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### sports

#### More for Moore

Darryl Moore's 48 points, 29 coming in the second half, got the UI Community Credit Union its first win of the Prime Time League season. In other action, Ricky Davis (above) was ejected after picking up two technicals. See story, Page 10.

### arts

#### Hollywood comes to I.C.

Lost Dreams Productions, a student-run film company, has the capacity to perform everything from editing home videos to constructing entire universes — and the fun hardly stops there. Computer animation, filmmaking, commercials, promotional videos, instructional videos, broadcast-quality editing, graphic design, business cards and posters make up the bulk of the company's work. See story, Page 5.

### the nation



#### Extended benefits for gays

As recently as five years ago, the sexual orientation of Jeff Jackson (left) and his lover Maurice Monette, might have choked off career prospects. Today, even as Southern Baptists boycott the Walt Disney entertainment empire for offering just such benefits, 13 percent of all U.S. employers have quietly extended health benefits to the partners of gay workers. See story, Page 6.

### you said it

#### Current Quotations

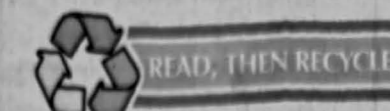
"First, the Tutsi soldiers chased us out of Rwanda, then they chased us out of Congo. Why fly back into their trap? They'd kill us back in Rwanda." — Francois Kabayiza, among more than 1.1 million Rwandan Hutus the U.N. refugee agency says fled to the former Zaire three years ago.

"This industry is getting off for pennies on the dollar." — California anti-tobacco activist Stanton Glantz wrote fellow tobacco foes following Friday's \$360 billion settlement between state attorneys general and the industry.

"He is a brilliant politician with an instinctive understanding of politics. But he is cruel, cunning and merciless. And he's just crazy about power — he needs nothing else." — Anatol Lyabedzka, a leading member of the elected Belarusian parliament that President Alexander Lukashenko disbanded in November. — AP

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# UI apologizes for 'vulgar' show

UI officials apologized Monday for a performance by comedian Norm MacDonald.

By Kevin Ho  
The Daily Iowan

The UI Men's Athletic department issued a formal apology Monday following a "vulgar" performance by "Saturday Night Live" comedian Norm MacDonald.

MacDonald, famous for anchoring "Weekend Update" on "SNL," performed at Hancher Auditorium Sunday night as part of a package of golfing and entertainment in Iowa City offered to raise money for the UI Men's Athletic Department. The event was

sponsored by the insurance company AEGON USA.

About 80 percent of the 1,300-person audience left during MacDonald's performance, said UI Men's Athletic Director Bob Bowsby, who was among those who walked out. Athletic department officials contemplated pulling MacDonald off stage, said Rick Klatt, UI assistant athletic director for external affairs.

However, most of the audience members who remained laughed and applauded MacDonald's routine.

MacDonald frequently used the word "fuck," described his own masturbation habits and offered his opinions on anal sex between homosexual men. His jokes about women having sex with pigs also appeared to offend the audience.

As parents led their teenage chil-

dren out of the auditorium, MacDonald said, "What do you want me to talk about — losing my luggage at the airport?" and, "What did they expect, for me to hold up a picture of Yassir Arafat and make a joke?"

"Norm MacDonald's performance was anything but comedy," Bowsby said. "It was profane, vulgar, and off-color. The last thing I want to do is to suppress anybody's First Amendment rights, but I feel his material is inappropriate in the majority of venues in America."

MacDonald could not be reached for comment Monday.

The formal apology is unique because the UI has never faced a similar situation, said Ann Rhodes, vice president for UI relations. In the statement, the athletic department took full responsibility for bringing MacDonald to the UI.

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Norm MacDonald  
Comedian



Norm MacDonald

“The selection of Mr. MacDonald to participate in the program at Hancher Auditorium was the sole responsibility of the men's athletic department,” Bowsby said in the statement. “Neither AEGON USA nor its many affiliated companies were involved in the screening or selection of program participants.”

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**M**otorists and bicyclists battling for a position on Iowa City streets this summer can prevent further accidents by learning to share the road, officials say.

The majority of bicycle fatalities come from contact with automobiles, according to the Iowa State Patrol. Of these deaths, about 75 percent of the accidents are the fault of the cyclist.

Police are currently investigating a car-bicycle accident that occurred Saturday morning at the intersection of East Court Street and South Seventh Avenue. Witnesses told police that cyclist Walter Mark Houston failed to stop for a stop sign and was struck by motorist Leonard Wilbur Estling. Houston is still in critical condition at UI Hospitals and Clinics.

Also, Iowa City bicyclists Christopher Lillig and Kevin Joyce were killed in 1996 and 1995 respectively after collisions with motorists.

John Yapp, assistant transportation planner for the City of Iowa City, said many car-bicycle accidents can be avoided if automobile drivers and cyclists develop a mutual respect.

“Drivers should respect the right of bicycles to be on the road and cyclists need to respect the fact that the car is using the road,” Yapp said.

Sharing road space is a problem in Iowa City because many streets are not big enough for both forms of transportation, said UI junior and bicycle safety representative John Quebbeman.

“This city was not designed to support bicycles on the road. It is not possible to make the streets wider,” Quebbeman said.

