

Noon News



Today
High: 75 Low: 54
Storms, wind



Tomorrow
High: 73 Low: 56
Partly cloudy

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**“The best thing
one can do
when it’s
raining is to let it
rain.”**

—Henry
Wadsworth
Longfellow
American poet

I-380 median barrier will eventually stretch to I-80

A median barrier planned on Interstate 380 in Cedar Rapids will be eventually be expanded south to Interstate 80, state transportation officials said. The Iowa Department of Transportation is studying the median concept with an eye to reducing cross-median crashes by installing a barrier this year or next.

Harkin gives support to passenger rail

Sen. Tom Harkin on Saturday threw his weight behind efforts to develop an Iowa City to Chicago passenger rail connection. That effort has been given new energy by recent increases in Amtrak’s budget and \$8 billion for passenger rail included in recent federal stimulus legislation. The Iowa Legislature recently appropriated \$3 million to develop passenger rail service in Iowa.

Chase, shootout leave trooper, kidnapper dead

A man who kidnapped his 9-year-old son in northeastern Pennsylvania led police on a 40-mile chase that ended in an exchange of gunfire that killed him and a state trooper, state police said today. The chase last night began outside Easton and ended in Coolbaugh Township, in the Pocono Mountains.

Obama promises 600,000 stimulus jobs

President Obama promised today to deliver 600,000 jobs through his stimulus plan this summer, with federal agencies pumping billions into public works projects, schools, and summer youth programs. The announcement comes days after the unemployment rate hit the highest level in more than 25 years.

Credit card delinquency rate rises

The credit card delinquency rate jumped to 1.32 percent this year, from 1.19 percent in the first three months of 2008, TransUnion said. The statistic measures the percentage of card holders who are three months or more past due on payments for MasterCard, Visa, American Express, and Discover cards.

North Korea sentences U.S. journalists

North Korea’s top court convicted two American journalists and sentenced them to 12 years in prison today. The North’s state news agency said Laura Ling, 32, and Euna Lee, 36, were guilty of a “grave crime” against the nation and of illegally crossing into North Korea.

Searchers find 17 bodies from Air France crash

Searchers found 17 bodies in the Atlantic Ocean near where an Air France flight disappeared last week. Authorities are now certain they have found wreckage from the flight, carrying 228 people, all of whom are presumed dead. Teams recovered two bodies Saturday and 15 yesterday.

Funerals begin for children killed in day care fire

Parents in northern Mexico yesterday began to bury the children who died in a day care fire as Mexican authorities raised the death toll from the blaze to 41. Mourners turned out for a mass funeral for six of the victims yesterday afternoon in Hermosillo, about 200 miles south of the U.S. border.

China requires anti-porn software on new PCs

China is requiring personal computers to carry software that blocks pornography and other Web sites. The “Green Dam-Youth Escort” software prevents computers from accessing sites with pornographic pictures or language, a Jinhui Computer System Engineering Co. spokesman said.

‘Billy Elliot’ dances away with 10 Tony Awards

“Billy Elliot,” the British musical about a coal miner’s son who dreams of becoming a dancer, bowled over Broadway last night, winning 10 Tony Awards, including best musical and a unique best actor prize for the three young performers who share the title character.

Tiger rallies for victory at Memorial

Tiger Woods birdied the 17th and 18th holes yesterday as part of a final-round 65 on his way to winning the Memorial Tournament at Muirfield Village in Dublin, Ohio. He trailed by four strokes at the start of the round. It was Woods’ record fourth victory in the Memorial.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- UI Women's Health invites mothers of infants and toddlers to attend "Moms Supporting Moms." The group meets from 10 to 11 a.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of every month in Melrose Conference Room 4, Elevator L, Level 5. For more information, call 356-1278 or e-mail UIHC-moms@uiowa.edu.
- 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.
- A public presentation on medical debt and how it affects families will take place from 2 to 3:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Bean Conference Room, SE301 GH. The event is part of the 2009 Obermann Summer Seminar Series "Borrowing to the Brink: Consumer Debt in America." For more information, e-mail ryan-andersen@uiowa.edu or call Neda Barrett at 335-4034.
- Project Art presents Jonny Lipford playing the Native American flute at noon on Wednesday in the Colloton Pavilion Atrium, Elevator F, Level 1.
- Cancer survivors and their families are invited to attend the Cancer Survivors Day Celebration hosted by Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday at Kinnick Stadium. Highlights of the free event include appearances by Kirk Ferentz, Sharon Dingman, Larissa Libby, and Herky. For more information, call 356-3000.
- UI Head Football Coach Kirk Ferentz and former Hawkeye football player and current kicker for the San Diego Chargers Nate Kaeding will host an event at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 25, at the Englert Theatre. The event will feature keynote speaker Joe Ehrmann. Tickets are available at the Englert box office or at www.englert.org. Tickets cost \$12 in advance or \$20 at the door. All proceeds will benefit UI Children's Hospital.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Visit the Emergency Medical Services Learning Resources Center (EMSLRC) Web site for CPR and all other course listings. EMSLRC course registration is now available online. For more information, visit [The Point](#) or www.uihealthcare.com/emslrc.
- 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).

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- Men and women with a history of depression, along with their family members, are invited to participate in a depression study. The project requires an interview and a blood sample. The project goal is to identify genes that may predispose individuals to develop depression and may ultimately lead to improved methods of diagnosis and treatment for this disorder. Compensation. For more information, call 353-4369.
- Children 6 years, 6 months through 12 years, six months are invited to participate in a study examining word learning and executive function abilities, such as attention, inhibition, and planning. Participation will consist of one 60 minute visit. Contact Lea Greiner at 353-6582 or lea-greiner@uiowa.edu.
- Volunteers between the ages of 50 and 70 with a high school education and no history of neurological disease are invited to participate in a research study of cognitive function. Participants will be asked to undergo neuropsychological testing which will include two hours of involvement. Compensation. For details, call 356-8759 or e-mail natasha-feuerbach@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.
- Do you have severe to moderate asthma? Do you have a history of uncontrolled asthma? Do you use an inhaled corticosteroid with or without a long acting beta-agonist? Are you 18 or older? If so, you may be eligible to participate in a research study. Compensation. For more information, call 356-3240 or 877-428-0635.

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

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