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I'm sure you'll be thrilled to know that I don't have time to say much here!!! Bruce and I do wild-bird rehabilitation too and we're VERY BUSY this time of year. We have two Kestrels, two Tufted Titmouse chicks, two Pine Siskin chicks, a Wood Thrush, An Eastern Kingbird chick, five Eastern Bluebird chicks, several species of injured adults and juveniles and we're raising a Collared Finch-billed Bulbul chick for a friend. I'm really scrambling to get this bulletin to the printer so it'll be available at the AFA Convention. Hope you and your flock are thriving...keep cool, keep promoting NFS and we'll hope to see you in Washington, Portland, Atlanta or elsewhere on the show circuit. Don't miss the update on "Finches Flying Express Mail" in this issue! Bye, have a wonderful, finchful summer.

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Most of my years as an artist, I have been connected with the parrot family. But from time to time, I paint other birds, Raptors, Cage Birds, etc. When I painted the beautiful "Diamond Firetails" I tried to portray the beauty of this lovely bird, also to show its' character for bird lovers.

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Eric Peake (UK)

NFS SHOW RESULTS 1989

Show results of NFS affiliated clubs and shows where NFS Panel Judges officiated and NFS points were awarded. Please note that Exhibitor Points and Championship Bird Points both follow this same schedule.

Birds in Division	Best	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
20-29	3	2	1	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
30-39	4	3	2	1	x	x	x	x	x	x
40-49	5	4	3	2	1	x	x	x	x	x
50-59	6	5	4	3	2	1	x	x	x	x
60-79	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	x	x	x
80-99	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	x	x
100-119	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	x
120-139	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
140-159	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2
160-189	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3
190-219	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4
220-259	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5
260-299	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6
300 +	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7

Column headings for this report are as follows:

Placing Exhibitors Name	Member Number	Points	Species	Birds NFS band # & year
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BRAZOS VALLEY CAGE BIRD CLUB Panel Judge, Clarence Culwell
August 26, 1989 Brazos, TX 4 exhibitors 17 entries

1	Darrin Hill	429	-	Orange-cheeked Waxbill
2	Sarah Goodrich	231	-	Star

BAY AREA CAGE BIRD CLUB Panel Judge, Conrad Meinert
September 9, 1989 Houston, TX 8 exhibitors 19 entries

1	Evon Kruse	178	-	Fawn Zebra
2	Darrin Hill	429	-	Green Singer

CHARLOTTE NORTHERN CAGE BIRD CLUB Panel Judge, Daren Decoteau
September 9, 1989 Charlotte, NC 7 exhibitors 67 entries

1	Cecil Gunby	137	7	Green Avadavat
2	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	6	Red-headed Gouldian
3	Cecil Gunby	137	5	Silver-eared Mesia
4	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	4	Parson
5	Handa McConeick	1046	3	Pintail Whydah
6	Cecil Gunby	137	2	Pintail Nonpariel
7	Cecil Gunby	137	1	Maggie Manikin

BUDGERIGAR & FOREIGN BIRD SOCIETY OF CANADA Panel Judge, Charles Anchor
September 16, 1989 Toronto, Canada 19 exhibitors 92 entries

1	San Grabbe	---	8	Shafttail
2	John Bennett	134	7	Shafttail
3	M. DesJardins	---	6	Cutthroat Pair
4	Vincent Moase	513	5	Cuban Melodlows
5	Vincent Moase	513	4	Gold-breasted Waxbill Pair
6	M. DesJardins	---	3	Button Quail Pair
7	Hank Hausenan	---	2	Parson
8	Hank Hausenan	---	1	Fawn Zebra Pair

ALAMO EXHIBITION BIRD CLUB Panel Judge, Clarence Culwell
September 16, 1989 San Antonio, TX 8 exhibitors 41 entries

1	Georgina Skelton	---	5	Star
2	D & B Aviary	---	4	Fire finch
3	Chris McCabe	---	3	Bilute Gouldian
4	D & B Aviary	---	2	Crimson Pileated
5	D & B Aviary	---	1	Pied Java

CHESTER COUNTY BIRD BREEDERS Panel Judge, William Parlee Appr., B. Geesey
 September 9, 1989 Valley Forge, PA 13 exhibitors 51 entries

1	Deb & Brad Clark	873	6	Wh. Brst. Gouldian	
2	Kris Kroner	551	5	Maggie Mannikin Pair	180,1826'89
3	Cathy Gaffney	243	4	Fire Finch	
4	Deb & Brad Clark	873	3	Shafttail	
5	Kris Kroner	551	2	Black & White Mannikin	
6	Cathy Gaffney	243	1	Wh. Brst. Gouldian	

BIRDS OF A FEATHER Panel Judge, William Parlee
 September 16, 1989 Auburn, NH 10 exhibitors 37 entries

1	Russ Arnitage, Jr.	7	4	CFW Zebra	155C '87
2	Jeff Brissette	627	3	Orange-headed Gouldian	
3	Chris Voronovitch	176	2	Black Crested Finch	
4	Jeff Brissette	627	1	Crimson Wing Pytilia	

GREATER BRANDON AVIAN SOCIETY Panel Judge, Stephen Hoppin
 September 17, 1989 Brandon, FL 5 exhibitors 41 entries

1	Andrea Whiting	649	5	Half-naked Weaver	
2	Len Brover	628	4	Red-headed Gouldian	
3	Len Brover	628	3	Combassou	
4	Andrea Whiting	649	2	Green Singer	
5	Len Brover	628	1	Wh. Brst. Gouldian	

GREATER OMAHA CAGE BIRD CLUB Panel Judge, Earl Courts
 September 23, 1989 Omaha, NE 8 exhibitors 34 entries

1	Andy Dawson	401	4	Shafttail	416 '88
2	Joe Heard	743	3	Black-cheeked Waxbill	
3	Andy Dawson	401	2	Green Singer	
4	Elbert Traylor	1039	1	Society	

