

# Noon News



**Today**  
High: 75 Low: 59  
Mostly cloudy



**Tomorrow**  
High: 72 Low: 59  
Rain possible

**Monday, September 21, 2009**

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## **Work begins on Iowa Institute for Biomedical Discovery**

Construction on the new Iowa Institute for Biomedical Discovery begins today. The work site will include the entire area bordered by the Bowen Science Building, the Medical Education Research Facility, the Carver Biomedical Research Building, and Newton Road. The site will be fenced, meaning no pedestrian access through the area. The project will continue through the spring of 2014.

## **Poll shows support for Culver slipping**

A *Des Moines Register* poll found support for Iowa Gov. Chet Culver falling to 50 percent, while 48 percent of Iowans said it would be a good idea if former Gov. Terry Branstad ran again. Branstad is considering joining six others in seeking the Republican nomination to challenge Culver, whose approval rating dropped from 60 percent last year. Culver's approval has fallen five points since April.

## **State homicide rate jumps**

Iowa's homicide rate climbed 105 percent from a record low of 37 homicides in 2007 to a near-record high 76 in 2008, according to a Iowa Department of Public Safety report. The record of 77 homicides was set in 1981. The report also showed that crime from every other major crime category dropped.

## **House moves to extend jobless benefits**

A bill that would extend unemployment benefits to more than 300,000 Americans is expected to quickly and easily pass in the House this week, the Associated Press (AP) reports. The emergency legislation would affect jobless workers in states with unemployment rates of at least 8.5 percent.

## **General calls for more troops in Afghanistan**

U.S. and NATO commander Gen. Stanley McChrystal has reported that more troops are needed in Afghanistan in the next year or the war will "likely result in failure," the *Washington Post* reports. The U.S. has about 62,000 soldiers in Afghanistan. NATO and other allies provide about 35,000 troops.

## **Hotel employee charged in slaying**

A housekeeping manager at a luxury Manhattan hotel is charged with killing a woman who was strangled and had a kitchen knife stuck in her neck. Police arrested Derrick Praileu for the death of Andree Bejjani, who was found Saturday in a condo at the Jumeriah Essex House, the AP reports.

## **Report: Over 35 million with Alzheimer's, dementia**

More than 35 million people around the world are living with Alzheimer's disease or other types of dementia, according to a report released today from Alzheimer's Disease International. The group projects that dementia will nearly double every 20 years unless a medical breakthrough is found.

## **Australian 'right to die' champion dies**

An Australian quadriplegic who won a landmark court case has died. Christian Rossiter, 49, broke his spine in 2004 in a road accident and was left a spastic quadriplegic after a fall last year. The Australian Supreme Court ruled in August that Rossiter's nursing home must respect his decision to stop eating.

## **River deltas sinking from human activity**

A study by University of Colorado researchers found that most of the world's low-lying river deltas are sinking from human activity, making them more vulnerable to flooding from rivers and ocean storms and putting millions of people at risk. The study is in the Sept. 20 issue of *Nature Geoscience*.

## **'Mad Men,' '30 Rock' win Emmys**

AMC's 1960s Madison Avenue saga "Mad Men," won the best drama trophy at the Emmy Awards last night. NBC's "30 Rock," a satirical take on life inside a TV variety show, was honored for the third time as best comedy series. "30 Rock" star Alec Baldwin won his second best comedy actor award.

## **'GameDay' will spotlight Iowa-Penn State game**

ESPN's popular "College GameDay" show will air from Penn State this weekend as the Nittany Lions host the Iowa Hawkeyes in the Big Ten opener for both teams. It'll be a "whiteout" Saturday night at Beaver Stadium, which holds 110,000 fans. Fifth-ranked Penn State and unranked Iowa are both 3-0.

### *Today in history*

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**On this day in 1970, "NFL Monday Night Football" debuted on ABC-TV. Keith Jackson, Howard Cosell, and Don Meredith were the show's first broadcast team.**

**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Take the Strategic Challenge today, tomorrow, and Wednesday and learn about UI Health Care's new integrated strategic plan and vision for the future: *World Class People. World Class Medicine. For Iowa and the World.* Strategic Challenge Education Stations will be set up in the East Room and the EMRB Atrium from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today and tomorrow. Opening remarks at noon today. The final event is from 11 a.m. to 4:30 pm. Wednesday on the Colloton Patio (Elevator F, Level 1). The challenge will be online through [The Point](#) today through Sept. 27.
- Today at 1:30 p.m., a special Daisy Award presentation will take place in the Atrium Conference Center (Elevator D/E, Level 7) honoring all nursing nominees and winners. Be there to see Bonnie and Mark Barnes, co-founders of the DAISY Foundation that honors nursing excellence, present the award to this month's winner.
- No fishing license required at Wild Rose Gifts for the "Go Fish" sales event Wednesday, Sept. 23 and Thursday, Sept. 24. All customers purchasing \$25 or more (stamps not included) can "go fish" for a prize while supplies last. Hours Monday-Friday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.. Weekends 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Proceeds support programs that benefit patients and their families.
- The 2009 "Amish Harvest Tour to Cure Cancer Courage Ride" honoring Seth Bailey and others affected by cancer will go from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, beginning and ending at the Iowa Mennonite School near Kalona. The Courage Ride, hosted by Bicyclists of Iowa City, is open to both amateur and experienced bike enthusiasts. Registration fee is \$50 and includes breakfast, lunch, live music, and more. Proceeds support research at Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center. For more information, contact Mary Copper at 384-7312 or e-mail [mary-copper@uiowa.edu](mailto:mary-copper@uiowa.edu).
- An Open Forum for UI staff, students, and faculty will be held at noon Monday, Sept. 28 in the Med Alumni Auditorium, E331 GH (Elevator BE, Level 3), to gather input from the west side of campus about making progress towards a more diverse, inclusive, and international campus environment. For more information, contact Julie Blair at 335-0488.
- University of Iowa Dance Marathon is Flippin' for Kids from 7 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 3 at Hawkeye Village, adjacent to the UI football practice field. Pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee! Purchase \$5 tickets at the door, by phone at 335-8484, or e-mail [cmn@uiowa.edu](mailto:cmn@uiowa.edu). Proceeds benefit pediatric cancer programs at UI Children's Hospital.
- The UI Department of Family Medicine is offering a six-week, highly interactive Chronic Disease Self-Management Program designed for people with chronic health conditions and their loved ones. Sessions run from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Thursdays beginning Oct. 15. Cost is \$40, and includes the book "Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions" and a relaxation CD. For information or to enroll, call 384-8994.
- Join the UI and the international communities to celebrate the success of clubfoot research and treatment around the world by participating in the Ponseti Races at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16. A 5K race will start and finish at the UI Recreation Center. Special guests include Hawkeye athletes, coaches, and surprise celebrities. Register online as an individual, team, or volunteer at [www.Ponseti.info/races](http://www.Ponseti.info/races).

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- September is Newborn Screening Awareness Month. One in 750 infants is born with a disorder detectable through newborn screening. A blood sample taken between 24 to 48 hours of age can save lives. For more information, contact the Iowa Neonatal Metabolic Screening Program at 384-5097.
- Questions? Concerns? The Office of the Ombudsperson is a confidential resource available to faculty, staff, and students. Ombudspersons Cynthia Joyce and Lois Cox are available to help find answers to your questions, address your concerns, or direct you to other sources of help. Call 335-3608 or e-mail [ombudsperson@uiowa.edu](mailto:ombudsperson@uiowa.edu).

## RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

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- 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 email [mood-personality@uiowa.edu](mailto:mood-personality@uiowa.edu).
- 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.

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.