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 Partly cloudy.
 Nice.
 High 41°.

Tonight:
 Partly cloudy.
 Low 21°.
Friday:
 Mostly cloudy.
 High 34°.

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WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL • SIOUX FALLS, SD

Happening now

- Play:** “Step on a Crack” opens 7 p.m. in Little Theatre
- All-State Band:** Through Saturday in Aberdeen

Lunch Time at WHS

- Today’s lunch:** Barbeque beef sandwich
- A la carte lines:** Pizza, chef salad, cold sandwiches, breaded chicken sandwich, chicken fajita
- Friday:** Fish and cheese sandwich

Group Meetings

- Renaissance Committee:** Members will meet at 7:30 a.m. Friday in A-145.
- Diversity Committee:** Members will meet at 7:30 a.m. Friday in A-136.
- Peer Helpers:** Will meet at 7:30 a.m. Friday in A-251.
- Potential Highsteppers:** For 2006-07 need to meet at 3:10 p.m. Monday in A-118. Boys may try out for the hip-hop team, girls for any team. Practice for try outs will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

Other Reminders

- Academic Letters:** For the last two semesters will be handed out next week during seventh period—seniors on Monday, juniors on Tuesday and sophomores on Wednesday. Check the list on the office window.

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‘Step on a Crack’ opens tonight as children’s show

By Michael Callis and Corey Backer

Several WHS students will be showcasing their theatrical skills tonight in the WHS presentation of “Step on a Crack.”

The children’s theater production will kick off tonight at 7 p.m. in the Little Theatre and continue with a show Friday and Saturday, and two shows next week on Monday and Tuesday night. Non-public matinees will also be held for select elementary school students.

“Step on a Crack” is a children’s play that deals with a little girl and life with her step-mother and imaginary friends.

Senior Mike Kvanli, who plays the role of Max in the play, feels that even if you are not a little kid, you will enjoy the production.

“The play is going to be great and many kids have already seen it and have enjoyed it,” Kvanli said. “Hopefully, others will come and enjoy the play as well.”

Friday afternoon, the fifth graders from Anne Sullivan Elementary will get the opportunity to come over to WHS and watch a free screening of the play.

Director Suzi Jones said she feels that the students from Anne Sullivan are very fortunate and lucky to see the play.

“Usually, high school plays cost money to attend, so these students are fortunate to be see-



Photo by Dzenan Berberovic
GOOD NIGHT—Senior Kayla Jackmon as Lucille tucks freshman Candace Towns as Ellie into bed in a scene from the play.

ing a good play for no cost,” Jones said. Jones is very excited for the play to begin. “This is a play for children, but all ages will enjoy the play,” she said. “It will remind them of the issues they faced in their childhood.” Admission to the play will be \$3 for students and adults at the door.

Students scatter around city, enjoy first career day

By Matt Madson and Ryan Lehr

All WHS students experienced a unique opportunity as the first-ever, district-wide career day was held Wednesday in Sioux Falls.

The career day is serving as a replacement to a career event formally held at the Expo Center in Sioux Falls and attended by fewer students.

On Wednesday, freshman and seniors stayed at WHS for special programs while juniors went to the Washington Pavilion and sophomores trav-

eled to Southeast Technical Institute.

Freshman Parker Hanson said he thought career day was an interesting experience, even if he didn’t get to leave the building.

“I have never had a job before, so I thought it was interesting,” Hanson said.

Sophomore Ryan Smith said he learned new things while attending career day.

“It was interesting to learn about the different types of jobs you can be involved in,” Smith said.

Junior Brett Cosand said he enjoyed the career day as well.

“It was pretty amazing,” Cosand said. “We got to see many different colleges and what they had to offer.”

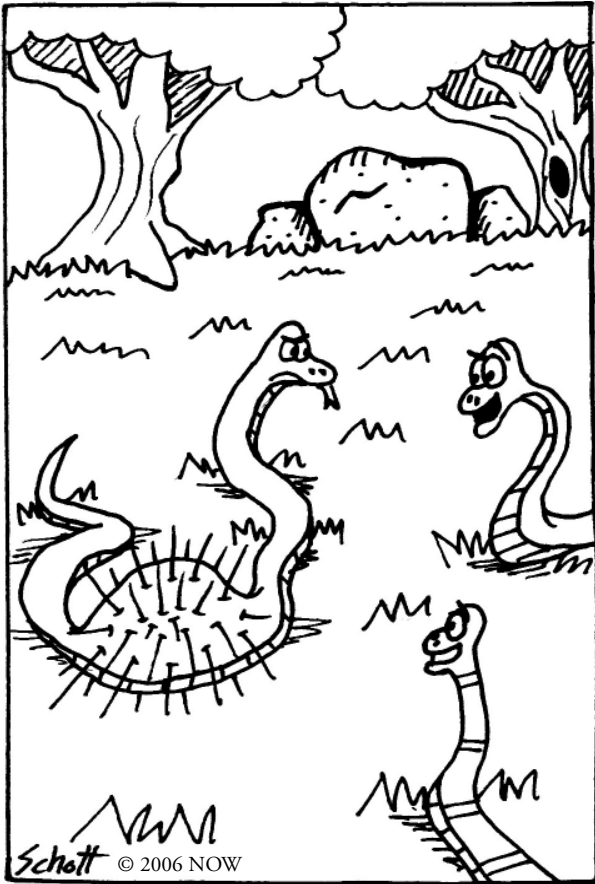
Senior Julean Michels said the things he learned at career day will help him out in the future.

