

# Noon News



**Today**  
High: 81 Low: 64  
Partly sunny



**Tomorrow**  
High: 79 Low: 64  
Showers possible

**Monday, July 13, 2009**

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## **New roadway over Iowa River nearly done**

Workers are nearing completion on a bridge that will be the first new roadway over the Iowa River in Iowa City since the early 1960s. McCollister Bridge, expected to open in September, will span the river on the southern edge of town between Gilbert Street and Riverside Drive. The area is largely undeveloped, so the project has been flying under the radar since construction began in March 2008.

## **Center changing status to avoid oversight**

Iowa's largest assisted living center has found a loophole in the law that will enable it to avoid future government oversight and regulation even though it has been repeatedly penalized for poor quality care. The *Des Moines Register* reports the Dubuque Retirement Community, home to 116 seniors, plans to run the facility as if it were an apartment complex subject only to landlord-tenant laws.

## **Senate begins Sotomayor hearings**

Confirmation hearings for Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor are under way. Democrats control the Senate Judiciary Committee by a 12-7 margin over Republicans and appear to have the votes needed to make Sotomayor the first Hispanic and third woman to serve on the high court.

## **Killers escape from Indiana prison**

Police, prison guards, and search dogs hunted yesterday for two convicted killers and a third man who escaped the maximum-security Indiana State Prison, apparently through underground tunnels and pipes. All three men were considered dangerous, but it wasn't known if any of the men had weapons.

## **Storms threaten shuttle launch**

NASA faced the prospect of more stormy weather today as it tried for the fifth time to launch shuttle Endeavour to the international space station on a construction mission to deliver the final piece of Japan's space station lab. Storms kept Endeavour and seven astronauts from blasting off last night.

## **Demjanjuk charged over World War II killings**

German prosecutors formally charged John Demjanjuk today with 27,900 counts of being an accessory to murder at a Nazi death camp during World War II. The charges against the 89-year-old retired auto worker, who was deported from the U.S. in May, were filed at a Munich state court.

## **Iraq beefs up security after attacks on Christians**

Iraqi authorities today imposed vehicle bans in the predominantly Christian towns of Tilkaif and Hamdaniyah and increased security at churches in Baghdad after bombings at churches killed at least four people yesterday, including one that happened as people were leaving Mass in eastern Baghdad.

## **Taylor begins Sierra Leone war crimes defense**

Lawyers for Charles Taylor began his defense against war crimes charges today, arguing that the former Liberian president was not responsible for the murder, rape, and mutilation of civilians by rebels in neighboring Sierra Leone. Prosecutors said Taylor oversaw the rebels' attacks in order to gain influence over Sierra Leone and strip the country of its mineral wealth, particularly its diamonds.

## **iPhone eyeing China launch**

Apple has applied for a Chinese network access license for the iPhone, a move that could bring the phone to China by early next year, analysts said today. Apple has held months of talks with China Unicom, the country's favored carrier for an iPhone deal, in search of an inroad to China's market.

## **Bruno finds box office gold**

Sacha Baron Cohen's film *Bruno*, a mock documentary about a gay Austrian fashion devotee, landed the No. 1 spot at the weekend box office, finishing with \$30.4 million, according to studio estimates yesterday. *Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs* finished second in box office receipts with \$28.5 million.

## **Johnson finishes second at John Deere Classic**

Cedar Rapids native Zach Johnson tied for second place at the John Deere Classic golf tournament yesterday in Silvis, Ill. Steve Stricker of Madison, Wis., won the tournament with a 20-under 264.

### *Today in history*

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**On this day in 1960, Senator John F. Kennedy was nominated for the presidency by the Democratic Party Convention, defeating Senator Lyndon B. Johnson. The next day, Johnson was named Kennedy's running mate by unanimous vote of the convention.**

