

# Noon News



**Today**  
High: 60 Low: 48  
Partly cloudy



**Tomorrow**  
High: 56 Low: 48  
Showers

**Monday, October 5, 2009**

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## **Fraternal Order of Eagles delivers on diabetes pledge**

One year after making an historic, five-year, \$25 million pledge to establish the Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center at The University of Iowa, the Eagles delivered the first \$5 million installment in a pre-game ceremony at the Hawkeye football game with Arkansas State on Saturday. The UI will use the funds to help support faculty and programs in the area of diabetes research.

## **IMU footbridge reopens**

The 85-year-old Iowa Memorial Union footbridge, the riverfront sidewalks, and River Park—all of which had been closed since the June 2008 flood—reopened last Friday. In addition to the bridge and sidewalk repairs, UI officials noted the installation of a new, high-pressure steam line that will provide backup heating and cooling on the east and west campuses in the event of future flooding.

## **Review: Iowa Student Loan must repay \$15 million**

A U.S. Department of Education review found that Iowa Student Loan Liquidity Corp. used illegal cash inducements to the Iowa State University Alumni Association to attract more business and now must repay about \$15 million to the government, the *Des Moines Register* reports.

## **Nobel medicine prize awarded to three Americans**

Americans Elizabeth Blackburn, Carol Greider, and Jack Szostak won the 2009 Nobel Prize in medicine today. The trio's research focused on telomerase, an enzyme that allows cells to divide continuously without dying and could play a role in the uncontrolled spread of cancer cells.

## **Lawyer says Letterman 'manipulates'**

The defense lawyer for the CBS News producer charged with trying to extort \$2 million from David Letterman called the talk-show host "a master at manipulating audiences," the Associated Press (AP) reports. Attorney Gerald Shargel defended Robert Halderman today on network TV morning shows.

## **Greenspan expects unemployment to climb**

Alan Greenspan, former head of the Federal Reserve, said yesterday on ABC's "This Week With George Stephanopoulos" that the jobless rate will climb above 10 percent. The number of unemployed rose last month by 450,000 people to 5.4 million total, according to a U.S. Labor Department report.

## **Five dead from suicide bombing at U.N. office**

A suicide bomber disguised as a security officer struck the lobby of the United Nations food agency's Pakistan headquarters today, killing five people, the AP reports. Authorities are not sure how the bomber managed to evade security at the fortified U.N. World Food Program compound in Islamabad.

## **Afghan election recount begins**

Election workers in Afghanistan began recounting ballots today from the disputed Aug. 20 presidential election, the AP reports. A senior official said he expected to announce late next week whether President Hamid Karzai had won or would face a runoff with his main rival Abdullah Abdullah.

## **U.N. index rates life best in Norway, worst in Niger**

Norway enjoys the world's highest quality of life, while Niger suffers the lowest, a United Nations agency reported today. The annual U.N. Human Development Index takes into account life expectancy, literacy, school enrollment, and per capita gross domestic product in 182 countries.

## **Public radio's Bob Dorr retiring**

Public radio legend Bob Dorr is retiring Dec. 31. Dorr, 57, has hosted a rock show on KUNI-FM, part of Iowa Public Radio, for 37 years. Dorr said he hopes to continue working at IPR as an independent producer and hosting his popular "Backtracks" and "Blue Avenue" music programs on weekends.

## **Hawks reach No. 12 in AP poll**

A narrow 24-21 win over Arkansas State didn't cost the Iowa Hawkeyes in the national rankings. The team improved to No. 12 in the AP Top 25 college football poll, and it sits at No. 14 in the *USA Today* coaches' poll. This is Homecoming Week; the Hawks host the Michigan Wolverines Saturday night.

