CNO Kenneth Rempher leaving UI Hospitals and Clinics
Chief Nursing Officer Kenneth Rempher, PhD, RN, MBA, CENP, has announced that he will be leaving UI Hospitals and Clinics to become Executive Vice President and Health System Chief Nurse Executive for the Cone Health System in Greensboro, North Carolina, The Loop reports. Dr. Rempher came to UI Hospitals and Clinics in August 2012 as Associate Chief Nursing Officer. He will depart July 15.

UI’s Belin-Blank Center recognizes top Iowa high schools for AP participation
For the eighth straight year, Cedar Rapids’ Washington High School is the top Advanced Placement school in Iowa, according to the Belin-Blank Center’s Iowa AP Index, Iowa Now reports. Regina Junior/Senior High School is No. 6, Iowa City West Senior High School is No. 7, and West Liberty High School is No. 10. The index recognizes Iowa high schools that provide challenging academic opportunities.

Iowa City ranked No. 2 least-stressed city in US
According to SmartAsset’s latest ranking, Iowa City is the second least-stressed city in the nation, the Iowa City Press-Citizen reports. The company analyzed data on stressors, such as daily commute and divorce rates, and stress-relievers, including entertainment opportunities. Boulder, Colorado, is No. 1.

Supervisors approve funding to support Coralville arena
The Johnson County Board of Supervisors voted 5-0 yesterday to provide $200,000 to support a proposed $70 million arena and sports center in Coralville, The Gazette reports. The money will fund the relocation of the Johnson County Historical Society Museum and two other museums to the Iowa River Landing. Coralville expects to take ownership of the arena after its completion in April 2019.

Ruling on concealed weapons keeps applications on hold in California
The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled yesterday that Americans don’t have a constitutional right to carry concealed guns in public, The Associated Press (AP) reports. That ruling undid a 2014 ruling by the same court that tossed out restrictions and prompted thousands of Californians to seek concealed permits for personal safety. Applicants must now cite a “good cause” to obtain a concealed-carry permit.

Sea too hot for British warships
Britain’s £1B ($1.4 billion) warships are losing power in the Persian Gulf because they can’t cope with the warm waters, CNN reports. Six type-45 destroyers have repeatedly experienced power outages because of the temperatures. Waters in the Persian Gulf can get as hot as 90 degrees F (32 degrees C).

June 23: Vote in UK that day could affect your wallet
Economists are concerned about the results of the “Brexit,” short for British exit, vote on June 23, when the UK will decide whether to remain in the 28-country European Union, NPR reports. A vote to withdraw from the EU could have significant economic repercussions on the world’s economy.

CDC: Cigarette smoking among US high school students at all-time low
Study results released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say that cigarette smoking among high school students dropped to the lowest levels since the National Youth Risk Behavior Survey began in 1991. However, the use of electronic vapor products among students poses new challenges.

Arctic sea ice hits new record low for May
According to the U.S. National Snow and Ice Data Center, the coverage of ice in the Arctic has dwindled to about 232,000 square miles, the lowest level ever seen for the month of May, CNN reports.

University of Minnesota plans honorary degree for Prince
The University of Minnesota regents are set to vote today on bestowing an honorary degree from the College of Liberal Arts to Prince Rogers Nelson, the AP reports. University of Minnesota president Eric Kaler said that the process for awarding the degree to Prince began even before his April 21 death.

Muhammad Ali exhibit opens in venue of ‘Thrilla in Manila’
Filipino fans remembering the late boxing legend Muhammad Ali gathered today near the site of his epic “Thrilla in Manila” match with Joe Frazier for an art and photo tribute, the AP reports. Ali won the 1975 heavyweight championship, one of the greatest boxing matches in history, on a technical knockout.

An adult human is made up of around 7 octillion atoms—that’s one seven followed by 27 zeros.
Source: The Guardian
UPCOMING EVENTS

▪ Project Art presents Prasanth Thalanayar Muthukrishnan, MBBS, and Vijay Pottathil, MD, playing Indian classical music in concert at noon today in the John Colloton Pavilion Lobby (Elevator F, Level 1).

