

# Noon News



**Today**  
High: 80 Low: 57  
Mostly sunny



**Tomorrow**  
High: 80 Low: 64  
Partly cloudy

Wednesday, August 5, 2009

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## **IDPH: First H1N1 death was in Eastern Iowa**

The state's first death attributable to the H1N1 virus happened in Eastern Iowa, the Iowa Department of Public Health revealed yesterday. The person was middle-aged, but the department is declining to release further information, citing state confidentiality laws, the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* reports.

## **Forum to focus on redeveloping flooded land**

The city of Coralville will host an open house from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at City Hall on its preliminary plans for the area south of Fifth Street ravaged by last year's flood. The public will be able to see the plans and provide feedback. Ideas include recreational, entertainment, and commercial opportunities.

## **Four dead in health club shooting**

Investigators are trying to determine why a gunman walked into a fitness center in a suburb near Pittsburgh last night and starting firing at women gathered in a dance exercise class, killing three and wounding nine before shooting himself. Witnesses said after the incident that an ex-girlfriend may have been targeted, but police would not confirm that, according to an Associated Press report.

## **'Cash-for-Clunkers' likely to continue**

The U.S. Senate has cleared the way for a vote on a \$2 billion extension to the "Cash-for-Clunkers" program already approved by the House of Representatives. The program offers car buyers rebates of up to \$4,500 for trading in their gas-guzzlers for new, higher-mileage models.

## **Merck, Schering-Plough settle Vytorin suits**

Drug developers Merck & Co. and Schering-Plough Corp. said today they will pay \$41.5 million to settle lawsuits claiming they delayed the release of study results showing that their cholesterol drug Vytorin was no more effective than Zocor, an older and less expensive treatment to reduce plaque buildup in arteries, the Associated Press reports. Zocor is combined with Zetia to make Vytorin.

## **Russian subs patrol near U.S.**

A Russian general said that two nuclear-powered Russian attack submarines spotted off the U.S. East Coast are part of regular patrols, the Associated Press reports. U.S. defense officials said the subs have been patrolling in international waters for several days and have done nothing to provoke concern.

## **Ahmadinejad begins second term**

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was sworn in for a second term today. Hundreds of inauguration protesters scuffled with security forces, and opposition leaders, moderate lawmakers, and all three of Ahmadinejad's election challengers boycotted the ceremony, the Associated Press reports.

## **Indian village has folks seeing double**

Scientists are not sure why Kodinji, a village in North Kerla, India, with a population of about 15,000, is home to as many as 230 sets of twins—four times more twins than normal. A local doctor and some residents believe it's somehow due to the water, since Kodinji is surrounded by water in the fields and during the monsoon season the village becomes inaccessible from heavy rains, Reuters reports.

## **Sony plans launch of smaller e-book device**

Sony Corp. is expected to announce today that it will release the Reader Pocket Edition, a smaller version of its original e-book reader, by the end of August. The new device reportedly will retail for \$199, which is about \$100 less than the popular Kindle e-book reader sold by Amazon.com.

## **Abdul quitting 'American Idol'**

Paula Abdul announced yesterday on her Twitter account she is leaving Fox-TV's "American Idol," but gave no details about her departure. On Monday, Fox said that Kara DioGuardi would return for a second season on the "Idol" judging panel that includes Simon Cowell and Randy Jackson.

## **Giants, Manning agree to new deal**

NFL quarterback Eli Manning has agreed to a six-year, \$97 million contract extension with the New York Giants that will keep the former Super Bowl MVP with the Giants through the 2015 season.

## *Today in history*

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**On this day in 1962, actress Marilyn Monroe was found dead in her Los Angeles home. Police ruled Monroe's death a suicide.**

## **MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Visit the Books are Fun Sale until 6 p.m. today and from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. tomorrow in the Pappajohn Pavilion Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. A portion of the proceeds will benefit UI Children's Hospital.
- 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.
- Join Project Art and Volunteer Services for Jeffrey Morgan and Friends, performing as part of the Summer Concert Series, from noon to 1 p.m. tomorrow at the Rooftop Café, Elevator F, Level 8. Enjoy "fun folk" music, mixing traditional songs and stories, along with promotional food specials. Rain location: 7th Floor Atrium Dining Room. To join Project Art's mailing list, send an e-mail with "subscribe" in the subject line to [uihc-projectart@uiowa.edu](mailto:uihc-projectart@uiowa.edu).
- UI Health Care faculty and staff are invited to a seminar, "Healthy Land, Healthy Food, Healthy Eaters Cultivating Sustainable Food Systems to Advance Health" presented by the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, from 8 to 9 a.m. Friday in 102 CDD. CME offered. For more information, contact Brenda Nosbish, 353-6008.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- Steam and heating water service to the Main Operating Room Suite in Colloton Pavilion will be interrupted on Monday for approximately five hours, beginning at 9 p.m., to repair a steam valve and water line. Questions? Contact Robert Leslie at 356-8273.
- Volunteers are needed for the first-aid tent at the Summer of the Arts' Sand in the City event Aug. 28 to 30 in downtown Iowa City. Volunteers will provide basic first-aid services. For more information, contact Tom Walljasper at 384-1745 or [tom-walljasper@uiowa.edu](mailto:tom-walljasper@uiowa.edu).
- Wild Rose Gifts has some great new Isabel Bloom sculptures to preview. 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.
- Blood and platelet donors needed. Visit DeGowin Blood Center, Elevator B, Level 2, or call 356-2058. Weekday and evening appointments available. All donations used at UI Hospitals and Clinics.
- UI Children's Hospital and the Iowa Hawkeyes are partnering on "Kid Captain," a program to honor current or former pediatric patients during UI football games. Children selected will receive game tickets and a commemorative jersey and will be on the field for the pre-game coin toss. Only parents or guardians may nominate a child; faculty and staff are encouraged to share this information with families. For details, visit [www.uihealthcare.com/children](http://www.uihealthcare.com/children). Entry deadline is Aug. 16.
- As a UI Hospitals and Clinics employee, you have access to free, confidential financial counseling services. UI Hospitals and Clinics has partnered with the University of Iowa Credit Union to offer BALANCE to all staff—you do not need to be a member of the credit union to use these services. BALANCE offers professional guidance with money management, budgeting, debt reduction, and other personal finance issues. For more information, visit [www.uiccu.org](http://www.uiccu.org) and click on "Financial Education" in the lower right-hand corner.

## 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 800-887-6917.
- The UI Department of Leisure Studies is conducting a study about caregivers in the "sandwich generation." Are you a caregiver for a parent with dementia? Do you also have a minor child who lives with you? If you would like to participate, involvement will consist of an interview to talk about your experience. E-mail [lisa-schumacher@uiowa.edu](mailto:lisa-schumacher@uiowa.edu) or call 400-0628.
- Children between the ages of 4 and 6 who do and do not stutter are invited to participate in a research study. The study consists of one visit per year over a five-year period. Each visit will consist of several one- to two-hour sessions scheduled over five or six days. Compensation. Children must speak English as their native language. For more information, contact Patricia Zebrowski at 335-8735 or Amanda Berns at 335-9766.

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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