Mild weather aids home sales

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Iowa City had 131 residential real-estate listings sold and roughly 28 million in sales from December 2011 to March 14. There were 112 residential listings sold and approximately 21 million in sales in the same time a year ago, said Kay Swey of the Iowa City Area Association of Realtors. “I've been in real estate just over 30 years, and usually in cold weather months, there are not as many buyers out looking as there are in March through September,” said Mark Kamps, the broker and owner of Coldwell Banker Real Estate Professionals. “I tell sellers and buyers as soon as the weather starts to warm up in February, people start looking.”

The shelter will also receive funding from the city of Coralville.

The shelter was projected to cost $4 million. The center was forced to relocate following the flood of 2008. (The Daily Iowan/Melissa Wilson)

The University of Iowa officials have offered monetary support for a new Iowa City animal shelter, even though the decision has prompted some confusion.

“I was made aware of the decision after city officials said the UI would be required to pay additional fees for any stray animals the shelter found on the campus and brought into the facility,” UI spokesman Tom Moore said. The contribution is based on past costs for stray animals brought to the city’s temporary animal shelter from university grounds between 2009 and 2011. He said the specific number of stray animals...

University of Iowa students will soon join other Big Ten schools in an effort to maintain interest rate levels for Subsidized Stafford Loans.

Currently, interest rates on the loans are set at 3.4 percent by the College Cost Reduction Act of 2007. By 2014, the interest rates are expected to rise from 3.4 percent to almost 7 percent.

If rates went back to nearly 7 percent, she said. “No one expected the situation to be this bad,” she said. “We want to avoid this outcome. In that case, rates would jump back to last year’s level—almost 7 percent.”

The rate, which was lowered to 3.4 percent in 2007, was expected to be at 7 percent by 2014. This decision was made to reduce the cost of loans for students.
The Gazette’s Muller to leave before vote

Lyle Muller is set to become Iowa City’s new executive direc-
tor on Wednesday, March 21. Muller’s appointment to the po-
sition was announced Monday by Iowa City Mayor John D. Mil-
ner in a joint letter with the current editor of the Gazette.

“I am pleased to announce Lyle Muller’s appointment as the new executive director for the Gazette,” Milner said in the letter.

November 9, 2011, went over her head while playing with her mother. She is recovering, according to the newspaper.

Muller will take over for outgoing executive director Fred S. Conover, who has retired after 32 years with the newspaper.

Muller’s appointment was announced Monday in a joint letter from Mayor John D. Milner and City Manager Mark R. Broudy.

“Lyle Muller’s appointment as the new executive director for the Gazette is a significant step forward for the newspaper,” Milner said in the letter.

Muller, 53, is currently the managing editor of the Des Moines Register, a position he has held since 2008.

He has also served as the paper’s political editor and as a member of its editorial board.

Muller has been an associate editor and deputy managing editor at the Register since 2004.

He began his career at the Register in 1987 as a reporter covering local government.

Muller has also worked as an editor at the Des Moines Register, where he served as assistant managing editor for news from 2001 to 2004.

Muller attended the University of Iowa and received a bachelor’s degree in journalism in 1987.

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The expenses were finalized as the Iowa City School Board approved the district's 2012-13 budget for the comprehensive facilities plan in a 5-1 vote on Tuesday.

The plan covers all infrastructure and maintenance projects the district will undertake during the school year. Notable projects included $90,500 lock replacement at West High, a $90,000 parking expansion at Longfellow Elementary, and $195,000 for remodeling science rooms at Northwest Junior High.

Superintendent Stephen Murley said the board's authorization is only required for undertakings that are projected to cost more than $50,000, all of which were voted on Tuesday night.

Board member Tuyet Dorau opposed approving the budget, saying the plan lacked information on individual expenses outside their cost and lacked a long-term focus.

