

# Noon News



**Today**  
High: 80 Low: 67  
Showers/storms



**Tomorrow**  
High: 84 Low: 67  
Partly cloudy

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

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## Town hall meeting to focus on health insurance

Gov. Chet Culver will host a town hall meeting at 3 p.m. today in the Old Capitol Senate Chambers in Iowa City, highlighting the importance of insurance coverage and the steps the state has taken to ensure access to quality, affordable care. UI Health Care representatives will join state officials to discuss the state's Medicaid and HAWK-I programs and other insurance issues.

## Teen charged in murder of Charles City child

Officials in Charles City yesterday charged 14-year-old Edgar Concepcion Jr. with first-degree murder and first-degree sexual abuse in the death of 3-year-old Krystal Banes, who was found dead on Friday. Charles City police chief Mike Wendel said yesterday that Concepcion Jr. is charged in juvenile court.

## Concern grows over Des Moines homeless

Des Moines city leaders said yesterday they intend to fight the spread of homeless camps amid reports that more have popped up along the Des Moines and Raccoon rivers. Officials worry that a failure to address the issue could lead to more problems with safety, health, and sanitation.

## Southwest checks planes after hole forces landing

Southwest Airlines ordered inspections of nearly 200 aircraft after a football-sized hole opened up in the passenger cabin of a 737 aircraft during a flight yesterday, forcing an emergency landing in West Virginia. It's not clear what caused the damage. No one was injured on the Nashville-to-Baltimore flight that was carrying 126 passengers and five crew members.

## Wholesale prices on the rise

Wholesale prices jumped 1.8 percent in June—the biggest increase since November 2007—led by more expensive energy products, the Labor Department reported today. Energy prices rose 6.6 percent last month. The increase could fan investors' fears about inflation, but some economists say the rise in energy prices will be short-lived and does not signal the beginning of spiraling costs this year.

## Community colleges to get boost under Obama proposal

President Barack Obama is expected today to propose \$12 billion in new federal spending for community colleges that the administration says will help prepare U.S. workers for 21st-century jobs. Obama wants to increase by five million the number of U.S. community-college graduates by 2020.

## South Korean police: Hackers stole data

Hackers extracted files from computers they contaminated with a virus that triggered cyber-attacks last week in the U.S. and South Korea, police said today, a sign that they tried to steal information from the victims. The attacks caused outages on prominent government-run sites in both countries.

## French men seized in Somalia

Gunmen stormed into a hotel in the Somali capital of Mogadishu today and kidnapped two French men who were on an official mission to train Somali government forces, the French Foreign Ministry said. Various Islamist groups have been battling the U.N.-backed government for the past several years.

## Blockbuster to stream videos on Samsung TVs

In an alliance announced today, Samsung's next generation of high-definition TVs will include a built-in feature that will let viewers rent DVD releases from Blockbuster with the press of a button. Blockbuster is banking on the partnership with Samsung to regain ground on video-rental rival Netflix.

## Bolshoi Theater director calls it quits

The music director of Moscow's renowned Bolshoi Theater resigned suddenly yesterday. Alexander Vedernikov, who had struggled to inject new life into Russia's best-known international music theater, announced his decision on the opening day of the Bolshoi's summer tour of Italy.

## National League looks to end drought

The National League will be seeking its first win in 13 years against the American League in tonight's Major League Baseball All-Star Game at Busch Stadium in St. Louis.

## Today in history

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**On this day in  
1968, Atlanta  
Braves slugger  
Henry "Hank"  
Aaron hit the  
500<sup>th</sup> home run of  
his career.**

**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Ramesh Varier, an expert in Ayurvedic medicine, will present, “Ayurveda in Today’s Healthcare Scenario,” from noon to 1 p.m. today in the Clasen Board Room, 1329 JCP, Elevator H, Level 1. This free Brown Bag Presentation is sponsored by the Complementary and Integrative Medicine Interest Group. For more information, contact Patsy McAtee at 356-8555.
- Tune in to an interview about how pregnancy affects legs and feet with Neil Segal, MD, airing at 7:30 and 9:50 a.m. tomorrow on the AM-800 KXIC University of Iowa Health Care Today program.
- Patients and visitors are invited to children’s story hour at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, Patients’ Library, Elevator F, Level 8.
- Stop by the Premie Project Summer Craft Sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 21 and 22 in the Pappajohn Pavilion Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. Proceeds benefit critically ill infants and their families in the NICU. For more information, call 338-1514 or e-mail [vicepresident@thepremieproject.com](mailto:vicepresident@thepremieproject.com).
- UI Printing and Mailing Services will give a printing/ mailing information session from 2 to 3 p.m.. Tuesday, July 21, in the Atrium Conference Center, Elevator E, Level 7. The presentation will cover mailing and postage changes that have taken effect over the past few months and detail how Printing and Mailing Services can help cut expenses.
- Wild Rose Books will host a Technology Event from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, in the Pappajohn Pavilion Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. Stop by and test-drive the latest lineup of Dell computers. Also, take advantage of a special Apple offer available now through Sept. 8: when you buy a Mac, you’ll receive a free iPod touch after mail-in rebate. Educational discount prices will apply for UI students, faculty, and staff on selected technology.
- Openings are available for the UI Maternity Center’s Childbirth Preparation Saturday Seminar that will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 25. Learn practical tips for increasing comfort and confidence in the labor process. For details and registration, visit [www.uihealthcare.com/maternity](http://www.uihealthcare.com/maternity) and click on the “Classes” link.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- UI Health Care staff and health science program students are reminded to wear photo ID badges above the waist with the photo facing out. Badges are not to be punctured in any way; holes in the badge will render the card dead for door access.
- 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.
- All Epic users have easy access to the most current information about Epic issues and solutions. Go to [The Point](#) to print and post a flyer detailing information about specific functions such as notes, communication, letters, and orders. UIP physicians will find this on the UIP Web site.
- Complete the Personal Health Assessment (PHA) from UI Wellness and gain access to online lifestyle management programs that can help you create strategies in areas like weight management, exercise, stress management, smoking cessation, and nutrition improvement. Visit <https://hris.uiowa.edu> to complete the PHA and follow links to supportive resources. For more information, visit [www.uiowa.edu/livewell](http://www.uiowa.edu/livewell) or call 353-2973.
- A 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cedar Rapids vanpool has an opening. Contact Don at 319-213-1390 or [donald-johnson@uiowa.edu](mailto:donald-johnson@uiowa.edu).
- The 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. West Liberty vanpool has two openings. Contact Bruce Browning at 335-1226.

## RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

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- Male adults, 50 to 80 years old, with no history of neurological disease, are invited to participate in a Department of Neurology research study of cognitive function. Participants will be asked to undergo neuropsychological testing. Compensation. For details, call Katie at 356-3171.
- 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 Koepfel at 353-6647 or [julie-koepfel@uiowa.edu](mailto:julie-koepfel@uiowa.edu).
- Adults born after 1971 who have never received a smallpox vaccine and are in overall good health are invited to participate in a smallpox vaccine study. Participation involves a total of 10 visits over approximately seven months. For more information, call 384-7245 or e-mail [geraldine-dull@uiowa.edu](mailto:geraldine-dull@uiowa.edu).

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

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.