BOSTON COCKATIEL SOCIETY Panel Judge, Jon Hoffnan
 September 23, 1989 Framingham, MA 6 exhibitors 31 entries

1	Jeff Brissette	627	4	Aurora	
2	Denise Capazzi	668	3	Pintail Nonpariel	
3	Russ Arnitage, Jr.	7	2	CFW Zebra	155C '87
4	Jeff Brissette	627	1	Orange-headed Gouldian	

KAYTEE GREAT AMERICAN BIRD SHOW Panel Judge, Clarence Culwell
 September 29, 1989 St. Louis, MO 23 exhibitors 134 entries

1	Earl Courts	365	10	Shafttail	
2	Toe Rood	43	9	Green Sieger	
3	Gene Miller	109	8	Star	175C '89
4	Martha Wigmore	154	7	Society	789E '88
5	John Benaett	134	6	Noreal Zebra	220 '87
6	Rita O'Dell	362	5	Java	
7	Claire McBride	932	4	Brilliant Diamond Dove	
8	Geae Miller	109	3	Noreal Zebra	
9	Jaa Marcott	619	2	Green Sieger	
10	Martha Wigmore	154	1	Society	891E '87

MARYLAND CAGE BIRD SOCIETY Panel Judge, Daren Decoteau
 September 30, 1989 Frederick, MD 14 exhibitors 48 entries

1	Richard Szlachta	657	5	Yellow-faced Star	
2	Cathy Gaffney	243	4	Fava Shafttail	
3	Kris Kroaer	551	3	ladiaa Silverbill	
4	Sandra Woosaae	778	2	Green Siager	
5	Cathy Gaffney	243	1	Fire Fiach	233 '86

JACKSONVILLE CAGE BIRD ASSN. INC. Panel Judge, Stephen Hoppie
 September 30, 1989 Jacksonville, FL 6 exhibitors 47 entries

1	Jerri Wiesenfeld	626	5	White-hooded Nun	
2	Jerri Wiesenfeld	626	4	Red-cheeked Cordon Bleu	
3	Dale Renaiager	715	3	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu	
4	Joha Slicter	541	2	Red-eared Waxbill	
5	Jerri Wiesenfeld	626	1	Pintailed Whydah	

PEHINSULA CAGE BIRD SOCIETY Panel Judge, Stephen Hoppia
 October 7, 1989 Richmond, VA 13 exhibitors 63 entries

1	Kris Kroner	551	7	Blue-billed Mannitia	
2	Deb & Brad Clart	873	6	Shafttail	
3	Saadra Woosaae	778	5	Indian Silverhill	1145C '89
4	Deb & Brad Clart	873	4	Orange-beaded Gouldian	
5	Deb & Brad Clart	873	3	Society	
6	Cathy Gaffney	243	2	Purple Grenadier	
7	Mark Hennety	828	1	Black-breasted Zebra	7 '89

FORT WORTH BIRD CLUB Panel Judge, Clarence Culwell Appr., M. von Raesfeld
 October 7, 1989 Fort Worth, TX 7 exhibitors 47 entries

(ft. Worth, con'td.)

1	Gene Miller	109	5	Red-headed Gouldian	116C
2	Gene Miller	109	4	Yellow-faced Star	192C
3	Calvin Pape	---	3	Tri-colored Nun	
4	Gene Miller	109	2	Red-headed Gouldian	643D
5	Gene Miller	109	1	Fawn Zebra	1192C

SUN COAST AVIAN SOCIETY Panel Judge, Cecil Gunby
October 7, 1989 Tampa, FL 24 exhibitors 130 entries

1	Dale Laird	490	10	Shafttail	
2	Jerrri Wiesenfeld	626	9	Normal Java	
3	Walt & Mary Petty	---	8	Mexicana Tanager	
4	Simmons & Hollenbeck	---	7	Parrot Finch	
5	Al Males	914	6	Zebra	
6	Simmons & Hollenbeck	---	5	Green Singer	
7	Al Males	914	4	Zebra	
8	Joe McKee	315	3	Red-headed Gouldian	'87
9	Jerrri Wiesenfeld	626	2	Red-cheeked Cordon Bleu	
10	Joe McKee	315	1	Diamond Backed Dove	183K

MID AMERICA CAGE BIRD SOCIETY Panel Judge, Charles Anchor
October 7, 1989 Des Moines, IA 14 exhibitors 86 entries

1	E. & S. Traylor	1039	8	Society	
2	Gary Easterlie	---	7	Crimson Seedcracker	
3	Earl Courts	365	6	Shafttail	
4	Tom Rood	43	5	Normal Zebra	
5	Tom Rood	43	4	Gouldian	4950D '89
6	Carl Helton	485	3	Pintail Nonpariel	
7	Sandra Gregorich	688	2	Red-eared Waxbill	
8	Jan Marcott	619	1	Green Singer	

COMMONWEALTH AVICULTURAL SOCIETY Panel Judge, Jon Hoffman
October 8, 1989 Richmond, Va 11 exhibitors 62 entries

1	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	7	Parson	
2	Cathy Gaffney	243	6	Fire Finch	233 '86
3	Kris Kroner	551	5	Blue-billed Mannikin	
4	Sandra Woosnam	778	4	Green Singer	
5	Kris Kroner	551	3	Normal Java	
6	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	2	White Zebra	143 '89
7	Linda Oja	550	1	Pied Zebra	3538D '89

SUNSHINE STATE CAGE BIRD SOCIETY Panel Judge, Baren Becokeau
 October 14, 1989 Orlando, FL 20 exhibitors 126 entries

1	Dale Laird	490	10	Paradise Whydah	
2	Stephen Hoppin	42	9	Black-cheeked Waxbill	
3	Jose Alenan	184	8	Cherry Finch	603E '88
4	Stephen Hoppin	42	7	Touraco	
5	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	6	Parson	
6	Caroline Long	---	5	Peters Twin Spot	3977D '89
7	Stephen Hoppin	42	4	Fawn Shafttail	
8	Stephen Hoppin	42	3	Yellow-faced Star	
9	Walter Petty	---	2	Mexicana Tanager	
10	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	1	Spice Finch	

