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# Early voting under way in Senate runoff

#### By JOHN H. WALKER

Managing Editor

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A total of 140 Howard County residents voted early Monday in the runoff election for the District 28 Texas Senate seat between Republican Robert Duncan and Democrat David Langston.

Duncan resigned a seat in the Texas House to run for the seat while Langston resigned his post as Lubbock mayor to run.

Early voting in the Dec. 10 election continues through Friday at the Howard County Courthouse. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. next Tuesday, election day.

The two candidates will square off in their only face-to-face meeting in the southern part of the district Wednesday night at 7 in a forum sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Cable TV and the Big Spring Herald.

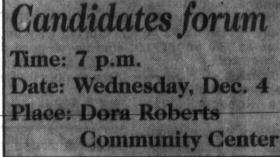
The hour-long forum will be held at the

## Howard County **Pecan events** slated Thursday By KELLIE JONES **Features Editor**

The Howard County **Extension Service is sponsoring** its annual Pecan Show and Pecan Food Show Thursday morning at the courthouse.

The deadline for those wanting to enter the pecan show is 8:30 Wednesday morning. Turn the entries in to the extension office located on the first floor of the courthouse. The pecans will be processed starting at 9 a.m. so no entries can be taken past 8:30. An entry consists of 40 pecans of the same variety and must be grown in Howard County by a Howard County resident.

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Dora Roberts Community Center and will feature both candidates fielding questions from the audience on a variety of issues, but one commercial in this runoff campaign is already causing tempers to flare.

Among the issues expected to be discussed at Wednesday's forum will be property tax relief, school finance, funding for higher education, welfare reform and juvenile crime.

Persons attending the foum will have the

opportunity to write down their question on a form. The question will then be submitted to a three-person panel before it is passed on to moderator Shirley Shroyer.

The three-person panel, which will include one representative from each campaign, will combine similar questions, work to ensure concise wording and eliminate questions that do not relate to campaign issues.

Duncan led a seven-candidate field in the Nov. 5 special election with 40,437 votes or 31.67 percent while Langston managed 30,352 votes or 23.78 percent.

The race is viewed as crucial by both political parties, since a Duncan win would give the Republicans a majority in the Senate for the first time since Reconstruction.

The state Democratic Party has kicked money into Langston's campaign, sending

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# Christopher sentencing on conviction expected

#### By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

Only three days remain before Big Spring resident and businessman Charles "Chris" Christopher is scheduled to be sentenced for his part in defrauding American Universal Insurance Co. of Providence, R.I., and Diamond Benefits Life Insurance Co. of Arizona.

Christopher's sentencing date, the ninth he has faced since his July 1995 conviction, is set for Friday in Providence and, according to Laurie Kizior, clerk to U.S. District Judge Frances Boyles, there is no indication that Christopher will not be sentenced this time.

Christopher was originally convicted on 11 counts of wire fraud and 10 counts of interstate transfer of stolen goods. He faces a possible 155 years in prison and \$60 million in fines. It was the largest theft in Rhode Island history.

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Strickland suit retrial set Dec. 16 By CARLTON JOHNSON Staff Writer

Pending an appeal before the Eleventh District Court of Appeals in Eastland, the retrial in a wrongful death suit brought against Yale E. Key Inc., by the family of Roy E. "Gene Strickland is tentatively scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Dec. 16 in Howard County's 118th District Court.

Billie Strickland, widow of Roy E. "Gene" Strickland, and her daughters, Connie Moore and Eugenia Andrews, were granted a new trial by 118th District Judge Robert Moore III on Sept. 23, overturning the a June verdict in favor of Yale E. Key The suit was originally filed because of the April 13,1995, death of Strickland, who was killed when a multi-piece rim tire he was repairing for the oil well service company exploded. The June verdict in favor of Yale E. Key was overturned and a new trial ordered because Yale E. Key was found to have withheld evidence in June by not naming employee Jack Morris in its answer to a plaintiff's interrogatory, which asked the defense to information on all employees or independent contractors providing tire repair for Key's Forsan yard during the last five years. Moore's order stated such failure on the part of Key was not justified. The previous judgment in favor of Key was set aside by Moore and the company was also ordered to pay the plaintiffs \$29,160 as attorney fees. The Stricklands were seeking to have their original judgment request for \$6 million entered because of the discovery abuse by the defense. The plaintiffs contend Morris' testimony would, in all likelihood, have caused the jury to render a judgment in their favor. The plaintiffs also argued they were entitled to a new trial because they were prohibited during the first trial from presenting evidence regarding Key's admitted removal and subsequent return of safety violations from its Forsan yard prior to the OSHA investigation, all of which occurred within hours after Strickland's

food show portion of the contest bring their entries can Thursday morning between 7:30 and 10 a.m. You can bring the food to the lobby of the courthouse that morning.

According to County **Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Science Dana Tarter,** entries for the pecan food show will be accepted in two divisions. The youth division is open to those in school or 18 years of age and younger while the adult division is open for those 19 years of age or older. Within each division, there are five classes you can enter including cakes, pies, cookies, candies and breads. Tarter said an individual may enter one or more classes but may have only one food entry per class.

The food has to be prepared by the exhibitor but the pecans do not have to be grown by that person. Mixes can be used as an ingredient but not alone and pecans must be included in the actual dish and not just in the icing or for decoration.

An entry consists of a whole cake, pie or loaf of bread, eight pieces of candy or eight cookies. The candy and cookies should be placed on a paper plate while all entries must be covered by transparent wrap with the name and address of the exhibitor on the bottom of the container.

Each entry must also be accompanied by the recipe Lubbock-based Plains Cotton printed on a three-by-five index Growers (PCG) Inc., many High card. Recipes won't be returned Plains gins are starting to and will be available to the public upon request.

The entries will be judged between 10 a.m. and noon on from Mother Nature has Thursday. From 1 to 3 p.m. that allowed the High Plains harvest day, the extension office will host a holiday open house.

HERALD ph

Tommy Churchwell is spearheading on effort to get the Settles Hotel into better shape. He has added three new windows and has challenged other people in the community to do the same. Windows may be purchased for \$150 at Quality Glass and they will do the installation.

# Cotton harvest really in full swing now Howard County's production expected to be way down at 20,000 bales

By CARLTON JOHNSON Staff Writer

Recent low humidity levels and above average temperatures have boosted cotton harvest efforts in the 30-county High Plains region into high gear.

As a result of almost ideal weather conditions, the Lubbock and Lamesa United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Cotton Classing offices have processed more than 1.2 million bales of cotton, and according to report significant backlogs in cotton processing.

PCG officials say the help to pass the halfway mark of harvesting this year's crop.

