## Luck is on your side now

Aries (March 21 - April 20) This is the week when for you 2011 really begins. Luck finally kicks it off in earnest. You'll have constant support, with the stars not letting you fail.

Taurus (April 21 – May 21) In an important and intense week on the professional front, what you'll really be craving is peace and quiet. The easiest way to find out what you need is to experience what you don't want. In those moments when you just want the world to go away so that you can hear yourself think you'll realize how important this is.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21) While you're not going to lose either your professional or your financial momentum, human interactions will matter more. In your friendship sector, expand the importance and the number of people in your life. You are more plugged in to the rest of the human race and others lift some weight off your shoulders.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) If you have struggled to find your focus, this changes in a dramatic way. On both the professional and the financial fronts it's now "game on." You're developing a clearer sense of what you want at work. Once you find your stride you're not going to lose it.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Demands on your time that dominated the last few months are finally momentum. Your personal life is

to help youths and adults from small towns work

The "Get It - Do It!" grants reflect a collaboration

together to encourage health-promoting physical

of the Kansas PRIDE Program, the School of Fami-

ly Studies and Human Services at Kansas State Uni-

versity and K-State Research and Extension, said Elaine Johannes, an Extension youth development

The goal, she said, is to encourage kids and adults

to identify and create intergenerational activities

and opportunities to promote physical activity and

This is the fourth year the grants have been available Previous projects have varied, she said. Some

areas developed walking trails and others bought

exercise equipment for a community center and

supported fitness classes. Such collaborations en-

specialist and a spokesperson for the effort.

health in their towns.



### Shannon O'Brien

Weekly Horoscope

have options and the world is your oyster. It's time to stop following

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23) You have to feel sorry for the lone voice on home and family, having to compete with powerful forces on financial and work fronts. Yet the time you do get to spend at home, with family or in your own space tastes that much sweeter. Make your home your castle while

you take on the world. Libra (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23) You'll be looking for resolution on the home and family front, after ups and downs and false starts. With the communication lines open and your mind focused you're able to appreciate that things are moving in the right direction. Meanwhile, this a powerful and game changing week on the personal front.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Work and income are where the opportunities are. Create balance that doesn't call for sacrifices on any fronts and instead aims for win/win situations. Your home life is important but this is also your time to shine on the income and

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. more manageable, allowing you 21) Have the right work/life balcreative sector opens up a chapter years. fighting back. All of a sudden you that will define life as you know it For entertainment purposes only.

Grants available for activity projects

A few community grants are available in Kansas courage intergenerational friendships and build

leadership skills among youth.

or planning to enroll.

es/funding.htm#State.

ejohanne@ksu.edu.

Up to \$3,000 is awarded by competitive grants,

Information about PRIDE and the grants is avail-

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from Jamie Menon in the Kansas PRIDE office at

(785) 532-5840, Nadine Sigle at (785) 565-2726 or

nsigle@ksu.edu or Johannes at (785) 532-7720 or

schools and civic organizations and groups in their

proposals. Deadline for applications is Tuesday,

Feb. 1; awards will be announced in early March.

Applicants are encouraged to involve youths,

able at county Extension offices or online at www.

kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu/PRIDE/prideresourc-

available to towns enrolled in the PRIDE Program

from now on. After visiting your work sector last week and your career sector over the weekend the Moon will have given things on the professional front a push start for the year, with balance the message he'll leave you with.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20) The two planets with the biggest ongoing influence our lives have two very different agendas this week. Those seem more intense than they really are, but make you work harder to create balance than you might have otherwise been inclined to do. Your attention on your professional situation is countered by luck to your home and family sector.

Aquarius (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19) This week is a major turning point where for you 2011 really begins. This is giving you a huge amount of insight and passion to claim your future, where you're at a tipping point anyway. This is the year to get that monkey off your back and start living your dreams.

Pisces (Feb. 20 - March 20) Despite the fact that the week is likely to begin with a lot of financial intensity, so much that you may want to stick your head in the sand, this is a powerful week for money matters and a real game changer. Total ownership and awareness of where things stand on the financial front compete with the start of an expansive new income era. Any pressure should ease by mid week but the motivato work smarter without losing ance. Monday your romantic and tion is likely to last for months or

### On the Beat

### **COLBY POLICE** Wednesday

2:05 a.m. - Security check at

9:04 a.m. - Caller reported subject trying to steal her dog and then taking an item. All OK; subject was returning item to neighbor.

9:58 a.m. - Caller reported her purse was taken from vehicle.

