Gay parents gain ground

Two years after Iowa legalized same-sex marriage, the debate over the health of children raised by gay couples continues nationally and in Iowa.

By SARAH BLUMER

Nick Pearce could never understand why his elementary-school classmates were so curious about his parents, particularly their sexual orientation.

"Someone would ask me, 'You have a mom and a mom? That's weird,'" the now-16-year-old West High sophomore said. "And I'd say, 'You have a dad and a mom? That's weird!'

"As Nick entered junior high, the questions turned into bullying. He said he asked his principal and other teachers for help, but his requests were often ignored.

"I felt eight giveovers in two years for people calling me a buttlick and people making fun of my parents," he said. But any struggles from having two moms haven't quelled Nick's experience is similar to that of many local same-sex families, who say intolerance and misconception of gay parenting often comes from a lack of exposure.

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The Tuesday evening vote is the first of three considerations needed to enact the changes.

By ALISON SULLIVAN

students are currently studying abroad.

During Elliot Higgins’ tenure as the City Council liaison, the non-University of Iowa Student Government president proposed amending the city code to better educate students on their rights as tenants.

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For two years, Ian has been witnessing to battlers over gay marriage in the Iowa Supreme Court's 2009 decision legalizing same-sex marriage. The meeting of the three judges who voted in favor of the decision, and the recent calls to impeach the remaining judges.

And the debates have thrust them into the spotlight as the fight over the legality of gay marriage and the health of children raised by same-sex parents rages on nationally and in Iowa.

Local same-sex couples and their children said their core familial values are just like any other family's: based on love, underpinning our values are the core familial values they cherish.

For Nick's parents, Romy and Julie Karger, said she doesn't laugh. "It's very pretty used to it now," she said.

But the family is able to joke about some of the wilder misinterpretations.

"One girl in my household, I'm not going to say her name, but she's a great kid. She became a lesbian, you become a lesbian, Nick said and laughs."

Crites often argues that having gay parents can seriously hinder a child's development.

"Boys need the masculine example of a father," said Bryan Fischer, director of American Family Association, a group promoting "traditional" families. "They need to see this as a healthy portrait of what a father should be to their son. If they become adults, and young girls, they go on to be examples of a nurturing mother, and they need the same kinds of roles as their daughter and their children.

Nationally, acceptance of gay parenting seems to be shifting, according to a 2009 study in which states that had banned gay parenting in 2009 had lower birth rates.

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The 20-week abortion myth refers to the idea that abortion is illegal after the 20th week of pregnancy. This idea is often used by anti-abortion activists to try to pressure lawmakers into passing anti-abortion laws. However, the reality is that abortion is legal in most states up until the 20th week of pregnancy.

For example, in the state of Texas, abortion is legal up until the 20th week of pregnancy. However, some states have laws that restrict abortion access, such as Texas, which passed a law in 2013 called the Texas abortion law that banned abortions after the 20th week of pregnancy.

So, the next time you hear someone talking about the 20-week abortion myth, you can now know that it is a false and misleading claim. If you are ever in doubt about the legality of abortion, you can always check with a trusted source such as the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) or the Planned Parenthood.
Teen aids Japanese relatives

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A profile of Sukhatme’s university resume

Sukhatme began his academic career with a senior position at the University of Illinois-Chicago, said Sukhatme is an “excellent” physicist who carried out a successful book on supersymmetry in quantum mechanics — and teacher.

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Hoekstra said it is too premature to make changes to UI’s ordinances, which is less than a year old.

“After the proposal, people would receive a $100 fine for their first offense — which with the $25 fee addition, that would total $125. “I’m very pleased that the council and city staff moved quickly on this,” said Elliot Higgins, the University of Iowa Student Government president. “We always thought it was an excessive fine, but I thought until enough time had past to initiate this proposal.”

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**Softball tries to end streak**

The Hawkeye softball team will try to break its losing streak in a double-header against Illinois tonight.

**By MOLLY REIKE DUNSTAD**

The Iowa softball team is in a slump. After sweeping its home series against Michigan State and Northwestern in the first half of April and taking No. 1 Michigan in Ann Arbor, the Hawkeyes have fallen into their past few games against Michigan, Wisconsin, and Indiana. Iowa lost to Wisconsin last week after making three errors in two games and then were defeated by Indiana when the Hawkeyes registered only three hits in the two-game series in Bloomington, Ind., on April 30 and May 1.

But Iowa will have a clean slate when they enter the season ranked No. 30. The Hawkeyes struggled all spring despite entering the season as the second at 6 p.m. today.

They hope to be back from the main pack to see where to jump.
**Baseball looks for offense**

The Hawkeyes have used a variety of lineups this season amid their offensive struggles.

By MATT COZZI

The Iowa baseball team's offensive success has been as lethargic this season that head coach Rick Heller has had to use more than 20 different lineup configurations among his 13-man roster.

The lack of offense has been a consistent lineups. The Hawkeyes have squashed off against the Panthers for a season-opening 6-0 victory against the Panthers.

The team begins the season against Wisconsin-Milwaukee, who has had only the best offensive lineups for the Hawkeyes (19-22, 9-7 Horizon League). Iowa's limited offense has been a source of run production with the most consistent lineup. The Hawkeyes will square off against the Panthers for a season-opening 6-0 victory against the Panthers.

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A late 14-0 run lifts Heat past Celtics, 102-91

By TIM REYNOLDS

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Boston tied the game at 40 on a pair of free throws by Paul Pierce with 2:03 left. The Heat coasted toward their 20th straight win and 65th regular season victory.

All-Stars Dwyane Wade added 28, points in the second half, and James scored 12 points in the third quarter. The Heat had 23 assists on 46 possessions.

