

Computer saddled with rodeo events

Bill Tidwell, president of the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association, said today computerization has finally invaded the last stronghold of the Old West, the sport of rodeo.

The computerized program, which has been in operation five months, is known as the "Central Entry Office," and is located in Fort Collins, Colo.

According to Tidwell, the new plan will be in operation for this year's Top O' Texas Rodeo, Aug. 4-7 at Pampa's Recreation Park. The "Central Entry Office" accepts and processes entries for all professional PRCA Rodeos in the United States. The events it services are the five standard rodeo events, and the G.R.A. barrel race.

The method "Central Entry" uses to accept the PRCA entries is a bank of toll-free WATS lines manned by a staff of specially trained operators and entry clerks. PRCA members, permit holders and G.R.A. members, call one of the toll-free lines (800-525-5000) and are greeted by an operator who logs their name, membership or permit number, the rodeo they wish to enter, and if a trade-out rodeo, the performance they prefer to compete in.

At entry closing time, the stock contractor is contacted and is informed as to the number of entries in each event. The contractor then makes the decision as to the number of contestants to compete in each performance, the individual animals for each performance, and the slack times if necessary.

All of this information is entered into a computer, and the

UCT honors J.C. Roberts at convention

John C. Roberts of 2301 Christine in Pampa was honored at the 89th annual international convention of the Order of United Commercial Travelers of Amarillo in Boston, Mass.

He is one of 32 men who were recognized for outstanding accomplishments in membership recruitment during 1975-76.

Roberts and other honorees were designated "Century Writers" for signing 100 or more new membership certificates during the past year.

Among other awards they received expenses to attend the UCT convention at Boston.

Roberts, a member of UCT since 1948, is secretary-treasurer of the organization's Pampa Council 836 and a past state president of its Texas Jurisdiction.

This is the 10th time he has earned membership in the Century Club.

"Aid to Retarded Citizens" was selected as the organization's top priority civic project in 1959. Since that time, UCT has helped prepare more than 3,600 teachers in the education of the mentally retarded by awarding scholarships to students interested in special education.

Phetteplace to operate Kyle's Shoes

Gilbert D. Phetteplace, formerly of Amarillo, took over operations at Kyle's Fine Shoes this morning after buying the store Saturday.

John Roberts, former owner of the business at 109 N. Cuyler St., said the store had been for sale only a few days when Phetteplace purchased it for an undisclosed amount.

Phetteplace was an International Shoe Co. salesman in Amarillo. He has moved to Pampa to assume his duties at Kyle's.

machine sets up the program according to rules and regulations set forth by the PRCA.

All local entries with a Pampa address, not members of PRCA or G.R.A., should enter at the local rodeo office in the Chamber of Commerce on July 29 and 30 until 5 p.m. daily.

When local entries have closed, Tidwell stated, the Pampa office will call "Central Entry" giving the names and events of all local amateur contestants. Locals will be told to call the toll-free number the next day and they will be notified when they will compete.

For further information requiring the new entry procedure local contestants may call the rodeo office in the Chamber of Commerce at 669-3241.

Performances will be held Wednesday through Saturday nights August 4-7, with Elra Beutler and Son of Elk City, Okla., furnishing the stock. Tickets will go on sale in the rodeo office on Monday, Aug. 2.

RR commission sets hearing for Pioneer Gas

Pioneer Natural Gas Company has received notification from the Railroad Commission of Texas that the hearing requested by Pioneer will be in Austin Sept. 14.

On May 21, Pioneer Natural Gas Company, a division of Pioneer Corporation, filed its application with the Railroad Commission of Texas seeking a review of its cost of gas for its West Texas System, and a finding of the correctness of the cost of gas, as well as determining the appropriateness of the policies of Pioneer in maintaining its gas supply.

The commission order setting the hearing gives the date and time of the meeting as Sept. 14 at 9 a.m. in Room 812 of the Ernest O. Thompson building, 10th and Colorado Streets in Austin, Texas.