The most recent cold spell did put a damper on the good news because the pace at which the harvest was proceeding slowed during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Despite the changes in weather, yield estimates for the 1996 crop continue to be very close to 2.81 million bales for the high Plain region, according to the most recent USDA report.

Howard County Extension Agent Don Richardson expects Howard County's cotton yield to be about 60 pounds per acre or 20,000 bales, way down from years past.

The USDA's November estimate of the size of the High Plains cotton crop is also expected to be slightly larger than the 480-pound bales the **USDA** estimated.

According to PCG officials, cotton bales usually weigh in at about 495 pounds.

Estimates from the Lubbock and Lamesa classing offices reflect production in actual bales, meaning the offices expect to receive cotton samples from 2.75 to 2.8 million bales.

Converting 2.75 million actual bales to statistical bales would mean the 1996 yield for the High Plains cotton crop would be about 2.83 million 480-pound bales.

As the harvest continues, it appears that producers are seeing greater than expected yields from the 1996 crop, despite drought and uncooperative weather patterns.

Other news of concern to High Plains producers and PCG officials is the pending decision of the Texas Supreme Court regarding the constitutionality of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation's (TBWEF) spraying program. Attorney's for both sides presented their case to the Supreme Court two weeks ago and a decision is expected within the next two months.

Meanwhile, according to High Plains officials, the boll weevil population has continued its spread throughout the High Plains area since the suit was filed against the TBWEF in 1995 by 10 Hale County cotton producers.

Officials are also concerned by the boll weevil because of the lack of assessment collections needed to fully address the problem during the recent diapause spray program.

"We were able to spay approximately three million acres with what we did collect," Shawn Wade, PCG spokesman, said. "We had about \$11.2 million that we were trying to collect and we collected about \$5.6 million (49.9 percent), leaving about \$5.62 million uncollected.

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just want the velvety d dark green leaves of itional poinsettia. t 70 percent of the poin-

produced and marketed and the other 30 perclude everything else,"

said Dr. Harvey Lang, a Texas A&M University horticulturist. Poinsettias were introduced in the U.S. in the 1800s from their native home of Mexico, and are the flower of choice in nurseries and greenhouses in the U.S., edging out the chrysanthemums in the past 30 years to become the number

plant in the country. "Greenhouse producers pay many of their bills with poin-settias, and it all happens with about one month of sales," Lang

one selling flowering potted

According to Lang, U.S. growers have increased production this year from 1995 and are expected to send about 38 million plants to market.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Texas' 94 poinsettia producers will contribute more than one-tenth of that at 3.85 million pots. The wholesale value of the crop has jumped from \$37.6 million in 1976 to \$209 million for the 1995 season. **Texas growers brought \$13.5** 

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## OBITUARIES

## **Charles "Chuck"** Henderson

Charles "Chuck" Henderson, 62, of Big Spring, died on Sunday, Dec.

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HENDERSON

Memorial Park with Tony Stewart, pastor of the Church of the Harvest, officiating.

He was born on May 28, 1934. in Wynnewood, Okla. and married Wilma Hutchison on April 10, 1960, in Clovis, N.M.

He was a member of the Church of the Harvest. He retired from the United States Air Force after 22 years of service. He was a Tech Sargent in Vietnam and worked in survival training. He worked at the VAMC and later for the Big Spring water department. He was active in coaching PeeWee football and baseball.

Survivors include his wife: Wilma Henderson of Big Spring; a son and daughter-inlaw: Aaron E. and Karen Henderson of Big Spring; his mother: Daisy Henderson of Wynnewood, Okla.; one sister: Mary Lou Pippen of Midwest City, Okla.; two granddaughters: Stephanie and Whitney Henderson, both of Big Spring, and one grandson: Aaron Henderson of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Henderson and one daughter, Laurie Henderson.

The military will serve as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Tommy Coats, Elzy Davis, Dwayne Norton, Ray Cooper and Angel Miranda.

The family suggests memorials to the Church of the Harvest; 14th and Goliad; Big Spring, Texas; 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Paid obituary

Truman Pendleton

# Christopher\_\_\_\_

Continued from page 1. Friday's sentencing date was set following the Nov. 8 conviction of Christopher's business partner G. Wayne Reeder on five counts of interstate transfer of stolen goods and six counts of wire fraud.

Together, Christopher and Reeder looted more than \$30 million from the two insurance companies, making American Universal (110,000 policyholders nationwide) the largest insurance company to fail in Rhode Island history.

Reeder's sentencing date has been set for March 6, 1997, pending the probations department pre-sentence investigation, according to Kizior.

"A pre-sentence investigation in cases like this is standard procedure, which is why Reeder's sentencing date is in March," Kizior said.

Reeder faces five years in prison for each of the five counts of interstate transfer of stolen goods and 10 years in prison for each of the six counts of wire fraud.

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Providence, the illegal transactions on which Reeder was convicted total about \$16 million.

Also because of Christopher and Reeder, more than 3,100 Diamond Benefits annuity holders, several elderly, had payments cut off.

Christopher remains free on a \$200,000 bond as he awaits Friday's sentencing.

## Growth

Continued from page 1 million into the wholesale poinsettia market last year.

Poinsettias represent up to 60 percent of the state's \$32 million potted flower sales.

According to Lang, the phenomenal growth in the state's poinsettia sales are attributed to a couple of factors: the companies that breed poinsettias have promoted the plant and put poinsettias in highly visible places, such as on television news sets and covers of nationally read publications; and, the development of new varieties with new colors that branch better and and last longer. "Most people want to take the

tree down and put away the ornaments right affor

## Retrial Continued from page 1

death.

Key's argument against the motion for a new trial states Morris did not gain employment with the company until after Strickland's death and the conversations between Morris and Key supervisors several months after the accident in question in no way constitutes competent or admissible evidence.

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The defense's argument further states a new trial should be denied because the plaintiffs did not introduce any evidence. or prove any allegedly relevant OSHA regulations, and because the company's alleged acts occurred subsequent to the accident, which is the basis of the suit and that such evidence has no relevance to the plaintiff's claim.

## IN BRIEF

THE BIG SPRING STATE **Hospital Volunteer Services** Council is hosting the annual **Carol of Lights at the BSSH** Activity Therapy Building at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9.

The community is invited to join BSSH patients in singing Christmas carols and drinking hot chocolate.

THE BIG SPRING SYMPHONY office will be open to the public Saturday, Dec. 7, from 5 to 7 p.m. in conjunction with the parade and Trail of Lights. Refreshments and tickets for the Nutcracker and the Christmas Tour of Homes will be available for sale.

