



## Carter says tax cut likely

By FRANK CORMIER  
Associated Press Writer  
ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Ga. (AP) — President-elect Carter said today a tax cut is a "likely prospect" for inclusion in a broad program for economic stimulus that he plans to unveil next week.

Speaking with reporters outside his borrowed resort home here, Carter said he plans an announcement by the end of next week on the outline of his economic package, including a range of likely price tags for the proposal.

While terming a tax cut plan a likely prospect, Carter said it nevertheless represents "a second priority with me after we make moves to put our people back to work." He said he is firmly committed to a "work opportunity program."

Carter flew here Monday for a series of meetings with his

new Cabinet. After his arrival, he conferred for nearly four hours with his key economic advisers. Aides said the session was held to consider "alternative approaches to job creation, tax reduction and reductions in government waste."

Before holding an informal meeting with all members of his Cabinet and appointees of Cabinet rank, Carter conferred with Gov. Hugh Carey of New York and Mayor Abraham Beame of New York City. After that session, Carter emerged with his visitors to declare "Bankruptcy for New York City is not a viable alternative. We have eliminated that as a possibility for the future."

Earlier, on arriving at this rented island estate from his home in Plains, Ga., Carter said the latest economic indicators had left him "fairly

well encouraged" compared to a few weeks ago.

And he reiterated that after Monday's discussion, saying in a statement that he and his advisers also "focused on current economic trends, which seemed slightly more positive than we had earlier expected."

Previously, Carter voiced concern that the economy was worse than he had thought during his campaign for the White House.

His two upbeat pronouncements about the economy, coupled with a reference to attacking waste, could be interpreted as indicating Carter hopes to present an economic package to the 1977 Congress that would add less money than expected to the federal budget deficit.

In his Monday night statement, Carter said that "al-

though no final decisions were made, I believe significant progress was made toward an economic package constituting a balanced attack on both unemployment and inflation."

He indicated that the plan he and his cabinet will finally

agree on will include both public works jobs to cut unemployment and tax cuts to stimulate the economy. His advisers in past weeks have indicated the project would cost some \$15 billion to \$20 billion.

On another subject, Carter

was asked on arrival here Monday about the likelihood of a 1977 meeting with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev. Carter responded that he thought this "a likely prospect for 1977, although we have not made any plans for it."

Responding to another question, Carter said his briefings by the CIA indicate "fairly substantial" increases in Soviet arms production, but "we are still far stronger than they are," by most measures.

Carter, wife Rosalynn and

daughter Amy are staying here at Musgrove Plantation, a secluded retreat on 2,000 acres owned by W. Smith Bagley of Washington, an heir to the Reynolds tobacco fortune.

## Merchants report 'best ever' holiday

By SHIRLEY ANDERSON  
Pampa News Staff

Pampa's strong economy was a major factor in a Christmas buying season that was the "best ever," according to local merchants.

Both Bill Hite, of the Downtown Merchants Association, and Ken Plotner, speaking for the Coronado Shopping Center, said the 1976 holiday buying season set new records.

Hite said he believed that in addition to the city's good economic situation, other reasons for downtown Pampa's outstanding Christmas shopping season included the fact that there was more selection this year, with approximately 15 new businesses, and excellent weather.

Plotner said the Coronado shops had larger crowds than ever before, with shoppers spending "as much or more" than in years past.

Asked whether consumers were paying cash or using charge cards, Plotner estimated that about 60 per cent were cash purchases.

Although total-dollar figures were not available from either of the merchant groups, both spokesmen said that all shops reported successful buying seasons.

Since a percentage of the consumer's holiday shopping dollar goes for the makings of festive foods, the Pampa News also talked to several grocers.

According to a spokesman for Furr's Family Center, area residents appeared to be enjoying Christmas feasts this year. Business was "fantastic."

Ron Scott of Ideal offered several clues as to

what was cooking over the holidays. By far the preferred menu choice was turkey, although many shoppers selected ham or Cornish game hens, and the entire stock of ducks and geese was sold.

