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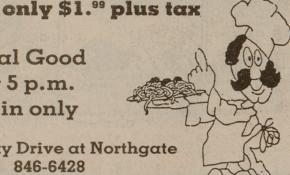
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#### Birds require balanced diet, good nutrition

DALLAS (AP) - Parakeet and cockatiel owners who feed their pets a regular supply of bird seed are ruffling the feathers of state veterinarians who say that diet is

Feeding any bird only seeds "is like feeding a human Twinkies for every meal," Brazoria veterinarian Kathy Dickerson said. 'They are omnivores — they should eat pretty much what people eat, the same four basic food

Dickerson and other animal

specialists met Friday in Dallas for the annual Texas Veterinarian Medical Association conference. Dickerson also is a member of the Avian Practice Committee. a subgroup of TVMA.

The group also is urging Texas A&M University to hire an avian clinician.

Veterinarians are seeing an increase in the number of birds brought to their clinics either dead or dying because of malnutrition, she said. Vitamin A and calcium deficiencies are most common and eventually result in

Sherry Vincent of the Animal Kingdom pet store in Dallas said many shops don't "take the re-sponsibility of letting people know what these birds need to

grow up healthy Vincent said bird owners can feed their pets table scraps, but she recommends fresh fruit and various types of commercial bird food pellets that provide birds with a balanced supply of nutri-

# Mexico gets a break Reforms lead U.S. to agree with debt reduction

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico and its commercial bank creditors signed a debt reduction agreement Sunday that was praised as an example for other indebted nations and the result of the government's economic re-

The Battalion

"Mexico stands as a beacon of hope for other debtor nations," U.S. Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady said at the signing ceremony.

Brady laid the groundwork for the agreement a year ago by offering debt forgiveness in exchange for economic reforms in developing countries.

Previously, banks had managed the debt crisis mainly by lending countries money to cover their interest payments, a process that merely increased the total debt

"It is very important to have the first transaction completed but we do see it as only the beginning," Brady said.

Mexico's agreement will cut the country's \$48.5 billion bank debt by a little more than \$7 billion and reduce annual interest payments by about \$1.6 billion. Mexico estimates the full impact of the agreement will

"The renegotiation of the debt is sufficient for Mexico" and will lead to growth and better living conditions for Mexicans, President Carlos Salinas de Gortari said.

Salinas said faster growth is "a social imperative to respond to the demands of the more than 85 million Mexicans of today and the 10 million more" who are expected to swell the nation's population during the

remainder of his six-year term.

Treasury Secretary Pedro Aspe said the country's total debt, including loans from governments, will total \$93.6 billion after the accord. That is the second highest in the developing world after Brazil's \$114 billion.

Officials of the 15 banks that negotiated the agreement on behalf of Mexico's 450 creditor banks signed the accord in the ceremony at the National Pal-

ace. The other banks will sign in New York.
Salinas took office Dec. 1, 1988, six years into an economic crisis provoked by overborrowing and plunging prices for crude oil, the country's main export.

In a sweeping program to reform the heavily-protected economy, Salinas has opened the country to competition from imports, encouraged foreign and do-mestic investment, begun selling a wide array of stateowned companies to the private sector and started slashing subsidies.

Under the agreement, banks could choose three options: reducing the principal amount of loans by 35 percent, reducing interest to a fixed to 6.25 percent, or offering new loans equal to 25 per of the debt they already held.

Monday, February 5.1

Banks opted to reduce principal on \$20 billion debt, reduce interest on a further \$22.5 billion and tend new loans for \$6 billion in existing debt.

The banks that chose the first two options will change their debt for Mexican government to backed by U.S. Treasury bonds. Mexico will but U.S. bonds as collateral with a \$7 billion package. credits from multilateral agencies and Japan, as we

the Mexican government's own funds.

Aspe said the agreement will save Mexico an aven

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\$4.1 billion annually in net transfers abroad in them

The figure includes \$1.6 billion in reduced into payments; an average influx of \$288 million are new credits, and the deferment of prinicpal payments. of \$2.2 billion a year.

The country has been paying about \$12 billiona

in interest and principal

The agreement "will serve as an example for other countries affected by the problem of debt, Michel Camdessus, director of the International M tary Fund, which is lending money to Mexico as par the agreement.

Other countries in line for Brady plan renegotate such as Venezuela, Argentina and Brazil have not as drastic reforms as Mexico.

## Bush's goal of slashing deficit may be thwarted by interest rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration's ambitious goal of slashing the federal deficit in half next year could well be thwarted by a Federal Reserve intent on keeping inflation under control, many private economists believe.

