tickets: $30–150.* For many, the holidays just aren't complete without Boston Ballet's spectacular rendition of Tchaikovsky's beloved Christmas tale. A classical ballet in two acts based on a story by E.T.A. Hoffmann, artistic director Mikko Nissinen's production features the entire Boston Ballet and close to 300 children from Boston Ballet School.

FILM

THE BRATTLE THEATRE, 40 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-876-6837. *Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: $9.50; students & matinees $7.50; seniors & children $6.50.* Classic, cutting-edge and world cinema with double features almost every day. ***Nov 19, 20, 22 & 24*** *at 5 and 7:15 p.m.;* ***Nov 21 & 23*** *at 2:45, 5 and 7:25 p.m.;* ***Nov 25–27*** *at 5, 7:15 and 9:30 p.m.—Harvard Beats Yale 29–29;* ***Nov 23*** *at 9:30 p.m.—Exorcist 2: The Heretic;* ***Nov 28*** *at 3:30, 5:30, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.,* ***Nov 29 & 30*** *at 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.—The 39 Steps.*

COOLIDGE CORNER THEATRE, 290 Harvard Ave., Brookline, 617-734-2500. *Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: $9.75; members, seniors & children (Mon–Thu) $6.75 and (Fri–Sun) $7.75.* This independent movie house screens recent indie films, as well as the classics. ***Nov 22*** *at 12:30 p.m.—The Heart is a Lonely Hunter;* ***Nov 23*** *at 1 p.m.—Warchild;* ***Nov 30*** *at 11 a.m.—Il Barbiere de Siviglia.*

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. ***Nov 23*** *at 3 p.m.—Hope and Glory; at 7 p.m.—Deliverance;* ***Nov 29*** *at 7 p.m.—Chimes at Midnight;* ***Nov 30*** *at 3 p.m.—Othello.*

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THE NUTCRACKER: **Boston Ballet's beloved annual holiday tradition takes the stage at The Opera House beginning November 28. Refer to listing, left.**

MUGAR OMNI THEATER, Museum of Science, 617-723-2500 or 617-333-FILM. *Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: $9; seniors $8; children (3–11) $7. Discounted admission for showtimes after 6 p.m.* This IMAX theater presents larger-than-life images on a five-story high domed screen. Now showing: *The Greatest Places; Adrenaline Rush: The Science of Risk; Wild Ocean.*

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: ***Nov 19*** *at 6 p.m.—As Simple As That* (part of the Boston Festival of Films from Iran); ***Nov 20*** *at 1:15 p.m.,* ***Nov 21*** *at 4:30 p.m.,* ***Nov 23 & 30*** *at 10:30 a.m.,* ***Nov 28*** *at 4 p.m.—Louise Bourgeois: The Spider, The Mistress and The Tangerine;* ***Nov 20*** *at 3 p.m.,* ***Nov 22*** *at 10:30 a.m.—Richard Sierra: Thinking On Your Feet;* ***Nov 23*** *at 6 p.m.—Headwind* (part of the Boston Festival of Films from Iran); ***Nov 30*** *at 4 p.m.—It's Always Late for Freedom* (part of the Boston Festival of Films from Iran).

SIMONS IMAX THEATER, New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, 617-973-5200. *Sun–Wed 9:30 a.m.–9:30 p.m.; Thu–Sat 10 a.m.–9:30 p.m. Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: $9.95; seniors & children (3–11) $7.95.* The Simons is the first large-format theater in Boston to have 3D viewing capability. Now showing: *Deep Sea 3D; The Dark Knight: IMAX Experience; Wild Ocean 3D; Dolphins and Whales 3D; Grand Canyon 3D.*

KIDS CORNER

BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, Museum Wharf, 300 Congress St., 617-426-6500. *Refer to listing in Museums.* Daily organized activities in the Art Studio and Play Space such as music and movement, finger puppet making and kitchen science. ***Daily*** *at 10 a.m.*—Playspace: Messy Activity; ***Daily*** *at 11 a.m.*—Art Studio: Printshop; ***Daily***—Japanese House: Make your own candy bag; ***Nov 18 & 25*** *at 10:30 a.m.*—Tasty Tuesdays; ***Nov 19*** *at 10:30 a.m.*—Pint Sized Science; ***Nov 19, 21, 26 & 28*** *at 11 a.m.*—Music & Movement; ***Nov 21*** *at 6 p.m.*—China Surprise; ***Nov 22*** *at 11 a.m.*—Green Fair: Energy; ***Nov 25 & 26*** *at 2 p.m.*—Read Aloud with Arthur.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY, 700 Boylston St., Copley Square, 617-536-5400. *Refer to listing in Sightseeing.* The first publicly supported municipal library in the world hosts many activities and special programs for children, including live performances, storytelling, interactive computer activities and films. ***Nov 19*** *at 10:50 a.m.*—Author Visit for Teens: Neil Swidey; ***Nov 19*** *at 2:30 p.m.*—Alphabet Soup; ***Nov 21*** *at 10 a.m.*—Infant/Toddler Sing-Along; ***Nov 23*** *at 2 p.m.*—Author Visit for Teens: Katie Smith Milway; ***Nov 28*** *at 2:30 p.m.*—Films for Teens: *The Spiderwick Chronicles.*

JOHN F. KENNEDY PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM, Columbia Point, next to U-Mass Boston, 617-514-1644. *www.jfklibrary.org. Refer to listing in Museums.* Features the Celebrate! series, a free performing arts program for children ages 5 and up highlighting America's rich cultural diversity. ***Nov 28*** *at 10:30 a.m.*—Gould and Sterns presents *Simple Gifts*, the story of why families come together for the holidays, featuring stories and songs about the first Hanukkah, a medieval clown with no presents to give and a Santa who gets stuck in the chimney.

PUPPET SHOWPLACE THEATRE, 32 Station St., Brookline, 617-731-6400. *Tickets: $10.* The first puppetry center in New England presents the magical world of puppet theater, enlightening audiences of all ages. ***Nov 19 & 20*** *at 10:30 a.m.—Tricksters & Noodleheads;* ***Nov 22 & 23*** *at 1 and 3 p.m.—Puss in Boots;* ***Nov 26*** *at 10:30 a.m.—Raccoon Tales;* ***Nov 28, 29 & 30*** *at 1 and 3 p.m.—The Dragon King.*

LIVE MUSIC

CLUB PASSIM, 47 Palmer St., Cambridge, 617-492-7679. *Call for full schedule.* This intimate Harvard Square coffeehouse was a starting place for folk icons like Joan Baez and Bob Dylan. ***Nov 19*** *at 8 p.m.*—Peter Rowan, *tickets: $25;* ***Nov 20*** *at 8 p.m.*—Jake Armerding with Seth Glier, *tickets: $15;* ***Nov 21*** *at 8 p.m.*—Kelly Joe Phelps, *tickets: $20;* ***Nov 28*** *at 8 p.m.*—Bob Franke, *tickets: $16.*

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. ***Nov 18***—Shwayze, *tickets: $25;* ***Nov 21 & 22***—Rustic Overtones, *tickets: $20;* ***Nov 24***—The Original Wailers, *tickets: $25;* ***Nov 28***—Fishbone, *tickets: $15.*

THE MIDDLE EAST, 472 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617-864-EAST. *Doors open at 8 p.m., shows start at 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Call for complete schedule.* Whether Upstairs, Downstairs or in the Corner, this club showcases the best in alternative/indie rock bands. ***Nov 17***—Tom Morello (The Nightwatchman), *tickets: $25;* ***Nov 20***—Bishop Allen with Passion Pit and Electric Owls, *tickets: $12;* ***Nov 21***—Electric Six with Local H and Fall on Your Sword, *tickets: $15;* ***Nov 23***—Baroness with Coliseum, *tickets: $12.*

ORPHEUM THEATRE, 1 Hamilton Place, 617-931-2000. The Orpheum opened in 1852 and was the sight of the first Boston Symphony Orchestra performances and lectures by Booker T. Washington and Ralph Waldo Emerson. ***Nov 19*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Brian Wilson, *tickets: $35–59;* ***Nov 21*** *at 8:30 p.m.*—Roca Benefit, featuring Millie Quezada, Julio Voltio and others, *tickets: $26.25–66.25.*

PARADISE ROCK CLUB, 967 Commonwealth Ave., 617-562-8800. An intimate setting with a big sound, Paradise is one of Boston's favorite rock clubs. *All shows 18+ unless otherwise noted.* ***Nov 17*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Jack's Mannequin, *tickets: $28;* ***Nov 18*** *at 8 p.m.*—Jonatha Brooke, *tickets: $25;* ***Nov 19*** *at 8 p.m.*—Blind Melon, *tickets: $16.50;* ***Nov 21*** *at 9 p.m.*—Jonathan Coulton, *tickets: $20;* ***Nov 22*** *at 9 p.m.*—Sondre Lerche, *tickets: $15;* ***Nov 24 & 25*** *at 8 p.m.*—Amanda Palmer and The Danger Ensemble, *tickets: $25.*

REGATTABAR, third floor of The Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett St., Cambridge, 617-661-5099. ***Nov 19*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Julia and the Zerounian Ensemble, *tickets: $22;* ***Nov 21*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Shemekia Copeland, *tickets: $22;* ***Nov 22*** *at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—Donal Fox, *tickets: $25;* ***Nov 25*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Morley, *tickets: $12;* ***Nov 28*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Alex Cuba, *tickets: $16.*

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.* ***Nov 18***—Joel Massicot with Ritmo Masacote, *tickets: $25, $70 with dinner;* ***Nov 20–22***—Tower of Power, *tickets: $45, $90 with dinner.*

SOMERVILLE THEATER, 55 Davis Square, Somerville, 617-625-4088. ***Nov 21*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Robyn Hitchcock, *tickets: $26.50;* ***Nov 22*** *at 8 p.m.*—Huun Huur Tu, *tickets: $28 (call 617-876-4275).*

SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR, Celebrity Series of Boston, Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., 617-482-2595. ***Nov 30*** *at 3 p.m. Tickets: $37–58.* This acclaimed South African vocal ensemble performs songs from their latest album, *African Spirit,* as well as a selection of holiday favorites.

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. ***Nov 17*** *at 7 p.m.*—Tina Turner, *tickets: $57 & 150;* ***Nov 24*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Sarah Brightman, *tickets: $52.50–222.50.*

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. ***Nov 17 & 24*** *at 8 p.m.*—Marty Ballou Trio; ***Nov 18–20*** *at 8:30 p.m.*—Bob Nieske Trio; ***Nov 21 & 22*** *at 9 p.m.*—Maggie Galloway and the Bob Nieske Group; ***Nov 23 & 30*** *at noon*—Lee Childs Group; *at 8 p.m.*—Paul Broadnax Trio; ***Nov 25 & 26*** *at 8:30 p.m.,* ***Nov 27*** *at 4 p.m.,* ***Nov 28 & 29*** *at 9 p.m.*—Brian McCree Group.

BRIAN WILSON: The former Beach Boy performs at the Orpheum Theatre November 19. **Refer to listing, left.**

WILBUR THEATRE, 246 Tremont St., 617-248-9700. One of Boston's most venerable theaters is also hosts to comedy performances and pop concerts. ***Nov 19*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Pat Green, *tickets: $25;* ***Nov 23*** *at 4 and 7:30 p.m.*—Boz Scaggs, *tickets: $40 & 50;* ***Nov 24*** *at 7 p.m.*—Hawthorne Heights, *tickets: $23.*

OPERA

LES CONTES D'HOFFMANN, Boston Lyric Opera, Citi Performing Arts Center, The Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont St., 866-348-9738. *Performances* ***through Nov 18****: Wed & Fri at 7:30 p.m., Sun at 3 p.m. Tickets: $33–136.* In a haze of pipe tobacco and beer, Hoffmann regales his drinking buddies with tales of romantic woe in Jacques Offenbach's beautiful tour-de-force, conducted by Boston Pops maestro Keith Lockhart.

SPECIAL EVENTS

DOWNTOWN CROSSING'S TREE LIGHTING AT MACY'S, Summer Street, Downtown Crossing, 800-4EVENT2. ***Nov 28*** *from 5–6 p.m. Free.* A brightly lit tree and old-fashioned bell ringing beckon the arrival of a new holiday season during this festive annual event that also includes Boston Ballet dancers performing an excerpt from *The Nutcracker*, a performance by the Boston Children's Chorus and a visit from Santa.

FANEUIL HALL TREE LIGHTING, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-523-1300. ***Nov 22.*** *Free.* Kick off the holiday season at one of Boston's most popular visitor attractions. Enjoy a day of live musical entertainment by groups like local bluesmen Ernie and the Automatics and Motown recording artists Jada, or just stop by at *5:30 p.m.* for the lighting of Faneuil Hall's massive tree.

VIDEO GAMES LIVE, Citi Performing Arts Center, The Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont St., 866-348-9738. ***Nov 21*** *at 8 p.m. Tickets $35–75.* A multimedia concert event uniting video art, live symphonic and choral performance and state-of-the-art lighting, Video Games Live is an interactive concert featuring music from the most popular video games of all time. Audience members can also enjoy pre-show festivities including a costume contest and gaming competitions.

SPORTS

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

Nov 19 *at 7 p.m.*	vs. Buffalo Sabres
Nov 21 *at 7 p.m.*	vs. Florida Panthers
Nov 28 *at noon*	vs. New York Islanders
Nov 29 *at 7 p.m.*	vs. Detroit Red Wings

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

Nov 18 *at 7:30 p.m.*	vs. New York Knicks
Nov 20 *at 8 p.m.*	vs. Detroit Pistons
Nov 26 *at 7:30 p.m.*	vs. Golden State Warriors
Nov 28 *at 8 p.m.*	vs. Philadelphia 76ers

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — **NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE**
Gillette Stadium, One Patriot Place, Foxborough, 800-543-1776.

Nov 30 *at 4:15 p.m.*	vs. Pittsburgh Steelers

THEATRE

AURÉLIA'S ORATORIO, American Repertory Theatre, Loeb Drama Center, 64 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-547-8300. *Performances* ***beginning Nov 28****: Tue–Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $39–89.* Aurélia Thierrée—actress, acrobat and granddaughter of Charlie Chaplin—has charmed audiences around the world with this dazzling display of stage illusion, inspired by the magic of music hall and circus and co-created with her mother, Victoria Thierrée Chaplin.

BLUE MAN GROUP, Charles Playhouse, 74 Warrenton St., 617-931-2787 or 617-426-6912. *Performances: Tue–Thu at 8 p.m., Fri at 7 p.m., Sat at 2, 5 and 8 p.m., Sun at 1 and 4 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.

DR. SEUSS' HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS! THE MUSICAL, Citi Performing Arts Center, The Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont St., 866-348-9738. *Performances:* ***Nov 26*** *at 7:30 p.m.,* ***Nov 28 & 29*** *at 11 a.m., 2, 5 and 8 p.m.,* ***Nov 30***

at 11 a.m., 2 and 5 p.m. Tickets: $28–150. Rediscover the magic of Dr. Seuss' classic holiday tale as it comes to life on stage. The whimsical world of Whoville is beautifully realized in this delightful musical production featuring the hit songs "You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch" and "Welcome Christmas."

FAITH HEALER, Publick Theatre, Plaza Black Box Theatre, Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., 617-933-8600. *Performances **through Nov 22**: 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: $20.* The contrasting memories of an itinerant Irish healer, his enduring wife and colorful business manager combine to pose searing questions about the power of art to simultaneously deceive and inspire, to ruin and to heal in this powerful drama by Brian Friel.

