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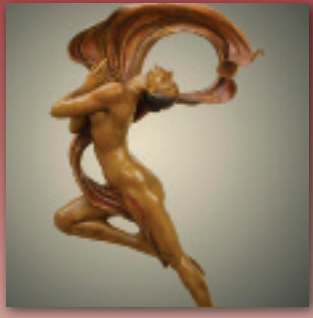

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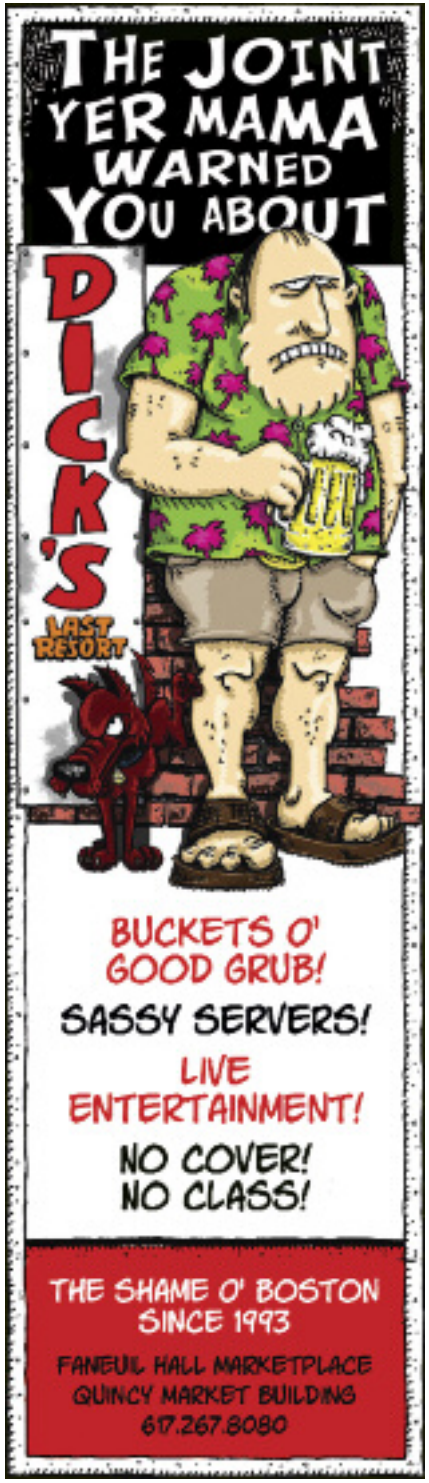

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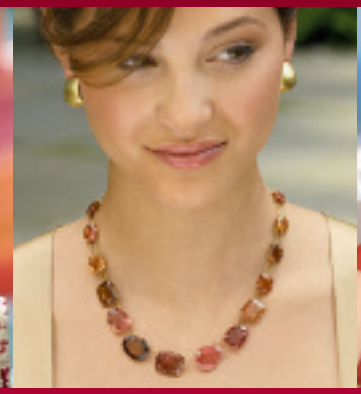

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BOSTON AFTER DARK

The many faces of hot and happening Hub nightlife

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FOR DANCING FOOLS

Whether you consider yourself a modern-day Johnny Castle or more closely resemble Elaine Benes when you shake your groove thang, it doesn't change the fact that a night on the dance floor is good for what ails you. One popular spot in Boston for showing off fancy footwork is **The Alley** (Boylston Place), a cluster of nightclubs in the Theatre District that includes **The Estate**, **Suite** and **Sweetwater Café**. Nearby is **Rise** (306 Stuart St., 617-423-7473), a Hub curiosity not only because it doesn't serve alcohol (often a necessary element in eliciting dancing) but also because it stays open *until 6:30 a.m.*

ALSO TRY: Redline (59 JFK St., Cambridge, 617-491-9851); **The Roxy** (279 Tremont St., 617-338-7699); **Rumor** and **Venu** (100 Warrenton St., 617-422-0045, 617-338-8061); **An Tua Nua** (835 Beacon St., 617-262-2121).

A GOOD LAUGH

The Boston comedy scene isn't what it was in the 1980s when it produced folks like Denis Leary, Jay Leno, Steven Wright and others, but there's still no shortage of places to garner some giggles. **The Comedy Connection at the Wilbur Theatre** brings in national headliners like Joan Rivers and Joel McHale, **The Comedy Studio** hosts some of the region's top up-and-comers experimenting with new material nightly, and the creative **Improv Asylum** troupe plays off audience feedback, ensuring you never see the same show twice. *Refer to listings, page 44.*

ALSO TRY: ImprovBoston, **Dick Doherty's Comedy Vault** (*refer to listings, page 44*), **Tommy's Comedy Lounge** (74 Warrenton St., 617-426-6912).

FUN AND GAMES

In already sports-crazy Boston, October and November find the excitement level reaching fever pitch. With the Red Sox in the playoffs, and the Patriots, Celtics and Bruins seasons all underway, sports fans have at least one game to watch practically every night, and the city abounds with fun, high-energy spots in which to watch them. Fans who can't get a seat for a playoff game at Fenway Park can try the next best thing—sleek and sexy sports bar/nightclub **Game On!** and casual bar/restaurant **Bleacher Bar** (*refer to listings, pages 61 & 62*), both located within Fenway Park itself. Across the street from Fenway, the **Cask 'N Flagon** (*refer to listing, page 61*) draws enthusiastic crowds to eat, drink, dance and watch sports, while Allston's **Sports Depot** (353 Cambridge St., 617-783-2300) is a sprawling sports bar packed with plasma TVs perfect for watching all the pro and college action anytime.

THREE'S COMPANY: Leah, Kate and Xaviera (opposite, left to right) of Maggie Inc. check out the scene at Game On, located inside Fenway Park on Lansdowne Street, one of Boston's liveliest nightlife destinations.

ALSO TRY: Champions (Marriott Copley Place, 2nd level, 110 Huntington Ave., 617-927-5304); **McGreevy's** (911 Boylston St., 617-262-0911); **The Four's** (166 Canal St., 617-720-4455); **The Baseball Tavern** (1270 Boylston St., 617-867-6526).

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LOUNGING AROUND

As we all know, chatting, flirting and drinking can be exhausting. So it's no wonder that the hottest concept in nightlife these days is lounges—the comfy couches and soft mood lighting have made leisure time relaxing again. In the South End, **28 Degrees** (1 Appleton St., 617-728-0728) offers an appropriately chill atmosphere as well as funky two-way mirrors in the restrooms. Boston's newest lounge, **Splash Ultra-Lounge and Burger Bar** (150 Kneeland St., 617-426-6397) brings a touch of Miami/Vegas vibe to Beantown with its roofdeck, complete with mini-pool. **The Foundation Lounge** (500 Commonwealth Ave., 617-859-9900) brings an air of sophistication to Red Sox-centric Kenmore Square, and **Gypsy Bar** (*refer to listing, page 61*) lures Boston's many international students and singles out to see, be seen and hook up in a stylish and sultry setting.

ALSO TRY: Alibi Lounge (215 Charles St., 857-241-1144); **Daisy Buchanan's** (240 Newbury St., 617-247-8516); **Match** (94 Massachusetts Ave., 617-247-9922); **Whiskey Park** (64 Arlington St., 617-542-1482); **Felt** (*refer to listing, page 62*); **The Living Room** (*refer to listing, page 61*); **District** (180 Lincoln St., 617-426-0180).

YOU'RE THE STAR

Few nightlife activities inspire such polarizing opinions as the art of karaoke: either you can't get enough of taking your turn in the spotlight belting out your favorite tunes, or there's nothing less appealing to you than suffering through another toneless rendition of "Don't Stop Believin'." If you're in the former camp, you'll want to check out **Limelight** (*refer to listing, page 62*), which offers onstage performance *Thursday–Saturday*, as well as private studio space nightly. Or if you're more pub singer than "American idol" wannabe, try the British tavern **Elephant & Castle** (*refer to listing, page 70*) on *Saturday* evenings, choose from more than 120,000 songs and let 'er rip!

ALSO TRY: Courtside Restaurant & Pub (291 Cambridge St., Cambridge, 617-547-4374); **Bell in Hand Tavern** (45 Union St., 617-227-2098).

TRUE BREW

If your idea of a great night out requires nothing more than some good friends, a couple of barstools and an unending variety of quality beers, a must-visit is Allston's **Sunset Grill & Tap** (*refer to listing, page 64*). Proprietor/beer nut Marc Kadish's restaurant accentuates its awesome food menu with the city's biggest, most imaginative beer selection, including 112 beers on tap and close to 400 more in bottles. Nearby, **The Publick House** (1648 Beacon St., Brookline, 617-277-2880) prides itself on an extensive and unconventional beer list geared toward Belgian ales. And discerning beer drinkers are also drawn to **Deep Ellum** (477 Cambridge St., Allston, 617-787-2337), a craft beer bar named in homage to a nightlife-heavy section of Dallas.

ALSO TRY: Boston Beer Works (112 Canal St., 617-896-2337; 61 Brookline Ave., 617-536-2337); **Bukowski's Tavern** (1281 Cambridge St., Cambridge, 617-497-7077; 50 Dalton St., 617-437-9999); **The Lansdowne** (9 Lansdowne St., 617-247-1222); **The Lower Depths Tap Room** (476 Commonwealth Ave., 617-266-6662); **Cambridge Brewing Company** (1 Kendall Square, Cambridge, 617-494-1994).

SOMETHING SWANKY

Boston isn't a city that stands too much on ceremony—you're just as likely to see nightlifers dressed in T-shirts and jeans as in fancy cocktail dresses. However, there are some nights when you just want to get dolled up, and those nights call for an appropriately classy venue. When it comes to a fancy night out, why not start at the top—specifically, the **Top of the Hub** (*refer to listings, pages 47, 61 & 65*), a chic restaurant located on the 52nd floor of the Prudential Center that has the city's best views, gourmet cuisine and live jazz seven nights a week. Stylish Newbury Street

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boasts **Sonsie** (*refer to listing, page 65*), a dark and romantic restaurant which boasts a subterranean wine bar for cozy canoodling. In the Financial District, **Bond Restaurant and Lounge** (*refer to listing, page 70*) in the Langham Hotel is one of the city's top new upscale nightspots for cocktails and people-watching. And Barbara Lynch's minimalist yet oh-so-classy **Drink** (348 Congress St., 617-695-1806) is so chic it doesn't even have a cocktail list—instead, bartenders quiz you on your likes and dislikes before creating unique libations to suit your taste.

ALSO TRY: The Oak Bar (Fairmont Copley Place, 138 St. James Ave., 617-267-5300); **Om** (92 Winthrop St., Cambridge, 617-576-2800); **RumBa** (Intercontinental Hotel, 510 Atlantic Ave., 617-747-1000); **The Vault** (105 Water St., 617-292-3355); **Les Zygomates** (129 South St., 617-542-5108); **Eastern Standard** (528 Commonwealth Ave., 617-532-9100).

TURN IT UP TO 11

Live music lovers have plenty of spots in Boston where they can rock out, bebop or sing along. The **House of Blues** hosts national pop, rock and blues acts in its brand-new Lansdowne Street location, while the venerable **Paradise Rock Club** offers intimate exposure to up-and-coming and established rockers (*refer to listings, page 46*). Over in Cambridge, funky mainstay **The Middle East** (472/480 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617-864-3278) provides three separate spaces for eclectic local and national acts and **Club Passim** (*refer to listing, page 46*) recently celebrated 50 years of bringing top-notch folk performances to the area. Jazz lovers can bop to top performers at **Scullers** and **Regattabar** (*refer to listings, page 46*), and the divey but friendly **Cantab Lounge** (738 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617-354-2687) hosts everything from bluegrass to soul.

ALSO TRY: Ryles Jazz Club (212 Hampshire St., Cambridge, 617-876-9330); **Johnny D's** (17 Holland St., Somerville, 617-776-2004); **Lizard Lounge** (1667 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 617-547-0759); **T.T. the Bear's** (10 Brookline St., Cambridge, 617-492-0082); **The Beehive** (*refer to listing, page 62*); **Church** (69 Kilmarnock St., 617-830-1233).

AND WHAT IF I WANT TO...

...pick up the 7-10 split while enjoying a Cosmopolitan? Head to **Kings** (*refer to listing, page 62*) in the Back Bay, where you and your crew can engage in ten-pin bowling, sip cocktails at DeVille Lounge or shoot pool in the billiards room.

...ride a mechanical bull? Head over to **The Liquor Store** (120 Boylston St., 617-357-6800), home to the city's only faux bovine.

...drink a scorpion bowl the size of my head? The **Hong Kong** (*refer to listing, page 67*) in Harvard Square is known for having the best bowls in the area. Warning: share it with a friend!

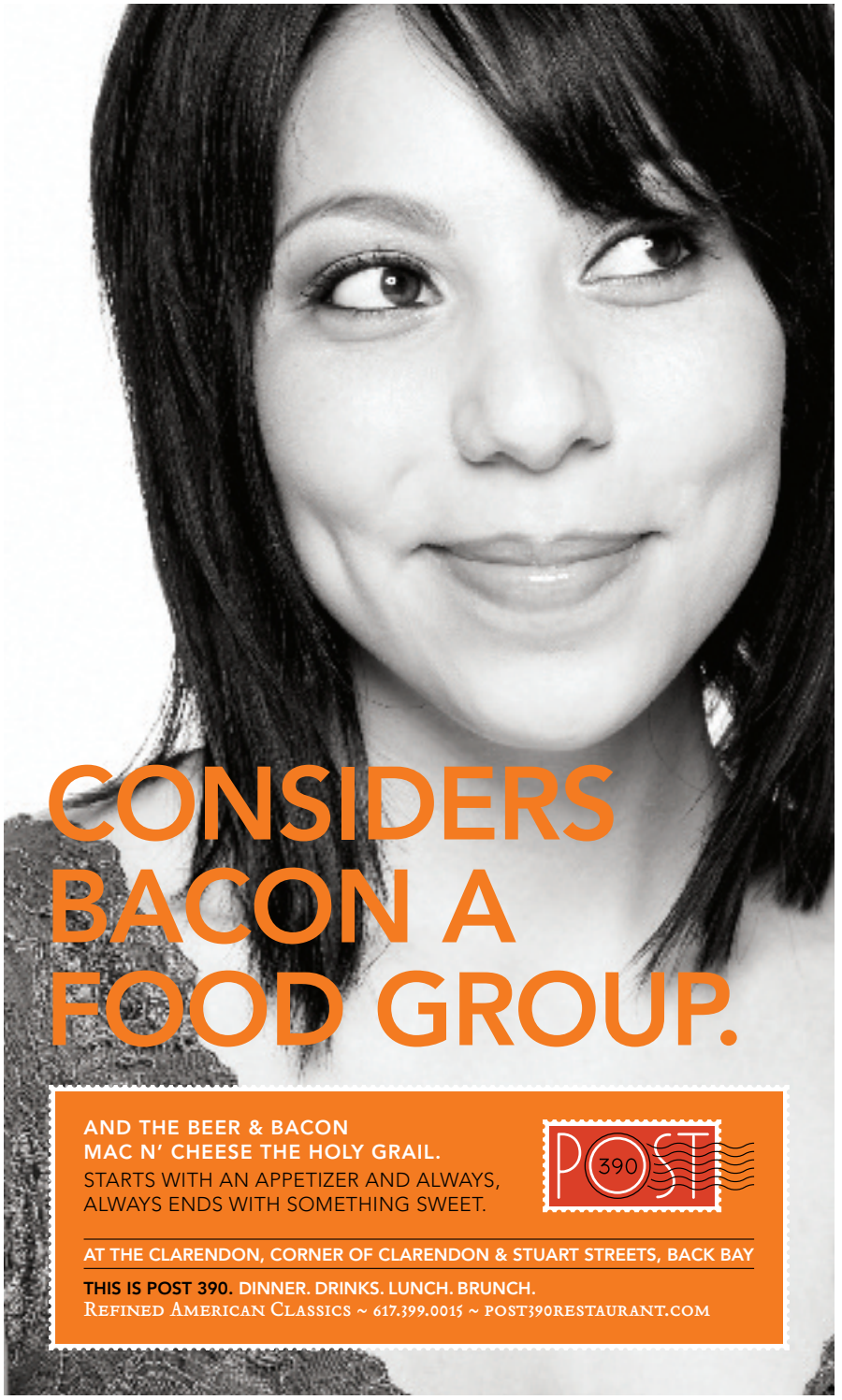
...eat a cannoli at 2:45 a.m.? Follow the sweet smells of baked goods to the Italian North End neighborhood and hit up **Bova Bakery** (134 Salem St., 617-523-5601) which stays open 24/7 making sweet Italian pastries, breads, pizza and more.

