

Police search county for farm tractor thieves

Brazos County Crime Stoppers is seeking information about three farm tractor thefts in rural Brazos County over the past six months.

The first theft occurred December 30, 1989 at the Case Power & Equipment Co. on Highway 21. Police believe the thieves entered the fenced compound, started a tractor and drove it to a waiting trailer.

The other thefts occurred in January and May on ranches in rural areas of Brazos County. Police say thieves stole the tractors the same way — by starting them and driving them to a waiting trailer.

The stolen tractors, valued at more than \$27,000, are described as follows:

- Case International model 685, serial B-28253.
- Ford model 2101-3C, serial C165657.

• Kubota with implements and trailer model L-245, serial L245DT55936.

Investigators have no evidence that these thefts are a result of organized crime activity. They do recommend, however, that area ranchers take precautions to guard their equipment.

If you have information that could be helpful about these thefts, call Crime Stoppers at 775-TIPS. When you call, Crime Stoppers will assign you a coded number to protect your identity.

If your call leads to an arrest and grand jury indictment, Crime Stoppers will pay you up to \$1,000 in cash. Crime Stoppers also pays cash for information on any felony crime or the location of a wanted fugitive.

Spill

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nation before the spill help in this area, he said.

Other processes, such as shipping and runoff, put oil into the environment, Kennicutt said. He said it is important to separate this pollution from the actual spill early in the investigation.

"If there is an existing database, you have a pre-spill understanding of the system you're working with," Kennicutt said.

If no database exists, he said scientists also can take samples from an area far away from the spill and use them to create a model.

"We were trying to do both," Kennicutt said. "We were getting to the scene very early in the incident and sampling, as well as sampling far away from the site to try and establish what the background is."

The GERG team also collected samples for dispersant studies.

An experimental dispersant was applied to a portion of the oil spill, and the team will study samples to determine its effectiveness.

Kennicutt said bioremediation also was tried on a small part of the slick. The bioremediation technique uses microorganisms to digest the oil.

Because the situation at the spill site now is under control, most of the scientists and technicians have returned, except a skeleton crew on board the A&M R/V Gyre, Kennicutt said.

"At this point, things are starting to wind down, and it's a question of what the long-term program's going to be," he said.

Kennicutt said the spill could have been much worse.

"The weather was excellent," he said. "And the amount of material ultimately released was not near as much as was on board. It was not nearly as serious a problem as people were worried about in the beginning, but it still is a major spill."

The Mega Borg was in the process of "lightening" when the explosions occurred. Lightening is the transfer of some of the oil off one ship onto another to lighten the first ship's load.

Kennicutt said he is not sure if the process is dangerous.

"When you transport the amount of oil you're talking about worldwide, you're going to have accidents," he said. "Whether one particular activity is more dangerous than another becomes a matter of judgment."

Kennicutt said people must expect to have oil spills of some magnitude as long as oil continues to be transported in such volumes.

Juneteenth

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lected officials." Economically, Larke said, African-Americans also are facing problems.

"Almost half of all African-American children are born in poverty," she said.

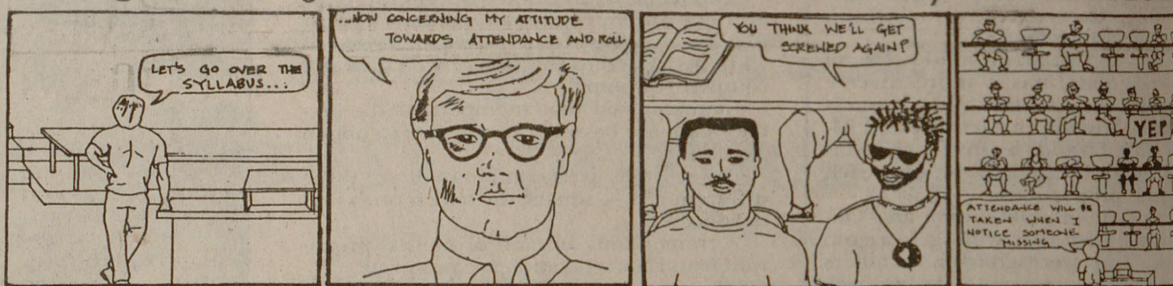
Lack of education, low-paying jobs, racism and cutbacks in federal funds combine to create the high rate of poverty among African-Americans, Larke said.

"We are often confused with stereotypes — 'If people want to work they can find a job. They're just lazy.' But this just isn't true," Larke said. "In many instances people have low self-esteem. They have a sense of hopelessness and do not know the system of how to get things done."

