

Noon News



Today
High: 79 Low: 60
Partly cloudy



Tomorrow
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Partly cloudy

Wednesday, September 9, 2009

More faculty and staff news:
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Flu vaccination plans continue

UI Health Care will continue plans to provide seasonal flu vaccinations to health care compliant faculty, staff, and volunteers beginning Sept. 25. Service Employees International Union Local 199 filed a request in Johnson County District Court for an injunction against the mandatory vaccination program. UI and state Board of Regents officials will respond to the request within 20 days.

Swisher, Dorau, Cooper win school board seats

Challengers Sarah Swisher and Tuyet Dorau and incumbent Mike Cooper were elected to the Iowa City School Board last night. The election saw a higher than average voter turnout of 4,392 people, or 6.07 percent of the 72,321 registered voters in the district—the highest turnout since the 1995 election.

Cool, wet fall expected

The summer's cooler, wetter weather pattern is likely to continue through fall, State Climatologist Harry Hillaker wrote in a weather summary posted yesterday on the state Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Web site. Hillaker said an El Niño event—the warming of the equatorial waters in the Pacific every three to seven years—will bring a wetter than usual September and October.

Obama to lay out health care vision

President Barack Obama will offer his vision of a health care overhaul in a prime-time address tonight. Obama's plan secures the insurance people now have, makes affordable health care accessible to those without it, and cuts insurance costs for families and small businesses, a White House spokesman said.

Reporter freed, Afghan aide killed in rescue

British commandos freed a *New York Times* reporter in a raid today on a Taliban hideout in northern Afghanistan, the Associated Press (AP) reports. The journalist's Afghan translator and one of the soldiers were killed in the rescue. Reporter Stephen Farrell and his translator were taken hostage Saturday in the Kunduz province while covering a NATO airstrike of two hijacked fuel tankers.

Supreme Court mulls 'Hillary movie' case

The Supreme Court will hear arguments today in a case that began as a dispute over whether a movie attacking Hillary Clinton's presidential ambitions should be regulated as a campaign ad. The legal case could end up reshaping campaign finance laws ahead of the midterm elections in 2010, the AP reports.

U.S. says Iran nearing atomic bomb capability

U.S. officials said today that Iran was nearing the ability to make atom bombs by stockpiling enriched uranium, the AP reports. U.S. and European Union allies urged Tehran to engage in talks now on its nuclear ambitions. Iran state television reported that the country's proposals for talks are coming soon.

Flash floods slam Istanbul

Flash floods roared across a major highway and a commercial district in Istanbul, Turkey, today, killing at least 20 people and forcing dozens to scramble onto the roofs of cars and trucks. Fueled by the worst rain in 80 years, waters rose up to six feet high in the city's Ikitelli district.

Panel: Return to moon plan won't fly

A White House panel of independent space experts says NASA's return-to-the-moon plan is a no-go, the AP reports. The problem is money. The expert panel estimates it would cost about \$3 billion a year beyond NASA's current \$18 billion annual budget.

Springsteen, DeNiro among Kennedy Center honorees

Rocker Bruce Springsteen, actor Robert De Niro, jazz legend Dave Brubeck, comic genius Mel Brooks, and opera singer Grace Bumbry will be honored at the 32nd Kennedy Center Honors Gala, the Kennedy Center announced today. The event will air on CBS-TV Dec. 29.

BYU up, Iowa out in AP Top 25

The BYU Cougars jumped 11 spots to No. 9 in the AP Top 25 college football poll after defeating Oklahoma 14-13 Saturday. The Iowa Hawkeyes fell out of the poll after a one-point victory over UNI.

Today in history

On this day in 1971, prisoners seized control of the maximum-security Attica Correctional Facility near Buffalo, N.Y., beginning a four-day siege that claimed 43 lives.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday 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 for more information.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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!
- Seasonal influenza vaccinations for all UI Health Care faculty, staff, volunteers, residents, fellows, and student employees will be offered Sept. 25 through Oct. 9 in the Pappajohn Pavilion Atrium, Elevator I, Level 1, and from Sept. 28 through Oct. 16 at the Employee Health Clinic in Boyd Tower, Elevator A, Level 1. Volunteers must go to the Employee Health Clinic to receive their vaccinations. For details, visit [The Point](#).
- 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.
- Support the Back to School Socks and Underwear Drive through Sept. 11 by bringing in new, packaged socks and/or underwear (sizes toddler to adult) for the North Liberty Food and Clothing Pantry. Items may be dropped off in Volunteer Services (8025 JCP), any of the four UI College of Medicine Learning Communities in MERF, Hospital Mail Room (1002-2 SRF), or UI Health Care External Relations (4144 WL). Distribution will take place in late September. For more information, e-mail tom-walljasper@uiowa.edu or call 384-1745.
- September is Newborn Screening Awareness Month. One in 750 infants is born with a disorder detectable through newborn screening. A blood sample taken between 24 to 48 hours of age can save lives. For more information, contact the Iowa Neonatal Metabolic Screening Program at 384-5097.
- Questions? Concerns? The Office of the Ombudsperson is a confidential resource available to faculty, staff, and students. Ombudspersons Cynthia Joyce and Lois Cox are available to help find answers to your questions, address your concerns, or direct you to other sources of help. Call 335-3608 or e-mail ombudsperson@uiowa.edu.
- The 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. North English vanpool has an opening. Call Cindy at 5-1885 from a hospital phone.
- Interested in starting an 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. North Liberty vanpool? Contact Sara Knepp at sara-knepp@uiowa.edu.
- Interest in an 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Marion vanpool? Travel only to Old Capitol area. Contact Kimberly Patzner at kimberly-patzner@uiowa.edu or call 384-2504.
- Interested in starting a 7 a.m. to 4:30 or 5 p.m. Solon vanpool? Contact Brian at brian-cornwall@hawkeyesports.com.
- The 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. West Liberty vanpool has two openings. Contact Bruce Browning at 335-1226.
- The 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Keota vanpool has an opening. Contact Necole at 353-4343.
- The 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Davenport vanpool has openings. Contact Pam Arp at 356-8842.
- The 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tipton #3 vanpool has two openings. Contact Teresa at 353-5595

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- Volunteers ages 18 to 60 who are overweight with high blood pressure are invited to participate in a research study on blood pressure and blood vessel function. The study involves five visits over six weeks, each lasting one to three hours. Compensation. Contact Christine at 384-8320 or christine-sinkey@uiowa.edu.
- Adults ages 35 to 85 with no history of neurological disease are invited to participate in a UI Department of Neurology research study of cognitive function. Participants will be asked to undergo neurophysiological testing. Compensation. Contact Bradley at 384-6084 or bradley-thomas@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