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on the cover: The famed Old North Church lies in the historic North End along the Freedom Trail. Photo: Allie Felt

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The Inside Scoop

A dozen delightful spots for fabulous and flavorful ice cream by Josh B. Wardrop

LOCAL LEGENDS

In spring and summer (and fall and winter, to be honest), New Englanders love their ice cream—so it's no surprise the region has produced so many popular and enduring local and national chains serving up frozen favorites. Born in Vermont, **Ben & Jerry's** (*refer to listing, page 64*)—home to chilly creations like the massive 20-scoop Vermonster sundae—is known the world over. Other local favorites include **J.P. Licks** (*refer to listing, page 65*), which boasts more than two dozen flavors, including Cake Batter Oreo and Cherry Ortiz, named for Red Sox slugger David Ortiz; **Emack & Bolio's**, a "rock 'n' roll" ice creamery (290 Newbury St., 617-536-7127 and various locations) famed for custom cones adorned with everything from Fruity Pebbles to s'mores (pictured opposite, middle right); and **Herrell's** (15 Dunster St., Cambridge, 617-497-2179; 155 Brighton Ave., Allston, 617-782-9599), a chain of ice cream shops/cafes famed for sweet treats like the cupcake sundae (pictured opposite, top right).

Not a chain, meanwhile, but certainly not to be forgotten is the one-and-only **Cabot's** (743 Washington St., Newtonville, 617-964-9200), which has served outrageous sundaes like the Straw-Anna (pictured opposite, bottom left)—a blend of ripe banana wheels, vanilla ice cream, strawberry topping, and whipped cream—for four delectable decades.

ICE CREAM FOR GROWN-UPS

A sweet and frosty treat may bring out the kid in all of us, but it isn't just the junior set that loves ice cream. Adults can get their ice cream fix with a more mature twist at **Picco** (513 Tremont St., 617-927-0066), sipping a delightful adult ice cream soda, which features sweet Belgium lambic ale poured over vanilla ice cream (pictured opposite, middle left). Or sample ice cream flavors with an extra kick at **Lizzy's** (29 Church St., Cambridge, 617-354-2911), which boasts—in addition to its full range of traditional, kid-friendly varieties—alcohol-infused flavors like Bailey's and a sinful rum raisin (pictured opposite, bottom right).

FANCY FROZEN FUN

Think ice cream can only be enjoyed from a take-out window or some beachfront stand surrounded by seagulls? Think again: in ice cream-mad Massachusetts, even high-end eateries get in on the action. The **Beacon Hill Bistro** (25 Charles St., 617-723-1133) earns acclaim for its housemade ice cream, in flavors like caramel, banana rum (pictured opposite, top left) and cassis sorbet. An evening of fine dining in the Italian-centric North End isn't complete without a palate-pleasing scoop of gelato at **Caffe Vittoria** (*refer to listing, page 74*) or **Gigi Gelateria** (272 Hanover St., 617-720-4343). **Om** (92 Winthrop St., Cambridge, 617-576-2800) is surely the only place in the area to get beet ice cream—an accompaniment to its chocolate beet tarte—and **Sonsie** (*refer to listing, page 65*) accents its chocolate truffle tart with sweet cherry torrone ice cream. Ⓟ

OPPOSITE TOP LEFT, TOP RIGHT AND MIDDLE LEFT PHOTOS BY TIMOTHY RENZI; REMAINING PHOTOS BY JONATHAN DAISY

SATURDAY, JUNE 6
The Brattle Theatre screens the classic Bill Murray-Dan Aykroyd comedy ***Ghostbusters*** in celebration of its 25th anniversary. *Refer to listing, page 46.*

SATURDAY, JUNE 6
Celebrate Asian culture in Cambridge with the return of the annual **Dragon Boat Festival**, featuring tasty cuisine, Chinese arts and crafts and colorful boats racing on the Charles River. *Refer to listing, page 50.*

PHOTO BY MICHAEL LUTCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 7
Laugh out loud in the face of bigotry, racism and homophobia as American Repertory Theatre wraps up its run of David Mamet's politically incorrect and satirical play ***Romance***. *Refer to listing, page 51.*

PHOTO BY CINDY LOO/BOSTON RED SOX

TUESDAY, JUNE 9–THURSDAY, JUNE 11
The most intense rivalry in sports returns to the Hub as J.D. Drew (pictured) and the **Boston Red Sox** take on the **New York Yankees** at Fenway Park. *Refer to listing, page 50.*

FRIDAY, JUNE 12 & SATURDAY, JUNE 13
Straight from "the D-list," comedian **Kathy Griffin** brings her hilarious act skewering self-important Hollywood celebrities to the Wang Theatre. *Refer to listing, page 46.*

SATURDAY, JUNE 13
The **Museum of Fine Arts** hosts a truly arty party with its fourth annual **Summer Party**. The black-tie masquerade features an evening of food, dancing and a silent auction to benefit the MFA. *Refer to listing, page 53.*

PHOTO BY BRETT COLVIN

TUESDAY, JUNE 16–THURSDAY, JUNE 18
At venerable Symphony Hall, conductor Keith Lockhart (pictured) and the **Boston Pops** team up with the Tanglewood Music Center Vocal Fellows in a musical tribute to Richard Rodgers. *Refer to listing, page 45.*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24
The **Boston Breakers** of the Women's Professional Soccer League, featuring numerous U.S. Olympic gold medalists such as Amy Rodriguez (pictured), take on the Washington Freedom at Harvard Stadium. *Refer to listing, page 50.*

THURSDAY, JUNE 25
Singer/songwriter **Michael McDonald** teams with Boz Scaggs for a musical evening of blue-eyed soul and rock at the Bank of America Pavilion. *Refer to listing, page 47.*

SUNDAY, JUNE 28
Madeleine Peyroux comes to the Berklee Performance Center to share some songs from her brand new blues album, *Bare Bones*. *Refer to listing, page 47.*

PHOTO BY JONATHAN DAISY

CHARLES RIVERBOAT COMPANY: Enjoy a scenic 60-minute cruise of the Charles River aboard one of this tour operator's comfortable ships. **Refer to listing, page 17.**

AMUSEMENT PARKS

5W!TS, 186 Brookline Ave., 617-375-WITS. *Wed & Thu 11 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m., Sun 'til 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

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.

BOSTON ATHENAEUM, 10 Beacon St., 617-227-0270. *Mon 9 a.m.–8 p.m., Tue–Fri 'til 5 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: Treasures from the Boston Athenaeum.

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

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

CUSTOM HOUSE TOWER, 3 McKinley Square, 617-310-6300. *Observation deck open Sat–Thu at 2 p.m.; tickets: $2. 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. Special events: ***June 7*** *at 2 p.m.*—Spoken Word Poetry, *tickets: $5;* ***June 16*** *at 6 p.m.*—Summer Solstice Celebration, *tickets: $35.*

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

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

TRINITY CHURCH, Copley Square, 617-536-0944. *Sun 7 a.m.–7 p.m., Tue–Sat 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Tours available for $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–Fri 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Sun 1–5 p.m.* Built in 1877, this house of worship, a combination of Victorian, Gothic and French Romanesque styles, is one of the great masterpieces of American church architecture.

TOURS AND TRAILS

AFTER IMAGES TRAVEL, 617-777-3748, www.afterimages travel.com. Departs from 1 Charles St. at Beacon Street (outside Starbucks). *Tue–Sun at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets: $60. Reservations recommended.* Learn how to "see" and take great photos on this three-hour guided walking tour of Boston's most interesting neighborhoods.

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.

BOSTON BY FOOT, 617-367-2345 or 617-367-3766. *Tickets: $12; children (6–12) $8, unless noted. Call for tour locations.* Guided 90-minute tours highlighting the rich architecture and history of the city, led by trained volunteers. The Heart of the Freedom Trail, *Mon–Fri at 10 a.m., Sat & Sun at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.;* Victorian Back Bay, *Mon at 5:30 p.m., Fri at 2 p.m., Sun at 10 a.m.;* Literary Landmark Tour, *Sat at 10 a.m.;* Beacon Hill, *Mon–Fri at 5:30 p.m., Sat & Sun at 2 p.m.;* North End, *Fri–Sun at 1 p.m.;* Boston Underfoot, *Sun at 1 p.m., tickets: $14;* Boston By Little Feet, *Fri & Sat at 10 a.m., Sun at 2 p.m., tickets: $8.*

BOSTON DUCK TOURS, Prudential Center, Museum of Science and New England Aquarium. www.bostonducktours.com. *Tours: seven days a week, 9 a.m. 'til one hour before sunset. Tickets: $29.95; seniors, students & military $26; children (3–11) $20; (under 3) $6; special needs $15. Group discounts available.* Experience the city in an amazing vehicle that rides on land and water. The 80-minute tour visits most of Boston's famous sights. And just when you think you've seen it all, your Duck splashes into the Charles River for a spectacular water view.

BOSTON IRISH HERITAGE TRAIL, various sites Downtown and in the Back Bay, 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.bostonmovie tours.net. *Walking tours: Fri–Sun at 2 p.m. Theater-on-Wheels bus tours: Sat & Sun at 11 a.m. Tickets: Walking tours $20; seniors & students $17; children (6–12) $10; Theater-on-Wheels $37; seniors & students $34; children (6–12) $28.* 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, touring the city in climate-controlled comfort—take movie buffs to filming locations around Boston and Cambridge, sharing trivia and anecdotes about Hollywood in the Hub.

CHARLES RIVERBOAT COMPANY, depart from Canal Park at CambridgeSide Galleria, 617-621-3001. *Call for full schedule and ticket prices.* Enjoy 60-minute sightseeing tours of Boston and Cambridge along the Charles River, or venture out into Boston Harbor for a view of the city. Private charters also available.

CITY VIEW TROLLEYS, departing every 20–30 minutes from the New England Aquarium, South Station, Boston Common and other locations, 617-363-7899. *Mon–Fri 9:30 a.m.–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 10 a.m.–3 p.m., or until three hours before game time. Tickets: $12; seniors $11; children (2–15) & 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.

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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. and noon; weekdays at 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.

GHOSTS AND GRAVESTONES TOUR, 617-269-3626. *Nightly every half hour between 7–9 p.m. Reservations encouraged. Tickets: $37; children $24.* Step aboard the trolley of doom for a tour of the dark side of Boston. Your host, a 17th-century gravedigger, tells the tales of the Angel of Death, the Boston Strangler and other infamous characters from Boston's past. After completing your sojourn into the macabre, step off the trolley for a walk through two of the oldest burying grounds in the city.

HISTORIC PUB CRAWL, BosTix Booth, Faneuil Hall, 617-357-8300. *Reservations required. Private tours for groups are avail-*

able on most days. Tickets: $43. ***June 2, 9, 16 & 23*** *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 more than 250 years ago. Enjoy plenty of beer and light fare along the way.

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

OLD TOWN TROLLEY TOURS OF BOSTON, 617-269-7010. *Tours depart daily every 20 minutes from 9 a.m.–4 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 'til 5:30 p.m. One-hour tours include samples (ID required). Tickets: $2 donation to a local charity. Call for special events and closings.* Learn about the art of brewing beer and taste rich malts and spicy hops on this tour of the original Samuel Adams brewery.

SUPER DUCK EXCURSIONS, departing from Charlestown Navy Yard, 877-34-DUCKS. *Tours: Mon–Fri at noon and 2 p.m., Sat & Sun at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. Tickets: $29; seniors & students $25; children (3–11) $17; children (under 3) $7.* Boston's newest amphibious tour company takes visitors on a trip through the Hub they've never experienced. Enjoy a narrated bus tour through the streets of Boston, which suddenly becomes a nautical adventure when the bus becomes a boat that plunges boldly into the waters of Boston Harbor.

SUPER TROLLEY TOURS, 617-742-1440. *Tours depart daily at 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m. Tickets: $20; children (under 11) free.* 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.

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URBAN ADVENTOURS, 800-979-3370, www.urbanadventours.com. Book online with the promo code 'Panorama,' and receive 10% off the purchase of two 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.

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WHALE WATCHES

BOSTON HARBOR CRUISES, One Long Wharf, 617-222-4321. *Mon–Fri at 10 a.m., Sat & Sun at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.;* ***beginning June 13****: Mon–Fri at 10 a.m. and noon, Sat at 10:30 a.m., 12:30 and 2:30 p.m., Sun at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets: $35.95–39.95; children (4–12) $31.95.* Cruise on high-speed catamarans to Stellwagen Bank, the East Coast's most famous destination for whale watching. Catch sight of humpback, finback and minke whales from the deck or from the comfort of a fully-modernized cabin boasting snack and beverage services.

NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM, Central Wharf, 617-973-5206. *Mon–Fri at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Sat & Sun at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets: $39.95; children (11 and under) $31.95.* Discover the history of Stellwagen Bank aboard the Aquarium's whale watch vessel, the 111-foot catamaran *Voyager III*. Search for a variety of whales, including humpback, finback and minke. Interactive exhibits include microscope stations, electronic navigation, computer whale programs, meteorological instruments and movies.

WILDLIFE

FRANKLIN PARK ZOO, One Franklin Park Road, Franklin Park, 617-541-LION. *Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat & Sun 'til 6 p.m. Admission: $13; seniors $10; children (2–12) $7; children (under 2) & military personnel 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: ***June 21***—Fathers' Day, dads receive free admission all day.

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. *Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat & Sun 'til 6 p.m. Admission: $10; 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: ***June 20*** *from 5:30–9:30 p.m.*—A Wild Affair, a special tasting event featuring entertainment and silent auction, *tickets: $50;* ***June 21***—Fathers' Day, dads receive free admission all day.

CAMBRIDGE

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

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

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

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

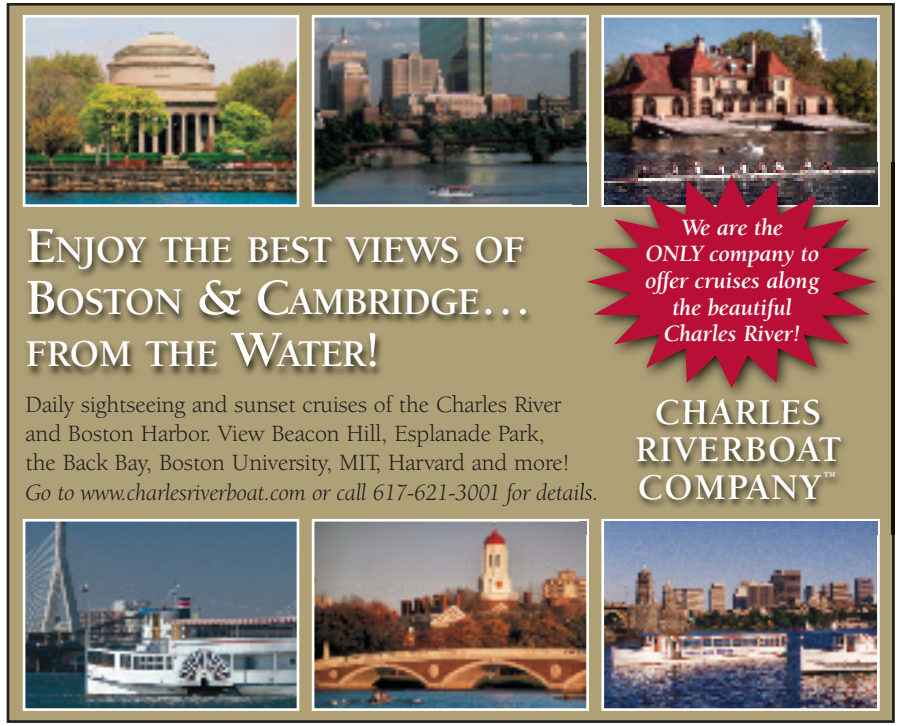
HARVARD AND RADCLIFFE YARDS. Located within Harvard Campus. The centers of two institutions that have played major educational roles since Harvard's founding in 1636.

