

Noon News



Today
High: 45 Low: 34
Mostly cloudy



Tomorrow
High: 40 Low: 34
Showers possible

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Richard G. Lynch, former head of pathology, dies at 75

Richard G. Lynch, MD, head of University of Iowa Department of Pathology from 1981-1999 and interim dean of the UI Carver College of Medicine from 1993-94, died yesterday at his home in Solon. He was 75. Lynch, an internationally recognized immunologist and a highly respected teacher and administrator, led the department through a period of unprecedented growth and achievement.

UI mulls third option for Hancher-Voxman-Clapp

University of Iowa officials are mulling a third option for the future home of Hancher Auditorium, Voxman Music Building, and Clapp Recital Hall. Officials at a public forum last night said in addition to the two options of building along the Iowa River or relocating to downtown Iowa City, a third option would split the project, with Hancher along the river and Voxman and Clapp downtown.

Police continue Broadway homicide investigation

Iowa City Police continue to investigate the shooting death of John E. Versypt, 64, of Cordova, Ill., but an official report could take weeks, the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* reports. Versypt died from a gunshot wound last Thursday at 1958 Broadway St. in Iowa City. Versypt owned three condos at that address.

Pentagon speeds up delivery of bunker buster

The Pentagon is speeding up delivery of a colossal bomb designed to destroy fortified weapons bunkers buried underground, the Associated Press (AP) reports. Pentagon officials said the bomb, which would be the largest non-nuclear bomb in the U.S. arsenal, is intended to destroy sites like those used by Iran and North Korea for their nuclear programs but denied there is a specific target in mind.

Senate Finance Committee to vote on health care bill

The Democrat-controlled Senate Finance Committee is expected to vote on its \$829 billion health care bill today. If approved, the bill would be merged with the Senate Health Committee's version over the next few weeks and moved to the full Senate, setting up a potential floor battle with Republicans.

Pakistan targets Afghan border

Pakistani jets today bombed militant targets in South Waziristan—the main insurgent stronghold along the Afghan border—in advance of a ground offensive there, the AP reports. Military officials believe militant attacks in both Pakistan and Afghanistan are being planned by insurgents based in the region.

Romanian government ousted

Romania's parliament voted today to oust the centrist minority government of Prime Minister Emil Boc, saying the administration has failed to improve the nation's economy, the AP reports. It is the first time parliament has dismissed a government since communism ended there in 1989.

Russia, China bolster ties with natural gas deal

Russia and China reached an energy supply agreement today, Reuters reports. The deal would make China the largest buyer of natural gas from Russia, the world's largest natural gas supplier. China has one of the world's fastest-growing economies and has been searching for new sources of energy.

FBI analyzes driver's license photos

The FBI has begun using facial-recognition technology on motorists, comparing driver's license photos with pictures of fugitives in a high-tech analysis of chin widths and nose sizes, the AP reports. The project in North Carolina has nabbed at least one suspect. Agents want to expand the effort nationwide.

Jackson single co-written with Paul Anka

The Michael Jackson single "This Is It" was released yesterday. The song dates back to 1983 when it was written for an album that Paul Anka was recording. The song was then titled "I Never Heard." Jackson and Anka are credited as co-authors on an early 1990s version recorded by the singer Sa-Fire.

4 teams left in Major League Baseball playoffs

The American League's Los Angeles Angels and New York Yankees and the National League's Los Angeles Dodgers and Philadelphia Phillies begin their championships' series later this week.

Today in history

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**On this day in
1974, TV host
Ed Sullivan died
at age 72.**