These analysts are predicting the central bank will keep interest rates higher than the administration would like and thus keep overall economic growth well below the assumptions the administration used in pro-jecting it could lower next year's federal deficit to \$63.1

The Fed's main policymaking group, composed of Fed governors and regional Fed bank presidents, was scheduled to hold closed-door discussions Tuesday and Wednesday for the central bank to set monetary strategy for the rest of the year

The results of those deliberations will not be known until Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan testifies before Congress on Feb. 20, but most analysts believed the Fed will be slow to make any further reductions in interest rates.

"I think the Fed is going to sit on its hands," said David Wyss, chief financial forecaster for DRI-McGraw Hill. "The employment and inflation numbers are coming in too high to permit further easing."
Wyss and other forecasters said they were not

looking for interest rates to drop much from current levels, despite calls by the Bush administration for lower rates to keep the country from slipping into a re-Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady on Friday con-

ceded that the administration and Fed policymakers don't always see eye to eye, but he tried to play down recent reports of a policy rift.

Brady said the administration has a bias toward eco-

nomic growth that is greater than that of the Fed, saying that "differences of point of view are openly expressed" during his weekly meetings with Greenspan. Economic growth slowed to a barely perceptible 0.5 percent rate in the final three months of 1989, the slo-

west pace in 31/2 years. The administration's 1991 budget plan, however, forecasts a significant rebound in growth for this year, putting the increase in the gross national product for 1990 at 2.6 percent.

That is almost a full percentage point higher than is being forecast by most private economists. They believe the Fed's credit policies will constrain growth to around a 1.7 percent annual rate. Analysts said they were not looking for any reduction

for several months in banks' prime lending rate, the benchmark rate for a variety of business and consumer loans, which was cut in January to 10 percent.

### Space shuttle to send Earhard scarf into space

WEST LAFAYETTE, (AP) — Two generations of ation history will be linked A 19 when a scarf once worm by endary aviator Amelia Earli rockets into space aboard i space shuttle Discovery, office at Purdue University said.

The scarf was presented Satu day to NASA astronauts Jerry Ross and Donald E. William both alumni of Purdue, whe Earhart trained for the arou the-world trip on which she appeared in 1937 over the Paol

Ross and Williams will taket scarf to the Johnson Space Cer in Houston and give it to fel astronaut and Purdue alum Loren Shriver, who will a mand the shuttle flight.

# Police accuse couple of murdering son

POMPANO BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Police say Christopher Morris plotted with his parents to kill his ex-wife and collect \$35,000 in insurance. When they found out the policy had lapsed, authorities allege, the parents killed him instead — to collect a \$70,000 policy.

Theron and Leila Mary Morris, who moved

from Detroit, kept a well-tended yard in their mobile home community. They were regular

Now they're charged with murder, accused of killing their 42-year-old son in a deadly double-

Police say the Morrises schemed with their ex-convict son to kill his former wife, Sharon, and her 10-year-old daughter for the insurance. But

they turned on their son after they learned that the coverage had lapsed, authorities say.

The couple and Martin Rector, their son's

roommate and one-time prison buddy who is accused of being the triggerman, then conned a drifter with drinking and blackout problems into confessing to the crime, police say. The drifter was released from jail after the three others confessed Wednesday

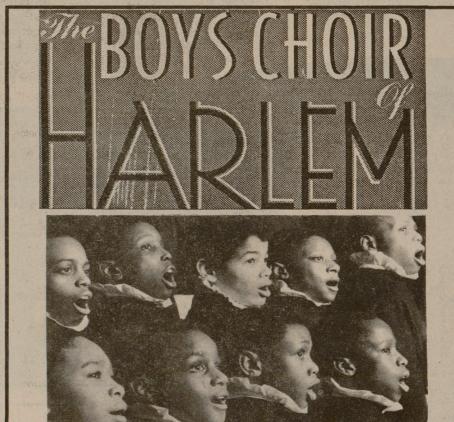
I've been doing homicide for 12 years," sheriffs Lt. Tom Carney said. "It's the strangest, most cold-blooded murder I've ever seen. It seems they were upstanding citizens, never had a brush with the law. They look just like any other grandparents you would find any place in the

different story will emerge in court – that Morrises were afraid of Rector and went

The alleged murder scheme stunned resi of the community, north of Fort Lauderdale They were good neighbors," said John nan, a retired school administrator from

hamton, N.Y. "He was a good church mem Theron Morris, 76, a retired Chrysler engineer, and his wife, 62, who worked United Air Lines for 23 years, moved to be four years ago.

Their son was released from prison late year after serving time on drug and as



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