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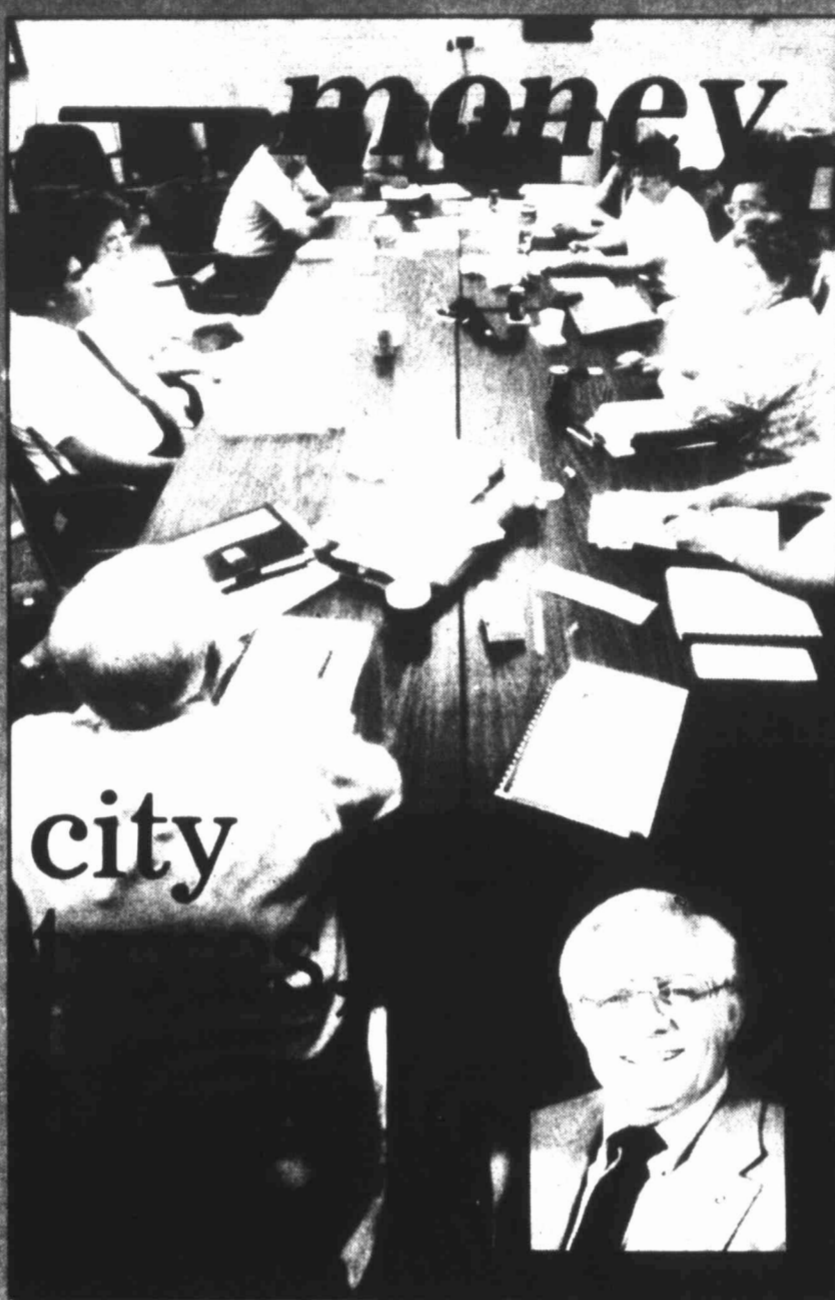
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Crossroads weather