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

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

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.



FREEDOM TRAIL

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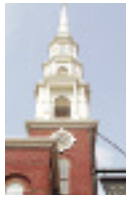
OLD STATE HOUSE: The former seat of the Colonial government lies in the heart of downtown Boston. **Refer to listing, below.**

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

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

THE STATE HOUSE. Beacon Street, top of Beacon Hill facing Boston Common, 617-727-3676. *Mon–Fri 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.

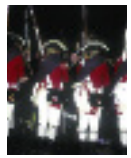
KING'S CHAPEL AND BURYING GROUND. Tremont and School streets, 617-227-2155. *Chapel open Sat & Sun 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Services: Sun at 11 a.m., Wed at 12:15 p.m. Burying Grounds open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m.* Still an active house of worship, King's Chapel was established in 1687 as the first Anglican congregation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

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

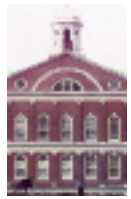
SITE OF THE OLD CORNER BOOKSTORE. School and Washington streets. Constructed as an apothecary in 1718, the ground floor was later a bookstore and literary center of Boston and a meeting place for notables like Emerson, Hawthorne and Thoreau.

OLD SOUTH MEETING HOUSE. 310 Washington St., 617-482-6439. *Daily 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $5; seniors & students $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; seniors & students $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.



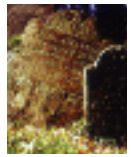
BOSTON MASSACRE SITE. State Street in front of the Old State House. At the next intersection below the State House, a ring of cobblestones marks the site of the clash between a jeering Boston crowd and a British guard of nine soldiers on March 5, 1770.



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. *Open daily 9:30 a.m.–5:15 p.m. Admission: $3.50; seniors & students $3; children (5–17) $1; (under 5) free.* The oldest home in Boston (built c. 1680), occupied by silversmith and patriot Paul Revere from 1770 to 1800.

OLD NORTH CHURCH. 193 Salem St., 617-523-6676. *Daily 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Services: Sun at 9 and 11 a.m., Wed at 6 p.m.* Known as Christ Church and erected in 1723, this is Boston's oldest standing church. Two lanterns were hung here on April 18, 1775, signaling the Redcoats' departure by sea for Lexington and Concord.



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

BUNKER HILL MONUMENT. Breed's Hill, Charlestown, 617-242-5641. *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.

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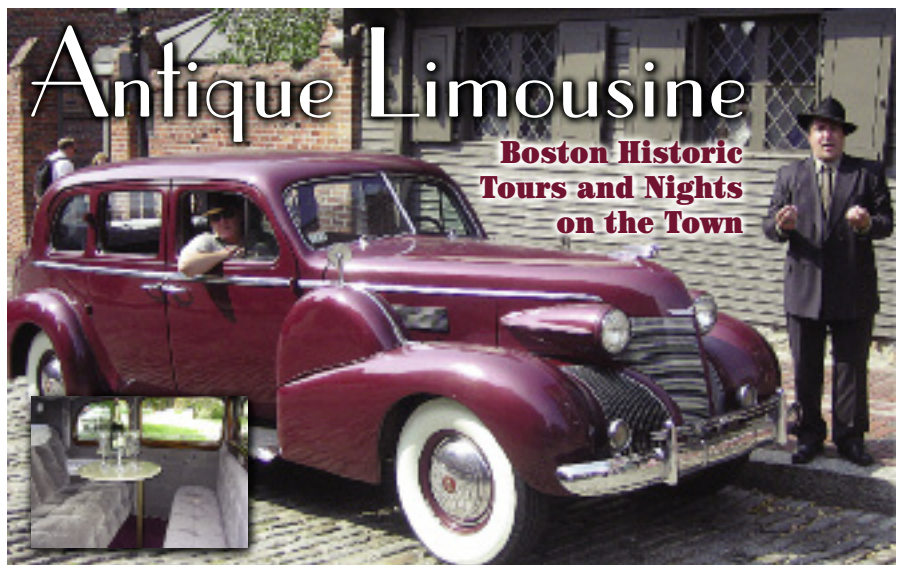

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BRIGHT LIGHT: Gas lamps and brick buildings, such as these in Beacon Hill, are two hallmarks of the city's historic neighborhoods. *Refer to page 30.*

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DOWNTOWN CROSSING

This vibrant and bustling area, centering around the intersection of Washington with Summer and Winter streets, sits at the heart of the city. Adjacent to many of Boston's most famous sites, including the famed Freedom Trail, Boston Common and Chinatown, Downtown Crossing is also a great destination in its own right, abounding with popular retail, dining and nightlife options.

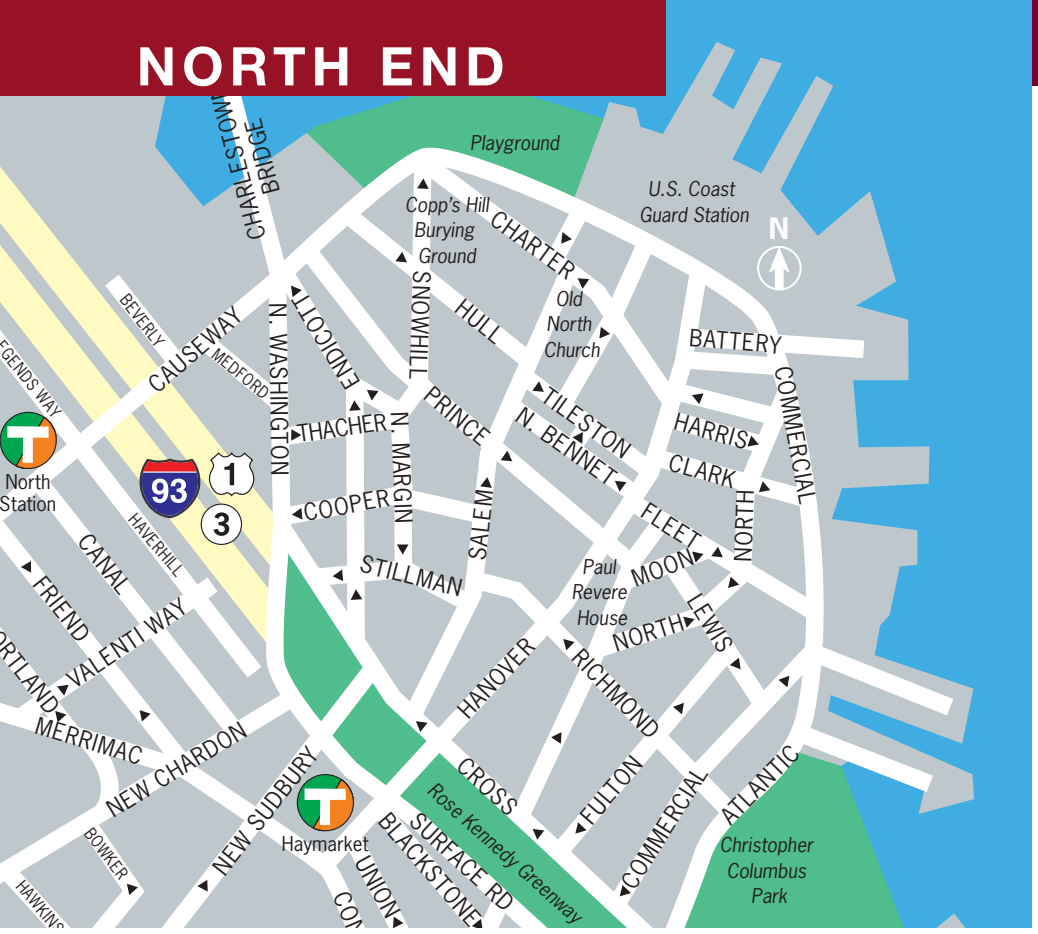
ATTRACTIONS:

- The Corner Mall
- Old City Hall
- Orpheum Theatre
- The Opera House
- Old South Meeting House
- Irish Famine Memorial

GET THERE ON THE Ⓣ:

Red Line or Orange Line to Downtown Crossing; Green or Red Line to Park Street

NORTH END



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ATTRACTIONS:

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

GET THERE ON THE Ⓣ:
Orange or Green Line to Haymarket

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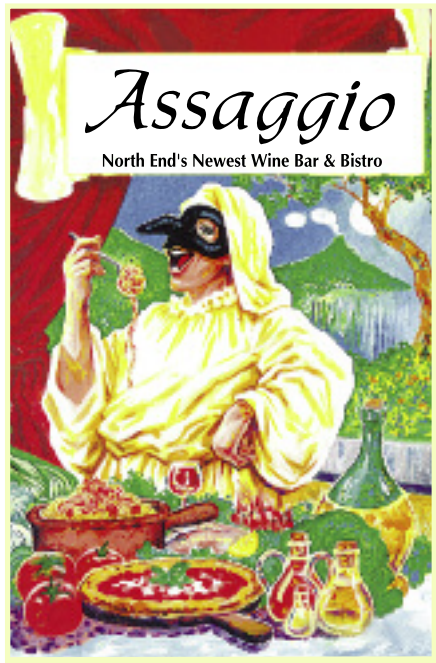

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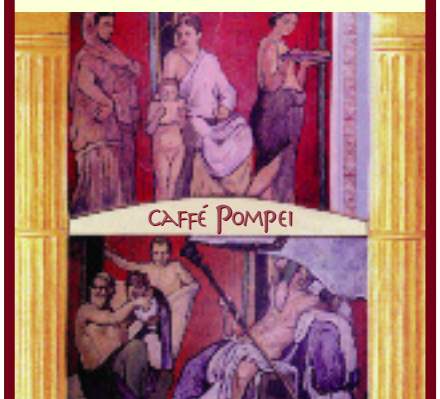

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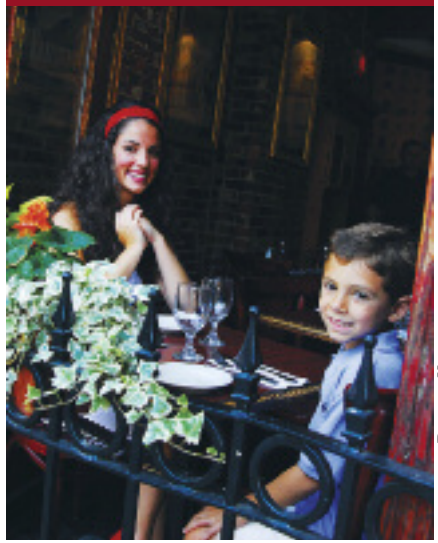

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A SEAT WITH A VIEW: Enjoy classic Italian fare and exceptional atmosphere at North End stalwart Florentine Cafe (above) on Hanover Street.

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NORTH END SHOPPING

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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.

ATTRACTIONS:

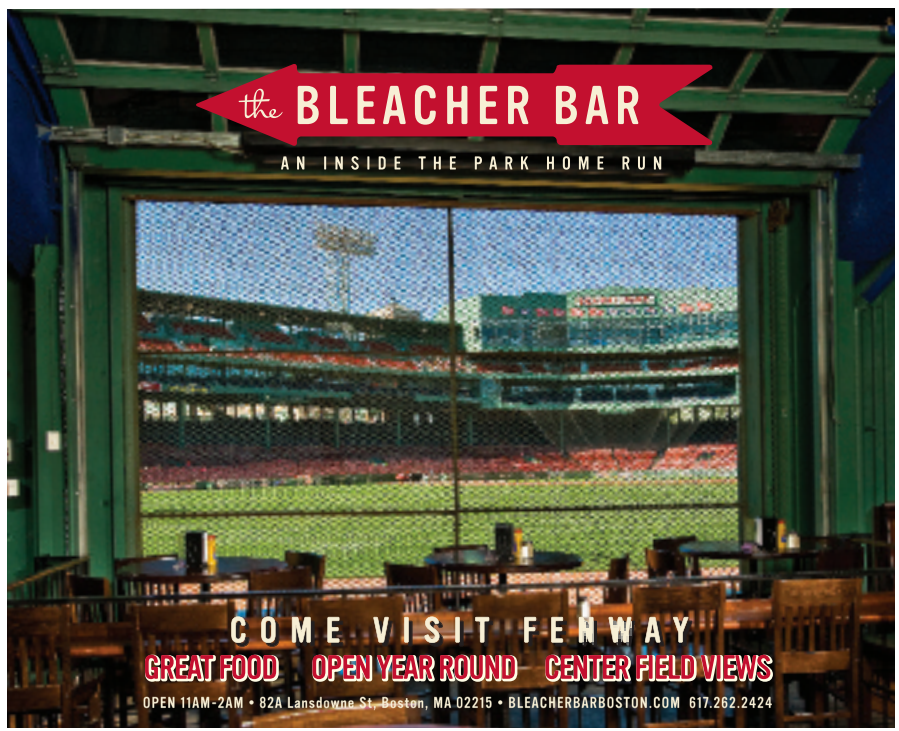
- Symphony Hall
- Museum of Fine Arts
- Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

GET THERE ON THE Ⓣ:

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

HOUSE PARTY

This summer, it's not just the stands at Fenway Park that will be rocking—live music abounds again on Lansdowne Street with the arrival of the all-new **House of Blues**. The massive club boasts a full-service restaurant, gospel brunches on Sunday and concerts by top rock, pop and blues stars nearly every night. *Refer to listings, pages 47 and 73.*



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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.

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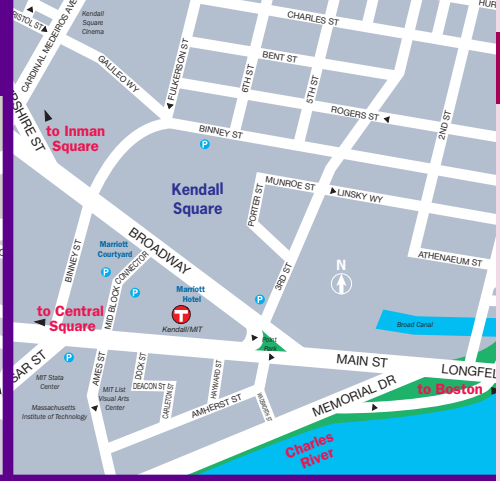
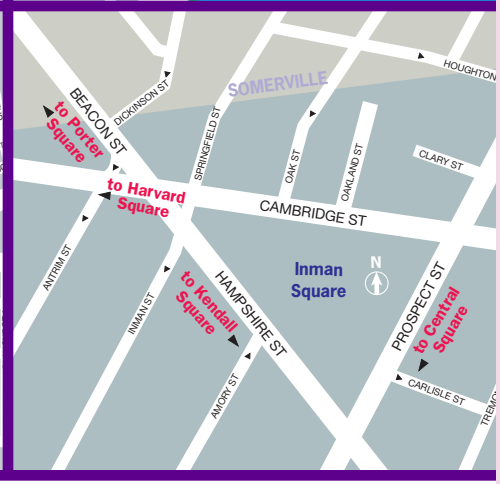




The people of Cambridge would like to inform the world that their fine city is not a neighborhood of Boston. Although it often gets lumped together with Beantown, Cambridge stands alone with all the sustaining qualities of an international city center.

