

# Noon News



**Today**  
High: 84 Low: 60  
Partly cloudy



**Tomorrow**  
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**Wednesday, July 15, 2009**

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## **Iowa City could see new high school by 2014**

A new, 600-student Iowa City district high school would open in the fall of 2014 under a plan Superintendent Lane Plugge presented to the school board last night. The plan suggests boundary changes beginning in 2010-11 that would shift about 35 students per grade from West High to City High and temporarily assign 150 West High freshmen to Northwest Junior High beginning in 2011-12.

## **Becoming a teacher may get easier**

Shortcuts to a teaching license are being planned at Iowa's state universities and private colleges. The *Des Moines Register* reports that since 2005 Iowa has allowed colleges to develop alternative licensing programs that call for a year of part-time classes followed by a year of teaching with an "intern license." Increased interest and demand for teachers has spurred the schools to develop the programs.

## **Dalai Lama to visit Iowa in 2010**

University of Northern Iowa officials announced yesterday that the Dalai Lama will visit UNI on May 18, 2010, to share his views on education in a global society. It will be the first trip to Iowa for the 74-year-old Tibetan spiritual leader and Nobel Peace Prize laureate.

## **House bill would make health care a right**

House Democratic leaders yesterday introduced legislation that for the first time would make health care a right and a responsibility for all Americans. Under the plan, the federal government would be responsible for ensuring that every person has access to an affordable insurance plan. Individuals and employers would have new obligations to get coverage or face hefty penalties.

## **Stocks rise on upbeat Intel report**

Better-than-expected earnings at chipmaker Intel sent stocks higher in the opening minutes of trading today. Intel's sales figures released after the market closed yesterday suggest that consumers are buying computers at a faster rate than anticipated—a potential sign the economy is recovering.

## **July equals deadliest month of Aghan war**

The death toll for foreign troops in Afghanistan halfway through July equaled the highest for any month of the eight-year-old war, *Reuters* reported today. Authorities said 46 U.S. and allied foreign soldiers have died in Afghanistan this month, equaling full-month highs set in June and August 2008.

## **Nearly 170 killed in Iran plane crash**

A Russian-made Iranian passenger plane carrying nearly 170 people crashed into a field northwest of Tehran shortly after takeoff today, killing everyone on board, Iranian state television reported. The Caspian Airlines Tupolev jet was headed to the Armenian capital of Yerevan.

## **World's oldest new mom dies**

A Spanish woman believed to be the world's oldest new mother when she gave birth at age 66 has died at 69, leaving behind twin toddlers, newspapers reported today. Maria del Carmen Bousada gave birth in 2006 as a single mother after getting in vitro fertilization treatment at a clinic in Los Angeles.

## **Bank job makes for unique tweet**

New Yorker Annemarie Dooling, 26, may have been the first person to tweet during a bank robbery yesterday, although Twitter did not confirm the distinction. Police were alerted earlier with a 911 call—Dooling reportedly was too busy looking at her BlackBerry to be the first to notice the heist.

## **Harry Potter mania is back**

With midnight-screening sell-outs last night reported at theaters around the country, *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* seems destined to become one of the biggest in the movie series.

## **NFL negotiations continue**

National Football League owners and players held a negotiating session yesterday on a new collective bargaining agreement. Last year, owners voted to opt out of the current agreement in 2011, arguing that it is too favorable for players, who get about 60 percent of revenues.

### *Today in history*

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**On this day in 1953, "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," starring Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell, opened at the Roxy Theater in New York.**

**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Join Project Art and Volunteer Services for the Rich Webster Band, part of the Summer Concert Series, from noon to 1 p.m. tomorrow at the Rooftop Café, Elevator F, Level 8. Enjoy classic piano rock, along with promotional food specials. Rain location: 7th Floor Atrium Conference Center. To join Project Art's mailing list, send an e-mail with the word "subscribe" in the subject line to [uihc-projectart@uiowa.edu](mailto:uihc-projectart@uiowa.edu).
- Come find out what UI Women's Health is all about at the UI Women's Health Fair July 21 in the EMRB Atrium and July 28 in the Pappajohn Pavilion Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. Events will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days and will feature giveaways, free massages, door prizes, and refreshments. For details, contact Mary Keen at [mary-keen@uiowa.edu](mailto:mary-keen@uiowa.edu), 384-8998, or Cindy Ballard at [cindy-ballard@uiowa.edu](mailto:cindy-ballard@uiowa.edu), 384-2859.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Hospital Parking Ramp 4 will close at 6 p.m. Friday and reopen at 6 a.m. Monday, July 20. If you park in this ramp, please use another ramp during this time. Questions? Contact Marty Shafer, Environmental and Guest Services, at 356-2277.
- The second-floor Skyway between the Pappajohn and Pomerantz Pavilions will close at 5 a.m. Saturday and reopen at 6 p.m. Sunday, July 19. Use the third-floor Skyway for access. Questions? Call Scott Wieneke, Engineering Services, at 353-6423.
- Normal electrical power service to the second-floor Otolaryngology Clinic in the Pomerantz Pavilion will be interrupted from approximately 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Questions? Contact Tom Davin, Engineering Services, at 353-2582.
- Beginning at 8 a.m. on Aug. 4, all UI Health Care employees and students will need two IDs—a HealthCareID for workstation login and health care applications (Epic, Outlook, etc.) and a HawkID for University applications (Employee Self Service, ICON, etc.). The two-ID system will be more secure and cost effective. Your current HawkID/password will become your HealthCareID/password. Usernames for both will be the same, but each ID will have its own password. For more information or to set a new HawkID password, go to <http://hawkid.uiowa.edu/project>.
- Blood and platelet donors needed. Visit DeGowin Blood Center, Elevator B, Level 2, or call 356-2058. Weekday and evening appointments available. All donations are used at UI Hospitals and Clinics.
- The UI Health Care Burn Support Group for patients who have experienced burns and similar wounds (Fournier's gangrene and necrotizing fasciitis) meets from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month, Burn Treatment Center, Elevator H, Level 8. For details, call Jolyn Schneider or Peaches Wytch at 356-2496.

## RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- 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](mailto:recruit-vaccine-research@uiowa.edu) and put "BN-024" in the subject line.
- Healthy females ages 18 to 60 are invited to participate in a research study examining the effects of transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) on pain. TENS is a commonly used treatment for pain that uses an application of low intensity (non-painful) electrical stimulation to the skin. Subjects cannot currently have pain or be on pain medication. Subjects will be compensated for five consecutive daily visits. For details, e-mail [slukalab@uiowa.edu](mailto:slukalab@uiowa.edu) or call Shannon Lehman at 384-3052.
- 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).
- Openings for participants in a research study on the use of Driver Support Systems in vehicles. The information gathered will help answer questions regarding the design of these devices and how they affect driving. Interested persons ages 25 to 40 who are U.S. citizens and native English speakers are invited to participate. This study takes place in a driving simulator located in the Cognitive Systems Lab. There will be no real on-road driving for this study. Compensation. Expected participation time is 2.5 hours. Call 384-0514 or e-mail [bseppelt@engineering.uiowa.edu](mailto:bseppelt@engineering.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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