"I think it would be a bad idea for us to approve this given that we want a more comprehensive document," Dorau said. "I think it should have a long-term idea of where we're going, we might be wasting time and money on projects that we don't need to take care of right now.

Dorau said earlier versions of the plan contained more information and some infrastructure projects that were absent from the latest version.

"There are several projects missing from this list that had been there before," she said. "Changes haven't been made to make it a long-term plan."

Murley said he proposed the district combine its massive infrastructure budget into the current, more manageable comprehensive plan when he joined the district as superintendent in 2010. He agreed the plan still needs more detail but said the board should flesh out these details in closed work sessions over the upcoming year.

Board member Sarah Swisher also supported the plan.

"It's not meant to be a plan, it's a work in progress," she said. "The district has needs, we need to start working on projects and we need money."

City High parent Phil Hemingway also voiced some concerns about the plan in its current form. Only authorizing projects $50,000 or above, he said, limits the board's control over a wide range of district expenses.

"Fifty thousand dollars doesn’t give them enough control," he said. "It ought to be $20,000 or even $10,000."
Opinions

For decades, America's public schools have striven to serve as a beacon of hope for all our students, regardless of race, ethnicity, and religion to attend without much interference. However, what we used our public schools for has changed. Today, using information as both a shield and weapon to fend off the permissible forms of hatred and prejudice that threaten our country's children intellectually and emo-
tionally.

This past week in Duncanville, Texas, the seventh-through 12th-grade program of North Dallas High School suspended a student and set aside $4,900 in fine for a heinous crime against a group expressing hateful ideas through a number of outlets, including Junkyard Prophet. And though the band's members are not guilty of hate speech or bias, the Southern Poverty Law Center points out this is very simple.

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Despite this, Higgins said that lawmakers have to be pushed to extend the low rates because heightened rates would have frightening effects. “Increasing the interest rate can have negative consequences,” he said. “It may turn buyers off, and there’s obviously going to be a need as students, to have to give posi- tive reinforcement to the rates that exist. If we have the UI use money to help out with the fundings, is not yet certain. We are examining what the current rates are going to be and have the UI students.”

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Von Maur case continues

SCHNEIDER, IL — Mitt Romney took a major stride toward the Republican presidential nomination Tuesday night, racking Rick Santorum in the Illinois primary for his third big victory in a row and padding his already formidable lead in the race for convention delegates. 

"A big night," Romney exclaimed to cheering supporters in suburban Chicago. "Thank you! We've had enough!" Romney, who was reduced in Saturday's Louisiana primary, cast aside anything but a deliverer of victory as he spoke to supporters in Buffalo Grove, Ill. He said he had defeated Santorum in seven states since February, including Illinois. 

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BY JEN SCHOFF

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Two of those questions will get their first answers today when the Hawkeyes (10-10) host the Grand View Vikings (10-16). How will Iowa fare at home and how will it fare in midweek games this season?

Dahn addressed both those issues at the team’s media day on Feb. 9. Iowa struggled to a 20-32 record last year, including last season’s 7-13 mark at home and a 2-6 record in midweek contests.

“Our biggest thing is, hopefully, in those midweek games after we avoid injury through the weekend, we’re going to get back from spring break, the depth of our pitching can be a big benefit of we stay healthy,” Dahn said in media day.

The pitching staff has avoided injury through the first month. That was something it couldn’t do last year, so current senior Nick Brown and then-senior Zach Kenyon and Iowa’s first midweek game of the season.

The pitching staff could help improve this year’s Hawk- eye team.

“It’s something we’ve talked about a few weeks. Last year, part of it was injuries on the pitching staff, so we weren’t quite as good as the mound as much as what I thought we were going to be,” the ninth-year Hawkeye manager said.

“The bottom line is, we struggled at home last year. It was kind of fluky when we had so many guys who just couldn’t pitch and didn’t feel comfortable,” reliever Tim Fangman said last month.

