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they're not drinking,” she says. “When my friends come over, there's a no-alcohol rule. She does have gatherings, but Lohan says that even when her friends come over. And I get to see my brother's birthday party. He just turned 16. That bummed me out. Instead of heading out and about, she says she’s been having “a lot of work-related meetings. Sometimes my friends come over. And I get to see my sister, Ali, which is nice.” But Lohan says that even when she does have gatherings, there’s a no-alcohol rule. “When my friends come over, they’re not drinking,” she says. “Alcohol is not in my house, so it’s just not a part of my life.”

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Matthew Coley, a percussionist, works to set up “Clearly Fun” Tuesday at the North Grand Mall. The fully interactive exhibit will have a video projection screen for the music, light and movement created by the glass bottles. Photo: Jordan Maurice/Iowa State Daily

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LiLo talks house arrest: “I’d like to get out more”
Lindsay Lohan may be under house arrest, but that doesn’t mean she can’t be social. The actress, who’s been in and out of legal hot water for the past few years, was fitted with an ankle bracelet in May and sentenced to home confinement. She’s still been able to shoot a million three-bedroom home in Venice Beach for a little chat.

“I’m a very social person, and I like being outside, especially in Venice Beach. I’d like to get out more — just going out and having dinner,” Lohan told the reporter. “I was really upset having dinner,” Lohan told the reporter from celebrity weekly Fact!

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LANE4 property developers want more time

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LANE4, the property development group looking to renovate Campustown, is expected to seek an extension of its development agreement until the end of November at the Ames City Council meeting on June 28.

Originators of the Campustown renovation project aim to build multi-story buildings near the southern corners of Lincoln Way and Welch Avenue. They intend one building on the southeast corner to house a grocery store or pharmacy on its main floor and office space on the upper levels.

On the southwestern corner of Lincoln Way and Welch Avenue, they are hoping to place retail space on the main level and a hotel on the upper floors.

Iowa State has been approached about the office space that LANE4 is planning to include in one of its multi-story buildings.

“I think LANE4 has proposed that Iowa State be the tenant that would occupy space. We then would have the ability to sublease space to other groups,” said Warren Madden, Iowa State’s vice president of business and finance. “Some of those could be activities that are at Iowa State right now. It’s possible that they could be other activities that are interested in coming into the area.”

Hunter Harris, LANE4’s director of development, said that several new factors influence the need for an extension.

“Right now, we are in a holding pattern due to the global economy and the great recession that we’re currently in,” Harris said. “To further impact that, the project has suffered some setbacks due to President Geoffroy leaving Iowa State University, [as he] was a real cheer champion for this project.”

Cuts in higher education have also caused the project to be delayed, Harris said. He explained that the cuts have made it difficult for Iowa State to support the project financially.

“Hopefully, things change in the state legislature so that Iowa State is able to commit to the project,” Harris said. “Without their commitment, it makes the first phase of this project almost impossible to do. So, as of this point, we’re looking for the additional time to hopefully work that out.”

Madden said he believes finding an economic solution is necessary to further the Campustown renovations.

“The challenges that LANE4 have, I think, is acquiring all of the real estate in the Campustown area and finding tenants that would go into various projects that might happen in Campustown,” Madden said. “That’s been impacted by the economy, and — up until the present time, anyway — retail and restaurant growth has been significantly impacted by the economy.

Madden said that Iowa State is supportive of the project, but explained that the project must work economically for all involved.

Harris said LANE4 developers have invested two years in the Campustown renovation project. He explained the company has suffered setbacks in its relationship with the university.

“We sent a request to the university ... and we’re looking for a kind of an ‘in-or-out’ sort of decision from them because we have other retailers who would be pending on that commitment,” Harris said. “So either the project would need to go on hold indefinitely, or we need to get busy moving forward.”
An Iowa State graduate student has been chosen to attend an annual meeting of Nobel laureates in Lindau, Germany on Sunday. Scott Boyken, graduate in bioinformatics, is one of 570 promising young researchers who have been invited to the conference to “exchange ideas, discuss projects and build international networks,” according to the Nobel website.

Boyken described bioinformatics as “an application of computational science to biology.” The Lindau conference focuses on different fields of research each year. This year, it is dedicated to physiology and medicine. Twenty-four Nobel Prize recipients from around the world will be present.

