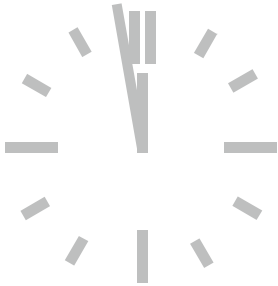


# Noon News



## Weather

Today, partly sunny with scattered snow flurries. High in the lower 40s. Tonight, skies clearing. Low in the mid 20s. Tomorrow, mostly sunny and windy. High in the lower 50s.

Thursday, October 12, 2006

## Vilsack: Presidential bid a 'long shot'

In an interview Monday with The AP, Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack conceded he's "not a glitzy guy" and is a long shot for the Democratic presidential nomination. The governor argued, however, that he has the resume and strategy to make him competitive in the race for the party's nod in 2008. Vilsack said he won't decide whether to run until after the midterm election, the *Gazette* reported.

## Second debate to center on minority affairs

The Iowa gubernatorial candidates' views of recently disclosed race discrimination claims against state agencies will face intense scrutiny tonight when Democrat Chet Culver and Republican Jim Nussle meet for a debate highlighting minority issues, *The Des Moines Register* reported.

## Clues sought in NYC crash

What caused a small plane carrying New York Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle and another person to slam into a 50-story Manhattan condo building, killing both, is still not known. Yesterday's crash and subsequent fire created some anxious hours exactly a month after the city marked the fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks. "The whole memory of an airplane flying into a building ... it's a little too close to home," said Sara Green, who lives across from the crash site.

## Report: Few cities prepared for evacuation procedures

Most of the nation's largest cities got flunking grades on a report card released today that measures how well each city can evacuate before or after a major disaster. Ten urban areas received grades of "B" or "C," six got a "D," and 20 got an "F" in the report by the American Highway Users Alliance. Only Kansas City, Missouri, got an "A." Among those that failed: New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, San Diego, Miami, Philadelphia, Denver, Atlanta, and Boston.

## Site of Amish schoolhouse shooting demolished

Workers with machines moved in before dawn today and demolished the one-room Amish schoolhouse in Pennsylvania where five girls were shot to death Oct. 2. The Amish hope to bring some closure to the tragedy by razing the schoolhouse and leaving in its place a quiet pasture.

## North Korea threatens Japan over sanctions

A North Korean official threatened "strong countermeasures" against Japan for new sanctions against the communist regime, Kyodo News agency reported today. The Japanese government decided on a package of additional economic sanctions—which still must be officially approved—against North Korea yesterday in response to the regime's claim of a nuclear test.

## Nobel for literature goes to Turkish writer

Turkish novelist Orhan Pamuk won the Nobel literature prize today for his multitude of works that deal with the symbols of clashing cultures. Pamuk's novels include *Snow* and *My Name Is Red*.

## Typo will cost Michigan county \$40K

Ottawa County will pay \$40,000 to correct an embarrassing typo on its Nov. 7 election ballot: The "l" was left out of "public" in the text of a proposed amendment to the state constitution that would ban some types of affirmative action. A total of 170,000 ballots have to be reprinted.

## Tigers widen lead; Cardinals-Mets postponed

The Detroit Tigers took an 8-5 victory over the Oakland Athletics last night, widening their AL Championship Series lead to 2-0. The opening game of the NL Championship Series, which pits the St. Louis Cardinals against the New York Mets, was postponed until tonight due to rain.

## Today in history:

In 2000, a motorized rubber dinghy loaded with explosives blew a 40-by-40-foot hole in the USS *Cole*, a U.S. Navy destroyer that was refueling at Aden, Yemen. Seventeen sailors were killed and 38 wounded in the attack, which was organized by the al-Qaeda terrorist network.

**SALON CUSTOMER APPRECIATION WEEK:** The Fourth Floor Salon is hosting a customer appreciation week through tomorrow. Stop by the salon, E424 GH, for daily specials and sign up for the grand prize: a half day of pampering in the salon. Other highlights—Today: Special discounts. Tomorrow: Ten percent off Aveda products.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:** An open meeting will be held at 7:30 tonight, Conference Room G, 7 JCP.

