

Noon News



Today
High: 82 Low: 56
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thunderstorms



Tomorrow
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Survey finds fewer Iowa youths drinking, smoking

Iowa teenagers are increasingly unlikely to drink or smoke, according to a new state survey. The Iowa Youth Survey, released Friday, found that 37 percent of 11th-graders had at least one alcoholic drink in the previous 30 days, compared with 41 percent in 2005. The survey found that 16 percent of 11th-graders had smoked at least one cigarette in the previous 30 days, down from 18 percent in 2005.

Deere names new chief executive

Deere & Co. said its board has elected Samuel Allen to succeed Robert Lane as chief executive starting Aug. 1. Allen also has been elected president, chief operating officer, and board member effective today. He has been with the company for 34 years. Deere & Co. employs 12,000 workers in Iowa.

Man charged in slaying of Kansas doctor

A 51-year-old man was in a Kansas jail today, charged with first-degree murder in the killing of a physician whose women's clinic frequently took center stage in the debate over abortion, authorities said. Scott Roeder is being held without bond in the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility.

GM files for bankruptcy

General Motors filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection today, the fourth-largest bankruptcy filing in U.S. history. The company said it has \$172.81 billion in debt and \$82.29 billion in assets. Nearly a dozen plants will be identified for closure by 2010, resulting in 20,000 job losses.

Dow Jones removes GM and Citigroup

GM was among two companies that have received billions of dollars in aid from the U.S. government that have been kicked out of the Dow Jones industrial average. GM will be replaced by Cisco Systems and Citigroup will be replaced by The Travelers Companies. The changes will go into effect on June 8.

Air France jet goes missing over Atlantic

An Air France jet that disappeared today en route from Rio de Janeiro to Paris sent an automatic signal indicating electrical problems, the airline said. The plane, which has 228 people aboard, was most likely hit by lightning, Air France's director said at a news conference. A search mission is under way.

Reports: North Korea prepares long range missile

North Korea has transported its most advanced missile, believed to be capable of reaching Alaska, to a site where it could be ready for launch in a week or two, news reports said today. The country was also reportedly strengthening its defenses and conducting amphibious assault exercises along its western shore, near disputed waters where deadly naval clashes with South Korea have occurred in the past.

Suspected militants kidnap 400 in Pakistan

Police said suspected militants have abducted some 400 students, staff members, and relatives driving away from a school in a troubled tribal region in northwest Pakistan. Police official Meer Sardar said the mass abduction occurred about 20 miles from Razmak Cadet College in North Waziristan.

Nintendo to launch new Wii Fit, Mario games this fall

Nintendo Co. Ltd. plans to launch a new version of its "Wii Fit" home exercise game this fall, the Nikkei business daily reported yesterday. The "Wii Fit Plus" will allow users to compete with friends and family over the Internet. Nintendo will also launch a new version of its "Mario" game series.

Octuplet mom signs TV show deal

Nadya Suleman, the mother of octuplets born Jan. 26, has inked a deal with the British production company Eyeworks, which plans to begin filming a reality TV series based on the controversial mother and her 14 children. At this time, Eyeworks has yet to sell the proposed shows to any U.S. networks.

McNulty wins Principal Charity Classic

After missing the same putt twice on the final hole of regulation and the first hole of a sudden-death playoff with Fred Funk and Nick Price, Mark McNulty drilled it dead center from 30 feet for a birdie and victory in the Principal Charity Classic yesterday at Glen Oaks Country Club in West Des Moines.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

Today in history

On this day in 1967, the Beatles released "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band."

