

## Happening NOW

- Volleyball:** State AA Tournament in Yankton first round game with R.C. Stevens 1:45 p.m.
- Competition Cheer:** End-of-season banquet 5:30 p.m. in commons
- "Flowers for Algeron":** 7 p.m. in auditorium—shows continue Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m.

## Lunch Time at WHS

- Today's lunch:** Breaded chicken
- A la carte lines:** Pepperoni Hot Pocket, chicken fajita, chef salad
- Breakfast:** Served daily one-half hour before start of school day
- Representatives visiting WHS:**  
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## Group Meetings

- Ski Club:** Members will meet at 3:10 p.m. today in E-124.
- Quiz Bowl:** Team members will meet at 3:15 p.m. today in A-159.
- Baseball:** Players will meet at 3:15 p.m. in A-116—freshmen and sophomores today and juniors and seniors Friday.
- Photo Club:** Members will meet at 3:10 p.m. Friday in A-125.

## Other Reminders

- Senior Class Photos:** Must be ordered by the end of the day today in the office. Cost is \$15.

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# WHS volleyball team opens play in state tourney today

## R.C. Stevens up first at 1:45 in Yankton

By Austin Nelson and Cole Mayer

It's that time again for Warrior volleyball team members as the State AA Volleyball Tournament is served up today at 1:45 p.m. at the Summit Center in Yankton.

The 15-8 Warrior varsity will be taking on 19-3 Rapid City Stevens in the first round. In regular season matches, the Warriors have come up short against the Raiders twice, falling in five and three game sets.

The Raiders have only been defeated by two teams this season—Roosevelt and Aberdeen Central.

With state championship inspiration, the Warriors are looking to overcome Stevens when it really counts today, however.

Junior Hannah Weber is confident about this afternoon.

"We are looking to come out strong and keep the

momentum going through every point," Weber said.

With a win this afternoon, the Warriors will play the winner of No. 1 Roosevelt and No. 8 Watertown and be one step closer to winning the state championship.

Senior Payton Zwart said no matter the outcome today, the tournament will be a good one for the Warriors.

"I'm looking forward to bonding with the team," Zwart explained.

Zwart also said she is looking to pull through as a team and beat Stevens.

Head coach LaDawn Nesje has high hopes for her team, also.

"Our expectation is to win it all," Nesje said. "I'm excited to start out with Stevens. We know their expectations since we have played them twice this season, and we feel that we can beat them."

## State AA Volleyball Tournament

### Today's Match-Ups:

•**Noon: No. 1 Roosevelt vs. No. 8 Watertown**

•**1:45 p.m.: No. 5 WHS vs. No. 4 R.C. Stevens**

•**6 p.m.: No. 3 Aberdeen Central vs. No. 6 Lincoln**

•**7:45 p.m.: No. 7 Mitchell vs. No. 2 Huron**

### Friday's Game:

•**WHS will face Roosevelt or Watertown. With a win today, WHS will play at 6 p.m. Friday. With a loss, WHS will play at noon Friday.**

### Saturday's Game:

•**The championship game is set for 8 p.m. Saturday, with other games earlier in the day.**

## Great American Smokeout is great day to call it quits

By Tsegereda Lamesgin, Katie Johnson and Makenzie Schmich

WHS students can win a gift certificate to Century Theatres today by heading over to the SADD table during lunch to answer a trivia question about the Great American Smokeout going on today across the U.S.

Student names will then be placed in a drawing to win tickets. At the same time, students can pick up brochures

and pamphlets about the Great American Smokeout. The Great American Smokeout, a day to call it quits for good, first began on Nov. 18, 1971. It all started in a small town in Massachusetts when a guidance counselor asked people to give up cigarettes for one day and donate the money they would have used for cigarettes to a college scholarship fund.

Students are encouraged to participate in the Smokeout

festivities by throwing away their cigarettes today.

Sophomore Spencer Pederson, a member of SADD, said the event is an important one.

"The Great American Smokeout is important because it teaches that smoking is truly bad for anyone," Pederson said. "SADD also informs students of what is really in cigarettes."

Visit the SADD table today for details.

