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STATE | GOVERNMENT

Kirk enters Senate race

The Associated Press

KENILWORTH— Rep. Mark Kirk announced Monday he was running for the Senate seat once held by President Barack Obama, attacking corruption under the state's Democratic leadership and instantly becoming the Republicans' front-runner for what many think will be a hotly contested seat.

Kirk, a five-term congressman, spent months pondering a run for senator or governor.

He sent conflicting signals to national Republican leaders last week about his plans before finally deciding to run for the Senate when a potential rival agreed to step aside.

Kirk, 49, became the favorite for his party's nomination thanks to his political experience and support from party leaders.

Some conservatives, however, consider Kirk a Democrat in Republican clothing for supporting abortion rights and a "cap-and-trade" — a largely Democratic-backed initiative to set limits on greenhouse gas emissions and requires polluting companies to buy allowances at public auction.

Speaking to supporters at his boyhood home in the Chicago suburb of Kenilworth, Kirk promised to be a social moderate and fiscal conservative.

He said the state needs a cleaner brand of politics than the one practiced under former Gov. Rod Blagojevich and the Democratic Party, which controls every statewide office in Illinois.

"We have to have leaders who do not become criminals," Kirk said. "We are currently ruled by a corrupt one-party state that is growing in arrogance and greed."

Blagojevich was impeached and removed from office in January after being charged with allegedly trying to sell Obama's U.S. Senate seat. Blagojevich drew widespread criticism when he appointed Democrat Roland Burris to the seat weeks before his ouster.

Burris resisted calls for him to resign, but he announced recently he would not seek a full term because of fundraising challenges.

Kirk told reporters Monday that he expected the Senate race to be fierce — not least of all because Democrats are likely to call in support from Obama.

"The White House will be heavily involved in this race," Kirk said. "This will be a national race that I think the whole country will focus on."

Kirk sent mixed signals to national party leaders about his intention to seek higher office, settling on a possible run for Senate only after state Attorney General Lisa Madigan, a Democrat, announced she would not run for the seat. His announcement came after a potential rival for the GOP nod stepped aside.

Democrats face a potentially crowded primary. The field could include first-term State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias, Chicago businessman Christopher Kennedy, whose father was the late Robert F. Kennedy; and Chicago Urban League president Cheryl Jackson.

CITY | BUILDINGS

Board approves smaller apartments

By SARAH RUHOLL
Staff Reporter

Two hotly contested issues were brought before the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning last Thursday night, but only one received the board's approval.

Chad and Hadley Phillips, owners of 403 and 407 Polk Ave., received the go ahead to present their plan to build a 56-bedroom, 34-unit apartment building to the city council at their meeting tonight at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

The property's zoning already allowed for 17 three and four bedroom units to be built on the site.

The Phillips brothers want to build one and two bedroom units instead, hoping to reduce party noise and to make the apartments more appealing to upper class and graduate students.

"We feel this variance is better for everyone involved," Chris Rankin of Consolidated Services, located in city hall, said. "Small units deter large gatherings and a party atmosphere."

Although there will be no change in the number of potential tenants, neighbors of the site had some concerns.

"We're adding a lot of people to this neighborhood, and I just don't see how this is going to work," Ray Carr of 1010 Sixth St. said.

Not all of the residents who spoke about the revised plan were opposed to the change.

"The one and two bedroom apartments cause less problems and less parties," John Williams, 855 Seventh St., said.

The developers of the site believe the new plan will better suit the student housing needs of Charleston.

"I can see what the need is for this town, and it is not more three bedroom units," Hadley Phillips said.

While the five present members of the board unanimously agreed that Charleston could use more small apartments, they also unanimously agreed the city did not need another bed and breakfast at this time.

Thomas and Salisa Olmsted from Painted Lady Properties, Inc., purchased the Livingston Lord house at 838 Seventh St. in February 2008 and spent the following year turning the formerly rundown property into a charming, renovated mansion.

And until the recent change in the hous-



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Records indicate Eastern Illinois University's first president Livingston C. Lord resided at 838 Seventh St. for three years. This site was recently considered to be turned into a bed and breakfast.

ing market, they intended to sell it. Turning the property into a bed and breakfast was an afterthought.

"I can tell you the final product is something we are very proud of," Thomas Olmsted said. "People started coming out of the wood work and thanking us for rehabbing it."

The neighborhood, which is already home to two other bed and breakfast establishments, recently received historical district status.

The residents of the area want to keep it a quiet, residential area.

Williams present 48 signatures of area homeowners opposed to the variance.

"We do not want to live in a commercial area," he said.

"We have yet to hear commitment to the good of the neighborhood in discussion,"

Richard Droste, 835 Seventh St., said.

Parking concerns and increased traffic from potential meetings and receptions on the premises are the neighbors' main concerns.

The law is not very clear about the restrictions on a bed and breakfast.

"I was on the board when we voted on a bed and breakfast ordinance, and I was very enthusiastic about it," Jim Wood, a board member, said. "Now I'm really concerned about what our code will allow."

Until the restrictions can be specified and tightened, the board voted not to recommend the variance to the city council.

Olmsted will still be permitted to present his case to the council if he chooses.

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UNIVERSITY | MONEY

Faculty, staff protest against parking permit price raise

By SARAH JEAN BRESNAHAN
Editor in Chief

The sale of parking permits to Eastern's faculty and staff has been postponed.

Adam Due, police chief at the University Police Department, said this is because of two factors: the Web site where the permits are sold is being fixed because of a technical glitch, and there is a dispute over the increase in pricing.

During the Spring 2009 semester, President Perry sent out an e-mail to Eastern's faculty and staff regarding an increase in prices for parking permits.

"Negotiations regarding parking are currently underway between the University Professionals of Illinois and the EIU administration," said Charles Delman, the chapter president of UPI.

UPI and Eastern's administration met on June 24 and July 15 to discuss the rate increase, and will meet again on July 27.

