## Private applicator license testing to be held in Seminole March 15

There will be a private applicators license testing hald at the Civic Building in Seminole on March 16. The required training will begin at 8:30 a.m. and last until noon. A TDA representative will be present at $1: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. to administer the test. This will be a testing only, no CEUs will be offered. A $\$ 10$ fee will be charged to cover the cost of the materials.

Currently there are two types of private applicators license; Certified Privie Applicators and Licensed Private Applicators.

CERTIFIED PRIVATE APPLICATOR - authorized to use restricteduse and state-limited-use pesticides for the purpose of producing an agricultural commodity. A certified private applicator is NOT authorized to supervise the use of restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticides.

1) Certified before Jan. 10, 1989 * cannot supervise the use of statelimited and restricted-use pesticides; *
will not need to license at this time but can fill their recertification requirement on a one time only basis by going through the educational requirements, test and fee payment for the licensed private applicator by Dec. 31, 1995. (After changing to a licensed private applicator, recertification requirements for this license must be followed), or * will be required to recertify through continuing education by Dec. 31, 1995 by obtaining 15 educational credits of which two credits must be taken on laws and regulations and one credit must be taken on integrated pest management.
2) Certified from Jan. 10, 1989 through Dec. 31, 1989 - * cannot supervise the use of restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticides; * will be required to become a licensed private applicator by Dec. 31, 1994 and then follow the recertification requirements of this license.

LICENSED PRIVATE APPLI-

## Local Girl Scouts attend Camp-In at Science Spectrum

Cassie Dearing and Jennifer Lollar of Girl Scout Troop 74 along with their leader, Jerri Lollar, were among 208 girls and approximately 50 leaders who attended a camp-in at the Science Spectrum on Feb. 26-27.

Workshops included "Rainforests" - where the girls learned about plants and animals in the rainforest regions;
"Sound" - where they learned about sounds and sign language; "What in the World" - where the girls created plants designed to adapt to certain conditions; and "Rapping with Reptiles" - where they learned about turtles, lizards and snakes. A special workshop for sixth graders was on "Electricity."


RAPPING WITH REPTILES at the annual Girl Scout's Camp-In held in the Science Spectrum - left to right, supervising the python is Jonah, (who is a nephew of Johnnie Wauson) and Girl Scouts, Cassie Dearing and Jennifer Lollar.
entor - a person wne ases or supervises the use of restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticides for the purpose of producing an agricultural commodity.

1) Licensed on or after Jan. 1, 1990 - * can supervise the use of statelimited or restricted-use pesticides; * must view Extension slide/tape presentation to complete requirements for the license; * must take and pass a 100 question test with a grade of $70 \%$ or above through the Texas Department of Agriculture; * must pay a $\$ 50.00 \mathrm{li}-$ cense fee to the Texas Dept. of Agriculture; * the license will expire on the last day of February on the fifth year after issue unless the license fee is paid again; * recertification requirements exist for this such license that 15 hours of educational credits must be attended within the five year license period of which two credits must be taken on laws and regulations and one credit must be taken on integrated pest management. These credits must be obtained before Dec. 31 of the year preceding renewal of the license.

## Chamber banquet set for Thursday

Plains Chamber of Commerce will host the Eighth Annual Awards Banquet Thursday, March 11 at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Special guest will be Peggy Bingham of Meadow. She will present a chalk talk on "patriotism." An accomplished artist, Mrs. Bingham is widely known for her expertise with chalk. She has been working with that medium since she was 16 years old.
Honors will be awarded to this year's Outstanding Woman, Outstanding Man and Family of the Year.

Admission to the banquet will be a covered dish. Meat and drinks will be furnished.

## Variety show slated March 27

Yoakum County Art Association has set Saturday, March 27 as the date of their annual Spring Variety Show. The event is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

## Early voting begins April 12

Early voting by personal appearance for the May 1, 1993 special election to fill the unexpired term of U.S. Senate (the seat previously held by Lloyd Bentsen) and three propositions relating to school funding will be conducted at the County Clerk's Office at the Courthouse in Plains and the Denver City Community Building in Denver City, beginning April 12, and ending April 27, 1993, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Any qualified voter is eligible to vote early by personal appearance.

