

Noon News



Today
High: 70 Low: 46
Mostly sunny



Tomorrow
High: 71 Low: 46
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UI Health Care gets ‘A’ for conflict of interest policy

University of Iowa Health Care received an “A” grade on the American Medical Student Association PharmFree Scorecard 2009 that rates conflict of interest policies at academic medical centers. The scorecard examines school policies in 11 areas. Only 10 universities have received the top grade so far.

Rubashkin’s lawyers: move trial out of Iowa

Former meat-plant executive Sholom Rubashkin’s trial should be moved out of Iowa, his lawyers will argue before a federal judge today. Rubashkin’s attorneys say he can’t get a fair trial in Iowa, given the media coverage of the May 2008 raid at Agriprocessors Inc.—the Postville, Iowa, slaughterhouse Rubashkin ran—and the subsequent immigration and bank fraud charges brought by prosecutors.

Blaze threatens Los Angeles County

California firefighters try to hold back a massive wildfire in Los Angeles County today, the Associated Press (AP) reports. As many as 12,000 homes are threatened. Mandatory evacuations were in effect for neighborhoods in Glendale, Pasadena, and other communities north of Los Angeles. Two firefighters were killed yesterday when their vehicle rolled down a mountainside near the city of Acton.

10-year-old boy faces murder charge

A 10-year-old boy in Belen, N.M., is facing a murder charge for his father’s death, the AP reports. Police say the boy used his own rifle to shoot his father and then called authorities. The child reportedly told officers that he thought his father was disciplining him too harshly and too often.

Military ends journalist-profiling contract

The U.S. military is cancelling a \$1.5 million contract with a public relations firm after coming under criticism for using the company to rate journalists covering the Afghanistan war, Reuters reports. The Rendon Group had rated journalists’ output as “positive,” “neutral,” or “negative,” although the military said it did not use the ratings to sway coverage or deny reporters access to cover the war.

Pakistan, Taliban clash in Swat Valley

Pakistani soldiers killed at least 45 Taliban militants in gun battles across the northwestern Swat Valley after a suicide bombing on a police station killed 17 cadets, the AP reports. Yesterday’s suicide bombing in Swat was the deadliest attack since the military regained control of the region in July.

Hurricane Jimena closing in on Mexico

Emergency workers built shelters for thousands of endangered families as a strengthening Hurricane Jimena roared toward Mexico’s resort-studded Baja California peninsula today. Jimena, a dangerous Category 4 storm, could rake southern Baja California by tomorrow evening, forecasters said.

Global recession impacts African children

The U.N. children’s agency reports that more African babies will die and more of the continent’s children will drop out of school because of the global recession. U.N. experts speaking in Johannesburg today based their bleak predictions on previous global economic crises.

India abandons satellite

India’s space agency has abandoned the country’s only satellite orbiting the moon after efforts to reconnect with it failed, the AP reports. Communications with the Chandrayaan-1 satellite, which has been orbiting the moon for nearly a year, snapped Saturday and scientists lost control of the satellite.

Disney to buy comic book giant Marvel

The Walt Disney Co. said today it is acquiring Marvel Entertainment Inc. for \$4 billion in cash and stock, bringing characters like Iron Man and Spider-Man into the family of Mickey Mouse. Under the deal, Disney will acquire ownership of 5,000 Marvel characters.

Michigan investigates football program

The University of Michigan said yesterday it is investigating allegations that its football program regularly violates NCAA rules limiting how much time players can spend on training and practice.

Today in history

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On this day in 1997, Diana, the Princess of Wales, was killed in a Paris car crash at age 36. Dodi Al-Fayed, the Harrods heir, and their driver, Henri Paul, also were killed. Only Princess Diana’s bodyguard, Trevor Rees-Jones, survived the crash.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Grand re-opening of I-STOP is today! Check out the new addition to the I-Stop food kiosk located by Elevator I, Level 2. The new addition features hot sandwiches and fresh baked cookies plus other favorites. ***The first 50 customers today will receive a coupon for a free cookie!***
- 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.
- Hardin Library is offering an open workshop, “How Can We Help You Learn PUBMED?” tomorrow from 1 to 2 p.m.
- The UI Obesity Surgery Support Group meets from 6 to 7 p.m. tomorrow in room 4638 JCP, Elevator H, Level 4. Topic: Why Have Bariatric Surgery? ‘Eat to Live’ rather than ‘Live to Eat’? The group is free and open to anyone who has had bariatric surgery or is considering it. To register, contact Chris Melichar at 356-1887 or e-mail obesitysurgery@uiowa.edu.
- Celebrate Fry Fest with Wild Rose Gifts Sept. 2 to 4. Fry Fest t-shirts, ornaments, and streets signs available for purchase. Free Hawkeye tattoos with all purchases (excluding stamps) while supplies last. Hours: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends.
- Children’s Miracle Network will hold a merchandise sale to benefit UI Children’s Hospital from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday in the Pappajohn Atrium Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. Cash, checks, credit cards, and staff charge accepted. Contact Sarah at 335-8441 for more information.
- UI Carver College of Medicine Dean Paul Rothman, MD, will give his annual State of the College address at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday in the Prem Sahai Auditorium, Level 1, Medical Education and Research Facility. All faculty, staff, and students of the College are invited.
- Everyone working, learning, or volunteering with UI Health Care is invited to a UI Health Care Update Forum from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday in the Atrium Conference Center, Elevator E/F, Level 7. The forum also will be available as a live webcast. Video will be made available on [The Point](#) after the forum.
- “Parent to Parent” Family Training on AD/HD classes will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays beginning Sept. 12 through Oct. 24 in the Stoltzfus Conference Room, 2717-1 JPP, Elevator I, Level 2. Questions? Call Barb at 266-2901 or e-mail wilk123abc@q.com for directions and more information. Register by Sept. 1. This event is sponsored by the Department of Child Psychology with a grant from Muscatine Charities and CHADD.
- Boat for a cause at the first Aiming For a Cure Foundation Macbride Open on Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Lake Macbride main ramp. Cost is \$50 per two-person team. All proceeds after payout will go to the Aiming for a Cure Foundation that benefits pediatric cancer patients at UI Children’s Hospital. Limit of 94 boats; entry deadline is Sept. 11. Questions? Call Michelle at 335-9003.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The hospital-wide pneumatic tube system will be interrupted today and the first Tuesday of every month for about two hours from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to test generators. Questions? Call Merle Hagie at 384-9575.
- COI deadline is tomorrow! 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](#) by tomorrow. 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, call 384-5252 or e-mail coi@healthcare.uiowa.edu.
- Allocation requests are being accepted for UI Dance Marathon funds to support emotional and financial needs of pediatric oncology and bone marrow transplant patients treated at UI Children’s Hospitals and their families. Dance Marathon is a year round student run organization that culminates in February with a 24-hour-long event. Dance Marathon has raised more than \$7.5 million for UI Children’s Hospital so far. Deadline for funding submissions is Monday, Sept.14. Go to [The Point](#) for an application or call Mark Baccei at 335-3059 or send an e-mail to mark-baccei@uiowa.edu.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- Adults with breast cancer ages 20 to 75 and their caregivers are invited to participate in a Department of Rehabilitation Therapies research study investigating the effects of participation in music therapy cancer support groups on mood, coping, social support, and quality of life. Groups meet twice a week for six weeks. Compensation. For more information, call Abbey Dvorak at 356-4718 or e-mail abbey-dvorak@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.