Governor race too close to call

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

By pre-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.

“l 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 Giannoulias 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.

Folls closed in most places at 7 p.m. In Cook County, a judge granted permission Tuesday afternoon 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 votes out of 42,161 registered voters—a 34.94 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

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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 Illinois Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias, a basketball buddy of the president who would have been a strong ally in Washington,

With 99 percent of the vote counted, Kirk had 44 percent to Giannoulias' 46 percent.

"Kirk just hit the heartland," Kirk exulted in his victory speech. Obama and his White House team campaigned hard for Giannoulias, 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 the right of center."

"The Senate campaign was a bitter exchange of charges and countercharges," Giannoulias said. "The race was a reflection of the divisions in the country."

Exit polls found that more than a third of Illinois voters considered neither Kirk nor Giannoulias 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 prosecution alleged he tried to sell the appointment as Obama's temporary Senate replacement.

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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 WFON, 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, attests. Quinn for raising the state income tax 1 percent point, saying if Quinn was elected voters would be voting for higher taxes. Quinn fough 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 WSUI studios.

Ebeny 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 66 percent of voters.

Green Party candidate Rich Whitney, independent Scott Lee Curtis and Libertarians Liz 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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Voters brought their concerns with them to the voting booth Tuesday as they cast their ballots for the midterm elections.

Ashley Turner, a sophomore from Elmhurst studying political science, more 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," Turner 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 Dowman.

"I want a candidate that is trustworthy and can change the economic crisis in the state," Dowman said.

Election Judge Marianne Osberg, of Carbondale, checks to make sure that proper Judges' Initials are on a voter's ballot Tuesday at Lakeland Baptist Church. An election Judge 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," Dowman said.

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Exit poll: Economy troubles eclipse all else

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The Associated Press

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 appalled 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 tea party movement, working with the way the federal government is working, and a fourth said they're angry about it, according to preliminary exit poll results.

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"And we're doing," 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.

"The economy eclipsed all other issues. Almost everyone surveyed — more than 50 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 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 before Barack ever came into office," said Steve Wise, 28, a teacher voting mostly Democratic in Miami's Coconut Grove neighborhood. "If anything, he reigned 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 3 percentage points.

This year, 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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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 after midnight.

In the weeks before the election, Nylen said the College Democrats pitched to students through a variety of mediums, including email, Miami 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.

Dazed Kapfert, 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 helped 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

ISAAC SMITH

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

LEFT TO RIGHT: John Evans, Brian Roberts, Chris Hubbard and Sam Nylen review new election numbers Tuesday at the Plumbers and Plumber'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.

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

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

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 Ballroom.

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All day at the polls — Bob Cross, of Murphysboro, explains the proper way to fill out a ballot to a resident of Carbondale precinct 20 Tuesday at Lakeland Baptist Church. Precincts 19 and 20 both held their polls at this site and recorded more than 500 votes by 5 p.m.

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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 game or downloading apps on her phone for her two daughters, Lillian Quintero turns to her homework. She'll finish her assignments, go to her gym, then try them out for herself.

"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, Calif. "We're not going to be there to monitor everything. That's why the most important thing is communication, installing filters 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 in a federal court 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 $2 billion-a-year industry, long considered to be just kids' 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 similar violent games bans.

Under California's law, only adults would be able to purchase games like "Grand Theft Auto IV," the first-person shooter by developer Rockstar

With Sceens that features the ability to light unarmed bystanders on fire, and "Grand Theft Auto IV," the popular third-person shoot-em-up 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.
Randy Quaid and wife are no-shows, again, in court

ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
The Associated Press

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. —

"Where are the Quaids?"

It's been a familiar question for more than a year at the Santa Barbara courthouse where judges, juries and even Randy and Mary Kaye 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 Quaids' whereabouts has shifted to California. Now, they are in hiding from a mysterious yank who thinks they're "hollywood star-whackers."

In the latest case, Santa Barbara Superior Court last week in the "the one taking about the actor and his wife whereabouts Tuesday. They had been scheduled to appear for an arraignment on a federal bank fraud case, but for the third time in two weeks, failed to appear.

The result of the 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 until Nov. 16 so he can be on the other side of the immigration proceeding next week.

With a string of missed court appearances and browsing behavior both in and out of the courthouse, that hearing may give the Quaids their last chance to address the vandalism case voluntarily. Their attorney, Robert Sanger, acknowledged Tuesday that there is a lack of evidence hunting his clients.

Sanger said 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 is accused of living in the guest house of a home they once owned. Sanger said he suspected fugitive on the homemade's deed to the Quaids in early 1990s, but he needed more time to see if there may be a claim of right — as property owners — in the property in this case, Sanger said.

Strange circumstances have defined the Quaids since September 2001 when, they say, they were forced out of their home and had to leave their infrequently used car outside the house in an alleged plot by someone to burn the house down.

