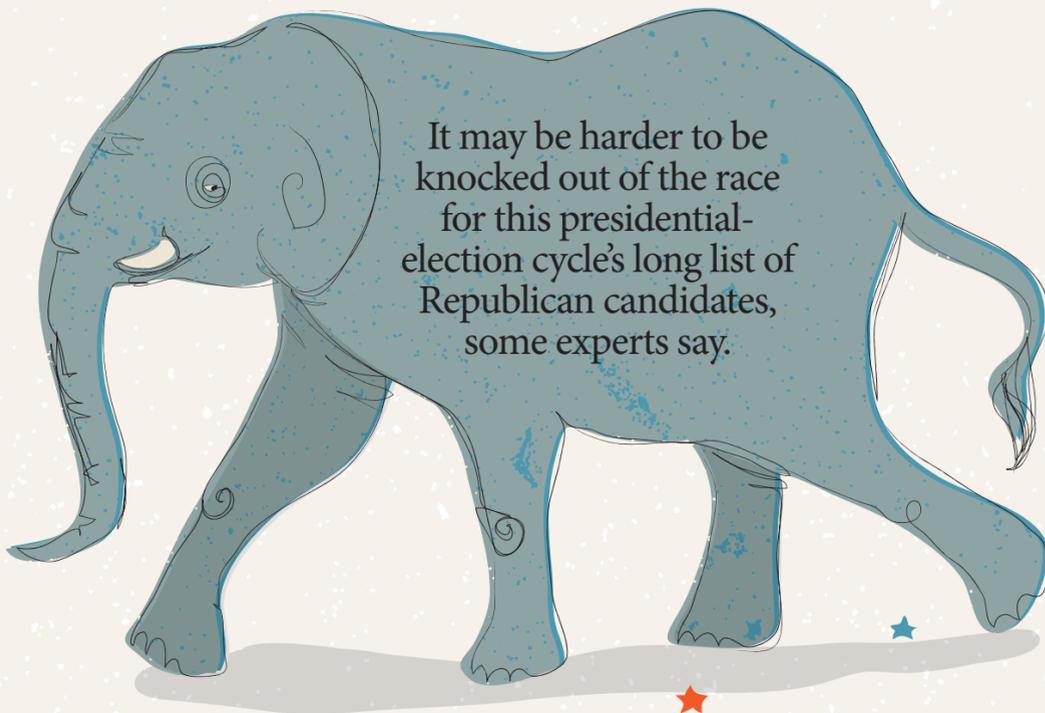


'Boom, boom, Pachyderm'



By **REBECCA MORIN**
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More are coming. On Tuesday, the Republican presidential field grew to 12 candidates after business mogul Donald Trump announced his candidacy — and others are expected to enter the race, including Iowa frontrunner Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, and possibly New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie.

The 2016 election has brought in one of the largest fields of candidates, with all full-steam ahead to the Iowa caucuses. None have shown any signs of pulling out early.

But the question is: Will they all really last?

In previous election cycles with a GOP field of similar size — 2008 with 12 candidates and 2012, which also had 12 — several dropped

'I've said since December that we would only hold a Straw Poll if the candidates wanted one, and this year, that is just not the case.'

— Jeff Kaufmann, chairman

out before the caucuses, whether because of low poll numbers or their financial pockets running dry.

This cycle, however, might be different.

There is less of a chance candidates will feel the pressure with the money-guzzling, media-focused Iowa Straw Poll out of the way. Also, fundraising for some candidates might not be an issue this year with Super PACs backing almost all of them.

The Straw Poll, which had undergone several changes including moving to a more affordable location from Ames to Boone and eliminating a bidding system earlier this month.

"I've said since December that we would only hold a Straw Poll

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Creating community a cut at a time

Iowa City couple fuses tradition with innovation to create unique salon experience.

By **GIRINDRA SELLECK**
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Each week, the Daily Iowan staff will feature a local business.

With scissors and shears, an Iowa City hair salon is striving to give its guests confidence and a heightened sense of community, one haircut at a time.

"We strive to give everybody a place where they feel confident and relaxed," said Bobby Thompson, who founded Thompson & Co. Salon Parlor with wife Kayla in April.

This approach is evident in talking to Thompson, who uses the term "guest" instead of "customer" to describe his business' patrons.

The business motto, "community, culture, couture" only adds to this.

"We want people to come and feel like they're part of the family; we don't want to be just somewhere where they're coming to get their hair done," Kayla Thompson said.

Although Thompson & Co. might be new to Iowa City's business scene, the husband and wife team brings a veteran air of experience to the area.

"I went to school at the Aveda Institute in Minneapolis, but then I moved



Kayla Thompson, a co-owner of Thompson & Co., blow-dries a customer's hair on Tuesday. The Thompsons opened their salon in April. The business' motto is "community, culture, couture." (The Daily Iowan/Mikaela Parrick)

back to Iowa City to be closer to family and friends," Kayla Thompson said. "Then I worked at an Aveda Salon for the last six, seven years before opening Thompson & Co."

Bobby Thompson, an ex-personal trainer, is a strong man with a firm handshake and the physique of a bodybuilder, so it might surprise some to see him with shears and comb in hand.

However, he believes the two professions are closely linked.

"I loved seeing some-

one come in and want to change and being able to help them make that change," he said.

After graduating from the University of Iowa in 2007 with a degree in health promotion, his career took an unexpected turn when he began working at a friend's father's salon in Coralville.

"It was the time of the economic crisis, right around 2008, and I just couldn't think of a reason not to," he said.

This decision led him to study at Iowa City's La

James International College while also traveling around the United States, training, learning new techniques, and different styles.

"This industry is a fashion industry," he said. "So it's always changing, and you need to know both the trends and old-school background."

The Thompsons agree this fusion is also what sets Thompson & Co apart from the competition.

"We build haircuts to fit

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Justice Center preps for ID program

The Center for Worker Justice prepares residents for the launch of community-ID initiative.

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More than 50 Johnson County residents gathered at the Center for Worker Justice on Tuesday night to learn about the new community-ID program, set to be launched mid-July.

The initiative will make community identification available to those without access to state IDs, including immigrants, seniors, students, and the homeless population.

These groups often have trouble obtaining the paperwork necessary for state IDs because they are less likely to drive or have permanent residences.

"We wanted to update people on where they can get what they need," said Marcela Hurtado, the president of the Center for Worker Justice.

The meeting room was packed, drawing a crowd ranging from families with children to seniors.

"There were a lot of people here tonight representing different groups — groups of faith, labor workers, Latinos — who will go back in to their communities and spread the word," Hurtado said.

