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Enjoy this spinach and strawberry salad and other fresh and flavorful summer delights at Barlow's in South Boston.
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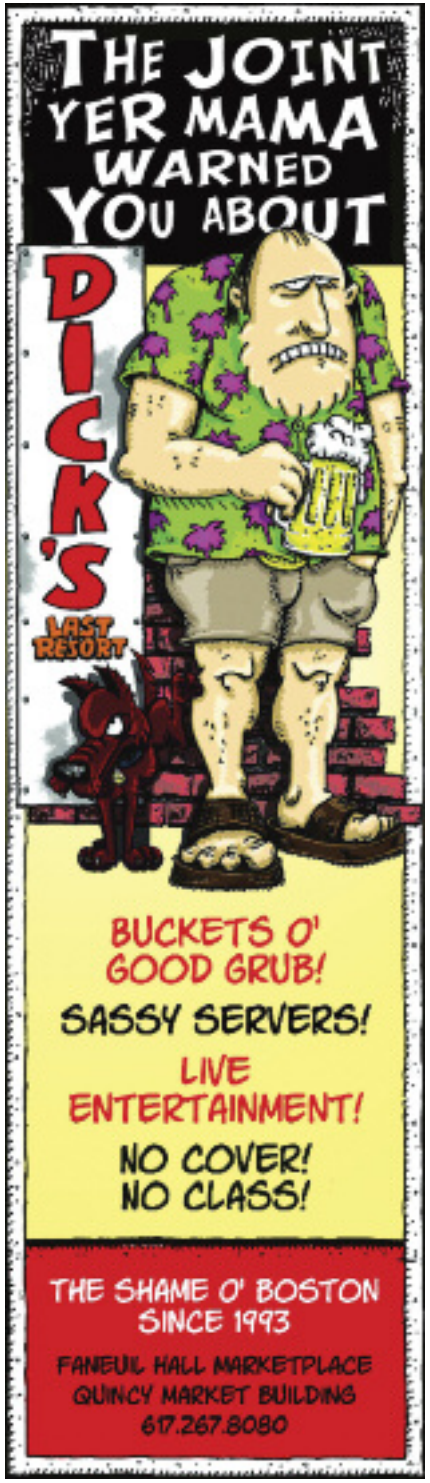

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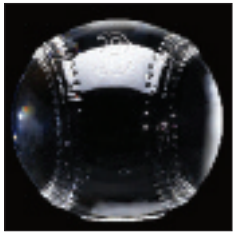

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BOSTON SUMMER RESTAURANT WEEK
More than 200 locations in and around Boston and Cambridge
August 15–20 & 22–27

Mention dining out in Boston in the summertime and images of fried scallops, clambakes on the beach or even a Fenway Frank at the ballgame come to mind. But for those with more gourmet inclinations, summer is also the perfect time to sample the Hub's impressive array of restaurants for an exceptional price. From **August 15–20 & 22–27**, more than 200 of the best eateries in the Boston area take part in Boston Summer Restaurant Week. During this two-week period, diners can enjoy two- or three-course lunches starting at $15.10, or three-course dinners for just $33.10, from fine area favorites like Harvest (pictured), Ristorante Fiore, the Union Oyster House, Stoddard's and many more. It's a sweet deal that offers foodies a chance to experience Boston's varied flavors without breaking the bank. *Refer to listing, page 17.* *—Josh B. Wardrop*

SHOW ME THE MONEY

WORLD'S FAIR OF MONEY
Hynes Convention Center
August 10 from 1–5 p.m.,
August 11–14 from 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

If you're the type who can keep money from burning a hole in your pocket, you'll find kindred spirits at the Hynes Convention Center this August. That's where the American Numismatic Association's World's Fair of Money gathers collectors of rare and exotic money to show off coins, bills and other forms of legal tender you never imagined existed. During this five-day event, the public can check out unusual currency like $100,000 bills from the U.S. Treasury, sunken treasure from the *SS Central America* (also called the "Ship of Gold"), the rare "Double Eagle" $20 gold coin (pictured) and much more. Attendees also have the opportunity to have their own personal collections appraised for free, so here's your chance to find out if any of the strange old coins in Granddad's piggy bank are secretly worth a fortune. *Refer to listing, page 12.* *—Jaime Coyne*

My Kinda Towne

TOWNE STOVE AND SPIRITS
900 Boylston St.
617-247-0400

Basketball fans are all agog at the announcement that LeBron James is "taking his talents to South Beach" to team up with Chris Bosh and Dwyane Wade and form a superstar trio on the Miami Heat, but Boston foodies are entirely more stoked about the Hub's brand-new all-star union of restaurant titans: old friends (and renowned chefs) Jasper White and Lydia Shire, the masterminds and culinary directors behind new Back Bay eatery Towne Stove and Spirits. This massive restaurant (13,000 square feet, dining capacity of 380) is located in the Hynes Convention Center, and boasts an expansive menu encompassing everything from Russian rib roast to local clam chowder to Peking duck—all overseen by Chef Mario Capone. Redefining the concept of "something for everyone," Towne Stove and Spirits is set to become Boston's most talked-about new spot for, well…just about everything!

—Josh B. Wardrop

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Let's Eat Out

Panorama's perfect patio picks for dining al fresco by Josh B. Wardrop

BRUNCH, ANYONE?

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day—but it's summer, and you're probably on vacation, so sleep in a bit and head out to brunch instead. For those who want to start the day off with a fresh-air feast, prime options include: **Vlora** (*refer to listing, page 66*), which enhances its full menu of traditional breakfast favorites like pancakes and omelettes with Mediterranean offerings like vegetarian moussaka, spinach and feta pie, gnocchi, kebabs and more; **The Friendly Toast** (1 Kendall Square, Cambridge, 617-621-1200), a kitschy, retro-drenched eatery that serves brunch at all hours, allowing you to sit on the patio and enjoy creative, top-notch breakfast creations as you watch the sun come up *or* go down; and **Tremont 647** (647 Tremont St., 617-266-4600), where guests are encouraged to "come as they are" to the restaurant's fun-filled Pajama Brunch, showing up in sleep attire to enjoy huevos rancheros, massive burgers and a full range of brunch cocktails on the patio.

SKIP THE PEANUTS AND CRACKER JACK

If the idea of overpriced Fenway Franks and watery beer at the Red Sox game doesn't exactly get you salivating, there are plenty of spots in the vicinity of Fenway Park where you can nosh on delicious grub in the open air and soak up pre-game excitement. The **Cask 'N Flagon** and **Game On!** (*refer to listings, page 78*) face each other on opposing corners of Brookline Avenue and Lansdowne Street, and both are beloved by Sox fans as prime spots to enjoy tasty treats like pizzas, sandwiches, appetizers and other pre-game chow on their spacious sidewalk patios as throngs of baseball fans stream into the park. Remember, though: no food fights—even if you do happen to see some Yankees fans.

Behind Fenway Park, on Boylston Street, the Fenway neighborhood welcomed two new eateries this spring. **Basho** (1330 Boylston St., 617-262-1338) is about as far away from traditional ballpark fare as you can get—this Japanese brasserie serves a full range of sushi, soups and Japanese entrees on its patio. Across the street, in the shadow of Fenway itself, is **Jerry Remy's Sports Bar and Grill** (1265 Boylston St., 617-236-7369), the Hub's newest hotspot for hardcore hardball fans. Remy's boasts both a front patio overlooking Boylston Street and a rear dining section with massive windows that, when opened at gametime, allow diners to hear the actual sounds of the game emanating from centerfield.

BEFORE THE CURTAIN GOES UP

You don't want to see a show on an empty stomach—nothing's likely to get the theater patron in the seat next to you more agitated than hearing your stomach rumble during their favorite number from *West Side Story*. Avoid embarrassment by first enjoying an outdoor meal at the aptly named **Theatre Cafe** (*refer to listing, page 75*), which serves up delicious American cuisine on a spacious outdoor patio located just a block away from the Charles Playhouse. Step across Charles Street to dine on tasty Chinese delicacies at **P. F. Chang's** (*refer to listing, page 75*) in the shadow of the eatery's impressive horse statues, or enjoy fresh salads, paninis and pasta while ensconced in a comfy couch on the patio at Boston's newest Italian eatery, **Vapiano** (191 Stuart St., 857-445-0236). If you're in a Provencal mood, sample exquisite French food a few doors down from the Colonial Theatre on the patio at **Bistro du Midi** (*refer to listing, page 64*), overlooking the picturesque Public Garden. And for seafood fans, **Skipjack's** (*refer to listing, page 65*) serves only the freshest and most delicious fried and grilled fish, shellfish and surf and turf combos on its pleasant patio just up the street from the Hub's popular Lyric Stage Company.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS: Experience dining al fresco at (opposite, top to bottom) Dick's Last Resort, Game On!, Casa Romero and (above) P. F. Chang's.

SOUTH OF THE BORDER

Let's face it: nobody is going to mistake Boston for Cancun anytime soon. But that doesn't mean that you can't enjoy some fantastic Mexican food here in the Hub. For those who feel like the only way to eat Mexican is with the warm sun beating down as you sip on a margarita, Boston

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ABOVE PHOTO BY JONATHAN DAISY

offers some excellent Mexican eateries with patios perfect for a summer day. The **Sunset Cantina** (916 Commonwealth Ave., 617-731-8646) is a fine spot for getting together with friends to sample one of the restaurant's 112 varieties of tequila and its tasty Mexican fare on the cozy patio. Or for a more romantic setting, try **Casa Romero** (30 Gloucester St., 617-536-4341)—tucked away just off Newbury Street, Casa Romero's lovely outdoor brick-paved courtyard is an ideal place to steal away from it all and enjoy authentic, classic Mexican cuisine with the one you love.

PRIME PATIO PROPERTY: NEWBURY STREET

There's no better boulevard in the Hub for people-watching, with its always-entertaining blend of funky college kids and beautiful fashionistas that come there to shop. And there's no better way to people-watch than from a comfortable patio while sipping a cocktail or noshing on a delicious meal. From the 100-seat patio at **Stephanie's on Newbury** (190 Newbury St., 617-236-0990) that's as expansive and welcoming as the menu of top-notch comfort food, to the large front windows that open up and turn **Sonsie** (pictured above, *refer to listing, page 65*) from a swanky eatery into an upscale street café, Newbury abounds with great spots from which to look out on the world.

ALSO TRY: La Voile (261 Newbury St., 617-587-4200); **Bouchee** (159 Newbury St., 617-450-4343); **Kashmir** (279 Newbury St., 617-536-1695).

EATING IN PUB-LIC

When most of us think about enjoying casual cuisine and strong spirits at a neighborhood pub, we imagine some dark, oaky, smoky (though not in Boston, of course, thanks to its ban on smoking in restaurants) venue. However, there are plenty of friendly Hub pubs that bring beer-drinking and hearty fare out of the darkness and into the light, with patio seating at hotspots like Irish pub/restaurant **The Kinsale** (*refer to listing, page 67*), located just across from City Hall Plaza; fellow Celtic favorite **Cuffs** (Back Bay Hotel, 350 Stuart St., 617-266-7200), nestled amidst the hustle and bustle of the busy Back Bay; and **Barlow's** (*refer to listing, page 72*), which boasts a leafy green oasis in the heart of South Boston from which to serve its delicious array of sandwiches, entrees and appetizers.

ON THE WATER

Eating outside is a summertime treat, but nothing makes it feel more like summer than being able to enjoy a leisurely, delicious meal in a spot that overlooks a body of water. Boston's coastal location offers ample patio dining opportunities by Boston Harbor, but one of the most venerable and popular has to be a meal at **The Barking Crab** (88 Sleeper St., 617-426-2722), where patrons sit at picnic tables underneath a long tent overlooking the Harbor, enjoying heaping portions of fresh seafood and shellfish. Further inland, diners at the ever-popular **Dante** (*refer to listing, page 34*) can enjoy succulent Italian and Mediterranean cuisine while they watch the sunset over the Charles River. Or, if you prefer the South Beach cabana experience, recent Leather District arrival **Splash Ultra Lounge & Burger Bar** (150 Kneeland St., 617-426-6397) serves up cocktails and gourmet burgers by the pool on its swanky roof deck.

THE LIVING END

Few neighborhoods in Boston demonstrate the commitment to outside dining that the vibrant, culturally diverse South End does. Renowned as a top restaurant destination in its own right, in the summertime it's hard to take more than a couple of steps without finding a street-side café or French bistro that boasts a picturesque patio fit for enjoying a meal and soaking in the sights of this exciting neighborhood. Tremont Street is the epicenter, boasting top eateries like **B&G Oysters**, with its private sunken stone garden patio, the continually creative cuisine of **Sibling Rivalry** and French favorite **Hamersley's Bistro**. *Refer to listings, page 74.*

HIT THE TRAIL

Tens of thousands of people walk The Freedom Trail each year, visiting the sites where America was born. Things may have changed since the days of famed patriots like Paul Revere and Samuel Adams, but one thing certainly hasn't: walking 2.5 miles will help you work up an appetite. If you're walking The Freedom Trail, there's plenty of great spots along the way where you can stop for a meal and eat out on a patio taking in historic sites where liberty was born. Just across from the Old State House, the new hotspot **Woodward Park** (Ames Hotel, 1 Court St., 617-979-8200) serves delicious fare and cocktails. A few stops further down the Trail, Faneuil Hall Marketplace is home to numerous outdoor restaurants, including **Dick's Last Resort** (*refer to listing, page 68*), where diners can enjoy buckets of delicious no-frills grub and the antics of Dick's mouthy waitstaff. Finally, the Freedom Trail winds through the North End, where lovers of fine pastries and strong Italian coffee can sample the authentic European vibe of **Graffiti Ristorante and Cafe** (*refer to listing, page 71*). Ⓟ

PRIME PATIO PROPERTY: HARVARD SQUARE

It's a misnomer that everyone in this neighborhood associated with higher learning spends all their time huddled in a cubbyhole with their nose in a book. Cambridge's busiest neighborhood is packed full of lovely spots for outdoor dining, including the prodigious yet peaceful patio at **Harvest** (*refer to listing, page 34*) where fresh air and fresh ingredients go hand in hand, and the picturesque terrace—complete with barstool seating and mini-raw bar—found at the Charles Square outpost of super seafood standout **Legal Sea Foods** (pictured above, *refer to listing, page 75*).

ALSO TRY: OM (92 Winthrop St., 617-576-2800); **Charlie's Beer Garden** (10 Eliot St., 617-492-9646); **Rialto** (*refer to listing, page 35*).

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MEDIEVAL MANOR THEATRE RESTAURANT: Located in the South End, this interactive dining experience features costumed performers—including the King, Minstrel, Jester, Oaf and Wenches—who lead diners on a hilarious romp through the dark ages. **Refer to listing, page 19.**

CLASSICAL

LANDMARKS ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL AT THE SHELL, DCR Hatch Shell, Charles River Esplanade, 617-520-2200. *Free and open to the public; all shows at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted.* Popular local ensemble the Boston Landmarks Orchestra presents its annual summer season of outdoor concerts. ***July 28***—Guest conductor Andrew Bisantz and the Boston Lyric Opera join the Landmarks Orchestra for a performance of Beethoven's *Symphony No. 5* and excerpts from Puccini's opera *Tosca;* ***Aug 4***—Conductor Ron Knudsen leads the New Philharmonia Orchestra in a concert of works by Beethoven and Turina; ***Aug 11***—Charles Ansbacher and the Landmarks Orchestra perform Beethoven's *Symphony No. 7* and *Egmont Overture;* ***Aug 18***—Ron Knudsen leads the Longwood Symphony Orchestra in a performance of Beethoven's *Symphony No. 4* and Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue.*

TANGLEWOOD SUMMER CONCERT SEASON, Tanglewood, Lenox, 617-266-1492 or 888-266-1200. Located in the Berkshires, Tanglewood has been the summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra since 1937, and hosts pop and classical concerts all summer long. *Tickets: $9–115. Visit www.tanglewood.org for a complete schedule of concerts.* ***Aug 1*** *at 2:30 p.m.* at Koussevitzky Music Shed—Conductor Charles Dutoit and the BSO are joined by legendary cellist Yo-Yo Ma for a concert of works by Sibelius, Elgar and Mussorgsky; ***Aug 3*** *at 8:30 p.m.* at Koussevitzky Music Shed—The BSO and the Boston Pops join forces for Tanglewood on Parade, saluting former Pops conductor John Williams; ***Aug 7*** *at 8:30 p.m.* at Koussevitzky Music Shed—Guest violinist Hilary Hahn joins the BSO to perform works by Wagner, Copland and Stravinsky; ***Aug 14*** *at 8:30 p.m.* at Koussevitzky Music Shed—Guest conductor John Williams and the Boston Pops salute the films of Steven Spielberg, performing Williams' numerous compositions from the director's classic films; ***Aug 20*** *at 8:30 p.m.* at Koussevitzky Music Shed—Conductor Keith Lockhart and the BSO are joined by renowned soprano Dawn Upshaw to perform works by Mozart, Ravel and others.

COMEDY

DICK DOHERTY'S COMEDY VAULT, 124 Boylston St., 800-401-2221. *Shows Mon–Thu at 8:30 p.m., Fri & Sun at 9 p.m., Sat at 8 and 10:15 p.m. Tickets: $15-$20.* Located in the downstairs portion of Remington's bar and restaurant across from Boston Common. ***July 26, Aug 2, 9 & 16***—Mitch Stinson's Weekend Comedy Extender; ***July 27, Aug 3, 10 & 17***—Jim Lauletta's Comedy Showcase; ***July 28, Aug 4, 11 & 18***—Paul Nardizzi's Comedy Showcase; ***July 29, Aug 5, 12 & 19***—The Beantown Comedy Riots with Mike Whitman; ***July 30 & 31***—John David, Mike Whitman and Friends; ***Aug 1***—John David hosts Open Mic Night; ***Aug 6 & 7***—Larry Myles, Greg Howell and Kyle Crawford; ***Aug 8***—Larry Myles hosts Open Mic Night.

IMPROV ASYLUM, 216 Hanover St., 617-263-6887. *Tickets: $10–25, 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 this theater in the heart of Boston's North End. ***July 27, Aug 3, 10 & 17*** *at 8 p.m.*—House Teams; ***July 29, Aug 5, 12 & 19*** *at 8 p.m.,* ***July 30 & 31, Aug 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 & 21*** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Mainstage Show; ***July 28, Aug 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18 & 22*** *at 8 p.m.—Lost in Boston, or The Fenway We Were.*

THE WILBUR THEATRE, 246 Tremont St., 617-248-9700. ***Aug 9*** *at 7:30 p.m.,* ***Aug 10*** *at 7 p.m.*—Gabriel Iglesias, *tickets: $25 & 35;* ***Aug 13*** *at 10 p.m.*—John "Dr. Dirty" Valby, *tickets: $15 & 20;* ***Aug 21*** *at 7 and 9:45 p.m.*—Marlon & Shawn Wayans, *tickets: $25 & 35.*

CONVENTIONS & EXPOS

HYNES CONVENTION CENTER, 900 Boylston St., 617-954-2000. ***Aug 10*** *from 1–5:30 p.m.,* ***Aug 11–14*** *from 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.*—The American Numismatic Association presents the 2010 World's Fair of Money, exhibiting rare coins from around the world and offering workshops, trivia and activities related to coin collecting, *tickets: $6;* ***Aug 19*** *from 10 a.m.–6 p.m.,* ***Aug 20*** *from 9 a.m.–4 p.m.*—The Great American Bargain Book Sale, *tickets: $60 ($25 in advance; visit www.gabbs.net).*

FILM

COOLIDGE CORNER THEATRE, 290 Harvard St., Brookline, 617-734-2500. *Call for showtimes and complete schedule. Tickets: $9.75; students & matinee (before 5 p.m.) $7.75; seniors & children (under 12) $6.75.* This independent movie house screens recent indie films, as well as the classics. Now showing: *Phyllis and Harold; The Kids Are All Right;* ***beginning Aug 6***—*Kisses.* Special events: ***July 29*** *at 7 p.m.—Ingredients;* ***July 30 & 31*** *after midnight—28 Days Later;* ***Aug 16*** *at 7 p.m.—The Big Lebowski;* ***Aug 22*** *at 10 a.m.—Carmen.*

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FREE FRIDAY FLICKS AT THE HATCH SHELL, Charles River Esplanade, 617-787-7200. Each summer, WBZ Radio sponsors free movies at the Hatch Shell, *Fridays at dusk.* ***July 30****—Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs;* ***Aug 6****—Aliens vs. Monsters;* ***Aug 13****—How to Train Your Dragon;* ***Aug 20****—The Princess and the Frog.*

MOVIES BY MOONLIGHT, Boston Harbor Hotel, 70 Rowes Wharf, 617-439-7000. Every summer, The Boston Harbor Hotel terrace is transformed into an outdoor cinema for free Friday night movies *at dusk.* ***July 30****—Some Like It Hot;* ***Aug 6****—All About Eve;* ***Aug 13****—Tootsie;* ***Aug 20****—All the President's Men.*

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: *Antarctica; Arabia; Whales; Thrill Ride: The Science of Fun.*

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, 465 Huntington Ave., 617-267-9300. *Screenings Thu–Sun, call for complete schedule. Tickets: $6–10.* The Museum of Fine Arts' Film Program has grown to become one of the nation's finest exhibitors of contemporary international cinema, restored classics and premieres of American independent films. Special events: ***July 29*** *at 3:20 p.m.,* ***July 30*** *at 5:40 p.m.—Cloud 9;* ***July 29*** *at 5:30 p.m.,* ***July 30*** *at 7:45 p.m.,* ***July 31*** *at 5 p.m.,* ***Aug 1*** *at 11 a.m.,* ***Aug 5*** *at 3:30 p.m.—My Tale of Two Cities;* ***July 30*** *at 3:30 p.m.,* ***July 31*** *at 3 p.m.—Dogtooth.*

ROXBURY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL, 617-541-3900. *Visit www.roxburyfilmfestival.org for ticket information and complete schedule of events. Tickets: Platinum Pass (all inclusive) $125; Gold Pass (all screenings, workshops and Opening Night) $100; Silver Pass (all screenings) $75.* This 12th annual urban film festival showcases feature-length films, documentaries and short films written, produced and directed by filmmakers of color. It also hosts panel discussions by industry professionals and networking opportunities for filmmakers. ***July 26****—*Festival Sneak Peek Screening: *Do It Again* at The Brattle Theatre in Harvard Square; ***July 29–Aug 1****—*Film screenings at the Museum of Fine Arts, the Tower Auditorium at Massachusetts College of Art, the Roxbury Center for Arts at Hibernian Hall, the Annex Auditorium at Wentworth Institute of Technology and The Haley House Cafe.