### *Today in history*

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**On this day in 1990, East Germany and West Germany ended 45 years of postwar division, declaring the creation of a new unified country.**

**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Learn about fire safety during UI Health Care's "Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned!" event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today in the Pappajohn Pavilion lobby (Elevator I, Level 1). A puppet show by the UI Burn Treatment Center will be held at noon. The event, part of National Fire Prevention Week, will feature safety products from the [UI Children's Hospital Safety Store](#), displays, hand-outs, information, and more. For details, contact Mary Thompson at 356-2277 or [mary-thompson@uiowa.edu](mailto:mary-thompson@uiowa.edu).
- Patients, visitors, and staff are invited to participate in a painting and drawing art workshop being held today in the Colloton Pavilion atrium (Elevator F, Level 1) from 1:45 to 3:30 p.m. Graduate art students will help participants create art for the hospital. More workshop dates: Oct. 7, 12, and 14. All materials provided. Questions? Contact Marsha Howe at 356-8713.
- Eat ice cream for UI Dance Marathon tomorrow at the downtown Coldstone from 5 to 9 p.m. Support students traveling to Chicago Oct. 11 to run the Bank of America Chicago Marathon in support of UI Children's Hospital.
- Shop at the Books are Fun sale this week in the Pappajohn Pavilion lobby (Elevator I, Level 1). Hours: tomorrow 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. A portion of the proceeds benefit UI Children's Hospital.
- Staff, guests, and patients are invited to a closed AA meeting from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesdays in 5027 BT, Elevator A, Level 5.
- UI Obesity Surgery Support Group will meet tomorrow at 6 p.m. in room 4638 JCP, Clinical Cancer Center (Elevator H, Level 4). Topic: *Protein and Carbohydrates – the 50/50 Rule*. Guest speaker will be Amy Lukas, RD. The support group is free and open to anyone who has had bariatric surgery or is considering it. Contact Chris Melichar at 356-1887 or e-mail [obesitysurgery@uiowa.edu](mailto:obesitysurgery@uiowa.edu) with questions and to register.
- This is National Spiritual Care week—a time to recognize spiritual caregivers in organizations and institutions of all kinds. Did you know that spiritual care is available to patients, families, and staff by trained chaplains here at UI Hospitals and Clinics? In an emergency, page #3437 (interfaith) or #3589 (Catholic). Stop by the display in the Fountain Lobby.
- Join the fight against blood cancers. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's annual "Light the Night" walk will be Saturday, Oct. 17, at Kinnick Stadium. For more information or to form or join a team, visit [www.lightthenight.org/ia](http://www.lightthenight.org/ia) or contact Tom Walljasper at [tom-walljasper@uiowa.edu](mailto:tom-walljasper@uiowa.edu) or 384-1745.

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- In accordance with the Office of the Inspector General, a Compliance Helpline—384-8190—has been established for staff to use if they know or suspect violations of patient care, laws/regulations, billing/coding, health and safety, property/equipment/other assets, human resources, or conflicts of interest. Calls are not traced or recorded, and staff may make anonymous reports without fear of retaliation. All reports of improper conduct will be investigated.
- This is Mental Illness Awareness Week, designated by Congress to promote public education about serious mental illnesses. The National Institute of Mental Health reports that one in four adults experiences a mental health disorder in a given year. Between 70 and 90 percent of individuals have significant reduction of symptoms and improved quality of life with a combination of pharmacological and psychosocial treatments. For more information, e-mail [kelly-d-smith@uiowa.edu](mailto:kelly-d-smith@uiowa.edu).

## RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- First degree relatives (siblings, children) of individuals with schizophrenia or a related disorder between the ages of 13 and 25 are invited to participate in a research study investigating cognitive skills and brain function conducted at the Department of Psychiatry. Compensation. For more information, call Lindsey at 384-6884 or e-mail [lindsey-fuhrmeister@uiowa.edu](mailto:lindsey-fuhrmeister@uiowa.edu).
- Individuals between the ages of 18 and 85 are invited to participate in a cognitive neuroscience study. Participants must have undergone a life-threatening or life-changing medical condition such as heart attack or cancer. However, participants must be free of any neurological conditions (stroke, head trauma). The study will consist of completing a questionnaire and will take 30 minutes to an hour. Compensation. For more information, contact Erik at 384-5688 or e-mail [erik-asp@uiowa.edu](mailto:erik-asp@uiowa.edu).
- Adults ages 18 to 25 who have language learning or reading disabilities 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 the new words. Five visits of 90 minutes each. Compensation. For details, call Nichole Eden at 353-5779 or e-mail [child-language@uiowa.edu](mailto:child-language@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.

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

Contact *Noon News* at [noonnews@healthcare.uiowa.edu](mailto: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.