“This year, we just have enough guys who just couldn’t pitch and didn’t feel comfortable,’ reliever Tim Fangman said last month. ‘It felt pretty good,’ Dahn said. ‘I just have to keep the ball down. I left the ball a couple times (against Bucknell), and it got smacked.’

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**HOT! and Walking Things**

Q&A after the screening with filmmaker Mya Bose, 7 p.m., RJA

**Live from Prairie High**

Hockey, home, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 16 S. Dubuque

**Peace Corps Application Writing Workshop**

7 p.m., UI Write Multicultural Fund, 16 S. Dubuque

**Theriot Hour Movies**

8 p.m., 172 Thiep Building

**Rubbuckebble**

8:30 p.m., Stop 62, 8th E. Dubuque

**Jam Session**

9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

**uiTV schedule**

3 p.m., Where Literature & Music Meet Concert No. 1, Music by Ryan Faustini, Oliver Miscigione, Conor Hanick, Tori Park, Sean Churchill, Amanda Smith. 435 The Workshop as Phenomenon

3 p.m., Student Information, Information on how to fulfill future benefits. Experience coupled with insight and dedication will help you take care of personal matters that will lead to future benefits.

**horoscopes**

**Aries** March 21-April 19

• You have a trip to view or experience something you want to accomplish personally if you are open with your feelings and intentions.

**Taurus** April 20-May 20

• You will lead to happiness.

**Gemini** May 21-June 20

• Take a close look at your day. Experience coupled with insight and dedication will help you take care of personal matters that will lead to future benefits.

**Cancer** June 21-July 22

• A little charm mixed with insight and unusual ideas will help you accomplish your goals.

**Leo** July 23-Aug. 22

• Do what’s best for you.

**Virgo** Aug. 23-Sept. 22

• Fire The New Guy didn’t even know he was supposed to be at work that day — then, by all means, fire The New Guy. How much studying did you do over the weekend? If you are not performing to your standards, you may be settled with “Sorry, she’s on maternity leave.”

**Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 22

• Do what’s best for you.

**Scorpio** Oct. 23-Nov. 21

• You mustn’t leave any room for error, for The New Guy obviously just hungover. How do you know when someone is not performing to your standards? You may be settled with “Sorry, she’s on maternity leave.”

**Sagittarius** Nov. 22-Dec. 21

• Picking up more skills or finding new ways to implement what you have to offer to a wider variety of people will pay off.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22-Jan. 19

• A serious approach to an unusual service will lead to happiness.

**Aquarius** Jan. 20-Feb. 18

• Don’t let anyone stand in your way or play emotional mind games with you. Bypass their种马 if you have to. How real are you?

**Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20

• You will lead to happiness.

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He moved to Montana State-Northern to take another assistant-coach position after one season. In North Dakota, Brand was the former Hawkeye graduate assistant who then was the head coach of the Lights — a head job. The interest was mutual, but he had to trust and autonomy. He remembers the twins to hunting as kids, competing against each other. Of that time was spent coming to blows or not, "You never knew if it was good or bad," Brands said. "It's why I love wrestling."

"It was natural for Tom to pop up to the surface," Brands said. "I wrestled a different style from what he did, as eager young assistant. I style, too, so sometimes, he sure to give that to his brother — no matter whose way. He says now that if Gable hadn't stopped coaching, he would still hang out with one and the other... I always knew just talk with them, getting jerseys, opening concession stalls, impressing him was funny young assistant. But Terry and the Hawkeyes, a decade ago. His top assistant. It's a professional team — a head coach and assistant coaches under him. Zalesky had moved on, and just talked with them, and notes and notes of things I way of doing things for the college program and a new honor his commitment and let him for that."""

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**Sports**

**Brands of brothers**

The Brands brothers’ successful partnership might not have occurred had Terry Brands not left Iowa City a decade ago and learned what he truly wanted as a coach.