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

Harvard Square is home to Harvard University's sprawling campus, including its associated theaters and museums. In addition, visitors flock to the neighborhood for a diverse range of shops, restaurants, coffee shops, bars and clubs that offer something to satisfy every taste (*refer to Late Night Tastes 'n Trends map, next page*).

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 bio-tech firms, is also host to foreign and independent films at Kendall Square Cinema.

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

ATTRACTIONS:

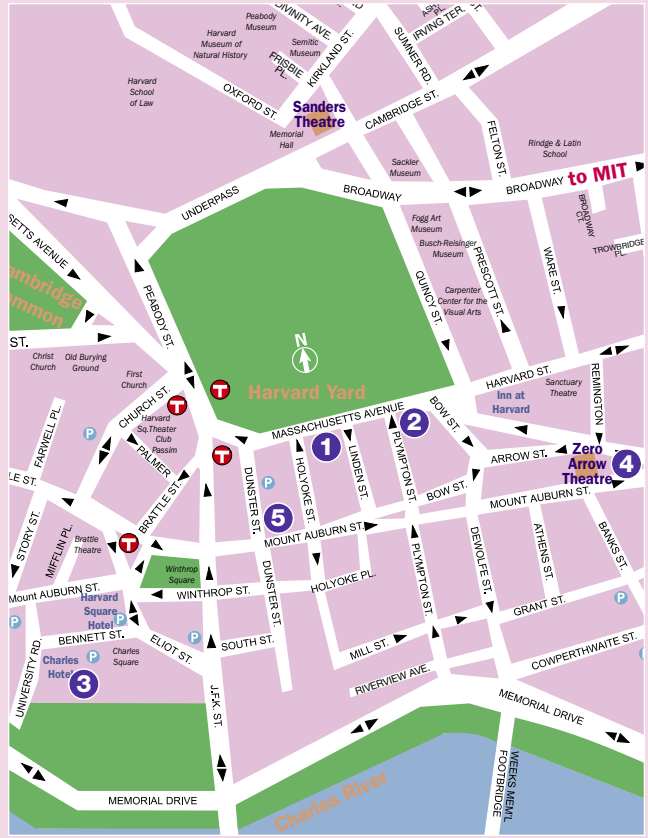
- Harvard Yard
- MIT Museum
- Sackler Museum
- American Repertory Theatre
- Harvard Museum of Natural History

GET THERE ON THE Ⓣ:

Red Line to Kendall, Central, Harvard and Porter.

Late Night Tastes 'n Trends in Harvard Square

This summer, night owls can find fun, food and fashion in Harvard Square even after the sun goes down.



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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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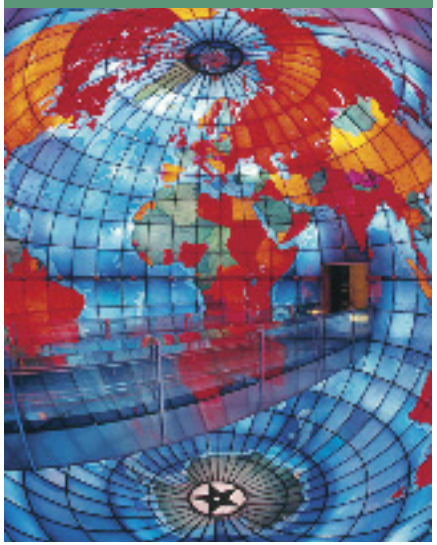

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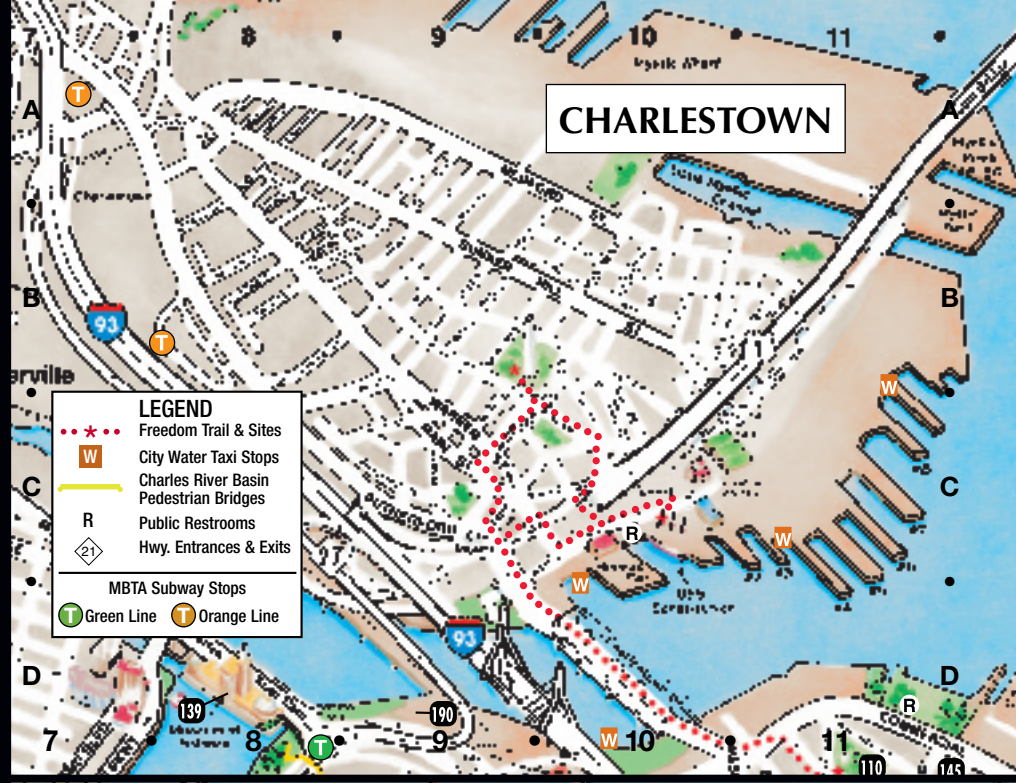
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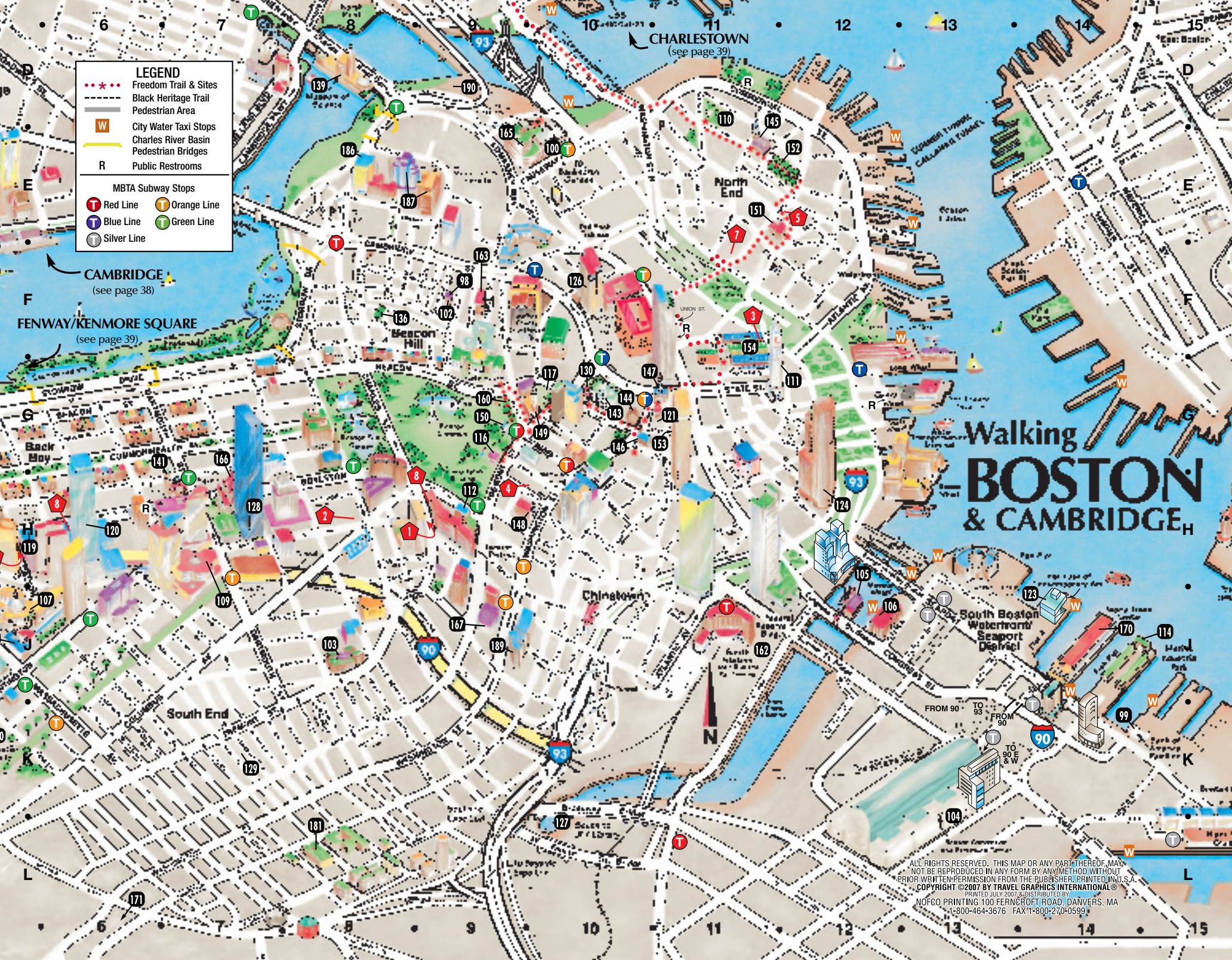
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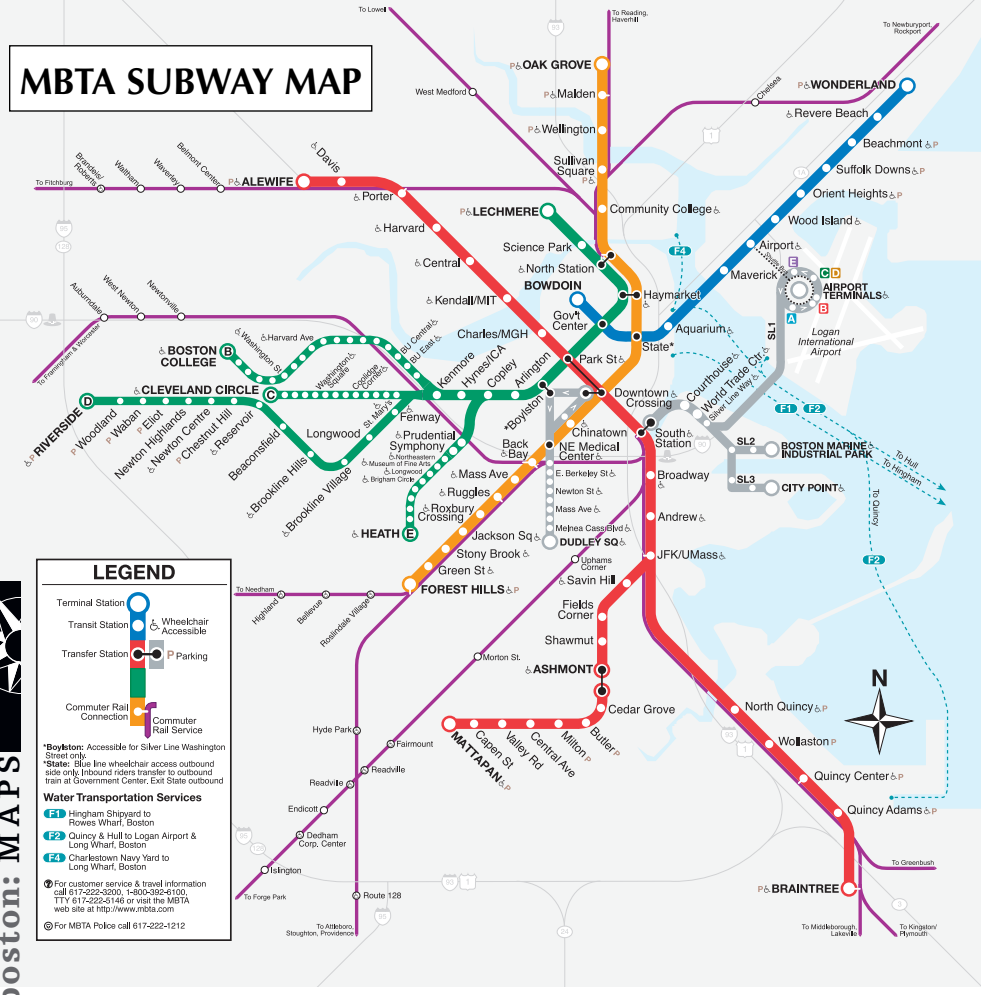

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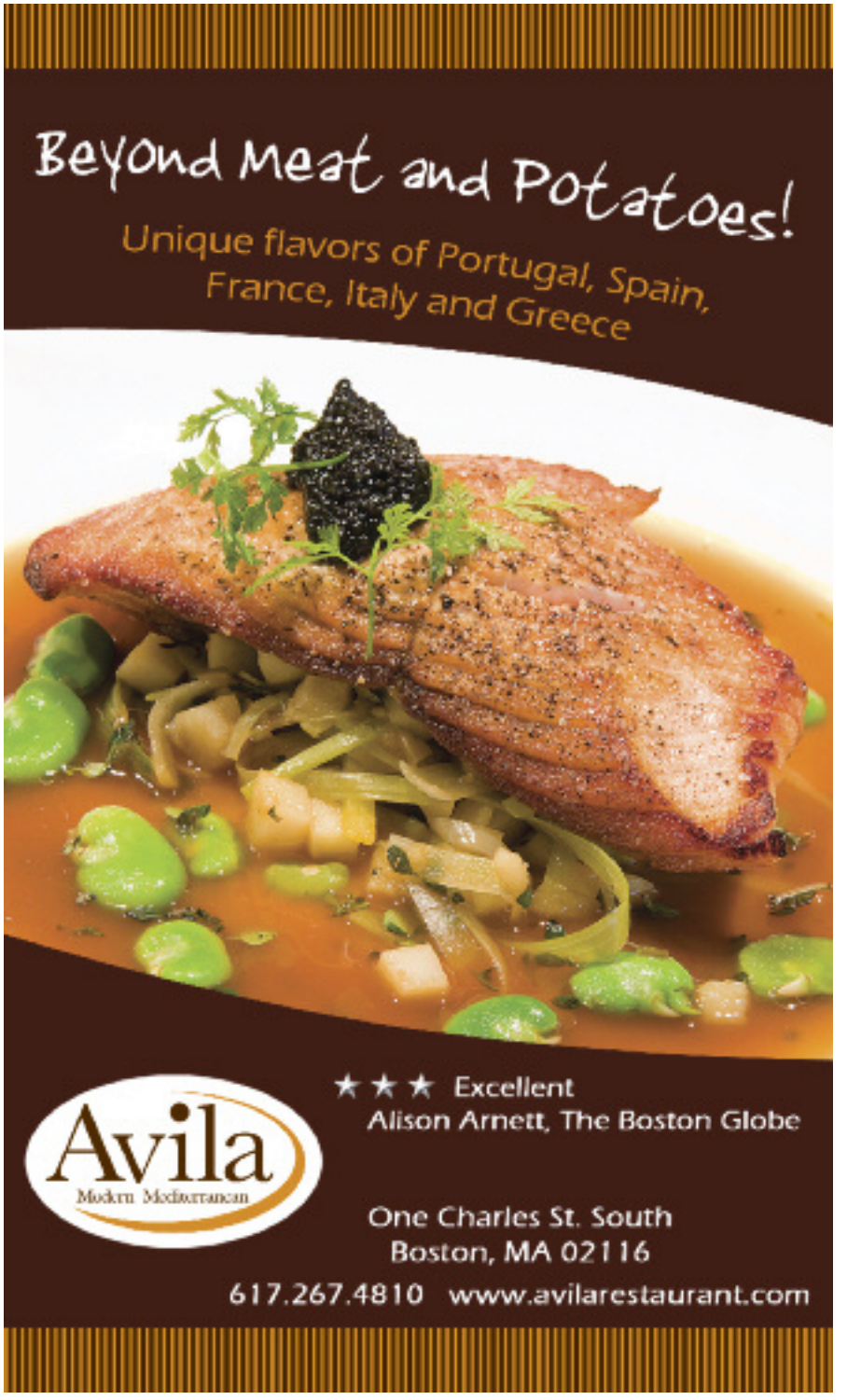

Here Comes the Pride

BOSTON PRIDE WEEK 2009
Various Boston locations
June 5–14

As the state that pioneered legalized gay marriage in the U.S., Massachusetts is proud of its gay, lesbian and bisexual community. This month, that community gets to celebrate advances in equality during the annual Boston Pride celebrations. This diverse weeklong series of events includes live musical performances like "Pride Idol" at Club Café in the South End, the Boston LGBT Film Festival and the first-ever Cycle for Pride bike race. The week culminates in the annual Pride Parade on **June 13** (this year's Celebrity Marshal: rocker Melissa Etheridge), a city-wide, rainbow-streaked romp through the streets of Boston that ends at City Hall Plaza, site of a massive festival featuring performances by Taylor Dayne and other pop acts. *Refer to listing, page 49.* *—Emma Snider*

ROCK ON

A NIGHT AT THE ROCK OPERA
Stuart Street Playhouse
Saturdays at 8 p.m.

