

Noon News



Today
High: 48 Low: 36
Partly cloudy



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Tomorrow
High: 51 Low: 33
Partly Cloudy

Body found confirmed to be missing UI student

Authorities have confirmed that the body discovered in Cedar Rapids last weekend was that of missing University of Iowa student Jacques Similhomme. The state medical examiner's office said the cause of death was drowning, Coralville police told the *Daily Iowan*. Searchers found Similhomme's body last Saturday in thick brush near the Cedar River. The 28-year-old had been missing since Sept. 28.

Tyson to reopen Independence plant

Tyson Foods has announced plans to reopen its Independence plant in 2010 to produce pet treats, *USA Today* reported yesterday. The plant was closed in 2006 by the poultry and meat processor, costing about 400 workers their jobs. Tyson officials expect to employ about 105 workers.

Iowa woman celebrates 108th birthday

Chella Murphy celebrated her 108th birthday in Burlington yesterday with friends and family. While she uses a walker, she said she has no aches or pains. Murphy is one of 11 Iowans the same age. Seven other Iowans are 109. Her 83-year-old son drove to the party from his home in Roswell, N.M.

Jets collide during training exercises – pilot missing

Two Air Force F-16 jets collided off the coast of South Carolina last night, the Associated Press (AP) reports. Based out of Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, the fighter piloted by Cpt. Lee Bryant landed safely at Charleston Air Force Base, but the other fighter piloted by Cpt. Nicholas Giglio is missing.

Suicide attack in Iraq

At least nine people were killed and 30 wounded today in a suicide attack targeting Sunni Muslim worshipers at a mosque in northern Iraq, an Interior Ministry official said. The attacker entered the mosque, killed the imam and others, then blew himself up.

Earthquake rattles Indonesia again

A 6.1 magnitude earthquake on the Indonesian island of Java sent people rushing into the streets of Jakarta today. The epicenter was located in the Sunda Strait between Java and the Sumatra islands. This is the third earthquake to hit the area since the end of September, CNN reports.

E-bikes make cycling easy

Bicycles with electric motors are finding their way into family garages across America. People are using e-bikes to ride to work without making a sweaty entrance and for recreation. While still new to the U.S., e-bikes are popular in Europe and China, which boasts more than 100 million e-bike riders, about four times more than private car owners, according to Electric Bikes Worldwide Reports. In the U.S., prices range from a few hundred dollars to more than \$13,000.

Interracial couple denied marriage license in Louisiana

Although he knew it was against the law, Keith Bardwell, justice of the peace in a New Orleans parish, refused to issue a marriage license to an interracial couple. "I'm not a racist. I just don't believe in mixing the races that way," Bardwell told the AP. The couple, 30-year-old Beth Humphrey, a marketing account manager, and 32-year-old Terence McKay, a welder, say they will consult the U.S. Justice Department about filing a discrimination complaint.

KISS member survives breast cancer

Peter Criss, 63, a founding member of the rock band KISS, calls himself "the luckiest man on the planet" after successful early treatment for breast cancer. Criss, also known as "Catman," wanted to share his story during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month to encourage other men to regularly check their breasts for lumps. The musician is now cancer free.

Hawks face Badgers tomorrow

Coming off six wins in a row, Iowa faces Wisconsin on the football field tomorrow at Camp Randall Stadium in Madison, Wis. The 6-0 Hawkeyes are ranked No. 11. The unranked Badgers are 5-1. The game will be carried on ESPN television. Kickoff is 11:01 a.m.

