

Noon News



Today
High: 80 Low: 62
Partly cloudy



Tomorrow
High: 73 Low: 61
Showers likely

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New owners vow new beginning for nightclub

The owners of the Juice Box on Keokuk Street in Iowa City say the new club will bring positive change to the neighborhood. The club opened last weekend at the location of the former Los Cocos bar, which had been the scene of several incidents, including an Aug. 9 shooting that left an Iowa City man wounded. No alcohol will be served at the Juice Box, the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* reports.

Report: Atrazine a major problem in Iowa, nation

The common agricultural herbicide atrazine has contaminated watersheds and drinking water throughout Iowa and most of the nation, according to a report issued yesterday by the Natural Resources Defense Council. The report's authors say the Environmental Protection Agency is ignoring high atrazine concentrations in public water systems, according to the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*.

2009 is deadliest year in Afghan war

Four U.S. servicemen were killed by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan today, making 2009 the deadliest year for foreign troops since the overthrow of the Taliban in 2001, Reuters reports. A total of 295 foreign soldiers have died so far in Afghanistan this year, compared to 294 soldiers killed in 2008.

Bernanke to get second term at Fed

President Barack Obama today reappointed Ben Bernanke to a second term as chairman of the Federal Reserve, the Associated Press (AP) reports. Bernanke has been lauded for taking aggressive action to avert an economic catastrophe after the financial meltdown last year.

Coroner rules Jackson death a homicide

The Los Angeles County coroner's finding that Michael Jackson's death was a homicide may mean criminal charges for Jackson's doctor, the AP reports. The homicide ruling was based on forensic tests that found the anesthetic propofol, combined with at least two sedatives, killed Jackson. Dr. Conrad Murray told police that he administered drugs to treat Jackson's insomnia hours before his death.

Somalia heading for humanitarian crisis

Somalia is facing its worst humanitarian crisis in 18 years, with more than half of the population needing humanitarian aid, the United Nations reported today. The agency's Food Security and Nutrition Analysis Unit warned of further deterioration because of the country's ongoing insurgency.

South Korea launches first rocket

South Korea launched its first rocket from its own territory today, following an aborted attempt last week. However, space officials said an initial investigation showed that the satellite the rocket was carrying apparently failed to enter its intended orbit, according to the AP.

Iran's enrichment program slows down

Iran's output of enriched uranium is stagnating, the AP reports, citing anonymous diplomatic sources. The diplomats emphasized that the possibility that Iran was running out of uranium oxide was only one of several possible reasons why it has not increased its production of enriched uranium since May.

Study: Multi-taskers often bad at it

People who multi-task the most are often the people who are the worst at it. That's the surprising conclusion of researchers at Stanford University, who found multi-taskers are more easily distracted and less able to ignore irrelevant information than people who do less multitasking.

Biel 'most dangerous' celebrity on the Web

Actress Jessica Biel has overtaken Brad Pitt as the most dangerous celebrity to search in cyberspace, according to Internet security company McAfee Inc. Fans searching online for Biel have a one-in-five chance of landing on a Web site that has tested positive for spyware, adware, spam, and viruses.

South Africans rally for Semenya

Thousands of fans greeted Caster Semenya in Johannesburg, South Africa, today. Semenya, 18, is undergoing gender testing after her 800-meter win at the world championships last week.

Today in history

On this day in 1944, Paris was liberated after four years of Nazi occupation.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wild Rose Gifts will be celebrating National Dog Day all this week with 25 percent discounts on all dog-related merchandise. Stop by 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. 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. today in 2117 MERF. For more information, contact Kathy Hicklin at 384-5491.
- Tune in to an interview about flu shots with Dan Fick, MD, airing at 7:30 and 9:50 a.m. tomorrow on the AM-800 KXIC “University of Iowa Health Care Today” program.
- Wild Rose Gifts will be holding a “Let’s Go Hawks” event from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Pappajohn Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. There will be new merchandise, free black and gold beads just for stopping by, and a chance to become a “really big” Hawkeye fan by registering for their door prize.
- Patients and visitors are invited to children’s story hour at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, Patients’ Library, Elevator F, Level 8.
- UI Obesity Surgery will hold an educational seminar and question-and-answer session from noon to 1 p.m. tomorrow 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 tomorrow 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.
- “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.
- “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 Medical Alumni Auditorium, E311 GH, Elevator BE, Level 3. 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.
- Physicians: HCIS is offering open lab time on Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. in the HCIS Training Room, 11605 PFP, Elev. L, Level 1. If you need support with orders, notes, In Basket, or maneuvering through Epic, you are invited to come to the lab for assistance. HCIS staff will be providing support. For more information, contact Teresa Lane at 356-0002.

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. tonight in order to connect new steam line service. Questions? Contact Garry Creed at 335-5156.
- Normal electrical power service to the John Colloton Pavilion will be interrupted for approximately four hours, beginning at 6 a.m., on Saturday in order to perform an electrical upgrade. Red emergency outlets and emergency lighting will be available during this interruption. This will affect the sub-basement through the fourth floor (clinic side) but will not affect in-patient units. For more information, contact Tom Davin at 356-2582.
- Less than a week left to be in compliance with the new Conflict of Interest Policy. All faculty and staff affiliated with UI Health Care are required to complete an online External Relationships Disclosure form now available on the [Conflict of Interest Web site](#) before Sept. 1. This requirement applies to everyone, regardless of whether or not you have a financial relationship with an entity outside The University of Iowa. If you have questions or need more information, contact the Conflict of Interest Office at 384-5252 or e-mail coi@healthcare.uiowa.edu.
- Healthy lactating women who produce extra milk are needed. Please call the Mother’s Milk Bank of Iowa at 356-2652.

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

Contact *Noon News* at noonnews@healthcare.uiowa.edu. Persons with a disability requiring reasonable accommodations in order to participate in programs at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics may discuss their needs with Concierge Services in advance at 356-1900.