42ND STREET, North Shore Music Theatre, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly, 978-232-7200. *Performances **through Nov 23**: Tue & Thu at 7:30 p.m., Wed & Sat at 2 and 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. Tickets: $52–79; children (under 18) $39.50–$59.75; seniors $47–71.* Set in 1933, this Tony Award-winning musical captures the spirit of anyone who has ever pursued a dream, telling the fairytale story of an aspiring chorus girl and her journey to find love and success on the Great White Way. The infectious score features such classic songs as "We're In the Money," "Lullaby of Broadway," "Shuffle Off to Buffalo" and "42nd Street."

THE HEIDI CHRONICLES, The Longwood Players, Cambridge Family YMCA Theatre, 820 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 800-595-4849. *Performances **through Nov 22**: Thu–Sat at 8 p.m. Tickets: $19; seniors & students $16.* Join Heidi Holland, a gifted art historian and feminist, on her journey from the turbulent and idealistic 1960s, through the jaded 1970s to the self-awareness she eventually finds in the late 1980s. Wendy Wasserstein's insightful play explores the role of women in America during three decades driven by the demand to support civil rights, equal rights and women's rights.

INTO THE WOODS, Turtle Lane Playhouse, 283 Melrose St., Newton, 617-244-0169. *Performances: Thu–Sat at 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. Tickets: $25 & 27.50.* In Stephen Sondheim's fractured musical fairy tale, wishes are granted, but the consequences of these actions return to haunt the characters, revealing moving lessons about community responsibility and the stories we tell our children.

MARY'S WEDDING, Whistler in the Dark, Rehearsal Hall A, Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont St., 617-933-8600. *Peformances **through Nov 30**: 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: $20; students $15.* In this Boston premiere, Mary and Charlie fall in love while seeking shelter in a barn during a summer thunderstorm. But the year is 1914 and the world is about to fall under the dark clouds of the Great War in this profound and riveting tale of war, remembrance and the sacrifice made by soldiers at home and in the battlefield.

THE MERCHANT OF VENICE, Actors' Shakespeare Project, Midway Studios, 15 Channel Center St., 866-811-4111. *Peformances: Thu & Fri at 7:30 p.m., Sat at 2 and 7:30 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. Tickets: $38–47; seniors $34–44; students $25–40.* In Shakespeare's romantic comedy, a penniless young man wins a rich heiress using borrowed funds—but the debt must be paid, and justice confronts mercy in a Venetian courtroom.

MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT, The Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston St., 617-931-2787. *Peformances **Nov 18–23**: Tue at 7 p.m., Wed & Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $25–88.50.* Winner of the 2005 Tony Award for Best Musical, this outrageous musical comedy lovingly ripped off from the film classic *Monty Python and The Holy Grail* returns to Boston, telling the tale of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table as they embark on their quest for the Holy Grail, braving flying cows, killer rabbits and taunting Frenchmen along the way.

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***AURÉLIA'S ORATORIO*:** Aurélia Thierrée (above), granddaughter of Charlie Chaplin, performs in this circus-inspired show at the American Repertory Theatre's Loeb Drama Center in Cambridge beginning November 28. **Refer to listing, page 23.**

THE MYSTERY OF IRMA VEP, Lyric Stage Company, 140 Clarendon St., 617-437-7172. *Performances **beginning Nov 28**: Wed & Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 4 and 8 p.m., Sun at 3 p.m. Tickets: $25–54.* A werewolf, a vampire, an Egyptian princess, a cursed estate and more haunt one "dark and stormy night" in this Obie Award-winning, uproarious tribute to Gothic horror films and Victorian melodrama.

THE OIL THIEF, Boston Playwrights' Theatre, 949 Commonwealth Ave., 866-811-4111. *Performances **through Nov 23**: Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri & Sat at 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. Tickets: $25; seniors $20; students $10.* Amy, a petroleum geologist, and her long-time partner Rex are lovers unexpectedly in crisis in this emotionally charged triangle between Amy, Rex and Aleksi, a young translator who pushes into their lives, leading Amy to question her ideas of freedom and responsibility—both personal and global.

THE QUICK-CHANGE ROOM: SCENES FROM A REVOLUTION, The Boston Conservatory Theater, 31 Hemenway St., 617-912-9222. *Performances: **Nov 20–22** at 8 p.m. Tickets: $7–22.* A Russian acting troupe revises Chekhov's *The Three Sisters* to suit the free-wheeling New Russia as a musical retitled *O My Sisters!* in this Boston premiere by Nagle Jackson.

ROCK 'N' ROLL, Huntington Theatre Company, Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Ave., 617-266-0800. *Peformances: Tue–Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets: $25–72.50.* It's August 1968, and Russian tanks are rolling into Prague. By 1990, the tanks are rolling out, and The Stones are rolling in. A sweeping drama spanning two countries, three generations and 22 turbulent years, at the end of which all that remains is love and rock 'n' roll in this extraordinary theatrical event from four-time Tony Award winner Tom Stoppard (*Arcadia, The Coast of Utopia*).

SAINT JOAN, Wheelock Family Theatre, 200 The Riverway, 617-879-2300. *Performances **through Nov 30**: Fri at 7:30 p.m., Sat & Sun at 3 p.m. Tickets: $20–25.* Considered one of George Bernard Shaw's greatest works, this attempt to forge a more realistic version of the life of Joan of Arc—canonized in 1920, shortly before the play was written—presents the events of her life as Shaw both understood and imagined them to be.

THE SEAFARER, SpeakEasy Stage Company, Roberts Studio Theatre, Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont St., 617-933-8600. *Performances: Tue–Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 4 and 8 p.m., Sun at 3 p.m. Tickets: $30–50; seniors & students $42–45.* Both hilarious and chilling, Conor McPherson's 2008 Tony Award nominee weaves a mythic tale of the sea, Ireland and redemption. On Christmas Eve, Sharky Harkin finds himself hosting old friends at the dingy house he shares with his recently-blinded brother. A lot of booze and card-playing carry the men into Christmas Day, when Sharky must face a grim promise he made decades ago.

SHEAR MADNESS, Charles Playhouse Stage II, 74 Warrenton St., 617-426-5225. *Performances: Tue–Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 6 and 9 p.m., Sun at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets: $40.* Boston's hilarious whodunnit where the audience takes a stab at catching the killer. Become an armchair sleuth in the longest-running play in U.S. history.

VOYEURS DE VENUS, Company One, Plaza Theatre, Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., 617-933-8600. *Performances **through Nov 22**: Wed & Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri & Sat at 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. Tickets: $30–38; seniors $30; students $15.* In the Boston premiere of Lydia Diamond's dazzling new play, Sara—an African-American scholar of pop culture writing a book about Saartjie Baartman, better known disparagingly as the Hottentot Venus—struggles with the expectations of her book deal while navigating a minefield of personal intimacies with her white husband and black lover who is also her publisher.

TICKETS

BOSTIX, Faneuil Hall Marketplace and Copley Square, 617-723-5181. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m. (Faneuil Hall location closed Mon); Sun 11 a.m.–4 p.m.* Information and tickets, including half-price seats on day of event, for the best performing arts around Boston. Log on to www.bostix.org to purchase discounted tickets and receive special e-mail updates. All ticket offers subject to availability.

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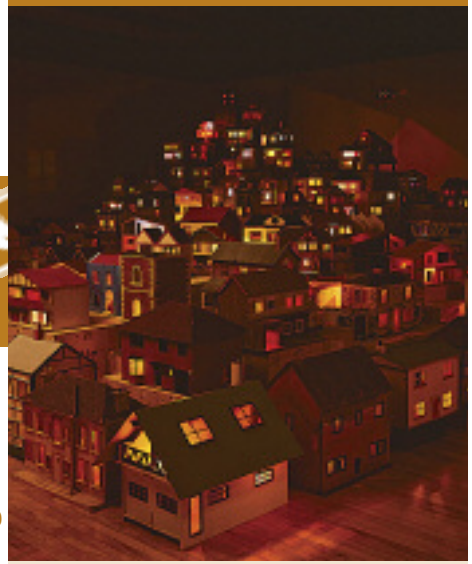


MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS: A survey of the work of celebrated contemporary British sculptor Rachel Whiteread is on display at the Fenway institution. Refer to listing, page 27.

BOSTON

BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, Museum Wharf, 300 Congress St., 617-426-6500. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri 'til 9 p.m. Admission: $10; children (2–15) & seniors $8; children (one-year-olds only) $2; children (under 1) free; Fri 5–9 p.m. (Family Night) $1.* The newly expanded and renovated museum features a plethora of interactive exhibits that allow children to learn about science, history and culture firsthand. Exhibits include: Construction Zone, a child-sized work site with miniature skyscrapers inspired by the Big Dig; Arthur & Friends, featuring the stars of everyone's favorite PBS program; Boston Black, celebrating Boston's Caribbean, African and African-American cultures; Kid Power, which allows active kids to use energy in healthy ways and teaches them about fitness and nutrition; Joshua's Journey, detailing a black cowboy's adventures and includes many hands-on activities, such as saddling a horse. Special exhibits: Children of Hangzhou: Connecting with China; Project: Tomorrow 2008; ***beginning Nov 17***—Self-portraits by students of Derby Academy in Hingham, Mass. and Qiushi Elementary School in Hangzhou, China. *Refer to Kids Corner in Current Events for special events.*

INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART, 100 Northern Ave., 617-478-3100. *Sat, Sun, Tue & Wed 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Thu & Fri 'til 9 p.m. Admission: $12; students & seniors $10; children (under 17) free. Free to all Thu 5–9 p.m.* Boston's first new art museum in 100 years is a state-of-the-art, gleaming structure on the South Boston waterfront which presents installations of contemporary paintings, sculptures and photographs, as well as cutting-edge live dance and musical performances. Special exhibits: On the Sandra and Gerald Fineberg Art Wall: Ugo Rondinone; The ICA Collection; Tara Donovan; Momentum 12: Gerard Byrne; Finalists for the 2008 James and Audrey Foster Prize.

ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM, 280 The Fenway, 617-566-1401. *Tue–Sun 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $12; seniors $10; students $5; children (under 18) free. Visitors named Isabella are admitted free.* Commissioned by Boston aristocrat Isabella Stewart Gardner and modeled after a 15th-century Venetian palace, the museum exhibits 2,500 objects, including the works of Rembrandt, Botticelli, Raphael, Titian and Matisse. Special exhibit: The Triumph of Marriage: Painted Cassoni of the Renaissance. Special events: ***Nov 23*** *1:30 p.m.*—Music: The Borromeo String Quartet, *tickets $23, seniors $18, students $10, children $5;* ***Nov 30*** *at 1:30 p.m.*—Music: Celebrating Elliot Carter's 100th Birthday, *tickets $23, seniors $18, students $10, children $5.*

JOHN F. KENNEDY PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM, off Morrissey Boulevard, next to UMass Boston, Dorchester, 866-535-1960. www.jfklibrary.org. *Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $10; students & seniors $8; children (13–17) $7; children (under 12) free; library forums free.* This museum portrays Kennedy's life, leadership and legacy in 21 exhibits, three theaters, 20 video presentations and more. Special exhibit: The Making of a President.

LARZ ANDERSON AUTO MUSEUM, Larz Anderson Park, 15 Newton St., Brookline, 617-522-6547. *Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: $5; students, seniors & children (6–18) $3; children (5 and under) free.* The oldest collection of historic automobiles in the nation is displayed in the owner's original home. Special exhibit: Design, Performance, Passion: Italian Cars.

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

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: Mystic Masque: Semblance and Reality in Georges Rouault, 1871–1958.

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

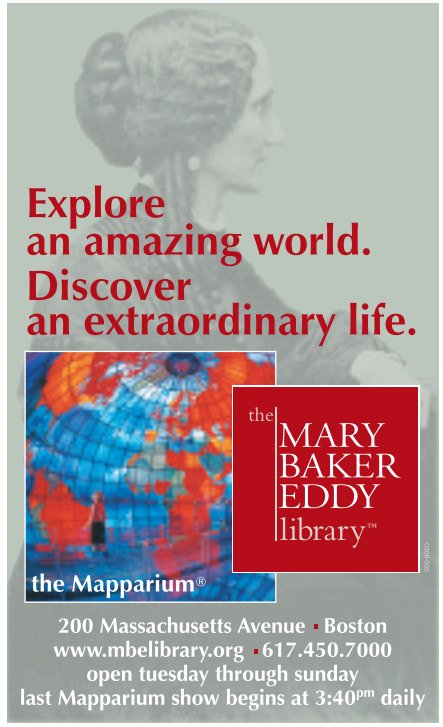
THE MUSEUM OF THE NATIONAL CENTER OF AFRO-AMERICAN ARTISTS, 300 Walnut Ave., Roxbury, 617-442-8614. *Tue–Sun 1–5 p.m.; by appointment for groups. Admission: $4; students & seniors $3.* Housed in the former Oak Bend Mansion, a neo-Gothic structure built in the early 1870s, this museum holds a slide archive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

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, 465 Huntington Ave., 617-267-9300. *Sat–Tue 10 a.m.–4:45 p.m., Wed–Fri 'til 9:45 p.m. Admission (includes two visits in a 10-day period): $17; students & seniors $15; Wed after 4 p.m., pay as you wish; children (7–17) $6.50 on weekdays before 3 p.m., free at all other times; children (6 and under) free.* The museum houses an outstanding collection of paintings, prints, sculptures, furnishings and other artwork from ancient times through the present, as well as the most comprehensive collection of Asiatic art in the world. Special exhibits: Great Company: Portraits by European Masters; Preserving History, Making History: The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; RSVP: Jim Lambie; Winslow Homer: American Scenes; Art and Empire: Treasures from Assyria in the British Museum, *ticketed separately: $25, seniors & students $23, children (7–17) $9.50;* Karsh 100: A Biography in Images; Zen Mind/Zen Brush: Japanese Ink Paintings from the Gitter-Yelen Collection; Visions of Kyoto: Scenes from Japan's Ancient Capital; Rachel Whiteread; Gentlemen of Suzhou; "And so to bed": Indian Bed Curtains from a Stately English Home; ***beginning Nov 19***—Photographic Figures. Special events: ***Nov 19*** *from 5:30–7:30 p.m*—Winesdays in Bravo, *admission: $25;* ***Nov 19–23***—Museum School Art Sale; ***Nov 22*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Music: Loudon Wainwright III with Carsie Blanton, *tickets: $30, students & seniors $24;* ***Nov 23*** *at 3:30 p.m.*—Music: John Gibbons and Daniel Stepner, *tickets: $25, seniors & students $20.*

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE, Science Park, 617-723-2500. *Sat–Thu 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri 'til 9 p.m. Admission: $17; seniors $15; children (3–11) $14; children (under 3) free. Planetarium, laser show and Omni theater tickets: $9; seniors $8; children (3–11) $7. Combination ticket prices and evening discounts available.* Interactive science exhibits, plus laser and astronomy shows in the Charles Hayden Planetarium, are featured. Special exhibits: Goose Bumps! The Science of Fear; Mythic Creatures: Dragons, Unicorns & Mermaids; Colossal Fossil: Triceratops Cliff; Planetarium Show: *Sky Heroes: Myths in the Stars. Refer to Film listings in Current Events for complete Mugar Omni Theater schedule.*

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

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



ABOVE: RACHEL WHITEREAD, *PLACE (VILLAGE)*, 2006–08

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

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.

