



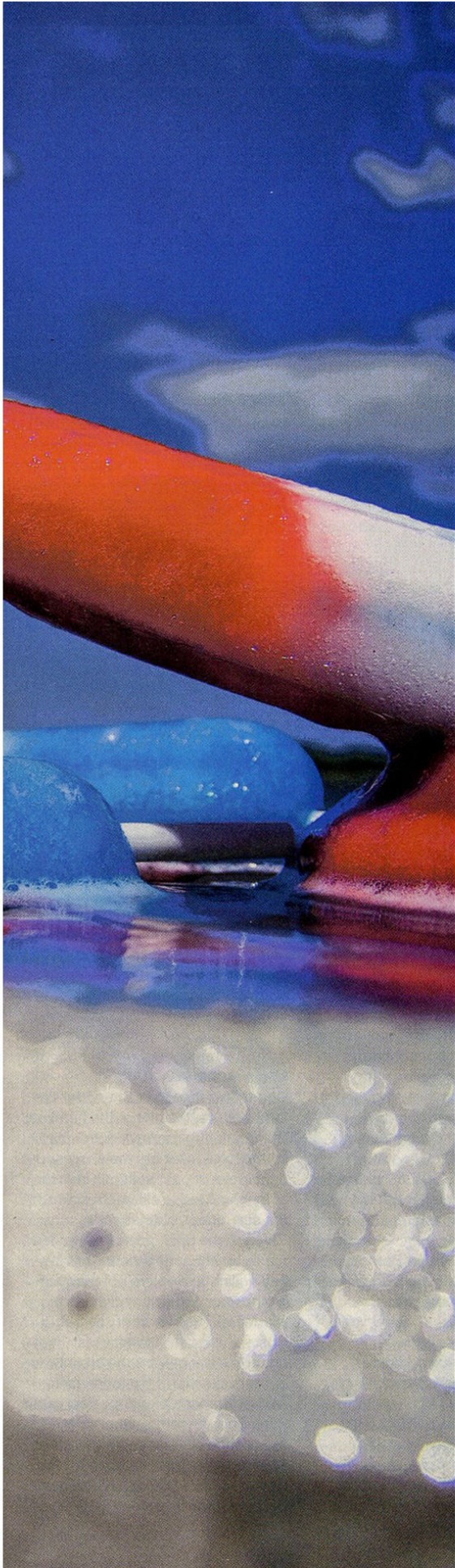
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# HOT 100

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# HOT HI

Every summer, the team at *STUFF* dons its collective thinking cap (straight from Milan — isn't it *smashing?*) and gets cranking on our annual Hot 100 issue. Inside, we distill news from all the industries we cover — dining and drinking, nightlife and the arts, fashion and beauty, and more — into a single list of sizzling trends, people, places, and concepts that are on the rise right now. If adult life is an extension of the high-school experience (and considering how often we judge one another's outfits, there's good reason to think it is), then consider this your 2011 yearbook. And we're your merry high-school socialites, flitting between tables to find out the buzz in every corner of the cafeteria. Where's the A-crowd partying on Saturday night? What art-crowd fashion statement is about to be co-opted by the preps? Hey, are you gonna eat that?

After cramming our heads with info, we created this handy crib sheet on everything that's going on around town. You won't be quizzed, but we still suggest committing these selections to memory. We've noted the hottest hangout spots (the Seaport, baby), the trendiest ways to stay in shape (ballet — it's not just for annoying girls with pointy faces anymore), the upcoming openings that everyone's talking about (from Poe's Pub to Jody Adams's Trade), and even some pretty tempting adult-ed classes. (Art class with alcohol? Sign us up!) Some of these selections will still be smoking-hot years down the road; others, like a yearbook snapshot, just define a moment in time. Then again, who knows? It may just be a matter of time before scrunchies make a comeback.

with thigh-high slits. And if you're feeling extra bold (or are a couple drinks in — we won't judge), head to **American Apparel** (330 Newbury Street, Boston, 617.236.1636) for sheer chiffon maxis in every color of the rainbow and then some. Wear over bloomers or a bandage skirt for a trompe l'oeil effect that would make Dalí look twice. We're not the type to discriminate by size, but when it comes to summer skirts, length matters.