Face it: the chances, in 2009, of attending a rock show with Queen, the Beatles and Led Zeppelin on the bill are basically non-existent (at least on this particular corporeal plane). However, Hub rock fans have found the next best thing in the Ultrasonic Rock Orchestra's classic rock extravaganza, *A Night at the Rock Opera*. Every Saturday night, the 18 gifted singers and musicians of the URO bring stellar classic rock cuts by the aforementioned legendary bands (along with acts like David Bowie and The Who) to glorious, turn-it-up-to-11 life onstage at the Stuart Street Playhouse. Forget the fat lady—this opera isn't over until the guy in the leather pants howls. *Refer to listing, page 50.* *—Josh B. Wardrop*

Purple Passion

THE COLOR PURPLE
The Wang Theatre
June 16–28

These days, anything Oprah Winfrey touches turns to gold, but back in 1985, she was known for purple—specifically, *The Color Purple*, the Steven Spielberg film based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Alice Walker that represented her big break into the mainstream. Twenty years later, the Winfrey-produced stage musical adaptation of *Purple* was a Broadway smash, nominated for 11 Tony Awards. Now, during the show's first-ever visit to Boston, Hub theater fans can experience the moving story of Celie and Nettie, estranged sisters surviving the harsh social climate of the American South in the 1930s. Overcoming obstacles such as abusive relationships and lost children, the sisters reunite and find the strength to triumph over adversity. It's just possible that *Purple* could become one of your "favorite things." *Refer to listing, page 50.* *—Emma Snider*

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PINK MARTINI: The 12-piece jazz/Latin/cabaret band, featuring vocalist China Forbes (above), brings its diverse sound to the Opera House June 12. **Refer to listing, page 48.**

CLASSICAL

BOSTON EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL, New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St., 617-868-2362. ***June 6–14****. Tickets: $20–105. Visit www.bemf.org for a complete schedule of performances.* The acclaimed annual celebration of early classical music returns with this year's theme, The Power of Love.

BOSTON POPS, Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., 617-266-2378. *Tickets: $20–89, unless otherwise indicated.* The Boston Pops were created in 1885 by Boston Symphony Orchestra founder Henry Lee Higginson, who wanted to provide a lighter musical concert for the summertime. Led by Keith Lockhart, now in his 15th season as conductor, the Pops are a quintessentially American tradition. ***June 2 & 5*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Pops' tribute to swing great Benny Goodman and longtime Boston Pops maestro Arthur Fiedler; ***June 6*** *at 8 p.m.*—Guest conductor Charles Floyd and vocalist Edwin Hawkins lead the Pops in Gospel Night; ***June 9 & 10*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Pops are joined by vocalist Linda Eder for an evening celebrating the songs of Judy Garland; ***June 12 & 13*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Pops honor the 40th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing with an evening of patriotic music and Holst's *The Planets;* ***June 16 & 17*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Pops present an evening of works by legendary composer Richard Rodgers (*Oklahoma!, South Pacific, The Sound of Music*); ***June 19 & 20*** *at 8 p.m.*—Guest conductor Erich Kunzel and vocalist Michael Feinstein join the Pops for The Sinatra Project, an evening of song by Ol' Blue Eyes; ***June 21*** *at 8 p.m.*—Guest conductor Erich Kunzel joins the Pops for Let's Dance, celebrating dance music from swing to disco.

COMEDY

CAPITOL STEPS, Cutler Majestic Theatre at Emerson College, 219 Tremont St., 800-233-3123. ***June 20*** *at 8:30 p.m. Tickets: $35–60.* This political musical satire performed by an ensemble of former Congressional staffers keeps you laughing about events and personalities on Capitol Hill, the Oval Office and other centers of power.

THE COMEDY STUDIO AT THE HONG KONG, 1236 Massachusetts Ave., Harvard Square, Cambridge, 617-661-6507. *Doors open at 7:30 p.m.; shows begin at 8 p.m. Call for complete schedule. Cover: $8–10.* A place where fresh talent is discovered and headliners experiment. ***June 2, 9, 16 & 23***—Mystery Lounge; ***June 3, 10, 17 & 24***—Rick Jenkins hosts Fresh Faces; ***June 4 & 11***—The MC Mr. Napkins Show; ***June 5 & 19***—Renata Tutko hosts Bryan Ames, Myq Kaplan, Daniella Capolino and others; ***June 6, 13, 20 & 27***—Rick Jenkins hosts Tom E. Morello, Shaun Bedgood, Rick Canavan and others; ***June 7***—Bethany Van Delft hosts Kenny Baclawski, DJ Reason, Gary Petersen and others; ***June 12 & 26***—Ken Reid hosts Raj Silverman, Big Alvin David, Brian Longwell and others; ***June 14***—Matt Devlin, Shaun Donovan, Sarah Martin and others; ***June 18***—Zach Sherwin with Cesar Cervantes, Wes Hazard, Bruce Lerner and others; ***June 21***—Jim Blumenfeld, Scott Darby, Sean Sullivan and others.

DICK DOHERTY'S COMEDY VAULT, 124 Boylston St., 800-401-2221. *Shows Tue–Thu at 8:30 p.m., Fri & Sun at 9 p.m., Sat at 8 and 10:15 p.m. Tickets: $12–15.* Located in the downstairs portion of Remington's bar and restaurant across from Boston Common. ***June 1, 8, 15 & 22***—Kevin Knox's Comedy Showcase; ***June 2, 9, 16 & 23***—Jim Lauletta's Comedy Showcase; ***June 3, 10, 17 & 24***—Paul Nardizzi's Wacky Wednesdays; ***June 4, 11, 18 & 25***—Comedy Dodgeball with Mike Whitman; ***June 5 & 6***—Stephanie Peters, Rich Gustus and Friends; ***June 7, 14, 21 & 28*** —Open Mic Night; ***June 12 & 13***—Bob Seibel, EJ Murphy and Friends; ***June 19 & 20***—Sue Costello, Orlando Baxter and Shaun Bedgood.

IMPROV ASYLUM, 216 Hanover St., 617-263-6887. *Tickets: $15–20, dinner packages available. Visit www.improvasylum.com for complete show schedules. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to showtime.* Some of Boston's top improvisational comics perform uproarious and creative shows at their theater in the heart of Boston's North End. ***June 3, 10, 17 & 24*** *at 8 p.m.*—Vanity Project; ***June 3 & 10*** *at 10 p.m.*—House Teams; ***June 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 26 & 27*** *at 8 p.m.*, ***June 5, 12, 19 & 26*** *at 10 p.m.*, ***June 6, 13, 20 & 27*** *at 7 and 9 p.m.*—Main Stage Show; ***June 6, 13, 20 & 27*** *at 11 p.m.*—Unhinged; ***June 7, 14, 21 & 28*** *at 8 p.m.*—Best of Improv Asylum.

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. ***June 3, 10, 17 & 24*** *at 8 p.m.*—Comedy Kick Off; *at 10 p.m.*—Funny Guys Stand Up Showcase; ***June 4, 11, 18 & 25*** *at 6 p.m.*—Fabulous Females Cocktail Party; *at 8 p.m.*—Bastards Inc.; *at 10 p.m.*—Funny Films; ***June 5, 12, 19 & 26*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—SketchHaus; *at 8 p.m.*—Atreus, Inc.; *at 9:30 p.m.*—Harold Night; *at 10 p.m.*—Friday Night Variety Show; ***June 6, 13, 20 & 27*** *at 6 p.m.*—Women of Family Show; *at 7 p.m.*—SouthCity Theatre presents *The Mosaic; at 8 p.m.*—Women in Comedy Stand Up Showcase; *at 9:30 p.m.*—The Women of Boston News Net; *at 10 p.m.*—Improv and Sketch Showcase; ***June 7, 14, 21 & 28*** *at 7 p.m.*—Sgt. Culpepper's Comedy Jam.

KATHY GRIFFIN, The Citi Performing Arts Center Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont St., 866-348-9738. ***June 12 & 13*** *at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $45–75.* Kathy Griffin, the stand-up comedy veteran and host of the Emmy Award-winning reality show "My Life on the D-List," hits the stage for two nights of hilarious riffs on her life in Hollywood and takes jabs at popular tabloid celebrities.

WILBUR THEATRE, 246 Tremont St., 617-248-9700. ***June 5 & 6*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Fellas Live!, featuring Tommy Tiernan and Dylan Moran, *tickets: $37 & 47;* ***June 12*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Kate Clinton, *tickets: $29–37;* ***June 20*** *at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—Mike Epps, *tickets: $32–42;* ***June 26*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Jamie Kennedy, *tickets: $23–29;* ***June 27*** *at 7 p.m.*—Kristen Schaal & Eugene Mirman, *tickets: $20–25.*

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SEAPORT WORLD TRADE CENTER, 200 Seaport Blvd. 617-474-6000. ***June 19*** *from 6–9:30 p.m.,* ***June 20*** *from 1–4:30 p.m. and 6–9:30 p.m.*—American Craft Beer Fest, featuring more than 300 domestic craft beers to taste, *tickets: $40 per session.*

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. Special events: ***June 6*** *at 1, 3:15 and 7:30 p.m.—Ghostbusters;* ***June 10 & 11*** *at 4, 6, 8 and 10 p.m.—Coraline;* ***June 17*** *at 5:45 p.m.,* ***June 19*** *at 4:15 and 7:45 p.m.—Little Caesar;* ***June 24 & 25*** *at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.—Key Largo.*

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. Special events: ***June 8*** *at 7 p.m.—Pulp Fiction;* ***June 10*** *at 7 p.m.—Pirates of Penzance;* ***June 19 & 20*** *at 11:55 p.m.—Serenity;* ***June 26*** *at 11:55 p.m.—REPO: The Genetic Opera.*

FREE FRIDAY FLICKS AT THE HATCH SHELL, Charles River Esplanade, 617-626-4970. For more than 20 years, WBZ Radio has sponsored these free summertime movie events at the Hatch Shell. ***June 19*** *at 8 p.m.—The Tale of Despereaux.*

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. Special events: ***June 1*** *at 7 p.m.—Rosetta;* ***June 6*** *at 9 p.m.—What Have I Done to Deserve This?;* ***June 7*** *at 7 p.m.—Labyrinth of Passion;* ***June 8*** *at 7 p.m.—Dark Habits.*

MUGAR OMNI THEATER, Museum of Science, 617-723-2500 or 617-333-FILM. *Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: $9; seniors $8; children (3–11) $7. Discounted admission for showtimes after 6 p.m.* This IMAX theater presents larger-than-life images on a five-story high domed screen. Now showing*: Adrenaline Rush: The Science of Risk; Roving Mars; Mystic India; Amazon;* ***beginning June 19****—Deep Sea.*

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, 465 Huntington Ave., 617-267-9300. *Screenings Thu–Sun, call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: $6–9.* The Museum of Fine Arts' Film Program has grown to become one of the nation's finest exhibitors of contemporary international cinema, restored classics and premieres of American independent films. Now showing: ***June 4*** *at 8 p.m.—The Maltese Falcon;* ***June 5*** *at 8 p.m.—Touch of Evil;* ***June 10*** *at 8 p.m.—Double Indemnity;* ***June 13*** *at 3:15 p.m.—Gilda;* ***June 17*** *at 5:15 p.m.—Lake Tahoe;* ***June 20*** *at 12:50 p.m.—Anatomy of a Murder;* ***June 28*** *at 12:20 p.m.—Waves of Freedom.*

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: *Under the Sea 3D; Wild Ocean 3D; Dolphins and Whales 3D: Tribes of the Ocean; Van Gogh: Brush with Genius; U2 3D; The Dark Knight.*

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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; *at 11 a.m.*—Art Studio: Sketcher's Studio; *all day*—Japanese House: Make a teru-teru-bozu; ***June 2, 9, 16 & 23*** *at 11:15 a.m.*—Playspace: Tasty Tuesdays; ***June 3, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24 & 26*** *at 11 a.m.*—Playspace: Music & Movement; ***June 4, 11, 18 & 25*** *at 11 a.m.*—The Worminator; ***June 5, 12, 19 & 26*** *at 6 p.m.*—Farm Fridays; ***June 7*** *at noon*—Dragon Boat Festival; ***June 13*** *at 11:30 a.m.*—Kitchen Science: Homemade Shrinky Dinks; ***June 20*** *at 11 a.m.*—Critter Day: Therapy Dogs; ***June 21*** *at 12:30 p.m.*—Friends of Broadway; ***June 26*** *at 5:30 p.m.*—Fort Point Channel Concert Series; ***June 27*** *at 6 p.m.*—Be a Museum's Japan Curator; ***June 28*** *at 11 a.m.*—Great American Backyard Camp Out.

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. ***June 3*** *at 2:30 p.m.*—Alphabet Soup Storytime; ***June 5*** *at 10:15 a.m.*—Kids' Cinema.