Their infrequent appearances have fueled a sense of the quirky characters Randy Quaid excelled at playing in films such as "National Lampoon's Vacation" and "Independence Day," in the roles that won him Oscar and Emmy nominations. He and his wife were arrested not far from the courts in Los Angeles county, their son was sentenced to prison for defrauding an investor of more than $100,000. The money was repaid, and the case was finally resolved in April, but not until several missed court appearances, and the couple ending up in handcuffs.

The acer was cleared in the handguns case, while his wife pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor and was placed on three years probation. The couple was recently free, with no more court dates and no formal supervision. Then in September, the alarm at the Quaids' former home in Santa Barbara County called and aroused the couple's suspicion of illegally squatting in the guest house. The false alarm allegedly caused the Quaids to leave their California home for weeks, according to authorities, who were granted temporary restraining orders against the author and his wife.

The Quaids had doubled the security system removed cameras, blocked the front door with heavy pots and doormat soldiers and the Quaids to restrict barriers in the foliage, according to a serialization filed by homeowner Larraneta Turchi.

Randy Quaid reported himself up days after her arrest at Turlock's home near Los Angeles, 1,200,000 farther, to his attorney, said they are afraid of "hollywood star-whackers who they say may have contributed to the deaths of stars such as Michael Landon and John Candy."

Carrasone was found hanging in a Bangladeshi room, and Lodger died after an accidental drug overdose in New York City.

Fox is top-ranked network, ends CBS winning streak

DAVID BAUER
The Associated Press

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

The Nielsen Co. said Fox was the top-rated network among 18- to 49-year-olds in the strength of the World Series, No other network had beaten CBS this fall. Otherwise, it's been a rough season for Fox, which has seen some shows 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 " NYPD " is off 27 percent. Most damaging of all is "House," a bona fide critical and commercial success that has seemingly fallen off the map. Fox's latest season average is down 35 percent from 2009, according to Nielsen.

Fox's new series " Lone Star, " about a cow man living with two women, was a disaster that was canceled after two episodes. Neither of the two new comedies "Raising Hope" and "Raising Hope" have been hit, although "Raising Hope" has earned a full-season 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 2005's "60 Minutes" special on the exit of JFK on record. Fox's poor start this year is magnified because the network did unusually well in the ratings last fall, said Brad Adgie, an analyst for Horizon Media.

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

Rough accents are 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 "24" faces some once-hot fall season-continuities until the exit of Simon Cowell and the remodeling 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 45 percent over last fall. Fox has the Super Bowl this winter, which guarantees ratings for a prom, "Fox and Friends,"

But even though it is still a close second to CBS in ratings for 18- to 49-year-olds, Fox is the top network, with the best part of its season to come. ABCS's "Dancing With the Stars" was the most popular show on TV last fall, ABCS second-season "Grey's Anatomy" and the "American Idol" both had their biggest audiences ever.

For the week, Fox averaged 17 million viewers (13, 12, 12), CBS had 14 million (6.9, 6.9), NBC had 9.2 million (5.9, 10), NBC had 9.2 million (5.9, 10), NBC had 6.6 million (4.4, 7), the CW had 2.5 million (1.3, 17) and ION Television had 1.1 million (0.7, 1). Among the Spanish-language networks, Univision led with a 5.4 time-averaged 3 million-viewers last week (4.3, 4, 4), "Telemanana" averaged 280,000 (3.5, 1), "TeleFutura" had 680,000 (0.4, 1), "Estanda" had 270,000 and Azteca had 150,000 (both 0.1).

"NIGLHS Nightly News" topped the evening newscasts with an average of 8.1 million viewers (4, 3, 1), ABCs "World News" was second with 7.8 million (5.0, 11), and the "CBS Evening News" had 5.3 million viewers (3, 7, 1).
**Crossword**

**ACROSS**
1  Hippocratic oath
2  Bring
3  Mattress
4  Unlabeled, but implied
5  Time at the bar
6  Like merino
7  Commonly shellacked heat
8  Plastic shrimper
9  Some intimates
10  "To continue..."
11  Caryl's
12  Bakery ad
16  Smart
17  "Doxology"
18  Real scrum
22  Rue
23  Free
26  Stream
28  "Doxology" and concorded
32  Real scrum
33  Rue
34  Free
35  Fries
36  Wally's running
39  "Doxology" 50s
40  "Frog" lokos
41  Good song
43  And a bird to the owner's theme
44  Hosky's port
46  Baker's pest
48  Nintendo game console
49  We alone link
50  Cowl alternative
51  Irish phlegm" who swears
52  "Liquor, burn and Logic"
53  Enjoy " dilation"
54  Tomorrow's trial
55  From rental
56  Name of my comics
57  Like a persistent headache
58  "Superman's successor"
59  "Buck" inspired by race film
60  "Queen of the Nile"
61  "The QE2, e.g.
62  An arrow's 45-6600 square feet
63  "Je...?" "Penna's love"
64  Canada's highest mountain
65  "Penna's love"
66  Put in the overhead

