



**Today:**  
Partly cloudy.  
Breezy.  
High 47°.

**Tonight:**  
Mostly clear.  
Low 24°.

**Friday:**  
Sunny.  
High 52°.

*Thursday NOW is brought to you by: Dakota Lettering.*

### Happening now

- Football:** vs. Sioux City, Iowa, West 4:15 p.m. at WHS
- Tennis:** Varsity State Meet through Saturday in Sioux Falls
- Volleyball:** in Yankton—freshman and sophomore 5 p.m., junior varsity 6:15 p.m., varsity 7:30 p.m.
- Soccer:** State Tournament through Saturday in Brookings
- All-State Chorus:** Auditions 3:45 p.m. in auditorium

### Lunch time at WHS

- Today's lunch:** Chicken sandwich
- A la carte lines:** Pepperoni hot pocket, chef salad, fish sandwich, nachos
- Friday:** Hamburger with french fries
- Representatives visiting WHS:**  
Friday ..... U.S. Air Force  
Oct. 19 ..... Bethany Lutheran, Minn.

### Group meetings

- Young Democrats:** 3:10 p.m. today in A-122
- SALSA:** 3:15 p.m. today in A-201—all students are welcome
- Improv:** Kick-off meeting 3:30 p.m. today in staff dining room—sign up today to attend
- Diversity Committee:** 7:30 a.m. Friday in administrative conference room
- Photo Club:** 3:10 p.m. Friday in C-104
- Cheerleaders:** Comp-Squad try outs 2 p.m. Monday in gymnastics room

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## Over 300 Warriors honored with academic letters this week

By Matt Madson and Alex Gutnik

Academic letters will be awarded to 343 WHS sophomores-seniors this week who achieved a GPA of 3.5 or greater for the last two semesters.

The letters were presented to seniors on Wednesday and juniors today and will be presented to sophomores Friday during second period in the commons. Coinciding with the presentations is a special guest speaker, new assistant superintendent Fred Aderhold.

Senior Axel Gatica-Barrientos said receiving an academic letter was an honor.

“Receiving a letter makes me very proud of being a good student,” Gatica-Barrientos said. “It takes a lot of studying and work in order to earn a letter.”

### Sophomores 3.5-3.99

Abbey Aasen, Nicolas Albers, Mitch Amor, Shawn Andrews, Benjamin Arnold, Alesha Austin, Drake Bachmeier, Christopher Beacom, Sayre Bedinger, Austin Behrens, Megan, Berdahl, Blake Berke, Justin Black, Parker Blow, Erin Bommersbach, Nathan Boone, Brandy Bruining, Abigail Bulock, Tiffany Buus, Chelsea Cadwell, Ashley Carlson, Jennifer CentesVillalta, Tina Chov, Haleigh DeBoer, Danica DesLauriers, Grace Devries, Fatoumata Dibba, Jared Drenkow, Robert Dyar, Kia Ehlers, Alison Eide, Traci Eitreim, Traci Fejfar, Erica Frenz, Andrew Gaspar, Darren Glover, Jessica Grotewold, Timothy Haines, Chelsea Hanson, Jennifer Hanson, Mikaela Haron, Avan Hassan, Laura Heck, Ian Hibbard, Amanda Holden, Grant Hooyer, Colin Ingalls, Joseph Jares, Amanda Knowler, Stevie Knutson, Katy Koelling, Marin Kull, Christina Kuperus, Jordan Laird, Lauren Lambert, Lynsee Lanners, Amy Long, Meghan Lupica, Eleonora Malkina, Andrew Manley, Kathryn Marso, Trevor Mathison, Stuart Nelson, Rachel Nelson, Hang Nguyen, Meghan O'Connor, Dina Pho, Chelsea Pray, Jessica Quittem, Jezelle Ryan, Abusufiyan Saada, Amy Sandhurst, Kelsey Schave, Melissa Siemonsma, Melissa Sletto, Luke Stasia, Rebekkah Steinwand, Kristin Stoltenburg, Desiree Stuessy, Joseph Stupka, Ashlee Sturdevant, Rebekah Tesch, Alyssa Tieszen, Kimharn Tran, Nicole Ulvestad, Alison VanHill, Jose Vargas, Rebecca Vinson, Heather Viste, Autumn Wallenstein, Elizabeth Waterman, Alyssa Webb, Allyson Wingert, Joshua Wipf and Sarah Wyant.

