## MASK TASKERS

Plan ahead for Venice, Italy's Carnival, February 13–24, when a masquerade is de rigueur. St. Mark's Square is always filled with vendors selling masks, and the challenge is choosing just one from the hundreds decorated in everything from colorful feathers to sheet music. Even if we don't make it to Carnival this year, we have this handsome €25 (US\$31) reminder to go another time. Info: www.carnivalofvenice.com.





## Hip Hotel

## TOAST OF BEANTOWN

Out with the old and in with the new: the Veuve Clicquot champagne bar at Boston's recently restored Liberty Hotel (215 Charles Street). Located in the heart of Beacon Hill, La Grande Dame Bar serves champagne by the bottle or the flute: \$19 for yellow label and \$49 for 1998 La Grande Dame. Info: 617-224-4000 or www .libertyhotel.com.—Judy DiEdwardo