Under certain conditions (listed below) a qualified voter is eligible to vote early by mail. Application forms for ballot by mail may be picked up at the County Clerk's Office in the Courthouse at Plains or at the Denver City Tax Office. An application for ballot by mail must be received in the County Clerk's Office on or before April 23, 1993 to be eligible to vote in the special election on May 1, 1993.

Conditions for voting by mail:

1) Voter is or expects to be $A B-$ SENT FROM COUNTY of the voter's residence on election day.
2) Voter has a SICKNESS OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY that prevents him/her from appearing at the polling place on election day.
3) Voter is 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER on election day.
4) Voter is CONFINED TO JAIL.

## Plains City to elect three councilmen

An election has been called for Saturday, May 1 to name three persons to positions on the Plains City Council. Balloting will be in Plains City Hall.

Terms are expiring for Hershel Smith, Owen Schneider and Larry Cole.

Deadline for filing as a candidate is 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 17. Persons not filing by that time may file a "Declaration of Write-in Candidacy" by 5 p.m., Thursday, April 1.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. from April 12 through April 27. Request for application to vote by mail must be made to Suann Parrish, City Secretary, P.O. Box 550, Plains, 79355 and must be received by 5 p.m. April 23.

## Little League officers attend District Meet

Little League President Zane Johnson and secretary, Peggy Squyres, attended the District 2 Presidents' Meeting for Little League Baseball recently in Lubbock. Accompanying them was Mrs. Squyres' husband, Newell.

Prior to the dinner meeting, photographers, equipment salesmen and representatives of fund raising organizations made presentations.

Robin Roberts, District President, stated that only certified county, state or federal issued birth certificates will be acceptable for All-Stars. He also stressed the importance of the mandatory play rule.

Copies of district rules and regulations were distributed and discussed. Date and location for a oneday umpire school was also announced. Anyone interested should contact Johnson for details.

Little League All-Stars must be announced by :... 19. The next district meeting will be March 24 at the 50 Yard Line Restaurant in Lubbock.

## Jones infant

to be honored
Little Miss Haley Jones, infant daughter of Steve and Kristi Jones,
will be complimented with a lullaby shower, Saturday, March 20 in the Heritage Room of Yoakum County Library in Plains.

Calling hours will be 3 to $4: 30$ p.m. Friends and relatives are invited.

Gift selections may be found at Renaissance Flowers and Gifts and Jerri's Boutique.

## "We Owe It To Our Children"

Urging all Americans to "share the mony with the earth," Mario Avila, heritage of living in harmony with our district conservationist at Plains said. natural resources," actor Rodney A. "And we can all learn from that land Grant, who portrayed "Wind in His use ethic," he added.
Hair" in the movie Dances with Wolves, has recently joined with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service in a new public service campaign.

The campaign, titled Project Harmony, stresses the importance of protecting our soil and water resources. The centerpiece of the campaign is a public service announcement featuring Grant speaking in Piegan (the language of the Blackfeet Nation) and donned in traditional native American clothing.

Viewers are urged to call 1-800-THE-SOIL to receive a free action packet which includes a poster of an oil painting of Grant on horseback, tip strips on ways urban residents can protect soil and water resources, a coloring book, a bumper sticker and volunteer information.
"Grant's message is that Native American Cultures have always understood the importance of living in har-

## Banquet plans

 finalized TuesdayPlans for the Eighth Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet were finalized Tuesday as directors met in breakfast session at Johnnie's Restaurant.

The event is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, March 11 in the school cafeteria.

Attending were Jim Warren, Vaughn and Carolyn Culwell, T.J. Miller, David Brunson, Dolores Davis, Bonnie Earnest, Johnnie Fitzgerald, Billie Blundell, Ty Earl Powell, Macky McWhirter and Travis Jones.

Next regular meeting of the Chamber is 7 a.m. Tuesday, April 6.

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In addition, he said, involving urban residents in the soil and water conservation movement at home can help those who have never been on a farm, come to understand some of the issues involved in keeping the nation productive while maintaining harmony with the environment."

Anyone interested in receiving an action packet can call 1-800-THE SOIL.

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## Engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Walker of Plains, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lorri Leigh Walker, to Donald Joseph Cunningham, Jr., son of Donald and Norma Cunningham of Round Rock.

The couple plan to marry on May 29, 1993, at Southern Breeze Plantation in Navasota, Texas.

The bride-elect is a graduate of White Deer High School, attended Texas A\&M University, and is currently employed by the Bryan Police Department.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Westwood High School of Round Rock and attends Texas A\&M University. A member of the Aggie Men's Club, he is currently employed by WTA Realty.


