

Noon News



Today
High: 63 Low: 44
Cloudy



Tomorrow
High: 51 Low: 42
Rain likely

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

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UI considers stimulus funds to help cover cuts

University of Iowa officials may use up to \$13 million in unspent federal stimulus money committed to other initiatives to partially cover a \$25 million state budget cut this year, the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* reports. The federal funds initially were pledged to projects that would support the university's strategic plan. UI leaders will present budget cut recommendations to the Board of Regents next week.

Iowa National Guard soldiers to be deployed to Afghanistan

An estimated 3,500 Iowa National Guard members may be deployed to Afghanistan in fall 2010, the U.S. Defense Department announced yesterday. The 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division will support ongoing operations and training of Afghan national security forces.

Officials to break ground Oct. 28 for north side fire station

Gov. Chet Culver will be in Iowa City next week to help break ground for the city's north side fire station, the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* reports. Mayor Regenia Bailey announced details at last night's city council meeting. The event will be held at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, at the corner of North Dodge Street and Scott Boulevard. The last time Iowa City added a fire station was 1972.

Florida girl's disappearance baffles authorities

Investigators in Clay County, Florida have no clues three days after a 7-year-old girl vanished on her way home from school, the Associated Press (AP) reports. The mother of Somer Thompson appeared on NBC's "Today" show this morning with an appeal for the child's return. Police have expanded the search area and interviewed about 75 known sex offenders within a five-square-mile radius.

Supreme Court to hear Uighurs case

The U.S. Supreme Court said yesterday that it will consider whether judges have the power to release Guantanamo Bay detainees deemed not to be "enemy combatants" into the country, the *Washington Post* reports. The case involves a group of Chinese Muslims known as Uighurs.

Man charged with plotting terror attacks

A Massachusetts man was arrested today on federal terrorism-related charges for allegedly planning attacks inside and outside the United States, the AP reports. The man, who was not immediately identified, is reportedly from Sudbury, an upscale suburb about 20 miles west of Boston.

Iran to consider draft nuke deal

Iranian negotiators today agreed to a draft deal that would delay its ability to make nuclear weapons by sending most of its uranium stockpile to Russia for processing, the AP reports. The draft still needs to be accepted by leaders of the nations that brokered the deal—Iran, France, Russia, and the U.S.

Pakistan continues South Waziristan campaign

Pakistani soldiers destroyed a house belonging to Pakistan's Taliban chief today, the AP reports. The army's five-day-old offense in the South Waziristan region is considered a key test in the country's campaign against extremists blamed for increasing attacks at home and in neighboring Afghanistan.

Twitter may scrap 'suggested users' lists

Twitter founder and CEO Evan Williams said yesterday that he wants to retire or evolve the company's "suggested user" list, which offers suggestions of people to follow. The short-messaging site is currently testing a new feature that will let people build their own lists of Twitter users to follow.

Got a match? Restaurants say yes

While smoking becomes increasingly rare in American eateries, restaurant owners say the matchbook is experiencing a renaissance of sorts, the *New York Times* reports. Matches are regaining popularity as the dining world's freebie of choice and its most cost-effective and appealing advertising vehicle.

Yankees one win away from World Series

Alex Rodriguez hit his fifth home run of the postseason last night as the New York Yankees beat the Los Angeles Angels 10-1 to take a 3-1 lead in the American League Championship series.

Today in history

**On this day in
1879, Thomas
Edison invented a
workable electric
light at his
laboratory in
Menlo Park, N.J.**

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The UI Health Care Burn Support Group for patients who have experienced burns and similar wounds (Fournier's gangrene and necrotizing fasciitis) meets from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month, Burn Treatment Center, Elevator H, Level 8. For details, call Jolyn Schneider or Peaches Wytch at 356-2496.
- 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) tomorrow. 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.
- 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. tomorrow 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.
- Gamblers Anonymous meetings are held every Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Pomerantz Pavilion, Elevator L, Level 5, Melrose Room No. 3. Call 353-3904 with questions.
- Nicholas Rossi, MD, emeritus professor of cardiothoracic surgery, will present "Twentieth Century Experiences: Lessons for Today" at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow 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 health literacy will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Nov. 10, in the 7th Floor Atrium Dining Room. Sue Stableford of the Health Literacy Institute in Maine is offering the course, which is open to anyone at UI Health Care free of charge. Nursing CEU credits will be available. Go to [The Point](#) for more details and to register.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The UI Gene Therapy Center is accepting applications for NIH/NIDDK funded pilot and feasibility grants focusing on research relevant to gene therapy of cystic fibrosis and other genetic diseases. Pilot grants with budgets up to \$50,000 annually are funded for one or two years and will have a start date of April 1, 2010. More information, including eligibility requirements and downloadable forms, is available at <http://genetherapy.genetics.uiowa.edu/pilotprogdescript.shtml>.
- 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.
- Blood and platelet donors needed. Visit DeGowin Blood Center, Elevator B, Level 2, or call 356-2058. Weekday and evening appointments available. All donations used at UI Hospitals and Clinics.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

More studies listed at: www.uihealthcare.com/depts/clinicaltrials/volunteer.html.

- Average weight women 18 to 45 years of age who currently purge to control their weight are invited to participate in a research study exploring the potential psychological distinctions among eating behaviors. Eligibility can be determined before giving your name; information remains confidential. Compensation. Call 335-1880 or e-mail purging-study@uiowa.edu for details. You may also complete an anonymous eligibility screen online at <https://survey.uiowa.edu/wsb.dll/480/PDstudy.htm>.
- Volunteers age 18 and over who are currently receiving treatment for mental health or substance abuse issues are invited to participate in a research study seeking to create a new sleep questionnaire for use in clinical practice. Participation involves a lab visit, an interview, and a questionnaire. Compensation. For details, call 335-2086 or e-mail sleep-mood@uiowa.edu.
- Healthy volunteers ages 50 and older who have no gastrointestinal symptoms are invited to participate in a research study examining the ability of the body to absorb fructan, a carbohydrate present in a typical diet. For more information, call 384-9756 or e-mail jessica-paulson@uiowa.edu.
- 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.
- Have you been diagnosed with a mood or affective disorder? Are you age 18 or over? If so, you may be eligible to enroll in The Mood and Affect Research Registry (MAR). The purpose of the registry is to allow individuals with mood disorders to be notified of research opportunities. For more information, contact Lois at 384-9379 or lois-warren@uiowa.edu.

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.