Johnson County Auditor Travis Weipert said the IDs will be available at the Johnson County Auditor's Office, 913 S. Dubuque St., beginning July 13. They will cost \$8.

Weipert said appli-



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TUESDAYS MEAN TACOS



A plate of tacos sits on a table at Cactus 2 on Tuesday. Tuesdays are known as Taco Tuesdays at both Cactus locations. (The Daily Iowan/Mikaela Parrick)

Despite public concerns, city moves on ban for e-cigs

The Iowa City City Council voted to give e-cigarettes the same fate as traditional tobacco products.

By SHAFIN KHAN
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In regards to the possible regulations on e-cigarettes, views between the Iowa City City Council and local residents differed greatly.

At Tuesday's city council meeting, councilors and local residents discussed potentially implementing regulations on smoking e-cigarettes in public areas in the coming months.

The council voted 6-0 to support the ban on e-cigarettes in public places. Councilor Rick Dobyns was absent.

Several local residents who attended the meeting said they believed the biggest threat of regulating e-cigarettes was it might discourage smokers who are attempting to quit by using e-cigarettes as a replacement for nicotine cigarettes.

Residents also argued having rules against smoking e-cigarettes in public may turn people off to the idea of using them due to the fact they would have to smoke them privately.

Councilor Terry Dickens however said he believed preventing public

smoking isn't restricting freedom, and said by keeping smoking at home or in private places it may control smoking in public more and contribute positively to public health.

Another concern that came from local residents on potentially implementing regulations on e-cigarettes in public places was this

regulations as "malicious" and "spiteful" legislation, and said they believed implementing regulation on this product was not worth the fight if it helps smokers quit.

"I'm against banning e-cigarettes in all public spaces, I'm fairly convinced they are not harmful to others around, making second

Payne also questioned the quality of the public information on the lack of risks of e-cigarettes saying, "I think it does have negative public effects."

A concern brought up by both the councilors and local residents was public safety and how reliable the science is behind e-cigarettes — one resident raised the idea that being able to smoke e-cigarettes in public may even encourage people to get back into smoking.

A recent study published June 10 in the Tobacco Control journal analyzed the role pyrazine — a common e-cigarette additive — plays in addiction, and found the additive may help reinforce the addictive qualities of nicotine.

Ultimately the Journal's study recommended e-cigarettes be regulated more by the US Food and Drug Administration.

Tuesday's vote was the first consideration for the ban for the city council, the measure will be voted on two more times by the Council before it can be implemented.

'I think that it's just an excuse to marginalize and put authority over others, it just increases the police-state power over the public.'

— Michael Conroy, resident

was simply another way for those with power to exercise regulation over those without power.

"I think that it's just an excuse to marginalize and put authority over others, it just increases the police-state power over the public," local resident Michael Conroy said.

Most of the councilors kept their stance on the issue and did not budge during discussion of the topic.

"I don't think people's liberty or freedom is being strained," Councilor Jim Throgmorton said.

Some local residents went as far as to describe these possible

hand smoke not an issue," Conroy said.

Although Conroy and other residents criticized the ban on e-cigarettes, he said he did fully support the regulation of nicotine cigarettes for clean air and public health.

However, he and other residents questioned the motivation behind a movement to eliminate what they saw as harmless water vapor.

Councilors Susan Mims and Michelle Payne disagreed.

"I'm really convinced that there is not enough science out there to market these as safe," Mims said.

METRO

Now there are 12

Business magnate Donald Trump announced he is running for president on Tuesday at Trump Tower in New York City, bringing the Republican field to 12 candidates. On Monday, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush announced his candidacy.

"You know, all of my life, I've heard that a truly successful person, a really, really successful person and even modestly successful, cannot run for public office," Trump said. "Just can't happen."

"I am officially running for president of the United States, and we are going to make our country great again."

Trump is one of three candidates who are running who have never held public office. Former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina and retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson are running for president on the Republican side.

During his speech, Trump said his net worth was approximately \$9 billion. Reports from Forbes, however, said it's closer to \$4.1 billion.

Following his announcement, Trump headed to Hoyt Sherman Place in Des Moines on Tuesday evening to host an Iowa announcement event.

— by Rebecca Morin

City Council moves on several fronts

The Iowa City City Council met Tuesday night and took the following actions.

- The City Council voted 6-0, with Councilor Rick Dobyns absent, to approve a resolution supporting the implementation of a community-ID program by Johnson County. The resolution expresses Iowa City's support of the program and commits \$6,000 towards its implementation.

- The councilors voted 6-0 to recommend removing the parking covenant that is instituted on an undeveloped portion of property located at 7 S. Linn St. The covenant covers part of the property currently owned by Bruegger's Bagels. Removal of the covenant will allow sale of the portion of property to Kevin Monson and development to begin at the location.

- The council voted 6-0 to consider a proposed development agreement to construct mixed use-project on the intersection of Linn and Court Streets consisting of two buildings housing a hotel, office and retail space, and apartments with the construction cost of approximately \$74 million. The council set a public hearing on the

resolution for July 27.

- On a vote of 6-0, the council passed an ordinance amending Title 14 of the City Code that establishes new height standards for hospitals located in commercial office zones. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended the ordinance by a vote of 7-0 at its May 7 meeting.

- The council approved 6-0 a resolution providing TIF funding of \$976,277 for construction of 28 townhomes on Dubuque Street in the Riverfront Crossings District. Three of the townhomes will be sold to an affordable-housing provider to be rented by households at 80 percent of median income in the area.

— by Shafin Khan

Woman charged with theft

Authorities have accused a Davenport woman of stealing from Dillard's.

Marzell Gray, 21, was charged Monday with second-degree theft. According to police reports, the total amount of stolen goods is more than \$1,000 but does not exceed \$10,000.

Second-degree theft is a Class-D felony.

IC man faces drug charge

Authorities have accused an Iowa City man of possessing marijuana.

Rodney Silliman, 21, was charged Monday with controlled-substance violation with the intent to deliver.

According to the Iowa City police, Silliman unlawfully manufactured, delivered, or possessed up to 50 kilograms of marijuana.

Controlled-substance violation is a Class-D felony.

Man faces burglary, assault charges

Authorities have accused a man of robbing a Villa Garden apartment and intentionally causing harm to a person.

James Smith, 23, was charged June 4 with first-degree burglary and two counts of assault causing injury.

According to Iowa City police, Smith robbed the apartment at 5:11 p.m. on June 4.

He also allegedly caused bodily injury to someone at the scene. First-degree burglary is a Class-B felony.