*If you think
you can, you
can. If you
think you
can't, you're
right.*

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—Mary Kay Ash
American entrepreneur

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The Annual Staff Arts and Crafts Sale is today until 4 p.m. in the Pappajohn Pavilion lobby (Elevator I, Level 1) sponsored by Rehab Therapies. A portion of the proceeds goes to the Adult Recreation Program.
- Friday prayers for those of the Muslim faith are held at 12:45 p.m. in the Meditation Room, Elevator B, Level 1.
- The Patients' Library and the Medical Museum, Elevator F, Level 8, are open 1 to 4 p.m. weekends.
- The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's annual "Light the Night" walk is tomorrow at Kinnick Stadium. Check-in at 5:30 p.m. For more information visit www.lighththenight.org/ia or contact Tom Walljasper at tom-walljasper@uiowa.edu or 384-1745.
- Spiritual Services holds a Protestant service at 10:30 a.m. and a Catholic Mass at 3:30 p.m. Sundays in the East Room, Elevator F, Level 8. Services are televised on Channel 5.
- An Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Conference Room G, Elevator F, Level 7.
- Tune in to an interview about Domestic Violence Awareness Month with Jay Cayner airing at 7:30 and 9:50 a.m. Monday on the AM-800 KXIC "University of Iowa Health Care Today" program.
- Hardin Library is offering an open workshop "How Can We Help You Learn PUBMED?" from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday. Contact kelly-thormodson@uiowa.edu for more information.
- Molly Kleinman, copyright specialist at the University of Michigan, will present "Open Access, or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Internet" at noon Tuesday in the Bijou Theater at the Iowa Memorial Union. Kleinman will discuss the rising costs of scholarly journal subscriptions. The event, hosted by UI Libraries, is part of Open Access Week.
- Interested in a nursing graduate program? Finishing your graduate school application? A panel of nursing graduate students will be available to answer your questions from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in 22 NB (nursing building).
- The Star 106 Radiothon out of Mason City, Iowa, will be held from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and from 6 a.m. to noon Friday, Oct. 23, in the Colloton Pavilion Lobby (Elevator F, Level 1). To volunteer, contact Children's Miracle Network at cmn@uiowa.edu or 335-8484. A merchandise sale also will be held; both benefit UI Children's Hospital.
- The Department of Spiritual Services presents the workshop "First Responders: How To Be a Supportive Presence in Times of Crisis" from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 23, at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Iowa City. Dr. Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, professor of pastoral care at Southern Methodist University Perkins School of Theology, will be the speaker. Cost is \$30, which includes lunch. To register, contact Diana Coberly at 353-6928 or dcoberly@healthcare.uiowa.edu or Mary Kay Kusner at mary-kusner@uiowa.edu.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Help UI Children's Hospital win a game room makeover from Xbox 360® and Children's Miracle Network! Visit xbox.childrensmiracletnetwork.org and vote for UI Children's Hospital. Voting ends today.
- Cal Kunnert, 7, of Hazel Green, Wis., is tomorrow's Kid Captain for the Hawkeye game against Wisconsin. An all-terrain vehicle accident pinned Cal against a tree when he was 5, breaking his collarbone and puncturing both his lungs. Airlifted to UI Children's Hospital, Cal spent over two weeks in intensive care as medical teams worked to treat his injuries. Today, he is a fully recovered, active youngster. To learn more, visit www.uihealthcare.com/children.
- The UI Gene Therapy Center is accepting applications for NIH/NIDDK funded pilot and feasibility grants focusing on research relevant to gene therapy of cystic fibrosis and other genetic diseases. Pilot grants with budgets up to \$50,000 annually are funded for one or two years and will have a start date of April 1, 2010. More information, including eligibility requirements and downloadable forms, is available at <http://genetherapy.genetics.uiowa.edu/pilotprogdescript.shtml>.
- The 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. south Cedar Rapids vanpool has an opening. Call 353-5770.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

More studies listed at: www.uihealthcare.com/depts/clinicaltrials/volunteer.html.

- Volunteers are invited to participate in a study looking at whether low-level laser therapy can improve hearing in persons with hearing loss. Participation requires four visits to the laboratory for a total of five hours. Compensation. Contact Shawn Goodman at 335-8700 or Ruth Bentler at 335-8723 for more information.
- 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.

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.