Teen pregnancy went up 3 percent in 2006 — representing the first increase in 14 years.

Parents, friends, and the media all play a role. Mellecker's mother, Melody Mellecker, said abstinence-only classes should offer options for those who choose to have sex despite the warnings, but she stressed that the increase in teenage pregnancy had to do with issues affecting society.

“Sex has lost its sacredness among kids,” she said. “I think there are so many social factors that have to do with the decisions they make and the way they relate to each other. Sex has gotten so disordered for some of these kids, and as a parent, it’s frightening.”

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The Ups, downs, and the joys Elliott
City Councilor Bob Elliott plans to spend his free time writing after his departure from the council.

By Melody Kucera THE DAILY IOWAN
On a cold and grey Friday afternoon in Iowa City, City Councilor Bob Elliott said he was comfortable in the role of reporter. It was a sunny and smiling while recollection of ups, downs, and career plans.

Elliott, who has served for more than 40 years and is a member of the Iowa City Council for 12 years, said that after having three kids, working as a nurse, and traveling the United States with her husband, a U.S. Air Force pilot, the City Council was not on her to-do list. “You get to be kind of me,” she said. “But they can’t be asked to participate in the council because my mind is crossed my mind.”

As a former mayoral candidate at the time, Susan Horowitz, now known as her maiden name, was not familiar with her predecessor. “She was very involved in Iowa City,” Elliott said. “You got to be kidding me,” she said. “She was very involved in Iowa City, the most influential people thus far.”

Horowitz, the former mayor, said there is no doubt that she is disappointed that all these issues she wanted to discuss in the future are in the topic of discussion today. "I'm looking forward to discussions in the future," Elliott said. "Clean up our offices, it won't look so different." And while he will more likely having the opportunity to discuss the city's concerns anywhere else.

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On the other hand, the city councilman warned against being too mean-minded, and the application of the law for things that are not so hard. "I'm too old," he said, adding that he has no definite plans for the future. "I'm looking forward to discussions about the city," Elliott said. "Clean up our offices, it won't look so different." And while he will more likely having the opportunity to discuss the city's concerns anywhere else.

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Champion said, "It takes a lot of work," and she said she is probably going to travel. "I don't care if you are dependent, or anything else; if we happen and provide the service," she said. "I don't care if you are dependent, or anything else; if we happen and provide the service," Champion said. "I don't care if you are dependent, or anything else; if we happen and provide the service," she said.

The one-term city councilor has been out of every issue, and that was no surprise. But he has enjoyed the experience, she said. "I'm too old," he said, adding that he has no definite plans for the future. "I'm looking forward to discussions about the city," Elliott said. "Clean up our offices, it won't look so different." And while he will more likely having the opportunity to discuss the city's concerns anywhere else.

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And while he said the downs were the shape of the future, he does not think "almost everything is in black and white."

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TEEN PREGNANCY
CONTRIBUTED FOR IOWA

Meghan Mellecker has been in the news recently for her role in a popular television show. She has also been involved in extracurricular activities, including marching band and dance. Mellecker has always been interested in music and dance, and has been involved in a number of these activities since she was young.

MORMONS
CONTRIBUTED FOR IOWA

Dallin Oaks, a member of the Mormon Church, has spoken out about the issue of teenage pregnancy. He has said that the church is working to help young people make better choices and stay out of trouble. Oaks has also said that the church is committed to helping young people who are struggling with these issues.

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Mitt Romney
People demonstrated limited knowledge about personal backgrounds of some of the top 2008 presidential nomination candidates. Only 42 percent of the public correctly identified Mitt Romney as a Mormon.

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**School Safety**

In the 2005-2006 school year, 68 percent of students nationwide reported the presence of a security guard or armed police officer in their school, a 14 percent increase since 2000.

*The Daily Iowan*

**Suit against COGS dismissed**

By Ben Fornell

A suit filed by the state board of regents seeking to cut retirement benefits for the Iowa City Community School District's qualifying graduate students was dismissed Wednesday.

Arganbright said West Assistant Principal Kelli Shaffner requested the retirement benefits for the two groups have requested.

A physical altercation could range from a student spitting on another student or someone inappropriately showing off their weapon, Arganbright said.

Both principals were hesitant to call the encounter a big issue for their schools but agreed that it’s not so much because of the violence, it’s just that they are new.

Thomas said Iowa City is one of the few districts that do not have any sort of security personnel. She said the issue can be solved if either party or both agree to arbitration.

Thomas said she would like to come up with an alternative measure of handling the issue, and Councilor Mike O’Donnell said it just makes sense to take action on the issue.

The councilors agreed that the council looks at tonight’s meeting.

**Council looks at public safety**

By Keili Shaffer

The Iowa City community councilors met Monday and addressed a request by Councilor Bob Elliott to consider ways to increase funding for the city’s police and fire departments.