Democratic coffee

Democratic women from Pampa and area counties along with delegates to the Democratic state convention in September will be guests for a coffee at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Flame Room of Pioneer Natural Gas Co. Purpose of the coffee is to organize a tri-county Democratic women's club to work for the party's candi-

dates in the November election and to provide educational programs. From left Mrs. Jerry Kotara, Mrs. Ruth Osborne and Mrs. Ernest Wilkinson prepare for the Thursday event. Interested persons may attend and register, according to Mrs. Osborne.

(Pampa News photo)

Texas forest sale stopped

TYLER, Tex. (AP) — A hearing on a proposed injunction prohibiting timber sales from the Sam Houston National Forest in East Texas is scheduled in federal court today.

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) is currently under a temporary restraining order prohibiting the timber sales in Montgomery and Walker counties.

The order, issued by U.S.

District Court Judge William Wayne Justice July 13, affects 21 timber purchasers in the area and the sale of 35.5 million board feet of timber valued at \$2 million.

Justice ruled in a suit filed July 2 against the forest service by the Texas Committee on Natural Resources. The group is seeking a declaratory judgment and injunction prohibiting the selling of clear-cutting timber in all four of the national

forests in Texas.

The restraining order also prohibits the forest service from "impairing the natural growth of vegetation" and prevents "any act of interfering with the status quo of the district."

The Texas Forestry Association (TFA) and several timber industry companies filed a motion last week to intervene in the July 2 suit.

Carter used media

HOUSTON (AP) — Mayor Fred Hofheinz says Democratic presidential nominee Jimmy Carter got the nomination because of his brilliant use of the mass media.

Despite being a media candidate and despite what he calls Sen. Walter Mondale's liability to the ticket, Hofheinz said Tuesday Carter would be good for Texas and Houston.

Carter said many people believe Carter won the nomination "because of the brilliant use of the mass media instead of legislative or administrative successes."

"Carter is principally appealing to voters through the mass media rather than dealing with specific issues and making hard political decisions," Hofheinz said.

A dramatic example of Carter's use of the mass media, Hofheinz said, is that three

years ago when Carter, as governor of Georgia, appeared on a national television quiz show, none recognized him.

Hofheinz said Mondale, the vice presidential nominee from Minnesota, is more liberal than most Texans view themselves and therefore is a liability in Texas, but Carter will be able to offset that liability.

"Mondale appeals to a basic Democratic constituency in the North and Northeast," Hofheinz said. "On the whole, I think Jimmy Carter will be a good president for Texas and Houston."

One of the most remarkable museums in Italy displays only umbrellas. The Umbrella Museum in the village of Gignese recalls the days when virtually the entire town made and repaired umbrellas and parasols.

