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 Partly cloudy.
 Calm winds.
 High 44°.

Tonight:
 Partly cloudy.
 Low 30°.
Thursday:
 Partly cloudy.
 High 47°.

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Lunch Time at WHS

- Today's lunch:** Hamburger
- A la carte lines:** Lasagna, chef salad, cold sandwiches, turkey tidbits, chicken quesadilla
- Thursday:** Barbeque ribbette sandwich
- Representatives visiting WHS:**
 Thursday Augustana, Sioux Falls
 Feb. 9 S.D. Air National Guard

Other Reminders

- Hip-Hop Stylez:** Performance group is back. First practice is at 3:30 p.m. Thursday. Sign up now in A-106.
- Summer School:** Forms are now available in the counseling center.
- Transcripts:** With first semester grades are not yet available. Order them at the end of the month.
- Bus Passes:** For the month of February are now available from transportation coordinator Mary Fries in the student services office.
- Close-Up:** Members will be selling fancy ice cream sundaes for \$1 today during lunch in the commons.

Outside WHS

By Ron Hutcherson
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

WASHINGTON—Vowing to break the nation's "addiction" to foreign oil, President Bush called Tuesday in the State of the Union Address for cutting oil imports from the Middle East by 75 percent over the next 20 years.

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Boys basketball team makes it four in a row

By Jason Horstman and Duncan DeVries

The Warrior boys varsity basketball team made it four wins in a row Tuesday night as they defeated the Sioux City, Iowa, North Stars 67-57 at WHS.

Leading the Warriors were seniors Skyler Bolks with 12 points and five blocks, Eric Lindquist with 12 points and Ben Matchan with 11 points and junior Sam Holsen adding 12 points.

The Warriors led 32-26 at halftime, but were tied as they entered the fourth quarter. With much of the team contributing, the Warriors then pulled away for a victory.

Coach Jim Trett said despite the team's many turnovers, they still had the confidence and poise needed in order to overcome the Stars' effort.

"We played a sloppy game with 19 turnovers, and got behind," Trett said, "but we kept our poise and rallied back as a complete team to win the game."

The Warriors are now 9-4 as they head into



Photo by Sam-Wise Soholt
UP AND IN—Senior Skyler Bolks puts up a shot in the win over North. Bolks had 12 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks in the win.

their next game against the O'Gorman Knights Friday.

Program helps spot plagiarism

By Paul Schipper and Duncan DeVries

The school district recently purchased a license to use turnitin.com, a website that scans papers submitted by students for signs of plagiarism.

The school's AP program is paying for the license, which runs them about \$1,500 annually, but the whole school is able to use it, according to principal Bill Hoff

Utilizing the Turn It In program, it takes about thirty seconds to a minute for the program to scan a two to four page paper as it searches its database for possible plagiarized material. The program then rates the paper on a scale, indicating how likely it is to

have been plagiarized.

Junior James Feinstein said he approves of the program.

"I think, if it's accurate, it's a good thing," Feinstein said. "I always believed in second chances, though."

According to Hoff, the program has a reputation for accuracy.

"This will help students understand that plagiarism is cheating," Hoff said. "I don't think some students realize that taking ideas or portions of papers and claiming it as their own work is stealing."

AP program coordinator Becky Kelley said problems can be easily avoided.

"The big thing is, there's no problem with this if you cite

your sources correctly," Kelley said. "It's important that students know the program is out there and the consequences are more severe."

The district consequences for the first instance of plagiarizing include getting a zero for the assignment. Consequences in college can be very high, including expulsion from the institution.

Kelley says it's waste of time to plagiarize.

"In the long run, you're only hurting yourself," she said. "The bottom line is, it's wrong. In this day and age when you can download music or videos, some don't understand that it's illegal. They only think it's stealing if they get caught."

Please share—leave on tables until 5B

Warrior opinions

Have you ever plagiarized a school assignment?

Assembled by Amanda Vinson, Alison Harkness and Stefanie Chmielewski

Yuriy Silchuk
Freshman



"No, I have never plagiarized before. I just 'Google.' I do cite my sources, however."

Thuba Nguyen
Sophomore



"Yes, I have done it before, but I learned my lesson and wouldn't do it again."

Mason Boutros
Junior



"I've never plagiarized—it's a bad thing to do."

Oksana Sushchik
Senior



"I don't plagiarize. I read the papers, then put them in my own words. I always cite my sources."

Kerri Smith
Librarian



"No, I am very anti-plagiarism. I would rather have bad writing than use someone else's writing."

XL Super Bowl means XL ads

Months of hard work will climax this weekend with a battle between the two remaining NFL teams, the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Seattle Seahawks in what will be Super Bowl XL—that's 40, to us non-Romans.

The closing of this great season also brings another thing with it—great commercials. Year after year, the Super Bowl is home to some of the best commercial launches out there. Companies pour out millions of dollars just to



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given exposure to close to 100 million Americans to try and sell their products to.

So just what does it take to please a crowd this size? The

most effective commercials of the past have made use of animals, such as the E-trade chimpanzee from a few years ago. The people at Anheuser Busch have this technique down to a key, from their chanting frogs and lizards to the Clydesdales—nobody forgets the great commercials they make.

So, as you prep up for the big game this Sunday, you can be sure to expect classics from the people that know what they are doing.

Whether it's Coke, Pepsi, Nike or Burger King—they will not let those millions they spend go to waste.

And, who will have the surprise commercial that has everyone laughing this year? I leave it to a dot com company.

I suggest all of you take your bathroom breaks during the game so you don't miss any of the great commercials this year. After all, you can always watch the Pro Bowl a week later.

Senior Kevin Haiar is still bitter about the Seahawks beating the Panthers.

Freshman, sophomore boys also earn wins over North

By Steve Wood and Ryan Zerfas

The freshman and sophomore boys basketball teams earned wins over Sioux City, Iowa, North Tuesday at WHS.

The sophomores won in overwhelming fashion 81-59.

Coach Doyle Becker commended the team.

"We played really great team ball," Becker said. "We have progressed into a good passing team."

The freshman boys basketball team also earned a 61-51 win over North.

During the first half the Warriors struggled to gain the lead, but the team got

their game together and picked it up for the win during the second half.

Freshman Riley Conklin said the team did struggle early.

"We played badly the first half, but luckily picked it up in the second," Conklin said.

With the win, the Warrior 'A' team improved to 11-2 on the season.

Freshman Levi Smith said, despite the win, the team could have played better.

"We didn't play our best last night, but we did move the ball well when it counted which gave us the win," Smith said.

Japan gets setback before Olympics

By Philip Hersh
Chicago Tribune (KRT)

TOKYO, Feb. 1 (KRT)—Japan suffers a setback before the Turin Winter Olympics as one of its most medal hopefuls was prevented from the Games.

Mao Asada, who turned 15 in September, is three months too young to be eligible for

Olympic update



the Turin Games. Asada toppled world number-one Irina Slutskaya of Russia to win the women's title at the figure skating Grand Prix series final.

Thus Japan pins its hope solely on male speed skater Joji Kato to end its gold-medal drought.

Kato, a 20-year-old, set the world record of 34.30 seconds last November on his way to win three 500-meter World Cup events this season.

"We can only count on Kato for a gold medal but there are many competitors who have medals within their reach," said Japan's delegation chief Kenichi Chizuka.



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