THE HOWARD COUNTY **EXTENSION** Service is sponsoring a Pecan Food Show in conjunction with the Annual Pecan Show Thursday at the Howard County Courthouse. Entries for the Pecan Food Show will be accepted in the lobby area of the courthouse on Thursday from 7:30-10 a.m. while pecan entries for the show will be accepted at the extension office, first floor of the courthouse, anytime before Wednesday. Contact the extension office at 264-2236 for

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TODAY

 Comanche Lake Duplicate, 1 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic Center.

·Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

 Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m.; Spanish services.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

 Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

 Compassionate Friends, support group for parents who have experienced the death of a child, 7:30 p.m., Family Life Center, First Baptist Church (enter by southeast door). Call 267-2769.

•VFW Post #2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.

•Cancer support group, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center, room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077. Community tupperware

bingo, Canterbury, 1400 Lancaster, 3 p.m. Admission is free and all are invited. **WEDNESDAY** 

•Line dance lessons, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center in the Industrial Park.

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study THURSDAY

Settles. 8 to 9 p.m. closed meet-ing at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria

Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard **County Library conference** room. Enter through west door. ing at 8 a.m. today: Call Bernice Cason, 267-8542 or 267-7236.

#### FRIDAY

·Spring City Senior Citizens juana, failure to identify. country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.

## MARKETS

December cotton 75.25 cents a pound: January crude oil 24.54, down 26 points; Cash hog steady at 58.50, down 50 cents; slaughter steers steady at 69 cents even up \$1; Dec. live hog futures 59.30, down 7 points; Dec. live cattle futures 67.57, up 42 points. Courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co Index 6542.57 Volume 159,709,170 ATT 39% +% Amoco 78% +% **Atlantic Richfield** 142% +% 24% -% **Atmos Energy** 26% -% Cabot 66% -% Chevron 36% +% Chrysler 1.32-1.36 Cifra 50% -% Coca-Cola 29% -% **De Beers** DuPont 97 +% Excel Comm. 25% +% 95% +% Exxon 48% +% Fina 33% +% Ford Motors 61% -% Halliburton 165% + 2% IBM Laser Indus LTD 12% +% **Medical Alliance** 10% nc 123% + 1 Mobil 46% +% Norwest NUV 9% +% **Phillips Petroleum** 45% +% Pepsi Cola **30 nc** 22% nc Polaris **Rural/Metro** 36 +% 50% -% Sears Southwestern Bell 53% nc 24% -% Sun 99% +% Texaco

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**BIG SPRING HERALD** 

Tuesday, December 3, 1996

ANTONIO JOHN SLAUGHTER, 20, 813 W. 6th, arrested on possession of mari-

MENDEZ JOSE CUELLAR, 33, 1305 Elm, arrested for invalid driver's license.

· FRED EDWIN TURNER. 42, arrested on local warrants.

FRED EDWIN TURNER, JR., 23, arrested for disorderly conduct-language

 IDA RANGEL, 35, 509 Aylesford, arrested for no insurance.

 BARRY KENT BLAUSER, 3608 Parkway, 25, arrested on local and DPS warrants.

CYNTHIA MARY SLEIGHT, 2608 Carleton, arrested for public intoxication. • EARNEST HENRY, JR., 24, 511 Goliad, arrested for public intoxication.

 JOHN LYLES, 29, 100 E. 16th, arrested on local warrants.

 WILLIAM RANDELL JOHNSON, 37, 1104 11th Place, arrested for public intoxication. • TERESA JOHNSON, 34, 1104 11th Place, arrested for disorderly conduct-language. · CASEY DAVID IVIE, 18,

1901 Mittle, arrested on local warrants.

• BRANDI SMITHIE, 19, Rt. 3, Box 391, arrested on local warrants.

 JESSE AGUILAR, 19, 510 N. Nolan, arrested on local warrants.

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Graveside service for Truman Pendleton, 51, of Eden, were Monday, Dec. 2, 1996, at Live Oak Cemetery in Eden. He died Friday, Nov. 29.

Mr. Pendleton was born Sept. 30, 1945, in Eden. He was a maintenance man and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife: Gay Pendleton, Eden; two sons: Stacy Lynn and Stanley Bill Pendleton, both of Big Spring; two brothers: Minor Marian Pendleton, San Angelo and Aubrey John Pendleton, Eden: his sister: Estelline Laman, San Angelo and his mother: Ferna Pendleton, Eden.

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Christmas to get things back to normal," Lang said. "It's the same for poinsettias. A lot of them are brought as gifts and for decorating homes during the holiday season."

Poinsettia growers are expected to put about 3 percent more flowers on shelves this holiday season, especially red ones, which come in more than 15 different varieties.

## IN BRIEF

HIGHLAND COUNCIL FOR THE Deaf is sponsoring the film open-captioned Independence Day" for the deaf and hard-of-hearing. The movie will be shown on Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Ritz Theater, Fourth and Main. The public is invited to attend.

IF YOUR HOME OR business has been decorated for the Christmas holidays, please send in your address to the Big Spring Herald. We will be publishing a list of addresses for people to drive by and enjoy the handiwork you have creat-

babysitting at a babysitting clinic sponsored by Texas **Student Nurses Association at** Howard College. The clinic is Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Horace Garrett Building in Room 205. The cost is \$15 per student. Open to girls and boys ages 12 and older.

(915) 263-1631

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FAX 263-8975

Call Lisa at 264-5070 to reserve your spot. Space is limited and payment is due the day of the clinic. Proceeds go to benefit future community service projects and annual TSNA convention in San Antonio.

AND don'ts along with some Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is wel-come to attend. safety tips when it comes to

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.

**•Big Spring Senior Citizens** Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

Group Support for Depression, 7 p.m., Dora **Roberts Rehab** Center, Third and Lancaster.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

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## **\* I NEED HELP\***

I have an immediate opening for a man to work part time in my local laundry business Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Pay starts at \$7.00 per hour. Duties include equipment service, general maintenance and some management. Training will be provided. This is a PERMANENT position. This job is perfect for somebody who's taken early retirement and is tired of sitting around the house. I am looking for honesty, capability and dependability.

If you are interested, or would just like more details, please come by 1208 Gregg St. and pick up an application. Let's talk

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Charles "Chuck" Henderson, 62, died Sunday. Military graveside services will be 2:00 PM Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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#### Prosecutor fired after arrest for cocaine possession

HOUSTON - A Harris County prosecutor who had handled several high-profile cases has been fired after she was arrested on a charge of possession of cocaine, authorities say.

District Attorney John B. Holmes Jr. said Monday that Kristen Pain, 31, was fired immediately after she was arrested Saturday morning for allegedly snorting cocaine in front of an undercover FBI agent.

Pain, who had been an assistant district attorney for five years, had spent the past six month in the consumer fraud division. Holmes said he did not have to wait until her trial to fire her. saying the arrest was enough. He noted that it was the first time he can remember that an assistant district attorney has been arrested on a drug possession charge.