— by Allie Biscupski

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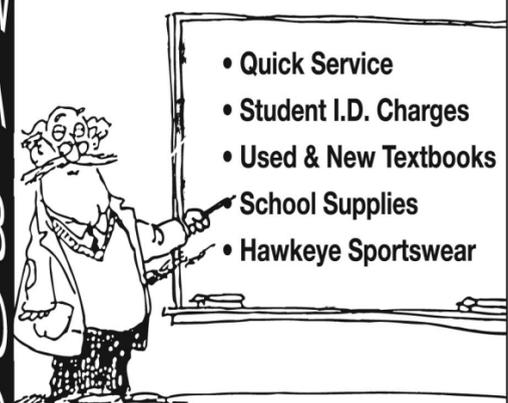
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New Iowa City animal center almost complete

The nearly completed Animal Adoption Center welcomes new volunteers in the first orientation of the summer before moving into its new building.

By **ANDREW POTOCKI**
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Potential pets at the Iowa City Animal Care and Adoption Center have a lot to get ready for with the completion of the new shelter just over the horizon.

This summer's first batch of center volunteers will also have to get ready for life at the new facility.

Lisa Bragg, a program director at the adoption center, said the center has more than 20 volunteers signed up, a number she said is slightly higher than usual.

In 2014, more than 300 volunteers worked at the shelter, she said.

After orientation, the new volunteers must be trained to work with specific animals such as dogs, cats, or different small animals, and on Tuesday, these volunteers caught their first glimpse of life at the new facility as the first orientation class of the summer.

"We have some volunteers who have been here for more than 10 years," said Chad Mason, an employee at the center.

Calista Hostodarsky, one of the volunteers, said she has volunteered at the shelter for roughly 11 years.

"One of the things I really like is I can come when it works for me," she said.

She won't head to the same location for long, though, because the new animal center is nearing completion.

Liz Ford, the head of the animal center, said construction is scheduled to be completed by July 31, and the staff and animals should be fully

moved in by the end of August.

Ford said the new center will have many basic mechanical needs that the current location is sorely lacking, including a better drainage system, better lighting system, and better airflow.

"The building is actually designed to be an animal shelter," she said.

The current building was not meant to be an animal shelter; it is a building the city rented and threw cages inside after the 2008 flood destroyed the former

shelter, she said.

Ford said that with all of its new features, the new center should be much more efficient and pleasant for the visitors, staff, and, most importantly, the animals.

The grand opening will take place sometime in September; there currently is no specific date set yet, Ford said.

Since the flood, Ford said, she's been grateful for the response from the community.

"I think one of the most important things to re-

member is all of the support we've gotten from the community," she said. "We've seen great help from the community with volunteering [and] support for the shelter."

In the end, although being a shelter volunteer does involve a love for animals, Bragg said, being a volunteer isn't just about coming to pet the animals.

"It can be a big emotional toll," she went on to say. "No matter how many animals get adopted, there is always one to take its place."

GOP

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if the candidates wanted one, and this year, that is just not the case," Iowa Republican Party Chairman Jeff Kaufmann said in a statement following the poll's cancellation.

Though some believe the Straw Poll was past its prime several years ago, it still served as a weeding-out process.

Michele Bachmann was named the winner of the Straw Poll in 2012, which

led former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty to drop out a day later.

The 36-year-old poll, however, was not an indicator on who would win the Iowa caucuses. Bachmann did not make it into the top three in the caucuses — Rick Santorum, Mitt Romney, and Ron Paul took the lead.

"The Straw Poll had outlived its usefulness," said David Yepsen, the director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University, who noted that it threatened Iowa's first-in-the-nation

status, which mirrored what Kaufmann said earlier this month.

Yepsen said it's unlikely that in this cycle, candidates will drop out before the caucuses, which are scheduled for Feb. 4, 2016.

Steffen Schmidt, a political-science professor at Iowa State University, said it's fairly easy to see who will and will not survive the election season, regardless of the polls.

"We knew Mitt Romney was probably going to do well in 2012," Schmidt said. "We didn't know Rick Santorum was going to do

well ... he went to all 99 counties, connecting a lot with a lot of voters. Those things you don't really know until caucus night."

Pockets will also not run dry — at least, they won't as quickly this time around.

Santorum, the former Pennsylvania senator and the eventual winner of the caucuses last time around, suspended his campaign during the 2012 election after running out of cash. Newt Gingrich was able to outlast Santorum despite Gingrich being in the bottom and

even coming in last in several primaries and caucuses.

Cary Covington, a UI associate professor of political science, said Gingrich was able to last because of Super PACs — political-action committees that cannot contribute directly to a campaign but can use political spending independently of the campaign.

"Nobody else had the money," Covington said, noting that Gingrich had \$10 million for his campaign. "That's going to give a candidate legs."

This election cycle, candidates such as Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio, Jeb Bush, Mike Huckabee, Santorum, and even Democratic candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton are just a few who have Super PACs, Covington said.

Though there is one fewer media-hyped event to worry about, in addition to having more cash flow, the candidates this time around also are all confident they will win.

"At this point and time, everyone is self-assured," Covington said. "Nobody enters expecting to lose."

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cants must provide alternate proofs of identity and residency such as birth certificates or employment pay stubs in order to receive IDs.

"[Residents'] documents will have to be verified [to get IDs], so they won't get them that day," he said. "The cards will get mailed to [residents] in order to verify their address."

The IDs cannot be used to get into bars, purchase alcohol or tobacco, or register to vote, but will be accepted by law enforcement, banks, and city and county services such as libraries throughout Johnson County, Weipert said.

A wide variety of local businesses will offer discounts to patrons with community identification, including Los Portales, the Iowa Children's Museum, and Accurate Automotive.

"There are currently around 20 to 30 businesses that are accepting them and offer discounts on services," Weipert said. "We're still working with pharmacies to see if they'll accept [the IDs]."

While many businesses have signed on, many more are still in the works, including some utility companies. The IDs will only be eligible

for use in Johnson County, Weipert said.

The Center for Worker Justice has been a major driver for the program over the last three years, and Hurtado said she is pleased it's finally coming to fruition.

"[Having IDs] will make people feel like they're part of the community," she said. "It feels so good to see the program getting started."

The community-ID program received a lot of support from local government and was unanimously approved in early April by the county Board of Supervisors. It was an easy vote, Super-

visor Rod Sullivan said.

"[Without IDs], we have people who can't open bank accounts or pick their kids up from school," he said. "We can fix that problem, and it is incumbent upon us to do that."

The program, the first of its kind in the Midwest and modeled after several similar programs on the Coasts, will make a positive change in the lives of Johnson County people, Sullivan said.

"This is something we'd heard people talking about for a long time, and it seemed like it was time," he said.

BUSINESS

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your head," Bobby Thompson said, "It's an individualized cut each time."

