

# Noon News



**Today**  
High: 73 Low: 56  
Mostly cloudy



**Tomorrow**  
High: 81 Low: 60  
Mostly sunny

**Wednesday, July 1, 2009**

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## **Board backs North Liberty high school**

Iowa City School Board members support the idea of eventually opening a third high school for the district in the North Liberty area. However, no vote was taken, nor was any timeline set at the board's meeting last night. The new high school and new school boundaries would allow the district to relieve overcrowding at West High while also leveling enrollment at City High, board members said.

## **New law: exclusion zones for sex offenders**

Sex offenders in Iowa now will face what is known as exclusion zones, according to a new state law that begins today, the *Des Moines Register* reported. The law gives schools, child care centers, and public libraries the ability to deny access to any convicted sex offender, but it now allows lower-risk offenders to live within 2,000 feet of a school or child care facility.

## **State alcohol revenue tops \$100 million**

The Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division generated a record \$104 million in revenue over the past year, state records show. Liquor sales rose 8.2 percent in terms of dollars, with beer sales up 1.4 percent and wine sales up 1.8 percent between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009.

## **Franken wins Senate seat**

The Minnesota Supreme Court unanimously declared Al Franken the winner of the longest contest for U.S. Senate in the state's history yesterday. Franken's victory over GOP incumbent Norm Coleman gives Democrats a presumably filibuster-proof 60-vote majority in the U.S. Senate.

## **Citi raising rates on millions of credit cards**

Citigroup Inc. has increased interest rates on as many as 15 million credit card accounts, just months before curbs on such rises take effect. The company said the move is part of its normal account reviews but also reflects the higher cost of doing business, the *Financial Times* reported.

## **Managua mayor found dead**

Managua, Nicaragua, Mayor Alexis Arguello, a three-time world boxing champion, was found dead at his home today, his Sandinista Party's Radio Ya said. An autopsy is being performed but it appears to be a suicide. The *La Prensa* newspaper reported he was found with a gunshot wound to the chest.

## **Canada mulls visas as Czech asylum seekers pour in**

Canada may reinstate a visa requirement on Czech visitors after hundreds of Roma from the Czech Republic sought asylum there over the past few months, the Czech Foreign Ministry said today. The Roma are mostly poor and less educated than other Czechs and have been the target of recent attacks.

## **British man begins Australian dream job**

Briton Ben Southall, 34, beat nearly 35,000 applicants from around the world for what's being called the "Best Job in the World"—a six-month assignment to serve as caretaker of the tropical Hamilton Island in Australia's Great Barrier Reef. Southall also will write a blog to promote the area.

## **Top CEOs mostly 'switched off' to social media**

A study by the blog UberCEO.com that looked at *Fortune* magazine's 2009 list of the top 100 CEOs to determine how many were using social media tools found that only two CEOs had Twitter accounts and 81 percent of CEOs did not have a personal Facebook page. None of the 100 CEOs had a blog.

## **State Fair to have butter statue of Michael Jackson**

Iowa State Fair organizers announced yesterday that in addition to their annual butter cow statute, there would be one honoring pop music icon Michael Jackson. Both butter sculptures will be on display in a 40-degree cooler throughout the fair, which is Aug. 13 to 23 in Des Moines.

## **Ed Thomas to be SI cover story**

This week's cover story for *Sports Illustrated*, on newsstands tomorrow, features Ed Thomas, head football coach at Aplington-Parkersburg High School, who was killed by a former player last week.

## *Today in history*

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**On this day in 1951, Iowa native and Cleveland Indians ace Bob Feller pitched the third no-hitter of his career. This made him the first modern pitcher ever to throw three no-hitters.**