"I don't think it is unreasonable for folks who enforce the rules to follow them," he said. "I'm not going to tolerate any failure to follow the law."

#### Tilton's first wife joins attempt to gain church's assets

DALLAS - Evangelist Robert Tilton's first wife has joined in the fight over church property in his second divorce.

Marte Tilton intervened Monday in Tilton's divorce from fellow evangelist Leigh Valentine Tilton, demanding that any church assets judged community property should go to her interests first.

State District Judge Bill Burdock has ruled that he will not drop Word of Faith World Outreach Center Church from the divorce case, under the argument that Tilton controls the church and its finances so completely that he and the church are one and the same.

Burdock's decision apparently prompted Marte Tilton's action and leaves open the possibility that church property, including the \$1.6 million former parsonage and some of the church's other \$30 million in assets, could be awarded in the divorce verdict.

#### American Airlines to turn off giant airport signs

DALLAS - Eight giant gate information signs erected at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport by American Airlines that were the subject of a multi-million dollar lawsuit will be shut down, according to a published report.

The Dallas Morning News reported in a copyright story today that airline chairman Robert Crandall notified airport officials last week that the airline planned to turn the five-story illumi nated signs off after the busy Thanksgiving Day travel rush ended on Monday.

# **GENERAL NEWS**

# Suit seeks interest collection on back child support

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - A as a class. judge has entered a class-action order providing for parents to collect interest on past-due child support, a sum plaintiffs attorneys say could total billions of dollars.

"This is based on the fundamental proposition that child support is not a request. It is a court order. These are just and valid debts owed to the children of the state of Texas," plaintiffs' lawyer Steven Sinkin said after the order was issued Monday.

State District Judge John D. Gabriel Jr. ruled custodial parents who have been owed back child support would be certified

Maria del Carmen Rios and Deirdre Wilson, two San Antonio women who have been owed past-due child support, are the plaintiffs representing the class.

"It feels good to be able to help out others," said Ms. Rios, the mother of a 15-year-old. Ms. Rios' past-due child support increased from \$4,575 to \$22,199 once interest was figured in, Sinkin said.

**Texas Attorney General Dan** Morales intervened in the court case last week and pledged to pursue unpaid interest in the child support cases his office

#### handles.

"We do in fact want to collect interest on the past due child support," said Ron Dusek, a spokesman for Morales.

The state began collecting interest on pending cases of past-due child support in July, Dusek said. Cases in which the past-due amount has been paid will be re-examined for interest assessment, he said

There is was no figure available on how many cases that would apply to or how much money is involved, Dusek said.

Interest has not been assessed uniformly in private or state cases for back child support,

according to the Attorney General's Office. A state law was passed in 1991 allowing interest to be paid. It was amended in 1993 to provide for a 12 percent interest rate.

Sinkin and Richard Orsinger, another plaintiffs' attorney in the class-action lawsuit, said the judge's order means anyone who received child support since Sept. 1, 1985, can seek recalculation of the amount of any past-due child support to include interest.

The attorneys estimate some 2 million Texas children may be affected, with the interest totaling billions of dollars.

# GOP, Democrats eye same leaders in Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) -Despite talk of bipartisan cooperation, Senate Republican and Democratic leaders will guide a chamber already clashing with President Clinton over welfare and more conservative than it has been in years.

**GOP** and Democratic senators hold separate meetings today to pick their leaders for the Congress that convenes in January. Both leadership teams are all but certain to be re-elected without opposition, starting with Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., and Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.

Lott would for the first time head a Senate whose agenda he can set. When he replaced Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., as GOP leader last June, he inherited a chamber whose members were eager to complete their work quickly so they could plunge into the Nickles, R-Okla., said Sunday campaign. On the Democratic side,

Daschle would begin his third year as minority leader. The soft-spoken South Dakotan, who will be 49 on Monday, won his post by a single vote two years ago over Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., and has steered a course that has mixed cooper-

ation with partisan attacks. The meetings come exactly four weeks after an Election Day that saw voters expand the GOP's 53-47 Senate majority to 55-45. Members of both parties have said that voters want compromise, but Republicans are already ruling out helping the president ease parts of this year's welfare overhaul.

'A significant reforming or undermining the welfare bill, no," Senate Majority Whip Don

on NBC's "Meet the Press." Nickles is expected to retain his position, and Connie Mack,

R-Fla., will take the No. 3 job of conference chairman. Mack will replace Thad Cochran, R-Miss., who promised not to seek the job again after Lott easily defeated him last June.

Also virtually certain to return to their Democratic side jobs are Sens. Wendell Ford of Kentucky, the whip, and Barbara Mikulski of Maryland, who is conference secretary.

The Senate leadership selection was a mirror of what happened in the House two weeks ago, when Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., and their current leadership teams were re-elected by the rank and file.













t's been almost a month since the November general election, but for voters in Big Spring and the surrounding area, the task of filling all the positions up for grabs won't be accomplished until Dec. 10 when the District 28 Texas Senate seat runoff between Republican Robert Duncan and Democrat David Langston will be decided.

The two survivors from the November free-for-all race pitted seven candidates seeking to fill the vacancy created when former Sen. John Montford quit the post to accept the position as chancellor of Texas Tech University.

Early voting for the runoff race began Monday and continues through Friday at the County Clerk's Office in the Howard County Courthouse.

The 28th District's decision could have historical ramifications, since a Duncan victory would give Republicans a majority in the state Senate for the first time since Reconstruction following the Civil War, while a Langston victory would give Democrats a slim one-man majority in the upper house.

In addition, the 75th Legislature is expected to consider a number of important issues during its session, particularly school finance and property tax reform.

Duncan, who served Lubbock's 84th District as state representative during the last Legislature and was endorsed by the Herald, paced the field in November's balloting with 40,437 of the 127,663 votes cast. In Howard County, he also led the tally with 2,269 votes. Langston, who resigned as mayor of Lubbock to seek

the post, received 30,352 votes district-wide, and was fourth in Howard County returns with 1,081. Anyone registered to vote can cast a ballot for the runoff, even those who were either unable to vote or chose not to exercise their privilege in November. It is important that local voters remember that showing up at the polls and casting their votes is more than just a privilege, it's a responsibility and should always be taken seriously.

# Fanning racial flames with 'Ebonics' controversy

#### By BONNIE ERBE

Scripps Howard News Service

Is everybody in your neighborhood talking about the "Ebonics" controversy? If not

now, they will be soon. Note this article, which recently ran on the front page of that bastion of conservatism, The Washington Times. It began, "Officials of a California public school system think black pupils who speak 'Black English' should qualify for federal bilingual education funds, because they speak an authentic language other than English. The article went on to report an Oakland (California) Board of Education task force on educating African-American students has dubbed "Ebonics" (i.e. Black English) a bona fide language separate and distinct from English, so the school board task force may seek supplemental federal funds to teach black students proper English as a second language. Of course it is ridiculous to classify regionalisms and dialects as second languages.

tal funds to teach Americans how to speak English sends any right-thinking person into spasms of choler, spewing forth invectives about our "liberal, spend-thrift" government.