CARPENTER CENTER FOR THE VISUAL ARTS, Harvard University, 24 Quincy St., 617-495-3251. *Main Gallery: Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–11 p.m., Sun noon–11 p.m.; Sert Gallery: Tue–Sun 1–5 p.m. Free admission.* Housed in the only building in North America designed by famed French architect Le Corbusier, the Carpenter Center exhibits modern paintings, drawings and sculptures.The fifth floor Sert Gallery is home to works by contemporary artists, while innovative artwork of the Harvard Department of Visual and Enviromental Studies is displayed in the main gallery. Special exhibits: Lossless: Rebecca Baron & Doug Goodwin; Paul Chan: Three Easy Pieces.

HARVARD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 26 Oxford St., 617-495-3045. *Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $9; seniors & students $7; children (3–18) $6.* Among the museum's 17 galleries is the internationally acclaimed Ware Collection of Blaschka Glass Models of Plants, a unique collection of over 3,000 glass flower models created between 1886 and 1936. Special exhibits: Dodos, Trilobites and Meteorites; Climate Change: Our Global Experiment; Sea Creatures in Glass; Looking at Leaves: Photographs by Amanda Means; Language of Color.

MIT LIST VISUAL ARTS CENTER, 20 Ames St., 617-253-4680. *Tue, Wed & Fri–Sun noon–6 p.m., Thu 'til 8 p.m. Free admission.* One of Boston's premier showcases for contemporary art, the List Center reflects MIT's position as a cutting-edge research institution by presenting works from the world's leading contemporary artists. Special exhibits: Adel Abdessemed: Situation and Practice; ***beginning Nov 17***—On the Media Test Wall: The Space Between the Teeth; ***through Nov 21***—Recent Gifts to the Student Loan Art Collection.

THE MIT MUSEUM, 265 Massachusetts Ave., 617-253-4444. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $7.50; children $3.* Exhibits interpret themes and ideas related to MIT research and activities. Ongoing exhibits: The Mark Epstein Innovation Gallery; 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; Learning Lab: The Cell; Red Lines, Death Vows, Foreclosures, Risk Structures: Architectures of Finance from the Great Depression to the Sub-Prime Meltdown.

SACKLER MUSEUM, 485 Broadway, 617-495-9400. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun 1–5 p.m. Admission: $9; seniors $7; children (18 and under) free.* Designed by James Stirling, Britain's famous post-modernist architect, the Sackler boasts pieces from Harvard's extensive art collection spanning centuries and encompassing one end of the globe to the other. Special exhibits: Re-View, a collection of highlights from the Harvard Art Museum; Color in the Oasis: Ikats of Central Asia; The Age of Albrecht Durer.

PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM: The venerable Salem institution presents the exhibit To the Ends of the Earth, Painting the Polar Landscape. Refer to listing, page 29.

BEYOND BOSTON

CONCORD MUSEUM, 200 Lexington Road, Concord, 978-369-9763. *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m. Admission: $10; seniors & students $8; children (6–17) $5; family rates available. Ample free parking on Cambridge Turnpike.* Relive Concord's history, from Native American habitation and European settlement to the days of Emerson, Thoreau, the Alcotts and Hawthorne. Special exhibit: Street Smarts.

DECORDOVA MUSEUM AND SCULPTURE PARK, 51 Sandy Pond Road, Lincoln, 781-259-8355. *Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $12; seniors, students & children (6–12) $8. Sculpture Park: open sunrise to sunset, admission charged during museum operating hours only.* Tour one of the largest contemporary art museums and the only permanent public sculpture park in New England. Special exhibits: American Vernacular; Drawn To Detail; Moving Through New England; Stacey Steers: Phantom Canyon; Zea Mays Printmaking: The Nature of Things; Face to Face; Laylah Ali: Notes/Drawings/Untitled Afflictions. Special event: The Store @ DeCordova's Annual Artists' Market.

GRIFFIN MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHY, 67 Shore Road, Winchester, 781-729-1158. *Tue–Thu 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri 'til 4 p.m., Sat & Sun noon–4 p.m. Admission: $5; seniors $2. Free to all on Thu.* Named for the Massachusetts-born photographer for publications like *Life* and *Time*, the Griffin Museum boasts three galleries dedicated to the promotion and appreciation of photographic art. Special exhibits: VII Humankind; State School by John Wesley Mannion; Codedknits by Jan Cadman Powell; ***through Nov 22***—Afghan Stories: Photographs by Paula Lerner; ***beginning Nov 26***—Nadine Boughton: The Pleasures of Modern Living.

NATIONAL HERITAGE MUSEUM, 33 Marrett Road, Lexington, 781-861-6559. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sun noon–5 p.m. Free admission.* Devoted to presenting exhibitions on American history and popular culture as a way of preserving our national heritage. Special exhibits: Sowing the Seeds of Liberty: Lexington and the American Revolution; Augustus Frederick Sherman: Ellis Island Portraits 1905–1920; Visualizing Brotherhood: Masonic and Fraternal Prints; There'll Be a Hot Time in the U.S.A.: Illustrated American Sheet Music, 1917–1924; Keepers of Tradition: Art and Folk Heritage in Massachusetts; American Family Treasures: Decorative Arts from the D.J. and Alice Shumway Nadeau Collection.

PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM, East India Square, Salem, 866-745-1876. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $15; seniors $13; students $11; children (16 and under) free.* The nation's oldest continually operating museum boasts a new wing with a 190-seat auditorium and a glass-covered atrium. The collection showcases African, Asian, Pacific Island and American folk and decorative art, a maritime collection dating back to the museum's earliest days and the first collection of Native American art in the hemisphere. Special exhibits: Auspicious Wishes and Natural Beauty in Korean Art; Intersections: Native American Art in a New Light; Of Gods and Mortals: Traditional Art from India; All of My Life: Contemporary Works by Native American Artists; Yin Yu Tang, the 16-bedroom home of a prosperous Chinese merchant of the Qing Dynasty (1644–1911), *ticketed separately: $4;* Perfect Imbalance: Exploring Chinese Aesthetics; Gateway Bombay; Stage Idols: Japanese Kabuki Theater; Polar Attractions; Body Politics: Maori Tattoo Today; To the Ends of the Earth, Painting the Polar Landscape.

THE ROSE ART MUSEUM, Brandeis University, 415 South St., Waltham, 781-736-3434. *Tue–Sun noon–5 p.m. Admission: $3; museum members, seniors, students & children (under 16) free.* The Rose boasts a collection of modern and contemporary art by artists including de Kooning, Rauschenberg and Warhol. Special exhibits: Project for a New American Century; Invisible Rays: The Surrealism Legacy; Drawing on Film.

SALEM WITCH MUSEUM, 19½ Washington Square North, Salem, 978-744-1692. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $8; seniors $7; children (6–14) $5.50.* Life-size stage settings and historically accurate narration recreate the hysteria of the Salem Witch Trials and executions of 1692. Translations available in Japanese, French, German, Italian and Spanish. Special exhibit: Witches: Evolving Perceptions.

GALLERIES

ARDEN GALLERY, 129 Newbury St., 617-247-0610. *Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–5:30 p.m.* Arden specializes in contemporary oil paintings and sculpture by nationally and internationally renowned artists, whose styles range from super-realism to abstraction. Special exhibit: ***through Nov 29***—Works by Victoria Adams.

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

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 exhibits: ***through Nov 18***—Sally B. Moore: Edge; Print Publisher's Spotlight: Circus: Matthew Brannon; ***beginning Nov 22***—Annette Lemieux: Taking Stock. Special event: ***beginning Nov 29***—The Annual AIDS Benefit 2008.

BOSTON SCULPTORS GALLERY, 486 Harrison Ave., 617-482-7781. *Wed–Sun noon–6 p.m.* A sculptors' cooperative that has served as an alternative venue for innovative solo sculpture exhibitions since 1992. Special exhibits: Works by Charles Jones and Rosalyn Driscoll.

BRICKBOTTOM GALLERY, 1 Fitchburg St., Somerville, 617-776-3410. *Thu–Sat noon–5 p.m.* This not-for-profit gallery presents thoughtful and professionally curated art exhibitions and fosters a stable, permanent artist community of residents and non-resident members. Special exhibit: ***through Nov 23***—Open Studios Directory Exhibition. Special event: ***Nov 22 & 23*** *from noon–6 p.m.*—Brickbottom Open Studios.

BROMFIELD ART GALLERY, 450 Harrison Ave., 617-451-3605. *Wed–Sat noon–5 p.m.* Boston's oldest artist-run gallery features shows by members of the cooperative, while exhibitions by visiting artists are selected by current members. Special exhibits: ***through Nov 29***—Tim McDonald: The Cusp of Magic; Philip Gerstein: The Distant Sound of Rain in Spring Valleys.

CHASE GALLERY, 129 Newbury St., 617-859-7222. *Mon–Sat 10:30 a.m.–6 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: ***through Nov 29***—Works by Wayne McDowell.

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.

GALLERIA FLORENTIA, 79 Newbury St., 617-585-9200. *Tue–Sat 11 a.m.–6 p.m. or by appointment.* The Galleria Florentia exhibits handcrafted decorative artwork epitomizing European elegance in its bronze, porcelain, leather, murano glass and inlay collections.

INTERNATIONAL POSTER GALLERY, 205 Newbury St., 617-375-0076. www.internationalposter.com. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* This acclaimed fine art poster gallery displays original vintage posters from the 1890s through post-World War II modern masters.

JUDI ROTENBERG GALLERY, 130 Newbury St., 617-437-1518. *Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Sun 1–5 p.m.* The Judi Rotenberg Gallery is one of the longest-standing independent galleries in Boston and is committed to both established and emerging talent in all media. Special exhibit: ***beginning Nov 20***—Glance: Jennifer Liston Munson.

LANOUE FINE ART, 160 Newbury St., 617-262-4400. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Sun noon–5 p.m.* Featuring contemporary representational and abstract art, Lanoue is committed to exploring diverse media and concepts. Special exhibit: Emil Alzamora: The Superluminous.

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. Special exhibit: Off the Wall.

MILLS GALLERY, Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., 617-426-8835. *Wed–Sat noon–9 p.m., Sun 'til 5 p.m.* The BCA presents exciting contemporary works by established and emerging local, regional, national and international visual artists, mounting approximately six large-scale exhibitions in the 2,200 square foot Mills Gallery each year.

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 exhibits: ***through Nov 29***—Porfirio DiDonna: Works on Paper; Anne Harris: Selected Work.

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

PUCKER GALLERY, 171 Newbury St., 617-267-9473. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Sun 10:30 a.m.–5 p.m.* Features work by Israeli, American and internationally known contemporary artists. 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 exhibit: Icon of Loss: Recent Paintings by Samuel Bak.

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: Our Cups Runneth Over: Sculptural and Functional Ceramic Cups.

VOSE GALLERIES, 238 Newbury St., 617-536-6176. *Mon–Fri 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.* Established in 1841, Vose Galleries—the oldest family-owned art gallery in the United States—specializes in American artists from the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries. Its new contemporary wing, expanding the collection to living artists, opened in 2001. Special exhibits: ***beginning Nov 17***—John Whalley: An Inner Light; ***beginning Nov 19***—Charles Hawthorne and Jerry Farnsworth: A Provincetown Legacy.

CRUISES

BOSTON HARBOR CRUISES, One Long Wharf, 617-227-4321. *Call for reservations and departure times.* Boston's oldest and largest cruise company has something for everyone. Whether it's New England's only 3-hour, high speed catamaran whale watch, a sunset or lunch cruise, a historic sightseeing tour or a visit to Boston's unique Harbor Islands, BHC's variety of cruises and convenient scheduling make it easy to fit a harbor cruise into your plans.

ODYSSEY CRUISES, departs daily from Rowes Wharf, 866-307-2469. *Brunch: Sat & Sun noon–2 p.m. Tickets: $52.90. Lunch: Mon–Fri noon–2 p.m. Tickets: $44.90. Dinner: Mon–Thu 7–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 8–11 p.m., Sun 6–9 p.m. Tickets: $64.90–99.90. Moonlight: Mon–Sun 12:30–2:30 a.m. Tickets: $39.90.* Boarding begins one hour prior to departure. Prices include meal. 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.

ICE SKATING

FROG POND ICE SKATING RINK, Boston Common, 617-635-2197. ***Beginning Nov 19****: Mon 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Tue–Thu & Sun 'til 9 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 10 p.m. Fees: $4; children (under 13) free; rental skates $8; lockers $1. Seasonal passes available.* Ice skating on Boston Common's Frog Pond has become a staple of wintertime in Boston. The heated skate house offers hot chocolate, snacks and music.

LARZ ANDERSON SKATING RINK, 25 Newton St., Brookline, 617-739-7518. *Tue & Thu 10 a.m.–noon, Fri 7:30–9:30 p.m., Sat & Sun noon–5 p.m. Fees: $7; children $4; rental skates $5; skate sharpening $6.* Named one of the most romantic destinations in the Hub by *Boston* magazine, Larz Anderson Park was the former residence of the Anderson family and is now a 64-acre public park that is home to the Auto Museum, several themed gardens and historical artifacts. The skating pavillion sits atop a wooded hill in the middle of what was once an Italian garden designed by Charles A. Platt in 1901.

SIGHTS OF INTEREST

ADAMS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK, 1250 Hancock St., Quincy, eight miles south of Boston, 617-770-1175. Take the "T" to the Quincy Center stop on the Red Line. *Visitor Center open daily 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Tickets: $5; children (under 16) free.* This oft-overlooked historical gem offers insight into the lives of U.S. presidents John Adams and son John Quincy Adams. Tour the birthplaces of both presidents, as well as "The Old House," which was home to five generations of the Adams family.

ARNOLD ARBORETUM, 125 Arborway, Jamaica Plain, 617-524-1718. *Grounds open year-round dawn to dusk. Free admission. Visitor Center open Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Sun noon–4 p.m.* This 265-acre tree sanctuary designed by Emerald Necklace architect Frederick Law Olmsted opened in 1872. Now a National Historic Landmark, the arboretum and its gardens contain more than 7,000 varieties of trees, shrubs and flowers for your perusal. Special event: ***Nov 19*** *at 6:30 p.m.*—Twelve Months at Arnold Arboretum: Conversations with artist Kate Cardamone, *tickets: free, advanced registration requested.*

ALBERT WEIN, *ARCADIAN IDYLL,* 1948

BOSTON ATHENAEUM: The historic membership library on Beacon Hill hosts the exhibit Albert Wein: American Modernist, the first museum retrospective of the late sculptor's work. Refer to listing, below.

BOSTON ATHENAEUM, 10 Beacon St., 617-227-0270. *Mon 8:30 a.m.–8 p.m., Tue–Fri 'til 5:30 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Art & Architecture tours: Tue & Thu at 3 p.m. Reservations required.* One of the oldest and most distinguished private libraries in the United States, the Athenaeum was founded in 1807. For nearly half a century, it was the unchallenged center of intellectual life in Boston, and by 1851 it had become one of the five largest libraries in the country. Special exhibit: Albert Wein: American Modernist.