NEW HAMPSHIRE AVICULTURAL SOCIETY Panel Judge, Or. Al Decoteau
 October 14, 1989 Nashua, NH 10 exhibitors 37 entries

1	Chris Voronovitch	176	4	Black Crested Finch	
2	Jeff Brissette	627	3	Gouldian	
3	Russ Armitage, Jr.	7	2	CFW Zebra	155C '87
4	Chris Voronovitch	176	1	White Java	

INDIANA BIRD FANCIERS Panel Judge, Charles Ancbor
 October 14, 1989 Fort Wayne, IN 6 exhibitors 38 entries

1	Partick Vance	908	4	Shafttail	
2	Conrd Meinert	135	3	Superb Starling	
3	C. & D. Wiegale	563	2	Pearl-headed Amadine	
4	Br. Anthony Michael	147	1	Fawn Zebra	

CAPITOL CITY CAGE BIRD CLUB Panel Judge, Cecil Gunby
 October 14, 1989 Austin, TX 10 exhibitors 70 entries

1	Clarence Culwell	72	7	CFW Zebra	
2	Clarence Culwell	72	6	Gold-breasted Waxbill Pair	
3	Darrin Hill	429	5	White Hooded Nun	
4	Liz Marshall	905	4	Shafttail	
5	Sarah Goodrich	231	3	White Zebra	1385D '88
6	Sarah Goodrich	231	2	Cutthroat	
7	Liz Marshall	905	1	Society	

COLORADO CAGE BIRD ASSOCIATION Panel Judge, Martha Wigmore
 October 14, 1989 Colorado Springs, Co 9 exhibitors 50 entries

1	Rita O'Bell	362	6	Red-headed Gould	
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(Colorado, con'td.)

2	Anna Sinclair	519	5	Red-cheeked Cordon Bleu	262B	'88
3	AMRR Birds	---	4	Strawberry		
4	Anna Sinclair	519	3	Society	468E	'89
5	Rita O'Dell	362	2	Java		
6	Rita O'Dell	362	1	White Brst. Gouldian		

KANSAS AVICULTURAL SOCIETY Panel Judge, William Parlee
October 14, 1989 Wichita, KS 10 exhibitors 53 entries

1	Gene Miller	109	6	Yellow-faced Star	192	'89
2	Gene Miller	109	5	Society	305	'86
3	Gene Miller	109	4	White Brest. Gouldian	609	'89
4	Gene Miller	109	3	Red-headed Parrot Finch	181	'88
5	Gene Miller	109	2	Cuban Melodious	37	'89
6	Gene Miller	109	1	Normal Zebra		

CAPITOL AREA AVICULTURAL SOCIETY Panel Judge, Charles Anchor
October 21, 1989 Baton Rouge, LA 8 exhibitors 28 entries

1	Kenneth Gunby	813	3	Shafttail		
2	Murray/Schexnaydre	1033,183	2	Pied Java		
3	Murray/Schexnaydre	1033,183	1	Pekin Robin		

MIDDLE TENNESSEE CAGE BIRD CLUB Panel Judge, Jon Hoffman
October 21, 1989 Nashville, TN 8 exhibitors 53 entries

1	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	6	Parson		
2	Fva Duffy	493	5	Red-headed Parrot Finch		
3	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	4	White Zebra		
4	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	3	Spice Finch		
5	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	2	Pintail Whydah Pair		
6	Jackie Hite	---	1	Lavender		

GREATER KANSAS CITY AVICULTURAL SOCIETY Panel Judge, Laura Bewley
October 21, 1989 Independence, MO 10 exhibitors 33 entries

1	Gary Easterlie	---	4	Crimson Seedcracker		
2	Tom Rood	43	3	Fawn Zebra	307	
3	Tom Rood	43	2	Shafttail	418	
4	Tom Rood	43	1	Dilute Society	87	

BALTIMORE BIRD FANCIERS Panel Judge, Gerald D'Agata Appr., B. Geesey
October 21, 1989 Towson, MD 14 exhibitors 69 entries

(Baltimore, con'td.)

1	Kris Kroner	551	7	Maggie Mannikin Pair	180,1826'89
2	Kris Kroner	551	6	White-hooded Nun	
3	Kris Kroner	551	5	Blue-billed Mannikie	
4	Richard Szlachta	657	4	Yellow-faced Star	41 '88
5	Gerta Deterer	1010	3	Shalttail	
6	Sandra Moosnae	778	2	Green Singer	
7	Julia Smith	644	1	Society	

CAPITOL CITY BIRD SOCIETY Panel Judge, Dr. Al Decoteau
October 21, 1989 Sacramento, Ca 23 exhibitors 135 entries

1	Cathy Knight	662	10	Society	
2	Richard Lujan	466	9	Black-headed Siskin	
3	Mary & Steve Payne	380	8	Black-cheeked Waxbill	
4	Brian Manderich	356	7	Black Crested Finch	
5	Wilber Dana	---	6	Shafttail	
6	Dennis Mulkey	---	5	Red-headed Gouldian	
7	Mary & Steve Payne	380	4	Fire Finch	
8	Jerry Marston	457	3	Moreal Zebra	
9	Brian Manderich	356	2	Pekin Robin	
10	Richard Lujan	466	1	Diamond Sparrow	

MID-MICHIGAN CAGE BIRD CLUB Panel Judge, Earl Courts
October 21, 1989 Perry, MI 8 exhibitors 49 entries

1	Patrick Vance	908	5	Shafttail	28 '88
2	Br. Anthony Michael	147	4	Green Singer	795 '86
3	MaryLou Terrilliger	648	3	CFW Zebra Pair	785,451 '86
4	Patrick Vance	908	2	Fawn Zebra	
5	Alex Shea	---	1	Lavender	

