

# Noon News



**Today**  
High: 61 Low: 52  
Mostly cloudy



**Tomorrow**  
High: 60 Low: 52  
Showers likely

**Tuesday, October 20, 2009**

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## **Intranasal H1N1 vaccine available to patient care faculty, staff**

Novel H1N1 influenza vaccine in the nasal spray form is available to University of Iowa Health Care faculty and staff with direct patient care duties on a first-come, first-served basis until 4 p.m. today in the University Employee Health Clinic while supplies last. All healthy health care workers, age 49 and younger, who provide direct patient care (except those who work with bone marrow transplant patients who are in a protected environment) may receive the intranasal vaccine, which is safe and effective.

## **Gift creates ACT Scholars Program at the UI**

ACT Inc. has committed \$5 million to the UI Foundation to endow the ACT Scholars Program at the UI, ACT leaders announced yesterday at their annual meeting in Coralville. The program will support graduate students, especially those from underrepresented racial and ethnic backgrounds.

## **Residents lobby to preserve Sutliff Bridge**

Residents packed a Johnson County Board of Supervisors hearing last night to lobby for the preservation of the popular Sutliff Bridge that was damaged during the June 2008 flood, the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* reports. The bridge over the Cedar River qualifies for \$1.7 million in FEMA funds, but the county could decide to remove the bridge and use \$1.4 million on other projects.

## **September housing construction rises**

The Commerce Department said today that construction of new homes and apartments rose 0.5 percent in September, the Associated Press (AP) reports. However, new applications for building permits, considered a good sign of future activity, fell 1.2 percent last month—the biggest decline since April.

## **Scientist accused of trying to sell secrets**

Stewart David Nozette of Chevy Chase, Md., a space scientist who was under contract to develop advanced technology for the U.S. government, was arrested yesterday for trying to sell classified secrets to an FBI agent posing as an Israeli intelligence agent, Justice Department officials told the AP.

## **Poll finds support for government-backed health care**

A *Washington Post*-ABC News poll released today found that 57 percent of Americans either strongly or somewhat support “having the government create a new health insurance plan to compete with private health insurance plans.” Some 40 percent of those polled were opposed to the public option.

## **China vows to rescue hijacked ship**

China plans to make “every effort to rescue” a merchant ship hijacked in the Indian Ocean yesterday, China’s state news agency reported today. The vessel, which had 25 crew members aboard, was seized about 700 nautical miles off Somalia’s eastern coast. Pirates have been spotted on the ship’s deck.

## **Afghan runoff election set for Nov. 7**

Afghanistan’s election commission has ordered a runoff election for Nov. 7 after a fraud investigation dropped President Hamid Karzai’s votes below 50 percent of the total, the AP reports. Karzai accepted the ruling of a runoff election with former foreign minister Abdullah Abdullah.

## **Spanish region considers bullfighting ban**

Lawmakers in Spain’s northeastern Catalonia region are preparing to begin a first round of voting later this month on an initiative to ban the centuries-old tradition of bullfighting, Time.com reports. If passed, Catalonia would become the first of Spain’s autonomous regions to officially ban the sport.

## **U2 to stream entire concert on YouTube**

U2 will stream an entire concert live on YouTube this weekend, the band said on its Web site. Sunday’s show at the Rose Bowl in California is already a sellout, with an audience of 96,000 expected. U2 said it would be the first time for such a large show to be streamed live, Reuters reports.

## **Campus mourns slain UConn football player**

University of Connecticut officials say students are observing a day of mourning today to remember football player Jasper Howard, who was stabbed to death on campus over the weekend.

### *Today in history*

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**On this day in 1977, three members of the rock band Lynyrd Skynyrd were killed in the crash of a chartered airplane near McComb, Miss.**

**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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.
- Please join UI Wellness for the final session of "Nutrition on the Go! Tips for Eating Out," which will be held from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. Thursday in Atrium Conference Rooms A/B (Elevator F, Level 7). Please register at [Self Service](#) under My Training. Questions? Call the liveWELL office at 353-2973.
- Nicholas Rossi, MD, emeritus professor of cardiothoracic surgery, will present "Twentieth Century Experiences: Lessons for Today" at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Newman Catholic Student Center in Iowa City. Rossi will use his personal experiences to reflect on how lessons from the past can help us today. The free event is open to the public. For more information, call 337-3106.
- A half-day general session on "What is Plain Language?" will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Nov. 10, in the Atrium Dining Room (Elevator F, Level 7). Sue Stableford from the Health Literacy Institute in Maine is offering the free session. Nursing CEU credits will be available. Contact the Office of Clinical Quality, Safety, and Performance Improvement at 356-7552 for more information.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Air handling service for Boyd Tower will be interrupted Thursday for about eight hours beginning at 5:30 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. Friday. Affected areas are Boyd Tower first and second floors and the cytogenetics lab.
- October is National Physical Therapy Month. Got pain? Got weakness? Got goals to get back to that favorite activity? Get physical therapy! According to a recent APTA Consumer Survey, 88 percent of physical therapy users say the care they received was beneficial to helping them return to normal activity, increase their range of motion, and relieve their pain. Call the UI Department of Rehabilitation Therapies at 356-2663 to schedule a consultation.
- Need funding for a program or project that benefits patients or families here? Volunteer Services may be able to help with proceeds from its businesses (Wild Rose Gifts, Rooftop Café and Fourth Floor Salon). Staff or faculty funding requests are reviewed annually by the Contributions and Donations Committee. Application deadline is Nov. 1. Find forms and guidelines at [www.uihealthcare.com/depts/volunteerprogram/funds.html](http://www.uihealthcare.com/depts/volunteerprogram/funds.html).
- Nominate a coworker or a team who has initiated an innovation to improve their workplace, for example, in areas such as safety, process improvements, patient or student satisfaction, healthy working relationships, cost savings, etc., for an Improving Our Workplace Award (IOWA). Nomination form and writing assistance are available at [www.uiowa.edu/hr/iowa](http://www.uiowa.edu/hr/iowa). Deadline: Nov. 16. Questions? Call 335-0560 or e-mail [nancy-noyer@uiowa.edu](mailto:nancy-noyer@uiowa.edu).
- Front line supervisors: Are you looking for tools, strategies, and resources to meet the daily challenges as a front-line supervisor? Applications are now being accepted for the Front-Line Supervisory Series. For more information, visit: <http://www.uiowa.edu/learn/series/index.html#flss> or call UI Learning and Development at 335-2687.
- Items for *Noon News* may be submitted for consideration by e-mail ([noonnews@healthcare.uiowa.edu](mailto:noonnews@healthcare.uiowa.edu)), fax (384-7099), or campus mail (E110 GH) at least two weekdays before publication. Include times, dates, locations, and contact information. Be brief: 25 to 75 words. Please indicate a requested date and/or duration to publish the announcement. To view complete guidelines, visit <http://thepoint.healthcare.uiowa.edu>.
- Interested in starting a 7 a.m. to 4:30 or 5 p.m. Solon vanpool? Contact Brian at [brian-cornwall@hawkeyesports.com](mailto: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. Williamsburg vanpool has an opening. Contact Racheal at [racheal-niensteadt@uiowa.edu](mailto:racheal-niensteadt@uiowa.edu) or call 384-7447.
- The 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Anamosa-Mt. Vernon vanpool has an opening. Contact Linda at [linda-thomsen@uiowa.edu](mailto:linda-thomsen@uiowa.edu) or call 335-8581.
- The 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. south Cedar Rapids vanpool has an opening. Contact Dan at 353-5770.
- 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.

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