

Noon News



Today
High: 59 Low: 53
Showers



Tomorrow
High: 54 Low: 42
Partly cloudy

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Family, friends celebrate soldiers' return

Family and friends from across the state gathered in Iowa City yesterday to welcome home 30 soldiers from the Iowa Army National Guard 1133rd Transportation Company, the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* reports. The troops were deployed last October and had been serving in Iraq since December.

Kehoe trial gets underway

Opening statements in the trial of Michelle Kehoe will begin today in Grundy County. Kehoe, 36, of Coralville is accused of killing her 2-year-old son and attempting to kill her then-7-year-old son near Littleton last October. Kehoe allegedly drove the boys to a rural area in Buchanan County and attacked them. The trial was moved to Grundy County because of extensive pretrial publicity.

Judge in Rubashkin case rejects mistrial motions

Attorneys for former Agriprocessors executive Sholom Rubashkin twice filed motions for a mistrial yesterday after a key government witness divulged details of illegal immigrants working at the northeast Iowa meat plant, the *Des Moines Register* reports. The judge rejected the motions. Rubashkin is on trial on 91 fraud charges in Sioux Falls, S.D.; he will face immigration charges in a separate trial.

Stimulus jobs overstated

The federal government has overstated by thousands the number of jobs it has created or saved under the \$787 billion recovery program, according to an Associated Press (AP) review of data released in the program's first progress report. An initial report from a government oversight board weeks ago stated that federal contracts awarded to businesses under the plan had helped pay for over 30,000 jobs.

Economy grows, but analysts expect slow recovery

The U.S. Commerce Department reported today that the economy grew at a 3.5 percent pace in the third quarter—the best showing in two years—fueled by government-supported spending on cars and homes. Analysts expect recovery from the recession to be slow, however, due to rising unemployment.

4 charged in attack on California girl

Four teens were charged yesterday in the alleged gang-rape of a 15-year-old girl outside her school's homecoming dance Saturday night in Richmond, Calif., the AP reports. Police believe as many as 10 people attacked the girl, and as many as two dozen people witnessed the assault without calling police.

Iran seeks changes to nuclear deal

Iran responded to a United Nations-drafted nuclear fuel deal today, proposing big changes that could sink the plan, including sending its low-enriched uranium abroad in stages instead of all at once. Tehran submitted its answer to the International Atomic Energy Organization, Iranian media report.

Zimbabwe expels U.N. investigator

United Nations torture expert Manfred Nowak said today he would recommend that the U.N. Human Rights Council take action against Zimbabwe after his expulsion from the country, Reuters reports. Zimbabwean officials denied Nowak entry and forced him to board a South Africa-bound plane.

Amazon to unveil PayPhrase

Amazon.com hopes to simplify its online buying process by letting customers purchase items with a short phrase such as "Shopping Fanatic" and an identification number. The online retailer plans to unveil the system—known as Amazon PayPhrase—today.

Police: Teen robbers targeted celebrities

Police last week arrested four young women and two men for burglarizing 10 homes in California's Hollywood Hills. The teens allegedly tracked the movements of stars such as Lindsay Lohan and Paris Hilton on the Internet, then stole the celebrities' clothes and possessions while they were away.

Agassi's book causes a stir

Andre Agassi reportedly has plenty to say in his upcoming autobiography. Excerpts from the tennis star's book detail his use of crystal meth and his contention that he always hated the sport.

Today in history

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On this day in 1998, John Glenn was launched into space aboard the space shuttle *Discovery*—nearly four decades after he became the first American to orbit Earth.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Schedule your hair color or cut in the Fourth Floor Salon today or tomorrow and receive a 10 percent discount! Also, select retail merchandise is 25 percent off in the salon until the end of the month. Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Proceeds benefit patients and their families through Volunteer Services.
- An Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting for patients, families, visitors, and hospital staff is at 7:30 tonight, Conference Room G, Elevator F, Level 7.
- Hawkeye Fever! Wild Rose Gifts is celebrating the UI football team's success. Purchase \$100 in Hawkeye merchandise tomorrow and receive a free Hawkeye gift. Hours: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekends. Profits support programs that benefit patients and their families.
- Book Talk: The Patients' Library presents a discussion on *Animal Vegetable Miracle* from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 5, in the East Room (Elevator F, Level 8). The book—the One Community, One Book selection—is available at a 20 percent discount at Wild Rose Books. Call 384-8908 with questions.
- The annual American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer staging review will be held at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 12, in the Cancer Center Classroom (4638 JCP, Elevator H, Level 4). Physicians, pathologists, PAs, nurses, fellows, and residents are invited to attend. For more information, call 356-2388 or e-mail deborah-schulte@uiowa.edu.

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 Procurement Card Program has three significant policy changes for meal expense in travel status, single transaction limit increase, and three-year requirement for procurement card certification. For details, visit [The Point](#).
- Personal mail should be deposited in U.S. mailboxes located throughout the main level of UI Hospitals and Clinics.
- The UI Gene Therapy Center is accepting applications for NIH/NIDDK funded pilot and feasibility grants focusing on research relevant to gene therapy of cystic fibrosis and other genetic diseases. Pilot grants with budgets up to \$50,000 annually are funded for one or two years and will have a start date of April 1, 2010. More information, including eligibility requirements and downloadable forms, is available at <http://genetherapy.genetics.uiowa.edu/pilotprogdescript.shtml>.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

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

- Volunteers 30 years of age and older who are native speakers of English are invited to participate in a research study about how language changes with age, and how these changes affect perceptions of the speaker. The study will involve one to three visits to the Wendell Johnson Speech & Hearing Center, each visit lasting one to two hours. Compensation. For more information, contact neuro-language-lab@uiowa.edu, or call 353-4279.
- Children age 4 to 6 who do and do not stutter are invited to participate in a research study consisting of one visit per year over five-years. 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. Contact Patricia Zebrowski at 335-8735 or Amanda Berns at 335-9766
- A UI study on lung disease seeks current and former smokers age 45 to 80 who are non-Hispanic white or African-American. The study aims to look for genetic differences and learn why some smokers develop chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and others do not. People with a respiratory disorder other than COPD are not eligible to participate. Participation involves one or two visits. Call 353-8862 or e-mail kimberly-sprenger@uiowa.edu.
- Healthy adults between the ages of 18 and 50 who currently do not have pain are invited to participate in a research study examining the effects of transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) on pain. TENS is a commonly utilized treatment for pain that uses application of low intensity (non-painful) electrical stimulation to the skin. One-time visit of two hours required. Compensation. Contact slukalab@uiowa.edu or call 384-3052 and leave a message.

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