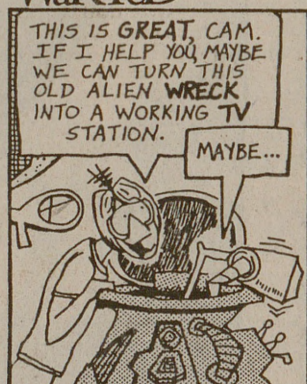
Education is the key to improving the economic situation for African-Americans, she said.

"This is where we go from here, Juneteenth celebration 1990," Larke said. "Looking again at our education, our politics and our economics, but most importantly looking at our families."

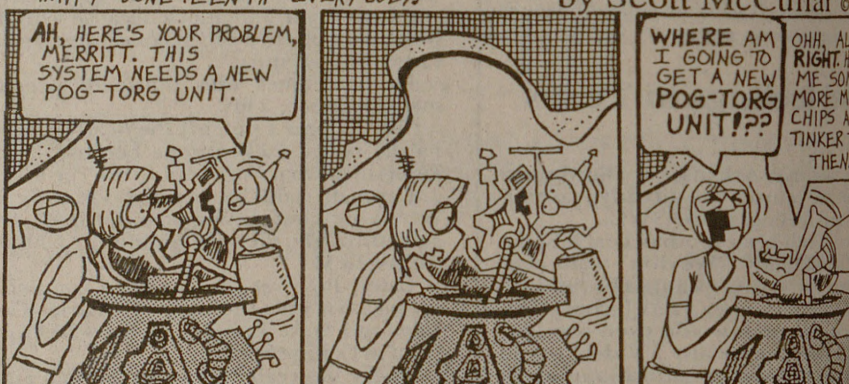
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AGGIES FOR LIFE: will have discussion of summer and fall activities at 7 p.m. Call John at 846-7048 for location.

CO-OP CLUB: will elect officers and plan a party at 7 p.m. in 342 Zachry, Call 822-4405 for more information.

Wednesday

TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COALITION: will have a speaker, Joe Brueggling from Brueggling Paper Stock, at 7 p.m. in 118 Civil Engineering Bldg. For more information call Mary at 846-6767.

BIRTH PARENT SUPPORT GROUP: will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Child Placement Center. Free to women facing unplanned pregnancy and parents who have placed a child for adoption. Call 268-5577 for more information.

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Aggie Hostel

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band."

All of the alumni agree that the campus has grown to an overwhelming size. Joe Lassiter, class of '40, said he never imagined the campus would get this big.

Heldenfels remembered sleeping in tents along the side of what is now known as Old Main Drive. "We called it Hollywood Boulevard," he said smiling. "But a lot has changed since then. Back then, all the buildings were one height and less than five stories."

He then compared a new '90 class ring to his, which is polished smooth from years of wear. "I bought mine for \$25," he chuckled.

Samantha Gordon, an Aggie Hos-

tel student host for the second year said she enjoys working with program and hearing the old stories. "Things have really changed in a lot of ways since then," she said. "But it's still great to hear about many ways things are still the same."

The alumni were pleased to place the same Aggie spirit still on the campus. "Everywhere here is still friendly and open," Lassiter said. "It's a trait I hope a school never loses."

Field director for the Association of Former Students Porter Gar III, class of '79, said this is one of the most rewarding programs that one who cares about Texas A&M and its former students can be involved with.

"We get to see our heritage lived," he said. "They really bring life how special A&M is. These are here to learn, but we're really ones doing the learning."

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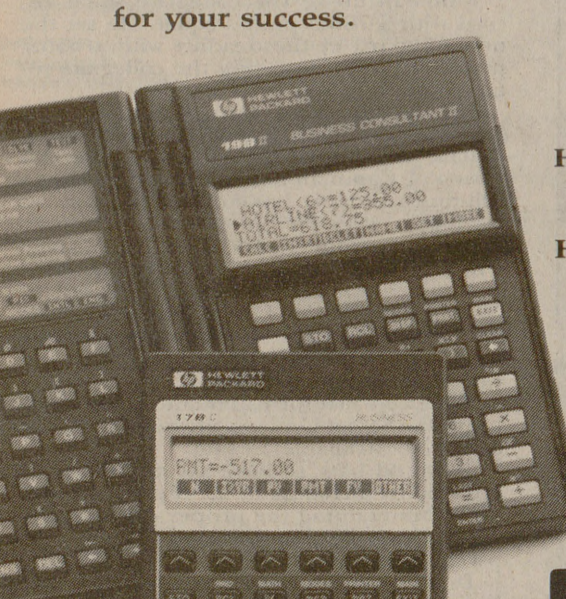
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