

Noon News



Today
High: 83 Low: 57
Mostly sunny



Tomorrow
High: 81 Low: 60
Partly cloudy

Tuesday, August 4, 2009

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Hotter weather on the way

Look for area temperatures to turn much hotter this weekend and stay that way, a National Weather Service meteorologist told the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*. A heat burst caused temperatures to rise quickly and winds to howl in Cedar Rapids yesterday. Heat bursts occur as storms lose strength and rain evaporates into a shelf of dry air. The air then descends rapidly, causing strong wind gusts.

Petition looks to ban bikes on county roads

A group called the Citizens for Safety Coalition of Iowa is circulating a petition urging the Iowa Legislature to support a ballot initiative aimed at banning bicyclists from riding on county roads, the *Des Moines Register* reports. The group argues there are too many cyclists and accidents on the roads.

Consumer spending rises in June

The U.S. Commerce Department said yesterday that consumer spending rose 0.4 percent in June, slightly ahead of analysts' estimates. Consumer spending is closely watched because it accounts for about 70 percent of total economic activity, the Associated Press reports.

Bill Clinton on mission to secure reporters' release

Former President Bill Clinton traveled to North Korea today in hopes of negotiating the release of two jailed American journalists, according to the Associated Press. Laura Ling and Euna Lee, reporters for Current TV, were arrested last March along the North Korean-Chinese border and charged with illegal entry. The communist nation's top court later sentenced them to 12 years of hard labor.

Postal Service faces budget woes

Faced with a \$7 billion loss this year despite a 2-cent rate increase, the U.S. Postal Service has sent a list of nearly 700 potential post offices for closing or consolidation to the Postal Regulatory Commission for review, and officials say more may be added, according to the Associated Press.

Rockets strike Kabul

A string of rockets slammed into Kabul today in the first major attack on the relatively calm Afghan capital in the run-up to this month's presidential election. A Taliban spokesman said the attacks are meant to show that the government cannot ensure security in the capital, the Associated Press reports.

Plane hits tower at Thai airport

A Bangkok Airways flight landing in stormy weather skidded off the airport runway and hit an old air traffic control tower on the Thai resort island of Samui today, killing the chief pilot and injuring at least seven people, including foreign tourists.

Scientists study huge Pacific plastic patch

Scientists are venturing this week to the middle of the North Pacific Ocean to study a huge patch of plastic debris that is accumulating across hundreds of miles of open sea, Reuters reports. Researchers will study how much debris—mostly tiny plastic fragments—exists and how it affects marine life.

Save the planet: Have fewer kids

Could having fewer children be good for the environment? A study by Oregon State University researchers concluded that, in the U.S., the carbon legacy and greenhouse gas impact of an extra child is almost 20 times more important than some practices people might employ during their lifetimes—such as driving a fuel-efficient car, recycling, or using energy-saving appliances and light bulbs.

Paramount won't show 'G.I. Joe' to critics

"G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra" opens Friday, but Paramount Pictures isn't screening the blockbuster for critics beforehand. Only a select few bloggers and movie Web sites have seen the film. The studio says it's intentionally aiming the movie at audiences outside of New York and Los Angeles.

Cubs, Cards tied for NL Central lead

The Chicago Cubs posted a 4-2 victory over the Cincinnati Reds yesterday, boosting the Cubs into a tie for first in the National League Central with the St. Louis Cardinals, who were idle.

Today in history

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On this day in 1958, Billboard magazine introduced its 'Hot 100' chart, a list of the 100 best-selling pop singles in the country.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Project Art presents a piano recital featuring Mary Margaret Mallampalli from noon to 1 p.m. today in the Colloton Atrium, Elevator F, Level 1.
- Tune in to an interview about how tanning beds can increase cancer risks with Marta Van Beek, MD, airing at 7:30 and 9:50 a.m. tomorrow on the AM-800 KXIC “University of Iowa Health Care Today” program.
- Patients and visitors are invited to children’s story hour at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, Patients’ Library, Elevator F, Level 8.
- “Lactation Chat” is a breastfeeding support group facilitated by a University of Iowa lactation consultant from 4 to 5 p.m. every Wednesday in the Dr. Bell Conference Room, Elevator I, Level 6. Participants can discuss common challenges to breastfeeding and receive inspiration and tips. Babies are welcome.
- Visit the Books are Fun Sale until 6 p.m. today, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday; and 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday in the Pappajohn Pavilion Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. A portion of the proceeds will benefit UI Children’s Hospital.
- UI Health Care faculty and staff are invited to a seminar, “Healthy Land, Healthy Food, Healthy Eaters Cultivating Sustainable Food Systems to Advance Health” presented by the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, from 8 to 9 a.m. Friday in 102 CDD. CME offered. For more information, contact Brenda Noshish, 353-6008.
- A winter cruise on Carnival Cruise Lines is being offered by Pamela Thomson Destiny Cruises & Tours to benefit the Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center at The University of Iowa. For more information about the first annual “Cruising for a Cure,” call 351-7600 or e-mail www.itraveldestiny.com.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- UI Health Care Human Resources has sold out of the discounted Adventureland tickets it was distributing. Questions? Contact the Human Resources front desk at 356-2008.
- Wild Rose Gifts has some great new Isabel Bloom sculptures to preview. Stop by 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.
- Have you set a new HawkID password? Beginning at 8 a.m. today, your current HawkID/password is now your HealthCareID/password for workstation login and health care applications (Epic, Outlook, etc.). The usernames for both will be the same, but each ID will have its own password. You’ll need to set a new HawkID password to access University applications (Employee Self Service, ICON, etc.). For more information or to set a new HawkID password now, go to <http://hawkid.uiowa.edu/project>. Soon you will be able to pick up a pocket reminder card in any hospital dining room.
- The UI Cord Blood Bank continually accepts pregnant women to participate in cord blood donation. Donation is painless, non-invasive, and will be used exclusively for research. If interested, call 356-7875 or e-mail cord-blood@uiowa.edu. For more information, visit www.medicine.uiowa.edu/Programs/CordBlood.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- 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.
- Healthy individuals ages 18 to 54 are invited to participate in a study to evaluate if a specific type of bacteria can survive in the nose and throat. Volunteers must not have had treatment for allergies in the last year or treatment for sinusitis, ear infections, or asthma in the past five years. No history of smoking within the past year. Compensation is available. For details, call Geri Dull at 384-7245.
- 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.
- 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.