“Their was some good information that will help me out later in life,” Michels said. “I think other students will benefit from career day. Career day should continue in the future, if possible.”

Please share—leave on tables until 5B

Cartoon

By Aaron Schott



"Hey pin-cushion, how's that porcupine digesting?"

Breakfast should only be enjoyed in the morning

Some things belong in a certain place. NASCAR belongs in the south, the queen needs to be in England, the Skyforce belong in the CBA finals, and breakfast foods belong at breakfast.

Now, I know that I am going against the grain when I say this, but French toast is not allowable for supper.

Generally people do not consume sweets for dinner, and rightfully so. If this is the case, why do the good people at Denny's find it acceptable to dirty the minds of our nation by serving pancakes, an undeniable sweet food, for lunch *and* supper.

I understand not all foods for breakfast happen to be sweet—such as the incredible edible egg. Eggs really aren't that incredible, though. They have a rubbery texture, are very high in cholesterol, and like cereal should not be eaten after 10:30 in the morning. The reason that I do not allow eggs to be eaten after 10:30 is nothing more than my general distaste for them, but for this column that should do. (Breakfast sausage fits in this category, too.)

It is common knowledge that by now, the world is beyond the point of ever going back to sanity and not eating morning foods in the afternoon. I also know that there may only be two students in our entire school who think that foods have certain places that they belong. But history has shown that the people who are right are in the minority, and I believe that in this case history will repeat itself.

For those of you who say that I have presented no real argument on why breakfast should have its own foods, and afternoon meals their own, you would be absolutely correct. Just imagine how terrible life could be, though, if NASCAR suddenly invaded our pristine South Dakota ecosystem. See what I mean?

Junior Jake Brakke wants to eat eggs in the afternoon with Queen Elizabeth at a Nascar race.



Hear me...



Jake Brakke

Estefan gives back

Knight Ridder/
Tribune News Service
(KRT)

Cuban American singer Gloria Estefan, 48, who was temporarily paralyzed after breaking her back in an accident in 1990 when her tour bus was hit by a tractor-trailer in the Poconos, has given \$1 million to create a clinical-trial program at the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, which will use the latest research on paralysis for human trials.

"I don't beep at airports," Estefan joked about the titanium rods implanted in her 16 years ago.

"I always get that question. I'm not magnetic. Space-age metal. And titanium reinforced. Guys in my band called me robo-pop."

Names in the News



Reality journalism

In a huge gamble—that journalism isn't long dead and buried—MTV and Rolling Stone magazine are on a quest to find the next great (reality TV-manufactured) journalist.

And it could be you.

Their joint reality show, which begins taping in June, will show hours and hours of young cub reporters, um, typing. Contestants will work with the mag's "top editors"; "hone their writing skills"; and "secure interviews with" "major musicians, actors and politicians." The winner gets a one-year job at Rolling Stone.

Go to www.rollingstone.com to apply.

Betting on the Big Easy

The love keeps on coming to New Orleans. NBC-owned cabler Bravo TV is taking "Celebrity Poker Showdown" to the Big Easy. Premiering sometime in the spring, the show will be cohosted by Phil Hellmuth and Dave Foley. All winnings will go to charities benefiting hurricane victims.

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All-State band begins today

By Matt Herbert, Caitlin Walsh and Kelley Walsh

On Saturday, two WHS students will be playing in the All-State Band Concert along with participants from across the state.

The concert will be held on the campus of Northern State University in Aberdeen. Sophomores Amber Fick and Xiang Li will be performing in the "Clark" concert, one of two separate concerts being held this year.

Fick said she expects a busy weekend.

"I'm expecting to work very hard on the music to perfect it for Saturday," Fick said.

The students begin practice today in Aberdeen.

Teacher Jason Rygg said this year is going to be a change and should bring new flavor to the show.

"This year's music is very different," Rygg said. "It's a whole new program with two separate concerts."