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It is the sort of story Right Wing politicians love to wave in the air, flailing about and shouting billingsgates about the wanton Left. What's more, it's the type of issue that any simpleton (wrongly) thinks he or she can understand. It's the type that makes us feel angry and push for political change. Here's the opaque part most citizens would not be able to comprehend, nowever. It also

agreed? Then it would not be a controversy, agreed again? And then, it would not whip up the fervor of white people against black people and against necessary educational reforms.

The use of the term, Ebonics, is not new. Even the Washington Times story buries this fact toward the end of its article, noting Ebonics is a, "little-used term that grew out of a 1973 conference of educators, researchers and psychologists concerned about the language skills of black students

- speakers say, for instance, "I been done walk" instead of "I have walked."

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Only 10 public university systems have black student graduation rates of more than 50 percent, and Penn State ranks at the bottom of those 10 at 51 percent.

If the University of Virginia had to offer remedial English to entering black students to help them not only graduate, if not excel, it surely would. The only difference is, it would not classify remedial English a bilingual education.

Of course the designation of Ebonics as a separate language

## **OTHER VIEWS**

It was predicted by every other American who reads the newspapers, but it was still astonishing when a federal judge in California temporarily restrained enforcement of a proposition prohibiting racial and gender discrimination by public schools and agencies in the state.

Proposition 209, passed by 55 percent of the state's voters this past Nov. 5, was patterned after the 1964 Civil Rights Act. It is simple and clear. When hiring people, when letting contracts and when admitting students to the state university system, it says, public officials may not consider race or sex.

In all probability, says our judge, Thelton E. Henderson, this is unconstitutional. His restraining order will stay in effect until an inevitable preliminary injunction on Dec. 16, to be followed by a trial most expect to last at least a year. The voice of the people in California has thus been nullified for at least a period, but on what grounds? Heed carefully the judge's words.

"Courts must look beyond the plain language of an enactment," he wrote. "The relevant question is whether, in reality, the burden imposed by a law necessarily falls on minorities and women." In other words, you can't have laws mandating equal treatment of individuals if that gets in the way of preferential treatment of individuals

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belonging to particular groups. This is worse than balder-

dash. If accepted as a new guiding principle of our republic, it would upend a goodly portion of previous civil rights legislation. It turns the notion of equality under law on its head. It subverts the U.S. Constitution and it makes a mockery of the Declaration of Independence. It is an affront to democracy and liberty.

The issue here is not whether you believe in affirmative action as a wise social policy. The issue is whether a court can disregard the Constitution's irrefutable meaning in pursuit of its own political ends. Grant that it can, and you will have gone far to strip authority from all other branches and means of government and to confer it on the judiciary, which supposedly exists to protect rights, not deprive people of them.

Judge Henderson should have tossed the suit out of court on the grounds that it was frivolous and made no sustainable constitutional point. The fact that he chose instead to give credence to a ludicrous argument is testimony to his own judicial extremism and one more piece of evidence that our system of checks and balances is badly out of whack.

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is the type of story that has a hidden agenda of dividing Americans along racial lines and reducing beyond disingenuousness educational reforms

that are in supreme demand. Allow me to paraphrase. What if, instead of calling Black English "Ebonics," and classifying it as a separate languaghe Oakland officials just called it "Blap special English comprehension and speech classes for African-American students who need to learn proper English to do so? Then it would not be a story,

If the goal of conservatives were to bring blacks and whites together, instead of tearing us apart by reporting the outrageous yet clearly anecdotal moves of a few wily extremists, it could have reported on the latest news out of the University of Virginia.

The Journal of Blacks in **Higher Education has just** released a report showing Virginia's graduation rate for black students is 84 percent, higher than any other statesupported institution. That compares with a graduation

is ludicrous. But to report one school board's approach as if it were the beginning of a trend is just as outrageous.

We are at a point in history when we sorely need to come together. And journalists should help, not hinder, that process.

(Bonnie Erbe, host of the PBS program "To the Contrary" and legal affairs correspondent for the Mutual/NBC Radio networks, writes this column weekly for Scripps Howard News Service.)

# Thanksgiving postmortems on anything, everything

By CHARLES McDOWELL Media General Newspapers

And the thought of supplemen-

At midmorning on the day after Thanksgiving, my neighbor Mr. Bumbleton and I observed our annual custom of having coffee and raisin-rolls with cream cheese at his kitchen table. Our wives had gone Christmas shopping in the dim dawning of the season.

"I have to wonder how long the ladies' traditional first shopping trip will endure," my host said. "On the Today Show this morning, there was talk about a new gift-advisory service on a web site, the Gadget Guru. As such sites develop, the ladies will be able to order presents on their computers." "Mr. Bumbleton,

Thanksgiving is your hobby and you're my expert on it, but do you really think the day will still mark the opening of the Christmas-shopping season when the shopping is in cyberspace?" I asked.

'Well, I have to admit I'm not entirely happy about

Christmas season, anyway," he said. "My hope is that we'll give more attention to getting together and eating, watching football and being thankful. I'm encouraged to have learned on TV this morning that 3,000 poor people were served Thanksgiving dinner on the Capitol grounds.' "You accept football games as

Thanksgiving's opening of the

part of the tradition?" "Sure. Football's a recent addition to the folklore really, but it brings people together,' he said. "And so does Macy's parade with the big balloons in New York. That's a big deal on TV in the modern Thanksgiving, especially if you have grandchildren visiting. I think it's fairly wholesome." "Do you think the size of

modern football players is wholesome?" "Huh?" "I'm kind of joking, Mr. B.

The Redskins game in Dallas inspired an analyst on TV to inform us that the number of football players in the NFL weighing 300 pounds or more

was zero in 1976, eight in 1986 and is 179 in 1996.' "Fascinating, assuming the

numbers are right," Mr. Bumbleton said. "We should be thankful for statistics like that. But, frankly, we don't get enough on TV. What TV likes to do is make big statements without documenting them.

We've been told repeatedly on TV that the day after Thanksgiving is the biggest shopping day of the year, and advertisers have sales from 6 a.m. on to try to fulfill the exaggeration. Truth is, as the Washington Post documented, the biggest days last year were December 23, 22, 16, 21 and 20 in that order. The day after Thanksgiving was seventh. But it gets things started."

