

Noon News



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Tomorrow
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City High celebrates 70 years

City High School in Iowa City hosted a 70th anniversary celebration yesterday. More than 200 people attended the event, and guests included Charlie Gay, who served as the first class president in 1939-40. Iowa City Mayor Regenia Bailey declared this week, which is homecoming, to be “City High Week.”

Authorities capture escaped inmate

An inmate serving a 20-year sentence for forgery had a few hours of freedom yesterday after walking away from the Iowa State Penitentiary’s minimum-security Farm One Unit. Kurt Martin Rohwedder, 44, was apprehended about 5:30 p.m. yesterday by Lee County sheriff’s deputies and Iowa State Patrol officers along railroad tracks a few miles north of Fort Madison, the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* reports.

Houston oil spill cleanup continues

Coast Guard crews continue cleaning up a 10,500-gallon oil spill that has closed traffic along three miles of the Houston Ship Channel. A 458-foot tank vessel was trying to make a turn on Friday when it hit a barge in the 52-mile-long channel. No injuries were reported, but the ship ended up with a 2-by-4-foot gash in one of its fuel tanks. Officials are unsure when ship traffic may resume.

Attorney: Oklahoma City bombing tapes edited

Long-secret security videotapes showing the chaos following the 1995 bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building are blank in the minutes before the blast and appear to have been edited, a lawyer who obtained the tapes said yesterday. FBI officials gave no explanation, the Associated Press (AP) reports.

Man rescued from bears at zoo

A 21-year-old transient was rescued yesterday after he climbed into the grizzly bear grotto at the San Francisco Zoo, the *San Francisco Chronicle* reports. Zoo officials aren’t sure how Kenneth Herron entered the bear enclosure and managed to reach the quarters of two 500-pound female grizzlies.

Iran conducts missile tests

Iran tested its longest-range missiles today, capping two days of war games meant to show it is ready for any military threat, the AP reports. The missile tests began yesterday, two days after the U.S. and its allies disclosed that Iran had been secretly developing an underground uranium enrichment facility.

Storm floods Philippines

Massive flooding caused by Tropical Storm Ketsana this weekend has raised the death toll in the Philippines to 140, the AP reports. Saturday’s storm caused widespread destruction in Manila and other northern parts of the country and left thousands without drinking water, food, or power.

Merkel promises new German government

German Chancellor Angela Merkel vowed today to have a new center-right German government in place within weeks, the AP reports. Voters yesterday ended the conservative Merkel’s unwieldy right-left “grand coalition” and gave her a comfortable center-right majority.

Researchers crack potato genome

A global team of researchers has mapped the genetic code of the world’s most popular vegetable—the potato. The draft of the potato genome represents the work of more than 50 scientists from 16 institutions and provides a starting point for scientists to develop sturdier, more nutritious varieties.

William Safire dies at 79

William Safire, the conservative columnist for *The New York Times*, died yesterday from cancer at age 79. The Pulitzer Prize winner delighted readers with his political commentary and sermons on the use and abuse of language. A staunch defender of civil liberties, Safire penned more than 3,000 columns.

Big win puts Hawks at No. 13 in AP poll

The previously unranked Iowa Hawkeyes find themselves rated No. 13 in this week’s AP Top 25 college football poll after their impressive 21-10 victory over Penn State on Saturday night. The Nittany Lions, who were ranked fifth last week, fell to No. 15. Iowa’s next opponent is Arkansas State.

