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Beware early spring
This month is the warmest March on record for Iowa City, with an average of 52.1 degrees.

By DORA GROTE
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has brought them out a month early this year. More students showed up to lobby for additional state funding. Peter Matthes of UI Governmental Relations said that "That's not going to day more than doubled 
much longer, but so far, we've been lucky." Rasch said. "But the time we have to worry about frost is a lot longer but so far, we've been lucky!"

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Students, officials push UI cause in DM
University students and offi-
cials lobby for higher-education funding.

By BETH BRATOS
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Students — namely a House Appropriation Committee bill to freeze tuition for the upcoming school year — have been lobbying for increased state funding. The Senate's proposal would increase funding by $34 million.

State funding for regent universities
The budget for Fiscal 2012 is $580,070,135. Budget proposals for Fiscal 2013 by the University of Iowa Governmental Relations.

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"We're taking good care of the buds and just trying to keep them healthy," said Paul Rasch, the owner of Wilson's Apple Orchard. "What can you do? It's just the game of being a fruit farmer."

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"She wasn't even in the apartment for more than five minutes, and we've already got a fine," Beirer said.

That was the first of a series of disputes between Clark and the Borer family. After months of unsuccess-
ful legal maneuvering through a class-action case against Clark and its subsidiaries, the Beiers and Lecrow — another Clark client — have both filed small-claims cases against the rental group.

Their attorney, Chuck Wertman, said he’s advising some of his clients involved in the class-action case to file a case in small-claims court. He said individuals involved in small claims typically see a judge within 60 days of filling.

And Mark Beirer, Sophie Beirer’s father, said he hopes taking the case to small-claims court will bring a speedier resolution to the ongoing case and help for his daughter find closure on the issue.

"The class-action lawsuit could take up to two years
State offers alcohol training

By KRISTEN ARNOLD   

Local bar owners believe the state’s first online alcohol training course will help curb underage drinking in Iowa City.

The state Alcoholic Beverages Division—PACT—the Iowa Program for Alcohol Compliance Training—on March 1. Alcoholic Beverages Division Administrator Stephanie Jackson said the PACT is the first free, online course available in Iowa to be imple-
menting state alcohol training.

“The overall goal is to increase compliance and reduce the alcohol sales and illegal alcohol sales,” he said.

Jackson said more than 900 licenses have completed the course.

Several downtown Iowa City bar owners believe the training is beneficial in curbing underage alcohol sales.

Casey Irons, the owner of Bo-Jomies, 116 E. Wash-
ington St., said she and her employees took the course as early as last June.
“I told my employees it was at the top of our list, so they took their next shift, as they were one of the first to be chin-wagging to the state that I would promote," she said. “I thought it was pretty benevolent, and it didn’t take a real long time to get the new terms and things from it.”

Tom Lamuch, the owner of the Library, 113 E. Col-
ebrooke Lane, said his employees are required to take the course by Friday.

“I don’t know what else to do for Iowa City mostly, it’s more for the bar’s protection. They’re not our employees. We don’t want to see anyone get arrested, so we want to make sure our employees aren’t getting us into trouble,” he said. “I think it’s a good thing.”

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The last spring frost date for the College Area, according to Paul Rasch, the owner of Wilson’s Apple Orchard, was April 25, according to the Farmers Almanac. Larry Cline: once one of the owners of Fawver Green garden center in Coralville, and the bloom- ing is beyond anyone’s con- trol. “In all honestly, there isn’t a let us see what they do after all,” she said. “As long as we can’t real- ly stop it. We’re finding that seven things that were well mulched are still starting to grow because the ground is so warm.” Forsythia and red buds already bloomed in March, his as she said. “It was too hot to grow because the ground was so warm.” Forsythia and red buds already bloomed in March, his and in the mud.” Warnock said. “It’s almost like going to hug someone who they’re doing is wrong and they need to stop it because kids are suf- fering.” Borner said, “I told Chris he can donate the money to charity or use it to defend other students or whatever he wants.”