SIMONS IMAX THEATER, New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, 617-973-5200. *Open daily at 9:30 a.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: *The Ultimate Wave Tahiti 3D; Under the Sea 3D; Hubble 3D; Sea Rex: Journey to a Prehistoric World 3D.*

KIDS CORNER

BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, Museum Wharf, 300 Congress St., 617-426-6500. *Refer to listing in Museums.* Daily organized activities in the Art Studio and Play Space such as music and movement, finger puppet making and kitchen science. ***Daily****—*Japanese House: Guided Visits of Kyo-no-Machiya; Playspace: Messy Activity; Art Studio; ***Aug 6*** *from 6–8 p.m.—*Make Origami Cranes for Peace Day; ***Aug 13*** *from 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.—*Kitchen Science; ***Aug 13 & 20*** *from 6–8 p.m.—*Operation: Spy Challenge; ***Aug 19*** *at 11 a.m.—*The Worminator; ***Aug 21*** *from 11 a.m.–1 p.m.—*Critter Day.

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. Special events: ***July 26, Aug 2 & 9*** *at 10 a.m.—*ReadBoston Storymobile Program; ***July 30*** *at 1:30 p.m.—*Radical Reptiles; ***Aug 11*** *at 10:30 a.m.—*Family Movie: *Ponyo;* ***Aug 13 & 20*** *at 10:30 a.m.—*Kids' Summer Cinema.

MAGIC CIRCLE THEATER, Balch Arena Theatre, Tufts University Medford/Somerville Campus, 617-627-3493. New England's oldest children's theater, where young actors run lines, create sets and costumes and ultimately perform. The program highlights all aspects of working at a theater. *Tickets: $7.* ***July 27*** *at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.,* ***July 28*** *at 10:30 a.m.,* ***Aug 5*** *at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.—The BFG;* ***July 29*** *at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.,* ***Aug 10*** *at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m,* ***Aug 11*** *at 10:30 a.m.—Aladdin;* ***Aug 3*** *at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.,* ***Aug 4*** *at 10:30 a.m.,* ***Aug 12*** *at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.—Alice.*

ONE WORLD SUMMER PROGRAM, Mary Baker Eddy Library, 200 Massachusetts Ave., 617-450-7330. *Tue from 10 a.m.–noon. Free and open to the public.* The Mary Baker Eddy Library presents a series of craft activities, storytelling and fun appropriate for ages 4–10. ***July 27****—*Peruvian music and dance from Inca Son; ***Aug 3****—*African/Haitian/Brazilian rhythms from Zili Misik; ***Aug 10****—*Hip-hop dance with Amal Shumar.

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, entertaining audiences of all ages. ***July 28 & 29*** *at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.—Wizards and Knights;* ***Aug 1*** *at 1 p.m.—The Three Billy Goats Gruff;* ***Aug 4 & 5*** *at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.—Leopard Learns a Lesson;* ***Aug 8*** *at 1 p.m.—The Little Red Hen;* ***Aug 11 & 12*** *at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.—Galapagos George;* ***Aug 15*** *at 1 p.m.—Here Come the Clowns!;* ***Aug 18 & 19*** *at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.—Everybody Loves Pirates;* ***Aug 22*** *at 1 p.m.—The Three Pigs and Other Tales.*

LIVE MUSIC

BANK OF AMERICA PAVILION, 290 Northern Ave., 617-931-2000. This open-air waterfront venue features world-class rock, pop, blues and country performers set against the backdrop of the Boston skyline. ***July 27*** *at 7:30 p.m.—*Bad Company, *tickets: $35–65;* ***July 28*** *at 7:30 p.m.—*Heart with Peter Frampton, *tickets: $30 & 55;* ***July 29 & 30*** *at 7 p.m.—*O.A.R., *tickets: $39.50;* ***July 31*** *at 7:30 p.m.—*The Black Keys, *tickets: $35;* ***Aug 1*** *at 7:30 p.m.—*The Arcade Fire, *tickets: $37 & 42;* ***Aug 2*** *at 6 p.m.—*Mixfest 2010, featuring Kris Allen, Goo Goo Dolls, Steven Page and others, *tickets: $35 & 50;* ***Aug 3*** *at 7 p.m.—*Keane with Ingrid Michaelson and Fran Healy, *tickets: $29.50–44.50;* ***Aug 6*** *at 6:30 p.m.—*Gov't Mule, *tickets: $35;* ***Aug 7*** *at 7:30 p.m.—*Barenaked Ladies, *tickets: $33–57.50;* ***Aug 9*** *at 7:30 p.m.—*Maroon 5 with Owl City and V.V. Brown, *tickets: $34.50–80;* ***Aug 10*** *at 7:30 p.m.—*MGMT, *tickets: $25 & 34.50;* ***Aug 13*** *at 6 p.m.—*STS9 with Lotus and The Album Leaf, *tickets: $32.50;* ***Aug 17 & 18*** *at 7 p.m.—*David Gray and Ray LaMontagne, *tickets: $39.50–60;* ***Aug 19*** *at 7:30 p.m.—*Sublime with Rome, *tickets: $32.50–42.50.*

BOSTON HARBOR HOTEL, 70 Rowes Wharf, 617-439-7000. *Free and open to the public. All shows at 6 p.m., unless other-*

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wise indicated. The prestigious Boston Harbor Hotel presents its 12th annual free Summer in the City music series, featuring local and national bands performing on the hotel's floating barge stage. ***July 27***—Summer Soul with Soul Sound Revue; ***July 28***—Timeless Tunes from Joey Scott & The Connection; ***July 29***—Blues Barge with Jeff Pitchell; ***Aug 3***—Summer Soul with Felix Brown Band; ***Aug 4***—Timeless Tunes from Mystique; ***Aug 5***—Blues Barge with Racky Thomas Band; ***Aug 10***—Summer Soul with World Premiere Band; ***Aug 11***—Timeless Tunes from Stardust; ***Aug 12***—Blues Barge with Bruce Marshall Group; ***Aug 17***—Summer Soul with Ray Greene & The Innervisions; ***Aug 18***—Timeless Tunes from Rare Form; ***Aug 19***—Blues Barge with James Montgomery Band.

COMCAST CENTER, 885 S. Main St., Mansfield (45 minutes south of Boston), 617-931-2000. The concerts at this outdoor amphitheater are a hallmark of summer and boast some of pop music's biggest acts. ***July 27*** *at 2 p.m.*—The Rockstar Mayhem Tour with Korn, Rob Zombie and others, *tickets: $27.75–77.25;* ***July 28*** *at 6:30 p.m.*—Paramore, *tickets: $21–39.50;* ***July 29*** *at 8 p.m.*—Sting with the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra, *tickets: $23.50–158.50;* ***July 30*** *at 3 p.m.*—Lilith Fair, featuring Sarah McLachlan, Kelly Clarkson, Carly Simon, Cat Power and others, *tickets: $39–108.50;* ***Aug 1*** *at 5 p.m.*—Carnival of Madness with Shinedown, Chevelle, Puddle of Mudd and Sevendust, *tickets: $20–42.50;* ***Aug 3*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Creed with Red and Theft, *tickets: $27.50;* ***Aug 6*** *at 7 p.m.*—John Mayer, *tickets: $37.50–79.50;* ***Aug 7*** *at 6:30 p.m.*—KISS, *tickets: $28–132.50;* ***Aug 8*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Rihanna with Ke$ha, *tickets: $32.25–107.25;* ***Aug 13*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Brooks & Dunn with Sara Evans, *tickets: $26.50–72.50;* ***Aug 14*** *at 7 p.m.*—Zac Brown Band, *tickets: $28 & 42;* ***Aug 16*** *at 7 p.m.*—Green Day with AFI, *tickets: $20–85;* ***Aug 19 & 21*** *at 7 p.m.*—Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers with My Morning Jacket, *tickets: $42.50–132.50.*

FENWAY PARK, 4 Yawkey Way, 800-514-3849. The venerable home of the Boston Red Sox also hosts summer concerts by some of rock's biggest names. ***Aug 14*** *at 6 p.m.*—Aerosmith with The J. Geils Band.

GILLETTE STADIUM, 1 Patriot Place, Foxborough, 617-931-2000. ***Aug 21*** *at 5 p.m.*—The New England Country Music Festival, featuring Brad Paisley, Jason Aldean, Darius Rucker, Sara Evans and Easton Corbin, *tickets: $29.50–82.50.*

HARPERS FERRY, 156 Brighton Ave., Allston, 617-254-9743. *Shows start at 8 p.m. Call for complete schedule.* This club offers live music daily and is renowned for showcasing local classic rock and rhythm 'n' blues cover bands. ***July 30***—Living Colour, *tickets: $25;* ***July 31***—40 Oz. to Freedom (Sublime tribute band), *tickets: $12;* ***Aug 7***—Mr. Brownstone (Guns N' Roses tribute band), *tickets: $12;* ***Aug 8***—Alex Band, *tickets: $15;* ***Aug 13***—The Joshua Tree (U2 tribute band), *tickets: $10;* ***Aug 14***—Corey Feldman and The Truth Movement, *tickets: $20;* ***Aug 18***—Lee "Scratch" Perry, *tickets: $25.*

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.* The House of Blues club, concert hall and restaurant across from Fenway Park welcomes top rock, blues and pop acts. ***July 26***—Modest Mouse, *tickets: $37 & 45;* ***July 27*** *at 6:45 p.m.*—Robyn with Kelis and Dan Black & The Far East Movement, *tickets: $20 & 30;* ***July 28*** *at 8:30 p.m.*—Nas and Damian "Jr. Gong" Marley, *tickets: $39.50 & 49.50;* ***July 29*** *at 9 p.m.*—Jason Aldean, *tickets: $40 & 125;* ***July 31*** *at 7 p.m.*—Hot Tuna with Steve Earle, *tickets: $27.50–35;* ***Aug 1 & 15*** *at 10 a.m.*—Gospel Brunch, *tickets: $25–45;* ***Aug 2***—The Gaslight Anthem with Chamberlain and Tim Barry, *tickets: $22 & 32;* ***Aug 5***—Interpol with Twin Tigers, *tickets: $30 & 40;* ***Aug 9***—Public Enemy with Kendo the Almost Famous and The Banned, *tickets: $25 & 35;* ***Aug 13***—Willie Nelson and Family, *tickets: $65–85;* ***Aug 16***—Tears For Fears with Wainwright, *tickets: $35 & 45.*

JEROME AND ELAINE ROSENFELD'S CONCERTS IN THE COURTYARD, Calderwood Courtyard, Museum of Fine Arts, 617-369-3306. *Tickets: $30. All shows at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.* The MFA's summer music series brings in performers from a wide variety of genres, from indie rock to zydeco to folk. ***July 28***—Drug Rug with tUnE-YarDs; ***Aug 4***—Frank London's Klezmer Brass All-Stars; ***Aug 11***—Buckwheat Zydeco; ***Aug 18***—Cherryholmes.

OLDIES 103.3 FM FREE SUMMER CONCERTS, DCR Hatch Shell, Charles River Esplanade. *Free and open to the public.* ***July 31*** *at 7 p.m.*—Peter Cetera.

OPERA HOUSE, 539 Washington St., 617-259-3400. This magnificent venue for opera and musical theater also hosts pop and rock concerts. ***Aug 3*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Rufus Wainwright, *tickets: $39 & 43.50.*

ROCK AND BLUES CONCERT CRUISES, Long Wharf, 617-467-4037. Hop aboard a Boston Harbor Cruise boat for these weekly evening cruises, which feature live rock, blues and soul music from regional and national performers. ***Aug 1*** *at 5 p.m.*—Jerry's Birthday Cruise with The Grateful Dread, *tickets: $25;* ***Aug 6*** *at 8 p.m.*—Will Dailey & The Rivals with Jenny Dee & The Delinquents, *tickets: $25;* ***Aug 7*** *at 8 p.m.*—Booty Vortex, *tickets: $25;* ***Aug 13*** *at 8 p.m.*—Enter the Haggis with Chad Perrone, *tickets: $25;* ***Aug 19*** *at 8 p.m.*—Carbon Leaf, *tickets: $30;* ***Aug 20*** *at 8 p.m.*—Beatlejuice, *tickets: $28.*

SCULLERS JAZZ CLUB, DoubleTree Guest Suites Hotel, 400 Soldiers Field Road, 617-562-4111. ***July 28*** *at 8 p.m.*—Jean-Michel Pilc Trio, *tickets: $20, $58 with dinner;* ***July 29*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Godfathers of Groove, *tickets: $22, $60 with dinner;* ***July 30 & 31*** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—The Sax Pack, *tickets: $38, $73 with dinner;* ***Aug 3*** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Richard Elliot and Rick Braun, *tickets: $35, $73 with dinner;* ***Aug 4*** *at 8 p.m.*—Yma Arrington, *tickets: $20, $58 with dinner;* ***Aug 5*** *at 8 p.m.*—Alfredo Rodriguez Trio, *tickets: $20, $58 with dinner;* ***Aug 6*** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—David Binney with Craig Taborn, Eivind Opsvik and Brian Blade, *tickets: $22, $60 with dinner;* ***Aug 10*** *at 8 p.m.*—Athene Wilson, *tickets: $18, $56 with dinner;* ***Aug 11*** *at 8 p.m.*—Jane Bunnett and The Spirits of Havana, *tickets: $22, $60 with dinner;* ***Aug 12*** *at 8 p.m.*—John Ellis and Double Wide, *tickets: $22, $60 with dinner;* ***Aug 13 & 14*** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Patti Austin, *tickets: $40, $78 with dinner;* ***Aug 17 & 18*** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Lee Ritenour and Dave Grusin, *tickets: $35, $73 with dinner;* ***Aug 19*** *at 8 p.m.*—Syncopation, *tickets: $20, $58 with dinner;* ***Aug 20*** *at 8 and 10 p.m.*—Jonatha Brooke, *tickets: $30, $68 with dinner.*

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. ***Aug 3*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—The Black Eyed Peas with T-Pain, *tickets: $49.50–92.*

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. ***July 26, Aug 2, 9 & 16*** *at 8 p.m.*—Marty Ballou Trio; ***July 27–29*** *at 8:30 p.m.*—The Bob Nieske Trio; ***July 30 & 31*** *at 9 p.m.*—The Bob Nieske Group with vocalist Maggie Galloway; ***Aug 1, 8, 15 & 22*** *at noon*—Lee Childs Group; ***Aug 1*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Marshall Wood Trio; ***Aug 3–5, 10–12, 17–19*** *at 8:30 p.m.,* ***Aug 6, 7, 13, 14, 20 & 21*** *at 9 p.m.*—The Steve Soares Trio; ***Aug 8, 15 & 22*** *at 8 p.m.*—The Rebecca Cline Trio.

SPECIAL EVENTS

AUGUST MOON FESTIVAL, Chinatown Gateway Arch, Harrison Street, 617-542-2574. ***Aug 15*** *from 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Free and open to the public.* This annual event honors the August Moon, acting as a harvest celebration for the Chinese people. Revelers enjoy the tasty pastry delicacies known as moon cakes, as well as food vendors, live music, martial arts demonstrations and parades of children carrying paper lanterns through the streets.

BOSTON GREENFEST, City Hall Plaza, 617-542-2574. ***Aug 19–21*** *from 10 a.m.–10 p.m. Free and open to the public.* Celebrate the Earth while learning about eco-friendly clothing, homes, food and much more. Enjoy the Green FilmFest, live music, vegetarian food samples and a slew of educational displays and presentations geared toward helping each of us live a greener, more Earth-friendly life.

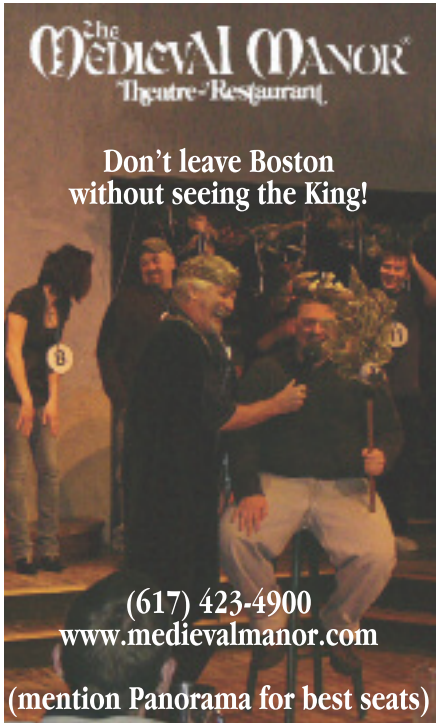
CIRQUE DU SOLEIL PRESENTS OVO, under the blue-and-yellow Big Top at Fan Pier on the waterfront, www.cirquedusoleil.com. *Performances: Tue–Thu at 8 p.m., Fri & Sat at 4 and 8 p.m., Sun at 1 and 5 p.m. Tickets: $55–355, children (ages 2–12) $38.50–248.50.* The world-renowned, one-of-a-kind theater/circus returns to Boston with its exciting new show, *OVO*. Be transported into a vibrant and colorful world of an ecosystem teeming with insect life, which is thrown into turmoil with the arrival of a mysterious egg. The new show delivers all the amazing acrobatics, visual illusions and transfixing music that are trademarks of a Cirque du Soleil production.

COMCAST LATINO FAMILY FESTIVAL, Fenway Park. ***Aug 8*** *from 11 a.m.–7 p.m. Tickets: $15–40. Visit www.elmundoboston.com for ticket information.* Local Spanish language newspaper *El Mundo* teams with Comcast to present a daylong celebration of Latino culture. The event features live musical performances by Gilberto Santa Rosa, Rakim & Ken-Y and Sergio Vargas, as well as a health and fitness festival.

INDIA DAY, DCR Hatch Shell, The Charles River Esplanade. ***Aug 15*** *from 4–8 p.m. Free and open to the public.* The India Association of Greater Boston presents India Day 2010, celebrating India's independence day. The program includes classical and folk dances, musical performances of popular and patriotic songs, crafts, Indian food and more.

NORTH END FEASTS AND PROCESSIONS, The North End. www.northendboston.com. Boston's "Little Italy" honors patron saints and the neighborhood's culture with weekend festivals featuring Italian delicacies, streetside bands playing Sicilian melodies and vendors offering authentic wares on the cobblestoned paths dressed with garlands. ***July 30–Aug 1***—St. Agrippina di Mineo Society Feast Celebration; ***Aug 6–8***—Madonna Della Cava Society Feast Celebration; ***Aug 12–15***—Sorrento Cheese Fisherman's Feast of the Madonna del Soccorso di Sciacca Society of Boston.

