

# Noon News



**Today**  
High: 71 Low: 46  
Mostly sunny



**Tomorrow**  
High: 72 Low: 48  
Mostly sunny

**Tuesday, September 1, 2009**

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## Today in history

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**On this day in 1983, a Korean Air Lines Boeing 747 was shot down by a Soviet jet fighter after the airliner entered Soviet airspace; 269 people were killed.**

### **UI Children’s Hospital studying H1N1 vaccine**

University of Iowa Children’s Hospital yesterday began participating in a National Institutes of Health clinical trial to test an investigational vaccine for H1N1 flu along with the seasonal influenza vaccine in children. St. Louis University is the lead site for this pediatric study, which involves about 650 participants total. At UI Children’s Hospital, the study will enroll approximately 100 participants.

### **Coralville, Iowa City net I-JOBS funds**

The state I-JOBS board yesterday awarded Coralville \$27.1 million for its flood protection efforts and granted Iowa City \$3.5 million for its north wastewater treatment plant project and \$2.2 million for a new fire station. I-JOBS, an initiative spearheaded by Gov. Chet Culver to create jobs and improve Iowa’s infrastructure, handed out \$118.5 million to 58 projects, the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* reports.

### **Credit card satisfaction goes down as rates go up**

U.S. consumers’ satisfaction with credit cards plummeted in 2009, driven by anger due to fees and higher interest rates, according to a J.D. Power and Associates poll released today. The poll showed around 20 percent of customers reported an increase in their interest rates since 2008, Reuters reports.

### **Same-sex marriages begin in Vermont**

Vermont today becomes the fifth state—along with Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Iowa—to allow same-sex couples to marry. Vermont invented civil unions in 2000 after a same-sex couple challenged the inequality of state marriage statutes, according to the Associated Press (AP).

### **NTSB weighs safety options for medical helicopters**

The National Transportation Safety Board meets today to vote on 19 proposals to make emergency medical helicopters safer, the AP reports. The measures include better pilot training and the use of night vision imaging systems, plus a more thorough collection of flight, weather, and safety data.

### **Official: Iran ready for nuclear talks**

Iran’s top nuclear negotiator said Tehran is ready to cooperate with world powers over its nuclear program and has prepared a revised list of proposals to present to Western countries, the AP reports. The U.S. had given Iran a Sept. 30 deadline to accept an offer of nuclear talks with six world powers.

### **Europe marks anniversary of World War II**

European leaders and citizens today marked the 70th anniversary of the start of World War II, the AP reports. Germany’s invasion of Poland started more than five years of war that engulfed the world and resulted in the deaths of more than 50 million people as the German war machine rolled over Europe.

### **South Africa dismisses soldiers over protest**

South Africa has dismissed around 2,000 soldiers who last week staged an illegal march and tried to storm the seat of government, the defense ministry said today. Police used tear gas, rubber bullets, and water cannons to disperse the soldiers, who marched despite a court order barring their protest.

### **Researchers pinpoint Earth’s coldest, driest spot**

Scientists looking for the best observatory site in the world have discovered what is thought to be the coldest, driest, and calmest place on Earth, LiveScience.com reports. “Ridge A,” located 13,297 feet high on the Antarctic Plateau, has an average winter temperature of minus 94 degrees Fahrenheit.

### **L.A. fashion designer gets 59-year sentence**

Fashion designer Anand Jon Alexander was sentenced yesterday to 59 years to life in prison for sexually assaulting aspiring models he lured to Los Angeles. Alexander was convicted in November of 14 counts, including forcible rape. Prosecutors said Alexander often found his victims online.

### **Dodgers get Thome for playoff push**

The Los Angeles Dodgers acquired first baseman Jim Thome from the Chicago White Sox last night, adding more power to its lineup as it prepares for a playoff run. The 39-year-old Thome is hitting .252 with 23 home runs and 74 runs batted in over 106 games this season. He has 564 career home runs.

