

Noon News



Today
High: 78 Low: 49
Partly cloudy



Tomorrow
High: 79 Low: 49
Mostly sunny

Wednesday, September 16, 2009

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Council votes 4-3 for curfew

The Iowa City Council passed the first reading of a juvenile curfew ordinance with a 4-3 vote last night. A second and possible final reading is scheduled for Sept. 29. If approved, the ordinance would require children age 13 and younger to be home by 10 p.m., 14- and 15-year-olds by 11 p.m., and 16- and 17-year-olds by midnight, with exceptions for work, school, and religious activities, among others.

Autumn colors on schedule

Although some area trees are already turning red and orange, the fall color season shouldn't be early or short. Urban oaks and maples are stressed this year, causing them to turn colors, but trees in rural areas are fine, arborist Daniel Gibbins told the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*. Trees have been stressed over the past five years due to drought and then recent wet conditions. The past cold winters haven't helped, either.

Principal charged with assault

Police have charged Indianola High School principal John Fremont Monroe Jr. with misdemeanor assault in connection with an incident involving a student at a football game, the *Des Moines Register* reports. The alleged assault occurred at a Sept. 4 home football game when Monroe confronted a group of boys and subsequently grabbed one of the boys by the hair as the youth tried to walk away.

Baucus to unveil health care bill

Sen. Max Baucus will release his health care overhaul bill today without Republican support, the Associated Press (AP) reports. The Senate Finance Committee chairman said he'll keep working with the three Republicans and two fellow Democrats on the committee to achieve a bipartisan compromise.

Airline workers nailed in drug-smuggling bust

Nine American Airlines employees have been charged with participating in a smuggling ring that shipped cocaine from Puerto Rico's main airport to U.S. cities, officials said yesterday. The workers were part of a ring suspected of moving 20,000 pounds of cocaine over the past decade, the AP reports.

Execution date set for D.C. sniper

A Virginia judge has set a Nov. 10 execution date for John Allen Muhammad, the mastermind of the 2002 sniper attacks in the Washington, D.C., area, the AP reports. Muhammad was sentenced to death for the slaying of Dean Meyers, one of 10 people killed during the spree that shook the nation's capital.

World's hungry to pass one billion mark

The number of hungry people in the world will pass the one billion mark this year for the first time, according to the United Nations World Food Program. Food aid has dropped to a 20-year low—the WFP has received only \$2.6 billion in funding for its 2009 budget of \$6.7 billion, Reuters reports.

Sarajevo protestors oppose judges' move

Protesters in Sarajevo burned photos of United Nations tribunal judges today to oppose the shortening of the genocide indictment against Radovan Karadzic. The former Bosnian Serb leader is accused of ordering atrocities during Bosnia's 1992-95 war and the 1996 killing of 8,000 Muslims in Srebrenica.

Blockbuster to close stores

Movie rental chain Blockbuster Inc. announced plans yesterday to close up to 960 stores by the end of next year. The company has struggled in recent years due to competition from Netflix's mail-order service and from Redbox, which rents films for \$1 per night at automated kiosks, Reuters reports.

Toby Keith voted top country artist

Country music star Toby Keith has been voted songwriter/artist of the decade by the Nashville Songwriters Association International. Keith will be honored Oct. 18 for his hits "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue (The Angry American)," "Who's Your Daddy?" and "As Good as I Once Was."

Tressel feels the heat

Ohio State football coach Jim Tressel is facing growing criticism since the Buckeyes lost to USC last weekend 18-15. Fans, bloggers, and the media are questioning Tressel's conservative play-calling.

Today in history

On this day in 1949, Warner Bros. introduced the Road Runner in the cartoon short film, "Fast and Furryous." Like the sounds of countless other Warner Bros. characters, the Road Runner's "beep beep" was provided by Mel Blanc.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The UI Health Care Burn Support Group for patients who have experienced burns and similar wounds (Fournier's gangrene and necrotizing fasciitis) meets from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month, Burn Treatment Center, Elevator H, Level 8. For details, call Jolyn Schneider or Peaches Wytch at 356-2496.
- Want a better night's sleep? Examine the link between stress and insomnia and discuss solutions that could help you and your family stress less and sleep better as a part of the *Health Coach C.S.I.* series from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. Thursday in the Atrium Conference Center Rooms A and B (Elevator F, Level 7). For a complete schedule of Fall events at UI Hospitals and Clinics presented by UI Wellness, visit www.uiowa.edu/livewell/calendar.
- Come to the Orchard Green Restaurant and Lounge Grand Opening from 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday at 521 Gilbert St. in Iowa City. Help raise funds to benefit Hancher Auditorium, Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center, and the UI College of Public Health. A \$30 donation buys appetizers, drinks, and live music featuring Dave Zollo. The event is part of a statewide project to bring arts programs to patients and caregivers, helping people understand the role of creativity in health care.
- The 2009 Medical Innovation lecture, featuring guest lecturer Professor Marc Mayberg, MD, director of the Seattle Neuroscience Institute, will be presented at 1 p.m. Friday in the Neurosurgery Lecture Center, 1603 JCP (Elevator H, Level 1). CEU available. For more information, contact Carol Bontrager at 356-8468 or e-mail carol-bontrager@uiowa.edu.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Attention UI Health Care employees! Today is the last day to fill out 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. Your opinion counts!
- UI employees: Complete a SkillSoft course today through Oct. 16 and you'll automatically be entered for a chance to win one of three awesome prizes such as an iPod Shuffle, a digital picture frame, or a pocket digital camcorder. Go to <http://skillsoft.uiowa.edu> for more details.
- Blood and platelet donors needed. Visit DeGowin Blood Center, Elevator B, Level 2, or call 356-2058. Weekday and evening appointments available. All donations used at UI Hospitals and Clinics.
- The Rossi Guest House is accepting donations of non-perishable and microwaveable foods, including popcorn, snack food, instant hot cereals, hot chocolate packs, fruit juice, coffee, paper plates, bowls, and plastic utensils. Items can be brought to the Guest House office, Elevator C, Level 5, or call Sharon Artman at 356-1900 for pickup.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- Healthy children ages 16 months to 36 months are invited to participate in a University of Iowa research study on swine flu vaccine. The study compares the safety and effectiveness of the novel H1N1 swine flu vaccine and involves between 10 and 13 visits over a period of 8 months. Compensation available. Please contact 356-4729 or 356-4054.
- Individuals between the ages of 18 and 85 are invited to participate in a cognitive neuroscience study. Participants must have undergone a life-threatening or life-changing medical condition such as heart attack or cancer. However, participants must be free of any neurological conditions (stroke, head trauma). The study will consist of completing a questionnaire and will take 30 minutes to an hour. Compensation. For more information, contact Erik at 384-5688 or e-mail erik-asp@uiowa.edu.
- 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 at 353-5779 or e-mail child-language@uiowa.edu.
- Have you been diagnosed with a mood or affective disorder? Are you age 18 or over? If so, you may be eligible to enroll in The Mood and Affect Research Registry (MAR). The purpose of the registry is to allow individuals with mood disorders to be notified of research opportunities. For more information, contact Lois at 384-9379 or lois-warren@uiowa.edu.
- Volunteers age 21 and older who have been diagnosed with atrial fibrillation (an abnormal heart rhythm) are invited to participate in a research study evaluating the safety and effectiveness of an investigational blood-thinning medication in the prevention of stroke. Qualifying participants will receive study-related laboratory evaluations, physical exams and electrocardiograms, and study medications. Compensation. For details, call 384-5046 or 800-887-6917.

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.