

Noon News



Today
High: 50 Low: 37
Mostly cloudy



Tomorrow
High: 55 Low: 39
Partly cloudy

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FBI captures serial bank robber

The FBI arrested Jason Lee Bowers, 33, of Des Moines Friday for a string of bank robberies in small Iowa towns over the past month. Authorities believe Bowers robbed banks in the towns of Slater, St. Charles, Rippey, and, most recently, the First Trust and Savings Bank in Oxford last Wednesday.

IC bars pay for extra police patrols

Six downtown Iowa City bars are paying for two police officers to work the Pedestrian Mall Fridays and Saturdays from 10 p.m. to closing time, the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* reports. The Union Bar, the Fieldhouse, Vito's, Martini's, TCB, and DC's are paying for the overtime patrols in response to growing public safety concerns such as late-night fights in the popular entertainment district.

Electrolux cutting 850 Iowa jobs

Declining demand for washers and dryers will cost Iowa roughly 850 jobs over the next year as Electrolux shifts all its North American manufacturing to Mexico, the company announced Friday. Production of Frigidaire washers and dryers in Webster City and Jefferson is scheduled to end sometime in early 2011. Electrolux has already eliminated more than 1,000 Iowa jobs since 2006.

14 Americans killed in helicopter crashes in Afghanistan

A helicopter crash and a separate collision involving two other choppers killed 14 Americans in Afghanistan today, the Associated Press (AP) reports. In the first crash, 10 people were killed when a helicopter went down in the west of the country after leaving the scene of a firefight with insurgents. In a separate incident in the south, two U.S. choppers collided while in flight, killing four soldiers.

Polygamist sect trial set to begin

The first of a dozen polygamist sect members charged with abuse of women is set to stand trial today, the AP reports. In April 2008, agents raided the group's Yearning for Zion Ranch outside Eldorado, Texas, and carted off more than 400 children in the largest child custody case in American history.

Six poisoned at Harvard lab

Harvard Medical School will increase security and install new video cameras at its laboratories this week as police work to determine whether six people were intentionally poisoned at a research building. The scientists and students fell ill Aug. 26 after drinking coffee laced with sodium azide.

Security tightened following Baghdad bombings

Iraqi security forces blocked streets around Baghdad today and conducted checkpoint searches as authorities investigated two truck bombs that killed over 150 people yesterday. The attacks on the Justice Ministry and Baghdad Provincial Administration were the country's worst in two years.

Karadzic boycotts war crimes trial

Radovan Karadzic boycotted the opening of his genocide and war crimes trial today in The Hague, Netherlands, forcing judges to adjourn the trial until tomorrow, the AP reports. The former Bosnian Serb leader was a central figure of the Balkan wars triggered by the breakup of Yugoslavia.

Netflix movie streaming coming to Playstation 3

PlayStation 3 owners will soon be able to stream movies from Netflix to their TVs using the gaming console, just as Xbox 360 owners have been able to do for a year. Sony Corp. and the DVD rental company planned to announce the service today and launch it next month.

Son of pitchman Mays approves of costumes

Billy Mays III, son of the TV pitchman Billy Mays, said it's OK if people dress up like his father for Halloween—he's even holding a costume contest on his Web site, www.wheresbillymays.com.

Hawks reach No. 4 in BCS rankings

The Iowa Hawkeyes climbed to No. 4 in the 2009 Bowl Championship Series—their highest mark in the 12-year history of the BCS—following the team's 15-13 win over Michigan State Saturday night. Iowa ranks No. 7 in the AP Top 25 college football poll and No. 8 in the *USA Today* coaches' poll.

Today in history

On this day in 1881, the gunfight at the OK Corral took place in Tombstone, Ariz., as Wyatt Earp, his two brothers, and "Doc" Holliday confronted Ike Clanton's gang. Three members of Clanton's gang were killed; Earp's brothers were wounded.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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.
- UI Women's Health invites mothers of infants and toddlers to attend "Moms Supporting Moms." The group meets from 12 to 1 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of every month in Melrose Conference Room 3, Elevator L, Level 5. For more information, call 356-1278 or e-mail UIHC-moms@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. tomorrow 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.
- Wild Rose Gifts celebrates the beginning of the holiday season with a special event, "Deck the Halls," from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Holiday décor, ornaments and gifts will be featured. Free gift with \$25 purchase (stamps excluded). All profits support programs that benefit patients and their families.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Change in Visitor Rules Reminder: To protect patients from exposure to H1N1 influenza, no one under age 18 is allowed to visit patient care areas, visitors are limited to two adults per patient, and no visitors with symptoms of influenza (fever equal to or greater than 100 degrees F, cough, sore throat, runny nose, shortness of breath, fatigue, chills, muscle pain, headache, vomiting, or diarrhea) are allowed to enter patient care areas. The restrictions will remain in effect until further notice. For more information, go to www.uihealthcare.com.
- Stay tuned for influenza updates: UI Health Care leaders will provide broadcast e-mail updates to keep faculty and staff informed about the latest developments regarding influenza. Information on influenza vaccinations will be updated and posted at www.uihealthcare.com.
- This is National Spiritual Care week—a time to recognize spiritual caregivers in organizations and institutions of all kinds. Did you know that spiritual care is available to patients, families, and staff by trained chaplains here at UI Hospitals and Clinics? In an emergency, page #3437 (interfaith) or #3589 (Catholic). Stop by the display in the Fountain Lobby.
- Nominate a coworker or a team who has initiated an innovation to improve their workplace; for example, in areas such as safety, process improvements, patient or student satisfaction, healthy working relationships, cost savings, etc., for an Improving Our Workplace Award (IOWA). Nomination form and writing assistance are available at www.uiowa.edu/hr/iowa. Deadline: Nov. 16. Questions? Call 335-0560 or e-mail nancy-noyer@uiowa.edu.
- The "Not Just Another Pretty Face," exhibit at Hardin Library for the Health Sciences traces the history of attempts to divine human personality by analyzing the size, shape, structure, and composition of the human head. Located near the third floor entrance.
- 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.
- Interested in starting a 7 a.m. to 4:30 or 5 p.m. Solon vanpool? Contact Brian at brian-cornwall@hawkeyesports.com.
- The 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. West Liberty vanpool has two openings. Contact Bruce Browning at 335-1226.
- The 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Keota vanpool has an opening. Contact Necole at 353-4343.
- The 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Davenport vanpool has openings. Contact Pam Arp at 356-8842.
- The 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Williamsburg vanpool has an opening. Contact Racheal at racheal-niensteadt@uiowa.edu or call 384-7447.
- The 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Anamosa-Mt. Vernon vanpool has an opening. Contact Linda at linda-thomsen@uiowa.edu or call 335-8581.
- The 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. south Cedar Rapids vanpool has an opening. Contact Dan at 353-5770.
- The 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. northeast Cedar Rapids vanpool has an opening. Contact Sally at 353-7843.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

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

- Adults ages 56 to 80 who previously received the smallpox vaccine at least 10 years ago and are in good overall health are invited to participate in a smallpox vaccine study at the UI. Participation involves a total of seven visits over approximately nine months to evaluate the safety and efficacy of an investigational new generation of smallpox vaccine in people over age 56. For more information, call 356-4848 or e-mail recruit-vaccine-research@uiowa.edu and put "BN-024" in the subject line.

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.