Delman said that UPI expects a response from the administration to their recent proposal at the July 27 meeting.

Due said that UPI and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) are the two groups who oppose the rate

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increase.

Delman's term as chapter president for UPI ends on Aug. 1, and John Allison from the English department will take over.

Lieutenant John Hatfill, Director of Parking Services, was

unavailable for comment.

Student parking permits are currently available for purchase.

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EIU WEATHER

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WEATHER BRIEF

Partly cloudy skies with a chance of thunderstorms this afternoon and a better chance tonight. Expect intermittent showers to linger through Wednesday. Another chance of precipitation this weekend.

For current conditions visit EIU WeatherCenter at www.eiu.edu/~weather

CAMPUS | PHOTO OF THE DAY

Bye, bye birdie



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A bird that appeared lifeless was stumbled upon by a group of Eastern students on Monday afternoon near campus.



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Just as the bird was pronounced dead, it regained its strength and flew to safety.

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ENTERTAINMENT | APOLOGY

Chris Brown apologizes for Rihanna beating

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES— Chris Brown on Monday publicly apologized for the beating of Rihanna, saying in a two-minute video that he's still seeking help and wants to live his life as a role model.

Brown released the video on his Web site apologizing to fans and saying he is sad and ashamed of his conduct. He also tells viewers that he has repeatedly apologized to Rihanna.

Brown was arrested Feb. 8, hours after he fought with his then-girlfriend in a rented sports car after a pre-Grammy party. According to a police affidavit, Brown tried to push the 21-year-old Barbados-born singer from the car and repeatedly hit her and choked her.

He left the scene and later turned himself in to authorities during the

Grammy Awards, where he and Rihanna were slated to perform. He was later charged with assault likely to cause great bodily harm and making criminal threats. He pleaded guilty to the felony assault charge last month and faces sentencing Aug. 5.

He is slated to serve five years of probation and perform six months of community labor.

On the video, Brown calls the beating "the incident." He vows to conduct interviews and answer some questions about the beating, but said he wanted to speak directly to fans first.

"I felt it was time you that heard directly from me that I am sorry," he says on the video.

He calls his conduct "inexcusable" and says his mother — who has attended some of his court hearings — has taught him better. He mentions that he witnessed domestic violence growing up.

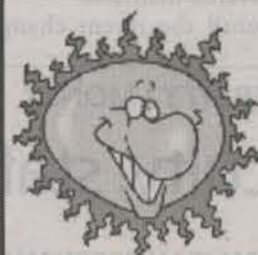
"I saw firsthand what uncontrolled rage can do," he tells viewers. "I have sought and am continuing to seek help to ensure that what occurred in February can never happen again."

Brown says on the video he wanted to speak out earlier, but was advised not to by his lawyer.

He acknowledges that the beating has hurt his reputation. Although he doesn't mention it, Brown lost sponsorship deals, radio stations stopped playing his music and other artists condemned him after the attack.

Before the beating, Brown was considered a squeaky-clean R&B up-and-comer. He rose to prominence after the 2005 hit "Run It!" He was nominated for a Grammy for "No Air" with Jordin Sparks and named Billboard's top artist in 2008.

"I intend to live my life so that I am truly worth of the term 'role model,'" Brown says at the video's conclusion.



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CAMPUS | HEALTH

Stress management workshop offered to university employees

By KAITLYN PETERS
Staff Reporter

Eastern Illinois University is hosting the Time and Stress Management Workshop on July 28, in the Effingham room at MLK Jr. Union from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Pam Schnake, president of the Experiential Learning Services out of Decatur, will be hosting the workshop. The workshop is open to all university employees, and seats can be reserved by calling Julie Benedict, training and development Specialist, at 581-8415.

Benedict said 15 seats are currently reserved, but the Effingham room can hold around 30 people.

Benedict said the meeting helps the employees deal with the stressors that may be related to their job.

"The workshop provides tools and ideas to cope with that stress," Benedict said.

Schnake said the workshop will focus on identifying many of the stressors that affect workers and providing different tips and techniques to reduce the stress.

"Once you identify the stressors, you can develop strategies to help deal with the stress," said Schnake.

One tip is to stay healthy by getting plenty of sleep, eating properly and stretching.