“Each of the Nobel laureates that is there will give a talk on their career, and then there’ll be lots of little breakout sessions and opportunities to talk to them and really just generate discussion and talk about the future of science,” Boyken said. “It’ll definitely help with getting a job.”

Boyken’s advisors, Professors Robert Jernigan and Amy Andreotti, nominated him for the trip.

Several Iowa State students before Boyken have attended the meeting. “There’s approximately 400 or so applicants [in the United States], and of those
they chose around 80,” Boyken said. “Of those, about 75 got selected to go to Germany.”

Boyken came to Iowa State about five years ago after completing his undergraduate work at Luther College in Decorah.

His doctoral dissertation work at Iowa State focuses heavily on a substance called ITK.

“ITK is] an enzyme that’s essential for ‘T-cell, or immune cell, signaling.” Boyken said. “Without it, you don’t have a proper immune response.”

A breakthrough in Boyken’s research came when he discovered a new way to produce large amounts of the ITK protein, making it easier to study.

“To study [proteins] outside the cell we need larger amounts of them. A lot of mammalian proteins are not very happy when you do that,” Boyken said. “I was able to re-engineer the part of the protein I work on in a way that doesn’t change it too much, so we can still study it, but it changes it enough so it’s much happier outside the cell.”

The field of bioinformatics gained worldwide attention when the Human Genome Project was completed in 2003 under Dr. Francis Collins.

However, “solving the genome was just the first step,” Boyken said.

“The most pressing issue in bioinformatics is figuring out to do with all this data,” Boyken said. “We’ve got 20,000 genes, approximately ... It’s really about how they interact. You can’t get that just by looking at the data.”

Boyken has one year left at Iowa State. After he finishes his post-doctoral work, he hopes to teach bioinformatics and head a research facility.

Boyken has co-authored three research papers, including one in Nature, one of the most prestigious scientific journals in the world.

He is currently trying to publish a “first author” paper, which would go a long way toward helping him graduate.

“A lot of science is very frustrating ... most of the experiments you do just naturally fail,” Boyken said. “But when you do have a breakthrough, or something does work, it’s just one of the coolest feelings.”

Boyken hopes to gain “lots of new ideas, new connections and new friends” at Lindau. He will return to America after the conference ends July 1.
2012 Budget

House, Senate still can’t agree

Possibility of government shutdown looms

By Ben Theobald
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The Iowa Senate and House of Representatives are trying to work out a plan for the budget for the 2012 fiscal year. The current deadline for the coming year’s budget is June 30. If no decision is made by that time, there will be a government shutdown, meaning state government operations will stop.

“We’re all waiting to see what will happen out of that process,” said Warren Madden, Iowa State’s vice president of business and finance. “Right now the issue is the house and senate have different budgets that they are proposing and haven’t worked out a compromise.”

If the government does shut down, then it’s possible that public funding won’t be distributed to the university.

“State appropriations are only one of the sources of revenue we have,” Madden said. “We’re not anticipating a disruption of university services or activities.”

The House and Senate are trying to find some type of middle ground in order to pass some legislation.

“I just want to assure the people of Iowa that I know what I’m doing,” Gov. Terry Branstad said Tuesday during a press conference.

Gov. Branstad has been working with the Iowa House and Senate to come up with a solution.

“The governor will have to decide and provide some guidance what state agencies will be expected to do if they don’t complete appropriation,” Madden said.

“Eventually, they’ll have to pass some appropriation bill and we’ll have to wait until that happens.”

The Iowa State Budget and Planning area of the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost doesn’t see a clear possibility of a shutdown occurring.

“At this time, there is no indication of a government shutdown,” said Ellen Rasmussen, associate vice president for Budget and Planning. “Therefore no specific planning is being done.”

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Veterinarians to pay ISU to settle clinic-related dispute

$100,000 tab at end of legal labyrinth

IOWA CITY (AP) — Veterinarians who recently launched a clinic in Des Moines will pay $100,000, give up some of their revenue and lose one of their colleagues for two years to settle a messy legal dispute with a competing animal hospital run by Iowa State, according to settlement documents released Wednesday.