...show off my grammar skills? Try your hand at the Tuesday night Spelling Bee at bar/restaurant **Highland Kitchen** (150 Highland Ave., Somerville, 617-625-1131).

...watch a bunch of silent men with blue latex heads play unique musical instruments? Best bet would be to check out **Blue Man Group**, with shows nightly *Tuesday–Sunday* at the Charles Playhouse. *Refer to listing, page 49.*

...get attitude from my waitress? If you're really in the mood to spar, **Dick's Last Resort** (*refer to listings, pages 61 & 72*) is known for its snarky waitstaff, who are encouraged to give their customers a good-natured hard time as they chow down on bountiful food and cocktails.

...learn to Riverdance? Popular Irish pub **The Burren** (247 Elm St., Somerville, 617-776-6896) offers traditional set dancing classes every *Monday from 8–10 p.m.* Give it a whirl, and you'll be a regular Michael Flatley in no time. Ⓟ



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BOSTON BY FOOT, 617-367-2345 or 617-367-3766. ***Through Oct 31****. 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; 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. This self-guided, three-mile walking tour covers 300 years of history, taking you through Boston's downtown, North End, Beacon Hill and Back Bay neighborhoods. Learn about famous politicians, artists and war heroes, and the Boston Irish's rich tradition of rebellion, leadership and triumph.

BOSTON UPPER DECK TROLLEY TOURS, 617-742-1440. *Tours depart daily from 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m.; tickets can be purchased aboard trolleys or at various locations throughout the city. Tickets: $34; military, seniors & students $30; children (3–11) $16; children (under 3) free.* This fun and informative tour of the city invites visitors to get off and on at 21 different stops around Boston and Cambridge. Full tours last two hours and cover more than 100 points of interest, including the North End, the *USS Constitution*, Boston Common, the Back Bay and the Theatre District. And each Upper Deck Trolley Tour ticket entitles guests to a second day on the trolley for free, as well as the choice of a free Boston Harbor or Charles Riverboat Cruise, making this comprehensive tour of the Hub one of Boston's very best values for visitors.

CITY VIEW TROLLEY TOURS, of Boston, Cambridge & Salem, departing every 10–20 minutes from the New England Aquarium, South Station, North Station, Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Boston Common and other locations, 617-363-7899. *Mon–Fri 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Sat & Sun 'til 5:30 p.m. Tickets: $34; seniors & students $32; children (4–12) $12. Save up to $6 per ticket when you buy online at www.cityviewtrolleys.com.* This year-round trolley company offers Hop On & Off privileges at the most scenic and historic locations, including the New England Aquarium and sites along the Freedom Trail, Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market, the North End, Beacon Hill, the historic waterfront, the *USS Constitution*, Bunker Hill and many more.

FENWAY PARK TOURS, 4 Yawkey Way, 617-226-6666. *Tours leave daily, every hour on the hour, from 9 a.m.–4 p.m., or until three hours before game time. Tickets: $12; seniors $11; children (3–15) & military personnel $10.* Tours originate at the Souvenir Store located on Yawkey Way across from Service Gate D, rain or shine. This tour offers an inside look at America's oldest active Major League ballpark, including a visit to the top of the famed "Green Monster" and stories from Boston Red Sox history.

THE FREEDOM TRAIL FOUNDATION'S FREEDOM TRAIL PLAYERS, 617-357-8300. *Tours depart from the Visitor Center on Boston Common daily at 11 a.m., noon, 1, 3:30 and 4:30 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.* ***through Oct 31****. Reservations encouraged. Tickets: $37; children (4–12) $24. Discounted tickets available online.* 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 available on most days.* ***Oct 20 & 27, Nov 3 & 10*** *at 5:30 p.m. Tickets: $43.* The Freedom Trail Foundation's 18th-century costumed guide takes you on a tour of Boston's historic pubs where treasonous events were hatched more than 250 years ago. Enjoy plenty of beer and light fare along the way.

NORTH END MARKET TOUR, 64 Cross St., take the "T" to Haymarket, 617-523-6032. *Three-hour tours: Wed at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Fri at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., Sat at 9 and 10 a.m., 1 and 2 p.m. Reservations required. Custom tours for groups available. Tickets: $50.* Michele Topor, an authority on Italian cuisine and culture, hosts walking tours through one of the nation's oldest Italian-American communities.

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

OLD TOWN TROLLEY TOURS OF BOSTON, 617-269-7010. *Tours depart daily every 20 minutes from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $36; seniors & students $33; 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.

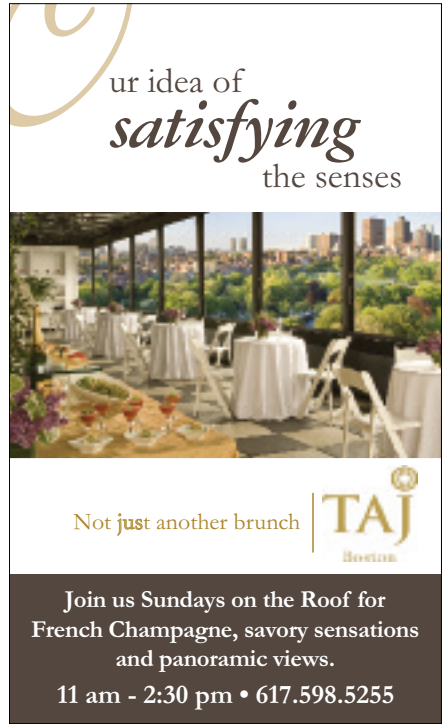
SAMUEL ADAMS BREWERY TOUR: DRINK IN A LITTLE HISTORY, 30 Germania St., Jamaica Plain, 617-368-5080. *Tours begin approximately every 45 minutes, Mon–Thu & Sat 10 a.m.–3 p.m., Fri 'til 5:30 p.m. One-hour tours include samples (ID required). Tickets: $2 donation to a local charity. Call for special events 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 TOURS, departing from Charlestown Navy Yard, 877-34-DUCKS. ***Through Nov 1****: Tours depart Mon–Fri from 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Tickets: $29; military, seniors & students $25; children (3–11) $17; children (under 3) free.* The Hub's newest amphibious tour company takes visitors on a land and sea adventure. Enjoy a narrated, historical bus tour through the streets of Boston before plunging into Boston Harbor for great scenic views and a "splashing good time."

URBAN ADVENTOURS, 103 Atlantic Ave., 617-670-0637, 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.

VISITOR RESOURCES

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



WILDLIFE

FRANKLIN PARK ZOO, One Franklin Park Road, Franklin Park, 617-541-LION. *Daily 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: $14; seniors $11; children (2–12) $8; children (under 2) & military personnel free; $8 for all from 10 a.m.–noon the first Sat of each month.* Home to more than 210 species, many of them endangered. Roam the Australian Outback Trail with kangaroos, visit the gorillas in the Tropical Forest, marvel at the lion and tigers at Kalahari Kingdom and see zebras, ostriches and wildebeests at Serengeti Crossing. Special event: ***Oct 24 & 25*** *from 11 a.m.–3 p.m.*—Zoo Howl, featuring a costume contest, creepy crafts, a haunted maze and more.

NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM, Central Wharf, 617-973-5200. *Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat & Sun 'til 6 p.m. Admission: $20.95; seniors (60+) $18.95; children (3–11) $12.95; children (under 3) free. Refer to Current Events section under Film for IMAX theater listings. Combination ticket prices available.* Dedicated to advancing knowledge of the world of water, this outstanding aquatic zoo features a 187,000-gallon Giant Ocean Tank containing a Caribbean coral reef with sharks, sea turtles, moray eels and other aquatic life; a popular penguin habitat; the brand-new Marine Mammal Center; and the Simons 3D IMAX Theater.

STONE ZOO, 149 Pond St., Stoneham, 781-438-5100. *Daily 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: $11; seniors $9; children (2–12) $7; children (under 2) free; $7 for all from 10 a.m.–noon the first Sat of each month.* Highlights include Yukon Creek, Mexican gray wolves, meerkats, snow leopards, jaguars, reindeer, river otters, llamas, black bears and Stone Zoo's newest arrival, a white-cheeked gibbon.

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, cafes, restaurants and shops.

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SAMUEL ADAMS BREWERY TOUR: The Boston Beer Company's original brewery in Jamaica Plain offers visitors an inside look at the brewing process, along with samples of some of America's finest brews. **Refer to listing, page 19.**

LONGFELLOW NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, 105 Brattle St., 617-876-4491. *Grounds open daily from dawn to dusk.* 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.

BEYOND BOSTON

ADAMS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK, 1250 Hancock St., Quincy, eight miles south of Boston, 617-770-1175. Take the "T" to the Quincy Center stop on the Red Line. ***Through Nov 10****: Visitor Center open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m.* This oft-overlooked historical gem offers insight into the lives of U.S. presidents John Adams and son John Quincy Adams. Tour the birthplaces of both presidents, as well as "The Old House," which was home to five generations of the Adams family.

MINUTE MAN NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK, Concord and Lexington (North Bridge Visitor Center, 174 Liberty St., Concord), 978-318-7810. *Park grounds open sunrise to sunset.* Created in 1959 to preserve the sites associated with the opening battles of the American Revolution, Minute Man Park consists of more than 900 acres of land along original segments of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, including Lexington Green and Concord's North Bridge. The park also preserves The Wayside, the 19th-century home of literary greats Nathaniel Hawthorne and Louisa May Alcott.

OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Road, 508-347-3362. *Daily 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.;* ***beginning Nov 2****: Closed Mon & Tue. Tickets: $20; seniors $18; children (3–17) $7; (under 3) free.* Take a trip back in time at this recreation of an early 19th-century New England village where costumed educators give visitors a glimpse of life in America's early days. Visit a tin shop, a cider mill and a blacksmith, ride the old-fashioned yellow stagecoach and tour restorations of period New England homes while marveling at authentic remnants from a long-gone age. Special events: ***Oct 24*** *at 5 p.m.*—Things That Go Bump in the Night, *tickets: $12; at 6 p.m.*—Trail of Terror, *tickets: $8;* ***Nov 14*** *from 6–9 p.m.*—An Evening of Illumination, *tickets: $35.*

DESTINATIONS

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

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

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. The National Trust for Historic Preservation named Portsmouth to its list of America's Dozen Distinctive Destinations, calling the city "one of the most culturally rich destinations in the country." When in this highly walkable and picturesque New England city, visitors can shop, dine or soak in culture at the Strawberry Banke Museum, popular concert venue The Music Hall or the Moffatt-Ladd House and Garden, one of America's finest Georgian mansions.

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

FREEDOM TRAIL

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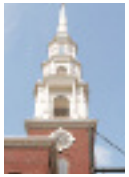
OLD GRANARY BURYING GROUND: Some of Boston's most famous historic figures are buried here along the Freedom Trail. **Refer to listing, right.**

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.

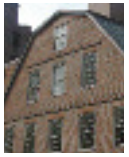


PARK STREET CHURCH. Corner of Park and Tremont streets, 617-523-3383. *Sunday services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 4 and 6 p.m. Morning services are traditional, evening services are contemporary.* Built in 1809, this church was described by Henry James as "the most interesting mass of brick and mortar in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

OLD GRANARY BURYING GROUND. Tremont Street next to Park Street Church, 617-242-5642. *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 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Sun 1:30–4 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.

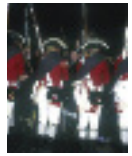
SITE OF THE FIRST PUBLIC SCHOOL AND BEN FRANKLIN'S STATUE. On School Street, marked by a column and commemorative plaque. On April 13, 1635, the town voted to establish the first public school in the country. Nearby is Benjamin Franklin's statue, built in 1856, the first portrait statue erected in the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



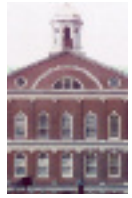
SITE OF THE OLD CORNER BOOKSTORE. School and Washington streets. Constructed as an apothecary in 1718, the ground floor was later a bookstore and literary center of Boston and a meeting place for notables like Emerson, Hawthorne and Thoreau.

OLD SOUTH MEETING HOUSE. 310 Washington St., 617-482-6439. *Daily 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.;* ***beginning Nov 1****: 'til 4 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.

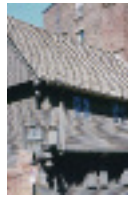
OLD STATE HOUSE. Corner of Washington and State streets, 617-720-1713. *Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $7; seniors & students $6; children (6–18) $3; children (under 6) free.* Built in 1713, this seat of Colonial government was the center of activity for such patriots as John Hancock and Samuel and John Adams. It was from the east balcony that the Declaration of Independence was first read in Boston.



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



FANEUIL HALL. Merchants Row and Faneuil Hall Square, 617-242-5689. *Mon–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.