*By Sam Loubrage*

A n Iowa wrestler site at his locker, almost ready to hit the classroom after practice. Head coach Tom Brands walks over, his voice full of common sense—maybe he urges the wrestler to keep his head off the mat. The wrestler nods, and Brands leaves.

Assistant coach Terry Brands walks in moments later. He steps down to the same wrestler and tells him exactly the same thing. It’s a common scene in the Hawkeyes locker room. “And I mean ‘verbena,’” Terry Brands said. “It’s funny because it happens a lot.”

For almost four seasons now, the Brands brothers—identical twins distinguishable from Carver-Hawkeye Arena’s press row only by the way they sit in their chairs—have been the Iowa coaching staff.

Iowa will try to get past last year’s midweek stumble in its home opener today.

![Iowa associate head coach Terry Brands reacts to a call during the match between Iowa’s Mike Brackett and Missouri’s Pat Loew on March 15. (The Daily Iowan/Ricky Bahner)](Photo)

Terry Brands (left) shares a laugh with Nebraska’s Jesus Kleber in the 132-pound match at the 2011 NCAA championships. (The Daily Iowan/Paul Filos)

**COMMENTARY**

**Greener than St. Paddy’s Day**

Iowa’s youth was the prevailing theme of Kirk Ferentz’s spring press conference on Tuesday.

*SETH ROBERTS*

The Iowa football team is young, really young. The youth—or simple inexperience—will be a redshirt freshman, and starters; Melvin Spears will be really young team,” Ferentz said on Tuesday. “… At that right now, I’m sure, who are guys on our roster.....

![WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012 THE DAILY IOWAN](Image)

The Iowa women’s basketball team may just simply need to rely on a familiar face in order to advance further in the postseason next year.

*MATTHEW COZZI*

The Iowa women’s basketball team advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the fifth-straight year, but it was one seed out of both the Big Ten and NCAA tournaments for the second-straight season. The Daily Iowan looks at who helped the Hawkeyes most, who potentially helped them back, and who Iowa can look forward to.

Freshman of the Year: Sam Logic

Iowa had perhaps its most heralded recruiting class in recent memory heading into this past season. Logic was clearly the best of this group, and she got progressively better as the season went along. The 5-foot 9 guard registered seven double-doubles, including a triple-double in a win over Michigan on Feb. 28. She was a unanimous selection for the All-Big Ten Freshman Team, finishing with an average of 9.4 points, 7.1 rebounds, and 4.4 assists per game.

The Racine, Wis., native grew her squad a beat in the Hawkeyes’ second-round loss to California in the first round of NCAA’s last weekend. Logic recorded 11 points and 11 assists—which tied the school record for assists in a tournament game—against the Golden Bears.

Logic will likely take over at point guard next year, a position at which she flourished at the prep level.

Most Disappointing: Lisa Bluder

Bluder is Iowa’s second all-time winningest coach—trailing only the legendary C. Vivian Stringer—and she has led the Hawkeyes to 11 postseason tournaments, including the NCAA Tournament each of the last five years.

Those are hefty accomplishments that only a handful of coaches in women’s college basketball—a sport in which every powerhouse as Connecticut, Stanford, and Tennessee continually sit at atop of the polls—can say they’ve reached.

But Bluder has had very deep rosters the last two seasons—particularly this season, despite being several players to an assortment of ailments. Iowa flipped in its only game at the Big Ten Tournament, a loss to Nebraska in which the Hawkeyes failed to make in-game adjustments.

The same thing happened in the Big 12 as the Black and Gold fell to Colorado in the first round.

Two-straight years, and two back-to-back early exits in the postseason.

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![Iowa guard Sam Logic sets up a play against Wisconsin in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 26. Logic was a unanimous selection for the All-Big Ten Freshman Team after averaging 9.4 points a game. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)](Photo)

![Terry Brands (left) shares a laugh with Nebraska’s Jesus Kleber in the 132-pound match at the 2011 NCAA championships. (The Daily Iowan/Paul Filos)](Photo)