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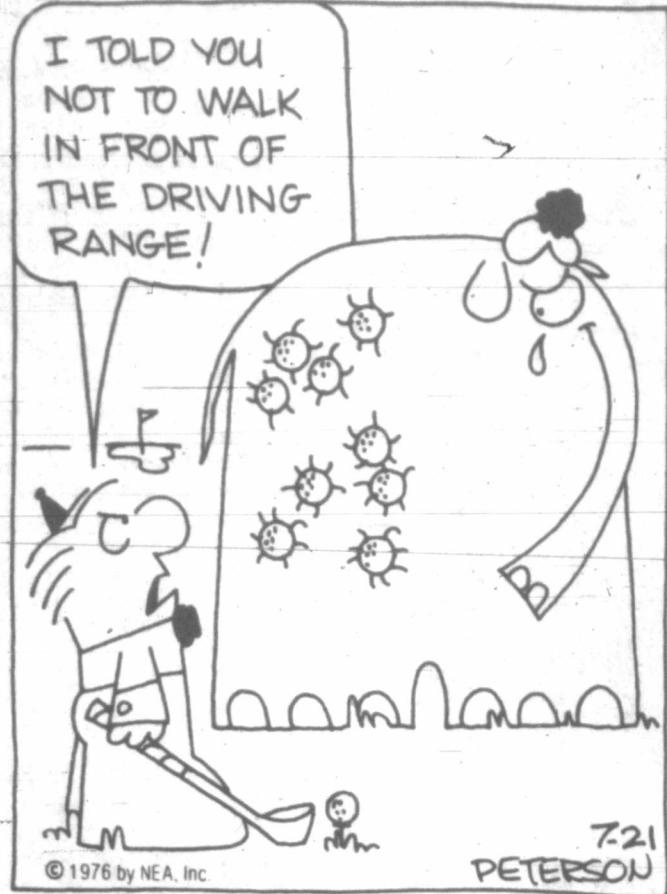
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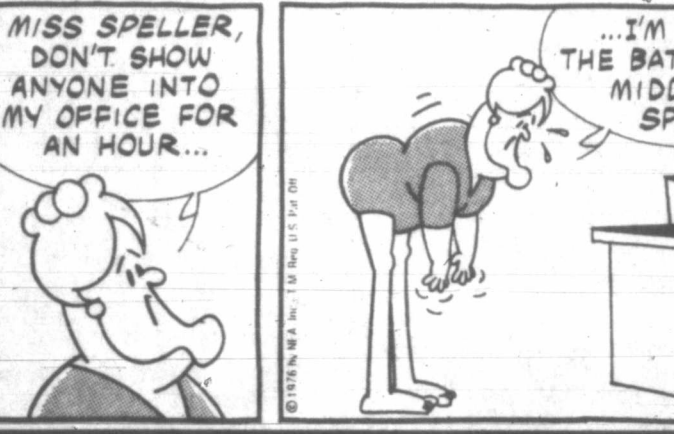
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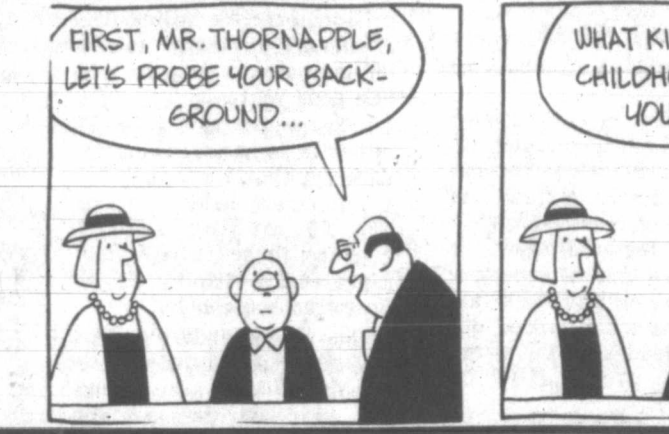
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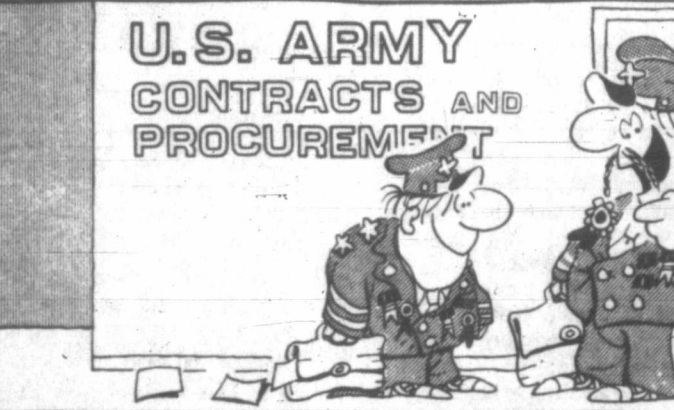
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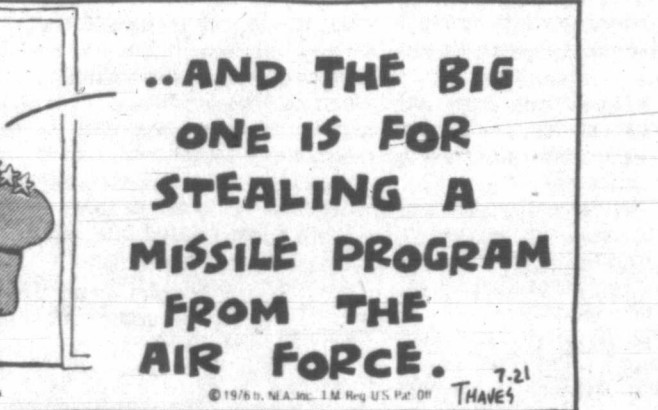
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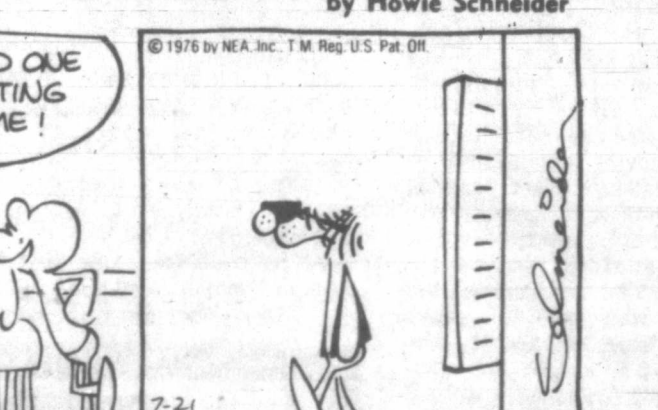
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Oil in Mexico may help us

