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This day in 1878: Several significant tornadoes struck central and northern Iowa killing 4 people and injuring at least 17 others.

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**Daily Snapshot**

**Nature: Catching turtles at Lake LaVerne**

Dan Fisher, 33, of Huxley, casts for turtles in Lake LaVerne on Wednesday. After catching the turtles, Fisher releases them back into the water. Photo: Chloe Lim/Iowa State Daily

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**Police Blotter:**

Ames, ISU Police Departments

The information in the log comes from the ISU and City of Ames police departments’ records. All those accused of violating the law are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

**May 23**

Michael Caswell, 57, of South Duff, was arrested and charged with public intoxication [reported at 5:43 p.m.].

Anthony Hinton, 24, of 111 Sherman Ave., was arrested and charged with escape (voluntary absence), escape from custody, probation violation and domestic assault D felony [reported at 4:00 p.m.].

Sara Miller, 27, homeless, was arrested and charged with public consumption and possession of drug paraphernalia [reported at 11:59 p.m.].

**May 24**

Aaron Greving, 30, of 1011 Oklahoma Dr., was arrested and charged with domestic abuse [serious] [reported at 12:35 a.m.].

Michael Hyatt, 26, of 621 Duff Ave., was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated [reported at 2:24 a.m.].
Martial Arts

Kung Fu hits ISU

Student aims to bring martial art to campus

By Cristobal Matibag
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The Cyclone Martial Arts Club held its first summer practices last month. Though the club offers instruction in several different martial arts, the Chinese martial art known as Kung Fu isn’t one of them. One ISU student hopes to change that.

Anthony Wharton, junior in kinesiology and health, has been studying Kung Fu for more than a decade. In that time, he’s attained the rank of Sifu (a title meaning “tutor” in Mandarin), qualifying him to teach the art to others. Wharton is eager to give students the benefit of his expertise. He wants to start an official Kung Fu club by the beginning of the fall 2011 semester. But before he can, he has to clear several bureaucratic obstacles.

Wharton said he has spoken with Department of Public Safety officials about the possibility of training outdoors with traditional Chinese weapons. He hasn’t gotten their sanction yet. He also said that he isn’t sure if the way he plans to use weapons flouts the Office of Risk Management’s regulations. Until he’s more familiar with campus policies, he wants to err on the side of caution.

“You can’t just bring a broadsword on campus and say, ‘This is how you swing it,’” Wharton said.

Chinese martial artists have used the broadsword, straight sword, staff and spear for millennia. There is a well-established body of lore surrounding each weapon.

Wharton said the spear was “supposedly the king of all weapons,” and called the staff the most versatile.

“The saying goes, ‘If a monk can defend against 10 attackers with one broadsword, he can defend against 40 attackers with a staff,’” he said.

As much as he would like to teach students the use of traditional weapons, he’s also willing to teach nothing but unarmed combat techniques. Wharton said that stances, strikes, blocks, kicks and forms were challenging and numerous enough to merit exclusive study.

There are many different styles of Kung Fu. Those developed in the north of China tend to emphasize more jumping, kicking and acrobatics, while those developed in the south emphasize hand strikes, feature low stances, and are built on simpler, more direct techniques.

Some styles are named after animals. This is because the stances and techniques they prescribe resemble certain animals’ movements. One such style is the Shaolin Crane Style, which calls for one-legged stances and deft, balletic movements.

Another is Monkey Style, practitioners of which stay close to the ground and avoid full extension of their limbs.

Wharton said that because he wants to give students as broad an introduction to Kung Fu as possible, he would teach a curriculum that brings together the best practices of many different styles.

“We cover a good general base,” Wharton said. “All the way from the stances to the basic drills.”

Wharton said he’d devote a good deal of time to what he called “Lama strikes.” Lama, he explained, is a martial arts style that features a number of methods for maximizing the power of attacks.

“The theory behind Lama is, whatever I hit — whether I’m punching or kicking or blocking — it’s going to break,” he said.

Wharton, who has practiced Kung Fu for the past 16 years, is devoted to his martial art of choice. But his devotion doesn’t blind him to its potentially daunting qualities.

He said that the term “Kung Fu” applies to far more than just systems of self-defense, extending to philosophy, sports, healing and art. For that reason, he believes it lacks the “pure focus” of a sport like boxing.

Wharton also said the rigor of Kung Fu might intimidate Westerners reared in a culture of instant gratification.

“For every 100 people that come in, one person’s going to stay,” he said.

But Wharton stressed that those with the will to practice would reap rewards.

