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## WEATHER

Tonight:



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## Motel auction canceled after property sells

An auction of the former Days Inn Motel scheduled for this morning was canceled by the seller after the property was sold on Monday.

According to real estate agent Bill Londrey of Tranzon Fox, the seller got an offer that he couldn't refuse.

"The seller called on Monday and told me he had an offer that he just couldn't refuse and ask us to halt the sale," said Londrey.

Londrey said that the name of the buyer will be disclosed after the deal is closed, probably in a couple of weeks.

## WHAT'S UP...

### TODAY

□ Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 6 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

WEDNESDAY  
□ Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria. People 50 and older are invited to participate.

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Terry Hansen at 264-5175 for information.

□ Line dancing 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.

### THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Herman's Restaurant, 7 a.m.

□ The Coffee Club will meet at Gale's Sweet Shoppe at 10 a.m.

□ Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call Billy Smith at 267-6479.

□ Christmas in April board of directors meets at noon in the bingo building, 1607 E. Third.

□ Friends of the Library meet at noon in the Howard County Library.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

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## Property taxes due Wednesday to avoid stiff penalties

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

Wednesday is the deadline to pay property taxes without incurring a penalty, the county tax assessor/collector reminds.

"As long as they get their payment to this office Wednesday or it has a postmark no later



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than Jan. 31, they will be credited for a January payment," said Kathy Sayles, Howard County tax collector.

Those who don't get their property taxes paid on time will find themselves facing a stiff penalty that escalates each month.

"In February the penalty is 7 percent," said Sayles. "It goes up to 9 percent in March, 11 percent in April, 13 percent in May and in June the penalties and interest go to 15 percent."

If not paid until July, the property owner will face an 18 percent penalty plus a 15 percent attorney's fee.

The fee schedule is set by the state legislature and not by the county tax office, Sayles noted.

"We try to answer questions that anyone might have, but there is really nothing we can do about the fee structure," Sayles said.

"Anyone who has any questions or who perhaps did not receive a bill, or if they received it but have

since misplaced it, should call our office. We can give them the amount due over the phone and they can mail it to us," Sayles said.

Taxpayers older than 65 qualify for a senior citizen exemption and Sayles urges those who have not applied for that exemption to do so.

"Again, you need to come into the office," said Sayles. "The exemption is applied to your taxes."

Taxpayers who are not 65 or older may apply for a homestead exemption if

their house is also their residence, Sayles said.

The nine different taxing entities are the cities of Big Spring, Forsan, Coahoma as well as the school districts of each. Also included is Howard County, Howard College and the Permian Basin Water District.

The county tax office is located in the courthouse annex building, directly east of the Howard County Courthouse.

For more information, call 264-2232.

## State Veterans Home now hiring

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

Looking for a career change or just looking for an opportunity to start out on a new job from the ground floor?

If so you may be interested in knowing that the Texas Workforce Center (TWC) is taking applications to fill certain positions with Care Inn Management Company.

Care Inn Management is the new contractor that on Monday signed a contract to run the the Texas Veterans nursing home on North Highway 87 near the Big Spring State Hospital.

According to Virginia Belew, TWC director, top positions such as the director of nursing (DON) and the administrative coordinator will be filled first.

"We are currently in the process of taking applications to fill those positions," said Belew. "At the same time we are also seeking applicants for the position of dietary manager, activity coordinator, human resources director and director of housekeeping."

Belew said that direct care positions such as registered nurses, licensed vocational nurses and



BELEW



HERALD photo/Andrea Medlin  
Trisha Sullenger, workforce specialist, assists Chris Gonzales, right, and Sam Gonzales as they fill out applications for one of the various positions offered with Care Inn Management, operator for the newly built State Veterans Home.

nurse aides will be filled immediately after the other positions have been filled.

"We will be working with the company in trying to fill these positions as quickly as possible," said Belew. "They have already accepted several patients and the target date for opening is Wednesday, Feb. 14."

Belew said that the office hours at the TWC will be extended until 6 p.m. and

other adjustments would be initiated in order to help accommodate prospective applicants.

"We will adjust our schedule as need be in order to help accommodate those that may be already employed but interested in applying with Care Inn Management," said Belew.

"With our unemployment rate being as low as it is (3.7), we will need to do

everything we can to ensure we get enough qualified applicants.

We are sending applications throughout the Permian Basin area workforce centers as well as other centers such as Snyder, Sweetwater and Abilene," Belew said.

Interested applicants may fill out an application at the TWC, located at 310 Owens Street.

## Removal of mail collection boxes matter of cost, Cox says

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

A few local residents have been complaining about something more than just high gas and electricity bills.

It seems that several mail collection boxes around town have been removed by the post



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office, causing an inconvenience to people who have been relying on them to drop off their mail.

Denise Householder said it is causing a real inconvenience for her and her husband.

"We live in the area of the College Park Shopping Center and it just makes it very inconvenient for us to have to go all the way to the post office to drop off mail," said Householder.

"We both go in the opposite direction of the post office to go to work. For us

it was so easy just to drop the mail off at the collection box at the shopping center parking lot. I called the post office and they told me it was because they were not being utilized enough to warrant keeping them there."

Michael Cox, interim Big Spring postmaster, said the volume of mail that was being dropped off in the collection boxes just didn't justify keeping them.

"It's part of my job to evaluate the usage of these boxes and to try cutting out

any unnecessary costs," said Cox. "In the case of these particular collection boxes there was just not enough mail to justify keeping them, so in order to save the post office money we brought them in."

Cox said though these decisions are not always popular, they are necessary.

