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Sunday, Feb. 18, and Sunday, March 4 - 4 p.m. performances only.  
All evening performances are at 7:45 p.m.

PRESENTED BY Bud Light & Channel Two <b>Clint Black</b> Feb. 18 4 p.m. twilight performance	<b>Bill Cosby</b> Feb. 26
<b>The Judds</b> Feb. 19	<b>The Oak Ridge Boys</b> Feb. 27
<b>Conway Twitty</b> <b>George Jones</b> Feb. 20	<b>Patti LaBelle</b> <b>James Ingram</b> Feb. 28
PRESENTED BY Chevy First Team <b>George Strait</b> Feb. 21	<b>Exposé</b> <b>Lisa Lisa and Cult Jam</b> March 1
<b>George Strait</b> Feb. 22	<b>Nitty Gritty Dirt Band</b> <b>Tanya Tucker</b> March 2
<b>Chicago</b> Feb. 23	<b>Anne Murray</b> March 3 Matinee
<b>Rodney Crowell</b> <b>Restless Heart</b> Feb. 24 Matinee	PRESENTED BY Miller Lite and Channel 11 <b>The Highwaymen-</b> <b>Willie Nelson,</b> <b>Johnny Cash, Waylon</b> <b>Jennings and Kris</b> <b>Kristofferson</b> March 3 Evening
PRESENTED BY Texas Gulf Coast GMC Truck Team <b>Ricky Van Shelton</b> Feb. 24 Evening	PRESENTED BY SNICKERS' Bar <b>Alabama</b> March 4 4 p.m. twilight performance
<b>Steve Wariner</b> Feb. 25 Matinee	
<b>Vikki Carr</b> <b>Roberto Pulido y Los</b> <b>Clasicos</b> <b>Emilio &amp; Rio</b> Feb. 25 Evening	

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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 unhealthy.

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 groups."

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 death.

Sherry Vincent of the Animal Kingdom pet store in Dallas said many shops don't "take the responsibility 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 nutrients.

**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 reforms.

"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 burden.

"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 save it more than \$4 billion a year.

"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 Palace. 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 domestic investment, begun selling a wide array of state-owned 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 rate of 6.25 percent, or offering new loans equal to 25 percent of the debt they already held.

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

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

Aspe said the agreement will save Mexico an average of \$4.1 billion annually in net transfers abroad in the next four years.

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

The country has been paying about \$12 billion a year 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 Monetary Fund, which is lending money to Mexico as part of the agreement.

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

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— Nicholas F. Brady  
U.S. treasury secretary

**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 projecting it could lower next year's federal deficit to \$63.1 billion.

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 believe 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 recession.

Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady on Friday conceded 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 economic 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 slowest pace in 3 1/2 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 Earhart's  
scarf into space**

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Two generations of an aviation history will be linked April 19 when a scarf once worn by legendary aviator Amelia Earhart rockets into space aboard the space shuttle Discovery, officials at Purdue University said.

The scarf was presented Saturday to NASA astronauts Jerry Ross and Donald E. Williams, both alumni of Purdue, where Earhart trained for the around-the-world trip on which she disappeared in 1937 over the Pacific Ocean.

Ross and Williams will take the scarf to the Johnson Space Center in Houston and give it to fellow astronaut and Purdue alumnus Loren Shriver, who will command 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 churchgoers.

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

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," sheriff's 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 country."

The Morrises' lawyer, Douglas Lambeth, said a different story will emerge in court — that the Morrises were afraid of Rector and went out of fear.

The alleged murder scheme stunned residents of the community, north of Fort Lauderdale.

"They were good neighbors," said John Brennan, a retired school administrator from Easthamton, N.Y. "He was a good church member. Theron Morris, 76, a retired Chrysler Corp. engineer, and his wife, 62, who worked for United Air Lines for 23 years, moved to Florida four years ago.

Their son was released from prison last year after serving time on drug and assault charges.

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