

Noon News



Today
High: 64 Low: 50
Partly cloudy



Tomorrow
High: 67 Low: 50
Mostly sunny

Friday, November 6, 2009

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UI reduces retirement contributions

The University of Iowa will reduce contributions to Defined Contribution Retirement Plans from 10 percent to 8 percent through June 30, 2011. The temporary reduction, authorized by the Iowa Board of Regents, is in response to Gov. Chet Culver's order reducing appropriations to state agencies and institutions by 10 percent. Details are online at <http://budget.uiowa.edu/contributionreductionplan>.

Iowa House looks to reopen after fire

UI officials hope to have the Iowa House Hotel at the Iowa Memorial Union fully operational this weekend after a fire early yesterday morning closed the 92-room hotel. Firefighters determined the fire originated and was contained to a fourth-floor utility room, the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* reports.

Jury finds Kehoe guilty

A Grundy County District Court jury deliberated for less than two hours yesterday before finding Michelle Kehoe guilty of first-degree murder, attempted murder, and child endangerment causing serious injury. Jurors did not accept Kehoe's insanity defense, the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* reports. Kehoe faces life in prison; sentencing is scheduled for Dec. 15 in Buchanan County District Court.

Authorities look for clues to Fort Hood rampage

Authorities have searched the apartment and seized the computer of the suspect in the Fort Hood, Texas, rampage that killed 13 people yesterday. The motive of the suspected shooter, Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, is unclear, but he reportedly was set to be deployed and had expressed anger about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Hasan was wounded in the assault; investigators plan to question him soon.

Jobless rate tops 10 percent

The U.S. unemployment rate has surpassed 10 percent for the first time since 1983, the Associated Press (AP) reports. The Labor Department said today that the economy lost 190,000 jobs last month. It's the 22nd straight month the economy has shed jobs—the longest on records dating back 70 years.

Group points to obesity in cancer cases

Obesity causes more than 100,000 cases of cancer in the U.S. each year and the number will likely rise as Americans get fatter, the American Institute for Cancer Research reported yesterday. Excess body fat causes nearly half of all endometrial cancers and a third of all esophageal cancers, the group said.

Honduras deal falls apart

A U.S.-mediated accord that would have unblocked the political standoff in Honduras has failed, deposed president Manuel Zelaya said today. Zelaya remains a virtual prisoner at the country's Brazilian Embassy, where he took refuge six weeks ago after secretly slipping back into Honduras.

Man spends 3 days in tree during Vietnam storm

When Tropical Storm Mirinae sparked a flash flood this week in central Vietnam, Phan Cao Chuc, 69, climbed a tree and hung on—for three nights and two days. Chuc, a security guard at a hydroelectric plant, was rescued by helicopter yesterday. He survived by catching rainwater in his helmet.

Walmart starts DVD price war

Walmart trimmed the online preorder prices of some upcoming DVDs, a move that led rivals Amazon and Target to cut the prices of their online preorder DVDs. In response, Walmart took a few more cents off its offerings, saying yesterday it would lower the online prices of some new DVDs to \$10.

Miss England gives up her crown

The reigning Miss England has given up her crown after being accused of a fight in a bar. British newspapers report that Rachel Christie, 21, was arrested after getting into a dustup with another beauty queen—Miss Manchester Sara Beverley Jones—in a nightclub earlier this week.

Hawkeyes look for win No. 10

The 9-0 Iowa Hawkeyes will host the 5-4 Northwestern Wildcats tomorrow at Kinnick Stadium. Since 1995, Northwestern has won seven of the last 12 meetings against the Hawks. Kickoff is 11:02 a.m.

Today in history

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On this day in 1975, the punk rock band the Sex Pistols made its performance debut at St. Martin's School of Art in London. Ten minutes into the gig, the social programmer at the school pulled the plug on the band's amplifiers.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Children's Miracle Network will be holding a merchandise sale until 4 p.m. today in the Pappajohn Pavilion Lobby (Elevator F, Level 1). Cash, checks, credit cards, and staff charges will be accepted. Proceeds benefit UI Children's Hospital.
- Project Art presents pianist Agnes Wan, who will be performing a recital from noon to 1 p.m. today in the Colloton Atrium (Elevator F, Level 1).
- Friday prayers for those of the Muslim faith are held at 12:45 p.m. in the Meditation Room (Elevator B, Level 1).
- The Patients' Library and the Medical Museum (Elevator F, Level 8) are open 1 to 4 p.m. weekends.
- Spiritual Services holds a Protestant service at 10:30 a.m. and a Catholic Mass at 3:30 p.m. Sundays in the East Room, (Elevator F, Level 8). Services are televised on Channel 5.
- An Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Conference Room G (Elevator F, Level 7).
- Hardin Library is offering the open workshop "How Can We Help You Learn PUBMED?" from 4 to 5 p.m. Monday. Contact kelly-thormodson@uiowa.edu for more information.
- Join a free informational seminar on the latest advancements in laser vision correction (LASIK) from noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 17, in the Blodi Conference Room, 11131 PFP (Elevator L, Level 1). To reserve your spot or for more information, call 353-7625 or e-mail lasik@uiowa.edu.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Kelby Telander, 6, of North Liberty is Kid Captain for the Hawkeye game tomorrow against Northwestern. Kelby was diagnosed with serious hearing impairment at 21 months old. UI Children's Hospital specialists determined that he could benefit from a cochlear implant to replace his lost hearing. In addition to receiving the electronic device, he participates in a clinical study that helps advance scientific knowledge. Energetic and positive, Kelby loves to play sports and is a big fan of the Hawkeyes. To learn more, visit www.uihealthcare.com/children.
- Domestic hot water service to all areas and levels of the John Pappajohn Pavilion will be interrupted tomorrow for about three hours, beginning at 5 a.m., to repair leaking valves. Questions? Contact Merle Hagie at 384-9575.
- UI Wellness will offer the online program "Colorful Choices: A Feast for the Eyes to Make Healthy Eating Fun" from Nov. 16 to Dec. 4 to encourage UI faculty and staff to eat 100 fruits and vegetables over 20 days. Visit UI Wellness online at www.uiowa.edu/hr/wellness and receive 100 UI Wellness Store points for registering for the program; complete the program and receive 300 points.
- Tomorrow is a Hawkeye home football game. Special parking arrangements have been made for staff who work during home games. UI Hospitals and Clinics buildings are on restricted access on game days. Staff may only gain access with photo ID cards or by coming in at the main entrance. For specific details, please contact your manager/supervisor, your departmental HR representative, Hospital Human Resources, or visit [The Point](#).

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

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

- 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 or call 384-9756.
- 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>.
- Healthy volunteers age 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.

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