RESTAURANT WEEK BOSTON, at restaurants throughout Boston and Cambridge. *Visit www.restaurantweekboston.com for a complete list of participants.* ***Aug 15–20, 22–27****. Lunch:*



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RUNNING OF THE BRIDES, Hynes Convention Center, 900 Boylston St. ***Aug 20**, doors open at 8 a.m.* The legendary Filene's Basement Bridal Sale features thousands of gowns made by nationally known designers priced, for one day only, from $249–699. This twice-annual event is famous for throngs of brides making a mad dash for bridal bargains.

WEST END CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL, Thoreau Path, Martha Road, 617-670-1900. ***Aug 21** from noon–4 p.m. Free and open to the public.* This neighborhood festival welcomes families and children of all ages to its fifth annual event. Celebrating the theme of "International Flavor," the festival features games and activities, live entertainment and diverse ethnic food and drink.

SPORTS

BOSTON BREAKERS — WOMENS' PROFESSIONAL SOCCER
Harvard Stadium, 95 N. Harvard St., Allston, 877-439-2732.
***July 31** at 6 p.m.* vs. Philadelphia Independence
***Aug 15** at 6 p.m.* vs. Sky Blue FC

BOSTON CANNONS — MAJOR LEAGUE LACROSSE
Harvard Stadium, 95 N. Harvard St., Allston, 888-847-9700.
***Aug 7** at 7 p.m.* Chesapeake Bayhawks

BOSTON RED SOX — MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Fenway Park, 4 Yawkey Way, 617-482-4SOX.
***July 30** at 7:10 p.m.* vs. Detroit Tigers
***July 31** at 4:10 p.m.* vs. Detroit Tigers
***Aug 1** at 1:35 p.m.* vs. Detroit Tigers
***Aug 2–5** at 7:10 p.m.* vs. Cleveland Indians
***Aug 17–19** at 7:10 p.m.* vs. Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim
***Aug 20 & 21** at 7:10 p.m.* vs. Toronto Blue Jays
***Aug 22** at 1:35 p.m.* vs. Toronto Blue Jays

NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION — MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER
Gillette Stadium, One Patriot Place, Foxborough, 800-543-1776 or 877-GETREVS.
***Aug 7** at 7:30 p.m.* vs. D.C. United
***Aug 14** at 8 p.m.* vs. Houston Dynamo

THEATRE

BLUE MAN GROUP, Charles Playhouse, 74 Warrenton St., 617-931-2787 or 617-426-6912. ***Ongoing**. 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.

FULLY COMMITTED, Christian Herter Park, 1175A Soldiers Field Road, Brighton, 617-875-8965. *Performances **through Aug 15**: Thu–Sun at 7 p.m. Tickets: $15.* One actor plays nearly 40 characters in this rapid-fire comedy, at the center of which is Sam Peliczowski, an out-of-work actor who pays the bills by taking reservations for a hot Manhattan restaurant in Becky Mode's critically acclaimed play.

GRIMM, Company One, Roberts Studio Theatre, Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts, 527 Tremont St., 617-933-8600. *Performances **through Aug 14**: Wed & Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri & Sat at 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. Tickets: $20–38.* This brand-new collection of short plays by Boston's most celebrated writers—including Melinda Lopez (*Sonia Flew*), Lydia R. Diamond (*Stick Fly*), John Kuntz (*Salt Girl*) and Gregory Maguire (*Wicked*)—remixes, re-imagines and gives a fresh Boston twist to the fairy tales of the Brothers Grimm.

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT, North Shore Music Theatre, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly, 978-232-7200. *Performances **Aug 3–22**: Tue & Thu at 7:30 p.m., Wed at 2 and 7:30 p.m., Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 2 and 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. Tickets: $35–65.* Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's musical retelling of the biblical story of Joseph, his devoted father, his jealous brothers and his incredible series of adventures stars "American Idol" finalist Anthony Fedorov and features a variety of musical styles, from country to calypso to rock 'n' roll.

MEDIEVAL MANOR THEATER RESTAURANT, 246 East Berkeley St., 617-423 4900. *Thu & Fri at 7:45 p.m., Sat at 4:30 and 8:30 p.m., Sun at 4:30 p.m. Reservations required.* Eat with your hands, raise glasses on high and laugh 'til it hurts at Boston's legendary Medieval Manor Theater Restaurant. Enjoy the company of new and old friends with the King, Minstrel, Jester, Oaf and Wenches.

OTHELLO, Commonwealth Shakespeare Company, Parkman Bandstand on Boston Common, 617-426-0863. *Performances **July 28–Aug 15**: Tue–Sat at 8 p.m., Sun at 7 p.m. Free and open to the public.* Set against a backdrop of war, Shakespeare's tragedy about the fall of a charismatic Moorish general through the betrayal of one of his most trusted soldiers takes center stage when CSC brings the Bard's classic to the picturesque environs of America's oldest public park.

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: $42.* This hilarious Boston-set whodunit, where the clues change every night and the laughs come fast and funny, is a world-wide phenomenon filled with up-to-the-minute spontaneous humor and quicksilver improvisation where the audience becomes part of the action and gets to solve the crime.

TICKETS

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

BOSTON CITYPASS, www.citypass.com. Visit five of Boston's best attractions for one low price. Save 50% and avoid ticket lines. *Booklet price: $46; youth (3–11) $29.* 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.

INTERNATIONAL POSTER GALLERY: This Newbury Street gallery features its 17th annual summer poster show, Full Steam Ahead!, through Labor Day weekend. **Refer to listing, page 23.**

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BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, Museum Wharf, 300 Congress St., 617-426-6500. *Sat–Thu 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri 'til 9 p.m. Admission: $12; children (1–15) & seniors $9; children (under 1) free; Sat–Thu 4–5 p.m. $5; 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: Out On a Limb, an interactive treehouse exhibit; AirPlay, a whimsical exploration of air and its properties. *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 $13; 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: Charles Ledray: workworkworkworkwork; Dr. Lakra; ***through Aug 14***—Works by Francesca DiMattio. Special events: ***July 28*** *at 7 p.m.*—Co Lab: Dance performance choreographed by Miguel Gutierrez in collaboration with artist Jenny Holzer, *tickets: $25;* ***July 29*** *at 6 p.m.*—Harborwalk Sounds presents music from Nini+Ben, *free;* ***Aug 5*** *at 6 p.m.*—Harborwalk Sounds presents music from Berklee Global Jazz Insitute, *free;* ***Aug 12*** *at 6 p.m.*—Harborwalk Sounds presents music from Tubby Love, *free;* ***Aug 19*** *at 6 p.m.*—Harborwalk Sounds presents music from Eric Robertson and the Boston Boys, *free;* ***Aug 20*** *at 7 p.m.*—The Callithumpian Consort performs composer Gavin Bryars' *The Sinking of the Titanic, 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: ***Aug 5*** *from 5–8 p.m.*—Neighborhood Night: A free summer evening of art, music and fun; ***Aug 19*** *from 5:30–9:30 p.m.*—Gardner After Hours: Starry Night, an evening of mellow music, cocktails and art appreciation, *tickets: $12.*

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; The Making of a President; Winning West Virginia: JFK's Primary Campaign.

LARZ ANDERSON AUTO MUSEUM, Larz Anderson Park, 15 Newton St., Brookline, 617-522-6547. *Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: $10; seniors, military & 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: Curve Appeal: Style and Elegance in Automobile Design. Lawn events *(from 10 a.m.–2 p.m.):* ***Aug 1***—Tutto Italiano 2010; ***Aug 8***—Bicycle Day; ***Aug 14***—MG Day 2010; ***Aug 15***—Japanese Car and Motorcycle Day; ***Aug 22***—Ford/Lincoln/Mercury Day 2010.

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; Mary Baker Eddy: A Life of Service.

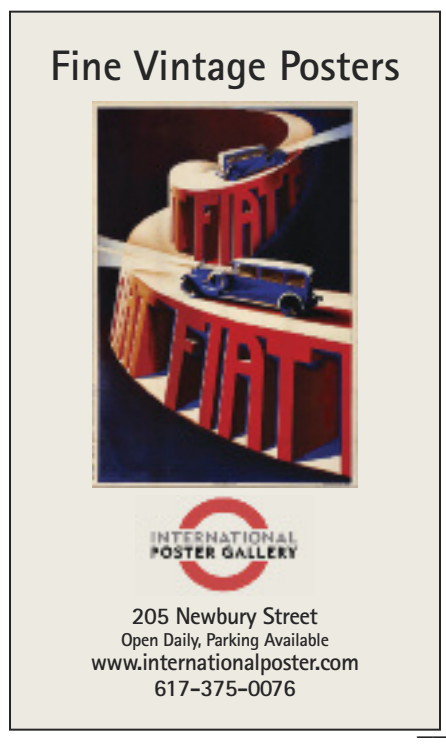
THE MUSEUM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY, African Meeting House, 46 Joy St. (corner of Smith Court), Beacon Hill, 617-725-2991. www.afroammuseum.org. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Admission: $5; seniors & children (13–17) $3; children (under 13) free.* Explore the history of Boston's 19th-century African-American 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: The Life and Times of Congressman Robert Small.

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): $20; seniors & students $18; Wed after 4 p.m., pay as you wish; children (7–17) $7.50 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; Under the Skin: Tattoos in Japanese Prints; Signs and Symbols: The Community Arts Initiative Artists Project; Romantic Interludes: Women in Firdawsi's *Shahnama;* Luxuries from Japan: Cultural Exchange in the 17th and 18th Centuries; ***beginning July 28***—Nicholas Nixon: Family Album; New Works: Prints, Drawings, Collages; ***beginning Aug 10***—Avedon Fashion 1944–2000; ***beginning Aug 14***—Heaven and Hell in Japanese Art; ***through Aug 1***—The Way of the Gods: Shinto Shrines and Their Art; ***through Aug 8***—Cafe and Cabaret: Toulouse-Lautrec's Paris; Visiting Masterpieces: Vincent van Gogh's *The Sower.* Special events: ***July 28*** *from 5:30–7:30 p.m.*—Winesdays in Bravo, *tickets: $25;* ***July 30 & Aug 6, 13 & 20*** *from 5:30–9:30 p.m.*—mfasummerfridays, featuring live music and art, *free with museum admission.*

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE, Science Park, 617-723-2500. *Sat–Thu 9 a.m.–7 p.m., Fri 'til 9 p.m. Admission: $21; seniors $19; children (3–11) $18; 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: Whales: Tohora; Inside the Mind of M.C. Escher; ***beginning July 31***—George Washington Carver.

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 exhibits: Da Goodie Monsta by Robert Peters; Chester Dames: Harlem to Cambridge; Violence Transformed: Memory and Change.

OLD STATE HOUSE MUSEUM, 206 Washington St., 617-720-1713. *Daily 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Tickets: $7.50; 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; Preservation of the Old State House; Our Favorite Things: Boston Stories; The Boston Massacre Multimedia Presentation; Treasures from the Bostonian Society's Collections. Special events: ***Aug 1 & 8*** *at 2 p.m.*—Sundays Series Tour; ***Aug 14*** *from 10 a.m.–2 p.m.*—Colonial Woodworker; ***Aug 21*** *at 11 a.m.–4 p.m.*—Meet General and Mrs. Gage.



ABOVE: ADOLPHE MOURON CASSANDRE, *UNITED STATES LINES* (DETAIL), 1928

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OTIS HOUSE MUSEUM, 141 Cambridge St., 617-994-5920. *Wed–Sun 11 a.m.–4:30 p.m., tours every half hour. Admission: $8, seniors $7, students $4.* Built in 1796 for Harrison Gray Otis and his wife, this grand mansion is an example of high-style Federal elegance. Tours offer insight into the social, business and family life of the post-Revolution American elite. Special events: ***July 31 & Aug 7, 14 & 21*** *from 11 a.m.–1 p.m.*—Beacon Hill walking tour, *tickets $12;* ***Aug 22*** *from 1–2:30 p.m.*—West End walking tour, *tickets $15.*

THE SPORTS MUSEUM, 5th and 6th floor premium seating levels, TD Garden, Causeway Street, 617-624-1234. *Daily 10 a.m.–4 p.m.* ***Closed July 26 & Aug 2****. Admission on the hour only, 'til 3 p.m. Hours altered during TD Garden events, call ahead. Admission: $10; seniors & children (10–18) $5; children (under 10) free.* The Sports Museum showcases New England's rich sports heritage through an unparalleled collection of artifacts, multimedia and artwork. Items on exhibit include the Boston Bruins Hall of Fame portraits, the Boston Garden Penalty Box and Ted Williams' locker.

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

BEYOND BOSTON

BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME, 1000 West Columbus Ave., Springfield, 413-781-6500. *Mon-Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sun '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. *Daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $10; seniors & students $8; children (6–17) $5; family rates available. Ample free parking on Cambridge Turnpike.* Relive Concord's history, from Native American habitation and European settlement to the days of Emerson, Thoreau, the Alcotts and Hawthorne. Special exhibit: Into Your Hands. Special event: ***Aug 18*** *from 5–8 p.m.*—Be Our Guest: Free evening admission.

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 (6–18) $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: Out of the Box: Photography Portfolios from the Permanent Collection; Platform 2: Eric Hongisto; PIXNIT: Folie que la nouveuté; Chakaia Booker: In and Out; Barbara Norfleet: The Landscape of War; Platform 3: Halsey Burgund.

GRIFFIN MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHY, 67 Shore Road, Winchester, 781-729-1158. *Tue–Thu 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Fri 'til 4 p.m., Sat & Sun noon–4 p.m. Admission: $5; seniors $2, students free. Free to all on Thu.* Named for the Massachusetts-born photographer for publications like *Life* and *Time*, the Griffin Museum boasts three galleries dedicated to the promotion and appreciation of photographic art. Special exhibits: 16th Juried Exhibition; Works by Andrea Rosenthal and Andrew Warren; Joan Johnson Scholarship Exhibition for High School Seniors.

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 Initiated Eye: Secrets, Symbols, Freemasonry and the Architecture of Washington, D.C.; Treasured Lands: The 58 U.S. National Parks in Focus; Made in Massachusetts; The Enchanted Clocks of George McFadden; American Family Treasures: Decorative Arts from the D.J. and Alice Shumway Nadeau Collection; The Art of the Movie Theater.

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; Fish, Silk, Tea, Bamboo: Cultivating an Image of China; Faces of Devotion, Indian Sculpture from the Figiel Collection; Imprints: Photographs by Mark Ruwedel; Eye Spy: Playing with Perception; Painting the Modern in India.

SALEM WITCH MUSEUM, 19½ Washington Square North, Salem, 978-744-1692. *Daily 10 a.m.–7 p.m. Admission: $8.50; 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 July 30***—Matt Condron: ad interim; ***beginning Aug 3***—Jain Tarnower: New Animals.

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 Aug 3***—Moving Patterns; Depth and Construction.

BOSTON SCULPTORS GALLERY, 486 Harrison Ave., 617-482-7781. *Wed–Sun noon–6 p.m.* A sculptors' cooperative that has served as an alternative venue for innovative solo sculpture exhibitions since 1992. Special exhibit: ***through Aug 15***—On/Of/Like/About Paper.

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 resident and non-resident members. Special exhibit: ***through Aug 21***—What is Big?

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 July 31***—Constance Jacobson: Tide Rising; Suzanne Schireson: Summer Sick as Love; ***beginning Aug 4***—Shine: Women's Caucus for Art.

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 exhibit: ***through July 31***—Summer Group Show.

CHILDS GALLERY, 169 Newbury St., 617-266-1108. *Tue–Fri 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Mon & Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m.* This gallery specializes in fine American and European paintings, prints, drawings, watercolors and sculpture from the Renaissance to the 1950s. Special exhibits: ***through July 31***—Anne Lyman Powers: Mid-century Expressionist; Art of the Big Top; The Painted Print: The Monotypes of Marion Huse.

COPLEY SOCIETY OF ART, 158 Newbury St., 617-536-2787. *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: ***beginning July 29***—Summer Members' Show: Wanderlust; ***through Aug 20***—Co/So Artist Members: A to Z.

GALLERIA FLORENTIA, 79 Newbury St., 617-585-9200. www.GalleriaFlorentia.com. *By appointment only.* The premier source for European furnishings in the Boston area, Galleria Florentia showcases a wondrous collection of handcrafted pieces created exclusively for the gallery by the most fabled artisan families in Europe.

HOWARD YEZERSKI GALLERY, 460 Harrison Ave., 617-262-0550. *Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.* This South End gallery features a wide array of work from contemporary artists, ranging in media from photography to painting. Special exhibit: ***through Aug 20***—John Powell and James Tellin: Between Form and Color.

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: Full Steam Ahead: The 17th Annual Summer Poster Show.

LANOUE FINE ART, 160 Newbury St., 617-262-4400. *Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–5 p.m.* Featuring contemporary representational and abstract art, Lanoue is committed to exploring diverse media and concepts. Special exhibit: Summer Group Show.

L'ATTITUDE GALLERY, 211 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.

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: Richard Bertman: Three Point Perspective.

PANOPTICON GALLERY, 502c Commonwealth Ave., 617-267-8929. *Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.* This gallery is one of the oldest fine art photography galleries in the United States specializing in contemporary, modern and vintage photography. Special exhibit: William Wegman: Inside | Outside.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RESOURCE CENTER, Boston University, 832 Commonwealth Ave., 617-975-0600. *Tue–Fri 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat & Sun noon–5 p.m. Admission: $4; students & seniors $2; children (under 18) free.* PRC exhibitions and educational programs are guided by a philosophical inquiry into the intersection of photography with aesthetic, professional and critical discourses. Special exhibit: ***through Aug 8***—Crisis & Opportunity: Documenting the Global Recession.

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 exhibit: Mingei Treasures.

QUIDLEY & COMPANY, 118 Newbury St., 617-450-4300. *Tue–Fri 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Sat 'til 5 p.m.* This full-service gallery features work by master artists from Europe and the United States representing the best of contemporary realism and impressionism.

SOCIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS, 175 Newbury St., 617-266-1810. *Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m.* The oldest non-profit crafts organization in the country specializes in contemporary American crafts. The jewelry, furniture, glass and ceramics range from cutting-edge to traditional, from functional to sculptural. Special exhibit: ***through Aug 14***—Modes of Making: Contemporary Studio Furniture.

SUMMER SCULPTURE IN THE CITY, Copley Place. L'Attitude Gallery, in conjunction with *Art New England*—the region's premiere art and culture magazine—presents this visually stirring collection of multi-media pieces in an indoor sculpture garden setting at popular Back Bay retail center Copley Place. The eclectic works showcase some of the region's most imaginative and noteworthy artistic talents.

VICTORIA MUNROE FINE ART, 161 Newbury St., 617-523-0661. *Wed–Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.* ***Closed Aug 22.*** This Back Bay gallery focuses on European works on paper and contemporary American paintings, drawings and sculpture. Special exhibit: ***through Aug 21***—Summer Light.

VOSE GALLERIES, 238 Newbury St., 617-536-6176. *Tue–Fri 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.* Established in 1841, Vose Galleries—the oldest family-owned art gallery in the United States—specializes in American artists from the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries, and also boasts a contemporary wing of works by living artists. Special exhibits: ***through July 31***—John F. Carlson (1874–1945): Inspired by Nature; Annual Sale 2010.

SHREVE, CRUMP & LOW: This iconic Boston jeweler, a local mainstay since 1796, also offers such signature home goods as the Gurgling Cod Pitcher, a symbol of the region that was first introduced in 1964. **Refer to listing, page 26.**

ART & ANTIQUES

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ARTS & CRAFTS

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BOOKS

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

BORDERS, 10–24 School St., 617-557-7188; 511 Boylston St., 617-236-1444; CambridgeSide Galleria, Cambridge, 617-679-0887. School Street: *Mon–Fri 7 a.m.–9 p.m., Sat 8 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–8 p.m.;* Boylston Street: *Mon–Fri 8 a.m.–11 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.–11 p.m., Sun 'til 10 p.m.;* Galleria: *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9:30 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.* This retailer provides a near-limitless selection of books, periodicals and music.

CLOTHING

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

LOUIS, Fan Pier, 60 Northern Ave., 617-262-6100. *Mon–Wed 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 7 p.m., Sun 'til 5 p.m.* Having recently relocated to Boston's Seaport District, 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.

MARC JACOBS, 81 Newbury St., 617-425-0707. *Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Sun noon–6 p.m.* One of the country's hottest designers has finally opened one of his outlets right here in the Hub. This store specializes in Jacobs' hip, retro-inspired ready-to-wear line as well as his fabulous accessories, shoes and men's line.

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

RICCARDI, 116 Newbury St., 617-266-3158. *Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–7 p.m.* For more than 30 years, Riccardi has been introducing Bostonians to the latest men's and women's clothing, jeans and accessories. The store carries the freshest fashions and most exclusive items on the market, catering to a knowledgeable and fashion-savvy clientele with brands like Comme Des Garcons, Dior Homme, Dolce & Gabbana, Prada Sport, Sacai, Thomas Wylde and Vivienne Westwood.

