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## State cuts flu shot supply

### Residents will have to rely on private sources

BY SUSAN LAHOUD  
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More people, including many senior citizens who have in the past turned to community public health nurses for free flu shots, will have to rely instead on their personal doctors and phar-

macies for those vaccinations this year. Local public health nurses say the number of flu shots they will be able to provide is being reduced dramatically because of state budget cuts. As a result, normal supplies of the vaccine to cities

and towns have been slashed in half across Massachusetts. While that applies across the board, the amount each community receives will vary. Last year, for example, North Attleboro received 1,200 doses. This season,

Public Health Nurse Anne Marie Fleming said she will receive 400 doses. In Attleboro, the city and schools were able to provide more than 3,000 doses last year. This season, the city expects to receive 940 doses,

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More people will have to turn to pharmacies, like this Walgreen's on Pleasant Street in Attleboro, in order to get flu vaccines this year. State budget cuts have drastically reduced the number of vaccines being sent to local communities.

## NYC, DC on high alert



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New York City and Washington, D.C., are putting hundreds of more police on the street this weekend as counterterrorism officials chase a credible but unconfirmed al-Qaida threat to use a car bomb on bridges or tunnels in one or both of the cities during the 9/11 anniversary.

### Officials say new 9/11 threat is credible

BY EILEEN SULLIVAN  
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WASHINGTON — Undaunted by talk of a new terror threat, New Yorkers and Washingtonians wove among police armed with assault rifles and waited with varying degrees of patience at secu-

rity checkpoints Friday while intelligence officials scrambled to nail down information on a possible al-Qaida strike timed to coincide with the 10th anniversary of 9/11. How valid was the threat? Counterterror experts worked to answer that question before Sunday for residents and vis-

itors in the two cities that took the brunt of the jetliner attacks that killed about 3,000 people at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. It was the worst terror assault in the nation's history, and al-Qaida has long dreamed of striking again to mark the anniversary. But it could be weeks before the

answer is clear. Security worker Eric Martinez wore a pin depicting the twin towers on his lapel as he headed to work in lower Manhattan on Friday. He worked downtown 10 years ago and lived through it all. He still works there and

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## In post 9/11 world, sharing is key

### Local police now play vital role in war on terror

BY DAVID LINTON  
SUN CHRONICLE STAFF

Before the Sept. 11 terror attacks a decade ago, law enforcement officials — from federal agencies down to the local beat cop — carved out their own territories and guarded them like a bull terrier around a steak dinner. The feds kept to themselves. “There used to be the mindset of ‘this is our jurisdiction.’ Now we view all the law enforcement entities as partners, as

opposed to competitors,” said North Attleboro Police Chief John Reilly, who has been a police officer for 25 years. Now federal and state law enforcement agencies share information almost on a daily basis with local police, and vice versa, area police officials said. “Nobody knows North Attleboro better than the men and women of the North Attleboro Police Department,” Reilly said. “They know things we don’t know,” he added of other law enforcement agen-

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### Coming Sunday



A commemorative issue of The Sun Chronicle marking the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

## Ex-speaker DiMasi gets 8 years

### Sentence is stiffest ever imposed on elected official in Massachusetts

BY BOB SALSBERG  
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BOSTON — Former House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi, once one of the most powerful figures in Massachusetts politics, was sentenced Friday to eight years in federal prison for using his influence to steer \$17.5 million in state contracts to a software firm in exchange for kickbacks.



Salvatore DiMasi

The sentence was the stiffest ever imposed on an elected official in Massachusetts in a public corruption case, according to the state's top federal prosecutor. After sentencing, DiMasi and wife, Debbie, shared a lengthy embrace in the courtroom. DiMasi, grim-faced and shaken, also hugged other friends and relatives.

U.S. District Judge Mark Wolf sentenced co-defendant Richard McDonough, a prom-

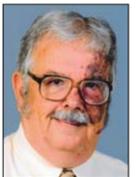
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DiMasi's jail sentence should serve as warning to politicians everywhere, local officials say. **A4**

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## In Attleboro, ex-councilor raises ire with 'trash' talk

BY GEORGE W. RHODES  
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ATTLEBORO — Candidates for public office don't often denounce endorsements, but city council candidate Jay Dilisio did Friday when Ward 5 council candidate and former councilor Jerry Chase backed him in a letter which also slammed Mayor Kevin Dumas and a majority of city councilors he described as “the mayor's lap dogs.”



Jerry Chase

Dilisio, who at first did not know who sent voters the unsigned letter titled “The Attleboro Observer,” said he wanted no part of it and character-

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