BOSTON PUBLIC GARDEN, bordered by Arlington, Charles, Beacon and Boylston streets. *Open daily dawn to dusk.* Established in 1837, the Public Garden is the nation's first public botanical garden. Its 24 acres are filled with scenic and diverse greenery, as well as sculptures, including one that commemorates the popular children's book *Make Way for Ducklings.* Other fixtures include the Lagoon—home to the famed Swan Boats from April through September—and the world's smallest suspension bridge.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY, 700 Boylston St., Copley Square, 617-536-5400. *Mon–Thu 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 5 p.m., Sun 1–5 p.m. Free admission. Art & Architecture tours Mon at 2:30 p.m., Tue & Thu at 6 p.m., Fri & Sat at 11 a.m.* The first publicly supported municipal library in the world hosts one million visitors a year, who come to view this architectural masterpiece and its collection of more than five million books. Film festivals, exhibits and children's programs run throughout the year.

BUNKER HILL PAVILION, Boston National Historical Park Visitors Center, Charlestown, 617-242-5641. Located yards from the *USS Constitution. Visitor center and bookstore open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m.* Visitors can climb the nearby Bunker Hill Monument, a 221-foot granite obelisk, or visit the Bunker Hill Museum. 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. *Tickets: $4; seniors & students $3; children (4–12) $2.*

CUSTOM HOUSE TOWER, 3 McKinley Square, 617-310-6300. *Observation deck open Mon–Thu at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., Fri & Sat at 4 p.m. Free historical tours: Tue at 10 a.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 Tue noon–4 p.m., Wed 1–4 p.m., Thu–Sat noon–5 p.m. and Sun 11 a.m.–3 p.m., every half hour. Services: Sun at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., Wed at noon and 7:30 p.m. Spanish language services: Sun at noon, Wed at 6 p.m.* The original Mother Church built in 1894 is at the heart of the Christian Science Center, situated on 14 acres in the Back Bay. The Romanesque structure is made from New Hampshire granite with stained glass windows illustrating Biblical events.

FOREST HILLS CEMETERY, 95 Forest Hills Ave., Jamaica Plain, 617-524-0128. *Open daily from dawn to dusk.* Created in 1848, this cemetery serves as the final resting place of Eugene O'Neill, Anne Sexton, E.E. Cummings, William Lloyd Garrison and former Boston Celtic Reggie Lewis. The 275 acres of twisting paths also contain sculptural treasures, an arboretum, a "library" of life stories and an open-air museum.

HARRISON GRAY OTIS HOUSE, 141 Cambridge St., 617-227-3957. *Wed–Sun 11 a.m.–4:30 p.m., tours every half hour. Admission: $8; seniors $7; students & children (5–18) $4; children (under 5), Historic New England members and Boston residents free; $24 maximum per family.* Built in 1796 for Harrison Gray Otis and his wife, this grand mansion is an example of high-style Federal elegance. Tours offer insight into the social, business and family life of the post-Revolution American elite.

NEW ENGLAND HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL, Congress Street near Faneuil Hall, 617-457-8755. *Tours available.* This haunting memorial features six luminous glass towers etched with the six million prisoner numbers of those who perished in the Holocaust. Visitors can walk under the towers and read the dramatic stories of the victims and heroes of this tremendous human tragedy.

THE SKYWALK OBSERVATORY AT THE PRUDENTIAL CENTER, 617-859-0648. *Daily 10 a.m.–10 p.m. Skywalk kiosk closes at 6 p.m. Admission (including a headset audio tour of points of interest): $11; seniors & students $9; children (under 12) $7.50. Observatory may be closed due to weather conditions, please call ahead.* Enjoy spectacular 360-degree panoramic views of Boston and beyond and learn about the city's 378 years of culture and history on the Antennae Audio Tour. Displays include Dreams of Freedom, about the Boston immigrant experience, and a theater showing Wings Over Boston, a spectacular aerial tour of the entire city.

TRINITY CHURCH, Copley Square, 617-536-0944. *Sun 7 Fri–Sun 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Tours available for $6; seniors & students $4; children (under 16) free with an adult. Guided tours: Sun at 12:15 p.m. (free), other daily tour times vary. Self-guided tours: Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Sun 1–5 p.m.* Built in 1877, this house of worship, a combination of Victorian, Gothic and French Romanesque styles, is one of the great masterpieces of American church architecture.

TOURS AND TRAILS

ANTIQUE LIMOUSINE, 781-715-1922. www.Antique-Limousine.com. *Tours by appointment only.* Enjoy historic Freedom Trail tours in a 1939 Cadillac seven-passenger limousine, just like the Godfather's car. Get close to the sights where the trolleys and duck tours can't. The drivers dress, speak and act the part. Just don't mess with them or you might be riding in the trunk. They'll make you an offer you can't refuse. Ask about their specials. Call to schedule a pick up.

BLACK HERITAGE TRAIL, 46 Joy St., 617-725-0022. *Free tours by appointment only. Call at least 24 hours in advance for reservations. Visit www.afroammuseum.org for site descriptions.* A guided tour through the north side of Beacon Hill, including the homes of politicians and entrepreneurs; the African Meeting House, built in 1806; the oldest standing house built by an African-American (1797); and the home of Lewis and Harriet Hayden, who harbored runaway slaves. Maps are available at the Museum of African-American History.

BOSTON DUCK TOURS, Prudential Center and Museum of Science, 617-267-DUCK. www.bostonducktours.com. *Tours **through Nov 30**: daily from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. **Beginning Dec 1**: Fri–Sun from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Tickets: $29; seniors, students & military $25; children (3–11) $19; (under 3) $5; special needs $15. Group discounts available.* Experience the city in an amazing vehicle that rides on land and water. The 80-minute tour visits most of Boston's famous sights. And just when you think you've seen it all, your Duck splashes into the Charles River for a spectacular view.

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

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

CITY VIEW TROLLEYS, departing every 10–15 minutes from the New England Aquarium, South Station, Boston Common and other locations, 617-363-7899. *Mon–Fri 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Sat & Sun, 'til 5:30 p.m. Tickets: $31; seniors & students $29; children (4–12) $12. Discount tickets available online at www.cityviewtrolleys.com.* This year-round trolley company offers tours with eight stops at the most scenic and historic locations in Boston, including the New England Aquarium and sites along the Freedom Trail. Passengers can board and exit the trolley at any stop at any time during the tours.

FENWAY PARK TOURS, 4 Yawkey Way, 617-226-6666. *Tours leave daily, every hour on the hour, from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Tickets: $12; seniors $11; children (4–15) & military personnel $10.* Tours originate at the Souvenir Store located on Yawkey Way across from Service Gate D, rain or shine. This tour offers an inside look at America's oldest active Major League ballpark, including a visit to the top of the famed "Green Monster" and stories from Boston Red Sox history.

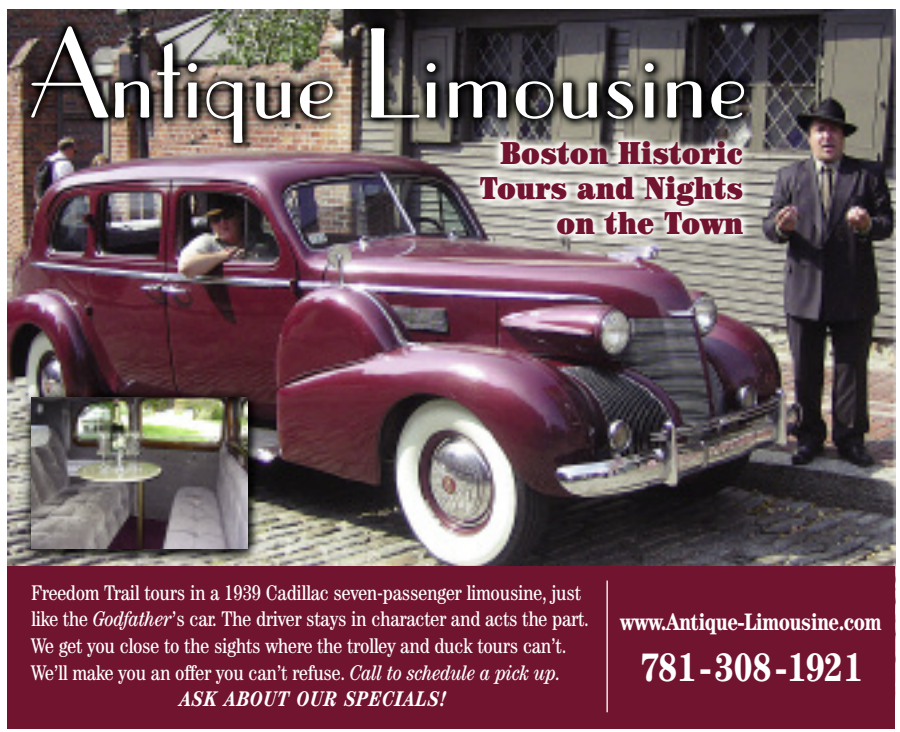
THE FREEDOM TRAIL FOUNDATION'S FREEDOM TRAIL PLAYERS, 617-357-8300. *Tours depart from the Visitor Center on Boston Common daily at 11 a.m., noon, 1 and 3:30 p.m. Additional 10 a.m., 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. tours on weekdays. Tours depart from BosTix daily at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Tickets: $12; seniors $10; children (12 and under) $6. Call for private tours.* Explore the Freedom Trail with costumed actors portraying famous patriots such as James Otis, Abigail Adams and William Dawes in this 90-minute tour. Stops include the Park Street Church, the Boston Massacre Site, the Old State House and Faneuil Hall. Private tours may be tailored to individual needs and interests.

HISTORIC PUB CRAWL, BosTix Booth, Faneuil Hall, 617-357-8300. *Reservations required. Private tours for groups are available on most days. Tickets: $43. **Nov 18 & 25** at 5:30 p.m.* The Freedom Trail Foundation's 18th-century costumed guide takes you on a tour of Boston's historic pubs where treasonous events were hatched 250 years ago. Enjoy plenty of beer and light fare along the way.

NORTH END MARKET TOUR, 64 Cross St., take the "T" to Haymarket, 617-523-6032. *Three-hour tours: Wed & Sat at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Fri 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Reservations required. Custom tours for groups available. Tickets: $50.* Michele Topor, an authority on Italian cuisine and culture, hosts walking tours through one of the nation's oldest Italian-American communities.

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

OLD TOWN TROLLEY TOURS OF BOSTON, 617-269-7010. *Tours depart daily every 20 minutes 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $34; seniors & students $31; children (4–12) $13.* With 16 stops throughout the city, including the New England Aquarium,



Fenway Park, *USS Constitution* Museum and the Trolley Stop Store on the corner of South Charles and Boylston streets, patrons can enjoy a 110-minute, fully narrated sightseeing tour of more than 100 points of interest aboard the orange-and-green, all-weather trolley.

SAMUEL ADAMS BREWERY TOUR: DRINK IN A LITTLE HISTORY, 30 Germania St., Jamaica Plain, 617-368-5080. *Tours begin approximately every 45 minutes, Mon–Thu & Sat 10 a.m.–3 p.m., Fri 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m. One-hour tours include samples (ID required). Tickets: $2 donation to a local charity. Call for special events and closings.* Learn about the art of brewing beer and taste rich malts and spicy hops on this tour of the original Samuel Adams brewery.

SUPER DUCK EXCURSIONS, departing from Charlestown Navy Yard, 877-34-DUCKS. *Tours: Daily at 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Tickets: $29; seniors, students & military $25; children (3–11) $17; children (under 3) $7.* Splash into Boston Harbor on a Super Duck Excursion. Each 90-minute trip aboard a 49-seat Hydra Terra vehicle travels the streets of Boston's Seaport District, Financial District and Government Center before barreling into Boston Harbor to see the skyline and hear history from an off-shore perspective.

SUPER TROLLEY TOURS, 617-742-1440. *Tours depart daily at 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Tickets: $34; seniors, students & military $30; children (3–11) $16.* Ride the white Super Trolley. Get off and on at 17 different stops around the city. Full tours last two hours and cover more than 100 points of interest, including the historic North End, the *USS Constitution*, Boston Common, the Back Bay and the Theatre District. Connect with the Cambridge Double Decker Bus Company for a tour of Harvard Square.

URBAN ADVENTOURS, 800-979-3370, www.urbanadventours.com. Book online with the promo code 'Panorama,' and receive 10% off the purchase of 2 or more tickets. Offering guided bicycle tours and bike rentals, Urban AdvenTours gives visitors a range of ways to explore Boston on two wheels. Opt for the basic City View tour, explore historical buildings on the Art and Architecture tour or get some great shots of Boston on the Photography tour.

VISITOR RESOURCES

PANORAMA WELCOME CENTER AT COPLEY PLACE, Adjacent to the Westin Skybridge, 617-236-1027. If you lose your copy of *Panorama* magazine while touring Boston, you can stop in at the Welcome Center and replace it, and while you're there, get further information on Boston area attractions from a local authority on "what to do, where to go and what to see."

WILDLIFE

FRANKLIN PARK ZOO, One Franklin Park Road, Franklin Park, 617-541-LION. *Daily 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: $12; seniors $10; children (2–12) $7; children (under 2) free.* Home to more than 210 species, many of them endangered. Roam the Australian Outback Trail with kangaroos, explore the Tropical Forest and see the gorillas, marvel at the lion and tigers at Kalahari Kingdom, and visit zebras, ostriches, ibex and wildebeests at Serengeti Crossing. Special event: ***Nov 28***—Free admission.

NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM, Central Wharf, 617-973-5200. *Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat & Sun 'til 6 p.m. Admission: $19.95; seniors (60+) $17.95; children (3–11) $11.95; children (under 3) free. Refer to Current Events section under Film for IMAX theater listings. Combination ticket prices available.* Dedicated to advancing knowledge of the world of water, this outstanding aquatic zoo features a 187,000-gallon Giant Ocean Tank containing a Caribbean coral reef with sharks, sea turtles, moray eels and other aquatic life. Be sure to check out the popular penguin habitat and visit the adjacent Simons 3D IMAX Theater, the first theater of its kind in the Boston area.

STONE ZOO, 149 Pond St., Stoneham, 781-438-5100. *Daily 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: $9; seniors $8; children (2–12) $6; children (under 2) free.* Highlights include Yukon Creek, Mexican gray wolves, meerkats, snow leopards, jaguars, reindeer, river otters, llamas, miniature horses and Stone Zoo's newest arrivals, black bears. Special events: ***beginning Nov 27****, daily 5–9 p.m.*—Zoolights, a nighttime holiday lights exhibit and winter wonderland, *tickets: $3, children (under 2) free;* ***Nov 28***—Free admission.

CAMBRIDGE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PROVINCETOWN: Even off-season, this vibrant community at the tip of Cape Cod—punctuated by the Pilgrim Monument (above)—offers a variety of fun activities. **Refer to listing, page 36.**

AMUSEMENT PARKS

5W!TS, 186 Brookline Ave., 617-375-WITS. *Wed & Thu 11 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 11 a.m.–11 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–7 p.m. Tickets: $20; children (12 and under) $16.* Combining the appeals of theme parks, museums and haunted houses, 5W!ts provides visitors with action-packed interactive game-play and puzzle-solving activities. Current show: Tomb, which allows players to journey to the center of a buried pharaoh's final resting place, facing challenges and obstacles along the way.

