

Noon News



Today
High: 70 Low: 57
Mostly cloudy



Tomorrow
High: 71 Low: 58
Rain likely

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Grant establishes VA center for vision research, treatment

The Iowa City Veterans Affairs Medical Center has received a five-year, \$5 million grant from the Veterans Affairs (VA) Division of Rehabilitation Research and Development to establish a Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Visual Loss. Randy Kardon, MD, PhD, University of Iowa professor of ophthalmology and visual sciences and a staff physician at the VA, will lead the center.

UI sees increase in 'disrespectful' cases

The UI Office of the Ombudsperson released its annual report yesterday. Out of 487 new cases taken by the office last year, 17 percent involved disrespectful behavior, compared to 12 percent in 2007-08 and 8 percent in 2006-07. UI ombudspersons Lois Cox and Cynthia Joyce said ongoing flood recovery, UI budget issues, and concerns about the economy may have led to more disputes on campus.

Group cites injuries at Iowa dog tracks

Grey2K USA, a national advocacy group that wants to abolish dog racing in Iowa, reported 101 greyhound injuries at Iowa tracks in 2008, the *Des Moines Register* reports. The group cited records from the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission. Most of the reported injuries involved broken legs.

Governor set to name Kennedy successor

Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick will name Boston attorney and former Democratic Party chairman Paul Kirk to replace the late Sen. Edward Kennedy today, the Associated Press (AP) reports. Kirk will serve on an interim basis until voters choose a replacement in a Jan. 19 special election.

Indiana, Florida counties lead in divorce rates

Newly released census figures show that of the top 10 U.S. counties with the highest divorce rates, six are in either Indiana or Florida. Over 18 percent of residents in Monroe County, Fla., and 19 percent of residents in Wayne County, Ind., are divorced; 10.7 percent of Americans are divorced nationwide.

Inmates break out of Iraq prison

Five al-Qaida-linked prisoners who were awaiting execution and 11 other inmates broke out of a prison in Tikrit, Iraq, last night, the AP reports. A massive manhunt is under way with security checkpoints throughout the city. Authorities believe the prisoners escaped through a ventilation window.

Saudi Arabia opens co-ed university

Saudi Arabia opened a fully co-ed university yesterday, where women will not have to wear veils and can mix freely with men, United Press International reports. The King Abdullah Science and Technology University north of Jeddah is the first of its kind in the gender-restrictive kingdom.

Vaccine helps prevent HIV infection

For the first time, an experimental vaccine has helped prevent HIV infection, the AP reports. The vaccine—a combination of two previously unsuccessful vaccines—cut the risk of HIV infection by over 31 percent in a trial of 16,000 volunteers in Thailand, researchers announced today in Bangkok.

Anglo-Saxon treasure found

An amateur treasure hunter prowling English farmland with a metal detector stumbled upon the largest Anglo-Saxon treasure ever discovered—a massive seventh-century hoard of gold and silver sword decorations, religious artifacts, and other items, British archaeologists reported today.

New Jackson single coming

A new Michael Jackson song, "This Is It," will be released as a single on Oct. 12, Sony Music Entertainment announced yesterday. The song is part of a two-disc album of music inspired by the upcoming "This Is It" film that chronicles Jackson's final days rehearsing for his comeback concerts.

Russian tycoon to buy Nets

Russian tycoon Mikhail Prokhorov reached an agreement yesterday to buy 80 percent of the financially strapped New Jersey Nets basketball team. The move helps pave the way for the team to relocate to a new stadium in Brooklyn, N.Y. NBA commissioner David Stern has endorsed the deal.