The salon employs newer, artisan techniques such as hair painting alongside classic barbering techniques such as shear over comb and French cutting.

"Our goal is to make haircuts that will look as good three or four weeks after getting the cut as they did the first day," Bobby Thompson said.

It seems their personal approach is working.

After her former hair

stylist retired, salon guest Pam Johnson transitioned to Thompson & Co. after her son's recommendation.

"He's my go-to guy," she said. "And I live in Cedar Rapids."

This referral-based method of attracting people

seems to speak to the success of the company's community-centric business model.

"We want people, whether they're guests, owners, or employees, to feel like they're part of our family," Bobby Thompson said.

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COLUMN

Looking beyond rhetoric



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The 2016 presidential election is slowly approaching. Once again, the Iowa caucuses will play a prominent role of being the first state to have a say in nominating the Democratic and Republican presidential candidates.

In order to persuade us to vote for them, prospective candidates will use the all-too-familiar tactics of advertisement-smear campaigns against opponents, Iowa farm photo-shoots, far-fetched campaign promises and trips to Pizza Ranch to pretend to be “one of us.” What we may not receive from the candidates is in-depth discussion on the important issues and their plans for how to deal with them.

It is our duty and responsibility as educated voters in Iowa to look beyond the political rhetoric, big names, and smear campaigns to accurately determine the best possible candidate to lead our country.

As Iowans, we have a disproportionate amount of say in the election process. Not only do we have the distinction of the first caucuses or primary, but we also tend to be a swing state in the general election. Because of this inordinate amount of influence, the political discourse tends to sway in our favor.

We can use this influence to either leverage our own interests or help ensure that our country has a competent leader. I realize that Iowa has its own needs to be addressed, and this avenue can be a useful means of acquiring the necessary

resources for Iowa.

However, some of our interests can be superfluous from a nationwide point of view. It is more the responsibility of our elected representatives in Congress to look out for our specific interests than it is the president's. Therefore, we need to avoid letting our own interests take precedence over what may be the best for the nation.

The presidential candidates will work to win us over with their speaking skills, family-name credibility, smear tactics, and pocketbooks. Looking beyond the rhetoric and politics, determining which candidate is the best fit based upon overall merit will be the challenge for us as voters.

A conscience effort needs to be made to educate ourselves on the important issues so that we can expand our knowledge of current events, making sure our decision isn't based upon a couple cherry-picked issues.

Finding a candidate who agrees with me on personally important issues will play a crucial role in determining which candidate I support. I am looking more for a candidate who can work well under tremendous amounts of pressure and stress to make the tough and ethical decisions — not necessarily the most popular. I am looking for a candidate willing to sacrifice re-election by not pandering to powerful lobbyists or interest groups. I am looking for a candidate who does not say one thing and do another.

Does this candidate exist? Maybe not. Nevertheless, I will look deeper than the political advertisements on television and the Pizza Ranch photo-shoots in order to find my vote.

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EDITORIAL

Equality needed for Israel, Hamas

It has been nearly one year since Operation Protective Edge and the Israel-Hamas conflict of 2014. There is seldom a day in which Israel or another country in the Middle East is absent from the news cycle. Yet nowadays, Israel is in the news not for the scenario that unfolded last summer but for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's fervent speeches and comments about Iran nuclear deals — or a lack thereof.

However, on Sunday, the Associated Press reported that the 2014 conflict was brought to the forefront once more as Israel prepared a pre-emptive strike on the upcoming U.N. report. The report is expected to pit Israel against the United Nations surrounding allegations that the U.S. ally committed war crimes during the 50-day conflict.

Seemingly ever at odds with the organization instrumental in its founding, Israel's report is set to oppose many of the allegations the United Nations will bring against the country.

The *Daily Iowan* Editorial Board believes that the death of civilians is the worst possible outcome of armed conflict. However, it is unfair for Israel to accept allegations of war crimes when Hamas deliberately placed civilians in harm's way. Furthermore, assuming Israel's assertions are true that it took, according to AP, “unprecedented measure to avoid civilian casualties,” Hamas, too, ought to be charged with war crimes.

According to the AP article, the “unprecedented” measures Israel took to avoid civilian casualties included evacuation handouts, phone calls, radio broadcasts, and unarmed warning strikes before firing live ammunition.

Setting aside for a moment the consideration that Israel did, in fact, take action to prevent ci-

vilian deaths, a history of disagreement between the nation and the U.N. Human Rights Council jeopardizes the legitimacy of the upcoming report. Take, for example, the most recent report, which, according to the AP, focuses only on Israel's activities in Gaza but does not mention the actions of Hamas in Israel.

Israel's claims of bias in the investigation led to the resignation of its head, Canadian law Professor William Schabas when it was discovered that he had given legal advice to the Palestine Liberation Organization, according to the AP.

Given these recent events, it appears that Israel's assertion of bias in the Human Rights Council has some grounds. And, perhaps, the 242-page investigation conducted by Israel into the 2014 conflict is more reasonable.

Israel refuses to recognize the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court, which means that if Israel were found guilty of war crimes, there would be little tangible impact. However, such a defeat could prevent Israeli officials from being able to travel abroad, reports the AP article. Being unable to travel abroad during such a critical time could create a vicious cycle of disadvantages for the diplomatically fragile nation.

There is evidence to suggest that a report accusing Israel of war crimes for the events that unfolded last summer may be unjust. Israel's pre-emptive report was a smart move by a country fighting an uphill battle against anti-Israeli propaganda and press.

The investigation into the actions of Israel — but not Hamas — is a U.N. blunder. Whether or not Israel's report is true, the mere possibility of such scenarios should be more than enough to prompt an investigation of Hamas.



Smoke and fire from an Israeli strike rise over Gaza City on July 29, 2014. Israel has launched a pre-emptive assault on an upcoming U.N. report into last year's war in the Gaza Strip, saying that report is hopelessly biased; Israel's report places the blame for heavy civilian casualties on Gaza's Hamas rulers. (Associated Press/Hatem Moussa)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Justice in the Caucasus

Every year on June 20, the United Nations marks the World Refugee Day. This day represents a Global Call for Action, promoting engagement in local and governmental levels to raise awareness in the world community about the plight of millions of forcibly displaced people who have found refuge in Azerbaijan, Georgia, Turkey, and many other countries.

Since the end of the Cold War, the number of people uprooted by war, conflicts, ethnic strife, and human-rights violations has been constantly soaring. According to U.N. Human Rights Council, by 2009, some 40 million people worldwide had been forced to flee their homes by violence, war, and persecution. Many of these conflicts causing mass deportation and fleeing of innocent people have lasted for years without

finding a durable solution.

