

Noon News



Today
High: 78 Low: 58
Mostly sunny



Tomorrow
High: 73 Low: 58
Showers possible

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Cyclists riding RAGBRAI for Project 3000

A team of a dozen cyclists is participating in RAGBRAI this week to raise awareness of and funds for Project 3000, a UI-based effort seeking a cure for the blinding eye disease Leber congenital amaurosis. The team's leader is Clark Rachfal, a U.S. national medalist in track cycling with LCA who has been losing his sight since childhood. Rachfal is riding a tandem bicycle with a sighted partner.

Three arrested in Marengo murder

A woman and two 19-year-olds have been charged with first-degree murder in a death in Marengo, the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* reports. Authorities say Curtis C. Bailey, 33, was killed around 2 a.m. yesterday at his home at 220 W. Main St. Charged are Bailey's common-law wife, Denise L. Frei, 43, of the same address; and Jacob S. Hilgendorf and Jessica A. Dayton, both 19 and of Belle Plaine.

Budget update put on hold

The White House has delayed the release of its midsummer budget update—usually scheduled for mid-July—until the middle of next month, giving rise to speculation the Obama administration is waiting to deliver any bad economic news until after Congress leaves on its Aug. 7 summer recess.

Interior halting uranium mining at Grand Canyon

U.S. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar will announce today a temporary halt to the filing of new uranium mining claims on about one million acres near the Grand Canyon. The Associated Press reports the department will study whether the land should be permanently withdrawn from mining activity.

U.S., India expected to sign defense pact

The United States and India are expected to sign an agreement today that would be a major step toward allowing the sale of sophisticated U.S. arms to the South Asian nation, Reuters reports. The deal would be a tangible accomplishment of Hillary Clinton's first trip to India as U.S. secretary of state.

Canada wildfires force evacuations

Wildfires in western Canada forced 17,000 people to evacuate this weekend. Wind and dry conditions have fueled the large blazes, which broke out over the weekend near Kelowna, British Columbia. No injuries or deaths have been reported. However, at least three homes were destroyed, Reuters reports.

Iran opposition told to back down

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei today warned the opposition to back down after it called for a referendum on the legitimacy of the country's clerical rulers. The opposition has drawn support from former President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, a key figure within the clerical leadership.

Lost British backpacker says he was a 'total idiot'

British backpacker Jamie Neale, 19, told Australia's *60 Minutes* program yesterday he was "a total idiot" to venture unprepared into the Blue Mountains, 60 miles west of Sydney. Neale set off on a hike July 3 and was found dehydrated and freezing after 12 wintry days lost in Australia's wilderness.

NASA plans future moon trips

NASA is working to return astronauts to the moon by 2020 and establish a lunar base that would allow them to stay on the desolate surface for up to six months by 2025, CNN.com reports. The goal of the future lunar voyages is to help explorers prepare for space flights beyond the moon.

Frank McCourt dead at 78

Irish-American author Frank McCourt died yesterday of cancer at age 78. He spent three decades as a teacher of English and creative writing in New York City public schools but became best known for his 1996 Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *Angela's Ashes*, about his impoverished childhood in Ireland.

Vick released from federal custody

Suspended NFL star Michael Vick's federal dogfighting sentence ended today, freeing him to lobby for a return to pro football. Vick hopes to meet with NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, who has said he would review Vick's status after the former Atlanta Falcons quarterback completed his sentence.

Today in history

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On this day in 1969, American astronaut Neil Armstrong became the first human to walk on the surface of the moon.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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.
- Come find out what UI Women's Health is all about at the UI Women's Health Fair tomorrow in the EMRB Atrium and on July 28 in the Pappajohn Pavilion Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. Events will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days and will feature giveaways, free massages, door prizes, and refreshments. For details, contact Mary Keen at mary-keen@uiowa.edu, 384-8998, or Cindy Ballard at cindy-ballard@uiowa.edu, 384-2859.
- UI Women's Health invites mothers of infants and toddlers to attend "Moms Supporting Moms." The group meets from 12 to 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month in Melrose Conference Room 3, Elevator L, Level 5. For more information, call 356-1278 or e-mail UIHC-moms@uiowa.edu.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Beginning today, Parking Lot #65 (Finkbine Commuter Lot) will be inaccessible from Hawkins Drive for one week due to a railroad repair project. Traffic will have to enter and exit the parking lot from Melrose Ave. Cambus is running a special 24-hour service from Lot 65 to the hospital and the main campus. See [The Point](#) for more information.
- Help the Johnson County Crisis Center Food Bank by bringing non-perishable canned or packaged food items to work next week as part of the Thanksgiving in July Community-Wide Food Drive. Drop-off bins will be located throughout the UI Health Care campus. Tax-deductible financial contributions may be dropped off at Volunteer Services, 8025 JCP, Elevator F, Level 8, or sent to External Relations, 4150 WL. Make checks payable to "Johnson County Crisis Center Food Bank." Questions? Contact Tom Walljasper, External Relations, at tom-walljasper@uiowa.edu.
- Beginning at 8 a.m. on Aug. 4, all UI Health Care employees and students will need two IDs—a HealthCareID for workstation login and health care applications (Epic, Outlook, etc.) and a HawkID for University applications (Employee Self Service, ICON, etc.). The two-ID system will be more secure and cost effective. Your current HawkID/password will become your HealthCareID/password. Usernames for both will be the same, but each ID will have its own password. For more information or to set a new HawkID password, go to <http://hawkid.uiowa.edu/project>.
- The Employee Van Pool Program has openings available in the following communities: Ainsworth, Anamosa/Mt. Vernon, Cedar Rapids, Columbus Junction, Kalona, Keota, Lone Tree, Mt. Pleasant/Olds, Riverside, Shueyville, Washington, Washington/Ainsworth, Wellman, Wellman/Kalona, West Liberty, Williamsburg, and Wilton. For a complete list, please check www.uiowa.edu/~commprog/vanpool_communities.html or call Commuter Programs at 353-5770 for information.
- Don't know where to turn for personal financial advice? As a member of the UI Health Care community, you have access to the services of BALANCE, a financial education organization that can assist you with money management, credit, and housing issues. This service is offered through the University of Iowa Community Credit Union. For more information, visit www.uiccu.org and click on "financial education" in the lower right corner of the homepage.
- Check out the UI Employees Discount page. New vendors are added regularly. For the entire list of discounts, visit www.uiowa.edu/~cqi/uiedp.html.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- Have you been diagnosed with a mood or affective disorder? Are you age 18 or over? If so, you may be eligible to enroll in The Mood and Affect Research Registry (MAR). The purpose of the registry is to allow individuals with mood disorders to be notified of research opportunities. For more information, contact Lois at 384-9379 or lois-warren@uiowa.edu.
- Children 6 years, 6 months through 12 years, 6 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 age 21 and older who have been diagnosed with atrial fibrillation (an abnormal heart rhythm) are invited to participate in a research study evaluating the safety and effectiveness of an investigational blood-thinning medication in the prevention of stroke. Qualifying participants will receive study-related laboratory evaluations, physical exams and electrocardiograms, and study medications. Compensation. For details, call 384-5046 or 1-800-887-6917.
- Adults with breast cancer ages 20 to 75 and their caregivers are invited to participate in a Department of Rehabilitation Therapies research study investigating the effects of participation in music therapy cancer support groups on mood, coping, social support, and quality of life. Groups meet twice a week for six weeks. Compensation. For more information, call Abbey Dvorak at 356-4718 or e-mail abbey-dvorak@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.