MASSACHUSETTES CAGE BIRD ASSOCIATION Panel Judge, Williae Parlee
October 21, 1989 Assabet, MA 14 exhibitors 48 entries

1	Denise Cabral	---	5	Green Singer	
2	Chris Voronovitch	176	4	Black Crested Finch	
3	Dianna Smith	661	3	Fawn Penguin Zebra	
4	Fiona Brown	586	2	Society	
5	Dianna Smith	661	1	Fawn Zebra	

WISCONSIN CAGE BIRD CLUB Panel Judge, Paul Williams
October 21, 1989 Oshkosh, WI 6 exhibitors 44 entries

1	Tory Voskuil	---	5	Shafttail	
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(Wisconsin, con'td.)

2	C. & D. Wiegale	563	4	Society
3	C. & D. Wiegale	563	3	Black-cheeked Waxbill
4	c. & D. Wiegale	563	2	White Java
5	Kenneth Kiedrowicz	---	1	White Zebra

FRESNO CANARY & FINCH CLUB Panel Judge, Joe Krader
October 28, 1989 Madera, CA 21 exhibitors 239 entries

1	Marty von Raesfeld	465	14	Fairy Bluebird
2	Bill Novickas	327	13	Shafttail
3	Jerry Marston	457	12	Zebra
4	J. & C. Salo	1014	11	Gouldian
5	Marty von Raesfeld	465	10	Pearl-headed Amandine
6	Charlena Sutherland	583	9	Black Crested Finch
7	Richard Lujan	466	8	Fischer Whydah
8	Jerry Marston	457	7	Fawn Zebra
9	Richard Lujan	466	6	Blue Cap Waxbill
10	Feather Gardens	---	5	Dove

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SOCIETY OF AVICULTURE Panel Judge, Laura Bewley
October 28, 1989 11 exhibitors 58 entries

1	Martha Wigmore	154	6	Gold-breasted Waxbill	212A '88
2	Anna Sinclair	519	5	Society	442E '89
3	Cynthia Bellaha	---	4	Cutthroat Pair	
4	Rita O'Dell	362	3	Java	
5	Rita O'Dell	362	2	Wh. Brst. Gouldian	
6	Martha Wigmore	154	1	Fawn Pied Zebra	128D '87

OKLAHOMA CAGE BIRD SOCIETY Panel Judge, Kenneth Gunby
October 21, 1989 Oklahoma City, OK 7 exhibitors 33 entries

1	Gene Miller	109	4	Society	305 '86
2	Earl Courts	365	3	Shafttail	
3	John Hilyard	1022	2	Fawn Society	725
4	Gene Miller	109	1	Wh. Brst. Gouldian	615 '89

GREATER NEW ENGLAND CAGE BIRD SHOW Panel Judge, William Parlee
CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION FOR AVICULTURE
October 28, 1989 E. Hartford, CT 18 exhibitors 94 entries

1	Chris Voronovitch	176	8	White Java	
2	Kris Kroner	551	7	Maggie Mannikin Pair	180,182G'89
3	Diana Smith	661	6	Penguin Zebra	

(Greater M. E., con'td.)

4	Jeff Brissette	627	5	Shafttail	
5	C. Kolodziejczyk	654	4	Green Singer	
6	Jeff Brissette	627	3	Orange-headed Gould	
7	Chris Voronovitch	176	2	Black Crested Finch	
8	Kris Kroner	551	1	Blue-billed Mannikin	

GOLD COAST EXOTIC BIRD CLUB Panel Judge, Cecil Gunby
October 28, 1989 Ft. Lauderdale, FL 16 exhibitors 108 entries

1	Stephen Hoppin	42	9	Black-cheeked Waxbill	
2	Stephen Hoppin	42	8	Fire Finch	
3	Cindy Patten	425	7	Fawn Zebra	2176
4	Stephen Hoppin	42	6	Shafttail	
5	Walter Petty	---	5	Mexicana Tanager	
6	Len Brouer	628	4	Combassou	
7	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	3	Red-headed Parrot Finch	
8	Cindy Patten	425	2	Shafttail	
9	Susan Parris	---	1	Society	

MOTOR CITY BIRD BREEDERS Panel Judge, Clarence Culwell
October 28, 1989 Detroit, MI 10 exhibitors 49 entries

1	Patrick Vance	908	5	Shafttail	
2	Br. Anthony Michael	147	4	Fawn Zebra	452
3	Karen Kanine	1080	3	Normal Zebra	
4	Lester Stauffer	---	2	Pied Java	
5	MaryLou Teruilliger	640	1	Normal Java	259 '87

GEORGIA CAGE BIRD SOCIETY Panel Judge, Dr. Al Decoteau Appr., B. Geesey
November 4, 1989 Atlanta, GA 11 exhibitors 111 entries

1	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	9	Red-eared Waxbill	
2	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	8	Red-headed Parrot Finch	
3	Cecil Gunby	137	7	Green Honeycreeper	
4	Cecil Gunby	137	6	Bearded Reisling	
5	Ray Johnson	189	5	Star Finch	
6	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	4	Red-headed Gouldian	
7	Ken Gunby	813	3	White Shafttail	
8	Cecil Gunby	137	2	Pagoda Mynah	
9	Cecil Gunby	137	1	Green Avadavat	

GREATER PITTSBURGH CAGE BIRD SOCIETY Panel Judge, Daren Decoteau
November 4, 1989 Washington, PA 11 exhibitors 36 entries

(Pittsburgh, con'td.)

