

Noon News



Today
High: 85 Low: 65
Showers



Tomorrow
High: 84 Low: 65
Partly cloudy

Monday, August 3, 2009

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Thousands without power across Linn County

As many as 10,000 Linn County homes were without power early this morning after strong winds knocked down power lines in several locations, according to the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*. Power lines and trees were reported down across Cedar Rapids. According to the National Weather Service, wind gusts of up to 60 miles per hour accompanied a line of thunderstorms moving through the area.

Branstad in 2010?

Former Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad may seek the top office again in 2010, saying he's concerned about the direction the state is heading, the *Des Moines Register* reported yesterday. Branstad was first elected governor in 1982 and served four terms for 16 years until he decided not to seek re-election in 1998. Since 2003, he has been president of osteopathic medical school Des Moines University.

Turbulence injures 26 airline passengers

Severe turbulence shook a Continental Airlines flight headed from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to Houston, Texas, this morning, injuring 26 passengers and forcing the aircraft to divert to Miami, Fla. The Boeing 767 hit turbulence about 50 miles north of the Dominican Republic at about 38,000 feet.

Swiss push for meeting with U.S. hikers detained in Iran

Swiss diplomats are trying to meet with three American hikers being held in Iran, the Swiss Embassy in Tehran said today. Four American friends were hiking through Iraq's Kurdistan region last week before three of them crossed the unmarked border with Iran, where Iranian authorities detained them. The U.S. and Iran have no diplomatic ties; Switzerland represents American diplomatic interests.

Woman sues college for tuition

A New York City woman who says she can't find a job is suing the college where she earned a bachelor's degree, the Associated Press reports. Trina Thompson filed a lawsuit last week against Monroe College in Bronx Supreme Court. The 27-year-old is seeking the \$70,000 she spent on tuition.

Pirates collect \$2.7 million ransom for German ship

Somali pirates holding a German ship have received a \$2.7 million ransom and are counting it before releasing the ship, according to Reuters. The German-flagged container vessel *Hansa Stavanger* was captured about 400 miles off the southern Somali port of Kismayu on April 4.

Chinese town locked down after second plague death

A second man has died of pneumonic plague in an outbreak that forced Chinese authorities to seal off the city of Ziketan, where a dozen people were infected with the highly contagious deadly lung disease, a state news agency said. Police are not allowing residents to leave the city, according to reports.

Mass farewell for ex-Philippine leader Aquino

Thousands of Filipinos lined the streets in Manila as the body of Corazon Aquino was moved to the capital's cathedral. The ex-president, whose husband was killed by forces loyal to dictator Ferdinand Marcos after returning home from exile in 1983, died Saturday from cancer.

New HIV strain reported

A new strain of HIV has been discovered in the African nation of Cameroon, researchers report in *Nature Medicine*. The strain appears to be related to a form of simian virus found in wild gorillas. The three previously known HIV strains are related to the simian virus that occurs in chimpanzees.

More TV ads coming

More advertising is coming to your TV, the Associated Press reports. Ads are showing up on video-on-demand and on-screen channel guides. Even TiVo, which became popular for its technology that lets people skip TV commercials, is developing new ways to show interactive, targeted TV spots.

Woods cruises to Buick win

Tiger Woods earned his 69th PGA Tour win yesterday with a three-shot victory at the Buick Open golf tournament at Warwick Hills in Grand Blanc, Mich. It was Woods' third Buick Open title.

Today in history

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On this day in 1949, the Basketball Association of America and the National Basketball League merged to form the National Basketball Association.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Project Art presents a piano recital featuring Mary Margaret Mallampalli from noon to 1 p.m. tomorrow in the Colloton Atrium, Elevator F, Level 1.
- 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.
- Visit the Books are Fun Sale from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. tomorrow; 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday; and 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday in the Pappajohn Pavilion Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. A portion of the proceeds will benefit UI Children's Hospital.
- UI Health Care faculty and staff are invited to a seminar, "Healthy Land, Healthy Food, Healthy Eaters Cultivating Sustainable Food Systems to Advance Health" presented by the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, from 8 to 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 7 in room 102, Center for Disabilities and Development. CME offered. For more information, contact Brenda Noshish, 353-6008.
- A winter cruise on Carnival Cruise Lines is being offered by Pamela Thomson Destiny Cruises & Tours to benefit the Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center at The University of Iowa. For more information about the first annual "Cruising for a Cure," call 351-7600 or e-mail www.itraveldestiny.com.
- Make way for new books! Clear off your bookshelves by donating them to the Patients' Library. Then, refill your bookshelves at the Patients' Library book sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, in the East Room, Elevator F, Level 8. One day only! Questions? Call 384-8908.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Only a few weeks left to be in compliance 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 Sept. 1. This requirement applies to everyone, regardless of whether or not you have a financial relationship with an entity outside The University of Iowa. If you have questions or need more information, contact the Conflict of Interest Office at 384-5252 or e-mail coi@healthcare.uiowa.edu.
- In accordance with the Office of the Inspector General, a Compliance Helpline—384-8190—has been established for staff to use if they know or suspect violations of patient care, laws/regulations, billing/coding, health and safety, property/equipment/other assets, human resources, or conflicts of interest. Calls are not traced or recorded, and staff may make anonymous reports without fear of retaliation. All reports of improper conduct will be investigated.
- Tomorrow, Aug. 4, the new HawkID/HealthCareID system goes live. Have you set your new HawkID password? Do it as soon as possible to ensure a smooth transition to the new ID system for all UI Health Care employees and students. For more information or to set a new HawkID password now, go to <http://hawkid.uiowa.edu/project>.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- Volunteers between the ages of 50 and 70 with a high school education and no history of neurological disease are invited to participate in a research study of cognitive function. Participants will be asked to undergo neuropsychological testing which will include two hours of involvement. Compensation. For details, call 356-8759 or e-mail natasha-feuerbach@uiowa.edu.
- Volunteers age 60 and older are invited to participate in a study evaluating the effectiveness of a walking program in reducing pain and activity limitations in people with knee osteoarthritis. For details, please call 335-8196 or 335-7554.
- Adults ages 18 to 25 who have language learning or reading disabilities 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. Compensation. For details, call Nichole Eden or e-mail child-language@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.

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.