COOLIDGE CORNER THEATRE, 290 Harvard Ave., Brookline, 617-734-2500. This independent movie house hosts shows for children in addition to its array of classic film screenings. ***June 15*** *at 7 p.m.—The Wizard of Oz, tickets: $9.75; children & seniors $6.75.*

PUPPET SHOWPLACE THEATRE, 32 Station St., Brookline, 617-731-6400. *Tickets: $10.* The first puppetry center in New England presents the magical world of puppet theater, enlightening audiences of all ages. ***June 3 & 4*** *at 10:30 a.m.—Funny Bone Tales;* ***June 6 & 7*** *at 1 and 3 p.m.—A Woodland Cinderella;* ***June 10 & 11*** *at 10:30 a.m.—Sir George and the Dragon;* ***June 13 & 14*** *at 1 and 3 p.m.—The Dragon King;* ***June 17 & 18*** *at 10:30 a.m.—Badger and the Fairies;* ***June 20 & 21*** *at 1 and 3 p.m.—Puss in Boots;* ***June 24 & 25*** *at 10:30 a.m.—A Few Fables;* ***June 27 & 28*** *at 1 and 3 p.m.—Peter Rabbit.*

WHEELOCK FAMILY THEATRE, 200 Riverway, 617-879-2300. This family theatre creates intergenerational and multicultural productions that provide a shared experience for the whole family. ***June 1–7*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—BalletROX at WFT: A Night of Family Classics*, tickets: $20–30;* ***June 8*** *at 5:30 p.m.*—Wheelock Family Theatre's Broadway on the Riverway*, tickets: $125, children $25.*

LIVE MUSIC

AGGANIS ARENA, Boston University, 925 Commonwealth Ave., 617-931-2000. This venue on the BU campus is a state-of-the-art, multipurpose entertainment center with more than 7,200 seats for concerts, sporting events and family shows. ***June 16*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Earth, Wind & Fire with Chicago, *tickets: $33–95;* ***June 26*** *at 7 p.m.*—Demi Lovato, *tickets: $37.50 & 47.50.*

BANK OF AMERICA PAVILION, 290 Northern Ave., 617-931-2000. This open-air waterfront venue features world-class rock, pop, blues and country performers set against the backdrop of the Boston skyline. ***June 9*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—The Decemberists, *tickets: $20–32.50;* ***June 13*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Diana Krall, *tickets: $35–65;* ***June 14*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Crosby, Stills & Nash, *tickets: $36–51;* ***June 19*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Andrew Bird with Calexico, *tickets: $20–30;* ***June 25*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Michael McDonald and Boz Scaggs, *tickets: $28.50–60.*

BERKLEE PERFORMANCE CENTER, 136 Massachusetts Ave., 617-747-2261. ***June 3*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Grizzly Bear, *tickets: $18.50 (call 617-876-4275);* ***June 13*** *at 3 and 7:30 p.m.*—They Might be Giants, *tickets: $26;* ***June 28*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Madeleine Peyroux with Kelly Joe Phelps, *tickets: $32.50 & 37.50.*

CLUB PASSIM, 47 Palmer St., Cambridge, 617-492-7679. *Call for full schedule.* This intimate Harvard Square coffeehouse was a starting place for folk icons like Joan Baez and Bob Dylan. ***June 3 & 4*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Guggenheim Grotto with Anne Heaton, *tickets: $14;* ***June 5*** *at 8 p.m.*—Garnet Rogers, *tickets: $17;* ***June 5, 12, 19 & 26*** *at 11 p.m.*—Caravan of Thieves, *tickets: $10;* ***June 19*** *at 8 p.m.*—Natalia Zukerman with Amy Campbell, *tickets: $15;* ***June 20*** *at 8 p.m.*—Nerissa and Katryna Nields, *tickets: $20;* ***June 26*** *at 8 p.m.*—Robbie Fulks, *tickets: $20.*

COMCAST CENTER, 885 S. Main St., Mansfield (45 minutes south of Boston), 617-931-2000. The concerts at this outdoor amphitheater are a hallmark of summer and boast some of pop music's biggest acts. ***June 3*** *at 7 p.m.*—Nine Inch Nails and Jane's Addiction, *tickets: $18–58;* ***June 6*** *at 7 p.m.*—Phish; ***June 12*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Brad Paisley with Dierks Bentley and Jimmy Wayne, *tickets: $25 & 49.50;* ***June 14*** *at 4 p.m.*—Summer Jam 2009 with Soulja Boy, Akon, Flo-Rida, T-Pain and others, *tickets: $38–87.50;* ***June 16*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Aerosmith with Dropkick Murphys, *tickets: $35–200;* ***June 19*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—New Kids on the Block, *tickets: $25–75;* ***June 20*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—No Doubt with Paramore, *tickets: $25–80;* ***June 21*** *at 7 p.m.*—The Fray with Jack's Mannequin, *tickets: $20.50–55.50;* ***June 24*** *at 7 p.m.*—311 with Ziggy Marley, *tickets: $27.50 & 37.50;* ***June 25 & 27*** *at 8 p.m.*—Jimmy Buffett & The Coral Reefer Band, *tickets: $36–136;* ***June 28*** *at 7 p.m.*—REO Speedwagon with Styx with .38 Special, *tickets: $13.50–45.*

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OPERA HOUSE, 539 Washington St., 617-259-3400. This magnificent venue for opera and musical theater also hosts pop and rock concerts. ***June 12*** *at 8 p.m.*—Pink Martini, *tickets: $40–65 (Call 617-876-4275).*

PARADISE ROCK CLUB, 967 Commonwealth Ave., 617-562-8800. An intimate setting with a big sound, Paradise is one of Boston's favorite rock clubs. *All shows 18+ unless otherwise noted.* ***June 5*** *at 9 p.m.*—Isis, *tickets: $16;* ***June 6*** *at 9 p.m.*—Amadou & Mariam, *tickets: $30;* ***June 10*** *at 7 p.m.*—Meat Puppets, *tickets: $15;* ***June 12*** *at 9 p.m.*—Todd Snider, *tickets: $15;* ***June 14*** *at 8 p.m.*—Cowboy Mouth, *tickets: $16.50;* ***June 20*** *at 9 p.m.*—Better Than Ezra, *tickets: $20;* ***June 26*** *at 9 p.m.*—Buffalo Tom, *tickets: $30;* ***June 28*** *at 8 p.m.*—New York Dolls, *tickets: $25.*

PATTI LABELLE, Jordan Hall at New England Conservatory of Music, 617-585-1260. ***June 20*** *at 7 p.m. Tickets: $85–500.* The beloved, Grammy-winning songstress brings her soulful voice to Boston for Singing for a Cure, a benefit for the Joslin Diabetes Center.

REGATTABAR, third floor of The Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett St., Cambridge, 617-661-5099. ***June 3*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Choro Dramatico, *tickets: $15;* ***June 4*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Vladimir Cetkar, *tickets: $15;* ***June 5*** *at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—David Maxwell, *tickets: $16;* ***June 9*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Booker T. Jones, *tickets: $35;* ***June 10*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Julia and the Zerounian Ensemble, *tickets: $22;* ***June 18*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Melody Gardot, *tickets: $20;* ***June 19*** *at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—Mango Blue, *tickets: $16.*

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SCULLERS JAZZ CLUB, DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel, 400 Soldiers Field Road, 617-562-4111. *Showtimes: Tue–Thu at 8 and 10 p.m., Fri & Sat at 8 and 10:30 p.m., Sun at 7 and 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Combination tickets include dinner and show.* ***June 3***—Steve Kuhn Trio, *$22, $60 with dinner;* ***June 4***—Hilary Kole and The Bucky Pizzarelli Quartet, *tickets: $22, $60 with dinner;* ***June 5 & 6***—Spyro Gyra, *tickets: $40, $85 with dinner;* ***June 10***—Sophia Bilides, *tickets: $18, $56 with dinner;* ***June 12 & 13***—The Manhattans, *tickets: $35, $80 with dinner;* ***June 17***—Sachel Vasandani, *tickets: $20, $58 with dinner;* ***June 18***—Ellen O'Brien, *tickets: $20, $58 with dinner;* ***June 19***—Andre Ward, *tickets: $25, $70 with dinner;* ***June 24***—Stanton Davis Jr., *tickets: $18, $56 with dinner;* ***June 25***—Chuck Loeb, *tickets: $25, $63 with dinner;* ***June 26***—Terence Blanchard, *tickets: $25, $70 with dinner.*

SOMERVILLE THEATER, 55 Davis Square, Somerville, 617-625-4088. ***June 18*** *at 7 p.m.*—The Dirty Projectors with Vieux Farka Toure, *tickets: $18;* ***June 25*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Camera Obscura, *tickets: $19.50.*

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. ***June 1, 8 & 22*** *at 8 p.m.*—Marty Ballou Trio; ***June 2–4, 9–11, 16–18*** *at 8:30 p.m.,* ***June 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 & 20*** *at 9 p.m.*—Steve Soares Trio; ***June 7 & 21*** *at 8 p.m.*—Rebecca Cline Trio; ***June 7, 14, 21 & 28*** *at noon*—Lee Childs Group; *at 8 p.m.*—Marshall Wood Trio; ***June 15*** *at 8 p.m.*—Marshall Wood Trio; ***June 23–25*** *at 8:30 p.m.,* ***June 28*** *at 8 p.m.*—Jon Hazilla Trio; ***June 26 & 27*** *at 9 p.m.*—Eleanora Bianchini with The Jon Hazilla Group.

OPERA

L'INCORONAZIONE DI POPPEA, Boston Early Music Festival, Wimberly Theatre, Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont St., 617-868-2363 or 617-933-8600. *Performances:* ***June 6, 9, 10 & 12*** *at 7 p.m.,* ***June 7 & 14*** *at 3:30 p.m. Tickets: $30–250.* The story of the Roman Emperor Nero's obsessive love for Poppea, widely regarded as the most beautiful woman in the ancient world, is at the smoldering center of Claudio Monteverdi's 1642 masterpiece, his final and most profound opera.

SPECIAL EVENTS

BOSTON PRIDE FESTIVAL, City Hall Plaza, 617-262-9405. ***June 13*** *beginning at noon. Visit www.bostonpride.org for a complete schedule of Pride Week events.* The annual Boston Pride Parade begins *at noon* at the corner of Tremont and Clarendon streets, featuring dozens of floats, costumes and supporters of Boston's gay community marching to the Pride Festival at City Hall Plaza, which features more than 100 merchandise and food vendors, live music from Taylor Dayne, Brian Kent and others, a family area featuring carnival games and much more.

BUNKER HILL WEEK CELEBRATIONS, Bunker Hill Monument and other Charlestown locations, 617-242-5641. Join in the revelry of Bunker Hill Week, as Bostonians and visitors commemorate Boston's Revolutionary War history with events including a doll carriage parade for kids, re-enactments and the traditional Bunker Hill Day Parade on ***June 14***.

CAMBRIDGE RIVER FESTIVAL, Memorial Drive between JFK Street and Western Avenue, Cambridge, 617-349-4380. ***June 13*** *from noon–6 p.m. Free and open to the public.* All are invited to attend this 30th annual celebration of the arts along the banks of the Charles River. Visitors will enjoy multiple stages featuring live jazz, world, Latin and folk music, family art-making activities, specialty food and craft vendors, public art projects and much more.

CHEFS IN SHORTS, Seaport Hotel, 200 Seaport Blvd., 617-427-5200. ***June 12*** *from 7–9:30 p.m. Tickets: $60,* includes food, beer and wine. *Visit www.seaportboston.com for tickets.* New England's leading chefs prepare an outdoor, summer-in-the-city barbecue. Participating chefs include Rachel Klein of Aura,

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DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL, along the Charles River, corner of De Wolfe Street and Memorial Avenue, www.bostondragonboat.org. ***June 6 & 7*** *from 9 a.m.–5 p.m.* Dragon Boat Festivals traditionally commemorate the life and death of the great Chinese poet Qu Yuan. The first U.S. festival was held in Boston 28 years ago as a vehicle to promote Asian culture. This year's festival features Hong Kong Dragon Boat Races, Chinese arts and crafts, all varieties of Asian food, martial arts demonstrations and musical performances.

LIFE IS GOOD SUMMER FESTIVAL, Boston Common. ***June 20*** *from 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Free and open to the public.* This benefit for Project Joy, sponsored by popular clothing retailers Life Is Good, turns Boston Common into the world's biggest backyard party. Participants can enjoy live music from the Blind Boys of Alabama, Brett Dennen and Stevesongs, savor delicious classic backyard food and take part in games and activities ranging from watermelon seed spitting to a tug o'war to double dutch jump rope competitions.

NORTH END FEASTS AND PROCESSIONS, The North End. www.northendboston.com. Boston's "Little Italy" honors patron saints and the neighborhood's culture with weekend festivals featuring Italian delicacies, streetside bands playing Sicilian melodies and vendors offering authentic wares on the cobblestoned paths dressed with garlands. ***June 6 & 7***—Santa Maria di Anzano Feast and Procession; ***June 27***—Society of St. Jude Thaddeus of Boston Procession.

SCOOPER BOWL, City Hall Plaza, 800-52-JIMMY, or www.jimmyfund.org. ***June 9–11*** *from noon–8 p.m. Admission: $8; children (3–10) $4; children (under 3) free; 3–day Scooper Pass: $15.* The nation's largest, all-you-can-eat charity ice cream festival benefits the Jimmy Fund for children's cancer research. The extravaganza boasts live entertainment, music, prizes and enough ice cream from Baskin-Robbins, Ben & Jerry's, Brigham's and many others to satisfy any sweet tooth.

SUMMERSDAY REVELS, Arsenal Center for the Arts, 321 Arsenal St., Watertown, 617-972-8300. ***June 20*** *at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets: $25, children (under 12) $15.* Celebrate the arrival of summer with a music and dance extravaganza intended for family audiences of all ages. Enjoy musical performances by folk duo The Nields, master of Celtic song Brian O'Donovan, gospel from Sayida Rivers and many others, as well as dancers from the O'Shea-Chaplin Academy of Irish Dance.

SPORTS

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Harvard Stadium, 65 N. Harvard St., Allston, 877-439-2732.
June 14 *at 6 p.m.* vs. St. Louis Athletica
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June 7 *at 6 p.m.* vs. New York Red Bulls

THEATRE

BLUE MAN GROUP, Charles Playhouse, 74 Warrenton St., 617-931-2787 or 617-426-6912. ***Ongoing****. Performances: Tue–Thu at 8 p.m. (**June 3** at 2, 5 and 8 p.m.; **June 4** at 5 and 8 p.m.; **June 10, 11 & 17** at 2 and 8 p.m.), Fri at 7 p.m. (**June 5 & 12** at 4 and 7 p.m.), Sat at 2, 5 and 8 p.m., Sun at 1 and 4 p.m. (**June 14, 21 & 28** at 4 and 7 p.m.) Tickets: $48 & 62.* 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.

THE COLOR PURPLE, Citi Performing Arts Center, The Wang Theatre, 270 Tremont St., 866-348-9738. *Performances **June 16–28**: Tue–Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 and 8 p.m., Sun at 1 and 7 p.m.* (***June 17*** *at 7 p.m.) Tickets: $28–100.* With a score mixing jazz, gospel and blues, this soul-stirring musical based on the classic Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Alice Walker and the Oscar-nominated film by Steven Spielberg is the unforgettable and inspiring story of a woman named Celie, who triumphs over tremendous odds to find joy in life and her true inner beauty.

GREY GARDENS, Lyric Stage Company, 140 Clarendon St., 617-437-7172. *Performances **through June 6**: 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.* The New England premiere of this riotous and touching Tony-nominated musical tells the story of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis' eccentric relatives, Big Edie Beale and her daughter Little Edie, who shared a dysfunctional and co-dependent relationship that dragged them from their perch atop high society to a life of squalor and isolation as East Hampton, Long Island's most notorious recluses.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING, Actors' Shakespeare Project, Roxbury Center for Arts at Hibernian Hall, 182–186 Dudley St., Roxbury, 866-811-4111. *Performances **through June 14**: Thu at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Fri at 7:30 p.m., Sat at 2 and 7:30 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. Tickets: $25–47.* A deliciously funny conspiracy brings about a truce in the "merry war" between Benedick and the witty Beatrice, but a more serious plot threatens her cousin's happiness in Shakespeare's timeless battle-of-the-sexes comedy.

