

Noon News



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Monday, October 12, 2009

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Public forum on Voxman, Clapp, and Hancher set for tonight

The University of Iowa will host a public forum from 6 to 7:30 p.m. tonight in Macbride Auditorium on possible replacement options and sites for Voxman Music Building, Clapp Recital Hall, and Hancher Auditorium. Joe Hibbard of Sasaki and Associates will facilitate the forum and present information gathered since the last public forum on this topic, which was held July 9.

Autopsy planned for body found in Cedar River

Local authorities are not certain if the body of a man found Saturday in the Cedar River is that of missing University of Iowa student Jacques Similhomme, who was last seen in Coralville on Sept. 28 and whose car was found two days later in Cedar Rapids. Police said an autopsy will be performed on the body to determine the cause of death and make a positive identification.

Another million-dollar Powerball ticket sold

A \$1 million Powerball ticket was sold at a Des Moines convenience store on Saturday, making it the fourth million-dollar ticket sold in the state this year. Powerball has a new rule that allows ticket-holders to get \$1 million if they've matched five winning numbers and added a Power Play option.

Gay rights supporters march in Washington

Tens of thousands of gay rights supporters rallied near the White House as part of the National Equality March yesterday. The marchers demanded that President Barack Obama end discrimination against gays and also let them serve openly in the military, the Associated Press (AP) reports.

U.S. can't trace visitors with expired visas

Despite repeated mandates from Congress, the United States still has no reliable system for verifying that foreign visitors have left the country, *The New York Times* reports. Immigration officials said that 40 percent of the 11 million illegal immigrants in the U.S. arrived with legal visas and overstayed.

North Korea fires missiles

North Korea fired five short-range missiles off its east coast today and declared a "no sail" zone in the area until Oct. 20, South Korea's Yonhap news agency reports. The latest launches come as North Korean officials say they are ready to begin international talks on its nuclear weapons program.

Court sentences 6 to death for Xinjiang riots

A court in China's far western Xinjiang region sentenced six men to death today for murder and other crimes committed during ethnic riots in July that killed nearly 200 people, the AP reports. The riots were between Muslim Uighurs and the Han Chinese majority party in the regional capital of Urumqi.

Fire hits Sao Paulo slum

An intense fire broke out yesterday in a slum in Sao Paulo, Brazil, sending residents running across rooftops to escape the flames, the AP reports. There were no immediate reports of deaths in Diogo Pires, a shantytown in the western part of the city that is home to about 300 families.

Circus tycoon returns from space

The Russian Soyuz capsule carrying Cirque du Soleil founder Guy Laliberte and two other space travelers landed safely in Kazakhstan yesterday. Laliberte wore a bulbous clown nose during his stay aboard the International Space Station and promoted efforts to preserve the world's water resources.

Fans check in for 'Couples Retreat'

"Couples Retreat" was the top-grossing movie over the weekend with \$35.3 million. The film, which features "Swingers" co-stars Vince Vaughn and Jon Favreau, plus Jason Bateman, Kristin Davis, and Kristin Bell, is a comedy that follows a group of friends at an island therapy resort.

Hawkeyes off to best start since '85

The Iowa Hawkeyes climbed one spot to No. 11 in the AP Top 25 college football poll following its 30-28 win over the Michigan Wolverines Saturday night at Kinnick Stadium. The Hawks are 6-0 for the first time since 1985. The team faces the 5-1 Wisconsin Badgers Saturday in Madison.