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.* This boutique offers fun pieces of clothing that transport the buyer to a different age and place, with items that are modern, trendy and high fashion alongside others that are timeless and classic. Whether you need a party dress at the last minute, a designer bag at an affordable price or fashionable accessories to impress your friends, you will find it all at Soodee. Show *Panorama* ad (*page 29*) and get 15% off.

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.

LORD & TAYLOR, 760 Boylston St., 617-262-6000. *Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–9:30 p.m., Sat 'til 8:30 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.* One of the oldest department stores in the nation, the Lord & Taylor brand is all about class. Find pieces from high-end designers such as Chanel, trendier items for a younger crowd or try on some of the store's own brand name clothing, such as designs by Charles Nolan.

MACY'S, 450 Washington St., 617-357-3195. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–8 p.m.* Discover the season's hottest trends, newest styles and best prices. Choose from your favorite designers: Coach, Polo, DKNY, Hugo Boss, the Martha Stewart Collection and more.

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.

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

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

FIREFLY JEWELRY & GIFTS, 270 Newbury St. 617-375-5885. www.fireflyboston.com. *Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–6:30 p.m., Sat 'til 6 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.* Since 2003, Firefly has become the "go-to" gift boutique catering to visitors and locals alike. From unique gifts by local artists to fun and fashionable home décor, there's something for every taste. Firefly also offers a wide array of handcrafted jewelry from artists around the country.

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

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FILTHY RICH CELEBRITY JEWELRY, 236A Hanover St., 857-366-4620. www.filthyrichofboston.com. *Tue–Thu 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 7 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m.* You don't have to be "filthy rich" to look like a million! Licensed replicas of jewelry worn by Jacqueline Kennedy, Audrey Hepburn and other Hollywood legends of the past—as well as today's hottest celebrities and designers—are all here. Their jewelry will have you dazzling like a star on the red carpet for a fraction of the price.

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

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

MALLS/SHOPPING CENTERS

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

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

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

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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

ALLEN-EDMONDS, 36 Newbury St., 617-247-3363. *Mon–Fri 9:30 a.m.–7 p.m., Sat 'til 6 p.m., Sun noon–5 p.m.* Step out in luxurious style with Allen-Edmonds' collections of wing tips, capped toes and slip-on kilties and tassles. This world-class men's footwear retailer, famous for its 212-step construction process, features shoes made of top-quality leather and all-natural materials.

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. Closed on Tue.* 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.

WIRELESS PHONES

WARLOX WIRELESS, 217 Newbury St., 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.

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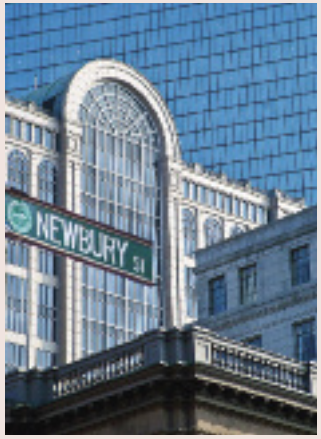

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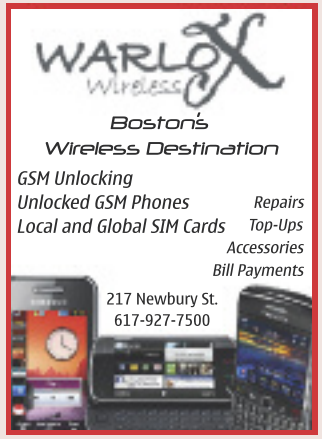

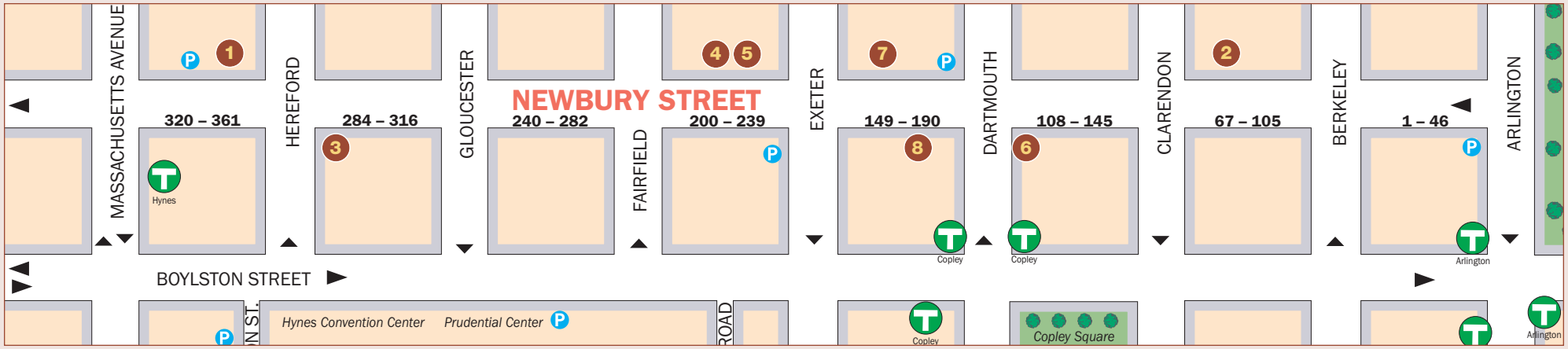

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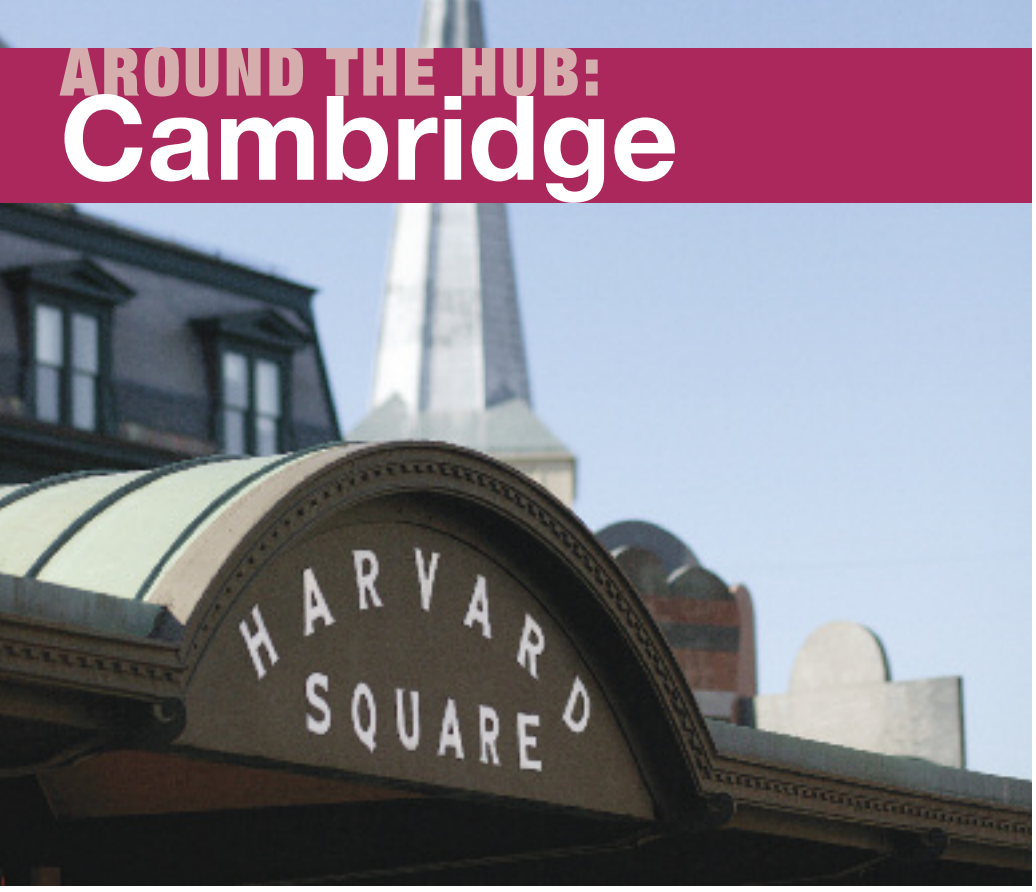

Square Deal

Just across the Charles River from Boston, Cambridge is a diverse and cosmopolitan city abounding with art, culture, fine dining and exceptional shopping. Yet, thanks to its division into "squares," Cambridge retains the feel of several small neighborhoods, each with its individual flair and style.

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.

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
- Harvard Art Museums
- American Repertory Theater
- Harvard Museum of Natural History

GET THERE ON THE Ⓣ:
Red Line to Kendall, Central, Harvard, Porter and Alewife; Green Line to Lechmere.

ABOVE PHOTO BY BOB PERACHIO

DOLPHIN SEAFOOD: This popular Harvard Square eatery serves the freshest seafood available, from shellfish to swordfish to lobster. **Refer to listing, page 34.**

SIGHTS OF INTEREST

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.

LONGFELLOW NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, 105 Brattle St., 617-876-4491. *Wed–Sun 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Park ranger-guided tours: 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., 1, 2, 3 and 4 p.m. Admission: $3; children (under 16) free.* This 1759 Georgian mansion was home to Henry Wadsworth Longfellow from 1837–1882 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., 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.

ENTERTAINMENT

THE BRATTLE THEATRE, 40 Brattle St., 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: ***July 29*** *at 5 and 10 p.m.—Kiss Kiss Bang Bang;* ***Aug 5*** *at 5:15 and 9:30 p.m.—Lost in Translation;* ***Aug 6*** *at 10 p.m.,* ***Aug 7*** *at 9 p.m.—Shaun of the Dead;* ***Aug 15*** *at 1 and 5:15 p.m.—Winchester '73;* ***Aug 18*** *at 3:30 and 6:30 p.m.—There Will Be Blood; at 9:30 p.m.—Hedwig & The Angry Inch;* ***Aug 20*** *at 4:30 p.m.,* ***Aug 21*** *at 2 and 7 p.m.—The Harder They Come.*

CLUB PASSIM, 47 Palmer St., 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. *All shows begin at 8 p.m., unless otherwise noted.* ***July 26 & 27***—Richard Shindell, *tickets: $40;* ***Aug 7***—Antigone Rising, *tickets: $15;* ***Aug 8***—Chris Smither, *tickets: $30;* ***Aug 10***—Beth Nielsen Chapman with Carsie Blanton, *tickets: $25;* ***Aug 13***—Hanneke Cassel, *tickets: $18;* ***Aug 17*** *at 7 and 9:30 p.m.*—Vienna Teng with Alex Wong, *tickets: $30;* ***Aug 19*** *at 7 p.m.*—Lindsay Mac, *tickets: $20.*

THE COMEDY STUDIO AT THE HONG KONG, 1238 Massachusetts Ave., Harvard Square, 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. ***July 27, Aug 3, 10 & 17***—Mystery Lounge, featuring professional magicians; ***July 28***—Jimmy Bowes, Matt D., Andrew Durso, John Garrison and others; ***July 31***—Rick Jenkins hosts Lue Avent, Chris Coxen, Alvin David and others; ***Aug 1***—Bethany Van Delft with Jimmy Anicet, Doug Chagnon, Mr. Goodnight, Ellen Moschetto and others; ***Aug 6***—Ken Reid with Jason Marcus; ***Aug 8***—Shaun Bedgood with Rick Canavan, Quinn Collins, Tim Messenger and others.

HARVARD FILM ARCHIVE, Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts, 24 Quincy St., 617-495-4700. *Call for showtimes, complete schedule and ticket prices.* With more than 300 films shown per year, HFA is one of the most active art cinemas in New England. Special events: ***Aug 6 & 9*** *at 7 p.m.—In A Lonely Place* and *The High Green Wall;* ***Aug 7*** *at 7 p.m.—Rebel Without a Cause;* ***Aug 16*** *at 7 p.m.—The Outsiders;* ***Aug 21*** *at 7 p.m.—Claire's Knee.*

IMPROVBOSTON, 40 Prospect St., Central Square, 617-576-1253. *Performances: Wed–Sun. Cover: $7–16. Visit www.improvboston.com for a complete schedule of shows.* This comedy theater features improv sketch comedy, stand-up shows, games, original music and audience participation.

KIDS SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL, Regattabar, The Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett St., 617-395-7757. *All shows at 4:30 p.m.; tickets: $15.* A summer series of great family music that's suitable for all audiences. ***Aug 1***—Jazz-A-Ma-Tazz; ***Aug 8***—Bill Harley; ***Aug 15***—Flooky & The Beans.

THE MIDDLE EAST, 472 Massachusetts Ave., 617-864-EAST. *Doors open at 8 p.m., shows start at 9 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Call for complete schedule.* Whether Upstairs, Downstairs or in the Corner, this club showcases the best in alternative/indie rock bands. ***Aug 3***—Crash Kings with Gold Stay Morning and Richard James Band, *tickets: $12;* ***Aug 6***—Bim Skala Bim with Razors in the Night, *tickets: $12;* ***Aug 12***—Tracy Bonham and Bleu with Common Rotation, *tickets: $14;* ***Aug 20***—Mondo Generator with Roadsaw and Cocked N' Loaded, *tickets: $14.*

REGATTABAR, 3rd floor of The Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett St., 617-661-5000. ***July 28*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Shelly Neill Group, *tickets: $17;* ***July 29*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Minsarah, *tickets: $16;* ***July 30*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Manolo Mairena & Curubande, *tickets: $16;* ***Aug 5*** *at 7:30 and 10 p.m.*—Yoshida Brothers, *tickets: $22;* ***Aug 6*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Albert Cummings, *tickets: $16;* ***Aug 12*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Lenny White's Anomaly, featuring Jimmy Herring, *tickets: $25;* ***Aug 13*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—The Meters Experience, *tickets: $22;* ***Aug 20*** *at 7:30 p.m.*—Joe Louis Walker and David Maxwell's Maximum Blues, *tickets: $24.*

THEATRE

THE DONKEY SHOW, American Repertory Theater, Oberon, 2 Arrow St., 617-547-8300. ***Ongoing****. Performances: Fri at 8 p.m., Sat at 8 and 10:30 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."

THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES, Central Square Theater, 450 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, 866-811-4111. *Performances: Wed & Thu at 7:30 p.m., Fri & Sat at 8 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. Tickets: $40.* Featuring three actors taking on more than a dozen roles, this laugh-out-loud farce by Steven Canny and John Nicholson is a hilarious spoof of the classic Sherlock Holmes novel by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, which tells the tale of an attempted murder inspired by the legend of a phantom hound.

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

HARVARD ART MUSEUMS, 485 Broadway, 617-495-9400. *Tue–Sat 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $9; seniors $7; students $6; children (18 and under) free.* The Harvard Art Museums—including the Fogg and Busch-Reisinger museums, which are currently closed for renovations—are currently housed at the Arthur M. Sackler Museum, which has been reinstalled with some of the finest works representing the collections of all three museums. Special exhibits: Re-View, a collection of highlights from the Harvard Art Museums; Rubens and the Baroque Festival; Around Antique: Prints, Drawings and Photographs; Peter Blume: *A Passage to Aetna;* Heroic Gestes: Epic Tales from Firdawsi's *Shahnama.*

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: Climate Change: Our Global Experiment; Arthropods: Creatures that Rule; Evolution; The Language of Color; Headgear: The Natural History of Horns & Antlers.

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 the area's premier showcases for contemporary art, the List Center reflects MIT's position as a cutting-edge research institution by presenting works from the world's leading contemporary artists. Special exhibit: Big Color.

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: 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; The Humorous Side of MIT: Poster Art by Donald J. Hatfield, 1950–1960.

CLUBS AND BARS

THE CANTAB LOUNGE, 738 Massachusetts Ave., 617-354-2685. *Mon–Wed 8 a.m.–1 a.m., Thu–Sat 'til 2 a.m., Sun noon–1 a.m.* The crowd at The Cantab Lounge is just as diverse as its Central Square location's residents. The enduring dive features an eclectic offering of live jazz, soul and rock, and a large selection of domestic and imported beers. *Tue*—Bluegrass Night; *Wed*—Poetry Slam.

THE DRUID, 1357 Cambridge St., 617-497-0965. *Daily 11 a.m.–1 a.m.* The Druid, a classic Irish pub with a modern twist, has something for every taste. Housed in Cambridge's oldest wooden mercantile building in the heart of Inman Square, the pub features hearty meals and British soccer matches on the big screen by day. But on *Thu*, a live DJ, local bands and the selection of draft beers bring in a crowd of stylish 20- and 30-somethings. *Wed*—Pub Quiz.

ENORMOUS ROOM, 567 Massachusetts Ave., 617-491-5550. *Nightly 5:30 p.m.–1 a.m.* Don't let the name fool you—the bar's intimate and relaxed atmosphere will make you feel as if you invited the DJ or band into your living room. A hip, young crowd flocks nightly to this Central Square spot to enjoy the Middle Eastern decor, plush furniture, cutting-edge music and excellent food and drink selections.

LIZARD LOUNGE, 1667 Massachusetts Ave., 617-547-0759. *Sun–Wed 7:30 p.m.–1 a.m., Thu–Sat 'til 2 a.m.* Offering everything from poetry slams to open-mic comedy, this funky hangout attracts a mix of young intellectuals and professionals. Live entertainment is featured most nights, and can be enjoyed from one of the many intimate two-person tables. Pre- or post-show you can head upstairs to the Cambridge Common and enjoy a beer and an appetizer.

REDLINE, 59 JFK St., 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

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DINING

Refer to Dining, page 64, for key to restaurant symbols.

THE ASGARD IRISH PUB & RESTAURANT, 350 Massachusetts Ave., 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. 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. $

BORDER CAFE, 32 Church St., 617-864-6100. Sizzling fajitas, overstuffed quesadillas and giant margaritas are the highlights at this Tex-Mex hotspot in Harvard Square. Other specialties include Cajun and Creole dishes, all served in a bustling, lively and fun atmosphere. L, D, C, LS. $

DANTE, Royal Sonesta, 40 Edwin H. Land Blvd., 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. $$$$

DOLPHIN SEAFOOD, 1105 Massachusetts Ave., 617-661-2937. If you're in the mood for quality seafood, then this longtime neighborhood favorite is not to be missed. From fried seafood platters to healthier options like swordfish to all varieties of shellfish, if it comes from the sea, Dolphin serves it up deliciously and fresh off the boat. Don't miss out on their $1 raw bar every Wed & Thu and a late night menu featuring the unbeatable "$3.99 Appetizer Menu" which includes favorites like lobster roll sliders, mini crab cakes, fried calamari and more. L, D. $$$

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

GRENDEL'S DEN, 89 Winthrop St., 617-491-1160. Since 1971, Grendel's Den has been a comfortable, down-to-earth neighborhood eatery and bar, justly earning landmark status in the Harvard Square community. Priding itself on a wide and varied selection of domestic and imported beer, Grendel's also offers excellent food at even better prices. Tucked away in a basement on the cobbled paths of Winthrop Street, this Cambridge classic is open late and never disappoints. L, D, BR, LS, C. $

HARVEST, 44 Brattle St., 617-868-2255. In keeping with its name, Harvest—located in the heart of Harvard Square—specializes in dishes that incorporate only the freshest local ingredients. Chef Mary Dumont adjusts her expansive menu of classic American cuisine seasonally, taking full advantage of the bounty available from New England farms and greenhouses. Diners can treat themselves to delicious dishes like spring English pea soup, roasted local beet salad and all-natural braised pork cheeks, as well as selections from Harvest's raw bar. $$$$

HENRIETTA'S TABLE, The Charles Hotel, One Bennett St., 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., 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. Sun–Wed 11:30 a.m.–2 a.m., Thu 'til 2:30 a.m., Fri & Sat 'til 3 a.m. $

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

L.A. BURDICK'S, 52-D Brattle St., Harvard Square, 617-491-4340. Located in the center of bustling Harvard Square, this chocolate shop attracts both students and corporate executives with rich pastries like the chocolate mousse cake and fruit tarts, as well as its rich hot chocolate and assorted beverages. Sun–Mon 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Mon–Thu 8 a.m.–9 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 10 p.m. $

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

RIALTO, The Charles Hotel, One Bennett St., 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, 617-547-4800. New England-style cuisine in an elegant setting with a casual atmosphere. B, L, D, SB. $$

TUPELO, 1193 Cambridge St., 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., 617-864-1933. Boasting an eclectic decor, this lush urban oasis features everything from gourmet pizza to wood-grilled Meadow

HARVEST
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lunch
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cafe menu
2:30–4:30 pm

dinner
5:30–close

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WAGAMAMA, 57 JFK St., 617-499-0930; Faneuil Hall Marketplace, Quincy Market, Boston, 617-742-9242; The Prudential Center, 800 Boylston St., Boston, 617-778-2344. This international chain, modeled on the classic Japanese ramen noodle bar, has three locations in the Boston area. Offering affordable prices, speedy service and authentic food, Wagamama is a hip rendition of an old favorite, perfect for the modern globe-trotting food enthusiast. L, D. $$

ZEPHYR ON THE CHARLES, Hyatt Regency Cambridge, 575 Memorial Drive, 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., 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–Wed 7:30 a.m.–9 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 10 p.m., Sun 8 a.m.–9 p.m. $

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ZOE'S: This Harvard Square favorite serves breakfast all day, along with a wide array of Greek and American fare. **Refer to listing, left.**

SHOPPING

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

BOUTIQUE FABULOUS, 1309 Cambridge St., 617-864-0656. *Mon–Thu 11 a.m.–7 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 9 p.m., Sun 'til 6 p.m.* This Cambridge boutique credits itself as the place where "fabulous people get their style." The store is filled with items that are all hand-picked by owner Mara Anka Kustra, running the gamut from vintage to new to handmade.