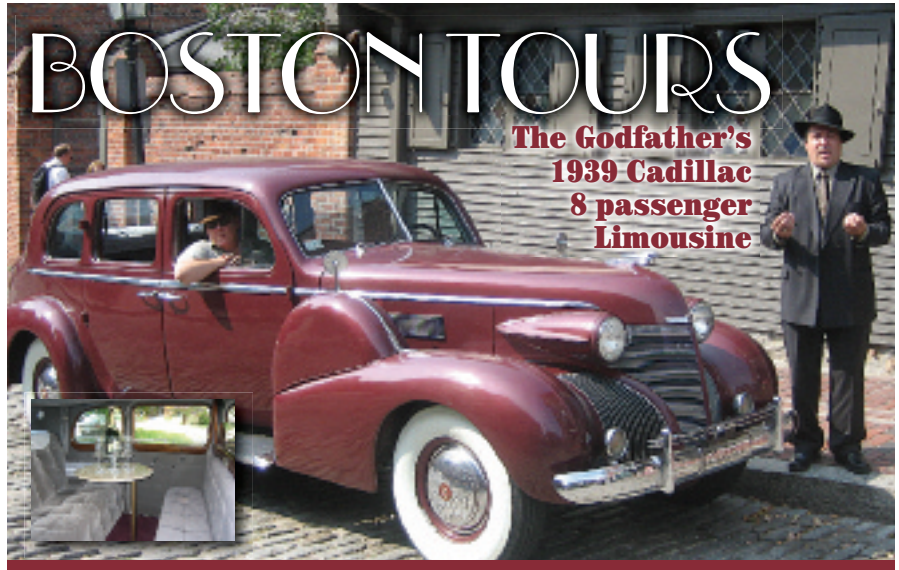
PAUL REVERE HOUSE. 19 North Square, North Street, 617-523-2338. *Open daily 9:30 a.m.–5:15 p.m.;* ***beginning Nov 1****: 'til 4:30 p.m. Admission: $3.50; seniors & students $3; children (5–17) $1; (under 5) free.* The oldest home in Boston (built c. 1680), occupied by silversmith and patriot Paul Revere from 1770 to 1800.

OLD NORTH CHURCH. 193 Salem St., 617-523-6676. *Daily 9 a.m.–6 p.m.;* ***beginning Nov 1****: 10 a.m.–5 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.

USS CONSTITUTION. Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, 617-242-5670. *Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–5:50 p.m.;* ***beginning Nov 1****: 'til 5 p.m. Tours every half-hour.* This 44-gun frigate is the world's oldest commissioned warship, christened "Old Ironsides" during the War of 1812 when the cannonballs of a British warship literally bounced off her triple hull.



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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 25.*

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BEACON HILL

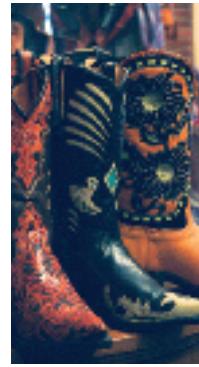
The Hub's reputation as one of the most European cities in the U.S. is evidenced by a visit to this neighborhood. Home to the State House and tucked between the Charles River Esplanade, Boston Common and the Public Garden, Beacon Hill's picturesque cobblestone streets are lined by impeccable brownstones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

ATTRACTIONS:

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

GET THERE ON THE Ⓣ:

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



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

ATTRACTIONS:

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

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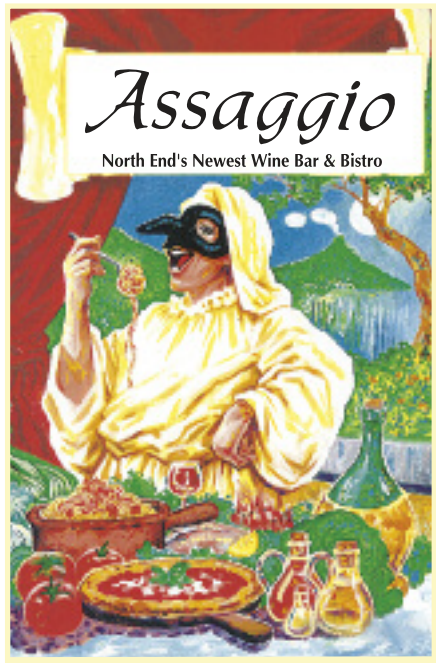

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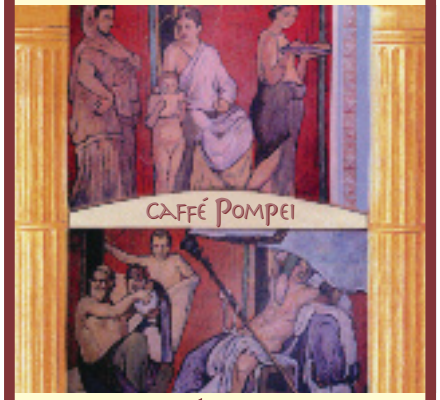

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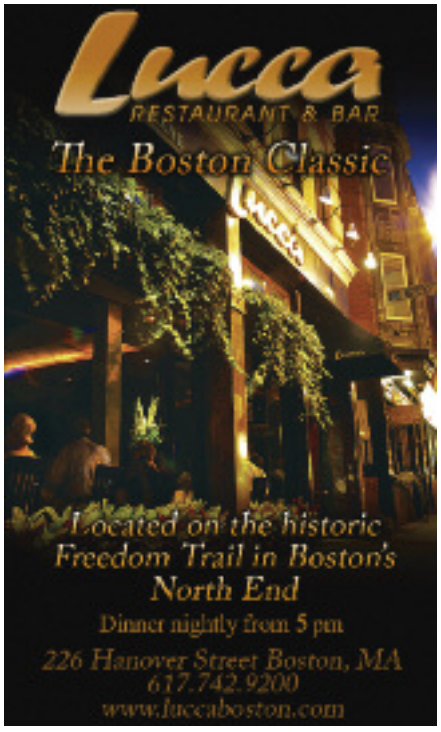

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ATTRACTIONS:

- Trinity Church
- Boston Public Library
- John Hancock Tower

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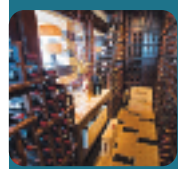
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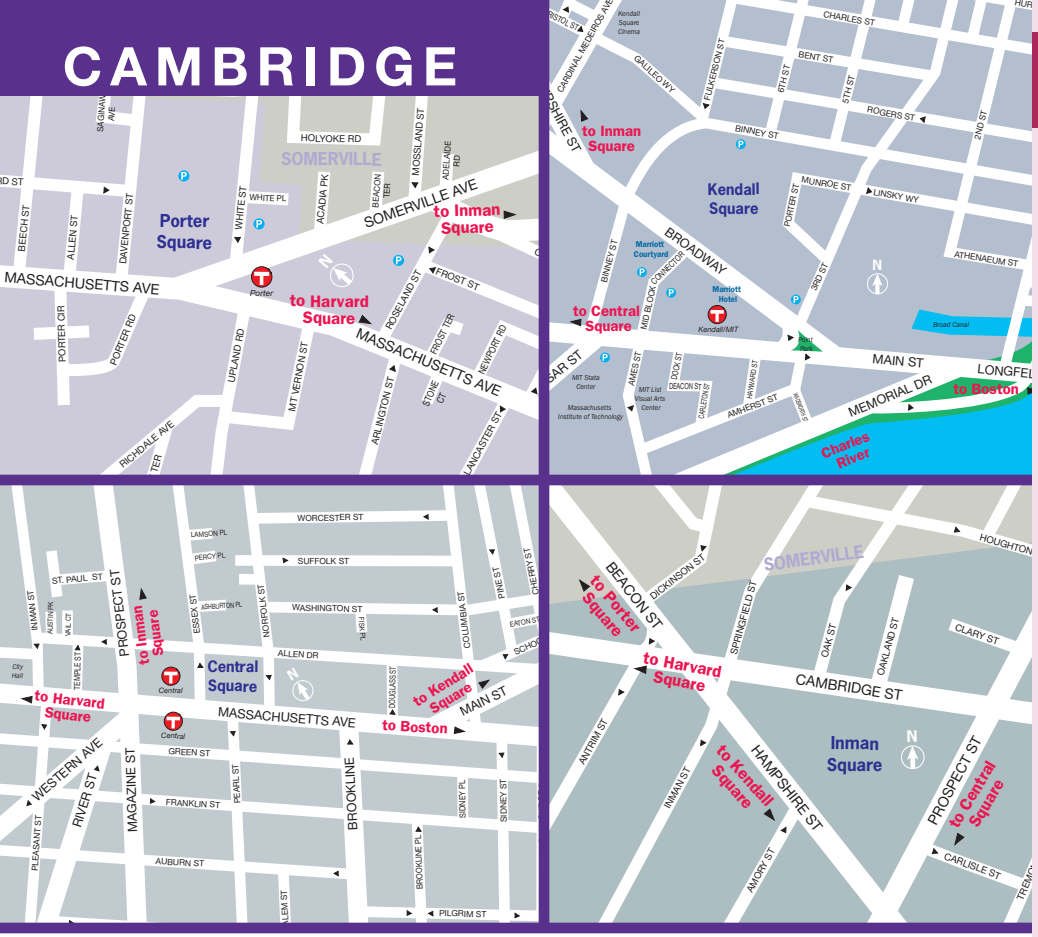


The people of Cambridge would like to inform the world that their fine city is not a neighborhood of Boston. Although it often gets lumped together with Beantown, Cambridge stands alone with all the sustaining qualities of an international city center.

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 Harvard Square Dining 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. Ⓟ

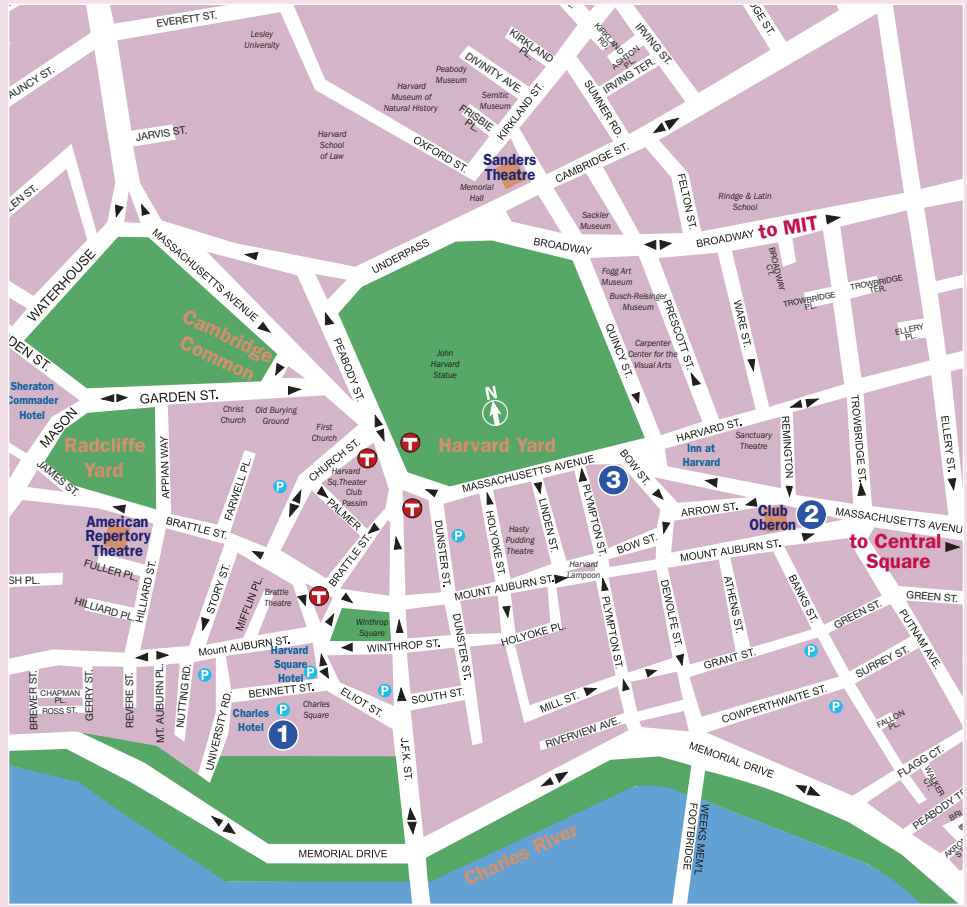
ATTRACTIONS:

- 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.

Harvard Square Dining



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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

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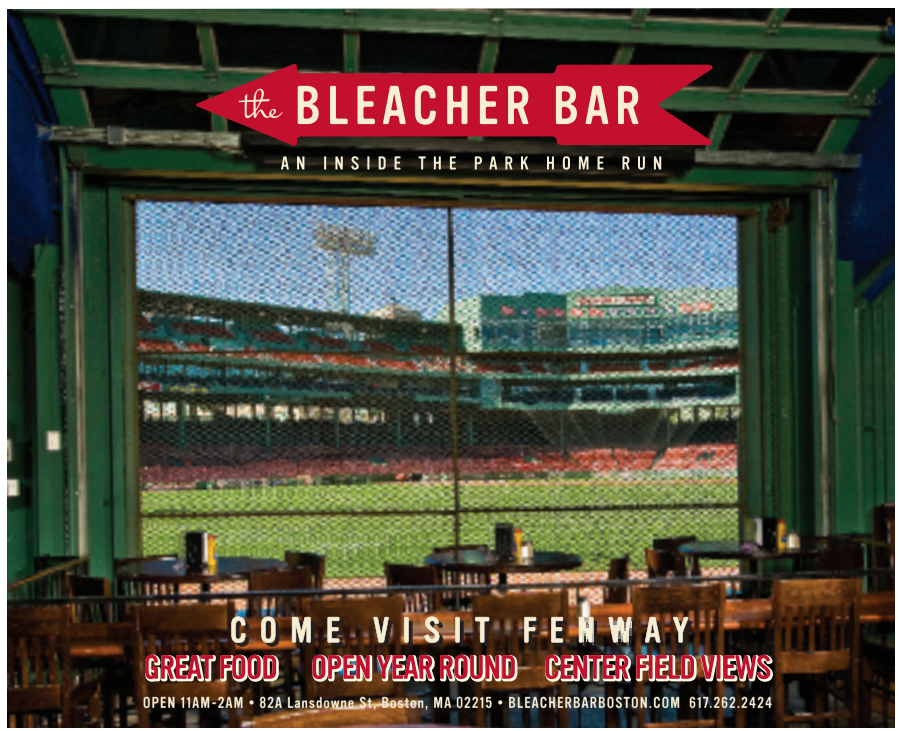

