



PROLOGUE

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HASTY PUDDING THEATRICALS

By Dick Bourbeau



I have reserved 65 tickets to the Hasty Puddings Theatricals 164th annual production, entitled **There Will Be Flood**. We will be attending the **8:00 PM performance on Thursday, 16 February 2012 at the New College Theatre, 12 Holyoke Street, Cambridge, just outside of Harvard Square** (closest T stop is Harvard Square on the Red Line). Tickets are \$21.00 each and we will once again be getting seats front and center, in rows 3-5 (another group got their request in before us).

About this Production: In the not-too-distant future, an ancient apocalyptic Mayan prophecy has come true and a massive flood threatens to destroy the world! Now a wayward crew of futuristic time travelers must journey to the past to stop the prophecy from ever being made. Led by spunky space cowgirl **Lauren Forcement** and elderly guide **Isolde Stime**, the adventurers travel back ten thousand years to find a world that is very different from the one we learned about in school. Turns out this prehistoric world is home to every ancient creature from the Jurassic Age to the Old Testament with characters like the uninspired cave painter, **Zach Rebleu**, the hunky half-witted caveman, **Homer Erectus**, and the world's first businesswoman, **Selma Bodyformoney**. But when these prehistoric people mistake the time travelers for gods, they incur the wrath of the loco Mayan deity **Paco Lips**. Can the time travelers survive the past long enough to save the future? Will ex-supermodel **Tyra**

SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS ON:

DINNERS AND POTPOURRIS

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CANDIDATES FOR BPT BOARD

Nassaurusrex reclaim her title as "Sumeria's Next Top Model" before she goes extinct? Will **Paco's** chubby cherub **Angela Foodcake** ever lose enough weight to fly again? Can ancient rabbi **Isaiah Littleprayer** keep his faith alive through this fakakta mess? Find out as you get swept away in the Hasty Pudding Theatricals' 164th production, **There Will Be Flood!**

This event typically sells out quickly, so get your reservations in early. Seating is assigned on a first come first served basis. **Please complete the attached Tear Sheet and send in your reservation by the post mark date of Thursday, 2 February 2012.** This will be a most memorable evening that will have you laughing to the point of tears. And don't be surprised if one of the undergrads just happens to end-up in your lap at some point during the evening. See you there!

2012 Board of Directors Elections

In February, the Boston Prime Timers will be electing five board members as the two year terms of Dick Bourbeau, Edmond Moussally, Mitch Drucker, Joe McGrath and Dick Smith, (currently holding Jim Buckley's vacated seat), all expire. Dick Bourbeau, Edmond Moussally and Dick Smith have announced their intentions to run again, while Mitch Drucker and Joe McGrath have decided to step down from the Board. See page 2 and 3 for bio's for some of the candidates. Look in the February Prologue for more.

A nominating committee, of two board members and two non-board members, is busy at work to come up with additional candidates. Please consider running for the Board yourself. Please contact Steve Vorenberg, Ed Rapazzini, Coley Kelley or Carl Krause.

2012 Nominees for the Boston Prime Timers Board

Dick Bourbeau

My name is Dick Bourbeau. I am a Founding Member of the Boston Chapter. I was one of the 42 people who attended the very first meeting on Saturday, 15 August 1987 and I became active in the club as a Greeter, a member of Woody's Executive Committee and the first Treasurer. I performed those functions until I resigned to become the 1st Vice President of Prime Timers International, later to be reorganized as Prime Timers Worldwide. The International was born at the 1st Convention that Boston Prime Timers hosted at the Provincetown Inn in October 1991.



As International Vice President, I was responsible for the newsletter which went out quarterly and for putting together an off-year event in which all Chapters could participate. I decided to do a gay rodeo in Dallas, Texas. The Dallas Chapter and I were unable to get the event moving quickly enough so I went to Dallas to meet with them and representatives from the Houston and the Austin Chapters to help get this event off the ground. That worked and the event was a great success!

I served as Vice President for my two year term with the International and then returned to the Boston Chapter where I was reelected to the Board of Directors. I became the Editor of *Prologue* on my return and also served as Vice President. Then I served as President for 2 years until Ed Ford showed an interest in being the President. I became his first Vice President and took back the Treasurer's duties. I served as President for another term.

