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Wynn offer garners license

Resort giant tops competitor Mohegan Sun to build lucrative Boston-area casino

By PHILIP MARCELO
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Wynn Resorts Ltd. has won the competition for the lucrative Boston-area casino license, besting rival Mohegan Sun largely on the strength of

its \$1.6 billion project's economic development potential.

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission voted 3-to-1 Tuesday to award the license to the Las Vegas casino giant, which wants to turn a former chemical plant site on the Mystic Riv-

er in Everett into a gleaming casino resort.

A final vote is expected today after Wynn formally agrees to terms and conditions regulators have stipulated.

The license is the third the commission has issued. By law,

it can authorize licenses for three regional resort casinos and one slot parlor.

In a statement, Wynn Resorts CEO Steve Wynn said he hopes the decision will help ease tense relations between the casino, Boston and some neighboring

cities. "We expect that now that a decision has been made, everybody will find it much easier to relate to one another, get on with the job of creating jobs and building a better life for the citizens of Everett and the surrounding communities in the

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Mohegan Sun stands by proposal

HAZARDOUS WAISTS



WHITETAG/THINKSTOCK

Study finds 54 percent of adults in U.S. have abdominal obesity, the most dangerous kind

By LINDSEY TANNER
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — The number of American men and women with big-bellied, apple-shaped figures — the most dangerous kind of obesity — has climbed at a startling rate over the past decade, according to a government study.

People whose fat has settled mostly around their waists instead of in their hips, thighs, buttocks or all over are known to run a higher risk of heart disease, diabetes and other obesity-related ailments.

Fifty-four percent of U.S. adults have abdominal obesity, up from 46 percent in 1999-2000, researchers

reported in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association. Abdominal obesity is defined as a waistline of more than 35 inches in women and more than 40 inches in men.

During the 12-year period studied, the average waist size in the U.S. expanded to 38 inches for women, a gain of 2 inches. It grew to 40 inches for men, a 1-inch increase.

"The increase is a concern. There's no question about that," said Dr. William Dietz, an obesity expert formerly with the Centers for Disease

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Overall obesity level held steady

Sponsors starting to distance from Vikings, Peterson

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS — Adrian Peterson has been one of the most popular and marketable stars in the NFL, an approachable superstar with an inspirational comeback story that made him an endorser's dream.

Now that he is facing a felony charge of child abuse for spanking his 4-year-old son with a wooden switch, the Minnesota running back is in the middle of a firestorm, and several sponsors are starting to distance themselves while the controversy envelops a league in crisis.

Early today, the Minnesota Vikings released a statement indicating the team has decided to place Peterson on the Exempt/Commissioner's Permission list. The move means Peterson will be required to "remain away from all team activities while allowing him to take care of his personal situation until the legal proceedings are

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Minnesota governor weighs in

UNLV celebrates new supercomputer

Educational experience to be enhanced

By FRANCIS McCABE
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Quick: Multiply 3.14159 by 1.61803.

Can't do it?

Don't worry, in a few days the University of Nevada, Las Vegas will have a supercomputer that can do the equation and 200 trillion more like it in one second.

UNLV will be welcoming Intel's Cherry Creek supercomputer — which was ranked in 2013 as the 400th fastest supercomputer in the world and the 41st most energy efficient and powerful computer in the world.

The supercomputer, which looks like an oversized refrigerator, has 10,000 core processors that will be able



Joe Lombardo UNLV computer official says Cherry Creek will attract faculty

to perform intensive computational tasks such as exploring the human genome.

Compare that to a run-of-the-mill laptop, which

has a single core processor. Watson, the computer that bested Ken Jennings on "Jeopardy!" has 2,880 core processors.

Joe Lombardo, executive director of UNLV's national supercomputing center, said Cherry Creek will be the fastest and most powerful computer at a higher educa-

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Cherry Creek to be housed at Switch Communications



ISLAMIC STATE GROUND TROOPS POSSIBLE OPTION

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel and Army Gen. Martin Dempsey on Tuesday told the Senate Armed Services Committee that ground troops might be used to fight Islamic State militants in Iraq and Syria if President Barack Obama judges that the administration's current strategy is failing to check Islamic State's rapid expansion. Members of the anti-war activist group CodePink interrupted the hearing.

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