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Former Peorian says he could help gain the downstate vote if picked to be Quinn's running mate

BY KAREN MCDONALD
OF THE JOURNAL STAR

PEORIA — Former Peorian and comptroller candidate Raja Krishnamoorthi wants to be considered for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor and says he can bring the votes to help clinch victory.

The announcement comes the day after Scott Lee Cohen stepped down after winning the nod in last Tuesday's primary. Cohen once was accused of abusing his ex-wife and holding a knife to the throat of an ex-girlfriend.

Krishnamoorthi said the pairing with Democratic gubernatorial nominee Pat Quinn would make sense because he could help Quinn grab more votes, a key concern for Democrats who don't want to lose the state's top elected post to a Republican in November.

"The primary message of our candidacy was being a voice of reform, transparency and accountability in state government. You need that in the lieutenant governor position as well," Krishnamoorthi said.

He lost by 8,328 votes, not including absentee and provisional ballots yet counted, to David Miller, a state representative from Lynwood. But he noted success in areas key in general election battlegrounds: downstate and the suburbs. The Hoffman Estates resident also boasts a considerable

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Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn speaks at a news conference on Monday, the day after embattled Lieutenant Gov. candidate Scott Lee Cohen dropped out of the race. Quinn said anyone who wants the job should speak up.

FORECAST CALLS FOR UP TO SIX INCHES OF SNOW IN THE PEORIA AREA



Snow way

Peoria already has surpassed normal snowfall amounts, even as storm moves into the area

BY GARY CHILDS
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PEORIA — There's nothing average about the amount of snowfall this winter.

Peoria normally gets 26.3 inches in a season, according to the National Weather Service in Lincoln.

That was exceeded this winter before the storm that descended Monday on central Illinois.

By the time the current storm is expected to conclude, the total snowfall could surpass the 33 inches that fell from October 2008 through April 2009.

"It looks like we could see up to six

inches," senior meteorologist Ed Shimon said Monday evening.

According to Shimon's calculations, the 1.3 inches that had fallen by 5 p.m. Monday raised the seasonal total to 28.4 inches.

A final count of six inches would push the seasonal total to 33.1 inches.

"And we're still in early February," Shimon said with a laugh. "Mother Nature always has something up her sleeve."

A winter storm warning issued Monday will remain in effect until noon Wednesday.

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TOP: Blustery snow descends over Peoria and Deon Moore, 15, left, and Chris Thomas, 16, as they walk along railroad tracks near Woodruff High School on Monday. The National Weather Service in Lincoln predicts four to five inches accumulating by Tuesday morning. The area has received 28.4 inches of snow since Dec. 1. TOP: City of Peoria plows and salt trucks hit the streets as they prepare for a night of work. A winter weather advisory has been issued from noon Monday to 6 a.m. Wednesday.

Drivers still have faith in Toyota

Local dealers are making repairs on pedals of recalled car models

BY LAUREN REES
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PEORIA — Local Toyota owners don't seem shaken by the company's recent recall of about 2.3 million vehicles.

Even after Toyota recalled some of its popular models, including certain years of the Corolla, Camry and Tundra, Mike Hampton of East Peoria said he would remain a Toyota driver.

"I drove Fords for years, then drove a (Toyota) Tundra once and now I won't go back," he said. "It's luxury."

Hampton waited at Fort's Toyota of Pekin in North Pekin while two of his vehicles, a 2008 Tundra and a 2009

Camry, were being serviced as part of the company's recall. But having two cars in the shop at once didn't sway his opinion.

"They're still well built," he said.

Fort's Fixed Operations Manager Tom Sawicki said the dealership has installed shims, the steel reinforcement bars about

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Cat throws its support behind FutureGen

BY PAUL GORDON
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PEORIA — The technologies behind clean-burning coal may one day help many industry segments as they work to reduce harmful emissions, Caterpillar Inc. said when announcing Monday it plans to help FutureGen get built.

Caterpillar will become a member of the FutureGen Alliance, a private/public partnership being established to push the project forward.

Caterpillar is part of the manufacturing segment that will benefit and counts many customers in the other segments,

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