

Noon News



Today
High: 82 Low: 65
Mostly cloudy



Tomorrow
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Thursday, July 9, 2009

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“I must say that I do wrestle with the amount of money I make, but at the end of the day, what am I going to say? I took less money so Rupert Murdoch could have more?”

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—Tom Hanks
Academy Award winning actor,
born on this day
in 1956

UI Hospitals and Clinics welcomes new residents and fellows

On July 1, 199 new fellows and residents began their specialty training at UI Hospitals and Clinics. This brings to 741 the total number of house staff physicians and dentists, hailing from medical and dental schools around the globe, who work and learn at UI Hospitals and Clinics.

Former Iowa City mayor John McDonald dead at 65

Former mayor and lifelong Iowa City resident John McDonald has died at age 65 after a battle with pancreatic cancer. The eldest of 12 children, McDonald took over the family business, McDonald Optical, in 1988 and served on the Iowa City Council from 1982 to 1994, including six years as mayor.

Cedar Rapids, Des Moines drivers rated among safest

Cedar Rapids has the fourth-best drivers in the nation, according to an Allstate Insurance Co. report that ranked America’s 200 largest cities according to company data. Drivers in Cedar Rapids averaged a collision every 12.6 years. Des Moines drivers ranked 20th. No. 1 on the list is Sioux Falls, S.D., where drivers averaged a collision every 13.5 years.

Iowans arrested in dogfighting crackdown

Four Iowans were arrested yesterday for their alleged roles in a Missouri dogfighting ring. Federal agents seized 400 dogs—35 in Iowa—as part of a multistate crackdown that officials said was the largest in U.S. history. Raids in Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas led to 26 arrests.

Coast Guard searching for missing plane

The Coast Guard is searching a second day for five people believed to be on a plane that went missing off Florida’s Gulf Coast. The twin-engine Cessna was flying from McKinney, Texas, to Tampa when it went down yesterday afternoon about 20 miles west of Port Richey. Debris was found shortly after.

Fire forces evacuation of L.A. Getty Center

Visitors to the Getty Center in Los Angeles, which houses artworks by Claude Monet and Vincent Van Gogh, were evacuated yesterday as a fire burned in thick brush on the steep slopes of the Santa Monica Mountains. The fire was 90 percent contained late yesterday after erupting in the afternoon.

Bomb attacks kill over 40 in Iraq

Bombs in Baghdad and northern Iraq killed at least 41 people today, police said. The attacks in the north, where tensions between Arabs and Kurds threaten to flare into Iraq’s next conflict, appeared to be part of an attempt by insurgents to reignite sectarian fighting following a partial U.S. pullback.

WHO approves cervical cancer vaccine

The World Health Organization has approved a second cervical cancer vaccine—Cervarix, made by GlaxoSmithKline—meaning U.N. agencies and partners can now officially buy millions of vaccine doses for poor countries worldwide. More than 80 percent of the estimated 280,000 cervical cancer deaths a year occur in developing nations. WHO had previously approved Gardasil, made by Merck.

Who’s your frenemy?

Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary has added about 100 new words to its latest edition, according to its publisher. The new entries include frenemy (someone who acts like a friend but is really an enemy), locavore (one who eats foods grown locally), staycation (a stay-at-home vacation), vlog (a blog that contains video), and webisode (a TV show that can be viewed at a Web site).

Reality honcho Burnett dives into ‘Shark Tank’

The next TV reality show from Mark Burnett, the Emmy-winning producer of “Survivor” and “The Apprentice,” will be “Shark Tank,” which gives entrepreneurs the chance to have their products become reality if they can convince a panel of real-life business moguls to part with their money.

College player dies following workout

Western Carolina University officials said that football player Ja’Quayvin Smalls, a junior defensive back, died last night after collapsing while running during an evening workout session.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Children's Miracle Network will have a UI Children's Hospital Merchandise Sale from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. today 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. Are you an online shopper? Check out www.shoppingformiracles.org.
- Join Project Art and Volunteer Services for Shinbone Alley, part of the Summer Concert Series, from noon to 1 p.m. today at the Rooftop Café, Elevator F, Level 8. Enjoy country, bluegrass, and swing music, along with promotional food specials. Rain location: 7th Floor Atrium Dining Room. To join Project Art's mailing list, send an e-mail with the word "subscribe" in the subject line to uihc-projectart@uiowa.edu.
- An Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting for patients, families, visitors, and hospital staff is at 7:30 tonight, Conference Room G, Elevator F, Level 7.
- Project Art presents The Sixteenth Century Trio, performing on cornetto and sackbuts, beginning at noon tomorrow in the John Colloton Pavilion Atrium, Elevator F, Level 1.
- Come find out what UI Women's Health is all about at the UI Women's Health Fair on July 21 in the EMRB Atrium and July 28 in the Pappajohn Pavilion Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. Events will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days and will feature giveaways, free massages, door prizes, and refreshments. For more information, contact Mary Keen at mary-keen@uiowa.edu, 384-8998, or Cindy Ballard at cindy-ballard@uiowa.edu, 384-2859.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Domestic hot and cold water service to the east half of the Emergency Treatment Center area on the first floor of Carver Pavilion, including all bathrooms and sinks, will be interrupted from approximately 7 to 8 a.m. today in order to connect the new decontamination shower piping. Questions? Call Walter Robalino, Capital Management, at 356-1866.
- Hospital Parking Ramp 1 will close at 6 p.m. tomorrow, and reopen at 6 a.m. Monday, July 13. If you park in this ramp, please use another ramp during this time. Questions? Contact Martin Shafer, Environmental and Guest Services, at 356-2277.
- 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.
- Volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts at the first aid tents at 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.
- 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](#).
- Improve the patient and family experience through better communication about services and amenities provided at UI Hospitals and Clinics. Guest Services is offering printed brochure rack cards available to clinics and units at no charge. These rack cards detail information about parking, food venues, Guest Services, Patient Representatives Program, Patient and Visitor Activities Center, Concierge Services, and more. Call Concierge Services at 356-1900 to order.
- Personal mail should be deposited in U.S. mailboxes located throughout the main level of UI Hospitals and Clinics.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- 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.
- Adults ages 18 and older with diabetes and an open sore on the foot are invited to participate in a research study. The purpose is to determine if diabetic foot ulcers (that may not appear infected) might lead to infection-related complications. This study requires 14 visits to the UI orthopaedics clinic over six months. Compensation. For more information, please call Diabetes Research and Programs at 356-4879 or 877-807-9590.

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.