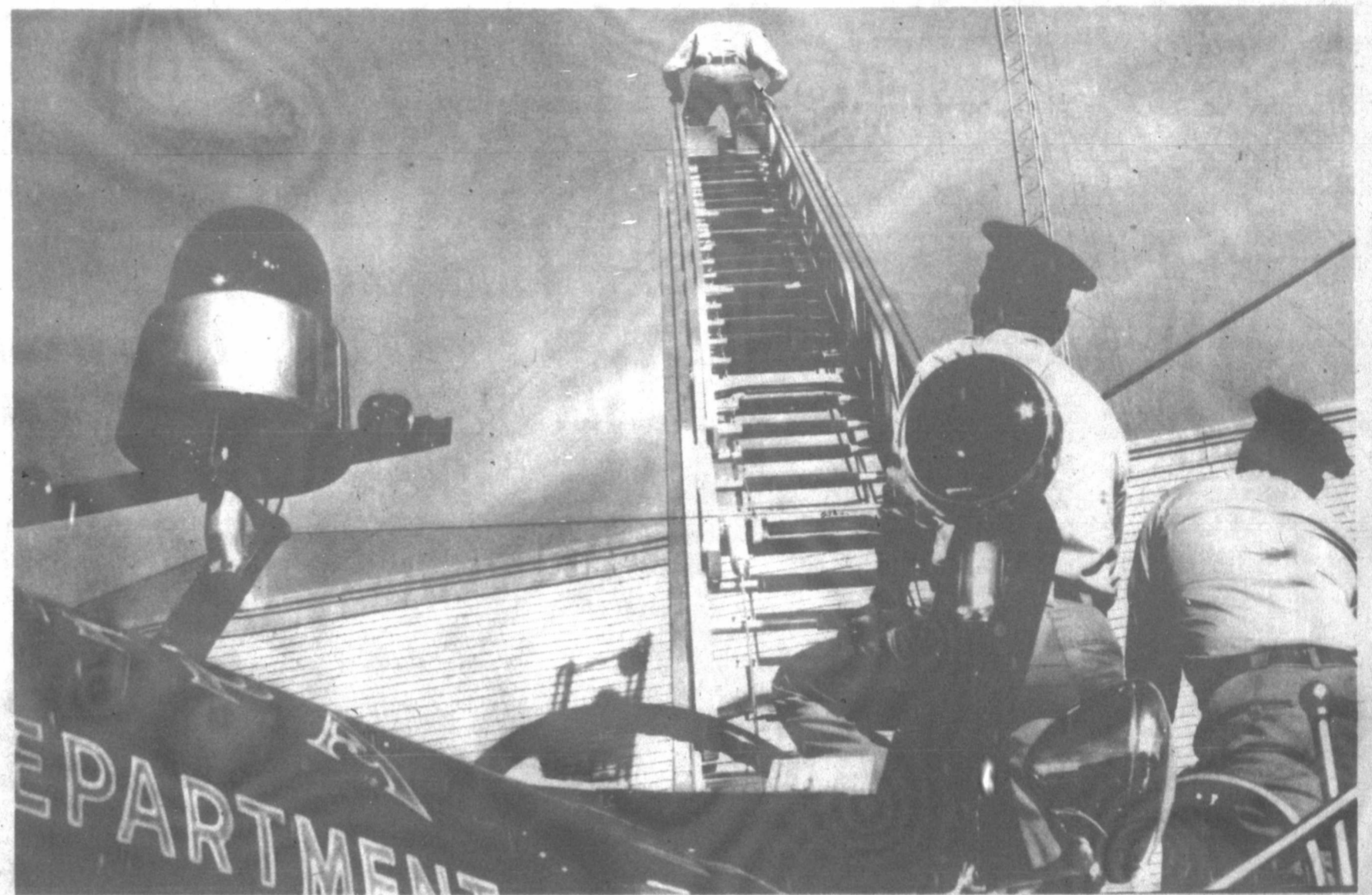
Consumer opinion of the Christmas shopping season seemed to vary. Many residents questioned said they enjoyed a good year economically and spent more than usual for gifts. Mrs. Clark Webb of 1813 Duncan said, "Definitely more this year - it was a good Christmas."