Iowa State and the veterinarians who started the Iowa Veterinary Referral Center (IVRC) announced they have agreed to a settlement that bars them from working in veterinary medicine in the Des Moines area for two years if they left the hospital’s employment.

The doctors filed a countersuit against Iowa State, arguing the school was seeking a monopoly over pet care in the region and illegally interfering with private enterprise.

U.S. District Judge John Jarvey ruled April 27 that Steven Reimer and Derek Nestor were likely in breach of their non-compete agreements and issued a preliminary injunction barring them from practicing in central Iowa. His ruling cleared the way for settlement talks between the two sides with the assistance of a mediator.

The settlement requires the veterinarians to pay $100,000 to Iowa Veterinary Specialties by June 30 and their new firm to give the hospital 5 percent of its gross revenue each month for the next two years. It bars Reimer from having any association with IVRC until Feb. 1, 2013, but lets three other employees who had non-compete agreements to work there under certain stipulations.

The firm agreed not to advertise on television or radio, not to expand the services it currently offers and not to hire away any more employees from the ISU-run hospital. Its employees were also required to immediately return all ISU documents in their possession.

ISU General Counsel Paul Tanaka said the school’s goal all along has been to get Iowa Veterinary Specialties — which will give veterinary students a place to practice under top specialists — off to a good start under its new ownership.

The school had feared the competing firm would take away much of the business and value of the hospital.

Reimer, Nestor and IVRC representatives said in a statement they were pleased to announce the settlement, which will allow their new business to “fully function as an emergency and specialty veterinary clinic in Des Moines.”

Iowa Senate approves tax cut, school spending

Plan to boost local education spending and trim property tax

DES MOINES (AP) — Democrats running the Iowa Senate have approved a measure that sticks with their plan for cutting property taxes and spending more on local schools.

The Senate approved the plan Wednesday on a 26-21 vote along party lines with Democrats in favor.

The plan contrasts with proposals backed by Republican Gov. Terry Branstad and the GOP-controlled House. They support deep reductions in business taxes and no increase in school funding this fiscal year, followed by a 2 percent increase in the following year.

Democrats argue their property tax package is focused on small businesses and costs less than Branstad’s plan. Democrats have agreed to not increase local school aid this year but their plan includes a 3 percent increase in the next fiscal year.

The Senate-backed plan goes to the House.

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When we say it’s bad, we really mean bad: salaries increased 7.52 percent between 2008 and 2009, and yet we he still have the fifth-lowest teacher pay in in the nation.

More than half of Iowa’s state expenditures go towards funding primary, secondary and higher education.

Given the increasing cost of living, combined with the hangover of post-recession stagnation, people should consider expanding, or at the very least maintaining, education funding.

Drinking the “no big government” Kool-Aid of House Republicans apparently means capping state expenditures at $5.9 billion. It means passing legislation allowing for zero education growth. It means promising 50 percent decreases in corporate property tax and 20 percent decreases in private income tax rates, yet somehow keeping the state afloat financially.

The latest fear-mongering revolves around the so-called budget stalemate, with scary words like “emergency funding” and “government shutdown.”

The state of our education, as well as the state of our levese, continue to deteriorate, while the circus performers in Des Moines haggle over abortion, bath salts and fines for smoking salvia.

We’re so glad they all have their priorities in order.
Hamerlinck unfit to serve Iowans in legislature

Your offensive and disrespectful comments to Iowa university student leaders who were invited to the June 5 Senate Education Appropriations Subcommittee hearings disqualify you from serving Iowans. When they attempted to discuss the effects that a seven percent budget cut would have on students, you dismissed their remarks. In the wake of this conduct, you should resign. We need elected officials in this country at all levels who encourage citizens to be informed and participate in government. No citizen should be told by any elected official that their participation in government is unwanted.

You told these students: “I do not like it when students actually come here and lobby me for funds. That’s just my opinion. I want to wish you guys the best. I want you to go home and graduate. But this political fear, leave the circus to us, OK?” But actually spending your time worrying about what we’re doing up here, I don’t want you to do that. Go back home. Thanks guys.”

Dr. Kim Smith is a Republican and a retired professor emeritus of journalism and communication at Iowa State University.