Today in history

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On this day in 1850, flogging was abolished as a form of punishment in the U.S. Navy.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Today is the last day to register for the Healing Hearts CEU: 2009 Cardiomyopathy Nursing Conference to be held at UI Hospitals and Clinics Oct. 29 and 30. Questions? Call Elizabeth Larsen at 384-8605 or e-mail elizabeth-g-larsen@uiowa.edu.
- UI Health Care recognizes Pain Awareness Month with the “Conquering Pain Together” event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. tomorrow in the Pappajohn Atrium Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. Learn about pain management techniques, talk to pain management specialists, and more. For more information, visit [The Point](#) or call Jane Zukin at 384-7195.
- Staff, guests, and patients are invited to a closed AA meeting from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesdays in 5027 BT, Elevator A, Level 5.
- Free walk-in fitness assessments are available from 5 to 7 p.m. tomorrow on the main deck of the UI Field House, sponsored by Health Iowa/Student Health Service. Assessments include blood pressure, aerobic endurance, muscular strength and endurance, and flexibility. No appointment necessary. Contact Amy Fletcher at 335-8213 for more information.
- Buy tickets by Wednesday for the third annual Runway to Healing event—a lunch, fashion show, and silent auction benefiting UI Children’s Hospital through Children’s Miracle Network. The event is at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 2, at the Clarion Hotel in Davenport. Tickets are \$30, available through www.runwaytohealing.com or by calling 563-441-5610.
- UI Wellness will present four sessions on finding healthy foods to fit our busy lifestyles. Sessions will be held from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. Thursdays in Conference Rooms A/B (Elevator F, Level 7), beginning Oct. 1 with “Quick, Healthy Snacks.” Go to the [Employee Self Service Web site](#) to register or call the liveWELL office at 353-2973.
- The Center for Disabilities and Development Grand Rounds presents Professor Steve Kuusisto, from the UI Creative Nonfiction Writing program. Kuusisto will discuss the emerging interdisciplinary field of Disability Studies from 8 to 9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 2, in Room 102 CDD. Questions? Contact Brenda Noshish at 353-6008 or brenda-noshish@uiowa.edu.
- A special interactive performance featuring Mr. Cello will be held from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, in the Patients’ Library. Everyone of all ages is invited. Call 356-2468 with questions.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Air handling services on levels 5 and 6 in the John Pappajohn Pavilion will be interrupted from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, for maintenance. The air handler will run intermittently. Questions? Call Robert Leslie, at 356-8273.
- UI Women’s Health invites mothers of infants and toddlers to attend “Moms Supporting Moms” from noon to 1 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of every month in Melrose Conference Room 3, Elevator L, Level 5. For more information, call 356-1278 or e-mail UIHC-moms@uiowa.edu.
- Help protect our patients as well as yourself, your co-workers, and your family from the flu. Seasonal influenza vaccinations for UI Health Care faculty, staff, volunteers, residents, fellows, and student employees are offered now through Oct. 9 in the Pappajohn Pavilion Atrium (Elevator I, Level 1), and until Oct. 16 in the University Employee Health Clinic (Elevator A, Level 1). For details, visit [The Point](#).
- September is Newborn Screening Awareness Month. One in 750 infants is born with a disorder detectable through newborn screening. A blood sample taken between 24 to 48 hours of age can save lives. For more information, call the Iowa Neonatal Metabolic Screening Program at 384-5097.
- UI Obesity Surgery now offers the laparoscopic adjustable gastric band procedure. For more information about this procedure or the laparoscopic gastric bypass, please call Chris Melichar at 356-1887 or e-mail christine-melichar@uiowa.edu.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- Women age 18 and older with bothersome bladder control problems (frequent urinary leakage and urgency) may participate in a research study evaluating the medication fesoterodine compared to placebo (inactive substance) for 12 weeks. After that, participants may choose to take the fesoterodine for up to an additional nine months as part of the study. Participation lasts up to one year and includes nine visits. Compensation. Interested? Call 384-8028 or e-mail regina-arthur@uiowa.edu.
- Volunteers ages 18 to 60 who are overweight with high blood pressure are invited to participate in a research study on blood pressure and blood vessel function. The study involves five visits over six weeks, each lasting one to three hours. Compensation. Contact Christine at 384-8320 or christine-sinkey@uiowa.edu.
- Do you need two dental fillings on your permanent front teeth? The UI College of Dentistry is recruiting volunteers for a research study. You may qualify if you have a space between your front teeth, two fractured or chipped front teeth, or two discolored restorations in your front teeth. The study requires seven visits over three years. Compensation. Contact the Dental Clinical Research Center for a screening appointment at 335-7414.

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.