Yapp said the city staff is working hard to provide cyclists with safe, practical routes throughout the city to prevent run-ins with automobiles. A trail is planned to run from Oakdale Boulevard to the new Coralville mall, routing through an underground tunnel under I-80.

Part of the city's mission is for bicyclists to follow basic traffic rules

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By Jeff Bloomquist/The Daily Iowan



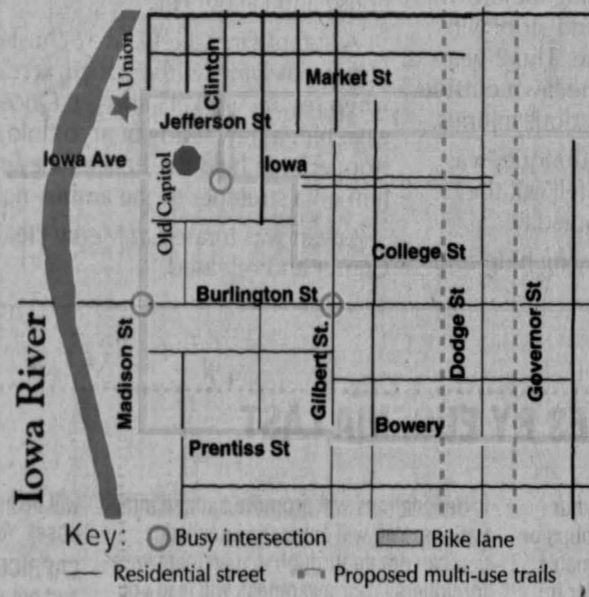
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Police question a witness after bicyclist Manuel Gutierrez fell on Burlington Street Sunday. Gutierrez, who was riding on the sidewalk, fell after swerving to miss an oncoming cyclist.

## WHEN CARS AND BIKES Collide

### STREET GUIDE

This map, provided by the Friends of the Iowa River Scenic Trail, outlines the bike lanes in downtown Iowa City and two proposed trails that would link to a 13 mile trail along the Iowa River.



### BIKE SAFETY

#### Ways to Reduce Your Cycling Risks:

1. Share the road with other highway users. Bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists.
2. Always ride in same direction as moving traffic, as close to the right edge of the road as practical.
3. Pay attention to traffic regulations, signs, signals, and pavement markings.
4. Come to a complete stop and look left, right, and left again for approaching vehicles.
5. Avoid sudden swerves to the left.

## Jumper loses life in river

An unidentified man died in the Iowa River Monday morning, in what police say could be suicide.

By Steven Cook  
The Daily Iowan

An unidentified man died after falling from the Burlington Street bridge into the Iowa River Monday morning. Police officials say it may have been a suicide.

The man was pulled from the river by the Johnson County Sheriff's Department and transported to UI Hospitals and Clinics where he was pronounced dead. Iowa City Police Sgt. Mike Lord said the man showed no signs of life after being pulled from the river and was carrying no identification.

Personnel from the ICPD, Iowa City Fire Department, Johnson County Sheriff's Department and Johnson County Ambulance Service responded to the 10:24 a.m. call.

Witnesses said the man climbed over the railing and dropped into the river. Initial reports from workers in the area said the man had jumped from the bridge.

The workers saw the man go over the dam and then surface downstream, facedown in the water. “We don't have any information as to who he is,” Lord said. “That's what we're investigating right now.”

The man is described as a white male and approximately 40 years old. He's about 5 feet 9 inches, 220 pounds, with light-colored, flat-top style hair.

Anyone with information concerning the man's identity may call the ICPD at 356-5275.



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Iowa City residents Brett Wehmeyer, Drew Woodburn, Mandy Nester and Willow smoke outside the Pedestrian Mall Monday afternoon.

## Teens not concerned by new tobacco laws

Minors who smoke say a new law won't affect their habit.

By Jenn Snyder  
The Daily Iowan

Iowa City teens are thumbing their noses at a new state law designed to curb teen smoking.

The law, which takes effect July 1, will ban cigarette vending machines from areas accessible to people under 18.

Local teens say the law isn't going to stop them from feeding their nicotine habit.

“This isn't going to stop smoking at all,” said 16-year-old West High junior Billie Walovich. “Only a small minori-

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## Suicide leaves mark on boy's bedroom

An Iowa City family avoided a brush with bullets that killed a man next door to them on Sunday.

By Will Valet  
The Daily Iowan

Six-year-old Dustyn Prosser came home from a camping trip Monday morning to a bullet hole peering out at him from his clothes dresser and another on the opposite wall.

In between the dresser and the wall is a chair he often sits in to watch TV.

His father, Dan Prosser, is grateful none of his family were in the mobile home to witness the deer slug that penetrated two rooms in their house after Marc Evans died next door Sunday morning, from what state medical examiners said Monday was a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Neighbors speculated the incident was a domestic dispute that ended in a suicide.

The incident took place around 5 a.m. at 903 Spring Ridge Drive, in the Lake Ridge Modular Home Park. Marc Evans, 35, of Parnell, Iowa, went into the home of his estranged wife Joan Evans, 26, and proceeded to injure her and visitor Kevin Rohrer, 30, of Brooklyn, Iowa.

Iowa City police heard gunshots when they arrived at the scene.

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Six-year-old Dustyn Prosser points to the bullet hole that came through his room after a shooting Sunday morning.