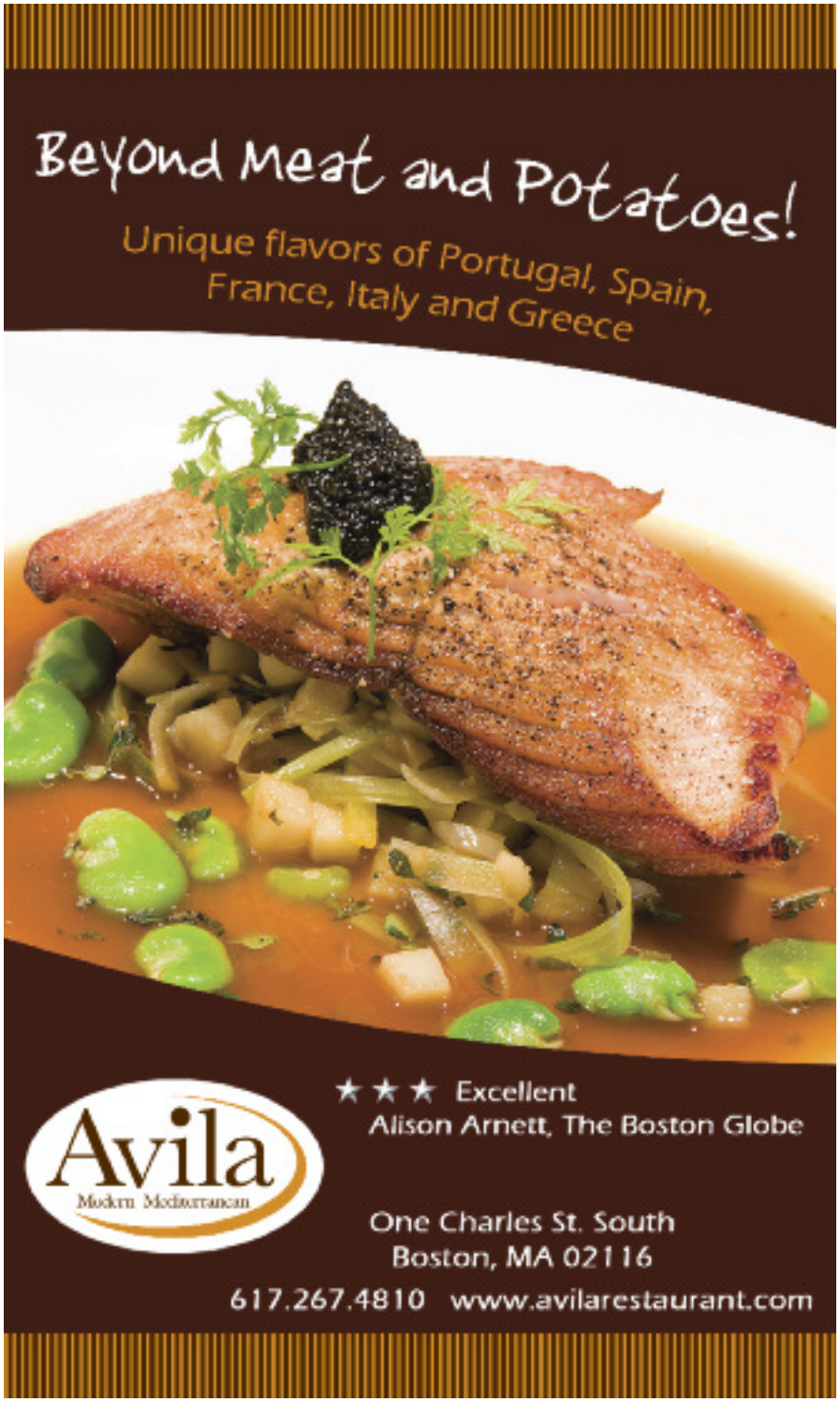

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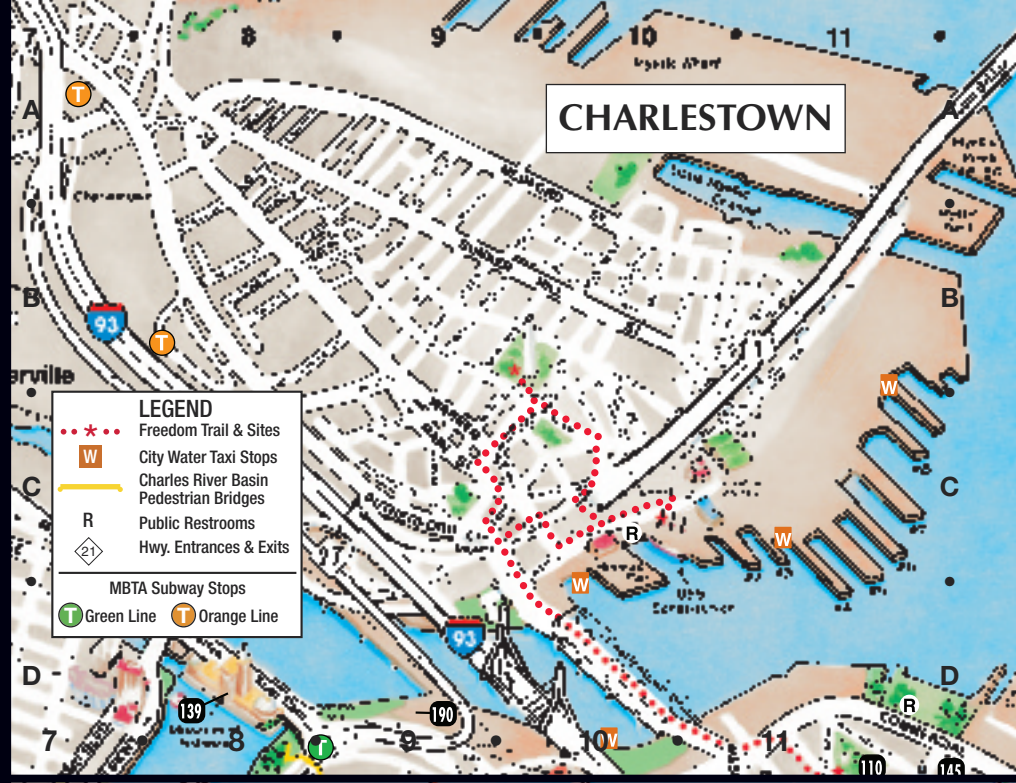
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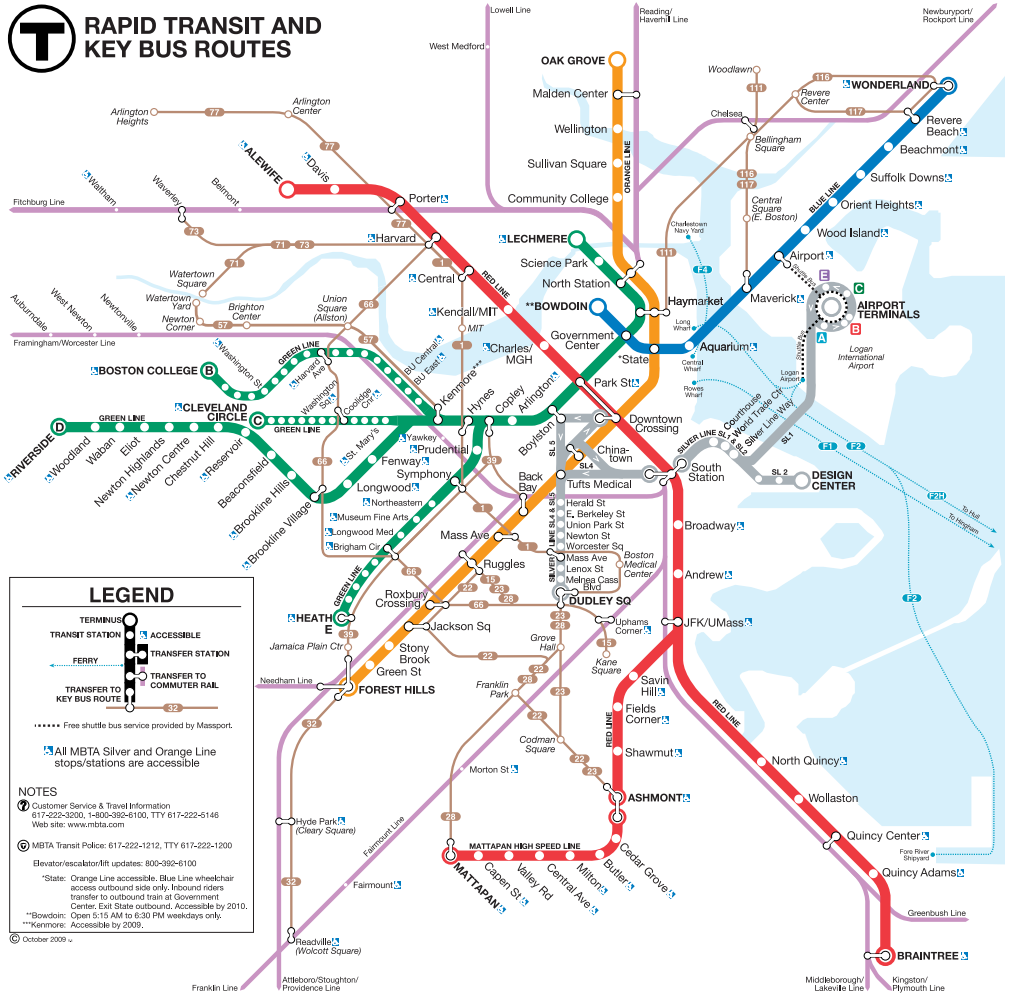

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- Boston Medical Center's **Halloween Town** takes over the Seaport World Trade Center on **October 24 & 25**. Get your rugrats decked out for a day of haunted houses, games and entertainment for all ages. *Refer to listing, page 48.*
- The Franklin Park Zoo hosts trick-or-treating, a haunted maze and live animal encounters at **Zoo Howl** (pictured above) on **October 24 & 25**. *Refer to listing, page 20.*
- It's creepiness in Cambridge, as Harvard Square becomes **"Harvard Scare"** on **October 30** *at 4 p.m.*, complete with a costume parade and all-ages "Monster Mash" block party.
- Dying to hear spooky tales of historic Boston? Venture out to sea on the **Boston Ghost Cruise** (**October 24, 30 & 31**—*visit www.bostonghostcruise for details*) or take the **Ghosts and Gravestones** tour (*refer to listing, page 18*)…if you dare!

—Meredith Wilson

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A FIDDLER'S SWAN SONG?

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF
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For four decades, theater aficionados have associated one name with the role of Tevye, the beleaguered titular character of the beloved musical *Fiddler on the Roof*—Israeli actor Chaim Topol. Since his first stint as Tevye in the 1967 inaugural British production of *Fiddler*, Topol has frequently returned to the role of a traditional Hebrew father struggling with his daughters' choices of husbands—including in the 1972 film (for which he earned an Oscar nomination) and stage revivals in 1983, 1990 and 1994. Now, Topol is touring the world in his *Fiddler* "farewell tour," arriving in Boston on **November 3**. Don't miss your last chance to hear classics like "If I Were A Rich Man" and "Sunrise, Sunset" performed by musical theatre's most accomplished *Fiddler*. *Refer to listing, page 49.* *—Josh B. Wardrop*

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COMICS COME HOME: Worcester-bred comedian and television star Denis Leary (above) headlines this annual benefit concert, which raises money for the Cam Neely Foundation for Cancer Care. **Refer to listing, right.**

CLASSICAL

BERLIN PHILHARMONIC, Celebrity Series of Boston, Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., 617-482-2595. ***Nov 15*** *at 3 p.m. Tickets: $52–148.* The world-renowned Berlin Philharmonic, conducted by Sir Simon Rattle, returns to Boston for a concert of works by Brahms and Schoenberg.

BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., 617-266-1200. *Tickets: $29–115, unless otherwise noted. Visit www.bso.org for a complete schedule of events.* Renowned throughout the world for its distinctive sound, impressive range and virtuosity, the Boston Symphony Orchestra—led by Music Director James Levine—celebrates its 129th year of performing the world's most beloved and stirring classical music. ***Oct 22 & 24*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Oct 23*** *at 1:30 p.m.*—The BSO presents Beethoven: The Complete Symphonies, Program 1; ***Oct 27 & 29*** *at 8 p.m.*—Beethoven: The Complete Symphonies, Program 2; ***Oct 30 & 31*** *at 8 p.m.*—Beethoven: The Complete Symphonies, Program 3; ***Nov 5 & 7*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Nov 6*** *at 1:30 p.m.*—Beethoven: The Complete Symphonies, Program 4.

HANDEL AND HAYDN SOCIETY, Symphony Hall, 301 Massachusetts Ave., 617-266-3605. ***Nov 6*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Nov 8*** *at 3 p.m. Tickets: $25–87.* The Handel and Haydn Society welcomes guest conductor Jane Glover and fortepianist Robert Levin for a performances of works by Haydn and Mozart.

COMEDY

THE COMEDY CONNECTION AT THE WILBUR THEATRE, 246 Tremont St., 617-248-9700. ***Oct 19*** *at 7 and 9:45 p.m.*—David Cross, *tickets: $29 & 39;* ***Oct 22*** *at 8,* ***Oct 23*** *at 10 p.m.*—Bill Maher, *tickets: $49 & 72;* ***Oct 23*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood, *tickets: $30 & 45;* ***Oct 24*** *at 9:45 p.m.*—Harland Williams, *tickets: $22 & 28;* ***Oct 30*** *at 9 p.m.*—Michael Ian Black and Michael Showalter, *tickets: $32;* ***Nov 6*** *at 7:30 p.m.,* ***Nov 7*** *at 7 p.m.*—Mike Birbiglia, *tickets: $25 & 30;* ***Nov 13*** *at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—Janeane Garofalo and Rob Riggle, *tickets: $25 & 35;* ***Nov 14*** *at 7 p.m.*—Broken Lizard Live, *tickets: $22 & 28.*

THE COMEDY STUDIO AT THE HONG KONG, 1238 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. ***Oct 20 & 27, Nov 3***—Mystery Lounge features professional magicians; ***Oct 21 & 28, Nov 4***—Rick Jenkins hosts Fresh Faces; ***Oct 23 & Nov 6***—Renata Tutko and special guests; ***Oct 24 & 31, Nov 7***—Rick Jenkins and special guests; ***Oct 30***—Ken Reid hosts Rick Canavan, Taylor Connelly, Matt Devlin and others; ***Nov 1***—Bethany Van Delft hosts Andrew Clark, Kate Ghiloni, Joe Laroche and others.

COMICS COME HOME, Agganis Arena, 925 Commonwealth Ave., 617-358-7000. ***Nov 7*** *at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $40–155.* One of Boston's most popular annual events returns, as Worcester-bred comedian/actor Denis Leary is joined by Lenny Clarke, Bill Burr, Adam Ferrara, Kenny Rogerson, Tony V and others in this benefit for the Cam Neely Foundation for Cancer Care.

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. ***Oct 19, 26, Nov 2 & 9***—Comedy Fundraisers for Kevin Knox; ***Oct 20 & 27***—Jim Lauletta's Comedy Showcase; ***Oct 21 & 28***—Paul Nardizzi's Wacky Wednesdays; ***Oct 22 & 29***—Beantown Comedy Riot with Mike Whitman; ***Oct 23 & 24***—Carolyn Plummer, Stephanie Peters, John David and friends; ***Oct 25, Nov 1, 8 & 15***—Open Mic Night; ***Oct 30 & 31***—Martin Montana, Dick Doherty and friends.

IMPROV ASYLUM, 216 Hanover St., 617-263-6887. *Tickets: $10–20, 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. ***Oct 21 & 28*** *at 8 p.m.*—Vanity Project; ***Oct 22 & 29*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Oct 23 & 30*** *at 8 and 10 p.m.,* ***Oct 24 & 31*** *at 7 and 9 p.m.*—Main Stage Show; *at 11 p.m.*—Unhinged; ***Oct 23 & 30***—The Midnight Show; ***Oct 25*** *at 8 p.m.*—NXT Show; ***Oct 27*** *at 8 p.m.*—House Teams.