“After a while, it starts to accumulate into an experience and a lifestyle that I wouldn’t trade for anything.”
Don’t reduce LGBT community to a label

Before Thomas Jefferson and John F. Kennedy through Bill Clinton and now Arnold Schwarzenegger, married men have found it enraging hard to keep their pants zipped. But I am continually struck by the perplexing question of why perception persists that primarily gay and bisexual men are termed “promiscuous.”

From biblical references to Abraham through King Henry VIII, to Governors Mark Sanford and Eliot Spitzer and golfer Tiger Woods, men have engaged in sexual relations outside the confines of marriage.

Despite all this, ensuring marriage equality for same-sex couples will somehow cheapen and ultimately destroy the institution of marriage.

Political pundits and psychologists offer their “reasons” why high-profile and powerful heterosexual men commit “sexual transgressions.” The thrill of getting caught is one such common “reason.”

According to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, “Homosexual behavior violates the commandments of God, is contrary to the purposes of human sexuality, distorts loving relationships, and deprives people of the blessings that can be found in family life and in the saving ordinances of the gospel.”

Former Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott proclaims that homosexuality is a disease on the order of kleptomania and alcoholism, and Newt Gingrich talks about “a gay and secular fascism in this country.”

Though lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people are unique and multidimensional, when they are stereotyped as a group, they are seen as reducible to a single trait.

A crucial point in the psychology of stereotyping is the representation of minoritized peoples as, in historian John Boswell’s words, “animals bent on the destruction of the children of the majority.” LGBT people have long been stereotyped as being this kind of menace. The image of the hyena (an animal with a supposedly homosexual nature) was a common symbol for homosexual activity during the Middle Ages.

The hyena’s unsavory association with those engaging in such activity was perpetuated by depictions of the animal’s predatory nature. It was just a small leap from there to the claim that LGBT people abuse and “recruit” children.

Though the majority of child abuse is committed by men who identify as heterosexual against their relatives, the cultural perception continues that primarily gay men — and by association, lesbians and bisexuals — attack young children.

Our society today still attempts to define and perpetuate fairy tales about the real lives of LGBT people, and even proclaims that we do not have a right to exist.

Nonetheless, we are many of the students, teachers, counselors, day care workers and parents you meet each day. And yet, some people try to prevent us from having contact with the young people of our nation. The stereotypes and scapegoating continue because of their insensitivity and fear.

Despite working as social workers and psychiatrists and volunteering at homeless shelters and rape-crisis centers, still some people and groups blame us for the breakup of what they call the “traditional American family.”

The reality is that we are holding up this culture. If all the lesbians, bisexuals, gay males and transgender people suddenly left their jobs and volunteer positions, this country would crumble.

So the next time people claim that extending marriage rights and privileges to same-sex couples will bring down the institution and civilization itself, we can investigate the facts, cut through the stereotypes, and end the scapegoating.
Agencies should put children first

By Claire.Vriezen@iowastatedaily.com

On June 1, an Illinois law will go into effect allowing same-sex couples to enter into civil unions.

Rights regarding hospital visitation, medical decisions, adoption, benefits and inheritance will be extended to both homosexual and heterosexual partners.

Of course, there are people in the state who are quite unhappy with this new law. This is unsurprising, given the controversial nature of the issue and the strong opinions of many groups. Though many voiced dissent, a Catholic adoption agency in Rockford, Ill. seems to have gone to extremes. The group, Catholic Charities of Rockford, would rather shut down than place children in the care of gay parents.

The rationales? Well, like many adoption agencies, Catholic Charities of Rockford receives funding from the state. Which means that it could face trouble if it was found to be discriminating against gay couples looking to adopt.

The agency must abide by state laws regarding discrimination if it is to continue receiving state funding. The agency may consider a change of heart, so long as an amendment is passed that allows it to refer couples in civil unions to other agencies. Until then, the fates of about 350 foster children and 58 employees hang in the balance.

In a society that is becoming increasingly accepting of homosexuality, it surprises me that an adoption agency announced its closure for fear of having to place children in the care of gay parents.

Yes, historically, religious organizations and gay individuals haven’t been on the best of terms. Yet it would seem that to this particular agency, its reluctance to engage in “activity offensive to the moral teachings of the church” overrides the desire to minister to the needs of orphans and foster children.

While those involved in foster care situations will likely try to maintain the current placement of children, the transition may still cause many to be shuffled around the foster care system again.

I hope a secular group that is far less picky about the orientation of prospective parents will be able to find homes and love for those waiting for families.

One could argue that discrimination against homosexuals by religious groups usually only hurts homosexuals directly (if we use very loose terms, that is). This particular act of discrimination (or rather, the inability to legally discriminate) is directly affecting employees and children alike.