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## Card of Thanks

We would like to express a thank you to our friends who remembered us with concern and prayers during the lengthy illness and loss of our beloved mother and grandmother. The flowers and plants are beautiful, the cards - a comfort, and each act appreciated. Lee \& Buddy Hanna
Jan \& Bruce Lester and family Rick \& Sandra Hanna and family Nick \& Collette Hanna and family

## Jerry Robert Warren II makes Dean's List

Jerry Robert Warren II, son of Jerry and Marie Warren and Dana Warren of Tempe, Ariz. was among the students listed on the Dean's Honor Roll at Arizona State University in Phoenix, Ariz. He is also the grandson of James and Jerry Warren and nephew of Joe and Joyce Pierce and Jim and Lela Warren.

Warren entered the University after spending three years in the military, serving eight and a half months as a Tank Mechanic in the Persian Gulf War.

## Raecene Robertson

 to be complimentedMiss Raecene Robertson, brideelect of Steve Randall, will be complimented with a bridal courtesy Saturday, March 13 in the home of Jo Ann Barron. Calling hours are 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Friends and relatives are invited.
Gift selections have been made at Jerri's Boutique, Bayer Lumber and Renaissance Flowers and Gifts.


Dana and Terry Wade Davis announce the arrival of a daughter born at 9:26 a.m. March 4 in St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. The little lady weighed six pounds 14 ounces and measured 19 and three-quarters inches long. She has been named Emily Lynn. Grandparents are Margaret and James Altman and Wadonna and Terry Davis. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Lorena Worsham and Mary and Bud Forbus, all of Brownfield and Wanda and Wade Strother of Dalhart. Mrs. Johnnie Miller of Littlefield is her great-great-grandmother.


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SCHOOL MENU

## BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Toast, oatmeal, grape juice and milk.

TUESDAY - Toast, donut, apple juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Toast, scrambled eggs, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY - Waffles, syrup butter, fruit punch and milk.

FRIDAY - Toast, cereal, pineapple juice and milk.

## LUNCH

MONDAY - Burritos w/taco sauce, French fries w/catsup, combination salad, pears, crackers and milk.

TUESDAY - Mexican casserole, pinto beans, cabbage/carrot/apple salad, cornbread, peach cobbler and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, potato chips, fruit, chocolate cookies and milk.

THURSDAY - Taco salad w/cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, baked beans, hot rolls, banana pudding and milk.

FRIDAY - Fish w/tartar sauce, green beans, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, Jell-O and milk.

## Plains Independent School District Home of the Cowboys \& Cowgirls

## Math/Science Team continues to succeed

Last Saturday, Feb. 27, the Math/Science Team of Lenny Morrow, Tammy Lowrey, Kirk Parrish, Brian Wilson, Jay Rushing, Lance Cole, Ken McAdams and Brad McMinn took third place overall at Seminole High School.

The number sense team placed second overall with Lenny Morrow

## SCHOOL EVENTS

MONDAY - Tennis - Denver City High School - There

TUESDAY - Tennis - Sundown Jr. High School - There; One-Act Play - Zone

THURSDAY - Lincoln/Douglas Debate - At O’Donnell; Track - Plains - Jr. High

FRIDAY - Tennis - South Plains Tennis Assoc. Tournament - High School - Plainview; Track - Angelo Relays - H.S. Boys - San Angelo

SATURDAY - Track - Roughneck Relays - H.S. Girls - Sundown; Tennis - Tournament continues in Plainview; Track - Angelo Relays continue; Yoakum County Art Assoc. Variety Show - Auditorium - 7 p.m.

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The calculator team placed first overall. Individually, Lenny Morrow and Tammy Lowrey tied for first, Jay Rushing, fifth and Brian Wilson, eighth. In the Sophomore Division, Brad McMinn placed first, Lance Cole, fifth and Ken McAdams, eighth. In the Freshman Division Kirk Parrish placed seventh.

The mathematics team placed fourth overall. Individually, Lenny Morrow placed third and Jay Rushing, fifth. In the Sophomore Division, Brad McMinn placed third, Ken McAdams,
eighth, and Lance Cole, ninth.

The science team placed fourth overall. Individually, Jay Rushing took third place and Lenny Morrow, fourth place. In the Sophomore Division,
Brad McMinn placed third and Ken McAdams was fourth.