I have been involved in the Club continuously since day one. I have made this my volunteer labor of love because I believe in the mission of Prime Timers. I quickly saw the importance of the group for members who were otherwise not actively involved with their gay brothers. It is so heartening to hear the positive testimony of members who are appreciative of the many options that being a member of Prime Timers offered them. I want to do my part to ensure that Prime Timers remains a viable Club for mature gay men and their admirers. We are doing something right because

not only has the membership of our chapter increased year to year but there are now 73 active Chapters in 4 countries in the Prime Timers World Wide organization. Currently I am serving as your Vice President & Office Manager. Thank you for your consideration and vote!

Dick Smith

My name is Dick Smith. In the past I served as your vice president for two years. I left the board for personal reasons which now have been resolved. This year I was asked by your board to replace Jim Buckley, after he resigned, which I did. I have enjoyed serving on your board again this year.



My past history is as a retired Registered Nurse, and I have served on many boards representing the RN Nursing Union. I am again asking for your vote to serve on your Prime Timers Board. I enjoy serving on your board, making sure that all the members' ideas are heard and all members represented equally.

Thank you!

Larry Vitale

My name is Lawrence Vitale, and I've been a Prime Timer member since August of 2007. In the time since then, I've come to meet and appreciate a



group of men that I'm proud to be among. I believe in our club, in that it serves as home base for a large group of adult men, who believe inclusiveness in a brotherhood of our peers can enrich and empower our lives. Not only does this better our lives, but we also can stand proud for others to learn from and grow in their own right. My work history is quite varied, I've worked food and beverage service in most capacities, serving and preparation, a mental health worker, a clerk in retail clothing, a shipping manager for Tufts Barnes and Noble College store, and a self employed, home and business cleaner.

My hobbies and personal interests include movies, music, reading, home life, creating art, writing,

and spending time with family and friends. I also enjoy volunteering at Cafe Emmanuel, and some office work in our office at U.S.E.S.

As a board member I would hope I could bring some support and fresh ideas to further help and enrich our clubs growth and enrichment.

At least two additional candidates will be running. Please see the February Prologue for info on them.

**FROM THE BOARD
THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

By Steve Vorenberg

A recent event relative to BPT got me thinking about what it means to do a justifiable action vs. doing the right thing. It seems like the justifiable action means doing what others expect of you according to some (perhaps undefined) rules or code of law, i.e.



coming from outside. Doing what's right means taking the action that satisfies your own inner code of justice or fairness, i.e. coming from within, whatever makes you feel good. I don't want to mention the specific event, but perhaps an example will show what I mean. If someone were verbally insulting you, some justifiable actions might be to toss an insult back at him, or to remain quiet. Doing the right thing more likely would involve trying to steer the verbiage toward a calmer dialog, or giving the person a compliment for his viewpoint.

I was sorry to have to leave our Holiday party before the entertainment. I heard from many quarters that the entire party was a success with nothing but a few minor complaints. I feel like we're learning from our experiences and hope we will improve with each such effort. Please accept my best wishes for a Happy New Year! We have a lot of exciting events in the offing for the coming year, including our 25th anniversary celebration. Stay tuned for further details.

Let me close the year by giving my thanks to the club soldiers who show up and help out at our events and meetings throughout the year. Thanks to Norm Pelletier and Jim Garrity for being our steadfast refreshment gurus, and to Norm again for the 50/50 raffle. Thanks to Howard Bornstein and Jim Flavin for handling the meeting sign-in every month. Thanks to Sam Goldfarb for leading the check-in group. Thanks to our fabulous board members who give so generously

of their time and talent. Thanks to Dick Bourbeau, John Bennett, Kerry Marshall, and Larry Vitale for keeping our office running smoothly. Thanks to Steve Lord and Charlie Briggs for keeping our web site purring. Thanks to Frank Lapiana for all his pictures and many ideas. Thanks to Ed Rapazzini for putting together the Prologue every month and putting up with all the headaches we invariably cause him. Thanks to Fred Riley for his beautifully made (and often racy!) birthday cards. Thanks to our members who open their homes for potpourris, or sponsor an event. Thanks to those who help with meeting setup. I hope I didn't forget anyone. You too can be on this list in the future! Do the right thing.

IN MEMORIAM

Former member, **David Peterson**, of Cambridge, passed away last month. He will be missed!

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Mission Statement

"The mission of the Boston Prime Timers, founded in 1987, is to provide adult gay, bisexual and transgender men and their friends in eastern New England with educational, cultural and social activities that enrich their lives by building and reinforcing safe, supportive connections for both active and isolated members while continuing our history of developing support among the broader aging and general populations for recognition of the specific needs of men like our members".

MONTHLY GATHERING

Next Meeting
Saturday, January 21, 2012
At the United South End Settlements
 566 Columbus Ave, Boston, MA 02118-1181
 U.S.E.S. is handicap accessible.