1	Hershel Frey	---	4	Painted Finch
2	Woody's Bird Farm	---	3	Diamond Sparrow
3	Deb & Brad Clark	873	2	Society
4	Herschel Frey	---	1	Gouldian

GREATER CHICAGO CAGE BIRD CLUB Panel Judge, Jon Hoffman
November 4, 1989 Hillside, IL 16 exhibitors 80 entries

1	C. & D. Wiegale	563	8	Black-cheeked Waxbill	
2	J. & R. Zeigler	---	7	Black-throated Laughing Thrush	
3	Patrice Ripple	904	6	White Java	
4	Moss Aviary	---	5	Indian Hill Mynah	
5	C. & D. Wiegale	563	4	Pearl-headed Amandine	309E '89
6	Patrick Vance	908	3	Heck's Grass Finch	28 '86
7	C. & D. Wiegale	563	2	Crimson Pileated	33E '89
8	Patrick Vance	908	1	Gouldian	07 '88

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA CAGE BIRD CLUB Panel Judge, Joe Krader
November 4, 1989 Modesto, CA 17 exhibitors 102 entries

1	John Salo	1014	9	Gouldian
2	Brian Manderich	356	8	European Goldfinch
3	Richard Lujan	466	7	White Hooded Nun
4	Richard Lujan	466	6	Fischer Whydah
5	Brian Manderich	356	5	Star
6	Brian Manderich	356	4	Pekin Robin
7	Richard Lujan	466	2	Red Headed Finch
8	Jerry Marston	457	1	Normal Zebra

MISSOURI CAGE BIRD CLUB Panel Judge, Charles Anchor
November 4, 1989 Eureka, MO 15 exhibitors 69 entries

1	Earl Courts	365	7	Shafttail	
2	Jan Marcott	619	6	Green Singer	
3	Tom Rood	43	5	Dilute Society	87E '89
4	Jan Marcott	619	4	Orange Cheek Waxbill	
5	Carl Helton	485	3	Parrot Finch	
6	Tom Rood	43	2	Pied Zebra	339D '89
7	Bales & Mahoney	322	1	Dilute Gouldian	

EXOTIC CAGE BIRD CLUB OF FLORIDA Panel Judge, Kelly Dahill
November 4, 1989 Melbourne, FL 12 exhibitors 67 entries

1	Andrea Whiting	649	7	Black-headed Gouldian
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(Exotic, con'td.)

2	John Dapas	663	6	Black-headed Red Siskin
3	Cindy Patten	425	5	Shafttail
4	Susan Wellman	---	4	Gold-breasted Waxbill
5	Andrea Whiting	649	3	Green Singer
6	Joan Larken	---	2	Cordon Bleu
7	Margaret Varano	---	1	CFW Zebra

DELAWARE VALLEY CAGE BIRD CLUB Panel Judge, William Parlee Appr., R. Gable
November 11, 1989 Creamery, PA B exhibitors 37 entries

1	Kris Kroner	551	4	Black-headed Gouldian	
2	Dan Lannetti	---	3	Tri-colored Nun	
3	Kris Kroner	551	2	Naggie Mannikin Pair	183,1786'89
4	Rick Szlachta	657	1	St. Helena	152A '88

GOLDEN GATE AVIAN SOCIETY Panel Judge, Laura Bewley
November 11, 1989 Livermore, CA 17 exhibitors 115 entries

1	Marty von Raesfeld	465	9	Strawberry
2	Marty von Raesfeld	465	8	Fairy Bluebird
3	S. & M. Payne	380	7	Black-cheeked Waxbill
4	Richard Lujan	466	6	Red-headed Parrot Finch
5	Marty von Raesfeld	465	5	St. Helena
6	Richard Lujan	466	4	Fischer Whydah
7	Richard Lujan	466	3	Black-headed Siskin
8	Jerry Marston	457	2	Normal Zebra
9	Marty von Raesfeld	465	1	Bronze Wing Mannikin

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CAGE BIRD CLUB Panel Judge, Jon Noffman
November 11, 1989 Mechanicsburg, PA 13 exhibitors 67 entries

1	Dale Shillers	1051	7	Common Starling	
2	Woody's Bird Farm	---	6	Red-collared Whydah	
3	Pat & Mary Krichten	741	5	Society	962E '89
4	Brenda Geesey	180	4	Black Crested Finch	
5	Brenda Geesey	180	3	Pied Shafttail	
6	Deb & Brad Clark	873	2	Dilute Society	
7	Woody's Bird Farm	---	1	Barbet	

THE BIRD FANCIERS OF OKLAHOMA Panel Judge, Clarence Culwell
November 11, 1989 Oklahoma City, OK 6 exhibitors 44 entries

1	Earl Courts	365	5	Shafttail
2	Gene Miller	109	4	Normal Zebra

(Oklahoma, con'td.)

3	Gene Miller	109	3	Star	175
4	Gene Miller	109	2	Red-headed Gould	615
5	Gene Miller	109	1	Cuban Melodious	

MID-WEST CAGE BIRD CLUB Panel Judge, Conrad Meinert
November 11, 1989 Westland, MI 9 exhibitors 51 entries

1	Patrick Vance	908	6	Shafttail	
2	Sr. Anthony Michael	147	5	Fawn Zebra	452 '89
3	Patrick Vance	908	4	Wh. Brst. Gouldian	
4	MaryLou Terwilliger	648	3	Normal Java	74 '89
5	Patrick Vance	908	2	Fawn Zebra	
6	MaryLou Terwilliger	648	1	Cutthroat	

SAN DIEGO BIRD SHOW Panel Judge, Hal Koontz
November 11, 1989 San Diego, CA 13 exhibitors 55 entries

1	James Comunale	469	6	Peters Twinspot	
2	John Rice	893	5	Toco Toucan	
3	Bill Novickas	327	4	Fawn Shafttail	
4	Cynthia Fullarton	---	3	Parson	
5	Bill Novickas	327	2	White Zebra	
6	Victor Swatsek	146	1	Dilute Gouldian	

NATIONAL CAGE BIRD SHOW Panel Judge, Charles Anchor
November 17, 1989 New Orleans, LA 36 exhibitors 228 entries

1	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	14	Parson	
2	Stephen Hoppin	42	13	Fire Finch	
3	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	12	Red-headed Gouldian	
4	Cecil Gunby	137	11	Pagoda Mynah	
5	Tom Rood	43	10	Zebra	302C '87
6	Barbara Laverde	---	9	Normal Java	
7	Brenda Geesey	180	8	Black Crested Finch	
8	Tom Rood	43	7	Society	54E '87
9	Cecil Gunby	137	6	Indian Hill Mynah	
10	Tom Rood	43	5	Society	87E '89

NORTH FLORIDA BIRD SHOW Panel Judge, Kenneth Gunby
November 25, 1989 Jacksonville, FL 13 exhibitors 55 entries

1	Dale Laird	490	6	Shafttail	
2	John Dapas	663	5	Gold Breasted Waxbill	

(North Florida, con'td.)