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Start off your day with 30 minutes of relaxing, yoga-based stretching from 7 to 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays in 462 Field House. This gentle, full-body stretching helps lengthen your muscles relieve tension and stress. The class is \$6 as a walk-in, and aerobics passes and punch cards can be used. For more information, contact Recreational Services at 335-9293.
- Staff, guests, and patients are invited to a closed AA meeting from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesdays in 5027 BT, Elevator A, Level 5.
- The UI Obesity Surgery Support Group will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. tomorrow in the Clinical Cancer Center Conference Room, 4639 JCP, Elevator H, Level 4. The support group is free and open to anyone who has had bariatric surgery or is considering it. Registration is recommended. Contact Chris Melichar at 356-1887 or obesitysurgery@uiowa.edu.
- Project Art and Volunteer Services kick off the Summer Concert Series with Banjoy at noon on Wednesday at the Rooftop Café, Elevator F, Level 8. Enjoy music and promotional food specials. Rain location is the Atrium Conference Room, Elevator F, Level 7. To join the mailing list, send an e-mail with “subscribe” in the subject line to uihc-projectart@uiowa.edu.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Preemie Project is seeking donations of handmade crafts for an upcoming summer craft sale. For more information, contact Jane Fredericks at 338-1514 or vicepresident@thepreemieproject.com.
- Looking for a fun activity for your child this summer? Spots are still open in the UI Wildlife Camps and Tennis Camps. For more information, visit www.recserv.uiowa.edu or call 335-9293 (Wildlife Camps) or 384-1215 (Tennis Camps).
- In accordance with the Office of the Inspector General, a Compliance Helpline—384-8190—has been established for staff to use if they know or suspect violations of patient care, laws/regulations, billing/coding, health and safety, property/equipment/other assets, human resources, or conflicts of interest. Calls are not traced or recorded, and staff may make anonymous reports without fear of retaliation. All reports of improper conduct will be investigated.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- Volunteers between the ages of 40 and 60 who have not smoked more than 20 cigarettes total in their lifetime or currently smoke at least a pack of cigarettes a day or have been diagnosed with COPD are invited to participate in a study involving CT imaging of the lungs. The study requires a total of two to three hours over one to two visits. Compensation. For more information, contact Joanie at 385-7392 or joanie-wilson@uiowa.edu or Ray at 384-5273 or raymond-stelzer@uiowa.edu.
- Adults born after 1971 who have never received a smallpox vaccine and are in overall good health are invited to participate in a smallpox vaccine study. Participation involves a total of ten visits over approximately seven months. For more information, call 384-7245 or e-mail geraldine-dull@uiowa.edu.
- Smokers looking to quit are invited to participate in a study to determine the effectiveness of different approaches to weight management and blood pressure in smokers who have stopped using tobacco. Participants will receive nicotine patches and smoking cessation counseling at no charge. Follow-up will be provided in one of three programs that involve individual counseling sessions, group informational sessions, and/or written materials. Compensation. For details, call Bill Barker at 384-5055 or visit www.PICstudies.org.
- Adults ages 18 to 25 who have language learning or reading disabilities are invited to participate in a research study on sleep and word learning. Participants will learn new words and take tests to determine their retention of the new words. The study involves five visits of 90 minutes each. Compensation. For details, call Nichole Eden or e-mail child-language@uiowa.edu.
- Children ages 2 years, 6 months to 6 years, 11 months are invited to participate in a research study examining how children use social cues such as looking at or touching an object to learn words. During the study, children will learn names for unfamiliar objects. They will also participate in a battery of speech, language, and listening tasks. The study involves one to two visits for approximately 90 minutes at the Department of Otolaryngology on the UI campus or a mutually agreeable location. Contact Elizabeth Walker or Karla McGregor at 353-8980 or e-mail elizabeth-walker@uiowa.edu.
- Adults ages 50 to 100 with no history of neurological disease are invited to participate in a Department of Neurology study of cognitive function. Participants will be asked to undergo neuropsychological testing. Compensation. For details, contact Janelle Beadle at 353-8520 or e-mail janelle-beadle@uiowa.edu.

View the most recent study announcements at www.uihealthcare.com/depts/clinicaltrials/volunteer.html.

Contact *Noon News* at noonnews@healthcare.uiowa.edu. Persons with a disability requiring reasonable accommodations in order to participate in programs at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics may discuss their needs with Concierge Services in advance at 356-1900.