**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Wild Rose Gifts will be open tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for your shopping convenience. Profits support programs that benefit patients and their families.
- Everyone is invited to come try their luck at a Wii party tomorrow from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Hardin Library. The Wii will be set up in the East Commons.
- Project Art and Volunteer Services present The Recliners performing as part of the Summer Concert Series from noon to 1 p.m. tomorrow at the Rooftop Café, Elevator F, Level 8. The event will feature music ranging from folk rock to bluegrass and will feature promotional food specials. Rain location: 7th Floor Atrium Dining Room.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- To comply with the new Conflict of Interest Policy, all faculty and staff affiliated with UI Health Care are required to complete an online External Relationships Disclosure form now available on the Conflict of Interest Web site before September 1, 2009. This requirement applies to everyone, regardless of whether or not you have a financial relationship with an entity outside The University of Iowa. For complete information, please go to the Conflict of Interest Web site. Questions? Contact the Conflict of Interest Office at 384-5252 or e-mail [coi@healthcare.uiowa.edu](mailto:coi@healthcare.uiowa.edu).
- A new video is now online featuring UI Head Football Coach Kirk Ferentz and former UI football player and San Diego Chargers kicker Nate Kaeding talking about why UI Children's Hospital is important to them and to the State of Iowa. Go to [www.uihealthcare.com/children](http://www.uihealthcare.com/children) to watch the video. To learn more about a recent fundraising event hosted by Ferentz and Kaeding, go to [The Point](#).
- Volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts at the first aid tents at both the Toyota-Scion of Iowa City Jazz Festival, July 3 to 5, and the Sand in the City event, August 28 to 30. Volunteers will provide basic first aid services. For more information, contact Tom Walljasper at [tom-walljasper@uiowa.edu](mailto:tom-walljasper@uiowa.edu) or 384-1745.

## RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

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- Volunteers age 21 and older who have been diagnosed with atrial fibrillation (an abnormal heart rhythm) are invited to participate in a research study evaluating the safety and effectiveness of an investigational blood-thinning medication in the prevention of stroke. Qualifying participants will receive study-related laboratory evaluations, physical exams and electrocardiograms, and study medications. Compensation. For details, call 384-5046 or 1-800-887-6917.
- Adolescents between the ages of 12 and 15 and young adults between the ages of 26 and 30 are invited to take part in a study on reward and decision-making. Participants will have an MRI scan, complete personality questionnaires, and take part in neuropsychological testing. Compensation. Contact Julie Koeppel at 353-6647 or [julie-koeppel@uiowa.edu](mailto:julie-koeppel@uiowa.edu).
- Children ages 2 years, 6 months to 6 years, 11 months are invited to participate in a research study examining how children use social cues such as looking at or touching an object to learn words. During the study, children will learn names for unfamiliar objects. They will also participate in a battery of speech, language, and listening tasks. The study involves one to two visits for approximately 90 minutes at the Department of Otolaryngology on the UI campus or a mutually agreeable location. Contact Elizabeth Walker or Karla McGregor at 353-8980 or e-mail [elizabeth-walker@uiowa.edu](mailto:elizabeth-walker@uiowa.edu).
- Healthy adult volunteers are invited for a speech study involving two visits. Includes a 45-minute session that involves simultaneous a) EMG: insertion of needle electrodes under topical anesthesia in the neck region and b) video recording of the "voice box" while performing speech tasks. Another 30-minute session will include audio recording of speech tasks. Compensation. Contact Sanyu Jaiswal at 621-1521 for more information.
- Adults ages 18 to 25 who have language learning or reading disabilities are invited to participate in a research study on sleep and word learning. Participants will learn new words and take tests to determine their retention of the new words. The study involves five visits of 90 minutes each. Compensation. For details, call Nichole Eden or e-mail [child-language@uiowa.edu](mailto:child-language@uiowa.edu).
- Individuals between the ages of 18 and 85 are invited to participate in a cognitive neuroscience study. Participants must have undergone a life-threatening or life-changing medical condition such as heart attack or cancer. However, participants must be free of any neurological conditions (stroke, head trauma). The study will consist of completing a questionnaire and will take 30 minutes to an hour. Compensation. For more information, contact Erik at 384-6084 or e-mail [erik-asp@uiowa.edu](mailto:erik-asp@uiowa.edu).

View the most recent study announcements at [www.uihealthcare.com/depts/clinicaltrials/volunteer.html](http://www.uihealthcare.com/depts/clinicaltrials/volunteer.html).

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