

# Noon News



**Today**  
High: 54 Low: 37  
Cloudy



**Tomorrow**  
High: 62 Low: 37  
Partly cloudy

**Tuesday, October 6, 2009**

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## **UI Sports Medicine Center events set for Oct. 9-10**

The public is invited to two events to celebrate the opening of the new University of Iowa Sports Medicine Center, located at 2701 Prairie Meadow Drive off Mormon Trek Boulevard near the Roy G. Karro Hawkeye Hall of Fame building. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. Friday. On Saturday, an open house is scheduled from 1 to 3 p.m. for the public to tour the facility.

## **Local physician at White House for health care event**

Peter Kaboli, MD, UI professor of internal medicine and a physician at the Iowa City VA Medical Center, was one of 150 doctors nationwide who joined President Barack Obama yesterday at a White House event on health care reform, the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* reports. Kaboli, who attended as a private citizen, said he was invited through his ties to the national organization Doctors for America.

## **I.C. to abate taxes on purchased flood properties**

The Iowa City Council last night indicated the city will not pay taxes on flood-damaged properties it buys, the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* reports. Iowa City has 40 properties on its buyout list; it has closed on seven homes and will buy the rest by next spring. Officials estimate the taxes it would owe at \$37,000, with about 40 percent going back to the city and the rest going to the school district and the county.

## **Obama, congressional leaders to meet on Afghan war**

President Barack Obama will meet with top congressional leaders from both parties today to discuss the war in Afghanistan, CNN reports. Several top military leaders and opposition Republicans are pressing Obama to act quickly to increase the present 68,000-troop level by as many as 40,000.

## **Vilsack: Dairy industry must restructure**

The struggling U.S. dairy industry must be restructured to avoid boom and bust cycles, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said yesterday, less than a week after Congress announced a \$350 million dairy bailout. Many dairy farmers say they cannot sell their milk for what it costs to produce it.

## **Governor blocks Ohio executions**

Ohio's governor granted temporary reprieves to two death row inmates yesterday, adding to confusion over the state's capital punishment system, CNN reports. The moves came after the botched execution attempt of Romell Broom last month, which raised questions about Ohio's lethal injection procedures.

## **North Korea offers return to nuclear talks**

North Korea's leader Kim Jong Il is offering to return to disarmament negotiations in an effort to draw Washington into one-on-one talks, the Associated Press (AP) reports. The White House has said that any talks should be part of the six-nation process aimed at ending North Korea's nuclear programs.

## **Report: 2 million babies and mothers die at birth**

More than two million babies and mothers die worldwide each year as a result of childbirth complications, according to a study by Save the Children, the Gates Foundation, and Johns Hopkins University. Most of the deaths occur in remote rural areas where there are few doctors and nurses.

## **3-D flat screens on the horizon**

At a consumer electronics trade show in Tokyo today, Japan's big-name electronics manufacturers unveiled prototypes of flat-screen TVs that can show high-definition movies and video games in 3-D. The companies are plowing ahead even though little 3-D content is currently available, the AP reports.

## **Polanski denied release**

Switzerland today denied a request to release filmmaker Roman Polanski, who was arrested in September after fleeing sentencing for a decades-old sex charge, Reuters reports. Polanski pleaded guilty to having sex with a 13-year-old girl in 1977 but fled the U.S. on the eve of his 1978 sentencing.

## **Favre chalks up another milestone**

With a 30-23 victory over the Green Bay Packers last night, Minnesota Vikings signal-caller Brett Favre became the first quarterback in history to defeat all 32 National Football League teams.