10:18 a.m. – Spoke to subject on phone about accident at Colby Community College earlier, not reported.

10:48 a.m. - Provided traffic control for vehicle in ditch in the 1100 block of S. Range

11:25 a.m. – Helped motorist at

12:20 p.m. - Accident at col-

2:39 p.m. – Theft report filed.

3:58 p.m. – Accident earlier in

the day in the Petro Lube parking

5:23 p.m. – Protective custody: report filed on 911 disconnect.

11:21 p.m. - Security check at Twister's.

11:27 p.m. – Deputy requested assistance with a slide off at North Country Club and Meadow Lake. **Thursday** 

1:09 a.m. - Trespassing: caller wanted a drunk friend to leave. Will let subject stay until tomor-1:43 a.m. – 911 hangup call

from a cell phone. Called number back and left message. Possible connection to call at 1:09 a.m. 6:09 a.m. – Car alarm going off.

Vehicle located, unable to contact

8:25 a.m. - Hit-and-run acci-

8:31 a.m. - Caller reported problems with neighbors. Talked to reporting party, provided op-

6:32 p.m. - Vehicle parked in 15-minute stall at Post Office will

be moved. 7:19 p.m. – Caller reported former roommate broke into her trailer. Report filed.

### THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF **Tuesday**

11 a.m. - Anthony Garza arrested on warrant

11:42 a.m. - Took prisoner to Thomas/Sheridan County Line.

4:35 p.m. - Released Bonnie Petersen.

6:45 p.m. – Booked Robert R. Morrow.

## Winter drought? Get out the hose

Abnormally dry conditions are expanding or wors- hoses, a slow-running sprinkler or the like, the hortiening across a hefty section of the United States. In early January, the U.S. Drought Monitor mapped them as extending from southern Arizona and eastern Colorado through the Southeast - including the arc of states that surround the Gulf of Mexico.

"For most of Kansas, that means we should drag out the hose," said Ward Upham, horticulturist, Kansas State University Research and Extension.. "To survive winter unscathed, trees and shrubs will need extra water."

Any tree or shrub will benefit from a drink, but the evergreens are most at risk. Evergreens lose moisture from their foliage year-round, Upham said. Young or newly transplanted ornamentals can be in trouble, too, because they have a limited root system. Woody plants near streets and sidewalks may need help, as well, because they not only have limits on root growth but also get exposed to de-icing chemi-

"If this winter remains dry, we may need to water once or perhaps twice every month. Long warm spells will mean watering more often," he added. "The only difficulty in that will be identifying a time when the soil temperature is above freezing and the ground has unfrozen, so water will soak in.'

The best way to irrigate trees and shrubs in winter is to apply water slowly, so it doesn't create runoff. the Web at www.ksre.ksu.edu/wdl/Drought/wel-Some gardeners prefer using a dribbling hose, soaker come.htm.

culturist said. Water must reach the entire root zone of each plant and soak in 8 to 12 inches deep.

Upham provided these rough guides for estimating the actual spread of a woody plant's underground

• A shrub's height is the measure to use in figuring its roots' reach from the trunk(s) out in all directions. This rule of thumb also can be a prudent approach to watering young trees with a narrow, sparse leaf

 An established tree's root zone is concentrated under a circle of soil that centers on the trunk and ends just under the outermost tips of the tree's branches – i.e., at its drip line.

"Another thing that can be a big help in this process is a metal rod, wood dowel or a screwdriver with a long tang," Upham said. "Before you water, you can use this tool to check whether the soil is still frozen below the surface. After you water, you can use it to check whether you've irrigated deeply enough. Once a rod or screwdriver reaches frozen soil or dry dirt, you can't push it any further into the ground. It just stops."

To help state residents assess their landscape water needs, the Kansas Weather Data Library maintains up-to-date drought analyses, maps and forecasts on

## Is riding a horse while drunk legal in Montana?

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — A features a horse picking up a rider at a bar is intended as a metaphor to encourage drinkers to get a ride

But it is being taken literally by some in a state well known for its horse culture.

Helena Police Chief Troy Mc-Montana Department of Trans- Gee says he's received many calls titled "Sober Friend" shows a portation public safety video that from residents wanting to know if riding a horse while under the influence is legal. McGee tells the Independent Record newspaper Montana law carefully defines

a vehicle, and excludes those running under animal power.

The popular 30-second video savvy horse carefully obeying traffic laws on a nighttime journey through town before stopping in front of a bar to pick up its rider.

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