Schnake said many people struggle

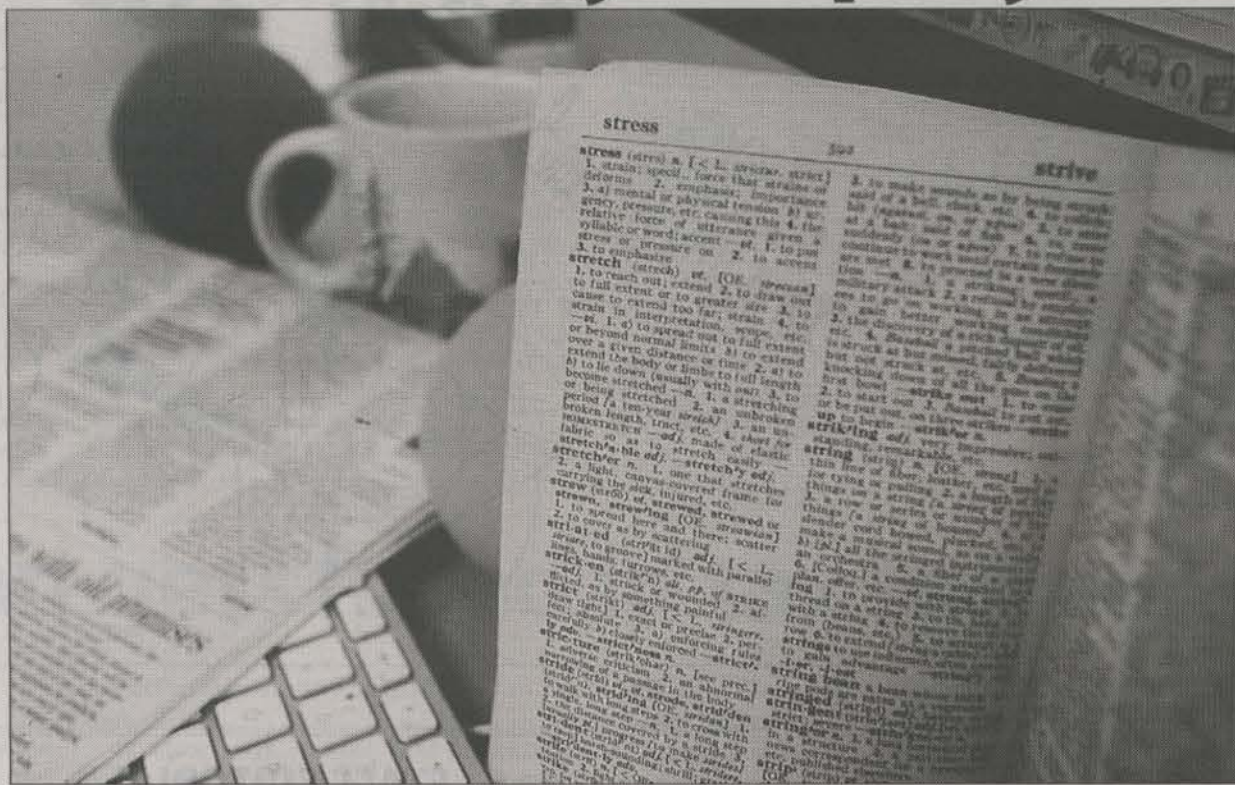


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Whether it be the imminent fear of layoffs or an exceeding pressure to perform, many find it hard to cope with challenges on the job.

with organization because it is difficult for them to perform their job when they can't manage their time or are constantly interrupted.

Workers can better use their time through restructuring their schedule, clearing excess time and setting goals.

"Don't worry about things

you can't influence, instead worry about things you can control," said Schnake.

Schnake's company, ELS, provides different kinds of training for corporations. They provide corporate training, as well as sessions on team building, resolving conflicts in the work place and they help struc-

ture meetings.

Schnake has worked with the Human Resource department at Eastern Illinois University for the last five years by hosting workshops like the Time and Stress Management.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Textbook Return Deadline next week

Summer 2009 textbooks should be returned on Monday, Aug. 10 at 4 p.m.

Textbook Rental will be open Monday, Aug. 10 through Saturday, Aug. 15 from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

All textbooks do not have to be returned at the same time.

If a student is unsure about which textbooks they checked out in the first place, they can visit their PAWS account, which will list all the books they have checked out.

If textbooks are returned late, fines will be charged per textbook, on all textbooks.

For more information, go to www.eiu.edu/~textbks.

BLOTTER

A theft was reported in the south quad, on Thursday, July 16, according to University Police Department.

It was also reported that a student was receiving harassing telephone calls from an unknown individual on Friday, July 17.

These incidents are under investigation.

COMMENTS, CORRECTIONS, OR EVENTS

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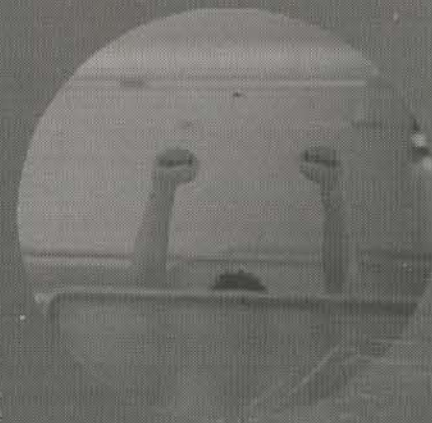
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JULIAN RUSSELL

Going back to school

As the beginning of the fall semester nears, I find myself as well as some of my friends actually looking forward to the start of school.

No, we didn't lose our sanity during the summer break, but rather find ourselves surrounded in boredom.

For me, it's more or less the need for a routine.

During the school term, I wake up and I know what I have to do and when it must be done. During the summer, waking up and having absolutely no idea what I will do with the day plagues me.

It used to be that I enjoyed that freedom of having no particular schedule to go by, but now, however, I find myself almost needing that schedule to keep me feeling normal.

School for me has more or less been a blessing.

I was your typical guy that truly disliked high school to the point where I didn't even take it seriously anymore.

I wanted nothing more than to get done with high school so I could explore what life was really about outside of a classroom.

I chose to leave high school early, get my GED and move on with my life.

At first I enjoyed it, minus the fact that I didn't get to see all of my friends as often as I would have liked to. The world was at my fingers to work or walk or explore or do whatever a classroom was preventing me from doing.

All I wanted to do was explore the world; see it for what it was that isn't taught at school.

After doing that for a few years I realized after seeing the world from a different view, I now wanted to be a part of that world and help shape that world rather than be a speck on a map.

I realized that I needed to go back to school.

Some people get caught up in their minimum wage jobs thinking that eventually they will move on until—next thing they know, they are 40 and have no intentions of going back to school.

They become comfortable.

Me, I couldn't do that.

I signed up for Lake Land and during the first week kept wondering, "Will I make it another week?"

I wasn't sure if I was ready to be back in the classroom but after a short amount of time I realized that I was in it for the long haul. Lake Land gave me the opportunity to work hands on with my goals.

At Lake Land, I wasn't treated like part of a class, but rather an individual with the opportunity to take my goals as far as I wanted to.

The harder I wanted to work, the more opportunities I was given to work hard. I thought I would be comfortable with my Associates Degree, but quickly realized I was ready to go all the way.

So, now I'm taking advantage of the same opportunities Lake Land gave me at EIU and I feel the need to take this chance to say to others, you can too.

If you're ready to make a change, sign up for school now. It is an easy process and will truly make a difference in your life.

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Drawn from the News | Brad York



STAFF EDITORIAL

Health care is necessary, but can we afford it?