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Small Claims

Information on small- claims court cases:

- Small-claims cases are gen- erally brought by tenants in- volved in disputes over rent. “I’m not doing this for any financial gain, rather we’re doing this because we feel what they’re doing is wrong and illegal, and they need to stop it because kids are suf-

APARTMENTS DOWNTOWN CONTINUED FROM 1

the group in January 2011 to show Iowa politicians what kind of effect the uni- versity has on the state. “Our goal is to bring our campus to the people (and to) demonstrate UI has impact from river to river and bor- der to border,” he said.

Some legislators and the House’s proposed budget cut could further hurt the university’s students. If a frost occurs. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)
**Opinions**

**50,000 time to leave**

**Editorial**

**Should we adopt a stand-your-ground law?**

**No**

In a recent legislative push by Republicans, Iowa has proposed a bill that would change the state's stand-your-ground law proposed by Rep. Matt Windischl, R-Missouri Valley.

While stand-your-ground laws do allow individuals to legally deadly force if they feel that they are in danger, many believe that they would allow law-abiding citizens in Iowa, who would allow an person to kill someone's property if they perceive a threat, as "even if an alternative course of action is available." Even if they perceive that those things, these people will be found not guilty.

The stand-your-ground law does not change this, for one key reason: People who perceive a deathly wrong or rightly, or to judge, and, in any case, dangerous.

Current law protects people who reason-ably employ deadly force when confronted by a potential threat of serious harm. The stand-your-ground laws remove the requirement that the action taken, and the perception of threat, be reason-able.

Defenders of stand-your-ground laws have argued that causes in which such laws have been used have always been supported by people who usually force a flaw in the application of the law rather than a flaw in the law itself. I do not know how much more money would be saved due to education in Florida — in which a 17-year-old man carrying a Skittles was shot by a 28-year-old man who was not arrested at the time because he cited Florida's stand-your-ground law — have to occur before they can be persuaded that the problem is in the law itself.

But I hope that Iowa is never prevailed over the opportunity to stop the crime that swamps the mind.

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**Tyler McCallister**

**Guest opinion**

**Don't be a victim of your landlord**

**Letter**

**To the Editor**

The track record of the United States' military interventions in Afghanistan has been less than stellar for many years. As a former United States Air Force member who was stationed in Afghanistan on numerous occasions, I believe that any attempt to continue these conflicts would be foolish.

**Samuel Cleary**

I am a disabled women in my 23 years, and only after falling apart in crime-free neighbor-hoods. It is the last vestige of hope for many people have been in that situation? Perhaps worse, this law would allow an individualрогороти and ask for permission. I don't feel for it because the bad guy could say "help." The calling police is because no one cares because the drugs and the panga. I am a disabled women in my 28 years, and I am not going to fight back on my own.**

**Guest opinion**

Do you have a child in college? He or she may not seem like the same person you knew growing up, but if you have, you reviewed the lease agreement — then, you should do the same! A landlord and management company has our greatest lengths to take as much as your and your child's personality. Many students are attending community college in Iowa City, and frequently this will be the first time they have ever lived alone.

My daughter attends a community college in Iowa City, and frequently this will be the first time they have ever lived alone. She was reviewed in the college's dorms, kitchen, and bathrooms.

I have lived in Iowa City for 15 years, and not only after falling asleep,

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In 2009, Johnson County spent more than $4.2 million on mental health services.

By JENNY EARP
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Those seeking mental-health aid in Johnson County may have to wait.

The county has joined 10 others placing such re- quests on a waiting list this year for mental-health services. And after the Iowa Legislative Agency predicted a $5.4 million shortfall next year in Medicaid and non-Med- icaid services, local mental-health officials are worried treatment options will be in short supply.

Stephen Trefz, the exec- utive director of the Com- munity Mental Health Center in Johnson County, said the county has seen an increase in people accessing mental-health services.

