

Noon News



Today
High: 73 Low: 58
Showers likely



Tomorrow
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UI envisions a new Museum of Art

University of Iowa President Sally Mason yesterday announced the formation of the Envisioning Committee for the UI Museum of Art that was ravaged in the June 2008 flood. Comprised of community members, faculty, and students, the group will meet throughout the next six months and make recommendations regarding the museum's future to UI leaders in early 2010.

Waterloo hospital pays feds \$4.5 million

Covenant Medical Center in Waterloo has agreed to pay \$4.5 million to the federal government to settle allegations that it overpaid doctors in order to boost business, the *Des Moines Register* reports. The hospital did not admit wrongdoing. A federal law, called the Stark Act, says a hospital may not have financial relationships with physicians that improperly lead to referrals of patients to the hospital. If a hospital directly employs doctors, the law says, it may not pay them more than "fair market value."

Bass Pro sure to lure 'em in

The opening of a 145,000-square-foot Bass Pro Shop in Altoona is expected to draw seven million people a year—roughly double what the nearby Prairie Meadows Casino draws now, the *Des Moines Register* reports. Altoona leaders believe Bass Pro, which opens today, will generate \$200 million in new retail and commercial development at the intersection of I-80 and the U.S. Highway 65 bypass.

Kennedy dies at age 77

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts died last night at his home on Cape Cod after a year-long struggle with brain cancer. He was 77. Elected to the Senate in 1962, Kennedy, a liberal Democrat, compiled legislative achievements on health care, civil rights, education, immigration, and more.

Durable goods orders increase

The U.S. Commerce Department said today that orders for durable goods—those expected to last at least three years—increased 4.9 percent in July, the third rise in the past four months. It's a sign the manufacturing sector is starting to rebound from the recession, the Associated Press (AP) reports.

South Carolina retiree claims \$260 million Powerball prize

A retired South Carolina state employee who spent two bucks on the lottery claimed a \$260 million Powerball jackpot yesterday. Solomon Jackson Jr. of Columbia said he wouldn't let the winnings affect who he is. Lottery officials say Jackson's chances of winning were one in 195 million, the AP reports.

Report: Tobacco will kill 6 million next year

Tobacco use will kill six million people next year, according to a report released today. The Tobacco Atlas from the World Lung Foundation and the American Cancer Society says tobacco use costs the global economy \$500 billion a year in medical expenses, lost productivity, and environmental harm.

Death row provides majority of China transplant organs

Most transplanted organs in China come from executed prisoners, state-run *China Daily* reports. The country's Health Ministry and the Red Cross Society of China this week launched a national organ donation system to reduce the reliance on death row inmates and encourage donations from the public.

Wikipedia looks to limit false information

In order to curb false information and cyber-vandals, online encyclopedia Wikipedia is considering new restrictions on the editing of articles, the AP reports. While anyone can still edit entries, the site is testing pages that won't register changes until they are approved by an experienced Wikipedia editor.

Dylan to release Christmas album for charity

Bob Dylan will release "Christmas in the Heart" Oct. 13, his first collection of holiday-themed music. Dylan's U.S. royalties from the album will go to the organization Feeding America.

Kernels' Amarista, Taylor honored

Cedar Rapids Kernels second baseman Alexi Amarista and left-handed relief pitcher Andrew Taylor were named to the 2009 Midwest League post-season all-star team yesterday.

Today in history

On this day in 1939, Major League Baseball was televised for the first time when experimental station W2XBS carried a double-header between the visiting Cincinnati Reds and the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wild Rose Gifts will be holding a “Let’s Go Hawks” event from until 3:30 p.m. today in the Pappajohn Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. There will be new merchandise, free black and gold beads just for stopping by, and a chance to become a “really big” Hawkeye fan by registering for their door prize.
- All interested children who are inpatients or clinic patients at UI Children’s Hospital are invited to enter an art contest sponsored by Vanessa and Angela Simmons, stars of MTV’s “Daddy’s Girls.” The winning design for the new Pastry shoe line will earn a \$25,000 donation to benefit a Children’s Miracle Network hospital. To print instructions and a coloring page, go to [The Point](#). Send designs to CMN, 5144 Westlawn, Iowa City, IA 52242. Deadline is Friday. Questions? Call Taryn Kuntz at 384-4135.
- “Preventing Infection: Scaling-Up from Local to Global” is the topic of the 2009 Hsu-Li Distinguished Lectureship in International Epidemiology sponsored by the UI Department of Epidemiology. Didier Pittet, MD, professor of medicine at University of Geneva Hospitals in Switzerland, will speak at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow in Medical Alumni Auditorium, E311 GH, Elevator BE, Level 3. For more information, contact Marilyn Anderson at 384-5049.
- Physicians: HCIS is offering open lab time on Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. in the HCIS Training Room, 11605 PFP, Elevator L, Level 1. If you need support with orders, notes, In Basket, or maneuvering through Epic, you are invited to come to the lab for assistance. HCIS staff will be providing support. For more information, contact Teresa Lane at 356-0002.
- Children’s Miracle Network will hold a merchandise sale to benefit UI Children’s Hospital from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 1 through Sept. 3 in the Pappajohn Atrium Lobby. Cash, checks, credit cards, and staff charge will be accepted. Contact Sarah at 335-8441 for more information.
- “Parent to Parent” Family Training on AD/HD classes will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays beginning Sept. 12 through Oct. 24 in the Stoltzfus Conference Room, 2717-1 JPP, Elevator I, Level 2. Questions? Call Barb at 319-266-2901 or e-mail wilk123abc@q.com for directions and more information. Register by Sept. 1. This event is sponsored by the Department of Child Psychology with a grant from Muscatine Charities and CHADD.
- Boat for a cause at the 1st Aiming For a Cure Foundation MacBride Open on Saturday, Sept. 26, at Lake MacBride Main Ramp. The cost is \$50 per two-person team. All proceeds after payout will go to the Aiming for a Cure Foundation, which benefits pediatric cancer patients at UI Children’s Hospital. Limit of 94 boats; entry deadline is Sept. 11. For more information, contact Michelle at 335-9003.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Volunteers are needed to provide basic first-aid services for the Summer of the Arts Sand in the City event Friday to Sunday in downtown Iowa City. Questions? Contact Tom Walljasper at 384-1745 or tom-walljasper@uiowa.edu.
- Normal electrical power service to the John Colloton Pavilion will be interrupted for approximately four hours, beginning at 6 a.m., on Saturday in order to perform an electrical upgrade. Red emergency outlets and emergency lighting will be available during this interruption. This will affect the sub-basement through the fourth floor (clinic side) but will not affect in-patient units. For more information, contact Tom Davin at 356-2582.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- Have you been diagnosed with a mood or affective disorder? Are you age 18 or over? If so, you may be eligible to enroll in The Mood and Affect Research Registry (MAR). The purpose of the registry is to allow individuals with mood disorders to be notified of research opportunities. For more information, contact Lois at 384-9379 or lois-warren@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 800-887-6917.
- The UI Department of Leisure Studies is conducting a study about caregivers in the “sandwich generation.” Are you a caregiver for a parent with dementia? Do you also have a minor child who lives with you? If you would like to participate, involvement will consist of an interview to talk about your experience. E-mail lisa-schumacher@uiowa.edu or call 400-0628.
- 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.

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.