

Noon News



Today
High: 71 Low: 47
Cloudy



Tomorrow
High: 72 Low: 52
Partly cloudy

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Today in history

On this day in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed the National Defense Act into law, which expanded the size and scope of the National Guard.

UI Health Care announces re-shaping of work force

As part of its ongoing efforts to reduce expenses, UI Health Care yesterday announced that it will trim the size of its 6,600-member work force at UI Hospitals and Clinics by eliminating some filled positions at UI Hospitals and Clinics through a combination of normal attrition, normal retirements, and layoffs. Many vacant positions will remain unfilled. Employees whose positions are being eliminated will be notified by the end of June. For more information, visit [The Point](#).

Law keeps new bars out of downtown

The City Council last night approved a new law that essentially prevents new bars and liquor stores from opening downtown. The council voted 5-2 in support of an ordinance that requires a distance of 500 feet between drinking establishments anywhere in the city and 1,000 feet between downtown liquor stores that make 25 percent or more of their yearly income from alcohol sales.

State revenue down \$90 million

Iowa state revenue this fiscal year is down \$90 million more than previous estimates. Net receipts in the fiscal year are down 4.5 percent compared with last year, according to the Legislative Services Agency. That's \$90.4 million less than what lawmakers based budgets on before adjourning in April.

AIG reportedly to sell two buildings

American International Group Inc. is selling its New York headquarters building and a nearby building in a deal expected to close by the end of summer, according to a source. Since September, AIG has received \$182.5 billion in government aid. The company is selling assets to repay part of the loan.

Obama to reach out to Muslim world with Mideast trip

President Obama arrived today in Saudi Arabia, his first stop on a Middle East trip that will include a major speech intended to repair a damaged U.S. image. The president will deliver the address tomorrow in Cairo, Egypt, in hopes of reaching out to Muslims and beginning a dialogue.

Gitmo detainee dies of apparent suicide

A Yemeni detainee at Guantanamo Bay has died of an apparent suicide, U.S. military officials said yesterday. The Joint Task Force that runs the U.S. prison said guards found the man unresponsive and not breathing in his cell Monday night. His is the fifth apparent suicide at the Guantanamo prison.

Bin Laden threatens America in new tape

Osama bin Laden threatened Americans in a new audio tape, saying President Obama inflamed hatred toward the U.S. by ordering Pakistan to crack down on militants in Swat Valley and block Islamic law in the area. The message was broadcast today on pan-Arab Al-Jazeera Television.

Air France crash data may be lost at sea

French officials said today they may never find the data recorders from an Air France jet that crashed into the Atlantic Ocean. The flight, with 228 aboard board, disappeared from radar screens Monday about three hours after it took off from Rio de Janeiro in Brazil en route to Paris.

Sony unveils new PSP

Sony Corp. yesterday unveiled the latest in its Playstation Portable line of handheld devices, the PSP Go. The gadget goes on sale Oct. 1 in North America for about \$249. Executives at the E3 videogames conference in Los Angeles said it will be half the size of the current PSP 3000 and 40 percent lighter.

Chilean police find suitcases made of cocaine

Police said suitcases carried by a woman who was about to fly from Chile to Spain were made of cocaine. A detective at the Santiago airport said the drug "was not hidden in the luggage. This time the suitcases were the drug." The suitcases were made of a combination of cocaine, resin, and glass fiber.

Penguins close in on Red Wings

The Pittsburgh Penguins grabbed a 4-2 victory in Game 3 of the Stanley Cup Finals last night. The series is now 2-1 in favor of the Detroit Red Wings. Game 4 is tomorrow in Pittsburgh.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- All “Life is Good” merchandise is 25 percent off now through Sunday at Wild Rose Gifts. Hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends. Proceeds support programs that benefit patients and their families.
- Stop by a Books Are Fun sale until 6 p.m. today and from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. tomorrow in the Pappajohn Pavilion Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. Proceeds benefit UI Children’s Hospital.
- The UI Health Care Burn Support Group for patients who have experienced burns and similar wounds (Fournier’s gangrene and necrotizing fasciitis) meets from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month, Burn Treatment Center, Elevator H, Level 8. For details, call Jolyn Schneider or Peaches Wytch at 356-2496.
- Everyone working, volunteering, or learning with UI Health Care is invited to the fiscal year 2010 budget forum at 5:15 tonight in Prem Sahai Auditorium (1110 MERF). Video of yesterday’s forum can be found on [The Point](#).
- Wild Rose Gifts and Wild Rose Books will be open for two hours of shopping from 2 to 4 a.m. on Thursday, June 4.
- Project Art and Volunteer Services present the Billylee Janey Trio performing as part of the Summer Concert Series from noon to 1 p.m. tomorrow at the Rooftop Café, Elevator F, Level 8. Promotional food specials will be offered.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Additional mail boxes for campus and U.S. mail have been added near Elevator G, Level 1. Mail will be collected at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Start your mornings with a new nutritious breakfast buffet from 6:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the Fountain Dining Room. Make your own yogurt parfait by adding fresh fruit, granola, walnuts, brown sugar, and other items. Items will be based on weight.
- Blood and platelet donors needed. Visit DeGowin Blood Center, Elevator B, Level 2, or call 356-2058. Weekday and evening appointments available. All donations used at UI Hospitals and Clinics.
- The UI Hospitals and Clinics Child Care Center, located in Westlawn, has openings for the School Age Summer Camp for children who have finished kindergarten through age 10. Camp begins June 8 and runs through August 14. For more information, call 335-9666 or e-mail uihc@brighthorizons.com.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- Do you have severe to moderate asthma? Do you have a history of uncontrolled asthma? Do you use an inhaled corticosteroid with or without a long acting beta-agonist? Are you 18 or older? If so, you may be eligible to participate in a research study. Compensation. For more information, call 356-3240 or 877-428-0635.
- Infants ages 5 months through 6 months are invited to participate in a research study examining speech perception. The study requires three 30-minute visits. Compensation. Contact Lea Greiner at lea-greiner@uiowa.edu or 353-6582.
- Have you been diagnosed with a mood or affective disorder? Are you age 18 or over? If so, you may be eligible to enroll in The Mood and Affect Research Registry (MAR). The purpose of the registry is to allow individuals with mood disorders to be notified of research opportunities. For more information, contact Lois at 384-9379 or lois-warren@uiowa.edu.
- Children between the ages of four and six who do and do not stutter are invited to participate in a research study. The study consists of one visit per year over a five-year period. Each visit will consist of several one- to two-hour sessions scheduled over five or six days. Compensation. Children must speak English as their native language. For more information, contact Patricia Zebrowski at 335-8735 or Amanda Berns at 335-9766.
- Volunteers between the ages of 50 and 70, who have not had joint replacement surgery and are generally in good health (both normal weight and overweight) without current neuromuscular or orthopaedic problems, are invited to participate in a research study. The research protocol requires one 90-minute visit to the Orthopaedic Gait Analysis Laboratory. During the visit, you will be required to wear shorts and have markers placed on your lower limbs and trunk as you walk and stand up from sitting. Compensation. For details, e-mail gait-lab@uiowa.edu or call 384-6893.
- Researchers in the Department of Psychology are inviting participants who are 25 years or older and fluent in English to complete an online survey. All information will be kept confidential. Compensation. To learn more about the study and enrollment, e-mail psychexperiences@uiowa.edu.

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.