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## Sheri McGinty attends inauguration of President Bill Clinton

For many years, Sheri McGinty will recall the excitement and thrill of attending the inauguration of President Bill Clinton, January of 1993.

Guests of their cousin, Senator Jim Sasser of Tennessee, Sheri and her sister, Laura Capshaw of Destin, Fla. flew to Washington DC Jan. 16. A friend, Emily Guffin of Destin, Fla. accompanied Ms. Capshaw.

One of the big events of the next day was a "Reunion on the Mall," an ethnic fair showcased with entertainment, crafts, food and folklore emphasizing the diversity of America.
"There were gigantic crowds that swept us along but everyone seemed to take the pushing and shoving in stride," says Sheri. "Age groups of every description were represented, along with their pets!"

Aretha Franklin made a brief appearance to slice a giant cheesecake that weighed a ton once assembled. "We waited two and a half hours to see Aretha and all we were able to see was the top of her mink hood on her mink coat," recalls Sheri. "After she cut the cake, she was whisked off and the crowd became very upset. They started running after her, we had no choice but to run with them or be trampled. I managed to get in front of her and get a picture."

Their next stop was the Lincoln Memorial where Clinton and Vice President Al Gore were being honored. "Along the way, we'd purchased miniature liberty bells to ring with the president and vice president that night as they crossed the bridge over the Potomac River. There were lights on the bridge that came on as Clinton progressed across the bridge," says Sheri. "When he reached the end, he and Gore rang a replica of the Liberty Bell and everyone who had bells rang theirs. Even though we couldn't see them, it was just as neat to hear the bells ringing in the distance and just being a part of the celebration!"

Day Three, Sheri explains, was highlighted with a "Taste of Tennessee," celebrating Gore's election. Drinks and food from Tennessee were served at the Lincoln Center. Later there was entertainment
hosted by Dixie Carter along with Ricky Skaggs, Gary Morris, Blues Singers from Beale Street in Memphis, gospel singers and dancers.
"That night we went to the American Gala, a rehearsal of the Presidential Gala. Along with our invitations, we were to bring cans of food for the homeless. We saw more stars that night - Jack Lemmon, Judy Collins, Barry Manilow, Barbara Streisand, Sally Field, Goldie Hawn, Michael Jackson, Chevy Chase and Fleetwood Mack. Our seats were great - we were about 50 feet or so from the stage."

Sheri and her sister attended a reception the next day for Sen. Sasser and Vice President Gore. That evening, they sat, "in the nosebleed section," high in a corner. "We could only see the side and back of the stage, but could see Clinton and Gore really good," says Sheri. "Ann Richards was seated on the opposite side of the arena. Michael Jackson and Barbara Streisand created so much excitement in the audience but Fleetwood Mack brought everyone out of their seats. Everybody was standing, dancing and singing right along with them. Michael Bolton was really great as well as Chuck Barry."

On the morning of the inauguration, they attended another Tennessee reception and later walked to the Capital building and were seated in the stands above where Clinton and Gore were to be sworn in.

Robert DeNiro, Sidney Poitier, Stephen Spielberg, Lauren Bacall, Angelica Huston and Gena Davis were seated behind us. Lauren Bacall and Angelica Huston were especially friendly and gracious with everyone in the stands. As they were leaving, they walked down the steps beside us so we were lucky enough to speak to them," says Sheri.
"After the swearing in ceremony, we were led into the Capital building. I look up and against the wall was Michael Bolton, Nicolette Sheridan of Knot's Landing and Kenny G. We were being raced along again, but I managed to reach out and touch Michael Bolton!" says Sheri.
"The crowds were even worse going to the parade. We had to hold hands and make a train because the crowds were so very thick. This group of people was not quite as nice. They squeezed, pushed, mashed and elbowed us all along the way!" remembers Sheri.
"We were invited to one more reception at some law offices so that we could watch the parade from inside. We were covered with Clinton and Gore buttons and looked more like we were going to the Democratic Convention. My Texas pin got a lot of attention and one lady actually knew where Plains was. She had landed on our airstrip several times."

Sheri and her group attended the Tennessee Ball that evening where performers included Kathy Mattea, Johnny Cash and The Grateful Dead. Al and Tipper Gore made an appearance and Sheri recalls, "This time I was one of the pushers and shovers trying to catch a glimpse of Al and Tipper."