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wild Rose Books is hosting a Technology Event today until 3:30 p.m. in the Pappajohn Pavilion lobby (Elevator I, Level 1). Stop by and test-drive new iPod models and the latest Apple and Dell computers. At this event ONLY, when you purchase any computer, you'll receive a FREE printer. Educational discount prices apply for UI students, faculty, and staff on selected technology. For more information, call Wild Rose Books at 384-5151.
- Project Art will present a piano recital today by Olga Maria Rua and Jikyung Kam from noon to 1 p.m. in Atrium Conference Rooms A/B (Elevator E/F, Level 7). The recital will feature works of Albeniz and Liszt.
- Tune in to an interview about mammograms with Katharine Saunders, airing at 7:30 and 9:50 a.m. tomorrow on the AM-800 KXIC "University of Iowa Health Care Today" program.
- Wild Rose Gifts is celebrating fall with new jewelry from Blue Heron, Carol Young, Allure, and Annaleece with an event from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. tomorrow. Profits support programs that benefit patients and their families.
- Patients and visitors are invited to children's story hour at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, Patients' Library, Elevator F, Level 8.
- Join a free informational seminar on the latest advancements in laser vision correction (LASIK) from noon to 1 p.m. tomorrow in the Blodi Conference Room in Pomerantz Family Pavilion, Elevator L, Level 1. For reservations or more information, call 353-7625, or e-mail lasik@uiowa.edu, or visit <http://webeye.ophth.uiowa.edu/dept/laser/reg-seminar.htm>.
- "Lactation Chat" is a breastfeeding support group facilitated by a University of Iowa lactation consultant from 4 to 5 p.m. every Wednesday in the Dr. Bell Conference Room, Elevator I, Level 6. Babies are welcome.
- UI Wellness will present "Nutrition on the Go: Quick, Healthy Dinner Ideas" from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. Thursday in Atrium Conference Rooms A/B (Elevator F, Level 7). Food samples provided. Please register at [Self Service](#) under My Training. Questions? Call the liveWELL office at 353-2973.
- Hardin Library is offering an open workshop "How Can We Help You Use RefWorks?" from 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday. Contact kelly-thormodson@uiowa.edu for more information.
- Vice President for Medical Affairs Jean Robillard will be one of four panelists at a forum on health care reform from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday at Shambaugh Auditorium, UI Main Library. Also on the panel will be Joe Bolkcom, MPA; Sheldon Kurtz, JD; and Renee Schulte, MA, Iowa representative and adjunct professor of psychology at Mt. Mercy College. For more information on this event, which is free and open to the public, visit www.uichr.org or contact Nick Stuber at 384-2208.
- The Star 106 Radiothon out of Mason City, Iowa, will be held from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Oct. 21 and 22, and from 6 a.m. to noon on Oct. 23., in Colloton Pavilion Lobby (Elevator F, Level 1). To volunteer to answer phones, contact Children's Miracle Network at cmn@uiowa.edu or 335-8484. A merchandise sale will be held as well; both benefit UI Children's Hospital.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The 4 SE nursing unit will permanently relocate to 3 BT tomorrow. The new unit will be 3 BT2 in IDX and bed board. The move will increase the unit from 12 to 15 beds. Phone numbers will remain the same.
- UI Obesity Surgery has added an additional weight loss procedure to its program—laparoscopic adjustable gastric band. For more information, contact Chris Melichar at 356-1887 or christine-melichar@uiowa.edu.
- A new channel guide service is now available on all televisions at UI Hospitals and Clinics. To see the channel lineup anywhere in the hospital, simply tune to Channel 15. In the future, the guide will be used to announce upcoming changes to programming. For more information, contact Jerry Gilmer at 384-9761 or e-mail jerrold-gilmer@uiowa.edu.
- Persons who have a family member with diabetes; are overweight; have high blood pressure or cholesterol levels; had diabetes during a pregnancy; delivered a baby that weighed more than nine pounds; or are of Native American, African American, or Hispanic descent are at risk for impaired glucose tolerance or diabetes. A free REACH screening (risk assessment, fasting blood sugar, and recommendations for follow-up of test results) is available by calling 384-8442.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

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

- The University of Iowa Hearing Aid Lab is inviting six-year-olds to participate in a study examining the relationship between hearing, memory, and word learning in children. Compensation. For more information, contact uiowa-hal@uiowa.edu.
- Volunteers age 18 or older, in good health, who need a tooth implant to replace a single tooth in their upper jaw (no molar sites) are invited to participate in a research study comparing dental implants. For more information, contact UI Dental Clinical Research Center at 335-9557.

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.