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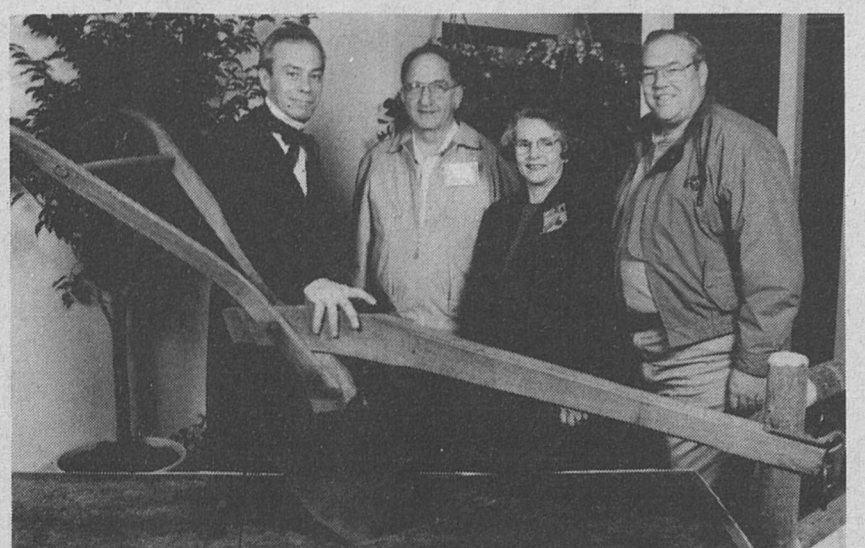
Shoppa's Farm Supply of Eagle Lake was well represented at the annual John Deere Aftermarket Expo held Jan. 21 through Feb. 1 in San Antonio.

Attending from the Eagle Lake dealership were Draper Stephens, manager; Chuck Stephens, service manager; Gary Glaisher, parts manager; Dave Kucherka, customer service representative; Scott Carr, salesman; Rachel Weishuhn, service clerk; Brice Stephens, assistant service manager; Patty Stephens, secretary; and Corvin Frenzel, Russell Ross, Sam Pirtle and John Buxkamper, service technicians.

Also attending were trainees from the John Deere Tech School in Corsicana: Scott McClendon, Chad Sunderman, and Eric Youngblood, who are sponsored by Shoppa's.

The Aftermarket Expo is a series of three-day meetings designed to help dealers and parts and service personnel increase their knowledge about the business of providing exceptional parts and service to their customers.

Attendees participated in strategic-issue seminars, examined new



Draper and Patty Stephens and John Evans, Territory Aftermarket Manager, pose with an actor portraying John Deere with his steel plow in the Farm Plan booth at the John Deere Aftermarket Expo in San Antonio. Farm Plan is a subsidiary of John Deere credit.

products from more than 100 John Deere suppliers and visited with product representatives and John Deere personnel. This year's theme was "People with a Mission".

Those attending were impressed

by the rigid quality standards to which John Deere holds their suppliers. The actual demonstrations and tests performed on the competitive products revealed the superiority of the John Deere Aftermarket parts and service.

Home equity borrowing is a basic right

By Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry

Imagine salting away a hefty chunk of your paycheck into a savings account every month, but being prohibited by the government from making withdrawals for major purchases such as financing your child's college education, going back to school or creating a small business.

That's exactly the situation many Texas homeowners face with an estimated \$123 billion in equity assets tied up in their homes and out of reach due to a state homestead law that restricts second mortgages.

I believe this constitutional limit on home equity loans should be modified because it restricts economic development, hinders small business expansions and costs Texas consumers more when they borrow money.

Under current law, liens cannot be placed on homesteads except to pay for the house, make home improvements or settle taxes due.

This restriction's roots go way back to the early 1800s when many settlers were fleeing creditors, coming to Texas during a national economic depression to make a new start.

Starting with a sweeping homestead exemption law recommended by Stephen F. Austin to protect colonists' land grants, the idea has continued to be legislated and enforced up

until today as we enter a new century. In agriculture, opposition to the change remains strong among some who fear they will be pressured to use their homes, as they use their land, as collateral for production loans.

However, with specific provisions to address this concern and others, I believe changing the exemption could open a new source of low-cost loans to Texas consumers, at the same time, helping to boost the state's economy.

Like many working Texans, a large portion of my paycheck goes toward house payments. So it should be my choice and responsibility if I want to borrow against equity that I built up in my home over the years. After all, it's the fruit of my own labor.

Borrowing against your hard-earned equity is a basic private property right in every state except Texas.