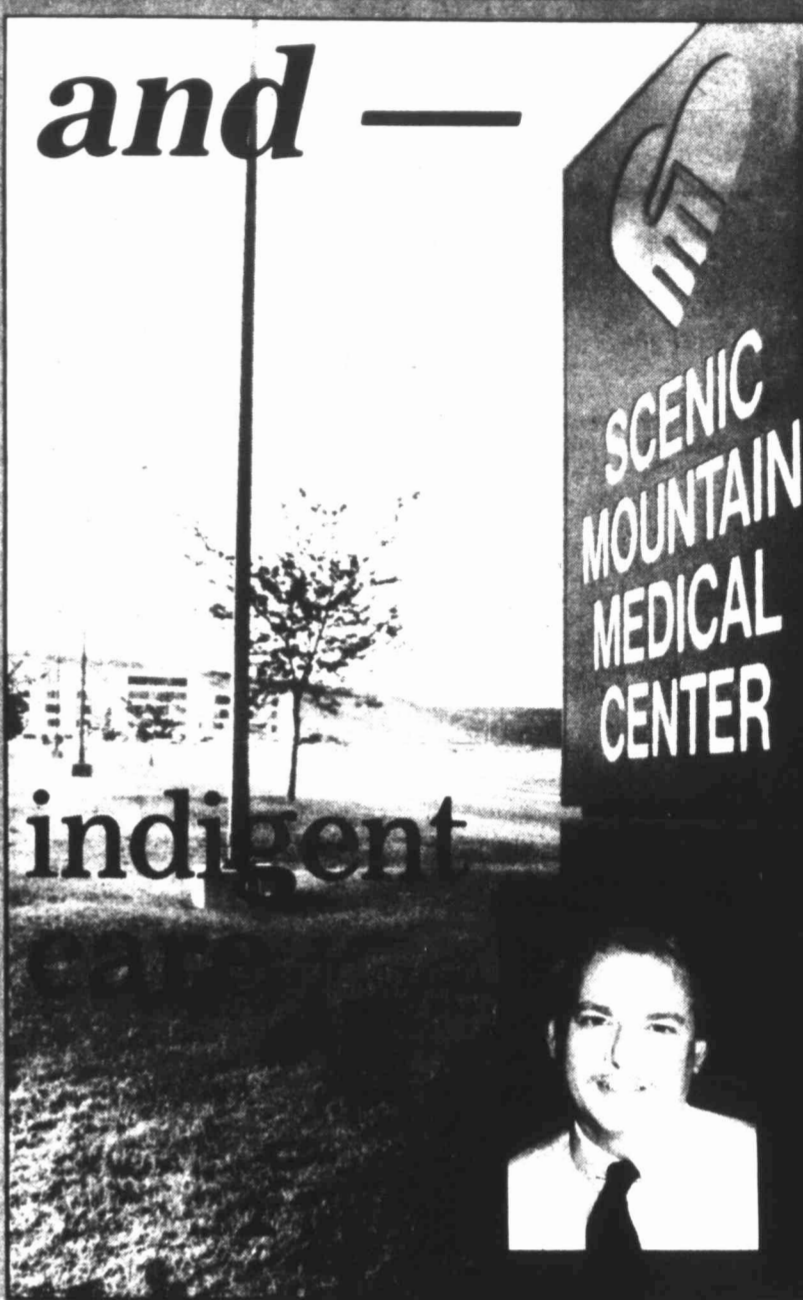
Forecast for the Big Spring area: thunderstorms scattered to widely scattered through Wednesday. Lows tonight middle to upper 60s; highs Wednesday lower to middle 90s. Monday's high was 75 and the low was 65.



Effects of cotton plants in a muddy field near...



Big Spring's City Council met in a budget session Monday. Acting City Manager Hal Boyd inset.



Scenic Mountain Medical Center on West 11th Place; administrator David Wiley inset.

By STEVE GEISSEN
Staff Writer

The storm clouds that had dumped three to four inches of rain on the cotton fields of Knott were long gone on Tuesday. But a visible reminder of the Monday morning thunderstorms awaited farmers driving past the co-op cotton gin on Farm to Market Road 846.

"Watch For Water On Road" read the yellow sign alerting travelers to the rushing stream of water that wound through Joe Mac Gaskin's land and across 846.

Passersby had to slowly inch their cars and trucks through the newly formed stream, but, after more than a month without significant rainfall, a surplus of rainwater wasn't about to elicit complaints from farmers in Knott.

"Two inches of rain would have been all we needed," said Kelly

Gaskins, Joe Mac's son, "but in West Texas you don't turn down rain."