A case in point is the long-lasting Nagorno-Karabakh conflict in the South Caucasus region, where some 16 percent of Azerbaijan has been occupied by the neighboring Armenia. This violent conflict caused nearly 1 million humiliated and abused ethnic Azeri, Kurdish, and other refugees from Armenia and internally displaced people from the Nagorno-Karabakh and adjacent regions of Azerbaijan to flee their homes. This action by Armenian armed forces against Azerbaijani civilians was the largest campaign of ethnic cleansing and crimes against humans in the region.

According to the U.S. Refugee Committee's report (2000) on Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, “More than 568,000 persons from western regions of Azerbaijan under Armenian occupation since 1993, including 42,072 from

Nagorno-Karabakh, remained displaced within the country. Most were displaced from regions just outside Nagorno-Karabakh, including Fizuli (133,725), Agdam (128,584), Lachin (63,007), Kelbadjar (59,274), Jabrayil (58,834), Gubadli (31,276), Zangilan (34,797), Terter (5,171), and Aghjabedi (3,358).”

As a result of Nagorno-Karabakh War, Armenian aggression caused Azerbaijani economy billions of dollars, devastation of Azerbaijani cultural heritage, physical destruction of homes, moral and material damage to Azerbaijani refugees and displaced persons for whom the status of refugee has become a lifestyle and passed on as a heritage to the future generations. Every eighth person in Azerbaijan is carrying a “refugee” or “internally displaced person” status. This is one of the highest rates for any country in the world, which has suffered from

war and ethnic cleansing.

There are many other similar cases around the world, in which similar injustices have occurred. To help all these refugees and displaced persons, and to at least minimize the occurrences of such injustices in the future, we are calling upon our elected officials to exert pressure on perpetrator nations by:

- 1) requiring compliance with all relevant U.N. Security Council and General Assembly resolutions;
- 2) conditioning any U.S. military, security, economic, and technical aid only after the State Department has certified that perpetrator nations have ceased occupation and withdrawn their occupying forces from the victim nations, such as Azerbaijan;
- 3) stopping all direct U.S. aid to such separatist authorities as those in Nagorno-Karabakh region.

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DAILY BREAK

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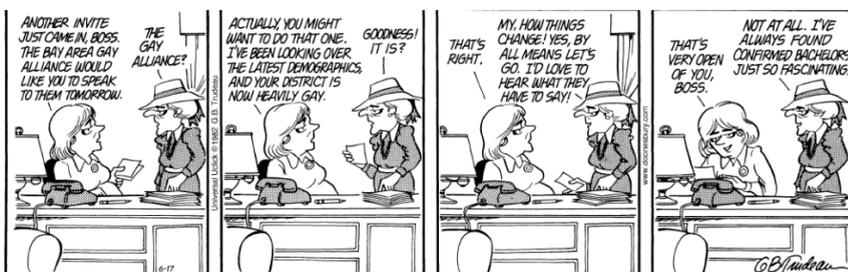
A partial list of things I should probably tell my girlfriend

- You might initially think I'd be a pretty crappy boyfriend, but I'm actually pretty good at brainwashing.
- As of Christmas, my father has more Journey tattoos than my mother. For now.
- I can be pretty selfish. We're talking "chooses an eight-minute song at karaoke" selfish.
- My inner child is 62-year-old lesbian named "Frankie."
- If we get a half-pepperoni, half-sausage pizza, I will definitely make a joke about how disappointed I am that all the pepperonis and sausages are normal-sized.
- I'm the kind of boyfriend who will always be there when I need you.
- NEVER MAKE DIRECT EYE CONTACT WITH ME WHEN I AM EATING A HOT POCKET.
- I'm an expert at hitting the snooze button on my phone's alarm clock with my nose, like a sleepy woodpecker. It'd be cute if I wasn't also covered in sticky drool and habitually late for work.
- I was abandoned as a child and raised by timber wolves. As such, I have poor social skills and am positively terrible at basketball.
- I'm addicted to that feeling you get right after you work out after not having worked out for six years.

Andrew R. Juhl wonders if any of this knowledge will be useful at the Micky's Bar Exam, 10 p.m.-midnight today.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



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by Scott Adams



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BY VIEW



today's events

- **Iowa Summer Writing Festival & MusicC**, Eleventh Hour, *Abundant Happiness: The Love Letter and the Song*, music of Robert & Clara Schumann, 11 a.m., Iowa City Public Library Meeting Room A, 123 S. Linn
- **College of Nursing Grantsmanship Workshop**, "Getting from pilot data to your next proposal," Sharon Tucker, 11:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 133 College of Nursing Building
- **Joe L. Parkin Memorial Lecture on Aging, Philip Pizzo**, "New Beginnings: A Role of Higher Education in Recalibrating the Life Journey," noon, 1110A Medical Education & Research Facility
- "No sir, officer, I am not drunk ..." Brian Schrag, 12:30 p.m., 1502 Colloton Pavilion
- **Ph.D. Thesis Seminar**, "Clostridium difficile: Shedding light on pathogenesis," Eric Ransom, 1 p.m., 1117 Medical Education & Research Facility
- "Live from Prairie Lights," Jim Heynen, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- "Celebrating America," MusicC, 7:30 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 320 E. College

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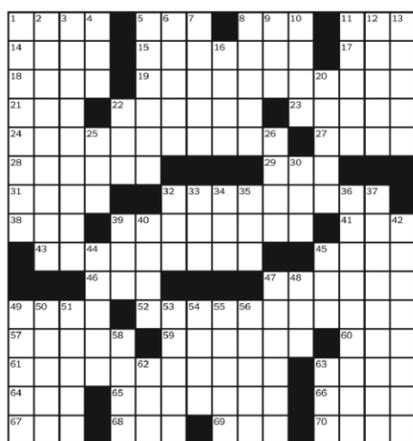
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OBJECTS OF ART