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PIRATES! (OR, GILBERT AND SULLIVAN PLUNDER'D), Huntington Theatre Company, Boston University Theatre, 264 Huntington Ave., 617-266-0800. *Performances **through June 14**: Tue–Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. (**June 10** at 2 and 7:30 p.m.) Tickets: $20–72.50.* Set sail for the Caribbean with this raucous and rowdy musical comedy classic, complete with swordfights, sex and the much-beloved songs of Gilbert and Sullivan, adapted by a young creative team in a way that promises it won't be your grandmother's Gilbert and Sullivan.

ROMANCE, American Repertory Theatre, Loeb Drama Center, 64 Brattle St., Cambridge, 617-547-8300. *Performances **through June 7**: 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: $20–72.50.* Masterfully wielding the language of the courtroom, David Mamet creates a world in which the noble apparatus of law and order degenerates into riotous mayhem in this farce involving a motley bunch of chauvinists, eccentrics, attorneys and clients whose petty prejudices threaten to unravel the legal process.

SHEAR MADNESS, Charles Playhouse Stage II, 74 Warrenton St., 617-426-5225. ***Ongoing****. Performances: Tue–Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 6 and 9 p.m., Sun at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets: $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.

TUTTODANTE, Berklee Performance Center, 136 Massachusetts Ave., 617-931-2000. ***June 6*** *at 8 p.m. Tickets: $40–80.* Internationally acclaimed actor and two-time Academy Award winner Roberto Benigni makes his Boston stage debut with this one-man show, which combines a comic look at current events with the timeless poetry of Dante's *Inferno.* Performed in both English and Benigni's native Italian, the show is a fascinating exploration of art and human nature, brimming with Benigni's trademark hilarity and charm.

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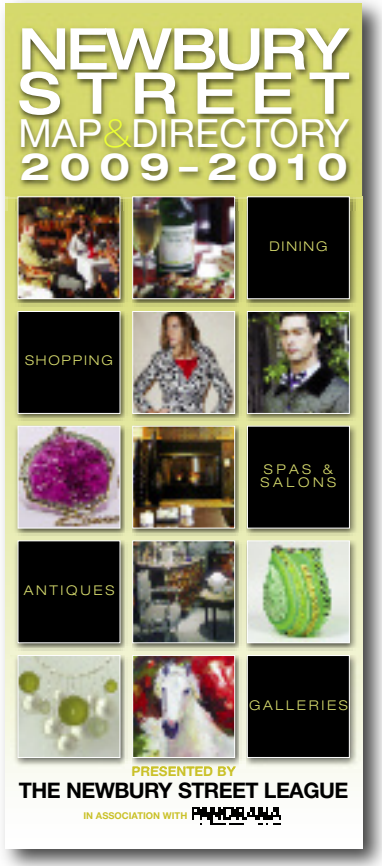

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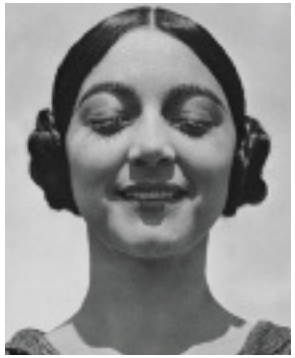

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Museum of Fine Arts
Through November 2

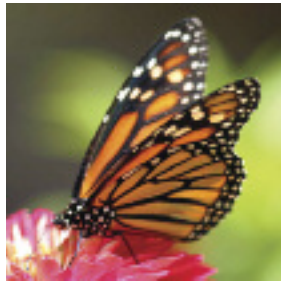
Now that swine flu hysteria has died down somewhat, it's safe to love all things Mexican again. For those experiencing a resurgence in south-of-the-border spirit, there's no better place to visit than the Museum of Fine Arts, which recently debuted two shows featuring art made in Mexico. The exhibit Viva Mexico! examines the work of seminal photographer Edward Weston and the circle of artists that gathered around him in Mexico City in the 1920s. The related exhibit Vida Y Drama features prints by some of the giants of 20th-century Mexican art, including Diego Rivera, Jose Clemente Orozco, Rufino Tamayo and David Alfaro Siqueiros. Cinco de Mayo may have come and gone, but the MFA certainly proves that it's never out of season to celebrate great art. *Refer to listing, page 53.*

OUT TO SEA

THE GOLDEN AGE OF DUTCH SEASCAPES
Peabody Essex Museum
June 13–September 7

The Peabody Essex Museum in the lovely seaside community of Salem provides the perfect backdrop for a vast collection of both maritime art and art from foreign lands. The institution's latest exhibit combines these two specialties in the exhibit The Golden Age of Dutch Seascapes, a collection of 70 pioneering 17th-century works by such Dutch masters as Jacob van Ruisdael, Abraham Willaerts and Simon De Vlieger. These painters and their countrymen practically invented the idea of capturing the sea in all her tumultuous glory, paving the way for generations of artists to come. *Refer to listing, page 55.*

Critter Calendar



BEGINNING JUNE 7
Museum of Science
National Geographic Crittercam: The World Through Animal Eyes—an exhibit that lets visitors see the world from the perspectives of a variety of creatures—makes its debut. *Refer to listing, page 54.*

BEGINNING JUNE 20
Peabody Essex Museum
It's opening day for Trash Menagerie, a display of more than 30 sculptures of animals created from recycled garbage. *Refer to listing, page 55.*

BEGINNING JUNE 20
Franklin Park Zoo
Experience the sight of hundreds of colorful butterflies as the zoo's tented, outdoor Butterfly Landing opens for the summer season (pictured above). *Refer to listing, page 18.*

JUNE 20
Stone Zoo
The fifth annual A Wild Affair fundraiser, featuring cuisine from area restaurants and live entertainment, lets visitors take in the animal exhibits while soaking up the party atmosphere *from 5–9 p.m.* *Refer to listing, page 18.*

ABOVE LEFT: EDWARD WESTON, *ROSE ROLAND (COVARRUBIAS)*, 1926; BOTTOM LEFT: SIMON DE VLIEGER, *A DUTCH FERRY BOAT BEFORE A BREEZE*, LATE 1640S

INTERNATIONAL POSTER GALLERY: This Newbury Street mainstay celebrates its 15th anniversary with the show Italian Poster Masterpieces Revisited, which features advertisements for everything from opera and cars to travel and fashion. **Refer to listing, page 56.**

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: $12; children (1–15) & seniors $9; children (under 1) free; Fri 5–9 p.m. (Family Night) $1.* The popular museum for families of all ages features a plethora of interactive exhibits that allow children to learn about science, history and culture first-hand. Exhibits include: Construction Zone, a child-sized work site with miniature skyscrapers inspired by the Big Dig; Arthur & Friends, featuring the stars of everyone's favorite PBS program; Boston Black, celebrating Boston's Caribbean, African and African-American cultures; Kid Power, which allows active kids to use energy in healthy ways and teaches them about fitness and nutrition. Special exhibits: access/ABILITY; Living in Space. *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: $15; seniors & students $10; children (under 17) free. Free to all Thu 5–9 p.m.* Boston's first new art museum in 100 years is a state-of-the-art, gleaming structure on the South Boston waterfront which presents installations of contemporary paintings, sculptures and photographs, as well as cutting-edge live dance and musical performances. Special exhibits: The ICA Collection; Shepard Fairey: Supply and Demand; On the Sandra and Gerald Fineberg Art Wall: Ugo Rondinone; Momentum 13: Eileen Quinlan; Acting Out: New Social Experiments In Video. Special event: ***June 5*** *at 7 p.m.*—Film: *HOME, tickets: $9.*

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 events: ***June 18*** *from 5:30–9:30 p.m.*—Gardner After Hours: Mezze, *tickets: $12; at 7 p.m.*—Jazz from Berklee Middle Eastern Fusion Ensemble, *tickets: $23.*

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: $12; seniors & students $10; children (13–17) $9; children (under 12) free; library forums free.* This museum portrays Kennedy's life, leadership and legacy in 21 exhibits, three theaters, 20 video presentations and more. Special exhibits: The Making of a President; Poetry and Power: The Inaugural Address of John F. Kennedy; Moon Shot: JFK and Space Exploration.

LARZ ANDERSON AUTO MUSEUM, Larz Anderson Park, 15 Newton St., Brookline, 617-522-6547. *Fri–Sun 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: $10; students, seniors & children (6–18) $5; children (5 and under) free.* The oldest collection of historic automobiles in the nation is displayed in the owner's original home. Special exhibit: Passion, Design, Performance: Italian Cars. Lawn events: ***June 7*** *at 10 a.m.*—British Car Day; ***June 14*** *at 9 a.m.*—Corvette Day; ***June 21*** *at 10 a.m.*—German Car Day.

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

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: Black Entrepreneurs of the 18th and 19th Centuries.

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; seniors & students $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: Celebrating Kyoto: Modern Arts from Boston's Sister City; Preserving History, Making History: The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; RSVP: Jim Lambie; Gentlemen of Suzhou; Showa Sophistication: Japan in

ABOVE: ADOLFO HOHENSTEIN, *TOSCA* (DETAIL), 1899

the 1930s; Mad On Color: Paintings of 19th-Century Venice; Titian, Tintoretto, Veronese: Rivals in Renaissance Venice, *ticketed separately: $25, seniors & students $23, children (7–17) $9.50;* Viva Mexico: Edward Weston and his Contemporaries; Vida y Drama: Modern Mexican Prints; Paper Telephone; ***through June 21***—"And so to bed": Indian Bed Curtains from a Stately English Home. Special events: ***June 5*** *at 5:30 p.m.*—mfafirstfridays, *free with admission;* ***June 13*** *from 8 p.m.–midnight*—The Summer Party, *tickets: $150;* ***June 24*** *from 5:30–7:30 p.m.*—Winesdays in Bravo, *tickets: $25.*

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE, Science Park, 617-723-2500. *Sat–Thu 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri 'til 9 p.m. Admission: $19; seniors $17; children (3–11) $16; 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: Colossal Fossil: Triceratops Cliff; Manufactured Landscapes: Photographic Works by Edward Burtynsky; ***beginning June 7***—National Geographic Crittercam: The World Through Animal Eyes; ***beginning June 21***—Black Holes: Space Warps & Time Twists. Planetarium shows: *The Sky Tonight; What Happened To Pluto?;* ***through June 19***—*Sky Heroes: Myths in the Stars;* ***beginning June 20***—*Journey to the Edge of Space and Time. Refer to Film listings in Current Events for complete Mugar Omni Theater schedule.*

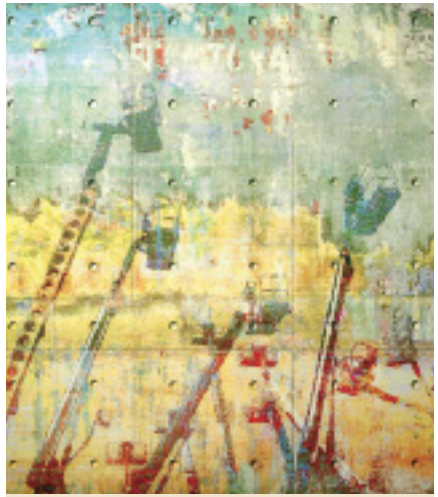
THE SPORTS MUSEUM, 5th and 6th floor premium seating levels, TD Banknorth Garden, Causeway Street, 617-624-1234. *Daily 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission on the hour only, 'til 3 p.m. Hours altered during TD Banknorth Garden events, call ahead. Admission: $6; seniors & children (6–17) $4; children (under 6) free.* 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. Special event: ***June 24*** *from 5:30–9:30 p.m.*—The Tradition, an evening celebrating some of the biggest names in New England sports history, including Curt Schilling, Troy Brown, Nancy Kerrigan and Sam Jones, *tickets: $150 & 250.*

USS CONSTITUTION MUSEUM, Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, 617-426-1812. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Free admission.* The museum preserves the treasures of "Old Ironsides," the U.S. Navy's flagship and the world's oldest commissioned warship. Includes weapons, documents, journals and more. Interactive exhibits allow visitors to load and fire a cannon, try out a sailor's sleeping quarters and virtually command the *Constitution* in battle. Special exhibits: Old Ironsides in War and Peace; The Barbary War; Model Shop; All Hands on Deck: A Sailor's Life in 1812; Paintings by George Ropes.

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.*



ROBERT MALONEY, *UP IN ARMS,* 2008

COPLEY SOCIETY OF ART: The gallery at the oldest art association in the U.S. features Gridwork: Further Explorations into the Urban Landscape—a collection of new works by local artist Robert Maloney (pictured above) and painter Sean Thomas—through June 15. Refer to listing, page 56.

Free admission. Housed in the only building in North America designed by famed French architect Le Corbusier, the Carpenter Center hosts a lecture series with working artists and exhibits contemporary works in paper, sculpture, mixed media, video and film. Special exhibit: ***through June 4***—VES Senior Thesis 2009.

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; Language of Color; Arthropods: Creatures that Rule; Evolution.

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: Matthew Day Jackson: The Immeasurable Distance; From The Collection: Duncan Campbell's Bernadette.

THE MIT MUSEUM, 265 Massachusetts Ave., 617-253-5927. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $7.50; children, seniors & students $3, children (under 5) free.* Exhibits interpret themes and ideas related to MIT research and activities. Ongoing exhibits: Felix Candela: Builder, Engineer, Structural Artist; 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; Learning Lab: The Cell.

SACKLER MUSEUM, 485 Broadway, 617-495-9400. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun 1–5 p.m. Admission: $9; seniors $7; students $6; 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; Sacred Sights: 19th-Century Photographs of Jerusalem.

BEYOND BOSTON

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

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: Setting the President's Table: American Presidential China. Special events: ***June 5 & 6*** *from 9 a.m.–4 p.m.*—20th Annual Concord Museum Garden Tour, *tickets: $35;* ***June 24*** *from 5–8 p.m.*—Be Our Guest, *free museum admission.*

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: Power Structures; ***beginning June 6***—The Old, Weird America: Folk Themes in Contemporary Art.

NATIONAL HERITAGE MUSEUM, 33 Marrett Road, Lexington, 781-861-6559. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Sun noon–4:30 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; A Penny for your Thoughts: Postcards from the Golden Age, 1898–1918; Realizing the Vision: Minute Man National Historical Park Turns 50; The Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts; ***through June 7***—Keepers of Tradition: Art and Folk Heritage in Massachusetts; ***beginning June 7***—The Way We Worked: Photographs from the National Archives.

PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM, East India Square, Salem, 866-745-1876. *Tue–Sun 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 muse-

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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: ***beginning June 2***—Of Place and Metaphor: Teri Malo.

BARBARA KRAKOW GALLERY, 10 Newbury St., 617-262-4490. *Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.* The Barbara Krakow Gallery attracts top contemporary artists from around the world, showcasing work that focuses on minimalism and conceptualism. Special exhibit: Success and Happiness: Kelly Sherman.

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 exhibit: ***through June 28***—Works by Michelle Lougee and Hannah Verlin.

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 June 27***—Commentary/Herself.

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: ***June 3–27***—Works by Elise Wagner.

