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Quinn: It's Okay If Tax Increase Costs Me Job as Illinois Governor

CHICAGO (AP)

Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn says he realizes that his proposal to raise income taxes could cost him another term, but he has to do what's right. Quinn said at a press conference Sunday that he thinks the state's residents want a governor who levels with them. And he says that the tax proposal was the only honest and honorable thing to do.

Quinn said the state is in deep debt, and it needs more revenue so it can pay its bills. He says businesses may have to lay off workers if they're not paid. His budget proposal calls for raising personal and corporate income tax rates by 50 percent, increasing cigarette

taxes and charging more for driver's licenses and automobile registrations.

He says critics of his plan should make their own proposals.



Gov. Pat Quinn

Tamaroa Preschool Screening April 1

Southern Region Early Childhood Programs in partnership with Tamaroa Grade School District 5 will hold a preschool screening from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on April 1 at Tamaroa Elementary School.

The screening will be for children from birth through age 5 who are not eligible for kindergarten. Please call 496-5513 for an appointment. The screening is free and walk-ins are welcome.

CATCH OF THE DAY: DU QUOIN MAN WINS \$50,000 BASS BOAT

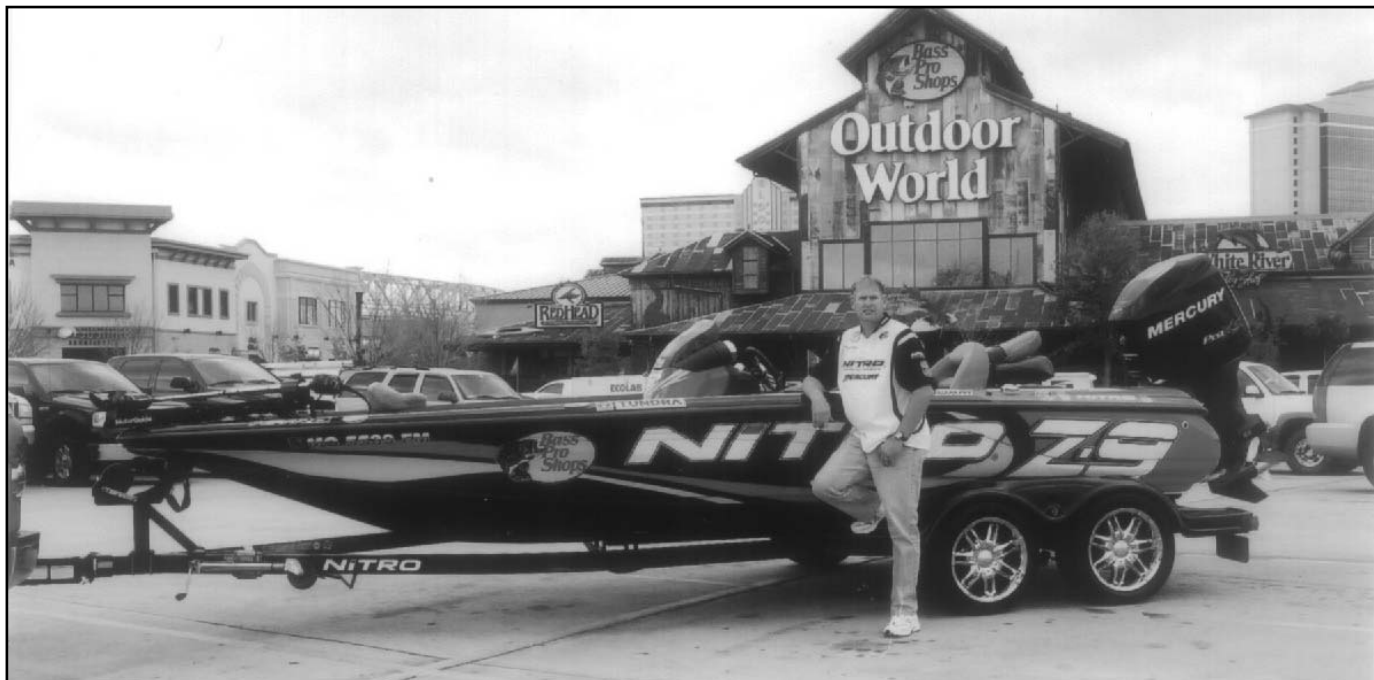


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Former Du Quoin resident Randy Rader, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rader of Du Quoin, recently won Kevin Van Dam's tournament boat--a 2008 Nitro Z-9--during the Bassmaster Classic held February 20-21 in Shreveport. Rader and his wife, Lisa, attended the event and won the boat out of over 100,000 entries. Rader was

a current Nitro owner. VanDam won two events and the Anger of the Year title from the boat in 2008. He is currently ranked No. 1 in the world with over \$3 million in tournament winnings. Randy and his wife are residents of Morgan City, Louisiana. Depending upon equipment, the boats are valued at between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

HISTORIC SUNFIELD METHODIST CHURCH IS DEMOLISHED



Asbestos siding and asbestos floor tile were removed from the historic Sunfield Methodist Church last week, allowing the historic community church to be demolished as the new church nears completion.

NEW CHURCH NEARING COMPLETION



PHOTOS COURTESY CHARLES HESLEY

Construction of the new Sunfield Methodist Church immediately east of the former church is nearing completion. The church was constructed by K & H Construction of Pinckneyville and Du Quoin at an estimated cost of \$800,000. The church will be featured in an upcoming Du Quoin Evening Call photo feature with an historic perspective on this great church and its congregation.