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0513

- ACROSS**
- 1 Seltzer
 - 5 School of thought
 - 8 Custodial implement
 - 11 Hither's partner
 - 14 "Whatcha ___?"
 - 15 Donna of Clinton's cabinet
 - 17 Pastoral mother
 - 18 Piedmont wine
 - 19 Directorial triumph for 61-Across
 - 21 Dearie
 - 22 Series of online comments
 - 23 Destroy, as paper documents
 - 24 Film featuring 61-Across
 - 27 Crooner Williams
 - 28 Roman Stoic philosopher
 - 29 Hair-raising cry
 - 31 Prehensile ___
 - 32 61-Across's role in 24-Across
 - 38 Hosp. areas
 - 39 With 43-Across, panic-inducing production of 61-Across
 - 41 Treasure lost on the Spanish Main
 - 43 See 39-Across
 - 45 Surmounting
 - 46 Friend of Eyore
 - 47 Akiq who co-founded Sony
 - 49 Many a pilgrim to Mecca
 - 52 1958 film by 61-Across
 - 57 "___ luego"
 - 59 Figure in "The Exorcist"
 - 60 Result of rapid service?
 - 61 Noted director/actor born in May 1915
 - 63 Greek vowels
 - 64 Kwik-E-Mart clerk
 - 65 Kind of strength related to stress
 - 66 Alternative to beef or jambon
 - 67 Caustic substance
- DOWN**
- 1 Accepts after a while
 - 2 Get discouraged
 - 3 Coily playful
 - 4 Singer DiFranco
 - 5 Tourist island in the Gulf of Naples
 - 6 Bake, as a shelled egg
 - 7 Out of moves, in chess
 - 8 "Zoom-zoom" sloganeer
 - 9 Corrida cry
 - 10 They're often seen nesting in a kitchen
 - 11 Pine (for)
 - 12 Had
 - 13 Like a have-not
 - 16 Neeson of "Taken"
 - 20 Color whose name comes from Urdu
 - 22 Marijuana psychoactive component, briefly
 - 25 Business card no.
 - 26 Singer with the 2006 #1 hit "So Sick"
 - 30 Brownie
 - 32 2013 Spike Jonze film
 - 33 Leatherworking tool
 - 68 Things checked by the T.S.A.
 - 69 Nincmooop
 - 70 Johnson of comedy



- PUZZLE BY JEFFREY WECHSLER**
- 34 Groovy, updated
 - 35 Monopoly quartet: Abbr.
 - 36 Speaker at many a corporate retreat
 - 37 What the original Kama Sutra lacked, surprisingly
 - 39 Number of graduates in the first class at West Point (1802)
 - 40 Knee-slapper
 - 42 Shimmer colorfully
 - 44 Muse for Keats
 - 45 "___ you with me?"
 - 47 Bryophytic growths
 - 48 ___-told
 - 49 Sandbar
 - 50 Monster of Greek myth
 - 51 It's debatable
 - 53 Bids one club, say
 - 54 Web addresses, briefly
 - 55 Eyelashes, scientifically
 - 56 Some fancy party wear
 - 58 Against
 - 62 Take for better or for worse, say
 - 63 Org. with monitors

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horoscopes

Wednesday, June 17, 2015 by Eugenia Last

- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Carry on with your plans. Don't worry if someone decides to do something differently. Make arrangements to get started on a self-improvement project that includes someone you love and want to share the experience with.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Ask questions if you want answers. No one will voluntarily give you information without a little prodding. Investigate your family history or the historic buildings in your neighborhood. Keep your expenses low in order to save for a vacation.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Your popularity will promote opposition and jealousy. Take an interest in others, even your enemies, and you will eventually win acceptance and support from those reluctant to see things your way. Love is featured, and romance is encouraged.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Valuable information will be offered. Embrace a challenge, and you'll be able to show off your abilities and skills. An unusual hobby will lead to a moneymaking opportunity. Check out cultural events going on in your community.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Step up and be responsible. The help you offer will impress someone you've wanted to get to know better or collaborate with for some time. Look for alternatives if you are faced with a roadblock. You can outmaneuver the competition.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Watch and wait for the right moment to make your move. Timing is crucial when you are dealing with people who are underhanded or trying to derail your plans. You should keep your plans a secret and make your move when no one is looking.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You should follow your heart and refuse to let anyone interfere with your plans. Emotional outbursts can be expected if you are too revealing or trusting. A short trip will help you find a quicker route to reaching your goal.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Strive to get your ideas heard, but don't be too quick to cut a deal. Time is on your side, and the ideas you come up with will help you turn a little project into something big and bountiful.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Take charge, and get things done. Once you've taken care of business, you will feel at ease about enjoying the company of friends or taking time out for personal pampering. Don't let anyone make you feel guilty.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Look at the big picture. Refuse to let anything bother you. You have time to assess and plan strategies, so don't feel obliged to make a snap decision unless you are sure of the outcome. Sensitive issues are best dealt with diplomatically.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You are sitting in a better position than you realize. Chat about your ideas and plans, and take progressive action to turn them into a reality. Your gung-ho attitude will impress others and win their support.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Experiment with your ideas, and you will discover a way to make your dreams come true. Don't let what others say or do get to you. Stand on your own two feet, and do your thing. Success will be the best payback.

It is not a fragrant world.
— Raymond Chandler

BASKETBALL

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Basketball in 2015 and could bring to Game Time what Jennings brought last summer. ESPN ranks her as the 12th best point-guard recruit in the country for her age.

F: Courtney Straight (Truman State)

Last summer, Straight demonstrated her ability on both ends of the floor. Stiffing perimeter defense and deadly range on her jumper make her more than just a quality role player.

F: Chase Coley (Iowa)
The 6-3 Coley played last season as a freshman, so now has a year

of college experience. She was a dominant rim protector last summer, and her athleticism allowed her to run the floor on the break and create mismatches in the post.

F: Bethany Doolittle (ex-Iowa)

Not much needs to be said of the graduated, player-coach Doolittle. She started her last 104 games (three seasons) as a Hawkeye. Her length, experience, and polished skills in the post make her an obvious choice.

Champion: Brendan Unkrich and Company

Unkrich's squad consists of a couple players who may well prove me wrong on my selections above.

Kali Peschel has Big Ten experience with the Hawks and is a player her teammates can consistently feed the ball to in the post. Forward Hannah Stewart is an incoming Iowa freshman, a four-star recruit, according to ESPN, and the 16th ranked player at her position.

Add Straight's defense and perimeter shooting, and this looks like the most well-rounded team Game Time has to offer.

Doolittle's team also has an interesting supporting cast, complete with Iowa's Hailey Schneden and St. Ambrose's Brette Logic, Sam Logic's younger sister.

Unkrich, for the second year in a row, looks as if he has the team to beat.

NBA

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30-year-old, left to do most of the work by himself after All-Stars Kyrie Irving and Kevin Love were injured in the postseason, came two wins shy of giving Cleveland its first pro sports championship since 1964.

They city's three pro teams — the Cavs, Browns, and Indians — have gone a combined 144 seasons without one of them winning it all.

James had 32 points, 18 rebounds, and 9 assists and was superbly dominant during the series, showing why he's the world's best player.

The Warriors were simply the better team. James was replaced

in the final seconds, but before he left the court, the four-time MVP shook hands with Curry and offered congratulations to Kerr and the rest of the Warriors.