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. ***Oct 21 & 28, Nov 4 & 11*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Comedy Lab; ***Oct 22–25 & 29–31*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Oct 23, 24, 30 & 31*** *at 10 p.m.*—GoreFest VII: The Worster Seed; ***Oct 24 & 31, Nov 7 & 14*** *at 6 p.m.*—ImprovBoston's Family Show; *at 7 p.m.*—Mosaic with SouthCity Theatre Company; ***Oct 25, Nov 1, 8, 15*** *at 7 p.m.*—Open Comedy Jam; ***Nov 4*** *at 10 p.m.*—Naked Comedy Showcase; ***Nov 5 & 12*** *at 8 p.m.*—Bastards Inc.; *at 10 p.m.*—The 10 Slot; ***Nov 6 & 13*** *at 7 p.m.*—SketchHaus; *at 8 p.m.*—This Improvised Life; *at 9:30 p.m.*—Harold Night; *at 10 p.m.*—Friday Night Face Off; *at 11:30 p.m.*—Nightcap; ***Nov 7 & 14*** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—ImprovBoston's Mainstage; *at 9:30 p.m.*—Sideshow Jones; *at 11:30 p.m.*—Nightcap.

DANCE

WORLD PASSIONS, Boston Ballet, The Opera House, 539 Washington St., 617-931-2787. *Performances* ***Oct 22 & 29*** *at 7 p.m.,* ***Oct 24*** *at 2 and 8 p.m.,* ***Oct 25 & Nov 1*** *at 2 p.m.,* ***Oct 30 & 31*** *at 8 p.m. Tickets: $25–132.* This evening of variety and innovation by four international choreographers includes new works by rising talents Viktor Plotnikov and Helen Pickett.

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: ***Oct 25*** *at 2, 7:30, and 10 p.m.—Gone Baby Gone;* ***Oct 26*** *at 8 p.m.—Mystic River;* ***Oct 29*** *at 8 p.m.—The Departed;* ***Oct 30 & 31*** *at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.—Evil Dead 2.*

COOLIDGE CORNER THEATRE, 290 Harvard St., 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. Now showing: *The Yes Men Fix the World.* Special events: ***Oct 19*** *at 7 p.m.—Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde;* ***Oct 25*** *at 11 a.m.,* ***Oct 31*** *at 10 a.m.—Maria Stuarda;* ***Oct 30*** *at 11:55 p.m.—The Thing;* ***Oct 31*** *at 11:55 p.m.*—Halloween Horror Marathon; ***Nov 15*** *at 11 a.m.,* ***Nov 21*** *at 10 a.m.—Cosi Fan Tutte.*

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; Antarctica; Deep Sea; Mystic India; The Greatest Places.*

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: ***Oct 23*** *at 8:30 p.m.—American Radical: The Trials of Norman Finkelstein;* ***Oct 30*** *at 6 p.m.,* ***Oct 31*** *at 10:30 a.m.—American Movie;* ***Nov 1*** *at 2:30 p.m.—Curfew.*

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; Dolphins and Whales 3D;* ***through Oct 31***—*Star Trek.*

KIDS CORNER

THE ADVENTURES OF HAROLD AND THE PURPLE CRAYON, The Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston St., 617-931-2787. *Per-*

formances: ***Oct 24*** *at 11 a.m., 2 and 5 p.m. Tickets: $15–35.* A family-friendly stage show based on the delightful picture books by Crockett Johnson, *Harold* tells the adventures of an inventive young boy who creates his own world using nothing more than a big purple crayon and his sky's-the-limit imagination. This innovative production takes audiences on a wild ride as Harold jets to the Red Planet, joins a circus and meets a princess in an enchanted garden.

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*** *all day*—Japanese House: Sports in Japan; ***Oct 19, 21, 26 & 28*** *at 11 a.m.*—Playspace: Music and Movement; ***Oct 22 & 29*** *at 11 a.m.*—The Worminator; ***Oct 29*** *from noon–4 p.m.*—Friends of Fort Point Channel Pumpkin Festival; ***Nov 11*** *at 11 a.m.—The Nutcracker* Ballet Day; ***Nov 14*** *at 11 a.m.*—Exploring Trees Fair.

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. ***Oct 21*** *at 2:30 p.m.*—Alphabet Soup; ***Oct 23 & 30*** *at 10 a.m.*—Infant/Toddler Singalong; ***Oct 25*** *at 2 p.m.*—Music and Movement; ***Nov 6*** *at 10:15 a.m.*—Kids' Cinema.

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. ***Oct 21 & 22*** *at 10:30 a.m.—Little Red Hen;* ***Oct 24 & 25*** *at 1 and 3 p.m.—The Headless Horseman of Sleepy Hollow;* ***Oct 28 & 29*** *at 10:30 a.m.—Witches' Brew;* ***Oct 31 & Nov 1*** *at 1 and 3 p.m.—Dr. Doohickey's Monster Machine;* ***Nov 4 & 5*** *at 10:30 a.m.—The Three Pigs & Other Tales;* ***Nov 7 & 8*** *at 1 and 3 p.m.—Anansi, Spiderman of Africa;* ***Nov 11 & 12*** *at 10:30 a.m.—The Bremen Town Musicians;* ***Nov 14 & 15*** *at 1 and 3 p.m.—Little Red and Other Tales.*

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. ***Oct 25*** *at 8 p.m.*—David Foster and Friends, featuring Philip Bailey, Peter Cetera, Ruben Studdard and others, *tickets: $55–125.*

BERKLEE PERFORMANCE CENTER, 136 Massachusetts Ave., 617-747-2261. ***Oct 21*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Steve Morse Band, *tickets: $27.50 & 40;* ***Oct 23*** *at 8 p.m.*—Dianne Reeves, *tickets: $30–42;* ***Oct 30*** *at 8 p.m.*—David Garrett, *tickets: $25.50 & 28.50;* ***Nov 6*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Swell Season, *tickets: $40;* ***Nov 7*** *at 8 p.m.*—Mariza, *tickets: $30–42;* ***Nov 15*** *at 8 p.m.*—Milton Nascimento, *tickets: $30–42.*

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. ***Oct 29*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Oct 30*** *at 7 p.m.,* ***Oct 31*** *at 3:30 and 7 p.m.*—Ellis Paul, *tickets: $30;* ***Nov 7*** *at 7 and 10 p.m.*—Willy Porter with Luke Doucet, *tickets: $30;* ***Nov 12*** *at 8 p.m.*—Kelly Joe Phelps, *tickets: $25;* ***Nov 14*** *at 8 p.m.*—Don White with Hayley Reardon, *tickets: $17.*

HOUSE OF BLUES, 15 Lansdowne St., 888-693-BLUE. *Shows at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Visit www.hob.com/boston for full schedule.* One of the nation's first names in live music returns to Boston with the opening of a brand-new House of Blues. This club, concert hall and restaurant across from Fenway Park welcomes top national acts from the world of rock, blues, pop and more. ***Oct 19*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Paramore, *tickets: $29.50;* ***Oct 25***—A.F.I. with The Unseen, *tickets: $27.50 & 29.50;* ***Oct 29***—Huey Lewis with James Cotton, J. Geils and James Montgomery, *tickets: $35;* ***Nov 7*** *at 7 p.m.*—Wolfmother with Heartless Bastards, *tickets: $25;* ***Nov 8***—Roger Daltrey with Paper Zoo, *tickets: $59.50 & 69.50;* ***Nov 9*** *at 7 p.m.*—Train with Uncle Kracker, *tickets: $29 & 39;* ***Nov 10***—Jonny Lang with The Robert Cray Band, *tickets: $29 & 39;* ***Nov 13***—Medeski Martin & Wood, *tickets: $23–35.*

ORPHEUM THEATRE, 1 Hamilton Place, 617-931-2000. The Orpheum opened in 1852 and was the site of the first Boston Symphony Orchestra performances and lectures by Booker T. Washington and Ralph Waldo Emerson. ***Oct 21*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Lenny Kravitz, *tickets: $42.50 & 47;* ***Oct 22*** *at 8 p.m.*—Playing for Change Band, *tickets: $22.50 & 32.50;* ***Oct 23*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Rodrigo y Gabriela, *tickets: $24.50;* ***Oct 26*** *at 8 p.m.*—Australian Pink Floyd Show, *tickets: $35.50 & 45.50;* ***Oct 29*** *at 8 p.m.*—John Fogerty, *tickets: $35–62.50;* ***Nov 3*** *at 8 p.m.*—Monsters of Folk, *tickets: $37.50 & 47.50;* ***Nov 6*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Lyle Lovett and his Large Band, *tickets: $29.75–56.50;* ***Nov 7*** *at 4:30 p.m.*—Imagination Movers, *tickets: $24.50;* ***Nov 13*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—The Cranberries, *tickets: $29.50 & 35.*

PARADISE ROCK CLUB, 967 Commonwealth Ave., 617-562-8800. An intimate setting with a big sound, the Paradise is one of Boston's favorite rock clubs. *All shows 18+ unless otherwise noted. Visit www.thedise.com for full schedule.* ***Oct 19*** *at 8 p.m.*—Vertical Horizon, *tickets: $20;* ***Oct 20*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Raveonettes, *tickets: $18;* ***Oct 21*** *at 8 p.m.*—Sister Hazel, *tickets: $25;* ***Oct 26*** *at 8 p.m.*—Five for Fighting, *tickets: $25;* ***Oct 29 & 30*** *at 7 p.m.*—Big D and the Kids' Table, *tickets: $15;* ***Nov 5 & 6*** *at 9 p.m.*—Lotus, *tickets: $16.50;* ***Oct 13*** *at 9 p.m.*—Ghostface Killah, *tickets: $25;* ***Oct 14*** *at 9 p.m.*—The Jesus Lizard, *tickets: $25.*

REGATTABAR, 3rd floor of The Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett St., Cambridge, 617-661-5000. ***Oct 23*** *at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—Sergio Brandao and Manga Rosa, *tickets: $18;* ***Oct 27*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Go Home, *tickets: $20;* ***Oct 28*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Stanley Sagov & The Remembering, *tickets: $20;* ***Oct 30 & 31*** *at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—The Bad Plus, *tickets: $28;* ***Nov 6*** *at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—Juanito Pascal and Friends, *tickets: $20;* ***Nov 12*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Joe Lovano and Us Five, *tickets: $28;* ***Nov 13*** *at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—Mike Doughty, *tickets: $20.*

SANDERS THEATER, 45 Quincy St., Cambridge, 617-482-2595. ***Nov 6*** *at 8 p.m.*—Suzanne Vega, *tickets: $34–46;* ***Nov 14*** *at 8 p.m.*—An evening of conversation with Stephen Sondheim, *tickets: $41–59.*

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.* ***Oct 22 & 23***—New York Voices, *tickets: $28, $73 with dinner;* ***Oct 30***—Rebecca Parris, *tickets: $25, $70 with dinner;* ***Nov 4 & 5***—Average White Band, *$25, $63 with dinner;* ***Nov 6***—Chuck Loeb, *tickets: $25, $63 with dinner;* ***Nov 7***—Warren Hill, *tickets: $25, $63 with dinner;* ***Nov 10***—Kat Edmondson, *$18, $56 with dinner;* ***Nov 11***—Sophie Milman, *tickets: $25, $63 with dinner;* ***Nov 12 & 13***—Keiko Matsui, *tickets: $28, $66 with dinner.*

SOMERVILLE THEATER, 55 Davis Square, Somerville, 617-625-4088. ***Oct 21*** *at 8 p.m.*—Mum, *tickets: $21;* ***Oct 23*** *at 8 p.m.*—Keb' Mo', *tickets: $38.50;* ***Oct 25*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Vic Chestnutt Band, *tickets: $17;* ***Oct 27*** *at 8 p.m.*—Blackmore's Night, *tickets: $30 & 35.*

TD GARDEN, 100 Legends Way (Causeway Street), 800-745-3000. The former FleetCenter not only hosts Celtics and Bruins home games, but is the premier indoor concert arena for the city of Boston. ***Oct 26*** *at 7 p.m.*—Monster Jam 2009, featuring The Dream, Keri Hilson, Fabolous, Three 6 Mafia, Pitbull and others, *tickets: $10–150.50;* ***Nov 9*** *at 7 p.m.*—Miley Cyrus with Metro Station, *tickets: $42.75–82.75;* ***Nov 14*** *at 3 p.m.—Star Wars* in Concert, featuring a live orchestra and choir, high-definition film sequences and an exhibit of movie props and costumes, *tickets: $32.50–72.50.*

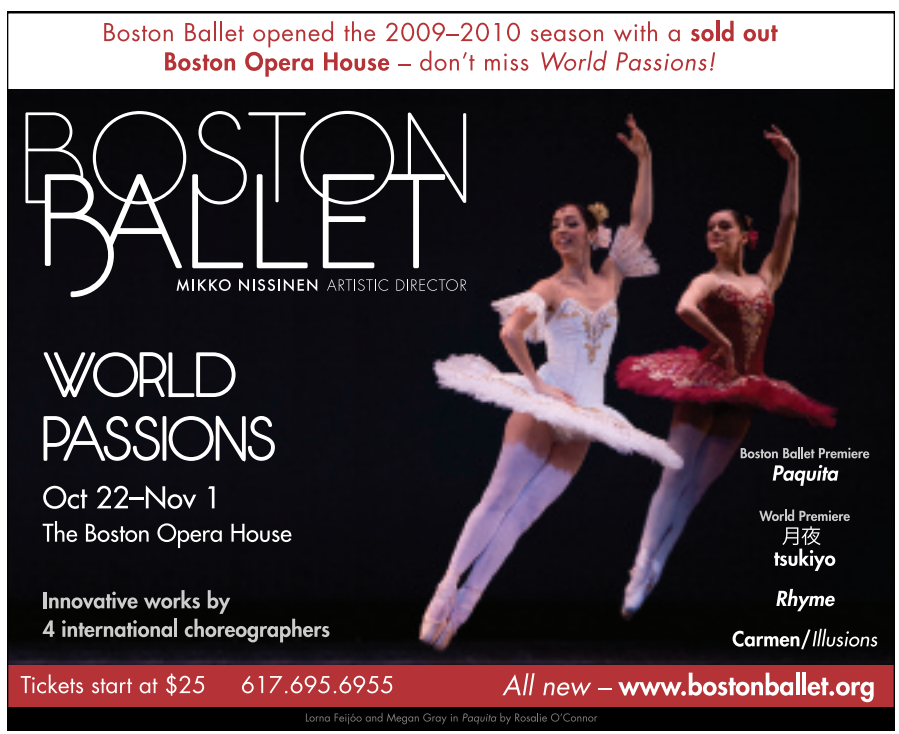
TOP OF THE HUB, Prudential Tower, 52nd floor, 617-536-1775. Enjoy food, drink and the best view in Boston as you swing to live jazz and classics from the Great American Songbook. ***Oct 19 & 26, Nov 2 & 9*** *at 8 p.m.*—Marty Ballou Trio; ***Oct 20–22*** *at 8:30 p.m., Oct 23 & 24 at 9 p.m.*—Steve Soares Group; ***Oct 25, Nov 1, 8 & 15*** *at noon*—Lee Childs Group; ***Oct 25*** *at 8 p.m.*—Rebecca Cline Trio; ***Oct 27–29*** *at 8:30 p.m., Oct 30 & 31 at 9 p.m.*—The April Hall Group; ***Nov 1*** *at 8 p.m.*—Marshall Wood Trio.

