

Noon News



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Today
High: 70 Low: 55
Showers likely



Tomorrow
High: 79 Low: 56
Partly cloudy

“Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability.”

—*Sam Keen*
American author,
professor, and
philosopher

FUTURE Biomedicine Program fosters research collaboration

This summer, seven professors from undergraduate colleges across Iowa are participating in the inaugural FUTURE (Fostering Undergraduate Talent—Uniting Research and Education) in Biomedicine Program. The faculty fellows are partnering with Carver College of Medicine researchers and developing new educational materials and opportunities for their college classrooms and labs.

Robbery is third bank job in 10 days

Iowa City police are searching for a man who robbed American Bank & Trust, 551 Westbury Drive, at gunpoint yesterday morning. It was the third bank robbery in the area in 10 days, following a July 10 incident at West Bank and last Thursday’s robbery of the North Liberty branch of Hills Bank.

H1N1 flu reported at Linn County camp

YMCA Camp Wapsie staff yesterday notified parents of campers about a case of H1N1 flu at the camp near Coggon, the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* reports. Nine children and staff members were sent home last week with flu symptoms. Of those, one tested positive for H1N1 flu. The camp has been disinfected and staff members have been in contact with a doctor and the county health department.

Obama defends health care bill deadline

President Barack Obama today defended his push for a health care bill before Congress recesses in August, noting on the *Today* show, “if you don’t set a deadline in this town, nothing happens.” A House committee drafting session went past midnight last night as members continue work on the legislation.

Continental cutting jobs, raising bag-check fees

Continental Airlines Inc. said today it will cut 1,700 jobs and raise fees for checking luggage after it posted a \$213 million second-quarter loss. The carrier raised bag-check fees \$5 for U.S. flights to \$20 for a first bag, \$30 for a second for passengers who check bags at the airport instead of online.

Biden on diplomacy trip to Ukraine

The U.S. supports Ukraine’s bid to join NATO, and the former Soviet republic is free to choose its own foreign policy alliances, Vice President Joe Biden said after a meeting today with Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko in Kiev. Russia firmly opposes NATO membership for Ukraine.

Clashes in Pakistan claim 56 militants

Three days of clashes between security forces and militants in northwest Pakistan near the Afghan border left more than 56 militants and six soldiers dead, the country’s military said today. The majority of the deaths occurred in the Maidan area of Lower Dir, where the army has been battling the Taliban.

Japan’s Aso vows new start

Prime Minister Taro Aso dissolved the powerful lower house of Japan’s parliament today and vowed his divided ruling party will make a new start in national elections next month. Aso had been under pressure due to dwindling support ratings and political gridlock that has stymied parliament.

Yahoo gets a makeover

Yahoo is sprucing up its home page with a makeover that is supposed to make it easier to see what’s happening on the Web’s other hot spots. The revamped home page, scheduled to debut today, is part of a plan to recapture some of the buzz Yahoo has lost to sites like Facebook, MySpace, and Twitter.

Jackson Browne, Republicans reach settlement

Sen. John McCain and the Republican Party today issued a statement of apology as part of a settlement agreement with singer Jackson Browne, who sued McCain and the national and Ohio Republican parties last year for illegally using his song “Running on Empty” in a Web ad mocking Barack Obama.

Roethlisberger accused of sexual assault

Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger has been accused of sexual assault in a civil lawsuit, his lawyer said today, denying the claim. The lawsuit, filed last Friday in Washoe County District Court in Reno, Nev., accused Roethlisberger of assaulting a woman in July 2008.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The UI Women's Health Fair continues until 2 p.m. today in EMRB Atrium and again on July 28 in the Pappajohn Pavilion Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. Events include giveaways, free massages, door prizes, and refreshments. For details, contact Mary Keen at mary-keen@uiowa.edu, 384-8998, or Cindy Ballard at cindy-ballard@uiowa.edu, 384-2859.
- Stop by the Preemie Project Summer Craft Sale until 2 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow in the Pappajohn Pavilion Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. Proceeds benefit critically ill infants and their families in the NICU. Jewelry, stuffed toys, purses, scrub hats, baby clothing, and more will be on sale. For details, call 338-1514 or e-mail vicepresident@thepreemieproject.com.
- 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.
- The Infertility Support Group meets at 6 p.m. tomorrow at the Women's Resource Action Center, 130 N. Madison Street. The group will discuss fertility-related issues and coping skills. For details, call 335-1486 or e-mail wrac@uiowa.edu.
- Openings are available for the UI Maternity Center's Childbirth Preparation Saturday Seminar that will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Learn practical tips for increasing comfort and confidence in the labor process. For details and registration, visit www.uihealthcare.com/maternity and click on the "Classes" link.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Parking Lot #65 (Finkbine Commuter Lot) will be inaccessible from Hawkins Drive through the end of this week due to a railroad repair project. Traffic will have to enter and exit the parking lot from Melrose Ave. Cambus is running a special 24-hour service from Lot 65 to the hospital and the main campus. See [The Point](#) for more information.
- Happy Feet-Christmas in July has arrived at Wild Rose Gifts with the penguin parade July 22 through 29. Spend \$25 (stamps excluded) and receive a package of holiday ornaments while supplies last. Wild Rose Gifts is open 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.
- Items for *Noon News* may be submitted for consideration by e-mail (noonnews@healthcare.uiowa.edu), fax (384-7099), or campus mail (E110 GH) at least two weekdays before publication. Include times, dates, locations, and contact information. Be brief: 25 to 75 words. Please indicate a requested date and/or duration to publish the announcement. To view complete guidelines, visit <http://thepoint.healthcare.uiowa.edu>.
- The Employee Van Pool Program has openings available in the following communities: Ainsworth, Anamosa/Mt. Vernon, Cedar Rapids, Columbus Junction, Kalona, Keota, Lone Tree, Mt. Pleasant/Olds, Riverside, Shueyville, Washington, Washington/Ainsworth, Wellman, Wellman/Kalona, West Liberty, Williamsburg, and Wilton. For a complete list, please check www.uiowa.edu/~commprog/vanpool_communities.html or call Commuter Programs at 353-5770 for information.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- Healthy individuals ages 18 to 54 years of age 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. Compensation. For details, call Geri Dull at 384-7245.
- A UI study on lung disease seeks current and former smokers ages 45 to 80 who are non-Hispanic white or African-American. The study aims to look for genetic differences and learn why some smokers develop Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and others do not. People with a respiratory disorder other than COPD are not eligible to participate. Participation involves one or two visits. Call 353-8862 or e-mail kimberly-sprenger@uiowa.edu.
- Healthy female volunteers ages 25 to 40 who have given birth in the last five years are invited to participate in a research project involving ultrasound of the uterus. Participants should have regular menstrual cycles (25 to 35 days apart), have no history of infertility, and be off all methods of birth control for three months. The study involves a single 30-minute appointment. Compensation. Contact Michelle Maifeld at 353-8491 or e-mail jill-goodman@uiowa.edu.
- Volunteers age 60 and older are invited to participate in a study evaluating the effectiveness of a walking program in reducing pain and activity limitations in people with knee osteoarthritis. To learn more, call 335-8196 or 335-7554.

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.