Yesterday, Ill. Rep. Mark Kirk announced that he would be running for the Senate seat that was previously held by President Barack Obama. Nearly 50 health care advocates wouldn't let Kirk off the hook so easily.

The advocates reportedly stormed their way to the front of the rally and began telling Kirk directly the need for actual health care reform.

Caught off guard, Kirk proceeded to ignore the advocates and carry on with his announcement speech.

Among the advocates was Judith Gethner. After attending the rally, Gethner still wasn't receiving the response or answers that she was looking for.

Gethner then snuck up to Kirk on his porch and asked the representative why he would not support a public option for health care. Kirk still ignored the question.

Gethner asked one final time and finally got an answer she wasn't exactly ready for.

Gethner then told reporters that an angry and agitated Kirk responded with "We can't afford to insure everyone."

Gethner's response was simple yet strong, "How can we afford not to, Mr. Kirk?"

Health care is a topic that is always on the forefront of many citizens and politicians minds, and why shouldn't it be?

Many families nationwide are up in arms about their current health insurance situations. Not only do many jobs limit the choices a family can make to two or fewer insurance companies, but also it seems that the choice the family makes can't be correct.

According to a report on HealthCareforAmerica.org

(HCAN), from 2000 to 2007, health insurance premiums for working Illinois families has risen 73 percent.

Nineteen months ago the unemployment rate was at 5.6 percent. The recession eliminated nearly 7 million jobs statewide. The unemployment rate has now reached 9.4 percent.

Because of these troubled times, now seems a better time than ever to initiate a public health care reform.

This leaves one lasting question. Can we truly afford public health care?

Currently, congress is working on a piece of legislation that is hoped will eliminate many persistent health disparities.

HCAN continues to fight for a health care reform that will benefit the nation as a whole with more than 1000 organizations that represent over 30 million people. President Obama is one supporter of the organization along with 190 members of Congress.

With all this support and top politicians backing the ideas of public health care, it seems as though it is only a matter of time until this dream becomes reality.

Our question to Rep. Kirk is, with the senate seat up for grabs, can he afford to not support public health care?

EDITORIAL POLICY

The editorial is the majority opinion of *The DEN* editorial board. Reach the opinions editor at: DENopinions@gmail.com.

OTHER VIEWS ON THE NEWS

COMMUNITY COLLEGE FUNDING

President Obama announced a shift in college funding with the dedication of an additional \$12 billion in funding to community colleges Tuesday.

The American Graduation Initiative provides a 10 percent increase in federal funding for community colleges across the U.S. The increase will take place over a 10-year period, and will be significant even for four-year institutions such as UH.

"Community colleges are an essential part of our recovery in the present and our prosperity in the future," Obama said in Tuesday's address to Macomb Community College in Warren, Mich.

Community colleges allow easier access

than many four-year institutions, and also help students gain a foothold into the academic world without the commitment of as many university fees.

The community college programs in the U.S. also provide training to replace obsolete skill sets in the changing job market.

These skills may help get people back on their feet after a lifetime of working, allow a first time college student to get some credits and transfer to UH, allow a student to earn enough money to live on while going to school or help another generation of children go to school.

Although some may see the allotment of these funds as misplaced and somehow

better spent on funding traditional universities, the educational community has a mandate to serve all who seek an education.

UH gains when Houston's community colleges thrive. Many of those students may pursue further studies at UH, and if they do not, their children likely will.

"By 2020, this nation will once again have the highest proportion of college graduates in the world," Obama said.

Education is a healthy investment. It is a part of the infrastructure of the U.S., which has been somewhat neglected, but this initiative is a good start to correcting the problem.

The Daily Cougar

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CHARLESTON | CITY COUNCIL

City council to vote on building variance request

Staff Report

Tonight's city council looks to be brief when taking into consideration only 11 items are on the agenda.

After the Board of Zoning Appeals and Planning approved the plan last Thursday, the owners of the property at 403, 407 and 415 Polk's request for variance will now be put in front of city council.

Chad Phillips, co-owner of the property, is hoping to be able to change his plan from a 17 unit apartment with three and four bedroom apartments to a 34 unit apartment with one and two bedroom apartments.

In other business, a resolution to authorize the city to sign as a guarantor for a loan for the Carnegie Public Library will be on the table as well.

This loan will enable the library to obtain additional funding for the improvements

within the library.

The library cannot receive this loan without the city guaranteeing the loan, according to the resolution.

The loan will be signed through First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust for an amount under \$500,000.

Also, a bid award will be up for a vote which will allow a contractor to begin the renovations at Charleston Fire Station Number 1.

The renovations will include a new roof, and new overhead garage doors along with other minor improvements through the fire-house garage.

The contractor with the bid the city is going to vote on is Greg Webb from Heritage Builders of Effingham, Inc. The architect on the bid is Hance, Utz & Association, P.C.

The contractor bid is \$236,685.

A resolution for a loan totaling \$22,000

CITY EVENTS

Charleston Challenge Race Duathlon

What: a two-mile run
When: Sept. 26, 8 a.m.

City Council Meeting

When: 7 p.m. tonight
Where: second floor of City Hall

for the City Fleet Plan will also be voted on during tonight's meeting.

This money will be used to purchase a new vehicle for the city. The loan will be signed through Prairie State Bank and Trust for a period of five years at a 3% interest rate.

The Charleston Parks and Recreation

Department has filed a request for a road closure from the intersection of Douglas Drive and McComb Street to Lovers Lane and Cortland Drive on Sept. 26.

This request has been filed because for the Charleston Challenge Race Duathlon taking place at this location pending approval from the city council.

The duathlon will consist of a two-mile run a 20-mile bike ride then a finishing with a two-mile run.

The race will begin at 8 a.m. on Sept. 26.

Other business includes two resolutions to destroy audio and video of closed meetings dating more than 18 months ago and the authorization of the meeting minutes from the said closed meetings.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on the second floor of City Hall tonight.

Complied by Online Editor Kayleigh Zyskowski.

