



**Today:**  
Mostly sunny.  
Not as cold.  
High 19°.

**Tonight:**  
Partly cloudy.  
Low 14°.  
**Friday:**  
Partly sunny.  
Warming.  
High 32°.

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## Happening NOW

- One-Act Play:** "When Darkness Falls" at State Festival through Saturday in Brandon
- Girls Basketball:** vs. O'Gorman—freshmen and JV 4 p.m., sophomores 5:45 p.m., varsity 7:30 p.m. at WHS
- Chorus:** Booster monthly meeting 6:30 p.m. in C-110

## Lunch Time at WHS

- Today's lunch:** Grilled cheese sandwich
- A la carte lines:** Meatball sub sandwich, quesadilla, hamburger, chef salad
- Representatives visiting WHS:**  
Feb. 11.....Northern State U.-Aberdeen  
Feb. 15.....Augustana C.-Sioux Falls  
Feb. 22..Barbizon S. of Modeling-Sioux Falls  
Feb. 23.....S.D. State U.-Brookings  
Feb. 24.....U. of S.D.-Vermillion

## Group Meetings

- Polar Plunge:** Participants who did not meet this morning will meet at 3:05 p.m. today in A-228.
- Students:** Interested in joining a new Green Club focused on environmental issues can attend an organizational meeting at 7:30 a.m. Friday in A-209.
- SALSA:** Volunteer organization members will meet at 3:10 p.m. Wednesday in C-111—not today as originally scheduled.
- SADD:** Members will meet at 8 a.m. Monday in adviser Jenn Atkinson's office.

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# State champion Warriors commit to various college football programs

## Football team members participate in National Signing Day

By Jordan Jones, Makenzie Schmith and Jack Gordon

Some senior Warrior football players proved how tough they really are, despite the extreme cold in Sioux Falls Wednesday.

At 8 a.m. Wednesday, while most students were sleeping in, seven WHS senior football players representing the two-time state 11AA champion Warriors participated in national signing day.

National Signing Day is a traditional event for high school seniors that spotlights where the biggest and best high school football stars will be attending college.

The Avera Sports Institute hosted the much anticipated event for the WHS students, and their signing was covered by many area news outlets.

Some of the major signings from WHS included seniors Derek Farniok who made his decision to attend the University of Oklahoma official, Matt Hermanson who signed with the University of Montana, Brandon Mohr and Serkaut Aware who signed

with local favorite South Dakota State University, Kenny Fidler who committed to play at Augustana College, Stevie Lewis who will play at the University of Sioux Falls and Ben Green who signed with Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa.

Mohr said he is pumped about his upcoming college football career.

"It feels really good to finally be signed," Mohr said. "It also feels like a really big accomplishment. I am really excited for college football—it's the next step in my career and I hope to have fun along the way."

Head football coach Brian Hermanson is really proud of the players, and knows they have a bright future ahead of them.

"All of them are good athletes as well as good students, and we are very proud of them," he said.

Farniok said he is also ready.

"I am excited to head to Norman, Okla., and play for an excellent Sooners football team," Farniok said. "I know I will be coached by some of the best coaches in the nation."



**Matt Hermanson**  
University of Montana



**Derek Farniok**  
University of Oklahoma



**Brandon Mohr**  
South Dakota State University

# Top two girls basketball teams clash tonight

By Cole Mayer

Coming off an unexpected day off on Wednesday, the Warrior girls basketball team is looking to add to their winning streak tonight.

The No. 1 rated Warrior girls will take on the No. 2 rated O'Gorman Knights with varsity play beginning at 7:30 p.m. tonight at WHS.

Currently, both teams are 12-1, with the Knights' only loss coming to Roosevelt 48-40 Dec. 16, 2010. The Warriors only loss was a 57-50 overtime game to Yankton on Dec. 14, 2010.

Senior Becca Ryan said she is ready for what could be a tough game tonight.

"I'm really excited about tonight's game against O'Gorman," Ryan said. "It's going to be a great game because they're a city rival, plus they're ranked No. 2, so we will have to come out prepared and ready right at the tip-off."

An added plus for tonight's game will be a ceremony honoring National Girls and Women in Sports Day. The day was started in memory of Olympic volleyball great Flo Hyman who died suddenly

while playing in Japan on Jan. 24, 1986.

