

# Noon News



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**Tuesday, September 15, 2009**

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## **Backyard chickens? Don't count 'em just yet**

At its work session last night, four of the seven Iowa City Council members expressed an interest in allowing residents to keep chickens within city limits, but the council agreed to wait a year before voting on a proposal, the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* reports. In the meantime, staff eventually will work on an ordinance, and the city's Planning and Zoning Commission will take up the issue.

## **IPERS value drops**

The Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System—the state's largest public employees' pension fund—dropped in value to \$17.99 billion for the year ending June 30, down from \$22.4 billion a year earlier, the *Des Moines Register* reports. A bailout might require more money from Iowa taxpayers and sacrifices by some government workers, a consultant warned yesterday. IPERS has 312,000 members.

## **Retail sales climb in August**

The Commerce Department said U.S. retail sales rose 2.7 percent in August, the biggest gain since January 2006, Reuters reports. The figures were bolstered by the "Cash for Clunkers" program that boosted demand for new cars, but retail sales showed strength across almost all sectors of the economy.

## **Study: 90 percent of Americans have heart disease risk**

Ninety percent of American adults have at least one risk factor for heart disease, researchers with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported yesterday. Researchers looked at four studies of thousands of Americans ages 25 to 74 and found nearly all either have hypertension, high cholesterol, high blood sugar, are overweight, smoke, or exercise too little, Reuters reports.

## **Med student uses sword to kill intruder**

Baltimore police say a Johns Hopkins University medical student used a samurai sword to kill a male intruder in his garage, the Associated Press (AP) reports. The student allegedly was accosted by the man, so the student cut off the man's hand and also caused a severe laceration to his upper body.

## **Panel: Keep some color-coded alerts**

After a 60-day review of the nation's terror-alert system, a bipartisan task force will recommend that the Obama administration keep color-coded alerts, but reduce the number of colors from five to three, the AP reports. The alert level has remained at orange—a high risk of terrorist attack—since 2006.

## **Somali insurgents vow to avenge U.S. raid**

Somalia's insurgent group vowed today to avenge a U.S. helicopter attack that killed an al-Qaida suspect yesterday, the AP reports. Saleh Ali Saleh Nabhan, a Kenyan citizen, was wanted for questioning regarding a car bombing in Kenya and an attempt to shoot down an Israeli airliner in 2002.

## **Iraqi shoe thrower released**

The Iraqi journalist who threw his shoes at former President George W. Bush was released today after nine months in prison, the AP reports. Muntadhar al-Zeidi, whose act of protest made him a hero to many Muslims, said Iraqi security forces tortured him after his arrest and he now fears for his life.

## **Google does a 'Flip'**

Google will test a new format, called "Fast Flip," that is supposed to make reading online stories as easy as flipping through a magazine, the Internet search leader announced yesterday. More than three dozen publishers, broadcasters, and Web-only outlets have agreed to share their content on Fast Flip.

## **Patrick Swayze dies at 57**

Actor Patrick Swayze died yesterday in Los Angeles from pancreatic cancer. He was 57. A three-time Golden Globe nominee, Swayze was best known for his roles in "Dirty Dancing" and "Ghost."

## **del Potro takes U.S. Open tennis crown**

Sixth-seeded Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina defeated defending champion Roger Federer at the U.S. Open tennis championship yesterday. The 6-foot-6 del Potro secured his first Grand Slam final with a powerful serve and even stronger forehand. Federer had won the last five U.S. Open titles.

## *Today in history*

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**On this day in 1978, boxer Muhammad Ali defeated Leon Spinks to win the world heavyweight boxing title for the third time in his career—the first fighter ever to do so. Ali was defeated by Spinks earlier in the year in a 15-round split decision.**

**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Wild Rose Books will be hosting a Technology Event until 3:30 p.m. today 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.
- Project Art presents the Red Cedar Chamber Music group, which will be performing from noon to 1 p.m. today in the Colloton Atrium, Elevator E/F, Level 7.
- Tune in to an interview about Cholesterol Education Month with Jennifer G. Robinson, MD, MPH, airing at 7:30 and 9:50 a.m. tomorrow on the AM-800 KXIC "University of Iowa Health Care Today" program.
- A Healing Jewelry Sale to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. tomorrow in the Pappajohn Atrium Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. The sale will feature jewelry by Linda Olsen ([lindaolsenjewelry.com](http://lindaolsenjewelry.com).) and will support the 2009 Light the night Walk. For details, contact Emily Mozena at 335-3822 or [emily-mozena@uiowa.edu](mailto:emily-mozena@uiowa.edu).
- Patients and visitors are invited to children's story hour at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, Patients' Library, Elevator F, Level 8.
- "Lactation Chat" is a breastfeeding support group facilitated by a University of Iowa lactation consultant from 4 to 5 p.m. every Wednesday in the Dr. Bell Conference Room, Elevator I, Level 6. Participants can discuss common challenges to breastfeeding and receive inspiration and tips. Babies are welcome.
- The UI Department of Family Medicine is offering a six-week, highly interactive Chronic Disease Self-Management Program designed for people with chronic health conditions and/or people close to someone with chronic health conditions. Topics will include weekly goal-setting, effective problem solving, improved communications, managing symptoms and medications, fitness, relaxation, healthy eating, and dealing with negative emotions. Sessions run from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Thursdays beginning Oct. 15. Cost is \$40, which includes the resource book "Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions" and a relaxation CD. For information or to enroll, call 384-8994.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- 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 is this Wednesday. Your opinion counts!
- UI Health Care is going green! Beginning today, 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.
- UI Health Care staff and health science program students are reminded to wear photo ID badges above the waist with the photo facing out. Badges are not to be punctured in any way; holes in the badge will render the card dead for door access.
- Seasonal influenza vaccinations for all UI Health Care faculty, staff, volunteers, residents, fellows, and student employees will be offered Sept. 25 through Oct. 9 in the Pappajohn Pavilion Atrium, Elevator I, Level 1, and from Sept. 28 through Oct. 16 at the Employee Health Clinic in Boyd Tower, Elevator A, Level 1. Be sure to bring your hospital ID. For details, visit [The Point](#).
- The UI offers employees elder care guidance, information, and referral services. Don't wait for a crisis; find out now what is available for your aging family member or friend. Meet privately at UI Hospitals and Clinics with a geriatric social worker. To schedule an appointment, e-mail Jane Holland at [familyservices@uiowa.edu](mailto:familyservices@uiowa.edu) or call 335-1371.
- Items for *Noon News* may be submitted for consideration by e-mail ([noonnews@healthcare.uiowa.edu](mailto:noonnews@healthcare.uiowa.edu)), fax (384-7099), or campus mail (E110 GH) at least two weekdays before publication. Include times, dates, locations, and contact information. Be brief: 25 to 75 words. Please indicate a requested date and/or duration to publish the announcement. To view complete guidelines, visit <http://thepoint.healthcare.uiowa.edu>.
- Join the fight against blood cancers. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's annual "Light the Night" walk will be Saturday, Oct. 17, at Kinnick Stadium. For more information or to form or join a team, visit [www.lightthenight.org/ia](http://www.lightthenight.org/ia) or contact Tom Walljasper at [tom-walljasper@uiowa.edu](mailto:tom-walljasper@uiowa.edu) or 384-1745.

View the most recent study announcements at [www.uihealthcare.com/depts/clinicaltrials/volunteer.html](http://www.uihealthcare.com/depts/clinicaltrials/volunteer.html).

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