

Noon News



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Anderson to lead Internal Medicine

Mark E. Anderson, MD, PhD, has been named head of the UI Department of Internal Medicine, effective immediately. Anderson joined the UI faculty in 2005 as professor of internal medicine and director of its cardiology division. Jeffrey Field, MD, who served as interim head of the department for the past year, will return to his faculty position in the department's gastroenterology division.

Becker pleads not guilty, seeks speedy trial

A trial for Mark Becker of Parkersburg, who faces a first-degree murder charge in the June 24 shooting death of Aplington-Parkersburg coach Ed Thomas, will be scheduled within 90 days. Becker, 24, pleaded not guilty and demanded a speedy trial, according to court documents released yesterday.

Franken to join Senate

Minnesota's Democratic Senator-elect Al Franken will be sworn in today, after months of recounts and legal battles. Franken will join the Senate Judiciary Committee, which is to begin hearings next week on Sonia Sotomayor, President Barack Obama's first nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Suspected serial killer dead

Police officers yesterday shot and killed suspected serial killer Patrick Burris, 41, while investigating a burglary complaint in Gastonia, N.C. Police said ballistics tests showed Burris's gun matched the one that killed five residents in and around nearby Gaffney, S.C., over six days last week.

Teacher sorry for mock wedding to 4th-grader

A fourth-grade teacher in Falmouth, Maine, has apologized for playing the groom in a mock wedding to a student. The *Portland Press Herald* reports that Paul Rosenblum agreed to participate after a girl proposed and his class at Plummer-Motz School cajoled him. The school later received complaints.

Drone attacks militants in Pakistan

A U.S. drone fired a missile into a Pakistani Taliban stronghold near the Afghan border today, killing at least 14 militants, intelligence officials and residents said. The U.S. began stepping up the pilotless drone attacks on Pakistani militant enclaves a year ago despite the complaints of ally Pakistan.

Iran opposition urges release of protestors

Iranian opposition leaders today called for the release of people arrested following Iran's disputed presidential election last month and criticized the "security state" imposed in the country. Iranian state media have reported 20 people killed and more than 1,000 arrested since the June 12 election.

London memorial marks four years since bombing

British officials today unveiled a memorial of 52 steel pillars in London's Hyde Park—one for each victim of the July 7, 2005 attacks on the city's transit system. The stainless steel columns stand 11.5 feet tall. Some of the hundreds of wounded and the families of those killed helped plan the statues.

Microsoft warns of computer security hole

Microsoft Corp. issued a warning yesterday about a serious computer security vulnerability that affects Internet Explorer users whose computers run Windows XP or Windows Server 2003 operating software. The vulnerability could allow hackers to remotely take control of users' machines.

L.A. braces for Jackson memorial

Today's public memorial service for Michael Jackson at the Staples Center in Los Angeles could be the biggest celebrity send-off of all time. More than 1.6 million people registered for free tickets to the event, and 8,750 people were chosen to receive two tickets each. Police, hoping to avoid a mob scene, warned those without tickets to stay away because they would not be able to get close to the center.

Police: McNair's girlfriend bought gun

Nashville, Tenn., police said yesterday the gun found at the scene where former NFL star Steve McNair died was bought by his girlfriend less than two days before the two were shot to death.

Today in history

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On this day in 1981, President Ronald Reagan nominated Sandra Day O'Conner to be the first woman Supreme Court justice.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- UI Obesity Surgery Support Group will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. tonight in room 4638 JCP, Elevator H, Level 4. The topic will be an open discussion with leader Debi Heitshusen, RN, CBN. The group is free and open to anyone who has had bariatric surgery or is considering it. Registration is recommended; contact Chris Melichar at 356-1887 or obesitysurgery@uiowa.edu to register or for more information.
- The Infertility Support Group meets at 6 p.m. tomorrow at the Women's Resource Action Center, 130 N. Madison Street. The group will discuss fertility-related issues and coping skills. For details, call 335-1486 or e-mail wrac@uiowa.edu.
- Children's Miracle Network will have a UI Children's Hospital Merchandise Sale from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday in the Pappajohn Pavilion Atrium Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. Cash, checks, credit cards, and staff charges will be accepted. A portion of the proceeds benefit UI Children's Hospital. Are you an online shopper? Check out www.shoppingformiracles.org.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Domestic hot and cold water service to the east half of the Emergency Treatment Center area on the first floor of Carver Pavilion, including all bathrooms and sinks, will be interrupted from approximately 7 to 8 a.m. tomorrow in order to connect the new decontamination shower piping. Questions? Call Walter Robalino, Capital Management, at 356-1866.
- Hospital Parking Ramp 1 will close at 6 p.m. Friday, and reopen at 6 a.m. Monday, July 13. If you park in this ramp, please use another ramp during this time. Questions? Contact Martin Shafer, Environmental and Guest Services, at 356-2277.
- UI Weight Management is a 16-week weight loss program at the Medicine Specialty Clinics that focuses on permanent lifestyle changes (diet, exercise, and behavior modification) to bring about long-term weight loss and reduced disease risk. Visit www.uihealthcare.com/weight for details or e-mail Marsha Cheyney at weight-management@uiowa.edu.
- Report safety and quality of care concerns to a supervisor, manager, or the Compliance Helpline at 384-8190. If you feel your concern is not adequately addressed within the organization, report concerns to the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. The hospital does not discipline employees who report a concern to JCAHO.
- The UI Employee Discount program provides information about discounts available to staff and faculty. New vendors are added regularly. To learn more, visit <http://www.uiowa.edu/~cqi/uedp.html>.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- 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.
- Investigación del español: Les invitamos a los adultos que son hablantes nativos del español a participar en una investigación sobre la gramática. Hay una o dos visitas que duran una hora. Se proporcionará compensación. Pónganse en contacto con Theresa Prisco, 335-8113, theresa-prisco@uiowa.edu.
- Children ages 2 years, 6 months to 6 years, 11 months are invited to participate in a research study examining how children use social cues such as looking at or touching an object to learn words. During the study, children will learn names for unfamiliar objects. They will also participate in a battery of speech, language, and listening tasks. The study involves one to two visits for approximately 90 minutes at the Department of Otolaryngology on the UI campus or a mutually agreeable location. Contact Elizabeth Walker or Karla McGregor at 353-8980 or e-mail elizabeth-walker@uiowa.edu.
- Children 6 years, 6 months through 12 years, 6 months are invited to participate in a study examining word learning and executive function abilities, such as attention, inhibition, and planning. Participation will consist of one 60-minute visit. Contact Lea Greiner at 353-6582 or lea-greiner@uiowa.edu.
- Volunteers age 21 and older who have been diagnosed with atrial fibrillation (an abnormal heart rhythm) are invited to participate in a research study evaluating the safety and effectiveness of an investigational blood-thinning medication in the prevention of stroke. Qualifying participants will receive study-related laboratory evaluations, physical exams and electrocardiograms, and study medications. Compensation. For details, call 384-5046 or 1-800-887-6917.
- Adolescents between the ages of 12 and 15 and young adults between the ages of 26 and 30 are invited to take part in a study on reward and decision-making. Participants will have an MRI scan, complete personality questionnaires, and take part in neuropsychological testing. Compensation. Contact Julie Koeppel at 353-6647 or julie-koeppel@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.