Seriously? Younger voters should not worry about what elected officials are doing? On the contrary, you should be encouraging all voters, including the young and politically unsophisticated, to be informed and vigilant about what all elected officials are doing at the city, state, and national levels. Do you honestly believe that democracy works best when voters of any age don’t worry about what elected officials are up to?

You have a responsibility as an elected official to listen to what all citizens have to say about how you and your colleagues are handling the state education budget and other matters. You might well have learned something from these informed and involved students had you respectfully listened to them. If you thought their comments were misinformed, you might have taken the opportunity to meet with them about their concerns instead of dismissing them. Unlike you, they would have listened to and seriously considered what you had to say. They are, after all, good and concerned students, as demonstrated by their appearance before the June 5 hearing.

The paternalism inherent in the apology you made is also offensive: “After offering eight years of instruction at a local community college as well as being a politician, my goal has always been to keep students out of the political fray in order for them to form their own opinions and ideologies. With that objective in mind, perhaps I should have reworded my comments in such a manner as to avoid the political fray which a politician should know would follow from opposing political parties and the media … In the end, my attempt to keep impressionable students out of the fray has instead ingested them into it, and for that I apologize.”

Impressionable students? Really?

Why do you believe that it is important to keep younger voters “out of the political fray?” As an educator, I am surprised that you believe that direct experience in the political process is not a good extension of their classroom educations. Perhaps some of these students will be inspired to run for office in the future because of such experiences. Let’s hope your poor behavior toward them doesn’t make their active participation in electoral politics less likely.

You also stated this: “I was trying to keep students from being used and I fear they have become the very theater I hoped to shield them from. I apologize for not catching the motivation of the event sooner and wording my speech in a manner which allowed students to focus on their studies rather than playing into partisan politics at the Capitol.”

Do you assume they were simply reading statements prepared for them by Democrats, who were using them for political “theater”? If so, you are underestimating the intelligence of these informed and involved students. Why not meet with them to find out how they prepared their statements? By the way, students are citizens. Why shouldn’t they participate in partisan politics if they so choose, like any other citizens?

Like all Iowans, they’re guaranteed the right to petition the government for redress of grievances. This right is enshrined in both the U.S. and Iowa constitutions.

I studied the political socialization process — how people acquire their political orientations — for 30 years as an university professor. We know from such studies that voters between the ages of 18 to 29 are among those least likely to be knowledgeable, interested and active in the political process. We need to encourage greater participation by younger citizens, not less.

We need elected officials in Iowa and elsewhere who welcome and encourage their participation in governing.

Since you do not seem to believe that, it’s time for you to go home to Dixon. No citizens should be told their participation in democratic government is not welcome.

Don’t slam Ebert for Dunn comment

Ryan Dunn, 34, one of many members of the “Jackass” crew, was killed in a car accident at 3 a.m. Monday at the intersection of Route 322 and New Street in West Goschen Township, Penn. Dunn posted a photo of himself out drinking at a bar with friends on Sunday evening.

Not long after news of Dunn’s demise was flying across the web, a tweet by movie critic Roger Ebert under the photo Dunn posted went viral.

The message read “Friends don’t let jackasses drink and drive.”

This comment began an avalanche of anger from “Jackass” fans and friends of Dunn.

Distracted “Jackass” co-star Bam Margera directed a tweet at Ebert, replying, “shut your fat f**cking mouth!”

Shortly after Ebert’s comment had drawn blood on Monday, his Facebook account was suspended. But the question remains: was Ebert’s comment completely in the wrong?

Death is always hard for those who knew the deceased, but for those that did not, it can be a non-event or a catalyst for pontification.

Ebert is known to be straightforward and honest, and he likely did not intend his comment to be taken as a full-on slight to Dunn and those that cared for him. Ebert said he had tweeted the comment before he knew Dunn was dead; he maintained it was in response to the photo of Dunn drinking.

In stories posted Tuesday morning, Ebert said it was written that Dunn reportedly drank three light beers and three shots before he drove away from Barnaby’s in West Chester around closing time. No one said whether or not he had been drinking earlier.

April Margera, mother of co-star Bam and surrogate mom to the entire “Jackass” crew, said in an interview, “[Dunn] drove too fast, and I yelled at him all the time about that.”