WANG THEATRE, Citi Performing Arts Center, 270 Tremont St., 617-482-9393. ***Oct 23*** *at 8 p.m.*—David Gray, *tickets: $35–50;* ***Oct 24*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Fab Faux perform the Beatles albums *Abbey Road* and *Let It Be, tickets: $45–125;* ***Nov 4*** *at 8 p.m.*—Ray LaMontagne, *tickets: $29.50–45;* ***Nov 6*** *at 8 p.m.*—John Prine and Patty Griffin, *tickets: $35–85;* ***Nov 7*** *at 8 p.m.*—Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons, *tickets: $60–90;* ***Nov 9*** *at 8 p.m.*—Rob Thomas with onerepublic, *tickets: $40.50–56;* ***Nov 11*** *at 8 p.m.*—Don Henley, *tickets: $48–178.*

SPECIAL EVENTS

23RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL, Seaport World Trade Center, 200 Seaport Blvd., 617-385-5000. ***Nov 6*** *from noon–5 p.m.,* ***Nov 7*** *from 10 a.m.–7 p.m.,* ***Nov 8*** *from 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $12; seniors $10; children (under 14) free.* This annual event kicks off the Yuletide shopping season in Boston with its assemblage of more than 350 American crafters selling holiday-themed wares. A major attraction is the 16th annual Gingerbread House Competition, with revenues from the houses sold benefiting Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston.

BOSTON BOOK FESTIVAL, Boston Public LIbrary, Old South Church, Trinity Church and outdoors in Copley Square, 617-252-3240. *Visit www.bostonbookfest.org for a full schedule of events.* ***Oct 24*** *from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Free and open to the public.* This inaugural festival unites well-known authors like Anita Diamant, Ken Burns, Tom Perrotta, Dennis Lehane, Henry Louis Gates, John Hodgman and many others for a day of panels and presentations, writing workshops, readings and other events celebrating the literary world.



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BOSTON INTERNATIONAL FINE ART SHOW, The Cyclorama, Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., 617-363-0405. *Visit www.fineartboston.com for more information.* ***Nov 13–15****: Fri 1–9 p.m.; Sat 11 a.m.–8 p.m.; Sun 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $15.* Forty galleries from the U.S. and Europe present contemporary and traditional works of art in media ranging from paintings and sculpture to photography and mixed media. Gala Preview: ***Nov 12*** *from 5:30–9:30 p.m., tickets: $100 & 250, proceeds benefit the Handel & Haydn Society.*

BOSTON VEGETARIAN FOOD FESTIVAL, Reggie Lewis Athletic Center, 1350 Tremont St., 617-424-8846. ***Oct 31*** *from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Free and open to the public.* The 14th annual Boston Vegetarian Food Festival offers herbivores the chance to sample delicious and natural vegetarian foods, watch cooking demonstrations, listen to lectures by national experts and chefs and shop for unique products.

HALLOWEEN TOWN 2009, Seaport World Trade Center, 200 Seaport Blvd., 617-638-0100. ***Oct 24 & 25*** *from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Tickets: $19; children $16.* Enjoy two spooktacular days of ghoulish games, haunted houses, music from family faves Dan Zanes and Friends, a dance party and other Halloween fun, designed for toddlers up to age 12, with proceeds benefiting the Kids Fund at Boston Medical Center.

OPERA

CARMEN, Boston Lyric Opera, Citi Performing Arts Center, The Shubert Theatre, 265 Tremont St., 866-348-9738. *Performances:* ***Nov 6, 11, 13 & 17*** *at 7:30 p.m.,* ***Nov 8 & 15*** *at 3 p.m. Tickets: $34–195.* Carmen and Don José crash into each other with a passion that's as much about will as it is about desire. At its premiere, Bizet's opera shocked and thrilled audiences. The thrill's still there in this new, highly theatrical production.

TANCREDI, Opera Boston, Cutler Majestic Theatre at Emerson College, 219 Tremont St., 800-233-3123. *Performances:* ***Oct 23 & 27*** *at 7:30 p.m.,* ***Oct 25*** *at 3 p.m. Tickets: $29–132.* Starring Ewa Podleś in her Boston stage debut, this new production marks the first Boston performances of Rossini's epic drama in more than a century. Tancredi, an exiled and dispossessed warrior, and his beloved Amenaide confront intrigue, suspicion and devotion in a city beset by civil strife and facing an invading army.

SPORTS

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

Oct 21 *at 7 p.m.*	vs. Nashville Predators
Oct 29 *at 7 p.m.*	vs. New Jersey Devils
Oct 31 *at 1 p.m.*	vs. Edmonton Oilers
Nov 5 *at 7 p.m.*	vs. Montreal Canadiens
Nov 7 *at 7 p.m.*	vs. Buffalo Sabres
Nov 10 *at 7 p.m.*	vs. Pittsburgh Penguins
Nov 12 *at 7 p.m.*	vs. Florida Panthers

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

Oct 28 *at 7:30 p.m.*	vs. Charlotte Bobcats
Oct 30 *at 8 p.m.*	vs. Chicago Bulls
Nov 1 *at 6 p.m.*	vs. New Orleans Hornets
Nov 6 *at 7:30 p.m.*	vs. Phoenix Suns
Nov 11 *at 7:30 p.m.*	vs. Utah Jazz
Nov 13 *at 8 p.m.*	vs. Atlanta Hawks

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

Nov 8 *at 1 p.m.*	vs. Miami Dolphins

THEATRE

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

DEAD MAN'S CELL PHONE, Lyric Stage Company, 140 Clarendon St., 617-585-5678. *Performances* ***through Nov 14****: Tue–Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 3 and 8 p.m., Sun at 3 p.m.,* ***Oct 21 & Nov 11*** *at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets: $25–50.* In this Boston premiere by Sarah Ruhl, a man at a café table suddenly dies and his cell phone rings. The woman at the next table answers it, dropping her into the labyrinth of his life as she forges new relationships on his behalf with his bereft family members, discovering that his life was a mystery even to those closest to him.

THE DONKEY SHOW, American Repertory Theatre, Oberon, 2 Arrow St., Cambridge, 617-547-8300. *Performances: Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 8 and 10:30 p.m. (****Oct 22 & 29*** *at 8 p.m.) Tickets: $25–75.* Bringing the ultimate disco experience to Boston, this crazy circus of mirror balls, feathered divas, roller skaters and hustle queens tells the story of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* through great '70s anthems like "We are Family," "I Love the Nightlife," "Car Wash," "Ring My Bell" and "Last Dance."

EXCLAMATION POINT! 7: MUSIC ON THE FLY, Fort Point Theatre Channel, 30 Channel Center St., 617-750-8900. ***Nov 14*** *at 7 p.m. Free.* With new works and works-in-progress by Robin Smith, Christie Lee Gibson & Arvid Tomayko-Peters, Nick Thorkelson, Mark Warhol and guests, this free festival features music combined with video, acting improv and other visual and stage components.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF, The Opera House, 539 Washington St., 617-931-2787. *Performances* ***Nov 3–15****: 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. (****Nov 12*** *at 1 p.m.) Tickets: $28–89.* Based on the stories of Sholom Aleichem, this classic, award-winning musical introduces audiences to Tevye, a humble milkman, harried husband and devoted father to five marriageable daughters, who invites us into his little village of Anatevka. This remarkable story of secret love, forbidden betrothal, weddings, devotion and forgiveness is filled with a rousing, heartwarming songs, including "Tradition," "Matchmaker, Matchmaker," "If I Were A Rich Man" and "Sunrise, Sunset."

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A LONG AND WINDING ROAD, Huntington Theatre Company, Wimberly Theatre, Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont St., 617-933-8600. *Performances **through Nov 15**: Tue–Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 and 9 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. Tickets: $25–55.* Maureen McGovern's moving musical memoir chronicles the moments that define the Baby Boomer generation, from the hope-filled years of the 1960s, through the dark years of Vietnam and the AIDS crisis, to today. McGovern returns to her roots as a folk singer as she performs classic songs from Bob Dylan, Carole King, The Beatles, James Taylor and many more.

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.

WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF?, Publick Theatre Boston, Plaza Theatre, Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., 617-933-8600. *Performances **through Oct 24**: Wed & Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. Tickets: $33–37.50.* In Edward Albee's penetrating and harrowing exploration of marital strife, aging history professor George and his razor-tongued wife Martha invite young new professor Nick and his mousey wife Honey for late-night cocktails and parlor conversation, drawing them into the older couple's volcanic battle while exposing dark secrets within their own marriage.

TICKETS

ACE TICKETS, 121 Brookline Ave., 109 Causeway St. and other area locations, 800-MY-SEATS, www.aceticket.com. This local ticket retailer gets all the hottest tickets in town, specializing in concerts, theatre and the major sports teams, including the Boston Red Sox. Ace also offers a 200% guarantee on the validity of your ticket purchases.

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

BOSTON CITYPASS, www.citypass.com. Visit five of Boston's best attractions for one low price. Save 50% and avoid ticket lines. *Booklet price: $44; youth (3–11) $28.* Ticket booklets are available at the first attraction visited and are valid for nine days. The CityPass ticket booklet includes admission to five major attractions: the New England Aquarium, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, Skywalk Observatory at the Prudential Center and your choice of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum or the Harvard Museum of Natural History, plus extra coupons for local businesses.

Arts Calendar

OCTOBER 23

MIT List Visual Arts Center

Tobias Putrih & MOS: Without Out—featuring complex and fragile constructions by Slovenian artist Putrih in collaboration with the Yale/Harvard design and architecture collective MOS, including a brand-new piece—debuts on the Cambridge campus. *Refer to listing, page 54.*

OCTOBER 24

Photographic Resource Center

Held at the nearby 808 Gallery (808 Commonwealth Ave.), the annual PRC Benefit Auction gives the public the opportunity to bid on more than 150 vintage and contemporary prints from renowned photographers, all to benefit this major non-profit center for photographic education and display. *Refer to listing, page 55.*

THROUGH OCTOBER 31

Bunker Hill Community College

The Charlestown educational institution (250 Rutherford Ave., 617-228-2093) showcases the food-themed exhibit Eat the Art (pictured above) at its gallery, presented in conjunction with the annual "Canstruction" competition (**through November 6**), a display of Halloween-inspired sculptures made from canned goods benefitting the Greater Boston Food Bank.

Art in the City

BOSTON INTERNATIONAL FINE ART SHOW
Boston Center for the Arts
November 12–15

Not many people would consider thirteen a lucky number, but the folks in charge of the Boston International Fine Art Show would certainly disagree. Now in its 13th year, this grand showcase for galleries and art dealers from as far away as London and Madrid and as close as Boston's own Newbury Street returns to the Boston Center for the Arts' Cyclorama with a wide array of art available for sale in all price ranges. The event starts with the Gala Preview on **November 12** *from 5:30–9:30 p.m.*—which benefits the Hub's venerable Handel and Haydn Society and features live music, food and wine—and continues throughout the weekend with lectures, a panel discussion and even a New Collectors' Night on **November 13** *from 5–9 p.m.* to get all the newbies up to speed on what's become a Boston fall tradition as welcome and familiar as playoff baseball. *Refer to listing, page 48.*

COMING UNDONE

DAMIAN ORTEGA: DO IT YOURSELF
Institute of Contemporary Art
Through January 18

In the world of artist Damian Ortega, the parts of a whole are just as fascinating as the whole itself. With a childlike playfulness, the former political cartoonist has spent the last decade-and-a-half of his career examining the building blocks of society, often with spectacular effect. The most prominent example of this is his 2002 work *Cosmic Thing*, which features a Volkswagen Beetle—a ubiquitous sight in his native Mexico City—broken down into its individual components and suspended, seemingly weightless, from the ceiling. This and 18 other pieces—ranging in genre from sculpture and photography to installation and film—are highlighted at the ICA's new exhibit, the first museum survey of Ortega's imaginative and thoughtful work. *Refer to listing, page 52.*

TOP LEFT: VANESSA ST. LAURENT, *PEPPERMINTS* (DETAIL), 2006; BOTTOM RIGHT: DAMIAN ORTEGA, *COSMIC THING*, 2002

McMULLEN MUSEUM OF ART: This free museum at Boston College features the exhibit First Hand: Civil War Era Drawings from the Becker Collection. **Refer to listing, below.**

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 firsthand. Exhibits include: Construction Zone, a child-sized work site with miniature skyscrapers inspired by the Big Dig; Arthur & Friends, featuring the stars of everyone's favorite PBS program; Boston Black, celebrating Boston's Caribbean, African and African-American cultures; Kid Power, which allows active kids to use energy in healthy ways and teaches them about fitness and nutrition. Special exhibits: Tales from the Land of Gullah; Exploring Trees Inside and Out; ***beginning Nov 5***—Dreaming Cows. *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: On the Sandra and Gerald Fineberg Art Wall: Ugo Rondinone; ICA Collection: In The Making; Damián Ortega: Do It Yourself; ***through Nov 1***—Momentum 14: Rodney McMillan; ***beginning Nov 4***—Krzysztof Wodiczko: The Veterans Project. Special events: ***Oct 22, 23 & 24*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***Oct 25*** *at 2 p.m*—STREB: Brave, *tickets: $40;* ***Oct 31*** *from 10 a.m.–4 p.m.*—Play Date: Halloween Moves; ***Nov 8*** *from 1–3 p.m.*—Sunday Family Workshops: Exploring Tastes of Mexico, *tickets: $30 for an adult and child, includes museum admission;* ***Nov 10*** *at 7 p.m.*—Music from JACK Quartet, *tickets: $15;* ***Nov 13*** *at 7:30 p.m.,* ***Nov 14 & 15*** *at 2 p.m.*—News From Nowhere: England, *tickets: $20.*

ISABELLA STEWART GARDNER MUSEUM, 280 The Fenway, 617-566-1401. *Tue–Sun 11 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $12; seniors $10; students $5; children (under 18) free. Visitors named Isabella are admitted free.* Commissioned by Boston aristocrat Isabella Stewart Gardner and modeled after a 15th-century Venetian palace, the museum exhibits 2,500 objects, including the works of Rembrandt, Botticelli, Raphael, Titian and Matisse. Special events: ***Oct 25*** *at 1:30 p.m.*—Sunday Concert Series: Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, *tickets: $23;* ***Nov 1*** *at 1:30 p.m.*—Sunday Concert Series: Pianist Seymour Lipkin, *tickets: $23;* ***Nov 8*** *at 1:30 p.m.*—Sunday Concert Series: Musicians from Marlboro, *tickets: $23;* ***Nov 15*** *at 1:30 p.m.*—Sunday Concert Series: Pianists Katherine Chi and Aleksandar Madzar, *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 (12 and under) free; library forums free.* This museum portrays Kennedy's life, leadership and legacy in 21 exhibits, three theaters, 20 video presentations and more. Special exhibits: Poetry and Power: The Inaugural Address of John F. Kennedy; 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: The Style and Innovation of the American Automobile. Lawn event: ***Oct 25*** *at 10 a.m.*—Studebaker 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: Mary Baker Eddy and Music; Lincoln's "Great Willing Heart" and the Life of Mary Baker Eddy.

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

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: Let Your Motto Be Resistance.