CAMBRIDGESIDE GALLERIA, 100 CambridgeSide Place, 617-621-8666. *Mon–Sat 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Sun noon–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.

THE GARMENT DISTRICT, 200 Broadway, 617-876-5230. *Sun–Fri 11 a.m.–8 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.–8 p.m.* A vintage lover's paradise, this two-level thrift warehouse sells everything from vintage Levi's to knock-off designer dresses and '70s go-go boots. The ambitious (or desperate) can sift through the heaping piles of the downstairs Dollar-A-Pound. The Garment District also incorporates Boston Costume, an excellent resource for all your costume party needs.

THE HARVARD COOP, 1400 Massachusetts Ave., 617-499-2000, www.thecoop.com. *Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–10 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–9 p.m.* Founded in 1882, The Harvard Cooperative Society—better known as The Coop—has grown into America's largest college bookstore. Located in the heart of Harvard Square, The Coop offers the largest selection of officially licensed Harvard insignia sportswear, gifts and souvenirs. Explore a vast array of books, fine art prints, posters, frames, stationery and greeting cards. Custom book orders are available, and the Coop hosts frequent author events.

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

MUSEUM OF USEFUL THINGS, 49 Brattle St., Harvard Square, 617-576-3322. *Mon–Sat 11 a.m.–8 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–7 p.m.* This store sells a bevy of useful tools for organization, personal and household use, such as hampers, pencil holders and mousetraps.

TISTIK, 54 Church St., 617-661-0900, www.shoptistik.com. *Mon–Wed 10:30 a.m.–8 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 9 p.m., Sun 11 a.m.–6 p.m.* This Harvard Square retailer specializes in handmade, unique and fashionable jewelry, accessories and home decorating products made by artisans in developing countries who work independently or in partnership with socially responsible organizations that help them improve their living standards through the sale of their work.

URBAN OUTFITTERS, 11 JFK St., Harvard Square, 617-864-0070; 361 Newbury St., Boston, 617-236-0088. *Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–10 p.m., Sat 'til 11 p.m., Sun 10 a.m.–9 p.m.* Where urban hipsters turn for funky men's and women's fashions. The store also features a wide array of housewares, shoes, accessories, gifts, books, cards and other bric-a-brac.

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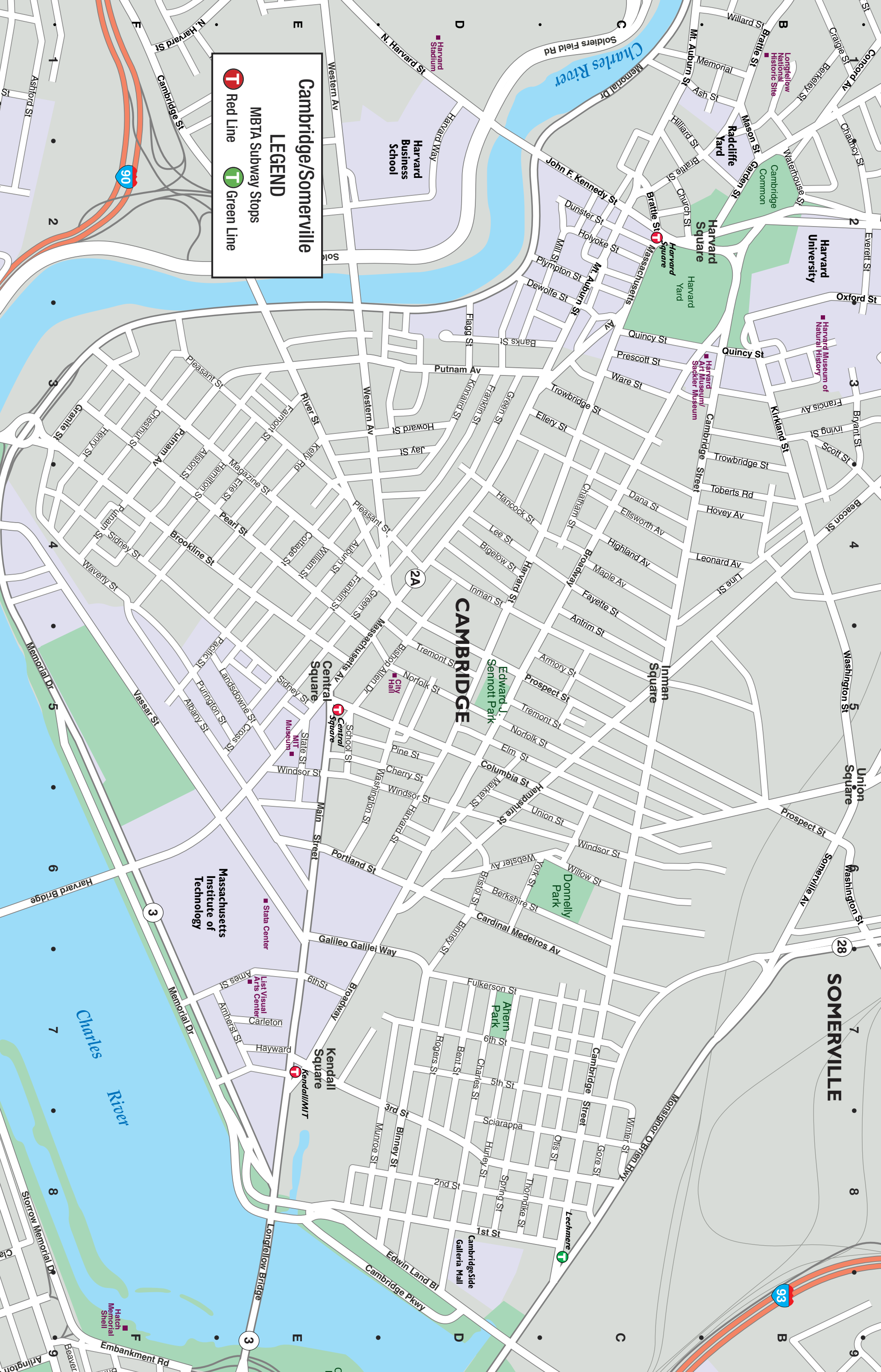
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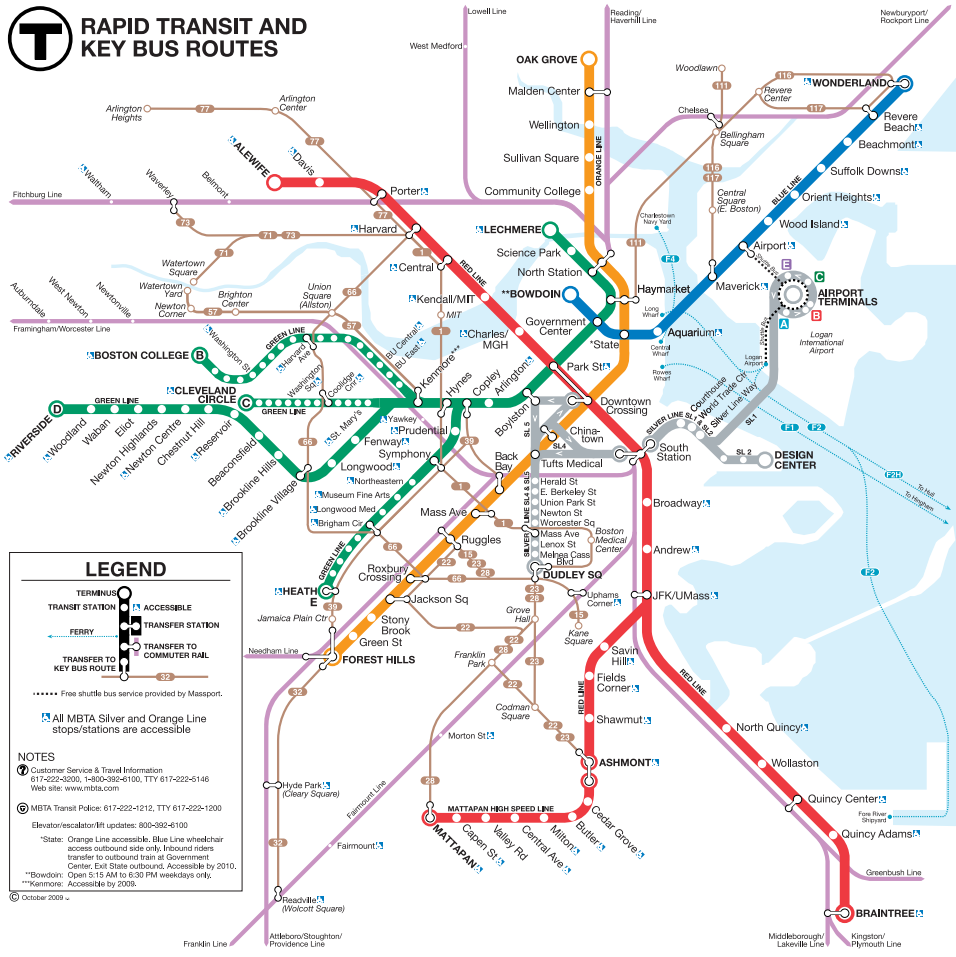

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BEACON HILL

LOUISBURG SQUARE

AFRICAN MEETING HOUSE

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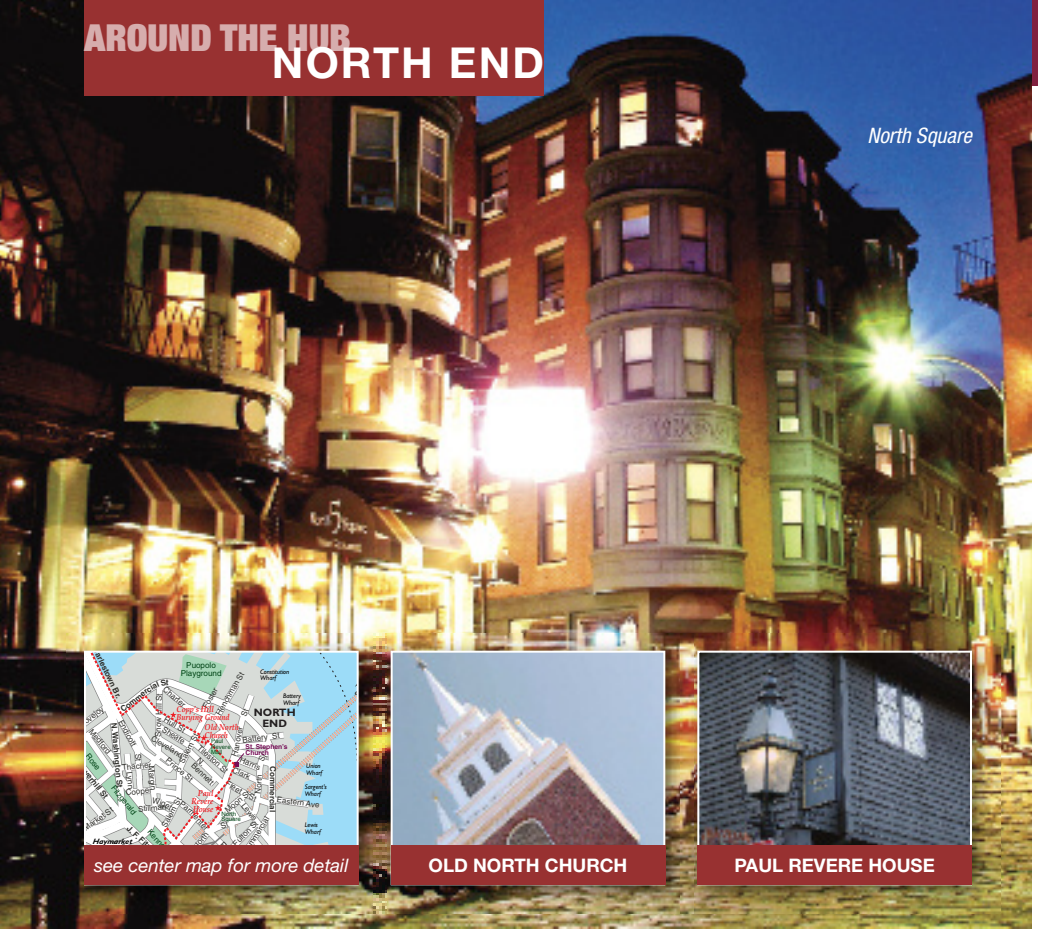

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ATTRACTIONS:

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

GET THERE ON THE Ⓣ:

Orange or Green Line to Haymarket

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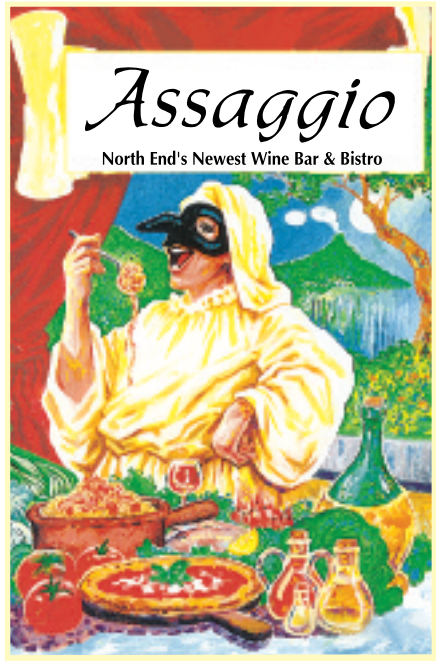
Frank & Lucia offer the best of Italy in the heart of the North End



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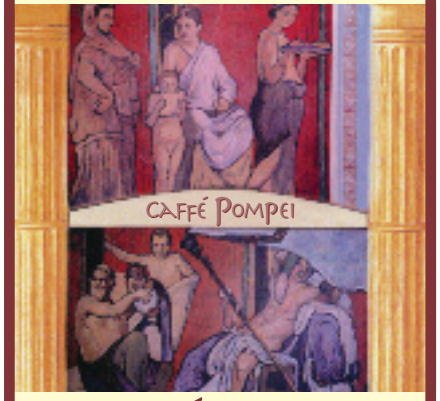

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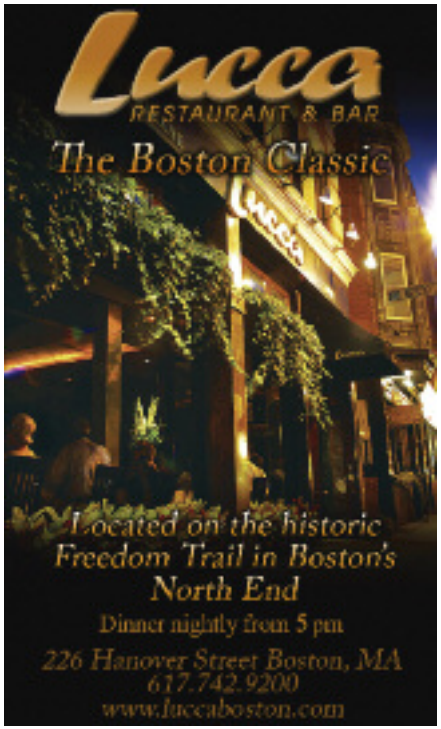

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VIVA ITALIA: Specialties like the stuffed veal chop keep diners coming back to Massimino's Cucina Italiana time and again.

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High Gear Jewelry

NORTH END SHOPPING

Once known strictly for its assortment of Italian restaurants and bakeries, the North End has leapt boldly into the 21st century as one of the city's up-and-coming retail districts.

A MATTER OF FACE

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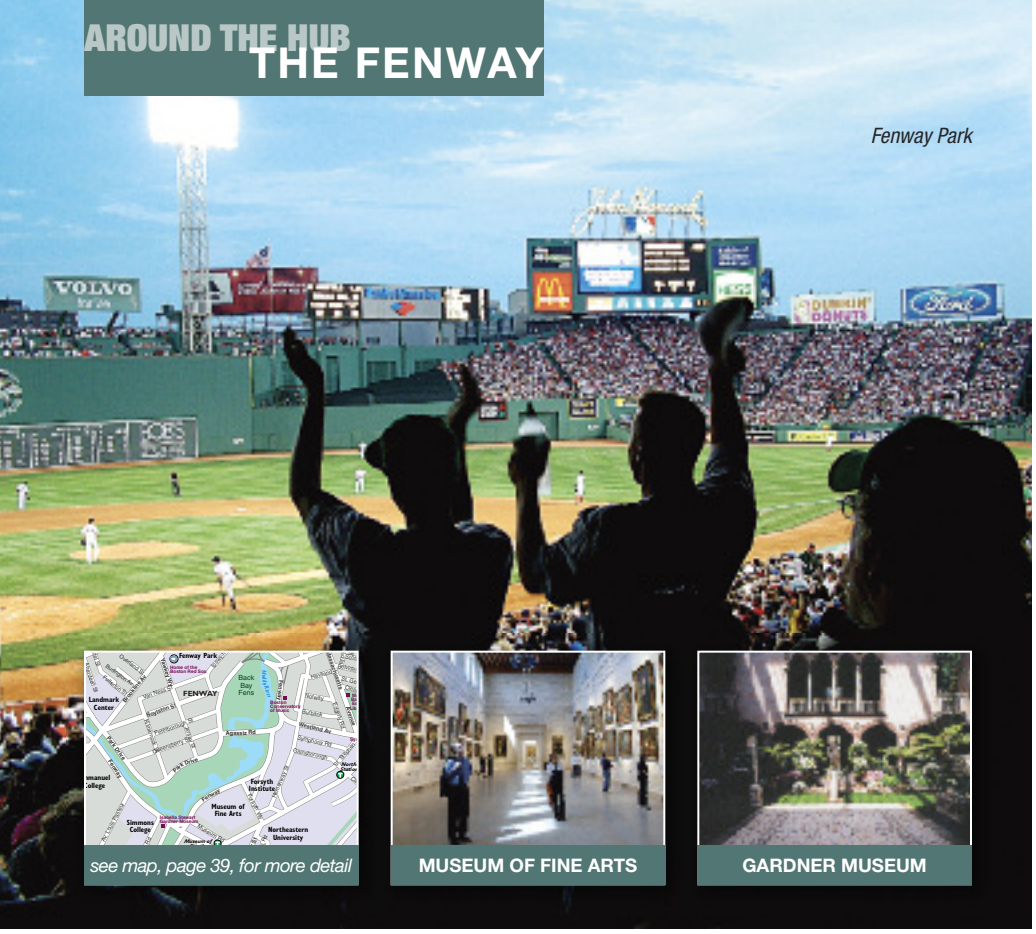

Fenway Park

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MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

GARDNER MUSEUM

This neighborhood is best known for Fenway Park, home to our beloved Boston Red Sox, but its name actually comes from the Fens, the green parkland that winds its way through the area and makes up part of the famed Emerald Necklace. Nightclub dwellers should check out Lansdowne Street for dancing, sports bars and even a bowling alley, while Kenmore Square, famous for the Citgo sign, has become a bustling dining destination.

