

Noon News



Today
High: 83 Low: 62
Partly cloudy



Tomorrow
High: 81 Low: 60
Partly Cloudy

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Man charged with attempted murder in local shooting

Iowa City police charged a Cedar Rapids man with attempted murder after an early morning shooting yesterday in the parking lot of Los Cocos Bar on Keokuk Street, the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* reports. Police say James Butler, 18, shot Cortez Parker, 34, of Iowa City in the abdomen during a fight outside the bar. Los Cocos has had 210 police calls since it opened in July 2008, police said in June.

State parks busy despite upkeep issues

State officials say use is up at some Iowa state parks, despite complaints about a lack of upkeep at campgrounds. State parks chief Kevin Szcodronski said maintenance is difficult because some cash-strapped parks are operating with half their staff members, the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* reports.

Nine killed in helicopter, plane collision

Divers hope to pull a plane out of the Hudson River in New York City today, but their first priority is to recover the bodies of two remaining victims from an air collision Saturday, the Associated Press reports. Nine people died in the collision involving a small plane and a sightseeing helicopter.

Hundreds hurt in California prison riot

A riot erupted at a California prison in Chino Saturday night through Sunday morning, injuring 250 prisoners and hospitalizing 55. The riot broke down along racial lines, with black prison gangs fighting Latino gangs, authorities said. No prison employees were hurt and no inmates escaped.

Hawaii prepares for Felicia

The Hawaiian Islands are braced for Tropical Storm Felicia, which could bring heavy rains and sustained wind gusts of 50 miles per hour. Felicia is expected to weaken even more before hitting the island tomorrow morning, the Associated Press reports.

Mudslide buries Taiwan village

A typhoon-spawned mudslide engulfed a mountain village in southern Taiwan, burying schools and homes and possibly hundreds of people, a police official said today. Typhoon Morakot dumped up to 80 inches of rain on some communities over the weekend, according to the Associated Press.

Shiites targeted in Iraq bombings

A double truck bombing tore through the village of a small Shiite ethnic minority near the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, while nine blasts wracked Baghdad today in a wave of violence that killed at least 48 people and wounded more than 250, Iraqi officials said.

Chavez: Colombia poses threat

Venezuela President Hugo Chavez yesterday told his military to prepare for a possible confrontation with Colombia, warning that Bogota's plans to increase the U.S. military presence at its bases pose a threat to Venezuela, the Associated Press reports.

August meteor showers could dazzle

August is usually regarded as "meteor month," with one of the best displays of the year arriving around midmonth. The Perseid Meteor Shower is expected to produce an above average number of "shooting stars" that could offer a rewarding experience to skywatchers, according to SPACE.com.

'Twilight' takes Teen Choice Awards

The adolescent vampire drama "Twilight" dominated the Teen Choice Awards yesterday with 11 wins. Kristen Stewart won the movie drama actress category while Robert Pattinson picked up two surfboard-shaped trophies—one for movie drama actor, another for male hottie.

Yankees rally to sweep Red Sox

The New York Yankees scored four times in the eighth inning to notch a 5-2 victory over the Boston Red Sox last night, earning their first four-game home sweep of their bitter rival in 24 years. The Yankees own a 6 1/2 game lead over Boston in the American League East standings.

Today in history

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On this day in 1874, Herbert Clark Hoover, the 31st president of the United States, was born in West Branch, Iowa.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sizzling Summer Savings start today with summer markdowns at Wild Rose Gifts. Hours: 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.
- 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.
- UI Women's Health invites mothers of infants and toddlers to attend "Moms Supporting Moms." The group meets from noon to 1 p.m. 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 UJHC-moms@uiowa.edu.
- Children's Miracle Network will be holding a Merchandise Sale from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday to benefit University of Iowa Children's Hospital. The sale will be held in the Pappajohn Atrium Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. Cash, checks, credit cards, and staff charges will be accepted.
- Help Children's Miracle Network by eating ice cream! Stop by Dairy Queen for Miracle Treat Day on Thursday, and Dairy Queen will donate \$1 or more per Blizzard sold.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Newton Road is closed from its intersection with Highway 6 to the north entrance of Carver-Hawkeye Arena and will reopen on Thursday, Aug. 20. The closure will affect only traffic entering from Highway 6, not traffic entering from South Riverside Drive. The closure is due to storm sewer work as part of the Carver-Hawkeye Arena addition and renovation project. Traffic should use Hawkins Drive as an alternate route.
- Domestic hot water service to Pappajohn Pavilion patient areas (all floors) will be interrupted tomorrow from 6 p.m. to approximately 10 p.m. in order to replace leaking valves. For more information, contact Merle Hagie at 384-9575.
- Volunteers are needed for the first-aid tent at the Summer of the Arts' Sand in the City event Aug. 28 to 30 in downtown Iowa City. Volunteers will provide basic first-aid services. For more information, contact Tom Walljasper at 384-1745 or tom-walljasper@uiowa.edu.
- 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.
- UI Obesity Surgery is proud to offer an additional type of weight loss surgery—laparoscopic adjustable gastric band. An evaluation with a surgeon is necessary to determine which procedure would best suit your weight loss goals. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 356-1887 or visit www.uihealthcare.com/weight to obtain a pre-evaluation questionnaire and program information.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- 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.
- Have you been taking risperidone (Risperdal), olanzapine (Zyprexa), or quetiaphine (Seroquel) for more than one year? Are you between 18 and 50 years old? If so, you may be eligible to participate in a research study that involves an interview, physical exam, ultrasound, and laboratory testing. Compensation. Call 384-9379 or e-mail lois-warren@uiowa.edu.
- Adults ages 56 to 80 who previously received the smallpox vaccine at least 10 years ago and are in good overall health are invited to participate in a smallpox vaccine study at the UI. Participation involves a total of seven visits over approximately nine months to evaluate the safety and efficacy of an investigational new generation of smallpox vaccine in people over age 56. For more information, call 356-4848 or e-mail recruit-vaccine-research@uiowa.edu and put "BN-024" in the subject line.
- 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.
- Individuals between the ages of 18 and 85 are invited to participate in a cognitive neuroscience study. Participants must have undergone a life-threatening or life-changing medical condition such as heart attack or cancer. However, participants must be free of any neurological conditions (stroke, head trauma). The study will consist of completing a questionnaire and will take 30 minutes to an hour. Compensation. For more information, contact Erik at 384-5688 or e-mail erik-asp@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.