

Noon News



Today
High: 85 Low: 61
Mostly sunny



Tomorrow
High: 84 Low: 61
Partly cloudy

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UI Foundation reports boost in giving

Despite the worst economic downturn in decades, contributors to the University of Iowa Foundation and the UI donated more than \$203 million in gifts and gift commitments during the fiscal year that ended June 30—an 8.2 percent increase over the 2008 fiscal year.

Funds tight for 3rd Iowa City high school

The Iowa City School District may not have enough money to open a third high school in time for the 2014-15 school year, the school board learned last night. Superintendent Lane Plugge said the district at its current financial state could incur deficits despite making as much as \$6.7 million in budget cuts in time for the 2010-11 school year, according to the *Iowa City Press-Citizen*.

Rock show's status has fans banging their heads

Headbangers who bought tickets for a four-day rock music festival in northwest Iowa later this month may be out of luck and money. The venue for Rock Gone Wild was switched last week from an Algona park to the parking lot of the Diamond Jo Casino near Northwood. Now it seems the show has been scrapped, and ticket buyers are having trouble getting a refund, the *Des Moines Register* reports.

Marines attack Taliban stronghold

U.S. Marines stormed the Taliban-held town of Dahaneh in southern Afghanistan today and killed seven insurgents, according to the Associated Press (AP). The attack led to the seizure of 66 pounds of opium that the Taliban reportedly was using to finance their insurgency.

Trade deficit shows increase in imports, exports

The U.S. trade deficit edged up slightly in June, reflecting an increase in imports for the first time in nearly a year and a possible sign that U.S. demand is starting to revive. American exports increased for the second straight month, suggesting that global demand also is starting to rebound, the AP reports.

Soldier accused of being hit man for drug cartel

A U.S. soldier arrested in connection with the killing of a Mexican drug cartel member in El Paso, Texas, allegedly worked as a hit man, court records say. CNN reports that Pfc. Michael Jackson Apodaca, 18, was one of three men arrested Monday for the shooting death of the mid-level drug cartel member who also worked as an informant for the U.S., according to a complaint affidavit.

Hunt goes on for Indonesian terrorist

The hunt for one of Asia's most wanted terrorists resumed today, *The New York Times* reports. Indonesian officials said DNA tests showed that a man killed by police last week was not Noordin Muhammad Top, the Al Qaeda-linked mastermind of the deadliest attacks in Indonesia in recent years.

Russians fear piracy with missing ship

Russian officials said today they are searching for a ship that vanished after what may be an incident of piracy in European waters, CNN reports. The Russian-crewed Arctic Sea, carrying timber from Finland to Algeria, was last heard from two weeks ago when it passed through the English Channel.

Judge rules against DVD copy device

A federal judge has barred RealNetworks Inc. from selling its RealDVD device that allows users to copy DVDs to their computer hard drives, pending a full trial. Walt Disney Co., Universal Studios, and other media corporations filed suit in 2008, saying the device is an illegal pirating tool, the AP reports.

'Guiding Light' will dim

The cast and crew of "Guiding Light"—TV's longest-running soap opera—have finished shooting their final scenes in a northern New Jersey town, according to the AP. CBS cancelled the show after a 72-year run that predates television. The last episode is set to air on Sept. 18.

Pitino details relationship with woman

Louisville men's basketball coach Rick Pitino told police he had sex in 2003 with a woman now accused of trying to extort millions of dollars from him, the AP reports.

Today in history

On this day in 1977, the space shuttle Enterprise passed its first solo flight test by taking off atop a Boeing 747, separating, and then touching down in California's Mojave Desert.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Children's Miracle Network will be holding a Merchandise Sale until 4 p.m. today to benefit University of Iowa Children's Hospital. The sale is in the Pappajohn Atrium Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. Cash, checks, credit cards, and staff charges will be accepted.
- Kevin "B.F." Burt will replace the Awful Purdies this week as the musical guest at the Project Art and Volunteer Services Summer Concert Series. Join Burt from noon to 1 p.m. tomorrow at the Rooftop Café, Elevator F, Level 8, and enjoy blues music along with promotional food specials. Rain location: 7th Floor Atrium Conference Center. To join Project Art's mailing list, send an e-mail with "subscribe" in the subject line to uihc-projectart@uiowa.edu.
- Help Children's Miracle Network by eating ice cream! Stop by Dairy Queen for Miracle Treat Day tomorrow, and Dairy Queen will donate \$1 or more per Blizzard sold.
- The Iowa Fire Sprinkler Contractors Association is pleased to announce the 4th annual Burn Treatment Center Golf Invitational. This year's event will be held at Brown Deer Golf Course on next Tuesday, Aug. 18. Registration at 10:30 a.m., Shot Gun Start at noon, dinner at approximately 5 p.m. Proceeds will help support UI Hospitals and Clinics Burn Treatment Center, burn survivor outreach programs, and burn prevention education. Please contact Lisa Falkers-Mackey at lisa-falkers@uiowa.edu for registration information.

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.
- 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 and a commemorative jersey and will be on the field for the pre-game coin toss. Only parents or guardians may nominate a child; faculty and staff are encouraged to share this information with families. For details, visit www.uihealthcare.com/children. Entry deadline is Aug. 16.
- Only a few weeks left to be in compliance 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 Sept. 1. This requirement applies to everyone, regardless of whether or not you have a financial relationship with an entity outside The University of Iowa. If you have questions or need more information, contact the Conflict of Interest Office at 384-5252 or e-mail coi@healthcare.uiowa.edu.
- 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.
- Wild Rose Gifts has some great new Isabel Bloom sculptures to preview. Stop by from 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.
- Questions? Concerns? The Office of the Ombudsperson is a confidential resource available to faculty, staff, and students. Ombudspersons Cynthia Joyce and Lois Cox are available to help find answers to your questions, address your concerns, or direct you to other sources of help. Call 335-3608 or e-mail ombudsperson@uiowa.edu.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 800-887-6917.

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.