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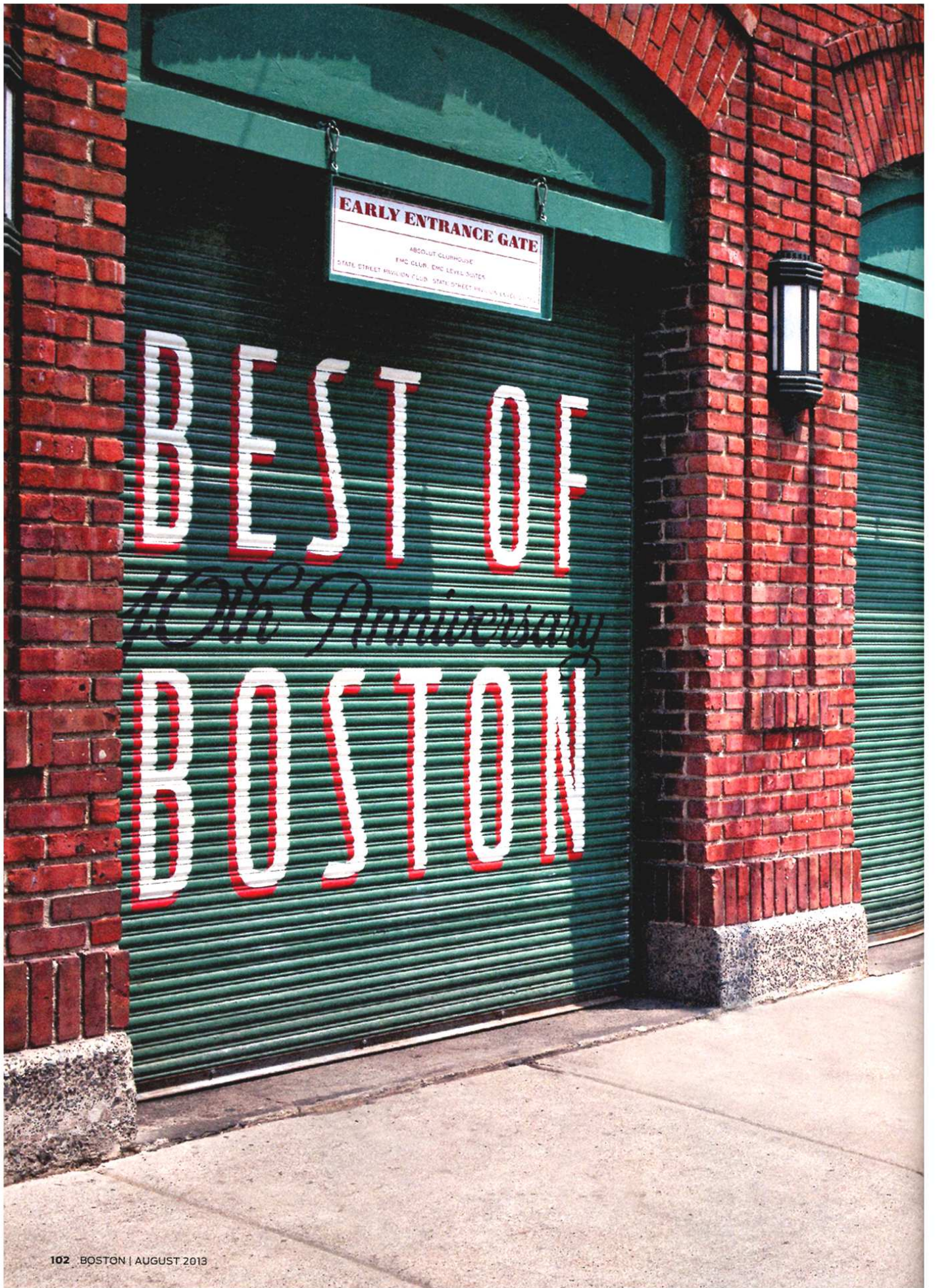
*40th Anniversary*