**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- The University of Iowa Audiology Class of 2011 will hold a fundraiser from 5 to 8 p.m. tonight at the Pizza Ranch at Sycamore Mall in Iowa City to raise money for China Project 2010. Come learn more about the project, eat some pizza, have someone else clean up after you and your family, and give to a great cause.
- Staff, guests, and patients are invited to a closed AA meeting from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesdays in 5027 BT, Elevator A, Level 5.
- Join the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society for the Light The Night Walk 2009 kickoff event from 6 to 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at Quality Inn & Suites in Iowa City. The event will include food, prizes, fundraising tips, and information about signing up a team to participate in the Light the Night Walk in September. Please RSVP to Jessica today at 877-339-0072.
- Wild Rose Gifts is offering UI Hospitals and Clinics t-shirts for \$5 with a \$25 purchase through Friday (no limit, while supplies last). Stop by for this great bargain from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends. Profits support programs that benefit patients and their families.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- In accordance with the Office of the Inspector General, a Compliance Helpline—384-8190—has been established for staff to use if they know or suspect violations of patient care, laws/regulations, billing/coding, health and safety, property/equipment/other assets, human resources, or conflicts of interest. Calls are not traced or recorded, and staff may make anonymous reports without fear of retaliation. All reports of improper conduct will be investigated.
- Help the Johnson County Crisis Center Food Bank by bringing non-perishable canned or packaged food items to work during the week of July 20-24 as part of the Thanksgiving in July Community-Wide Food Drive. Drop-off bins will be located throughout the UI Health Care campus. Tax-deductible financial contributions may be dropped off at Volunteer Services, 8025 JCP, Elevator F, Level 8, or sent to External Relations, 4150 WL. Make checks payable to “Johnson County Crisis Center Food Bank.” Questions? Contact Tom Walljasper, External Relations, at [tom-walljasper@uiowa.edu](mailto:tom-walljasper@uiowa.edu).
- UI Family Care Center’s regular office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For minor illnesses and injuries occurring after 5 p.m. or on weekends, please call UI Health Access at 384-8442 or visit one of our three convenient UI QuickCare locations. For serious medical issues, please visit the UI Emergency Treatment Center. For more information, contact Sharon Booker at 384-7800.
- A new video is now online featuring UI Head Football Coach Kirk Ferentz and former UI football player and San Diego Chargers kicker Nate Kaeding talking about why UI Children’s Hospital is important to them and to the state of Iowa. Go to [www.uihealthcare.com/children](http://www.uihealthcare.com/children) to watch the video. To learn more about a recent fundraising event hosted by Ferentz and Kaeding, go to [The Point](#).
- To comply with the new Conflict of Interest Policy, all faculty and staff affiliated with UI Health Care are required to complete an online External Relationships Disclosure form now available on the Conflict of Interest Web site before September 1, 2009. This requirement applies to everyone, regardless of whether or not you have a financial relationship with an entity outside The University of Iowa. For complete information, please go to the Conflict of Interest Web site. Questions? Contact the Conflict of Interest Office at 384-5252 or e-mail [coi@healthcare.uiowa.edu](mailto:coi@healthcare.uiowa.edu).

## RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

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- Women, age 18 and older, with bothersome bladder control problems (frequent urinary leakage and urgency to urinate) are invited to participate in a research study evaluating the medication fesoterodine compared to a placebo (inactive substance) for 12 weeks. After 12 weeks, participants may choose to take the fesoterodine for up to an additional nine months as part of the study. Participation would last up to one year and involve nine study visits. Compensation is provided. If interested, call 384-8028 or e-mail [regina-arthur@uiowa.edu](mailto:regina-arthur@uiowa.edu).
- Children ages 2 years, 4 months to 2 years, 8 months are invited to participate in a research study examining how children learn words directly and through overhearing. The study involves one 60-minute visit to the Department of Otolaryngology. Contact Elizabeth Walker or Karla McGregor at 353-8980 or [elizabeth-walker@uiowa.edu](mailto:elizabeth-walker@uiowa.edu).
- Volunteers between the ages of 50 and 70 with a high school education and no history of neurological disease are invited to participate in a research study of cognitive function. Participants will be asked to undergo neuropsychological testing which will include two hours of involvement. Compensation. For details, call 356-8759 or e-mail [natasha-feuerbach@uiowa.edu](mailto:natasha-feuerbach@uiowa.edu).
- Infants ages 5 months through 6 months are invited to participate in a research study examining speech perception. The study requires three 30-minute visits. Compensation. Contact Lea Greiner at [lea-greiner@uiowa.edu](mailto:lea-greiner@uiowa.edu) or 353-6582.

View the most recent study announcements at [www.uihealthcare.com/depts/clinicaltrials/volunteer.html](http://www.uihealthcare.com/depts/clinicaltrials/volunteer.html).

Contact *Noon News* at [noonnews@healthcare.uiowa.edu](mailto: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.