“The sacrifice every guy made from Andre and David (Lee) stepping away from the starting lineup, we just played and they were all in it just to win. That's all that mattered. This is an amazing group of guys.”

— Steve Kerr, coach

Kerr said. “And they were all in it just to win. That's all that mattered. This is an amazing group of guys.” This series, which opened with two overtime

games in Oakland, flipped when Kerr employed a small lineup in the fourth quarter of Game 3 and the Warriors nearly overcame a 20-point deficit before losing.

Kerr stuck with revamped lineup in Game 4, giving Iguodala a start, switching Green to center, and benching the ineffective

Andrew Bogut. The move was as golden as the Warriors, who finished with 83 wins, the third-highest single-season total in history.

TRACK

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be a national champion; it's a huge goal that

I want to take off my bucket list,” Mallett said. “And maybe down the road, being in the Olympics, you never know.”

They are lofty goals, but he's been on the cusp

of reaching the podium at the college level. It's not unfathomable by any stretch.

“Honestly, the sky's the limit for him,” Thompson said. “Just seeing

this year that he jumped from sixth in the Big Ten to sixth in the country, who knows what another two years of training could do for him.”

HELLERBALL

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The disappointment was that the consistently packed Banks Field wouldn't see postseason play.

The disappointment wasn't that the Hawkeyes missed the postseason, let alone the Big Ten Tournament.

Iowa baseball was down on its luck just a few seasons ago, but after a season such as this, it's hard not to be optimistic.

On the pitcher's mound, there's the return of Tyler Peyton, both the Friday night starter and the Hawkeyes' best hitter, Calvin Matthews, the Sunday

starter, and Ryan Erickson, the best left-handed pitcher on the staff and one likely to move into a starting role.

Closer Luke Vandermaten as well as a slew of other relievers will be back as well.

Three capable catchers, as well as right fielder Joel Booker and shortstop Nick Roscetti, will also return. Factor in the top recruiting classes in the Big Ten two years in a row, and Hawkeye fans will have something to cheer for, and be proud of, again next season.

When basketball and wrestling end in mid-March, baseball season is still in its infancy. And by the time the snow melts, whenever that may be in

Iowa, HellerBall will be a fully functional machine.

The groundwork has been laid the last two seasons by the names you've heard a hundred times now, but the Hawkeyes have found something special in their particular brand of baseball.

It's the same brand of baseball played all season, too. The Hawkeyes never got wide-eyed, nor did they play outside of themselves.

It was the Iowa way through and through, from the first game of the season against Kansas State to the last against Missouri State.

The draftees and graduates can be replaced, and the Hawkeyes can keep winning.

The 2015 season can be a springboard for years to come. With the postseason victory drought of 43 years out of the way, a new drought presents itself for the Hawkeyes.

The same 1972 season when the Hawkeyes previously won a game in the NCAA Tournament was also the program's last berth in the College World Series.

With all the turnover and unanswered questions, the Hawkeyes have their work cut out for them. But if 2015's iteration was any indication, a team initially predicted to finish ninth in the Big Ten can do big things.

All droughts end. Some of them end with rain. Others with a little dose of HellerBall.

Although he was on the losing team, should LeBron James have been the MVP?

Yes

LeBron James is the best player in the world — bar none. And as difficult as it may be for some people to accept, it's the flat-out truth.

He can play any position and is asked to do virtually everything for his team. He can facilitate to the point to which players such as Matthew Dellavedova look like all-stars. He can, and did in the 2015 finals, carry an extremely heavy scoring load. He is one of the best defenders in the league and demands a high defensive standard from his teammates.

And because we're talking about the most valuable player to his respective team, the answer is never not LeBron — this series was the epitome of that sentiment.

We all know the Cavaliers were without Kyrie Irving and Kevin Love, leaving LeBron with one legitimate but streaky scoring partner in J.R. Smith and then whatever the rest of the team could provide. Defensively, Dellavedova, Timofey Mozgov, Iman Shumpert, and Tristan Thompson gave James a legitimate defensive supporting cast.

The only problem is that they were battling the league's top, most-loaded offense, leaving the under-manned Cavs with a tall order.

And they had no choice but to lean heavily on Le-

ron to match Golden State's firepower.

The man's numbers entering Game 6 (36.4 points, 12.4 rebounds, 8.4 assists) speak for themselves. He had two triple-doubles in five games, people, and nearly another one in Game 6. C'mon.

When Cleveland scores, James is more than likely putting the ball in the hoop or assisting someone who does — and doing so against the league's most efficient defense of 2015.

Look at it this way. Take any given player away from Golden State, and it still had a legitimate shot at winning the series. Take LeBron off the Cavs, and this is a team that would struggle to make the playoffs in a weak Eastern Conference (cough, cough, Miami Heat).

I rest my case.

— Charlie Green

No

We are truly all witnesses. Let's start there; LeBron is the best player on the planet right now and may well be on his way to being the greatest of all time. Regardless, the notion that he could be the Finals MVP on a losing team is a farce.

Again, let's look at what LeBron has done. He averaged 36.6 points per game, 12.4 rebounds, and 8.4 assists heading into last night's game. However, while I would defend the merits of his 32 shot

attempts per game from a strategic standpoint, because he is far and away the best offensive option the Cavs have at this point, he was shooting below 40 percent from the floor.

So while LeBron's numbers adequately reflect his dominance in this series, whether it's his fault or a credit to the Warrior defense, the missed shots and losses are piling up. Surely there's been a more deserving performer for Golden State, which didn't exactly cruise through the series.

Besides the obvious choice — Steph Curry, the reigning MVP averaging 26 points, 6 assists, and 5 rebounds on more than 40 percent shooting from beyond the arc — consider the man largely being tasked with taking on LeBron himself, Andre Iguodala.

Draymond Green was expected to log significant time defending LeBron, but Iguodala picked up the slack when Green got off to a slow start in the series, and Iguodala came alive in the two games after the Warriors went down 2-1. His 22 points sparked the offense in a pivotal Game 4, and his near triple-double was a stabilizing force in Game 5.

Not to mention, somebody gets the credit for LeBron's woeful shooting percentage, right?

LeBron couldn't carry his team to victory in this series — he may have been dominant, and he may have

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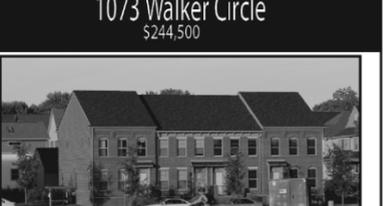
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Jennings leads the summer-league way



Iowa guard Whitney Jennings drives during a Game Time contest on July 2, 2014, in North Liberty. Jennings is one of 10 Hawkeye players in the Game Time League this summer. (The Daily Iowan/Sergio Flores)

The Game Time League will kick off tonight in North Liberty.