The Gaskins family owns about 3,000 acres of land in Knott, Kelly Gaskins said. Parts of the Gaskins' land are under water because of the recent downpour, but if the land dries fairly soon the crops will be in good shape, Gaskins said.

Before the recent thunder-showers, the Gaskins' land hadn't been critically affected by the drought conditions, but, nonetheless, the rain was more than welcome.

"We would have been in pretty good shape for a couple of three weeks (if it hadn't rained)," Gaskins said. "But we were at the point where we needed some rain."

"Now, we've got the potential to have a crop as good or better than last year."

Then he paused and added, "But it's like Vegas, you just never know."

By MICHAEL DUFFY
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council tentatively agreed to a five-cent ad valorem tax increase, \$1 monthly hike in residential sanitation rates and the elimination of a \$10,000 fee for the downtown coordinator to fund a \$50 monthly pay increase for city employees.

City employees last received a raise in April 1986, Tom Ferguson, city finance director, said.

No private citizens attended the public session.

As an example of how the increase would affect property owners, Howard County Appraiser F.E. "Gene" Pereira said a five-cent tax increase would raise "city taxes only" \$20 annually for a person who owns a \$50,000 home.

That fee would be coupled with a \$12 per month sanitation fee hike.

City officials and council

members met Monday at the McMahon-Wrinkle Air Park in a continuation of work sessions on the 1988-89 fiscal year budget.

The pay raise — which would be the first in two years — would increase the wages of 240 city employees. Acting City Manager Hal Boyd and five division directors would not receive pay raises, a consensus of council members decided.

If implemented, the proposals will generate an additional \$292,346 in revenues, Boyd said.

It will cost the city about \$125,000 to fund a city employee pay raise, officials said.

An additional \$110,000 in funding would also come from the increased revenues for police, fire and health department requests — along with the hiring of a fulltime computer programmer.

After discussions with Police Chief Joe Cook and Fire Department Captain Alex Calvio, the

TAX INCREASE page 3-A

By SARAH LUMAN
Staff Writer

More than \$68,000 in county funds have been expended since Oct. 1 to provide health care for Howard County indigents — and according to County Commissioner William Crooker, itinerants are eligible under the program's guidelines.

The county will not have to pay the medical expenses for Patricia Elizabeth Hernandez Rivera, however. The infant daughter of county jail inmate Jeanne Hernandez Fonseca was born prematurely in March.

County Judge Milton Kirby said the county has been informed that the child's expenses — not the mother's — during her stay in the neonatal intensive care unit of St. Mary of the Plains hospital in Lubbock will be paid by Medicaid, a program of the Texas Department of Human Resources.

During a Monday meeting,

county commissioners heard Scenic Mountain Medical Center hospital director David Wiley express concerns over funds the hospital loses on indigent care.

He said he had spoken to hospital district representatives from Lubbock, Midland and Odessa to determine what services the hospital could — or should — extend to ensure that individuals follow through on the indigent program guidelines in order for the hospital to recoup its expenses.

County Judge Milton Kirby said the situation in Howard County is completely different than that of a hospital district.

Of the county's \$68,846.75 spent this year for indigent health care, commissioners said Monday that some \$38,000 was paid to Scenic Mountain. Other hospitals accounted for approximately \$10,000 of the total in-patient care bill, noted county commissioner

INDIGENT page 3-A

Plenty of rainfall

Rainfall amounts ranged from .25 inches south of Big Spring to approximately 5 inches near Vealmoor, according to reports received today.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Research Station reported .11 inches Monday, a year-to-date total of 5.60 inches and a normal total of 8.66 inches for this date.

Tommy Hart, 1750 Purdue Ave., reported .55 inches, while Boyce Hale reported .25 inches on Wasson Road as a three-day total. Hale reported 2.1 inches on farms north of town.

Cindy Hopper reported 4 inches at Knott.

Soil Conservation and Stabilization officer Rick Lyles said he had heard reports ranging from negligible to four inches, with the

rainfall growing heavier toward the northern edge of Howard County.

Colorado River Municipal Water District spokesman Joe Pickle said 3.1 inches had been reported over three days at the Big Spring-Odessa intake at Lake J.B. Thomas. He said the Snyder intake reported 2.3 inches and the lake had risen half a foot, with another half-foot rise expected from runoff.