**TUNE IN:** An interview about Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 8 to 14) with Barbara Latenser, MD, an associate professor of surgery and medical director of the Burn Treatment Center, will air at 7:30 and 9:50 a.m. tomorrow on the KXIC-AM (800) University of Iowa Health Care Today program.

**CONFERENCE:** Students, faculty, and those interested in international affairs will come together to explore the manner in which international politics and global health care are inextricably intertwined at the UI Global Health Studies Program Conference, Oct. 20 to 22. This activity has been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 credit™. For more information, visit <http://itsnt166.iowa.uiowa.edu/uns-archives/2006/october/100606ghsp-conference.html>.

**LASIK SEMINAR:** Ever wonder what life could be like without glasses or contacts? A free informational discussion on the latest advancements and options in laser vision correction (LASIK) will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, in the Blodi Conference Room (11131 PFP). To reserve your spot or for more information, call 353-7625 or e-mail [lasik@uiowa.edu](mailto:lasik@uiowa.edu), or fill out a registration form at <http://webeye.ophth.uiowa.edu/dept/laser/reg-seminar.htm>.

**SUPPORT GROUP FOR PEOPLE WHO STUTTER:** The first meeting is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, at Speech Therapy Associates, LLC, 1825 29<sup>th</sup> Street N.E., Suite C, Cedar Rapids. For more information or directions, contact Julie Gasway ([speechthercr@yahoo.com](mailto:speechthercr@yahoo.com)) or Tricia Zebrowski ([tricia-zebrowski@uiowa.edu](mailto:tricia-zebrowski@uiowa.edu)), or call 310-SPCH (7724). Sponsored by the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology.

**FALL HEALTH FAIR:** Don't miss the annual UI Faculty and Staff Health Fair from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, at the Field House. Stop by for free screenings, health information, neck and shoulder massages, door prize registration (including a \$100 community gift certificate), and much more. Flu shots will be available with University of Iowa ID. Visit <http://www.uiowa.edu/hr/oe/worklife/wellness/> for a complete schedule of events and offerings.

**SEMINAR:** *Quality Childcare: What Is It and Using the Dependent Care Spending Account Program to Pay For It* is scheduled for noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, at UI Hospitals and Clinics. To register, visit <https://login.uiowa.edu/uip/login.page?service=https://hris.uiowa.edu/portal/>. Under the Learning & Development heading, click on My Training, then click View All Available Sessions & Series. Scroll down to Quality Child Care/UI Depend. E-mail Jane Holland at [familyservices@uiowa.edu](mailto:familyservices@uiowa.edu) with any questions.

**ROUGH RIDER HOCKEY:** Children's Miracle Network and the Cedar Rapids RoughRiders have teamed up to have some fun and raise money for children. On Nov. 18, the RoughRiders take on Ohio. You can get your tickets at Hospital Human Resources, C110 GH, for just \$11 and a portion of the proceeds will go to Children's Miracle Network. Payment: cash, check, or staff charge. Hospital Human Resources also has deals for other RoughRiders games.

**CLINICAL TRIAL FOR MIGRAINE SUFFERERS:** Men and women 18 to 55 years of age with disabling migraine headaches may be eligible for a new therapy. A clinical trial is being conducted to find and close patent foramen ovale (PFOs), small openings between the upper chambers of the heart, to treat migraines. If interested, call 353-6675 to answer a short list of questions to see if you qualify to participate in this trial.

**FLU VACCINE STUDY:** The UI College of Public Health announces a flu vaccine study for the 2006-07 flu season. Participation involves three study visits and a brief telephone call once a week—November 2006 through April/May 2007. Compensation available. UI Health Care employees with direct patient contact and individuals with certain medical conditions are not eligible to participate. Call 866-598-4-FLU (866-598-4358).

**VOLUNTEERS INVITED:** Male and female volunteers age 35 to 70 with no known neurological or psychiatric disease are invited to participate in a research study on stress. You will be asked to undergo a public speaking task and mental arithmetic task. The study also includes neuropsychological testing and measurement of hormones from saliva, skin sweating, breathing rate, and heart rate. Compensation. For more details, e-mail [amanda-hornaday@uiowa.edu](mailto:amanda-hornaday@uiowa.edu).