

Noon News



Today
High: 83 Low: 62
Partly cloudy



Tomorrow
High: 82 Low: 63
Isolated storms

Monday, July 6, 2009

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Iowa City police on a busy pace in 2009

Although they haven't had to respond to flood-related calls this year, Iowa City police officers have stayed busy. The *Iowa City Press-Citizen* reported that officers made 25,440 calls from Jan. 1 to May 31, 2008, roughly 1,000 more calls for service than during the same period in 2009. Police made 2,953 arrests from Jan. 1 to May 31, 2009, which is 116 more than during this period in 2008.

Iowa Lottery rules out using Johnson in ads

Don't look for Olympic gold-medal gymnast and "Dancing with the Stars" winner Shawn Johnson to do commercials in the near future for the Iowa Lottery. Despite her popularity, Iowa Lottery Chief Executive Terry Rich said he's ruling out hiring Johnson, who, at 17, is too young to buy lottery tickets. Johnson has been a hit with advertisers, having done ads for Hy-Vee, McDonald's, and others.

Bankruptcy judge OKs GM sale plan

A bankruptcy judge ruled late yesterday that General Motors Corp. can sell the bulk of its assets to a new company, potentially clearing the way for the automaker to quickly emerge from bankruptcy protection. GM and government officials had urged a swift approval of the sale.

Obama puts diplomacy skills to test in Russia

President Barack Obama opened his first Moscow summit with confidence today, predicting "extraordinary progress" out of meetings with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev that could test his diplomatic skills on issues such as nuclear arsenal reductions and the war in Afghanistan.

Palin keeping a low profile

Sarah Palin has stayed out of the public eye since announcing her retirement as governor of Alaska on Friday, but said in a Twitter update yesterday she was looking forward to joining her family as they commercially fish in Bristol Bay. Meanwhile, observers are pondering Palin's next political move.

Violence erupts in China's Xinjiang province

At least 140 people are dead and 828 injured from the deadliest ethnic unrest to hit China's western Xinjiang region in decades, authorities said today. Police sealed off parts of the provincial capital, Urumqi, after discord between ethnic Muslim Uighurs and China's Han majority erupted into riots.

Political tensions rise in Honduras

Supporters of deposed Honduras President Manuel Zelaya clashed with soldiers yesterday who blocked an airport runway to keep him from returning. Zelaya vowed to try again in his high-stakes effort to return to power in a country where all branches of government have lined up against him.

Survivors march through quake-hit Italian town

Survivors of an April 6 earthquake that rocked central Italy staged a torch-lit procession last night in the ruined city of L'Aquila, where leaders from the Group of Eight industrialized nations will gather this week for a summit. The quake killed 300 people and has forced thousands from their homes.

Nokia denies plans of phones running Google software

Nokia, the world's top cellphone maker, said today it was not developing a phone that runs on Google's Android operating system, one that rivals Nokia's Symbian software. Google's Android has generated industry buzz, but so far only a few Android phones have reached consumers.

Vietnam War defense chief McNamara dies

Former U.S. Defense Secretary Robert McNamara, a key architect of the U.S. war in Vietnam during the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, died today at age 93, his family announced.

Federer makes Grand Slam history at Wimbledon

Roger Federer beat Andy Roddick yesterday in a marathon, five-set match for his sixth Wimbledon title. The victory was Federer's 15th Grand Slam singles title, the most in men's tennis history, and left many fans convinced that the 27-year-old from Switzerland is the greatest player of all time.

“If you have to ask what jazz is, you’ll never know.”

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—*Louis Armstrong*
American trumpeter, died on this day in 1971

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Project Art presents Irish tenor Jerry Lewis singing a wide variety of Irish music, including folk music and historical music with flute and piano, from noon to 1 p.m. tomorrow 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. tomorrow 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.
- UI Obesity Surgery Support Group will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. tomorrow in room 4638 JCP, Elevator H, Level 4. Tomorrow's topic will be an open discussion with leader Debi Heitshusen, RN, CBN. The group is free and open to anyone who has had bariatric surgery or is considering it. Registration is recommended; contact Chris Melichar at 356-1887 or obesitysurgery@uiowa.edu to register or for more information.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Air Handling Unit #15 in John Pappajohn Pavilion (west side) will be interrupted tonight 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.
- UI Family Care Center's regular office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For minor illnesses and injuries occurring after 5 p.m. or on weekends, please call UI Health Access at 384-8442 or visit one of our three convenient UI QuickCare locations. For serious medical issues, please visit the UI Emergency Treatment Center. For more information, contact Sharon Booker at 384-7800.
- Hospital Parking Ramp 1 will be closed at 6 p.m. Friday, July 10, and it will reopen at 6 a.m. Monday, July 13. If you normally park in this ramp, please use another ramp during this time. Questions? Contact Martin Shafer, Environmental and Guest Services, at 356-2277.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- Volunteers are invited to participate in a research project studying the emotions of persons with a history of depression. We are looking for volunteers between the ages of 50 and 90 whose symptoms of depression began after the age of 50. Subjects will participate in cognitive tasks, interviews, questionnaires, and an MRI. The study will require three visits to UI Hospitals and Clinics. Compensation. For more information, contact Erika Holm at 353-8514 or e-mail erika-holm@uiowa.edu.
- Have you been taking risperidone (Risperdal), olanzapine (Zyprexa), or quetiapine (Seroquel) for more than one year? Are you between 18 and 50 years old? If so, you may be eligible to participate in a research study that involves an interview, physical exam, ultrasound, and laboratory testing. Compensation. Call 384-9379 or e-mail lois-warren@uiowa.edu.
- Children between the ages of 4 and 6 who do and do not stutter are invited to participate in a research study. The study consists of one visit per year over a five-year period. Each visit will consist of several one- to two-hour sessions scheduled over five or six days. Compensation. Children must speak English as their native language. For more information, contact Patricia Zebrowski at 335-8735 or Amanda Berns at 335-9766.
- 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.
- Volunteers between the ages of 50 and 70, who have not had joint replacement surgery and are generally in good health (both normal weight and overweight) without current neuromuscular or orthopaedic problems, are invited to participate in a research study. The research protocol requires one 90-minute visit to the Orthopaedic Gait Analysis Laboratory. During the visit, you will be required to wear shorts and have markers placed on your lower limbs and trunk as you walk and stand up from sitting. Compensation. For details, e-mail gait-lab@uiowa.edu or call 384-6893.
- How do children learn words? Boys and girls ages 1 to 7 are invited to participate in a study to answer this question. In the study, your child will participate in tests of current vocabulary knowledge and games designed to assess word learning. The study involves two to three visits of 60 to 90 minutes each to the Department of Communications Sciences and Disorders or another appropriate location. For more information, call Allison Bean at 353-5779 or e-mail allison-bean@uiowa.edu.
- The UI Department of Leisure Studies is conducting a study about caregivers in the "sandwich generation." Are you a caregiver for a parent with dementia? Do you also have a minor child who lives with you? If you would like to participate, involvement will consist of an interview to talk about your experience. E-mail lisa-schumacher@uiowa.edu or call 400-0628.

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.