Cases of mental illness in Johnson County increased by 101 between 2009 and 2010, according to the Iowa Department of Human Services.
**Today's events**

- **Alma to Alma**, 9 a.m., Latino National American Cultural Center, 128 E. Lynx
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 128 E. Lynx
- **Anatomy Cell Biology Seminar, Molecular Motifs Necessary for Next Attraction**, Jennifer Streichert, 1-5 p.m., Science Library, 100 S. Linn
- **Afternoon Short Story Symposium, What I'm Working on Next**, Melissa Benedict, 5 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **“The State of the European Union”, Joana Vale de Almeida, EU ambassador to the U.S., 5:30 p.m., Bay Lawn Building- test Auditorium key.**
- **U.S. Student Fulbright Grant Workshop and Reception**, Brooke Olsen, Fulbright program officer from the Institute of International Education in Chicago, 8:30 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre
- **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance**, 6:30-9 p.m., Iowa City Public Library

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- **5:30 p.m.**, “How Evolution Illuminates Past and Present.”

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- The world is your oyster.
- If you have a solid foundation, you will have a solid future.
- Spend time with people who inspire you.

**PISCES**

**February 19-March 20**

- Trusting your instincts will be the right choice.
- Your intuition will guide you to success.
- Keep an open mind.

**GEMINI**

**May 21-June 20**

- A new opportunity may present itself.
- Don’t be afraid to take a leap of faith.
- You will be rewarded for your efforts.

**Taurus**

**April 20-May 20**

- Your patience is key to achieve your goals.
- Take your time to make important decisions.
- Focus on your immediate tasks.

**CANCER**

**June 21-July 22**

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**LIE TO ME**

Don’t believe everything you hear or see. Be careful who you trust. Keep your guard up at all times.

**LEO**

**July 23-Aug. 22**

- Your confidence is at an all-time high.
- Take on new challenges and exceed expectations.
- Be proud of your accomplishments.

**Virgo**

**Aug. 23-Sept. 22**

- Focus on your goals and stay on track.
- Your hard work will pay off.
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**Libra**

**Sept. 23-Oct. 22**

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**Sagittarius**

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**Capricorn**

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- Your determination is key.
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**Aquarius**

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Workers at the Finkbine Golf Course monitor a prescribed burn on Tuesday near Melrose Avenue. The fire was conducted by the Iowa Athletics Department and permitted by the Iowa City Fire Department. The fire spread unexpectedly out of control because of a misjudgment of the wind speed. (The Daily Iowan/Jessica Payne)

Study models terrorists’ nuke attack

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**Baseball**

Iowa’s 6-4 extra-inning loss to Illinois in Champaign, Ill., on Thursday marked the end of a 10-game stretch that included six straight games on the road. The team has won just five games this season, with the last five coming against Rutgers.

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Iowa Hawkeyes shortstop Jake Yacinich pumps his fist after crossing home-plate with teammates Taylor Sinclair and Yeomna. Yacinich has earned all Big Ten's primary shortstop after shifting his prep career as a third baseman. (The Daily Iowan/Alexander Dikunovski)

Jake Yacinich has worked through fielding miscues to become one of Iowa's top hitters.

By BEN SCHUFF

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Iowa head coach Lisa Guerin Looper gives her players control on game day, allowing them to strategize base running and catching with little coach interference.

By WOLLEN HEIM

Looper takes hands-off approach

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Diving coach Bob Rydze to step down

Iowa diving coach Bob Rydze says 'the time was right' to move on.

By TORY MASON

The Iowa swimming and diving team will have a new face in the 2012-13 season.

Diving coach Bob Rydze — the longest-tenured coach in the Iowa Athletics Department — announced his retirement on Tuesday announced his retirement, effective June 30.

Rydze coached 14 divers who earned All-American honors and four Olympic medals. He also served as chairman of the Board of USA Diving. He said he will continue to help as an assistant coach.

‘Bob’s success in the sport of diving is unmatched,’ Iowa Athletics Director Gary Barta said in a release. ‘He achieved at the highest level and did so as a Hawkeye. We all will miss him and appreciate his many years of service."

Rydze was brought to Iowa City in 1975 by former head coach Glenn Pat
tin. He was only Iowa's second coach for his first two seasons before being promoted to full-time. Rydze said he took the job with little hesitation, dedicating himself to the team.

‘It was a leap of faith,’ he said. ‘The Big Ten was probably the only conference, at the time, that had full-time diving.'