SIGHTS OF INTEREST

BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME, 1000 West Columbus Ave., Springfield, 413-781-6500. *Sun–Fri 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Sat from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $16.99; seniors $13.99; children (5–15) $11.99; (4 & under) free.* In 1891, James Naismith developed the game of basketball and its original 13 rules in Springfield, Mass. Now Springfield is home to the Hall of Fame, an edifice that pays homage to the greatest to play and coach the game, like Bill Russell, Magic Johnson, Michael Jordan and Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski. The Hall of Fame also includes interactive basketball fun for visitors and numerous exhibits.

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 stepdaughter, 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 and the Grinch.

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, Elm Bank Reservation is 182 acres of woodlands, fields and old estate property. Deer and other wildlife live along the river banks of the reservation, which also contains areas for hiking, playing soccer, canoeing, kayaking and picnicking.

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

OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Road, 508-347-3362. *Tue–Sun 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Tickets: $20; seniors $18; children $7 (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, ride the old-fashioned yellow stagecoach and tour restorations of period New England homes while marveling at authentic remnants from a long-gone age.

PLIMOTH PLANTATION, 137 Warren Ave., 508-746-1622. *Henry Hornblower II Visitor Center: 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; Nye Barn, Hobbamock's (Wampanoag) Homesite, 1627 Pilgrim Village, Crafts Center: 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $28; seniors $25; children (6–12) $18.* When the Pilgrims landed in America during the 17th century, they landed at Plymouth Rock. They built their settlement three miles south of the rock and named it Plimoth Plantation. Today, visitors can tour the Plantation and see how the Pilgrims went about their daily lives, hunting, gathering and making crafts. Special exhibit: FlightPath: Plymouth Beach, photographs by Jim Fenton.

YANKEE CANDLE FACTORY, 5 North St., South Deerfield, 877- 636-7707. *Sun–Thu 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 8 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. Special events: ***Nov 23*** *at 4 p.m.*—Yankee Candle Village Tree Lighting Ceremony; ***Nov 29 & 30***—Santa's Arrival Weekend Celebration.

DESTINATIONS

CAPE COD AND THE ISLANDS. One of the nation's most beloved tourist destinations, Cape Cod has 559.6 miles of coastline for swimming, kayaking, sailing and snorkling. There's also the uber-wealthy islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, which provide the perfect balance of ritzy indulgence and traditional old New England whaling and merchant culture.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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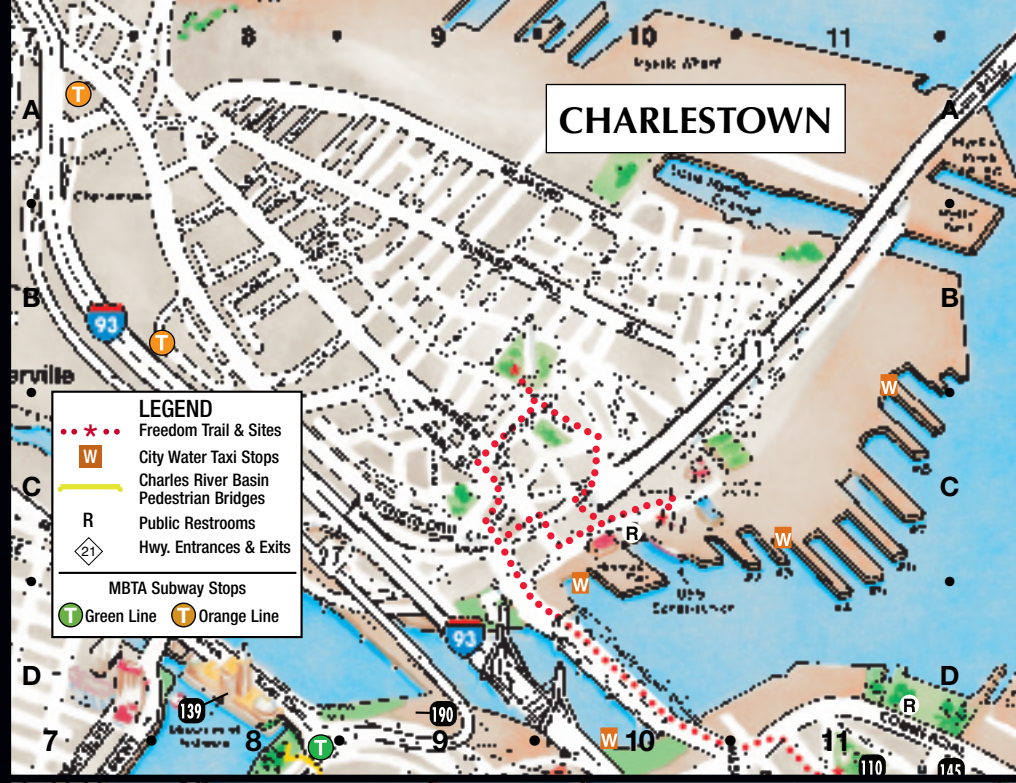
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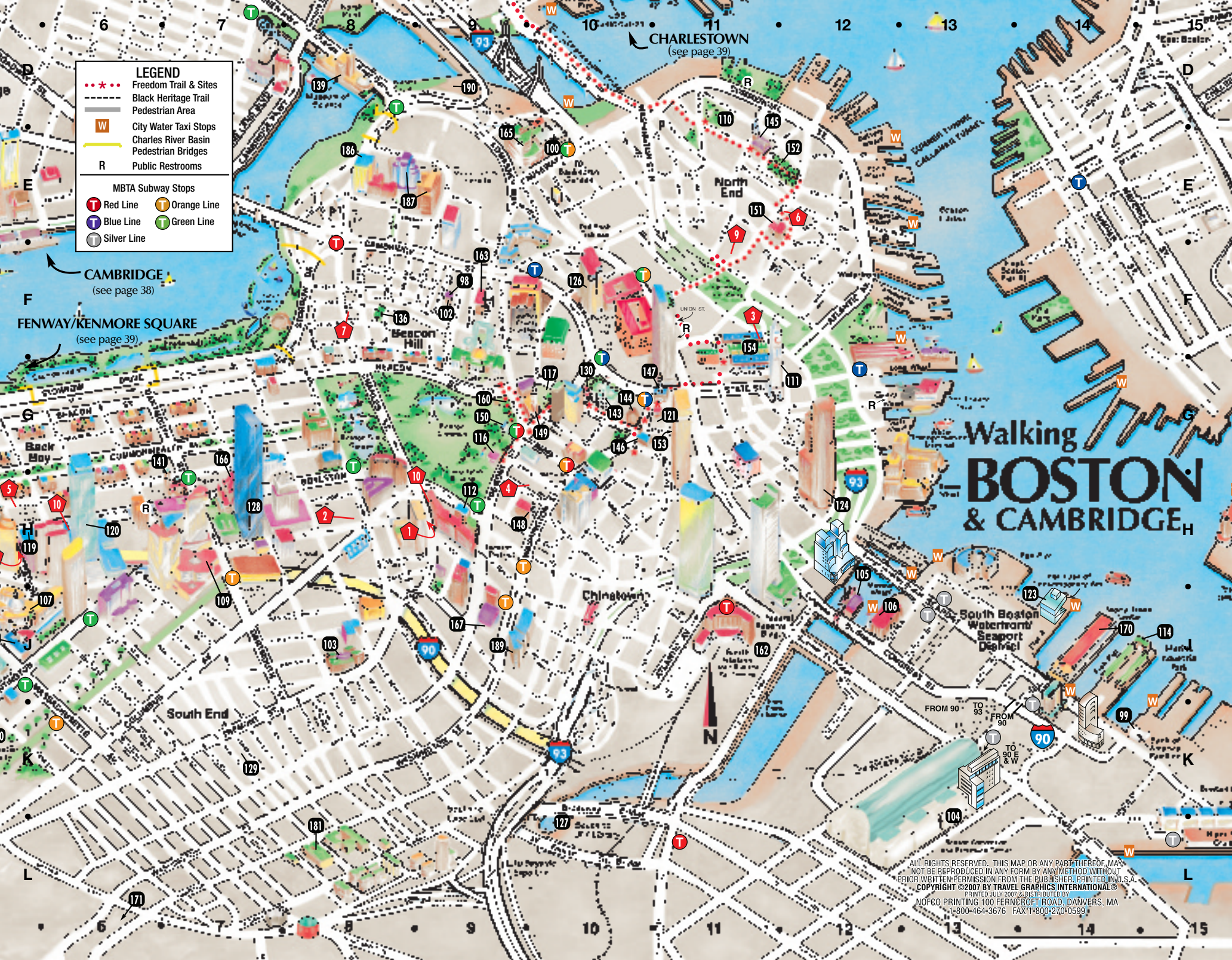
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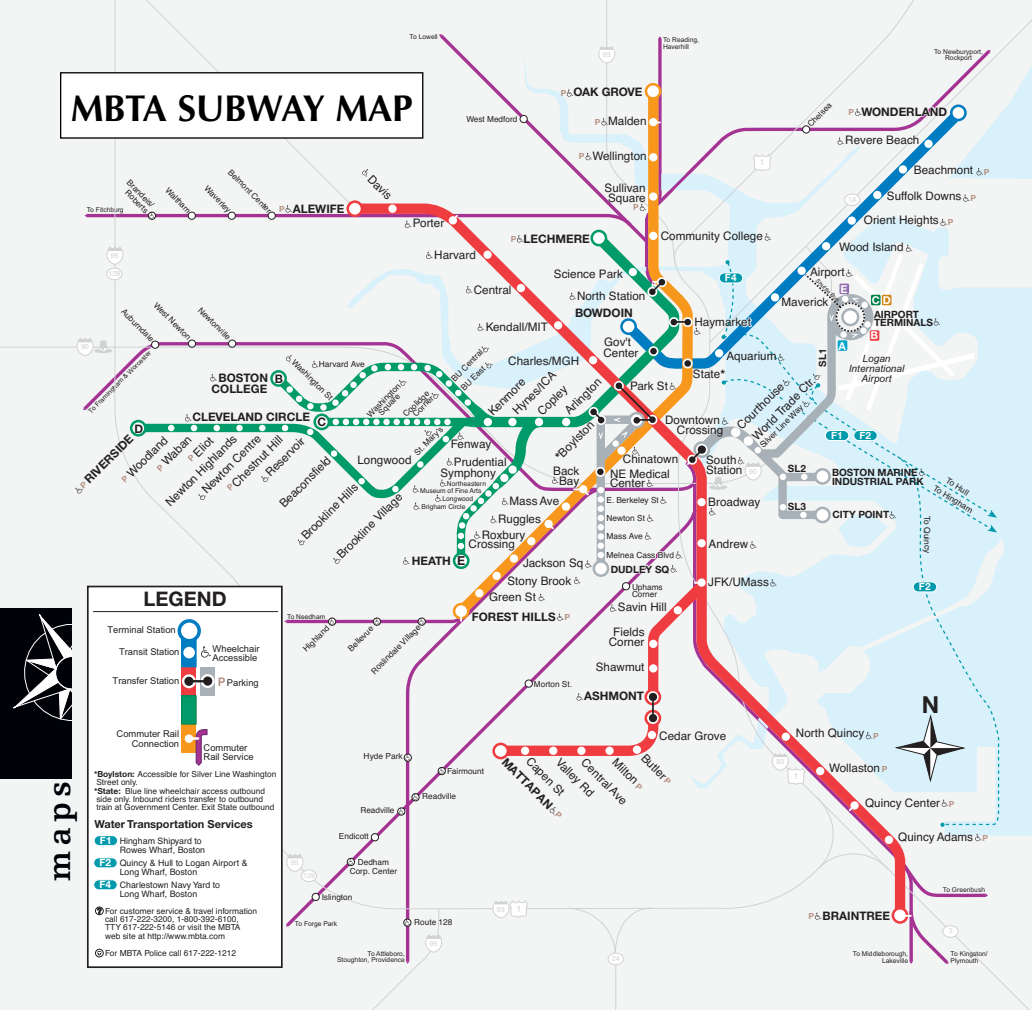

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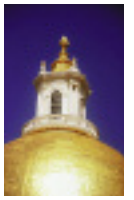
BOSTON COMMON. Set aside in 1634 as a military training field and grazing pasture, the Common is the oldest public park in America. The park served as quarters for British as well as Colonial troops, and later housed Civil War regiments. The British Army set out for the start of the Revolutionary War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



THE STATE HOUSE. Beacon Street, top of Beacon Hill facing Boston Common, 617-727-3676. *Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–5 p.m., except holidays. Guided tours 10 a.m.–4 p.m.* The famous golden dome of the State House marks the government seat of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Samuel Adams laid the cornerstone, and the building stands on land bought from John Hancock. The red brick portion was designed by legendary architect Charles Bulfinch.

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

OLD GRANARY BURYING GROUND. Tremont Street next to Park Street Church, 617-536-4100. *Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m.* This historic cemetery, formerly the town granary, is the final resting place of John Hancock, Paul Revere, Robert Treat Paine, Samuel Adams, Peter Faneuil and the victims of the Boston Massacre. A stone inscribed "Mary Goose" (a.k.a. Elizabeth Goose) allegedly marks the grave of Mother Goose.

KING'S CHAPEL AND BURYING GROUND. Tremont and School streets, 617-227-2155. *Chapel open Sat & Sun 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Services: Sun at 11 a.m., Wed at 12:15 p.m. Burying Grounds open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m.* Still an active house of worship, King's Chapel was established in 1687 as the first Anglican congregation in Boston. The second chapel, built in 1754, became the first Unitarian church in America after the Revolution.

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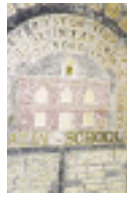
OLD NORTH CHURCH: The famous steeple from which Paul Revere hung his lanterns lies along the Freedom Trail in the North End. **Refer to listing, page 44.**



SITE OF THE FIRST PUBLIC SCHOOL AND BEN FRANKLIN'S STATUE. On School Street, marked by a column and commemorative plaque. On April 13, 1635, the town voted to establish the first public school in the country. Nearby is Benjamin Franklin's statue, built in 1856, the first portrait statue erected in the United States.

SITE OF THE OLD CORNER BOOKSTORE. School and Washington streets. Constructed as an apothecary in 1718, the ground floor was later a bookstore and literary center of Boston and a meeting place for notables like Emerson, Hawthorne and Thoreau.

OLD SOUTH MEETING HOUSE. 310 Washington St., 617-482-6439. *Daily 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: $5; students & seniors $4; children (6–18) $1.* This building housed many town meetings, the most famous of which saw an outraged Samuel Adams signal the start of the Boston Tea Party.

OLD STATE HOUSE. Corner of Washington and State streets, 617-720-1713. *Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $5; students & seniors $4; children (6–18) $1; children (under 6) free.* Built in 1713, this seat of Colonial government was the center of activity for

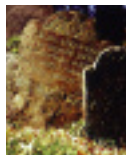
such patriots as John Hancock and Samuel and John Adams. It was from the east balcony that the Declaration of Independence was first read in Boston.

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

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

PAUL REVERE HOUSE. 19 North Square, Hanover Street, 617-523-2338. *Daily 9:30 a.m.–4:15 p.m. Admission: $3; students & seniors $2.50; children (5–17) $1; (under 5) free.* The oldest home in Boston (built c. 1680), occupied by silversmith and patriot Paul Revere from 1770 to 1800.

OLD NORTH CHURCH. 193 Salem St., 617-523-6676. *Daily 10 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 on April 18, 1775, signaling the Redcoats' departure by sea for Lexington and Concord.