April’s comment was a heartfelt comment about a man she cared about as a son.

Ebert’s comment was a logical play on words about the idiocy of potentially drinking under the influence. His comment is solid advice, and no one should be out driving on a highway going at exceptional speeds; this is even more emphatically true for those who have been drinking.

Folks are up in arms about Ebert’s comment because it was taken out of context. Should Ebert have to apologize now? No he shouldn’t. He didn’t do anything wrong. Should he apologize anyway because of the damage his ill-advised message has caused across the web? Yes, and he has done so (to some extent) in his online journal.

The real lesson one can learn from all of this is that maybe people shouldn’t be hanging on every little word someone posts on Twitter. Maybe an even bigger message is that all people need to check the time, date and location of a message before lashing out.

This is a situation where there is no correct answer. Everyone is angry or hurting, and two men are dead in a tragic accident. That is it.

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The Dark Side of Self-Esteem

“I look old.”
“I have no talent.”
“I’m ashamed of my weight.”

Destructive beliefs like these plague many people, including students and professors at Iowa State. But now, “StageWest Theatre Company” in Des Moines will face those fears with its upcoming theatrical event, “The Beauty Plays,” showing in repertory from June 23 to July 17.

Professors and students from the ISU theater department are collaborating with Des Moines-area performers on three plays that shed some light on modern relationships and today’s concept of beauty.

The company’s season selection committee, which includes Brad Dell, ISU assistant professor of theater; senior in performing arts Jeff White; and full photoshoot go to www.ames247.com

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A Heavy Commitment

“Fat Pig,” directed by Dell, focuses on the life of Tom and his girlfriend Helen, a plus-size librarian who is comfortable in her own skin. Helen, portrayed by ISU Theatre costume designer Kelly Schaefer, faces ridicule from other people. But image isn’t important to Helen. Rather, she is “very focused on what is true and honest in life,” Schaefer said.

As the play goes on, Tom is forced to explain his relationship to his coworkers and friends, leading him to discover his true feelings about Helen’s appearance. Ultimately, Tom must decide whether to give into peer pressure and break off the relationship or stay with Helen. As true with most scenarios in “The Beauty Plays,” this scene is not all that uncommon in real life, Schaefer said.

“All the characters all have a point of view that has a level of truth to it,” Dell added. “If we’re doing our job right, the audience, at one point, should be able to see themselves in each character.”

Kelly Schaefer, left, and Brad Dell act out a comical moment from the play “Fat Pig”, which opens July 8. Photo illustration: Rebekka Brown/Iowa State Daily

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4. “I Feel Pretty” from “West Side Story”
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Master Manipulators

Along with beauty, manipulation is also a recurring theme in “The Beauty Plays.” In “The Shape of Things,” the main character Adam is convinced he needs to change his appearance in order to gain social acceptance. His friend Phillip, played by senior in performing arts Jeff White, encourages these changes from the sidelines.

“It’s weird because he’s kind of supposed to be the bad guy, at least to some extent,” White said of his character. “Any interest and complexity that comes out of him comes from his relationship to the other characters.”

Caleb Woodley, senior in performing arts, portrays a character similar to White’s, in the third show, “Reasons to be Pretty.”

“[‘Reasons’ is] a story about a guy who loves his girlfriend very much, but he also knows that she has physical imperfections that he sees. And when he mentions them, all hell breaks loose,” Woodley said.

In each of the three plays, LaBute’s characters endure the same problems faced by any average person.

“[The characters] all have a point of view that has a level of truth to it,” Dell added. “If we’re doing our job right, the audience, at one point, should be able to see themselves in each character.”

From left: Jeff White, senior in performing arts; Caleb Woodley, senior in performing arts; Brad Dell, assistant professor of theater; Kelly Schaefer, music and theater lecturer, and Austin Kopsa, senior in performing arts. Photo illustration: Rebekka Brown/Iowa State Daily

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Des Moines Art Festival

Diverse artist group will present art in DM

By Scott MacDonald
Ames247 Writer

The Des Moines Arts Festival is a three-day event in Western Gateway Park in the downtown area of Des Moines, where forms of art in two, three, and four dimensions will be on display. Admission is free, and there are a variety of events within the festival to keep everyone entertained. The four pillars of the festival — visual arts, performing arts, live music, and interactive arts — will all be represented at it.