He said no estimates of increase in the level of Lake E.V. Spence had yet been made but expectations are for a couple of feet of additional water in the lake.

Heavy rains around Knott had caused an increase of about a foot in the level of Natural Dam Lake, Pickle said. Some nine feet of additional water is expected.

RAINFALL page 3-A

Coordinator position out

The Big Spring City Council's tentative decision Monday not to fund \$10,000 for the position of downtown coordinator in the new fiscal year budget should effectively eliminate the position as of Sept. 30.

Charles Beil, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce downtown steering committee, expressed disappointment Tuesday with the decision.

"I don't see how, if the city — which is the primary entity to benefit from these (downtown renovation) projects — is not willing to fund the position, how the other entities should be expected to continue to provide funding," he said.

Howard County, the chamber of commerce and the industrial foundation have also funded the

position, although Beil said he has received no word from those entities on funding requests.

Beil said the funding request to the city for the new fiscal year was reduced by 50 percent — from \$20,000 to \$10,000.

Teri Quinones is completing the final months of a three-year contract as downtown coordinator.

Beil said Quinones has been performing her duties "very well," and said the elimination of the downtown coordinator's position would "absolutely" be a loss for the city of Big Spring.

With salary, benefits and rental space expenditures, the annual cost of funding the position is between \$25,000 and \$27,500," Beil said.

Quinones coordinated and im-

COORDINATOR page 3-A

Indigent health care rules

Eligibility rules for the Howard County indigent health care program are not as simple as they appear.

County indigent health care director Irene Rodriguez said the county's program, an indigent health care program paid for by the county, is one of three possible services a 1986 law requires. Those alternatives are public hospitals, hospital districts and county indigent health care programs.

Howard County's indigent health care program has spent \$68,846.75 between Oct. 1 and June 22, according to a report furnished county commissioners Monday, which included the following eligibility guidelines:

An applicant must be a county resident.

The person's fixed residence must be in the county or the person must intend to return to the county after temporary absences.

No time limits for residency apply, according to the report. A new resident declaring and verifying intent to remain in the county is a resident, as is a person who has no fixed residence.

County Judge Milton Kirby said these regulations were designed to "take care of the street people." County Commissioner William Crooker said such rules could be interpreted to render itinerants eligible for the program.

An applicant's household composition qualify a person who lives alone. Two or more persons living together who are legally

HEALTH RULES page 3-A

Gorbachev calls for reforms, farm improvements

By JOHN THOR DAHLBURG
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW — Mikhail S. Gorbachev called today for sweeping change in the Soviet Union, including creation of a full-time legislature with real power and election of a president with duties akin to those of some Western heads of state.

He also proposed that farmers be made masters of the land in a program that would allow them to lease the soil they till to quickly increase production and end chronic food shortages.

It was not immediately clear how the legislative proposals would affect the post of Communist Party general secretary, the job that makes Gorbachev the most powerful man in the country.

Gorbachev spoke of an elected president of the Supreme Soviet who would appoint the head of government and oversee foreign and defense policy.

Addressing the party's first general conference in nearly a half-century, Gorbachev also:

—Called for guaranteeing peoples' right to privacy ostensibly

granted by the 1977 Constitution.

—Served notice the party would not brook organized challenges to its authority.

—Said overhauling the state-run pricing system is "absolutely necessary" to encourage swift saturation of the market with high-quality foodstuffs. Many Soviets already worry that price reform will mean drastically increased food prices.

In a 3½-hour televised speech opening the conference, Gorbachev told the 5,000 delegates that farm policy had to be changed.

Stopping short of a call for dismantling the Soviet Union's system of collective farms, the reform-minded Gorbachev urged "the extensive, countryside introduction" of a program to permit families to lease farmland from their collective and state farms and till the soil themselves, rather than as part of salaried farm brigades.

Gorbachev also told the 5,000 delegates that reform of state-set wholesale and retail prices "is absolutely necessary," despite widespread concern that the cost of

food and consumer goods will increase drastically.