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

BUNKER HILL MONUMENT. Breed's Hill, Charlestown, 617-242-5641. *Lodge open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; monument open daily 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.* The site of the historic battle of June 17, 1775.

USS CONSTITUTION. Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, 617-242-5670. *Thur–Sun 10 a.m.–3:50 p.m. Tours every half-hour.* This 44-gun frigate is the world's oldest commissioned warship, christened "Old Ironsides" during the War of 1812 when the cannonballs of a British warship literally bounced off her triple hull.

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

ARTS & CRAFTS

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

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; 511 Boylston St., 617-236-1444; 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.* Boylston Street: *Mon–Fri 8 a.m.–11 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.–11 p.m., Sun 'til 10 p.m.* Galleria: *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9:30 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.* This retailer provides a near-limitless selection of books, periodicals and music.

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.

BARBOUR BY PETER ELLIOT, 134 Newbury St. (between Dartmouth and Clarendon streets), 617-375-7829. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* A century-old British country clothier, Barbour features world-famous waxed cotton jackets, along with a variety of vests, sweaters, shirts, pants and accessories for men, women and children. If you are looking for fashion with function, this is one place you must visit.

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

SHREVE CRUMP & LOW: This venerable jeweler in the Back Bay, the oldest continuously operating luxury goods purveyor in the country, features everything from high-end baubles to mementos of Boston, such as this pink gurgling cod pitcher. **Refer to listing, page 49.**

LOUIS BOSTON, 234 Berkeley St., 617-262-6100. *Mon, Tue, Fri & Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Wed & Thu '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.

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

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

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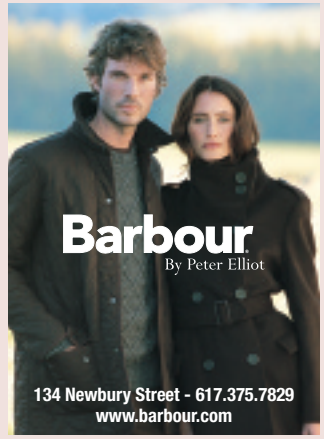

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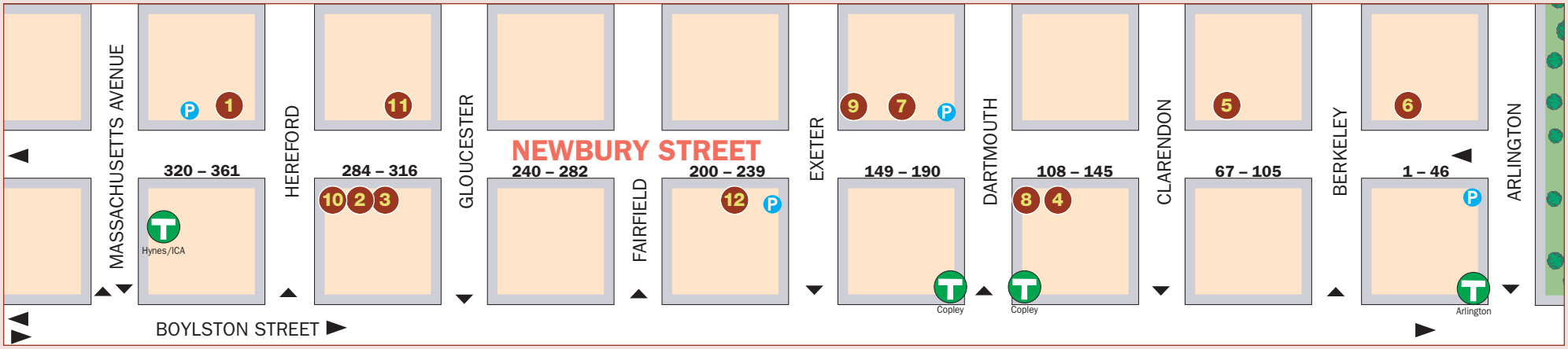

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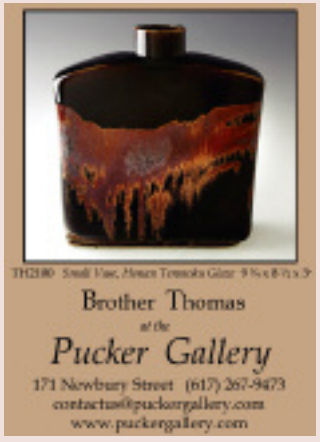

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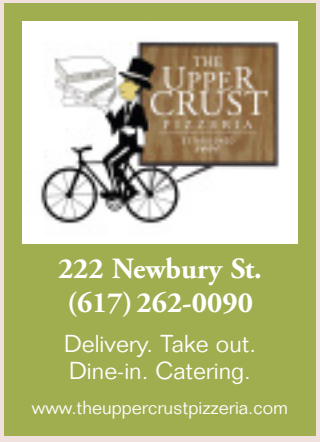

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H & M, 350 Washington St., 617-482-7081; 100 Newbury St., 617-859-3192. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.* This youthful, cutting-edge department store's mission of "fashion and quality at the best price" translates to inexpensive, trendy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

MACY'S, 450 Washington St., 617-357-3195. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–8 p.m.* Discover the season's hottest trends, newest styles and best prices. Choose from your favorite designers: Coach, Polo, DKNY, Hugo Boss, the Martha Stewart Collection and more. Visiting Boston? Stop by the Gift Wrap Department to request your reserved-for-visitors-only Macy's Savings Pass. Use it as often as you want to save 11% throughout the store (restrictions apply, valid I.D. required; details in store).

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

T.J. MAXX, 350 Washington St., 617-695-2424. *Mon–Sat 9:30 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, at prices 20–60% off most department store rates.

FURNITURE & HOME GOODS

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

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

PAPER SOURCE, 388 Boylston St., 617-536-3444; 1361 Beacon St., Brookline, 617-264-2800; 1810 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617-497-1077. *Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Sat 'til 6 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.* Like its motto says, "Do something creative every day." For those with an excess of creative juices, this paper store offers a variety of papers from around the world and offers suggestions and workshops for using the paper.

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

JEWELRY/ACCESSORIES

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

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

LUX BOND & GREEN, 416 Boylston St., 617-266-4747. *Mon–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.

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

TIFFANY & CO., Copley Place, 100 Huntington Ave., 617-353-0222. *Mon, Tue & Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Wed–Fri 'til 7 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–5 p.m.* This world-renowned jeweler has been synonymous with quality, integrity and tradition for more than 150 years. The Copley Place store features an exquisite array of diamonds, rings, timepieces and accessories.

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 Sears and Best Buy, as well as more than 100 other stores and specialty shops including the largest Gap in Boston, J. Crew, Old Navy, Borders, Victoria's Secret and more.

COPLEY PLACE, Copley Square, 617-369-5000. The magnificent Copley Place features more than 100 upscale stores, including Neiman Marcus, Tiffany & Co., Gucci and Williams-

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

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

SAKS FIFTH AVENUE, The Shops at Prudential Center, 800 Boylston St., 617-262-8500. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* One of the country's premier upscale retail giants, Saks proffers a wide selection of high-end fashion apparel, accessories, cosmetics and home decor pieces from an assortment of unique and name-brand designers.

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 and J. Jill. 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: 36 JFK St. (Garage Mall), Cambridge, 617-491-0337; North Market Building, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-248-9992. You'll have a "wicked good time" at this upstart local chain, which boasts the cheapest CD prices in town, including import, indie and major label releases, as well as T-shirts, comics and other pop culture kitsch items.

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

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

COPLEY PLACE: This high-end urban mall in the Back Bay features upscale department stores like Barneys New York and Neiman Marcus as well as luxurious boutiques like Tiffany & Co., Gucci and Benetton for Men. **Refer to listing, page 49.**

SPORTING GOODS

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

SPORTS MEMORABILIA

FENWAY SPORTSZONE, 306 Newbury St., 617-437-1010. *Daily 11 a.m.–7 p.m., with extended hours on game days.* Boasting "The most balls in Boston," Fenway Sportszone is Boston's largest memorabilia shop, featuring the city's biggest selection of autographed items. They also have all your fan gear and souvenir needs as well as a huge selection of apparel from Majestic, MLB Authentic, Sully's Tees and many others. ***SEE LOCATOR #5 ON CENTER MAP.***

WIRELESS PHONES

WARLOX WIRELESS, 800 Boylston St. (Prudential Center), 617-927-7500. *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 'til 6 p.m.* This mobile phone headquarters specializes in unlocked GSM phones and carries a wide variety of Bluetooth headsets and hundreds of other wireless accessories. www.iUnlock.com.

ALLSTON/BRIGHTON

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

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

BACK BAY

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

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

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

BOUCHEE, 159 Newbury St., 617-450-4343. Emulating the style and cuisine of a traditional Parisian brasserie, Bouchee offers diners the opportunity to enjoy delectable meals such as steak au poivre and cassoulet while people-watching on its spacious patio. Daily 11:30 a.m.–11 p.m. $$$

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

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

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

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LEGAL SEA FOODS: Enjoy fresh local and international seafood at one of this Boston institution's many area locations. **Refer to listing, page 63.**

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B	Breakfast	**$**	Most less than $12
L	Lunch	**$$**	$12–18
D	Dinner	**$$$**	$19–25
BR	Brunch	**$$$$**	Most more than $25
SB	Sunday Brunch	*Many restaurants offer a wide range of entrees and prices; therefore, the classifications are only approximations.*	
C	Cocktails	***Cuisine index on page 52.***	
LS	Late Supper (serving after 10 p.m.)		
VP	Valet Parking		
NC	Credit Cards Not Accepted		
*	Entertainment		

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

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

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

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

L'ESPALIER, 774 Boylston St., Mandarin Oriental Boston, 617-262-3023. Situated in the new, luxurious Mandarin Oriental Hotel, 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. $$$$

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

***THE OAK ROOM,** 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

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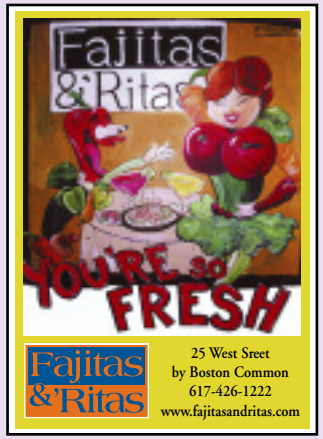

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daily. The adjoining Oak Bar offers martinis, raw bar and full Oak Room menu. $$$$

SASSO RESTAURANT, 116 Huntington Ave., 617-247-2400. The newest endeavor from the restaurateurs behind popular North End eatery Lucca, Sasso offers contemporary and upscale regional Italian cuisine. Executive chef Anthony Mazzotta serves delicious dishes complemented by an extensive wine list, as well as a menu of lighter fare for the after-hours crowd and C 'til 2 a.m. Reservations accepted. D beginning nightly at 5 p.m.; late-night menu available 'til 1:30 a.m. VP. $$$

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.–10:30 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til midnight. $$

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

SNAPPY SUSHI, 144 Newbury St., 617-262-4530; 420 Highland Ave., Davis Sq., Somerville, 617-625-0400. 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, Snappy offers Newbury Street shoppers a fast, cheap dining alternative. L & D. $

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

STEVE'S GREEK CUISINE, 316 Newbury St., 617-267-1817. For more than 20 years, this family-run restaurant has offered Greek hospitality and masterfully prepared Greek cuisine. Serving specialties like spanikopita, pastichio, shish kebabs and gyros, Steve's is a favorite. B, L, D. $

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

TAPEO, 266 Newbury St., 617-267-4799. This popular Back Bay cousin to Dali in Somerville offers delectable, authentic tapas in a glorious Newbury Street setting, complete with seasonal patio dining for prime people-watching as you enjoy your scallops in saffron cream, lobster ravioli and sangria. D, C. $$

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

TURNER FISHERIES, Westin Hotel Copley Place, Stuart and Dartmouth streets, 617-424-7425. Winner of several regional awards, Turner Fisheries is known for its fresh seafood, as well as the decor designed by Peter Niemitz, which features seven-foot-high French windows, banquettes, mahogany paneling and cobalt blue tile. Private dining rooms accommodate 10–140 guests. VP available on Dartmouth Street. B, L, D, C, LS. $$$

THE UPPER CRUST, 222 Newbury St., 617-262-0096; 20 Charles St., 617-723-9600; 683 Tremont St., 617-927-0090; 49B Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-497-4111; 286 Harvard St., Brookline, 617-734-4900; 435 Moody St., Waltham, 781-736-0044; 94 Main St., Watertown, 617-923-6060. Traditional Neapolitan-style pizza (thin crust, chunky sauce) in an urban setting. Come sit with friends in the uniquely designed dining room, enjoy a specialty pizza and watch your favorite team on an HDTV screen. If you're on the go, call ahead for take-out (allow 20–25 minutes) or just pop in for a slice. Delivery is available. $$

BEACON HILL

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

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

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

HUNGRY I, 71½ Charles St., 617-227-3524. In a two-story townhouse with three working fireplaces and an outdoor patio, Chef Peter Ballarin delights patrons with French country cuisine and creative desserts. Signature dishes include venison au poivre and braised rabbit a la moutard. L Thu and Fri only, noon–2 p.m.; D 5:30–9:30 p.m.; SB 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Private dining rooms available. C and light fare 5–7:30 p.m. $$$$. ***SEE LOCATOR #7 ON CENTER MAP.***

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

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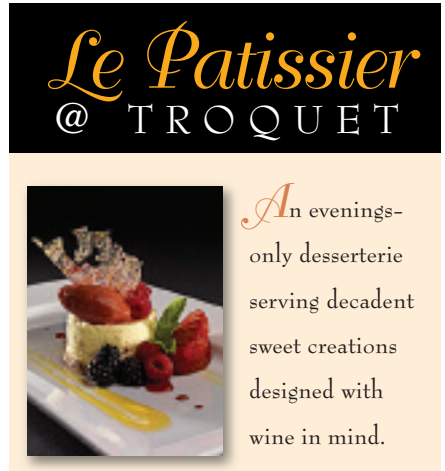

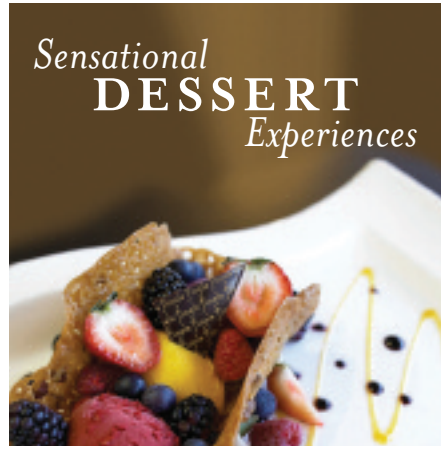

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***DANTE,** 40 Edwin H. Land Blvd, Cambridge, 617-497-4200. Chef Dante de Magistris dishes out playful, rich fare with Italian, French and Spanish influences. The sophisticated eatery boasts a seasonal patio and gorgeous views of the Charles River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

EAST COAST GRILL, 1271 Cambridge St., Cambridge, 617-491-6568. If you're looking for hot and spicy barbecue and seafood, then Chris Schlesinger's eatery is not to be missed. Fresh seafood, grilled fish and meats are served with traditional sides like coleslaw, beans, cornbread and watermelon. An oyster bar, cabana-like cocktails and a funky atmosphere prove fine dining can be fun. D, SB. $$$