'I was sobered by TV's recurring emphasis on incredible crowds and delays at airports,' I said. "But I was sobered a lot more to learn that this was all about an increase in the average plane's passenger load from 60 percent of capacity to 80 percent. Wow! But what I really wanted to ask you about,

Mr. B., is the true origin of Thanksgiving, now that we've survived it again."

Mr. Bumbleton spoke briskly: "Everyone should get this straight. The Massachusetts settlers of 1620 had a prayerful, grateful feast with the Indians in 1621. And settlers at Berkeley Hundred in Virginia had given thanks in 1619. Indeed, settlers in Maine had already done that in 1607. And Virginia settlers had done the same thing the same year."

"But where does that leave us, Mr. B.?"

"Well," he said, "in Canaan where the Israelites in 1200 B.C. learned about a Thanksgiving ceremony. Or in Greece 2000 years ago at the festival to honor Demeter, the goddess of harvests. Or in England only 1500 or so years ago when the Saxons arrived with the festival to be known as Harvest Home. Anyway, it still works pretty well, pending shopping in cyberspace.'

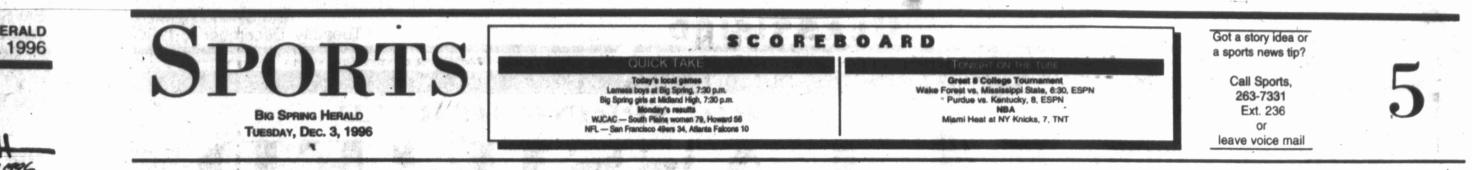
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# Big Spring's Steers land five on District 4-4A All-District football first team

#### **HERALD Staff Report**

Five Big Spring Steers were named to the first squad of the recently released All-District 4-4A football team.

First team offensive players for the Steers included junior running back Antwoine Edwards, junior tight end C.J. Ashley and sophomore lineman Kurt Miranda.

Senior cornerback Frankie Green and junior lineman Jeff Denton were Big Spring's first team defensive selections.

The Steers, who finished 2-8 this season, also placed four players on the all-district second team: senior receiver John Smith; senior offensive lineman Dan Brewster; senior defensive lineman Gabe Rubio; and junior linebacker Brock Gee.

Edwards finished third in District 4-4A rushing stats, gaining 1,115 yards on 234 carries for a 4.8 average and scored eight touchdowns. Edwards was also fourth in tandem offense and fifth in total offense, with all of his yardage coming by the run. He was seventh in scoring with 48 points.

Smith was fifth in receiving with 258 yards on 18 catches for a 14.3 average yards per catch average and three scores.

The district's three playoff teams -Sweetwater, San Angelo Lake View and Andrews - dominated the all-district squad. Lake View quarterback Sterlin Gilbert and Andrews running back Shaud Williams were co-MVPs on offense, while Sweetwater's Shedrick Williams was defensive MVP.



Sweetwater had 11 first-team selections, while Lake View had 10.

#### **FIRST TEAM OFFENSE**

Co-MVPs - Sterlin Gilbert (sr., 5-11, 175), Lake View, and Shaud Williams (so. 5-8, 165), Andrews

Quarterback - Gilbert, Lake View.

Receivers - Robert Reed (sr., 6-6, 180), Sweetwater; Morris Smith (sr., 6-0, 170), Lake View; Brian parker (sr., 5-11, 180), Fort Stockton. Running backs — Antwoine Edwards (jr., 5-10, 165), Big Spring; Williams, Andrews; Jacob Vasquez (jr., 5-9, 165), Fort Stockton; Adam Binnix (jr., 5-8, 160), Lake View; Jason Blueford (sr., 5-10, 170), Sweetwater.

Tight ends — C.J. Ashley (jr., 6-3, 190), Big Spring; Dennis VonWiller (sr., 6-2, 190), Lake View.

Linemen – Kurt Miranda (so., 5-9, 190), Big Spring; Kevin Mobley (sr., 5-10, 185), Andrews; David Sutton (sr., 6-3, 210), Lake View; Daniel Green (sr., 6-0, 185), Sweetwater; Tony Luz (sr., 6-0, 260), Sweetwater; Sammy Camacho (sr., 6-0, 300), Sweetwater.



Center - Chris Dulin (sr., 6-1, 215), Andrews. Kicker - Reed, Sweetwater.

#### FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

MVP - Shedrick Williams (sr., 6-0, 170), Sweetwater

Linemen – Jeff Denton, (jr., 6-1, 200), Big Spring: Steven Weyman (jr., 6-1, 240), Sweetwater; Michael Castillo (jr., 6-0, 220), Sweetwater; Jay Scudder (jr., 5-10, 205), Andrews; Jason Walker (jr., 6-3, 210), Lake View; John Goolsby (jr., 6-2, 200), Lake View; Jason Gomez (jr., 5-8, 150), Sweetwater.

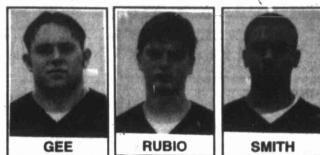
Linebackers - Joseph Strain (sr., 5-10, 195), Pecos; Scott Fish (jr., 5-10, 185), Fort Stockton; Temo Guevera (jr., 5-11, 160), Andrews; Gary Pittman (sr., 6-1, 195), Lake View.

Secondary - Frankie Green (sr., 5-6, 170), Big Spring; Kendall Jones (jr., 6-1, 185), Lake View; Dominique Solis (jr., 5-6, 140), Sweetwater; Shedrick Williams, Sweetwater.

**Punter** — Gilbert, Lake View.

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Quarterback Andrew Boatright, -----Sweetwater.



Receivers - John Smith, Big Spring; Andrew Lucas, Andrews; Jorge Villareal, Lake View.

**Running backs** — Danny Diaz, Fort Stockton; Danny Wheeler, Andrews; Andy Hall, Sweetwater; Chris Burgess, Lake View.

Linemen — Dan Brewster, Big Spring: Daniel Price, Sweetwater; Beau Moore, Andrews; Bill Farmer, Lake View; Didio Martinez, Pecos; Jeff Rodriguez, Fort Stockton; Albert Milan, Fort Stockton.