In a speech occasionally interrupted by brief applause, Gorbachev told the delegates gathered in the Kremlin's glass and marble Palace of Congresses that his policy of "glasnost," or greater openness, does not mean he will tolerate formation of new political parties that challenge the rule of the Communist Party.

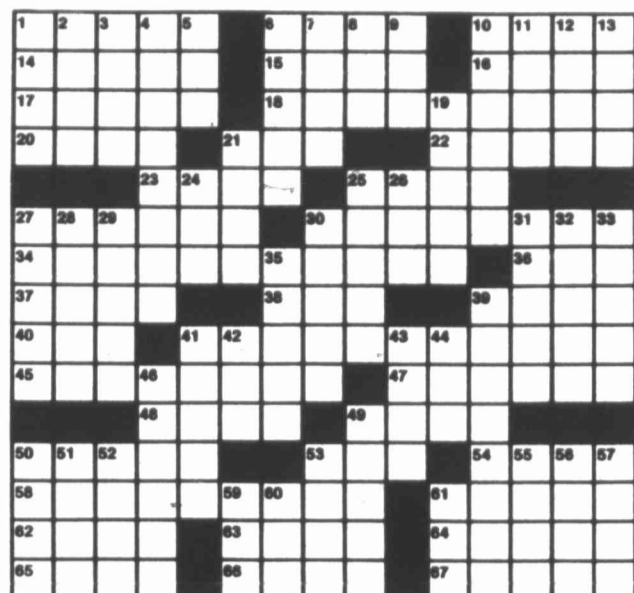
Nor, he said, should glasnost be abused by those trying to redraw political boundaries, an obvious reference to Soviet Armenia's ef-

orts to annex a region belonging to the neighboring republic of Azerbaijan.

Rejecting recent calls for more autonomy from delegates representing the Baltic republics, Gorbachev said, "Any obsession with national isolation can only lead to economic and cultural impoverishment."

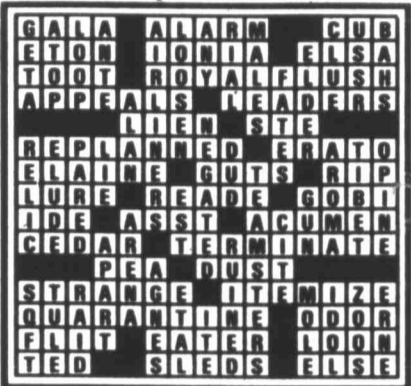
The congress would be a new policy-making body similar to the existing Supreme Soviet but expanded to include representatives of various workers' and special interest groups.

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 16 Silkworm
 17 Celebes oxen
 18 Schooner
 20 Salamander
 21 Rodrigo Diaz de Bivar
 22 Fitzgerald and Raines
 23 Bank credit
 25 Reasonable
 27 Classify
 30 Boat wheat
 34 Party snack
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 37 Nor. king
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 50 Cunning
 53 Touch lightly
 54 Elanet
 58 - cake
 61 Collier
 62 Let it stand
 63 Debauchee
 64 "Sanctum"
 65 Containers
 66 Crude minerals
 67 Orgs.



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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:



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 1 Cereal
 2 Abbe or Lois
 3 Confess
 4 Beef dish
 5 Overhead
 6 Pilot's place
 7 Sped
 8 Lemon
 9 Pitch
 10 Charming girls

11 Soviet river
 12 Mona -
 13 Maiden
 19 Kelly, Krupa
 21 Marcus
 24 Scrap
 25 Gather
 26 Fr. sculptor
 27 To the left
 28 - plexus
 29 Put on
 30 Number
 31 Port-au-Prince land
 32 Moth
 33 US patriot
 35 Motive
 39 Baking dishes
 41 Building metal
 42 Make public
 43 Enclosure
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 46 Metal tags
 49 Moves laboriously

50 Gulp air
 51 Biblical
 52 "a Kick Out of..."
 53 Jab
 55 Stopovers
 56 Youthful suffix
 57 Blunders
 58 To and -
 59 Paddle
 61 Ms Farrow