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

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

INDIA PAVILION, 17 Central Square, Cambridge, 617-547-7463. One of the best traditional Northern Indian cuisine restaurants in the area, India Pavilion has been a Cambridge staple for more than 25 years. A menu of lamb, chicken and vegetarian specialties is complemented by a selection of fine Indian wines and beer. L buffet daily noon–3 p.m.; D daily 5–11 p.m. $

OM, 92 Winthrop St., Cambridge, 617-576-2800. One of *Esquire*'s "Top 25 Best New Restaurants in America," OM Restaurant & Lounge in Harvard Square offers globally-influenced modern American cuisine, drawing foodies and neighborhood patrons alike. A popular nightlife destination, OM's lounge boasts sleek leather sofas, a hypnotic water wall and signature aromatherapy cocktails. D, C. $$$

RENDEZVOUS, 502 Massachusetts Ave., Central Square, Cambridge, 617-576-1900. Acclaimed Boston chef Steve Johnson uses regional products and the spices of Northern Africa, Italy, France and Spain to create his own twist on seasonal cuisine. Rotating entrees can include grilled Portuguese sardines with roasted peppers, fennel and capers or Moroccan style kofte with minted yogurt. D. $$

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

UPSTAIRS ON THE SQUARE, 91 Winthrop St., Cambridge, 617-864-1933. Boasting an eclectic decor, this lush urban oasis features everything from gourmet pizza to Colorado rack of lamb. A charming blend of eccentricity and culinary luxury. L, D, C, LS. $$$$

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

ZOE'S, 1105 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617-495-0055. Offering a menu of delicious homemade Greek and American food in a fun atmosphere, this retro establishment serves breakfast all day, and take-out and catering are available. A popular destination for the weekend brunch crowd, Zoe's is also a great place for dinner, boasting an affordable selection of beer and wine. For dessert, try the delicious cheesecake frappe or the famous frozen hot chocolate. B, L, D, SB. Mon–Sat 11:30 a.m.–10 p.m., Sun 'til 9 p.m. $

Z SQUARE, 14 JFK St., Cambridge, 617-876-0700. Set in the center of bustling Harvard Square, there truly is something for everyone at Z Square's flagship location, which offers fresh, healthy options created by Chef Scott Robertson. The heated outdoor patio provides a perfect backdrop for an afternoon of cocktail sipping and small bites sampling, while the lower level restaurant and lounge dazzles guests with its extraordinary gourmet food and spectacular wine selection. B, L, D, C. Mon–Sat 8 a.m.–1 a.m., Sun 'til 10 p.m. $$$

CHARLESTOWN

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

DOWNTOWN

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

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

CALITERRA, Hilton Boston/Financial District, 89 Broad St., 617-348-1234. Located in the heart of the Financial District, this casual, upscale restaurant features Cal-Ital cuisine with seasonal New England flavors. B, L, D. $$

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

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

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

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

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

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

***THE KINSALE IRISH PUB & RESTAURANT,** 2 Center Plaza (Cambridge Street), 617-742-5577. Hand-crafted in Ireland and shipped to Boston, this classic pub features a cozy interior with beautiful Celtic motifs and a menu of steaks, seafood, burgers, pasta and traditional Irish fare with 20+ beers on tap,

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***KITTY O'SHEA'S,** 131 State St., 617-725-0100. Newly renovated, Kitty O'Shea's is conveniently located outside historic Faneuil Hall and offers a pub-style menu in comfortable yet lively atmosphere, with daily L and D specials and two bars, one on each floor. Function rooms available for private parties of 20–200. Perfect for birthdays, bachelor/bachelorette, after work parties and pub crawls. www.kittyosheasboston.com. L & D 11:30 a.m.–10 p.m., C 'til 2 a.m. $$

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

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

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

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

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

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

***RED SKY,** 16–18 North St., 617-742-3333. Located below the Millennium Hotel next to Faneuil Hall, this stylish restaurant and lounge boasts an array of dining options with a fusion of French, Italian, Asian and American cuisine. Red Sky also offers a tapas menu and a full bar with specialty cocktails in a relaxed but chic environment. L, D, C. $$

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

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

EAST BOSTON/AIRPORT

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

FANEUIL HALL MARKETPLACE

DICK'S LAST RESORT,** Quincy Market, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-267-8080. Watch for the outrageous antics of Dick's sassy staff as they serve up buckets of sloppy ribs, succulent crab and shrimp, juicy steaks and chicken, two-fisted sandwiches, burgers and salads. If that isn't entertaining enough, there's live music every night with no cover. L, D, C. www.dickslastresort.com. $$. ***SEE LOCATOR #3 ON CENTER MAP.

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

FENWAY/KENMORE SQUARE

BOSTON BEER WORKS, 61 Brookline Ave., 617-536-2337; 112 Canal St., 617-896-2337. Located directly across from Fenway Park, Boston's largest restaurant/brewery is always packed before and after Sox games, boasting 15 microbrews on tap and an extensive menu of bold American food, including BBQ baby back ribs, classic sandwiches, buckets of fries and a full burger menu. And Celtics and Bruins fans are covered as well at BBW's second Boston location, just steps from TD Banknorth Garden. Daily 11:30–1 a.m. $

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

EASTERN STANDARD, Hotel Commonwealth, 528 Commonwealth Ave., 617-532-9100. This brasserie in the heart of Kenmore Square resembles an old hotel dining room with its decor, but the restaurant attracts a diverse crowd, from businessmen to Red Sox fans seeking a pre-game bite. Its menu caters to both crowds, with offerings ranging from the Good Plate of Offal to veal schnitzel to sandwiches. B, L, D. $$

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

NORTH END

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

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

CANTINA ITALIANA, 346 Hanover St., 617-723-4577. Since 1931, generations of locals and visitors have been craving Cantina's classic Italian cuisine. Patrons' mouths water just thinking about eating here, which is why when even the slightest change is made, they let it be known—some things should stay as they are. Reservations recommended. L Mon–Sat 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.; D Mon–Sat 3–11 p.m., Sun noon–11 p.m. VP. www.cantinaitaliana.com. $$$

FLORENTINE CAFE, 333 Hanover St., 617-227-1777. Revered by visitors and residents for decades, this historic cafe is one of Boston's culinary landmarks. Lobster ravioli with tomatoes and lobster cream sauce and seared veal with grilled shrimp in Frangelico mushroom sauce are just two of the Italian wonders awaiting you in this charming bistro setting. Daily noon–1 a.m. L, D, C. $$$. ***SEE LOCATOR #6 ON CENTER MAP.***

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

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 numerous other delights. L, D, LS, C. Mon–Thu 11 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri–Sun 'til 11 p.m. $

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

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

SOUTH BOSTON

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

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

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

SOUTH END

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

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

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

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

UNION BAR AND GRILLE, 1357 Washington St., 617-423-0555. This sleek, upscale American bistro in the SoWa District features everything from gourmet comfort food like the Reuben sandwich and a beef-and-sausage burger to the award-winning $10K tuna in a roasted tomato vinaigrette. D, C, LS, SB. $$$

THEATRE DISTRICT

AVILA MODERN MEDITERRANEAN, One Charles Street South, 617-267-4810. Enjoy flavors of Spain, Portugal, France, Italy and Greece with a modern flair. The menu includes small plates of cod fritters, fried cheese and chicken livers, appetizers of tuna ceviche, onion soup and watercress salad, as well as the finest quality all natural beef and fresh seafood entrees, with breads, desserts and ice creams made fresh daily. L, D, C. $$$. ***SEE LOCATOR #1 ON CENTER MAP.***

FINALE, One Columbus Ave., 617-423-3184; 30 Dunster St., Harvard Sq., Cambridge, 617-441-9797; 1306 Beacon St., Brookline, 617-232-3233. One of the only dessert restaurants in America, Finale features items like the caramel carnivale and the "molten chocolate cake." Chef Nicole Coady's menu is complemented by a drink menu of ports, champagnes, cordials and "Finale Favorites." A light dinner menu is available. L & D. $$

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

LE PATISSIER @ TROQUET, 140 Boylston St., 617-695-9463. This new, evenings-only desserterie, located at street level in one of Boston's most respected fine dining restaurants, serves decadent chocolate, seasonal and specialty creations by pastry whiz Sarah Woodfine. Tue–Sat 5–11 p.m. $$$

LEGAL SEA FOODS RESTAURANT, 26 Park Plaza, Park Square Motor Mart, 617-426-4444; 255 State St., Long Wharf, 617-227-3115; Prudential Center, 800 Boylston St., 617-266-6800; other locations. Legal Sea Foods, a Boston tradition for more than 50 years, features more than 40 varieties of fresh fish and shellfish as well as an award-winning wine list. There's no doubt why legions of fans have fallen for Legal hook, line and sinker. L & D. $$$

P.F. CHANG'S, 8 Park Plaza, 617-573-0821; Prudential Center, 617-378-9961. Enjoy unforgettable Chinese cuisine, attentive service and delicious desserts all served in a stylish bistro setting. Featuring an award-winning wine list, P.F. Chang's offers an extensive wine-by-the-glass program as well as original cocktails like the Lucky Cat Martini. L, D & LS. Reservations accepted. Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–11 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til midnight. www.pfchangs.com. $$. ***SEE LOCATOR #10 ON CENTER MAP.***

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

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

ON THE MENU

APPETIZERS
Boneless Buffalo Tenders ♦ Scallops & Bacon ♦ Clam Chowder

ENTREES
NY Sirloin ♦ Filet Mignon ♦ Shepherd Pie ♦ Fish & Chips ♦ Honey Salmon ♦ Chicken, Broccoli & Ziti ♦ Lobster Ravioli

SANDWICHES
Kennedy's Sirloin Burger ♦ Mushroom Swiss Burger ♦ Club Sandwich ♦ Dublin Chicken Sandwich ♦ Lobster Roll

WEEKEND BRUNCH
Eggs Benedict ♦ Lobster Benedict ♦ Eggs Florentine ♦ Omelets ♦ Irish Breakfast

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ON THE MENU

RAW BAR
Crab, Avocado and Mango Stack ♦ Seared Peppered Ahi Tuna ♦ Shrimp Cocktail

APPETIZERS
Coconut Crunchy Shrimp ♦ Lobster Spring Rolls ♦ Jumbo Lump Crab Cake

SEAFOOD
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CLUBS & BARS

KINGS: This sleek Back Bay entertainment emporium features bowling, pool, three bars and a full-service restaurant. Refer to listing, below.

PUBS AND BARS

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

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

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

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

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

DICK'S LAST RESORT, Quincy Market, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 617-267-8080. *Daily 11 a.m.–2 a.m.* Watch for the outrageous antics of Dick's sassy staff as they serve up buckets of sloppy ribs, succulent crab and shrimp, juicy steaks and chicken, two-fisted sandwiches, burgers and salads. If that isn't entertaining enough, there's live music every night with no cover. ***SEE LOCATOR #3 ON CENTER MAP.***

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

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

JILLIAN'S BOSTON, 145 Ipswich St. (behind Fenway Park), 617-437-0300. *Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–2 a.m., Sun noon–2 a.m. Sun–Thu 18+, Fri & Sat 21+ after 8 p.m.* One of Boston's largest entertainment complexes, this fun and diverse club features 50 pool tables, 200 high-tech games, blackjack for fun and six full bars. Lucky Strike Lanes bowling is located on the third floor, and there's late-night dancing at Tequila Rain ("spring break 52 weeks a year") on the first floor. Proper dress required.

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

GAY AND LESBIAN

CLUB CAFE, 209 Columbus Ave., 617-536-0966. *Mon–Thu 11 a.m.–1:30 a.m., Fri & Sat 2 p.m.–2 a.m. No cover.* In the back of the 209 restaurant, you'll find the Moonshine and Satellite lounges, voted "Best of Boston" by *Boston* magazine and *The Improper Bostonian* for best gay and lesbian nightspot. *Wed–Sat at 9 p.m.*—Moonshine Video Bar.

MACHINE, 1254 Boylston St., 617-536-1950. *Fri & Sat noon–2 a.m. Cover varies. Cash only.* With two dance floors, four bars, six pool tables, pinball machines, video games and theme nights, this club offers Boston's gay and lesbian party-goers a plethora of nightlife options. *Thu at 10 p.m.*—Karaoke with Adam Morris; *Fri*—VJ Tom Yaz and DJ Darrin Friedman; *Sat*—Shelter featuring DJ Punketta Dollie.

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

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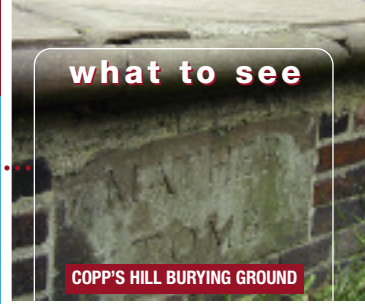
NORTH END



Renowned as Boston's "Little Italy," the North End is Boston's oldest neighborhood, having given birth to the American Revolution from its narrow, cobblestone streets. Known today for its abundance of Italian bakeries, cafes and restaurants as well as a growing number of boutiques, visitors should be sure not to miss its Freedom Trail sites: Paul Revere's House, Copp's Hill Burying Ground and the Old North Church. Ⓟ

ATTRACTIONS:

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

GET THERE ON THE Ⓣ:

Orange or Green Line to Haymarket

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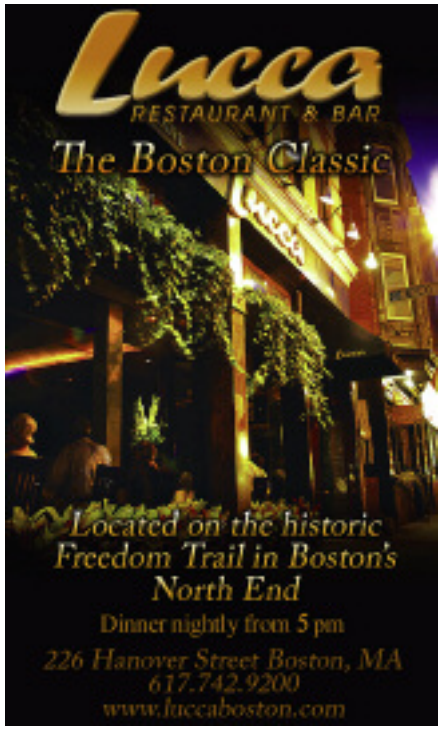

Italian food lovers rave about the "*creative and substantial*" cooking at this North End "*keeper*" that's a "*new star*," providing "*classy modern Italian food*." The ever-changing menu incorporates seasonal vegetables and the catch of the day, and features homemade pasta dishes prepared in unconventional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

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NORTH END SHOPPING

A MATTER OF FACE
Forgot your mascara? Your aftershave is in Buffalo? Not to worry! Stop by this tiny shop to pick up products from the Art of Shaving, Paula Dorf, Darphin, Bliss and more. **425 Hanover St., 617-742-5874**

THE VELVET FLY
This boutique boasts a small hand-selected collection of vintage classics that offset boutique favorites such as Level 99, Plastic Island and Kensie. **424 Hanover St., 617-557-4359**

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This award-winning shop has jewels that are inspired by top designers and trendy pieces from around the world at great prices (pictured above). **204 Hanover St., 617-523-5804**

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Take a culinary tour into the food traditions of Boston's "Little Italy." Learn cooking secrets, benchmark flavors and how to select authentic ingredients. **www.foodtoursofboston.com**

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NORTH END

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BEYOND SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALLS: Dine on classic Italian fare at such North End stalwarts as Massimino's Cucina Italiana on Endicott Street (top) and Cantina Italiana (above) on Hanover Street.