West Point Grad Heads Illinois State Police

CHICAGO (AP)

Just two days after the Illinois State Police director resigned abruptly, Gov. Pat Quinn appointed a 29-year-old West Point graduate and former mortgage banker to the post.

Speaking at a press conference Sunday, Quinn hailed former U.S. Army Capt. Jonathon Monken as a person of courage, distinction and integrity.

"John is the kind of leader men and women of the Illinois State Police can look up to," he said. "At this time of peril...it's very important for the state to have people like John."

Monken replaces Larry Trent, who was with the state police for 22 years before former Gov. Rod Blagojevich appointed him director in 2003. Trent, who said he wanted to spend more time with family, resigned Friday.

Monken said he was surprised when Quinn asked him to take the post.

Born in Mesa, Ariz., and raised in suburban St. Charles, Ill., Monken graduated in the top 1 percent of his class at West Point. He served in Kosovo and, as a platoon leader in Iraq, led more than 100 combat missions.

He rose to the rank of Army captain and

was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

He returned to Illinois and, in July 2007, joined Chicago Bancorp as a mortgage banker.

The next year, he changed careers, taking a job as a recruiter for the Illinois National Guard and taking classes at night for a master's degree in business at Northwestern University, Quinn spokeswoman Marlena Jentz.

She said Monken has taken a temporary leave of absence from the school to pursue his new position.

Monken said he hopes to quickly win over older officers with more experience.

Just Add Water

Tryin' Out Scuba in Southern Illinois

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JOHN A. LOGAN

Searching coral reefs and watching sharks may not be common hobbies in places like Southern Illinois, but that doesn't stop local scuba divers from sharing an interest in the sport.

John A. Logan College hosted the "Try Scuba" event at its Aquatic Center Friday and Saturday to let participants get a feel for what it's like to scuba dive.

The four-hour event included mini-lessons on equipment, safety and buoyancy, breathing, and kicking. The bottom of the college's pool may not have held the splendor of a bed of coral but it

provided a safe environment to practice proper diving.

It cost \$20 to sign up for the Try Scuba, but Mermet Springs provides \$20 vouchers that are given to all participants to reduce the price of full-time scuba lessons by the same amount if they sign up within a week of the event.

Glen Faith, owner of Mermet Springs

and scuba instructor, had recently returned from diving in the Galapagos Islands to teach at the event.

