

Noon News



Today
High: 76 Low: 57
Partly cloudy



Tomorrow
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Pedestrian bridge work to be done by Sept. 4

Repair work on the Burlington Street pedestrian bridge in Iowa City—used by thousands of football fans heading to Kinnick Stadium—will be completed by Sept. 4, the day before the Hawkeyes’ first home game, a city engineer told the *Iowa City Press-Citizen*. The bridge was built in 1968.

State to hold hearings on medical marijuana

The Iowa Board of Pharmacy agreed yesterday to hold a series of public hearings in August through November on whether marijuana should be allowed for medical purposes in the state. The hearings, to be held in Iowa City, Des Moines, Mason City, and Council Bluffs, will seek scientific evidence and testimony from supporters and opponents of the issue. Medicinal marijuana is legal in 13 states.

Iowa’s prison population declining

Drug courts, treatment programs, education, housing, and other services linked to community-based corrections helped contribute to a decline in Iowa’s prison population over the past two fiscal years, the director of the state Department of Corrections said yesterday. The *Cedar Rapids Gazette* reports that the state inmate count yesterday stood at 8,423, down from a record-high of 8,840 in October 2007.

Senate mulling concealed weapons measure

The U.S. Senate has scheduled a vote today on a measure that would allow people with concealed weapons permits to carry those hidden weapons into other states. Opponents say the measure would force states with strict rules for getting gun permits to accept permits from states with more lax laws.

Salmonella risk prompts lettuce recall

About 22,000 cartons of romaine lettuce have been recalled from retail, wholesale, and food-service outlets across the U.S., Canada, and Puerto Rico, the Associated Press reports today. The produce, distributed by Tanimura & Antle Inc. of Salinas, Calif., may be contaminated with salmonella.

California budget plan includes offshore drilling

The agreement to close California’s \$26 billion budget deficit includes expanding offshore oil drilling off Santa Barbara, drawing complaints that the fiscal crisis led to a deal after state regulators rejected the idea earlier this year. It would be the first new offshore oil drilling on state lands in four decades.

Mumbai gunman wants no mercy

The lone surviving gunman in attacks in Mumbai, India, last November said today he is ready to go to the gallows and wants no mercy from the court for his role in the terrorist plot that killed 166 people. Ajmal Kasab, a Pakistani, unexpectedly confessed Monday to taking part in the attacks.

Solar eclipse shrouds Asia in darkness

A total solar eclipse was visible across a wide swath of Asia today, lasting over six minutes in some areas. The eclipse is the longest since July 11, 1991, when a total eclipse lasting nearly seven minutes was visible from Hawaii to South America. There will not be a longer eclipse than today’s until 2132.

Worker commits suicide over missing iPhone

An employee at a factory that makes iPhones in China killed himself after a prototype went missing, the Associated Press reports. Sun Danyong, 25, worked for Foxconn Technology Group, a Taiwanese firm that makes many Apple products at a factory in Shenzhen, near Hong Kong.

‘Apprentice’ winner would consider political run

Reality TV star Randal Pinkett told the Associated Press he’d consider running for lieutenant governor in New Jersey if asked. Gov. Jon Corzine has reportedly backed away from the “Apprentice” winner, however, after the idea got negative reactions from some Democrats and newspaper editorial pages.

NBA returning to China

The Denver Nuggets and Indiana Pacers will tip off in Beijing in a pre-season game Oct. 11 as the National Basketball Association returns to the Chinese capital for a second year in a row, the league said today. China is the NBA’s biggest market outside of North America.

Today in history

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On this day in 1940, the radio program “Suspense” debuted on CBS. Alfred Hitchcock directed the first episode of this dramatic anthology.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Stop by the Preemie Project Summer Craft Sale until 2 p.m. today in the Pappajohn Pavilion Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. Proceeds benefit critically ill infants and their families in the NICU. Jewelry, stuffed toys, purses, scrub hats, baby clothing, and more will be on sale. For details, call 338-1514 or e-mail vicepresident@thepreemieproject.com.
- Wild Rose Books will host a Technology Event from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Pappajohn Pavilion Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. Stop by and test-drive the latest lineup of Dell computers. Also, take advantage of a special Apple offer available now through Sept. 8: when you buy a Mac, you'll receive a free iPod touch after mail-in rebate. Educational discount prices will apply for UI students, faculty, and staff on selected technology.
- Join Project Art and Volunteer Services for The Beggarmen, performing as part of their Summer Concert Series, from noon to 1 p.m. tomorrow at the Rooftop Café, Elevator F, Level 8. Enjoy traditional Irish and Celtic tunes and original music, along with promotional food specials. Rain location: 7th floor atrium dining room. To join Project Art's mailing list, send an e-mail with "subscribe" in the subject line to uihc-projectart@uiowa.edu.
- Help the Johnson County Crisis Center Food Bank by bringing non-perishable canned or packaged food items to work this week as part of the Thanksgiving in July Community-Wide Food Drive. Drop-off bins are 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. Questions? Contact Tom Walljasper at tom-walljasper@uiowa.edu.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Emergency Treatment Center is evaluating a new safety IV catheter this week. It offers a number of safety features over the current safety IV catheter and will be used on adult patients. Educational posters on its use have been distributed. Please page Kathy Bainbridge at 6835 or Renee Gould at 4120 with questions and feedback or for a copy of the poster.
- UI Children's Hospital and the Iowa Hawkeyes are partnering on "Kid Captain," a program to honor current or former pediatric patients during UI football games. Children selected will receive game tickets, a commemorative jersey, and will be on the field for the pre-game coin toss. Only parents or guardians may nominate a child, but faculty and staff are encouraged to share this information with families. For details, visit www.uihealthcare.com/children. Entry deadline is Aug. 16.
- Happy Feet-Christmas in July has arrived at Wild Rose Gifts with the penguin parade through July 29. Spend \$25 (stamps excluded) and receive a package of holiday ornaments while supplies last. Wild Rose Gifts is open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends. Profits support programs that benefit patients and their families.
- To comply with the new Conflict of Interest Policy, all faculty and staff affiliated with UI Health Care are required to complete an online External Relationships Disclosure form now available on the Conflict of Interest Web site before September 1, 2009. This requirement applies to everyone, regardless of whether or not you have a financial relationship with an entity outside The University of Iowa. For complete information, please go to the Conflict of Interest Web site. Questions? Contact the Conflict of Interest Office at 384-5252 or e-mail coi@healthcare.uiowa.edu.
- Parking Lot #65 (Finkbine Commuter Lot) will be inaccessible from Hawkins Drive through the end of this 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.
- Blood and platelet donors needed. Visit DeGowin Blood Center, Elevator B, Level 2, or call 356-2058. Weekday and evening appointments available. All donations used at UI Hospitals and Clinics.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- Healthy females ages 18 to 60 are invited to participate in a research study examining the effects of transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) on pain. TENS is a commonly used treatment for pain that uses an application of low intensity (non-painful) electrical stimulation to the skin. Subjects cannot currently have pain or be on pain medication. Subjects will be compensated for five consecutive daily visits. For details, e-mail slukalab@uiowa.edu or call Shannon Lehman at 384-3052.
- Children ages 2 to 11 who can identify their letters and who wear glasses are invited to participate in a study to determine the effectiveness of a digital photoscreening camera in eye exams. Participation involves a total of one visit. Children will receive a free comprehensive dilated eye exam. For details, contact Angela at 356-2859.
- Volunteers age 60 and older are invited to participate in a study evaluating the effectiveness of a walking program in reducing pain and activity limitations in people with knee osteoarthritis. For details, please call 335-8196 or 335-7554.

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.