"We realize that it makes things a little inconvenient for some people to have to go out of their way to drop off their mail but we are a non-profit organization and must look at every area we

can to save money. We apologize to our customers for those inconveniences."

Cox said that he is working with officials from Wal-Mart in finding another spot for a mail collection box at that location. The one that was there happened to be in a no-parking zone and he hopes to have that worked out by the end of the week.

Others that have been removed were at 910 East 11th, 1700 Wasson Road, 2600 South Gregg Street, 510 North Highway 87 and at 1801 East FM 700.

## Respected athletic trainer Blackburn dies

HERALD Staff Report

Everett Blackburn, who earned national recognition during the past 22 years working with high school and college students in Big Spring as an athletic trainer, died at his home this morning. He was 46.

He had been recently diagnosed with cancer.

In 1993, Blackburn was inducted into the National Athletic



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Clem Jones, project chairman for the Boy Scouts annual food drive, and Angie Worley, Big Spring Herald circulation manager, prepare H.E.B. collection bags to be inserted in Thursday's paper. The "Good Turn Food Drive" will be held from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday.

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OBITUARIES

Ruby Fonda

Funeral service and burial for Ruby Fonda, 73, of Hobbs, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, will be today at 3 p.m. in Mount Olive Memorial Park with minister Malcolm Pointon officiating.

Luther Bedwell

Funeral service for Luther G. Bedwell, 86, of Snyder, is pending at this time with Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Everett Blackburn

Funeral service for Everett Blackburn, 46, of Big Spring, is pending at this time with Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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ing a dark-colored coat. The suspect ran east in the alley toward Lancaster Street.

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Trainers Association's Hall of Fame. In 1999, he was inducted into the Southwest Athletic Trainers Association's Hall of Fame — it's youngest member ever. This past summer, he was again recognized by the National Athletic Trainers Association.

He was also presented with the Eddie Wojicki Award in 1992 by his peers as the best athletic trainer in Texas and Oklahoma.

A Kansas native, Blackburn came to Big Spring from Emporia State University and spent 11 years with the Big Spring Independent School District before joining Howard College. He was in his 11th year at the college.

Blackburn was known for turning out top-notch, dedicated trainers. His students received hands-on training, working games at local and area schools.

“A lot of schools are only taking transfers now,” Blackburn said in a 1999 interview. “I'd like to think that when I recommend someone, that (senior college) trainer knows they're going to work.”

“When a trainer successfully leaves my program, they understand the work ethic,” he said.

Earlier this month, Howard College honored the longtime trainer by establishing the Everett Blackburn Scholarship.

Funeral arrangements for Blackburn are pending Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

*Editor's note: Persons wishing to donate to the Everett Blackburn Scholarship Fund may obtain more information by calling Jan Foresyth at 264-5051.*

Plains states digging out after storm

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The Plains states dug out on Tuesday from as much as 18 inches of snow dumped by a huge storm that closed highways and grounded air line flights.

Seasoned truckers pulled over to wait for conditions to improve.

“You can't see marker lines, you don't know where the road is. It's not a good idea to be out there,” said Perry Blaoun, who parked his rig overnight at Sioux Falls, S.D.

At least three deaths were blamed on the storm as it swirled from the Southwest and Rockies across the Plains. One man died Monday in Nebraska when he slipped on ice and hit his head, a traffic death in Minnesota was blamed on heavy fog, and a weekend traffic death in Texas was blamed on the storm.

By Tuesday, the bulk of the storm had plowed eastward, spreading rain across the Great Lakes and along the East Coast.

In its wake, 18 inches of new snow sat on the ground at Mitchell and Huron, S.D., and a foot had fallen at Loup City, Neb. Mitchell declared a snow emergency, banning all non-emergency vehicles from the streets.

South Dakota authorities

closed about 130 miles of Interstate 90 from Sioux Falls to Chamberlain on Tuesday.

“The wind is making visibility bad, and blowing snow and drifting,” said South Dakota Highway Patrol Capt. Warren Anderson.

During the weekend, the storm piled 14 inches of snow on the Oklahoma Panhandle. The National Weather Service estimated that 30 to 35 inches fell in some mountain canyons in north-central New Mexico with more than 40 inches in two days at Colorado's Wolf Creek Pass.

About 125 Nebraska schools canceled classes Tuesday or opened late because of the heavy snow accumulation and wind gusting up to 35 mph. Gusts to 52 mph whistled through Rapid City, S.D.

“Given the amount of snow that fell and the amount of winds we'll have, it'd be a real bad day to send kids to school,” said Daniel Nietfeld, a National Weather Service meteorologist.

Schools also closed early Monday in parts of South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa, and the Iowa Legislature canceled Monday's sessions.

A Northwest Airlines spokesman said the airline canceled about 240 flights Monday, most of them traveling to and from Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

Blizzard and winter storm warnings remained in effect Tuesday in parts of South Dakota, and in Minnesota forecaster Chris Scott said freezing rain in some areas would change to a mixture of snow and ice.

“With the snow on top of the ice, it could be a real mess,” he said.

Prisoners subdued after brawl

DILLEY (AP) — Inmates rioting for more than 2-1/2 hours in a state prison cafeteria Tuesday morning before being subdued with tear gas.

The breakfast brawl involving between 125 to 150 inmates broke out at 3:47 a.m. at the Dolph Briscoe Unit near Dilley, about 60 miles southwest of San Antonio.

About 50 prisoners took their fight from the eating area into the kitchen, where some threw metal dishes, said Larry Todd, spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The cause of the disturbance had not been determined. Several inmates suffered cuts and bruises; no prison employees were injured, Todd said.

