

Noon News



Today
High: 62 Low: 34
Partly cloudy



Tomorrow
High: 64 Low: 34
Mostly sunny

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

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Chickens on the loose in I.C.

Speculation continues as to why dozens of chickens were spotted near apparently random locations throughout Iowa City yesterday, according to the *Iowa City Press-Citizen*. Police, animal control officials, and volunteers reportedly rounded up about 50 chickens in 12 different locations around town. The birds were taken to the Animal Adoption Center south of Iowa City.

Kehoe trial moved to Grundy County

A judge moved the Oct. 28 murder trial of Michelle Kehoe from Buchanan County to Grundy County yesterday because of extensive pretrial publicity, the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* reports. Kehoe, 36, of Coralville, is charged with the murder of her son, Seth, 2, and attempted willful injury involving her other son, Sean, 7. The trio was traveling to Sumner last October when the crime allegedly occurred.

Task force examines mental health institutions

Members of a task force assessing Iowa's four mental health institutions visited the Independence Mental Health Institute yesterday and met with a group of over 300 advocates for the facility, the *Des Moines Register* reports. The other facilities are in Cherokee, Clarinda, and Mt. Pleasant. The Iowa Legislature wants the task force to determine if one of the facilities could be closed to save money.

U.S. income gap widens

The gap between the richest and poorest Americans is widening, the Associated Press (AP) reports. New census figures show the wealthiest 10 percent of Americans—those making over \$138,000 each year—earned 11.4 times the \$12,000 made by people living near or below the poverty line in 2008.

Teen claims he was held in closet for years

An Oklahoma woman was arrested after her 14-year-old son told authorities he escaped from home after being kept inside for four years, locked in a bedroom closet for most of the time, the AP reports. The boy showed up at a National Guard facility in Oklahoma City malnourished and with numerous scars.

30 Afghans killed in roadside bombing

A bus packed with Afghan civilians hit a roadside bomb in Kandahar today, killing 30 people and wounding 39 others, the AP reports. Militants appear to be planting more roadside bombs than ever, underscoring the dangers civilians face as the eight-year war turns increasingly violent.

S. African mine discovers big diamond

Mining group Petra Diamonds has discovered a 507-carat white diamond at South Africa's Cullinan mine—one of the largest high-quality rough diamonds ever found, the firm announced today. The gemstone, which is currently with experts for analysis, weighs over 100 grams (3.5 ounces).

Study: Parents lie surprisingly often

Parents might say "honesty is the best policy," but when it comes to interacting with their own kids, mom and dad stretch the truth with the best of them, according to a new study by University of Toronto researchers. Parents lie surprisingly often to shape a child's behavior and emotions, researchers said.

Secret Service probes Facebook poll on Obama

The U.S. Secret Service is investigating a Facebook survey that asked whether people thought President Barack Obama should be assassinated, officials said yesterday. The Facebook poll, posted Saturday, was taken off the social networking site after company officials were alerted to its existence.

Jackman stops show for ringing

Theatergoers hopefully won't forget to turn off their cell phones when "A Steady Rain" opens on Broadway tonight. Star Hugh Jackman interrupted a scene during a preview performance of the play last week to tell the audience to answer a phone that would not stop ringing.

Tigers-Twins showdown begins today

The Detroit Tigers and the Minnesota Twins begin a four-game series today that could determine the champion of the American League Central Division. The Tigers lead the Twins by two games.

Today in history

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On this day in 1982, Extra-Strength Tylenol capsules laced with cyanide claimed the first of seven victims in the Chicago area. The case remains unsolved.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Health Iowa/UI Student Health Service is sponsoring free walk-in fitness assessments today from 5 to 7 p.m. on the Main Deck of the UI Field House. Assessments include blood pressure, aerobic endurance, muscular strength/endurance, and flexibility. No appointment necessary. Contact Amy Fletcher at 335-8637 with questions.
- Tune in to an interview about flu shots with Elaine Walker, RN, 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.
- 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. tomorrow in the East Room. Interview materials and snacks will be provided. For information, contact Jane Holland at familyservices@uiowa.edu or call 335-1371.
- “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.
- There’s still time to register for the UI Wellness “Nutrition on the Go” classes. “Quick, Healthy Snacks,” the first of four sessions on finding healthy foods to fit our busy lifestyles, will be held from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. on Thursday in Atrium Conference Rooms A/B (Elevator F, Level 7). Go to the [Employee Self Service Web site](#) to register or call the liveWELL office at 353-2973.

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 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](#).
- UI Health Care Human Resources Office will not be printing ID badges on Thursday or Friday due to staff training. Badges will be printed during normal walk-in badging hours on Monday through Wednesday, and the office will reopen for badging at 7:30 a.m. on Monday. Questions? Call the UI Health Care Human Resources office at 356-2008.
- Air handling services on levels 5 and 6 in the John Pappajohn Pavilion will be interrupted from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow for maintenance. The air handler will run intermittently. Questions? Call Robert Leslie, at 356-8273.
- Copies of the Summer/Fall issue of *PACEMAKER* magazine have been distributed via departmental mailrooms. Additional copies for promotional purposes are available at the main front entrance, Pappajohn Pavilion reception desk, and in the staff dining room. For larger quantities, call UI Health Care Marketing and Communications at 356-1009. View the issue online at www.uihealthcare.com/news/pacemaker.
- 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 in any way; holes in the badge 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.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- Healthy men ages 55 to 65 are invited to participate in a research study examining how familiar partners communicate while playing an easy card game together. If eligible, you and a partner— a spouse, adult child, or friend — will need to come to the UI Health Care Department of Neurology on two consecutive days for three hours or less. Compensation. For more information, call Brooke Bachelder, 384-5639, or e-mail brooke.bachelder@gmail.com.
- Adults ages 56 to 80 who previously received the smallpox vaccine at least 10 years ago and are in good overall health are invited to participate in a smallpox vaccine study at the UI. Participation involves a total of seven visits over approximately nine months to evaluate the safety and efficacy of an investigational new generation of smallpox vaccine in people over age 56. For more information, call 356-4848 or e-mail recruit-vaccine-research@uiowa.edu and put “BN-024” in the subject line.
- Volunteers between the ages of 60 and 70 with a high school education and no history of neurological disease are invited to participate in a research study of cognitive function. Participants will be asked to undergo neuropsychological testing which will include two hours of involvement. Compensation. For details, call 356-8759 or e-mail natasha-feuerbach@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.