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Debbie Pittman, the Republican central committeeman, Carissa Bryant, a first year law student from Bushnell and treasurer for the Law School Republicans, Bruce Wallace, the Jackson County Republican Party Chairman and several other attendees check candidates' statuses on a computer Tuesday at the Republican election viewing party in the Murphysboro Event Center. Republican Mark Kirk won the Jackson County vote and statewide vote for U.S. Senate.

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DAILY EGYPTIAN

# Governor race too close to call

CHRISTINA SPAROUSKY  
Daily Egyptian

The battle for Illinois governor was so close that by 2 a.m. no call had been made.

By press time, 99 percent of precincts reported Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn at 46.5 percent of the vote and Republican state Sen. Bill Brady at 46.2 percent. Quinn's lead was just more than 9,100 votes and Brady's just more than 7,500 out of more than 3.6 million cast.

Brady told supporters in Bloomington that he was excited and optimistic. He said he wanted to make sure every vote is counted.

"We want to make sure every voter in the state of Illinois has a right to have their vote counted, and we're going to make sure that happens," Brady said.

Quinn said he too wants all the votes to be counted but said he believes when they are counted, he will prevail.

"I know there are votes out there in Cook County and elsewhere, and I want to make sure they're counted," Quinn told reporters at a downtown Chicago hotel. "When all is said and done we'll end up on top with the most votes."

David Yepsen, director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute,

said the race for governor would probably take a few days to sort out.

"There will be a lot of loose change to be counted and reviewed," Yepsen said. "This may prove that Brady is too conservative for Illinois voters."

Democratic state treasurer and Obama friend Alexi Giannoulis lost by 3 percent to five-year term Republican Rep. Mark Kirk in the most closely watched race for U.S. Senator.

Republicans won control of the house and cut into Democrats' majority in the senate. Democrats now hold 51 seats in the senate and Republicans hold 46. Of the

37 seats up for election, Republicans took 23 and Democrats took 11. Three were not projected.

John Jackson, visiting professor at the Institute, said the main issue is there is absolutely no agreement for the direction of the country. A separation of powers will cause nothing of any consequence to get done, he said.

"The focus is on the takeover of House and Senate at Republican prospect level, which will mean what we called divided government, and we have to get used to that," Jackson said.

Polls closed in most places at 7 p.m. In Cook County, a judge granted permission Tuesday af-

ternoon for seven late-opened suburban polling places to stay open an extra hour. No other serious glitches were reported, and the final tally was recorded at 14,690 voters out of 42,164 registered voters — a 34.84 percent turnout.

"We have this mythology in American life that the government closest to home is the one we care most about, when in fact the governments closest to home are the ones we care least about," Jackson said.

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# Democrats lose Obama's former Senate seat

CHRISTOPHER WILLIS  
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Voters in President Barack Obama's home state rejected his friend and his policies Tuesday, giving his old Senate seat to a Republican.

Mark Kirk, a congressman and Obama critic, narrowly defeated Illinois Treasurer Alexi Giannoulis, a basketball buddy of the president

who would have been a strong ally in Washington.

With 99 percent of the vote counted, Kirk had 48 percent to Giannoulis' 46 percent.

"A tsunami just hit the heartland," Kirk exulted in his victory speech.

Obama and his White House team campaigned hard for Giannoulis, hoping to avoid perhaps the most politically embarrassing loss on a night of losses for Democrats.

Kirk urged Obama to work with him "to move the country back to right of center."

The Senate campaign was a bitter exchange of charges and countercharges.

Giannoulis faced attacks over his family's failed bank, which gave loans to two men involved in organized crime. Meanwhile, Kirk was forced to apologize after the disclosure that he had exaggerated his

military accomplishments.

In his concession speech, Giannoulis said Kirk had promised he would never forget who he's fighting for in Washington.

"I think he will make a good senator. I think he will make a strong senator. He will help a lot of people," Giannoulis said.

Exit polling found that more than a third of Illinois voters considered neither Kirk nor Giannoulis to be

honest and trustworthy.

Trust may have been especially important in the race because of its links to former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich. The Democratic governor was removed from office in disgrace after federal prosecutors alleged he tried to sell the appointment as Obama's temporary Senate replacement.

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# Jackson County chooses Quinn, Republicans by small margin

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The governor and United States Senate races were won and lost by fractions of a percentage point in Jackson County, according to unofficial midterm election results from the county clerk's office.

More than 14,000, or 34.8 percent, of the county's 42,163 registered voters cast ballots Tuesday, the results showed. In the gubernatorial race, Gov. Pat Quinn received 6,421 county votes, enough to edge Republican Sen. Bill Brady out by 37 votes.

Green Party candidate Rich Whitney received the most third-party gubernatorial votes in Jackson

County with 1,286, or 8.9 percent of the total.

In the race for President Obama's former seat in the U. S. Senate, Republican Mark Kirk beat Democrat Alexi Giannoulias in the county tally by 90 votes, receiving 6,576 votes to Giannoulias' 6,486.

Kirk also won the race for the unexpired Senate term by a small margin.

Republican Judy Baar Topinka came out on top in the county's results for state comptroller, garnering 7,144 votes to Democrat David Miller's 5,483 votes. Green Party candidate Erika Schafer received 1,041 votes, the most by a third-party in that race.

Republican State Sen. Dan

Rutherford got the most county votes for state treasurer with 6,631. He beat incumbent Democrat Robin Kelly by 685 votes.

Races for state senator and state representative went as expected, with Republicans David Luchtefeld and Mike Bost keeping the respective positions.

Bost's only opponent was Green Party candidate Charlie Howe, who received 32 percent of the total. Howe's 4,362 votes were the most received by a third party candidate in the county.

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The president repeatedly campaigned in his home state for Giannoulias, a sign of how much of an embarrassment the loss of the president's former senate seat would be for Democrats.

"There are direct consequences to this election," Obama said on Chicago radio station WVON, two hours before the voting deadline. "It's not just an abstraction."

Obama voted last week by absentee ballot for candidates Giannoulias and Quinn.

Whoever prevails will have the state's overwhelming budget deficit, projected to top \$15 billion.

Brady, of Bloomington, attacked Quinn for wanting to raise the state income tax 1 percentage point, saying if Quinn was elected voters would be voting for higher taxes. Quinn fought to keep the job he inherited from

ousted former Gov. Rod Blagojevich, and said Brady would decimate education and social services.

"Sen. Brady supports a huge cut in education funding in Illinois that would harm the state," Quinn said during the gubernatorial debate at WSIU studios.

Ebony Brown, a junior from Chicago studying speech communication, said she went out to vote because funding for education is very important to her.

"The most important thing to me when voting, as far as education, is looking for someone who is going to support educators and bring more money to us and not cut our Pell grants and things like that," Brown said.

With an ex-governor in prison and another convicted of a felony, voters were empowered to recall future unpopular governors with a constitutional amendment giving them limited power to do so.

The recall amendment, inspired by ex-Gov. Rod Blagojevich's reign, who was impeached and removed from office following federal corruption charges, would apply only to the state's top post.

The referendum measure won the approval of 66 percent of voters with 97 percent of precincts reporting. The amendment needed a simple majority of voters casting ballots in the election overall or a favorable vote from 60 percent of voters.

Green Party candidate Rich Whitney, independent Scott Lee Cohen and Libertarian Lee Green shared barely more than 7 percent of the vote with 99 percent of precincts reporting.

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# Students, residents weigh in on what mattered at polls

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Daily Egyptian

Voters brought their concerns with them to the voting booth Tuesday as they cast their ballots for the midterm elections.

Ashley Turacek, a sophomore from Elmhurst studying political science pre-law and psychology, said the issues she was concerned with in the election were job creation and money for education.

"As a student I really want a job, and I can't get one because there aren't any here," Turacek said. "I pay for my education by myself, and I am taking out loans to pay for it and there is no help out there."

Job creation was also of importance for Yolanda Lewis, a senior from Rockford studying biological science.

"The main thing to me was jobs. I am really concerned because my parents both lost their jobs and I wanted to vote for a candidate that was more so for creating jobs for middle class families," Lewis said.

A candidate that is trustworthy and can change the economic environment mattered most to Nicole Ozark.

Ozark, a freshman from Orland Park studying foreign language and international trade, said she looked at the history of candidates and wanted to choose a trustworthy candidate with a good background. She said she has three sisters going to school and wanted to pick a candidate that could also help to improve the economic crisis in the state.



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Election Judge Marianne Osberg, of Carbondale, checks to make sure the proner Judges' initials are on a Carbondale resident's ballot Tuesday at Lakeland Baptist Church. An election judge

"For me, I just wanted to make sure that we will be financially sound for my family," Ozark said.

It wasn't just students who took their concerns to the polls, as Carbondale residents also expressed the

importance of their vote.

Patricia Nave, of Carbondale, said the divide between the rich and the poor has grown and she hopes her vote can change that.

Mark Dousman, of Carbondale,

must initial each ballot, and every other judge must verify these initials before a vote can be dropped into the ballot box and tallied.

said the most important issue for him was the questionable state budget.