Today in history

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On this day in 1969, the trial began for the "Chicago Eight," who were accused of inciting riots at the 1968 Democratic national convention.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- No fishing license required at Wild Rose Gifts for the “Go Fish” sales event today. All customers purchasing \$25 or more (stamps not included) can “go fish” for a prize while supplies last. Hours Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Weekends 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Proceeds support programs that benefit patients and their families.
- Wild Rose Books will be hosting a book, movie, and poster sale today until 3:30 p.m. 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.
- An Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting for patients, families, visitors, and hospital staff is at 7:30 p.m. tonight, Conference Room G, Elevator F, Level 7.
- Volunteer Services Jewelry Sale tomorrow! Sterling silver and 14-karat gold jewelry will be available for purchase from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. tomorrow at the Pappajohn Atrium Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. Proceeds support Volunteer Services programs that benefit patients and their families.
- Tune in to an interview about scoliosis with Stuart Weinstein, MD, airing at 7:30 and 9:50 a.m. tomorrow on the AM-800 KXIC “University of Iowa Health Care Today” program.
- The CCOM Student Government is holding a Health Sciences Technology Fair tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the MERF Atrium. Questions? E-mail lyndsay-harshman@uiowa.edu or brandon-alleman@uiowa.edu.
- Project Art presents JAVA JEWS, who will perform Klezmer music from noon to 1 p.m. tomorrow.
- UI Health Care is recognizing September as Pain Awareness Month with the “Conquering Pain Together” event, taking place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday in the Pappajohn Atrium Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. Come see demonstrations of pain management techniques, talk to pain management specialists, receive free giveaways and more. For more information, visit [The Point](#) or contact Jane Zukin at 384-7195 or jane-zukin@uiowa.edu.
- Buy tickets by Wednesday for the third annual Runway to Healing event, a lunch, fashion show, and silent auction benefiting UI Children’s Hospital through Children’s Miracle Network. The event will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 2, at the Clarion Hotel in Davenport. Tickets are available for \$30 at www.runwaytohealing.com, at all Quad Cities area Valley Bank locations, or by calling 563-441-5610.
- Join the UI and the international community in celebrating the successes of clubfoot research and treatment all over the world by participating in the Ponseti Races in Iowa City at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16. A 5K race will start and finish at the UI Recreation Center. Special guests include Hawkeye athletes, coaches, and surprise celebrities. Register online as an individual, team, or volunteer at www.Ponseti.info/races.
- Help UI Children’s Hospital win a game room makeover from Xbox 360® and Children’s Miracle Network! Visit xbox.childrensmiracletnetwork.org and vote for UI Children’s Hospital. Also, every time a person votes (up to 10 times per day), he or she is entered to win one of five Xbox 360® Elite consoles. Runs through Oct. 16. Questions? E-mail cmn@uiowa.edu.
- The registration deadline for the Healing Hearts CEU: 2009 Cardiomyopathy Nursing Conference is coming up! Register by Monday to attend the conference, which will be held at UI Hospitals and Clinics on Oct. 29 and 30. Sponsored by the Cardiomyopathy Treatment Program, it will provide education to health care professionals caring for individuals with heart failure. For a brochure and/or more details, contact Elizabeth Larsen at 384-8605 or elizabeth-g-larsen@uiowa.edu.
- A January cruise on Carnival Cruise Lines is being offered by Pamela Thomson Destiny Cruises & Tours to benefit the Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center at The University of Iowa. For more information about “Cruising for a Cure,” call 351-7600 or e-mail www.itraveldestiny.com.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Eye Clinic Entrance Door (11000-X) in Pomerantz Family Pavilion will be closed for approximately 48 hours beginning at 6 p.m. tomorrow evening in order to perform flooring repair. Please use west door 11500-X in Pomerantz Family Pavilion. Questions should be directed to Terry Lehman or Scott Wieneke in Engineering Services, 356-6423.
- Health Care Human Resources in C110 GH has Fall 2009 college coupon books available. Free to staff while supplies last.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- Do you have severe to moderate asthma? Do you have a history of uncontrolled asthma? Do you use an inhaled corticosteroid with or without a long acting beta-agonist? Are you 18 or older? If so, you may be eligible to participate in a research study. Compensation. For more information, call 356-3240 or 877-428-0635.

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.