

Noon News



Today
High: 74 Low: 51
Partly cloudy



Tomorrow
High: 78 Low: 55
Mostly sunny

Thursday, June 4, 2009

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UI Children's Hospital named Lead Center

University of Iowa Children's Hospital will be part of a national pediatric brain injury initiative seeking to raise the bar for standards of care. The hospital will be designated as the State Lead Center for Iowa and will be involved in the development of the National Pediatric Acquired Brain Injury Plan, that aims to develop a standardized system of care accessible to children and their families.

Obama picks Leach to head National Endowment

President Obama yesterday nominated former Iowa congressman Jim Leach as chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, an independent agency that awards grants for humanitarian projects. Leach served as a Republican for 30 years in Congress, representing Iowa's 2nd district.

Check amounts to rise for unemployed Iowans

Unemployed Iowa workers will see more in their weekly checks, starting July 5, said Iowa Workforce Development. The boost comes from an adjustment in the annual wage for insured Iowa workers. It increased to \$36,732 in 2008 from the 2007 rate of \$35,513. For details, visit IowaWorkforce.org.

Wal-Mart expects to add thousands of jobs

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said today it expects to hire more than 22,000 people to staff new or expanded stores this year. Wal-Mart had previously announced it would open or expand between 142 to 157 stores in 2009. Wal-Mart added 33,000 jobs in the U.S. last year, according to the annual report.

Obama delivers key speech in Cairo

President Obama called for a "new beginning between the U.S. and Muslims" today and said together, they could confront violent extremism across the globe and advance the timeless search for peace in the Middle East. Obama's widely anticipated speech was designed to reframe relations after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and the U.S.-led war in Iraq.

House GOP offers \$23 billion in spending cuts

Responding to a challenge from President Obama, House GOP leaders are offering up a roster of more than \$23 billion in spending cuts over the next five years. The proposed cuts were to be sent to the White House today. The program cuts are expected save more than \$5 billion in the first year alone.

Air France says no hope of survivors

Air France has told families of passengers on Flight 447 that the jetliner broke apart and they must abandon hope that anyone survived, a grief counselor said today. The plane, carrying 228 people, disappeared after leaving Rio de Janeiro for Paris on Sunday night.

Yahoo sues NFL Players Association

Yahoo has sued the NFL Players Association, claiming it shouldn't have to pay to use player statistics, photos, and other data in its online fantasy football game because the information is already publicly available. The union threatened to sue Yahoo if it doesn't pay, but Yahoo claims authorization is not needed due to a court decision in a similar dispute between NFL Players Inc. and CBS Interactive Inc.

Topless coffee shop burns down

A coffee shop in Vassalboro, Maine, that gained national attention for its topless waiters and waitresses simply proved too hot. The Grand View Topless Coffee Shop burned to the ground yesterday. A state fire official said it was arson. Vassalboro Fire Chief Eric Rowe said the building was a "total loss."

David Carradine found dead

Actor David Carradine, who starred in the TV series "Kung Fu," and more recently in the "Kill Bill" films, was found dead today in a Bangkok hotel. He was 73. Carradine's agent confirmed the actor's death to a Thailand newspaper, saying he believed Carradine died of natural causes.

Braves release 305-game winner Glavine

The Atlanta Braves released pitcher Tom Glavine yesterday, just when he was ready to return to the team. Glavine, 43, was coming back from surgery and on Tuesday said he was ready to pitch in the majors again. Glavine was the top winning active pitcher in the majors with a record of 305-203.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

Today in history

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On this day in 1919, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, giving women the right to vote, was passed by Congress and sent to the states for ratification.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Stop by a Books Are Fun sale until 3 p.m. today in the Pappajohn Pavilion Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. Proceeds benefit UI Children's Hospital.
- An Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting for patients, families, visitors, and hospital staff is at 7:30 tonight, Conference Room G, Elevator F, Level 7.
- Project Art presents City Circle Acting Company performing excerpts of their upcoming production of "Hello Dolly!" at noon tomorrow in the Colloton Pavilion Atrium, Elevator F, Level 1. "Hello Dolly!" will be at the Englert from June 12 to 14.
- Volunteers are needed to help in two hour shifts at the first aid tent at the Iowa Arts Festival tomorrow through Sunday in downtown Iowa City. For more information, contact Tom Walljasper at 384-9171 or tom-walljasper@uiowa.edu.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Personal mail should be deposited in U.S. mailboxes located throughout the main level of UI Hospitals and Clinics.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- Healthy adults ages 18 to 50 are invited to participate in a research study that involves an interview, physical exam, vascular function testing, and laboratory testing. Compensation. For details, call 384-9379 or e-mail dpmurray@healthcare.uiowa.edu.
- Healthy volunteers ages 18 to 80 who do not wear contact lenses, are not pregnant, and do not have a chronic medical condition are invited to participate in a study to test eye sensitivity to carbon dioxide. Time involvement is approximately 30 minutes. Compensation. For details, call 356-0578.
- Smokers between the ages of 18 and 60 with a smoking history of greater than one pack per day (or equivalent) are invited to participate in a research study examining vitamin D levels and the ability of the lung to resist infections. A commitment of two visits over three months is required. Compensation. Volunteers are required to be free of medical problems and on no medications other than birth control pills. For more information, call Lori Stout at 384-5376.
- A UI study on lung disease seeks current and former smokers ages 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.
- The University of Iowa Hearing Aid Lab is conducting a study looking at the relationship between hearing, memory, and word learning in children. Children between the ages of 6 and 9 who wear hearing aids may be eligible to participate in the study. Compensation. For more information, call 335-9758 or e-mail UIOWA-HAL@uiowa.edu.
- Healthy female volunteers ages 25 to 40 who have given birth in the last five years are invited to participate in a research project involving ultrasound of the uterus. Participants should have regular menstrual cycles (25 to 35 days apart), have no history of infertility, and be off all methods of birth control for three months. The study involves a single 30-minute appointment. Compensation. Contact Michelle Maifeld at 353-8491 or e-mail jill-goodman@uiowa.edu.
- Volunteers are invited to participate in a research project studying the emotions of persons with a history of depression. We are looking for volunteers between the ages of 50 and 90 whose symptoms of depression began after the age of 50. Subjects will participate in cognitive tasks, interviews, questionnaires, and an MRI. The study will require three visits to UI Hospitals and Clinics. Compensation. For more information, contact Erika Holm at 353-8514 or e-mail erika-holm@uiowa.edu.
- Individuals between the ages of 18 and 85 are invited to participate in a cognitive neuroscience study. Participants must have undergone a life-threatening or life-changing medical condition such as heart attack or cancer. However, participants must be free of any neurological conditions (stroke, head trauma). The study will consist of completing a questionnaire and will take 30 minutes to an hour. Compensation. For more information, contact Erik at 384-6084 or e-mail erik-asp@uiowa.edu.
- Volunteers between the ages of 20 and 90, who smoke at least one pack of cigarettes per day, are invited to participate in a Division of Physiologic Imaging study. The study involves one to two visits that take about three hours total. Pulmonary function tests and CT scans of your lungs will be done. Compensation. Contact Ray at 384-5273 or e-mail raymond-stelzer@uiowa.edu or Joanie at 384-7392 or joanie-wilson@uiowa.edu.

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.