

# Noon News



**Today**  
High: 43 Low: 37  
Cloudy



**Tomorrow**  
High: 40 Low: 33  
Rain/snow

**Wednesday, October 14, 2009**

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## **\$2.2 million grant supports reproductive health research**

The University of Iowa Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology has been awarded a five-year, \$2.2 million grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to establish the Iowa Women's Reproductive Health Research Career Development Center, one of 16 such programs nationwide. Mario Ascoli, PhD, UI professor of pharmacology, is the grant's program director.

## **Riverside under boil order**

Riverside residents are under a boil order following a major water leak at a construction site yesterday. Iowa Department of Natural Resources specialists tested water samples and will continue testing today. The boil order is expected to end sometime tomorrow, the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* reports.

## **Layoffs likely for state law enforcement officers**

Iowa Public Safety Commissioner Eugene Meyer notified employees yesterday that layoffs or furloughs may be needed to slice \$8.9 million from the department's budget to comply with Gov. Chet Culver's 10 percent across-the-board cut ordered last week. Meyer said the reduction in staff could affect as many as 15 percent of the department's 1,000 employees, the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* reports.

## **Retail sales fall in September**

The U.S. Commerce Department said today that retail sales dropped 1.5 percent last month, the Associated Press (AP) reports. Car sales fell 10.4 percent following the end of the government's Cash for Clunkers program but excluding autos, retail sales rose 0.5 percent—better than analysts expected.

## **Californians brace for mudslides**

California residents who faced wildfires are now bracing for massive mudslides due to heavy rains, the AP reports. Officials urged residents to evacuate about 60 homes in the town of Davenport in the Santa Cruz Mountains south of San Francisco, where over six inches of rain fell on an area that burned in August. Residents in the area of September's Station Fire in Los Angeles County also are on alert.

## **Iraq government releases numbers on war dead**

Iraq's human rights ministry reported yesterday that 85,694 people were killed in war-related violence from 2004-2008, the AP reports. It was the first official report by the government on the Iraqi death toll since the war began. The report added that 147,195 people were wounded during the same period.

## **Clinton urges Russians to move past Cold War**

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton today challenged Russians to reject Cold War ideology and open up their political system to dissent. Clinton spoke to university students in Moscow and then traveled east to Kazan, the capital of Russia's religiously and ethnically diverse republic of Tatarstan.

## **German artist displays Nazi gnomes**

German artist Ottmar Hoerl is posing 1,250 garden gnomes with their arms in the stiff-armed Hitler salute in an installation in the historic central marketplace in Straubing. Displaying Nazi symbols is illegal in Germany, but a court ruled earlier this year that Hoerl's gnomes are satire and thus allowed.

## **Microsoft patches security holes**

Microsoft issued a record 34 security patches for its software yesterday as part of its regular monthly update. Among them are fixes for Windows Vista, Windows XP, Windows 2000, and the new Windows 7, which doesn't go on sale until Oct. 22 but has been in use by early testers and developers.

## **Good gourd! Iowa pumpkin squashes competition**

Des Moines pumpkin grower Don Young took the top award at the 36th annual World Championship Pumpkin Weigh-Off in Half Moon Bay, Calif., on Monday. Young's pumpkin tipped the scales at 1,658 pounds—a new record for California. At \$6 a pound, Young will take home a \$9,948 prize.

## **NFL's Goodell: Cable could face discipline**

Oakland Raiders head coach Tom Cable could face discipline if he is charged for an alleged assault on an assistant coach, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said yesterday. Cable has denied the accusations.

### *Today in history*

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**On this day in 1947, U.S. Air Force test pilot Chuck Yeager became the first person to break the sound barrier when he flew the experimental Bell X-1 rocket plane over Edwards Air Force Base in California.**

