

Noon News



Today
High: 55 Low: 42
Mostly sunny



Tuesday, October 27, 2009

More faculty and staff news:
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Tomorrow
High: 61 Low: 45
Partly cloudy

Woman says grand jury probing UI lab break-in

A Minneapolis woman said she was called to testify this month before a federal grand jury in Davenport that is looking into an animal-rights related break-in at The University of Iowa five years ago, the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* reports. Carrie Feldman, 20, who denied any involvement in the November 2004 incident, read a statement to the grand jury stating her decision not to testify.

Families in FEMA homes will pay rent

Flood-displaced residents staying in FEMA mobile homes after Nov. 27 will be charged rent, the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* reports. A FEMA official said the move is standard practice and that tenants will be charged a fair market rate. In the Cedar Rapids market, that's \$649 for a two-bedroom unit, \$920 for three bedrooms. There were 124 families living in FEMA homes as of last week.

Weather slows crop harvests

A cold, wet October has put Iowa's corn and soybean harvest about three weeks behind the five-year average, according to the Iowa Crops and Weather Report released yesterday. Only 12 percent of the corn crop and 47 percent of the soybean crop had been harvested so far.

New airline safety worry: laptops in cockpits

Two Northwest Airlines pilots who flew 150 miles past their Minneapolis destination last week because they were focused on laptop computers instead of cockpit displays—a violation of airline policy—have opened a new avenue of concern for safety regulators, the Associated Press (AP) reports.

Home prices rose in August

Home prices rose for the third straight month in August. Data released today from the Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller home price index of 20 major cities showed a 1 percent increase from July. Home prices are at levels not seen since August 2003 and are 30 percent below the peak in May 2006.

Pakistan presses its offensive

Pakistan's army pushed deeper into a Taliban sanctuary near the Afghan border today, claiming to have killed 42 militants in the latest stage of an offensive against extremists, the AP reports. The army has sent some 30,000 troops to the South Waziristan region to battle an estimated 12,000 militants.

Japanese warship collides with commercial vessel

The Japanese defense ministry said a navy destroyer collided with a commercial vessel off southern Japan today, the AP reports. The destroyer Kurama collided with the commercial vessel in the Kanmon Strait near the southern main island of Kyushu. Both ships were engulfed in flames.

French court finds Church of Scientology guilty of fraud

A Paris court convicted the Church of Scientology of fraud and fined it more than euro600,000 (\$900,000) today but stopped short of banning the group as prosecutors had demanded. The group's French branch immediately announced it would appeal the verdict, according to the AP.

Facebook to keep profiles of deceased members

Facebook reported it will "memorialize" the profiles of the deceased members if their friends or family request it. Such accounts will be different from regular Facebook profiles—the site will remove contact information, and only the deceased person's confirmed friends will be able to find them in a search.

Cosby saluted at Twain Prize event

Comedian Bill Cosby was honored as the recipient of the 12th annual Mark Twain Prize for American Humor in Washington, D.C., last night. Phylicia Rashad and Malcolm-Jamal Warner, co-stars from "The Cosby Show," hailed Cosby's work in breaking down racial barriers and stereotypes.

Gay slurs taint Chiefs' Larry Johnson

Kansas City Chiefs running back Larry Johnson used a gay slur for the second time in two days, the *Kansas City Star* reports. Johnson reportedly used the slur yesterday in an exchange with reporters. On Sunday, he used the same slur in Twitter posts to belittle first-year Chiefs coach Todd Haley.

Today in history

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On this day in 1975, Bruce Springsteen appeared simultaneously on the covers of *Newsweek* and *Time* after "Born to Run," his much-anticipated third album, quickly vaulted to No. 3 on the album chart.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Kathleen M. Stokker, PhD, director of Scandinavian Studies at Luther College, will present “Norwegian Folk Medicine on the American Prairie” from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. today in Room 2032 of the UI Main Library. Her presentation will provide a glimpse into the role of traditional healers and medicines among Norwegian immigrants settling in the New World.
- Patients and visitors are invited to children’s story hour at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, Patients’ Library, Elevator F, Level 8.
- Wild Rose Gifts celebrates the beginning of the holiday season with a special event, “Deck the Halls,” which will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday in Wild Rose Gifts. Holiday décor, ornaments, and gifts will be featured. Free gift with \$25 purchase (stamps excluded). All profits support programs that benefit patients and their families.
- The “Lactation Chat” breastfeeding support group held Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. has been cancelled until further notice.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Change in Visitor Rules Reminder: To protect patients from exposure to H1N1 influenza, no one under age 18 is allowed to visit patient care areas, visitors are limited to two adults per patient, and no visitors with symptoms of influenza (fever equal to or greater than 100 degrees F, cough, sore throat, runny nose, shortness of breath, fatigue, chills, muscle pain, headache, vomiting, or diarrhea) are allowed to enter patient care areas. The restrictions will remain in effect until further notice. For more information, go to www.uihealthcare.com.
- Stay tuned for influenza updates: UI Health Care leaders will provide broadcast e-mail updates to keep faculty and staff informed about the latest developments regarding influenza. Information on influenza vaccinations will be updated and posted at www.uihealthcare.com.
- 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.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

Too many studies—not enough room in Noon News! For a more comprehensive list of studies looking for volunteers, go to www.uihealthcare.com/depts/clinicaltrials/volunteer.html.

- Volunteers ages 20 to 90 who have been told by a physician that they have mild to moderate COPD are invited to participate in a study involving CT imaging of the lungs. Four to five hours over one to two visits required. Compensation. Call 384-7392 or e-mail joanie-wilson@uiowa.edu for details.
- Smoking volunteers between the ages of 18-65 with a smoking history of greater than one pack/day (or equivalent) are invited to participate in a study examining vitamin D levels and the lung’s ability to resist infections. Volunteers must be healthy and on no medications other than birth control pills; certain medications for depression, heartburn, or allergies; and topical medications for mild conditions such as acne. Two visits over three months; compensation. Contact Lori Stout at 384-5376
- Transit, school, and charter bus drivers are invited to participate in a study that will look at the effects of an FDA approved medication used for short-term treatment of insomnia. Must be 18 to 65 years of age and live within a 30-minute drive to University Research Park (Oakdale Campus). Approximately nine study visits over a six to eight week period. Evening and Saturday visits available. Compensation. Call 335-4719 for more information.
- The UI Department of Psychology is inviting adults 18 years of age and older who are currently receiving mental health or substance abuse treatment to participate in a research study on personality, mood, and anxiety symptoms. Participants have two options: completing a questionnaire and interview in the lab that takes about two hours, or completing an online or mail-in questionnaire that takes about 1.5 hours. Compensation. For details, call 335-2036 or e-mail mood-personality@uiowa.edu.
- 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.
- Individuals between the ages of 18 and 85 are invited to participate in a cognitive neuroscience study. Participants must have undergone a life-threatening or life-changing medical condition such as heart attack or cancer. However, participants must be free of any neurological conditions (stroke, head trauma). The study will consist of completing a questionnaire and will take 30 minutes to an hour. Compensation. For more information, contact Erik at 384-5688 or e-mail erik-asp@uiowa.edu.
- Volunteers 25 years and older and fluent in English are invited to participate in a research study measuring trait affect and personality characteristics. Participation includes completing an online questionnaire. Compensation. For details, e-mail psych-traitaffect@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.