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Mexican president urges amnesty for rebels

The Associated Press

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MEXICO CITY - President Carlos Salinas de Gortari urged armed rebels Sunday to lay down arms and accept an amnesty plan that would cover all crimes committed in the first two weeks of their insurgency.

Speaking on national television, Salinas said he was proposing legislation to grant "a general amnesty to all the participants in

the violent acts" from the start of a rebellion Jan. 1 and concluding at 11 a.m. Sunday.

But Salinas warned that "any criminal action against the people or against the Mexican army after this period will not have the benefit of an amnesty

Salinas, standing beside the Mexican flag in a dark suit, de-clared that the legislation being sent to Congress signaled the government's intent to find peace in southern Chiapas state where the rebellion began on

The Mexican president, in his first major appearance since ordering a government cease-fire last Wednesday, declared the federal government would begin a program in coming days to help the impoverished state.

Salinas declared that these aid efforts, coupled with the amnesty, were compelling reasons for the estimated 1,000 to 2,000 rebel fighters to lay down

pellets - and a heated container for water that

On one wall is a small bundle of hay, and there

Of the four females, Sessions knows three are

pregnant. When they were picked out of the litter

at the Hill Country wallaby farm, he was encour-

aged to feel the not-quite-born animals in their

mothers' pouches, saying they were about half the

Those babies are expected to pop their heads out of their mothers' pouches soon and will be on their own and weaned this spring.

"I'm sure I'll have some sticking their heads out this month," he said.

He said wallabies bear their young in an inter-

A baby leaves the pouch when he is too large to

get in, and is weaned by his mother.

If the mother has been impregnated before then,

the fetus is delivered and, in about 15 minutes.

climbs up the mother's front and into the pouch, attaching to a nipple for sustenance.

It takes about seven months from that point before the baby outgrows his mother's pouch.
Sessions said his male wallaby is capable of
breeding with as many as 10 females. The animals
live for 15 to 20 years, and he knows "a 10-year-old
female will still breed and raise babies."

Sessions compared his wallables to cats — they use their forepaws to wash themselves — and to rats — using sharp front teeth to bite through an ice-encrusted water pail.

They can be picked up by the tail safely, and use their tails and large back feet only for jumping and

Sessions said he plans to sell some of the walla-

Sessions said he enjoys just watching the ani-

bies he raises and keep others for breeding stock. They cost between \$1,200 and \$1,800 each, or

are small nests of hay around the enclosure. The hay not only makes comfortable beds, the walla-

keeps it from freezing at night.

bies also like to eat it.

size of a squirrel.

esting manner.

\$3,000 a pair

mals play.

"There is no reason whatsoever why they should not return to their communities," said Salinas

Monday, January 17, 1994

He vowed that his government would continue to seek a peaceful settlement of the con-

"Compatriots, the president of the republic will continue taking those decisions that seek to protect the population, avoid vio lence and encounter justice, Salinas concluded.

Trial begins this week for alleged gang members

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO - A trial is scheduled to begin this week for eight people believed to be affili ated with a powerful gang that began in state prisons and later controlled city streets.

On Tuesday, the alleged men bers of the so-called Texas Mex can Mafia are scheduled to go be fore U.S. District Judge Ed Prade on charges of racketeering, nar-cotics dealing and illegal

weapons possession.
If convicted, the defendant could be sent to prison for 2 years or more in a federal crim nal justice system that no long provides for early release on pa

Fifteen other people already have pleaded guilty and cases are pending against two more, according to the San Antonio Express-News' Sunday editions.

Witnesses in federal court las comi year testified that gang member collected a 10 percent street tar on sales of illegal drugs in area prom under their control.

Investigators also contend the gang used murder as a business tool and as a way to control it own members. Police say they've linked the gang to 73 drug-related murders in San Antonio the

past three years.
One of the defendants Heriberto Huerta, 41, identified as the founder and president of the organization.

Retiree finds new venture with wallabies

The Associated Press

HEREFORD - Sam Sessions needed something to do after he retired.

So, he jumped into a new fad that is part hobby,

part business and part pet. Sessions had decided that "when a feller gets 76 years old, he can't work as much," so he put aside his life's work with horses.

While the family dog was a good pet, it didn't

Sessions says raising ostriches was out - they are ornery and expensive.

Then in November he bought five wallabies that he is raising out back of his house east of Hereford.

They're easier to handle to me than a pet dog, Sessions said as he walked among the four females and one male, feeding them pieces of bread and trying to lure them to a bowl filled with apple chunks. "I'm not having a bit of trouble with

He said each adult wallaby eats about half a

pound of feed each day, plus treats.

"Altogether, I can feed one of them for 20 cents a day and that includes treats," he said. "That's what I like about them. There's no labor involved, Sessions' longtime friends, Bill and Wanda Rowland of Dawn, also own seven of the little crit-

Both Sessions and the Rowlands bought their Bennett wallabies from the same dealer near Fredericksburg. They plan to work together on their

project.

"These are supposed to be the hardiest" of the breeds available, Sessions said. They are also, he said, very economical to raise.

"As far as I can see, they're the healthiest animals I've ever seen," he says.

Sessions keeps his wallabies in a makeshift penbuilt around an old storage shed he enclosed for

the miniature marsupials.

There is a metal self-feeder for their regular feed

Sessions said he buys Purina brand kangaroo

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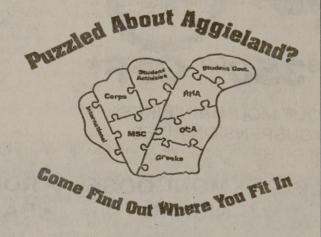
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