# Need a formal date? Think technology!

As I walk through the halls at WHS and witness more PDAs (Public Displays of Affection) then I would ever want to, I cannot help but wonder how many of these "couples" will be going to this year's winter formal together.

That's right, it's that time of year again, gentlemen. It's time to pull a Michelangelo and get creative. Time

is running out, and last time I checked, it took Michelangelo about five years to paint the Sistine Chapel. So ladies, if you

haven't been asked yet, don't expect anything as amazing as the iconic image of God giving life to Adam. Expect something a little more sub-par, like Tiger Woods' golf game this past year.

But do not worry, men of WHS, I am here to help.

OK, first I need to make clear that the element of surprise is always a guarantee to success. A good way to use this element is to sneak into the girl's car you want to ask before she goes to school one morning, and then when she

is pulling out of the driveway, jump out from the rear seats and scream, "Surprise!" Now that you have her totally off guard, pop the question. And maybe serve time for car-jacking. Whichever.

Another great way to ask a girl to formal is to send her an e-mail! There is nothing in my day I look forward to more than opening up my in-box on Hotmail and finding an unread e-mail! Just type the question and send it! E-mail! It's the hot new thing, so try it! And if that doesn't work, instant message her on AIM! Even more high-tech!

Last, but not least, is my best idea. However, this idea requires the most work.

For this, you must acquire the girl's cellular telephone number (keep in mind, this is usually a seven digit number.) From there, I am honestly not sure what to do. These new mobile phones really have me confused. Maybe you could call her or do this "texting" I've been hearing so much about.

Or, if you are as overwhelmed by technology as I, ask Brett Favre what he would do if he had a lady's cell phone number. He seems like a pretty tech-savvy guy to me.

Junior Jack Gordon contemplated asking Mrs. Nancy Schaefer to formal by telegram, but happily asked Shanna Burns instead.



Hear me...



Jack Gordon

## Concert Choir variety show tickets on sale through Friday

By Brad Eichhorn

The Concert Choir will present their annual variety show at 7 p.m. Nov. 30 at the Orpheum Theater in downtown Sioux Falls.

Prior to the show at 6 p.m., there will be a silent auction which will include items ranging from various baked goods to free snow removal this winter as a fund-raiser for the choir.

The Christmas-themed show features classic Christmas tunes along with showcasing the talents of the Concert Choir students.

Tickets for this festive event are \$15 and can be purchased from any Concert Choir student through this week. Purchasing a ticket not only provides a reserved seat at the Orpheum, it also includes a free dessert during

the intermission, and entrance into the silent auction to bid on the various items.

Choir director Kirk Schjodt is excited for the event.

"I've been working with the acts for about a month," Schjodt said, "and the improvement they have made makes me excited to see their final production."

## Google creates real estate boom

By Mike Swift  
San Jose Mercury News (MCT)

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Google's aggressive online growth increasingly has a counterpart in bricks and mortar, with the company's Mountain View, Calif., headquarters mushrooming over the past four years to occupy more than 4 million square feet, or the equivalent of about 40 Home Depot stores.

### Technology Watch



But that's just a start. On Silicon Valley's NASA base, Google is preparing to build a new corporate campus with fitness and day care facilities and — in a first in Silicon Valley — employee housing, adding 1.2 million square feet of space to Google's real estate holdings.

While other tech giants also occupy vast amounts of real estate, Google is growing in a way that is distinct, remaking its surroundings according to its own values. In addition to buying and leasing buildings and squeezing out some of its neighbors, it is prodding the city of Mountain View to transform the area around its headquarters, adding housing and retail to create an environment more like a town center.

The company's goals are to build a headquarters that would be "nurturing and regenerative to the environment, provide a vibrant community and work/life balance for all," Google real estate chief David Radcliffe wrote in a letter to city officials earlier this year.

"I don't want to say it's the new company town," Gregory M. Davies, a vice president with commercial real estate firm Cassidy Turley CPS, said of Google's role, "but it's not far from it."

In the past five years, as Google's global work force has expanded by seven-fold to more than 23,000 employees, the Internet giant's Mountain View holdings have grown to at least 4.2 million square feet and include more than 65 buildings, according to the company's securities filings and county tax assessment.

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