"The fiscal state of the state is number one. A lot of folks have had an opportunity, especially in our governor race, to show who they were and I felt

that I would like to give someone else a chance," Dousman said.

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# Exit poll: Economy troubles eclipse all else

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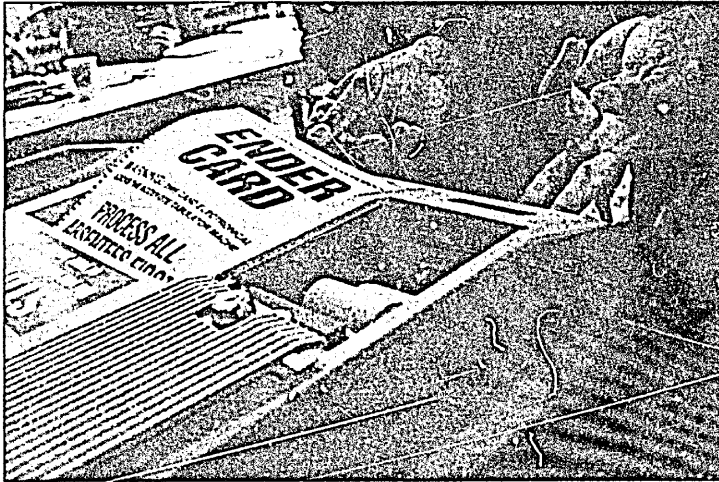
WASHINGTON — Voters were intensely worried about the future of the economy and unhappy with the way President Barack Obama and Congress have been running things. The tide of dismay rolled through the groups that swing elections — women, independents, suburbanites — and turned more of them toward Republicans.

Voters seemed annoyed with all things Washington, rating neither the Republicans nor the Democrats favorably. Overwhelmingly, people at the polls Tuesday were dissatisfied with the way the federal government is working, and a fourth said they're angry about it, according to preliminary exit poll results.

"I've never felt so much despair as I do right now," said John Powers, a Bayville, N.J., retiree who voted Republican out of animus toward Obama and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Tapping into the national mood, the tea party made a splash. About four out of 10 voters endorsed the new movement, although most said it didn't influence how they voted in House races. Those who did use their ballots to send a message about the tea party were slightly more likely to be signaling support for the movement than opposition.

In contrast, voters were more likely to cast votes to express opposition to Obama than to support



"And we're done," remarked election judge Ed Robinson, of Carbondale, while feeding in the last ballot at the University Hall polling station. While

there was a large push on campus to get students to vote, many did not register in Jackson County, leaving them ineligible to vote in this election.

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him. Six out of 10 independent voters disapproved of the job he's doing.

Women — who typically lean Democratic and are vital to the party's fortunes — split their House votes, exit polls say. Men favored Republican candidates more decisively than in recent elections.

More than half of suburban voters, who've been about evenly split in the last two elections, voted GOP.

Independents, who favored Democrats in 2006 and 2008, moved decisively to the GOP this time.

The economy eclipsed all other issues.

Almost everyone surveyed — more than 80 percent — expressed worry about the direction the economy will take over the next year. Still, a majority said their own family's financial situation was the same or better than two years ago, when

a recession-plagued nation swept Obama into office and strengthened the Democrats' congressional majorities.

The four out of 10 voters who said things for their families are worse now favored Republican House candidates.

About a third of voters said their household suffered a job loss in the past two years. Those setbacks didn't give their votes a

clear direction — the group divided over which party to support in House races.

Only about a quarter of voters blamed Obama for the nation's economic troubles. Voters overall were more likely to point the finger at Wall Street bankers.

"We were definitely dipping down long before Barack ever came into office," said Steve Wise, 28, a teacher voting mostly Democratic in Miami's Coconut Grove neighborhood. "If anything, he righted the ship and started bringing us back up."

Yet, asked about Obama's policies overall, about half of voters predicted he would hurt the country. Even women were divided on Obama's policy — a troubling sign for Democrats.

A strong majority of women voted for Democrats in 2006, propelling their takeover of Congress that year, and again in 2008 when Obama won the White House.

Even in 1994, when Republicans took over Congress, women favored Democrats, although by a smaller margin of 5 percentage points.

This year women, whose economic fears were as stark as male voters, didn't lean Democratic, exit polls say.

Voters in other, smaller demographic groups essential to the Democrats stuck by them, including blacks and young people. Hispanics favored the Democrats over Republicans about 2-to-1.

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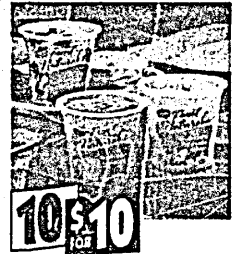
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Democrats optimistic for governor race, disappointed in Senate

JACOB MAYER  
Daily Egyptian

Sam Nylen, president of the College Democrats, said he felt "cautiously optimistic" as election night approached, but the Illinois governor's race between Gov. Pat Quinn and Sen. Bill Brady, a Republican from Bloomington, was closer than expected.

"I feel more comfortable about the governor's race than the Senate," he said.

Nylen, a junior from South Holland studying political science, said he was surprised Alexi Giannoulias, a Democrat from Chicago, lost to Mark Kirk, a Republican from Highland Park.

"It's a very, very tough loss to swallow, not just because of how close the race was, but because it's the President of the United States' former seat," he said.

Nylen said he didn't expect the governor's race to be decided until today at the earliest.

In the weeks before the election, Nylen said the College Democrats reached out to students through a variety of mediums, including mail, e-mail and phone calls. He said he thought the organization's efforts paid off and that more students voted this year than usual for midterm elections.

Daniel Kupferer, a junior from Murphysboro studying cinema and

photography, said he was surprised both the senate and governor's races were so close. He said he thought Quinn would win by a fairly large margin.

"It looks like it's been a pretty big turn of events for the Republicans, overall," he said. "We could see a big shift go on here."

John Evans, chair of the Jackson County Democratic Party, said his party put in an extensive effort in the weeks leading up to the election.

"We've worked hard," he said. "We beat on a lot of doors and made a lot of phone calls."

Evans said Jackson County had a large voter turnout, which he thought would help the Democrat candidates. He said he expected the governor race to be close, but he thought Quinn would carry Jackson County by a narrow margin, especially with Sheila Simon as his running mate.

"I can't help but think in Sheila Simon's hometown that she would win," he said.

Overall, Evans said he still had a good feeling about the governor's race, even though it was close.

"It's just going to come down to the wire," he said.

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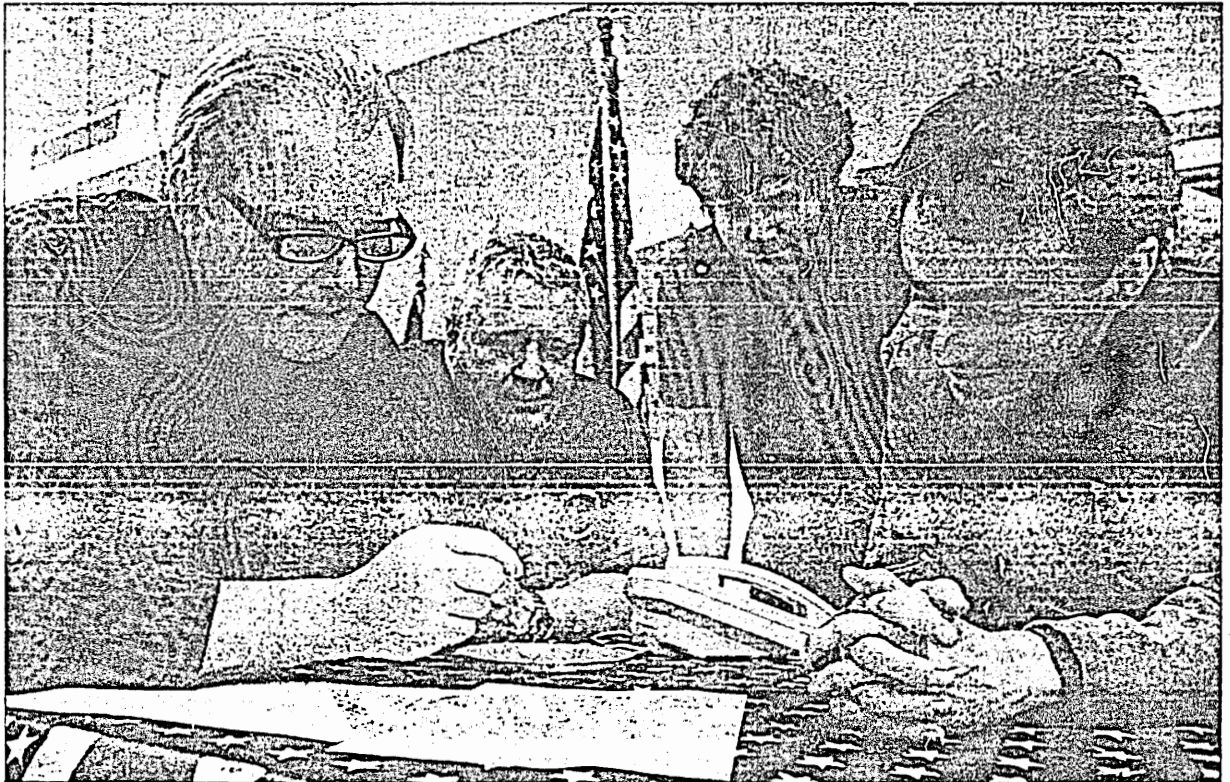
Republicans get 'early Christmas,' while Democrats, Greens remain optimistic



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(RIGHT) Julie Peters, a history teacher at Carbondale High School, celebrates her win Tuesday in the Plumbers and Pipefitter's Hall in Murphysboro. Peters was elected to a seat on the Jackson County Board.