### ICY HOT

#### The Stanley Cup

No disrespect to Larry O'Brien, Vince Lombardi, or the commissioner of Major League Baseball, but Lord Stanley's Cup is the coolest trophy in professional sports. It's big and beautiful. Fun and flawed. It's made for the people, and made to party. Even better, thanks to the Bruins' historic (and, at times, nail-biting and sleep-depriving) run through the NHL playoffs, it's back in Boston, one of the world's great hockey towns. And it's here all summer long. Since their Game 7 win over Vancouver, Bruins players have already raised the Cup at bars and restaurants throughout Boston — even at a barbershop. With each player getting a few days with it to do as he wishes, it's sure to be seen out many more times before the fall. So let the Red Sox have their pink hats. This year's best bandwagon is painted black and gold.

### HOT FINISH

#### Cotton Candy

Sure, the last time you ate spun sugar on a stick, you threw up all over your brother from the top of a Ferris wheel. But you're all grown up now. You can handle a little cotton candy — at least, those carnies who are whipping it up in our local kitchens think so. At **BOKX 109** (399 Grove Street, Newton, 617.454.3399), it's on the house, arriving with the check in rotating flavors — raspberry, strawberry, blueberry, or green apple. Likewise, **Lolita Cocina & Tequila Bar** (271 Dartmouth Street, Boston, 617.369.5609) delivers green-apple puffballs sprinkled with Pop Rocks gratis with your bill. A maple-flavored version comes à la carte or alongside brown-sugar angel-food cake with caramel ice cream at **Towne Stove and Spirits** (900 Boylston Street, Boston, 617.247.0400). Meanwhile, Mary

Dumont at **Harvest** (44 Brattle Street, Cambridge, 617.868.2255) is studding her cotton candy with bacon — a state-fair-worthy snack if ever there were one.

### HOT REINCARNATION

#### The Space Formerly Known as Saint

The nightlife industry runs at a rapid pace and sees plenty of revolving doors, yet **Saint** (90 Exeter Street, Boston, 617.236.1134) has stayed in Boston's good graces for nearly a decade. When it opened in 2002, the interior was of-the-moment sleek and sexy. It helped usher in a new era of "ultra-lounges" as massive dance clubs closed, and it quickly became a hit with visiting celebrities. But the one-time Back Bay beauty has now aged enough to merit a facelift, so it's slated to close in late July for a renovation project that will include a redesign of the entire space and upgrades of audio-visual components. Plus, when it reopens in late summer with a still-hush-hush new name, one portion of the compartmentalized club will include a small-plates menu and a cocktail program that promises to go beyond Red Bull and vodka-level libations. Those closest to the project are mum on details, but we have faith that this nightlife team will answer partygoers' prayers again.

### HOT SHOTS

#### The Griffin Museum of Photography

It used to take a trek to the suburbs to get a good look at the collections of the **Griffin Museum of Photography** (67 Shore Road, Winchester, 781.729.1158). But now the nonprofit, whose mission is to encourage a broader appreciation of photographic art, is increasingly setting its sights on the city. The **Griffin Museum by Digital Silver Imaging** (4 Clarendon Street, Boston), a South End satellite gallery on the ground level of A Street Frames, opened in early July. But the staff had been hanging around town before then: the museum's executive director, Paula Tognarelli, co-curated an exhibition at this spring's Flash Forward Festival at the Fairmont Battery Wharf. And this October, the museum will host its Focus Awards, honoring those who have made critical contributions to the promotion of photography, in Boston proper for the first time. These developments come just

in time for the museum's 20th anniversary in 2012. Coincidentally, that year will also mark the 100th anniversary of Fenway Park, one of founder Arthur Griffin's favorite subjects. Check out the park in its younger days in "Sox Shots," an exhibit on view now at the satellite gallery. Sounds like a homerun hit.

### HOT BOOZEHOUNDS

#### Bully Boy Distillers

If it's big, it just doesn't wash these days. That's true whether we're talking about megafarm-produced food, macrobrews, or now, increasingly, spirits. Getting small, in other words, is hot. It's also historical. Massachusetts practically owes its existence to the rum trade back in colonial

times. Bully Boy Distillers (bullyboydistillers.com), the first distillery in Boston in decades, is drawing inspiration from the days when small-batch rums made the Commonwealth run. Brothers Will and Dave Willis, who've set up shop in Roxbury, have just launched their company with two rums, a white and a dark (made with blackstrap molasses), an organic vodka, an organic white whiskey (whiskey that hasn't been aged), and an organic, red winter-wheat whiskey. Sip 'em at spots like **Hungry Mother** (233 Cardinal Medeiros Avenue, Cambridge, 617.499.0090) and **Savin Bar & Kitchen** (112 Savin Hill Avenue, Dorchester, 617.288.7500). Bully for them, and us.

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