The celebration’s main attractions are the art booths. One hundred eighty-five artists from all across the country will showcase their works in various media. Another 23 Iowans will present their work as part of the Emerging Artists series.

All are competing for jury prizes (including Best of Show, Best Emerging Artist, and 14 individual media awards). Any festival attendee can help choose his or her favorite booth by participating in the People’s Choice award selection.

But there’s more to the festival than just viewing art. Festivalgoers can participate in the making of a sculpture to the north of the Main Stage by creating flowers and a giant ice cream cone out of recycled plastic bags. On the northwest side of the park will be a more practical installation: a Habitat for Humanity “blitz-build” house will be raised and painted by participants before being moved to house a Sudanese refugee family.

The festival will also host events for kids. Children’s activities will include spinning art and a coloring contest, as well as numerous activities at various community outreach booths.

Beyond the booths, there will be three stages showcasing some more dynamic forms of art. The Performing Arts Stage on the west end of the park will be the site of 19 performances throughout the weekend, featuring art forms such as martial arts and drama. The stage’s main event on Saturday night (running from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.) will be an extension of Ames’ newest mixed-media installation.

ISU percussion lecturer Matthew Coley’s North Grand Mall exhibition, titled “Clearly,” will unite with local dance studio Co’Motion Dance Theater to present a unique music, art and dance show inspired by glass.

On the other side of the park, the Aviva Main Stage will feature 13 musical artists who represent several genres of popular music and hail from all over the world.

Saturday’s headliner (which takes the stage at 8 p.m.) is Ames’ own Envy Corps. The band will be performing in the same park next weekend for the 80/35 Music Festival as well.

Fourteen Midwestern artists will also perform on the Jazz & Wine tented stage on the north end of the park over the weekend.

Now in its fourth year, the Interrobang Film Festival screens 52 independent films and documentaries of all lengths and topics. It will start Friday at 4 p.m. and continue until Sunday at 5 p.m. at the Central Library. The filmmakers presenting their works aren’t just local. They come from all over North America for this festival.

In fact, the film winning the festival’s Professional Filmmaker Award, “Neutral Territory” by Josias Tschanz, is set in Vancouver, British Columbia.

This year’s lineup covers everything from 9/11 to the everyday lives of Iowans. There will also be related events such as Q- & A sessions and film seminars in the library.

Musical

Children to put on ‘Annie Jr.’

By Aaron Hofmeyer
Ames247 Writer

“This weekend, the Story Theater Company will be on ‘Easy Street’ with its production of ‘Annie Jr.’”

“Annie Jr.”, the tale of an optimistic, 11-year-old orphan girl who gets the chance to live like a millionaire, is one of several Broadway musicals adapted for children’s theater by theatrical licensing agency Musical Theatre International.

Musical director Colin Morgan, senior in music education, said that working with a children’s theater has been a positive experience.

“The process has been awesome,” Morgan said.

“Annie Jr.”

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Taurus, Apr. 20-May 20
It’s time to handle something you’ve been putting off. Stick to the budget and schedule, and prohibit procrastination. Take care of details.

Gemini, May 21-June 21
Your social life is lively for the next two days, and you could find yourself spending more than planned. Invite a friend on a walk or hike for lively discussion.

Cancer, June 22-July 22
The spotlight is on for the next two days. Someone’s around to check you out. Keep smiling, and show what you’ve got. Something amazing develops.

Leo, July 23-Aug. 22
Can you save money and still have a vacation? Absolutely. “Staycation” with local fun, or go camping in a National Park and do your own cooking. Take everyone’s desires into account.

Virgo, Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Libra, Sept. 23-Oct. 22
There’s a time for everything if you find the right people and surroundings. Upgrade your infrastructure and technology. Fix whatever’s broken.

Scorpio, Oct. 23-Nov. 21
Gather useful information. A loved one cheers you on. You discover a pleasant surprise that opens a new door. Decide what you can afford, and choose with your heart.

Sagittarius, Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Don’t try out a new idea just yet. Check it out from all angles first. Confer with family about startling revelation. Let go of a presupposition.