The unit food service manager locked himself in the kitchen office during the fighting and kept the warden informed by telephone. Guards wearing riot gear began to subdue the inmates around 6 a.m.

The inmates involved were considered medium-security prisoners. A section of the prison that holds about 250 such inmates was locked down Tuesday.

The Briscoe Unit is a medium-to minimum-security facility that holds about 1,300 inmates.

BIG SPRING  
AROUND THE TOWN

Three agencies execute drug bust Monday  
HERALD Staff Report

A joint effort by the West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force, Big Spring Police Department and the Howard County Sheriff's Office paid off Monday when officers recovered a large supply of narcotics at a local residence.

Two Big Spring residents and a Midland resident were arrested at the 1603 Bluebird residence for various charges in connection with the raid. Tony Bernal, 35, of Big Spring, Tommy Bernal, 27, of Midland, and Marie Martinez, 29, of Big Spring, were charged with possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone (first degree felony) and possession of marijuana in a drug free zone, a class “A” misdemeanor.

According to Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker, the street value of the 13 grams of cocaine and five grams of marijuana recovered was approximately \$1,000. Also seized in the 7 p.m. raid was \$767 in cash.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Monday through 8 a.m. today.

• TELENA RODGERS, 18, of 1101 N. Kelly, was arrested and held for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• JACKIE UTLEY, 43, of 206 Carey, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• TONY BERNAL, 35, of 1603 Bluebird, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana in a drug free zone.

• TOMMY BERNAL, 27, of Midland, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana in a drug free zone.

• GEORGE COKER, 49, of 1506 Bluebird, was arrested on a Brown County warrant.

• DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1500 block of Wood.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1600 block of Young.

• LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 800 block of Johnson.

MARKETS

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Atmos Energy	24.87 - 12
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Cornell	6.38 nc
Dell	28.5 - 5
Du Pont	40.92 - 07
Exxon Mobil	80.44 + 24
Halliburton	39.12 - 78
IFCO Systems	5.5 nc
IBM	113.62 - 1.62
Intel Corp	37.4 - 2

TEXAS LOTTERY Pick 3: 1,9,4

Cash 5: 10,16,21,22,37

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

NUV	9.13 - 02
Patterson Ener	35.5 - 4
Pepsico Inc	43.94 + 29
Phillips Petro	56.62 - 65
SBC Comms	47.30 - 60
Sears Roebuck	37.84 - 07
Texaco Inc	38.42 + 04
Texas Instrument	44.08 + 13
TXU	38.42 + 04
Total Fina	72.07 + 18
Unocal Corp	33.57 - 58
Wal-Mart	53.30 - 90
Wal-Mart/Mexico	22.5 - 23
AMCAP	18.40 + 18
Europacific	31.90 + 01
Prime Rate	9.00 %
Gold	262-264.20
Silver	4.77-4.83

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•AA, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

•NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

•Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles. IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

RECORDS

Monday's high 54  
Monday's low 34  
Precip. Monday 0.18  
Record high 81 in 1971  
Record low 8 in 1918  
Average high 58  
Average low 29  
Month to date 0.84  
Year to date 0.84  
Sunrise Wednesday 7:41 a.m.  
Sunset Wednesday 6:18 p.m.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS:

3:51 a.m. — Mile Marker 181 on I 20, medical call, service refused.

12:45 p.m. — 1900 block of Simler, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

1:44 p.m. — 1600 block of Young, trauma call, service refused.

4:28 a.m. — 500 block of Westover, structure fire, smoke scare.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center  
1601 W. 11th Place  
263-1211

BEGINNING LINE DANCE CLASS

10:30 to 11:30 a.m., starting Feb. 6, at the Dance Gallery. Free to beginners. Call Margarita Durand-Hollis at 267-3977 for more information.

BIG SPRING SENIOR CIRCLE

will be having a Valentine's Day lunch at noon, Feb. 14, in the SMMC Classroom. For more information call Pam Stephens at 268-4721.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TODAY  
•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.  
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

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# Bush seeks to expand 'charitable choice'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seeking to expand the role of religious groups in social programs, President Bush has seized on a politically popular initiative that leaves opponents worried about breaching the wall between church and state.

The centerpiece of Bush's plan, which would allow religious groups to compete for billions of dollars in government grants, is modeled after similar efforts that previously have faced little opposition on Capitol Hill. The proposal also calls for a slew of tax breaks to encourage charitable giving.

But given the chance to involve religious groups in their welfare programs, most states have done little or nothing so far to steer contracts toward churches, synagogues and other religious organizations, proponents say.

Now Bush plans a major expansion of "charitable choice," which has been

limited to welfare, drug treatment and community development programs. The proposal Bush was sending to Congress today would open all federal grant programs to religious groups.

"Government will never be replaced by charities and community groups," the president said Monday. "Yet, when we see social needs in America, my administration will look first at faith-based programs and community groups, which have proven their power to save and change lives."

Bush, who was unveiling his legislative plan at a Washington-area school Tuesday, also would allow some 80 million taxpayers who do not itemize their taxes to claim a deduction for contributions to charitable organizations, meaning they wouldn't have to pay taxes on the money they contribute.

In addition, aides said his

plan would:

- Create a new credit against state taxes for contributions to poverty-fighting organizations chosen by each state.
- Allow Americans to contribute money from their Individual Retirement Accounts to charities without paying a tax penalty.
- Increase the tax deduction for corporation contributions and limit corporate liability for in-kind donations.

On Monday, Bush signed a pair of executive orders creating a White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and counterpart offices in five Cabinet-level departments to promote the new competition.

He named John J. DiIulio Jr., a University of Pennsylvania political science professor, to head the White House office.