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5	Family Tree	Sports	Seasat	Big Valley	Curr Affair	News	Chapito	05 Fr	News	Fandango	Keepers	Partners in	Cartoon	World's	World's	World's	
6	ABC News	PGA Tour	Animals	Remington	News	ABC News	Rosa Salvage	05 Andy	Jeopardy!	Crook	Can 1 on TV	MacGruder	Arnell	Dr. Seuss	Dr. Seuss	World's	
7	Who's Boss?	Classic	Novel	Crazy Like a	Who's Boss?	Manson de	Baseball	Baseball	Matlock	Nashville	Make Film	Ray and	Ripide	Black Beauty	Black Beauty	World's	
8	Moonlight	Adventure	700 Club	Moonlight	Moonlight	Dos Vidas	J.J.	Starbuck	Crnty	My 3 Sons	O. Reed	State Cover	State Cover	Elvis Aloha	Elvis Aloha	World's	
9	Beach	Frontline	Talk	Beach	Beach	Beach	Beach	Beach	Beach	Beach	Beach	Beach	Beach	Beach	Beach	Beach	Beach
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JEANE DIXON'S Your Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 1988
HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Speak up when you have something to contribute. Good things begin to happen! Your business and personal relationships go more smoothly. Show others how determined you can be and career roadblocks will melt away. New financial gains allow you to do things at home that you have wanted to do for a long time. A change in lifestyle brings even more benefits than anticipated. Check out employment opportunities in July.
CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: surgeon Dr. William Mayo, baseball's Pedro Guerrero

their hand, and then capitalize on their mistakes. Family support is there. You need never doubt it. Travel brings valuable new insights. Pack your bags!
CANCER (June 21-July 22): It is time to concentrate on career goals for a change. Let those creative ideas flow freely! The fact that you and partner share the same ideals and interests gives hope for a lasting relationship.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A slipshod approach will cost you money. Do your best work and you will leave the competition in the dust. Refuse to be intimidated by someone with better credentials.
VRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): An emotional upset could make you oscillate between two extremes. Maintain a low profile until you can sort things out. A letter or telephone call brings welcome news. Confide in a trusted relative.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Overseas contacts play a major role in your career of financial success. Be patient when trying to get a point across with a difficult person. Time spent on creative projects proves very rewarding.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Examine all the facts and figures before reaching a business decision. Do some serious thinking about the goals you have set for yourself. They may be unrealistic. If not, redouble your efforts! Welcome romance.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A young person comes to you for financial help. Do not be taken in by an attractive member of the opposite sex who specializes in flattery. This person could be after your job!
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Quick thinking prevents an argument. Those concerned are deeply relieved. Your hard work begins to pay off handsomely. A stock market tip could be highly lucrative. Romance provides a happy climax to the day.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A discussion could turn into an argument. Do not be afraid to air your feelings. If you do so diplomatically, you will emerge a winner. The advice you offer is appreciated.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Do not expect miracles today. Take care of all those small tasks that have piled up. An honest talk with loved one will clear up a sticky-wicket situation. Hold nothing back.

DENNIS THE MENACE



DENNIS: ARE YOU PRETENDING YOU CAN'T HEAR ME?
 MOTHER: NO, MOM. I REALLY CAN'T HEAR YOU!

THE FAMILY CIRCLE



"Thanks, Mommy. Now blow me a hug."

