

# Noon News



**Today**  
High: 49 Low: 41  
Showers



**Tomorrow**  
High: 46 Low: 40  
Showers continue

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## UI receives Gates Foundation grant

The University of Iowa has received a \$100,000 Grand Challenges Explorations grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The grant will support a global health research project conducted by Craig Morita, MD, PhD, associate professor of internal medicine, to create a vaccine against microbes that cause diarrhea. Each year, 2.2 million people die from diarrhea-related illnesses worldwide.

## Man robs Oxford bank

Police continue their investigation of an armed robbery at the First Trust & Savings Bank in Oxford yesterday. The suspect is described as a white male, 6'2" tall, with a thin build and dark hair. He reportedly took the car keys from someone in the bank and fled in the person's 2004 Mazda MZ6.

## Budget cuts could mean loss of 1,300 state jobs

Iowa could see nearly 800 state employee layoffs and more than 500 vacant state jobs eliminated if Iowa Gov. Chet Culver approves budget cuts his agency directors presented to him, the *Des Moines Register* reports. Culver, whose office released the plans yesterday, said he wants to avoid cuts to social services and public safety. A final plan for the \$565 million reduction is expected next week.

## Pay cuts looming for TARP-assisted executives

The head of the oversight committee of the Targeted Asset Relief Program—the \$700 billion federal bailout fund—said today the Obama administration is insisting on slashing the salaries of executives of companies that received bailout money, the Associated Press (AP) reports. The Treasury Department is expected to order that the salaries of the companies' top executives be cut by an average of 90 percent.

## Congress looks to expand financial oversight

The House Financial Services Committee is expected to approve the creation of a new Consumer Financial Protection Agency today, the AP reports. The agency would regulate financial products like mortgages, credit cards, and savings accounts, and it would tighten rules governing Wall Street.

## Survey: More Americans plan to put retirement on hold

More Americans plan to delay retirement following drops in the value of their savings, Reuters reports. A study by insurer Sun Life Financial found that 65 percent of U.S. workers plan to stay on the job at least one year longer than planned—an 11 percent jump from a similar survey conducted in January.

## Ethiopia appeals for food aid

Leaders in Ethiopia today called for 159,000 tons of emergency aid to feed 6.2 million people, Reuters reports. The country's minister for agriculture and rural development said this year's rains have been poor. Aid workers said a five-year drought is affecting 23 million people in seven East African nations.

## Massive security planned for Asia summit

Thailand will mobilize more than 36,000 military and police to prevent anti-government demonstrators from overrunning a summit of Asian leaders, an official spokesman said today. Leaders from 16 Asian and Pacific nations will gather for an annual meeting tomorrow south of Bangkok, the AP reports.

## Microsoft launches Windows 7

Microsoft's Windows 7 is now available on new computers and as a software upgrade for some older PCs. The company says the new system is a major step over its predecessor, Vista, which didn't work as well with existing programs and devices. Windows 7 promises to run faster and more smoothly.

## Host apologizes for Jesse Jackson gaffe

MSNBC's Contessa Brewer has apologized for mixing up civil rights activists Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton. She made the gaffe yesterday while introducing Jackson during a segment on homelessness.

## Phillies return to World Series

The Philadelphia Phillies are back in the World Series following their 10-4 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers last night to win the National League title. The Phillies will play either the New York Yankees or the Los Angeles Angels. The Yankees led the Angels 3-1 in their American League series.

### Today in history

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**On this day in 1962, President John F. Kennedy ordered an air and naval blockade of Cuba following the discovery of Soviet missile bases on the island.**