In the second ballroom, President Clinton and Hillary made an appearance. We made our way towards the stage and got as close as the Secret Service would allow us. President Clinton borrowed a saxophone and played 'Margueritaville' along with the band. He was so at ease with everyone
and seemed to be having the time of his life. Everyone was cheering and waving to him. I wanted to get closer so I could shake his hand but there was no way I could wriggle through one more body so I had to settle for a wave and a great big smile from him instead! This was definitely the highlight of my trip!" says Sheri.

The following day, Sheri and her group visited Senator Sasser is the Russell Building. They purchased gifts from the Senate Stationery Shop and later visited Union Station, Georgetown and toured locations of some embassies and homes of some ambassadors.


ASSEMBLING A ONE TON CHEESECAKE for festivities at "Reunion on the Mall."


STANDING INFRONT OF "An American Reunion" bus that toured the country during President Clinton's presidential campaign are Sheri McGinty and her sister, Laura Capshaw of Destin, Fla.


TODD WILLIAMS celebrates his fifth birthday at Filmtime Wednesday.

## Filmtime

Filmtime youngsters at Yoakum County Library Wednesday helped Todd Williams celebrate his fifth birthday.

Films of the day were "Susie, the Little Blue Coupe" and "Truck Song." Books of the day were "Night Cars" and "Joshua James Likes Cars."

Attending were Callie Howell, M'Leah McKinzie, Nicholas Curtis, Alisha Wauson, Chris Loya, Jacob Brink, Paige Hollensed, Bret Kenney, Michael and Ryan Crump, Holden Welch, Allison and Amber Friesen, Britnie Ann Duran, Lauren Davis, Kimberly Jackson, Blake Parrish, Landon Earnest, Scott and Chris Addison and Stephanie Addison.

## Brett Booth, Kemi Cobb participate in contest

Brett Booth and Kemi Cobb, Plains graduates, now attending South Plains College in Levelland were among team members winning several awards at the recent Texas Junior College Speech and Theatre Association's Forensic Tournament in Plano.
"The contest was a high motivator for the students, a great learning experience. They have seen college-level competition and they know now what they have to do to take first place next time," said Bryant.

The newly re-organized forensics team has served as judges for regional and district high school UIL qualifying meets and actual meets throughout the area. The squad judged both Levelland High School's and Levelland Junior High's practice meets and plans to judge meets April 1 in Sundown, April 2 in Brownfield and April 3 at Cooper and at Western Texas College in Snyder.

A group of SPC drama students also have assisted in the tournaments.

## Two local students make Dean's list

A total of 519 students were named to the President and Dean's Honor Lists for the fall 1992 semester at South Plains College.

Both honor groups must carry at least 12 semester hours.

Dusty Rafferty and Jason Smith were among the students named to the Dean's List.

## Latrell McDonnell attends PIC luncheon

Latrell McDonnell, Plains Librarian, attended the South Plains Rural Private Industry Council luncheon Friday, Feb. 26 at the 50 Yard Line Restaurant. Guest speakers were Cathy Bonner, Executive Director of Texas Department of Commerce and Barbara Cigainero, Director for the Work Force Development Division of the Texas Department of Commerce, The Administrative Agency for the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), in Texas. Ms. Cathy Bonner gave attention to "Texas Economic Development: Skills Standards." Ms. Cigainero updated views of the "JTPA Reform Amendments Overview."

New Pic Members recognized were Judge Marilyn Cox, Muleshoe; Alton Jackson, Plainview; Irma Guerra, Levelland; Christina Berry, South Plains College of Levelland; Elva Perez, Brownfield; and Brenda Rudd, Brownfield. Also, in attendance was State Representative Jim Rudd.

The JTPA Amendments are requiring PICs take on the responsibility of ensuring the skill standards of JTPA participants. A
global economy demands that our are to be shared with educational workforce have world class skill standards in order to successfully function, Geoffreen Grizzle adds that our competency-based skills curricula


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## the use of the permanent school fund

