

Noon News



Today
High: 58 Low: 48
Showers



Tomorrow
High: 50 Low: 46
Showers continue

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More faculty and staff news:
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UI nets grants under federal stimulus funding

University of Iowa faculty, staff, and students have received a total of 117 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act-funded grants for research from the NIH and other federal agencies, totaling \$46.6 million over the next three fiscal years. The Office of the Vice President for Research posts a breakdown of grants, as well as abstracts describing the projects, at <https://research.uiowa.edu/arra/>.

Woman arrested for videos 11 years overdue

An Iowa City woman was arrested Tuesday for not returning three videotapes she rented over a decade ago, the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* reports. Elisabeth M. Weiss rented the tapes from the now-defunct Hagen's Video in 1998. According to the criminal complaint, the total value of the movies and late fees is \$231.97. Iowa City Police Sgt. Troy Kelsay said he was unaware of what led to Weiss' arrest.

Police add vehicle seizure fee

The Cedar Rapids Police Department has instituted a new \$500 motor vehicle-seizure fee that begins Monday, the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* reports. The fee is part of a new city ordinance that requires the police to impound vehicles used in drunken driving, suspended license, and no-insurance cases, as well as drug and weapons crimes. Violators must pay the hefty fee plus the typical tow and impound fees.

Consumer spending jumps

The U.S. Commerce Department said today that consumer spending rose 1.3 percent in August—the largest amount in eight years, the Associated Press (AP) reports. The increase suggests the economy is improving, but analysts noted that U.S. incomes continue to lag, edging up only 0.2 percent in August.

Infant snatched from Tennessee home

Nashville police have issued an Amber Alert for a baby boy taken from his home Tuesday night, the AP reports. Mother Maria Gurrolla said a woman posing as an immigration officer stabbed her several times, then left with the infant when Gurrolla ran to a house a few doors down to get help.

Hudson 'Miracle' pilots reuniting

"Miracle on the Hudson" pilots Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger and First Officer Jeffrey Skiles will reunite for the first time today to pilot a flight from New York to Charlotte, N.C.—the destination of the disabled plane they landed in the Hudson River on Jan. 15. All 155 people survived that flight.

Quakes shake Indonesia

A second earthquake shook Indonesia today, following yesterday's powerful earthquake that killed at least 531 people, Reuters reports. The brunt of the quake, which originated in the sea off Sumatra Island, appeared to be in Padang, where 376 people were killed. The death toll is expected to rise.

People's Republic marks 60 years

China celebrated 60 years of communist rule today with its biggest-ever military parade, the AP reports. The ceremony for the founding of the People's Republic unfolded on national television but behind tight security that kept people from getting near the parade route through Tiananmen Square.

Study: Daily sweets turn kids into violent adults

Data from 17,500 participants in the 1970 British Cohort Study found that 10-year-olds who ate candy daily were significantly more likely to have been convicted for violence by age 34. Scientists aren't exactly sure why. The study is detailed in the October issue of the *British Journal of Psychiatry*.

McCartney to release live album, DVD

Paul McCartney will release a double live album and DVD, called "Good Evening New York City," next month, the singer's Web site announced yesterday. The new album was recorded over three nights last July, when the former Beatle played to 120,000 fans each night at CitiField in Queens, N.Y.

Phillies capture NL East crown

The Philadelphia Phillies, last year's World Series champions, beat the Houston Astros 10-3 last night to clinch their third straight National League East title. The Phillies have led the division since May 30.

Today in history

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**On this day in
1971, Walt Disney
World opened in
Orlando, Fla.**

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Go pink in October! Wild Rose Gifts is observing October as Breast Cancer Awareness month. Come by from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends for pink t-shirts, buttons, mugs, jewelry and more.
- Join UI Wellness from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. today in Atrium Conference Rooms A/B (Elevator F, Level 7) for “Quick, Healthy Snacks,” the first of four “Nutrition on the Go” classes about finding healthy foods to fit busy lifestyles. Walk-ins welcome. For more information, call the liveWELL office at 353-2973.
- An Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting for patients, families, visitors, and hospital staff is at 7:30 tonight, Conference Room G, Elevator F, Level 7.
- The Center for Disabilities and Development Grand Rounds presents Professor Steve Kuusisto from the UI Creative Nonfiction Writing program. Kuusisto will discuss the emerging interdisciplinary field of Disability Studies from 8 to 9 a.m. tomorrow in Room 102 CDD. Questions? Contact Brenda Nosbish at 353-6008 or brenda-nosbish@uiowa.edu.
- Early satellite voting for the Iowa City Council Primary will be offered from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. tomorrow in the Pappajohn Pavilion Lobby (Elevator I, Level 1). This is a service open to all Iowa City residents.
- Internationally recognized cellist Steven Elisha will perform from noon to 1 p.m. tomorrow in Colloton Atrium (Elevator E/F, Level 7). Elisha is in Iowa City as part of a three-day residency at the hospital, playing for patients throughout the hospital.
- Learn about fire safety during UI Health Care’s “Stay Fire Smart! Don’t Get Burned!” event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday in Pappajohn Atrium (Elevator I, Level 1). A puppet show by the UI Burn Treatment Center will be held at noon. The event, part of National Fire Prevention Week, will feature safety products from the [UI Children’s Hospital Safety Store](#), displays, hand-outs, information, and more. For details, contact Mary Thompson at 356-2277 or mary-thompson@uiowa.edu.
- “What’s New in Treating Prostate Cancer” is the focus of the next Health For Your Lifetime program, which will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the East Room on Monday, Oct. 12. Richard D. Williams, MD, and Fadi N. Joudi, MD, both from the Department of Urology, will present. This community event is free but registration is encouraged; call 335-8886, 877-MEDIOWA, or visit www.uihealthcare.com/register.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Help protect our patients as well as yourself, your co-workers, and your family from the flu. Seasonal influenza vaccinations for UI Health Care faculty, staff, volunteers, residents, fellows, and student employees will be offered through Oct. 9 in the Pappajohn Pavilion Atrium (Elevator I, Level 1) and from Sept. 28 to Oct. 16 at the Employee Health Clinic in Boyd Tower (Elevator A, Level 1). For details, visit [The Point](#).
- The air handling unit serving the first and second floors on the west side of Boyd Tower will be interrupted for approximately 10 hours beginning at 5 p.m. today in order to increase the air supply. Contact Robert Leslie at 356-8273 with questions.
- Congress has designated this week as Mental Illness Awareness Week. The National Institute of Mental Health reports that one in four adults experience a mental health disorder in a given year. Mental illnesses are serious, but between 70 and 90 percent of individuals have significant reduction of symptoms and improved quality of life with proper treatment.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- 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>.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

View the most recent study announcements at www.uihealthcare.com/depts/clinicaltrials/volunteer.html.

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.