**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Please join UI Wellness for the final session of “Nutrition on the Go! Tips for Eating Out,” which will be held from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. today in Atrium Conference Rooms A/B (Elevator F, Level 7). Please register at [Self Service](#) under My Training. Questions? 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 Department of Spiritual Services presents the workshop “First Responders: How To Be a Supportive Presence in Times of Crisis” from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. tomorrow at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Iowa City. Dr. Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, professor of pastoral care at Southern Methodist University Perkins School of Theology, will speak. Cost is \$30 and includes lunch. To register, contact Diana Coberly at 353-6928 or [dcoberly@healthcare.uiowa.edu](mailto:dcoberly@healthcare.uiowa.edu) or Mary Kay Kusner at [mary-kusner@uiowa.edu](mailto:mary-kusner@uiowa.edu).
- Kathleen M. Stokker, PhD, director of Scandinavian Studies at Luther College, will present “Norwegian Folk Medicine on the American Prairie” from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday in Room 2032 of the UI Main Library. Her presentation will provide a glimpse into the role of traditional healers and medicines among Norwegian immigrants settling in the New World.
- Host a table during Children’s Miracle Network’s Shop-a-palooza, which will be held from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 30, in the Pappajohn Pavilion Lobby (Elevator I, Level 1). Cost is \$60; if interested, e-mail your name, product, and a brief description to [cmn@uiowa.edu](mailto:cmn@uiowa.edu), or for questions, call 335-8484.
- Join Donny Osmond in *Dancing for Miracles* to benefit UI Children’s Hospital through Children’s Miracle Network. Pledge each week Donny competes on national television and you’ll be entered to win a trip for two (airfare and hotel) to see the Donny & Marie Show in Las Vegas. To learn more, go to: <http://donny.childrensmiracletnetwork.org/> or call Michelle Altmaier at 335-8484 or e-mail [cmn@uiowa.edu](mailto:cmn@uiowa.edu). Deadline Nov. 30.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- A steam shut down for JCP will begin Saturday at 8 p.m. and last for approximately six hours. This will affect JCP on west side floors 4 through 7, including the main operating rooms, and on east side floors 6 through 8 including the burn unit. This will affect the building heating system only, and is necessary to repair steam leaks. Contact: Robert Leslie at 356-8273.
- The DeGowin Blood Center has added a new feature to its Web page to allow blood donors and recipients to tell their stories. Go to [www.uihealthcare.com/bloodcenter](http://www.uihealthcare.com/bloodcenter) to read stories or click on “Submit a Story” to tell yours.
- The UIHC Child Care Center, located in Westlawn, has openings for children ages 27 months to 36 months old. Please contact the center at 335-9666 or at [uihc@brighthorizons.com](mailto:uihc@brighthorizons.com).
- UI Health Care Human Resources in C110 GH has Fall 2009 college coupon books available. Free to staff while supplies last.
- All staff are reminded that Processed Stores will fill only emergency orders during third shift through its main number, 356-1784. Processed Stores is not staffed from 11:30 p.m. to 6 a.m., but calls will be forwarded to Central Sterilizing Services (CSS). Please do not call CSS directly for Stores items.
- Need funding for a program or project that benefits patients or families here? Volunteer Services may be able to help with proceeds from its businesses (Wild Rose Gifts, Rooftop Café, and Fourth Floor Salon). Staff or faculty funding requests are reviewed annually by the Contributions and Donations Committee. Application deadline is Nov. 1. Find forms and guidelines at [www.uihealthcare.com/depts/volunteerprogram/funds.html](http://www.uihealthcare.com/depts/volunteerprogram/funds.html).
- Personal mail should be deposited in U.S. mailboxes located throughout the main level of UI Hospitals and Clinics.

## RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

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**More studies listed at [www.uihealthcare.com/depts/clinicaltrials/volunteer.html](http://www.uihealthcare.com/depts/clinicaltrials/volunteer.html).**

- Children 6 years, 6 months through 12 years, 6 months are invited to participate in a study examining word learning and executive function abilities, such as attention, inhibition, and planning. Participation will consist of one 60-minute visit. Contact Lea Greiner at 353-6582 or [lea-greiner@uiowa.edu](mailto:lea-greiner@uiowa.edu).
- Have you been taking risperidone (Risperdal), olanzapine (Zyprexa), or quetiaphine (Seroquel) for more than one year? Are you between 18 and 50 years old? If so, you may be eligible to participate in a research study that involves an interview, physical exam, ultrasound, and laboratory testing. Compensation. Call 384-9379 or e-mail [lois-warren@uiowa.edu](mailto:lois-warren@uiowa.edu).

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.