(BOTTOM) Left to right, John Evans, Brian Roberts, Chris Hubbard and Sam Nylen review new election numbers Tuesday at the Plumbers and Pipefitter's Hall in Murphysboro. The hall acted as the Democratic headquarters for the area. At the time the numbers were read, Quinn led Brady by a small percentage.



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## Green Party disappointed with low numbers, looks ahead to future

LAUREN LEONE  
Daily Egyptian

Jennifer Janasie said the Green Party's campaign efforts will not go unnoticed.

Janasie, campaign manager for Green Party candidate Rich Whitney, said party supporters have made enormous progress to increase the party's visibility and long-term growth despite Tuesday night's loss.

"It's an accomplishment when you've been working really hard to get the votes and to help the people of Illinois ... to listen to them and explain the problems as we see them and offer concrete solutions," she said.

Whitney, Green Party candidate for governor, said it's difficult to predict the percentage of voters likely to vote Democrat or Republican who end up voting for the lesser-known candidate.

"Votes don't belong to any side," he said. "Votes belong to the voters and it's up to the different candidates to earn those votes."

Whitney, along with 25 supporters, gathered in the Student Center Tuesday night to await the results.

**At some point, (voters) have to decide this isn't working. We need to start voting for the greater good. It didn't happen tonight, but it is going to happen. It has to happen.**

— Rich Whitney  
Green Party  
governor candidate

Eric Wolske, a junior from Champaign studying plant and soil science, said he expected numbers to exceed the 2006 election when the Green Party received 10.5 percent of votes.

"People are going to choose the lesser of two evils," Wolske said. "People aren't necessarily voting for what they think is right. They're voting against what they think is wrong. That's the real issue."

Chad Lamb, a sophomore from McHenry studying radiology, said the low numbers were due to the tight race between the



JESS VERMEULEN | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Green Party candidate for Illinois Governor Rich Whitney speaks to a crowd of supporters toward the end of his election party Tuesday in the Old Main

Lounge in the Student Center. Whitney conceded defeat around 10 p.m. to roughly 25 party supporters after receiving only 3 percent of the vote.

two major parties.

"I've heard many people say 'I don't want to waste my vote,' but I think wasting a vote is voting for someone who wasn't your first choice," he said.

Whitney conceded defeat

around 10 p.m. after receiving only 3 percent of votes in the race for Illinois governor, but said the party would not give up the fight.

"At some point, (voters) have to decide This isn't working. We need to start voting for the greater

good," Whitney said. "It didn't happen tonight, but it is going to happen. It has to happen."

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## Republicans celebrate early 'Christmas'

RYAN VOYLES  
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Carissa Bryant said Tuesday's election was like Christmas morning for Republicans across the nation.

"I'm excited. It's time, we're ready for a change," she said.

Bryant, treasurer for the SIUC Law School Republicans, was among the roughly 50 people who attended the Murphysboro Event Center Tuesday night to watch as Republican candidates in Illinois and the nation retook several key positions, including the U.S. Senate seat vacated by President Barack Obama, as Mark Kirk, a Republican from Highland Park, defeated Alexi Giannoulias.

The governor's race between Democratic incumbent Pat Quinn and Republican senator Bill Brady was too close to call as of press time.

Travis Strobach, president of the College Republicans, said the group and others on campus have volunteered and campaigned for months across southern Illinois and the rest of the state for local and statewide Republican candidates.

"We have people here working to help not only the state representatives, but also those in the local region around here," he said.

Teri Bryant, who lost the seat for county board district 4, said she thrived on the help offered by students and other supporters. She later told members of the audience just how serious



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Phil Jeralds, Republican candidate for Williamson County Commissioner, sits by as the polls are tallied Tuesday in Mackle's

Pizza in Marion. Jeralds lost to Democratic candidate Brett Gentry by a count of 51.9 percent of the vote to his 48.1 percent.

**They do not feel they have a voice on campus; they almost feel there is not a point. And with the results, we're trying and we believe we will re-establish the College Republicans.**

— Travis Strobach  
president of the College Republicans

Republicans were about coming into power.

"If Brady doesn't win, I'm going to kill myself," she said with a laugh.

Strobach said he hopes the election results will help rebuild

excitement for Republicans on campus, as he said many had become disillusioned during the 2008 election. He said though his group is small now with only eight members, the results should boost its membership.

"They do not feel they have a voice on campus; they almost feel there is not a point," Strobach said. "And with the results, we're trying and we believe we will re-establish the College Republicans."

He said he has anticipated election day for weeks, and was barely able to contain his excitement the entire day.

"I had told about 40 people in the Law School (Tuesday), and I only have one class there, that I should have a good night," he said. "It's a good day for America, and a good day for Republican."

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# GOP sees opportunities up and down Ill. ballot

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The Associated Press

CHICAGO — U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk overcame criticism of how he embellished his military record Tuesday to win the Senate seat vacated by President Barack Obama, defeating state treasurer Alexi Giannoulias.

The state's other top-ticket race, the battle for the governor's mansion between Democratic incumbent Pat Quinn and Republican challenger Bill Brady, was still extremely close late into the night.

With 97 percent of precincts reporting, Quinn was leading Brady by less than half a percentage point.

Meanwhile, incumbent Illinois Democrats lost three congressional seats as part of a wave of Republican victories across the country. A Republican also won the House seat that Kirk left to run for the senate.

Voters, in general, said they were sick of negative campaigning and doubtful about whether any elected official could pull the state out of an unprecedented fiscal mess.

More than a third of Illinois voters saw neither of the Senate candidates as honest and trustworthy, according to preliminary exit polls. Fully half of the voters said each candidate attacked the other unfairly.

Obama repeatedly campaigned in his home state for Giannoulias, a sign of how much Democrats believed a loss of the president's former senate seat would be an embarrassment for them. Obama

became a lightning rod for some Illinoisans, who voted against Democrats because of his policies.

Giannoulias appeared at his campaign headquarters just after 11:30 p.m. and said he had called Kirk to concede. He congratulated the congressman for winning what had become a nasty race.

The Senate candidates highlighted each others' weaknesses in negative campaign ads — the Giannoulias family's bank failure and questionable loan practices, and Kirk's acknowledged embellishment of his military record and other aspects of his resume.

Democrats, already bracing to lose control of the U.S. House, had been looking to prevent a Republican majority from claiming Illinois' congressional delegation for the first time in seven years.

But the GOP captured seats held by Democratic Reps. Debbie Halvorson, Bill Foster and Phil Hare. Republican Bob Dold won a fourth seat for the GOP by taking the one Kirk gave up in Chicago's northern suburbs to run for the Senate.

Voters deemed character a critical factor in the governor's race, likely reflecting how the last two Illinois governors had been convicted of felonies. About four in five voters said the issue of corruption and ethics in state government was important in their vote. Those voters were closely split between Quinn and Brady.

"I'm starting to get away from wanting to vote, but we got it," said Philip Swint, a plumber from Chicago. "Because we have the



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Men gather around Union County Clerk Bobby Toler Jr's desk Tuesday to wait for results at the Union County Courthouse in Jonesboro. All 20 precincts in the county had their votes in and recorded by 10 p.m.

right, and because we can pick the lesser of two evils, which is crazy to begin with."

Turnout was expected to be about 50 percent — average for midterm elections, said Dan White, executive director of the state Board of Elections. A few of Illinois' 11,000-plus polling places opened late but otherwise no serious glitches were reported.

Illinois' staggering budget deficit, which could top \$15 billion, permeated the state's race for governor. Brady, a state senator from Bloomington, attacked Quinn for wanting to raise the state income tax. Quinn, fighting to keep the job

he inherited from ousted former Gov. Rod Blagojevich, charged that Brady would decimate education and social services if elected.

The senate and governor's races gave voters a stark contrast in choices. Some reacted with surprising split votes. Thomas Busch, a minister from Decatur, voted for Green Party candidate Rich Whitney for governor but Kirk for Senate.

"I voted for (Whitney) again and felt the same way as I did four years ago. There was no other alternative. The mudslinging between Quinn and Brady was so deep I was disgusted."

