

Noon News



Today
High: 80 Low: 57
Partly cloudy



Tomorrow
High: 81 Low: 58
Partly cloudy

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**“Terrorism
against our
nation will not
stand.”**

—President
George W. Bush
Sept. 11, 2001

Council moves ahead on curfew ordinance

City council members in Iowa City agreed to move forward on a juvenile curfew ordinance during a special work session last night, the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* reports. If passed, the law would have children 13 and younger home by 10 p.m., 14- and 15-year-olds by 11 p.m., and 16- and 17-year-olds by midnight. The council will take up the curfew ordinance at Tuesday’s formal meeting.

DNR says city water tests faked

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources said Scott Harris, the person responsible for testing Edgewood city water, faked thousands of tests and didn’t add the standard amount of chlorine to the water supply to kill bacteria, the Associated Press (AP) reports. Harris has resigned, the DNR said.

Nation remembers Sept. 11 attacks

Bells tolled in New York City and mourners fell silent to observe the moment a hijacked plane hit the World Trade Center in 2001. Ceremonies are being held today in New York, Washington, and western Pennsylvania on the eighth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The first of four moments of silence was held around 8:46 a.m. (ET), the time the first jet hit the Trade Center’s north tower.

Search continues for missing Yale student

The FBI has joined the search for a Yale University graduate student who’s been missing since Tuesday, the AP reports. Annie Le, 24, who was supposed to be married this Sunday, was last seen entering a Yale research facility. Her purse, which held money and a cellphone, was left in her office.

GM offers money-back guarantee

General Motors will begin its “May the Best Car Win” campaign on Monday, which gives car buyers 60 days to bring back their new Chevrolet, GMC, Buick, or Cadillac for a full refund if they’re not happy with their vehicle. GM hopes to win back customers after filing for bankruptcy earlier this year.

Inmates attack guards at Abu Ghraib

Inmates at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq started a fire and attacked guards during an apparent escape attempt, the AP reports. Prison authorities called in Iraqi troops and American helicopters for support. Three Iraqi guards and three prisoners were injured before security forces were able to regain control.

Pakistan captures Taliban spokesman, commanders

Pakistani soldiers arrested the Taliban’s spokesman in the country’s Swat Valley, along with four other commanders, the military said today. The detainees were being interrogated, and security forces were already conducting operations based on information the detainees have provided, officials said.

Taiwan’s ex-president gets life term

A Taiwan court imposed a life sentence on former President Chen Shui-bian after convicting him of corruption today. Chen served two terms as president in 2000-2008. He was charged with embezzling millions, receiving bribes, laundering money, and forging documents during his presidency.

Copyright official opposes Google book deal

Marybeth Peters, head of the U.S. Copyright Office, testified before Congress yesterday that she opposes a class-action settlement that would give Google the digital rights to millions of out-of-print books. Her objections cast doubt on whether the Google proposal will be allowed by a federal court.

Hawks, Cyclones renew rivalry

Football bragging rights across Iowa will be at stake when the Iowa Hawkeyes face the Iowa State Cyclones tomorrow in Ames. The Cyclones are 1-0 under first-year head coach Paul Rhoads. The Hawks earned a tough season-opening win against UNI last weekend. Kick-off is set for 11:05 a.m.

Flag flies at half staff today

By proclamation of the President of the United States, the Old Capitol flag on the UI campus is lowered today in honor of Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Project Art presents the Court Hill Woodwind Quintet, which will perform from noon to 1 p.m. in the Colloton Atrium, Elevator E/F, Level 1.
- 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.
- Hardin Library is offering an open workshop, "How Can We Help You Use RefWorks?" from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday. Contact kelly-thormodson@uiowa.edu for more information.
- Wild Rose Books will be hosting a Technology Event from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Pappajohn Pavilion Lobby. Stop by for Snow Leopard demos and to test-drive popular Apple and Dell computers, and check out the store's new line of consumer audio and computer accessories. Receive a free Apple tote bag with a purchase of \$20 or more! Educational discount prices apply for UI students, faculty, and staff on selected technology. For more information, call 384-5151.
- The first Aiming For a Cure Foundation Macbride Open boating event will be Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Lake Macbride main ramp. Cost is \$50 per two-person team. Proceeds after payout will go to the Aiming for a Cure Foundation benefiting pediatric cancer patients at UI Children's Hospital. Limit of 94 boats; entry deadline is today. Call 335-9003 for details.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- UI Health Care employees, please take the Internal Communications Survey! Find the online survey on [The Point](#) or pick up a paper copy wherever you get *Noon News*. Drop boxes for paper copies are located in Melrose Dining Room, Fountain Dining Room, EMRB Café, MERF Information Desk, Center for Disabilities and Development, and Bowen Science Building main level. Don't forget to wait five seconds after you submit the survey for an optional quick question. Deadline: Wednesday, Sept. 16. Your opinion counts!
- Today is the last day to support the Back to School Socks and Underwear Drive by bringing in new, packaged socks and/or underwear (sizes toddler to adult) for the North Liberty Food and Clothing Pantry. Items may be dropped off in Volunteer Services (8025 JCP), any of the four UI College of Medicine Learning Communities in MERF, Hospital Mail Room (1002-2 SRF), or UI Health Care External Relations (4144 WL). Distribution will take place in late September. For more information, e-mail tom-walljasper@uiowa.edu or call 384-1745.
- Normal electrical power service to several offices and a telecommunications room on Level 2, General Hospital, will be interrupted for approximately eight hours, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. tomorrow. Red emergency outlets and emergency lighting will be available during this interruption, which is related to the Institute for Clinical and Translational Sciences project. Questions? Contact Tom Davin at 356-2582.
- Nikolas Ball, 5, of Kellogg, Iowa, is this week's Kid Captain from UI Children's Hospital. Thirteen current and former patients of UI Children's Hospital were selected to participate in the Kid Captain Program, a partnership between UI Children's Hospital and the Iowa Hawkeyes to honor pediatric patients and celebrate their inspirational stories. For more information and to "meet" the kids, go to www.uihealthcare.com/children.
- Beginning Tuesday, UI Health Care will power down computers to reduce expenses and conserve resources. Most computers will power off at 6:30 p.m. and power on at 6:15 a.m. While most desktop computers are included in this program, certain machines have been excluded, including those requiring special accommodations and those in inpatient areas. Check your e-mail for complete details, including FAQs, or contact the HCIS Help Desk at 356-0001.
- Read about UI Hospitals and Clinics in reports that appear in local, state, and national news media. Browse the daily news digest on [The Point](#). Click on "Media Clips" under "Everyday Tools & Resources."
- September is National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. UI employees and their families have available free and confidential help for those who wish to start on the road to recovery. Contact Faculty/Staff Services/Employee Assistance Program at 335-2085 or e-mail EAPhelp@uiowa.edu to schedule free, confidential appointments or access information. Appointments are available Monday through Friday at three locations across campus, including evening hours on Tuesdays.

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.