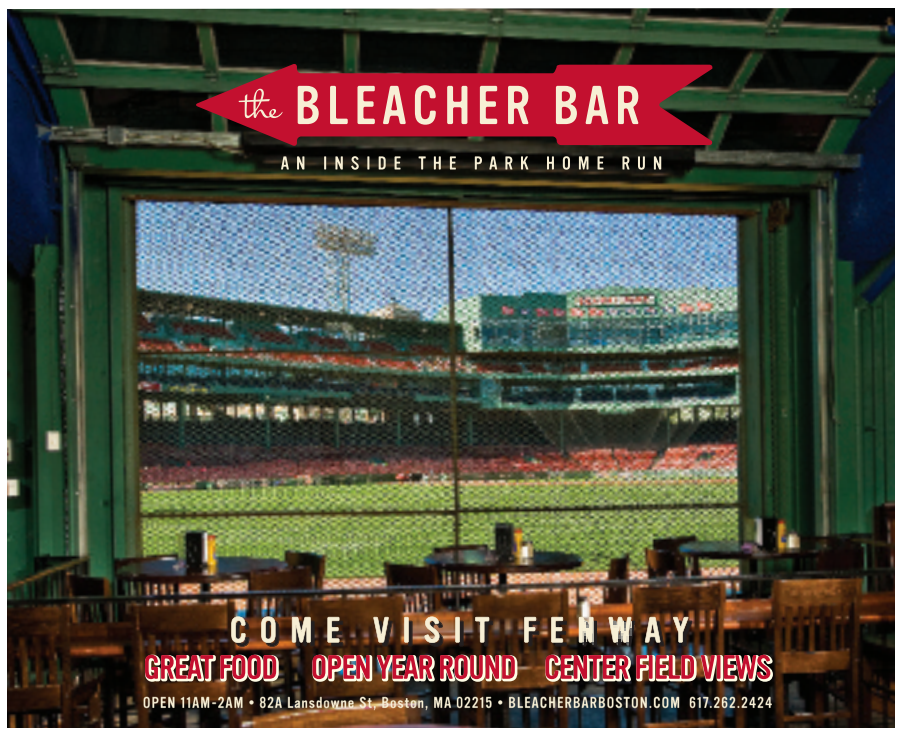
While the roar of the crowd at Red Sox games and the hubbub at nearby restaurants and bars grows louder each year, it doesn't overshadow The Fenway's status as a cultural mecca within Boston. The world-renowned Museum of Fine Arts resides on Huntington Avenue, and is the city's premier destination for viewing works of art from some of the most famous artists of all time. Also, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum displays the collection of the wealthy philanthropist in a beautiful building complete with a garden courtyard. Classical music lovers can take abundant delight in the numerous performing ensembles housed in the Fens, including The Boston Conservatory, New England Conservatory, and most prominently, The Boston Symphony Orchestra and its home performance venue, Symphony Hall. Ⓟ

ATTRACTIONS:

- Fenway Park
- 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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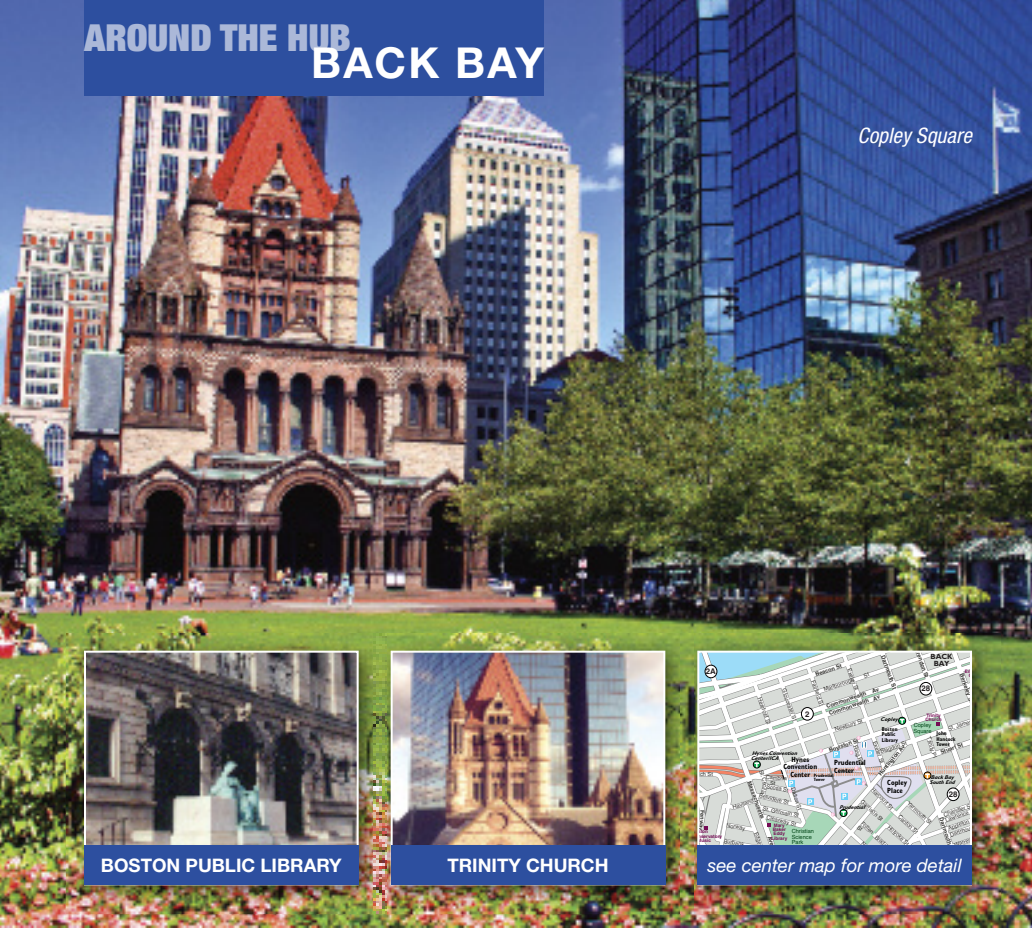

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- Boston Public Library
- John Hancock Tower
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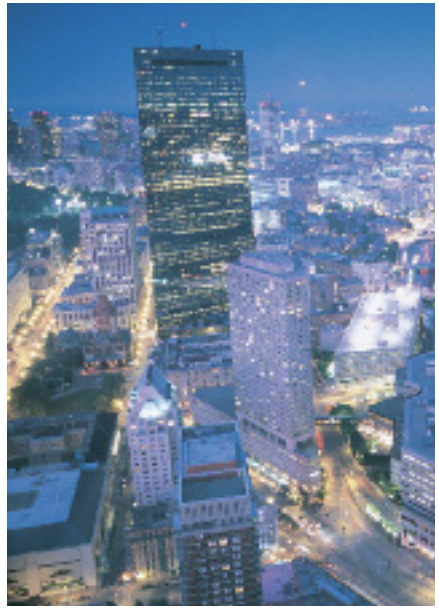

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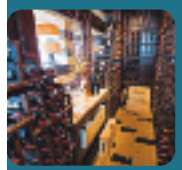
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CRUISES

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

COME SAIL AWAY NOW HARBOR TOURS, departing from Pier 6, Charlestown Navy Yard, 617-828-9005. *Tours: daily at 10 a.m., 1 and 4 p.m., and at sunset. Tickets: $25–40.* Enjoy two-hour tours of Boston Harbor and excursions to the Boston Harbor Islands aboard the friendship sloop *Tupelo Honey.* Learn to sail from Captain Don, or just sit back with friends or family and enjoy a sail along the Boston coastline. Private charters also available.

HARBOR ISLANDS EXPRESS, departing from Long Wharf and Hingham Shipyard. *Call 617-770-0040 for reservations and schedule information. Tickets: $14; seniors $10; children (3–11) $8.* Journey to Boston's hidden jewels, the Boston Harbor Islands, aboard high-speed ferries to either Georges or Spectacle Island. Spend the day enjoying one of the large islands, or hop the inter-island shuttle to Grape, Peddocks, Lovells or Bumpkin Islands for more sightseeing adventures.

LIBERTY FLEET OF TALL SHIPS, departs daily from Long Wharf, 617-742-0333. *Daily sails at noon, 3 and 6 p.m. Tickets: $30; children (12 and under) $15.* Come aboard to relive the days of Boston Tall Ships. Take the wheel, set the sails or just sit back and enjoy the sights and beauty of Boston Harbor and her islands. Full cash bar available.

SALEM FERRY, departing from Long Wharf North. *Call 978-741-0220 for reservations and schedule information. Tickets: $19 round-trip, $9.50 one-way; children and seniors $17 round-trip, $8.50 one-way.* Hop aboard the high-speed catamaran the *Nathaniel Bowditch,* and in 55 minutes, find yourself in the historic maritime community of Salem. Cruise the coastline north of Boston, and be dropped off in the middle of Salem's numerous fine dining, shopping and sightseeing attractions.

SIGHTS OF INTEREST

ARNOLD ARBORETUM, 125 Arborway, Jamaica Plain, 617-524-1718. *Grounds open year-round dawn to dusk. Free admission. Visitor Center open Mon–Fri 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Sun noon–4 p.m.* This 265-acre tree sanctuary designed by Emerald Necklace architect Frederick Law Olmsted opened in 1872. Now a National Historic Landmark, the arboretum and its gardens contain more than 7,000 varieties of trees, shrubs and flowers for your perusal. Special exhibits: ***through Aug 1***—Glimpse: Mixed Media by Barbara Hocker; ***beginning Aug 7***—Plein Air in the Arboretum: Paintings by the NHPleinAir Artists.

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

BOSTON ATHENAEUM, 10½ Beacon St., 617-227-0270. *Tue, Thu & Fri 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Mon & Wed 'til 8 p.m. Art & Architecture tours: Tue & Thu at 3 p.m. Reservations required.* One of the oldest and most distinguished private libraries in the United States, the Athenaeum was founded in 1807. For nearly half a century, it was the unchallenged center of intellectual life in Boston, and by 1851 it had become one of the five largest libraries in the country. Special exhibit: John Storrs: Machine-Age Modernist.

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

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY, 700 Boylston St., Copley Square, 617-536-5400. *Mon–Thu 9 a.m.–9 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 5 p.m. Free admission. Art & Architecture tours Mon at 2:30 p.m., Tue & Thu at 6 p.m., Fri & Sat at 11 a.m.* The first publicly supported municipal library in the world hosts one million visitors a year, who come to view this architectural masterpiece

and its collection of more than five million books. Film festivals, exhibits and children's programs run throughout the year. Special exhibits: Away We Go!: Vintage Travel Posters; Margaret Fuller: In Her Own Words; ***through Aug 14***—Man in the Street: Boston Photographs by Jules Aarons.

CUSTOM HOUSE TOWER, 3 McKinley Square, 617-310-6300. *Observation deck tours daily, except Fridays, at 2 p.m.; tickets: $3. Tours may be cancelled due to weather conditions, call ahead.* Boston's first skyscraper, the Custom House, stands high over Boston Harbor as one of the city's most impressive landmarks. Crowned by its distinctive clock tower and restored with modern luxuries, the building (operated by the Marriott Corporation) epitomizes the preservation of Boston's historic architecture.

THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST, 210 Massachusetts Ave., 617-450-2000. *Free tours of The Mother Church Tue noon–4 p.m., Wed 1–4 p.m., Thu–Sat noon–5 p.m. and Sun 11 a.m.–3 p.m., every half hour. Services: Sun at 10 a.m.* The original Mother Church built in 1894 is at the heart of the Christian Science Center, situated on 14 acres in the Back Bay. The Romanesque structure is made from New Hampshire granite with stained glass windows illustrating Biblical events.

FOREST HILLS CEMETERY, 95 Forest Hills Ave., Jamaica Plain, 617-524-0128. *Open daily from dawn to dusk.* Created in 1848, this cemetery serves as the final resting place of Eugene O'Neill, Anne Sexton, E.E. Cummings, William Lloyd Garrison and former Boston Celtic Reggie Lewis. The 275 acres of twisting paths also contain sculptural treasures, an arboretum, a "library" of life stories and an open-air museum. Special event: ***Aug 1*** *at 2 p.m.*—Walking Tour: A visit with poets Anne Sexton and E. E. Cummings, *tickets: $9.*

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

THE SKYWALK OBSERVATORY AT THE PRUDENTIAL CENTER, 800 Boylston St., Prudential Tower, 50th floor, 617-859-0648. *Daily 10 a.m.–10 p.m. Skywalk kiosk closes at 6 p.m. Admission (including a headset audio tour of points of interest): $12; seniors & students (with college ID) $10; children (under 12) $8. Observatory may be closed due to weather conditions, please call ahead.* The Skywalk is New England's premiere observatory, offering spectacular 360-degree panoramic views of Boston and its most famous sites. This unique experience is a must for all Boston visitors, and boasts an audio tour, multi-media theater, the Dreams of Freedom Immigration Museum and much more.

TRINITY CHURCH, 206 Clarendon St., Copley Square, 617-536-0944. *Sun 7 a.m.–7 p.m., Mon–Fri 11 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Worship services: Sun 7:45, 9 and 11:15 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed 5:45 p.m.; Thu 12:10 p.m. Tours available for $6; seniors & students (with ID) $4; children (under 16) free with an adult. Guided tours and self-guided visits: Mon–Sat 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun 1–6 p.m.* Built in 1877, this house of worship, a combination of Victorian, Gothic and French Romanesque styles, is one of the great masterpieces of American church architecture.

TOURS AND TRAILS

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

BOSTON BY FOOT, 617-367-2345 or 617-367-3766. *Tickets: $12; children (6–12) $8, unless noted. Call for tour locations.* Guided 90-minute tours highlighting the rich architecture and history of the city, led by trained volunteers. The Heart of the Freedom Trail, *daily at 10 a.m., Fri–Mon at 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.;* The Dark Side of Boston, *Sat at 5:30 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 CITY VIEW TROLLEY TOURS, of the Freedom Trail and historic Boston, departing every 10–15 minutes from the Boston Common Visitor Center, New England Aquarium, South Station, North Station, Faneuil Hall Marketplace and other locations, 617-363-7899. *Daily 9:30 a.m.–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, or see ad on p. 55 for a coupon offering $10 off each adult ticket.* 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. During the summer season, tickets also include your choice of a free 45-minute Boston Harbor Cruise, admission to the Sports Museum, or a walking tour.

BOSTON DUCK TOURS, Prudential Center, Museum of Science and New England Aquarium, www.bostonducktours.com. *Tours: From the Pru and Museum of Science: daily from 9 a.m. 'til one hour before sunset; from Aquarium: daily from 3–8:30 p.m. Tickets: $31; seniors, students & military $27; children (3–11) $21; (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.

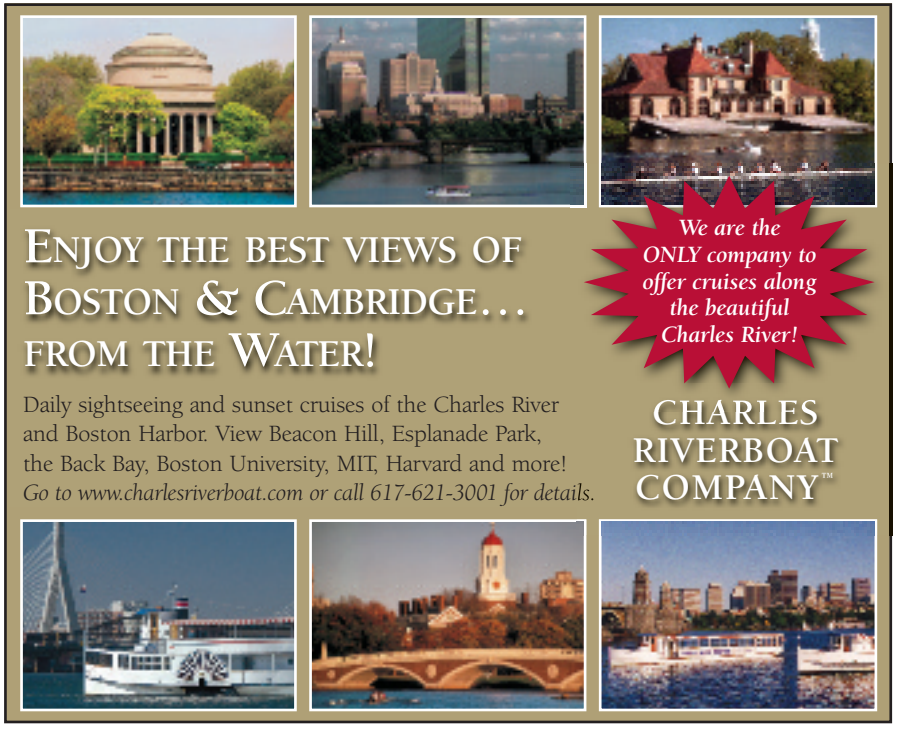
BOSTON MOVIE TOURS, 866-MOVIE-45. *Visit www.bostonmovietours.net for current tour schedule.* Experience the city of Boston the way Tinseltown has through such films as *A Civil Action, Good Will Hunting, Mystic River, The Departed* and others. Both the 90-minute Boston Movie Mile Walking Tour and the 150-minute Theater-on-Wheels Tour—aboard a bus outfitted with video monitors playing movie clips, touring the city in climate-controlled comfort—take movie buffs to filming locations in Boston and Cambridge, sharing trivia about Hollywood in the Hub.

BOSTON UPPER DECK TROLLEY TOURS, 617-742-1440. *Tours depart daily from 9 a.m.–5 p.m.on the half hour; schedule is subject to change, visit www.bostonupperdeck-trolleytours.com or call ahead for availability; tickets can be purchased aboard trolleys or at various locations throughout the city. Tickets: $36; military, seniors & students $32; children (3–11) $18; children (under 3) free.* Boston's newest upper deck "Green" and eco-conscious trolley fleet provides superior views as you tour Boston's historic sights in comfort. This 2.5 hour loop covers more than 100 points of interest, including Fenway Park, the North End, the *USS Constitution*, Back Bay and the Theatre District. As a bonus, you will connect with Super Tours' Cambridge loop, which takes visitors to Harvard Square and Cambridge's historic universities. All of this, plus a free second day on the trolley and your choice of a Boston Harbor or Charles River cruise, make this comprehensive tour one of Boston's very best values for visitors.

FENWAY PARK TOURS, 4 Yawkey Way, 617-226-6666. *Tours leave daily, every hour on the hour, 9 a.m.–4 p.m, or 'til three hours prior to 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, and 1, 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. Tickets: $13; seniors $11; children (12 and under) $7. 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, 888-920-8687. *Nightly every half hour between 7–9 p.m. Reservations required. Tickets: $38; children (4–12) $24.* Step aboard the trolley of doom for a tour of the dark side of Boston. Your host, a 17th-century gravedigger, tells the tales of the Angel of Death, the Boston Strangler and other infamous characters from Boston's past. After completing your sojourn into the



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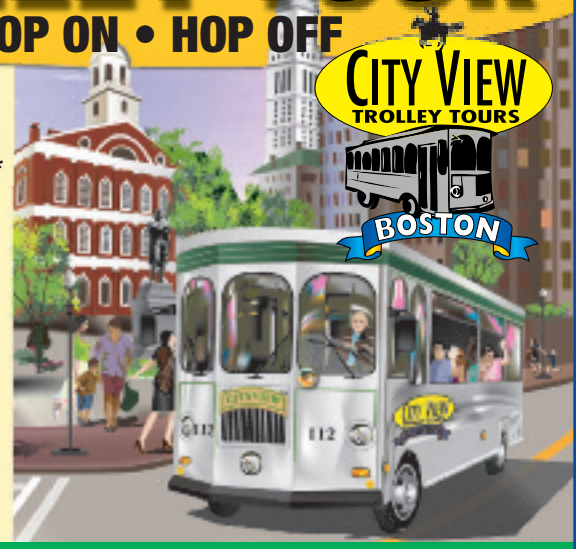

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NORTH END MARKET TOUR, 64 Cross St., take the "T" to Haymarket, 617-523-6032. *Three-hour tours: Wed & Sat at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Fri at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Reservations required. Custom tours for groups available. Tickets: $50.* Michele Topor, an authority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

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: $38; seniors & students $35; children (3–12) $15; children (under 3) free.* With 16 stops throughout the city, including the New England Aquarium, Fenway Park, *USS Constitution* Museum and the Trolley Stop Store at 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.

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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 and suggestions on "what to do, where to go and what to see."

