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**BODY:**

A handful of visitors who took the audio tour of the Museum of Fine Arts's "Tales From the Land of Dragons" exhibition last weekend got a less-than-scholarly guide to the display of ancient Chinese art. A prankster switched some of the standard tapes with versions narrated by a man who identified himself as Lev Davidovich Bronstein, a Russian-accented antipedant whose tour begins exactly like the MFA's, then devolves into a rambling rant. "Bronstein" makes juvenile jokes and ultimately encourages listeners moving left, right, and around the galleries to do the hokeypokey. An MFA spokeswoman said yesterday that 10 "alternative" audiotapes had been discovered, and that Antenna Theater, the company that makes the tapes, is "investigating."

Brouhaha at Bastille bash

When police broke up a Bastille Day party and "petanque" tournament in front of Les Zygomates Bistro and Wine Bar on South Street on Sunday, tourney players weren't deterred. Michael Hutchinson of Veuve Clicquot, a cosponsor of the fete, paid a parking lot attendant to use his empty lot, and Chris Campbell of Uva herded tourney players from 15 local restaurants and the French Library down the street to the new locale, where they continued playing petanque, the Provencal version of bocce. Les Zygomates co-owner Lorenzo Savona said he "went through the proper channels" to get a permit to block off South Street for a party and got an oral OK from the police. Nonetheless, he acknowledges, he didn't have his papers in order when police responded to a neighbor's complaint. The bon vivants at the party rallied, said Savona, adding, "What's a Bastille Day party without having some barricades stormed?"

Mashpee's morality play

Banned in Mashpee. The Cape Cod Theatre Project, a group of New York-based playwrights and actors who've been presenting staged readings of new plays in and around Woods Hole for three summers, were all set last week to present a reading of Joe DiPietro's "The Kiss at City Hall" at Mashpee High School Saturday. But the reading's sponsor, the Boch Center for the Performing Arts - set up by Ernie "Come on Down" to raise money to build a performing arts center on the Cape - decided the play's language was too strong for the people of Mashpee and

pulled out of the production. "They saw this sweet, lighthearted, '90s comedy - Neil Simon sort of stuff - and wanted us to change it. They suggested we substitute 'damn' for stronger expletives, and we just weren't going to do that," says Jim Bracchita of the Theatre Project. The group staged the reading at Falmouth Academy, where in a post-play workshop they asked audience members - including people from Mashpee - whether they were bothered by any language in the script. Says Bracchita: "People looked at us as if we were nuts."

### Sculptor's trump

A sculpture by Nantucket artist David Hostetler will be unveiled tomorrow at the new Trump International Hotel & Tower in New York and placed on the southwest plaza facing Broadway. Hostetler, a native of Ohio, was commissioned for the sculpture as a memorial to the late Dan Galbreath, a Columbus, Ohio, real estate developer and philanthropist who was a partner in the Trump Hotel & Tower. He was also an avid collector of Hostetler's work. "The Duo" is a 13-foot bronze that depicts two slender figures touching at the arms.

### Shear shops 'til she shouts

Comedian Rhonda Shear doesn't just cause a scene on stage. She acts up in stores, too. The star of the cable channel USA's "Up All Night" was in town over the weekend for shows at the Comedy Connection and stopped in at FAO Schwarz to buy one of the coveted Cissy dolls from the Madame Alexander collection (coveted because they cost \$ 175, and because actress Demi Moore collects them). Shear, who wanted to buy both of the remaining dolls, apparently dawdled too long getting her credit card out and another customer scooped up the last one. Shear tried complaining - OK, yelling - to the clerk and manager, but to no avail. The comedian left with just one doll. She was not laughing.

### Cha Chi at 40

WBCN-FM promotions manager Cha Chi Loprete was hit with a surprise party for his 40th birthday last Saturday at the patio at the Rack at Faneuil Hall. WBZ-TV sports anchor Steve Burton, WJMN-FM morning deejay Baltazar, Patriots lineman Max Lane, and former Celtics David Wesley and Rick Fox showed up to wish Cha Chi well.

### Winners won't be bragging

The Improper Bostonian's Boston's Best issue hits newsstands today, and it's both an irreverent service guide and readable romp through local life and leisure led by feisty Improper editor Nancy Gaines. Included in the Improper's "Restaurants to Keep an Eye On" listings is "Rebecca's, as in when will their next sanitary code violation be?" Other categories: "Books that won't be in the Kennedy Library" ("The Baby Sitter's Club") and "Best Place to Start a Lackluster Protest" (Park Street Station).

### Boyz in the barrio

A Latino house music group from Salem called the Latyn Boyz has been burning up the airwaves across the United States and in Latin America with their debut album, "A Sequir Bailando" (Keep Dancing), which was released two months ago. The four handsome homeboys with the kicking wardrobe are heading to New York tomorrow to film their first video, which will air on MTV Latino and other programs as soon as Saturday. Manager Arismeni Gonzalez says that after a big concert on City Hall Plaza Sunday afternoon, Lisandro Fernandez, Giovanni Gonzalez, Pedro Gomez, and Wili Vila will be taking their smooth-voiced act south to Venezuela and Chile.

**GRAPHIC:** PHOTO, 1. GLOBE PHOTO/BILL POLO / JUST DUCKY - Former "Extra" cohost Arthel Neville and LA sports anchor Fred Roggin take a look at their billboard on the side of a Duck Tour vehicle. They were in Boston yesterday to promote "The Arthel & Fred Show," which will debut this fall on WCVB-Ch. 5 at 9 a.m. 2. AP PHOTO / QUIET TIME - Princess Diana, vacationing in Saint Tropez on the French Riviera, told the British press that her sons want her to leave Britain for a quieter life. "My boys are urging me continually to leave the country. They say it is the only way," she said, according to the Mirror newspaper. Diana also promised to reveal "a big surprise" in the next two weeks.

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