### Sophomores 4.0

Corey Backer, Jeremy Barta, Matthew Beck, Vance Blankers, Colin Brunick, Michael Callis, Nathan Carda, Joshua Doorn, Monique Ellefson, Amber Fick, Lauren Fields, Krista Friesner, Savannah George, Tyler Gilliland, Jamie Grotewold, Amy Hanten, Matthew Haron, Matthew Hicks, Amber Holmes, Allison Hout, Sarah Jamison, Ryan Jans, Alex Krug, Lindsey Lanpher, Caitlin Leimbach, Xiang Li, Alexis Loewenberg, Timothy Marlette, Timothy McKittrick, Benjamin Merry, Emily Miller, Lesli Miller, Adam Niemeyer, Calli Oberembt, Sarah Odens, Kristyne Olson, Jodi Penn, Samantha Perry, Jedidiah Peters, Rika Peterson, Damir Popovic, Ashley Schaefer, Alyssa Schmith, Andrew Schmitt, Luke Sendelbach, Derek Shafer, Molly Soholt, Taylor

Steinborn, Kelsey Swoboda, Kaylee Thorson, Lindsey Trett, Kelsey Vig, Jane Vipond, Olga Voznyuk, Chelsey Wahlstrom, Rebekah Walker, Jonathan Wallner, Whitney Weber, Alex Wegehaupt, Kirsten Wollman and Taylor Zwart.

### Juniors 3.5-3.99

Emily Baney, Eddy Bautista, Lauren Beaumont, Casandra Beckette, Seth Bonnstetter, Kiley Bruggeman, Brett Cosand, Staci Daggert, Alyssa Day, Regina Dumansky, Meho Duzic, Kristine Feltman, Jami Flesner, Martin FrancoBaltazar, Jessica Gaspar, Nicholas Gaspar, Amanda Gordon, Daniel Gustafson, Alexander Gutnik, Joanna Halverson, Aveen Hassan, Sonya Heinrich, Erin Hibbard, Sarah Hitchcock, Ryota Hiyane, Shannon Holtz, Michelle Hopp, Melissa Houdek, Kylie Huether, Rebecca Ideker, Hannah Johnson, Melissa Johnson, Genavieve Kelly, Chelsea Kerl, Kaelee Krege, Laura Lichty, Kelsey Link, Kayla Little, Jordan McDonnell, Chelsea McKinney, Lisa Mellema, Jarod Morken, Samantha MouwSterkel, Mary Nielsen, Andrew Niemeyer, Rachel O'Connor, Amanda Parish, Tasia Petit, Brenna Plowman, Alyssa Powell, Rhianna Puterbaugh, Cristal Reis, Melissa Rogers, Peter Ronning, Jenna Schmidt, Stacey Schriever, Casey Smith, Abby Smith, Kristin Snelling, Ryan Spoonemore, Michaela Steinborn, Matthew Stirling, Vadim Sushchik, Cassandra Vanderwerf, Spenser Wagner, Alysha Weiler, Brandilyn Weyh, Angela Wickersham, Jamieanne Wilcox, Ariel Willeson, Heidi Wollman, Stephen Wood and Alexandra Zawada.

### Juniors 4.0

Marin Amor, Jana Anderson, Cassandra Baumgaertner, Megan Bell, Sheila Davis, Tara Eichhorn, Allison Farmer, Jason Hagemeyer, Elizabeth Hansen, Courtney Holbrook, Rebecca Jones, Jessica Kemp, Matthew Madson, Tashia Martin, Katelyn Melick, Elizabeth Nail, Nathan Otten, Taylor Plucker, Emily Powell, Katrina Schiferl, Jessica Senger, Erica Sieler, Dylan Spader, HaiLee Thomas, Mason Underberg, Kylie VandeBrake and Laura Walker.

