Hush! Quiet Initiative underway at UI Hospitals and Clinics
A multidisciplinary group is working to make UI Hospitals and Clinics a quieter place to permit better healing for our patients, The Loop reports. HUSH (Help Us Support Healing) established a quiet time from 1230 to 1400 (12:30 to 2 p.m.) that has been implemented on all units throughout the hospital.

UI teaching community outreach
UI faculty and students will partner with Mason City, Iowa, and a five-county region in east central Iowa on community-betterment projects, Iowa Now reports. In Mason City, UI teams expect to complete 10 to 15 sustainability projects in collaboration with the city and community partners.

Downtown Iowa City's Top Chef: Pullman's Sepehr Sadrzadeh
Sepehr Sadrzadeh, executive chef at Iowa City's Pullman Bar and Diner, was awarded the title of Downtown Iowa City's Top Chef, the Iowa City Press-Citizen reports. The 23-year-old chef won the competition with his dish Tiny but Mighty Popcorn Grits.

Major fire at Loras College dorm; all students safely evacuated
The Dubuque Fire Department chief says the cupola on Visitation Complex could collapse at any time due to a fire this morning on the Loras College campus, KCRG reports. Lightning struck the dormitory’s cupula, starting the fire around 5:30 a.m. All the students were safely evacuated.

Obama nominates Merrick Garland to Supreme Court
President Obama nominated Merrick Garland today to fill the vacancy of the late Justice Antonin Scalia, The Associated Press (AP) reports. Garland, 63, is the chief judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Senate Republicans, who say the next president should make the nomination, maintain they do not plan to vet or have hearings on anyone President Obama nominates.

Trump, Clinton, Kasich win primaries; Rubio out
Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump won the Florida, Illinois, and North Carolina primaries; John Kasich won in Ohio, and the Missouri race between Trump and Ted Cruz is too close to call, NPR reports. Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton won the Florida, Illinois, North Carolina, and Ohio primaries, and the Missouri race between Clinton and Bernie Sanders is too close to call. Republican Marco Rubio suspended his campaign last night after finishing a distant second in his home state.

Raid of Belgian building with ties to Paris terror attacks ends with one dead
Belgian authorities searched through the night, looking for suspects who escaped after gunfire interrupted a raid of a building tied to last year's deadly terrorist attacks in Paris, CNN reports. One suspect died and four police officers were wounded in the raid. Police went to search a presumably empty Brussels apartment only to have people inside begin shooting at them.

CDC guidelines aim to curb opioid painkiller prescribing
Amid an epidemic of addiction and abuse tied to powerful opioid drugs, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is urging a reduction in opioid prescriptions, the AP reports. The CDC recommends that primary care doctors prescribe physical therapy, exercise, and over-the-counter pain medications before turning to opioid painkillers for chronic pain.

Rapid melt of New Zealand Glaciers ends hikes onto them
New Zealand’s top tourist attractions, the Fox and Franz Josef glaciers, are melting at such a rapid rate that it has become too dangerous for tourists to hike onto them, the AP reports.

Comedian Amy Schumer to perform in Iowa City
Comedian Amy Schumer is scheduled to perform Friday, April 22, at Carver-Hawkeye Arena as part of a nationwide tour, The Gazette reports. Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, with special prices for students.

UN suspends tennis star Sharapova
Tennis star Maria Sharapova’s admission to using a banned drug has prompted the United Nations to suspend the Russian from working with the organization as a goodwill ambassador, CNN reports.
UPCOMING EVENTS

- The UI DeGowin Blood Center is hosting a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. tomorrow in the Fountain Entrance Lobby (Elevator C, Level 1). Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are encouraged. Sign up online at [uihealthcare.org/bloodcenter](http://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.

- Girl Scout Troops 8044 and 8811 will be selling Girl Scout cookies from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, March 18, in the Fountain Entrance Lobby. Cookies are $4 per box. A portion of the proceeds will benefit patients and families through UI Hospitals and Clinics Volunteer Services. Questions? Contact Tera Kringle at 365-1065.