Under current law, religious groups must create

separate organizations that do not promote religion or discriminate in hiring to compete for grants.

So while a Catholic church is free to hire only Catholics for its staff, an affiliated, government-funded homeless shelter at the church may not consider religion when it hires its workers.

Critics complain that by breaking down these rules, Bush's plan amounts to government funding of discrimination.

"I don't want Bob Jones University to be able to take federal dollars for an alcohol treatment program and put out a sign that says no Catholics or Jews need apply here for a federally funded job," Rep. Chet Edwards, D-Texas, said in an interview.

But Edwards is one of only a few vocal opponents in Congress, and he predicts the initiative will "fly through the House."

# Meningitis woes grow across Southeast Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — A Beaumont teen-ager is the latest victim of a Houston-area outbreak of a meningococcal infection that has stricken 39 and killed four.

Rebecca Carey, an 18-year-old student at Ozen High School in Beaumont, died Sunday of meningococemia.

A 77-year-old Pearland woman and an 8-month-old Humble girl Monday added to a growing list of those stricken with the deadly meningococcal bacterial infection.

A 14-year-old New Caney girl, a 13-year-old Magnolia boy and a 56-year-old Humble woman also have died from the disease this month.

The meningococcal bacteria can trigger meningitis, when it attacks the brain and spinal cord, or meningococemia, if it

enters the bloodstream.

In San Antonio, officials tested more than 70 Clemens High School students for the bacteria Monday after a 17-year-old schoolmate contracted the infection.

The student was expected to be released soon from intensive care, said Lu Pochelski, principal at Clemens, in Tuesday's editions of the San Antonio Express-News.

Still the highest concentration seems to be centered in the Houston area. In recent weeks, the spread of the bacterial cases led to mass vaccinations in New Caney, Humble and Conroe schools. In Conroe 14,000 residents had been inoculated since Thursday and officials say as many as 40,000 could eventually be vaccinated, according to today's issues of the Houston Chronicle.

# Commission advises Congress to create new farm subsidy system

WASHINGTON (AP) — A commission studying farm policy advised Congress today to create a new subsidy system to shield farmers from drops in commodity prices. The commission concluded that Republican-authored programs enacted five years ago fall short.

The group's report proposes establishment of "supplemental income support" payments that would kick in when farm income nationwide falls below a set level. These would be on top of existing subsidies.

"The persistence of low commodity prices has rendered existing farm policy instruments inadequate to address the level of distress experienced over the last few years," the report says.

In 1996, Congress passed and then-President Clinton signed a law ending a

Depression-era system of production controls and scaling back crop subsidies. In turn, farmers were guaranteed a fixed annual "market transition" payment.

The money was supposed to be sufficient to help farmers wean themselves from government support. But commodity prices plummeted in the late 1990s, forcing Congress to pass billions of dollars in emergency aid over the past three years.

The 11-member commission, which was created by the 1996 farm law, recommends keeping both the market-transition payments and existing programs for subsidizing crop prices, while adding the proposed new income assistance.

The commission turned aside proposals for reducing U.S. farm production to prop up commodity prices.

Opponents of production cuts say they would be self-defeating because other countries would respond by increasing their plantings.

The commission, which is dominated by farmers, also wants to remove all limits on payments to individual growers. Over the past two years, farmers have been allowed to receive up to \$150,000 in crop subsidies and \$80,000 in market-transition payments.

Getting farmers to agree on a new income-assistance program will be difficult, said Bob Stallman, a member of the commission and president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, the nation's largest farm organization. A payment system popular with one region or commodity may seem unfair to other producers.

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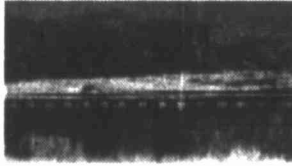



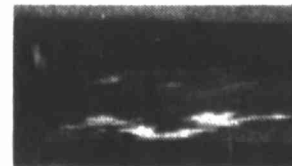

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### IN BRIEF

#### National LL to meet for officer selection

The National Little League will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Allan's Furniture to select officers and coaches for the 2001 season.

#### Rhodes scores hole-in-one

Morris Rhodes fired a hole-in-one while playing at the Big Spring Country Club on Friday.

#### Baseball boosters to meet tonight

The Big Spring Baseball Booster Club will meet at 7 tonight at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

#### Lady Steers softball parents set work day

Parents of Big Spring Lady Steers softball players will have a work day starting at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex.

#### Laker Girls scheduled to appear at OC game

Odessa College officials have provided Howard College Hawks fans with added incentive to follow the Hawks and Lady Wranglers on the road when they take on the Wranglers and Lady Wranglers on Thursday, Feb. 22.

#### Area coaches asked to transmit schedules

The Herald is asking all Crossroads area baseball and softball coaches who have not provided copies of their varsity schedules and rosters for the 2000-2001 season to do so as quickly as possible.

### AREA GAMES

- TODAY**  
**H.S. BASKETBALL**  
6 p.m. — San Angelo Lake View at Big Spring, (VG, VB).  
6:30 p.m. — Sands at Borden County, (VG, VB).  
7 p.m. — Grady at Midland Classical, (VG, VB).  
8 p.m. — Stanton at Coahoma, (VG, VB).  
9 p.m. — Forsan at Colorado City, (VG, VB).

### ON THE AIR

- Television**  
**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Men  
6 p.m. — Michigan St. at Michigan, ESPN, Ch. 30.  
8 p.m. — Tennessee at Florida, ESPN, Ch. 30.  
**NBA**  
7 p.m. — Philadelphia at Toronto, TBS, Ch. 16.  
9:30 p.m. — Dallas Stars at L.A. Kings, FSX, Ch. 29

## Coahoma lifters have fare showing in weekend meet

### HERALD Staff Report

Powerlifting teams from Coahoma fared well Saturday at meets in Shallowater and Midland Greenwood.