Mrs. Marcia Wise of 2401 Christine said that her gift buying was about the same as in years past, and A.J. Mitchell, 1529 Williston, believes that prices were higher this year, resulting in fewer gifts for the same amount of money.

W.T. Broxson of 832 E. Craven was of the opinion that local merchants did an excellent job of offering specials and "holding prices down as much as possible."

Two Pampa residents mentioned that they felt a need to cut down on gift-giving this year. Mrs. Jack Mitchell of 2125 N. Faulkner sees a trend toward the giving of more practical gifts, such as clothing. Mrs. R.L. Moffitt, 525 Powell, expressed a desire to put greater emphasis on the "religious side of Christmas," and felt a need to cut down on excessive gift-giving.

Looking ahead to January and February, merchants expect continued healthy sales, attributable once again to Pampa's excellent and diversified economy. Both merchant association groups plan mid-winter sales and promotions to help spark consumer interest.



Getting high  
A new fireman with the Pampa department, Curtis Dilger, received training Monday afternoon on aerial ladder procedures. The hook- and-ladder unit can be extended to 85 feet. And as it was explained, a fireman receives a rather odd feeling when the ladder is moved. When the base is turned just one foot the top of the unit may revolve as much as six feet.

(Pampa News photo by Gene Anderson)

## One appears for public hearing

By TEX DEWEESE  
Pampa News Staff

The second public hearing required by law on Pampa's proposed preliminary application for a \$250,000 Community Development Block grant for water distribution pipelines lasted about three minutes at today's meeting in the City Commission in City Hall.

Only one person appeared, Ira L. Dearen, 1100 Sirocco, told

commissioners he felt the city "was not in shape to participate in the program."

City Manager Mack Wofford told commissioners the program the city had in mind was not high on the Department of Housing and Urban Development's list of priorities for a grant.

If the pre-application is filed it must be in the hands of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission's grant division by the Jan. 7 deadline.

The city manager said Pampa has a long-range program in

force under which cost of the needed water line replacements would be paid for with federal revenue sharing funds.

Commissioners approved participation with the developer in street improvements around Block 20, including Sirocco and Cinderella streets of the Northcrest Addition. Estimated cost of the city's share was placed between \$8,000 and \$9,000.

A change in zoning designation from retail to commercial was approved for Lots 1-10 inclusive, Block 7, of

the Prairie Village Addition, with passage of an ordinance on second and final reading.

Authorization was given for payment of \$33,563 to Parkhill, Smith and Cooper of Lubbock for engineering services in connection with construction of the city's sewage treatment plant.

City Manager Wofford said work on the plant was progressing on schedule and the contractor has set March 18 for the tentative completion date on the \$1.4 million project.

Following today's council meeting the city manager, Mayor R.D. Wilkerson and Commissioners Joe Curtis, Linden Shepherd and Ray Thompson paid a visit to the M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium to check on the reports of damage caused by smoking and serving of drinks in the carpeted foyer.

The visit followed receipt of letters from the Twentieth Century Forum and Friends of the Library asking that the city take action to remove the concession stand and prohibit smoking.



'Thank you, and come again'  
Crowds were large and sales excellent during the Christmas shopping season in Pampa. Merchants offered a greater selection than ever before, and several new businesses helped support Pampa's position as a major shopping center for Panhandle residents. Weekly drawings for hundreds of dollars in merchandise certificates proved popular with shoppers.

(Pampa News photo)

## Trade deficit hits monthly record

WASHINGTON (AP) — A big drop in food exports, coupled with increased imports of petroleum and other goods, resulted in a record U.S. monthly trade deficit of \$906 million in November, the Commerce Department reported today.

The deficit was the 10th monthly trade imbalance this year. The previous high monthly deficit was \$868 million in August 1974.