### Seniors 3.5-3.99

Mariam Abusharkh, Kelsey Acers, Kristen Andersen, Jennifer Andersen, Tyler Anschutz, Emily Austin, Breinne Baltzer, Cory Bell, Jeremy Blackburn, Anal Boku, Andrei Brinzila, Nicholas Burnside, Erica Carmichael, Braxton Carter, Celeste Centra, Susan Chhen, Karlee Damme, Justin Egge, Collin Fields, Axel GaticaBarrientos, Jared Goos, Kevin Haiar, Taylor Hansen, Griffin Haugen, Courtney Heitkamp, Charli Hoffman, Seth Honerman, Jason Horstman, Kasie Hummel, Stefanie Jellis, Shandi Johnson, Kimberly Kapperman, Dustin Kocak, Taylor Kollitz, Joshua Kurtz, Ryan Lehr, Eric Lindquist, Nikki Loria, Eric Loy, Samantha Madland, Benjamin Matchan, Nathan McBeth, Michael Merry, Emmylu O'Donnell, Clayton Oster, Brittany Pedersen, Angela Pekas, Cody Powell, Matthew Pridey, Britney Rennie, Amy Ritter, Laura Rothenbuehler, Chelsie Schwing, Morgan Sharpe, Matthew Smallcomb, Danielle Smith, Sam-Wise Soholt, Jordan Steinborn, Amanda Stormo, Alyssa Strand, Staci Stupka, Jennifer Thiry, Cassandra Tornow, Andrew Trites, Sabrina Vasa, Chantelle Webb, Benjamin Wehrkamp, Kyle Wheeler and Emily Wodzinski.

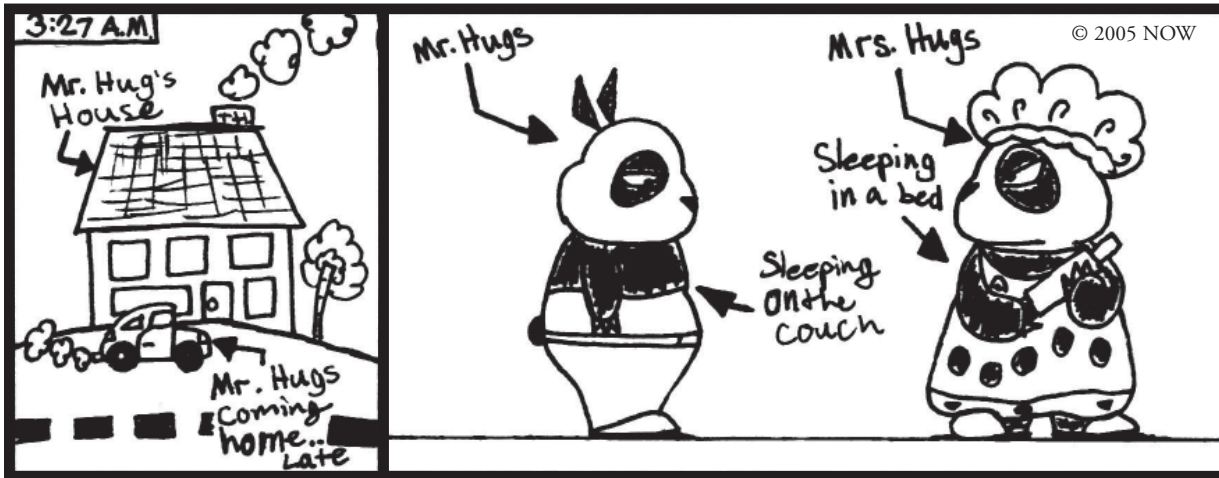
### Seniors 4.0

Andrew Beck, Samuel Beck, Justina Berkness, Brandon Blide, Anna Cutler, Joanna Douglas, Shana Green, Caitlin Iddings, Kathryn Millar, Ryan Miller, Phuonganh Nguyen, Alison Parks, Melissa Ruesch, Joshua Ryan, Jessica Schmit, Chelsey Shupick, Megan VanWyhe and Amanda Wichmann.

