

NOTICE BOARD

Swell Adult Clinic

Special counselors will be on hand at Annual Town Meeting to speak with townspeople who are feeling fine and have no complaints about anything. Symptoms of this rare condition include annoying multi-seasonal cheerfulness, adequate sleep, excessive acceptance of others, and a generally upbeat view of the world. In New England, sufferers are marked by a preference for cold, icy weather. There is no cure, but Town Meeting often provides short-term relief.

Tax rebate/surcharge program

The Finance Committee, always looking for ways to get more revenue from school pro-

grams, announced a tax rebate/surcharge program, whereby families with children in the top 10 percent of MCAS scores get a 5 percent rebate on their property taxes, while families with children in the bottom 20 percent get a 20 percent surcharge. The School Committee agreed this could have a beneficial impact to help weed out low performers.

MBC, the Musical

In a Town Meeting Special Event, the exceptionally talented members of the Municipal Buildings Committee will present a musical rendition of their report to the town, and voters are encouraged to sing along. The report is lengthy, but many of the words are familiar by now, and so is the music, since it's been lifted from

famous composers. From the inspiring "Impossible Dream" overture to the amazing Pilot Project modern dance interpretation, to the rousing "This town is my town" finale, the show is certain to revolutionize the traditional—and frankly boring—discussion of budget line items. The performance will begin just after the Pledge of Allegiance, and will probably take most of the morning.

Devens issues noise alert

The U.S. Army Garrison at Devens has issued a notice marking the following activity that will result in increased noise from the base:

Sunday, April 3: Doors at Evergreen Solar slamming shut.

MBC, BOS to meet with HCC, HHC, HEAC

Early next month, the MBC and BOS will meet with the HCC, HHC, and HEAC to resolve differences about the future of the town center. The MBC's vision may well run afoul of HHC restrictions, especially in regard to proposed additions to Town Hall and Hildreth House. But an alternative view espoused by some BOS members has also raised HHC, HCC, and HPD hackles in regard to parking.

The HFD also has questions about the MBC and BOS plans,

given that fire trucks will have to negotiate a construction zone, no matter what. The HPD and DPW are involved, too, given their responsibility to restore order and clean up the mess, respectively.

Given the distressing partisanship of recent weeks, the BOS has considered calling in a special SWAT team to negotiate an all-town agreement. But the HSC, HCT, HST, HTA, CPC, PB, and especially the COA don't see the need for that.

Furthermore, the FC, EDAT, EDC, FIAT, and CPIC are worried about the cost.

Whatever the outcome at Annual Town Meeting, town officials are confident that TC, the HPD, the HFD, the HAS and all its EMTs will be able to handle it. If necessary, the town can always rely on a wider support network, such as JBOS, DEC, the MMA, or even the MSP, but with Harvard's IQ and SAT scores (and MCAS results), we should be able to do it alone.

Bromfield to offer advanced degrees next year

No longer will Harvard's hyper-advanced students have to slink off to college with a mere high school diploma. Starting next year, the Bromfield School will offer both masters and doctoral programs in the arts and sciences. It is estimated, by their parents, that well over half of Bromfield graduates are brilliant and accomplished enough to skip higher education altogether, and move immediately into high-paying corporate jobs and/or important scientific research. This will enable them to do so, and hopefully to afford their own apartments—and pay for

their own car and health insurance—that much sooner.

A masters or doctorate from Bromfield will be recognized anywhere in the world, according to many education experts. There could be some confusion in the Far East, though, where most high school students expect to go to Harvard for their graduate training, but not *this* Harvard. If they are qualified, those students would be welcome here, too, according to Bromfield administrators. Officials warned, however, that Chef Paul might not be able to accommodate all of their dietary preferences.

Bromfield's faculty and administrative staff will work hard to seamlessly integrate undergraduate, graduate, and even post-graduate course offerings, but they admit the professional and emotional challenges will be formidable. Harvard teachers have long recognized that many of their students far surpass them in terms of both drive and intellectual talent. Until now, though, teachers could at least take pride in their advanced degrees. But even if that's no longer true, "We'll always crush them in the senior-faculty basketball game," teachers contend.

Tom Brady stunned by school rebuff

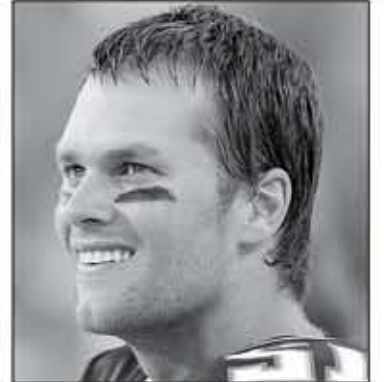
Of all the setbacks afflicting New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady this year, none has been more disappointing than his failure to land the job as interim superintendent of Harvard's school system. Brady's interest in the job was a closely guarded secret—so closely guarded that even the official search committee was unaware of it. But Brady had been making plans to fly back from Brazil to prepare for his new career after enjoying the warm weather and nightlife of Carnival with his glamorous wife Gisele.

According to Brady's spokesperson, the superstar learned of the job opening when he stepped on a copy of this newspaper discarded on a secluded beach after a "Published Locally, Read Globally" photo shoot. With the 2011-2012 professional football season in doubt, Brady was looking for "new worlds to conquer," the spokesperson said. So he tweeted veiled hints of his availability and waited for the job offer to arrive, certain that the town would jump at the chance to get another goals-oriented, do-what-it-takes superintendent with a famous name.

Sports fans and commentators alike were stunned by the news, and quite a few questioned his qualifications for the job. But others pointed out that Brady has a reputation as a "very smart quarterback." And he's tall, like Harvard's current superintendent, Tom Jefferson. And they have the same first name. Still, even his most avid fans—his teammates—admitted he might have a hard time filling Jefferson's shoes. "I mean, that Thomas Jefferson

guy, didn't he like write the Constitution?" said very wide receiver BenJerry Hugh-Mungus.

As usual, Patriots head coach Bill Belichick had no comment, but word is out that Belichick is entertaining offers from the Central Intelligence Agency.



Tom Brady (Courtesy photo)

As for Brady, he was looking forward to the challenge and "pretty confident" that he could handle the relentless verbal abuse that comes with the superintendent's job. "At least they wouldn't be throwing beer cans at me, or trying to break my legs," he joked. Brady emphasized that he always intended to take the job seriously and planned to devote as much time to it as to his other professional commitments and numerous product endorsements allowed. And even though he didn't get the job, he might even move here still, he said, adding that one of Harvard's great attractions is that its people are so good-looking that he and his wife would hardly be noticed. In the interest of public safety, however, Gi might have to add some fabric to her customary swimwear if she uses the town beach.


Historical Commission nixes plans for old library brothel

A controversial plan to fund improvements to Town Hall and Hildreth House and erase the town's longstanding structural deficit ran into a major roadblock this week. In a 5 to 1 vote, the Historical Commission soundly rejected the idea of leasing the old library for a brothel, despite projected revenues that could solve the town's fiscal problems for decades. The commissioners acknowledged that a brothel in the center of town might well have an historical precedent, but

said the plan would require more parking than could possibly fit in the historic district. An added concern was the cost of upgrading the old building's notoriously unreliable heating system for use by scantily clothed employees and patrons.


"I've volunteered in that building during the recent pilot project and I'll tell you, it was brutal," said one woman who declined to be identified. "No way are you going to have people taking their clothes off in there."

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