

# Noon News



**Today**  
High: 83 Low: 59  
Mostly sunny



**Tomorrow**  
High: 80 Low: 58  
Showers likely

**Monday, August 24, 2009**

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## **Kirkwood enrollment going up**

Kirkwood Community College projects a 15 percent jump in enrollment this year—up about 2,000 from the 15,400 students who attended last year, the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* reports. About 40 percent of Kirkwood students transfer to a four-year school, with The University of Iowa being the top choice among Kirkwood students. Kirkwood is based in Cedar Rapids and has a branch campus in Iowa City.

## **Wood to receive Iowa Award**

Artist Grant Wood will receive the Iowa Award, Gov. Chet Culver announced Saturday during a visit to the Anamosa native's former home in Iowa City. Wood, who died in 1942 at age 50, is best known for his painting, "American Gothic," one of the most-viewed works of art in the world. The Iowa Award is the state's highest citizen award. It will be presented in Wood's honor at a ceremony this fall.

## **New unit to handle terrorism suspects**

President Barack Obama has approved the establishment of a new unit for questioning terrorism suspects, the Associated Press (AP) reports today. The new unit, to be known as the High-Value Detainee Interrogation Group, will be overseen by the National Security Council.

## **Joint Chiefs chairman gives grim view of Afghan conflict**

The situation in Afghanistan is deteriorating along with U.S. public support for the war, Admiral Mike Mullen, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, said yesterday. A new *Washington Post*-ABC News poll showed that a majority of Americans believe the war in Afghanistan is not worth fighting, and just a quarter say more troops should be sent there, Reuters reports.

## **Reader's Digest files for bankruptcy**

Reader's Digest Association Inc. said today it has filed for prearranged Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection as part of a debt restructuring plan, the AP reports. The publisher's flagship magazine has seen its circulation drop from more than 17 million in the 1970s to just above 8 million last year.

## **Fires raging in Greece**

Firefighters in Greece continue battling wildfires today that have swept through homes and huge swathes of forest near Athens for the past three days, forcing thousands to flee, Reuters reports. Greek, Italian, and French planes attempted to douse flames fanned by strong early morning winds.

## **Scotland wrestles with Lockerbie bomber release**

Scottish legislators met today to discuss the government's decision to release the Libyan man convicted in the 1988 airline bombing over Lockerbie that killed 270 people, the AP reports. Abdel Baset al-Megrahi, who is terminally ill with cancer, was released last week on compassionate grounds.

## **New video reveals a healthier Castro**

A new video of ailing Cuban leader Fidel Castro surfaced yesterday, showing a healthier looking man than in prior photos, CNN reports. It is the first new video of Castro in a year and reportedly was taken Saturday when the 83-year-old former president met with Venezuelan law students.

## **Jail time sought for disgraced cloning scientist**

Prosecutors today demanded a four-year prison term for a South Korean scientist disgraced in a cloning scandal, the AP reports. Research by Hwang Woo-suk, in which he claimed to have produced a human embryo through cloning, was deemed bogus in 2005. Hwang faces fraud and other charges.

## **Venezuela repeats at Miss Universe contest**

Miss Venezuela, Stefania Fernandez, won the 2009 Miss Universe crown yesterday. It was the second straight year, and the sixth time since the pageant's creation, that Miss Venezuela has captured the title.

## **Gators sit at No. 1; Hawkeyes 22nd**

The Florida Gators are ranked No. 1 in the AP's college football preseason Top 25 released this weekend, followed by Texas, Oklahoma, Southern California, and Alabama. The Iowa Hawkeyes, ranked 22nd, join Ohio State (No. 6) and Penn State (No. 9) as the Big Ten teams in the AP Top 25.

**Success is not  
the result of  
spontaneous  
combustion.  
You must set  
yourself on fire.**

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—Reggie Leach,  
former National  
Hockey League player

**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Wild Rose Gifts will be celebrating National Dog Day all this week with 25 percent discounts on all dog-related merchandise. Stop by 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends. Profits support programs that benefit patients and their families.
- Staff, guests, and patients are invited to a closed AA meeting from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesdays in 5027 BT, Elevator A, Level 5.
- “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. tomorrow in 2117 MERF. For more information, contact Kathy Hicklin at 384-5491.
- The Center for Disabilities and Development Light the Night team is hosting a Movie Night fundraiser at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28 in the Rembolt Conference Room at the CDD. See “Steel Magnolias” and enjoy pizza, popcorn, and snacks. Suggested donation is \$10. Proceeds benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Please RSVP to [sandra-kray@uiowa.edu](mailto:sandra-kray@uiowa.edu) by Wednesday, Aug. 26.
- UI Obesity Surgery will hold an educational seminar and question-and-answer session from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Ziffren Conference Room, Elevator H, Level 1. The meeting will address different types of weight loss surgery. For more information, contact Debi Heitshusen at 356-7694 or [debi-heitshusen@uiowa.edu](mailto:debi-heitshusen@uiowa.edu).
- “Preventing Infection: Scaling-Up from Local to Global” is the topic of the 2009 Hsu-Li Distinguished Lectureship in International Epidemiology sponsored by the UI Department of Epidemiology. Didier Pittet, MD, professor of medicine at University of Geneva Hospitals in Switzerland, will speak at 11:30 a.m. Thursday in Room E311 GH (Medical Alumni Auditorium). For more information, contact Marilyn Anderson at 384-5049.
- Register for Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction, an eight-week program to manage stress and chronic conditions and/or promote wellness. Upcoming classes are 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 15 through Nov. 3; 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 16 through Nov. 4; and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 30 through Nov. 18. Attendance at an informational session is required prior to registering. The cost is \$400; tuition support is available through UI Wellness. For more information, visit [www.uihealthcare.com/mindfulness](http://www.uihealthcare.com/mindfulness), e-mail [mindfulness@uiowa.edu](mailto:mindfulness@uiowa.edu), or call 384-5089.
- 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>.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- UI Women’s Health invites mothers of infants and toddlers to attend “Moms Supporting Moms.” The group meets from 12 to 1 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of every month in Melrose Conference Room 3, Elevator L, Level 5. For more information, call 356-1278 or e-mail [UIHC-moms@uiowa.edu](mailto:UIHC-moms@uiowa.edu).
- UI Hospitals and Clinics offers CarePages™—personal Web pages that can be used to communicate with family and friends before, during, and after a patient’s hospitalization or clinic visit. With CarePages, loved ones can access recent news about a patient’s condition and offer support and encouragement. Visit [www.uihealthcare.com](http://www.uihealthcare.com) to get started. For more information, call Tami at 353-7870 or e-mail [tami-barrett@uiowa.edu](mailto:tami-barrett@uiowa.edu).

## RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

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- Breast-fed babies less than 28 days of age are invited to participate in a one-year nutrition study. Compensation is available. For more information call 319-467-4525 or 866-778-5818.
- The Department of Radiology invites healthy individuals 18 to 45 years old and right-handed to participate in a functional brain study. People will have one magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan. Compensation. If interested, call Ai Leo at 384-5570 or e-mail [leo-ai@uiowa.edu](mailto:leo-ai@uiowa.edu).
- 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. 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](mailto:lois-warren@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.