▪ Friday prayers for those of the Muslim faith are held at 12:45 p.m. in the Pomerantz Family Pavilion, Melrose Conference Rooms 6 and 7 (Elevator L, Level 5).

▪ Spiritual Services holds a Catholic Mass at 3:30 p.m. Sundays in the East Room (Elevator F, Level 8). Services are televised on Channel 4.5.

▪ Sunday Alcoholics Anonymous open meetings are held at 7 p.m. in Boyd Tower Dining Room (Elevator A, Level 5).

▪ Come to the Fourth Floor Salon’s Best Seller two-day event, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on June 13 and 14 in the Fountain Entrance Lobby (Elevator C, Level 1). Find special offers on men’s and women’s products. Proceeds support programs that benefit patients and their families through Volunteer Services.

▪ Attend the Hardin Open Workshop on PubMed from 1 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15, in the East Commons of the Hardin Library. To register and view a complete list of courses, visit lib.uiowa.edu/hardin/workshop.

▪ All UI Hospitals and Clinics staff, faculty, and volunteers are invited to participate in the Annual Staff Art Show. Applications are due by 4 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, and the exhibition is August 1 through 31. Applications are available at uihealthcare.org/projectart and in 8023 John Colloton Pavilion (Elevator F, Level 8). Questions? Contact Project Art at uihc-projectart@uiowa.edu or 353-6417.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

▪ Patients’ Library and the Medical Museum (Elevator F, Level 8) hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and 1 to 4 p.m. weekends.

▪ On Monday, June 13, the Day of Surgery Admissions waiting room will return to its original location at 6602 John Colloton Pavilion (Elevator H, Level 6). Questions? Contact David Deraad, Capital Management, at david-deraad@uiowa.edu or 384-6421.

▪ The Fourth Floor Salon (Elevator BE, Level 4) will be closed Monday, June 13, through Friday, June 17, for renovations. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Proceeds from the Fourth Floor Salon support programs that benefit patients and their families through Volunteer Services. Questions? Call 356-1996.

▪ This summer, we’re bringing our new children’s hospital to communities across Iowa. Visitors will have a chance to take a virtual tour, participate in unique hands-on activities, and learn about the new children’s hospital before it opens in December 2016. For details, including a list of upcoming events, visit ournewhospital.com.

▪ Join in the hunt! The Walking Scavenger Hunt is a summer-long, self-paced walking program inspired by landmarks around the UI campus. Explore and stay active, all while earning liveWELL points for prizes. Questions? Visit hr.uiowa.edu/livewell/walking-scavenger-hunt.

▪ For the safety of our patients, visitors, and staff, we provide a latex-free environment. Severe latex allergies are a serious concern, and balloons are also a choking hazard. For these reasons, latex balloons are not allowed.

▪ Miracles in Motion, an organization that provides therapeutic horseback riding for children and adults with mental and physical disabilities, is looking for volunteers. Will train. Call 319-857-4141 or visit miraclesinmotion.net. UI Health Care supports Miracles in Motion.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

View additional research studies at uihealthcare.org/studies.

▪ Healthy volunteers age 20 to 80 are invited to participate in a study to identify, compare, and/or rate different musical sounds. Subjects should have no history of hearing loss and not be professional musicians. Compensation provided. Interested? Call the Music Perception Team at 356-3908.

▪ English-speaking children age 4 to 9 who do not yet use past tense reliably are invited to participate in a 12-week intervention research study testing ways to teach children grammar. Scheduling will be done at your convenience (time and location). Compensation of up to $300 is available, as well as free intervention therapy. For more information or to schedule a screening appointment, call 335-8113 or email CSDGrammar-Lab@uiowa.edu.

More staff and faculty news on The Loop: medcom.uiowa.edu/theloop

Contact Noon News at 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.