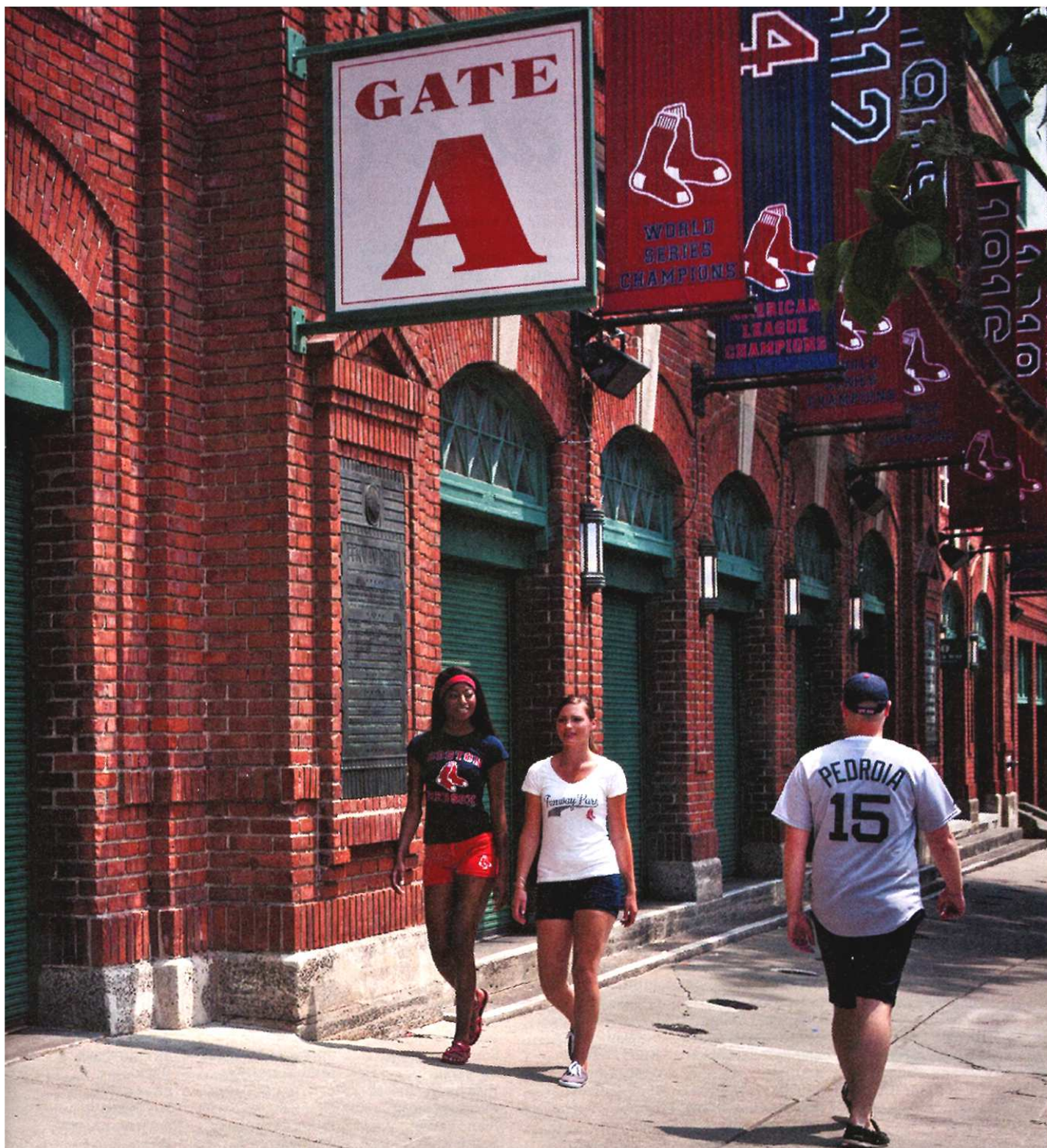
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Much has changed in Boston over the past 40 years. The Combat Zone is no more. The Red Sox have won *two* World Series trophies. The waterfront is now one of our most desirable neighborhoods. And the Central Artery runs underground these days (a transformation that seemed to take four decades itself). One thing that's stayed constant, however, is our annual guide to the very best shopping, dining, and all-around living to be found in Boston. This month, we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Best of Boston, and although the categories have evolved over time (we no longer issue an award for the best dumps or strip clubs), our dedication to mining the city's gems, decade after decade, remains unwavering. Here's to another 40 years.

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*Best Hair Salon:  
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**SALON CAPRI**

Salon Capri conquered the suburbs decades ago, so we wondered if its recent move to Newbury Street would feel like a minivan parking in a row of Porsches. But the sleek new space with floor-to-ceiling windows is a stunner, and so were we after a visit. We loved the massage chairs during the shampoo, and the shoulder-straightening weights (similar to an X-ray bib) to prevent lopsided cuts. And when we were handed a mimosa and serenaded by a jazz trio (Saturdays only) during our trim, we nearly shouted, “Welcome to the neighborhood.”  
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