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: Preserving History, Making History: The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; RSVP: Jim Lambie; Contemporary Outlook: Seeing Songs; The Secrets of Tomb 10A: Egypt 2000 BC; ***through Nov 2***—Viva Mexico: Edward Weston and his Contemporaries; Vida y Drama: Modern Mexican Prints; ***through Nov 8***—Showa Sophistication: Japan in the 1930s; ***beginning Nov 14***—Bharat Ratna!: Jewels of Modern Indian Art. Special events: ***Oct 28*** *at 5:30 p.m.*—Winesdays in Bravo, *tickets: $25;* ***Nov 11***—Free Community Day, *free museum admission.*

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE, Science Park, 617-723-2500. *Sat–Thu 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri 'til 9 p.m. Admission: $20; seniors $18; children (3–11) $17; 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; Wild Music: Sounds and Songs of Life; ***beginning Oct 25***—Harry Potter: The Exhibition; ***beginning Nov 12***—Running the Numbers: Portraits of Mass Consumption. Planetarium shows: *Journey to the Edge of Space and Time; The Moon: 40 Years from Apollo; What Happened to Pluto?; The Sky Tonight: Ancient Astronomy. Refer to Film listings in Current Events for complete Mugar Omni Theater schedule.*

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

OLD STATE HOUSE MUSEUM, 206 Washington St., 617-720-1713. *Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $7; seniors & students $6; children (6–18) $3.* At the site of the Boston Massacre and the first reading of the Declaration of Independence in Boston, explore exhibits on the American Revolution, Boston's maritime history and the Boston Massacre. Special exhibits: The Old State House: A Hands-on History; From Colony to Commonwealth; Every Picture Tells a Story; Preservation of the Old State House; Our Favorite Things: Boston Stories; The Boston Massacre Multimedia Presentation; Treasures from the Bostonian Society's Collections.

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USS CONSTITUTION MUSEUM, Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, 617-426-1812. *Daily 9 a.m.–6 p.m;* ***beginning Nov 1****: 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.

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

MIT LIST VISUAL ARTS CENTER, 20 Ames St., 617-253-4680. *Tue, Wed & Fri–Sun noon–6 p.m., Thu 'til 8 p.m. Free admission.* One of Boston's premier showcases for contemporary art, the List Center reflects MIT's position as a cutting-edge research institution by presenting works from the world's leading contemporary artists. Special exhibits: On the Media Test Wall—David Van Tieghem: Ear to the Ground; ***beginning Oct 23***—Tobias Putrih & MOS: Without Out; Sung Hwan Kim's *Summer Days in Keijo–written in 1937*.

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: 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; Sampling MIT.

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; The Western Tradition: Art Since the Renaissance.

BEYOND BOSTON

BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME, 1000 West Columbus Ave., Springfield, 413-781-6500. *Sun–Thu 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Fri & 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 event: ***Nov 6 & 7*** *from 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m.*—Portrait sittings with silhouette artists, *$29 per profile.*

DECORDOVA SCULPTURE PARK AND MUSEUM, 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: Lalla Essaydi: Les Femmes du Maroc; Jules Aarons: In the Jewish Neighborhoods, 1946–1976; Platform 1: Andrew Mowbray; ***beginning Oct 24***—Out of the Box: Photography Portfolios from the Permanent Collection; ***beginning Nov 9***—Platform 2: Eric Hongisto.

NATIONAL HERITAGE MUSEUM, 33 Marrett Road, Lexington, 781-861-6559. *Tue–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; The Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts; The Way We Worked: Photographs from the National Archives; For All Time: Clocks and Watches from the National Heritage Museum; Freemasonry Unmasked!: Anti-Masonic Collections in the Van Gorden-Williams Library and 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 museum's earliest days and the first collection of Native American art in the hemisphere. Special exhibits: Auspicious Wishes and Natural Beauty in Korean Art; Of Gods and Mortals: Traditional Art from India; All of My Life: Contemporary Works by Native American Artists; Perfect Imbalance: Exploring Chinese Aesthetics; ReVisions: Indian Artists Engaging Traditions; Fish, Silk, Tea, Bamboo: Cultivating an Image of China; Trash Menagerie; Rare Bird of Fashion: The Irreverent Iris Apfel; Valerie Belin: Made Up.

SALEM WITCH MUSEUM, 19½ Washington Square North, Salem, 978-744-1692. *Daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 10 p.m. in Oct. 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 exhibits: ***through Oct 31***—Lynda Lowe: Seeing Things; ***beginning Nov 3***—Works by Robert C. Jackson.

BARBARA KRAKOW GALLERY, 10 Newbury St., 617-262-4490. *Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.* The Barbara Krakow Gallery attracts top contemporary artists from around the world, showcasing work that focuses on minimalism and conceptualism. Special exhibits: ***through Nov 10***—Sol Lewitt: Locations; ***beginning Nov 14***—Works by Michael Mazur.

BOSTON SCULPTORS GALLERY, 486 Harrison Ave., 617-482-7781. *Wed–Sun noon–6 p.m.* A sculptors' cooperative that has served as an alternative venue for innovative solo sculpture exhibitions since 1992. Special exhibits: ***through Nov 8***—Works by Leslie Wilcox and Nancy Selvage; ***beginning Nov 11***—Works by Donna Dodson and Peter Haines.

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 Oct 24***—Somatic Mirror II.

BROMFIELD ART GALLERY, 450 Harrison Ave., 617-451-3605. *Wed–Sat noon–5 p.m.* Boston's oldest artist-run gallery features shows by members of the cooperative, while exhibitions by visiting artists are selected by current members. Special exhibits: ***through Oct 31***—Gail Martin: The Liberation of Superwoman; Kathy A. Halamka: A Thousand Little Wishes; ***beginning Nov 4***—Adria Arch: Glyphs/Constructions and Works on Paper; Gary Duehr: Interstices.

CHASE GALLERY, 450 Harrison Ave., 617-859-7222. *Tue–Sat 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun 'til 4 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 exhibits: ***through Oct 31***—Mountains and Oceans: New Paintings by Bernd Haussmann; ***beginning Nov 4***—Works by Rob Douglas.

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 painters, photographers, sculptors and printmakers. Special exhibits: ***through Oct 31***—Judith Solomon: In Perspective; Co/So Artists A to Z: Spice; Stuart Dunkel: Stu'z Zoo; ***beginning Nov 12***—Holiday Small Works 2009; Works by Gail Sauter.

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.

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: ***through Oct 31***—Time Travel: A Century of Travel Posters.

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 exhibit: ***through Nov 14***—Works by Rebecca Chamberlain.

LANOUE FINE ART, 160 Newbury St., 617-262-4400. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Sun noon–5 p.m.* Featuring contemporary representational and abstract art, Lanoue is committed to exploring diverse media and concepts. Special exhibits: ***through Oct 31***—Autumn Group Show; ***beginning Nov 1***—Maggie Taylor.

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.

MILLS GALLERY, Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St., 617-426-8835. *Wed & Sun noon–5 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 9 p.m.* The BCA presents exciting contemporary works by established and emerging local, regional, national and international visual artists, mounting approximately six large-scale exhibitions in the 2,200 square foot Mills Gallery each year. Special exhibit: ***through Oct 25***—Drawings that Work: Juried by Andrew Raftery.

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: ***beginning Nov 13***—2009 Leopold Godowsky Jr. Color Photography Award Winners. Special event: ***Oct 24*** *beginning at 5:30 p.m.*—PRC Benefit Auction 2009; *tickets: $50 (presented at 808 Gallery, 808 Commonwealth Ave.).*

PUCKER GALLERY, 171 Newbury St., 617-267-9473. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Sun 10:30 a.m.–5 p.m.* Features work by Israeli, American and internationally known contemporary artists. Special exhibits: ***through Oct 26***—Brother Thomas: Tenomoku Masterworks; ***beginning Oct 31***—Imagined Reality: New Work by Roger Bowman; Gathering Energy: New Work by Mark Davis.

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 exhibits: ***through Oct 22***—POP Craft; ***beginning Nov 1***—From Minimal to Bling: Contemporary Studio Jewelry.

SOODEE: This Newbury Street boutique offers unique, modern and fun women's clothing and accessories. **Refer to listing, right.**

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 nonprofit craft organization in the country, established in 1897. The Society specializes in contemporary American crafts, jewelry, furniture, glass and ceramics ranging from cutting edge to traditional, and from functional to sculptural.

CLOTHING

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, 170 Newbury St., 617-266-7888. *Mon–Wed 10 a.m.–7 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 8 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.* These boutiques offer 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.

DEPARTMENT STORES

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

H & M, 350 Washington St., 617-482-7081; 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.

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

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

GIFTS & SOUVENIRS

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

JEWELRY/ACCESSORIES

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

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

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

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

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

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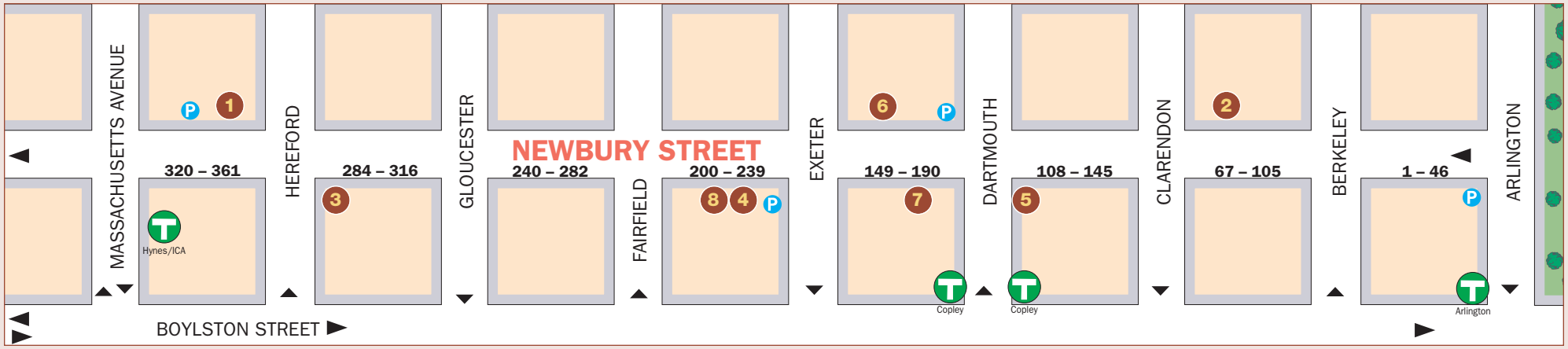

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THE SHOPS AT PRUDENTIAL CENTER, 800 Boylston St., 800-SHOP-PRU. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.* The Shops at Prudential Center features over 75 stores and restaurants including The Cheesecake Factory, Saks Fifth Avenue, Ann Taylor and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

MUSIC/VIDEO

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

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.

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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.

SUNGLASSES

SOL OPTICS, 329 Hanover St., 617-523-3005; seven other locations. *Daily 10 a.m.–9 p.m.* www.x-wear.com. For fashion, sport or recreation, this North End retailer is your sunglass destination. The store carries more than 35 brands and showcases hundreds of styles. Check out the web site to view the complete line of merchandise.

WIRELESS PHONES

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

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 visitors alike. *Tue*—Karaoke night.

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

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 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 visitor attractions in Boston. Live weekend entertainment.

CLERY'S, 113 Dartmouth St., 617-262-9874. *Daily 11 a.m.–1:30 a.m.* Considered one of the city's best neighborhood bars, Clery's is a cozy bistro and party-friendly bar wrapped all in one. Irish food and 16 draught beers are served at the bar or by the fireplace, and live DJs and karaoke offer a good time on select nights.

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.***

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

GYPSY BAR, 116 Boylston St., 617-482-7799. *Tue–Sat 5:30 p.m.–2 a.m.* Revelers with a taste for international flair, will feel at home in this chic destination in the Theatre District. Enjoy tapas-size plates of Moroccan-spiced chicken legs or fennel-crusted ahi tuna, homemade sangria and designer martinis, as DJs spin Top 40 dance tunes. With its high-style decor, dimly lit corners and occasional celebrity appearances, the Gypsy Bar is the place to see and be seen—or just to enjoy a late-night rendezvous.

THE HARP, 85 Causeway St., 617-742-1010. *Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–2 a.m., Sun noon–2 a.m.* Located just across the street from the Garden, this favorite for area workers and college students is all things in one: quiet lunch spot, popular pre-game hang-out and late-night dancing haven. On weekend nights you can usually check out a local cover band performing on the first floor stage, while DJs take over the basement dance floor, allowing you to dance the night away.

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DICK'S LAST RESORT: The Faneuil Hall Marketplace outpost of this irreverent bar/restaurant chain offers a rollicking good time for all, including free live music nightly. **Refer to listing, below.**

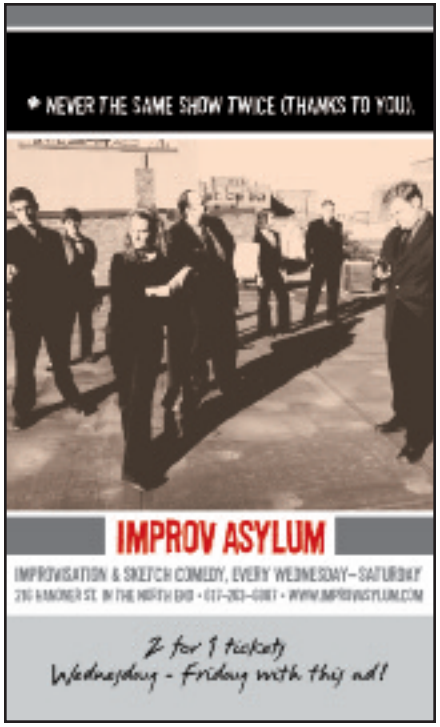
THE KINSALE IRISH PUB & RESTAURANT, Two Center Plaza, Cambridge Street, 617-742-5577. The city's only Irish pub and restaurant built in Ireland and shipped to Boston. There is never a cover charge. *Tue at 7:30 p.m., Sat at 9 p.m.*—Live Irish music; *Fri at 9 p.m.*—Rock and pop music; *Wed at 9 p.m.*—Trivia.

THE LIVING ROOM, 101 Atlantic Ave., 617-723-5101. *Mon–Sat 11:30 a.m.–1 a.m., Sun 10 a.m.–1 a.m.* Really, the name says it all. The Living Room is comfortable and casual, and the plush, pillowy couches are just begging you to sink in. Although it's a high-end lounge, there's no pretention here and the feel is homey. Creative cocktails and an extensive menu of comfort food favorites are best enjoyed in The Living Room.

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

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.

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



NIGHTCLUBS

THE BEEHIVE, 541 Tremont St., 617-423-0069. *Nightly 5:30 p.m.–2 a.m.; Sat & Sun Brunch 10:30 a.m.–3 p.m., bar 3–5 p.m.* This hot 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.

FELT, 533 Washington St., 617-350-5555. *Tue–Sat 5 p.m.–2 a.m.* This New York-style lounge next to Boston's Opera House features four floors of entertainment for fashionable tastes. Enjoy dinner service or appetizers, try your hand at one of Felt's 14 pool tables and dance in the nightclub on the top level. Or simply order a drink and take in the scene because at Felt, the crowd may be the most interesting of the club's offerings. *Thu*—True Music Thursdays featuring national and local bands; *Fri & Sat*—Therapy Fridays and Social Club Saturdays in the 4th Level Club.