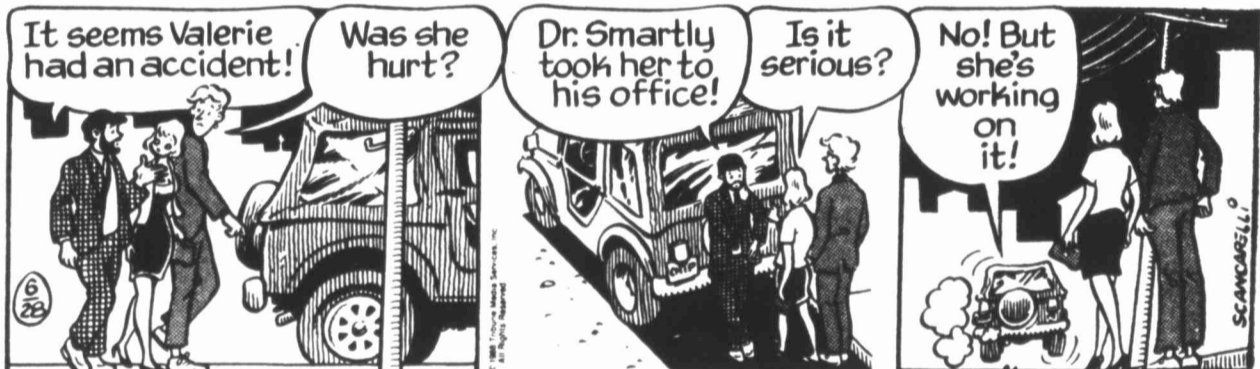
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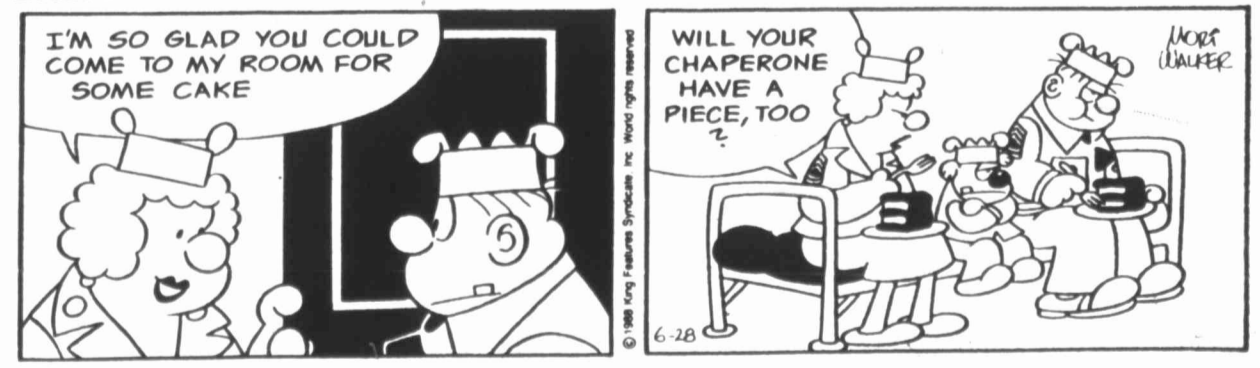
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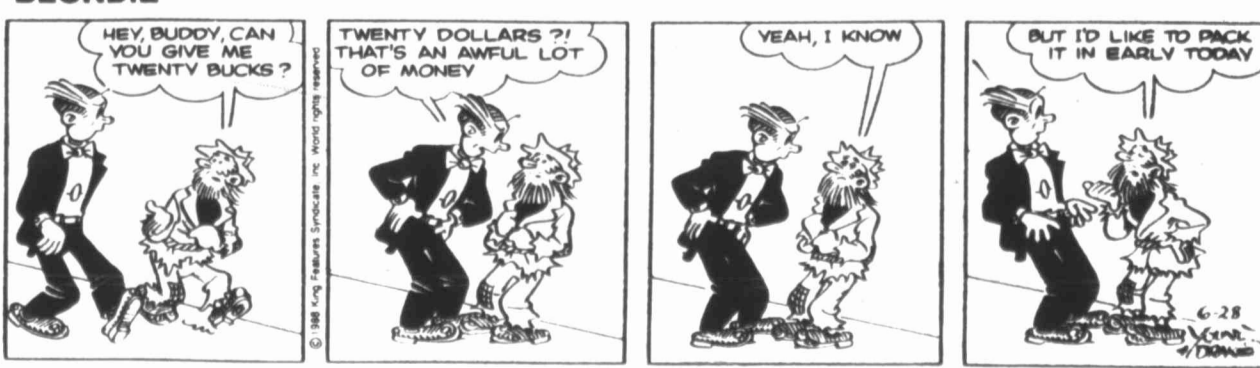
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BLOWOUT



