

Noon News



Today
High: 80 Low: 60
Mostly sunny



Tomorrow
High: 79 Low: 58
Showers likely

Tuesday, August 18, 2009

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Public forum Aug. 25 to look at UI pre-disaster plan

The University of Iowa Department of Risk Management will hold a public forum to review its new pre-disaster mitigation plan from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, in the Indiana Room of the Iowa Memorial Union. The plan will be submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency; on approval, the UI will be eligible for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds.

Council mulls southeast side curfew

The Iowa City Council last night discussed imposing a juvenile curfew and enacting a delinquency ordinance in the wake of public safety issues on the city's southeast side that have included fights and reports of gunshots in the neighborhood, the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* reports.

Missing woman found on raft after nearly a week

A missing Jones County woman was found yesterday after spending five days caught in a brush pile on a tiny inflatable raft in the Wapsipinicon River. Jeanne Schnepf, 63, of Hale had gone fishing last Wednesday when her raft became snagged. Her family and local authorities feared the worst. Schnepf waited out her ordeal with two cans of pop and a bottle of water, the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* reports.

Tough times for pork industry

The National Pork Producers Council yesterday renewed its request for at least \$50 million in purchases of surplus pork for school lunch programs, the *Des Moines Register* reports. An earlier plea by the industry, aided by Iowa Gov. Chet Culver and seven other governors, was rejected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Falling hog prices are hurting pork producers, industry experts said.

New home construction falls slightly

The U.S. Commerce Department said today that new home construction fell 1 percent in July, led by a 13 percent drop in apartment building, the Associated Press (AP) reports. Construction of single-family homes rose 1 percent to the highest level since October 2008 and the fifth-straight monthly increase.

More cases of incorrect treatments at Philly VA hospital

Six more cases have been found of cancer patients being given incorrect radiation doses as part of prostate cancer treatments at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Philadelphia, the AP reports. A total of 98 patients have received incorrect doses over six years at the hospital.

Taliban spokesman confirms leader's death

Security forces captured the Pakistani Taliban's top spokesman, who acknowledged the death of the group's leader, Baitullah Mehsud, in a recent U.S. missile strike, officials said today. The comments by spokesman Maulvi Umar are the first Taliban confirmation of Mehsud's death, the AP reports.

South Korea preps for rocket launch

South Korea is counting down to its first space launch tomorrow, a step toward advancing its space program that also could rile neighbor North Korea, Reuters reports. South Korea, which has relied on other countries to launch its satellites, plans to send a satellite into orbit on its Naro-1 spacecraft.

Qwest to shut down its wireless service

Qwest Communications said today it would discontinue its Qwest brand wireless service at the end of October and has started telling customers they need to switch to another service, Reuters reports.

DeLay among 'Dancing' stars

Former House Republican Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, is among the celebrity performers who will compete in the next installment of ABC-TV's "Dancing With the Stars" this fall. DeLay told ABC's "Good Morning America" today that "conservatives can have fun, too...I'm in it to win it."

Raiders coach won't talk about alleged punch

Oakland Raiders head coach Tom Cable declined to comment yesterday about reports he punched defensive assistant Randy Hanson in the jaw and caused injuries that required treatment at a hospital earlier this month. According to AOL Fanhouse, Cable hit Hanson on Aug. 5 for unknown reasons.

Today in history

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**On this day in
1587, Virginia
Dare became the
first child of
English parents to
be born on
American soil, on
what is now
Roanoke Island,
N.C.**

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Johnny Lipford, a Native American flute artist, will perform from noon to 1 p.m. today in the Colloton Atrium, Elevator F, Level 1. The event is sponsored by Project Art.
- Tune in to an interview about glucose control with William Sivitz, MD, airing at 7:30 and 9:50 a.m. tomorrow on the AM-800 KXIC “University of Iowa Health Care Today” program.
- Patients and visitors are invited to children’s story hour at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, Patients’ Library, Elevator F, Level 8.
- Physicians: HCIS is offering open lab time from 3 to 5:30 p.m. tomorrow, Thursday, and Friday in the HCIS Training Room, 11606 PFP, Elevator L, Level 1. If you need support with orders, notes, In Basket, or maneuvering through Epic, come to the lab for assistance. HCIS staff will provide support. Directions to 11606 PFP: Walk through the Eye Clinic; at the directional marquee, turn left; proceed to the end of hallway, turn right; 11606 is at the end of the hallway on the left.
- The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Iowa is looking for local volunteers for both wish-granting and fundraising efforts. Make-A-Wish grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions—many of whom are treated at UI Children’s Hospital—to enrich the human spirit with hope, strength, and joy. A volunteer informational meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 123 E. Market St., Iowa City. Please call 930-2930 for details or to R.S.V.P.
- “Zoonotic Infections: Their Importance and Neglect” is the theme of the 2009-10 College of Public Health Distinguished Faculty Lecture by Gregory Gray, UI professor of epidemiology. Gray will speak at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, in 2117 Medical Education and Research Facility (MERF). For more information, contact Kathy Hicklin at 384-5491.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Newton Road is closed from its intersection with Highway 6 to the north entrance of Carver-Hawkeye Arena and will reopen on Thursday. 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.
- The reopening of the Burlington Street pedestrian bridge, currently being renovated by the City of Iowa City Public Works Department, will be delayed into September. The east-west leg of the bridge across Highway 6 is now scheduled to reopen Sept. 4. The north-south leg across Grand Avenue will remain closed until mid-September. Pedestrians are directed to an at-grade crossing on the north side of Burlington Street with pedestrian signals provided, but UI officials strongly encourage the use of the Iowa Avenue pedestrian bridge as an alternate route whenever possible.
- The Aug. 13 Internal Medicine Grand Rounds presentation, “The Year Ahead,” by Mark Anderson, MD, PhD, is now available online at <https://www.int-med.uiowa.edu/Intranet/UI/GrandRounds/GR8-13-09/GR8-13-09.html>. You will be asked to type “healthcare\” with your HealthCareID and then type in your password.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- Adults 18 to 25 are invited to participate in a research study on sleep and word learning. Participants will learn new words and take tests to determine their retention of the new words. The study involves five visits of 90 minutes each to the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders on the UI campus. Compensation available. Contact Nicole Eden at 353-5779 or child-language@uiowa.edu.
- Do you have severe to moderate asthma? Do you have a history of uncontrolled asthma? Do you use an inhaled corticosteroid with or without a long acting beta-agonist? Are you 18 or older? If so, you may be eligible to participate in a research study. Compensation. For more information, call 356-3240 or 877-428-0635.
- 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.
- Adults ages 56 to 80 who previously received the smallpox vaccine at least 10 years ago and are in good overall health are invited to participate in a smallpox vaccine study at the UI. Participation involves a total of seven visits over approximately nine months to evaluate the safety and efficacy of an investigational new generation of smallpox vaccine in people over age 56. For more information, call 356-4848 or e-mail recruit-vaccine-research@uiowa.edu and put “BN-024” in the subject line.

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.