

Noon News



Today
High: 79 Low: 54
Partly cloudy



Tomorrow
High: 79 Low: 57
Sunny

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EPA names UI a top green power user

The University of Iowa has been named by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a Top 20 On-site Green Power Users, with a rank of 15th in the nation. The list is one of several EPA releases quarterly to highlight some of America's largest green power users. The UI's power plant burns oat hulls to generate 3 percent of its electricity use—enough energy to power 900 homes annually.

Witnesses being subpoenaed in fatal shooting

Two men who said they witnessed a stabbing and fatal shooting in Iowa City Friday night are being subpoenaed to talk to investigators, police said yesterday. Johnson County deputy Terry Stotler, 45, killed John Deng, 26, after Deng stabbed John Bohnenkamp, 63, during a fight Friday. Witnesses Mike Tibbetts and Brock Brones gave *The Gazette* a story that differs from the police account.

Grassley will oppose Sotomayor nomination

Iowa Sen. Chuck Grassley said yesterday he will oppose the confirmation of Supreme Court Justice nominee Sonia Sotomayor. Grassley, who sits on the Senate Judiciary Committee, said Sotomayor may have the credentials "on paper," but he expressed doubt that she can put aside personal biases in judging cases. The committee is scheduled to vote on Sotomayor's nomination today.

Report: Bank of America to close branches

Bank of America Corp. plans to shrink its 6,100-branch network by about 10 percent, the *Wall Street Journal* reports today. The company, which last week announced a big second-quarter profit, has been under close scrutiny, given that it has received about \$45 billion in government bailout money.

North Carolina men charged as terrorists

A North Carolina man with militant roots dating back to 1980s Afghanistan was arrested yesterday with his two sons and four other men for plotting international terrorism. Prosecutors accused them of military-style training at home and plotting "violent jihad" through a series of terror attacks abroad.

Search continues for missing Haitians

A boat carrying nearly 200 Haitian migrants capsized and sank off the Turks and Caicos Islands yesterday, the Associated Press reported. Rescue teams found 113 survivors and two bodies; 85 migrants are still missing. One survivor said the boat struck a reef as it tried to elude police.

Eight dead in Baghdad bank robbery

Gunmen killed eight security guards today at a bank in central Baghdad and made off with nearly \$7 million during a robbery that police say is the work of insurgents attempting to finance their operations. It is the second deadly robbery in a week in Baghdad's commercial Karradah district.

Toronto, city workers reach deal

Toronto city leaders yesterday reached tentative deals to settle a strike by municipal workers that halted garbage pickup, closed daycare centers, and left public pools dry for more than a month. Toronto Mayor David Miller said 30,000 city employees soon will begin returning to their regular jobs.

Study says texting while driving even more dangerous

A study by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute found that texting while driving increases the risk of a crash much more than previous studies have shown. The study found that drivers take their eyes off the road for longer periods when texting than they do when talking or listening on cell phones.

New album format coming

The major music labels are planning a new digital album format that will debut with a tablet-like personal computer from Apple Inc. in September, Reuters reports. The labels hope to revive the multi-track album format with new software that packages songs, liner notes, music videos, and other extras.

Vick gets second chance

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell reinstated Michael Vick yesterday. Free after serving 18 months in prison for running a dogfighting ring, Vick could play in regular-season games as early as October.

Today in history

On this day in 1868, the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was adopted, guaranteeing African-Americans citizenship and all its privileges.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The UI Women's Health Fair continues until 2 p.m. today in the Pappajohn Pavilion Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. For more information, contact Mary Keen at mary-keen@uiowa.edu, 384-8998, or Cindy Ballard at cindy-ballard@uiowa.edu, 384-2859.
- Stop by the Coralville Coldstone Creamery tonight from 5 to 9 p.m. and a portion of the proceeds will go to University of Iowa Dance Marathon. The event helps raise awareness of pediatric cancer as well as funds to help children being treated here at University of Iowa Children's Hospital. Questions? Contact Kaitlin Flannery at www.dancemarathon.org or 712-253-7162.
- 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.
- Summer hours for the UI Children's Hospital Safety Store mobile retail cart are Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. outside the Mother/Baby Unit, Elevator I, Level 6 and Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m. outside Peds Specialty Clinic, Elevator F, Level 2. Visit the cart today at the Johnson County Fair. Visit us at www.uihealthcare.com/safetystore for more information.
- Volunteers are needed for the first-aid tent at the Summer of the Arts' Sand in the City event, Aug. 28 to 30 in downtown Iowa City. Volunteers will provide basic first-aid services. For more information, contact Tom Walljasper at 384-1745 or tom-walljasper@uiowa.edu.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Elevator D, Car #2, in Roy Carver Pavilion will be out of service for approximately 25 hours beginning at 7 a.m. tomorrow in order to replace the flooring. Questions should be directed to Scott Wieneke, Engineering Services, at 353-6423.
- To comply 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 September 1, 2009. This requirement applies to everyone, regardless of whether or not you have a financial relationship with an entity outside The University of Iowa. For complete information, please go to the Conflict of Interest Web site. Questions? Contact the Conflict of Interest Office at 384-5252 or e-mail coi@healthcare.uiowa.edu.
- UI Health Care staff and health science program students are reminded to wear photo ID badges above the waist with the photo facing out. Badges are not to be punctured in any way; holes in the badge will render the card dead for door access.
- A new video is now online featuring UI Head Football Coach Kirk Ferentz and former UI football player and San Diego Chargers kicker Nate Kaeding talking about why UI Children's Hospital is important to them and to the state of Iowa. Go to www.uihealthcare.com/children to watch the video. To learn more about a recent fundraising event hosted by Ferentz and Kaeding, go to [The Point](#).
- The Employee Assistance Program will be offering the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI), a personality tool that can help you examine your career in relation to your personality type and help illuminate how your natural preferences relate to your career exploration. The MBTI will be offered in a three-part series format by Joan Rinner, a licensed marriage and family therapist. For more information, call the Employee Assistance Program at 335-2085 or e-mail EAPhelp@uiowa.edu.
- Need help or information on how to manage your money, budget, reduce debt, or handle other personal finance matters? As a member of the UI Health Care community, you have access to the services of BALANCE, a financial education organization whose services are offered through the University of Iowa Community Credit Union. For more information, visit www.uiccu.org and click on "financial education" in the lower right corner of the homepage.
- Healthy lactating women who produce extra milk are needed. Please call the Mother's Milk Bank of Iowa at 356-2652.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- Children ages 2 to 11 who can identify letters and who wear glasses are invited to participate in a study to determine the effectiveness of a digital photoscreening camera in eye exams. Participation involves a total of one visit. Children will receive a free comprehensive dilated eye exam. For details, contact Angela at 356-2859.
- 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. For details, please 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.