

Noon News



Today
High: 48 Low: 28
Partly cloudy



Tomorrow
High: 54 Low: 37
Mostly sunny

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

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Incumbents, newcomers win local election seats

Incumbent Connie Champion retained her District B city council seat in Iowa City following yesterday's election. Newcomers Susan Mims and Terry Dickens earned at-large spots on the council. Turnout for the election was the lowest in 30 years—only 9.7 percent of registered voters cast ballots. In the Coralville City Council race, voters elected Bill Hoefl, and incumbents John Lundell and Thomas Gill were re-elected. Coralville Mayor Jim Fausett retained his post while running unopposed.

UI to interview vice president finalists next week

The University of Iowa will interview four finalists on campus next week for the newly created position of vice president for strategic communications, the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* reports. The names of each of the candidates will be announced about 24 hours before each person's visit.

Iowa Lottery to stay out of TouchPlay issue

The head of the Iowa Lottery said he's staying out of any discussions about bringing back video gambling machines to retail outlets, the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* reports. State lawmakers in 2006 banned the TouchPlay gambling machines after public uproar over their widespread availability, but now some legislators say the machines should be brought back to help generate revenue for the state budget.

GOP scores victories in Virginia, New Jersey

Republican Bob McDonnell's victory in the Virginia governor's race over Democrat R. Creigh Deeds and moderate Republican Chris Christie's defeat of unpopular New Jersey Gov. Jon Corzine was a triumph for a party looking to rebuild following the 2008 elections, the Associated Press (AP) reports.

North Dakota students found dead in pond

Three female college softball players found dead after their SUV went into a pond on a North Dakota farm during a stargazing trip likely drove straight into the water in the dark, the AP reports. Authorities found the vehicle in about 10 feet of water yesterday; the women reportedly called for help on Sunday.

Breckenridge votes to legalize pot

The Colorado ski town of Breckenridge voted overwhelmingly yesterday to legalize marijuana, the AP reports. The measure would allow adults over 21 to have up to one ounce of marijuana, but the victory is largely symbolic because pot possession remains a state crime for people without medical clearance.

Anti-government protests erupt in Iran

Iranian security forces beat anti-government protesters with batons today during state-sanctioned rallies to mark the 30th anniversary of the U.S. Embassy takeover, the AP reports. The counter-demonstrations were the opposition's first major show of unity in Tehran since mid-September.

Shanghai Disneyland gets go-ahead

After more than a decade of negotiations, Disney has received clearance to build its second Disneyland in China—this time in Shanghai. China's top planning agency yesterday approved plans to build the new theme park, which will join existing parks in Anaheim, Orlando, Tokyo, Paris, and Hong Kong.

Struggles emerge in climate talks

As delegates from 192 nations continue U.N. climate talks today in Barcelona, Spain, some representatives are expressing doubts that a negotiated global warming agreement can be achieved. Sweden's prime minister said achieving a legally binding pact was probably impossible this year.

Steve Martin, Alec Baldwin to team up on Oscar night

Actors Steve Martin and Alec Baldwin will share hosting duties at the 82nd Academy Awards in February, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences said yesterday. The show's producers hope to resurrect the Oscar ceremony's poor TV ratings and make the event more fun for viewers.

Sports Illustrated features Hawkeyes

Sports Illustrated magazine has made the Iowa Hawkeyes its regional cover story for this week's issue. The cover shot features receiver Derrell Johnson-Koulianos during last Saturday's win over Indiana.

Today in history

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On this day in 1922, the entrance to King Tutankhamen's tomb was discovered in Egypt.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Check out the Gallery Art Sale today and tomorrow in the Pappajohn Pavilion Lobby (Elevator I, Level 1). Hours: today until 9 p.m. and tomorrow, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Proceeds from this event will benefit UI Children's Hospital through Children's Miracle Network.
- Don't miss the UI Faculty and Staff Health Fair until 4 p.m. today at the UI Field House. Stop by for free screenings, health and wellness information, health plans and benefit information, a blood drive by the DeGowin Blood Center, door prize registration, a participant bag, giveaways, and more. The event is sponsored by UI Health Care, UI Wellness, UI Staff Council, UI Division of Recreational Services, and the UI Community Credit Union.
- Health care reform advocate Wendell Potter will give a free lecture at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Main Lounge of the IMU. After a 20-year career as a public relations insider for two major health insurance companies, Potter now details their practices and calls for an overhaul of the U.S. health care system. The event is hosted by the University Lecture Committee.
- One Community: Read *Animal Vegetable Miracle* (20 percent off at Wild Rose Books and available at the Patients Library). Join Wild Rose Books for a book discussion and refreshments from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. tomorrow in the East Room (Elevator F, Level 8). Come anytime. Call 384-8908 with questions.
- 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 Wytych at 356-2496.
- 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.
- Hardin Library is offering the open workshop "How Can We Help You Use RefWorks?" from 3 to 4 p.m. Friday. Contact kelly-thormodson@uiowa.edu for more information.
- Children's Miracle Network is selling \$5 coupon books for Community Day, which is Nov. 14. Proceeds benefit UI Children's Hospital through Aiming For a Cure. The coupons are valid at the following locations: Bon-Ton, Elder-Beerman, Bergner's, Boston Store, Carson's, Herberger's, Younkers, and Parisian. For details or to purchase, contact Michelle Altmaier at 335-9003 or michelle-altmaier@uiowa.edu.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Domestic hot water service to all areas and levels of the John Pappajohn Pavilion will be interrupted on Saturday for about three hours, beginning at 5 a.m., to repair leaking valves. Questions? Contact Merle Hagie at 384-9575.
- Infant through preschool child care openings are available! The UI Family Services Office works with 13 on or near campus child care centers, and several of them have spaces available. For more information, call Jane Holland at 335-1371.
- This is National Patient Transport Week—a time to recognize UI Hospitals and Clinics Patient Escorts and the positive difference they make in the lives of our patients and guests. Patient Escorts transport hundreds of patients each day via wheelchair, bed, or simply by walking them to their destination. Their contribution enhances our reputation of service and improves the efficiency of our clinics and inpatient units. If you see a Patient Escort, please take a moment to say thank you!
- 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.
- Improve the patient and family experience through better communication about services and amenities provided at UI Hospitals and Clinics. Guest Services is offering printed brochure rack cards available to clinics and units at no charge. These rack cards detail information about parking, food venues, Guest Services, Patient Representatives Program, Patient and Visitor Activities Center, Concierge Services, and more. Call Concierge Services at 356-1900 to order.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

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

- Adults ages 18 to 25 who have language learning or reading disabilities are invited to participate in a research study on sleep and word learning. Participants will learn new words and take tests to determine their retention of the new words. Five visits of 90 minutes each. Compensation. For details, call Nichole Eden at 353-5779 or e-mail child-language@uiowa.edu.
- Volunteers are invited to participate in a study looking at whether low-level laser therapy can improve hearing in persons with hearing loss. Participation requires four visits to the laboratory for a total of five hours. Compensation. Contact Shawn Goodman at 335-8700 or Ruth Bentler at 335-8723 for more information.

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.