Please share—leave on tables until 5B

# Mr. Hugs

By Alan Chau



## Think you know sports?

**Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service (KRT)**

*It's Thursday, and that means sports trivia time in the NOW! If you think you are a sports expert, try your skill at these sports trivia questions.*

Today's questions are about baseball and football.

### Questions:

- 1.) When San Diego defeated the New York Giants, 45-23, on Sunday night, Chargers running back LaDainian Tomlinson became the second player in NFL history to throw a touchdown pass, rush for at least 100 yards, record at least five receptions and score at least three touchdowns in a single game. Who was the first player to accomplish this feat?
- 2.) In 1945, St. Louis Browns outfielder Pete Gray played with what handicap in the major leagues?
- 3.) Which two former All-Star baseball players reached the 3,000-hit plateau on consecutive days in 1999?
- 4.) What is the popular nickname associated with Boston Red Sox designated hitter and MVP candidate David Ortiz?
- 5.) Pro Football Hall of Famer Johnny Unitas is known for what Joe DiMaggio-like passing record?

### Answers:

- 1.) The other was New York Giants running back Frank Gifford, on Dec. 2, 1956.
  - 2.) He was missing his right arm. In his debut, on April 18, 1945, Gray went 1-for-4 as the St. Louis Browns defeated the Detroit Tigers, 7-1. He lost his arm in a frightening truck accident at age 6; therefore he learned to hit and throw with his left arm. However, as more players who had been in military service during World War II returned home, Gray was sent down to the minor leagues.
  - 3.) Tony Gwynn (Aug. 6, 1999) and Wade Boggs (Aug. 7, 1999).
  - 4.) "Big Papi"—Spanish for "Big Daddy."
  - 5.) Unitas threw at least one touchdown pass in 47 consecutive games. Unitas, who died on Sept. 11, 2002, was named the "Greatest Player in the First 50 Years of Pro Football" by the Associated Press.
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## The stress is becoming too much to handle

After receiving around six hours of sleep a night, students face constant pressure to succeed in all aspects of their lives. Finding enough time in the day to accomplish all these expectations becomes stressful and takes its toll physically, as well as mentally, on students.

Some adults say kids have it so much easier then back in their day. I respect my elders, yet I strongly disagree that their lives were more demanding then for kids today.



Hear me...



Kylie Huether

I will say it loud and clear, SCHOOL IS HARD! Kids today are expected to perform at particularly high levels of academic success. Not to say that we should not strive to be our best, but sometimes it would be nice to not come home to

four hours of homework on top of after school activities.

I also realize that life is not fair and sometimes you have to suck it up and do what you do not want to do, but we still are kids. Most young adults will have 60 more years of work ahead. Stress at the age of 15 cannot be good.

When school is stressful, students become hard to handle. The worries of a chapter test or a large assignment can ruin a kid's day. This stress sits in the back of their heads 24 hours a day.

In sports, often 80 percent of the game is mental. When kids' heads are not totally in the game, their success level plummets. Even trying to fall asleep at night is effected by stress when all kids can do is worry.

With so many opportunities these days, kids do not want to miss out on anything. Succeeding in all areas of life is possible, but is all the stress really worth it? Maybe it's time to just relax.

Junior Kylie Huether is stressed to the max.

## State tournaments begin today

**Soccer**  
By Blake Berke and Corey Backer

The South Dakota State Soccer Tournament begins today in Brookings as the Warrior boys faced Roosevelt and the girls team faced Spearfish this morning.

Sophomore Amy Sandhurst said she hopes her team will do well.

"I hope we can keep winning games so we can play through Saturday," Sandhurst said. "We have a few injured key players, but if we play our best we can make it far into the tournament."

The tournament runs through Saturday in Brookings.

**Girls Tennis**  
By Ryan Lehr and Kelley Walsh

The state tennis tournament starts today at Kuehn Park, McKennan Park and at WHS in Sioux Falls.

Singles matches will begin today at noon, followed by doubles matches beginning at 5 p.m.

The WHS girls are ranked third in the final poll. Juniors Emily Gaster, Brittany Gaster, Kylie Huether, sophomore Sarah Jamison and freshman Kilee Kading all received a first round bye for the tournament and will not play today.

Action concludes with championships Saturday at McKennan Park.

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