If the nation registers another deficit in December, which is considered certain, the annual trade imbalance could approach the record \$6.4 billion deficit in 1972.

The trade imbalance this year already is over \$5 billion, and certain to be at least the second largest annual deficit.

Maynard Comiez, a Commerce Department economist, said if the deficits continue for a long time, it might reduce the value of the U.S. dollar in relation to other currencies, which would make U.S. goods cheaper and help trigger increased exports.

If shipping and insurance costs are included in the deficit

totals, the November imbalance would be nearly \$1.7 billion and the deficit for the year would be \$13.1 billion, the department said.

Oil imports increased more than \$75 million, bringing the total value of petroleum imports for the month to more than \$3 billion. The increase was attributed to importers' attempts to bring in as much oil as possible before the hike in prices by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Total imports during the month rose 1 per cent to more than \$10.5 billion, while exports fell 1 per cent to about \$9.6 billion.

Imports this year have increased at a rate of about 24 per cent over 1975, while exports have jumped only 6 per cent.

The United States had a trade surplus last year, and officials predicted earlier that the nation would enjoy another trade surplus this year.

A trade deficit over a long period of time can contribute to a weakening in the value of the U.S. dollar in relation to other currencies.

## Find may be original Jefferson declaration

By PETER BREWER  
Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Two fragile yellow pages bearing the first half of the Declaration of Independence have turned up in a Boston attic, and the minister who found them thinks they're straight from the quill pen of Thomas Jefferson.

The National Archives isn't ready, just yet, to agree that the Rev. James K. Allen has found the long-lost original, but an expert there says he's fascinated.

And the Rev. Mr. Allen, of the First Parish Church of Dorchester, says, "I've settled in my own mind what it is."

The minister said the document was among a pile of 1850 vintage papers given him Oct. 8 by a friend, George Berg, 78, who knew the minister's interest in history.

"He told me, 'We cleaned out a lot of attics in Dorchester. This was in one of them,'" said the Rev. Mr. Allen.

"There was a June 11, 1853, newspaper," he said, "and when I turned it over, this was under it. I almost jumped over the car, and I said, 'George, you really have got something here.'"

"We are fascinated by the potential of what he's found," said Robert MacClaren, chief chemist of the National Archives. MacClaren is one of several experts who have examined the 14-by-22-inch pages.

But he said it will take much work to determine whether the document is authentic.

"You have to find out the origin of the fibers of the document, and if you find out they came from Holland at the time that Jefferson would have used the paper — that's a plus. If you find that the inks were comparable and available for use by Jefferson — that's a plus," said MacClaren.

The original four-page Declaration of Independence, fashioned by Jefferson with help from Roger Sherman and John F. Livingston, was approved, after some revisions, by the Continental Congress in Philadelphia on the evening of July 4, 1776.

John Dunlap, a printer, worked through the night of July 4-5 and turned out 1,000 broadsides for rapid distribution through the colonies, but the original from which he worked was lost.

The Rev. Mr. Allen says there's ample evidence that his document is the original.

"For one thing, it shows that Jefferson wrote 'unalienable' but the printer made it 'unalienable'."

"For another thing, this second page includes three lines that were dropped by the printer from the original broadside, but were later put back in." And the fold shows it was used by a printer. My father owned a country newspaper, and nobody else folds a paper along the line of the letters but a printer putting up hand type. That's a printer's fold."

MacClaren said a tiny bit of the paper will probably be enough to analyze chemically, while an electron microscope could be used to test the ink.

## Police airlifted to battle scene

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — Police reinforcements were airlifted to Cape Town today to patrol black townships where militants and migrant workers have fought each other in bloody street battles for three days.

Police reportedly shot and killed two blacks in Langa township during the night when a stone-throwing crowd of 500 persons attacked their patrol vehicles. Twenty-four persons were killed in weekend rioting in Guguletu and Nyanga townships.

The fighting and widespread arson first erupted Christmas night because the migrant workers, mostly Baka tribesmen from the newly independent Transkei district, had resisted the militants' call for a

holiday boycott of shopping and celebrations.