Two of the state's most popular

Democratic incumbents — Attorney General Lisa Madigan and Secretary of State Jesse White — held on to their posts. Judi Barr Topinka, who lost a governor's race to Blagojevich, completed a comeback by winning the comptroller's office.

Republican Dan Rutherford defeated Democrat Robin Kelly for the state treasurer's seat. Giannoulias gave up to run for senate.

Voters also approved a constitutional amendment that would allow the recall of a governor, though only through a complicated process.

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Giannoulias played professional basketball in Greece and became a friend and basketball partner of Obama's. Encouraged by the future president, he ran for Illinois treasurer and won on the strength of his experience as an executive at his family's Broadway Bank.

Four years later, he set his

sights on winning Obama's former Senate seat. But his banking experience worked against him when the bank failed and was taken over by federal regulators. Giannoulias also had to explain — again and again — his role in the bank's loans to two people with ties to organized crime and to corrupt political insider Antoine "Tony" Rezko.

He faced Kirk, who looked like

the clear favorite with his mix of moderate social views and military experience. Then came the revelation that after long saying he was the Navy's "intelligence officer of the year," Kirk never actually won that award.

It turned out that at various times Kirk, a commander in the Navy Reserve, also had falsely said he served in the Gulf War and the 2003 invasion of Iraq, claimed to

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Winnetka voter

run the Pentagon war room and said he came under enemy fire on flights over Kosovo and Iraq.

Winnetka voter Barbara Mitchel, 53, said she supports

Obama but voted for Kirk.

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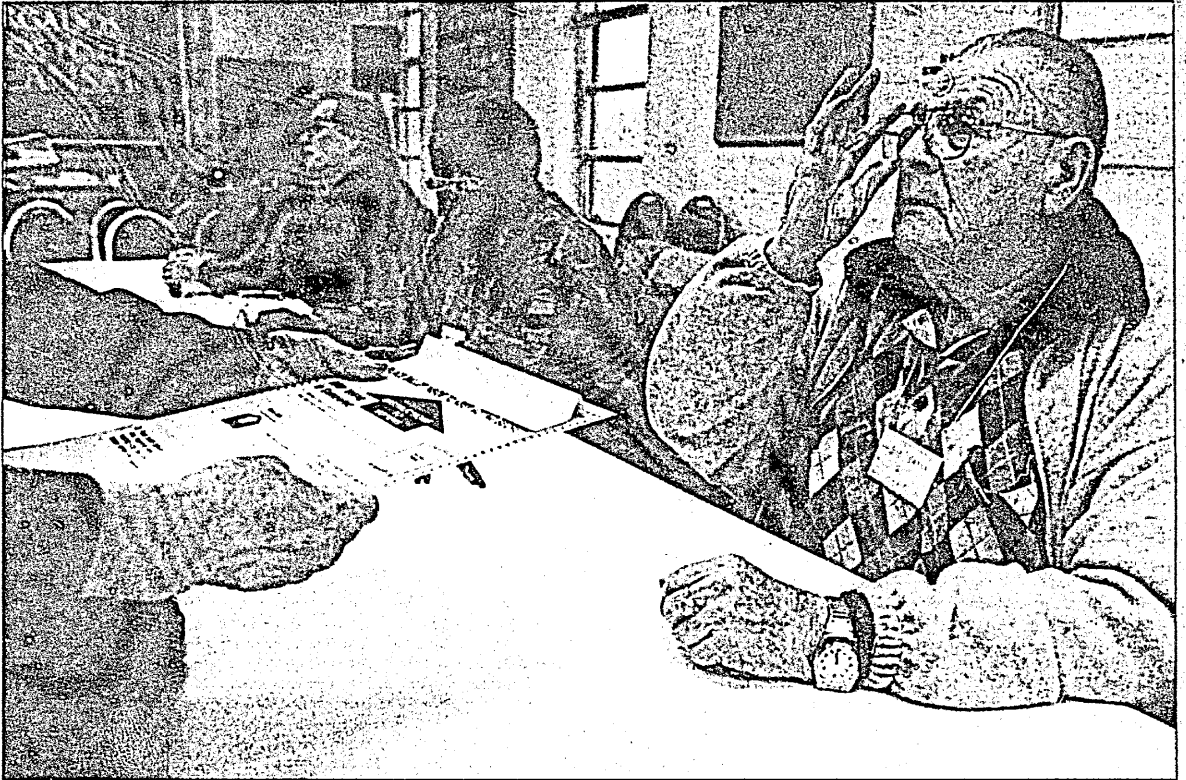
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# Supreme Court to hear violent video game case

**DERRIK J. LANG**  
The Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Before picking up any Wii games or downloading apps on her iPhone for her two daughters, Lillian Quintero does her homework. She'll first read reviews online and in magazines, then try them out for herself. If she thinks the games are engaging and educational enough, 4-year-old Iubella and 2-year-old Sophia are free to play.

"I know there's going to be a point where they get these things on their own," said the 35-year-old mother from Long Beach, Cal-

if. "We're not going to be there to monitor everything. That's why the most important thing is communication, instilling morals and values in them and helping them to understand certain boundaries. There's only so much you can do."

Quintero and her husband, Jorge, are some of the parents who support a California law that seeks to ban the sale and rental of violent games to children. The law, which has bounced around the legal system like a game of "Pong" since Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger first signed it in 2005, was declared unconstitutional last year by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

The U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments Tuesday about the federal court's decision to throw out California's ban on violent games, marking the first time a case involving the interactive medium itself has gone before the Supreme Court. It's another sign that the \$20 billion-a-year industry, long considered to be just child's play, is now all grown up.

California's measure would have regulated games more like pornography than movies, prohibiting the sale or rental of games that give players the option of "killing, maiming, dismembering, or sexually assaulting an image of a human being" to anyone under the age of

18. Only retailers would be punished with fines of up to \$1,000 for each infraction.

The federal court said the law violated minors' constitutional rights under the First and Fourteenth amendments and the state lacked enough evidence to prove violent games cause physical and psychological harm to minors. Courts in six other states, including Michigan and Illinois, have reached similar conclusions, striking down parallel violent game bans.

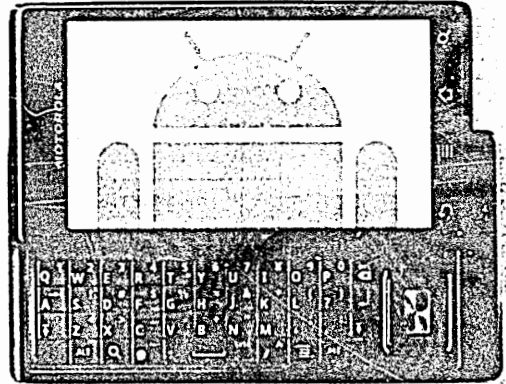
Under California's law, only adults would be able to purchase games like "Postal 2," the first-person shooter by developer Running

With Scissors that features the ability to light unarmed bystanders on fire, and "Grand Theft Auto IV," the popular third-person shooter from Rockstar Games that allows gamers to portray carjacking, gun-toting gangsters.

The Quinteros, like most supporters, believe the law will protect children from buying such violent titles, while gamers and free speech advocates think California's ban could lead to strict federal regulation on the content of games and other media. All agree, however, that the graphically rich medium has come a long way from 8-bit tennis matches.

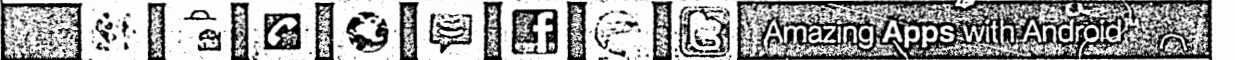
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# Randy Quaid and wife are no-shows, again, in court

ANTHONY MCCARTNEY  
The Associated Press

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — "Where are the Quaid's?"

It's been a familiar question for more than a year at the Santa Barbara courthouse where judges, prosecutors and even Randy and Evi Quaid's own attorney have worked overtime to try to get the couple to appear for two felony court cases.

Last year, the search centered on Texas, but in recent weeks the focus on the Quaid's whereabouts has shifted to Canada, where they are seeking asylum from a mysterious syndicate they've dubbed "Hollywood star-whackers."

In the latest case, Santa Barbara Superior Court Judge Donna Geck was the one asking about the actor and his wife's whereabouts Tuesday. They had been scheduled to appear for an arraignment on felony vandalism charges, but for the third time in two weeks, failed to appear.

The result was an arrest warrant issued for Evi Quaid, who also forfeited \$500,000 bail. The judge agreed to hold off on issuing a warrant for Randy Quaid's arrest until Nov. 16 so that he could attend a Canadian immigration proceeding next week.

With a string of missed court appearances and bizarre behavior both in and out of the courthouse, that hearing may give the Quaid's their last chance to address the vandalism case voluntarily. Their attorney, Robert Sanger, acknowledged Tuesday that there is talk of bounty hunters pursuing his clients.

Sanger told Geck that Evi Quaid

didn't appear in court because she didn't want to leave her husband alone.

