

Noon News



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Today
High: 77 Low: 49
Another beautiful day



Tomorrow
High: 78 Low: 49
Mostly sunny

City High principal announces June departure

Mark Hanson announced today that he will step down as principal of City High at the end of the school year. Hanson was named principal in 2001. He and school officials declined to comment.

Regents approve appropriations request

The Iowa Board of Regents unanimously approved a \$767.6 million state appropriations request for FY2011 at yesterday's meeting in Council Bluffs. The figure includes \$80.3 million in one-time state money to replace the one-time federal stimulus money regents institutions received this year. Regent Michael Gartner supported the request, but warned leaders not to count on getting the money next year.

Suspicious note forces plane to turn back

A threatening note found in the bathroom of an American Airlines Boston-bound flight yesterday forced the plane to return to Miami less than an hour after take-off, the Associated Press reports. Airline spokesman Billy Sanz says the plane was searched after the 168 passengers and six crew members disembarked safely, but declined to say if anything suspicious was found.

Suspect won't talk

Raymond Clark, the 24-year-old accused of killing Yale graduate student Annie Le, is refusing to talk with police about the crime. Co-workers told police that Clark had a history of clashing with people at the lab where he and Le worked, viewing it as "his territory," according to an ABC news story. Clark is awaiting trial in a maximum security prison on \$3 million bail.

1 million+ Americans claim new tax credit

CNN Money.com reports that more than 1.4 million Americans have claimed the new tax credit for first-time home buyers, according to a report from the Internal Revenue Service. The credit, that applies to sales as of January 2009, is good for 10 percent of the price of a home, up to \$8,000—a move some claim helped stabilize the housing market.

U.S. will share vaccine

Acknowledging that the novel H1N1 flu vaccine does not "recognize international borders," The White House announced yesterday that the United States will share 10 percent of its flu vaccine supply with other nations through the World Health Organization to help fight the global spread of the virus.

Airstrike misfires in Yemen, kills dozens

A government airstrike misfired on a refugee camp in Yemen yesterday, killing dozens of civilians. CNN reports that the strike was meant to target Shiite rebels, according to government officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Italy wants out of Afghanistan

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi said it would be best for the country's troops to leave Afghanistan as soon as possible. His remarks were made after six Italian troops were killed in a car bombing in Kabul, according to CNN. Berlusconi gave no timeline for a withdrawal, but Italian Defense Minister Ignazio La Russa said the 500 Italian troops would be home by Christmas.

Rosh Hashana begins tonight

Jews around the world will celebrate the start of a new year today, beginning at sundown. The High Holy Days, including Rosh Hashana (New Year) and Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) are considered two of the most important Jewish holidays. This is year 5,770 in the Jewish calendar.

Podolak named honorary Iowa captain for Arizona game

Former UI football star Ed Podolak was named honorary captain for tomorrow's home game against Arizona. Podolak, who has provided radio commentary for the Hawkeyes for 25 years, and is a member of the Kansas City Chiefs Hall of Fame, holds the NFL record for all-purpose yardage (350) in a post-season game. Tomorrow's game will be televised. Kickoff is set for 2:36 p.m.

“The most exciting phrase in science, the one that heralds new discovery, is not ‘Eureka!’ (I found it) but ‘That’s funny’ ...”

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—Isaac Asimov
U.S. science fiction novelist and scholar

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.
- Riverside Theatre will preview its upcoming musical comedy “A Dog’s Life” today from 5 to 5:20 p.m. in the Pappajohn Pavilion Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1.
- 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.
- The 20th annual Doc Dash 5K run/walk will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday in Upper City Park. Medical and physician assistant students, faculty, staff, and their families and friends are welcome to participate. The \$20 entry fee includes a t-shirt. Proceeds will go to Saadifoundation.org. For an entry form, email jessica-enns@uiowa.edu or emily-wagstrom@uiowa.edu.
- The Patients’ Library and the Medical Museum, Elevator F, Level 8, are open 1 to 4 p.m. weekends.
- Tune in to an interview about leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma with George Weiner, MD, director, Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center, airing at 7:30 and 9:50 a.m. Monday on the AM-800 KXIC “University of Iowa Health Care Today” program.
- Every month, CEO Ken Kates and CNO Ann Williamson present a Daisy Award to a staff nurse who provides exemplary care and service to patients and families. On Monday, Sept. 21, at 1:30 p.m., a special Daisy Award event will take place in the Atrium Conference Center (Elevator D/E, Level 7) honoring all Daisy Award nominees and winners. Be there to see Bonnie and Mark Barnes, co-founders of the DAISY Foundation, present the award to this month’s winner.
- Take the Strategic Challenge next week Monday through Wednesday and learn about UI Health Care’s new integrated strategic plan and vision for the future: *World Class People. World Class Medicine. For Iowa and the World.* Strategic Challenge Education Stations will be set up in the East Room and the EMRB Atrium from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 21, and Tuesday, Sept. 22. The final event is Wednesday, Sept. 23, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 pm. on the Colloton Patio (Elevator F, Level 1). The challenge will be online through The Point Sept. 21-27. Opening remarks at noon on Monday.
- No fishing license is required at Wild Rose Gifts for the “Go Fish” sales event Wednesday, Sept. 23 and Thursday, Sept. 24. All customers purchasing \$25 or more (stamps not included) can “go fish” for a prize while supplies last. Hours Monday-Friday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and weekends 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Profits support programs that benefit patients and their families.
- An Open Forum for UI staff, students, and faculty will be held at noon Monday, Sept. 28 in the Med Alumni Auditorium, E331 GH (Elevator BE, Level 3), to gather input from the west side of campus about making progress towards a more diverse, inclusive, and international campus environment. Bring your ideas, suggestions, and questions directly to task force members. For more information, contact Julie Blair at 335-0488.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- To help relieve congestion and better accommodate our guests. Traffic lanes in front of the Main and Pomerantz Family Pavilion entrances should be used only for the arrival and departure of patients and families. Faculty and staff members being dropped off or picked up should use other points of access, such as the Fountain or Pappajohn entrances.
- Tomorrow is a Hawkeye home football game day. Special parking arrangements have been made for staff who work during home games. UI Hospitals and Clinics buildings are under restricted access on game days. Staff may only gain access with photo ID cards or by coming in at the main entrance. For specific details, please contact your manager/supervisor, your departmental HR representative, Hospital Human Resources, or visit The Point.
- Kristin Klemesrud, 17, of Osceola, Iowa, will be the UI Children’s Hospital Kid Captain for the Hawkeye game against Arizona tomorrow. Kristin first came to UI Children’s Hospital at age 11 to receive treatment for a rare bacteria that was a consequence of her cystic fibrosis, and later for surgery to treat scoliosis. Today, Kristin’s full and active life includes running cross-country and raising funds for cystic fibrosis research. To learn more, visit uihealthcare.com/children.

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 eight months. Compensation available. Please contact 356-4729 or 356-4054.
- Healthy volunteers ages 50 and older who have no gastrointestinal symptoms are invited to participate in a research study examining the ability of the body to absorb fructan, a carbohydrate present in a typical diet. For more information, call 384-9756 or e-mail jessica-paulson@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.