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The Butler Did It



**PAUL BURRELL
COLLECTION KICKOFF**
Belle Maison
86 Rowe St., Newton
617-964-6455
October 20 from 4–6 p.m.

Making your home resemble Buckingham Palace without spending a fortune can be tough, but if anyone is equipped to help you get the details right, it's someone who's actually spent time there. Newton interior design showroom Belle Maison welcomes shoppers to enjoy free finger sandwiches with Paul Burrell, former footman to Queen Elizabeth and butler to the late Princess Diana of Wales, as he hosts a High Tea party to introduce his new collection of home furnishings and share tales from his time among the royals. And who knows? Maybe you'll even find something that will be a perfect fit for your own palace.

RIVER PANTS (AND SHIRTS, AND DRESSES)

NORTH RIVER OUTFITTER
120 Charles St. • 617-742-0089

Walking through chic Beacon Hill can be intimidating if you don't have the right amount of preppy in your apparel. Luckily, North River Outfitter can send you on your way looking like you sailed here from the Cape. Stocked with monogram-loving brands like Vineyard Vines and Elizabeth McKay, it's easy to pair a needlepoint belt stitched with your favorite college emblem with a flirty Molly B patchwork dress. It's no faux pas that the gold-buttoned navy blazers are on the same rack as the padded hunting vests, simply a demonstration of North River's eclectic range, which boasts enough diverse looks to satisfy everyone from Muffy to Spike.



Moms Rock



**ROCK STAR MOMMA
BOOK SIGNING**
District Restaurant and Lounge
152 Lincoln St.
617-236-5523
October 11 from 6–8 p.m.
Tickets: \$35, includes
copy of Rock Star Momma

Seems as though you see as many burgeoning baby bellies as chiseled abs in Hollywood these days. So the time is right for Skye Hoppus—wife of rock band Blink 182's Mark Hoppus—who knows the importance of having a well-dressed baby in each arm while still looking ready to rock herself. Her new book, *Rock Star Momma*, teaches moms-to-be how to look like they just stepped off the stage. And on **October 11** from 6–8 p.m., you can join her for a book signing and trunk show of her maternity and kids clothing line, Childish, at District Restaurant and Lounge. Bring the kids, but make sure they're wearing leather.

BOTTOM LEFT PHOTO BY BETSY A. HALSEY

A Night of Song and Style



**CHANGING MODES:
AN OPERA FASHION SHOW**
Saint Nitery
90 Exeter St.
617-236-1134
October 12

It's not everyday that Boston hosts an event that can unite "fat ladies" and fashion models, but that's what Boston-based opera company OperaHub offers on **October 12** with their special event, Changing Modes: An Opera Fashion Show. The ensemble kicks off its 2007–2008 season at hip downtown nightclub Saint (pictured above) with staged excerpts from classic operas like *La Boheme*, *Faust* and *Die Zauberflote* by talented young local singers and musicians, interspersed with a runway show featuring new collections by up-and-coming designers featured during Boston's recent Fashion Week. After the show, guests are invited to sip cocktails and groove to sounds spun by hot Boston DJs. It's an event sure to strike a high note with music and fashion enthusiasts alike.

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The (After) Dark Arts

**GARDNER AFTER
HOURS**
Isabella Stewart
Gardner Museum
October 18 from 5–9 p.m.

When you've got a venue as beautiful as the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, you want to make as much use of it as possible. That's why the Gardner has opted to open up

its courtyard the third Thursday of each month for Gardner After Hours, an event pairing the museum's fabulous collections with delectable martinis, live music and gourmet food from the Gardner Cafe. On **October 18**, Composer Portraits: Music of Julius Hemphill, offers a tribute to one of the greatest jazz composers and saxophonists of the 20th century. It's a party Isabella herself would have been thrilled to attend. *Refer to listing, page 33.*

COCKTAIL OF THE WEEK

THE THREE NYMPHS
The Savant Project
1625 Tremont St.
617-566-5958



They say gentlemen prefer blondes, but you may find yourself falling head over heels for brunettes and redheads, too, with these scrumptious cocktails served at new Mission Hill bar The Savant Project, appropriately named "the three nymphs." A night with a tall Blonde includes a mix of Lillet Blanc, Blue Moon Belgian white ale and fresh lemon juice. But just as much fun is the Brunette, a blend of ruby port mixed with Harpoon Oktoberfest and lime. And for a really good time, try the Redhead: ginger wine, Mathilde framboise, B&B and Pilsner Urquell. All three are the creation of Boston's premier mixologist, Cliff Travers, and wherever your color preference leans, the resulting beverage will not disappoint.