Black youths attacked bachelor hostels where the migrant workers live and the workers retaliated by burning the homes of the militants, police said.

At least 106 persons were injured, many in hand-to-hand fighting between the two groups. Police opened fire several times during the rioting, but it was not known how many of the casualties were hit by the gunfire.









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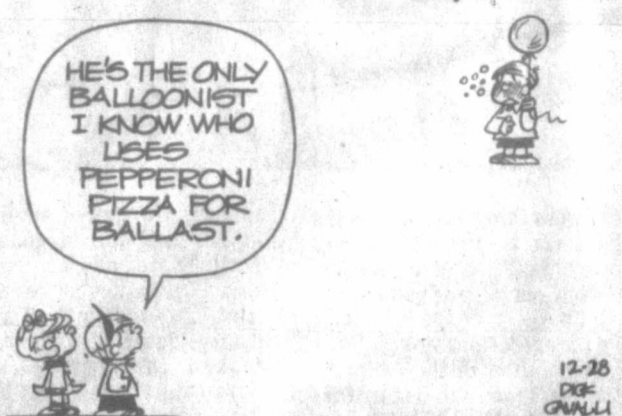
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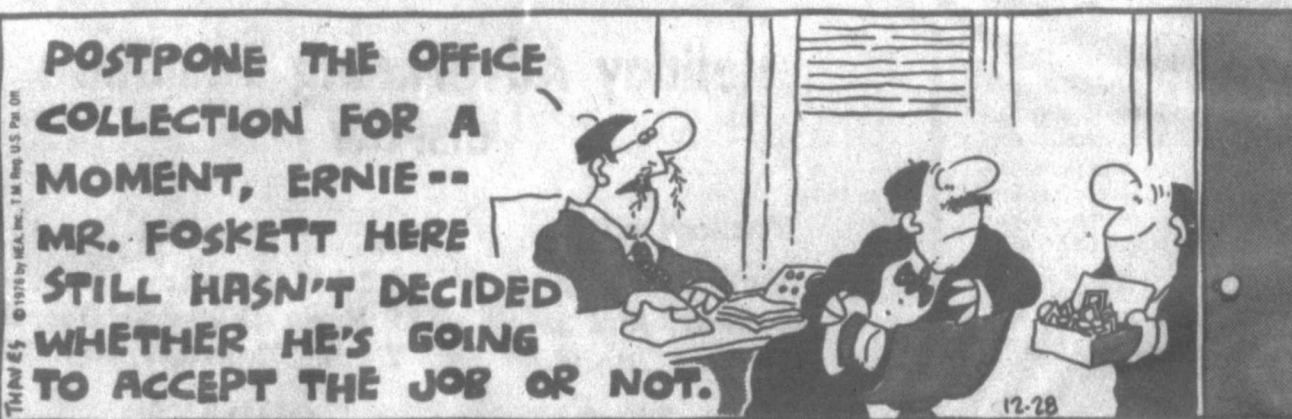
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by Bob Thaves

PRISCILLA'S POP



WHAT HE'S SHOWING THEM IS HOW HE GOT HIS SWINE-FLU SHOT!



CAPTAIN EASY

THANKS FOR TAKING TIME TO MEET ME FOR LUNCH, EASY!



YOU KNOW I NEVER GET TO SPEND HALF AS MUCH TIME AS I'D LIKE TO WITH YOU AND WASH AND THE TWINS!



NO USE BEATING AROUND THE BUSH... WE BOTH KNOW WHY I'M HERE... WHAT ABOUT SHIVALUN SHAFTOE?



HANG IT ALL, CAROL-- I THINK YOU'VE GOT THAT GIRL ALL WRONG!



ALLEY OOP



I THINK YOU'LL FIND HIM IN THE OTHER ROOM WATCHING TELEVISION, OSCAR!



YEAH, THERE HE IS!