## **MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Children's Miracle Network will hold a merchandise sale to benefit UI Children's Hospital from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. today through Thursday in the Pappajohn Atrium Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. Cash, checks, credit cards, and staff charge accepted. Contact Sarah at 335-8441 for more information.
- Hardin Library is offering an open workshop, "How Can We Help You Learn PUBMED?" today from 1 to 2 p.m. Contact [kelly-thormodson@uiowa.edu](mailto:kelly-thormodson@uiowa.edu) for more information.
- The UI Obesity Surgery Support Group meets from 6 to 7 p.m. tonight in room 4638 JCP, Elevator H, Level 4. Topic: Why Have Bariatric Surgery? 'Eat to Live' rather than 'Live to Eat'? The group is free and open to anyone who has had bariatric surgery or is considering it. To register, contact Chris Melichar at 356-1887 or e-mail [obesitysurgery@uiowa.edu](mailto:obesitysurgery@uiowa.edu).
- Celebrate Fry Fest with Wild Rose Gifts tomorrow through Friday. Fry Fest t-shirts, ornaments, and streets signs available for purchase. Free Hawkeye tattoos with all purchases (excluding stamps) while supplies last. Hours: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends.
- Tune in to an interview about a stroke prevention study with Jennifer Robinson, 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.
- UI Carver College of Medicine Dean Paul Rothman, MD, will give his annual State of the College address at 5:15 p.m. tomorrow in the Prem Sahai Auditorium, Level 1, Medical Education and Research Facility. All faculty, staff, and students of the College are invited.
- "Lactation Chat" is a breastfeeding support group facilitated by a University of Iowa lactation consultant from 4 to 5 p.m. every Wednesday in the Dr. Bell Conference Room, Elevator I, Level 6. Participants can discuss common challenges to breastfeeding and receive inspiration and tips. Babies are welcome.
- Everyone working, learning, or volunteering with UI Health Care is invited to a UI Health Care Update Forum from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday in the Atrium Conference Center, Elevator E/F, Level 7. The forum also will be available as a live webcast. Video will be made available on [The Point](#) after the forum.
- Physicians: HCIS is offering open lab time Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. in the HCIS Training Room, 11605 PFP, Elevator L, Level 1. If you need support with orders, notes, In Basket, or maneuvering through Epic, you are invited to attend for assistance. HCIS staff will be providing support. For more information, contact Teresa Lane at 356-0002.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- UIHC Child Care Center, located in Westlawn, has two full-time and three Tuesday/Thursday openings for child care in the pre-Kindergarten room. Children in this room will go to kindergarten in the fall of 2010. Please call 335-9666 for information or e-mail [uihc@brighthorizons.com](mailto:uihc@brighthorizons.com).
- The hospital-wide pneumatic tube system will be interrupted today and the first Tuesday of every month for about two hours from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to test generators. Questions? Call Merle Hagie at 384-9575.
- Thirteen current and former patients of UI Children's Hospital were selected as Kid Captains for the 2009 UI Hawkeye football season. The Kid Captain Program is a partnership between UI Children's Hospital and the Iowa Hawkeyes to honor pediatric patients and celebrate their inspirational stories. Nearly 350 nominations were submitted from across Iowa and surrounding states and from as far away as Texas and New York. For more information and to "meet" the kids, go to [uihealthcare.com/children](http://uihealthcare.com/children).
- Beginning Sept. 15, UI Health Care will be powering down computers in an ongoing effort to reduce expenses and conserve resources. Most computers will power off at 6:30 p.m. and power on at 6:15 a.m. While most desktop computers will be included in this program, certain machines have been excluded, including those requiring special accommodations and those in inpatient areas. Check your e-mail for complete details, including FAQs, or contact the HCIS Help Desk at 356-0001.
- 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.
- The UI Cord Blood Bank continually accepts pregnant women to participate in cord blood donation. Donation is painless, non-invasive, and will be used exclusively for research. If interested, call 356-7875 or e-mail [cord-blood@uiowa.edu](mailto:cord-blood@uiowa.edu). For more information, visit [www.medicine.uiowa.edu/Programs/CordBlood](http://www.medicine.uiowa.edu/Programs/CordBlood).

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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