WHALE WATCHES

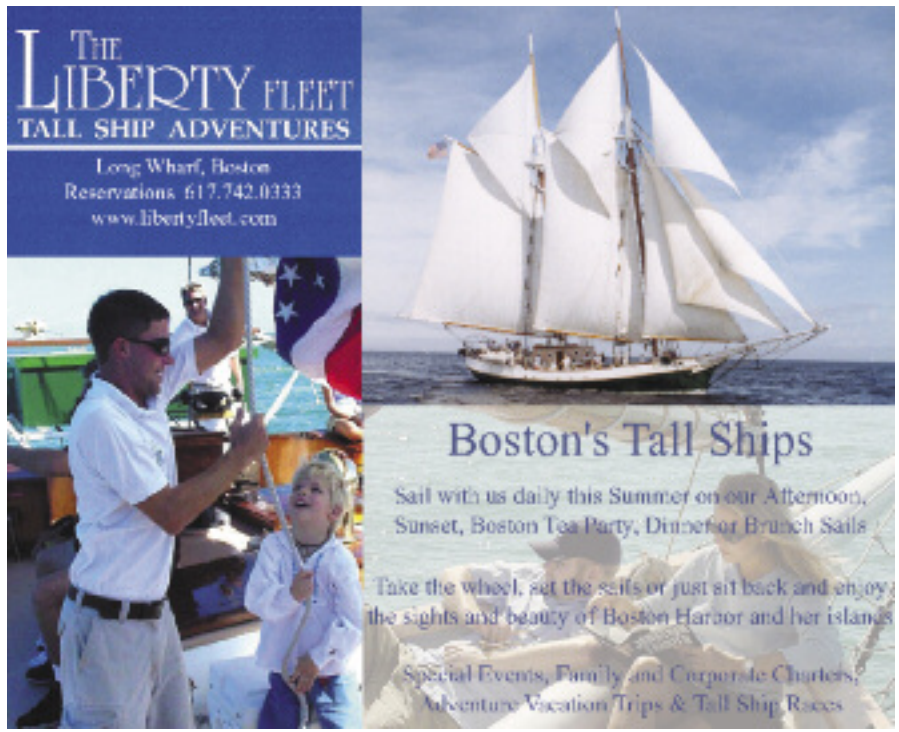
BOSTON HARBOR CRUISES, One Long Wharf, 617-222-4321. *Mon–Fri 10 a.m. and noon; Sat 10:30 a.m., 12:30, 2:30 and 5:30 p.m.; Sun 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.,12:30 and 2:30 p.m. Tickets: $39.95; seniors $35.95; children (4–12) $31.95.* Cruise on high-speed catamarans to Stellwagen Bank, the East Coast's most famous destination for whale watching. Catch sight of humpback, finback and minke whales from the deck or from the comfort of a fully modernized cabin boasting snack and beverage services.

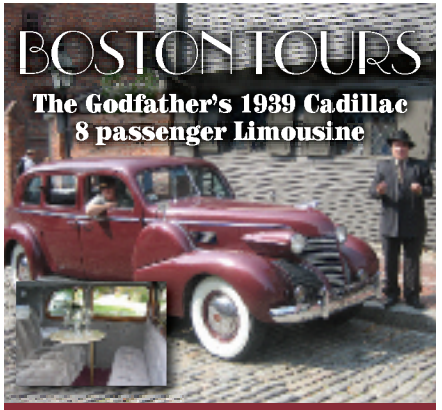
NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM, Central Wharf, 617-973-5206. *Mon–Fri at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Sat & Sun at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets: $39.95; children (11 and under) $31.95.* Discover the history of Stellwagen Bank aboard the Aquarium's whale watch vessel, the 111-foot catamaran *Voyager III.* Search for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

WILDLIFE

FRANKLIN PARK ZOO, One Franklin Park Road, Franklin Park, 617-541-LION. *Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat & Sun 'til 6 p.m. Admission: $14; seniors $11; children (2–12) $8; military personnel with ID $7; $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, check out brightly-colored budgies in the new free-flight Aussie Aviary and see zebras, ostriches and wildebeests at Serengeti Crossing.

NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM, Central Wharf, 617-973-5200. *Sun–Thu 9 a.m.–6 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 7 p.m. Admission: $21.95; seniors (60+) $19.95; children (3–11) $13.95; 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; Northern fur seals in the Marine Mammal Center; and the Simons 3D IMAX Theater.





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STONE ZOO, 149 Pond St., Stoneham, 781-438-5100. *Mon–Fri 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Sat & Sun 'til 6 p.m. Admission: $11; seniors $9; children (2–12) $7; military personnel with ID $5.50; $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 white-cheeked gibbons.

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. *Visitor Center open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $5; children (under 16) free.* This 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), 978-369-6993. *Park grounds open sunrise to sunset.* Created in 1959 to preserve the sites associated with the opening battles of the American Revolution, Minute Man Park consists of more than 900 acres of land along original segments of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, including Lexington Green and Concord's North Bridge. The park also preserves The Wayside, the 19th-century home of literary greats Nathaniel Hawthorne and Louisa May Alcott.

OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Road, 508-347-3362. *Daily 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. 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: ***Aug 7 & 8***—Redcoats and Rebels, the largest military reenactment in New England; ***Aug 14 & 15***—Textile Weekend; ***Aug 18*** *at 11:30 a.m.*—Broadway Delivers to the Oliver Wight Tavern: Cabaret Lulu, featuring lunch and a cabaret show, *tickets: $42.50.*

PLIMOTH PLANTATION, 137 Warren Ave., Plymouth, 978-369-6993. *Henry Hornblower II Visitor Center: 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; Nye Barn, Hobbamock's (Wampanoag) Homesite, 1627 English Village: 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.; Craft Center 9:15 a.m.–5 p.m. Tickets: $28; seniors $26; children (6–12) $18.* When the Pilgrims landed in America during the 17th century, they landed at Plymouth Rock. They built their settlement three miles south of the rock and named it Plimoth Plantation. Today, visitors can tour the Plantation and see how the Pilgrims went about their daily lives, hunting, gathering and making crafts.

YANKEE CANDLE FACTORY, 25 Greenfield Rd., South Deerfield, 877-636-7707. *Daily 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Call for additional information.* The Yankee Candle Factory is one part of a larger complex devoted to the company. It also includes a museum, a candle store and the Bavarian Christmas Village. Visitors are able to dip their own creations at this one-of-a-kind must-see for fans of the popular scented candles. Special event: ***Aug 14*** *at 9 a.m.*—American Heart Association 5K Run.

FREEDOM TRAIL

OLD NORTH CHURCH: Boston's oldest standing church is famously associated with midnight rider Paul Revere, whose statue stands nearby. **Refer to listing, page 63.**

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 (in season) 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 10 a.m.–4 p.m., except holidays. Advance registration is required for guided tours.* 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 acquired 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., 4 p.m. Morning services are traditional, evening services are contemporary.* Built in 1809, this church was described by Henry James as "the most interesting mass of brick and mortar in America."

OLD GRANARY BURYING GROUND. Tremont Street next to Park Street Church, 617-635-4505. *Open Tue–Sat 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.* This historic cemetery, adjacent to the former 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, as well as Elizabeth Goose, believed to be the legendary "Mother Goose."

KING'S CHAPEL AND BURYING GROUND. Tremont and School streets, 617-227-2155. *Chapel open Mon, Thu, Fri & Sat 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Services: Sun at 9:45 and 11 a.m., Wed at 12:15 p.m. Burying Grounds open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m.* Still an active house of worship, King's Chapel was established in 1687 as the first Anglican congregation in Boston. The second chapel, built in 1754, became the first Unitarian church in America after the Revolution.

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

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

OLD SOUTH MEETING HOUSE. 310 Washington St., 617-482-6439. *Daily 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Admission: $6; seniors & students $5; children (6–18) $1; children (under 6) free.* This building housed many town meetings, the most famous of which saw an outraged Samuel Adams signal the start of the Boston Tea Party.

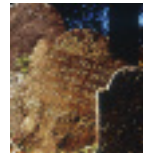
OLD STATE HOUSE. Corner of Washington and State streets, 617-720-1713. *Daily 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Admission: $7.50; seniors & students $6; children (6–18) $3; children (under 6) free.* Built in 1713, this seat of Colonial government was the center of activity for such patriots as John Hancock and Samuel and 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 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. *Daily 9:30 a.m.–5:15 p.m. Admission: $3.50; seniors & students $3; children (5–17) $1; (under 5) free.* The oldest home in Boston (built c. 1680), occupied by silversmith and patriot Paul Revere from 1770 to 1800.

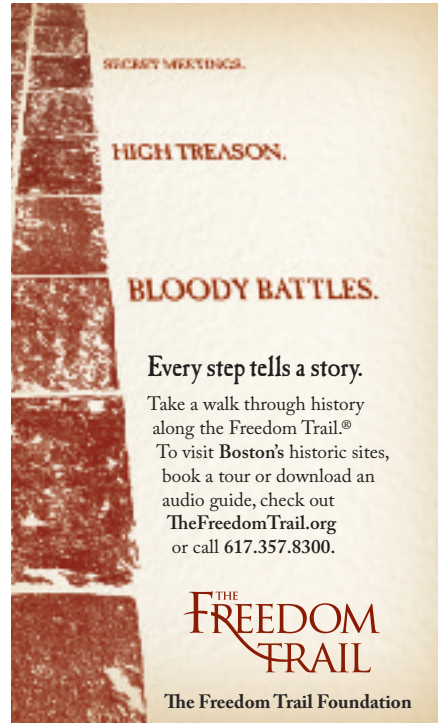
OLD NORTH CHURCH. 193 Salem St., 617-523-6676. *Daily 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Services: Sun at 9 and 11 a.m., Thu at 6 p.m.* Known as Christ Church and erected in 1723, this is Boston's oldest standing church. Two lanterns were hung here on April 18, 1775, signaling the Redcoats' departure by sea for Lexington 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. *Open daily 9 a.m.–5 p.m., last climb at 4:30 p.m.* ***Closed for restoration work through Labor Day.*** The site of the historic battle of June 17, 1775.

USS CONSTITUTION. Charlestown Navy Yard, Charlestown, 617-242-5670. *Tue–Sun 10 a.m.–6 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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JASPER WHITE'S SUMMER SHACK: Emulating the classic New England seaside experience, this popular seafood eatery offers the ocean's freshest bounty year round. **Refer to listing, below.**

BACK BAY

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

BISTRO DU MIDI, 272 Boylston St., 617-426-7878. Bistro du Midi showcases authentic cuisine from southern France in a welcoming, warm and beautiful setting overlooking the Public Garden. Executive Chef Robert Sisca presents modern creations boasting the freshest ingredients, bringing the simple, clean and bold flavors of Provence to Boston. D Sun–Wed 5–10 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til 11 p.m.; Sat & SB 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Bar: Sun–Wed 11:30 a.m.–1 a.m., Thu–Sat 'til 2 a.m. www.bistrodumidi.com. $$$$

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

CLIO, The Eliot Hotel, 370-A Commonwealth Ave., 617-536-7200. James Beard Award-winning chef Ken Oringer serves up French-American fare with some striking Asian influences in a sleek, sophisticated atmosphere that's styled after a Parisian supper club. D. $$$$

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. $$$.

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. $$$.

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. $

***DEVLIN'S,** 332 Washington St., Brighton, 617-779-8822. This upscale pub serves flavorful cuisine that unites tradition and innovation, including delicious pasta, fish, steak and pizza. Accentuate your meal with a fine wine, or follow it up with one of Devlin's popular dessert selections, such as crème brulee, chocolate mousse and tiramisu. Entertainment nightly. L, D, BR, LS. $$

***PORTER BELLY'S,** 338 Washington St., Brighton, 617-254-3300. This Irish pub is a top spot for a casual lunch or to wind down with a pint of beer and hear some live music after a long day. Large-screen plasma TVs abound, so you can catch every big game as you enjoy dinner and drinks with friends. No cover. L, D, SB. $

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

KEY		AVERAGE PRICE OF DINNER ENTREES	
B	Breakfast	**$**	Most less than $12
L	Lunch	**$$**	$12–18
D	Dinner	**$$$**	$19–25
BR	Brunch	**$$$$**	Most more than $25
SB	Sunday Brunch	*Many restaurants offer a wide range of entrees and prices; therefore, the classifications are only approximations.*	
C	Cocktails		
LS	Late Supper (serving after 10 p.m.)		
VP	Valet Parking		
NC	Credit Cards Not Accepted		
*	Entertainment	***Refer to Cuisine Index, page 76.***	

L'ESPALIER, Mandarin Oriental Boston, 774 Boylston St., 617-262-3023. Situated in the luxurious Mandarin Oriental Hotel, this sophisticated French classic helmed by top chef Frank McClelland is a favorite of both power brokers and couples out for a romantic evening. Widely acknowledged by critics and diners alike as one of the finest French restaurants in the nation, and the crème de la crème of acclaimed Boston eateries. D. $$$$

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

PAZZO RISTORANTE AND BAR, 269 Newbury St., 617-267-2996. Pazzo (Italian for "crazy") Ristorante and Bar is a Mediterranean-inspired restaurant boasting two floors of indoor dining, a bar and patio seating on picturesque Newbury Street. During the summer, Pazzo is one of the best places in Boston to enjoy a refreshing glass of prosecco, a leisurely meal and people-watching. D Tue–Thu & Sun 5–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m. $$

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. $$$

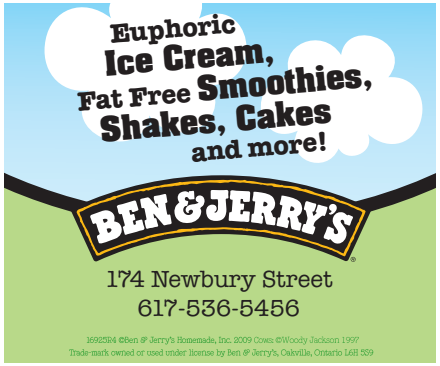
SKIPJACK'S SEAFOOD EMPORIUM, 199 Clarendon St., Copley Square, 617-536-3500; other locations outside Boston. Enjoy a comfortable atmosphere and specialties such as blackened tuna sashimi, moonfish, Maryland crabcakes and lobster. Winner of Best of Boston 2003 award for seafood. Jazz Brunch Sun 11 a.m.–3 p.m., L & D Sun–Thu 11 a.m.–10:30 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til midnight. $$

SNAPPY SUSHI, 144 Newbury St., 617-262-4530; 420 Highland Ave., Davis Sq., Somerville, 617-625-0400. If your day of shopping or sightseeing has left you craving sushi, this tiny, subterranean sushi bar specializes in freshly prepared maki rolls and fun specials. Affordably priced, Snappy offers sushi lovers 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



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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. $$$

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 fare like fresh pasta and foie gras. L, D, LS. $$$$

CHARLESTOWN

MAX & DYLANS, 1 Chelsea St., Charlestown, 617-242-7400; 15 West St., 617-423-3600. 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. $$

***THE WARREN TAVERN,** 2 Pleasant St., Charlestown, 617-241-8142. More than 225 years old, the Warren is the oldest tavern in Massachusetts, and was frequented by some of history's biggest names, including George Washington and Paul Revere. Today, diners go to the Warren to sit beside a warm, roaring fire and enjoy fresh-made soups, Angus burgers, shepherd's pie and other comforting dishes. Live music Wed & Thu. L, D, BR. $$

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. $$

***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. $$

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. $.

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

***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. $$

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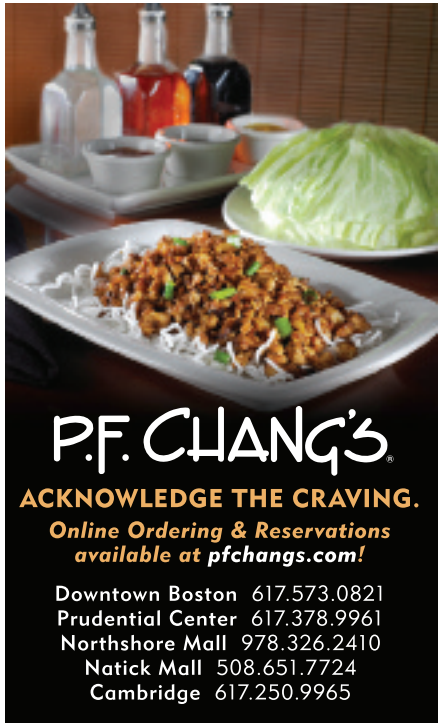

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MERITAGE, Boston Harbor Hotel at Rowes Wharf, 617-439-3995. Fresh, seasonal cuisine is carefully matched to an appropriate vintage from the 12,000-bottle wine collection. The restaurant's interior combines slate, marble, exotic wood and leather, creating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

MIEL, InterContinental Hotel, 510 Atlantic Ave., 617-217-5151. This "Brasserie Provencal" brings the feel and flavor of the French countryside to Boston's waterfront. No butter is used in preparing the cuisine, with heart-healthy olive oils and aromatic herbs instead flavoring classic Provencal dishes like bouillabaisse, salad Nicoise and ratatouille. Diners can enjoy the extensive wine list and an exquisite "small plate" SB in a dining room overlooking Boston Harbor. $$$

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

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

ROWES WHARF SEA GRILLE, Boston Harbor Hotel at Rowes Wharf, 617-856-7744. Chef Daniel Bruce helms the kitchen at this 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. $$$

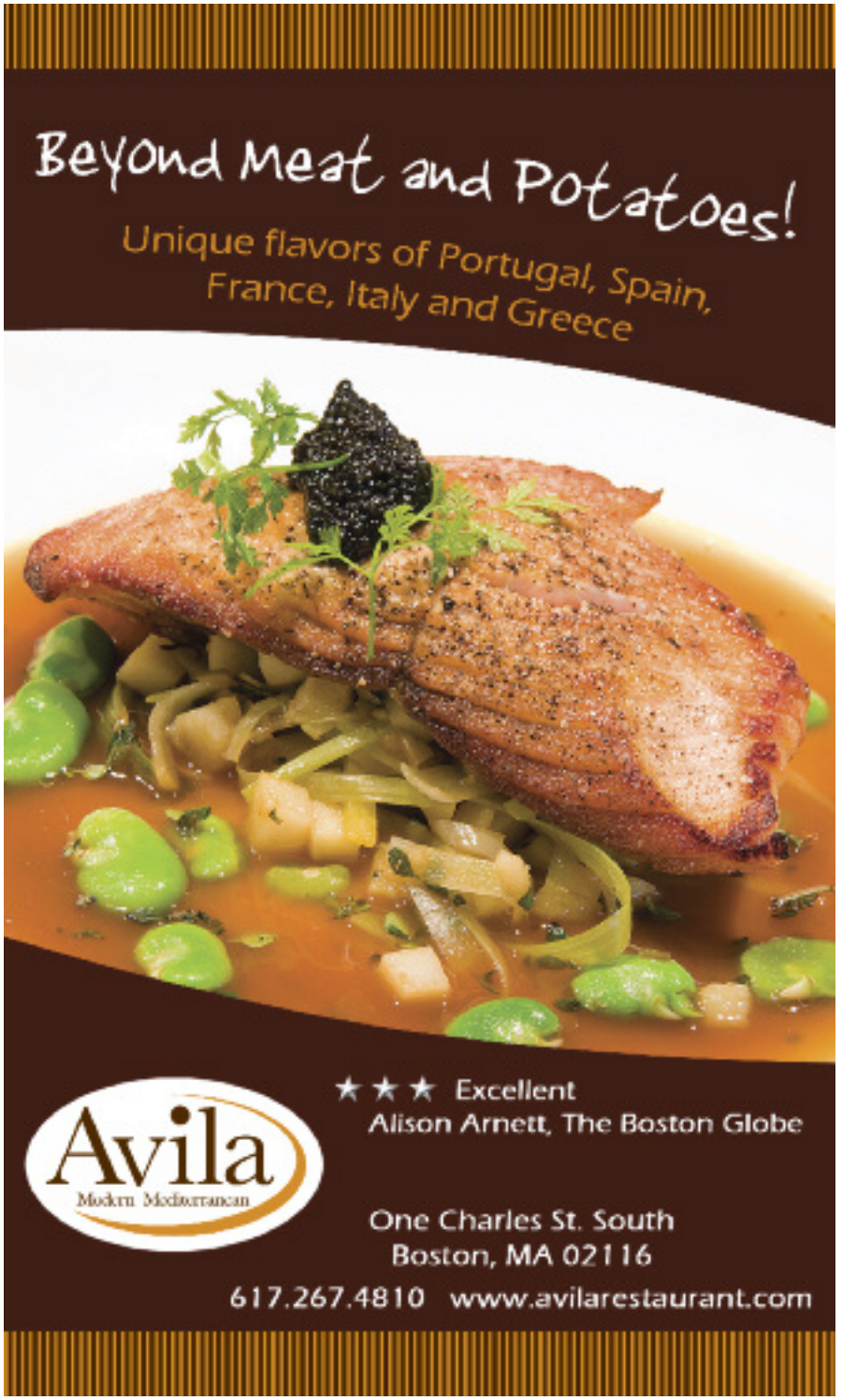
YE OLDE UNION OYSTER HOUSE, 41 Union St., 617-227-2750. Steps away from Quincy Market stands America's oldest restaurant, serving Yankee-style seafood, beef and chicken. Famed for its oyster bar where Daniel Webster dined daily. Specialties include clam chowder, swordfish and fresh lobster. L, D Sun–Thu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

FANEUIL HALL MARKETPLACE

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

***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. $

NORTH 26, Millennium Bostonian Hotel, 26 North St., 617-557-3640. North 26 offers a fresh take on New England cuisine, combining a commitment to fresh, local meats and



seafood with a dedication to simple, hearty regional dishes. Drop by for one of three square meals offered daily or visit the bar for after-dinner cocktails. B, L, D, C. $$$

FENWAY/KENMORE SQUARE

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

***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. $$

***THE LANSDOWNE,** 9 Lansdowne St., 617-247-1222. The Lansdowne brings a splash of Irish flavor to the Fenway neighborhood with its spacious bar, swanky wood interior and a comprehensive beer list featuring hard-to-find European imports. The lunch and dinner menus, meanwhile, serve traditional Irish pub food favorites—from shepherd's pie to a full Irish breakfast all day long. L, D, C, LS. $$

NORTH END

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

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 and sandwiches, pizza, 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. $

***CANTINA ITALIANA,** 346 Hanover St., 617-723-4577. Cantina Italiana has been serving generations of locals and visitors in the North End since 1931. Diners crave the taste of Cantina's food, and some say their mouths water just thinking about eating here. That's why when even the slightest change is made, they let it be known—some things should stay as they are. Reservations recommended. L Mon–Sat 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.; D Mon–Sat 3–11 p.m., Sun noon–10:30 p.m. VP. www.cantinaitaliana.com. $$$

GRAFFITI RISTORANTE AND CAFE, 64 Cross St., 617-367-3016. Located in the heart of Boston's historic North End, Caffe Graffiti is one of the most popular places for locals and visitors alike. With a dining room (private room available), casual cafe and patio seating, Graffiti features full-service lunch and dinner as well as the North End's only patio brunch on Sun and the best Italian coffee, gelato and desserts. Open daily 8 a.m.–midnight. $

G'VANNI'S RISTORANTE, 2 Prince St., 617-523-0107. A boutique-style restaurant with eclectic decor located on the Freedom Trail where diners can enjoy fresh pasta dishes or great seafood. Be sure to sample the Veal & Vintage menu, famous for its "Veally Good Deal" of two dinners and a bottle of wine for $29.99. L & D. www.gvannis.com. $$

LUCCA RESTAURANT & BAR, 226 Hanover St., 617-742-9200; 116 Huntington Ave., 617-247-2400. This North End eatery (with a second location in the Back Bay) 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. $$$.