SO YOU'RE WATCHING A COWBOY MOVIE, EHP WHO'S IN IT? A REALLY NEAT HERD OF TEXAS LONG-HORNS, OSCAR! JUST LOOKIT ALL THOSE STEAKS!

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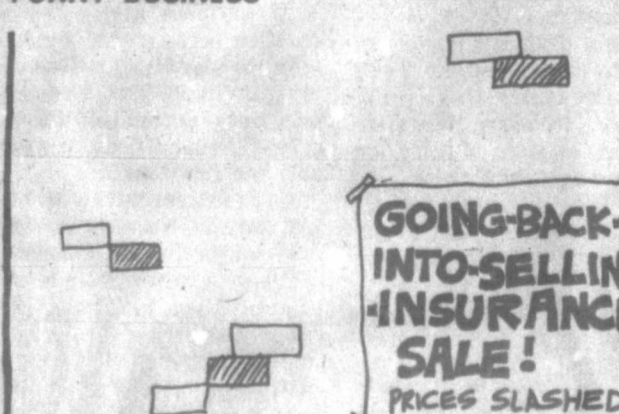


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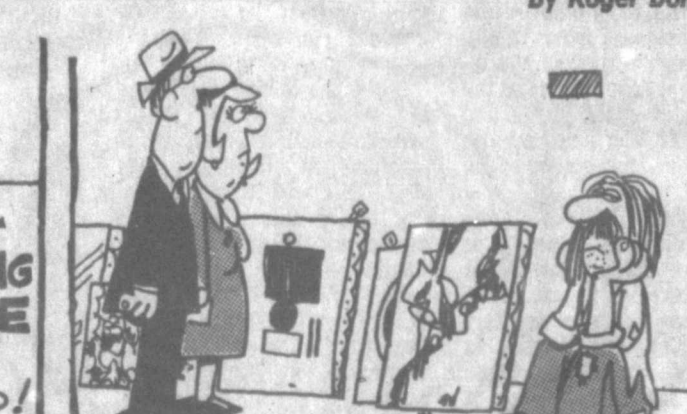


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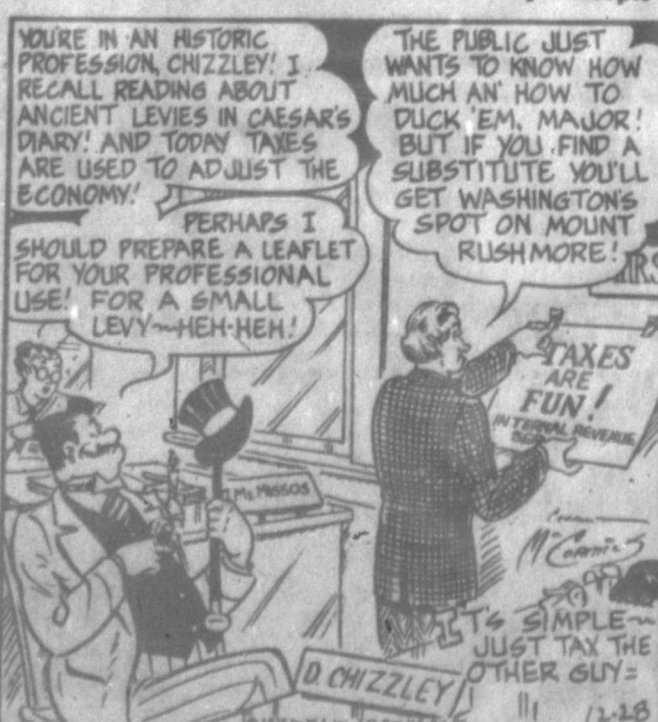
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'You're lucky! Most doctors don't even make house calls these days!'



Rusty Ward, 6'3" junior, scored 17 points Monday when the Harvesters played in Clovis. (Pampa News photo)

To play Alamogordo tonight

# Pampa beats Manzano 75-65

Pampa broke away from a tie score late in the third quarter to take a 75-65 basketball victory over Albuquerque Manzano in Monday afternoon's first round of the Clovis, N.M., tournament.