Main doors will open to the Center at 1:30 PM. Members are welcome to enjoy casual conversation in the lobby.

T Stops: Green E line to Symphony. Orange line to Mass. Ave. Station.

Public parking: lot at 277 Northampton St (between Columbus Ave & Tremont St.) one block from U.S.E.S. Bldg. \$12 for 24 hours, no hourly rate. Other public parking can be found at boston.bestparking.com

Doors will open: 1:30 PM. Although the Center may be open earlier for other U.S.E.S events, please do not arrive earlier.

Support Group with Sam Goldfarb will meet from 1:45 to 2:45PM. Room locations will be posted at reception.

Hospitality will begin in the cafeteria at 2:30 PM until 3:25 PM. If you are contributing to our food table please arrive prior to 2:30 PM.

Meeting will begin at 3:30 PM with no break.

Guest Speaker:

Boston Prime Timer **Dan Mooney** will speak on his historical map project. Dan is a local letter-artist and has re-created a collection of large antique maps by hand, showing the evolution of Boston. They are 23K gold leaf and full color.



\$2.00 Donation at the door

If you need to make a payment during a monthly meeting, please go to our office on floor 3A yourself.
THANK YOU!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The BPT Board of Directors voted at its December Meeting **not to charge-non-member fees to guests of Boston Prime Timers at their events effective January 1st.** If you sent in non-member fees for Hasty Pudding, you can have the office return those fees to you.

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 11-13 Boston Prime Timers Return to Ogunquit, Maine.

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 30th, North Shore Gay Pride Parade, More info to follow

John Lauritsen -- a Prime Timers member and gay historian, (*The Early Homosexual Rights Movement: 1864-1935*, *A Freethinker's Primer of Male Love*, etc.) -- is interested in doing oral histories of men who remember the Boston gay sex scene of the 1950s and 1960s: the Boston Garden, Esplanade, Magic Block, Punchbowl, and things like that. His e-mail is: john.lauritsen@verizon.net



Steven Musuras, Marc Champigny

**CONSIDER RUNNING
 FOR THE BOSTON PRIME TIMERS
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS!!
 ELECTIONS IN FEBRUARY**

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DINNER

By Lewis Pedi and Steve Vorenberg

NOTE; Because of the need to inform the restaurant(s) how many guests to expect, both for space reasons and preparation of food, WALK-INS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED. I would appreciate any helpful comments or suggestions. Please email Lewis Pedi (see roster).

January Dinner



**Massimo's Restaurant
157 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA**

**Tuesday January 24
Cocktails-6PM
Dinner-7PM**

Cost: \$30.00 inclusive of salad, entree, coffee, dessert and gratuity.

Choices: (1) Stuffed Pork Chop Marsala with side (2) Chicken Saltinbocca with side (3) Haddock Margherita with side (4) Vegetarian Pasta.

Nearest T Stop: Orange Line to **Malden Center**

Directions: Leave the station from the front entrance. Cross the street to the City Hall Government Bldg. and go up the ramp on the right which opens onto Pleasant Street. **For those driving, there is a large parking lot right behind Massimo's. Be sure to have your ticket stamped before leaving the restaurant so you won't have to pay for parking.**

February Dinner

**Club Cafe
209 Columbus Ave.
Boston, MA**

**Tuesday, February 21
Cocktails-6PM
Dinner-7PM**



Cost: \$25.00 inclusive of entrée, coffee/tea, dessert, gratuity and Greek Salad or Clam Chowder.

Choices: (1) Stuffed Chicken Breast with side (2) Roasted Pork with side (3) Lobster Macaroni and Cheese (4) Fillet of Sole with side

Nearest T Stop: Back Bay Station on the Orange Line or **Arlington Street Station** on the Green Line.

POTPOURRI

By Dick Smith

(If you would like to sponsor a potpourri but don't know how, feel free to contact Dick, (see roster), sometime after 11AM, who will be happy to be of assistance)



**A YANKEE SWAP TO REGIFT
UNWANTED HOLIDAY GIFTS**

Hosted by Coley Kelly

WHAT: A post Holiday **POTLUCK** party

WHEN: Saturday, January 14th, 6PM-Whenever

WHERE: Coley's home: 34 Merrymount Rd, Unit 4, Quincy, MA.

COST: \$2 for host at door

RSVP: Phone Coley at (617) 680-1901 by January 7th.

