

Noon News



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Kehoe's attorney asks for mock jury panel

The attorney for Michelle Kehoe, the Coralville mother accused of killing her 2-year-old son and trying to kill her other son, asked a Buchanan County judge yesterday to consider assembling a mock jury panel to assess whether her client could receive a fair trial, the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* reports. Kehoe's lawyer argued that media coverage of the case makes a fair trial difficult in Buchanan County.

C.R. looks to ban panhandling

The Cedar Rapids City Council last night approved a new ordinance that would outlaw panhandling on city streets or soliciting money from anyone in a motor vehicle, the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* reports. The ordinance, which must be read publicly twice before it becomes a law, even applies to firefighters who raise money with boots in the street for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

School drops Bible course

School officials in Spencer, Iowa, will throw out a Bible class and a course critiquing evolutionary theory to avoid being sued over the district's proposed "religious liberties" policy, the *Des Moines Register* reports. The policy drew fire from civil rights activists, however. The school district—believed to be the first in Iowa to spell out religious freedoms in school—plans to revise the policy.

Deadliest month for U.S. forces in Afghanistan

August is now tied with July as the deadliest month for U.S. troops in the Afghanistan War, the Associated Press (AP) reports. The death of a U.S. soldier during a militant attack today brought the number of soldiers killed to 44. The U.S. has deployed more than 60,000 troops in Afghanistan.

Richardson to be cleared in fed probe

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson won't be criminally charged in a yearlong federal investigation into allegations that lucrative work on state bond deals went to one of his political donors, the AP reports. The probe that began in late 2008 derailed Richardson's appointment as U.S. commerce secretary.

Memos: CIA pushed limits of interrogation

Even as the Bush administration was scaling back its harshest interrogation techniques, CIA operatives used severe sleep deprivation tactics against a terror detainee in late 2007, keeping him awake for six straight days. The tactic was noted in memos issued in an internal CIA report, according to the AP.

China blasts Dalai Lama visit to Taiwan

China today denounced a proposed trip to Taiwan by the Dalai Lama, saying the visit would sabotage relations between the two governments, Reuters reports. Taiwan, a self-ruled island claimed by Beijing, approved the visit by the Nobel Peace laureate aimed to comfort victims of Typhoon Morakot.

Japan election could bring power shift

This Sunday in Japan, voters go to the ballot box in what could be a historic shift in political power, CNN reports. The Liberal Democratic Party has mostly controlled Japan's parliament for more than five decades, but polls say voters are disgruntled at the government's slow response to the recession.

Boeing: 787 test flight coming soon

After repeated delays, Boeing Co. said today its 787 aircraft will be ready for its first test flight by year's end and its first delivery in the fourth quarter of next year, the AP reports. The maiden flight of the next-generation aircraft, built for fuel efficiency, was originally slated for the fall of 2007.

SPCA executive's dog dies in hot car

Robin Starr, an executive for the Richmond, Va., Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said she didn't realize Louie, her 16-year-old blind and deaf dog, was with her when she left him in her hot car for four hours. The dog died of kidney failure. Starr's husband said he put the dog in her car.

Cardinals stay hot

The St. Louis Cardinals beat the Houston Astros 3-2 last night—their 15th win in the last 18 games. The Cardinals lead the Chicago Cubs by nine games in the National League's Central Division.

Today in history

**On this day in
1859, Edwin L.
Drake drilled the
first successful
U.S. oil well near
Titusville, Pa.**

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- All interested children who are inpatients or clinic patients at UI Children's Hospital are invited to enter an art contest sponsored by Vanessa and Angela Simmons, stars of MTV's "Daddy's Girls." The winning design for the new Pastry shoe line will earn a \$25,000 donation to benefit a Children's Miracle Network hospital. To print instructions and a coloring page, go to [The Point](#). Send designs to CMN, 5144 Westlawn, Iowa City, IA 52242. Deadline is Friday. Questions? Call Taryn Kuntz at 384-4135.
- A UI College of Public Health panel will lead a community discussion following the film screening of "Garbage Dreams" at 7 p.m. tonight at the Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington Street, Iowa City. The 2009 documentary about a garbage village in Cairo, Egypt, is the opening film for the Landlocked Film Festival in Iowa City this weekend.
- An Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting for patients, families, visitors, and hospital staff is at 7:30 tonight, Conference Room G, Elevator F, Level 7.
- 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.
- Physicians: HCIS is offering open lab time tomorrow 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 come to the lab for assistance. HCIS staff will be providing support. For more information, contact Teresa Lane at 356-0002.
- University of Iowa Dance Marathon, through UI Children's Hospital, has a team that will be participating in building a sand sculpture of Perky at the Sand in the City event tomorrow through Sunday. Miss Iowa 2009 will also be on hand to sign autographs. For more information, visit www.summerofthearts.org/festival-menu/sand-in-the-city/about.aspx.
- 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.
- A conference for health care providers, "Approaches to Co-Occurring Mental Illness & Substance Abuse," will be presented on Tuesday, Sept. 29, at the University Athletic Club. CEUs are available. Registration fee is \$70. To register, print and mail the online form from "What's New" at <http://www.uiowa.edu/~fusstfdv/index.html> or phone in your registration if paying by credit card by calling 335-2687. Questions? E-mail nancy-noyer@uiowa.edu or call 335-0560.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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.
- The 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. North English vanpool has an opening. Call Cindy at 5-1885 from a hospital phone.
- Interested in starting an 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. North Liberty vanpool? Contact Sara Knepp at sara-knepp@uiowa.edu.
- Interest in an 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Marion vanpool? Travel only to Old Capitol area. Contact Kimberly Patzner at kimberly-patzner@uiowa.edu or call 384-2504.
- 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 vanpool? 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.
- The 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tipton #3 vanpool has two openings. Contact Teresa at 353-5595.

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

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