Center - Breck Hale, Lake View. SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Linemen - Gabe Rubio, Big Spring; Jose Contreras, Pecos; Julio Ceyva, Fort Stockton: Gustavo Levario, Andrews: Anthony Hutton, Lake View; Bill Farmer, Lake View; Jorge Ramos, Andrews.

Linebackers — Brock Gee, Big Spring; Gary Floyd, Lake View; Layton Woods, Fort Stockton: Kelly Lebby, Andrews.

Secondary - Orlando Bueno, Andrews; Mark Abila, Pecos; Eric Dominguez, Fort Stockton; Brandon Henry, Lake View.

# Steer, Lady Steer cagers return to court; Boys at home vs. Lamesa, girls at Midland

start.

#### **By STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Nov. 15.

trict play.

It's time to shake off the holiday rust and get back to business for Big Spring High School's basketball teams.

Both the Steers and Lady Steers return to action tonight after time off for the Thanksgiving holiday. Big Spring's boys will be at home tonight at 7:30 against Lamesa, while the Lady Steers will visit Midland High School, also at 7:300116/19

Both games will be rematches of contests earlier this season. Lamesa's boys took a of this before," Tipton said. resounding 77-52 win over the Steers two weeks ago, while Midland defeated Big Spring's girls by 20 points at Howard **College's Crossroads Classic** 

said.

"For who we play, we're on pace to get where we want to be," Tipton said, referring to his team's grueling early season schedule. "Don't get me floor. wrong, I'd love for us to be 6-0, but I'm pleased with the

progress we've shown." The Steers have been powered so far by the veteran guard duo of John Smith (11 points a game) and Justin Myers (15.5 scoring average), who give Big Spring one of the best backcourts in the area.

"One of the big keys for us is that we've got a starting point guard who's been through all

"To tell you the truth, we're still experimenting," Taylor said. "I'm looking for five players who will click on the

Unlike the BSHS boys, the Lady Steers have been led by their post players, junior Traci Bellinghausen and senior Kim Robertson. Both have averaged slightly over 10 points a game so far.

Taylor wants even more point production from Bellinghausen and Robertson. so that things will open up for outside shooters like juniors Kara Hughes and Maggie Haddad. Once that happens, 'Another thing is that this the coach believes his team will start rolling. "I expected us to be playing better than we are, but it's not the time to panic," Taylor said. "These kids go out there every day and work hard, and if they continue to do that, they'll get better. "We've still got a long way to go, but we're getting better each game," Taylor said of his five-time defending district champions. "Before it's all over, we'll be fine. We'll be a good ballclub." consistency, coach Ron Taylor

# 49ers hit stride against Falcons, 34-10

ATLANTA (AP) — The division race is tight and the homefield advantage is still within reach, so the San Francisco 49ers couldn't afford to slip up against a team like the Falcons. They didn't.

San Francisco set up an NFC West showdown against the Carolina Panthers by rolling over Atlanta 34-10 Monday night, a game that proved once and for all that Steve Young is fully recovered from injuries that plagued him most of the season.

"It sure looks like to me he's

better," said tight end Brent

parts of eight games because of two concussions and a lingering groin sfrain, once again displayed the athleticism and fearlessness he's been known for throughout his career.

He wasn't afraid to sprint from the pocket when he saw an opening. He wasn't timid about sticking his head into a tackler to get a few extra yards.

"I kept telling him, 'Man, why don't you slide sometimes?"' William Floyd said. 'He looked at me like, 'I'm Steve Young. This is the way I play.' When he gives you that look, you know everything is

Young, who has missed all or in 1994. Kirby finished with 105 yards on just 12 carries - an 8.8-yard average.

> The defense, meanwhile, shut down the Falcons, who finished with a measly 178 yards. Bobby Hebert was only 10-of-25 for 113 yards and two interceptions. and his backup, Browning Nagle, was sacked for a safety by Bryant Young.

"The San Francisco and Buffalo defensive lines are by far the best in the league.' Atlanta center Roman Fortin said. "Our guys deserve credit for protecting the quarterbacks as well as we did tonight."

About the only thing the egoing to be OKa tourtain sour 49ers could guibble with on Young had touchdown runs of this night was their inability to score more touchdowns. Four times in the first half, they settled for field goals by Jeff Wilkins, though the last one came as the clock was running out.

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club plays as a team; they really compliment each other in various areas." Another area that has Tipton smiling is the team's depth, Both teams are struggling to which he calls the best he's stay around .500 so far - the had in his five seasons at Big Steers are 3-3, while the Lady Spring. Reserves such as guard Steers are 3-4. If there's any Sky Massingill, forward Tory comfort to be taken from that-

Mitchell and post Paul Foresyth have spelled the starters with no appreciable dropoff in production, he said. For the Lady Steers, the top priority right now is finding

Boys' coach Gary Tipton in particular will take his team's

situation, however, it is that

both squads traditionally start

slow before coming on in dis-

Jones, who watched Young throw for 254 yards and fun for two touchdowns. The big thing is he's moving with confidence. He's not so hesitant. I threw a scoring pass on the mean, he ran for two touchdowns. That's being all the way back in my mind."

San Francisco (10-3) plays the Panthers (9-4) next Sunday at 3Com Park — a vital game not only in terms of the division race, but the 49ers' hopes of earning home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs. They are tied with Green Bay for the top spot in the conference, but trail in ie-breakers.

"We didn't want to spoil next week's showdown by having a bad game this week," Jones said.

26 and 5 yards in the first half, 49ers' first possession of the third quarter and then spent the rest of the night on the bench. His final numbers were vintage Young: 23-of-30 for 254 yards passing and six carries

for 43 yards. "The efficiency is there, the plays are starting to come and I'm healthy, which allows me to play football the way I want to play football," he said.

Terry Kirby caught Young's touchdown pass and also became the first San Francisco player to rush for more than 100 yards since Ricky Watters

San Francisco scored on its first seven possessions, leading 25-3 at the half and then adding to the margin on Young's 10yard touchdown pass to Kirby with 9:30 left in the third quarter

"The defense really didn't play that bad, but they were on the field too long," Falcons receiver Terance Mathis said. 'The offense was awful. We didn't accomplish anything."

# Longhorns confident heading into Big 12 title game

Longhorns don't talk like underdogs against third-ranked Nebraska in Saturday's Big 12 Championship game.

The Cornhuskers (10-1, 8-0) are favored by oddsmakers to win by nearly three touchdowns in Saturday's game in St. Louis. UT quarterback James Brown agrees with the margin, but says it's Texas (7-4, 6-2) that will be the runaway victor.

"I think we're going to win by three touchdowns," said Brown, who threw for four TDs and 336 yards without an interception in a 51-15 victory over Texas A&M on Friday. "If they blitz us, and we make plays against the blitz, we'll be all right.' Brown, who thrives on big-

game atmosphere, said: "We really don't have any-

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas thing to lose. But we have a lot to gain. It's going to be a good game. I can't wait until Saturday. I'm as confident about this game as I was going into the A&M game."

