### Organized staff is essential

# Plan your campaign soon

By SCOTT PENDLETON

"Government at all levels is suffering from a lack of trust," Penny numont, president of the League of Women Voters of Brazos

County, said at a forum on elections Saturday.

The only way to solve the trust problem, Beaumont said, is to get ore people to support political candidates or to be candidates them-

But anyone planning to run for a council or school board position in Bryan or College Station this spring should organize his campaign

well in advance, Beaumont advised.

A potential candidate should decide how campaigning will affect his family life. Perhaps it will be an overcommitment, Beaumont

But once he has decided to run, the candidate should "plan, plan, nd plan some more," Beaumont said. A candidate should realize that he can't run his campaign alone; he

should find a campaign manager, she said.

"Your campaign manager must be able to put in long hours and put up with lots of telephone calls at all hours," Beaumont said.

A candidate also needs a finance chairman to raise funds, file contribution reports and handle expenditures.

A research assistant can help a candidate by discovering issues in

A public relations director handles all the publicity for a candidate, Beaumont said. Since the campaign will use promotional materials such as bumper stickers and placards, it is helpful to find a public relations director who is familiar with the printing business, Beaumont said.

Once a candidate has a staff, he must decide what kind of volunteer activities to pursue, such as canvassing, campaigning door-to-door, or campaigning by telephone.

Beaumont recommends recruiting volunteers from groups in the community. Students, senior citizens, and members of civic groups are potential volunteers. Since a civic group is unlikely to furnish anyone with its membership list, a candidate or his staff member should attend one of the group's meetings to establish contact,

After recruiting volunteers, a candidate must give them something to do immediately, Beaumont said.

Nothing is worse than volunteering in a great burst of enthusiasm and then not hearing anything (from the campaign headquarters) for two or three weeks," Beaumont said.

Volunteers need something specific to do, as well as a place, a time, a reason, a way to have fun, a deadline, and — most important

You've got to tell them thank you a lot," Beaumont said. Showing appreciation is also important after the election.

'Win or lose, you've got to thank those people again," Beaumont said. "You may need these folks again

# Obey carefully campaign laws for contributions, expenditures

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Dasch spoke Saturday at a forum

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ceived or borrowed during the appropriate reporting period; Dasch said.

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These reports are public record, and should be available to the public immediately upon receipt, Dasch

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me of the most common mis- not later than seven days before the The treasurer is not authorized to when the ad should read "John

It is illegal for a corporation or Nor may candidates accept

anonymous contributions. "Dirty tricks" are also outlawed, Dasch said. For instance, no con-

No political communications may be made in the name of another, nor may such communications be mis-

Brown for Governor." But Dasch admitted that this kind of misreprelabor organization to contribute to a sentation is so widespread as to be unenforceable.

The penalties for violations of the election code can be high. Persons knowingly making or receiving an unlawful contribution or who fail to provide political disclosure on an advertisement are guilty of a class A misdemeanor, punishable by a \$1,000 fine and a year in jail, Dasch

To knowingly make or accept an illegal corporate contribution or to place a false advertisement is a 3rd degree felony, punishable by a \$5,000 fine and 2-10 years in jail, he

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A candidate can do several things to insure voting procedures are carried out correctly both on and before election day, said Fumi Sugihara, state voting rights chairman for the League of Women Voters.

'Candidates should have one of their workers start checking now to be sure voters are registered in the correct precincts. Voters who are not registered correctly will not be able to vote," Sugihara said at a Sugihara said. LWV forum in Bryan Saturday.

"Encourage your supporters to vote absentee, but assign a poll watcher or someone to go through the absentee applications to be sure it is being done properly and is not

The processing of absentee mail ballots has been abused before. The candidate should have someone there while they are being pro-

Practice computer runs can be done two days prior to the elections to insure that the computer is counting the ballots correctly, she said.

"Since the programs and ballots are handled by humans, they are subject to human error," Sugihara said. "We have found program errors in this county.'

Candidates may protect them-selves on election day by posting poll watchers to observe balloting procedures.

"The presence of poll watchers decreases the possibility of flagrant violations," Sugihara said.

Candidates should post poll watchers who know the election laws at each precinct voting box to protect their interests.

"There have been some cases of persons who handle the ballot box



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are present. If a poll watcher discovers a violation in a federal election, he should write a detailed description and report it to either the local FBI or the port violations of local elections to the sheriff's office or precinct judge,

having prearranged hand signals. If their candidate is losing, they will tion on election night should witsignal to go out and round up more ness the acceptance of the ballots voters. The ballots should never be from each precinct and tally the votes on the printout to be sure all ballots were counted. If he finds an irregularity, he should report it to the election judge.

Since the ballots may not be ex-Justice Department. He should re- amined until after the election is over, Sugihara warns poll watchers "to be sure you have enough evidence before you go public."



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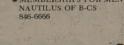
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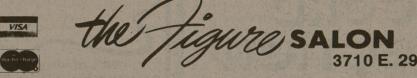
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