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Today's NEWS LOCAL

Patrick bets the House

House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi appears to be the only man who can stop casinos

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CASINO WATCH
WAMPANOAGS ON THE MOVE

BOSTON — He grew up in a tenement building and used education to rise to power on Beacon Hill.

That sounds like Gov. Deval Patrick's background, but House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi's bio has a rags-to-power-suit feel to it, as well.

But one big difference between the two liberal

Democrats is casino gambling — so the House could become a key battleground when the governor files legislation to license three resort casinos in Massachusetts.

Senate President Therese

Murray of Plymouth said she is supportive of casino gambling, and the Senate has voted in the past to expand gambling.

But DiMasi has not been afraid to challenge Patrick before and stands as the key roadblock to Patrick's casino plans.

"If he says to people, 'I don't want this at all costs' — that's huge. You don't get things done in that chamber



DIMASI



PATRICK

let us vote on it."

DiMasi said his position on expanded gambling has not changed, but he will listen to Patrick's proposal.

The governor wants to license three resort casinos in a bid to generate thousands of new jobs and up to \$450 million annually in tax revenue.

"I want to know why he came to the conclusion he did, what rationale did he use and

is it going to be good for Massachusetts?" DiMasi said.

The governor, meanwhile, said he is prepared to sell his plan to skeptical lawmakers.

"The pitch to the speaker is the same as the pitch to the public. He is as interested as I am in lasting, sustainable economic growth," Patrick said.

Patrick and DiMasi have **SPEAKER/Page A4**

Closing Bridgewater library could be costly

The state may request repayment of a \$200,000 library construction grant, plus interest, if the facility closes.

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Fire chief plans suit against selectmen

Randolph Fire Chief Charles Foley intends to sue the town, charging that his 15-day suspension violates his right of free speech and state law.

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STATE

Tainted lettuce may have been sold here

The Department of Public Health is issuing a consumer advisory alert that lettuce recently recalled by Dole Food Co. may have been sold in Massachusetts.

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BUSINESS

Performance pitched in Reebok basketball line

The company returns to a familiar pitchman, NBA star Allen Iverson, in an attempt to reignite its basketball shoe business.

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GRANDMA FLINGS IT



PHOTOS BY TIM CORREIRA/THE ENTERPRISE

MARY RILEY, 71, of Middleboro practices her hammer throw at Middleboro High School. Riley is nationally ranked for her hammer throwing.

HAMMER TIME

A Middleboro woman is one of the best senior hammer throwers in the country

By Dan Goldman
ENTERPRISE CORRESPONDENT

MIDDLEBORO — Mary Riley may be a grandmother of 10 and a great-grandmother of seven, but she is not spending her senior years toiling in the garden or baking in her kitchen.

No, this 71-year-old Middleboro resident is the third-ranked USA Masters Track and Field

athlete in the hammer throw for women ages 70 to 74.

And she held the No. 1 ranking from July until the end of August.

The fact that Riley can launch the 3-kilogram hammer 69 feet, 7 inches is impressive on its own, but even more startling is that she has not been doing this her whole life.

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Mary Riley started throwing the hammer two years ago after a friend taught her and got her competing. She's also thrown the javelin, discus and shot put.

Thigh high weeds deface city

Businessman plans cleanup after Brockton says it doesn't have funds to clear weeds from sidewalks.

By Maria Papadopoulos
ENTERPRISE STAFF WRITER

BROCKTON — The weeds are thigh high on Pleasant Street's sidewalks, and city business owner Fred Fontaine plans to tackle them in a resident-run cleanup on Saturday.

Fontaine, owner of Maytag Laundry on Pleasant Street, said the cleanup was organized after residents and business owners had enough of seeing a gateway to downtown marred with overgrown weeds.

Several clusters of tall weeds could be seen growing out of Pleasant Street sidewalks around utility **WEEDS/Page A4**

VIEW

Should the city do more to clear weeds?

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WEATHER



LUCK E. SAYS

Tonight: Mostly clear and mild; low 58.

Friday: Partly to mostly sunny and pleasant; high 84.

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