- Attend the Hardin Open Workshop EndNote (Desktop version) from 10 to 11 a.m. tomorrow, in the East Commons of Hardin Library. To register and to view a complete list of classes, visit [lib.uiowa.edu/hardin/workshop](http://lib.uiowa.edu/hardin/workshop).

- The Stead Family Department of Pediatrics will present the Frontiers in Pediatric Research seminar at noon on Monday, March 21, in the East Room (Elevator F, Level 8). Box lunch will be served. The speaker is Amar Gajjar, MD, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Questions? Contact [judith-pope@uiowa.edu](mailto:judith-pope@uiowa.edu).

- Project Art presents a concert featuring some of the best musicians in the country at noon on Monday, March 21, in the John Colloton Pavilion Lobby (Elevator F, level 1). The concert will include the works of Mendelssohn and Dvorak.

- Attend the screening of “Contagion,” a feature film about a 21st-century pandemic, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, in Room 401 Hardin Library. Following the viewing will be a panel discussion featuring Loreen A. Herwaldt, MD, Department of Internal Medicine, Infectious Diseases; and Margaret Chorazy, PhD, Department of Epidemiology. For more information about the film and the panelists, and to RSVP, please visit [guides.lib.uiowa.edu/films](http://guides.lib.uiowa.edu/films).

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Registration for summer Emergency Medical Technician courses through the EMSLRC has opened. If you are interested please call 356-2597 or visit [uihealthcare.org/emsrlc](http://uihealthcare.org/emsrlc).

- Reminder to faculty and staff about patient privacy: You may look at your own medical record in Epic, but you are not allowed to modify or change your own records. You may not enter or release orders, schedule appointments, add a diagnosis, do your own screening, edit or sign notes, accept any field, or act as your own attending. Doing any of these may result in disciplinary action. Questions? Call 356-4232.

- Great things happen at UI Hospitals and Clinics every day. Chief Medical Officer Theresa Brennan, MD, is highlighting inspiring stories each month on her blog. Visit [medcom.uiowa.edu/brennan](http://medcom.uiowa.edu/brennan), or find the link on The Loop’s “Social” page. Do you have a great story related to quality, safety, the patient experience, or teamwork? Email [cmo@uiowa.edu](mailto:cmo@uiowa.edu) with your stories and any questions.

- The Rossi Guest House needs donations of gently used adult clothes in all sizes—especially pants, T-shirts, sweatshirts, and sweatpants. Non-perishable and microwaveable foods also are always welcome, including popcorn, snack food, instant hot cereals, hot chocolate packs, fruit juices, coffee, paper plates, bowls, and plastic utensils. Items can be brought to the house office (Elevator C, Level 5) or contact Concierge Services at 356-1900 or [concierge-services@uiowa.edu](mailto:concierge-services@uiowa.edu) for pick-up.

- If your professional license or board certification is a condition of your employment with UI Health Care, you are personally responsible to make sure your license/certification is current and valid. To ensure your licenses and/or certifications are up to date, you may wish to place reminders on your Outlook calendar or phone as the deadline for renewal approaches.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

View additional research studies at [uihealthcare.org/studies](http://uihealthcare.org/studies).

- English-speaking children age 4 to 9 with an expressive/receptive communication delay or spoken-language impairment are invited to participate in a research study of grammar learning. Two to four visits of 45 to 90 minutes will be scheduled at your convenience. Compensation is $20/visit. Questions? Contact the Grammar Lab at 335-8113 or [csd-grammar-lab@uiowa.edu](mailto:csd-grammar-lab@uiowa.edu).

- Individuals age 45 to 66 who speak English only and have normal hearing are invited to participate in a research study on language development and comprehension in the Departments of Otolaryngology and Psychology. The study involves auditory tasks and the tracking of eye movements, and will include one or two visits, each lasting one to two hours. Compensation provided. Questions? Email [psych-cilab@uiowa.edu](mailto:psych-cilab@uiowa.edu).

More staff and faculty news on The Loop: [medcom.uiowa.edu/theloop](http://medcom.uiowa.edu/theloop)

Contact Noon News at [noon-news@uiowa.edu](mailto:noon-news@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.