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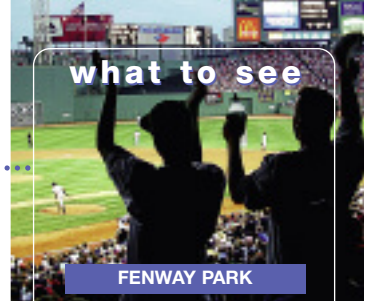
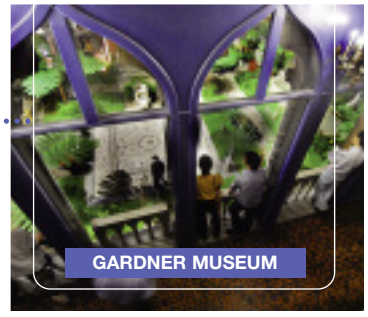
THE FENWAY





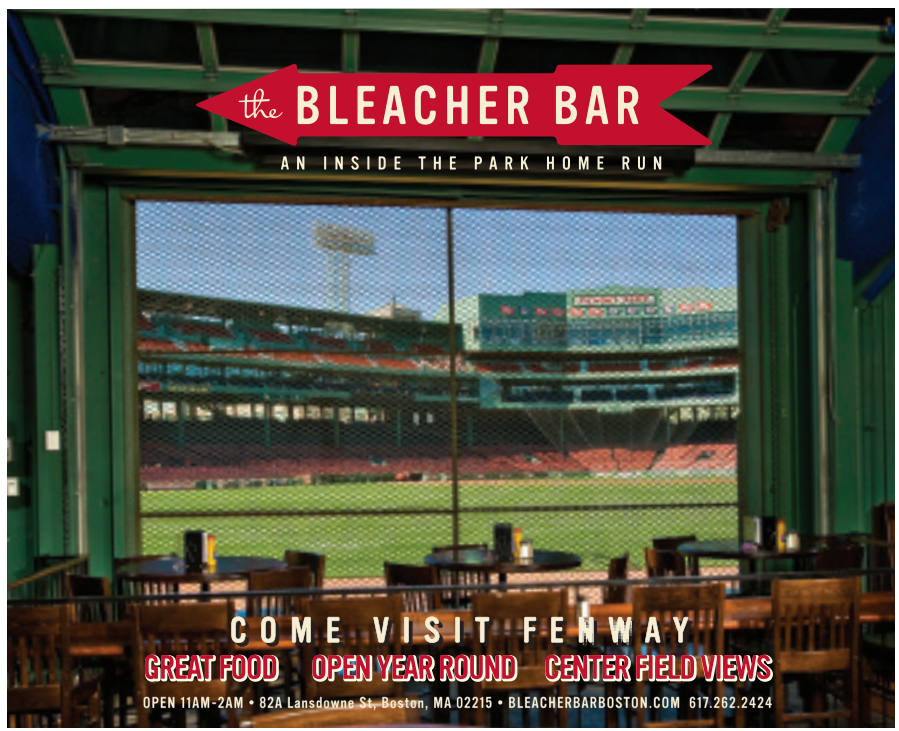
This neighborhood is best known for Fenway Park, home to our beloved Boston Red Sox, but its name actually comes from the Fens, the green parkland that winds its way through the area and makes up part of the famed Emerald Necklace. Nightclub dwellers should check out Lansdowne Street for dancing, sports bars and even a bowling alley, while Kenmore Square, famous for the Citgo sign, has become a bustling dining destination. Also not to be missed are Symphony Hall, the Museum of Fine Arts and the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum—which can be found along with several Boston universities along Huntington Avenue. Ⓟ

GET THERE ON THE Ⓣ:
Green Line to Kenmore and Fenway, E Line to Symphony, Northeastern and Museum of Fine Arts

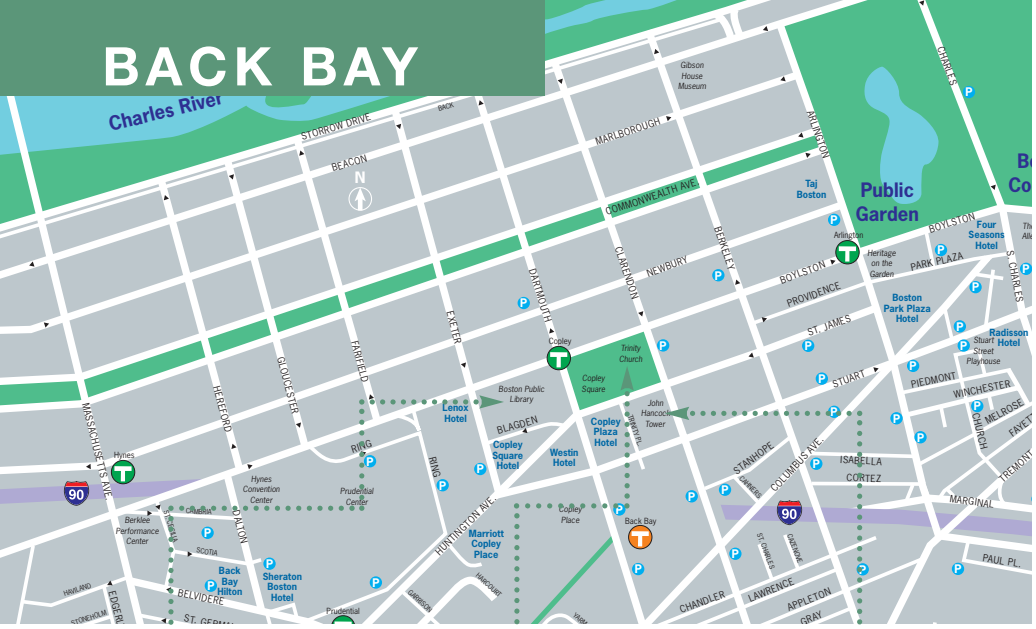
FENWAY'S BEST SEATS, BAR NONE

The next best thing to seats at Fenway, the venerable ballyard's new pub the **Bleacher Bar** (82A Lansdowne St., 617-262-2424) is located right underneath the center field bleachers, giving patrons spectacular views of the historic home of the Boston Red Sox year-round while also serving delicious sandwiches and, of course, plenty of cold beer.

TOP RIGHT PHOTO BY DELLA HUFF; BLEACHER BAR PHOTO BY STEPHANIE SAVAS



BACK BAY



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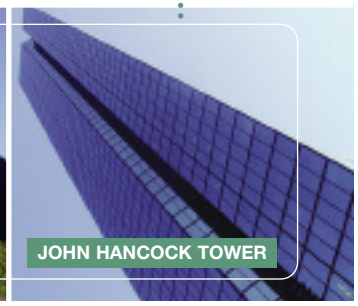
JOHN HANCOCK TOWER

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

ATTRACTIONS:

- Trinity Church
- Boston Public Library
- John Hancock Tower

GET THERE ON THE Ⓣ:

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

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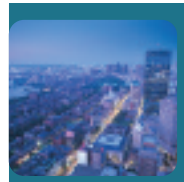
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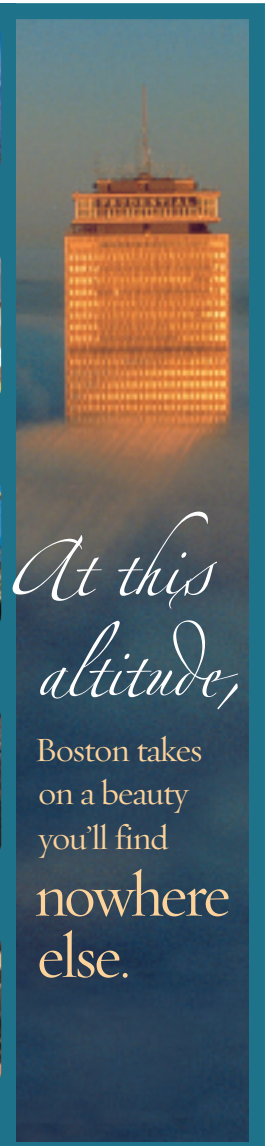
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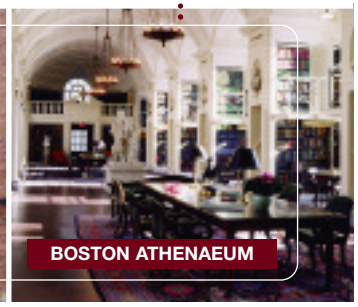

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The Hub's reputation as one of the most European cities in the U.S. is evidenced by a visit to this neighborhood. Home to the State House and tucked between the Charles River Esplanade, Boston Common and the Public Garden, Beacon Hill's picturesque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

ATTRACTIONS:

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

GET THERE ON THE Ⓣ:

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

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

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A ROAD TO THE PAST: The narrow, cobblestoned byway of Acorn Street remains one of the most photographed locales on Beacon Hill.

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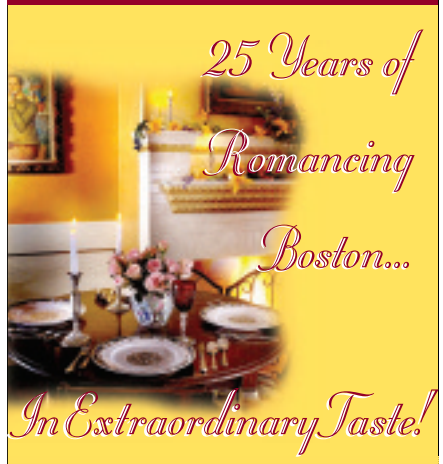

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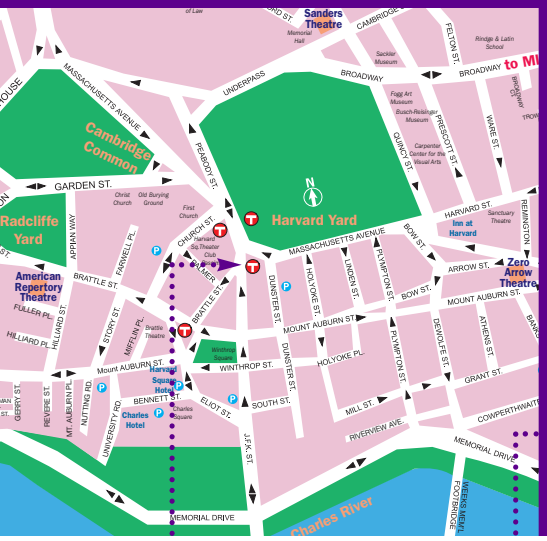

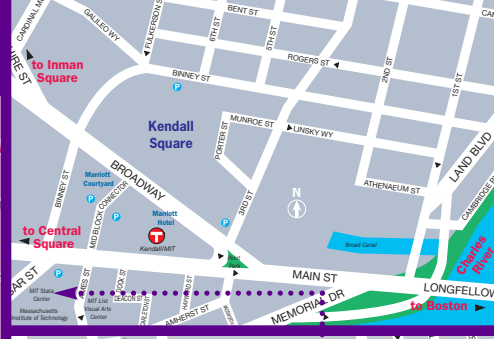

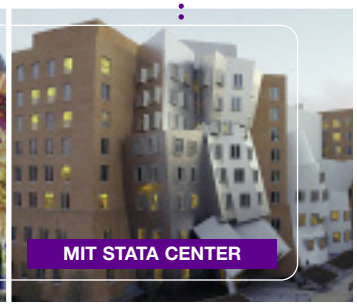

The people of Cambridge would like to inform the world that their fine city is not a neighborhood of Boston. Although it often gets lumped together with Beantown, Cambridge stands alone with all the sustaining qualities of an international city center. Throughout its diverse squares, nearly 100,000 residents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

Central Square sets a swift pace as the social center for Cambridge, with its coffee shops, burrito joints, down-home music stores, great restaurants and outstanding music venues such as the Middle East Cafe, T.T. the Bear's Place and The Cantab Lounge.

Harvard Square, the grand cultural and geographical nucleus of Cambridge, boasts performing arts theaters, movie theaters, museums, restaurants and retail stores along with its storied history as the home to Harvard University.

Just north of Central Square, the quieter, more residential **Inman Square** boasts ethnic food shops, bars and restaurants along with local and national jazz acts at Ryles Jazz Club.

Kendall Square, home to MIT and many modern, sleek bio-tech firms and research labs, also is host to foreign and independent films at Kendall Square Cinema and the shopping mecca CambridgeSide Galleria, which houses over 100 stores.

The young, artistic crowd influences the stretch of Cambridge just beyond Harvard Square. **Porter Square** is full of eclectic second-hand shops and restaurants, as well as an avant-garde arts scene and live music at the Lizard Lounge. Ⓟ

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IT'S ACADEMIC: Harvard University in Harvard Square features distinctive architecture.

ATTRACTIONS:

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

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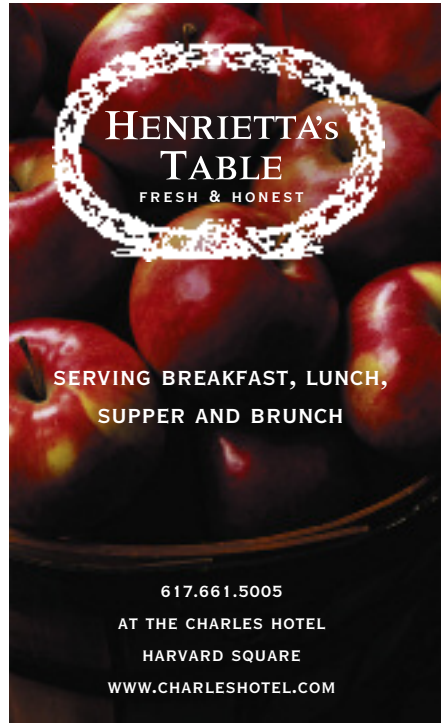

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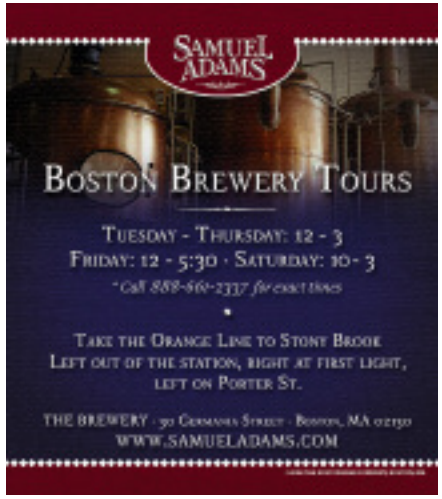

neighborhoods

One of the city's most diverse areas, "JP" contains thriving Latino, African-American, Irish and gay communities that mingle within its ample green space—including Arnold Arboretum and the Jamaica Pond area—and among main drag Centre Street's restaurants, bars and shops. Once a country resort for Boston Brahmins, it teems with 19th-century mansions while its current-day affordability attracts a younger generation of hipsters, artists and musicians. Ⓟ

ATTRACTIONS:

- Jamaica Pond
- Arnold Arboretum
- Forest Hills Cemetery
- Boston Beer Museum

GET THERE ON THE Ⓣ:

Green Line (E) to Heath Street; Orange Line to Stony Brook, Green Street and Forest Hills

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