STATE | GOVERNMENT

Gov. Quinn gets fused in tax increase session

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD— Gov. Pat Quinn emerged from his first legislative session without the tax increase he wanted. Instead, he wound up with a rickety patchwork budget, the chore of deciding where to cut spending and a budding reputation as an indecisive flip-flopper.

It was a rough start for a politician likely to face voters in the Democratic primary in just six months. At least Quinn gets a chance to improve his reputation over the rest of the year.

He'll have the pleasant job of handing out construction money from his one unqualified success of the session, passing a \$31 billion public works program, and the far trickier task of proving his leadership skills by cutting the budget and building support for a tax increase in January.

"The governor has a tremendous task in front of him," said Rep. Roger Eddy, R-Hutsonville. "I don't think anybody wants to be him today."

Quinn was hardly the only leader to come out of the session with bruises.

Democratic leaders Michael Madigan, the House speaker, and John Cullerton, the Senate president, said they wanted a sound budget built around a tax increase. Ultimately they couldn't deliver either one.

Republicans scored a victory of sorts by delaying the tax increase they opposed and getting an agreement to study Medicaid and pension costs. But they ended up supporting the same kind of budget, one filled with gimmicks

and holes, that they've complained about for years.

In many ways, officials have produced a budget so flawed that they hope it provokes the public into demanding decisive action in January.

"It's going to be a long, hot summer — and I'm not talking about the weather," said Sen.

The governor weakened his position by frequently changing his mind or sending fuzzy messages, causing lawmakers to question his resolve.

He wanted government employees to contribute more toward their pensions, then he dropped the idea. He warned that a budget approved by legislators would force him

get. "We saw some pretty dramatic turns and changes from where he started."

The pattern extended to another of Quinn's top priorities, strengthening ethics laws. Quinn took a hard-line position early on, but wound up supporting an ethics package that was opposed by the very commission he appointed to recommend tougher laws. He compromised partly to get legislation that would allow the public to recall corrupt governors, but that measure never reached his desk.

Cullerton at least succeeded in getting his Democratic caucus to vote for a package of tax increases and property tax relief. Then Quinn and the House ignored the package instead of building on that momentum. The tax plan's Senate supporters were left hanging, having cast a politically risky vote and gotten nothing accomplished.

Meanwhile, Madigan never managed to unite his caucus behind any tax plan. He spent most of the session insisting there was little he could do to change the fact that there weren't enough Democratic votes in the House to pass a tax increase.

Many in Springfield assume that Madigan's inaction was tied to politics and a reluctance to commit vulnerable House members to a tax vote.

"I think everyone is entitled — and I mean everyone — to be frustrated that the House put these political concerns ahead of the practical reality of the state's really ginormous budget deficit," said Ralph Martire, executive director of the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability.

"The governor has a tremendous task in front of him. I don't think anyone wants to be him today."

— Rep. Roger Eddy, R-Hutsonville

John Sullivan, D-Rushville.

When Quinn replaced ousted Gov. Rod Blagojevich, he inherited a financial disaster. Plunging revenues, rising costs and government expansion had combined to produce a deficit estimated at \$11.6 billion for the upcoming fiscal year. But Quinn also had some things going for him.


Officials recognized that the budget was a mess and something big needed to be done. The next election was a year away. And the much-hated Blagojevich made a convenient scapegoat for any unpleasant decisions that had to be made.

Quinn, along with Madigan and Cullerton, couldn't capitalize on the opportunity.

to make drastic cuts in human services, then he refused to go through with the cuts. He wouldn't link the budget to the public works program, but then he did — and then he didn't. Again and again, he avoided threatening to veto the Legislature's version of the budget, then suddenly issued the threat when it was too late to matter.

Some of Quinn's changes in course were attempts to try new tactics as the legislative session dragged on. Others appeared to be changes for no particular reason. Either way, it affected his influence among lawmakers.

"When you don't have a set goal that makes it difficult to negotiate," said Sullivan, one of the Senate Democrats' leaders on the bud-



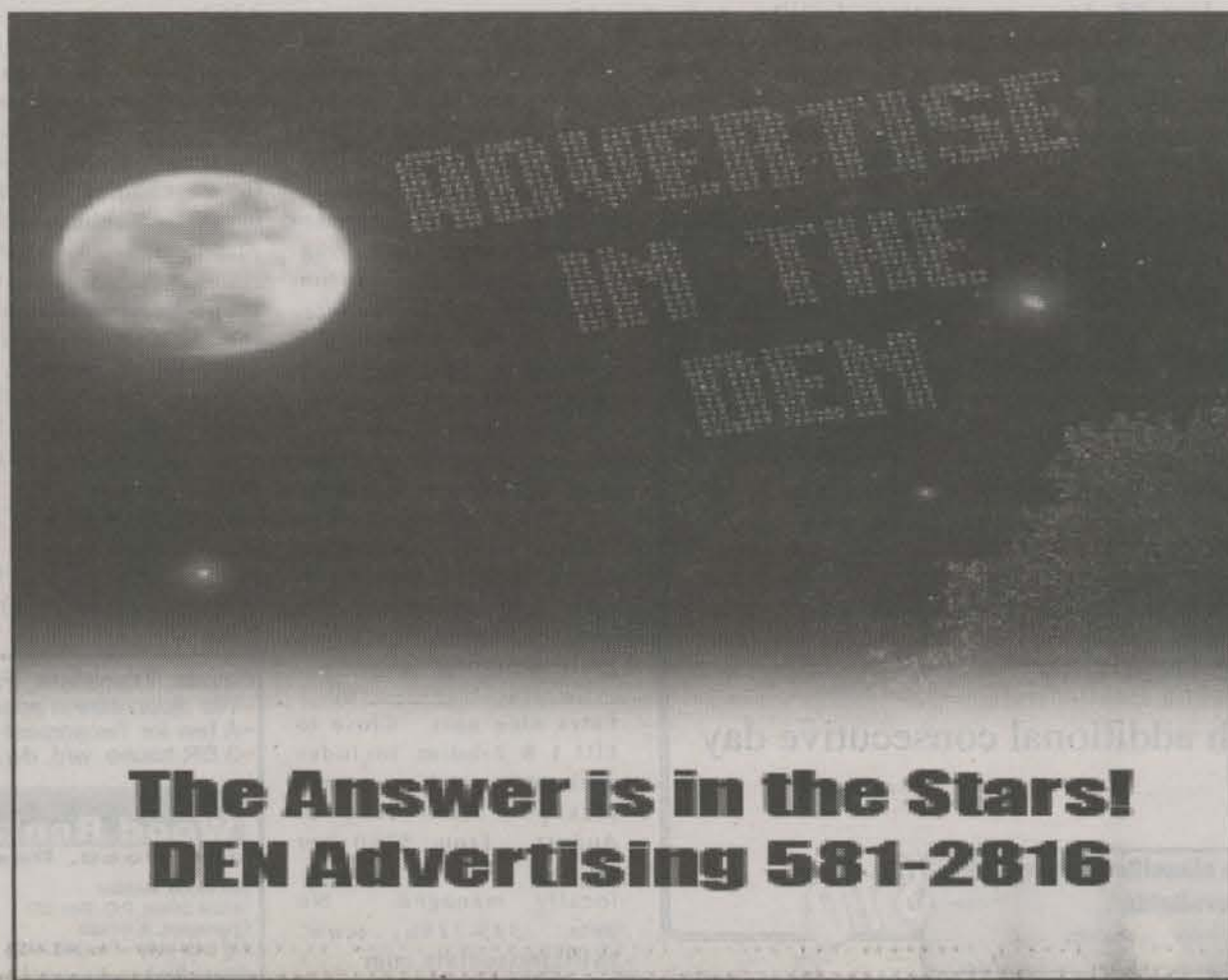
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BASKETBALL | CHICAGO

