Former intensive care babies offer ‘thank you’ concert for medical staff
A lunch hour music performance at UI Hospitals and Clinics brought in some performers with a special hospital connection, KCRG reports. Three of the four members of a string quartet that performed yesterday started out life as newborns in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). All three were hospitalized in December of 2002.

Inaugural winners of the Student Supervisor of the Year announced
The UI Office of Student Employment and the UI Student to Employed Professional program named the first-ever Student Supervisor of the Year, Iowa Now reports. Jessica Waldschmidt, program coordinator in the Honors Program, was selected from among 59 supervisors nominated by 89 student employees. Twelve others will receive certificates of distinction or appreciation.

Highway 965 bridge restricted to 1 lane
A Highway 965 bridge has been immediately restricted to one lane of traffic, the Iowa City Press-Citizen reports. The Johnson County Board of Supervisors held an emergency meeting yesterday to consider the results of an inspection conducted Wednesday night that found a crack that was forming on the bridge deck and spanned the length of the bridge.

Jesup native reaches top of Mount Everest
Jen Loeb, of Jesup, Iowa, spent yesterday descending from the summit of Mount Everest after reaching the top earlier in the day, KCRG reports. Loeb is thought to be the first Iowa woman to make it to the top of the world’s highest mountain. Jen is expected to make it back down the mountain in the next few days, and return to Iowa soon after.

Chaos on House floor as Dems, Republicans clash over LGBT proposal
House Democrats and Republicans confronted each other after a Democratic proposal to ban taxpayer money for federal contractors who discriminate against LGBT workers was defeated minutes after it appeared to have the votes to pass, CNN reports. The chaotic scene included chants of “shame,” accusations of foul play, and a series of insults being traded openly on the House floor.

Taiwan’s Tsai Ing-wen sworn in as first female president
Tsai Ing-wen has been sworn in as the new president of Taiwan, becoming its first female leader and calling for “positive dialogue” with Beijing, BBC reports. In her inaugural speech, she said Taiwanese people had shown they were “committed to the defense of our freedom and democracy as a way of life.”

Mercury rising: India records highest temperature ever
India recorded its highest ever temperature on Thursday when the heat in the town of Phalodi, in the western state of Rajasthan, shot up to a burning 123.8 degrees Fahrenheit, CNN reports. The highest temperature ever was recorded at 134 degrees Fahrenheit in Death Valley, California, in 1913.

UN: Yellow fever outbreak is ‘serious’ but not an emergency
The World Health Organization says the ongoing outbreak of yellow fever in central Africa is “serious and of great concern” but does not warrant being declared a global emergency, The Associated Press (AP) reports. The mosquito-spread disease has also been exported to Congo, Kenya, and China.

Technology is the hottest new wedding trend
When it comes to weddings, forget about something old and something blue, ABC News reports. Couples are now incorporating drone photography, monitors to track the bride and groom’s heartbeats as they walk down the aisle, and go-pro cameras in wedding bouquets into the celebrations.

Sara Ramirez’s Callie hanging up ‘Grey’s Anatomy’ scalpel
Surgeon Callie Torres, played by Sara Ramirez, is turning in her scalpel at Grey Sloan Memorial Hospital after 10 years with the ABC medical drama, the AP reports.

US drops Puerto Rico Swim training over Zika
USA Swimming has moved a pre-Olympic training camp from Puerto Rico to Atlanta because of the Zika virus, the AP reports. However, there are no plans to forgo the Summer Games in Brazil.

On this day in 1873, Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis are given a patent to create work pants reinforced with metal rivets, marking the birth of one of the world’s most famous garments: blue jeans.

Source: history.com
UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday prayers for those of the Muslim faith are held at 12:45 p.m. in the Pomerantz Family Pavilion, Melrose Conference Rooms 6 and 7 (Elevator L, Level 5).

- Children age 4 to 17 are invited to take part in the Teddy Bear Clinic, which aims at making health care fun for kids. The free event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. tomorrow in the UI Center for Digestive Diseases (Elevator F, Level 4). RSVP to TBCatIA@gmail.com. Space is limited.

- Spiritual Services holds a Catholic Mass at 3:30 p.m. Sundays in the East Room (Elevator F, Level 8). Services are televised on Channel 4.5.

- Sunday Alcoholics Anonymous open meetings are held at 7 p.m. in Boyd Tower Dining Room (Elevator A, Level 5).

- In preparation for our next Joint Commission visit, the next round-up of old equipment and other materials to be taken to UI Surplus will be held May 23 to 27. Accepted items include old furniture, old office equipment, trash, paper, and recyclables. Computers, chemicals, and old medical equipment are not accepted. For questions and to request pink tags for pick-ups, page 3191 or call 356-2277.

- The Stead Family Department of Pediatrics will present Frontiers in Pediatric Research at noon on Monday, May 23, in the East Room (Elevator F, Level 8). The speaker is Michael Seidman, PhD, National Institutes of Health. Box lunches will be served. Questions? Contact judith-pope@uiowa.edu.

- UI Health Care–Iowa River Landing is hosting a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24, in their Lower Level Conference Room. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are encouraged. Sign up online at uihealthcare.org/bloodcenter or call the UI DeGowin Blood Center at 356-2058. Help support the transfusion needs of the patients at UI Hospitals and Clinics.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Elevator banks K and L in the Pomerantz Family Pavilion will be out of service from 7 a.m. to noon tomorrow. The outage will permit an electrical system upgrade. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, and appreciate your patience. Questions? Contact Tom Davin, Engineering Services, 356-2582.

- Beginning Monday, May 23, traffic on Hawkins Drive will be reduced for about two weeks to two lanes in each direction from South Hospital Drive to Evashevski Drive. Northbound and southbound traffic flow will be maintained and flagmen will be on-site. The lane closures are necessary to complete exterior work on the new children’s hospital. We apologize for any inconvenience, and appreciate your patience. Questions? Contact Jason Miller, Capital Management, 467-5512.

- One of the Emergency Department (ED) access doors (1010-Z) located across from the Java House will be closed from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, May 23. Please use the doors next to Elevator D to access the ED. Questions? Contact David DeRaad, Capital Management, at 715-577-4444 or david-deraad@uiowa.edu.

- Patients’ Library and the Medical Museum (Elevator F, Level 8) hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and 1 to 4 p.m. weekends.

- Help relieve traffic congestion and better accommodate our guests. Traffic lanes in front of the Main and Pomerantz Family Pavilion entrances should be used only for the arrival and departure of patients and families. Faculty and staff members being dropped off or picked up should use other points of access, such as the Fountain or Pappajohn entrances.

- The University of Iowa Executive Master of Health Administration (EMHA) program, offered by the UI College of Public Health, provides education on managing resources, setting strategic direction, improving population health, and leading people through professionalism and team development. Applications are accepted throughout the year. Find out more about the program at www.public-health.uiowa.edu/emha-overview.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

View additional research studies at uihealthcare.org/studies.

- Caregivers of people with dementia living at home are invited to participate in a research study. A home recording unit will be used for three months to submit video recordings of care situations. Compensation provided. Please contact Kristine Williams, PhD, at kristine-n-williams@uiowa.edu, or call 335-3103.