

# Noon News



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**Thursday, September 17, 2009**

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## **Cystic Fibrosis Center earns quality care award**

The University of Iowa Cystic Fibrosis Center, based at UI Children’s Hospital, has received the 2009 Quality Care Award from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The award honors institutions that demonstrate sustained quality improvement efforts that lead to the best care for patients with cystic fibrosis. Miles Weinberger, MD, and Richard Ahrens, MD, co-direct the UI Cystic Fibrosis Center.

## **Officials warn of fake AMBER Alerts**

Iowa Department of Public Safety officials issued a warning yesterday about a series of false AMBER Alert messages this week regarding a 3-year-old girl in Monroe County. Officials reminded Iowans that legitimate AMBER alerts come directly from law enforcement agencies and credible news media.

## **Vandalism spoils school homecoming**

Knoxville, Iowa, High School officials have canceled most homecoming activities, the Associated Press (AP) reports. Vandals coated the school’s windows and front doors with eggs, syrup, Crisco, oil, ketchup, and mustard. The school’s principal said he asked the student body of 650 to come forward and accept responsibility, but no one did. The school still will play its football game on Friday.

## **U.S. scraps missile defense shield**

President Barack Obama today scrapped plans for a missile defense shield in the Czech Republic and Poland, the AP reports. The Bush administration plan, which strained U.S.-Russia ties, aimed to defend the U.S. and Europe against possible attacks. The head of NATO called the decision “a positive step.”

## **Lab tech arrested in slaying of Yale student**

Raymond Clark III, a Yale University lab technician, was arrested today for the murder of a Yale graduate student, CNN reports. The body of Annie Le, 24, was found last Sunday on what would have been her wedding day. New Haven, Conn., police called the crime a case of workplace violence.

## **FedEx earnings down**

FedEx Corp. said today its first-quarter earnings fell 53 percent and warned its profits will stay weak through the end of the year, the AP reports. The delivery company, considered to be a bellwether of economic health, reported earnings of \$181 million, compared with \$384 million a year ago.

## **Attacker wounds 9 at German school**

An 18-year-old student armed with an ax and knives lobbed Molotov cocktails at his high school in Ansbach, Germany, today. The unidentified teen wounded nine pupils before he was shot and arrested by police. The incident was the second attack on a school in Germany this year, the AP reports.

## **Indonesia terrorism leader killed**

Noordin Muhammed Top, a militant mastermind who eluded capture for nine years and terrorized Indonesia with a string of deadly al-Qaida-funded bombings, was killed today during a raid in central Indonesia. Guns and bombs were found in the house where Top’s body was located, the AP reports.

## **World’s oceans hit record temps**

Sea-surface temperatures worldwide have been the hottest on record over the last three months, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said yesterday. Ocean temperatures averaged 62.5 degrees Fahrenheit in the June-August period—1.04 degrees higher than normal for the period.

## **Turk crowned world’s tallest man**

Sultan Kosen of Mardin, Turkey, who stands 8 feet 1 inch tall, was crowned the world’s tallest man today by Guinness World Records. Ukrainian Leonid Stadnyk, the previous record holder who reportedly is 8 feet 5.5 inches tall, lost the title when he declined to have his height confirmed.

## **Teens admit to vandalizing Bills’ player’s lawn**

Two 16-year-old males have admitted to spray-painting an obscenity on the lawn in front of Buffalo Bills cornerback Leodis McKelvin’s home. McKelvin, who fumbled a kickoff return in the Bills’ loss to the New England Patriots Monday night, said he was willing to forgive and forget the incident.

## *Today in history*

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**On this day in 1862, Union forces hurled back a Confederate invasion of Maryland in the Civil War battle of Antietam. With 23,100 killed, wounded, or captured, it remains the bloodiest day in U.S. military history.**

