# Foru Incumbent Brown and Sanchez in runoff

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cumbent Lee Brown, bidding r a third two-year term, and y councilman Orlando inchez pulled away from a eld of six Tuesday and headd for a runoff that would pit ouston's first black mayor ainst a challenger who could come the city's first spanic mayor.

With 93 percent of the cincts counted, Brown had 13,390 votes, or 42 percent, ging Sanchez, with 110,031, 41 percent. Another councilnan, Chris Bell, had 45,334, or

percent. None of the ree unfunded candidates had more than 1 percent of the emaining votes. Brown, as d it's a classed mayor, will set he date for any ces in this trunoff in a city

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y might be us tion began Oct. 20.
"We're going in now for the very deep plays knockout punch. One down and a 'for mature one to go," Brown told supporters at a victory rally.

id that in addition Sanchez said his votes and story, the air those for Bell combined for a najority of all the votes and ndicated Houstonians wanted

"Help is on the way," he said. are used to see "A majority of voters decided it "[Steven Diet: was time for a new beginning."

Bell said he was complete was a solution at not having the opportunity to book is writted put our ideas to the test." He urnal entries, in declined Tuesday night to endorse either runoff participant. Results last weekend from a

poll taken for the Houston Chronicle and television station KHOU showed Sanchez and Brown in a statistical dead heat in a one-on-one race in a city that is becoming increasingly Hispanic and in a nonpartisan election that became increasingly partisan.

Brown, 64, a Democrat, is a former police chief in Houston, Atlanta and New York City and also had a cabinet spot in the Clinton Administration as the federal drug enforcement czar.

He campaigned Democratic We're going in now presidential candidate Al Gore last year.

Bell, 42, also a Democrat, is an attorney and former radio newsman who has — Lee Brown on the Houston Mayor council four years.

Sanchez, 43, a Republican, is a former probation officer and construction industry consultant who is winding up his third term as a councilman.

Public safety, the foundation of Sanchez's campaign, emerged as the top issue, particularly after a fire captain was killed last month while fighting a high-rise blaze. Firefighters, whose union endorsed Sanchez, long had complained about what they said were understaffed fire trucks.

Following the fatality, Brown ordered an additional firefighter on trucks to bring staffing levels to national firefighting standards. His opponents, however, said he was responding to the political heat.

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

### Inmate shot by bailiff at courthouse

DENTON (AP) - A bailiff at a North Texas courthouse fatally shot an inmate Tuesday afternoon when the prisoner tried to grab another officer's gun.

No other injuries were reported, said Kevin Patton of the Denton County Department.

The shooting happened about 3:30 p.m. in a holding area for prisoners on the third floor of the Denton County Courts build-

ing, Patton said. Patton said the inmate grabbed for the first bailiff's gun and a struggle ensued. A second bailiff then fatally shot the unidentified suspect, who died at the scene, Patton said.

The facility was closed for about 40 minutes after the shooting, Patton said.

#### Man accused of sexual assault

DALLAS (AP) - The stepfather of an 8-year-old Hutchins girl found severely malnourished and locked in a lice-infested closet has been indicted on a charge of aggravated sexual assault.

Kenneth Ray Atkinson already faced a first-degree felony indictment accusing him and Barbara Atkinson, the girl's mother, of severely injuring the child by locking her in a closet in their mobile home for months.

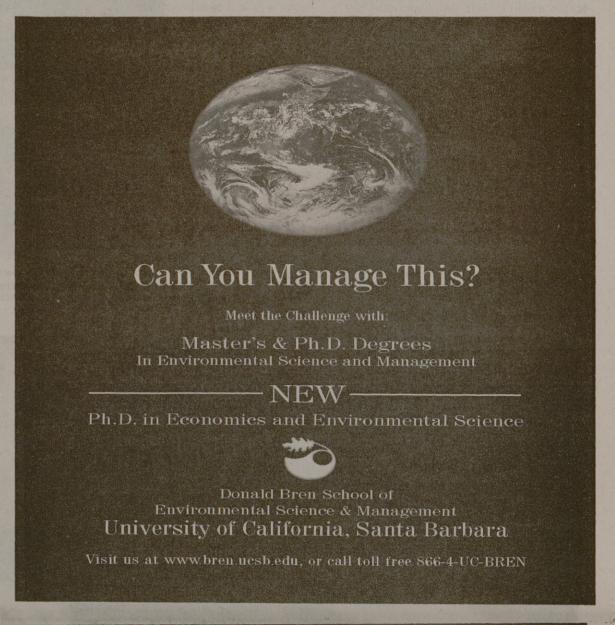
Atkinson, 33, is accused of sexually abusing the girl in several ways, according to reports made public Monday.

A doctor previously testified that the girl had been sexually mutilated.

Defense lawyer Malcolm Dade, Atkinson's attorney, declined to address the latest allegations until talking with his client.

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