The Bulldog varsity squad posted a fifth-place finish in a field of 23 teams at the Greenwood meet, while the Bulldogettes had four girls finish in the top 10 in their divisions at the Shallowater meet.

Cory Hill led the way for the Bulldogs at Greenwood, winning the 220-pound class with lifts totaling 1,205 pounds. J.C. Watts added a second-place finish in the 165-pound class with a combined weight of

1,135 pounds. Bradon Wegner and Sammy Seven added third-place finishes in their classes, Wegner lifting a total of 760 pounds in the 132-pound division, while Seven lifted 975 pounds in the super heavyweight class. Stephen Binton added sixth-place points in the super heavyweight division.

Kasey Huckabee lifted 660 pounds to finish seventh in the 123-pound class, while Cody Hogan's 960-pound total left him eighth in the 242-pound class. David Davis finished 11th in the 165-pound class with lifts of 905 pounds and Matthew Marlar rounded out the Bulldogs' finishes with 825 pounds

and 12th place in the 148-pound class.

In Shallowater, the Bulldogettes' best showing came from Kristy Kinard in the lightweight division and Christy LaRue in the heavy-weight class. Kinard's three lifts gave her second-place in her classification with a total of 575 pounds, while LaRue was second among the heavyweights with 715 pounds total.

Tasha Mitchell was sixth in the lightweight division with 310 pounds in total lifts, while Jaime Hoover's combined lifts of 340 pounds gave her eighth place in the heavyweight class.

The Bulldog junior varsity squad

also took part in the Shallowater meet. Mitchell Gutierrez led the way for that squad with a fifth-place finish in the 114-pound class, while Nick Molina was ninth in the 123-pound division, matching the finish of teammates Josh Noble in the 132-pound class and Billy Bob Walker in the 165-pound class.

Jacob Villa finished 13th in the 132-pound division, the same spot claimed by Nathan Sellars in the 220-pound class. Ray Valencia added a 15th-place finish in the 242 division, while Brandon Hart and Morgan Barron finished 18th and 19th, respectively, in the 165-pound class.

## Lady Hawks roll over Lady Wranglers

### By KAMILAH WARD Sports Writer

Howard College's Lady Hawks continue to roll over teams in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) as they posted their third consecutive win with a 93-72 victory over Odessa's Lady Wranglers Monday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The contest stayed close in the first half of play with both teams swapping the lead in the early minutes.

With the Lady Hawks trailing 20-17 and 10 minutes remaining, Lindsey Smith fired a 3-pointer that would ignite her Lady Hawks teammates and set the tempo for the remainder of the night.

Smith, who finished the game with 20 points, fired three more 3-pointers before closing out the first 20 minutes with a 47-34 halftime lead.

"The great thing about basketball is you could win or lose, it all depends on who shows up that night," said Lady Hawks interim head coach Joey Wells.

In addition to Smith, Vanessa Lehrmann had a coming out party, scoring a double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

Lehrmann, mired in somewhat of a scoring slump in the past few games, chose an opportune time to showcase her inside and outside talents, she stroked a 3-pointer in the closing minutes of the first half.

The Lady Hawks opened the second half with a 20-9 run to take a 68-45 lead with 11:22 remaining and never looked back.

The second half seemed a case of a deja vu from Thursday night's win over New Mexico Junior College, as the Lady Hawks were able to convert off of Odessa's 24 turnovers.

Misreads and bad passes by the Lady Wranglers led to fastbreak points on the other end for Howard.

The Lady Hawks took a commanding lead late in the first half and put together a number of runs in the final 20 minutes to finish off the Lady Wranglers.

In addition to the Lady Hawks' 13-of-19 free throw shooting, they also added 27 assists to their credit.

The only item left to critique was Howard's defense.

For the most part, the Lady Hawks played well defensively. They utilized their quick feet in man-to-man pressure, only allowing Odessa to score 16 points throughout the first 12-minutes of the half.

The final eight minutes, however, was a different matter. The Lady Wranglers managed to go on a 19-5 run, but their efforts would be buried

half when a 3-pointer by Odessa's Taron Barker put the Hawks behind by two.

From that point on, the Hawks would trail and the Wranglers were up by nine going into halftime, 41-32.