88-D50 Pickup
#8-5114 **\$9,375⁰⁰**



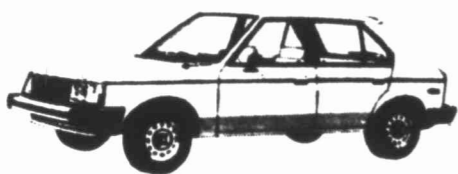
88 Voyager
#8-5166 **\$11,988⁰⁰**



88 Dodge Colt Vista
#8-5124 **\$12,888⁰⁰**



88 New Yorker
#8-4024 **\$16,888⁰⁰**



88 Dodge Omni
#8-5189 **\$7,988⁰⁰**



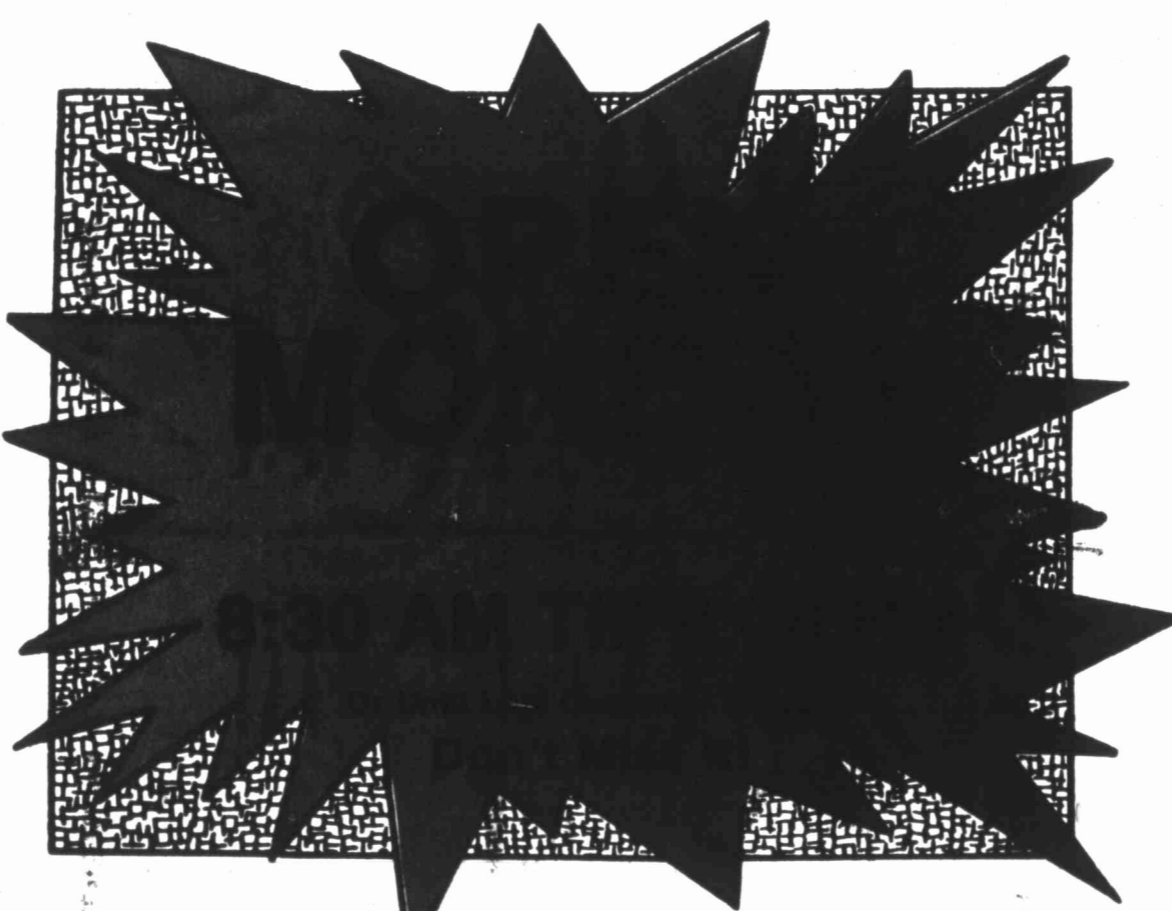
88 Dodge Dakota
#8-5295 **\$7,588⁰⁰**



88 Dodge Raider
#8-5080 **\$11,850⁰⁰**



88 Dodge Shadow
#48-5231 **\$9,388⁰⁰**



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