**DOWN**
1  Aggressive sort
2  "El...?...and others"
3  Make up payment
4  "Bugs" of the night
5  "Money"
6  "Oranges"
7  "Pizza"
8  "The sun"
9  "Yesterday" of "Finnish"
10  "Doxology" 50s
11  "For the love of"
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**Horoscopes**

By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clement

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**DRINO**

**TEPICS**

**JUMBLE**

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**THAT SCRABBLE**

By Mike Haggerty

Now arrange the 10 B and 30 letters suggested by the answer:

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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 same of humor, the commercials erasure 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 "momma’s boys." This only reinforces negative gender stereotypes and keeps men in a narrow box, which leads to socia l confusion, potential violence and depression. I think the message that their manhood is determined 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 notion of manhood such as work status, money, sexual conquest and material gains, alcohol abuse is quite common. A great deal of men drink, 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 many men who find their self-esteem in how much alcohol they can actually 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 vis, many men engage in, and commercials that reinforce manhood with drinking cause further confusion. Most men drink, out of social pressure, 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 stereotypes with true progressive masculinist 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. 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 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 seems to be that athletics carte blanche. Evans/ind1ry Smith, Jr., in-Chief, Jurfswarn, Managing Editor-- week. Once again, the player and basketball players throw.

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Joel Fritts
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. Allision Malone ....INS 17:38.68
4. Emily Tornstes ....SIU 17:41.41
5. Megan Hoelscher SIU 17:42.52
6. Mary Goldkamp ....BU 17:48.45
7. Emily Beaver .... MSU 17:49.43
8. Leah Thompson WSU 17:49.90
9. Terry Phillips ....MSU 17:51.31
10. Aisha Prugnet ....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. Nol Anderson ....SIU 24:14.38
3. Matt Mroczynski ....ILS 24:23
4. Michael Dishur ....INS 24:31
5. Omet Ka ....DU 24:42
6. Craig Padgett ....INS 24:43
7. Thaddeus Vandervelde ....UNI 24:45
8. Brett Egan ....UNI 24:46
9. Brandon Austin ....DU 24:51
10. Albor Maloca ....INS 24:51.93

Missouri Valley Conference team standings

Volleyball

Conference Records
1. Northern Iowa ....... 15-0
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 LEIF
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 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 defeated 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 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.

Heath 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.

The U.S. Senate is losing in headline sports figures with the retirement of Hall of Fame pitcher Jim Bunning of Kentucky. Sen. Herb Kohl of Wisconsin, owner of the Milwaukee Brewers, 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 Irens, 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 charity tour to take him home to Kauai. He was returning from Puerto Rico where he was to have competed in the 2010 Rip Curl Pro Surfers.

He was expected to compete against two Australian surfers in his first heat Saturday, but didn't show up. The controversy surrounding the match, Irons was absent for his second heat Sunday. Family members from Hawaii were headed to Dallas.

Irons was scheduled to compete in the Vasa 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 31-time Gold Glove winner on Saturday, solidifying their bench.

The 43-year-old Vizquel rarely played the first two months last season, his first in Chicago, but provided a 1-1 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 a shortstop and one as the designated hitter while batting .276. 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 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, this one coming 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."


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" 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 THEISMAN.

Three losses in four games after a 2-0 start left the Bears (4-3) staggering into their bye last week and put Cutler and Martz under scrutiny.
Five of the roster's 13 players are brand new to the program, including go-forward 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 Hawkeyes to a low shooting percentage. SIU intends to keep a 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 couple plays they get tough, 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 the net, 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."

Defensively, SIU struggled early in the game, but found a way to get production on the board later on, Fay said.

EXHIBITION CONTINUED FROM 16

Gymnastics

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

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

Some awareness about the gymnastics program, which private clubs in West Frankfurt, Marion and Carbondaile, Masic said.

Masic said he accepted in the all-around competition with the club was formed but now rules of club president for the Saluki Gymnastics CHA.

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

The Saluki Gymnastics Club hosts their first home gymnastics meet at 10 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 comprised of retired gymnasts who love to compete though they no longer get paid. Wadzeak said.

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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 preconference 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 and with time and more practices we'll be able to work on that. We have to work every part of our game."
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 second-year 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 Wacławek, a senior from West Frankfurt studying recreation science, has participated in gymnastics since she was 4 years old and said she heard about the Saluki Gymnastics Club via a flyer 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," Wacławek said.

With help from current club president Laura Collebrusco, a junior studying exercise science, the club grew to 25 undergraduates 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 practices, 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," Wacławek said. "It will probably promote the club."

Wacławek 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 you practice. It gives us a little to them," said Lindsay Dubois, a sophomore from Springfield studying computer science and member of the club.

Dullniss 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, Wacławek said.

"Our friends like to watch the sport, but a lot of people don't understand what's really dangerous," Wacławek said.

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New players begin in 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 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 seasons, 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 will look impressive, giving fans new thoughts of making 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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