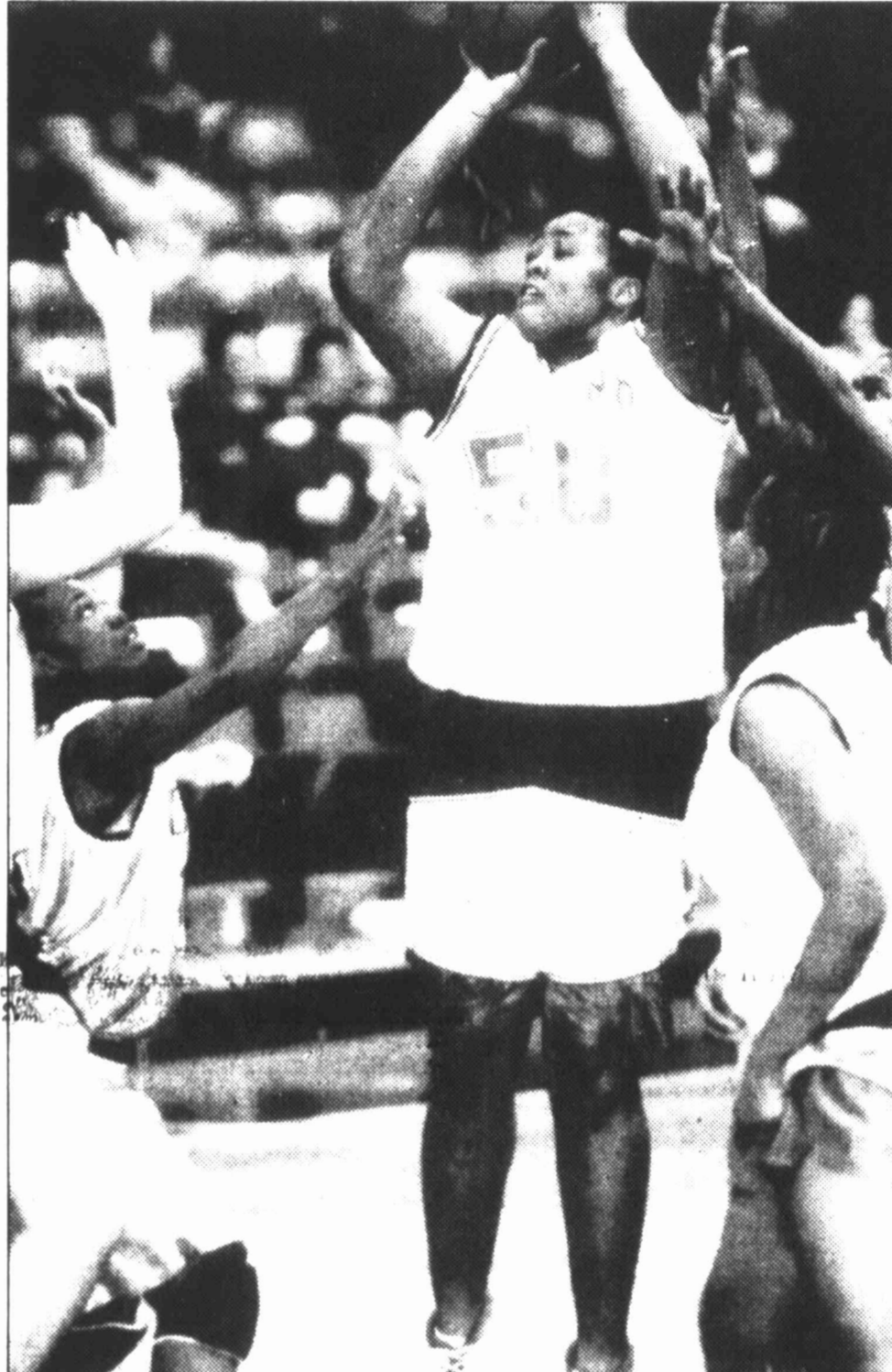
Missed opportunities at the free throw line and early foul trouble for Moss hurt the Hawks. That same misfortune would follow the Hawks into the second half.

Howard missed four freebies at the line in the second half before getting a quick basket from Darius Matgear and a couple of free throws from Joshua Francis to bring the score to 46-38.

The Hawks trailed by as much as 11 points before going on a 16-6 run to close the margin to within three.

Howard scored another basket before the Wranglers widened the gap to eight on their 42nd tip to the free throw line.

The Hawks pulled within four points on two occasions but Odessa managed to hold off the Hawks' surge in the closing minutes.



HERALD photo/Jim Fiore  
Howard College's Sharnika Buckley (50) takes a jump shot over Odessa's players during the Lady Hawks 93-72 win over the Lady Wranglers Monday night. Buckley was one of four Howard players to score in double figures, finishing the game with 11 points.

transition. We didn't do that." Free throws and foul trouble also made a difference. Howard completed 25 of their 47 attempts from the line, just 53 percent.

Odessa finished the game with 67 percent shooting from the stripe, converting on 36 of 54 attempts.

In addition to missed free throws, both teams lost key players to foul trouble.

Howard lost three players including one starter, Whittier, while Odessa lost four, three of which were starters — Sylbrin Robinson, Barry Thompson and Maurice Turner.

The Hawks return to the WJCAC wars when they travel to Clarendon to face the Bulldogs at 8 p.m. Thursday.

**ODESSA 87, HOWARD 74**  
ODESSA — Sylbrin Robinson 3 3 5 9; John Johnson 0 0 0 0; Andrea Robinson 0 2 4 2; Ross Ward 0 0 0 0; Taron Barker 4 3 4 15; Cornelius Wright 2 3 5 7; Ellis Sherrod 0 2 2 2; Janavor Weatherspoon 10 10 14 30; Barry Thompson 1 2 4 5; Willie Puckett 0 2 4 2; Maurice Turner 1 4 4 6; Randy Holbrook 1 4 6 6; Darrell Redmond 1 1 2 3. Totals 23 36 54 87.

**HOWARD 87, ODESSA 74**  
HOWARD — Derrick Tarter 6 12 16 25; Christopher Acher 0 0 0 0; Xavier Milligan 0 2 4 2; Shawn Williams 2 2 4 6; Joshua Francis 0 2 2 2; Artavius Davis 1 3 6 5; Doug Whittler 1 0 0 3; Zachene Moss 5 1 8 11; Andri Pinedo 1 0 0 3; Darius Matgear 7 3 7 17. Totals 23 28 47 74.

**Half-time score: Odessa 45, Howard 32**  
**Three-point goals:** Ode. — 5 (Barker, 4, Thompson), Howard (Tarter, Whittler, Pinedo). **Turnovers:** Odessa 21, Howard 26.

