

Noon News



Today
High: 61 Low: 48
Mostly sunny



Tomorrow
High: 60 Low: 46
Partly cloudy

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Ignacio Ponseti dies at 95

Ignacio Ponseti, MD, professor emeritus at The University of Iowa and an internationally recognized pioneer in pediatric orthopaedics, died yesterday at age 95 following a stroke last week. The Ponseti Method, which he developed, became a revolutionary nonsurgical treatment for clubfoot for hundreds of thousands of babies worldwide; doctors around the world now use the method. Ponseti's death came two days after the Ponseti Races, a highlight of an international clubfoot symposium in Iowa City.

Forum to focus on health care reform

The UI will host a forum on health care reform tonight at 7 p.m. in Shambaugh Auditorium at the Main Library. Peter Damiano, director of the UI Public Policy Center, will serve as moderator. Panelists include Jean Robillard, UI vice president for medical affairs; Joe Bolkom, Iowa state senator; Sheldon Kurtz, professor in the UI College of Law; and Renee Schulte, Iowa state representative.

Iowa National Guard soldiers get ready

The Iowa National Guard is preparing for what could be its largest call-up of a single unit for an overseas deployment since World War II, the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* reports. Troops from the 2nd Brigade of the 34th Infantry Division, which has about 3,500 soldiers, were alerted over the weekend.

Feds to issue new medical marijuana policy

Federal drug agents won't pursue pot-smoking patients or their sanctioned suppliers in states that allow medical marijuana, under new legal guidelines to be issued today by the Obama administration, the Associated Press (AP) reports. Fourteen states allow some use of marijuana for medical purposes.

Charges expected in 'balloon boy' hoax

The lawyer for Richard Heene, the man accused of devising the "balloon boy" hoax last week to promote a TV reality show, said on the "Today" show this morning that he expects criminal charges against his client. Colorado officials are analyzing e-mails showing that Heene planned the stunt.

Detroit marathon claims 3 runners

Autopsies are scheduled for today for three half-marathoners who died during a Detroit marathon yesterday. Daniel Langdon, 36, collapsed between the 11- and 12-mile markers; Rick Brown, 65, collapsed near where Langdon went down. Jon Fenlon, 26, died just after finishing the 13.1-mile race.

Ballots tossed in Afghan election

Investigators have thrown out hundreds of thousands of ballots from Afghanistan's disputed presidential election, the AP reports. The findings released today by a U.N.-backed panel could set the stage for a runoff vote between President Hamid Karzai and his top challenger Abdullah Abdullah.

Rio mayor: Security key to Olympics preparations

Rio de Janeiro faces a tough battle in making the city safe for the 2016 Olympics, the Brazilian city's mayor Eduardo Paes said today. On Saturday, fighting between rival gangs in a city slum about five miles from one of the areas where the Olympics will be held left 14 people dead, the AP reports.

More planets discovered outside solar system

Scientists using European Southern Observatory telescopes have found 32 new planets outside our solar system—increasing the number of planets outside the solar system to more than 400. Astronomers didn't find any planets the size of Earth or any that seemed habitable, the AP reports.

Elvis' hair leaves the building for \$18,300

A pile of hair believed to be snipped from Elvis Presley when he joined the U.S. Army in 1958 sold for \$18,300 yesterday, according to a Chicago auction house. The King's hair was one of 200 items of Presley memorabilia collected by the late Gary Pepper, who was president of an Elvis fan club.

Hawkeyes keep rolling

The Iowa Hawkeyes are ranked No. 7 in the AP Top 25 college football poll following the team's 20-10 win over Wisconsin on Saturday. In the initial BCS standings, the 7-0 Hawkeyes are ranked No. 6.

Today in history

On this day in 1960, the United States imposed an embargo on exports to Cuba.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Hardin Library is offering an open workshop, “How Can We Help You Learn PUBMED?” from 10 to 11 a.m. tomorrow. Contact kelly-thormodson@uiowa.edu for more information.
- 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.
- Interested in a nursing graduate program? Finishing your graduate school application? A panel of nursing graduate students will be available to answer your questions from 5 to 6:30 p.m. tomorrow in 22 NB (Nursing Building).
- A seminar, “Toward Better Teaching of Procedures at the Bedside,” will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in Cullen Conference Room, 6426 JCP (Elevator H, Level 6) on Thursday. The session will focus on needle-based procedures commonly done by internists, pediatricians, and family medicine specialists. Pre-registration requested, but walk-ins welcome. For more information, visit <http://www.healthcare.uiowa.edu/ocrme/> or call Stephanie at 335-8901.
- The Department of Spiritual Services presents the workshop “First Responders: How To Be a Supportive Presence in Times of Crisis” from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Iowa City. Dr. Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, professor of pastoral care at Southern Methodist University Perkins School of Theology, will speak. Cost is \$30 and includes lunch. To register, contact Diana Coberly at 353-6928 or dcoberly@healthcare.uiowa.edu or Mary Kay Kusner at mary-kusner@uiowa.edu.
- Join the Guitar Hero 5 Tournament from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24 at the Coralville Best Buy. All proceeds benefit UI Children’s Hospital through UI Dance Marathon. Pre-register online at www.dancemarathon.org. Live broadcast from KKRQ 100.7 the Fox. Meet Miss Iowa 2009. Contact CMN at 355-8484 or e-mail cmn@uiowa.edu.
- Read *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* (20 percent off at Wild Rose Books or check out at Patients’ Library) as part of the Community Read. Join us from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov 5, in the East Room (Elevator F, Level 8). Come anytime. Refreshments served. Questions? Call 384-8908.
- Join Donny Osmond in *Dancing for Miracles* to benefit UI Children’s Hospital through Children’s Miracle Network. Pledge each week Donny competes on national television and you’ll be entered to win a trip for two (airfare and hotel) to see the Donny & Marie Show in Las Vegas. Learn more. To learn more, go to: <http://donny.childrensmiraclenetwork.org/> or call Michelle Altmaier at 335-8484 or e-mail cmn@uiowa.edu. Deadline Nov. 30.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Air handling service for Boyd Tower will be interrupted Thursday for about eight hours beginning at 5:30 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. Friday. Affected areas are Boyd Tower first and second floors and the cytogenetics lab.
- In accordance with the Office of the Inspector General, a Compliance Helpline—384-8190—has been established for staff to use if they know or suspect violations of patient care, laws/regulations, billing/coding, health and safety, property/equipment/ other assets, human resources, or conflicts of interest. Calls are not traced or recorded, and staff may make anonymous reports without fear of retaliation. All reports of improper conduct will be investigated.
- UI Obesity Surgery is proud to offer an additional type of weight loss surgery—laparoscopic adjustable gastric band. An evaluation with a surgeon is necessary to determine which procedure would best suit your weight loss goals. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 356-1887 or visit www.uihealthcare.com/weight to obtain a pre-evaluation questionnaire and program information.
- Check out the UI Employees Discount page. New vendors are added regularly. For the entire list of discounts, visit www.uiowa.edu/~cqi/uiedp.html.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

More studies listed at www.uihealthcare.com/depts/clinicaltrials/volunteer.html.

- 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.
- Volunteers age 18 and older with chronic constipation are invited to participate in a research study to examine the association between methanogenic flora and constipation. Compensation. E-mail jessica-paulson@uiowa.edu or call 384-9756.

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.