PUBLIC NOTICE
BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 1, 1993

## PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

Section 1 of Senate Joint Resolution 7 proposes a constitutional amendment proposes a constitutional amendme
that would allow the legislature to redistribute among other school districts ad valorem taxes levied and collected by a school district. The amendment would also allow the legislature to create county education districts with the taxable property of existing school districts in one or more counties combined. County education districts may levy, collect, and distribute ad valorem taxes as authorized by general law. The legislature would be allowed to set the rate of the ad valorem tax to be imposed in a school district or county education district or it may authorize the board of trustees of each school district or county education district to set the rate, provided that the rate of county education district ad valorem taxes may not exceed $\$ 1.00$ per $\$ 100$ valuation of taxable property, unless a higher rate is approved by the voters of the district. The amendment also provides that the amount of ad valorem taxes redistributed among school districts by the legislature and effectively redistributed within a county through county education districts may not exceed 2.75 percent of the sum of the state revenue appropriated for public schools and the revenue from local ad valorem taxes levied and collected for public schools. The term "state revenue" does not include revenue from ad valorem taxes, revenue for the provision of free textbooks, or contributions to a retirement system. Finally, the amendment provides that it does not affect the distribution of the available school fund under article VII, section 5, of the Texas
Constitution.
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:
"The constitutional amendment allowing limited redistribution of ad valorem taxes for schools, authorizing the legislature or local districts to set
a minimum tax rate in county education districts, and placing a cap on the tion districts, and piaciorem tax levied by county eduad valorem tax
cation districts."

## PROPOSITION NO. 2 <br> ON THE BALLOT

Section 2 of Senate Joint Resolution 7 proposes a constitutional amendment educational mand that, except for state pliance with the Texas Constitution or federal law, or unless enacted by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the legislature, a school district may not be required to comply with an obligation requiring expenditure of school district funds unless the obligation is fully funded. The amendment also requires the legislature to provide by law a procedure for determining whether an obligation is fully funded. In the absence of such a procedure, and at the request of a school district's board of trustees, the comptroller of public accounts shall determine whether or not an obligation is fully funded. This amendment applies only to state educational mandates enacted after December 31, 1993.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:
"The constitutional amendment exempting a school district from the obligation to comply with unfunded state educational mandates.

## PROPOSITION NO. 3

## ON THE BALLOT

Senate Joint Resolution 4 proposes an amendment to article VII, section 5 (b), of the constitution, which currently authorizes the legislature to provide for using the permanent school fund to guarantee tain education-related revenue bonds issued by the state. The amendment would repeal the provision authorizing
to guarantee state revenue bonds, but would permit the legislature to provide by law for the issuance of general obliga tion bonds or revenue bonds of the state for the purpose of making loans to, or purchasing bonds of, school districts for the purpose of acquisition, construction, including all furnishings. The amendment including all furnishings. The amendment also provides that the state, pursuant to general law, may forgive the payment of principal and interest on all or part of a loan made to a school district under the
amendment to partially finance an amendment to partially finance an in-
structional facility. The cap of $\$ 750$ mil structional facility. The cap of $\$ 750$ million on the amount of bonds that could be
issued under article VII, section 5 (b) , as issued under article vit, section 5(b), as amended, would be retained. The amend-
ment would repeal the current provision of the constitution permitting the legislature to authorize bonds in excess of $\$ 750$ million by two-thirds record vote of both houses of the legislature. While any of the general obligation bonds issued under the amendment or any of the interest on those bonds is outstanding and unpaid, there would be appropriated out of the first money coming into the state treasury in each fiscal year, not otherwise appropriated by the constitution, the amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds that matured or became due that fiscal year.
The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:
"The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of $\$ 750$ million in state general obligation or revenue tially financing facilities, authorizing the state to forgive payments of loans made to a school district for partially financing facilities, and repealing the authorization for $\$ 750$ million in state revenue bonds guaranteed by the permanent school fund.'

Este es el informe explanatorio sobre la enmienda propuesta a la constitución que aparecerá en la boleta el día 1 de mayo de 1993. Si usted no ha recibido una copia del informe en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/252/8683 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Texas 78711

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## Lorri Walker to be honored

Lorri Leigh Walker, bride-elect of Donnie Cunningham, Jr. will be honored with a pre-nuptial shower Saturday, Mar. 27 in the home of Mrs. Brad Palmer, two miles north of New Tex Gin on State Line Hwy. Miss Walker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Walker.

Calling hours are from 2 to 4 p.m. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Gift selections have been made at Dillard's, Foley's and Nelson's Pharmacy in Brownfield.

Many years ago, a country doctor in Alabama celebrated his eightieth birthday by cancelling $\$ 38,853$ in debts that his patients had owed him throughout his long career. They gave a party for him, but he had to leave midway through and treat a patient who needed him.

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