

Noon News



Today
High: 66 Low: 50
Mostly sunny



Tomorrow
High: 72 Low: 50
Sunny

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Local teen first Internet addiction inpatient at new center

A new Internet addiction treatment center, reSTART Internet Addiction Recovery Center, opened in Fall City, Wash., and Ben Alexander from Iowa City is the first inpatient. Alexander's addiction to the video game "World of Warcraft" was out of control. "I would play until I fell asleep on my keyboard," he said in the *Washington News*. The center is the first of its kind in the U.S.

State warns 2 care facilities forfeiting licenses

State officials warned owners of two assisted living centers this week that if they forgo government licensure and inspection, they'll be in violation of Iowa law. The Jefferson Point Assisted Living Center in North Liberty and the Dubuque Retirement Community are both planning to forfeit their licenses. They have had problems meeting minimum care standards—incurring more than \$40,000 in fines in the past 18 months.

Economy improving, but not back to normal

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke declared today that the U.S. economy is on the verge of a long-awaited recovery after experiencing the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression, CBS News reports. Economic activity in both the U.S. and around the world appears to be "leveling out," and "the prospects for a return to growth in the near term appear good," Bernanke said.

Released Lockerbie bomber gets 'hero's welcome'

After being freed from a Scottish prison where he was serving a life sentence, Abdelbeset Ali Mohamed al Megrahi arrived in his native Libya to a cheering crowd that waved flags and honked horns. Al Megrahi, 57, who has terminal prostate cancer, was convicted in 2001 of planting a bomb on Pan Am flight 103 that exploded over the Scottish town of Lockerbie in 1988, killing all 259 on board including 189 Americans and 11 people on the ground.

More mercury in fish

A study released by the U.S. Geological Survey found mercury in every freshwater fish from nearly 300 streams tested. After testing mercury levels over seven years, officials warn Americans to limit the amount of large, predator freshwater fish they eat, such as large-mouth bass, pickerel, walleye, and some catfish. The warning applies to recreationally-caught fish, "not the kind Americans are likely to find at their grocery stores or in restaurants," the National Fisheries Institute said in a statement.

Both candidates claim victory in Afghanistan

President Hamid Karzai and challenger Abdullah Abdullah both claimed victory today in the Afghanistan presidential election, *USA Today* reports. Vote counting for the election, fraught with militant attacks on voters and claims of suspected fraud, will not be officially complete until the Independent Election Commission confirms the count on Tuesday.

Yahoo accused of illegal RX sales

Two research firms, Legitscript.com and KnujOn.com, say that during a three-month period in 2009, search engine Yahoo accepted ads from dozens of online pharmacies that dispensed drugs without a valid prescription. In an e-mail to CNN, the company said Yahoo has "strict guidelines and policies in place" for all search advertising and, "All known violators are removed from the Yahoo network."

Starbucks prices rising and falling

Starbucks Corp. is raising prices on some "complex" drinks like a "frappuccino" and cutting the cost of basic beverages, like a plain cup of coffee, the company said yesterday. Officials at the Seattle-based coffee giant said prices will vary by region to cover higher labor and material costs.

Iowa Little League team competes today

The Midwest Regional Champions—a dozen 12- and 13-year-olds from Urbandale, Iowa, begin Little League World Series play at 4 p.m. today in Williamsport, Pa., facing the Southeast Regional Champions from Warner Robins, Ga. Fans can watch the game on ESPN.

Today in history

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On this day in 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed an executive order proclaiming Hawaii the 50th state of the union.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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.
- Friday prayers for those of the Muslim faith are held at 12:45 p.m. in the Meditation Room, Elevator B, Level 1.
- Physicians: HCIS is offering open Epic lab time from 3 to 5:30 p.m. today 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.
- Spiritual Services holds a Protestant service at 10:30 a.m. and a Catholic Mass at 3:30 p.m. Sundays in the East Room, Elevator F, Level 8. Services are televised on Channel 5.
- An Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Conference Room G, Elevator F, Level 7.
- 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.
- All faculty, staff, and volunteers are invited to an Open House to celebrate the newly renovated Medical Psychiatry unit from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday in 3 Boyd Tower, Elevator A, Level 3. Remarks at 2:30 p.m. The new unit has expanded from 13 to 15 beds and will be a greatly improved environment for patients. Questions? Contact Nurse Manager Marcia Gingerich at marcia-gingerich@uiowa.edu. To print and post a flyer, go to [The Point](#).
- "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.
- UI Obesity Surgery will hold an educational seminar and question-and-answer session from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Ziffren Conference Room, Elevator H, Level 1. The meeting will address different types of weight loss surgery. For more information, contact Debi Heitshusen at 6-7694 or debi-heitshusen@uiowa.edu.
- 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.
- "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 in Room E311 GH (Medical Alumni Auditorium). For more information, contact Marilyn Anderson at 384-5049.
- 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.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Steam and domestic hot water service to General Hospital and the Southeast Addition will be interrupted from 8 p.m. until approximately 3 a.m. on Tuesday in order to connect new steam line service. Questions? Contact Garry Creed at 335-5156.
- The 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. North English 5 mini vanpool has an opening. Call Cindy at 5-1885 from a hospital phone.
- The 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cedar Rapids vanpool as an opening. Contact Don Johnson at donald-johnson@uiowa.edu or 319-213-1390.
- Interested in starting a 7 a.m. to 4:30 or 5 p.m. Solon van pool? 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 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. North English vanpool has an opening. Contact Cindy at 5-1885.

View the most recent study announcements at www.uihealthcare.com/depts/clinicaltrials/volunteer.html.

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