Today in history

On this day in 1997, singer John Denver died in the crash of his privately built aircraft in Monterey Bay, Calif. He was 53.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- “What’s New in Treating Prostate Cancer” is the topic of tonight’s Health For Your Lifetime program, 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the East Room (Elevator F, Level 8). Richard Williams, MD, and Fadi Joudi, MD, from the Department of Urology, will present. The event is free, but registration is encouraged; call 335-8886, 877-MEDIOWA, or visit www.uihealthcare.com/register.
- Wild Rose Books is hosting a Technology Event tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Pappajohn Pavilion lobby (Elevator I, Level 1). Stop by and test-drive new iPod models and the latest Apple and Dell computers. At this event ONLY, when you purchase any computer, you’ll receive a FREE printer. Educational discount prices apply for UI students, faculty, and staff on selected technology. For more information, call Wild Rose Books at 384-5151.
- Join a free informational seminar on the latest advancements in laser vision correction (LASIK) from noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesday in the Blodi Conference Room in Pomerantz Family Pavilion, Elevator L, Level 1. For reservations or more information, call 353-7625, or e-mail lasik@uiowa.edu, or visit <http://webeye.ophth.uiowa.edu/dept/laser/reg-seminar.htm>.
- Thursday October 15, is “Global Handwashing Day” sponsored by the World Health Organization and hosted at UI Hospitals and Clinics by the Hand Hygiene Task Force. Stop by the Fountain Entrance Lobby from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to learn more about hand hygiene and its critical role in infection control. From 11:30 to 1 p.m., speak with hand hygiene experts and see how clean your hands really are (or are not!). Prize drawing and giveaways while they last. Questions? Call Kiley Bybee-Franque at 353-8600 or e-mail kiley-bybee@uiowa.edu.
- The Annual Staff Arts and Crafts Sale is Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Pappajohn Pavilion lobby (Elevator I, Level 1) sponsored by Rehab Therapies. A portion of the proceeds goes to the Adult Recreation Program.
- Join the fight against blood cancers. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s annual “Light the Night” walk will be Saturday at Kinnick Stadium. For more information or to form or join a team, visit www.lightthenight.org/ia or contact Tom Walljasper at tom-walljasper@uiowa.edu or 384-1745.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- October 12-18 is National Healthcare Central Service & Sterile Processing Week. The UI Hospitals and Clinics Central Sterilizing department (CSS) employs more than 100 staff and operates 24/7. Last year, CSS processed more than 206,000 trays for the Main OR and other areas and sterilized more than 6 million items, providing exceptional service.
- The 4 SE nursing unit will permanently relocate to 3 BT tomorrow. The new unit will be 3 BT2 in IDX and bed board. The move will increase the unit from 12 to 15 beds.
- All staff are reminded that Processed Stores will fill only emergency orders during third shift through its main number, 356-1784. Processed Stores is not staffed from 11:30 p.m. to 6 a.m., but calls will be forwarded to Central Sterilizing Services (CSS). Please do not call CSS directly for Stores items.
- UI Health Care Human Resources in C110 GH has Fall 2009 college coupon books available. Free to staff while supplies last.
- Help UI Children’s Hospital win a game room makeover from Xbox 360[®] and Children’s Miracle Network! Visit xbox.childrensmiracletnetwork.org and vote for UI Children’s Hospital. Voters may win one of five Xbox 360[®] Elite consoles. Runs through Oct. 16. Questions? E-mail cmn@uiowa.edu.
- Do you need vitamins, Tylenol, or Tums? The UI Hospitals and Clinics Ambulatory Care Pharmacies offer a variety of over-the-counter products for faculty, staff, patients, and visitors. Payroll deduct, credit cards, checks, and cash accepted.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

More studies listed at: www.uihealthcare.com/depts/clinicaltrials/volunteer.html.

- Adults 18 to 25 are invited to participate in a research study on sleep and word learning. Participants will learn new words and take tests to determine their retention of them. Five visits of 90 minutes each. Compensation. Contact Nicole Eden at 353-5779 or child-language@uiowa.edu.
- Adults 35 to 85 with no history of neurological disease are invited to participate in a UI Department of Neurology research study of cognitive function. Participants will be asked to undergo neurophysiological testing. Compensation. Contact Bradley at 384-6084 or bradley-thomas@uiowa.edu.
- Volunteers between the ages of 60 and 70 with a high school education and no history of neurological disease are invited to participate in a research study of cognitive function. Participants will be asked to undergo neuropsychological testing which will include two hours of involvement. Compensation. For details, call 356-8759 or e-mail natasha-feuerbach@uiowa.edu.

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.