

# Noon News



**Today**  
High: 71 Low: 56  
Partly cloudy



**Tomorrow**  
High: 69 Low: 55  
Mostly cloudy

**Thursday, August 20, 2009**

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## Today in history

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**On this day in 1977, the United States launched Voyager 2, an unmanned spacecraft carrying a 12-inch copper phonograph record containing greetings in dozens of languages, samples of music, and sounds of nature.**

### **Museum of Art to open new location in IMU**

More than 500 works of art from the University of Iowa Museum of Art collection will be exhibited in a new on-campus art venue this fall. The “UIMA@IMU,” located in the former Richey Ballroom on the third floor of the Iowa Memorial Union, is a visual classroom that will serve as a temporary location while the museum is displaced because of the June 2008 flood.

### **UI ranks 29th among public universities**

The University of Iowa ranks No. 29 among public universities, and No. 71 overall, according to the “America’s Best Colleges 2010” survey published by *U.S. News & World Report*. The ranking formula weighs factors such as SAT scores, peer reputation, selectivity, and alumni giving.

### **State panel rejects St. Luke’s application**

A state panel yesterday denied a certificate of need request by St. Luke’s Hospital in Cedar Rapids for a radiation therapy device for cancer patients, the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* reports. St. Luke’s application was for a \$5.5 million imaging scanner and linear accelerator. Hospital officials said the request was part of a larger collaborative effort to establish a free-standing cancer center in the community.

### **CIA hired outside firm to target terrorists**

The CIA hired private security firm Blackwater USA in 2004 as part of a secret program to kill top-level members of al-Qaida, *The New York Times* reports. The program never resulted in the capture or killing of any terrorist suspects but raised questions of accountability. Blackwater faced heavy criticism for its alleged role in a September 2007 shooting in Baghdad that killed 17 Iraqi civilians.

### **‘Cash for Clunkers’ winding down**

The Obama administration could announce by tomorrow when incentives no longer will be available for the “Cash for Clunkers” program, the Associated Press (AP) reports. Auto dealers have made sales worth \$1.81 billion and are on pace to exhaust the program’s \$3 billion in funds in early September.

### **Biden to announce grants for electronic medical records**

Vice President Joe Biden is scheduled today to announce nearly \$1.2 billion in grants to help hospitals transition to electronic medical records, according to the AP. Biden will discuss how the grants—part of the \$787 billion economic stimulus plan—will benefit Americans when they go to their doctors.

### **Afghans vote for president**

Taliban threats of violence kept voter turnout low in parts of Afghanistan today. Rocket, suicide, and bomb attacks closed some polling sites, the AP reports. President Hamid Karzai is seeking re-election but faces stiff competition from his top challenger, former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah.

### **Report: 52 Mexican journalists killed in past decade**

The head of Mexico’s National Human Rights Commission said yesterday that 52 journalists or media workers have been killed in the past decade, and most of the slayings remain unsolved. News media investigating drug trafficking have been frequent targets of Mexico’s drug cartels, the AP reports.

### **Space shuttle launch set**

NASA will try to launch space shuttle Discovery to the International Space Station next Tuesday, less than a month after the last shuttle mission. The shuttle’s crew will haul equipment and supplies to the space station, including a new treadmill named after Comedy Central’s Stephen Colbert.

### **Copperfield sued for sexual assault**

A Seattle woman has sued magician David Copperfield, contending he sexually assaulted her while she was a guest on his private island in the Bahamas. Copperfield’s lawyers said the lawsuit is “extortion.” The *Seattle Times* describes the 22-year-old woman as a former Miss Washington USA contestant.

### **Memphis to vacate Final Four season**

Memphis will be forced to vacate the 38 wins from its Final Four season of 2007-08 under former coach John Calipari because of NCAA violations, the *Memphis Commercial Appeal* reports.