The Harvesters will play Alamogordo tonight at 7:30 CST. The winner of that game will face the winner of the Clovis-Lovington contest in the finals Wednesday night.

The score was tied at halftime and throughout much of the third quarter before Pampa, with 3:50 left in the period, pressed its opponents and took two quick baskets for a 54-50 lead.

Rayford Young, high scorer for the game, made a three-point play late in the quarter to boost the Harvester lead to 63-55.

Pampa outscored Manzano 27-19 in the third period and held on to the lead throughout the final quarter.

Player	Points	Rebounds	Assists
Rayford Young	17	3	2
Tommy Williams	15	2	1
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# NFL All-Pro squad unveiled

By HAL BOCK  
AP Sports Writer  
NEW YORK (AP) — The St. Louis Cardinals, eliminated from the National Football League playoffs before they ever started, did better on The Associated Press NFL All-Pro team announced today.

Although they missed the playoffs on the final day of the season, four Cardinals were named to the All-Pro squad, giving St. Louis the largest representation of any NFL team.

A nationwide panel of 84 sports writers and broadcasters picked tackle Dan Dierdorf, center Tom Banks, cornerback Roger Wehrli and place-kicker Jim Bakken for the All-Pro honor.

Two players, linebacker Jack Ham of the Pittsburgh Steelers and quarterback Bert Jones of the Baltimore Colts, were run-

way winners at their positions. Ham received 63 of the 84 votes and Jones was named on 51 ballots.

# Big plays go against bowl-bound Nebraska

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ  
Associated Press Writer  
HOUSTON (AP) — The Nebraska Cornhuskers suffered through a season of big-playitis en route to their New Year's Eve date with Texas Tech in the Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl.

Unfortunately for the Cornhuskers, most of the big plays went against them.

Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne was so concerned about the big play he developed a special defense for the Red Raiders.

"We have come up with a few changes we hope will help us contain (Tech quarterback Rodney) Allison," Osborne said after holding his second workout in the Astrodome Monday.

The new defense "isn't going to revolutionize the game, but we hope we don't give up the big play against Tech," he said.

The Cornhuskers, ranked No. 1 in the nation in the preseason poll, lost three games and all were the result of key big plays by the opponents. Two last min-

ute desperation plays by Oklahoma gave the Sooners a victory and kept Nebraska out of the Orange Bowl.

"Take away three plays and we'd be undefeated," Nebraska quarterback Vince Ferragamo said. "We are disappointed we are not going to the Orange Bowl, but we are determined to make up for it here."

Osborne said, "We didn't give up any more big plays than anyone else, but they came in critical situations. If we had scored a little more, some of those plays wouldn't have made any difference."

Osborne, who brought his team to Houston Christmas Day to take advantage of the good weather, said he looks forward to playing in the controlled atmosphere of the Astrodome.

# Steve Atkins won't play

DALLAS (AP) — Maryland sophomore running back sensation Steve Atkins made it official Monday. He isn't playing in the Cotton Bowl against Houston New Year's Day.

Although he was suited out and playing catch at Maryland's first workout in the Cotton Bowl, Atkins said "I definitely will not play. It's not worth taking a chance on my career."

Atkins of Spotsylvania, Va. was the fourth leading rusher in the nation when he was injured in the fifth game of the season against North Carolina State. He suffered a torn cartilage in his left knee.

There was hope that Atkins would be ready to go for the unbeaten Terrapins, who are fourth rated, against the sixth rated Cougars.

"I've been getting a lot of pressure from some of the coaches and some of the players," said Atkins, shaking his head. "But I just can't do it... I really want to play. It will be hard just standing there on the sidelines."

# White named rookie

NEW YORK (AP) — Sammie White of the Minnesota Vikings, who led the National Conference in touchdown catches and receiving yardage, was named The Associated Press' National Football League Offensive Rookie of the Year today.