The council decided to adopt a new resolution before the end of the year’s budgeting calendar, which is more flexible than the formal meeting.

Elliott asked for more money so the departments can hire additional firefighters and police officers, something the two groups have proposed.

“I think over past four years, our hands were tied and that we have made recommendations and backed them up with statistics,” Elliott said, noting that the fire department had been asked to cut staff, but that action needed to be taken, but there were disagreements among them on how to disburs the money.

City Manager Dale Helling said the current budget for next year includes three more firefighters and two more police officers, but with Elliott’s proposal, it would not be as big because the revenues are lower than it was for the last fiscal year.

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School District switches test-tracking program

Standardized test scores among Iowa City students in grades three to 11 dropped this year, but education professionals expect good things from a recently implemented growth-tracking program.

By Carla Keppler

EIHY said that she supports the Expanded Growth Model pilot program, a standard that measures individual academic growth over time rather than grade-level growth over time. Because of its improved method of judging schools, she feels the current method of comparing scores based solely on grade level is ineffective.

The new program allows educators to look at the same group of children over time. In this year’s Iowa assessment, 96 percent of the students in grades three to 11 met or exceeded the expanded growth model.

The Iowa Supreme Court ruled Nov. 30 that the state’s definition of an “Indian child” under the Indian Child Welfare Act, or ICWA, is an ethnic classification break- ing away from the Amendment and Protection Clauses in both state and federal Constitutions.

In the future, Iowa will have to come up with a new definition of what constitutes an “Indian child” — one that could possibly be based on tribal membership, UI law Professor Anne Estin said.

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I.S. Intelligence: The Emperor has no clothes

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Dinosaur Jr.’s new album, JRJr., which features J Mascis and Murph, will play the Picador tonight. 

Dinosaur Jr. has sold a respectable number of records with our last album, so there are enough young kids interested in making the music. So despite the criticism, the changes, and the latter truce of what used to be, the music endures. The pulverizing hormonal surge of rock and the ravenousness of a provoker — as Dinosaur Jr. can attest — love em.

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Dinosaur Jr. bassist Lou Barlow (center), with bandmates J Mascis and Murph, will play the Picador tonight.

As Rodney Dangerfield would say, it’s not easy being me. Legendary rock band Dinosaur Jr. has been through a lot — namely, a two-decade split. Today, the members will bring their prevailing music to the Picador at 7 p.m.

Rock music: It gives us all a reason to dance and get away. So pretend we’re invisible, and dream big. When it comes to the few rarely seen garage bands that make it, expectations are high. The music world looks to them to carry that success like a torch for youth reaching a slice of those rebellious decades.

Dinosaur Jr. bassist Lou Barlow stands at the center one of those quintessential legends in rock history. Though few young fans will admit it, the grunge movement authored by the Verge of Dinosaur Jr.’s success, the band’s comeback — 2001’s Beyond — didn’t overshadow the industry after reuniting in 1989 — nearly 20 years after a nearly irreparable split in 1989.

The band will take the stage today at 7 p.m. at the Picador, 330 E. Washington St., with opening bands Awesome Color and The Reaction. A row humbling gem on an industry built on ego. Barlow might not agree he’s a part of a legacy.

“I don’t know that I’ve made much of an impression musically or philosophically,” he said, refusing the claim he might just be the idol of every college bassist in America. “People might say, ‘Wow, he’s the guy who says you can write your own songs, and live on it.’ But I don’t say what you feel, and he heart and soul.”

A lot of eager indie kids might beg to differ. In fact, pick up any professional music magazine or review of Dinosaur Jr.’s newest album Dinosaur Jr., by John C. Schlotfelt

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Tinsley just glad to be alive

By Cliff Brunt

INDIANAPOLIS — Jamaal Tinsley knows he has to make more sports problems his problems.

"I'm just glad to be alive," Tinsley said.

The Indiana Pacers guard's 36th minute after being shot at with an assault weapon in front of a downtown Indianapolis hotel. He was not injured.

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**Wrestlers No. 1

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Chad Beatty is pushed down by David Bertolono on Sunday in Ames."

**BASKETBALL

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"Fall to see those teams as No. 1," Iowa Associate Athletics Director Fred Mims said on Monday. "Our field hockey team set the stage by winning the Big Ten championship. It allows each and every program to contribute to the national reputation of the program.

"Teams don’t reach their goals that this year, but that doesn’t mean the other programs can’t reach the goals that they’d like to get.

Outside of the once fifth-ranked field hockey team, which was upset in the first round of the NCAA tournament, the only other Hawkeyes squad to suffer a loss this season was in 2007’s women’s cross-country meet.

Until now, that is.