MAXIMUM GUESTS: 20

DIRECTIONS: **From North:** 93 South (Expressway) to Exit 12 – stay RIGHT to 3A South Neponset/Quincy. Stay RIGHT over bridge that becomes Hancock Street. Go about 3 miles on Hancock Street. Merrymount Road is second left after Furnace Brook Pkwy.

Alternative from North: Take Rte 128 South (95 South which becomes 93 North) to exit 19 and follow directions from South.

From South: Rte 3 to Exit 19 toward Burgin Pkwy/Quincy Center/ MBTA Station. Merge onto Burgin Pkwy and go about 2 miles and then turn right on Dimmock St. Take 1st left onto Hancock St., 3rd right onto Merrymount Road.

By MBTA: Take Red Line to **Quincy Center**. Exit left to Hancock St going North (towards Boston). At Dimmock St, follow South Directions.

Park on Hancock Street or in front of condo complex but not in condo parking lot which is restricted to residents.

Call 617-680-1901 if you need assistance.

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LEONARD BERNSTEIN'S
CANDIDE
 Hosted by Mike Turner



WHAT: Lunch followed by opera

WHEN: Saturday, January 28, 2012 Noon.

WHERE: 329 Ward Street, Newton Center

COST: \$5 to cover cost of lunch. Please indicate if you are vegetarian.

RSVP: Frank LaPiana (781)-324-2750
 by January 18, 2012

Limited: to the first 10 members

TRANSPORTATION: Green- D Line (Riverside) to Newton Centre Station, 18 minute walk to Ward St or car, street parking

WHAT WILL HAPPEN: Lunch served at 12:30 pm followed by Candide- **116 minutes**. Leonard Bernstein's "comic" opera comes to dazzling new life starring Patti LuPone, Kristin Chenoweth, Met Opera's Paul Groves and Sir Thomas Allen, accompanied by the New York Philharmonic orchestra. This tune-filled work is as relevant today as in 1756 Europe when Voltaire wrote the novel on which it is based. Bernstein set it to music in 1956 at a time when America was experiencing a prevailing climate of ideological intolerance in a wave of anti-communist sentiment. "Candide" satirizes self-satisfied celebrations of the status quo, inquisitorial attacks on the individual, phony moralist, brave new-world optimism, and essential superiority. These were charges made by Voltaire against his own society. Bernstein's approach is deft and light, but never loses sight of the basic issues amid its musical brilliance.

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Steve Lord 617-492-1486
 Member, Boston Prime Timers
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FEBRUARY- WILL YOU BE MY VALENTINE?

(Food, Valentines, and Costumes)

Hosted by Walter Jennings

WHAT: Annual Prime Timers Valentine's Party

WHEN: Sat. February 11th, 6:00 - 10:00 PM

WHERE: Walter Jennings' home in West Newton, (see roster)

COST: \$2.00 for your host at the door. (For paper products, beverages, and condiments.)

RSVP: See roster for phone number, last date to RSVP is Feb. 8th

MAXIMUM GUESTS: 20

TRANSPORTATION: Plenty of on-street parking available if you drive or take the Green line D-Train outbound to the Woodland stop. His home is 3 miles from the T-Stop. Ask for a ride when you reserve a place for yourself. A car will be sent for you.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN: When you call in, you will agree on a dish to bring and pass. The event is a **POTLUCK DINNER**. You are also asked to bring a humorous/slightly risqué valentine to be placed, when you enter, in the "Malebox" (it was so beautiful at the last party, someone wanted to take it home). That's a definite NO-NO. The Valentine Police will be watching you. Valentines will be distributed after dinner. (If you don't bring one, you won't get one.)

The second requirement is for you to wear some (outerwear or underwear) article of RED clothing. The Valentine Police will be inspecting you as you enter. More creative members come in full costume portraying their favorite character from stage, screen or television. The object of the evening will be to "Wear Your Heart On Your Sleeve" and have as much fun as possible. Start planning your "evening out" early. You wouldn't want to miss this good time. The person who has the most fun will be awarded the annual "PLAYS WELL WITH OTHERS" award. Y'all come ya heah?

Are you missing an event because you can't afford it? Contact Kerry Marshall by phone or email to discuss options with him. Office Phone # 617-447-2344

NATIONAL NEWS

Stay in touch with activities within **Prime Timers World Wide** by visiting their website www.primetimersww.org. You can read it as well by going to our web site www.bostonprimetimers.org and clicking on RELATED LINKS. There you can read their latest edition of Prime Times and earlier ones as well; if you are planning a trip you can check to see if there is an organized Chapter there and even link to their website to determine if there are activities you may attend. They may even have host members who may put you up.