**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Wild Rose Gifts is celebrating fall with new jewelry from Blue Heron, Carol Young, Allure, and Annaleece until 3:30 p.m. today. Profits support programs that benefit patients and their families.
- Tomorrow is “Global Handwashing Day” sponsored by the World Health Organization and hosted at UI Hospitals and Clinics by the Hand Hygiene Task Force. Stop by the Fountain Entrance Lobby from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to learn more about hand hygiene and its critical role in infection control. From 11:30 to 1 p.m., speak with hand hygiene experts and see how clean your hands really are (or are not!). Prize drawing and giveaways while they last. Questions? Call Kiley Bybee-Francque at 353-8600 or e-mail [kiley-bybee@uiowa.edu](mailto:kiley-bybee@uiowa.edu).
- UI Wellness will present “Nutrition on the Go: Quick, Healthy Dinner Ideas” from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. tomorrow in Atrium Conference Rooms A/B (Elevator F, Level 7). Food samples provided. Please register at [Self Service](#) under My Training. Questions? Call the liveWELL office at 353-2973.
- Hardin Library is offering an open workshop “How Can We Help You Use RefWorks?” from 1 to 2 p.m. tomorrow. Contact [kelly-thormodson@uiowa.edu](mailto:kelly-thormodson@uiowa.edu) for more information.
- Gamblers Anonymous meetings are held every Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Pomerantz Family Pavilion, Elevator L, Level 5, Melrose Room No. 3. Call 353-3904 with questions.
- The Star 106 Radiothon out of Mason City, Iowa, will be held from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 21-22 and from 6 a.m. to noon Oct. 23 in the Colloton Pavilion Lobby (Elevator F, Level 1). To volunteer to answer phones, contact Children’s Miracle Network at [cmn@uiowa.edu](mailto:cmn@uiowa.edu) or 335-8484. A merchandise sale will be held as well; both benefit UI Children’s Hospital.
- A seminar, “Toward Better Teaching of Procedures at the Bedside,” will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in Cullen Conference Room, 6426 JCP (Elevator H, Level 6) on Thursday, Oct. 22. The session will focus on needle-based procedures commonly done by internists, pediatricians, and family medicine specialists. Pre-registration requested, but walk-ins welcome. For more information, visit <http://www.healthcare.uiowa.edu/ocrme/> or call Stephanie at 335-8901.
- The Department of Spiritual Services will present the workshop “First Responders: How To Be a Supportive Presence in Times of Crisis” from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 23, at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Iowa City. Dr. Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner from Southern Methodist University’s Perkins School of Theology will be the speaker. Cost is \$30, which includes lunch. For registration information, contact Linda Liedtke at 356-2523 or [linda-liedtke@uiowa.edu](mailto:linda-liedtke@uiowa.edu).

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- “Not Just Another Pretty Face,” Hardin Library for the Health Science newest exhibit, traces the history of the dubious attempts to divine human personality characteristics by analyzing the size, shape, structure and composition of the human head. The exhibit is located near the third-floor entrance to the library.
- 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](mailto:ombudsperson@uiowa.edu).

## RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

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*More studies listed at:* [www.uihealthcare.com/depts/clinicaltrials/volunteer.html](http://www.uihealthcare.com/depts/clinicaltrials/volunteer.html).

- Volunteers between 55 and 90 years of age who either do not smoke or who smoke at least a pack a day are invited to participate in a research study involving CT imaging of the lungs. Requires four to five hours of time over one to two visits. Compensation. Call the Division of Physiologic Imaging at 384-7392 or e-mail [joanie-wilson@uiowa.edu](mailto:joanie-wilson@uiowa.edu) for information.
- Do you need two dental fillings on your permanent front teeth? The UI College of Dentistry is recruiting volunteers for a research study. You may qualify if you have a space between your front teeth, two fractured or chipped front teeth, or two discolored restorations in your front teeth. The study requires seven visits over three years. Compensation. Contact the Dental Clinical Research Center for a screening appointment at 335-7414.
- Volunteers age 18 and older with chronic constipation are invited to participate in a research study to examine the association between methanogenic flora and constipation. Compensation. E-mail [jessica-paulson@uiowa.edu](mailto:jessica-paulson@uiowa.edu) or call 384-9756.
- The University of Iowa Hearing Aid Lab is conducting a study looking at the relationship between hearing, memory, and word learning in children. If your child is six years of age, he or she may be eligible to participate. Compensation. For more information, contact [uiowa-hal@uiowa.edu](mailto:uiowa-hal@uiowa.edu).

View the most recent study announcements at [www.uihealthcare.com/depts/clinicaltrials/volunteer.html](http://www.uihealthcare.com/depts/clinicaltrials/volunteer.html).

Contact *Noon News* at [noonnews@healthcare.uiowa.edu](mailto: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.