

Noon News



Today
High: 66 Low: 53
Showers



Tomorrow
High: 67 Low: 53
Mostly cloudy

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“Pursue some path, however narrow and crooked, in which you can walk with love and reverence.”

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—*Henry David Thoreau*
American writer and philosopher

Policy implemented to protect newborns

The Respiratory Syncytial Virus Isolation Protocol, usually implemented in October to protect babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit against seasonal influenza and other respiratory diseases, has been implemented in response to the H1N1 flu, *The Daily Iowan* reports. All health care workers and families now wear gloves and protective face masks. All visitors are screened for illness.

Homecoming Council without a home

The Iowa City Building Inspection Division yesterday suspended work on a Habitat for Humanity home under construction because of a legal problem with the lot. UI students from various residence halls, student organizations, and the Greek communities were planning to work on the home as part of the Blitz Build scheduled for today and tomorrow by the UI Homecoming Council.

Former Manson member dies

Susan Denise Atkins, 61, former member of the Manson family who killed pregnant actress Sharon Tate during a two-day killing spree in 1969, has died of brain cancer, CNN reports. Atkins, California’s longest-serving female inmate, died at the Central California Women’s Facility.

Can’t remember? File your life electronically

For the past decade, Microsoft researcher Gordon Bell has been recording details of his life on his computer. Bell carries cameras, video, and audio equipment to capture conversations and everyday activities. He even records bills and restaurant receipts. So far, he has electronically filed more than 350 gigabytes worth of information in addition to video and audio for his “searchable memory.”

Airlines cashing in one fee at a time

In the first six months of 2009, U.S. airlines pulled in \$3.8 billion for checking bags, canceling or rebooking flights, carrying pets, and assigning seats, according to the Department of Transportation statistics.

Census reveals Texas has most uninsured

Texas has the highest percentage of residents without health care insurance among the nation’s 435 congressional districts. The lowest percentages of uninsured are in Massachusetts, which legislated near-universal health insurance in 2006, the Associated Press reports. Northeast and upper Midwest residents are many times more likely to have health insurance than residents in the Southwest.

G-20 role expands

The Group of 20 nations meeting today in Pittsburgh will become a permanent council on global economic cooperation, according to a White House fact sheet. The group includes the largest industrial countries, and the emerging economies of China, Brazil, and India.

Iran secretly building nuclear facility

In Pittsburgh today at the G-20 meeting, President Obama, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, and French President Nicolas Sarkozy disclosed that Iran has been building and hiding an underground nuclear fuel enrichment facility for years without informing international inspectors, *USA Today* reports. The Islamic nation already is under U.N. sanctions for refusing to stop its enrichment program.

Frasier and Lilith together again

Kelsey Grammar and Bebe Neuwirth play music and dance teachers at the fictional New York City High School of Performing Arts in the movie “Fame” that opens today nationwide. The film, a remake of the 1980 box office hit and subsequent television show, follows students through four years of performance training and job searching.

UI rolls into Happy Valley

The unranked Iowa Hawkeyes take on No. 5 Penn State tomorrow at Beaver Stadium in University Park, Pa. Kickoff at 7:12 p.m.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sterling silver and 14-karat gold jewelry will be available for purchase until 4 p.m. today at the Pappajohn Atrium Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. Proceeds support Volunteer Services programs that benefit patients and their families.
- Project Art presents JAVA JEWS, who will perform Klezmer music from noon to 1 p.m. today.
- Friday prayers for those of the Muslim faith are held at 12:45 p.m. in the Meditation Room, Elevator B, Level 1.
- 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. tomorrow, 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.
- The Patients’ Library and the Medical Museum, Elevator F, Level 8, are open 1 to 4 p.m. weekends.
- 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.
- An Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Conference Room G, Elevator F, Level 7.
- Tune in to an interview about Pain Awareness Month with Richard Rosenquist, MD, airing at 7:30 and 9:50 a.m. Monday on the AM-800 KXIC “University of Iowa Health Care Today” program.
- 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.
- 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.
- UI Wellness will present four sessions on finding healthy foods to fit our busy lifestyles. Sessions will be held from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. on Thursdays at 7218 Atrium A/B (Elevator F, Level 7), beginning with “Quick, Healthy Snacks” on Oct. 1. Go to the [Employee Self Service Web site](#) to register or call the liveWELL office at 353-2973.
- 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. For a brochure and/or more details, contact Elizabeth Larsen at 384-8605 or elizabeth-g-larsen@uiowa.edu.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Help protect our patients as well as yourself, your co-workers, and your family from the flu. Seasonal influenza vaccinations for UI Health Care faculty, staff, volunteers, residents, fellows, and student employees will be offered today through Oct. 9 in the Pappajohn Pavilion Atrium (Elevator I, Level 1), and from Sept. 28 to Oct. 16 at the Employee Health Clinic in Boyd Tower (Elevator A, Level 1). For details, visit [The Point](#).
- Today is the last day to take the “Strategic Challenge” online! Don’t miss this chance to learn more about the new integrated UI Health Care Strategic Plan and be entered for a prize drawing. Watch a special video starring your friends and co-workers. For complete information, go to [The Point](#).
- Help UI Children’s Hospital win a game room makeover from Xbox 360® and Children’s Miracle Network! Visit xbox.childrensmiraclenetwork.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.
- Savannah Erck, 15, of Alexandria Bay, N.Y., is the UI Children's Hospital Kid Captain for the Hawkeye game against Penn State tomorrow. Savannah had neurosurgery to correct a serious condition that caused her vertebrae to press against her brain stem. The procedure was a success, and she later returned for follow-up surgery to correct the curvature of her spine. Today, she’s a happy 10th-grader with fond memories of Iowa. To learn more, visit www.uihealthcare.com/children.
- 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.
- Volunteer Services offers assistance to departments needing office help for every type of project. Have volunteers handle packet assembly, letter folding, filing, alphabetizing, copying, stamping, filling out standardized forms, labeling, and addressing. Bring materials to the volunteer office, Elevator F, Level 8, or e-mail twila-barnes@uiowa.edu or call 356-1065.

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.