3	Ellen Lowean	---	4	Blue Cap Cordon Bleu
4	Jerri Wiesenfeld	626	3	Green Singer
5	John Dapas	663	2	Wh. 8rst. Gowldian
6	Pattie Fitzgerald	---	1	Variegated Corona Canary (???)

NEW ENGLAND FINCH FANCIERS Panel Judge, Cecil Gunby
November 25, 1989 E. Hartford, CT 23 exhibitors 136 entries
All Finch and Softbill shou.

1	Brenda Geesey	180	10	Shafttail
2	Susan Fellous	435	9	African Silverbill
3	Brenda Geesey	180	8	Blue-Grey Tanager
4	Jeff Brissette	627	7	Aurora
5	Kris Kroner	551	6	Chestnut-breasted Mannikie
6	Russ Areitage, Jr.	7	5	Black Crested Finch
7	Pat & Mary Krichten	741	4	Society 962E '89
8	Chris Voronovitch	176	3	CFW Zebra 1440D '89
9	Kris Kroner	551	2	Indian Silverbill
10	Kris Kroner	551	1	Noreal Java

NUCOLOR BIRD ASSOCIATION Panel Judge, Joe Krader
November 25, 1989 Alhambra, Ca 2 exhibitors 20 entries

1	Brian Manderich	356	3	Pekin Robin
2	Brian Manderich	356	2	European Goldfiech
3	Brian Manderich	356	1	Star

NEARTLAND CANARY AND FINCH CLUB Panel Judge, Earl Courts
November 25, 1989 Lawrence, KS 5 exhibitors 28 entries

1	Lara Beuley	73	3	Society
2	Lara Beuley	73	2	Gouldian 1174
3	Betty Ireland	---	1	Fire Finch

SANTA CLARA VALLEY EXOTIC BIRD CLUB Panel Judge, Clayton Jones
November 25, 1989 Sunnyvale, Ca 13 exhibitors 142 entries

1	Marty von Raesfeld	465	11	St. Helena
2	Steve Payne	380	10	Black-bellied Fire Finch
3	Claudia & J. Salo	1015	9	Red-headed Gowldian
4	Hal Koontz	207	8	Hasked Grass Finch
5	Alvin Lea	---	7	Shafttail
6	Hal Koontz	207	6	CFW Zebra
7	Richard Lujan	466	5	Green Sieger

(Santa Clara, con'td.)

8	Cathy Knight	622	4	Society	
9	Hal Koontz	207	3	Pictorella	
10	Marty von Raesfeld	465	2	Fischers Whydah	

N.I.R.O.C. Panel Judge, Daren Decoteau

November 25, 1989 Elk Grove Village, IL 21 exhibitors 83 entries

1	Jan Marcott	619	8	Pied Zebra	5789
2	Tom Rood	43	7	Dilute Society	E '87
3	Moss Aviary	---	6	Indian Mill Mynah	
4	C. & D. Wiegele	566	5	White Java	236
5	Tom Rood	43	4	Normal Zebra	
6	Jan Marcott	619	3	Fawn Zebra	111
7	Tom Rood	43	2	Shafttail	
8	Dusty Griffiths	754	1	African Silverbill	

SOUTH JERSEY BIRD CLUB Panel Judge, Daren Decoteau

December 2, 1989 Bristol, Pa 16 exhibitors 110 entries

1	Kathy Hemenway	117	9	Chaffinch	
2	Pat Krichten	741	8	Strawberry	2618 '89
3	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	7	Red-headed Gouldian	
4	Kris Kroner	551	6	Magpie Mannikin Pair	180,1826 '89
5	Noodys Bird Farm	---	5	Brazilian Cardinal	
6	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	4	Parson	
7	Kris Kroner	551	3	Pearl-headed Amadine	
8	Noodys Bird Farm	---	2	Barbet	
9	Marvin & Tina Yoder	630	1	Red-eared Waxbill	

AVIARY ASSOCIATION OF KERN COUNTY Panel Judge, Brian Manderich

December 2, 1989 Bakersfield, CA 12 exhibitors 71 entries

1	Hal Koontz	207	7	Cherry Finch	
2	Hal Koontz	207	6	Pied Zebra	
3	Richard Lujan	466	5	Fischers Whydah	
4	Richard Lujan	466	4	Siskin	
5	Cathy Knight	662	3	Society	
6	Mary Payne	380	2	Fire Finch	
7	Hal Koontz	207	1	Masked Grass Finch	

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NOTE: If there are any errors or omissions that affect your points or your birds points, contact Dr. Decoteau directly, IMMEDIATELY. The Editor.
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AN ADDITION TO AN ONGOING SAGA

by Jack Kook

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After reading the ongoing saga of the plight of the Neo-commercial Aviculturist I feel compelled to add my two cents opinion.