Capricorn, Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Home is where the heart is, and where you have an easier time focusing your energy today. Find the support that you need, and take on an overdue project.

Aquarius, Jan. 20-February 18
Shop for bargains, and get only what you really need. Decide what to study next, and get supplies. There may be unexpected costs and a hidden bonus.

Pisces, Feb. 19-March 20
Money, money, money makes the world go round -- or does it? Reconsider your priorities, and invest your energy in what you believe in. The money will follow.

Word of the Day:

decry - dih-KRY
verb
1: to depreciate (as a coin) officially or publicly
2. to express strong disapproval of

Example:
In her article, she decry the pollution of the environment by manufacturers.

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Missouri River may over-flow levee in SW Iowa

SIDNEY — Officials in southwest Iowa said the Missouri River is close to flowing over the top of a levee and inundating farmland northwest of Hamburg.

A mandatory evacuation order was issued Wednesday for the threatened area between the river and Interstate 29. Fremont County Emergency Manager Mike Crecelius said most people had already evacuated voluntarily.

The river measured at 27.8-feet deep Wednesday at nearby Nebraska City. That’s nearly 10 feet above flood stage.

Crecelius said he’s worried the river will continue rising because the Army Corps of Engineers is again increasing the amount of water it is releasing from dams upstream. If the water flows over the levee, it could eventually join with floodwaters from a failed levee south of Hamburg. That would increase pressure on the town’s new levee.

Missouri River floods make it hard to get around

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — Flooding along the Missouri River is making it difficult to get around for many residents in the area where Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska come together.

Interstate 29 is shut down in the region, and the St. Joseph (Mo.) News-Press reported Wednesday that every bridge across the river from St. Joseph to Omaha, Neb., is closed.

So are sections of several other major roadways, including U.S. 275 and U.S. 136 in northwest Missouri.

The Missouri Department of Transportation said parts of I-29 are expected to be closed through mid-August, recalling the Flood of 1993, when traveling across the Missouri and Mississippi rivers in parts of the Midwest was virtually impossible.

Legal limit lowered for boaters

Iowa officials are busy preparing for new limits placed on drunken boaters as the busy July 4th holiday approaches.

The state’s new blood alcohol limit for boating of .08 percent goes into effect July 1. The limit, which was signed into law this spring, had been .10 percent but lawmakers wanted to make it the same as it is for the state’s roads and highways.

Susan Stocker, the boating law administrator for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, says the lower limit will hopefully result in fewer boating crashes and deaths. Of five boating deaths in Iowa in 2010, three were alcohol related.

Iowa seeks details about employees’ free vehicles

IOWA CITY — Iowa athletics officials were collecting details Wednesday about the types of free cars some coaches and employees drive after acknowledging they did not have up-to-date information in some cases.

The university released data Tuesday showing that at least 57 coaches, assistant coaches, spouses and athletics department employees ranging from fundraisers to the travel coordinator drive vehicles donated by car dealers.

The school said it had no information about cars currently driven by 10 employees, including baseball coach Jack Dahm, wrestling coach Tom Brands and softball coach Marla Looper.

Employees said associate athletics director Mark Abbott has asked for the information.

Dahm said he is currently driving a Jeep Commander but he often trades in his vehicles depending on the type of year. He favors a car that gets better mileage in summer months when he’s out recruiting but he might want a truck to cope with Iowa’s winters.

“I don’t think they lost track. My vehicle changed recently. They didn’t know what it was,” Dahm said of the athletics department, adding he planned to submit updated information Wednesday.

“I’m probably going to be getting a new one in about two weeks, just so you know.”

Grounds superintendent Ted Thorn said he was puzzled why the department did not know he was driving a donated Chevy Impala, which he said he’d had for at least a year and had reported driving. He said he too was sending in the information Wednesday.

Bachman 2012

DES MOINES — Republican Michele Bachmann plans to formally launch her campaign for president on Monday from her birthplace of Waterloo, Iowa, a campaign aide said Wednesday.

Spokeswoman Alice Stewart told The Associated Press that the three-term Minnesota congresswoman would formally announce her 2012 GOP presidential bid in the community where she spent her childhood.

By Thomas Beaumont.