



Today:
 Mostly sunny.
 Nice.
 High 52°.

Tonight:
 Partly cloudy.
 Low 30°.
Friday:
 Partly cloudy.
 High 48°.

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Happening NOW

•**Orchestra:** Large group contest all day in auditorium and orchestra room

Lunch Time at WHS

- Today's lunch:** Chili
- A la carte lines:** Pizza, chef salad, cold sandwiches, hot ham and cheese sandwiches, chicken fajita
- Friday:** Glazed chicken sandwich

Group Meetings

- Renaissance Committee:** Members will meet at 7:30 a.m. Friday in A-145—wear your new black T-shirt
- Warrior Faces: Ireland:** Organizers 7:30 a.m. Friday in A-136
- Wrestlers:** Will meet for their end-of-season banquet at 6:30 p.m. March 16 in the commons.

Other Reminders

- Josten's Representative:** Will return during lunch periods Friday so seniors can pick up graduation announcements or order class rings.
- Brownie Sundaes:** Will be sold by the student council for \$1 during lunch periods today. All proceeds will benefit the Polar Plunge.
- Seniors:** Interested in being a graduation speaker should see senior class adviser Heidi Jorgenson in A-141 for audition packets and information.
- Seniors:** Several important scholarship deadlines are approaching.

WHS breakdancing group wins local Star Search

By Corey Backer and Michael Callis

Kicking up their heels and winning over the judges and crowd, a boys dance group called Loaf-a-Style consisting of five WHS students recently won the grand prize in the 2006 Empire Mall Star Search Competition Monday at the last regular-season home Skyforce game.

The competition, which is not associated with the national Star Search program, featured singers, dancers and other artists in rounds of preliminary competitions leading to the final face-off at the Arena Monday.

Loaf-a-Style went through weeks of training in preparation for the finals. To enter the competition, the members, including sophomores Jordan Boyd, Justin Sehr, Norbert Torok, Carlos Vargas and Denny Yen, had to first create a three-minute audition tape of their routine. The first round of preliminary competition was held on Jan. 21 at the Empire Mall. After advancing past that round they competed at halftime of an earlier Skyforce game to advance to the finals. By winning this competition the group won \$1,500 in prizes from mall merchants and took home the title of Sioux Empire Star Search Champions.

Yen said it was very exciting when they won the competition in front of a huge crowd at the Arena.

"When they announced the results, we were

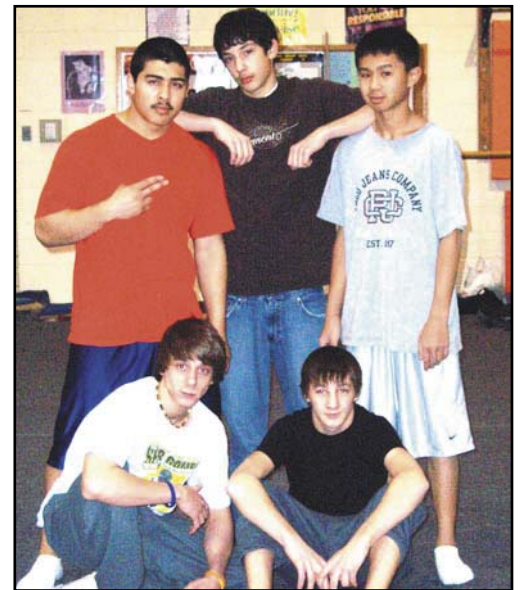


Photo by Kelley Walsh
STARS—Members of Loaf-a-Style that recently won a local Star Search contest include (sitting) Norbert Torok, Justin Sehr, (standing) Carlos Vargas, Jordan Boyd and Denny Yen.

very excited and crazy about winning," Yen said. "We prepared for a month before the competition and we often practiced until very late. All that practice paid off in the end."

Student council members serve over 200 breakfasts

By Matt Madson and Ryan Lehr

WHS Student Council members recently gave back to their community by serving at The Banquet early Wednesday morning as part of a community service project.

Four members showed up at 5:30 a.m. while the remaining volunteers arrived around 6:30 a.m. The group helped serve until 8 a.m.

Junior council member Sarah Hitchcock said serving

at The Banquet, a local private organization dedicated to feeding the homeless and needy in the city, is a great way in which to volunteer within the community.

"Serving at The Banquet is a great opportunity to contribute to the community," Hitchcock said. "It allows you to realize how fortunate you are."

Sophomore council member Stevie Knutson said serving at The Banquet allowed her to see the community from a dif-

ferent perspective.

"Serving at The Banquet was a great experience that pushed me out of my comfort zone," Knutson said. "It taught me that there is another world out there."

