

Noon News



Today
High: 75 Low: 55
Partly cloudy



Tomorrow
High: 77 Low: 56
Partly cloudy

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Mandatory flu vaccination program begins Friday

Contrary to news reports today, UI Health Care has not halted its mandatory seasonal influenza immunization program, set to begin on Friday. An agreement has been reached with SEIU and AFSCME to temporarily suspend the part of the policy involving disciplinary action, pending the outcome of arbitration with the unions. The unions have dropped their request for an injunction to block the program. All UI Health Care employees are still expected to receive a seasonal flu vaccination or complete a form providing an acceptable reason for declining the vaccination.

UI's Barrett wins MacArthur 'genius' grant

Timothy Barrett, research scientist and adjunct professor of papermaking at the University of Iowa Center for the Book, is a 2009 recipient of a fellowship from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. The five-year, \$500,000 MacArthur Fellowships, popularly known as "genius grants," are awarded to individuals who have shown exceptional originality and dedication in their chosen fields.

Obama calls for 'new era of engagement'

In his first address to the United Nations General Assembly today, President Barack Obama summoned the world to "a new era of engagement" in which every nation shares responsibility for tackling global challenges, the Associated Press (AP) reports. Obama said he will never apologize for defending U.S. interests, but he sought to dispel "an almost reflexive anti-Americanism" that has swept the globe.

FDA bans flavored cigarettes

The Food and Drug Administration yesterday placed a ban on candy, clove, and other flavored cigarettes, Reuters reports. The move aims to help prevent children and teens from smoking. Menthol cigarettes, which are used by as many as 12 million Americans, were excluded from the ban.

Man who made toddler smoke pot gets 10 years

Melvin Blevins, 19, a Pataskala, Ohio, man who videotaped himself forcing his 18-month-old niece to smoke marijuana, was sentenced yesterday to 10 years in prison, the AP reports. Blevins pleaded guilty to various drug charges. Police learned of the videotape after a pawn shop found it in a camcorder.

Ahmadinejad: Iran is a potential friend

In an AP interview yesterday, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad urged President Barack Obama to see Iran as a potential friend instead of a threat. The Iranian leader added that he expects a "free and open" discussion of nuclear issues at a meeting next week with six world powers. Ahmadinejad stressed, however, that his country would not negotiate on its own nuclear plans.

Thieves raid cash depot in Sweden

Robbers used a stolen helicopter and explosives to raid a cash depot in Stockholm today, breaking into the building through the roof and flying off with bags of cash, the AP reports. Swedish police were unable to deploy their own helicopters because suspected explosives were placed at their hangar.

iPhone coming to South Korea

South Korea's telecommunications regulator said today that Apple Inc. can sell its hit iPhone in the country—potentially shaking up a cell phone market controlled by domestic manufacturers. The move comes a month after Apple cleared the way to enter China's massive cell phone market.

Kiss among acts nominated to hall

Kiss, LL Cool J, Genesis, the Hollies, and the Red Hot Chili Peppers are among the first-time nominees being considered for induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Past nominees on the ballot include ABBA, Donna Summer, and the Stooges. Inductees will be announced in December.

Reynolds sets new strikeout record

Arizona Diamondbacks third baseman Mark Reynolds struck out three times against the San Francisco Giants yesterday, setting a new Major League Baseball record for strikeouts in a season with 206. Reynolds, who also has 43 home runs, held the old record of 204 strikeouts, which he set last year.

Today in history

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On this day in 1806, the Lewis and Clark expedition returned to St. Louis from the Pacific Northwest.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Take the Strategic Challenge today 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 until 4:30 p.m. today on the Colloton Patio (Elevator F, Level 1). Closing remarks will take place at noon. The challenge will be on [The Point](#) through Sept. 27.
- Wild Rose Books will be hosting a book, movie, and poster sale from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. tomorrow 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.
- Gamblers Anonymous meetings are held every Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Pomerantz Pavilion, Elevator L, Level 5, Melrose Room No. 3. Call 353-3904 with questions.
- The 2009 "Amish Harvest Tour to Cure Cancer Courage Ride" honoring Seth Bailey and others affected by cancer runs from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, beginning and ending at the Iowa Mennonite School near Kalona. The ride, hosted by Bicyclists of Iowa City, is for all skill levels. Registration is \$50 and includes breakfast, lunch, and live music. Proceeds support Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center research. Contact Mary Copper at 384-7312 or e-mail mary-copper@uiowa.edu.
- Meet back-up child care providers for UI families and UI student babysitters at a "Speed Interviewing Event" from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 30 in the East Room. Interview materials and snacks will be provided. For information, contact Jane Holland at familyservices@uiowa.edu or call 335-1371.
- 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 or contact Tom Walljasper at tom-walljasper@uiowa.edu or 384-1745.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Need binders? The UI Hospitals and Clinics Financial Operations Office has numerous three-ring binders of all sizes to give away. Go to W139-1 GH (Elevator B, Level 1) to pick them up.
- 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.
- Don't wait for a crisis; find out now what is available for your aging family member or friend. Meet privately with a UI Health Care social worker specializing in geriatrics as part of the Elder Care Guidance, Information, and Referral program. To schedule an appointment or for more information, contact Jane Holland at familyservices@uiowa.edu or call 335-1371.
- The Hospital Mail Room staff will not pick up personal mailings while on their mail routes. Personal outgoing mail should be placed in the drop boxes located throughout the first level.
- The UI Center on Aging has developed the Seniors Together in Aging Research (STAR) Registry. The STAR Registry is available to all UI investigators who are seeking older research volunteers for IRB-approved studies. For more information, call Linsey at 384-4221, e-mail linsey-abbott@uiowa.edu, or visit www.centeronaging.uiowa.edu/star.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- Healthy adults between the ages of 18 and 50 who currently do not have pain are invited to participate in a research study examining the effects of transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) on pain. TENS is a commonly utilized treatment for pain that uses application of low intensity (non-painful) electrical stimulation to the skin. One-time visit of two hours required. Compensation. Contact slukalab@uiowa.edu or call 384-3052 and leave a message.
- Have you been taking risperidone (Risperdal), olanzapine (Zyprexa), or quetiapine (Seroquel) for more than one year? Are you between 18 and 50 years old? If so, you may be eligible to participate in a research study that involves an interview, physical exam, ultrasound, and laboratory testing. Compensation. Call 384-9379 or e-mail lois-warren@uiowa.edu.
- Individuals age 18 and older who have fewer than three bowel movements per week, abdominal pain or discomfort, and experience straining or hard stools may be eligible to participate in a research study evaluating an investigational medication for the relief of irritable bowel syndrome with constipation. For details, call 384-9756 or e-mail jessica-paulson@uiowa.edu.
- Adults 18 to 25 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 them. Five visits of 90 minutes each. Compensation. Contact Nicole Eden at 353-5779 or child-language@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.