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 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.

LIMELIGHT STAGE & STUDIOS, 204 Tremont St., 617-423-0785. *Thu 8 p.m.–1 a.m., Fri & Sat 7 p.m–1 a.m. Studios can be rented Mon–Sat by reservation.* What would we do without technology? Limelight Stage & Studios uses it to allow everyone, from the musical savant to the tone deaf, to perform and record tunes. It's a karaoke mecca for singers and music lovers everywhere.

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 this restaurant, you'll find the Moonshine and Satellite lounges, voted "Best of Boston" by *Boston* magazine and *The Improper Bostonian* for best gay and lesbian nightspot. *Wed at 9 p.m.*—Karaoke; *Thu*—Boom Thursdays; *Fri*—Edge Fridays with DJ Aga; *Sat*—Mayhem Saturdays, featuring Top 40 and dance hits.

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*—Rotating dance nights; *Sun*—Club Classics with DJ Ace Boogie.

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—Meredith Wilson

The Post with the Most

POST 390
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For those that believe that comfort food should aspire to so much more than a pint of Haagen-Dazs and a bucket of the Colonel's extra crispy, new eatery Post 390 has heard your pleas. Combining the glitz of a night on the town with all the soothing, delicious delights of Mom's home cooking, Post 390 allows guests to grab a corner table with panoramic views of Back Bay landmarks or cozy up next to one of three welcoming fireplaces. There, diners in this urban tavern can savor upscale comfort food like the half-pound Kobe beef hot dog, turkey pot pie or the beer and bacon fried mac 'n' cheese. With dishes catering to most every palate, Post 390 is sure to quickly put its stamp on the Boston culinary scene. *—Emma Snider*

DISH OF THE DAY

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PHOTO BY STEPHANIE SAVAS

JASPER WHITE'S SUMMER SHACK: Year-round, this popular eatery offers diners a taste of expertly prepared, classic New England seafood. **Refer to listing, right.**

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. $

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BACK BAY

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. $$

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.***

GRILL 23 & BAR, 161 Berkeley St., 617-542-2255. This top-notch, classy eatery offers prime dry-aged beef, imaginative fish and seafood, and an impressive wine list, as well as a clubby yet congenial atmosphere. Lauded for its impressive bar and as a spot for people watching. Inducted into *Boston* magazine's Hall of Fame for Best Steakhouse. Reservations strongly suggested. D. $$$$

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 #5 ON CENTER MAP.***

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. $$$$

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.

***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. $$$$

POST 390, 406 Stuart St. (corner of Clarendon Street), 617-399-0015. This bi-level restaurant located at new luxury residence The Clarendon offers refined, upscale comfort food—including Kobe beef hot dogs, meatloaf and homemade ravioli—and three fireplaces for a swank, urban tavern atmosphere with fantastic views of the Back Bay. L, D, C, LS. $$$

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 crab-cakes 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. $$$

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

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

***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 mag-

nificent 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. Serving a menu that artfully marries European culinary tradition with contemporary American innovation, Clink features a dining room with vestiges of original jail cells and an open kitchen, while gold leather seats, butcher block tables and granite accents add to the contemporary style. Clink's lobby bar draws urban dwellers and hotel guests to an energetic and social nightlife scene in the heart of Boston. B 6:30–11 a.m.; L 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.; D 5–11 p.m. C. $$$

NO. 9 PARK, 9 Park St., 617-742-9991. 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. $$$$

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

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. $

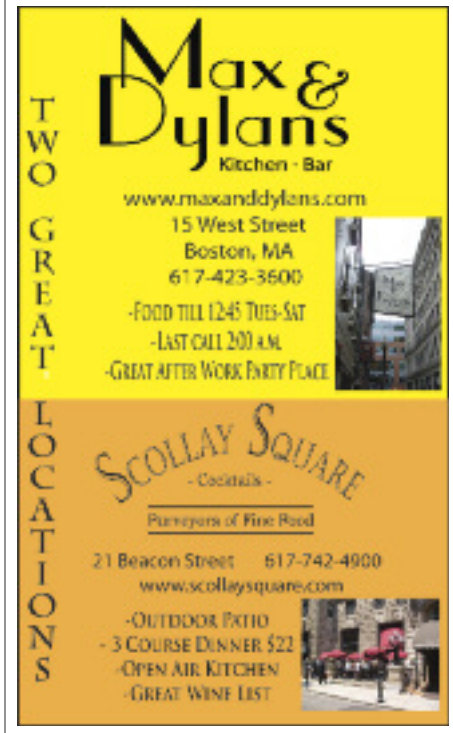
BAMBARA, Hotel Marlowe, 25 Edwin H. Land Blvd., Cambridge, 617-868-4444. Bambara blends sophistication and comfort, with such menu items as grilled cheese and tomato soup alongside spice cured duck breast with a bonny doon rhone blend. Bambara's cuisine celebrates New England's bounty and its seasonal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

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

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

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

INDIA PAVILION, 17 Central Square, Cambridge, 617-547-7463. One of the best traditional Northern Indian cuisine restau-



rants 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, Rialto specializes in fine wines and delectable Italian cuisine. Chef Jody Adams showcases her creative talents on a brand-new menu. Reservations recommended. D. $$$$

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

TUPELO, 1193 Cambridge St., Cambridge, 617-868-0004. Located in Cambridge's Inman Square, this popular dinner destination features down-home, New Orleans-influenced Southern comfort food. Reasonable prices, a cheery waitstaff and simple, excellent cooking make for a deeply satisfying excursion Down South. D. $$

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. $$

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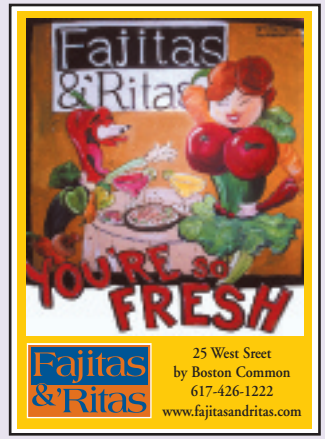

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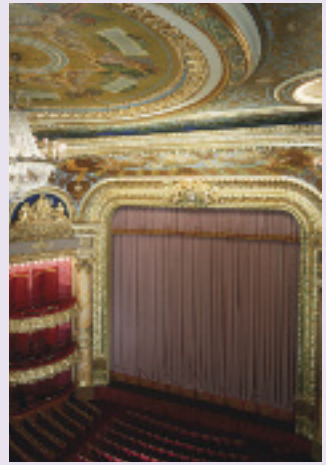

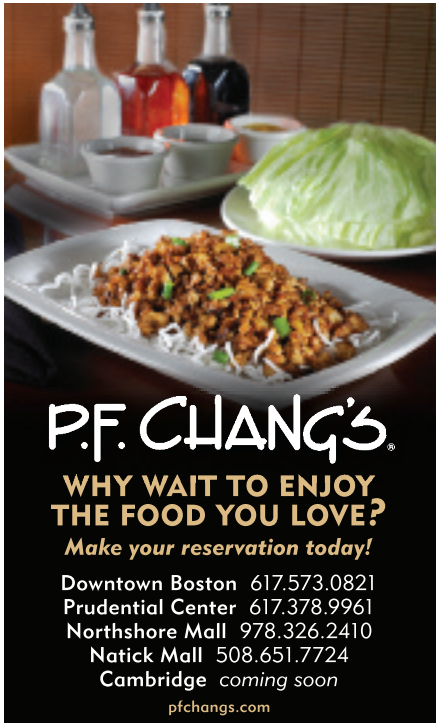

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***BOND,** Langham Hotel Boston, 250 Franklin St., 617-451-1900. This swanky restaurant and lounge boasts a diverse cocktail and wine menu to accompany a wide range of exotic international cuisine, all served in a sophisticated, modern setting. L,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

***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. $$

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

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. $$

O YA, 9 East St., 617-654-9900. Diners and critics alike are enthused about this contemporary and edgy sushi eatery that was crowned Boston's best restaurant of 2009 by *Boston* magazine. A simple, natural decor perfectly complements the exquisitely created dishes. The intimate seating capacity of 37 diners make reservations a must. D, C, VP. $$$

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. $$$

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***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. After you eat, check out the largest collection of authentic rock 'n' roll memorabilia around, stop by the Rock Shop for the coolest gifts and enjoy live music from the hottest bands around. L, D, C, LS. $

FENWAY/KENMORE SQUARE

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

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

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

***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. $$

TERIYAKI HOUSE, 110 Boylston St., 617-236-1008; 32 West Broadway, South Boston, 617-269-2000. This casual dining establishment near Berklee College of Music—convenient to both the Back Bay and Fenway areas and featuring outdoor seating—specializes in teriyaki and sushi dishes, as well as bubble teas. Visit their South Boston location across from Broadway Station on the MBTA's Red Line. Free delivery available. Boylston Street: Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–midnight, Fri & Sat 'til 2 a.m.; South Boston: daily 11 a.m.–1 a.m. www.teriyakihouse.info. $

NORTH END

ANTICO FORNO, 93 Salem St., 617-723-6733. Antico Forno (Italian for "old stove") features brick-oven classics such as

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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. $

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 #6 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. $$

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

606 CONGRESS, Renaissance Hotel, 606 Congress St., 617-476-5606. Vaulted ceilings, an exhibition kitchen and patio seating make this restaurant on the Boston waterfront a visually appealing locale in which to enjoy the delicious new American cuisine of Chef Gregory Griffie. B, L, D, C, VP. $$

SOUTH END

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. $$

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.***

INTERMISSION TAVERN, 228 Tremont St., 617-451-5997. The Intermission Tavern offers a variety of delicious food and drinks in a theatrical-themed, relaxed atmosphere. Food ranges from delectable fish and chips to savory burgers, and the stellar cocktail menu includes the famous Intermission Manhattan. L & D Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–2 a.m., Sun noon–2 a.m. $$

LEGAL SEA FOODS, 26 Park Plaza, Park Square Motor Mart, 617-426-4444; 255 State St., Long Wharf, 617-227-3115; Prudential Center, 800 Boylston St., 617-266-6800; other locations. Legal Sea Foods, a Boston tradition for more than 50 years, features more than 40 varieties of fresh fish and shellfish as well as an award-winning wine list. Named "Boston's Most Popular Restaurant" (*Zagat* 2009). L & D. www.legalseafoods.com. $$$

THE MELTING POT, Boston Park Plaza Hotel, 76 Arlington St., 617-357-7007. The Melting Pot brings a truly unique upscale/casual dining experience to Boston. At this dinner-only restaurant, fondue becomes a memorable and interactive four-course adventure, where patrons can "dip into something different." The eatery also features specialty cocktails and an extensive wine list. Reservations accepted. D Mon–Thu 4–11 p.m., Fri 'til midnight, Sat 3 p.m.–midnight, Sun 'til 10 p.m. C, VP. www.meltingpot.com/boston. $$$

P.F. CHANG'S, 8 Park Plaza, 617-573-0821; Prudential Center, 617-378-9961. Enjoy unforgettable Chinese cuisine, attentive service and delicious desserts all served in a stylish bistro setting. Featuring an award-winning wine list, P.F. Chang's offers an extensive wine-by-the-glass program as well as original cocktails like the Lucky Cat Martini. L, D & LS. Reservations accepted. Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–11 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til midnight. www.pfchangs.com. $$. ***SEE LOCATOR #7 ON CENTER MAP.***

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

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

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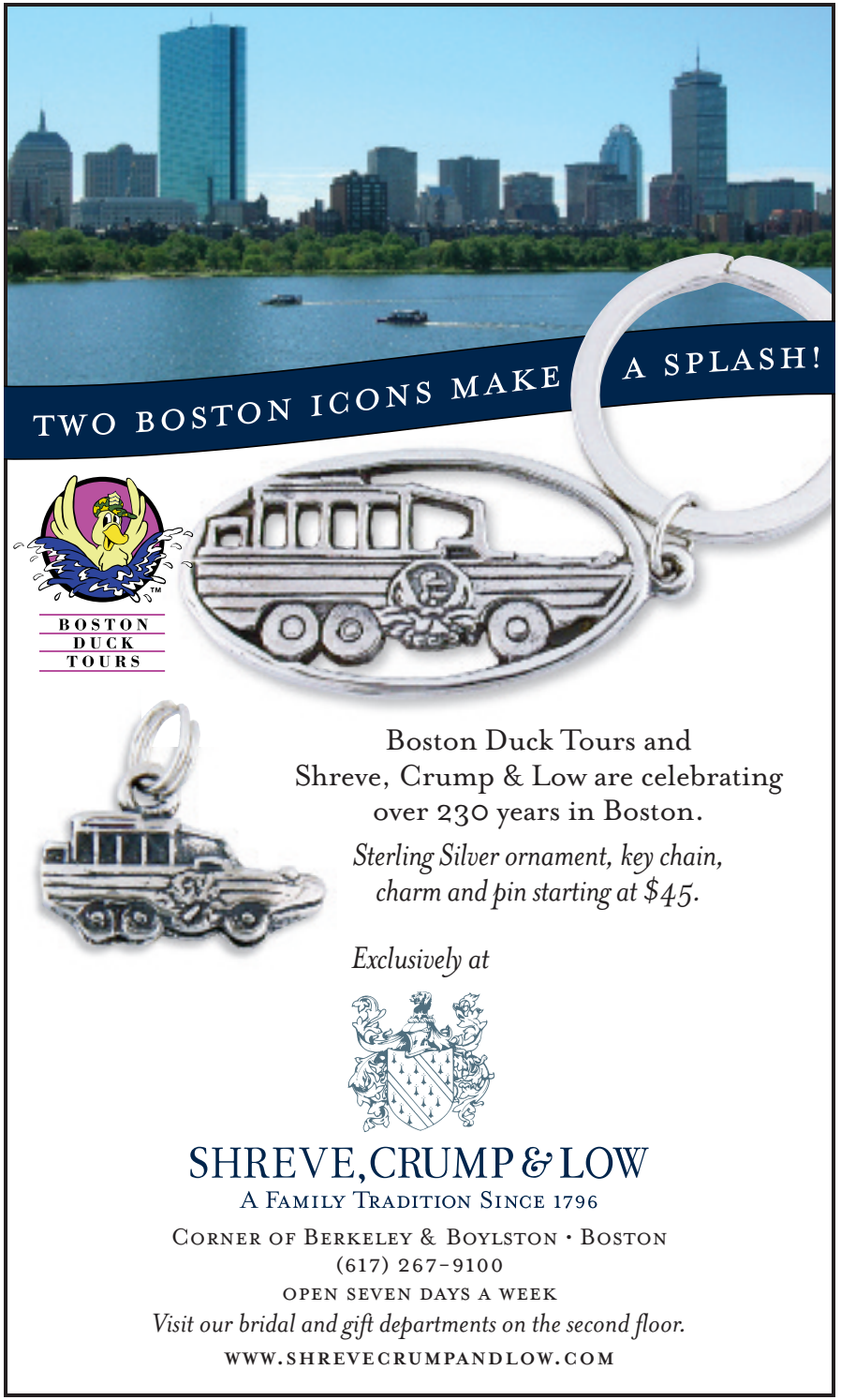

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