Perkins nets 29 as Sky beat Silver Stars

The Associated Press

CHICAGO—Jia Perkins scored 29 points and the Chicago Sky beat the San Antonio Silver Stars 85-75 on Sunday night.

Candace DuPree added 13 points and Sylvia Fowles had 11 and nine rebounds for the Sky (8-8). Fowles had missed five of the last six games

with a knee injury.

DuPree and Fowles will start for the Eastern Conference in the All-Star game and Chicago Sky coach Steven Keys said Perkins also deserves to make the team.

"I don't know how the voting is going to come out for the All-Star game next week, but it would be a huge travesty if (Perkins) did not get

on as a reserve," Key said. "I told her that she's an All-Star to us and that's all that really counts if she does not make it."

Perkins entered the game second on the team in scoring at 15.3 points per game and tops in assists at 3.9.

The Sky jumped out to a 43-28 halftime lead as the Silver Stars shot just 15.3 percent (5-for-33) from the

field in the first half. They missed all 11 of their 3-pointers.

Becky Hammon scored 22 points to lead San Antonio (6-8). Trailing by 11 entering the final period, Hammon scored nine points over a 3:30 span to cut the deficit to 72-67 with 3:49 left.

The Sky responded with an 8-0 run, including consecutive 3s by

Kristi Toliver and a layup by Perkins, to put the game away.

"Backbreakers," said Hammon. "You work so hard to get there (and) we just didn't get stuff done down the stretch. It's a shame because we fought back hard. We just didn't get the stops we needed."

Sophia Young added 11 points for San Antonio.

BASKETBALL | CHICAGO

Bulls waive Roberson

The Associated Press

CHICAGO—The Chicago Bulls have waived backup guard Anthony Roberson.

Acquired from the New York Knicks in February, Roberson appeared in just six games with the Bulls and averaged 2.0 points. He has averaged 4.1 points in three seasons, including stops with Memphis and Golden State.

BASKETBALL | DALLAS

Suit accuses Mavericks owner of diverting profits

The Associated Press

DALLAS—Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban is accused of wrongfully diverting millions of dollars from the NBA franchise's home arena to help make up for cash shortfalls incurred by the team, according to a lawsuit filed by a company controlled by the team's former owner.

The lawsuit claims Cuban covered the Mavericks' financial shortfalls by obtaining more than \$29 million in unauthorized loans through a limited partnership designed to distribute profits from the arena, the American Airlines Center. It accuses the Mavericks and three other companies controlled by Cuban of breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty and unjust enrichment.

The company that filed the suit, Hillwood Center Partners, is controlled by former Mavericks owner Ross Perot Jr. and holds a small interest in the arena's limited partnership, Radical Arena. A related Perot company sold the Mavericks to Cuban in 2000.

The lawsuit was filed Wednesday in state district court in Dallas, and a copy was obtained Monday by The Associated Press.

In an e-mail to media, Cuban said his attorneys have been open with Perot about the loans. He said the proceeds have been used "to put the best possible Mavericks team on the court," creating sellouts for the arena and driving customers to nearby businesses.

Cuban said he believes Perot is "trying to find nickels in the sofa cushion" in an attempt to recapture losses stemming from the Victory project, the retail and office development surrounding the arena. Perot's development company gave up its stake in the project to German investors in April, resulting in a reported loss of \$100 million.

"I have to tell you that the biggest mistake I made in buying the Mavs was in not completely buying out (Perot's) interest," Cuban wrote.

Hillwood spokesman Eddie Reeves said the company tried unsuccessfully to resolve its issue with Cuban before filing the lawsuit.

"At this point, we feel this is the only option we are left," he said.

The suit claims Cuban, acting as Radical Arena's general partner, caused the partnership to make multiple loans to the Mavericks instead of distributing the funds within the corporation. The first loan was made in September 2006 and provided the Mavericks with \$20 million at an interest rate of 5.4 percent, according to the lawsuit.

The transaction allowed the Mavericks to enjoy terms "substantially more favorable" than those the team would have obtained from an independent or unrelated lender, according to the suit. By not guaranteeing repayment of the note, Cuban avoided personal liability and obtained a substantial benefit for himself, the lawsuit alleges.