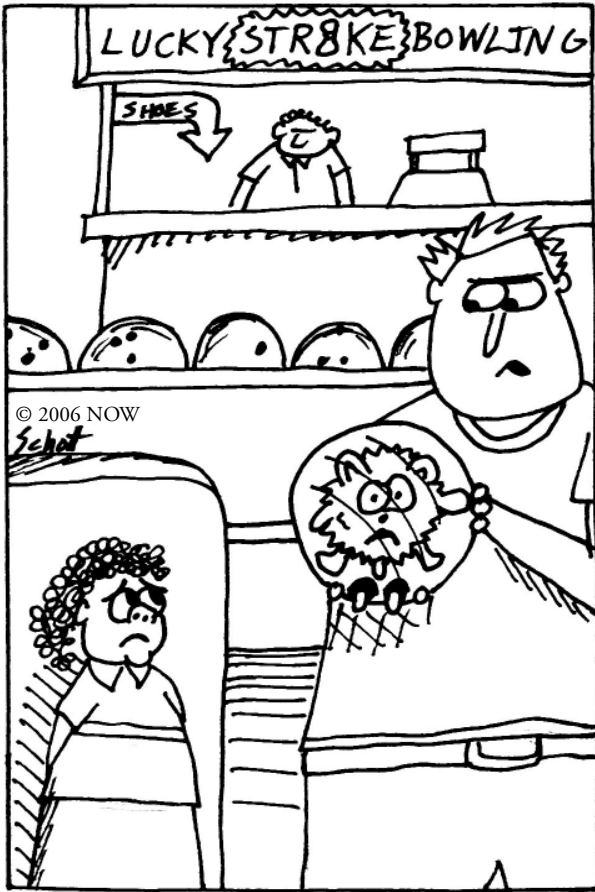
Student council members serve at The Banquet twice each school year. Members have also participated in the "Mall Walk," a fundraising effort for Children's Care Hospital and support many other community efforts.

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Cartoon

By Aaron Schott



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"For the last time, I haven't seen your little gerbil."

Vintage tank-tops are top of fashion pyramid for junior

If you could pick one thing that you missed the most what would it be? For me, the two things I miss the most are dirty tank tops with some picture or phrase on them, and Yugoslavia.

The chances of me ever bringing Yugoslavia back are about the same as me becoming the cheese eating champion of Manchuria, and I want to make a difference in the world, so I am going to dedicate no less than 11 minutes over the next several months or years to bringing back dirty tank tops.

Now when I talk dirty tank tops, I'm not talking about cutesy pink pastel spaghetti strap shirts with a little spot of catsup on it, oh no. To me a real tank top is some sleeveless shirt, preferably from the early to mid '80s that may or may not have been white at one time, and across the front or back reads something like, "I Survived ZZ Top '84".

I figure the two biggest obstacles to returning the classic tank are, one, it's not the '80s and they don't make these any more, and two, they are in direct violation of the school dress code.

The first one is going to be hard to get around, but if we all formed crews like on "Captain Planet," several hundred of us students could search through all the local thrift markets and garage sales and find some nice vintage shirts. The second problem however, presents another equally big, yet interestingly different dilemma.

Unfortunately, the only solution to this problem I have found is to sport the tanks outside of school, and maybe if they catch on they will be allowed at school—or not. But if nobody can find any of these or nobody else wants to wear these things, I am working on a plan for the glorious return of Yugoslavia.

Junior Jake Brakke is going to purchase some old shirts.



Hear me...



Jake Brakke

Woodruff improves

Knight Ridder/
Tribune News Service
(KRT)

Bob Woodruff, 44, who along with cameraman Doug Vogt was injured Jan. 29 in an Iraqi roadside bomb explosion, is "definitely doing so much better," the ABC anchorman's brother, David Woodruff, said Tuesday on "Good Morning America."

"In the last couple of days, he's taken a lot of great leaps forward."

ABC News president David Westin Tuesday said in a statement that Woodruff, who remains hospitalized at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., has been conscious and alert: "They have him up and walking around. He's conversing with (his wife) Lee, with his children, and with the nurses."

Vogt, who also underwent surgery in Germany before being flown to Bethesda, is recuperating with his family in France.

Names in the News



Bachelor Breakup

Not even the lights of Paris were able to forge a lasting love flame for manufactured-for-TV "Bachelor: Paris" couple, emergency room physician Travis Stork and elementary school teacher Sarah Stone. Stork, who chose Stone to be his gal on last week's series finale of the ABC show, says the two are no longer an item. Speaking to the Nashville Tennessean, both blame the ABC rules that prohibited them from dating each other in public between November, when taping ended, and the Feb. 27 finale.

"The reality is that we were in this fantasy world," the doc said. "And now that we're back in Nashville, over time when you're not allowed to see someone, you grow apart."

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WHS hosts orchestra contest

By Gabe Steinborn and Chelsey Wahlstrom

WHS will host a large group orchestra contest beginning at 8 a.m. this morning in the auditorium and orchestra room.

Local high school orchestras will be judged on how smooth their delivery of a prepared piece is.

Senior Joy Churchill said the WHS orchestra has been working hard in the mornings to prepare for the contest.

"We've had a lot of early morning rehearsals to help and prepare," Churchill said. "We have done a lot of section work, as well."

Churchill is confident about the group's piece.

"I'm pretty confident that we'll do a good job because we've been sounding really good and coming together nicely," she said.

The solo orchestra contest will be held later this month for individual competitors.