It wasn't a valid legal reason for Evi Quaid's absence, Sanger conceded, but he also said he was looking into whether the couple's stated fears may have some legitimacy.

The couple are accused of living in the guest house of a home they once owned. Sanger said he suspected forgery on the home's deed transferring ownership from the Quaid's in early 1990s, but he needed more time to be sure.

"There may be a claim of right — as strange as that may seem — to the property in this case," Sanger said.

Strange circumstances have defined the Quaid's since September 2009, when they were accused of defrauding an innkeeper of more than \$10,000. The money was repaid, and the case was finally resolved in April, but not until after several missed court appearances, warrants and the couple ending up in handcuffs.

Their infrequent appearances have seemed more akin to the quirky characters Randy Quaid excelled at playing in films such as "National Lampoon's Vacation" and "Independence Day," than the roles that won him Oscar and Emmy nominations. He and his wife were once freed after convincing a West Texas sheriff to drive them to the bank so they could post bail. At a later hearing in Santa Barbara, Randy Quaid brought along his Golden Globe Award, which he earned for a TV movie role in the late 1980s.

The actor was cleared in the innkeeper case, while his wife pleaded

no contest to a misdemeanor and was placed on three years probation. The couple was ostensibly free, with no more court dates and no formal supervision.

Then in September, the alarm at the Quaid's former home in Santa Barbara went off. Deputies were called and arrested the couple on suspicion of illegally squatting in the guest house.

The damage they allegedly caused scared the home's current owners, who sought and were granted temporary restraining orders against the actor and his wife.

The Quaid's had disabled the home's security system, removed cameras, knocked the front door with heavy pots and dismantled a children's wooden play structure to erect barriers in the foliage, according to a declaration filed by homeowner Lannette Turicchi.

Evi Quaid showed up days after her arrest at Turicchi's home near Los Angeles and threatened her, according to the restraining order document.

Since mid-October, the Quaid's have been in Canada, Sanger said Tuesday. They were arrested days after missing their arraignment on the vandalism case in a posh Vancouver shopping area.

They immediately sought refugee status, and through an attorney, said they were afraid of "Hollywood star-whackers" who they say may have contributed to the deaths of stars such as David Carradine and Heath Ledger. Carradine was found hanging in a Bangkok hotel room, and Ledger died of accidental drug overdose in New York City.

# Fox is top-ranked network, ends CBS winning streak

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NEW YORK — Even though Fox ended CBS' season-opening winning streak in the ratings, there have been few reasons for its executives to be gleeful this fall.

The Nielsen Co. said Fox was the top-ranked network last week on the strength of the World Series. No other network had beaten CBS this fall.

Otherwise, it's been a tough season for Fox, which has seen its viewership drop by 14 percent from last fall. By comparison, NBC and CBS are up, while ABC is down 3 percent, Nielsen said.

Some of Fox's established series have lost viewers this year. "The Simpsons" is down 9 percent from last fall and "Lie to Me" is off 27 percent. Most damaging of all is "House," a bona fide critical and commercial success that has seemingly fallen off the map. Its audience is down an alarming 35 percent from 2009, according to Nielsen.

Fox's new series "Lone Star," about a con man living with two women, was a disaster that was canceled after two episodes. Neither of the

two new comedies, "Raising Hope" or "Running Wilde," have been hits, although "Raising Hope" has earned a full season's order of shows.

Even though the World Series between the Texas Rangers and San Francisco Giants helped last week, its average of 14.3 million viewers put it second only to 2008's Phillies-Rays series as the least-watched on record.

Fox's poor start this year is magnified because the network did unusually well in the ratings last fall, said Brad Adgate, an analyst for Horizon Media.

"They had such a strong fall last year that they hoped to build on that," he said. "They're back to where they were two, three, four years ago."

Rough autumn is something of a tradition at Fox, which has rebounded strongly with the return of "American Idol" in January and, in the past few years, a new season of "24." But "24" is done, and "Idol" faces some questions about its continuing popularity with the exit of Simon Cowell and the remodel of its panel of judges.

The bright spot for Fox is the blossoming of "Glee" into a genuine hit and cultural force; its ratings are up 47 percent over last fall. Fox has the Super

Bowl this winter, too, which guarantees gigantic ratings. Despite the tough fall, the network notes that it is still a close second to CBS in ratings for 18-to-49-year-old viewers, Fox's target audience, with the best part of its season to come.

ABC's "Dancing With the Stars" was the most popular show on TV last week. ABC's second-season comedies "Modern Family" and "The Middle" both had their biggest audiences ever.

For the week, Fox averaged 12 million viewers (7.1 rating, 12 share). CBS had 11 million (6.8, 11), ABC had 9.2 million (5.9, 10), NBC had 6.6 million (4.0, 7), the CW had 2.2 million (1.4, 2) and ION Television had 1.1 million (0.7, 1).

Among the Spanish-language networks, Univision led with a prime-time average of 4.3 million viewers last week (2.1 rating, 4 share). Telemundo averaged 820,000 (0.5, 1), TeleFutura had 680,000 (0.4, 1), Estrella had 270,000 and Arica had 190,000 (both 0.1, 0).

NBC's "Nightly News" topped the evening newscasts with an average of 8.1 million viewers (5.3, 11). ABC's "World News" was second with 7.4 million (5.0, 10) and the "CBS Evening News" had 5.5 million viewers (3.7, 7).

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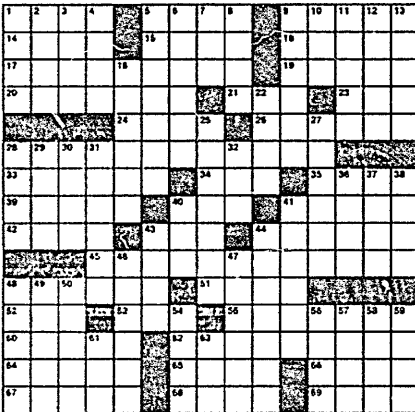


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  - Unspoken, but implied
  - Pints at the bar
  - TV part?
  - Like merinos
  - Commonly upholstered seat
  - Prolific pianist
  - Some intimates
  - To continue ...
  - Gary's st.
  - Bakery array
  - Smart ...
  - cocksure and conceited
  - Real scream
  - Blue
  - Pint size
  - Frenzied
  - Widely cheering
  - "Finger lickin' good" sloganer, and a hint to this puzzle's theme
  - Honshu part
  - Balkan native
  - Nintendo game console
  - We-alone link
  - Crawl alternative
  - British philosopher who wrote "Language, Truth and Logic"
  - Enjoy the Appalachian Trail
  - Prom rental
  - Maker of tiny combs
  - Like a persistent headache
  - O'Connor's successor
  - 90s fashion lad inspired by dance films
  - The QE2, e.g.
  - An acre's 43,560 square feet
  - Je t'... Pierrro's "I love you"
  - Canada's highest mountain
  - Trump's love
  - Put in the overhead



- By Gareth Bell 11/3/10
- Blitz's mil. rank
  - Believer's anthesis
  - Otter's kin
  - Aster Weillach
  - Word repeated in a Doris Day song
  - More than crawl
  - Palindromic girl's name that ranked among the 10 most popular in each of the past five years
  - Like some pride
  - How contracts are usually signed
  - Garment including a chemise
  - Written code
  - Golfer's sunburn spot
  - Swimmer with a hick-like snout
  - Pencil tip
  - Hebraic syllables
  - Call to 20-Across
  - Inventor Sikorsky
  - Like talkers
  - Ripple near the ripple
  - Member's hand
  - I get it, I get it!
  - British rock star
  - Bush
  - Korean automaker
  - Former Nicaraguan leader
  - "The Way We ..."
  - "Shoot"
  - With new life
  - Lightly shaded
  - To any extent
  - Crooner Iglesias
  - Firing
  - Camer to Tel Aviv
  - Marti ...
  - Go-getter's response to "Do you know of such a person?"
  - Nautical skipper
  - Expanded
  - Texas ... oil
  - Stat for CC Sabathia

**Tuesday's Answers**

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## Horoscopes

By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clement

**Today's Birthday** — Accept responsibility this year for helping an associate dig out of a mess and restore balance. Appreciate harmony in your own life and consider how significant changes may be for your partner. Peace comes from your philosophical path.

**Aries (March 21 - April 19)** — Today is a 7 — A partner or friend shows you how to research a topic quickly and easily. You gather facts and at the same time understand the theory. Get practical later.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)** — Today is a 6 — Your internal sense of balance indicates the need for change today. You don't have to revolutionize the universe. A shift in direction pleases two people.

**Cancer (June 22 - July 22)** — Today is an 8 — An older family member feels out of balance today. Your energy shifts everything in a positive direction. Make time to take care of this person today.

**Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)** — Today is a 6 — Challenge yourself to use materials already at hand, instead of buying new. This has many advantages: it cleans the workspace, stimulates imagination and recycles.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)** — Press yourself on creative projects. You'll be surprised at how especially if you do so.

**Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)** — You may want to be needed to take a stand, or likes it. Speak from your one eye on personal v.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)** — You'll want to a public appearance, concerning what to confidence by repeat

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)** — An older pers. concept of personal p. that age doesn't n. intellectual strength. L.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)** — Your desire to bumps up against r. Prepare your acts care costume. Practice mak

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)** — Energy shifts from harmonizs interactio shifts, take charge and move forward. More p.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)** — What seems like an actually a golden opp with 3 fe male develop long-term partnership.

## JUMBLE

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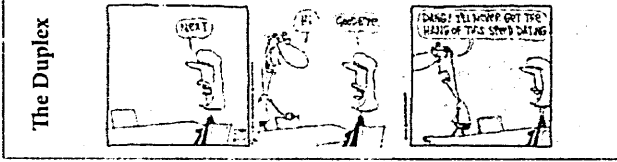


WHY SOME TASTES MUD

Now arrange the letters to form the surprise suggested by the man.

Answer: MINUS VERVE RADII

Answer: The prince became the ruler! "MEASURED" UP



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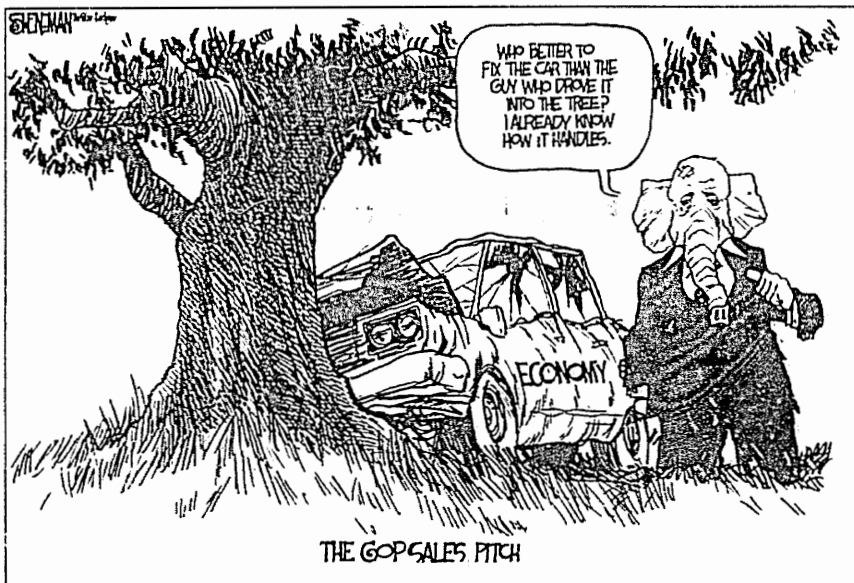
MONDAY'S ANSWER

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



GUEST COLUMN

## Mentors should 'man up' against gender stereotypes

**Derrick Williams**  
 coordinator for violence prevention  
 Wellness Center

As I watch the latest Miller Lite commercials, I'm saddened beer companies still prefer to market to young men at the lowest common denominator of their humanity.

The recent line in this simplistic appeal to men is Miller Lite's "Man Up!" commercial series. In the name of humor, the commercials emasculate men who are indecisive as to their beer choice and as a result they are marked as unmanly.

In a society that rests so heavily on gender identity, questioning a young man's masculinity is about

the most horrific act imposed on him. Miller Lite and other beer companies play on these fears of men being seen as less manly with the intention of selling their product. The commercials show men who don't drink Miller Lite, "a manly beer," as undeserving of being identified as men. These men are depicted in skirts, carrying bags that signify the equivalent of a woman's purse, and are mocked as "mamma's boys."

This only reinforces negative gender stereotypes and keeps men in a narrow box, which leads to social confusion, potential violence and depression. I think the message that their manhood is deter-

mined by the beer they drink is a dangerously irresponsible message for men in such times of economic uncertainty.

Unfortunately for a great deal of men who are struggling to find self-worth outside of societal notions of manhood such as work status, money, sexual conquest and material gains, alcohol abuse is quite common. A great deal of men drank themselves to death during the Great Depression to cope with hopelessness and shame because they could not find employment.

The "manhood-in-a-bottle" message is perilous for so many men who find their self-esteem in how much alcohol they can actual-

ly consume. As the hip-hop group Mobb Deep spells out in the song "Drink Away the Pain": "I think the whole world's going insane. I fill my mind up with liquor, and drink away the pain."

Partaking in alcohol usage to cover up deep depression is a common vice many men engage in, and beer commercials that reinforce manhood with drinking cause further confusion. Most men drink out of social expectation, to mask emotional pain and the fear of being perceived as less of a man, on which beer commercials capitalize.

Instead of connecting men's masculinity to beer consumption, why not challenge these stereo-

types with true progressive masculine thinking? We need to man up, mentors. So many young men's lives are void of real mentors who could challenge the thinking of young men and encourage them to be critical of commercials like Miller Lite's. With the advent of pop culture and social networking, there is little to no room for conversations about masculinity and manhood outside of the small social bubble of peers. Through progressive mentoring, we can give so many young men alternatives to the old rites of passage to manhood that advocate drinking and give them something of deeper value.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Poor message sent in lack of punishment for player

DEAR EDITOR:

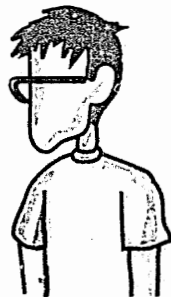
A police officer is assaulted and Nick Evans, former center for the Salukis, gets a slap on the wrist as the charge of aggravated battery of a police officer was dropped last week. Once again, the message seems to be that athletes are exempt from certain laws and are given carte blanche. Evans is a basketball player and basketball players throw

elbows. So, when Evans struck a police officer in his attempt to resist arrest, I doubt it was accidental or incidental. What message is being sent to other student-athletes, or to the youth in our communities or to the police officers that put their lives on the line to protect us?

Joel Fritzier  
 Carbondale resident

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## Missouri Valley Conference individual standings

### WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

#### Top times for 5K

1. Tonya Nero .....WSU 17:09.46
2. Leah Nichols .....MSU 17:20.71
3. Allison Malone .....INS 17:38.68
4. Emily Toennies .....SIU 17:41.41
5. Megan Hoelscher SIU 17:42.52
6. Mary Goldkamp .....BU 17:48
7. Emily Beaver .....MSU 17:49.43
8. Leah Thompson WSU 17:49.90
9. Terry Phillips .....MSU 17:51.31
10. Aisha Praught .....ILS 17:54.27

## Missouri Valley Conference individual standings

### MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

#### Top times for 8K

1. Daniel Dunbar .....SIU 24:01.29
2. Neal Anderson .....SIU 24:14.38
3. Matt Mroczynski.....ILS 24:23
4. Micheal Disher .....INS 24:31
5. Omet Kak .....DU 24:42
6. Craig Padgett .....INS 24:43
7. Thibault Vandenberghe UNI 24:45
8. Brett Egan.....UNI 24:46
9. Brogan Austin.....DU 24:51
10. Albaro Escalera .....INS 24:51.93

## Missouri Valley Conference team standings

### VOLLEYBALL

#### Conference Records

1. Northern Iowa ..... 13-0
2. Creighton ..... 10-3
3. Wichita State ..... 9-3
4. Missouri State ..... 8-4
5. Drake ..... 6-7
6. Evansville ..... 5-7
7. Southern Illinois ..... 5-7
8. Illinois State ..... 5-8
9. Indiana State ..... 1-12
10. Bradley ..... 1-12

## Missouri Valley Conference team standings

### FOOTBALL

#### Conference records

1. Northern Iowa ..... 4-1
2. Western Illinois ..... 4-2
3. Indiana State ..... 3-2
4. Missouri State ..... 3-2
5. South Dakota ..... 3-3
6. Illinois State ..... 3-4
7. North Dakota ..... 2-3
8. Southern Illinois ..... 2-3
9. Youngstown ..... 1-5

# Sports world fills its lineup card on Election Day

FRED LIEF  
The Associated Press

One-time pro wrestling executive Linda McMahon was taken down in Connecticut on Tuesday, losing her bid for a U.S. Senate seat in one of some two dozen races across the country involving sports figures.

McMahon, the former CEO of World Wrestling Entertainment who presented herself as a shrewd businesswoman, was beaten by Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal.

Throughout the Republican primary and general election, McMahon was questioned about the WWE's role in steroids, the health of the wrestlers and the way wrestling portrays women. McMahon is believed to have spent

**H**earth Shuler, the former quarterback for the Washington Redskins and New Orleans Saints, was re-elected to Congress from North Carolina in an important race for Democrats. Shuler, part of the conservative Blue Dog coalition, held off Republican Jeff Miller in a campaign in which the football star tried to show where he broke with his party's leadership.

at least \$50 million of her own money on her campaign.

In Oregon, in another high-profile contest, former NBA player Chris Dudley was running for governor. The 6-foot-11 center once played for the Portland Trail Blazers and drew on his NBA connections for support, including that of Commissioner David Stern.