**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- The UI Carver College of Medicine is kicking off its new Distinguished Biomedical Scholars Lecture Series with a presentation by Randy Rosier, MD, PhD, of the University of Rochester in New York, at 4 p.m. today in 2117 MERF. Rosier will present “Translational Research Journeys: From Bedside to the Bench in Skeletal Repair and Arthritis.” The lecture series features top-tier scientists and physicians who are performing high-impact research and is open to all CCOM faculty, staff, and students.
- Come to the Orchard Green Restaurant and Lounge Grand Opening from 6 to 10 p.m. tonight at 521 Gilbert St. in Iowa City. Help raise funds to benefit Hancher Auditorium, Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center, and the UI College of Public Health. A \$30 donation buys appetizers, drinks, and live music featuring Dave Zollo. The event is part of a statewide project to bring arts programs to patients and caregivers, helping people understand the role of creativity in health care.
- An Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting for patients, families, visitors, and hospital staff is at 7:30 tonight, Conference Room G, Elevator F, Level 7.
- Riverside Theatre will preview its upcoming musical comedy “A Dog’s Life” from 5 to 5:20 p.m. tomorrow in Pappajohn Pavilion Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1.
- The 20th annual Doc Dash 5K run/walk will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday in Upper City Park. Medical and physician assistant students, faculty, staff, and their families and friends are welcome to participate. The \$20 entry fee includes a t-shirt. Proceeds will go to [Saadifoundation.org](http://Saadifoundation.org). For an entry form, email [jessica-enns@uiowa.edu](mailto:jessica-enns@uiowa.edu) or [emily-wagstrom@uiowa.edu](mailto:emily-wagstrom@uiowa.edu).
- Healing Hearts CEU: 2009 Cardiomyopathy Nursing Conference will be held at UI Hospitals and Clinics on Oct. 29 and 30. The conference, sponsored by the Cardiomyopathy Treatment Program, will provide education to health care professionals caring for individuals with heart failure. Registration deadline is Sept. 28. For a brochure and/or more details, contact Elizabeth Larsen at 384-8605 or [elizabeth-g-larsen@uiowa.edu](mailto:elizabeth-g-larsen@uiowa.edu).
- Join the UI and the international community in celebrating the successes of clubfoot research and treatment all over the world by participating in the Ponseti Races in Iowa City at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16. A 5K race will start and finish at the UI Recreation Center. Special guests include Hawkeye athletes, coaches, and surprise celebrities. Register online as an individual, team, or volunteer at [www.Ponseti.info/races](http://www.Ponseti.info/races).
- Help raise funds for kids with cancer at UI Children’s Hospital by participating in the Walk for A Cure event at City Park in Iowa City from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 17. Proceeds from the 2.7-mile walk, which starts and ends at shelter #6 in Lower City Park, will benefit the Aiming for a Cure Foundation. To register, sign up at [www.aimingforacure.com](http://www.aimingforacure.com).
- A winter cruise on Carnival Cruise Lines is being offered by Pamela Thomson Destiny Cruises & Tours to benefit the Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center at The University of Iowa. For more information about “Cruising for a Cure,” call 351-7600 or e-mail [www.itraveldestiny.com](http://www.itraveldestiny.com).

## RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- Healthy children ages 16 months to 36 months are invited to participate in a University of Iowa research study on swine flu vaccine. The study compares the safety and effectiveness of the novel H1N1 swine flu vaccine and involves between 10 and 13 visits over a period of 8 months. Compensation available. Please contact 356-4729 or 356-4054.
- 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.
- A UI study on lung disease seeks current and former smokers ages 45 to 80 who are non-Hispanic white or African-American. The study aims to look for genetic differences and learn why some smokers develop chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and others do not. People with a respiratory disorder other than COPD are not eligible to participate. Participation involves one or two visits. Call 353-8862 or e-mail [kimberly-sprenger@uiowa.edu](mailto:kimberly-sprenger@uiowa.edu).
- Healthy female volunteers ages 25 to 40 who have given birth in the last five years are invited to participate in a research project involving ultrasound of the uterus. Participants should have regular menstrual cycles (25 to 35 days apart), have no history of infertility, and be off all methods of birth control for three months. The study involves a single 30-minute appointment. Compensation. Contact Michelle Maifeld at 353-8491 or e-mail [jill-goodman@uiowa.edu](mailto:jill-goodman@uiowa.edu).
- Healthy volunteers ages 18 to 70 who have no gastrointestinal symptoms are invited to participate in a research study examining the ability of the body to absorb fructan, a carbohydrate present in a typical diet. For more information, call 384-9756 or e-mail [jessica-paulson@uiowa.edu](mailto:jessica-paulson@uiowa.edu).

View the most recent study announcements at [www.uihealthcare.com/depts/clinicaltrials/volunteer.html](http://www.uihealthcare.com/depts/clinicaltrials/volunteer.html).

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