

Noon News



Today
High: 84 Low: 63
Mostly sunny



Tomorrow
High: 83 Low: 64
Mostly cloudy

Thursday, July 2, 2009

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Schizophrenia researchers receive NIH grant

UI researchers have received a two-year, \$1.6 million grant from the National Institutes of Health for a study focused on the genetic basis of schizophrenia, with the aim of determining which patients with schizophrenia respond best to certain drug therapies. The study's co-principal investigators are Department of Psychiatry faculty members Tom Wassink, MD, and Nancy Andreasen, MD.

Report: Pilot error likely cause of fatal 2008 crash

An NTSB report released yesterday stated that the pilot in a June 2008 plane crash in Iowa City improperly decided to depart with a pre-existing tail wind and failed to abort the takeoff. The report also noted that a 2-year-old killed in the crash was held by her mother and not properly restrained.

Plenty of fireworks this weekend

Several area communities will host free fireworks displays on Saturday, July 4. Fireworks will begin at dark at S.T. Morrison Park in Coralville and at 9:45 p.m. at Hubbard Park in Iowa City. Hills, Oxford, Washington, and Wellman will start their fireworks shows at dusk on Saturday. Kalona fireworks will begin at 9 p.m. Friday, July 3, at Shiloh Amphitheater, and admission is \$5 per carload.

Marines attack Taliban stronghold

U.S. Marines today launched a major offensive in Afghanistan's Helmand province, a Taliban stronghold and the world's largest opium poppy-producing area. The goal is to clear insurgents from the hotly contested region before the nation's Aug. 20 presidential election.

Jobless rate hits 9.5 percent

Employers cut 467,000 jobs in June, pushing the unemployment rate to a 26-year high of 9.5 percent, according to a U.S. Labor Department report released today. Last month's job reductions were deeper than the 363,000 that economists expected. A total of 14.7 million people were unemployed in June.

California prepares to issue IOUs

California's controller will start paying many of the state's bills with IOUs after lawmakers failed to close a \$24.3 billion budget deficit. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger declared a fiscal state of emergency yesterday, meaning that state offices will be closed three days a month to conserve cash.

North Korea tests more missiles

North Korea test-fired four short-range missiles today, raising the stakes in a region already tense due to Pyongyang's nuclear testing and threats to boost its nuclear arsenal in response to U.N. sanctions. A South Korean newspaper reported that North Korea may test-fire mid-range missiles in a few days.

Aussie officials to visit India after student attacks

An Australian delegation will travel to India next week to give safety assurances following a wave of attacks on Indian students, Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said today. Some 95,000 Indians are studying in Australia, the result of a recruitment campaign aimed at India's growing middle class.

YouTube doubles upload size to 2G

Video-sharing site YouTube announced yesterday that it will double the size limit for uploads to its Web site—from one gigabyte to two gigabytes—to allow users to post more high-definition video. YouTube's 10-minute length restriction for videos posted on the site will remain in place.

State Fair says it's all about the moonwalk

Iowa State Fair officials yesterday clarified their plans for a butter sculpture of Michael Jackson, saying the sculpture actually will celebrate the 40th anniversary of astronaut Neil Armstrong's moonwalk, with Jackson featured in a side portion of the sculpture honoring his 'moonwalk' dance.

Williams sisters in Wimbledon semis

The Williams sisters are in action at the Wimbledon women's tennis semifinals today. Two-time winner and second-seeded Serena will face fourth-seeded Elena Dementieva, while five-time champion and third-seeded Venus will compete against top-ranked Dinara Safina.

Today in history

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On this day in 1937, the Lockheed aircraft carrying American aviator Amelia Earhart and navigator Frederick Noonan was reported missing near Howland Island in the Pacific Ocean.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wild Rose Gifts is open tonight until 8 p.m., and will be open tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., for your shopping convenience. Profits support programs that benefit patients and their families.
- The Patients' Library and Medical Museum will be closed tomorrow and Saturday for Independence Day. Both will reopen Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, please call 356-2468.
- Project Art presents The Sunday Evening Brass Quintet playing 16th Century music from noon to 1 p.m. on Monday in the John Colloton Pavilion Atrium, Elevator F, Level 1.
- Children's Miracle Network is holding a Bagolita sale from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday in the Pappajohn Pavilion Atrium Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. Cash, checks, credit cards, and staff charges will be accepted. A portion of the proceeds benefit UI Children's Hospital.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Air Handling Unit #15 in John Pappajohn Pavilion (west side) will be interrupted on Monday, July 6, from approximately 7 to 11 p.m. in order to perform maintenance on the air handling system. Areas affected will include: Fifth Floor West (north of Hallway 5810-Z) and Sixth Floor West (North of Hallway 6860-ZZ, including NICU). Questions? Contact Robert Leslie at 356-8273.
- Volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts at the first aid tents at both the Toyota-Scion of Iowa City Jazz Festival, July 3 to 5, and the Sand in the City event, August 28 to 30. Volunteers will provide basic first aid services. For more information, contact Tom Walljasper at tom-walljasper@uiowa.edu or 384-1745.
- The 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. West Liberty vanpool has two openings. Contact Bruce Browning at 335-1226.
- The 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cedar Rapids/Marion vanpool has an opening. Contact Terri at 356-1753 or terri-spahn@uiowa.edu.
- The 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Keota vanpool has an opening. Contact Necole at 353-4343.
- The 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Davenport vanpool has openings. Contact Pam Arp at 356-8842.
- The 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Kalona vanpool has an opening. Contact Kylie at 384-7038.
- The 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tipton vanpool has an opening. Contact Teresa at 353-5595.
- The 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wilton vanpool has an opening. Contact Dave Myers at 335-3709 or the vanpool office at 335-5770.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- Openings for participants in a research study on the use of Driver Support Systems in vehicles. The information gathered will help to answer questions regarding the design of these devices and how they affect driving. Interested persons ages 25 to 40 who are U.S. citizens and native English speakers are invited to participate. This study takes place in a driving simulator located in the Cognitive Systems Lab. There will be no real on-road driving for this study. The driving simulator uses a real car body and emulates real driving. Compensation. Expected participation time is 2.5 hours. Call 384-0514 or e-mail bseppelt@engineering.uiowa.edu.
- Healthy volunteers ages 18 to 80 who do not wear contact lenses, are not pregnant, and do not have a chronic medical condition are invited to participate in a study to test eye sensitivity to carbon dioxide. Time involvement is approximately 30 minutes. Compensation. For details, call 356-0578.
- Non-smoking volunteers between the ages of 18 and 60 are invited to participate in a study examining vitamin D levels and the ability of the lung to resist infections. Two visits over three months is required. Compensation. Volunteers must be free of medical problems and on no medications other than birth control pills. For details, call Lori Stout at 384-5376.
- Smokers between the ages of 18 and 60 with a smoking history of greater than one pack per day (or equivalent) are invited to participate in a research study examining vitamin D levels and the ability of the lung to resist infections. A commitment of two visits over three months is required. Compensation. Volunteers are required to be free of medical problems and on no medications other than birth control pills. For more information, call Lori Stout at 384-5376.
- Infants ages 5 months through 6 months are invited to participate in a research study examining speech perception. The study requires three 30-minute visits. Compensation. Contact Lea Greiner at lea-greiner@uiowa.edu or 353-6582.

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.