Election Day also featured another ex-NBA center — Shawn Bradley, who is trying to join the Utah Legislature.

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Saints, was re-elected to Congress from North Carolina in an important race for Democrats. Shuler, part of the conservative Blue Dog coalition, held off Republican Jeff Miller in a campaign in which the football star tried to show where he broke with his party's leadership.

Jon Runyan, once a lineman for the Philadelphia Eagles and San Diego Chargers, was running as a Republican in a New Jersey congressional race. Alan Page, the Pro Football Hall of Famer for the Minnesota Vikings, was expected to easily retain his seat

on the Minnesota Supreme Court.

The U.S. Senate is losing its headline sports figure with the retirement of Hall of Fame pitcher Jim Bunning of Kentucky. Sen. Herb Kohl of Wisconsin, owner of the Milwaukee Bucks, was not up for election.

A Virginia congressional featured former Virginia football player Kenny Golden. The conservative Republican lost while running as an independent.

In the Tennessee Legislature, it was hardly a close call for former American League umpire Dale Ford. He ran unopposed.

## Former world champion surfer Andy Irons dies

JAYMES SONG  
The Associated Press

HONOLULU — Former three-time world surfing champion Andy Irons has died.

Phil Irons, the father of the 32-year-old surfer, confirmed his son's death Tuesday. The cause of death was not immediately known.

The younger Irons was found dead in a hotel room in Dallas, where he was on a layover en route to take him home to Kauai. He was returning from Puerto Rico, where he was to have competed in the 2010 Rip Curl Pro Search.

He was expected to compete against two Australian surfers in his first heat Saturday, but didn't show up, much to the confusion of commentators. Irons again was absent for his second heat Sunday.

Family members from Hawaii were headed to Dallas.

Irons was scheduled to compete in the Vans Triple Crown of Surfing in Hawaii, which is scheduled to begin next week.

## Vizquel, White Sox agree to 1-year deal

ANDREW SELIGMAN  
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Veteran infielder Omar Vizquel is sticking around for another year with the Chicago White Sox.

The White Sox agreed to a \$1.75-million, one-year contract with the 11-time Gold Glove winner on Tuesday, solidifying their bench.

The 43-year-old Vizquel rarely played the first two months last season, his first in Chicago, but provided a big lift after third baseman Mark Teahen broke a finger on his right throwing hand.

"I was pretty excited about my year, and that's why I decided to play another year," he said during a conference call.

Vizquel made 62 starts at third, 19 at second, eight at shortstop and one as the designated hitter while batting .276. And he expects to be in a backup role next season.

"I'm clear with my situation," Vizquel said. "I know that my job is going to be the same thing again, be a backup player, but it's OK to me. I'm satisfied with my year. I was pretty happy about it. Whatever happens next year, I'm going to take it in and enjoy it just like it's going to be my last year again."

A three-time AL All-Star, Vizquel was surprised by how well he held up last season.

"There wasn't any kind of wear and tear," he said. "I was surprised that I could play as much as I did, and my body just responded awesome. I never had a week where I said, 'Oh my God, here it comes again' or 'I feel bad' or anything. I think the challenge was great, and the way that I prepared myself in the offseason was awesome."

Vizquel is a career .273 hitter in 2,850 games with Seattle (1989-1993), Cleveland (1994-2004), San Francisco (2005-08), Texas (2009) and the White Sox.

## Warner: Cutler struggling with new system

ANDREW SELIGMAN  
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The way he's been getting battered around, Chicago Bears quarterback Jay Cutler could probably use some survival tips.

Kurt Warner has a few. The quarterback who played a starring role in Mike Martz's "Greatest Show on Turf" while with the St. Louis Rams says he sees Cutler struggling with "confidence and understanding" while trying to adapt to a complicated system that doesn't necessarily mesh with his natural tendencies.

Warner spoke Tuesday during an NFL Network conference call with fellow analyst and longtime quarterback Joe Theismann.

Three losses in four games after a 3-0 start left the Bears (4-3) staggering into their bye last week and put Cutler and Martz under scrutiny.

# from the Pound

## What's your response?

The DAILY EGYPTIAN wants to hear from any Salukis who want to speak their mind. Respond to our Daily Bark question or answers by e-mailing njohnson@dailyegyptian.com with your response and full first and last name for a chance to be published in Tuesday's paper.

# D.E. Daily Bark

In the latest BCS rankings, Oregon owns the top spot after beating its first-ranked opponent of the year, No. 24 USC Saturday. Do the Ducks deserve to be so dearly doted upon?



Honestly, rankings don't matter and Oregon won't be there in another week. Also, Auburn and Boise State deserve to be above Oregon. The Ducks have beaten USC and UCLA, and neither were gimme-type games, so in that respect they might be deserving of No. 1 but like always, it won't last.

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No. 2 Auburn has beaten three opponents who were ranked at the time; based on strength of schedule, the Tigers should be on top.

**NICK JOHNSON**  
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Does it matter who is No. 1 in the rankings? The last few weeks have proven whoever it is will lose and fall down the list.

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## EXHIBITION

CONTINUED FROM 16

Five of the roster's 13 players are brand new to the program, including junior college transfers Troy Long, Mykel Cleveland and Mamadou Seck, University of Wisconsin transfer Diamond Taylor and true freshman Davante Drinkard. Long said it is a tough adjustment to play at a higher level, but after game play starts flowing, he will get used to it.

Fay said playing with new teammates is part of playing basketball.

"For older guys ... because we know what we're doing, and probably the only difficulty is we don't help enough in game situations, help explain," Fay said. "We're used to new guys coming in every year, so it's just a matter of getting comfortable with each other."

The Salukis also demonstrated their commitment to defense, limiting the Hawks to a low shooting percentage. SIU intends to make tight defense a season-long trend, starting with its next appearance Saturday against the University of Indianapolis.

"Our rotations were very good at times," Lowery said. "We can't allow them to get free layups on a couple plays they got tonight, but to hold them to 36 percent for the game, 22 (percent) from three, those are more like the numbers I'd like to keep people at defensively."

Fay said it will be good for the players to be able to watch themselves on tape to figure out why they're making mistakes instead of the knowledge coming from only Lowery. SIU still needs to work on the rotations to make them better, but the Hawks didn't get many easy shot opportunities, Fay said.

"We didn't give up a lot of wide open shots, and I think that was the biggest thing as far as rotation goes," Fay said. "If our rotations are not in, we're going to give up a wide open shot. We didn't give a lot of them up, so it just goes to show our rotations were a little bit better."

Offensively, SIU struggled early in the game, but found a way to put points on the board later on, Fay said.

*"We're used to new guys coming in every year, so it's just a matter of getting comfortable with each other."*

— Carlton Fay  
Southern Illinois senior forward

This season the Salukis go to guy offensively is sophomore center Gene Teague, Lowery said. Teague is an unselfish player and could have had four or five assists in the first exhibition if shooters would have hit open shots, Lowery said. The Salukis will have to get Teague more touches earlier in the game since he didn't get much in the first half against Quincy, he said.

"The good thing is I didn't have to say it. That's the sign of a team that understands their roles at times," Lowery said. "Troy can shoot the ball. He's going to have the opportunity to take and make shots, but other guys have to learn who the shot-takers are on our team, and that will come in time."

SIU's second and final exhibition game to work out any kinks before the preseason begins is the game against Indianapolis. Lowery said he is figuring out where he can play guys and making different lineups for certain situations or matchups.

Fay said the team has the Quincy game under its belt and has more practices before Indianapolis to become a more cohesive unit.

"We are far from where we want to be right now, but I don't see anything wrong with that," Fay said. "Like Coach said, sometimes it felt like we couldn't get going offensively because we worked on defense so much in practice, and with time and more practices we'll be able to work on that. We have to work every part of our game."

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## GYMNASTICS

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Most people in southern Illinois generally do not follow gymnastics as much as people in the Chicagoland area, Macias said.

"It's not a common sport. You see a lot of football, soccer, more of those kind of sports, (the) more physical and aggressive athletics," Macias said.

Some awareness about the gymnastics is alive due to private clubs in West Frankfort, Marion and Carbondale, Macias said.

Macias said he competed in the all-around competition when the club was formed but now fulfills the role of club promoter for the Saluki Gymnastics Club.

The Salukis Gymnastics Club had only three members at the National Association of Intercollegiate Gymnastics Club 2010 Championships in San Marcus, Texas, said Wadawek, who competed in the 2009 and 2010 NAIGC Championships. She said she expects more members to compete in the 2011 NAIGC Championships in Richmond, Va., because of increased membership.

The Salukis Gymnastics Club hosts their first home gymnastics meet at 10



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Brandon Macias, a graduate student in kinesiology from Lombard, tests out new rings Monday for Saluki Gymnastics Club meet Saturday at Ultimate

Gymnastics in Carbondale. Macias is founder and coach of the club and will compete in floor and vault as well as run the meet.

a.m. Saturday at Ultimate Gymnastics, where competitors from Purdue, Ohio State, Eastern Illinois and NAIGC alumni will compete against the Salukis.

