The Figge Art Museum in April will open a gallery of works on loan from Deere & Company's corporate art collection. These will be on view for the general public for the first time. The gallery will debut on the fourth floor of the museum on April 24 with an exhibition of works by Grant Wood, Edward Curtis, Joan Miro, Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, Rufino Tamayo, Sofu Teshigahara, and Matazo Kayama. The exhibition will include Grant Wood's iconic *Fall Plowing*, as well as his *Fruits of Iowa* series.

Rock Island Police Chief John Wright has announced that he will retire effective January 29. Wright, a Rock Island native, has been with the Rock Island Police Department for more than 30 years and has served as chief since 2005. Rock Island City Manager John Phillips said that he would start the recruitment process immediately and plans a nationwide search for Wright's successor. Phillips said that he hopes to have the next chief appointed by June.

Senator Chuck Grassley of Iowa was listed as one of 100 individuals who this year "impacted the world of business ethics in ways that will continue to resonate for many years." The Ethisphere Institute describes itself as "a leading international think tank dedicated to the creation, advancement, and sharing of best practices in business ethics, corporate social responsibility, anti-corruption, and sustainability." Its citation reads: "Grassley's is a leading voice in the Senate speaking out against corruption and financial fraud. Even before the financial crisis of last year, Grassley's name always seemed to come up in financial-fraud stories. He is aware of what's going on and is aggressively going after those that commit fraud." Grassley is ranking member and former chair of the Committee on Finance. The full Ethisphere list is available at Ethisphere.com/2009s-100-most-influential-people-in-business-ethics/ .

The state of Iowa has updated various documents related to the Iowa Film, Television, & Video Project Promotion program that was suspended earlier this year because of inadequate administrative controls. For more information, frequently asked questions, and a list of approved projects and those under contract, visit IowaLifeChanging.com/film .

St. Ambrose University will receive $600,000 for facilities and equipment, and Palmer

College will receive
$400,000 to expand a model integrative-health-care program for the treatment of pain as part of
the federal Fiscal Year 2010 Labor, Health, & Human Services appropriations bill.
The legislation was signed into law on December 16.

Poets Robyn Schiff and Nick Twemlow read from their work in The River Readings at Augustana on Thursday, January 21. Schiff is the author of *Revolver* (2008) and *Worth* (2002), is an associate professor at the University of Iowa, and is a co-editor of Canarium Books. Twemlow's writing has appeared or will appear in
A Public Space, New American Writing, Filmmaker, Stop Smiling, Boston Review,
jubilat,
Fence,
and
Best American Non-Required Reading 2009
. The reading is free and open to the public and takes place at 7 p.m. in Wallenberg Hall, inside the Denkmann building (3520 Seventh Avenue in Rock Island). A reception follows the reading.

At a recent study session, the Rock Island city council explored security options for downtown. Two options include using private security and privatizing the Great River Plaza; however, there is no funding source available to assist with these options at this time. City staff will look at several short-term proposals instead. A nightlife safety report is available at
LiveRI.com/images/stories/pdfdowntown/nightlifesafetyreport.pdf
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