BIRTHDAYS



DRUCKER, Mitchell H	1/4
DRYSDALE, Leon	1/9
SHEA, Kevin C	1/10
GALANTE, Joseph E	1/12
FULLERTON, Harry A	1/14
MICHELS, Bernard	1/21
PUTNAM, Phillippe W	1/26
RUSSETTI, David J	1/26
GUPTILL, John R	1/29
TOBIN, Richard H	2/1
MOLTER, Ronald B	2/4
LYMAN, Jack	2/9
SMITH, Richard R.	2/9
FLAVIN, James	2/12

Members are welcome to submit articles and information for the monthly Prologue. Please contact Ed Rapazzini (see roster), by January 15th, for the February issue.

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 Individual must be a non-smoker & drug free.
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ONGOING EVENTS

COMMUNITY MEALS

Boston/Back Bay:

Cafe Emmanuel: "The Original LGBT Meal Site!"

When: Every Thursday 11am to 1:00pm

Where: Emmanuel Church,
 15 Newbury Street Boston, MA

RSVP: to blinscott@lgbtagingproject.org
 Or call Bob at (617) 477-6610

Sponsored by: Ethos & the LGBT Aging Project

Somerville/Cambridge:

Cadbury Cafe: Somerville & Cambridge's

First LGBT Monthly Dining Program

When: 4th Wednesday of
 Every Month,

6:00pm to 8:00pm

Where: Cadbury Commons,
 66 Sherman Street, Cambridge, Ma.

RSVP: by calling SCES (617) 628-2601 ext. 605 or
 email lgbtcafe@eldercare.org

Sponsored by: Somerville Cambridge Elder Services,
 Cambridge Council on Aging and Cadbury Commons.



North Shore:

Over The Rainbow Supper Club

When: 2nd Tuesday of every month,
 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Where: House of Seven Gables,
 115 Derby Street, Salem MA

RSVP: (978) 624-2261 ext 261

Sponsored by: The Old and Bold
 Coalition,



North Shore Elder Services' outreach to the
 LGBT Community on the North Shore

Join Meetup groups and sign up for dinners at the
 House of The Seven Gables

<http://www.meetup.com/OVER-THE-RAINBOW/>

South Shore:

Monthly Brunch for LGBT Seniors & Friends

When: Last Saturday of Every Month, 10am to 12pm

Where: All Souls Unitarian Church,
 196 Elm Street, Braintree, MA

RSVP: Maryanne Ryan 781-848-3939 x 325 or email
lgbtseniors@sselder.org for more information.

Sponsored by: South Shore Elder Services

Metro East:Sharon:

Lakeside Café “for LGBT Seniors, Friends and Allies”

When: Monday, January 23rd, 11am-1:00 pm

Where: Sharon Adult Center, 219 Massapoag Ave, Sharon, MA

RSVP: to Jayne Davis, HESSCO (781) 784-4944

Sponsored by: HESSCO Elder Services and Sharon Adult Center

Transportation: Call Nancy Weiner, Sharon Adult Center (781)784-8000. Free transportation to and from the Sharon Commuter Rail is available.



Mario Cardaci, Photography Call 888-853-8903

SUPPORT GROUPS

LGBT Caregiver Support Group:

Open to anyone providing care for a loved one. First Monday of every month, 6:00pm to 7:30pm in Jamaica Plain. Free. Contact Joanne Peskowitz, LICSW for more information: (617) 271-4182. Sponsored by Caregiver Alliance of Suffolk County and the LGBT Aging Project.

LGBT Bereavement Groups:

For LGBT people of all ages, coping with the loss of a loved one. Free six-week support group. To find a group **in your area** contact Bob Linscott (617) 522-1292. Sponsored by Ethos & the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and facilitated by the LGBT Aging Project.

Florida Real Estate

Find your warm and gay retirement property through Tony Branch. Tony has St Petersburg Condos from \$35k. Contact him at (727) 460-7887 or email tonyrestpete@aol.com for these and other Florida properties.

EVENTS AT USES

The Boston Prime Timers are co-sponsoring the following USES fundraiser at the Harriet Tubman House

EDUCATION

Classes at the Harriet Tubman House

If you are 60+ you can take classes in the Seniors Program for free. www.uses.org. Call the center at 617 536-8610

LIFE LONG LEARNING CENTERS

Stonewall Communities

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)

UMASS(BOSTON)

Dorchester, MA

For more info: www.OLLI.umb.edu

Rainbow Lifelong Learning Institute

First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church

Arlington, MA

For more info email: rainbowliboston@gmail.com

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