

Noon News



Today
High: 84 Low: 63
Partly sunny



Tomorrow
High: 74 Low: 59
Partly cloudy

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Iowa soldiers return home tomorrow

About 20 Iowa National Guard soldiers will return from duty in Afghanistan to the 734th Regional Support Group Armory at Camp Dodge in Johnston tomorrow. The soldiers left last August from Fort Riley, Kan., before going to Afghanistan to provide advance training to the Afghan National Army.

Dow tops 9,000, hits 2009 high

Stocks jumped yesterday to their best levels since last fall, thanks to earnings from Ford and 3M, and a better-than-expected report on existing-home sales. Energy stocks shot higher, but disappointing earnings from Microsoft, Amazon.com, and American Express are expected to pressure the stock market today.

Maryland helicopter crash kills

A commercial helicopter crashed onto a western Maryland highway and burst into flames late last night, killing all four people on board, emergency officials said. No vehicles on the highway were hit. Visibility was somewhat limited by fog at the time of the crash, but it wasn't clear if weather played a role, officials said.

WHO raises alert level for swine flu

The World Health Organization raised its pandemic alert level for the swine flu. The level four alert indicates the virus is capable of significant human-to-human transmission. Dr. Keiji Fukuda, WHO assistant director-general, said the move did not mean a pandemic was inevitable. In London, England, 100,000 new cases of swine flu were reported last week—nearly double the number from the previous week, authorities announced today.

Governor calls scale of corruption 'outrageous'

Officials are decrying political corruption in New Jersey after 44 people were arrested yesterday, including rabbis and elected officials accused of laundering tens of millions of dollars and black-market kidney trafficking. Gov. Jon Corzine said, "The scale of corruption we're seeing as this unfolds is simply outrageous and cannot be tolerated."

Schools to compete for \$5B from stimulus law

States and school districts soon will be able to compete for \$5 billion of federal money for school reforms that toughen academic standards and recruit and retain effective teachers. President Barack Obama and education secretary, Arne Duncan, will announce the "Race to the Top" competition today.

'Cash for Clunkers' program begins today

A new government rebate program begins today that offers cash vouchers to car owners who trade-in their gas-guzzling cars for new fuel-efficient vehicles. The Car Allowance Rebate System, informally called "Cash for Clunkers," is administered by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration through new car dealers. Information is available at www.cars.gov.

China announces first panda from frozen sperm

China announced the first successful birth of a panda cub from artificial insemination using frozen sperm, giving a new option for the notoriously poor breeders, officials said. Panda females have only three days a year in which they can conceive—one reason their species is endangered.

Manslaughter probe targets Jackson's doctor

Dr. Conrad Murray, the personal physician who tried to revive a dying Michael Jackson, has been named as the target of a manslaughter probe into the singer's death. A search warrant filed yesterday came one day after agents seized items from the physician's Houston clinic and a rented storage unit.

Buehrle pitches perfect game

Chicago White Sox pitcher Mark Buehrle tossed the 18th perfect game in Major League Baseball history yesterday as the Sox beat the Tampa Bay Rays 5-0. White Sox center fielder DeWayne Wise robbed the Rays' Gene Kapler of a home run in the ninth inning to help seal the win.

Today in history

On this day in 2005, legendary American cyclist Lance Armstrong won a record-setting seventh consecutive Tour de France.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday prayers for those of the Muslim faith are held at 12:45 p.m. in the Meditation Room, Elevator B, Level 1.
- The Patients' Library and the Medical Museum, Elevator F, Level 8, are open 1 to 4 p.m. weekends.
- Openings are available for the UI Maternity Center's Childbirth Preparation Saturday Seminar that will be held tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Learn practical tips for increasing comfort and confidence in the labor process. For details and registration, visit www.uihealthcare.com/maternity and click on the "Classes" link.
- Spiritual Services holds a Protestant service at 10:30 a.m. and a Catholic Mass at 3:30 p.m. Sundays in the East Room, Elevator F, Level 8. Services are televised on Channel 5.
- An Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Conference Room G, Elevator F, Level 7.
- Project Art presents Poetic Rebound Performance Company, a non-profit modern dance company based out of Iowa City with an emphasis on community outreach, from noon to 1 p.m. on Monday in Colleton Pavilion, Elevator F, Level 1.
- Come find out what UI Women's Health is all about at the UI Women's Health Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday in the Pappajohn Pavilion Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. The event will feature giveaways, free massages, door prizes, and refreshments. For more information, contact Mary Keen at mary-keen@uiowa.edu, 384-8998, or Cindy Ballard at cindy-ballard@uiowa.edu, 384-2859.
- Women who are cancer survivors or who are currently undergoing treatment are invited to participate in the Women's Cancer Support Group. Participants can discuss life before, during, and after treatment in an understanding environment. The group meets from 3 to 4 p.m. in Melrose Conference Room 5 the last Tuesday of every month, Elevator L, Level 5. For more information, call Cynthia West at 356-0372 or e-mail cynthia-west@uiowa.edu.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Access to Lot #65 (Finkbine Commuter Lot) from Hawkins Drive will reopen tonight at 7 p.m. Cambus will resume its normal service at 7 p.m. tonight, as well. There will be no overnight van service between the parking lot and UI Hospitals and Clinics tonight, and the parking gates located at the south end of the lot will remain open until noon Monday.
- The closure of Parking Ramp 1 planned for this weekend has been postponed until 6 p.m. Friday, August 14.
- UI Children's Hospital and the Iowa Hawkeyes are partnering on "Kid Captain," a program to honor current or former pediatric patients during UI football games. Children selected will receive game tickets, a commemorative jersey, and will be on the field for the pre-game coin toss. Only parents or guardians may nominate a child, but faculty and staff are encouraged to share this information with families. For details, visit www.uihealthcare.com/children. Entry deadline is Aug. 16.
- The Emergency Treatment Center is evaluating a new safety IV catheter this week. It offers a number of safety features over the current safety IV catheter and will be used on adult patients. Educational posters on its use have been distributed. Please page Kathy Bainbridge at 6835 or Renee Gould at 4120 with questions and feedback or for a copy of the poster.
- Volunteer Services offers assistance to departments needing office help for every type of project. Have volunteers handle packet assembly, letter folding, filing, alphabetizing, copying, stamping, filling out standardized forms, labeling, and addressing. Bring materials to the volunteer office, Elevator F, Level 8, or e-mail twila-barnes@uiowa.edu or call 356-1065 for quick pick-up and drop-off service.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- Investigación del español: Les invitamos a los adultos que son hablantes nativos del español a participar en una investigación sobre la gramática. Hay una o dos visitas que duran una hora. Se proporcionará compensación. Pónganse en contacto con Theresa Prisco, 335-8113, theresa-prisco@uiowa.edu.
- Women, age 18 and older, with bothersome bladder control problems (frequent urinary leakage and urgency to urinate) are invited to participate in a research study evaluating the medication fesoterodine compared to a placebo (inactive substance) for 12 weeks. After 12 weeks, participants may choose to take the fesoterodine for up to an additional nine months as part of the study. Participation would last up to one year and involve nine study visits. Compensation is provided. If interested, call 384-8028 or e-mail regina-arthur@uiowa.edu.
- 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.

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.