Cuban has twice extended the maturity dates of the loan and borrowed an additional \$8.1 million, it said. At the same time, the loan's interest rate was reduced to 3.5 percent, according to the suit.

Radical Arena owns approximately 33.5 percent of Center Operating Co., which operates the American Airlines Center under a long-term lease with the city of Dallas, according to the lawsuit. Center Operating Co. collects rent from the facility's two main occupants, the Mavericks and the NHL Dallas Stars.

Hillwood's lawsuit also claims that Cuban has borrowed another \$15 million for the Mavericks from other arena-related entities.

The Dallas law firm that filed the lawsuit on behalf of Hillwood is the same one that has represented former Mavericks coach Don Nelson in his ongoing battle with Cuban to obtain more than \$7 million in deferred compensation. Representatives of the firm, Figari & Davenport, declined comment.

On Friday, a federal judge dismissed an insider trading lawsuit filed by the Securities and Exchange Commission against Cuban because the agency didn't allege that he had agreed not to trade based on confidential information he received about an Internet search engine company, Mamma.com Inc.

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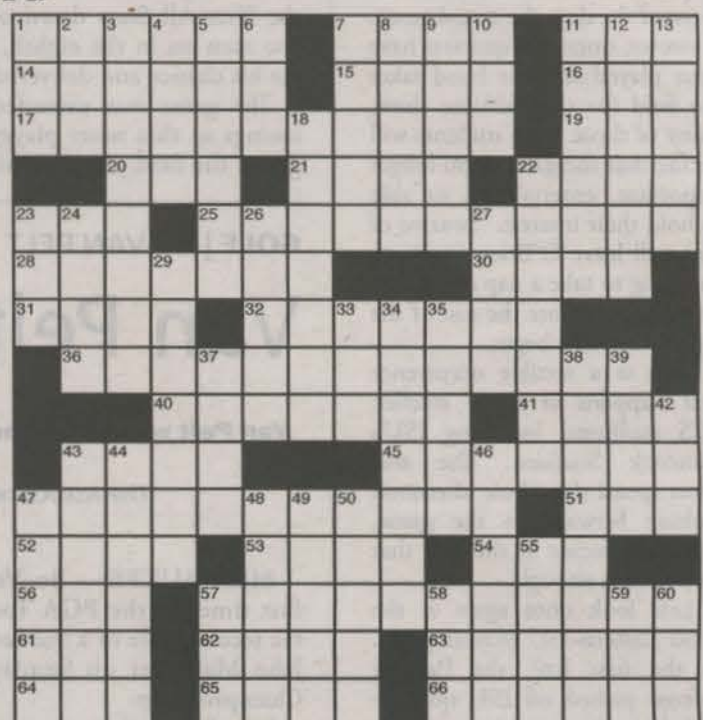


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- ACROSS**
- 1 Leave in a hurry
 - 7 Toothed tools
 - 11 Where a truck driver sits
 - 14 Swingline item
 - 15 Field yield
 - 16 Corrida cheer
 - 17 "Impervious to picking, as a lock"
 - 19 Telecom giant acquired by Verizon
 - 20 Legal ending
 - 21 Leisure
 - 22 Air apparent?
 - 23 "Liquid diet" devotee
 - 25 "Engraver's surface"
 - 28 Piled carelessly
 - 30 Superlative suffix
 - 31 Seized vehicle
 - 32 High-rise apartment garden site
 - 36 "Motto of the U.S. Coast Guard"
 - 40 Playful kissing
 - 41 Middle-earth creatures
 - 43 Catherine, the last wife of Henry VIII
 - 45 Nestles
 - 47 "Routine-bound bureaucrat"
 - 51 Online communications, for short
- DOWN**
- 52 Notable times
 - 53 Start the kitty
 - 54 Tibetan beast
 - 56 Rocker Ocasek
 - 57 "Countries with big militaries"
 - 61 Part of a tuba's sound
 - 62 Vietnam's continent
 - 63 Naturally illuminated
 - 64 Petal plucker's pronoun
 - 65 Remain undecided
 - 66 Compliment heard in the dress department
 - 1 Q-U connection
 - 2 Hagen of Broadway
 - 3 Camp clothing identifier
 - 4 Antonyms: Abbr.
 - 5 Lamb's coat
 - 6 Not agin
 - 7 Bit of fabric
 - 8 Got out of bed
 - 9 Affection seeker
 - 10 Tanning lotion letters
 - 11
 - 12 "Little Women" author
 - 13 It's darker than cream



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- 34 Owner of a brand?
- 35 Debate the pros and cons
- 37 Sign of a contented cat
- 38 Improbable
- 39 Flower holder
- 42 Deflation sound
- 43 Persona non grata
- 44 Geronimo's tribe
- 46 Recover from a soaking
- 47 Those "walking" through the answers to the starred clues
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SPORTS COLUMN

STICK AROUND

By Jeff Jurinek

As summer classes draw to a close and students begin to look forward to the fall semester, one thing is on many Eastern sports fan's minds: the start of the football season.

As the season approaches, fans will anxiously anticipate the Panther's home opener against arch-rival Illinois State on Sept. 3 in the season opener for both teams.

Given the history of the rivalry, as well as the proximity of the two schools, Eastern students will be excited about this matchup. The Eastern-ISU rivalry is the oldest in the state, with their first meeting in 1901; they have met 96 times since, with ISU leading the all-time series 50-38-9.

Fans can bet on this season's installment of the rivalry to be another classic, thanks to the Redbird's recent hiring of new head coach Brock Spack. Spack was a player at Purdue when Eastern head coach Bob Spoo was a member of the Boilermaker's coaching staff; when Spoo took the Panther head coaching position in 1987, Spack was hired as an assistant on the Panther sideline.