By CHARLIE GREEN
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It's that time of year — the Game Time League is back in action. The action will kick off in North Liberty at 6:30 p.m. today, with a myriad of different story lines and talent across the board. The league consists of a number of Hawkeyes from 2015's NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 squad, and seeing them square off against each other should make for an intriguing summer.

A few Hawkeyes from last season are absent, including Atlanta Dream first-round draft pick Sam Logic (we imagine she's pretty busy). Melissa Dixon, who graduated, will also not participate, and neither will last summer's MVP Ally Disterhoft, whose team steamrolled through league play en route to winning the championship.

But plenty of new faces figure to add an element to the competition — including a few incoming Iowa freshmen.

Without further ado, here are the predictions for 2015 season:

Most Valuable Player: Whitney Jennings (Guard, Iowa)

Jennings gave a little taste last summer of the flare she was to bring to the Iowa program. With a dazzling display of ball-handling ability, the youngster made defenders look silly on a regular basis.

Her speed and relentless drive to push the ball up the floor continually put pressure on her opponents. A quick first step made her a nightmare to defend when attacking the basket, and sheer athleticism allowed her to finish at the rim against taller players.

Tack on a freshman campaign in Big Ten competition that saw her average 8.1 points per game, and Jennings should be primed for a big summer.

Preseason All-Game Time team

G: Jennings: See above

G: Tania Davis (Iowa)

The five-star incoming freshman won Michigan's Miss

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Balanced Warriors win title

By TOM WITHERS
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Revived by a fresh-faced shooting superstar and a first-year coach who made them believe, the Golden State Warriors again reign supreme.

Their 40-year NBA championship drought is finally over.

A half century of misery in Cleveland drags on. LeBron James just didn't have enough help.

Steph Curry and finals MVP Andre Iguodala scored 25 points apiece, Draymond Green recorded a triple-double, and the Warriors — using a barrage of 3-pointers in the fourth quarter — won their first title since 1975 by finishing off James and the Cavaliers, 105-97, on Tuesday night in Game 6.

For the first time since Gerald Ford was in the White House, disco was in vogue, and Rick Barry was flicking in free throws under-handed, the best pro basketball team resides in the Bay Area.

And these Warriors are a lot like Barry and his old crew: fluid, balanced, together. Just as coach Steve Kerr hoped.

After falling behind by 2 points early in the third quarter, the Warriors took control with Curry, the league's MVP, and Iguodala, who made his first start of the season in Game 4, leading the way.

"This was awesome," Iguodala said. "We talked about staying strong, stay with it. That was Coach's motto the whole playoffs. Stay with it. They kept fighting. This is unreal."

Golden State allowed the Cavaliers to creep within 8 points in the fourth before unleashing a flurry of 3s to ensure they would take the Larry O'Brien Trophy back to California. Curry's step-back 3 made it 78-68, and after the Cavs closed within 7 on J.R. Smith's trey, Iguodala, Curry, and Klay Thompson each drained one in a span of 81 seconds to make it 89-75.

Iguodala added another long shot for good measure before he strutted back on defense holding out three fingers on each hand.

He could have shot an index finger into the air at that point — Golden State is No. 1.

James returned from Miami to deliver a title to his home region, but the

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Hawkeye Mallett ignores limits

The track star's jump from his freshman to sophomore season could foreshadow big things.

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Iowa track and field standout Aaron Mallett earned both first- and second-team All-American honors at the NCAA Championships June 10-13, and he may just be getting started.

After all, he's only halfway through his career as a Hawkeye.

"He's a guy that's very focused and driven on reaching his goals," track and field Director Joey Woody said. "He's had some great performances and has really improved quite a bit since his freshman year."

"Quite a bit" may be an understatement. As a freshman in 2014, Mallett finished sixth at the Big Ten Championships in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 14.11.

On June 12, he finished sixth again — only this time at the NCAA Championships.

The performance earned Mallett first-team All-American honors in the event, after he ran a 13.40. It also marked the second time this past season that he set the Iowa record in the race, the first coming when he won the Big Ten title on May 17.

For the monumental leap between his first and second years, Mallett credits adjustments to the physical and mental challenges of becoming a Division-1 athlete.

"For my freshman year, I was kind of learning to lift, learning to train," Mallett said. "And I think this year it just kind of hit me because I had a year under my belt."

That's not to say he didn't work



Iowa's Aaron Mallett sprints toward the finish in the 110-meter hurdles during the Musco Twilight at the Cretzmeyer Track on May 2. Mallett won the event with a time of 13.69. (The Daily Iowan/John Theulen)

hard his freshman year — a sixth-place finish in the Big Ten is no small accomplishment. But getting used to a higher level of training and how his body recovers took time, as did a more familiar challenge for most new college students.

"When I came in my freshman year, I was kind of homesick; you know, the stuff that every freshman goes through," he said.

He was the only Hawkeye to earn first-team accolades at this year's nationals, but that's not all he accomplished. Mallett also ran the second leg on the 400-meter relay, with Vinnie Saucer Jr., James Harrington, and Keith Brown, which finished 12th to earn second-team honors.

Junior Brendan Thompson, who ran on 4x1 team often this season,

lauded Mallett for his vocal leadership on the relay team. But perhaps even more for his teammates is his approach to the sport day in, day out.

"He comes in with the mindset that he's going to get better today, no matter if it's a hard, easy, or medium day," Thompson said. "It doesn't matter, he takes the same mindset that he's there to get better every single day."

That has Mallett and the Hawkeyes thinking big about next season; the junior-to-be thinks they have the potential to finish top-five in 2016.

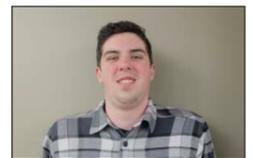
And now, with two seasons under his belt, who knows where he will be by the end of his Iowa career and beyond.

"I think everyone my age wants to

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COMMENTARY

HellerBall on wheels



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To fully capture what the Iowa baseball team accomplished in one season would require more space than my editors could provide me.

In backwards order, we saw five Hawkeye baseball players drafted, a chance at a super-regional berth, the team's first postseason win in 43 years, 40 wins on the season, the clinching of back-to-back 30-win seasons, and ... you get the idea. The list of accomplishments could go on all day.

At one point, Iowa was projected to host a regional and might have done so without a late-season slump. Then there was disappointment when it was clear Iowa wasn't going to be a host.

Let that sink in. In two seasons, head coach Rick Heller turned a Hawkeye team from perennially a doormat, composed mostly of players left by his predecessor, into a Big Ten title contender and a team good enough to nearly host a regional.

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