

# Noon News



**Today**  
High: 70 Low: 59  
Mostly cloudy



**Tomorrow**  
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**Tuesday, September 22, 2009**

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## **Scientists use brain blood vessels for therapy delivery**

University of Iowa researchers have discovered a way to turn the blood vessels surrounding brain cells into a production and delivery system for getting therapeutic molecules directly into brain cells. The research, led by Beverly Davidson, PhD, UI professor of internal medicine, neurology, and molecular physiology and biophysics, was published Sept. 13 in *Nature Medicine's Advance Online Publication*.

## **Officials break ground on Coralville arts center**

Coralville city leaders gathered yesterday to break ground at the site of the Coralville Center for the Performing Arts. Officials hope to open the \$11.2 million, 500-seat community theater in the spring of 2011. The facility will be located next to the Coralville Public Library across the street from West Music. It will be owned and operated by the city of Coralville and available to community groups.

## **Film officials out as Culver expands probe**

Iowa Film Office manager Tom Wheeler and Vince Lintz, deputy director of the Iowa Department of Economic Development, lost their jobs yesterday as Gov. Chet Culver expanded an investigation into alleged abuse and mismanagement of a state tax-credit program aimed to bring moviemakers to Iowa.

## **Flooding hits Southeast**

Storms across the southeastern United States have dumped up to 20 inches of rain in some areas and left entire communities under water, the Associated Press (AP) reports. The death toll from the flooding reached eight after rescuers found the body of a 15-year-old boy in northwest Georgia today.

## **Terror arrest sparks warning on mass transit**

An airport shuttle driver under arrest in Colorado may have been planning with others to detonate bombs on New York City trains in a terrorism plot similar to past attacks in London and Madrid, the AP reports. Counterterrorism officials are warning U.S. mass-transit systems to step up patrols.

## **Mideast summit unlikely to spur peace talks**

President Barack Obama will host a Mideast summit today in New York City between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. Both leaders come to the meeting with entrenched positions, so the possibility of renewed peace talks is unlikely, the AP reports.

## **French authorities crack down on immigrant camp**

French police bulldozed a makeshift camp known as "the Jungle" near the city of Calais today, detaining hundreds of illegal immigrants who had hoped to slip across the English Channel into Britain, CNN reports. The camp has become a symbol of Europe's struggle with illegal immigration.

## **EU fails to adopt bluefin tuna ban**

The European Union failed to protect the threatened bluefin tuna today as Greece, Cyprus, Malta, Spain, France, and Italy rejected a temporary ban on catching the fish prized by sushi lovers. For environmentalists, the move points to the bluefin tuna's commercial extinction, the AP reports.

## **Autumn begins today**

The autumnal equinox occurs today at 4:18 p.m. (CDT). Equinoxes mark the onset of spring and autumn. At each equinox, the sun crosses the Earth's equator, making night and day of approximately equal length on most of the planet. In fact, "equinox" comes from Latin, meaning "equal night."

## **Men make 'Dancing' debuts**

Eight celebrity male contestants took the floor last night on the premiere of the ninth season of ABC's "Dancing With the Stars." Former House Republican Whip Tom DeLay surprised the crowd. The 62-year-old politician performed a cha-cha to the 1960s hit "Wild Thing" and finished with 20 points.

## **Obama backs Chicago Olympic bid**

President Obama has written to International Olympic Committee members promising the United States would "welcome the world with open arms" if Chicago is awarded the 2016 Summer Games. The commission will vote Oct. 2. Chicago is in a tight contest with Rio de Janeiro, Tokyo, and Madrid.

### *Today in history*

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**On this day in 1975, Sara Jane Moore failed in an attempt to shoot President Gerald Ford outside a San Francisco hotel. Moore was released on parole in 2007 after serving 32 years.**

**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Take the Strategic Challenge today, tomorrow, and 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. today. The final event is from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. tomorrow on the Colloton Patio (Elevator F, Level 1). The challenge will be online at [The Point](#) today through Sept. 27.
- Tune in to an interview about Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month with Sonia Sugg, MD, airing at 7:30 and 9:50 a.m. tomorrow on the AM-800 KXIC "University of Iowa Health Care Today" program.
- 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.
- Wild Rose Books will be hosting a book, movie, and poster sale from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday in the Pappajohn Atrium Lobby (Elevator I, Level 1). Books and DVDs will be 50 to 75 percent off retail price and posters will be \$1 or \$5. For more information, call Wild Rose Books at 384-5151.
- The CCOM Student Government is holding a Health Sciences Technology Fair on Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the MERF Atrium to showcase technology from across the UI campus. Questions? E-mail [lyndsay-harshman@uiowa.edu](mailto:lyndsay-harshman@uiowa.edu) or [brandon-alleman@uiowa.edu](mailto:brandon-alleman@uiowa.edu).
- Healing Hearts CEU: 2009 Cardiomyopathy Nursing Conference will be held at UI Hospitals and Clinics on Oct. 29 and 30. The conference, sponsored by the Cardiomyopathy Treatment Program, will provide education to health care professionals caring for individuals with heart failure. Registration deadline is Sept. 28. For a brochure and/or more details, contact Elizabeth Larsen at 384-8605 or [elizabeth-g-larsen@uiowa.edu](mailto:elizabeth-g-larsen@uiowa.edu).
- An Open Forum for UI staff, students, and faculty will be held at noon Monday in the Med Alumni Auditorium, E331 GH (Elevator BE, Level 3), to gather input from the west side of campus about working toward a more diverse, inclusive, and international environment. Questions? Contact Julie Blair at 335-0488.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- The DeGowin Blood Center has added a new feature to its Web page to allow blood donors and recipients to tell their stories. Go to [www.uihealthcare.com/bloodcenter](http://www.uihealthcare.com/bloodcenter) to read stories or click on "Submit a Story" to tell yours.
- 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; holes will render the card dead for door access.
- Healthy lactating women who produce extra milk are needed. Please call the Mother's Milk Bank of Iowa at 356-2652.
- 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](mailto:EAPhelp@uiowa.edu) to schedule free, confidential appointments or access information.
- The 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. North English vanpool has an opening. Call Cindy at 5-1885 from a hospital phone.
- Interested in starting an 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. North Liberty vanpool? Contact Sara Knepp at [sara-knepp@uiowa.edu](mailto:sara-knepp@uiowa.edu).
- Interested in an 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Marion vanpool? Travel only to Old Capitol area. Contact Kimberly Patzner at [kimberly-patzner@uiowa.edu](mailto:kimberly-patzner@uiowa.edu) or call 384-2504.
- Interested in starting a 7 a.m. to 4:30 or 5 p.m. Solon vanpool? Contact Brian at [brian-cornwall@hawkeyesports.com](mailto:brian-cornwall@hawkeyesports.com).
- The 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. West Liberty vanpool has two openings. Contact Bruce Browning at 335-1226.
- The 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Keota vanpool has an opening. Contact Necole at 353-4343.
- The 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Davenport vanpool has openings. Contact Pam Arp at 356-8842.
- The 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tipton #3 vanpool has two openings. Contact Teresa at 353-5595.
- The 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Williamsburg vanpool has an opening. Contact Racheal at [racheal-niensteadt@uiowa.edu](mailto:racheal-niensteadt@uiowa.edu) or call 384-7447.
- The 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Anamosa-Mt. Vernon vanpool has an opening. Contact Linda at [linda-thomsen@uiowa.edu](mailto:linda-thomsen@uiowa.edu) or call 335-8581.

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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