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A series of huge oil discoveries in Mexico is expected to help the United States withstand future embargoes or price increases by the other major oil producing nations.

These discoveries over the past three years could make Mexico one of the world's major oil producers and an important source of supply for the United States outside the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), the international oil cartel.

Seeking alternatives to OPEC, which has quadrupled its prices since imposing an embargo in late 1973, is part of U.S. energy policy. Asst. Treasury Secretary Gerald Parsky told a recent international bankers meeting here.

The United States wants to be "in a position of being invulnerable to a cutoff in supply," he said. "Not zero imports. But in a position of being invulnerable to a cutoff in supply by the mid 1980s."

"We would still continue to import and we would welcome the possibility of importing

from Mexico as well as other countries."

Non-OPEC sources mentioned by Parsky include the Alaskan North Slope, the North Sea and Mexico, which he said "offers a great potential."

It is hard to measure Mexico's oil potential, but virtually everyone involved or interested in its oil industry agree that it is big.

Mexican officials are reluctant to disclose how much petroleum the country has. Foreign diplomats attribute this to their desire to avoid being pressured into joining OPEC.

Mexico has quietly spurned two tentative offers during the past three years by OPEC founding members President Carlos Andres Perez of Venezuela and the Shah of Iran.

A major disadvantage in joining the cartel would be the automatic loss of \$400 million a year that Mexico enjoys in preferences from the United

States under the U.S. foreign trade law. That is probably the biggest U.S. trade preference for any single nation in Latin America under a hemisphere-wide total unofficially estimated at \$740 million a year.

However, Mexico does use OPEC guidelines in pricing the crude oil it currently exports.

Estimates of its reserves vary from 6.3 billion barrels officially claimed as proven reserves to a 75 billion figure that Washington columnist Jack Anderson says is found in an alleged super-secret Central Intelligence Agency report.

An American expert says the 6.3 billion figure given by Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex), the state oil industry monopoly, is "unrealistic and low."

"Pemex uses a very cautious and conservative approach, which is way below and different from what oil companies would use in the United States

in making their estimates," he says.

Mexican Natural Resources Secretary Francisco Javier Alejo figures reserves vary between 30 billion and 60 billion barrels—three to six times those of Alaska's North Slope—but he warns that he is talking

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