For gay and lesbian couples that will soon enter into civil unions in Illinois, adoption is an option that many will turn to when looking to form a family.

The actions of this particular agency make me wonder how many other faith-based organizations will try to avoid placing children in the care of gay parents. What other groups will put an anti-gay ideology before providing children with a family?
Health

Could your cell phone cause cancer?

WHO announces “possible” link to brain tumors

By Lea Peterson
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The cell phone, a device that many students dread being without, may cause cancer, the World Health Organization reported Tuesday.

The International Agency for Research on Cancer, which consists of 31 international experts, met in France to review previous studies on the effects of cell phones and the possibility of their being carcinogenic. The agency reported that there is “a possible connection between cell phones and two type of brain tumors: gliomas and acoustic neuromas. The group says there’s not enough evidence to link cell phones to other cancers.”

Glioma is a type of brain tumor that arises from the glial cells of the brain. An acoustic neuroma is a tumor of the acoustic nerve.

But don’t throw away your beloved Blackberry just yet. Mary Ellen Carano, coordinator of the Cancer Research Center at Mary Greeley Medical Center said that “the data is correlational, not causal.”

“There has been gliomas linked to excessive cell phone use, but phones are not the definitive, causative effect. Because there are no studies showing that cell phones are the direct cause of brain tumors, we can only provide recommendations for prevention,” Carano said.

According to a World Health Organization press release, “there has been mounting concern about the possibility of adverse health effects resulting from exposure to radiofrequency electromagnetic fields, such as those emitted by wireless communication devices.”

Carano offers a few tips that can help lower ones’ exposure to such fields.

“Use texting instead of calling. Or, if you are on the phone, use speakerphone and/or headphones when talking,” Carano said. “Anything to keep the electromagnetic rays away from your head.”

Web Links:
For more information on the World Health Organization’s findings, read its press release at http://www.who.int/en/.

Do you mindlessly run with the herd?

Example of dumb buffalo.

The World Health Organization recently announced that cell phone use may be linked to the development of certain types of brain tumors. Photo illustration: Karuna Ang/Iowa State Daily
Police seek info after vandalism

By Aaron. Hofmeyer
Ames247 Writer

Four vandals on bicycles defaced two sculptures May 22.
The sculptures, located on the south lawn of Morrill Hall's Anderson Sculpture Garden, are titled, respectively, “Marry Me” and “Satisfaction.” They are both by the American artist Bill King.

Just after 1:30 a.m., two males and two females approached the sculptures. They then removed parts of both and urinated on one.

The two sculptures are two of over 2,000 public art installations on campus.

According to the official press release, a $500 reward is available to anyone with information about these vandals that leads to their arrest and conviction.

ISU police ask that all who have information about this case, or can identify the culprits in these videos call them at 515-294-4428.

University Museums staff have estimated that the damage will cost roughly $2,500 to repair.

Main Street merchants anticipate ArtWalk

By Scott. MacDonald
Ames247 Writer

These are hard times for Ames businesses. The official death of Shops at East Prairie last week, the continued troubles of the North Grand Mall, the struggles of South Duff Avenue stores and the uncertain future of the Campustown area have put a damper on growth. However, the Main Street Cultural District continues to thrive. Its independent, local stores will celebrate their survival Friday evening at the ever-popular annual ArtWalk, which will be held from 5 to 8 p.m.

“It’s kind of a spring open house — a kickoff for summer,” said Pat Redlinger, owner of Nature’s Touch Jewelry on 311 Main St. “It gives people a chance to come down and see what’s on Main Street, and it gives us merchants a chance to thank Ames residents.”

This is the 17th year that the ArtWalk will be held. The format has changed a little over the years. It was originally a biannual event, but is now held each June. Despite this change, Calvin Dunshee, owner of Lazy M Shoes on 232 Main St., said the event’s popularity has not waned.

“It’s a very good crowd. It’s a nice way for the downtown to show off,” Dunshee said. “And it’s an opportunity to see what’s here.”

Forty-two downtown businesses are participating in 2011. Most of them are located on Main Street itself, but there are a few in the surrounding area.

“I would encourage [customers] to remember places that are off of Main,” Redlinger said.

The primary foci of the event are the art displays and presentations that can be viewed at each participating business. Some of the stores will be displaying their own work, but others will bring in local artists. Nature’s Touch, for example, will be hosting Jon Greiner, an Ames native. “He makes these beautiful glass pendants,” Redlinger said. “I’m really excited to have him.”

Another aspect of the evening is the wine tastings that six businesses will be holding. “Three of our four wineries are coming,” said Terry Stark, owner of Chocolaterie Stam at 230 Main Street. “The tasting is always very popular.”

