

Noon News



Today
High: 57 Low: 47
Partly cloudy



Tomorrow
High: 60 Low: 49
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Today in history

On this day in 1965, construction was completed on the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Mo., a 630-foot-high parabola of stainless steel built to commemorate the Louisiana Purchase of 1803 and the western expansion that followed.

Ponseti services set for December

A memorial service for Ignacio Ponseti, MD, will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Coralville Marriott Hotel and Convention Center. Ponseti, the pediatric orthopedics specialist who became internationally known for his non-surgical treatment for clubfoot, died on Oct. 18 at age 95.

Plans for Cedar Rapids 'medical district' announced

Leaders from Physicians' Clinic of Iowa, St. Luke's Hospital, and Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids joined city leaders yesterday to announce plans for a "medical district" along 10th Street SE, the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* reports. St. Luke's and Mercy would serve as bookends for the district, which officials said would better serve patients and help recruit new medical professionals to the city.

Culver to announce budget cuts today

Iowa Gov. Chet Culver will release at 3 p.m. today his plan for slicing \$565 million from the budgets of state departments and agencies. Corrections and human services workers would see the brunt of nearly 800 layoffs outlined under preliminary budget-cutting plans submitted by department heads. With the elimination of unfilled positions, the state faces a total loss of around 1,300 jobs.

Durable goods orders rise

The U.S. Commerce Department reported today that orders for durable goods increased 1 percent last month—a hopeful sign for the manufacturing sector, the Associated Press (AP) reports. A 7.9 percent rise in orders for machinery—the biggest jump in orders since March 2008—led the overall increase.

McCain urges Obama to decide on Afghanistan

Sen. John McCain urged President Barack Obama to make a decision quickly on sending additional troops to Afghanistan. Interviewed on CBS's "The Early Show" this morning, the Arizona Republican said delaying a decision on the war policy "is not helpful to our effort" in the war-torn nation.

San Francisco bridge closes after rod snaps

Authorities closed the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge after a rod and a metal brace erected last month during an emergency repair job fell onto the bridge's westbound lanes yesterday afternoon. The incident left hundreds of motorists stranded in their cars during the evening commute, the AP reports.

Mexican officials find tunnel 100 feet from U.S.

Mexican military officials yesterday showed Tijuana reporters a secret tunnel that may have been planned for smuggling migrants or drugs under the U.S. border into San Diego, Calif., the AP reports. The tunnel, about 100 feet south of the Otay Mesa border crossing, reportedly was not yet completed.

Merkel begins second term as German chancellor

The German parliament formally elected Angela Merkel to a second term as chancellor today. Merkel, 55, became Germany's first female chancellor in 2005 and is the country's first leader to have grown up in the former communist East Germany. She said a key priority is bolstering the nation's economy.

Wildlife experts: World's tigers face extinction

Wild tigers could become extinct in 20 years unless the world ramps up conservation efforts to halt the decline in their population, wildlife experts said today. Barely 3,500 tigers are estimated to be in the wild in 12 Asian countries and Russia compared with about 100,000 a century ago, Reuters reports.

'Yes, Virginia, there is a Bigfoot,' enthusiasts say

Members of Sasquatch Watch of Virginia are camping in the Dolly Sods Wilderness Area in West Virginia with GPS navigators, cameras, voice recorders, and plaster of Paris to secure definitive proof of the legendary Bigfoot. The group is looking in areas where people have reported sightings.

Yankees, Phillies get ready to play ball

The World Series finally gets underway tonight, as the New York Yankees host the Philadelphia Phillies in Game 1. The Phillies are the defending Major League Baseball champions. The Yankees are hoping to win their 27th World Series crown and their first title since 2000.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wild Rose Gifts celebrates the beginning of the holiday season with a special event, “Deck the Halls,” which will be held until 3:30 p.m. today in Wild Rose Gifts. Holiday décor, ornaments, and gifts will be featured. Free gift with \$25 purchase (stamps excluded). Proceeds support programs that benefit patients and their families.
- Gamblers Anonymous meetings are held every Thursday at 6 p.m. in Melrose Conference Room 3, Pomerantz Family Pavilion (Elevator L, Level 5). Call 353-3904 with questions.
- A half-day general session on “What is Plain Language?” will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Nov. 10, in the Atrium Conference Center (Elevator F, Level 7). Sue Stableford from the Health Literacy Institute in Maine is offering the free session. Nursing CEU credits will be available. Contact the Office of Clinical Quality, Safety, and Performance Improvement at 356-7552 for more information.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Change in Visitor Rules: To protect patients from exposure to H1N1 influenza, no one under age 18 is allowed to visit patient care areas. Visitors are limited to two adults per patient and no visitors with symptoms of influenza (fever equal to or greater than 100 degrees F, cough, sore throat, runny nose, shortness of breath, fatigue, chills, muscle pain, headache, vomiting, or diarrhea) are allowed to enter patient care areas. The restrictions will remain in effect until further notice. For more information, go to www.uihealthcare.com.
- Stay tuned for influenza updates: UI Health Care leaders will provide broadcast e-mail updates to keep faculty and staff informed about the latest developments regarding influenza. Information on influenza vaccinations will be updated and posted at www.uihealthcare.com.
- The UI Department of Respiratory Care encourages you to recognize respiratory therapists at UI Health Care in observance of National Respiratory Care Week. Respiratory care is a health care specialty that administers treatment for acute and chronic conditions and helps diagnose and care for patients with deficiencies and abnormalities of the cardiopulmonary system.
- 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 Hospital Mail Room staff will not pick up personal mailings while on their mail routes. Personal outgoing mail should be placed in the drop boxes located throughout the first level.
- The UI Center on Aging has developed the Seniors Together in Aging Research (STAR) Registry. The STAR Registry is available to all UI investigators who are seeking older research volunteers for IRB-approved studies. For more information, call Linsey at 384-4221, e-mail linsey-abbott@uiowa.edu, or visit www.centeronaging.uiowa.edu/star.
- 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.
- Need funding for a program or project that benefits patients or families here? Volunteer Services may be able to help with proceeds from its businesses (Wild Rose Gifts, Rooftop Café, and Fourth Floor Salon). Staff or faculty funding requests are reviewed annually by the Contributions and Donations Committee. Application deadline is Sunday. Find forms and guidelines at www.uihealthcare.com/depts/volunteerprogram/funds.html.
- 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.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

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

- Individuals age 18 or older with type 2 diabetes are invited to participate in several possible three-year studies to evaluate a once-weekly investigational injected diabetes drug for diabetes control compared with other approved medications. Requires up to 26 visits to UI Health Care and one phone visit. For details, call Diabetes Clinical Research and Programs at 356-4879.
- The UI Department of Leisure Studies is conducting a study about caregivers in the “sandwich generation.” Are you a caregiver for a parent with dementia? Do you also have a minor child who lives with you? If you would like to participate, involvement will consist of an interview to talk about your experience. E-mail lisa-schumacher@uiowa.edu or call 400-0628.

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.