If your primary motivation in breeding and keeping birds is for the pleasure you derive in the process, then selling them becomes secondary and really is of little importance. If, however, you are doing this on a medium to large scale with the ultimate goal being to tide you over until you win the state lottery, then a different approach needs to be considered from the onset. At this point it then becomes a business of undetermined scope, and one needs to view it from a business perspective. McDonalds doesn't erect their golden arches in the middle of a desert where the only traffic is an occasional Gila Monster, nor does Macys' open a store on the center lane of the turnpike where the nearest access exit is ten miles down the road. My point is that successful businesses engage in the study of demographics to determine if there is a particular need for their product or services, and breeders looking for a ready market for their birds need to do a similar study before they embark upon their entry into the bird market. If your primary interest is in selling in quantity, then you should canvas pet stores in your area and determine in advance what they will pay for your birds. If you're interested in selling a few birds now and then to other breeders, then that market needs to be investigated. This isn't to say that even after doing your investigation things will always work out as you have planned, but at least you have given some forethought to what you are doing. To raise a lot of birds and then try to find a disposable market for them is tantamount to making an elaborate party without sending out any invitations, and then being upset when no one shows up. Doesn't make much sense does it? And I don't think there's any difference in the approach whether you're raising inexpensive birds or ones that command a much higher price. The principals are the same. So, do your demographic study and be prepared.

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Good sound advise. I read somewhere that McDonalds spent over 4 years researching that location in Moscow and a TON of money too. I just LOVE the continuing responses to that first article Neo-Commercial Aviculturist. Someday I'm gonna tell the world who you are.

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SPROUTED SEED, HOW & WHY

by Jack Kook

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Over the years of finch breeding I have come to rely heavily upon the feeding of sprouted seed as a mainstay in keeping and raising healthy birds. Unlike many others who have great success feeding eggfood, nestling food, etc., my birds banded together (!) and decided that they were having none of that nonsense and uniformly put up their noses at those offerings. I have found that every bird in my keeping will accept sprouted seeds and it also becomes an easy medium for adding powdered vitamins that assures consumption. I have recommended sprouts to many people because of my success, and almost everyone has abandoned the process as being too difficult. My method for sprouting is simple and fail-safe and I would like to impart it to other breeders in the hopes that they will find it an easy addition to their program of feeding.

I have used the "soak" seeds available in many locations and find that the birds do not accept it as readily as the standard finch mix that is usually fed dry. I use quart Mason jars and hard rubber rings fitted with stainless steel wire. These are available, I'm sure, from many sources, however, my source is a great little place in Jersey City, NJ, called R World, at 197 Congress Street, 07397.

So clean jars in hand, here we go: Fill the jar to a little less than half full with the seed of choice, add water almost to the top, stir it up well and let it sit for 24 hours undisturbed. After 24 hours, stir the mix well and spoon off all the foam that arises. At this point place the wire lid on the jar, shake it well and hold it upside down to drain. Pour cool water through the wire screen and shake up the mix well, draining after each rinse until as much of the foam as possible is drained away. This may take 8 to 10 rinsings. Then place the jar(s) at an angle in the sink, or basin, or whatever you use and let the water further drain out. On this day and for the next two to three days I rinse it again at least twice a day if not more, simply by pouring cool water through the screen lid, shaking it up again and draining it out. If, by the third day you do not see sprouts breaking through the seed coverings, you probably have old seed that is not viable. If you have fresh seed and have rinsed well, you will have sprouted seed that can be kept in the same jars in an inverted position until you need them. If they seem to sprout too rapidly for your use, simply refrigerate them to retard the growth process. Once you start sprouting, you will need to develop an ongoing supply by having jars in various stages of soaking and sprouting, depending on the number of birds you maintain. I have about 309 finches and they consume a quart jarful a day, and I keep nine jars going all the time so there is seed soaking, draining, and sprouting simultaneously. There is a bit of an odor in the first day of draining the seed, but don't be put off by

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A LETTER FROM A.F.A. PRESIDENT

Phyllis K. Martin
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Conservation is the most important word in our language today. The need to conserve, protect and propagate species is a major concern of many people, particularly bird lovers.

The American Federation of Aviculture has been successfully active with its conservation seal grants funding programs and this past year we initiated a Venezuelan Black-hooded Red Siskin (*Carduelis cucullata*) breeding consortium wherein participants of the program would use their knowledge and expertise to produce captive offspring from adult birds found in the U. S.. The Red Siskin's decline in numbers in the wild is due largely in part by capture by aviculturists which has led to the species endangerment. However, several aviculturists have decided to join forces with AFA to give back to nature what man has so recklessly taken. They plan to breed the Siskin in large numbers so that our dream of replenishing the wild populations becomes a reality.

"We need your help!" Your tax deductible donation of \$5, \$10, \$25 or even \$100 will enable AFA to continue working with and expanding our Red Siskin breeding program.

It is unreasonable to ask each person working with the Red Siskin to donate all of his/her expenses gratis since he/she is already donating their time, experience, cage space and feed to keep and breed these birds for future generations. AFA needs to raise funds to cover the following expenses:

1. Cost of shipping Siskins to holding stations, breeders, and cost of having birds shipped to U.S.
2. Genetic testing of the birds.
3. Program operational expenses. (Telephone, copies, postage.)
4. Veterinary care and necropsy costs for Siskins which perish.
5. Dietary supplements.

If all goes according to plans, there will be other expenses incurred during the next few years. AFA has contacted some aviculturists in Venezuela and Trinidad (part of the species historic range) to develop the next stage in the Red Siskin breeding program which is to ship excess birds back for acclimating and possible release. To accomplish this we will require funds for telephone calls and a possible field trip to Venezuela by Siskin committee members. If permission is granted from the government, AFA also plans to harvest some of the Puerto Rican Siskin populations to provide fresh new bloodlines in order to have the best genetic flock as possible and we will need funds to import said birds from Puerto Rico.

Join with AFA today by returning your donation. The future of the Red Siskin rests with you. (con'td. on page 27)

NOTES FROM MEMBERSHIP SERVICES by Russ Armitage, Jr.

As Brenda Geesey, our Bulletin Editor, has mentioned in the last couple of NFS Bulletins, we now have a new format on our mailing labels. For single members, it will not look any different, but for dual members it has been changed to incorporate both members' names and membership numbers. We had some complaints that although a membership was a dual membership, only one member was mailed the information. (A dual membership is two members at one mailing address.) We resolved that problem with the new format on our mailing labels.