In addition to art and wine, music is also a feature of the ArtWalk. Musicians will be playing at seven locations, including the kickoff of the popular Bandshell Park summer series Ames on the Half Shell. That event will feature a performance by the Iowa City-based musician Dave Zollo and local blues band Trouble No More.

The influx of local art enthusiasts, families and fun-seekers to Main Street businesses for the ArtWalk does more than just show off the downtown area. It also gives a boost to businesses, most of which are not open during the evenings.

“There’s a variety of people who are highly interested in the arts,” Stark said. “It translates to more dollars.”

“People come in for the art and find something they’re interested in,” Dunshee said. “There’s a lot of people that are going around. It’s an opportunity to get out to see the artists’ works and check out what’s new in the downtown.”

But above all, the ArtWalk is a fun event designed to promote community and celebrate Ames.
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            Wednesday games start at 10:30 pm

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Game Times: 5:30, 6:30 & 7:30

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**Local Music**

Ames on the Half Shell kicks off Friday

By Vincent. Geerts
Ames247 Writer

In addition to bringing music to Bandshell Park for eight consecutive Fridays, the ninth annual Ames on the Half Shell beginning this Friday will help to pay for Ames’ other public functions. The annual fireworks display, Easter egg hunt and holiday food baskets for needy families are only a few of the services paid for in part by the event’s revenues.

Three dollars will get music lovers past the front gate for an evening of entertainment. But the event’s chairperson, Adam Petersen, said there’s more to Ames on the Half Shell than just the music.

“The second Friday night of the event [June 10] is family night,” Petersen said. “We’ll have balloon animals, a fire truck to explore and some more youth-oriented activities.”

While attending the show, thirsty adults will be able to purchase beer from local microbrewery Olde Main Brewing Co., or from a selection of more domestic brands. Food vendors will also be stationed around the park for any hungry audience member.

Some of the bands performing over the next two months are returning favorites. However, Petersen said the event coordinators try to invite a few new faces every year.

“Whether we find them or they come to us, it’s really a mutual process,” he said.

Petersen said he has been working hard to promote the event, his efforts have included running a ticket giveaway every week through the event’s Facebook page.

You can follow the event on Twitter @AOTHS.

All shows run from 5 to 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

**Full Ames on the Half Shell Schedule:**

June 3 – Dave Zollo, with Trouble
No More opening [Show runs until 9 p.m.]
June 10 – Dazy Head Mazy
June 17 – Burnin’ Sensations
June 24 – Box Brothers and Friends
July 1 – Vivace
July 8 – Saucy Jack
July 15 – Mr. Baber’s Neighbors
July 22 – Bonnie Finken, with Vinyl opening

**Web Links:**
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After spending 45 minutes on how and where to write on this I forgot what I was going to say. :)

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Weekly Horoscope: by Nancy Black

Leo: Your team is hot!

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Administration

Geoffroy travels to China

President, faculty make trip to promote relations

By Katie. Miner
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A recent trip to China taken by President Geoffroy and eight Iowa State faculty members aimed to strengthen relations with several universities and the China Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

The visit, which lasted from May 22 to May 30, included stops at five universities, as well as the China Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

The group toured the facilities at these universities and spoke with faculty heads and members, particularly in their colleges of agriculture, engineering, design and veterinary medicine.

“There were several purposes of the visit, including the strengthening of existing relationships and the creation of new relationships with some of the most important universities in China that house programs in those five aforementioned areas,” Geoffroy said via email.

Geoffroy explained that he hopes to increase the numbers of ISU students studying in China, as well as to create more opportunities for Chinese students to study at Iowa State.

“We had goals of creating more opportunities for ISU students to study in China for short or long periods, creating more opportunities for Chinese students to come to Iowa State for graduate or undergraduate study, and establishing opportunities for faculty exchanges and joint research programs between ISU professors and their counterparts in China,” Geoffroy said. “There were also important opportunities for us to connect to some of our alumni who now live in China.”

While visiting the different universities, representatives of Iowa State and the Beijing Technical University signed a Memorandum of Understanding.

This memorandum contained an agreement to strengthen the relations between the two universities, something that Iowa State has agreed to with other universities throughout the world.

Iowa State has had a long-standing relationship with China, although this is Geoffroy’s first visit to the universities there. Geoffroy is eager to continue Iowa State’s relationship with China’s universities.

“This relationship will create more opportunities for students to either study or visit China and interact with students and faculty,” Geoffroy said. “It will enhance the global education that Iowa State students receive, because there’s no question that China is increasing rapidly [in technology and development], and having a global perspective is important.”