If I am reliable enough to put a down payment on a home, maintain it in good shape and pay taxes and insur-

ance, then I also should be responsible enough to know when I can borrow on its equity and repay a loan.

A home equity borrowing program should be tailored to meet the needs of Texas. Safeguards should be included in any changes made to the law so that homeowners are not unduly pressured to borrow on their equity.

Ultimately, changing the homestead law would give many Texans access to lower cost loans. Unlike other loans, interest on home equity borrowing is tax deductible from income taxes and, on average, the interest rates are lower than other loans.

Let's open up those thousands of closed savings accounts across Texas. Let's help boost our state's economy. Let's give Texans access to money they need to finance an advanced degree, start a small business or give their children the best education money can buy.

Sheriff

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plaintain concerning a burglary of a habitation.

Joy Chupik reported that the trailer she had moved to Beeville from County Road 101 had been burglarized. She reported a Red Devil vacuum, 9" AC/DC color television with VCR player and two seven-gallon propane tanks were stolen.

At 3:45 p.m., Sgt. Richard LaCourse responded to a call concerning a recovered stolen vehicle.

Game Warden Fike discovered a Chevy S-10 pickup had been driven into the river at Hwy. 90A. The vehicle was reported stolen out of Hallettsville.

On Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 10:14 p.m., Deputy Troy Neisner responded to a call concerning a theft at Sonntag's Bar in Sheridan.

Elaine Sonntag reported that someone had stolen approximately six cans of snuff.

On Saturday, March 1, at 12:02 p.m., Deputy Neisner responded to a

call concerning a burglary of habitation in Oakland.

Maricela Flores reported that the rear door of her residence had been

forced open.

She reported that nothing appeared to be missing. The only damage appeared to be to the door.

Police

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essed at the police department, then transported to the county jail for confinement.

At 4:45 p.m., Officer Tim Crume was dispatched to an auto-pedestrian accident on East State Street.

As Ramon Galvan, driving a 1982 Volvo, turned east on E. State Street, one-year-old Cathryn Myres ran into the roadway and struck the right front side of Galvan's vehicle.

Cathryn was taken to the emergency room by her father and was reported to have only minor bumps and bruises.

At 7:27 p.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to a house fire on Laughlin

Road. He assisted with traffic control while the fire department was at the scene.

On March 3 at 6:17 p.m., Sgt. Knox was dispatched to West Main Street in reference to a suspicious vehicle.

Sgt. Knox checked the area, but was unable to locate the vehicle.

Sgt. Knox at 9:28 p.m., was dispatched to East Main to meet with a subject who wanted to report an assault which had occurred on Austin Road.

After taking a statement from the subject, a report was filed.

The case is under investigation.

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Council

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Holland said that he has been contacted about selling the property, but thought the City's purpose would be better served with a park for the youth.

Council transferred the ownership of 13.168 acres purchased by the City for the construction of the juvenile boot camp to Colorado County.

The County has signed the contract with Juvenile Probation and the funds for the project were due to arrive in the County during the week.

Eagle Lake Police Chief Keith Webb announced the addition of Tobin Thomas from Sugar Land to the City's reserve officer force.

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Protrusion or "buck teeth" is the most common type of bite problem seen by orthodontists. Nothing does more to ruin a smile than this condition. In severe cases, many patients cannot close their lips over their teeth. Orthodontics, or tooth

repositioning, is the best way to correct it. It usually takes 12 to 24 months to accomplish.

An impatient person may ask: "Why not extract the offending teeth and replace them with a fixed bridge?" This is an unacceptable alternative. Bridging will not correct the bone deformity and you can seriously weaken your chewing ability in the future.

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New Topical Medicine for Athlete's Foot

Athlete's foot (ringworm) is the most common skin infection caused by fungi. There are several different types of fungi capable of causing this infection, which is more common in men. Characteristic symptoms include itchy, burning, scaling lesions between the toes. In extreme cases, the infection may spread to the underside of the feet, causing blisters. The toenails may become infected, discolored, and overgrown.

This past October the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the marketing of a new medicine for the treatment of athlete's foot. The new antifungal is butenafine (brand name is *Mentax*). This prescription-only medicine is provided by the manufacturer as a 1% topical cream. There have been reports of a 90% cure rate in persons who used the medicine once-a-day for 4 weeks. In clinical trials, the incidence of side effects was reported to be very low. According to news reports, physicians who participated in studies of butenafine have been pleased with the results. One report indicates that the medicine has been evaluated in over 1,300 persons. In January of this year, the FDA gave clearance to the manufacturer of butenafine to promote the medicine for the treatment of fungal infections of the groin.

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