The selection of the 5-foot-11, 190-pounder from Grambling, Minnesota's No. 2 draft choice (behind Oklahoma State defensive tackle James White), was overwhelming. Sammy, who hauled in 10 TD passes during the regular season, got the vote from 49 of the 84 sports writers and broadcasters. Three from each NFL team.

Los Angeles quarterback Pat Haden, the Rhodes scholar from Southern Cal by way of the defunct World Football League, was second in the balloting with 10 votes. Pittsburgh quarterback Mike Kruczek from Boston College was next with seven. Others receiving votes included running backs Clark Gaines of the New York Jets and Archie Griffin of Cincinnati, and quarterback Jim Zorn of Seattle.



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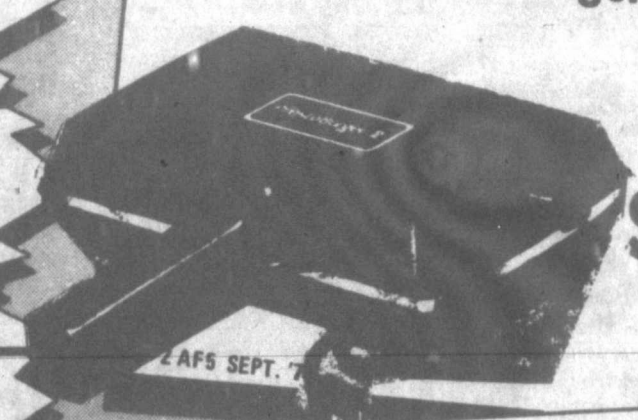
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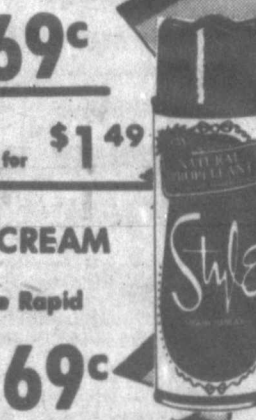
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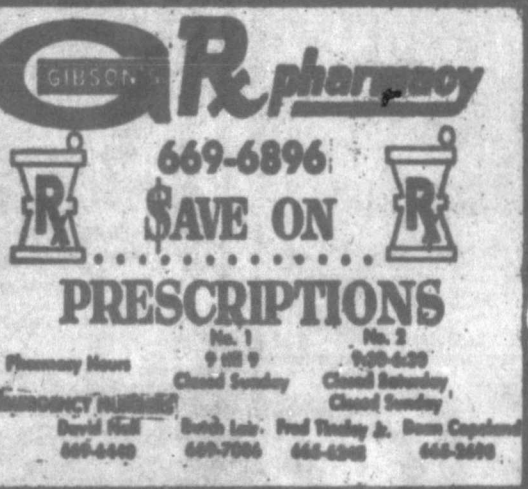
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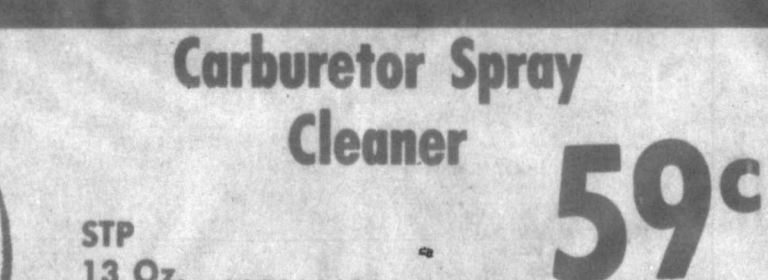
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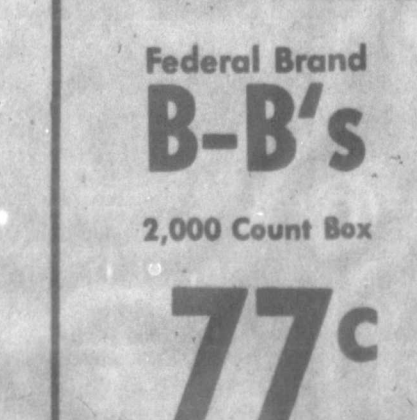
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