"All it says is that we are on the right course to get our program back to where it has been," Mims said. "That ranking is important, but it is not the ultimate — the goal is to be No. 1 at the end of the year after the wrestling tournament."

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After the win Dec. 8, Hamlin said the adjustments she made at halftime built her confidence.

"In the first half, my shots weren’t falling, and I was a little frustrated," she said. "But in the second half, you just got to come back in with confidence and know that you’re a good shooter and that your shots are going to fall."

Even through the Hawkeyes lost the championship contest the following afternoon to No. 22 Wyoming, Hamlin, while only scoring five points, provided the team in rebounding with six boards, and not only did she come off the bench and play 25 minutes, but she actually started the first time in two seasons.

"Iowa with a major boost. She led the team in rebounding with six boards, and not only did she come off the bench and play 25 minutes, but she actually started the first time in two seasons."

"That was necessary," Bluder said after Sunday’s loss to the Cowgirls. "Obviously, with Krista VandeVenter being out with an ankle sprain, it’s next man up. She responded well to it.

"Somewhat surprisingly, Hamlin made this assessment of her play thus far after returning to the hardwood for the first time in two seasons.

"Honestly, I think I’ve struggled a bit," she said after the Wyoming defeat. "Coming in, maybe I put too much pressure on myself, but the last couple of games, I feel like I’ve done better.

"I know that I can be a little more comfortable out there," she said. "But the last two games have been a more of a confidence builder, knowing that I can go out and contribute to this team.

"Now that Iowa is finally returning to the hardwood for the first time in two seasons, Bluder feels that it’s only a matter of time before the team is back on track.

"With JoAnn Hamlin, I think we’ve being to see her grow. It was very, very positive to see her feel a lot more comfortable out there."
I'm willing to deal with the consequences and accept responsibility for my actions.

— Michael Vick, suspended NFL player

"This was an efficient, professional, and thorough investigation that led to my conviction of you," U.S. Attorney Chuck Rosenberg said in a statement. "I think it's an appropriate sentence, and will stay there longer than he asked for."

For one of the country's better athletes, Vick's legal journey was as much as his legal journey.

"You were instrumental in pro-

Of course, that's not the end of the legal journey. Vick was sentenced to prison Monday for running a dogfighting operation. Vick was sentenced to prison Monday for running a dogfighting operation. Vick was sentenced to prison Monday for running a dogfighting operation.

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**Daily Break**

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

**Horoscopes**

- **Aries** (March 21-April 19): Your horoscope indicates that you are likely to find a way to arm yourself with added knowledge. You are in a phase where you can make next year better. Set a game plan and goals that are attainable. Make a to-do list, and stick to it. Remember, you are likely to find your love is likely to find its way back into your heart.

- **Taurus** (April 20-May 20): Your horoscope suggests that you can continue to show your support for someone who has your back. You are in a phase where you can help someone in your corner who supports your actions, but don't leave someone out who still supports you. Your thoughts will be important in keeping the peace and harmony in your life.

- **Gemini** (May 21-June 21): Your horoscope indicates that you are in a phase where you can keep things going smoothly. You are in a phase where you can continue to do what you want, and make a choice that will enable you to feel satisfied. Set your priorities, and stick to your goals.

- **Cancer** (June 22-July 22): Your horoscope suggests that you are in a phase where you can make a difference. You are in a phase where you can continue to show your support for someone who has your back. You are in a phase where you can keep things going smoothly.

- **Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): Your horoscope indicates that you are in a phase where you can keep things going smoothly. You are in a phase where you can continue to show your support for someone who has your back. You are in a phase where you can keep things going smoothly.

- **Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your horoscope suggests that you are in a phase where you can make a difference. You are in a phase where you can continue to show your support for someone who has your back. You are in a phase where you can keep things going smoothly.

- **Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your horoscope indicates that you are in a phase where you can continue to show your support for someone who has your back. You are in a phase where you can keep things going smoothly.

- **Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your horoscope suggests that you are in a phase where you can make a difference. You are in a phase where you can continue to show your support for someone who has your back. You are in a phase where you can keep things going smoothly.

- **Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your horoscope indicates that you are in a phase where you can make a difference. You are in a phase where you can continue to show your support for someone who has your back. You are in a phase where you can keep things going smoothly.

- **Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your horoscope suggests that you are in a phase where you can make a difference. You are in a phase where you can continue to show your support for someone who has your back. You are in a phase where you can keep things going smoothly.

- **Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your horoscope indicates that you are in a phase where you can make a difference. You are in a phase where you can continue to show your support for someone who has your back. You are in a phase where you can keep things going smoothly.

- **Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): Your horoscope suggests that you are in a phase where you can make a difference. You are in a phase where you can continue to show your support for someone who has your back. You are in a phase where you can keep things going smoothly.

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