The NAIGC is composed of retired gymnasts who love to compete though they no longer get paid, Wadawek said.

"The slogan for NAIGC is 'For the love of the sport,'" she said.

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## COLUMN

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At 2-1, the Bulls have shown how much they have improved in each game.

In the season opener at Oklahoma City against the Thunder, the teams went into the fourth quarter tied at 82. Though they played sloppily and the Thunder made the Bulls pay on each of their mistakes, the Bulls proved they can hang with preseason MVP candidate Kevin Durant and a young, talented Thunder team.

The Bulls found themselves down 21 points Saturday in the second quarter against the Detroit Pistons, but found a way to put the game plan back together to make a comeback and win 101-91. Rose went for 39 points, seven assists and six rebounds and Noah had 15 points and 17 rebounds.

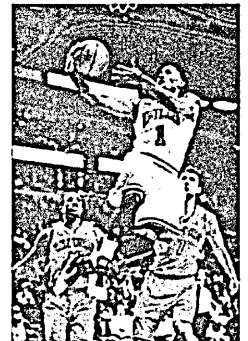
The Bulls' most impressive game was their demonstration Monday against the Portland Trail Blazers in a 110-98 win. The one

questionable statistic in the first two games of the season was the scoring. Rose was the only one putting points on the board, with the exception of Noah and Gibson's rebound put-backs. Monday, Deng scored a career-high 40 points to help win and give Rose, who had 16 points, and Noah, who had 10 points and 10 rebounds, a rest while six out of seven players on the bench came into the game and scored at least one basket.

Sidenote: Noah has had a double-double in each of the Bulls' three games while suffering from flu symptoms in the last two.

If only Bogans could score the ball and show he belongs in the starting lineup, the offense would be perfect ... well, almost perfect.

This is happening without Boozer, the big summer acquisition, who was supposed to help the Bulls score points and defend. This is great for Chicago because if it's winning games and playing tough against good teams, the sky is the limit when



CHRIS SWEDA | McClatchy-Tribune

Chicago Bulls guard Derrick Rose drives past the Toronto Raptors' defense for a first-quarter layup during an NBA preseason game Oct. 12 at the United Center in Chicago.

It gets back to full strength.

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## GYMNASTICS

# Gymnastics group vaults membership numbers higher

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Students and Carbondale residents typically do not know there is a gymnastics club in Carbondale, said Saluki Gymnastics Club founder and kinesiology graduate student Brandon Macias.

More than five years ago, Macias said he and three friends founded the Saluki Gymnastics Club. During his freshman year, students asked him where they could participate in gymnastics on campus, he said.

"Usually the first thing we hear from people is 'We didn't know we had a gymnastics club here,'" Macias said.

Joann Waclawek, a senior from West Frankfort studying recreation science, has participated in gymnastics since she was 4 years old and said she heard about the Saluki Gymnastics Club via a flier in 2006. Otherwise, she had no idea there was a gymnastics club at SIUC, she said.

"I had taken a break for about two years and didn't think I'd go back to (gymnastics), but I did," Waclawek said.

With help from current club president Laura Collebrusco, a junior studying exercise science, the club grew to 25 undergraduate and graduate members and 50 alumni members, Macias said.

Efforts to raise community awareness about gymnastics has been vital in growing the club, Collebrusco said.

"It brings the club together as a group for a cause ... where we can fundraise money for ourselves and be able to do more activities and give new equipment to the gym we work out at," Collebrusco said.

Children as young as three and as old 16 take lessons at the Ultimate Gymnastics where the Saluki Gymnastics Club practic-

es, Collebrusco said.

The Saluki Gymnastics Club raised \$4,000 to purchase a new ring tower, high bar and vault for Ultimate Gymnastics as well as \$2,000 for itself, Macias said.

After roughly an hour of flips before a SIU football game Sept. 2, the Saluki Gymnastics Club raised \$200 during their Flips for Flips fundraiser in the tailgating area outside of Saluki Stadium, Macias said.

"Some of the gymnasts went around and did flips, asked people for tips or donations for the gymnastics club," Waclawek said. "It will probably promote the club."

Waclawek said the Saluki Gymnastics Club plans to continue Flips for Flips at SIUC sporting events as a way to draw in more community members. The club also looks to continue its back handspring clinic at the Ultimate Gymnastics to get more youth in the region involved and improve the club's teaching of the sport, she said.

"To become a better gymnast, you teach, and it's nice to be involved with the studio that lets us practice. It gives back a little to them," said Lindsay DuBois, a sophomore from Springfield studying computer science and member of the club.

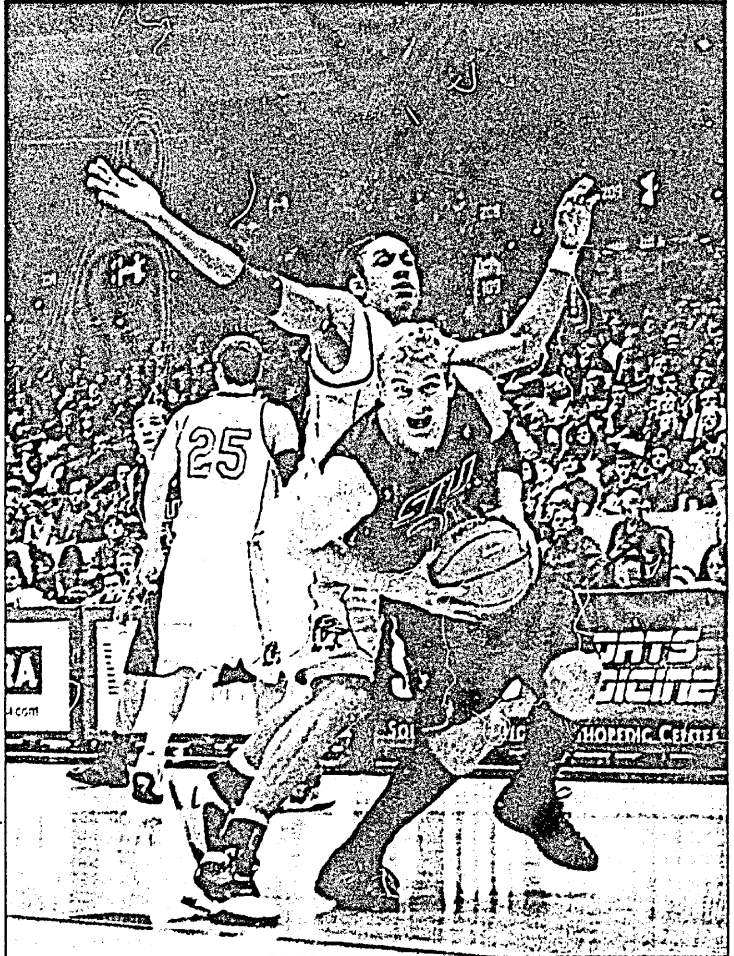
DuBois said the Saluki Gymnastics Club also plans to have a cheerleading clinic as part of an all-around gymnastics clinic to give back to the community in upcoming events.

Word-of-mouth helped to pique some interest in gymnastics, Waclawek said.

"Our friends like to watch the sport, (but) a lot of people don't want to do it because it's very dangerous," Waclawek said.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL



STEVE BERGCZYNSKI | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Senior forward Carlton Fay drives to the basket Saturday in the Salukis' 80-57 exhibition victory over Quincy at the SIU Arena. The Salukis held Quincy to a 36.4 field goal percentage in the first game in the new arena and will host the final presentation game of the year Saturday against Indianapolis.

# New players begin to fit in to system

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The men's basketball team found both areas of promise and areas for improvement in their first exhibition game and will search for ways to smooth some more kinks

in their second, senior forward Carlton Fay said.

SIU beat Quincy 80-57 in its first exhibition game Saturday, but the bigger victory was to see how well the new team could produce on the floor offensively and, more importantly, defensively, coach

Chris Lowery said. The Salukis rotated on defense well against the Hawks and showed the team has basketball players all over the court, Lowery said.

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## STAFF COLUMN

# Bulls doing impressively well without All-Star forward Boozer



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When an NBA season starts, a Chicago Bulls fan usually has mixed feelings about the season, wants more than half the team traded and wonders if they will make the playoffs.

This year is a different story. The Bulls

entered the 2010-11 season with the best lineup they've had in at least five seasons, which includes last year's All-Star point guard Derrick Rose, two-time All-Star forward Carlos Boozer, double-double machine Joakim Noah and a solid list of role players: Luol Deng, Kyle Korver, Ronnie Brewer, Taj Gibson, James Johnson and Keith Bogans.

Also, new coach Tom Thibodeau looks to focus even more on defense, a trait the Bulls were already skilled in.

Boozer hurt his hand because he tripped over a bag before the season started to put him out of action for two months, but three games into the season the Bulls still look impressive, giving fans no thoughts of missing

the playoffs though the season just started. Boozer was signed to an \$80-million free agent contract this summer to bring some inside offense to Chicago, which had almost none last season.

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