

Noon News



Today
High: 75 Low: 69
Rainy



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Tomorrow
High: 93 Low: 69
Hazy, hot, humid

Today in history

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On this day in 1974, French stuntman Philippe Petit walked a tightrope strung between the twin towers of New York's World Trade Center.

Police investigate 2nd report of gunshots

After the second incident in a week of reported shots being fired in the southeast side, Iowa City police Chief Sam Hargadine enlisted the help of the University of Iowa Department of Public Safety and the Johnson County Sheriff's Office. UI police will help with downtown law enforcement as officers normally assigned there "will be redeployed to the Broadway area," Hargadine said.

Iowans take sales tax holiday

The Iowa sales tax holiday is today and tomorrow. No sales tax, including local option sales tax, will be collected on any article of clothing and footwear selling for less than \$100. The tax exemption applies only to everyday clothing and footwear, not specialized items such as sporting equipment.

Sotomayor confirmed

Sonia Sotomayor won confirmation yesterday as the nation's first Hispanic Supreme Court justice in a history-making Senate vote of 68-31 to confirm. She will be sworn in tomorrow by Chief Justice John Roberts. The 55-year-old daughter of Puerto Rican parents was raised in a South Bronx housing project. She had an Ivy League education and was a federal judge for the past 17 years.

Top Democrat denounces health care protests as 'artificial'

Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada yesterday scolded health care protesters dogging his party's lawmakers at local meetings, accusing them of trying to "sabotage" the democratic process. The Republican Party says it's not behind the protests, but Reid scoffed at the notion that the protesters reflect true grass-roots sentiment and held up a piece of artificial turf during a session with reporters.

Pakistani chief's death being investigated

U.S. and Pakistani officials are investigating the death of Taliban Chief Baitullah Mehsud. He was reportedly killed in a drone attack yesterday, say NBC News sources. If confirmed, Mehsud's demise would be a boost to Pakistani and U.S. efforts to eradicate the Taliban and al-Qaida. Mehsud is suspected of being involved in the killing of former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto.

Hacker attack takes down social networks

Yesterday, 300 million users of [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Live Journal](#) experienced disrupted access around the world that may have been related to ongoing political conflict between Russia and Georgia. Bill Woodcock, research director of the Packet Clearing House, a group that tracks Internet traffic, said the source of the problem could have been a single pro-Abkhazia activist.

Lost minutes on Nixon Watergate tapes may be recovered

Former president Richard Nixon left office in disgrace 35 years ago, but the mystery surrounding a conversation between the president and his chief of staff H.R. "Bob" Haldeman remains. The conversation was secretly recorded, but an 18½ -minute gap was erased. Efforts to salvage the lost audio have failed, but Phil Mellinger, chief technology officer for Turiss LLC, said two remaining pages of notes contain faint impressions made by a ballpoint pen writing on the pages above them that could be deciphered with a forensic technique called electrostatic detection analysis.

Director John Hughes dies at 59

John Hughes, director of iconic films of the 1980s such as "The Breakfast Club," "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," "Sixteen Candles," and "Pretty in Pink," has died of a heart attack at age 59. Hughes began his career as a screenwriter, penning "National Lampoon's Vacation" and "Mr. Mom" in 1983.

Florida No. 1 in coaches' poll

Defending national champion Florida tops the *USA Today* preseason football coaches' poll, receiving 53 of 59 first-place votes. Texas was second, followed by Oklahoma, USC, Alabama, Ohio State, Virginia Tech, Penn State, LSU, and Mississippi.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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.
- An Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Conference Room G, Elevator F, Level 7.
- Tune in to an interview about the *U.S. News & World Report* "Best Hospital" rankings with Keith Carter, MD, airing at 7:30 and 9:50 a.m. Monday on the AM-800 KXIC "University of Iowa Health Care Today" program.
- Sizzling Summer Savings start Monday with summer markdowns at Wild Rose Gifts. Hours: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends. Proceeds support programs that benefit patients and their families.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Newton Road will be closed from its intersection with Highway 6 to the north entrance of Carver-Hawkeye Arena beginning at 4 p.m. Sunday and reopening 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.
- Steam and heating water service to the Main Operating Room Suite in Colloton Pavilion will be interrupted to repair a steam valve and water line beginning at 6 p.m. on Sunday and lasting approximately five hours. Questions? Contact Robert Leslie at 356-8273.
- Domestic hot water service to Pappajohn Pavilion patient areas (all floors) will be interrupted on Tuesday from 6 p.m. to approximately 10 p.m., in order to replace leaking valves. For more information, contact Merle Hagie at 384-9575.
- 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. Entry deadline is Aug. 16.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- 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.
- 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.
- Healthy female volunteers ages 25 to 40 who have given birth in the last five years are invited to participate in a research project involving ultrasound of the uterus. Participants should have regular menstrual cycles (25 to 35 days apart), have no history of infertility, and be off all methods of birth control for three months. The study involves a single 30-minute appointment. Compensation. Contact Michelle Maifeld at 353-8491 or e-mail jill-goodman@uiowa.edu.
- 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.
- Women, age 18 and older, with bothersome bladder control problems (frequent urinary leakage and urgency to urinate) are invited to participate in a research study evaluating the medication fesoterodine compared to a placebo (inactive substance) for 12 weeks. After 12 weeks, participants may choose to take the fesoterodine for up to an additional nine months as part of the study. Participation would last up to one year and involve nine study visits. Compensation is provided. If interested, call 384-8028 or e-mail regina-arthur@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.