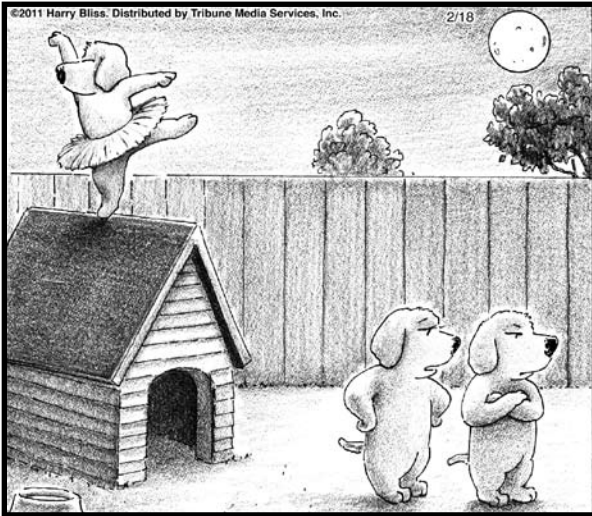
Girls basketball coach Nate Machow said it's a great way to recognize female athletes for their commitment on and off the court.

"It's great to see these senior girls be honored for their high academic standards and how they contributed positively to girl's athletics," Machow said. "To be a positive influence on and off the court is a big achievement and is expected of all Warrior athletes."

Athlete's will be honored at halftime tonight.

# Bliss

By Harry Bliss



"So he doesn't howl at the moon—leave him alone!"

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## The Big Sioux-do-ku

Fill all the blank squares in the game with the correct numbers. Every row, column and 3x3 subsection of nine numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.

# Scranton Stranglers win! Scranton Stranglers win!

Was it impossible for the '04 Red Sox to come back from a three game deficit in a best-of-seven series against the Yankees? Nope. Impossible for the 1980 USA hockey team to take down the great USSR? Not at all. Impossible for the Scranton Strangler Hi-Y team to win one game this season? Well, we thought so, but another in a series of great sporting events last night proved otherwise.

After a rough first three games of the season, my Hi-Y team finally pulled through against one of the league's



Hear me...



Jack Gordon

greatest teams, the Tea Average Joes.

My Hi-Y team, composed of some of the smartest juniors in this school

plus me, is very raw at the game of basketball.

Some would say we are Blake Griffin's or Justin Trett's in the making. We have the talent of a Justin Trett, including the instinctively strong defensive skills and amazing athleticism. We had just not put it together on the court yet. But last night, we put our best effort out there and we were most certainly rewarded.

Juniors Ben Selbo, Matt Bell and Tom Ritter found their game early and led us. In the second half, defensive star junior Isaak Ailts and junior scoring extraordinaire Kyle Brunick led our team and preserved the lead until the end.

It was close, though. Tea made a comeback and went ahead with eight seconds left. We inbounded and charged up the court, where Brunick hit me with a pass that led me to the basket for a floater that went in as time expired.

Victory—Scranton Stranglers win 45-44!

Junior Jack Gordon has the greatest coach in the world, junior Mitch Shearer.

# Crime ring targeted Apple stores

By John Riley  
Newsday (MCT)

NEW YORK — Two sophisticated criminal rings that used stolen credit-card data to buy and fence merchandise from Apple stores have been charged in a \$1 million cyber-fraud case, Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance announced Wednesday.

## Technology Watch



Twenty-six defendants from Queens and Brooklyn who Vance said bought stolen data from overseas websites and recruited "shoppers" to use forged credit cards were accused of ripping off iPods, iPads and other goods at stores from New York to Oregon to Florida.

"Cybercrime and its close cousin, identity theft, are the fastest-growing crimes in the United States," Vance said. In his office, those cases were up 50 percent last year.

The two overlapping conspiracies, dubbed "S3," operated by putting stolen credit-card data onto magnetic tapes on the back of fake cards, but embossing the actual name of the criminal "shopper" on the front of the card.

That way, the shoppers could produce genuine ID to a cashier, officials said. Authorizations from credit issuers apparently did not ensure that the name on the card matched the name of the actual holder of the account identified on the magnetic tape.

Officials said the leaders of the two rings were Shaheed Bilal, 28, of Brooklyn, who was accused of running it at one point out of the Rikers Island jail through his girlfriend, and Anthony Harper, 28, of Brooklyn.

## Sioux-do-ku sioux-lution

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