**Rebounds:** Odessa 49, Howard 44. **Total fouls:** Odessa 34, Howard 33. **Technical fouls:** None. **Fouled out:** Odessa Robinson, Wright, Thompson, Turner; Howard Francis, Davis, Whittler. **Records:** Odessa 16-4 5-0, Howard 22, 10-11.

## Georgia returns to Top 25

### The ASSOCIATED PRESS

After beating three ranked teams while playing the toughest schedule in the country, Georgia finally earned a spot in The Associated Press college basketball poll.

Barely. The Bulldogs (13-7) entered the poll at No. 25 Monday, their first ranking in more than three years.

"We squeaked in," senior guard Adrian Jones said. "Somebody left the key in the door and we decided to come on in. We're not too far in. We're just looking in there, seeing if we can work our way into the party."

Stanford and Duke remained 1-2 at the top of the poll, but there were a number of other changes following a week in which half the Top 10 lost at least one game and six other ranked teams also lost.

Defending champion Michigan State, which lost to Ohio State on Saturday, dropped from third to fifth, with Kansas and North Carolina each moving up one place to third and fourth.

Arizona and Wisconsin had the week's biggest jumps, five places to seventh and 10th, respectively, while Wake Forest, which lost to Duke and Cincinnati last week, fell seven places to 16th. For the Badgers, it's their first Top Ten ranking since they were seventh in 1962.

Three teams — Mississippi, Texas and Connecticut — dropped out of the rankings, while No. 23 Notre Dame and No. 24 Oklahoma joined Georgia as the week's newcomers.

The Bulldogs have a six-game winning streak after victories last week over Vanderbilt and then-No. 6 Tennessee, the latter in double overtime and the third triumph over a ranked team.

Georgia, which is atop the Southeastern Conference with a 6-1 record, was last in the Top 25 on Dec. 15, 1997, the first of two mediocre seasons under former coach Ron Jirsia.

Jim Harrick took over last season and the Bulldogs went 10-20, their worst record in 23 years. Suddenly, they're back among the nation's elite programs.

"This is such a big turnaround," senior center Robb Dryden said. "Last year, we were so down and out."

Georgia was not ranked in this week's USA Today/ESPN poll, even though the Bulldogs have played the toughest schedule in the country and are No. 7 in the latest RPI rating, which plays a major role in determining who gets invited to the NCAA tournament.

Stanford (19-0), still the lone unbeaten team in Division I after sweeping the Washington schools in the Pac-10 last week, received 65 first-place votes and 1,745 points.

Duke, which beat then-No. 9 Wake Forest and then-No. 8 Maryland last week, was No. 1 on five ballots.

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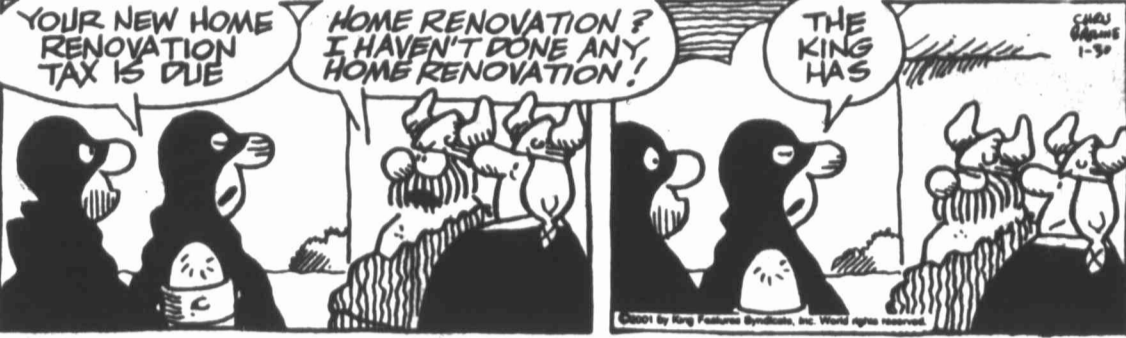
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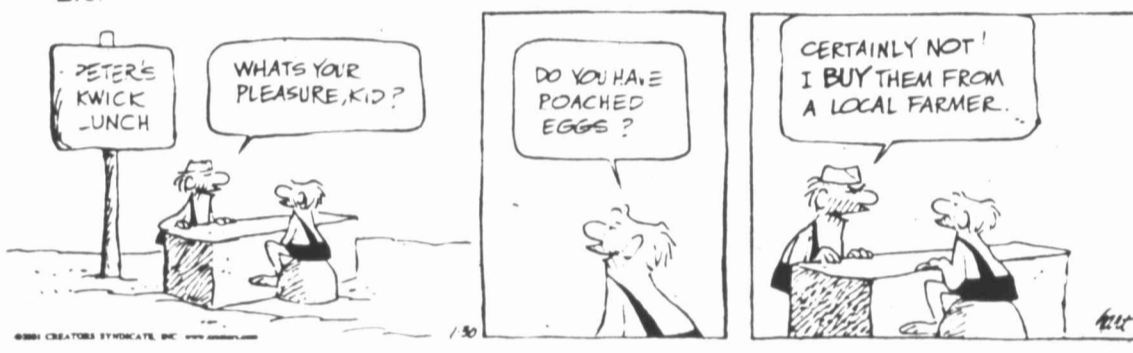
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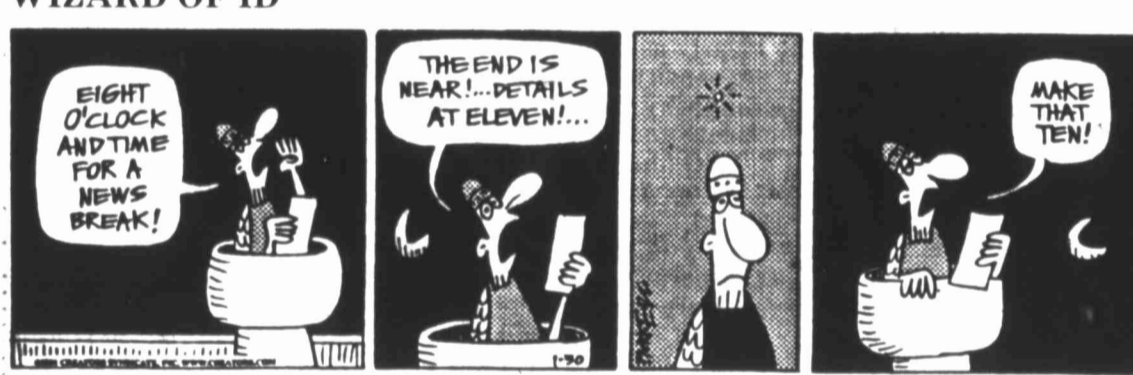
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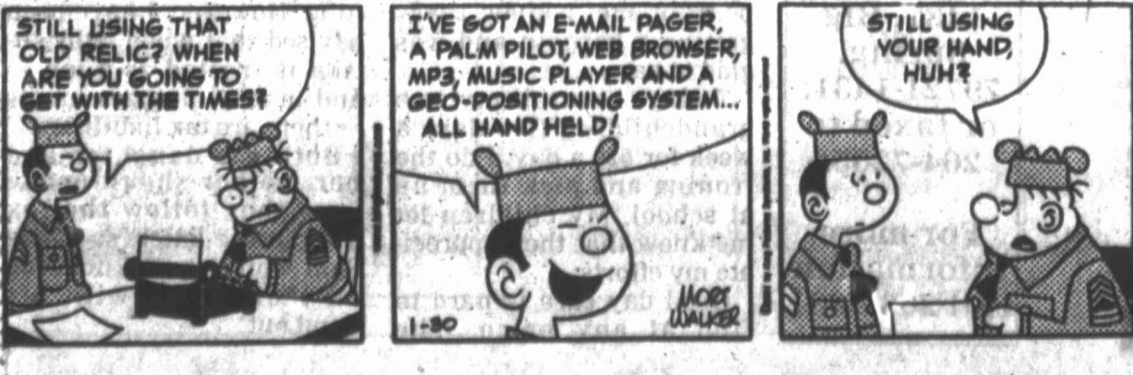
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Tuesday, Jan. 30, the 30th day of 2001. There are 335 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History:  
On Jan. 30, 1968, during the Vietnam War, the Tet Offensive began as Communist forces launched surprise attacks against South Vietnamese provincial capitals.  
On this date:  
In 1649, England's King Charles I was beheaded.  
In 1882, the 32nd president of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, was born in Hyde Park, N.Y.  
In 1933, Adolf Hitler