Given the storylines leading up to the game, Eastern students should be very excited. There is little doubt that on game day, students will host afternoon parties and tailgates, and properly prepare themselves for the main event of the day—the actual game. However, once two quarters have been played and the band takes the field for the halftime show, many of those same students will decide that the game is no longer important, entertaining, or able to hold their interest. Swarms of fans will leave O'Brien Stadium, choosing to take a nap or continue partying before the rest of the night's activities begin.

This is a terrible occurrence that happens at many smaller, FCS stadiums, including ISU's Hancock Stadium. The students spend the whole afternoon looking forward to the game, and then decide at the half that they've seen enough.

Lets look once again at the 2006 Eastern-ISU playoff game. In the first half, the Panther defense picked off ISU quarterback Luke Drone twice and only trailed the 'Birds by four at the break, 10-6. An Eastern interception return for a touchdown early in the fourth led to a 13-10 Panther lead with 10 minutes left in the game. ISU would then put up 14 unanswered points to win the game.

The point is that anything can happen late in the game, and if you spend the whole day looking forward to the game, you owe it to yourself to watch the entire game. The parties will still be going on after the game ends. On September 3, Eastern students should take pride in O'Brien Stadium being as full at the end of the game as it will be at the start.

BASEBALL | PROSPECT LEAGUE ALL-STAR GAME

DERBAK NAMED ALL-STAR MVP

Pitcher delivers at the plate with two-run single to put team ahead

By JEFF JURINEK
Sports Editor

Eastern pitcher Richie Derbak was named MVP of the inaugural Prospect League All-Star game on July 15 after coming off the bench in the bottom of the eighth to deliver a two-run single that put the West Division All-Stars ahead.

Before a crowd of 3,106 at Laphier Park in Springfield, Derbak came into the game with his West All-Stars trailing 4-3. His base hit scored Josh Parr and Dave Reynolds, both with the Springfield Sliders, and put the West Division up 5-4.

The West All-Stars went on to win the game 7-4.

Derbak, who was representing the Quincy Gems, was selected to the All-Star game as a pitcher. This summer, he has gone 4-0 with a save.

West All-Star manager Chris Martin, who played for the Panthers from 1998-2001 and also manages the Quincy Gems, chose not to utilize Derbak on the mound because Derbak threw too many pitches in a regular season game on July 13.

However, Martin told Derbak he would get him in the game; with the West-All Stars down one with two men on in the eighth, Derbak got his chance and delivered.

The game was extended to 10 innings so that more players could get on the field. Derbak picked up



File Photo

Richie Derbak hit a two-run single in the bottom of the eighth inning that put his West Division All-Stars ahead in the Prospect League All-Star Game July 15 in Springfield. He finished with three RBI's in the West All-Stars' 7-4 victory.

his third RBI of the night in the bottom of the tenth, scoring Parr on a sacrifice fly.

With the Gems this season, Derbak leads the Prospect League with

54 strikeouts in 41 innings pitched. Over his 10 outings this summer, he has given up only four earned runs and ranks second in the league with a 0.88 ERA, while also lim-

iting opponents to a .166 batting average against him.

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GOLF | BO VAN PELT

Van Pelt beats Mallinger in sudden death

Van Pelt wins PGA for the first time, U.S. Bank ends sponsorship of PGA Tour after six-year run

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE— Bo Van Pelt won for the first time on the PGA Tour with a birdie on the second hole of a sudden death playoff over John Mallinger on Sunday at the U.S. Bank Championship.

Van Pelt had two putts to win, leaving a 26-footer a little short before sinking a 2-foot birdie for his first victory in his 229th tour event.

On the second playoff hole, the 29-year-old Mallinger rolled his second shot in a green-side bunker.

Mallinger got out, but left himself a 28-footer for birdie that he pushed right of the hole and settled for par.

That would be plenty for Van Pelt, who had a chance on the first hole to end it, but looked nervous and missed a 13-foot eagle putt.

He settled for a tap-in birdie to put the pressure on Mallinger, who made a 5-footer setting up the final scramble.

Van Pelt gets a \$720,000 check and the satisfaction that he's finally won on tour after 10 years of finishing no better than second at the 2008 Puerto Rico Open.

The 34-year-old Van Pelt shot a 64 in the final round and did not have a bogey to move from 7 under to 13 under, finishing with a 4-foot putt for birdie on No. 18.

Van Pelt made his move with three straight birdies on the back nine at Nos. 13-15, sinking a 22-footer at the par-5 15th to go to 12 under.

Then he had to wait and watch the scoreboard.

Van Pelt went to the driving range with his caddie alone and as each group came in, a few more onlookers joined him.

Mallinger, who was also looking for his first tour title, shot a 65 on Sunday and used an eagle on the par-5 15th to vault among the leaders.

He went to 13 under after a birdie on No. 16, but gave it back on the next hole when his sand shot went across the green and back into the rough.

But Mallinger quickly regrouped, sinking a 2-foot putt for birdie on No. 18 to send this tournament to a playoff for the first time since 2001 as both players had to wait for the forgotten final group to finish.

Frank Lickliter, who led at 11 under after 54 holes and Greg Chalmers, who started the

day one back and was the leader after each of the first two rounds, both struggled on the front nine Sunday and never recovered.

The tournament must find a new title sponsor to return next season after U.S. Bank earlier announced it was ending its relationship with the 42-year-old event following a six-year run.

"We're going to continue our efforts to try and find a sponsor, meet with people, talk with the PGA Tour and proceed on our mission," tournament director Dan Croak said.

Croak said the PGA has not given him a deadline to find a new sponsor, but knows the sooner the better.

"I remain very hopeful," he said.

Jerry Kelly and Steve Stricker, both from Wisconsin, are working together on a new concept for the tournament that they plan to pitch to sponsors and the PGA.

While Kelly, who finished at 12 under and in third place, said he can't get into the specifics, one key component could be to move the event into a new time slot that isn't opposite of the British Open, which it's been since 2007.

Several PGA events are facing the same economic pressure and may not return.

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