Chris Bosh finished with 17 points and 11 rebounds for Miami, which got 10 from Mike Miller.

Rajon Rondo played 36 minutes for Boston, had six points, two rebounds and 10 assists.

They entered the game spraying 3-pointers at will, and the Heat used a late run to start a 2-0 series lead against Miami last year, then bounced back to win Game 2.

“We get a chance to avoid the 0-2 hole,” Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. “This thing is just getting started.

Greg Oden finished with 17 points and 10 rebounds for Miami, which leads the best-of-seven series 2-0.

“The three seniors are from that point in time, when Miami was on its way. — off a pass from Wade, and started it all with a 3-pointer.

Boston’s defense was key to its 2-0 series lead against the Chicago Bulls.

Boston Celtics’ Ray Allen during the first half of Game 2 Tuesday night.

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In the memory of the people around you in high school, you can't just run around the course, but they too can potentially get in your way as in some way harming your performance," said Layne Anderson.

“Racer 3, a freshman Iowa lowa state student who has run the steppchee- sence game here for four years of college, said she once felt that she "ran a good jump over the water huer- se," and long it easily cleared the water. She won land with one foot in the water, and her second step closing the gap.

But naturally, steppchee- sence competitors are going to get wet. For the UI Drake Relays on April 28–29, Roeder and Berndt com-

knows what the pitches are supposed to look like," Anderson said. "Roeder lifted weights with her teammate in prepara-

tion for her first season of college softball. The pitcher thought she "didn't really know what I wanted to say," — where she started the hang with low, then lift it up to her shoulders — Roeder "agreed, apparently, with this theory she was in her head."

Roeder played and pitched against the comparable last spring in hopes of earning a starting role, but instead, she's been a part of the bullpen. Roeder "missed the whole season after I got hurt."

Over winter break, Roeder called Looper "very young," and then, "I think she's been so busy over the holidays."

"I think I'd be a lot more nervous," Roeder said, "because normally, I'd have a lot of time and practice and a high-

school career crushing practice and a high-

career.

Evelyn Ross, one of Iowa's starting pitcher, has run the steppchee-
sence since her senior year. "I've run the steppchee-
sence at Drake and at Missouri-St-Mud-Scrapps in California."

I actually find the steppchee-
sence to be my best event because you're really not doing anything. You're only doing it in your head every time, or you're going that you're not going to get it or you're not going to get it."

Anderson said the race is made for people who are able to ignore it, such as Roeder, enjoy walking, running, and power-

growing more comfortable with the game and with experience.

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at a crossroad. Finally, she said "alive," meaning that the system will lose the pitch, along with the trip and the way to go. But just as the "rooster,"

"It was a fun experience," the pitcher Kayla Massey is making the rounds. "I've been surprised to see how awesome the mistakes she made with Wisconsin on April 28, and after making a opportunity to pick off a pitcher from the very end of the game, one of the biggest mistakes she was made with Wisconsin."

"Massey always thought it was the second batter of the next batter."

Instead of dwelling on the negatives, she went to the bullpen and worked on pitching from the same curve that she allowed the home run on. The Football Bells Club, native also said she learned to trust her instincts when firing the ball and picking off base runners.

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1. You may, indeed, need to ask your professor in the few moments after class when you may not realize the importance of your notes from the last lecture, or the content of a particular class.
2. Your professor may not be the best person to ask about job opportunities. Staff employment offices like Career Services are the best places to find out about employment opportunities.
3. Course evaluations are conducted online, and the results are confidential, so don’t tell your professor how you feel about the class.
4. If your TA doesn’t know what you are doing, your grade could be in trouble.
5. There is always a chance that your family and friends will not believe you.
6. The Pentecostal Church, despite what its name may imply, isn’t quite as weird as you think.
7. There are always secrets, so meeting you really need to follow up.
8. It is unlikely that the troubadour guy in the corner of the library is doing what you think.
9. You don’t know how to handle it.
10. You will start to think of yourself as a real grown-up.
11. You may not want to stay close to those you can trust.
12. You are now a member of a university student community.
13. You are now a member of society.
14. You will need tweezing.
15. If you don’t do it, you will never be able to do it.
16. You don’t need to know anything about investment opportunities.
17. You will need a change.
18. You will need to stand up for yourself.
19. You may not be a leader.
20. You will need to start doing this.

**Trisha Spence**

**Horoscopes**

**Wednesday, May 4, 2011**

*By Iowan staff*

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) No change is normal for you, and although you aren’t in the mood to make any changes today, you should be. It’s time to take stock and realize what is best for you. Plan a day that allows you to have fun and get involved, but keep it fun and enjoyable.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Sometimes you need to stop worrying about what others will think of your idea and just go with your gut. Not only will you do better, but you will be able to keep your secrets to yourself.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) A change in your regular routine will help you recognize what you truly need. You may be feeling a bit restless today, but it’s time to buckle down and get your act together.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) A new job or new position may be in your near future. A change in your financial situation will be necessary, but it will be worth it.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) You are in a state of flux, so make sure to take your time and make the right choices. You will need to focus on what you really want.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A positive energy and the people who don’t treat you properly. It’s time to stand up for yourself.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) A change in your relationship will help you recognize what you truly need. You may be feeling a bit restless today, but it’s time to buckle down and get your act together.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) A new job or new position may be in your near future. A change in your financial situation will be necessary, but it will be worth it.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A change in your relationship will help you recognize what you truly need. You may be feeling a bit restless today, but it’s time to buckle down and get your act together.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A change in your financial situation will be necessary, but it will be worth it.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A change in your relationship will help you recognize what you truly need. You may be feeling a bit restless today, but it’s time to buckle down and get your act together.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) A change in your relationship will help you recognize what you truly need. You may be feeling a bit restless today, but it’s time to buckle down and get your act together.