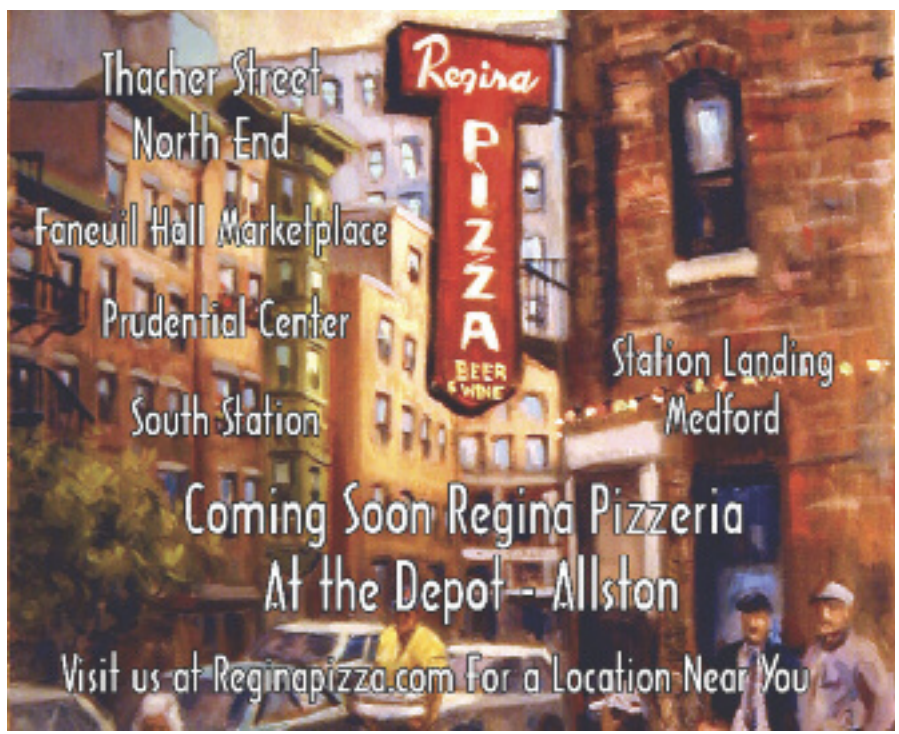
MASSIMINO'S CUCINA ITALIANA, 207 Endicott St., 617-523-5959. Owner/chef Massimino was formerly head chef of Naples' Hotel Astoria and Switzerland's Metropolitan Hotel. His eatery's specialties include veal chop stuffed with arugula, prosciutto, smoked mozzarella and black olives, amongst numerous other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

REGINA PIZZA, 11½ Thacher St., 617-227-0765; also: Quincy Market, Faneuil Hall Marketplace; The Shops at Prudential Center, 800 Boylston St.; South Station, Atlantic Ave. and Summer Street. Since 1926, patrons have been indulging in delicious, homemade pizza at Boston's oldest brick-oven pizzeria. Delivery available. L & D Mon–Thu 11:30 a.m.–10 p.m., Fri & Sat 'til 11 p.m., Sun noon–10 p.m. www.reginapizza.com. $

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

***RISTORANTE FIORE,** 250 Hanover St., 617-371-1176. Voted by Zagat as one of the top 1,000 Italian restaurants in the country, Ristorante Fiore embodies both the North End's past and present with authentic Italian dishes as well as contemporary variations on the classics. Fiore offers private dining for up to 70 guests, as well as three distinct dining rooms and the North End's only rooftop dining. Reservations recommended. Live piano music nightly 6:30–9:30 p.m. L Mon–Sat 11:30 a.m.–4 p.m.; D Mon–Sat 4–11 p.m., Sun noon–11 p.m. C. VP 5–11 p.m. www.ristorantefiore.com. $$

RISTORANTE SARACENO, 286 Hanover St., 617-227-5888. Neapolitan cuisine served in an intimate atmosphere com-



plete 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. $$

SOMERVILLE

***ORLEANS,** 65 Holland St., Somerville, 617-591-2100. Diners flock to this stylish restaurant/bar located in the heart of Davis Square. Orleans offers a constantly changing menu that offers only the freshest seasonal ingredients, and doubles as a happening spot for after-work drinks and weekend merriment. Entertainment Wed–Sun. L Mon–Fri 11 a.m.–3 p.m.; D daily 4:30–10 p.m.; Sat & SB 10:30 a.m.–3 p.m. Bar menu available Sun–Wed 2:30–10 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til midnight. $$

SOUTH BOSTON

AMRHEIN'S, 80 West Broadway, 617-268-6189. The oldest hand-carved bar in America is now surrounded by a revamped eatery. The renovated Amrhein's boasts a new building and menu with additions like the seafood risotto alongside classics like the chicken pot pie and fish sticks. L, D, C. $

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

BARLOW'S, 241 A St., 617-338-2072. Carved from the remains of an old mill, this stylish new Southie spot whips up classic American comfort food, including butternut squash soup, crab cakes, bacon-wrapped meatloaf, burgers and pizzas. Open Mon–Fri 8–1 a.m., Sat & Sun 10 a.m.–1 a.m. L, D, SB. $$

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

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

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SOUTH END

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

COPPA, 253 Shawmut Ave., 617-391-0902. Experience a taste of Italy at the latest venture from acclaimed chefs/restaurateurs Ken Oringer and Jamie Bissonnette. This small, charming enoteca features Italian small plates, wood-oven pizzas and handmade pastas, perfectly accentuated by Coppa's selection of fine wines and its creative cocktails. Open daily 5:30 p.m.–12:45 a.m. D, C. $$

GINGER PARK, 1375 Washington St., 617-451-0077. Executive chef Patricia Yeo offers a bold menu celebrating a variety of Asian flavors in this strikingly stylish and modern restaurant in the heart of the South End. D Sun–Wed 5–11:30 p.m., Thu–Sat 'til midnight; SB 11 a.m.–4 p.m. $$

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

MYERS + CHANG, 1145 Washington St., 617-542-5200. Myers + Chang upends the American conception of Asian food. Inspired by traditional Taiwanese cuisine and Asian street food, chefs Joanne Chang (of Flour Bakery fame) and Matthew Barros offer their personal, often playful, and always novel takes on the classic dishes and flavors of Southeast Asia. A funky, laid-back atmosphere makes the food as fun to eat as it evidently was to create. L, D, C. $$

SIBLING RIVALRY, 525 Tremont St., 617-338-5338. Sibling Rivalry combines the simple elegance of classical cooking with the rich, bold flavors of Modern American cuisine. Chefs David and Bob Kinkead create "dueling" menus that showcase their talents with different interpretations of common ingredients. D Mon–Thu 5:30–10 p.m., Fri 'til 11 p.m., Sat 5–11 p.m., Sun 4–9 p.m. C, LS. siblingrivalryboston.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. $$$.

CITY PLACE, On Stuart Street between Tremont and S. Charles streets in the State Transportation Building. A host of restaurants and fast casual choices from P.F. Chang's to Starbucks, from burgers and specialty pizzas to handcrafted beers, ice cream and more. It's all at City Place, a Theatre District destination for a quick bite, a sit-down lunch or a lingering dinner on one of its restaurants' seasonal patios. B, L, D, C. $–$$$

FINALE, One Columbus Ave., 617-423-3184; 30 Dunster St., Harvard Sq., Cambridge, 617-441-9797; 1306 Beacon St., Brookline, 617-232-3233. A trendsetter among dessert-focused restaurants, Finale offers a wide array of time honored favorites and specialty desserts, savory fare for lunch and dinner, and an impressive selection of Illy coffee drinks, wine and cocktails. Sample award-winning creations like the gooey Molten Chocolate Cake and enjoy carry-out options from The Finale Bakery including freshly baked cookies, cakes, mini-pastries and tarts. L, D, LS, C. $$

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. $$

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

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* 2010/2011). L & D. www.legalseafoods.com. $$$

PAIRINGS, Park Plaza Hotel, 50 Park Plaza, 617-262-3473. Executive chef Robert Bean gets creative with exotic ingredients and innovative small plates designed for sharing and sampling. Enjoy seared scallops on a bed of lentils and cauliflower or Colorado lamb with eggplant and kale. An extensive list of wines and cocktails are also available. B, L, D, BR, C, VP. $$

P. F. CHANG'S, 8 Park Plaza, 617-573-0821; Prudential Center, 617-378-9961; CambridgeSide Galleria, 100 CambridgeSide Place, Cambridge, 617-250-9965. Enjoy unforgettable Chinese cuisine, attentive service and delicious desserts 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. $$.

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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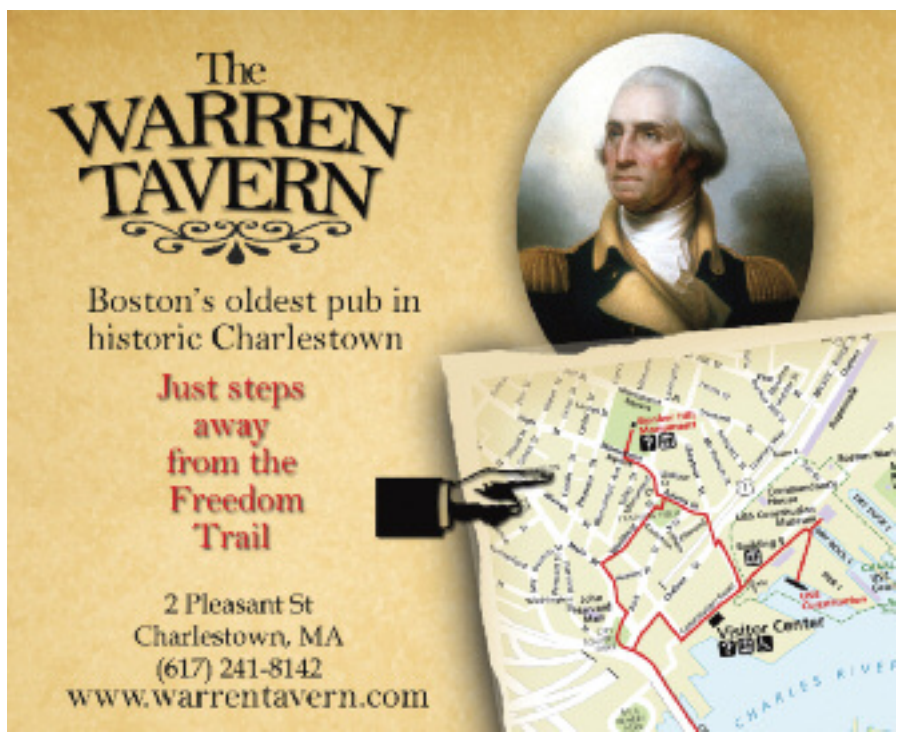

NIGHTLIFE

KINGS: This Back Bay amusement center features bowling, pool, three bars, dining and plenty of sports action on television. **Refer to listing, right.**

PUBS AND BARS

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

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

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

CASK 'N FLAGON, 62 Brookline Ave., 617-536-4840. *Mon–Sat 11:30 a.m.–2 a.m., Sun 'til 1 a.m.* A hangout for Red Sox fans since the days of Yastrzemski and Fisk, this classic bar boasts tons of TVs for watching the Sox—if you get shut out of Fenway Park across the street—and is loaded with photos depicting the histories of Fenway and the Sox. The Cask also boasts Oliver's, a back room nightclub with a dance floor and second bar. *Wed at 8 p.m.*—Trivia.

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

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

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 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.

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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.* Kings features state-of-the-art bowling lanes, pool tables and video technology for sports viewing. With three bars and a full-service restaurant serving top-notch American cuisine, Kings is truly a playground for grown-ups.

GAY AND LESBIAN

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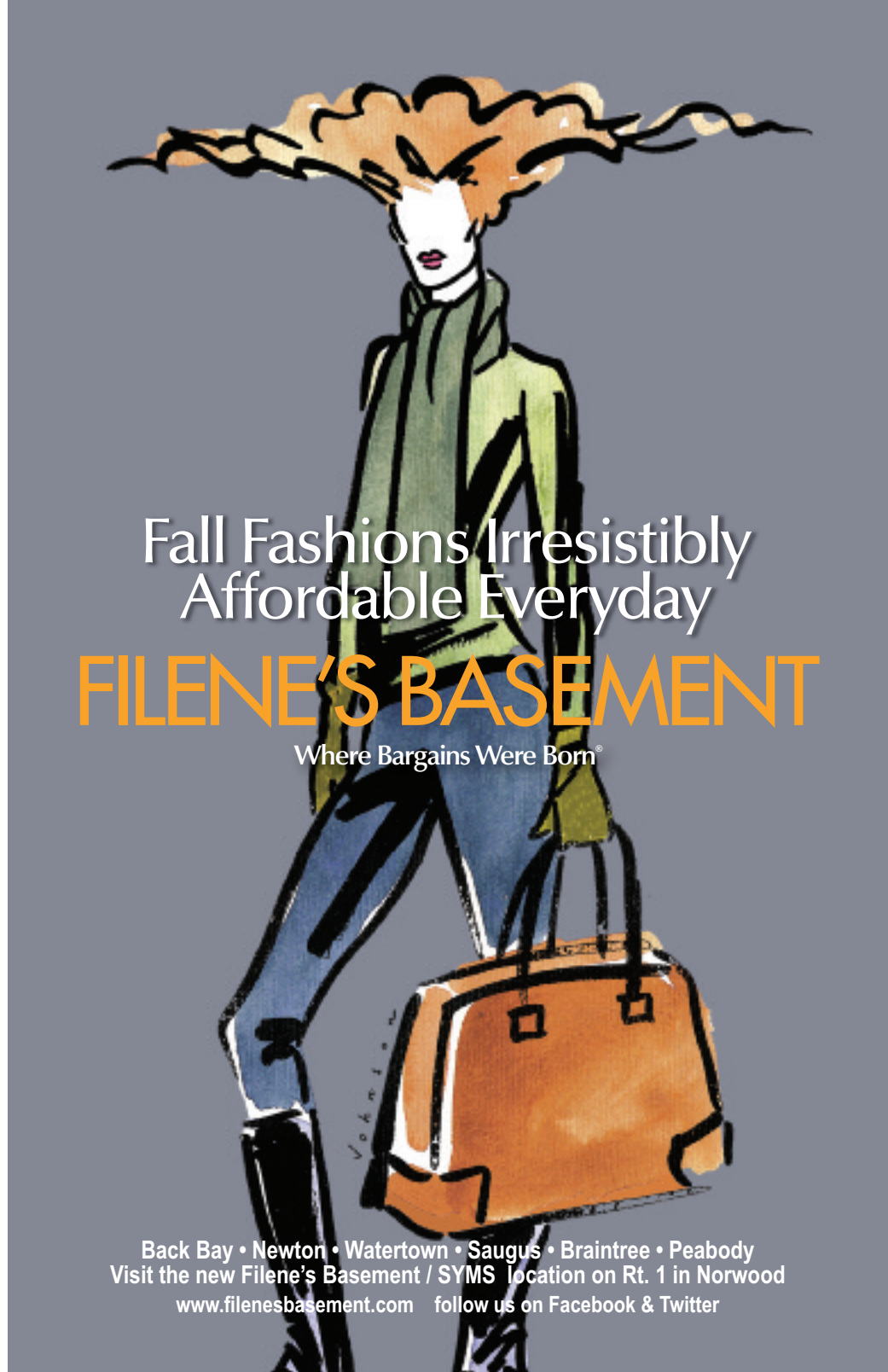

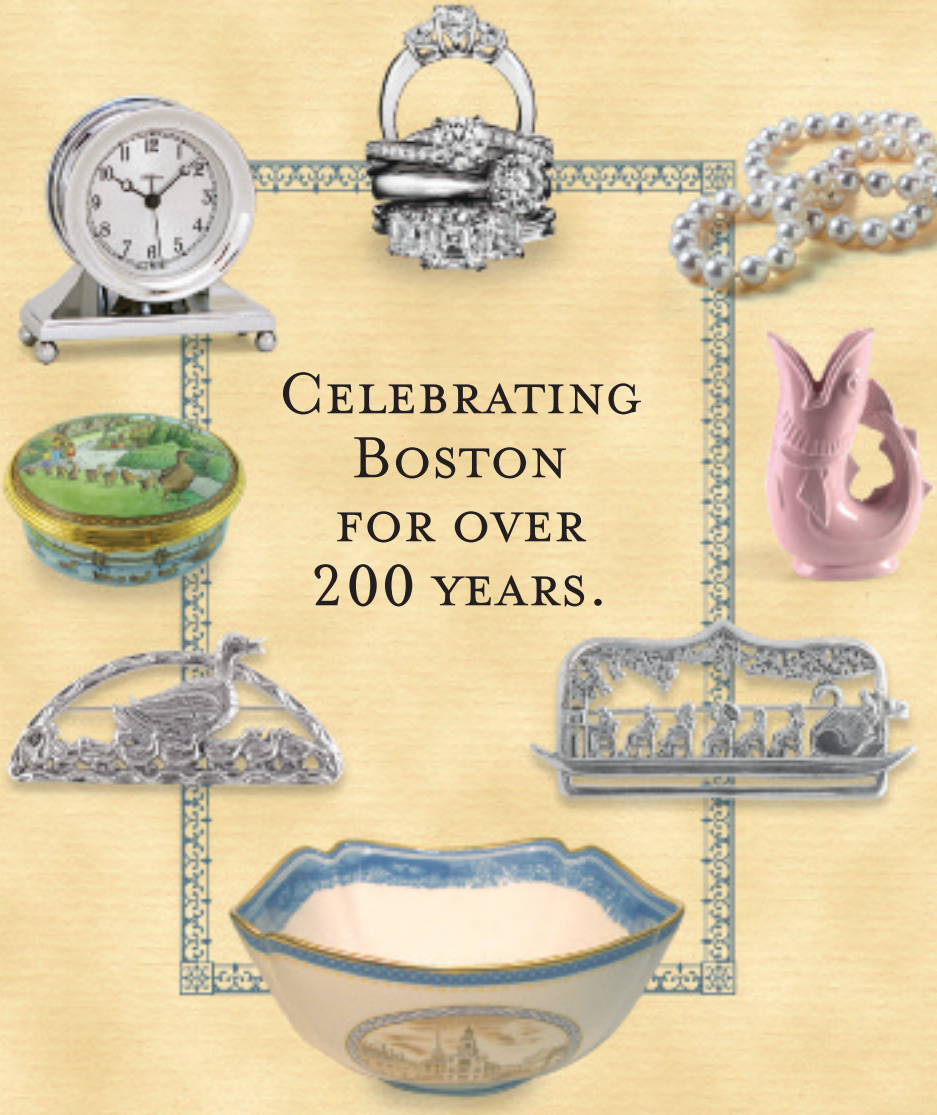

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