

# Noon News



**Today**  
High: 78 Low: 58  
Mostly sunny



**Tomorrow**  
High: 79 Low: 59  
Partly cloudy

**Tuesday, September 8, 2009**

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## **School board elections today**

Voters in the Iowa City School District and other communities across Iowa will go to the polls today to elect school board members. Due to a change in Iowa law, this is the first year in which board members will be elected to serve four-year terms. Iowa law allows Election Day registration; all residents age 18 and older are eligible to participate. In Johnson County, polls close at 8 p.m.

## **Energy companies predict lower heating bills**

A seven-year low in natural gas prices could mean good news for consumers, the *Des Moines Register* reports. Alliant Energy Corp. predicted its heating bills to customers will drop by roughly 20 percent this winter. MidAmerican Energy Co. said its bills should fall by 40 to 45 percent.

## **Obama to students: Take responsibility**

The White House yesterday posted on its Web site the contents of President Barack Obama's speech scheduled today to students at Wakefield High School in Arlington, Va.—a speech that drew fire from conservatives even before he delivered it. In his remarks, Obama urges students to take responsibility for their education; he does not discuss health care or other issues, the Associated Press (AP) reports.

## **DNA links Milwaukee man to murders**

Milwaukee authorities say the DNA of Walter E. Ellis, 49, links him to the slayings of nine women between 1986 and 2007, the AP reports. Ellis, who was arrested Saturday, has been charged in the deaths of two of the victims. More charges are expected this week, prosecutors said.

## **MDA Telethon raises \$60.5 million**

Despite the tough economy, officials with the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Association Telethon said contributions and pledges from this year's Labor Day event totaled nearly \$60.5 million. Officials said even though the total is less than last year's record of \$65 million, it was a great accomplishment.

## **Karzai leads but recount ordered**

Afghanistan's election commission said President Hamid Karzai has 54 percent of the vote with almost all the ballots in the Aug. 20 presidential poll now counted, the AP reports. Still, the U.N.-backed Electoral Complaints Commission today ordered a partial re-count of ballots where it had found "convincing evidence" of fraud, meaning Karzai could have votes taken away from him.

## **Last missing ferry passenger rescued**

Search teams yesterday rescued a woman who was the last passenger reported missing from a ferry that capsized Sunday off the Philippines, United Press International reports. More than 900 passengers were on the ferry when it sank while heading to the city of Iloilo. Nine people died in the accident.

## **Tired Aussie doctors told to drink more coffee**

Australian medical groups today slammed a government guideline recommending that sleep-deprived doctors drink up to six cups of coffee to remain alert during marathon shifts. Queensland Health suggested the measure in a policy paper on fatigue risk management, Brisbane's *Courier-Mail* reports.

## **Scientists tag sharks in Atlantic**

Massachusetts officials are using high-tech tags to track the movements of two great white sharks near Cape Cod—the first time the sharks have ever been tagged in the Atlantic Ocean. The electronic tags use satellite technology that allows scientists to better understand the sharks' migratory patterns.

## **See 'The Wizard' for free on Netflix**

Anyone with a computer and Internet connection can watch "The Wizard of Oz" for free on Oct. 3, courtesy of Netflix's movie-streaming service. The free showings are part of a publicity campaign to commemorate the film's 70th anniversary.

## **Robinson rushes to top spot**

Redshirt freshman Adam Robinson is the Iowa Hawkeyes' top running back on the team's depth chart released yesterday. Robinson ran for 63 yards and a touchdown against UNI in Saturday's 17-16 win.

## *Today in history*

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**On this day in 1966, the TV series "Star Trek" premiered on NBC.**

**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- 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.
- The Y105 Radiothon in Dubuque is raising money for Children's Miracle Network to benefit UI Children's Hospital. Listen live over the Internet at [www.y105online.com](http://www.y105online.com) from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Sept. 10 and 11, or tune your station to 105.3 FM if you're near Dubuque.
- Hardin Library is offering an open workshop, "How Can We Help You Search CINAHL?" from 3 to 4 p.m. Friday. Contact [kelly-thormodson@uiowa.edu](mailto:kelly-thormodson@uiowa.edu) for more information.
- Allocation requests are being accepted for UI Dance Marathon funds to support emotional and financial needs of pediatric oncology and bone marrow transplant patients treated at UI Children's Hospital and their families. Dance Marathon is a year round student run organization that culminates in February with a 24-hour-long event. Dance Marathon has raised more than \$7.5 million for UI Children's Hospital so far. Deadline for funding submissions is Monday, Sept. 14. Go to [The Point](#) for an application or call Mark Baccei at 335-3059 or send an e-mail to [mark-baccei@uiowa.edu](mailto:mark-baccei@uiowa.edu).
- University of Iowa Children's Hospital invites you to help us win a game room makeover from Xbox 360® and Children's Miracle Network! Visit [xbox.childreasmiracletnetwork.org](http://xbox.childreasmiracletnetwork.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. The contest runs through Oct. 16. Questions? E-mail [cmn@uiowa.edu](mailto:cmn@uiowa.edu).

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- UI Health Care employees, please take the Internal Communications Survey! Find the online survey on [The Point](#) or pick up a paper copy wherever you get *Noon News*. Drop boxes for paper copies are located in Melrose Dining Room, Fountain Dining Room, EMRB Café, MERF Information Desk, Center for Disabilities and Development, and Bowen Science Building main level. Don't forget to wait five seconds after you submit the survey for an optional quick question. Deadline: Wednesday, Sept. 16. Your opinion counts!
- Please note: Chilled Water Service to the east side of General Hospital, Levels one through five (1-5) will be interrupted tomorrow for about six (6) hours, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. to repair leaking pipes. Questions? Call Robert Leslie, 356-8273.
- UI Health Care staff and physicians now can submit PSN reports via the Patient Safety Net Help Line. Call 467-6543 any time to submit a report. You will be asked for information about the patient and the event. You may still enter PSN reports by clicking the PSN icon on all clinical desktops. Questions? Call the Patient Safety Office at 467-5595.
- Health Care Human Resources in C110 GH has Fall 2009 college coupon books available. Free to staff while supplies last.
- The UI offers employees elder care guidance, information and referral services. Don't wait for a crisis; find out now what is available for your aging family member or friend. Meet privately at UI Hospitals and Clinics with a geriatric social worker. To schedule an appointment, e-mail Jane Holland at [familyservices@uiowa.edu](mailto:familyservices@uiowa.edu) or call 335-1371.
- Beginning Sept. 15, UI Health Care will power down computers to reduce expenses and conserve resources. Most computers will power off at 6:30 p.m. and power on at 6:15 a.m. While most desktop computers are included in this program, certain machines have been excluded, including those requiring special accommodations and those in inpatient areas. Check your e-mail for complete details, including FAQs, or contact the HCIS Help Desk at 356-0001.

## RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

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- Women age 18 and older with bothersome bladder control problems (frequent urinary leakage and urgency) may participate in a research study evaluating the medication fesoterodine compared to placebo (inactive substance) for 12 weeks. After that, participants may choose to take the fesoterodine for up to an additional nine months as part of the study. Participation lasts up to one year and includes nine visits. Compensation. Interested? Call 384-8028 or e-mail [regina-arthur@uiowa.edu](mailto:regina-arthur@uiowa.edu).
- 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](http://www.uihealthcare.com/depts/clinicaltrials/volunteer.html).

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