"Scuba diving invites the best kinds of people," Faith said.

"It's fun, it's relaxing, and it's exercise. It's like flying underwater."

"People always think scuba lessons are expensive, but when I started in scuba 15 years ago they were \$260 and today they are \$290. That's not a lot for something as amazing as diving."

Faith teaches at the springs, located between Vienna and Metropolis on US highway 45, that provide 40 hour courses that take two to three weeks to complete for scuba certification cards that last a lifetime.

The springs offer a staff of 45 and an underwater Boeing 747 from the movie "US Marshals."



Left: Instructors and participants in the JALC pool practicing scuba diving. Top: Learning the hand signals for underwater communication. Right: Scuba Instructor Glen Faith giving pointers on how to scuba dive.

Health Fair:

At Marshall Browning April 4

Marshall Browning Hospital in Du Quoin will offer "Health Fair 2009" to community members on Saturday, April 4 from 7 a.m. to 12 noon at the hospital. Lab testing will begin at 7:00 a.m. and booths will open at 8:00 a.m.

Attendees to this event can expect great FREE seminars, informational booths and screenings.

The free seminars include:

■ 8:30 a.m. - "Exercise & Diet" presented by Tim Davis, PTA, Certified Athletic Trainer

■ 9:15 a.m. - "Sleep Apnea" presented by Dr. Terry Brown, Diplomate of American Board of Sleep Medicine

■ 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. - "Building A Better Memory for Everyday Life" presented by Milly Kaiser, Family Life Educator, U of I Extension

■ 11:00 a.m. - "Meal Management for Diabetes" presented by Gail Peterman, Registered Dietitian/Registered Diabetes Educator

In addition, the Health Fair will be providing blood testing at a reduced rate of \$10. Blood tests include a Lipid Profile (Cholesterol, Triglyceride, HDL, LDL and Blood Sugar (Glucose)). For most accurate results, participants should fast 8 hours prior to testing. For reduced wait times, pre-register by calling 618-542-2146, ext. 1433. Other free health screenings include PFT

(pulmonary function testing) and blood pressure screenings.

Attendees can take advantage of free Child ID's provided by the Perry County Sheriff's staff, free Chair Massage by Kay's Massage & Wellness, Brown Bag (bring your medications and meet with a Pharmacist), complete an Advance Directive, create a "Personal Health Record", and tour the Arch Air Medical Helicopter and an ambulance.

The Hospital is pleased to have over 20 informational booths available such as smoking cessation, asthma, sleep apnea, diabetes, Stat Heart Program, Southern Illinois Dermatology, Southern Illinois Behavioral Services, Perry County Health Department, American Cancer Society, home medical equipment, prenatal care information, hospice services, senior services and much more. There will be multiple MBH booths including rehab services (physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, lymphedema therapy, vestibular therapy), same day surgery services, Marshall Browning Estates, mammography, specialty clinics, physician clinics, and patient billing.

Refreshments and giveaways will be provided. For more information or to pre-register, contact Pam Logan at 618-542-2146, ext. 1433.

Du Quoin City Council Agenda

The Du Quoin city council meets at 6 p.m. tonight at city hall with the following agenda under consideration.

The agenda includes consideration of several road blocks, adopting the revised code of ordinances, an ordinance authorizing a two way stop at the intersection of East Monroe and South Madison Streets, an ordinance addressing tattoo parlors-Public Display.

Also, resolution authorizing participation in the Federal Surplus Equipment Program, approve street closures for Hospice Poker Run on May 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on May 24th

from noon to 4:00 p.m. to facilitate the Poker Run for the Shriners, approve street closure for the heritage days festival.

Also, the resignation of Joe Riggio effective at the end of duty on the April 7th, 2009 shift, approve to place on Public Display an agreement to purchase energy, approve to proceed with a condemnation on the property located at 107 S. Line Street, and approve to proceed with a condemnation on the property located at 736 E. Park Street