## *Today in history*

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**On this day in 1866, the Reno Gang carried out the first robbery of a moving train in the United States, making off with over \$10,000 from an Ohio & Mississippi train in Jackson County, Indiana.**

**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Shop at the Books are Fun sale this week in the Pappajohn Pavilion lobby (Elevator I, Level 1). Hours: today until 6 p.m.; Wednesday 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. A portion of the proceeds benefit UI Children's Hospital.
- Eat ice cream for UI Dance Marathon tonight at the downtown Coldstone from 5 to 9 p.m. Support students traveling to Chicago Oct. 11 to run the Bank of America Chicago Marathon in support of UI Children's Hospital.
- The UI Obesity Surgery Support Group will meet tonight at 6 p.m. in room 4638 JCP, Clinical Cancer Center (Elevator H, Level 4). Topic: *Protein and Carbohydrates – the 50/50 Rule*. Guest speaker will be Amy Lukas, RD. The support group is free and open to anyone who has had bariatric surgery or is considering it. Contact Chris Melichar at 356-1887 or e-mail [obesitysurgery@uiowa.edu](mailto:obesitysurgery@uiowa.edu) with questions and to register.
- Patients and visitors are invited to children's story hour at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, Patients' Library, Elevator F, Level 8.
- "Lactation Chat" is a breastfeeding support group facilitated by a UI lactation consultant from 4 to 5 p.m. every Wednesday in the Dr. Bell Conference Room, Elevator I, Level 6. Babies are welcome.
- Join UI Wellness for "Nutrition on the Go: Brown Bag Lunches" from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. Thursday in Atrium Conference Rooms A/B (Elevator F, Level 7). Register at [Self Service](#) under "My Training." Questions? Call the liveWELL office at 353-2973.
- UI Professor Emeritus of Linguistics Robert Wachal will be signing copies of his new collection of poems, *Novembering: Poems from Late in Life*, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at Wild Rose Books.
- Help celebrate the dedication of the new UI Sports Medicine Center at two public festivities—a ribbon-cutting and an open house—on Homecoming weekend. The ribbon-cutting will be at 2 p.m. Friday and the open house will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday. The UI Sports Medicine Center is located at 2701 Prairie Meadow Drive in Iowa City (near the Roy G. Karro Hawkeye Hall of Fame building. For more information, visit [www.uihealthcare.com/sportsmed](http://www.uihealthcare.com/sportsmed).
- "What's New in Treating Prostate Cancer" is the focus of the next Health For Your Lifetime program, which will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the East Room on Monday, Oct. 12. Richard D. Williams, MD, and Fadi N. Joudi, MD, both from the Department of Urology, will present. This community event is free but registration is encouraged; call 335-8886, 877-MEDIOWA, or visit [www.uihealthcare.com/register](http://www.uihealthcare.com/register).
- The Rehab Therapies Department is having its Annual Arts and Crafts Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16, in the Pappajohn Pavilion Lobby (Elevator I, Level 1). There are still openings for staff to participate; vendors are limited to selling only homemade items. Contact Diane Denny at 356-1104, or Sue Tietz or Barb Young, both at 356-1459, by Friday.
- Join the UI and the international community in celebrating the successes of clubfoot research and treatment all over the world by participating in the Ponseti Races in Iowa City at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16. A 5K race will start and finish at the UI Recreation Center. Special guests include Hawkeye athletes, coaches, and surprise celebrities. Register online as an individual, team, or volunteer at [www.Ponseti.info/races](http://www.Ponseti.info/races).

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- Employee vehicles ARE allowed to park in Hospital Ramp 3 and Newton Road Ramp, but ARE NOT allowed in Hospital Ramps 1, 2, and 4 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Violators will receive a \$25 parking citation. The violation can be considered for cancellation by verifying through Hospital Human Resources that there was an appointment that day. The verification process is HIPPA compliant. Questions? Contact Lori Skoff at 335-1475.
- 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 being offered through Oct. 16 at the Employee Health Clinic in Boyd Tower (Elevator A, Level 1). Walk-ins welcome. For details, visit [The Point](#).
- A new channel guide service is now available on all televisions at UI Hospitals and Clinics. To see the channel lineup anywhere in the hospital, simply tune to Channel 15. In the future, the guide will be used to announce upcoming changes to programming. For more information, contact Jerry Gilmore at 384-9761 or e-mail [jerrold-gilmore@uiowa.edu](mailto:jerrold-gilmore@uiowa.edu).
- Health Care Human Resources in C110 GH has Fall 2009 college coupon books available. Free to staff while supplies last.
- 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).
- The Hospital-Wide Pneumatic Tube System will be interrupted the first Tuesday of every month for approximately two hours from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to test generators. For information, call Merle Hagie at 384-9575.

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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