

Noon News



Today
High: 55 Low: 40
Partly cloudy



Tomorrow
High: 53 Low: 36
Partly cloudy

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UI to honor veterans Nov. 10

Two Iowa women who have sons serving in the military collaborated to create a Home of the Brave Quilt honoring past, present, and future University of Iowa veterans. The quilt will be donated to the UI and unveiled at the second annual UI Veterans Day Reception from 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, in the Iowa Memorial Union Second Floor Ballroom. The event is free and open to the public.

Police arrest man found in patrol vehicle

An Iowa City man was arrested Saturday after an officer found the man in a police vehicle. An Iowa City police officer was conducting an investigation on East Court Street, and when the officer went to secure his patrol vehicle, he found Henry Jay Kaufmann, 24, inside, police said. Kaufmann allegedly tried to take a black box that contained police equipment. Kaufmann was drunk, police said.

Coaching legend Evashevski dead at 91

Former Iowa football coach and athletic director Forest Evashevski died Friday night from cancer at his home in Petoskey, Mich. He was 91. Evashevski coached the Hawkeyes for nine seasons and won 52 games. He led the team to a pair of Rose Bowl victories following the 1956 and 1958 seasons.

Ford reports strong turnaround

Ford, the only Detroit automaker to dodge direct government aid and bankruptcy court, today announced a net income of nearly \$1 billion in the third quarter and predicted a profitable 2011, the Associated Press (AP) reports. The automaker said earnings were fueled by U.S. market share gains, cost cuts, and the Cash for Clunkers program, which drew flocks of buyers to showrooms this summer.

Audit: Iraq contractor must trim work force

The Army's primary support contractor in Iraq is being warned by Pentagon auditors to cut its work force there or face nearly \$200 million in penalties for keeping thousands too many on the payroll, the AP reports. Some critics have accused Houston-based KBR Inc. of gouging the U.S. government.

Karzai receives second term as Afghan president

Afghanistan's election commission proclaimed President Hamid Karzai the victor of the country's tumultuous ballot today, canceling a planned Nov. 7 runoff vote. The cancellation came after Karzai's challenger Abdullah Abdullah pulled out of the race, claiming the runoff election wouldn't be fair.

North Korea pushes for direct talks with U.S.

North Korea today pressed the United States for direct talks on nuclear issues, the AP reports. North Korea has demanded direct talks with Washington since conducting nuclear and missile tests and quitting six-party negotiations with China, Japan, South Korea, Russia, and the U.S. earlier this year.

'Beefeaters' accused of bullying

Three "Beefeaters," or guards of the Tower of London, are being investigated amid allegations of bullying Moira Cameron, the first female guard in their ranks, the AP reports. The guards, all ex-military personnel, sport Tudor-style uniforms and guide visitors around the popular tourist attraction.

Poll: Ban texting while driving

Ninety-seven percent of Americans say sending a text message while driving should be illegal, and about half say texting while behind the wheel should be punished at least as harshly as drunken driving, according to a recent *New York Times*/CBS News poll.

Jackson film tops on box office list

The Michael Jackson documentary "This Is It" was the top box office draw over the weekend with \$21.3 million in ticket sales. The film was compiled from 120 hours of rehearsal footage for the London concert run Jackson was preparing at the time of his death in June.

Unbeaten Hawks stay at No. 4 in BCS rankings

The Iowa Hawkeyes remain at No. 4 in the Bowl Championship Series rankings following a wild 42-24 comeback win over Indiana Saturday. The Hawks dropped one spot to No. 8 in the AP Top 25.

