

SPOTLIGHT ON *Boston*

by Clint Hamblin



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Frank Stella opens in the Back Bay

Frank Stella's first Boston store opens. Located at 220 Clarendon Street in the Back Bay, Frank Stella's menswear shop joins their three stores already open in New York City. Co-owner John Hellings said, "While shopping the Boston stores, I was excited to see an opportunity to bring a quality of customer-focused service and breadth of product to the rich array of retailers in the neighborhood. With the opening of our first Boston store, we are jumping into a niche that we plan to expand to other Boston neighborhoods in the near future."

Merchandise includes labels such as Agave, Haupt and 40 West, as well as quirky British designer Ted Baker London, making Frank Stella a destination for those brand-seeking customers who ask the question, "Who do you wear?"

I now pronounce you husband and husband.

After being in a committed relationship for 30 years, Leo Romero and Iory Allison were married on May 10. For 36 years, Romero has been the executive chef and proprietor of Casa Romero, Back Bay's oldest continually running restaurant located at 30 Gloucester Street. Allison is a writer of comedic fiction including *The Glamour Galore Trilogy*.

When asked why now, Allison said, "We felt that we were married already, but we wanted to be full citizens with everybody else and to be an example to other gay and heterosexual people that you can be in a long-term relationship." Allison continued, "And to add dignity to our relationship. It's a political statement of our complete participation in the community of Boston at large. If we could have, we would have done it 30 years ago."

The couple sailed aboard the *SS Norwegian Majesty* from Boston to St. Georges, Bermuda for their honeymoon – just before the wedding. "We like being creative," Allison said.

The newly married couple lives in the Fenway on Peterborough Street.

ArtsBoston adds website for acquiring discount tickets. BosTix is best known as Boston's only half-price, day-of-show ticket source and full-service arts information center. The BosTix booths located at Copley Square and Faneuil Hall Marketplace provide tourists and residents with tickets to more than 900 theater, dance and music performances every year.

Getting those tickets is much easier now that ArtsBoston, a not-for-profit service organization that promotes the performing arts in Greater Boston, has expanded its entertainment information and discount ticketing service to an active and convenient website at www.bostix.org.

"Building on ArtsBoston's successful foundation of the BosTix booths and ArtsMail catalogue, BosTix.org was the obvious next step in supporting the Greater Boston's thriving cultural community," explained Executive Director Catherine Peterson. "And our goal is to make this website the premiere source for regional performing arts information and ticketing options." The new site includes free access to a searchable calendar of hundreds of performances and advance ticket discounts.

High-Tide Pride dance party benefits Boston Living Center. Party goers swallowed their Dramamine, hung on to their rainbow flags and shouted "Bon Voyage" as they shipped out on the vessel Frederick J. Nolan, continuing their celebration of Gay Pride Week with a cruise of Boston. This was the sixth successful High-Tide Pride fund raiser with thousands of dollars going toward helping people in Boston with HIV and AIDS. The Boston Living Center, located at 29 Stanhope Street, is a non-profit community and resource center whose mission is to foster the wellness of all HIV-positive people and respond to the changing needs of the HIV/AIDS community.



PHOTO: COURTESY OF DTR MODERN GALLERIES

Howdy Doody on sale for \$53,000

Hey kids! It's Howdy Doody time! If you remember those words, you'll recognize the puppet face of the famous Howdy Doody, a character in a television show that achieved national success with more than 2,500 episodes running from December 1947 to September 1960. Buffalo Bob Smith and dear old Clarabelle Hornblow had no idea that a 38 by 38-inch image of Howdy Doody would sell for \$53,000. The celebrated and signed Andy Warhol edition is available at DTR Modern Galleries located at 167 Newbury Street. What would Princess Summerfall Winterspring say about that, boys and girls?

SOUTH END SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

Sponsored by the South End Business Alliance & the Boston Center for the Arts

June 21 & 22, 11am - 8pm

Music by BatukAxe on the Boston Center for the Arts (BCA) Plaza, June 22, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

As part of the BCA's Sounds of the Season series



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SHOP LOCAL!

Participating Retailers, Restaurants and Spas will kick off the celebration with discounts on services and merchandise, complimentary offerings.....and raffle prizes (no purchase necessary)

Boston Pedicab will provide transportation on Friday night from 5:30-8:00pm to several locations off the beaten path. Grab a ride in front of the BCA

Raffle drawings at 8:00pm June 22 at each location

Participating locations include:

Aquitaine, 569 Tremont St.

Offer: Free dessert when seated for dinner after sundown
Raffle Prize: Brunch for four people (max. value \$100)

The Beehive, 541 Tremont St.

Offer: Complimentary dessert with purchase of entrée after 5:30pm, Raffle Prize: \$100 gift certificate

Design Within Reach, 519 Tremont St.

Offer: \$50 offer purchase of \$50 or more
Raffle Prize: Jonas Wannfor's Kristall Chandelier designed in 2003, valued at \$1398

Devi Home, 1134 Washington St.

Offer: 15% off any purchase, Raffle Prize: \$150 gift card

Etant - A Spa for Well Being, 542 Tremont St.

Offer: Complimentary paraffin hand treatment with purchase of service
Raffle Prize: Spa gift basket

Garden of Eden Café, 571 Tremont St.

Offer: complimentary fine pastry with purchase of entrée after 5:30pm
Raffle Prize: Cheese and Wine tasting for six people ending with coffee and pastry

Hudson, 312 Shawmut Ave.

Offer: 15% off any purchase Raffle Prize: Vintage Feed Bag Pillow by Hudson

Michelo Mercado Contemporary Jewelry Design, 280 Shawmut Ave.

Offer: 10% off any purchase, Raffle Prize: \$100 gift certificate

Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams, 142 Berkeley St.

Offer: 10% off any purchase

Raffle Prize: Autographed "Lets Get Comfortable" hardcover book by Mitchell Gold and Bob Williams

Nami Spa, 12 Clarendon St.

Offer: 15% discount on all services, Raffle Prize: Gift certificate for a one-hour massage

Parlor, 1248 Washington St.

Offer: 20% off entire purchase, Raffle Prize: \$25 gift card

POPS Restaurant, 560 Tremont St.

Offer: Serving Brazilian Caipirinhas, Raffle Prize: \$75 gift card

Posh on Tremont, 557 Tremont St.

Offer: 15% off any purchase, Raffle Prize: Picnic Basket for four - wine included

Sara Campbell Ltd., 46 Plympton St.

Offer: 10% off already reduced merchandise (clothing and shoes will be 40%-60% off)
Raffle Prize: \$100 gift certificate

Sooki, 505 Tremont St.

Offer: 20%-60% savings...serving chips & salsa and Sangria, Raffle Prize: \$100 gift card

Tadpole, 37 Clarendon St.

Offer: 20% off all tees, Raffle Prize: Tadpole gift basket filled with goodies

Turtle, 619 Tremont St.

Offer: 20% off all tees. Serving free smoothies,
Raffle Prize: Cheng Lin Essential Tee in a choice of colors

Union Bar and Grille, 1357 Washington St.

Offer: Free dessert when seated for dinner after sundown
Raffle Prize: Brunch for four people (max. value \$100)

Voila, 1315 Washington St.

Offer: 11% off one pillow, 22% off two or more pillows,
Raffle Prize: \$100 gift certificate each night

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