CHILDS GALLERY, 169 Newbury St., 617-266-1108. *Tue–Fri 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Mon & Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m.* The longest-running of the commercial Newbury Street galleries, Childs has one of the largest inventories of oil paintings, drawings, watercolors and prints in the U.S. Special exhibits: Figures and Portraits: The Human Equation; Gertrude Beals Bourne; The Watercolors of Albert Swinden.

COPLEY SOCIETY OF ART, 158 Newbury St., 617-536-5049. *Tue–Sat 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m.* The oldest non-profit art association in the United States represents more than 500 living artists and hosts between 15–20 exhibitions each year by contemporary and abstract painters, photographers, sculptors and printmakers. Special exhibit: ***through June 15***—Gridwork: Further Explorations into the Urban Landscape by Robert Maloney and Sean Thomas.

GALLERIA FLORENTIA, 79 Newbury St., 617-585-9200. *Tue–Sat 11 a.m.–6 p.m. or by appointment.* Galleria Florentia is a gallery and boutique featuring European fine arts including bronze sculptures, Capodimonte porcelain, Persian miniature paintings and Lombardy inlay furnishings epitomizing Old World elegance. Special exhibit: ***through June 27***—Aldo Marsili's Custom-Made Chess Sets.

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. Special exhibit: Italian Poster Masterpieces Revisited.

JUDI ROTENBERG GALLERY, 130 Newbury St., 617-437-1518. *Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m.* The Judi Rotenberg Gallery is one of the longest-standing independent galleries in Boston and is committed to both established and emerging talent in all media. Special exhibits: Paper Trail v. 5: Intimate Gestures; ***through June 6***—Daniel Phillips: Inherent Tendencies Toward Disorganization; ***beginning June 11***—Ria Brodell: The Handsome & The Holy I.

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.

NEW ART ON NEWBURY, 244 Newbury St., 617-460-5930. *Tue–Thu & Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m.* Artist-in-residence Tom McCarthy's gallery spotlights fresh, new art by emerging local artists, including a "Kids' Corner," where young artists can sell their art.

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 June 6***—Works by Jane Smaldone; Sam Messer & Jonathan Safran Foer: Hanging Correspondence; ***beginning June 10***—Summer Show.

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: ***through June 28***—Exposure: The 14th Annual PRC Juried Exhibition.

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

ART & ANTIQUES

GALLERIA FLORENTIA, 79 Newbury St., 617-585-9200. *Tue–Sat 11 a.m.–6 p.m., or by appointment.* This premier source for original, museum-quality art displays exclusive furnishings from Milan, masterful Murano glass, bronze and stone sculptures, exquisite paintings, chess sets, hand-tooled Tuscan leather and Capodimonte porcelain.

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ARTS & CRAFTS

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

CLOTHING

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.

J. AUGUST CO., 1320 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617-864-6650. *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–8:30 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–6 p.m.* Conveniently located opposite Harvard Yard's Holyoke Gate, J. August offers the complete selection of officially licensed Harvard University apparel and other souvenirs, and has been in continuous operation since 1891.

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.

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 59*) and get 10% off.

COSMETICS

THE BEAUTY MARK, 33 Charles St., 617-720-1555. *Mon–Fri 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m.* This posh cosmetics boutique on Beacon Hill offers mini spa services, including Boston's best manicures and pedicures, exclusive beauty products and fragrances.

ROSS-SIMONS JEWELERS: With its multiple locations—including at The Shops at the Prudential Center—this area retailer of fine watches and jewelry boasts convenience and quality. **Refer to listing, page 60.**

DEPARTMENT STORES

FILENE'S BASEMENT, 479 Boylston St., 617-424-5520. *Mon–Fri 9:30 a.m.–8 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.* This classic Boston off-price store offers brand name and designer fashions for men and women along with decorative home goods and fine jewelry.

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).

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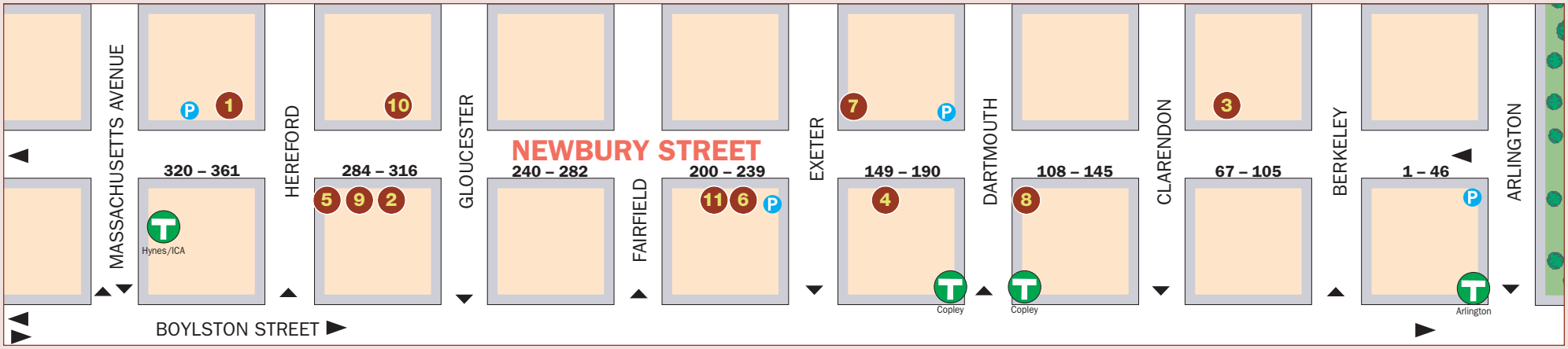

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LUX BOND & GREEN, 416 Boylston St., 617-266-4747. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Thu 'til 7 p.m.* Since 1898, Lux Bond & Green has provided its customers with diamonds, gold jewelry, watches and giftware from around the world. The store offers a corporate gift division, bridal and gift registry, a full-service repair department, gift certificates and elegant gift wrapping.

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

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 Back Bay location is filled with glittering diamonds, fine jewelry, watches, silver, china, porcelain, stationery, antiques and more.

MALLS/SHOPPING CENTERS

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

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

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.

SHOES

HELEN'S LEATHER, 110 Charles St., 617-742-2077. *Mon–Wed, Fri & Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Thu noon–8 p.m., Sun 'til 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.

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.

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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, souvenir and apparel needs, as well as a selection of Boston souvenirs.

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PUBS AND BARS

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

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 offers Fenway fun 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. *Sun–Wed 'til 1 a.m., Thu–Sat 'til 2 a.m.* Listen to the sounds of live jazz seven nights a week while experiencing the breathtaking view atop Boston's Prudential Center. Featuring a midnight menu.

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 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.

Chow Down for Charity

Little-known fact: calories don't count when consumed in the name of charity. This month, experience some of the area's top cuisine while doing your share for great causes.

- On **June 12**, The cookout classic **Chefs in Shorts** (pictured above) features leading chefs from nearly 30 top eateries creating their favorite barbecue dishes along Boston Harbor, with proceeds benefiting The Greater Boston Food Bank. *Refer to listing, page 49.*
- For the 7th annual **Taste of Cambridge** (**June 18** *from 5:30–8 p.m.*, Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett St., Cambridge, 617-491-3434; *tickets: $60, children (6–12) $15*), culinary delights from 50 local restaurants—including Hungry Mother, the Hong Kong, Jasper White's Summer Shack and Finale—can be sampled. Local children's programs Youth on Fire and Culture for Kids "Music Speaks" are the event's beneficiaries.
- Finally, the vibrant and diverse Allston restaurant scene is honored at the 12th annual **Taste of Allston** (**June 28** *from noon–3 p.m.*, Murr Center at the Harvard Athletic Complex, 65 North Harvard St., 617-254-7564; *tickets: $20, children (under 12) $10*). Enjoy Chinese, Korean, Russian, Vietnamese, Indian and many other cuisines, with proceeds benefiting Allston Village

Tasty Tory

TORY ROW
3 Brattle St., Cambridge
617-876-8769

It used to be that living on Tory Row could make you fairly unpopular—it being a street near Harvard Square in Cambridge that was home to British loyalists. Today, however, Tory Row is a more universally desirable place to be—it's the newest eatery from seasoned restaurateurs Matthew Curtis and Chris Lutes (Miracle of Science, Middlesex Lounge, Audubon Circle), one that marries a homey, classic brick-and-wood interior with funky décor, including wall-hangings created by street artist Shepard Fairey. As for the menu, European favorites like the croque monsieur and Spanish black bean soup share space with local staples like baked cod and chicken pot pie. So whether traditional or adventurous, trans-Atlantic or meat and potatoes, Tory Row has something to please every palate. *—Josh B. Wardrop*

COCKTAIL OF THE WEEK

THE SIMPLY PINK
Bar 10
Westin Copley Place,
10 Huntington Ave.
617-424-7446

Are you a Red Bull and vodka drinker craving a classier way to get that jolt of energy in your cocktail? Then the mixologists at Bar 10 in the Westin Copley Place have you covered. New to their cocktail menu is the Simply Pink, a caffeinated concoction that's sure to put some pep into your step. The main component behind this libation creation is p.i.n.k. vodka, a one-of-a-kind vodka with caffeine actually infused into the booze. Paired with pomegranate and white cranberry juices, this is one libation that packs a punch to keep you partying through the night. *—Joseph Normandin*

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PHOTO BY JONATHAN DAISY

AVILA MODERN MEDITERREAN: Whether dining indoors or out, this Theatre District standout always serves fresh and flavorful cuisine. **Refer to listing, page 76.**

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. $$

BEN & JERRY'S, 174 Newbury St., 617-536-5456; 20 Park Plaza, Ste. 14, 617-426-0890; 36 JFK St., Cambridge, 617-864-2828. The Vermont-based premium ice cream purveyors offer such favorites as Chunky Monkey, Phish Food, Cherry Garcia and New York Super Fudge Chunk, as well as cookies, brownies and waffle cones lovingly baked each day in-house. Refreshing fruit smoothies are also available. $

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. $$$

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

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

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.***

KEY

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

AVERAGE PRICE OF DINNER ENTREES

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

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

Refer to Cuisine index, page 78.

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 #6 ON CENTER MAP.***

J.P. LICKS, 352 Newbury St., 617-236-1666; visit www.jplicks.com for additional locations and hours. J.P. Licks' delicious homemade ice cream, non-fat frozen yogurt and coffee drinks are served in eight fun and unique shops throughout Boston, all featuring friendly customer service, great cold treats and organic coffee. Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–11 p.m., Fri & Sat. 'til midnight. $

L'ESPALIER, Mandarin Oriental Boston, 774 Boylston St., 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 crème de la crème of acclaimed Boston eateries. D. $$$$

***THE OAK ROOM,** Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, 138 St. James Ave., 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. The adjoining Oak Bar offers martinis, raw bar and full Oak Room menu. B, L, D daily. $$$$

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. $$

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. $$$

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

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

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. $$

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

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 an energetic, social environment with a daily changing menu and extensive wine and cocktails list. The menu showcases European technique coupled with the freshness of in-season American ingredients. Vestiges of original jail cells create cozy nooks for dining, and an open kitchen displays the theater of cooking as each stylish dish is prepared. B 6:30–11 a.m.; L 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.; D 5–11 p.m. C. $$$

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. www.hungryiboston.com. $$$$

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

BROOKLINE/CHESTNUT HILL

FUGAKYU, 1280 Beacon St., Brookline, 617-734-1268. One of the largest Japanese restaurants in the area, this popular eatery features a floating boat sushi bar and tantalizing specialties like the caterpillar maki (eel and avocado) and the house special (salmon, tuna, clam and octopus), as well as tempting tempura and seafood dishes. L, D, LS. $$$

CAMBRIDGE

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

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

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. $

around the hub: DINING

***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. $

RIALTO, The Charles Hotel, One Bennett St., Cambridge, 617-661-5050. One of Greater Boston's top restaurants, which recently underwent an extensive renovation, features fine wines and delectable Italian cuisine. Chef Jody Adams showcases her creative talents on a brand-new menu. Reservations recommended. D. $$$$

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 a traditional menu of appetizers and entrees—including jumbo lump blue crab cakes and Maine lobster—bursting with flavor and flair. 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. $

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 traditional New England fare with a contemporary twist in a relaxing atmosphere. B, L, D, C. $$

Theatre District Dining

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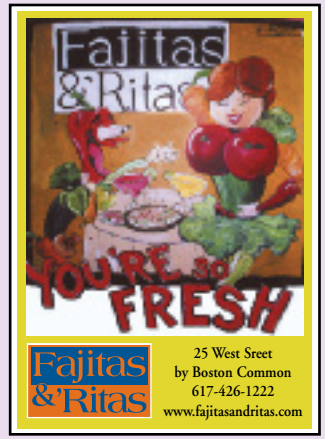

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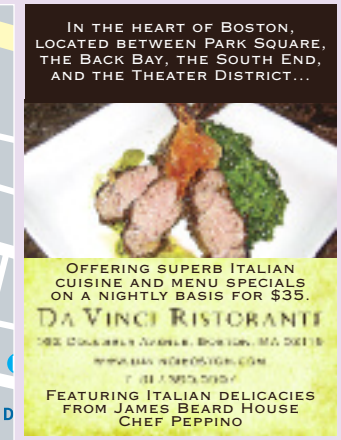

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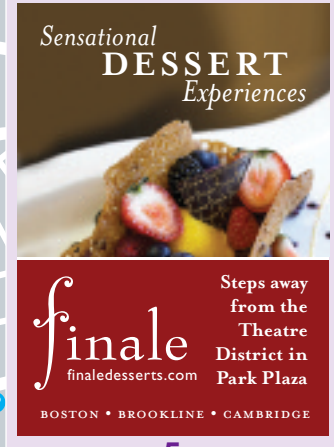

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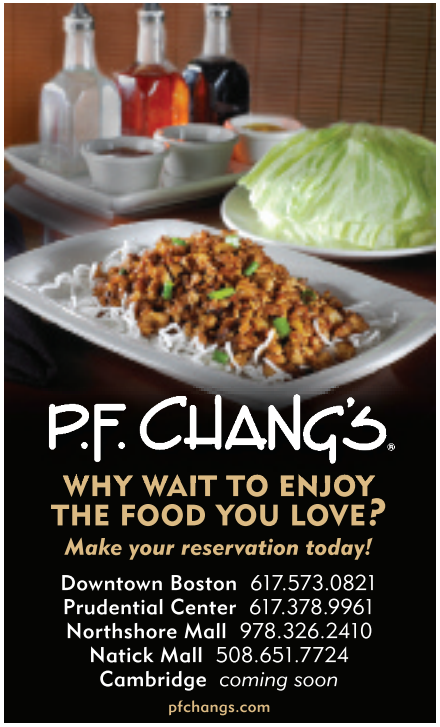

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***BOND,** Langham Hotel Boston, 250 Franklin St., 617-451-1900. This swanky restaurant and lounge boasts a diverse cocktail and wine menu to accompany a wide range of exotic international cuisine, all served is a sophisticated, modern setting. L,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

***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.***

IVY RESTAURANT, 49 Temple Place, 617-451-1416. Ivy Restaurant is a warm neighborhood restaurant featuring Italian-inspired small plates priced $6–18 and a unique flat-priced wine list with more than 30 bottles, all priced at $26. L Mon–Fri 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.; D Sun–Wed 5–10:30 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 11:30 p.m. C, LS, VP. www.ivyrestaurantgroup.com. $$

***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 bustling 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.; Sat & SB 9:30 a.m.–2 p.m. www.kennedysmidtown.com. $$

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

ON THE MENU

APPETIZERS
Boneless Buffalo Tenders ♦ Scallops & Bacon ♦ Clam Chowder

ENTREES
NY Sirloin ♦ Filet Mignon ♦ Shepherds 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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Warm and enchanting, Kennedy's is an Irish pub and steak house offering all the comforts of a traditional pub with a touch of class. Old World-style dining rooms accented with historic photos and soft candlelight provide a classic setting, while the mahogany bar offers a relaxed experience. An upbeat piano bar is featured select nights and during brunch. Just steps from Boston Common, theaters and shopping, Kennedy's is a welcome respite for all.