**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Celebrate Wild Rose Books' second anniversary! Receive a FREE gift with any book purchase today through Sunday. Offer valid while supplies last. Wild Rose Books is located in the Main Entrance Lobby. Questions? Call 384-5151.
- The Project Art and Volunteer Services Summer Concert Series presents Betsy Hickok, a member of Too Much Yang, performing jazz vocals, from noon to 1 p.m. today at the Rooftop Café, Elevator F, Level 8. Promotional food specials. Rain location: 7th Floor Atrium Conference Center.
- Physicians: HCIS is offering open Epic lab time from 3 to 5:30 p.m. today and tomorrow in the HCIS Training Room, 11606 PFP, Elevator L, Level 1. If you need support with orders, notes, In Basket, or maneuvering through Epic, come to the lab for assistance. HCIS staff will provide support. Directions to 11606 PFP: Walk through the Eye Clinic; at the directional marquee, turn left; proceed to the end of hallway, turn right; 11606 is at the end of the hallway on the left.
- The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Iowa is looking for local volunteers for both wish-granting and fundraising efforts. Make-A-Wish grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions—many of whom are treated at UI Children's Hospital—to enrich the human spirit with hope, strength, and joy. A volunteer informational meeting will be held at 6 p.m. tonight at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 123 E. Market St., Iowa City. Please call 930-2930 for details or to R.S.V.P.
- 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 UI Carver College of Medicine's 15th annual White Coat Ceremony, the culmination of the incoming Class of 2013's orientation activities, will be held at 3 p.m. tomorrow in Macbride Auditorium on the UI main campus. At this special occasion, new students receive their first white coats and take the Hippocratic Oath before an audience of family and friends. Richard Williams, MD, professor and head of urology, will deliver the keynote address.
- Wild Rose Gifts will be celebrating National Dog Day all next week with 25 percent discounts on all dog-related merchandise. Stop by 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends. Profits support programs that benefit patients and their families.
- "Zoonotic Infections: Their Importance and Neglect" is the theme of the 2009-10 College of Public Health Distinguished Faculty Lecture by Gregory Gray, UI professor of epidemiology. Gray will speak at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in 2117 MERF. For more information, contact Kathy Hicklin at 384-5491.
- Interested in becoming a medical assistant? Ambulatory Care Services is partnering with Kirkwood Community College on a Medical Assisting program. Attend a one-hour information session Wednesday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., in W417 GH (Nursing Clinical Education Center), Elevator BW, Level 4. Bring your lunch and please share this information with your colleagues. For more information, contact Amy Ostrem, CMA, at 353-7197 or [amy-ostrem@uiowa.edu](mailto:amy-ostrem@uiowa.edu).
- "Preventing Infection: Scaling-Up from Local to Global" is the topic of the 2009 Hsu-Li Distinguished Lectureship in International Epidemiology sponsored by the UI Department of Epidemiology. Didier Pittet, MD, professor of medicine at University of Geneva Hospitals in Switzerland, will speak at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, in Room E311 GH (Medical Alumni Auditorium). For more information, contact Marilyn Anderson at 384-5049.
- "Parent to Parent" Family Training on AD/HD classes will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays beginning Sept. 12 through Oct. 24 in the Stoltzfus Conference Room, 2717-1 JPP, Elevator I, Level 2. Questions? Call Barb at 319-266-2901 or [wilk123abc@q.com](mailto:wilk123abc@q.com) for directions and more information. Register by Sept. 1. This event is sponsored by the Department of Child Psychology with a grant from Muscatine Charities and CHADD.
- UI Carver College of Medicine Dean Paul Rothman, MD, will give his annual State of the College address at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, in the Prem Sahai Auditorium, Level 1, Medical Education and Research Facility. All faculty, staff, and students of the College are invited.
- Everyone working, learning, or volunteering with UI Health Care is invited to a UI Health Care Update Forum Thursday, Sept. 3, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Atrium Conference Center, Elevator E/F, Level 7. The forum also will be available as a live webcast, and video will be made available on The Point after the forum.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- Back-to-school is a great time to look for glasses in every style and price range. And we've got them all at UI Optical located in Pomerantz Family Pavilion, Elevator L, Level 2. Open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; phone 384-9922. Don't forget: UI employees receive a 10 percent discount.

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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