became chancellor of Germany.  
In 1933, the first episode of the "Lone Ranger" radio program was broadcast on station WXYZ in Detroit.  
In 1948, Indian political and spiritual leader Mahatma Gandhi was murdered by a Hindu extremist.  
In 1962, two members of the "Flying Wallendas" high-wire act were killed when their seven-person pyramid collapsed during a performance in Detroit.  
In 1964, the United States launched Ranger 6, an unmanned spacecraft carrying television cameras that was to crash-land on the moon.  
In 1972, 13 Roman Catholic civil rights marchers were shot to death by British soldiers in Northern Ireland on what became known as "Bloody Sunday."  
In 1979, the civilian government of Iran announced it had decided to allow Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who'd been living in exile in France, to return.  
In 1981, an estimated 2 million New Yorkers turned out for a ticker-tape parade honoring the freed American hostages from Iran.  
Today's Birthdays:  
Comedian Dick Martin is 79. Actress Dorothy Malone is 76. Producer-director Harold Prince is 73. Actor Gene Hackman is 71. Actress Tammy Grimes is 67. Actress Vanessa Redgrave is 64. Country singer Jeanne Pruett is 64. Country singer Norma Jean is 63. Vice President Dick Cheney is 60. Rock singer Marty Balin is 59.

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By Randall J. Hartman Escondido, CA 1/30/01

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- Wanderer
- Sticky stuff
- Borodin's "Prince"
- Picture in the mind
- Big dog
- Ship of the desert
- Get steamed
- Baja California seaport
- OK Corral participant
- Film-set call
- Bar fly
- Roof rooster, perhaps
- Caspian feeder
- LAX info
- Bumpkin
- Soggy ground
- Abrupt transitions
- Actress Virna
- In a higher place
- Actor Gulager
- Singer James
- Welles classic
- Donkey's kin
- Static letters
- Minn. neighbor
- Car wrecks
- "I, Robot" writer
- Hawaiian island
- Beatles hit
- Got up
- Guitarist
- Clapton
- Pear-shaped instrument
- Of punishment
- Lacoste of the courts
- Swill

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- Tackle-box item
- Patella location
- Glide on ice
- Stellar
- Khan IV
- "And Then There Were"
- Soak
- Close but no cigar
- Arabian sultanate
- Baby's first word, maybe
- Mature
- Boxer Oscar
- Hoya
- Return to liquid
- Litigate
- Cut corners
- Poisonous plant
- Small, African antelope
- Fortune teller's deck
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- Mouselike rodent
- Japanese guard dog
- Aeries
- Walt Disney's middle name
- Jacob's third son
- Outline
- Utah film festival
- Old Testament book
- Ostrich kin
- "Tot Rider"
- Volleyball shots
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