Today in history

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On this date in 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed a bill establishing a federal holiday on the third Monday of January in honor of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Staff, guests, and patients are invited to a closed AA meeting from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesdays in 5027 Boyd Tower (Elevator A, Level 5).
- Check out the Gallery Art Sale tomorrow through Thursday in the Pappajohn Pavilion Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. Hours: tomorrow and Wednesday 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. A portion of the proceeds from this event will benefit UI Children's Hospital through Children's Miracle Network.
- UI Obesity Surgery Support Group will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. tomorrow in Clinical Cancer Center conference room, 4638 Colloton Pavilion (Elevator H, Level 4). The topic: "Attitude is Everything." This free event is open to anyone who has had bariatric surgery or is considering it. Registration recommended. Contact Chris Melichar at 356-1887 or obesitysurgery@uiowa.edu.
- "Women and Cancer" is the focus of the next "Health For Your Lifetime" program from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. tomorrow in the East Room (Level F, Elevator 8). Carol Scott-Conner, MD, PhD, from Surgery and Michael Goodheart, MD, and Kimberly Leslie, MD, both from Obstetrics and Gynecology, will discuss breast, cervical, endometrial, and ovarian cancers. The event is free but registration is encouraged. Call 335-8886 or toll free 877-MEDIOWA or visit www.uihealthcare.com/register.
- Don't miss the UI Faculty and Staff Health Fair from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday at the UI Field House. Stop by for free screenings, health and wellness information, health plans and benefit information, a blood drive by the DeGowin Blood Center, door prize registration, a participant bag, giveaways, and more. The event is sponsored by UI Health Care, UI Wellness, UI Staff Council, UI Division of Recreational Services, and the UI Community Credit Union.
- Hardin Library is offering the open workshop "How Can We Help You With Scholarly Communications?" from 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday. Contact kelly-thormodson@uiowa.edu for more information.
- Health care reform advocate Wendell Potter will give a free lecture at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Main Lounge of the IMU. After a 20-year career as a public relations insider for two major health insurance companies, Potter now details their practices and calls for an overhaul of the U.S. health care system. The event is hosted by the University Lecture Committee.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Help patients, family members, and visitors find their way. As you travel the corridors during your work day, please be aware of guests who appear to need assistance and stop and offer to help. While providing clear directions may be sufficient, you can "make a difference" by walking with guests to ensure they reach their destinations. If you do not know the location of the service a guest is seeking, dial 101 from any hospital phone to get directions; ask a fellow staff member for assistance; or escort the guest to the nearest information desk where they can receive directions. By providing personal attention to our patients, families, and guests, we will exceed their expectations and improve their experience at UI Hospitals and Clinics.
- Nominations are now being accepted for the Improving Our Workplace Award (IOWA). Nominate a co-worker or a team who has initiated an innovation to improve their workplace through safety measures, process improvements, patient or student satisfaction, healthy working relationships, cost savings, or other innovations. Deadline: Nov. 16. Nomination forms are online at www.uiowa.edu/hr/iowa. Call 335-0560 or e-mail nancy-noyer@uiowa.edu for more information.
- Employee vehicles ARE allowed to park in Hospital Ramp 3 and Newton Road Ramp but ARE NOT allowed in Hospital Ramps 1, 2, and 4 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Violators will receive a \$25 parking citation. The violation can be considered for cancelation by verifying through Hospital Human Resources that there was an appointment that day. The verification process is HIPPA compliant. Questions? Contact Lori Skoff at 335-1475.
- In accordance with the Office of the Inspector General, a Compliance Helpline—384-8190—has been established for staff to use if they know or suspect violations of patient care, laws/regulations, billing/coding, health and safety, property/equipment/other assets, human resources, or conflicts of interest. Calls are not traced or recorded, and staff may make anonymous reports without fear of retaliation. All reports of improper conduct will be investigated.
- To all health care providers: Thank you for your efforts to improve communication by using the whiteboards located in inpatient rooms. Doing this helps our patients understand their care and better prepare for going home—one of their most important goals! Do you need more whiteboard markers? E-mail Laura Mason at laura-mason@uiowa.edu or call 356-4973.
- 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](#).
- The UIHC Child Care Center, located in Westlawn, has openings for children age 27 months to 36 months old. Please contact the center at 335-9666 or at uihc@brighthorizons.com.

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.