

# Noon News



**Today**  
High: 86 Low: 65  
Mostly sunny



**Friday, August 14, 2009**

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## **UI moves ahead with VP search**

University of Iowa officials hope to have a new vice president for strategic communications in place by late fall to cover the Alumni Association, Hancher Auditorium, University spokesperson, Office of University Relations, UI Television, and the Center for Media Productions. The 12-member search committee, led by Keith Carter, MD, ophthalmology professor, has received 157 applications so far.

## **Iowa disaster areas identified**

Yesterday, Gov. Chet Culver issued a disaster proclamation for Sac and Webster counties after last weekend's storms hit northern Iowa. A similar proclamation was issued earlier for Hardin County. The governor's action makes state assistance available to help with recovery and repair costs.

## **Fears about President Obama's safety rise**

ABC News reports that the Secret Service and hate group experts are concerned about domestic terrorism and threats aimed at President Obama as the health care debate intensifies. In Maryland, a man held a sign reading "Death to Obama" and "Death to Michelle and her two stupid kids" outside a town hall meeting this week. Similar scenarios have occurred in New Hampshire and California.

## **Lobbyists outnumber lawmakers**

For every lawmaker in Congress, about six lobbyists are pushing their health care priorities, according to a Bloomberg News investigation released today. However, not all of the 3,300 registered health care lobbyists working on Capitol Hill are trying to kill health care reform, according to John Jonas, a partner with lobbying firm Patton Boggs, LLP, that represents 33 health care clients.

## **California wildfires not contained**

Ashes rained on people traveling Highway 1 in northern California yesterday. About 2,800 acres are still burning, officials said. About 675 firefighters were battling the blaze. Hundreds more from across the state are on the way. No injuries have been reported so far and the cause is undetermined.

## **New findings in breast cancer research**

In a study published today in the journal [Cell](#), researchers from MIT and Harvard say they have identified a drug compound that kills breast cancer stem cells in mice. Although it is still unclear whether the drug will be useful in humans, the researchers believe their study demonstrates that it is possible to target these cells selectively.

## **U.S. trains Russian troops**

The United States is resuming a combat training mission in the former Soviet republic of Georgia to prepare its army to fight at NATO standards alongside American and allied forces in Afghanistan, senior Defense Department officials said yesterday.

## **Panama crash kills 24**

At least 24 people died last night in a crash between a truck and a bus, CNN reported. The accident occurred near Panama City. President Ricardo Martinelli said at the scene of the accident, "The saddest thing was hearing the cell phones ringing inside the bus as desperate family members tried to call their loved ones who were not arriving at home."

## **U.S. video game sales down 29 percent in July**

The San Francisco research group NPD said yesterday that U.S. video game equipment and software sales fell 29 percent in July to \$848.9 million. The Nintendo Wii was the top-seller last month and Microsoft Xbox 360 was number two.

## **Vick on his way to Philadelphia today**

Michael Vick, recently reinstated to the NFL after being freed from federal prison, signed a two-year deal with the Philadelphia Eagles, according to his agent, Joel Segal. The former Atlanta Falcons quarterback reports to Philadelphia today.

## *Today in history*

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**On this day in 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act into law, creating unemployment insurance and pension plans for the elderly.**

**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Physicians: HCIS is offering open lab time today from noon to 5 p.m. in the HCIS Training Room, 11606 PFP. If you are having problems maneuvering through Epic, come to the lab for assistance. HCIS staff will provide support.
- Friday prayers for those of the Muslim faith are held at 12:45 p.m. in the Meditation Room, Elevator B, Level 1.
- The Patients' Library and the Medical Museum, Elevator F, Level 8, are open 1 to 4 p.m. weekends.
- Spiritual Services holds a Protestant service at 10:30 a.m. and a Catholic Mass at 3:30 p.m. Sundays in the East Room, Elevator F, Level 8. Services are televised on Channel 5.
- Tune in to an interview about H1N1 vaccine trials with Pat Winokur, MD, airing at 7:30 and 9:50 a.m. Monday on the AM-800 KXIC "University of Iowa Health Care Today" program.
- The Iowa Fire Sprinkler Contractors Association is pleased to announce the fourth annual Burn Treatment Center Golf Invitational. This year's event will be held Tuesday at Brown Deer Golf Club in Coralville. Registration at 10:30 a.m., shot gun start at noon, dinner at approximately 5 p.m. Proceeds will help support UI Hospitals and Clinics Burn Treatment Center, burn survivor outreach programs, and burn prevention education. For registration information, contact Lisa Falkers-Mackey at [lisa-falkers@uiowa.edu](mailto:lisa-falkers@uiowa.edu).
- The Silver Lining Family Fund Golf Outing will be held Thursday, Aug. 27, at Brown Deer Golf Club in Coralville, with proceeds benefiting UI Children's Hospital. The tournament begins at 1 p.m. The cost is \$400 per foursome or \$100 per golfer. For registration and details, visit <http://silverliningfamilyfund.com>.
- A conference for health care providers, "Approaches to Co-Occurring Mental Illness & Substance Abuse," will be presented on Tuesday, Sept. 29, at the University Athletic Club. CEUs are available. Registration fee is \$70. To register, print and mail the online form from "What's New" at <http://www.uiowa.edu/~fusstfdv/index.html> or phone in your registration if paying by credit card by calling 335-2687. Questions? E-mail [nancy-noyer@uiowa.edu](mailto:nancy-noyer@uiowa.edu) or call 335-0560.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Hospital Parking Ramp 1 will be closed for routine maintenance today at 6 p.m. It will reopen Monday at 6 a.m. Questions? Call Marty Shafer, director of Environmental and Guest Services at 356-2277.
- UI Children's Hospital and the Iowa Hawkeyes are partnering on "Kid Captain," a program to honor current or former pediatric patients during UI football games. Children selected will receive game tickets and a commemorative jersey and will be on the field for the pre-game coin toss. Only parents or guardians may nominate a child; faculty and staff are encouraged to share this information with families. For details, visit [www.uihealthcare.com/children](http://www.uihealthcare.com/children). Entry deadline is Aug. 16.
- Newton Road is closed from its intersection with Highway 6 to the north entrance of Carver-Hawkeye Arena and will reopen on Thursday, Aug. 20. The closure will affect only traffic entering from Highway 6, not traffic entering from South Riverside Drive. The closure is due to storm sewer work as part of the Carver-Hawkeye Arena addition and renovation project. Traffic should use Hawkins Drive as an alternate route.
- Read the summer *liveWELL* e-newsletter from UI Wellness at [www.uiowa.edu/livewell](http://www.uiowa.edu/livewell). Topics include personal resilience, yoga at work, and expanding your capacity for energy. For a printed copy, call 353-2973 or e-mail [livewell@uiowa.edu](mailto:livewell@uiowa.edu).
- 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.

## 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](mailto:kimberly-sprenger@uiowa.edu).
- Children 6 years, 6 months through 12 years, 6 months are invited to participate in a study examining word learning and executive function abilities, such as attention, inhibition, and planning. Participation will consist of one 60-minute visit. Contact Lea Greiner at 353-6582 or [lea-greiner@uiowa.edu](mailto:lea-greiner@uiowa.edu).

View the most recent study announcements at [www.uihealthcare.com/depts/clinicaltrials/volunteer.html](http://www.uihealthcare.com/depts/clinicaltrials/volunteer.html).

Contact *Noon News* at [noonnews@healthcare.uiowa.edu](mailto: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.