
REILLY OFFENSIVE HEATS UP RACE

- Stunned Gabrieli target of AG attack, but Patrick not unscathed.

FASHIONABLY SPEAKING, THERE WERE SOME REAL DUDS ON DISPLAY...

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Oh, my kingdom for a splash of chartreuse.

Last night's debate was a sartorial yawn fest, as Chris Gabrieli, Tom Reilly and Deval Patrick delivered typical rhetoric while dressed in typical political dress. But some fared better than others.

"Everything (was) perfect on Tom Reilly," said Hingham-based image consultant Julie Foley. "He looks very sharp and the pinstripe suit fit perfectly. The subtle colors in his tie, paired with the flag pin, makes him look like a politician. In a good way. He (looked) the best." However, Foley deducted a few points from the attorney general for "the part in his hair." (We call it a comb-over.)

And can someone explain what happens to a normal person's thumb once they get enough signatures to be on a ballot? It becomes a bona fide accessory while making a Very Important Point.

As for Patrick, Foley said he looked "polished and expensive, sharp and intelligent." "You can see the topstitching in his suit on-screen," she said.

The big surprise for Foley was the schlumpy-looking Gabrieli, who looked too tall behind the lectern and uncomfortable in an ill-fitting suit and crooked glasses. Foley speculated that someone advised him to "not look wealthy." "If so, that was a mistake," she said.