On paper, Brown figures to have a long day against the nation's fourth-ranked defense, which is giving up just 77.8 yards on the ground and 232 yards total per game.

Grant Wistrom, a 6-foot-5, 250pound end for the Huskers, leads a defense that has taken up residence in opposing back-Wistrom sacked fields. Colorado quarterback Koy Detmer twice and had 15 tackles in Nebraska's 17-12 victory over the Buffaloes on Friday that clinched the Big 12 North title.

"I watched the Colorado game and they sacked Detmer every other time he dropped back to

pass. To sack me, they're going to have to catch me," said Brown, an effective scrambler.

"If they bring everyone, it means they are going to be man-to-man, and I don't think they can cover our receivers the whole game man-to-man,' Brown said.

Brown's other teammates weren't as outspoken. But they were equally confident.

"We know that people have been talking about the Big 12 South not being as tough as the North, but I think right now Texas is playing as good as it's played all year," Longhorns linebacker Tyson King said. 'We are going to show up and play well.

King said the key to winning will be stopping Nebraska's high-powered option attack, averaging 296.4 yards per game. "Nebraska is the one who

started the option," King said "They are the standard, and that's why they've only lost one game in three years. We haven't faced anyone who's going to be as good a running team as they are.'

King said the Longhorns, currently giving up nearly 200 yards per game on the ground, must force Nebraska quarterback Scott Frost to beat them passing.

"If we can put them in some third-and-long situations, then I like our chances because I've said all year, our defensive backs are second to none," King said.

King said it doesn't bother him that no one is giving Texas a chance. "No one gave Arizona State a chance against Nebraska," he said, referring to the Huskers' only blemish this season.

## Hanspard wins Doak Walker award

DALLAS (AP) - Statistically, Byron Hanspard wasn't even the best running back in his conference this season.

But Doak Walker Award voters looked past the numbers, and on Monday the Texas Tech junior was honored as the best running back in college football.

Hanspard — only the sixth running back in NCAA history to rush for more than 2,000 yards in a season — edged fellow juniors Troy Davis of Iowa State and Northwestern's Darnell Autry for the award.

Hanspard ran for 2,084 yards, but Davis topped him for the Big 12 rushing title with a national-best 2,185 yards. Autry was the Big Ten rushing champion with 1,386 yards and 15 touchdowns on 263 carries.

Autry and Davis were expected to have big years coming off sophomore seasons that made them Heisman Trophy finalists. Hanspard was merely seen as an up-and-comer after rushing for 1,374 yards last year.

The 6-foot, 190-pound Hanspard quickly made his presence felt, running for 115 yards in the season opener against Kansas State, then a school-record 272 against Oklahoma State.

Hanspard also became Tech's single-season and career rushing leader (4,219).

Davis, though, became the first NCAA player to ever rush for 2,000 yards in consecutive seasons. He also had 21 touchdowns to Hanspard's 13.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

#### South Plains drills Lady Hawks, 79-56

LEVELLAND - South Plains College got double-figure scoring from three starters her Monday night en route to a 79-56 Western Junior **College Athletic Conference win over** Howard College.

South Plains improved to 10-0 overall and 3-0 in conference play while Howard fewll to 9-3 and 2-2.

South Plains led by five points, 34-29, at the half.

Kyna McGruder was the only Lady Hawk in double figures, finishing with 25 points.

#### Forsan JV starts hot

The Forsan junior varsity boys team started basketball season with a perfect 3-0 record.

The JV Buffaloes opened the season with a 68-22 win over Water Valley's JV. Ferrol Voight scored 12 points and Nick Hise 11 for Forsan.

The Buffs then defeated Garden City 60-25. Joey Jackson led the way with 15 points, while Daniel Whetsel added

10. Forsan then made it three-for-three by defeating robert Lee's JV 52-45. Matt Gamble led the Buffs with 14 points, while David Stone scored 10.

#### Andrews sweeps pair from Goliad

Andrews' A and B girls basketball teams swept Goliad in recent games. In the A game, Andrews took a 33-22 win, while the B squad claimed a 20-19 win.

Goliad's A team was paced bt Chelsea Churchwell with nine points. followed by Latrisha Rollins with six, Brittany Bryant with four and Laci Haag with two.

Bryant also had eight rebounds while Churchwell added four steals and six rebounds.

In the B game, Goliad was paced by three players with four points each -

Trista Casey, Amber Mayes and Molli Mayberry.

Casey also had five steals and Mayes had five rebounds. disc

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Pace yourself. Pull back, and do some deep thinking. A friend may be letting you down. A total commitment could be in order here, if you are willing. Focus on work, and worry less about what is happening. Another point of view will help. Tonight: Work late.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Creativity mounts. Consider which is the best way to go. Be imaginative. Examine what you need to do, to get past someone who is blocking you. Others disagree with you. Use that to empower yourself. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take a look at core issues involving home, family and security. You feel you are in a pressure cooker. Work is demanding. A boss adds to the confusion. Reorganize, to stabilize your work. Eliminate red tape. Tonight: Be homeward bound. \*\*\*

#### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Reach

monster. Consider revamping your home life. Reorganize. Find ways of increasing efficiency in all aspects of your life. Tonight: Structure a viable budget. \*\*\*

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Someone is causing trouble for you. Honor what is needed here. This person is out of sync, and uncomfortable with what is happening. Talking is important, as confusion is high. Spontaneity and excellent communications are your strong suit. Tonight: Say "yes."

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Take a deep breath. Fatigue is high, and you need to pace yourself. You are stressing yourself out beyond limits. Listen, and be aware of what the real message is here. You feel overworked. You need a break from what is going on. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep. \*\*

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) There are several advantages about what is transpiring. The most obvious is a change of pace. Think about risks and security. Obviously, certain matters are out of control. Eye the future. Prepare to switch gears. Tonight: Join friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take the lead, and straighten out confusion. A family member could only be making it worse. Lighten up about this situation. Question, evaluate and make strong choices for yourself. Keep the focus on work, your image and longterm gains. Tonight: Be in the spotlight. \*\*\*

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Break past the immediate. Move beyond limited thinking. Question another's need to make a situation more scrambled than necessary. Meanwhile, pull back and detach. The full story is available. Take a walk at lunch; you need to clear the air. Tonight: Go to the movies. \*\*\*\*

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) One-to-one relating aids positive changes. Confirm that you have the same goals as a partner. Thinking and talking about finances is critical to achieving clarity. Seek out experts if need be. Implement a transformation at work. Tonight: Be with your best

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