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
Steamed Maine Lobster ♦ Dynamite Mahi Mahi ♦ Herb Crusted Salmon ♦ Spiced Yellowfin Ahi ♦ Pan Seared Sea Scallops ♦ Baked Stuffed Shrimp ♦ Alaskan King Crab Legs ♦ Dungeness Crab Clusters

PRIME RIB & STEAKS
Prime Rib ♦ Filet Mignon ♦ New York Strip ♦ Tenderloin Medallions

DESSERT
Hot Chocolate Lava Cake
Raspberry Crème Brulée

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Let Chart House—the #1 rated seafood chain and waterfront restaurant by *Zagat*—take you to a place where time stands still, the historic Hancock Counting House. This Boston landmark once housed the offices of John Hancock, an American patriot. Experience their historic yet modern decor while savoring a seamless blend of high quality seafood and steaks—including whole, steamed lobster, cracked for you right at your table, and prime rib rubbed with aromatic herbs and spices and slow roasted to succulent perfection.

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" brings the feel and flavor of the French countryside to Boston's waterfront. No butter is used in preparing the cuisine, with heart-healthy olive oils and aromatic herbs instead flavoring classic Provencal dishes like bouillabaisse, salad Nicoise and ratatouille. Diners can enjoy the extensive wine list and an exquisite "small plate" SB in a dining room 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. $$$$

ROWES WHARF SEA GRILLE, Boston Harbor Hotel at Rowes Wharf, 617-856-7744. Chef Daniel Bruce helms the kitchen at this new restaurant that celebrates its spectacular harborfront setting by showcasing the best offerings of the sea. Simple, fresh cuisine, contemporary, nautical-influenced design and a vibrant harbor setting combine for the ultimate waterfront dining experience. B, L, D. $$$

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

YE OLDE UNION OYSTER HOUSE, 41 Union St., 617-227-2750. 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. $

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

FENWAY/KENMORE SQUARE

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 pork tenderloin to frog's legs and foie gras to sandwiches. B, L, D. $$

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

***HOUSE OF BLUES,** 15 Lansdowne St., 617-960-8358. The popular national chain known for live music and good times also offers delicious cuisine with a Southern influence. Enjoy a full menu of appetizers, sandwiches, pizzas and entrees like the baby back ribs with mashed sweet potatoes, cajun meatloaf and mushroom gravy and the spicy creole seafood jambalaya in a distinctly rock 'n' roll setting, as well as its famous Gospel SB. L, D, C. $$

NORTH END

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

ASSAGGIO, 25–29 Prince St., 617-227-7380. This wine bar and bistro offers nightly specials from its mesquite-wood grill, as well as some of the best traditional Italian cuisine imbued with an artful, contemporary taste. Complement your dinner with one of 110 wines or a unique international beer or microbrew. Reservations accepted. L, D, LS daily noon–midnight. $$

CAFFE POMPEI, 280 Hanover St., 617-227-1562. Pompei features a wide assortment of coffees, 160 wines by the glass, Italian cordials, pizza, Italian sandwiches, homemade cannoli and ice cream imported from Italy. Open daily 4 p.m.–12:30 a.m.; B 8 a.m.–11:30 p.m.; L 11:30 a.m.–4 p.m.; LS 'til 3:30 a.m. $

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

FLORENTINE CAFE, 333 Hanover St., 617-227-1777. Revered by visitors and residents for decades, this historic cafe is one of Boston's culinary landmarks. Lobster ravioli with tomatoes and seared veal with grilled shrimp in a sherry cream sauce are just two of the Italian wonders awaiting you in this charming bistro setting. Daily noon–1 a.m. L, D, C. $$$. ***SEE LOCATOR #5 ON CENTER MAP.***

G'VANNI'S RISTORANTE, 2 Prince St., 617-523-0107. A boutique-style restaurant with eclectic decor located on the North End Freedom Trail. Sample the "Veally Good Deals," as well as great seafood and the North End's largest lobsters. L & D. www.gvannis.com. $$

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 #7 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. $

RISTORANTE BELLA VISTA, 288 Hanover St., 617-367-4999. Located in the heart of the historic North End, this casual yet elegant family-style restaurant offers authentic Italian cuisine, from escarole soup to lobster fra diavolo. Open daily noon–11:30 p.m. $$

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

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

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

SOUTH BOSTON

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

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

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

SOUTH END

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

BANQ, 1375 Washington St., 617-451-0077. This South End restaurant led by chef Ranveer Brar has garnered national attention for its culinary excellence, fusing classic French and Southeast Asian cuisine in a sleek and unique dining room housed in a former bank building. D Tue & Wed 5:30–10 p.m., Thu–Sun 'til 11p.m. $$$

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. $$$$

LAUREL GRILL & BAR, 142 Berkeley St., 617-424-6711. This contemporary American restaurant specializing in a variety of fresh fish, steak, pasta and vegetarian selections is a relaxing place to enjoy a meal and still feel the buzz of the South End dining experience. L Mon–Fri 11:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.; D Mon–Sat 5:30–10 p.m., Sun 5–9 p.m.; SB 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m. www.laurelgrillandbar.com. $$

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

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 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 the flavors of Spain, Portugal, France, Italy and Greece with a modern flair at this sister restaurant to Davio's Northern Italian Steakhouse. The menu includes small plates of crispy squid, baked moussaka and chicken livers, appetizers of tuna tartare, onion soup and foie gras, 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.***

DA VINCI RISTORANTE, 162 Columbus Ave., 617-350-0007. Located between Park Square, the Back Bay, the South End and the Theatre District is one of the newest additions to Boston's stylish restaurant scene. Chef Peppino's menu reflects a blend of modern and classic Italian cuisine. Da Vinci offers an array of beautifully presented antipasti and entrees, and the chef's homemade pastas are made fresh every day, as are the bread and desserts. Open Mon–Sat at 5 p.m. www.davinciboston.com. $$$

FINALE, One Columbus Ave., 617-423-3184; 30 Dunster St., Harvard Sq., Cambridge, 617-441-9797; 1306 Beacon St., Brookline, 617-232-3233. A trendsetter among dessert-focused restaurants, Finale offers a wide array of time honored favorites and specialty desserts, savory fare for lunch and dinner, and an impressive selection of Illy coffee drinks, wine and cocktails. The Food Network calls its sweets the "best of America's desserts." Guests often visit to sample award-winning creations like Molten Chocolate—a baked-to-order, gooey cake served with coffee gelato and chocolate-covered almonds. Carry out options from The Finale Bakery include freshly baked cookies, cakes, mini-pastries and tarts. Columbus Ave.: Mon 11:30 a.m.–11 p.m.; Tue–Thu 'til 11:30

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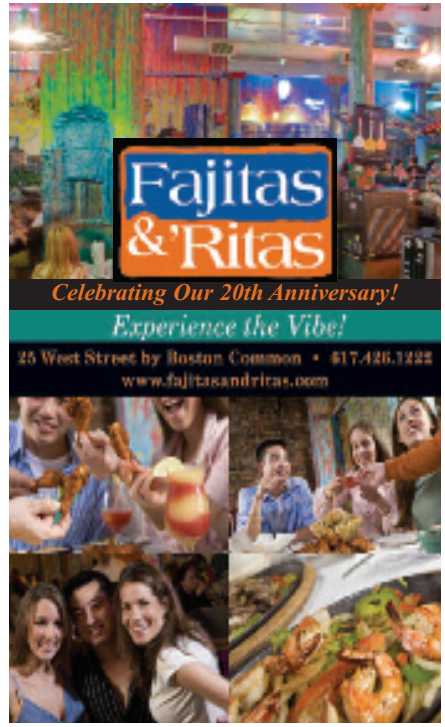


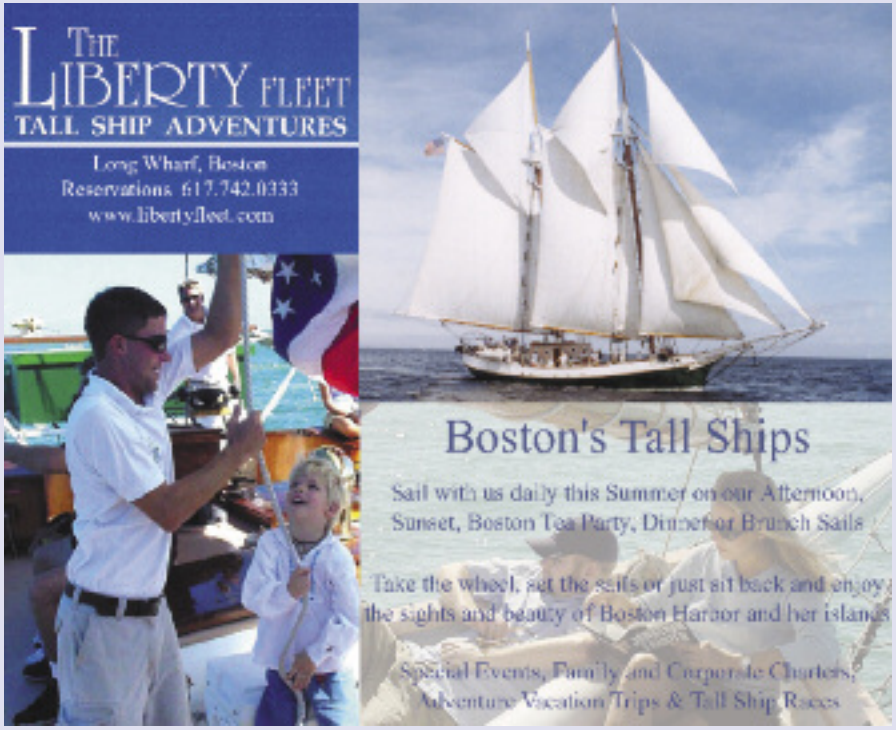
Set Sail With Liberty Fleet

Boston is a traditionally seafaring community, and one only needs to look at Boston Harbor on a summer day to see that maritime spirit hasn't changed much. Whenever fair skies and favorable winds allow, boat enthusiasts young and old can be found raising their sails and taking to the water for daytime sailing expeditions.

Liberty Fleet of Tall Ships has been a key figure on the Boston sail scene since 1992, ferrying guests along the coastline aboard the 125-foot schooner the *Liberty Clipper*. A typical two-hour jaunt aboard the *Liberty Clipper*—a replica of a mid-1800s Baltimore schooner—lets visitors explore the Boston Harbor Islands, or view the historic North End and Charlestown Navy Yard from the water.

Guests aboard the *Clipper* can either take the opportunity to relax and enjoy the tranquil sea breezes, or embrace their inner sea dog and take a more active role in the sailing of the vessel, with passengers invited to help hoist and raise the sails.

Standard sails (*tickets: $30; children $15*) depart three times daily, at *noon, 3 and 6 p.m.*, from Long Wharf by the New England Aquarium. Liberty Fleet also offers specialty cruises like Friday night steak and lobster sails (*tickets: $75; children $30*), Sunday brunches (*tickets: $50; children $25*) and occasional wine tasting sails (*tickets: $70*). And on weekends, the *Clipper* kicks it up a notch by inviting the Freedom Trail Players aboard to take visitors through a re-enactment of the Boston Tea Party, where guests can help dump tea in the ocean while the ship's captain orders the cannons to be fired (*Tea Party sails by reservation only; tickets: $35, children $20*).



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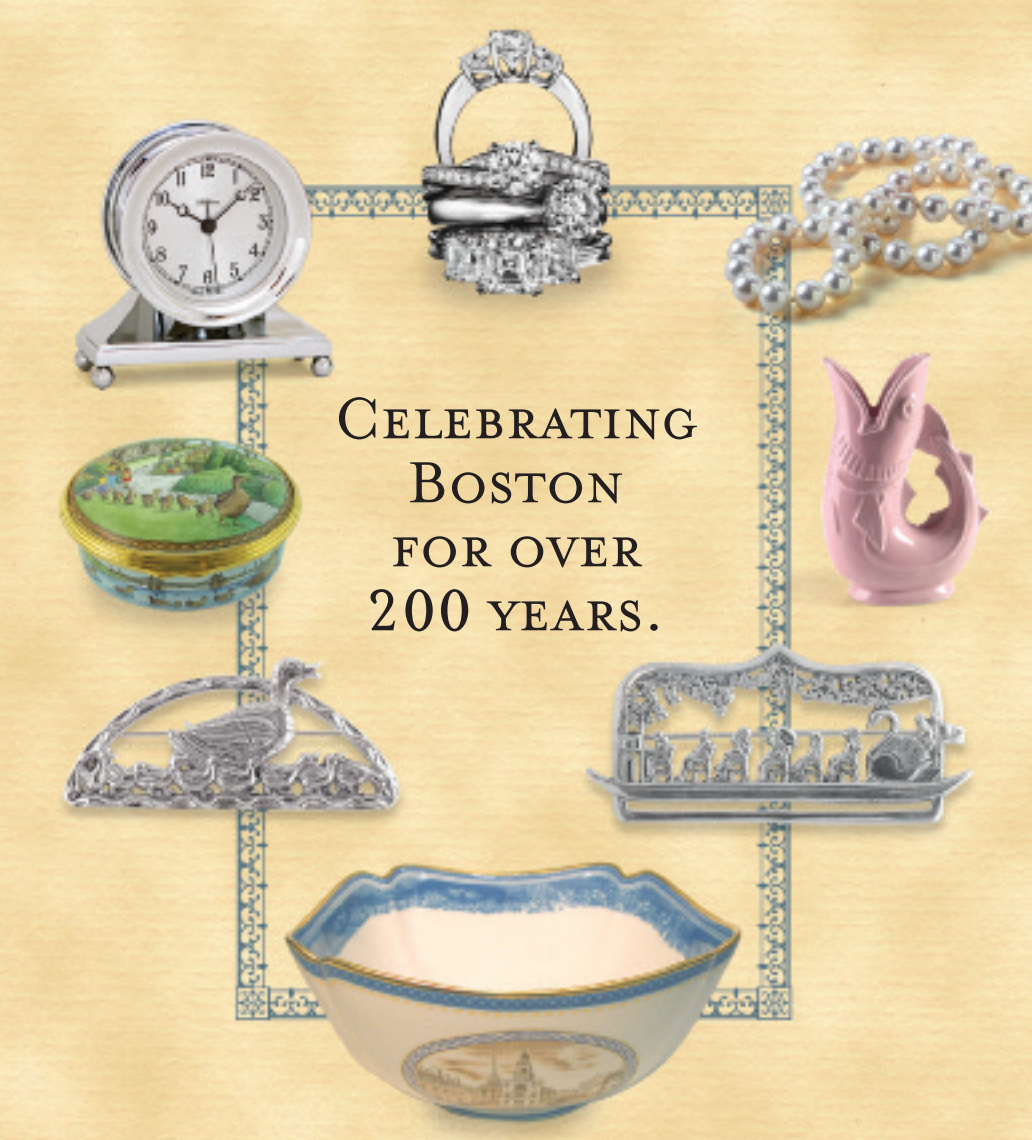

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