Now for another problem that we have, and we are trying to resolve, but **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Our bulletins are mailed out 3rd Class Bulk, which means that the bulletins will NOT be forwarded by the Post Office if you have moved without notifying me of your change in address. I have received several letters from members telling me that they have gone many months without their bulletin, and, by the way, here is my new address. A perfect example of what I am writing about. If you look at the back cover of your March/April & May/June Bulletins, you will see "ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED". This has been put on the cover so that the Post Office will send us a copy of the corrected address (if it is still on file). This service costs NFS 30 cents each, and only works if the address is still on file. Therefore, if you are planning to move, please drop me a note. My address is on the application printed in every bulletin.

Last but not least, President Brenda has asked me to obtain the phone numbers of our members. In the past, we did not want your telephone numbers, but some situations have arisen that we have had to contact some of our members immediately, (letter would have taken too long). When you are sending in your dues, and especially when you move and send me your new address, please include your telephone number. Just like our membership lists, these phone numbers will not be given out, except to NFS Board Members, without your approval.

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**NFS welcomes these new members to
the flock !!**

1097	WILK, ERIC	PALM HARBOR,	FL	34683
1098	CAPOZZO, JOHN	LYNN	MA	01902
1099	SHERMAN, BOB	LYNN,	MA	01902
1100	HORMER, CHARLES	WICHITA,	KS	67211
1101	GOMEZ, LAZARD	BRANDON,	FL	33510
1102	GOMEZ, MAGALYS S.	BRANDON,	FL	33510
1103	MCCONAN, TIM	LITTLE ROCK,	AR	77202
1104	MCCONAN, MANCEY	LITTLE ROCK,	AR	77202
1105	FOGL, BARBARA	BRUNSWICK,	OH	44212
1106	LENKA, RUTH	INDEPENDENCE,	MO	64050
1107	NASKOW, MARY ELLEN	KATY,	TX	77450
1108	SPJUT, KEVIN	SANTA CLARA,	CA	95051
1109	GEFFNER, HOWARD	MERIDAN,	CT	06450
1110	DONS, KEVIN L.	MERIDAN,	CT	06450
1111	ZAUGG, W. WYNNE	GLENDALE,	AZ	85308
1112	MORGA, EVELYN	DEARBORN,	MI	48126
1113	REYNOLDS, LINDA	ST. FRANCIS,	WI	53207
1114	KORTSCH, SCOTT	ST. FRANCIS,	WI	53207
1115	LEACH, JIM	INDEPENDENCE,	MO	64052
1116	HAFLEY, FLOYD II	AUSTIN,	TX	78753
1117	KIPPEL, THOMAS J.	WILKES-BARRE,	PA	18702
1118	LONG, KATHY	ABERDEEN,	SD	57401
1119	CUTTLEBONE PLUS	INGLEWOOD,	CA	90301
1120	SOUTH BAY BIRD CLUB	HERNOSA BEACH,	CA	90254
1121	MOTOR CITY BIRD BREEDERS	LATHRUP VILLAGE,	MI	48076
1122	GOFF, ESTHER M.	ALEXANDRIA,	VA	22310
1123	GOFF, PAMELA	ALEXANDRIA,	VA	22310
1124	DAVIS, JODIE	GAINSVILLE,	VA	22065
1125	SCHOLL, FRANK	MARYSVILLE,	PA	17053
1126	AYRES, MARLENE	WASHINGTON,	PA	15301
1127	PERKINS, SHIRLEY	PORTLAND,	OR	97266
1128	MOORE, JOAN	SPRINGFIELD,	IL	62707
1129	ELLIS, SHARON	BROOKFIELD CENTER,	CT	06804
1130	CANNARATO, JOSEPH	MILFORD,	CT	06460
1131	SHAVEY, TOM	MILFORD,	CT	06460
1132	TACHA, MARTHA	KINGSVILLE,	TX	78363
1133	TACHA, TOM	KINGSVILLE,	TX	78363
1134	BARNICK, LAURA	RALEIGH,	NC	27604
1135	BLAZICH, APRIL	RALEIGH,	NC	27606
1136	MOWREY, CASSANDRA C.	ST. GEORGE,	UT	84770
1137	VITELLO, JOE	EAST ROCKAWAY,	NY	11518-1527
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1151	CASPER, RON	TELFORD,	PA	18969
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1153	MARCUS, ELLEN	BETHLEHEM,	PA	18018
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1156	HAYS, GLENN	LOVELAND,	CO	80538
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1158	DOWNING, SHERRY	MALVERN,	PA	17355
1159	LABOONE, MRS. PATRICK A.	WRENSHALL,	MN	55797
1160	KEATON, PAISE	MIDDLETOWN,	PA	17057
1161	WARTHA, VEN	PEMBROKE,	VA	24136
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1168	WIATROSKI, ROBERT L. JR.	SUMMIT,	NJ	07901
1169	SANTIAGO, DR, JESUE	EL VEDADO HATO REY,	PR	00918
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1171	CAHILL, WILLIAM J.	BARNSTEAD,	NH	03218
1172	CHRISTEL, BECKY	LOMPOC,	CA	93436
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1175	BACON, HELEN ALLEAN	LANHAM,	MD	20706
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1177	MASSON, PAMELA D.	SPRINGFIELD,	VA	22150

(Sprouted Seed, con'td.)

this, as it is a normal process. Once the seed is fully sprouted, however, it should have a pleasant odor somewhat akin to nuts. If it has a foul odor when it has sprouted, do not use it as it is possible to poison birds with tainted seeds. I feed this with a powdered vitamin supplement in treat sized cups for caged pairs or in a low shallow container to birds in flights. Don't overfill the container and leave it in the containers or it will spoil much the same as eggfood will, depending on the temperature of your birdroom. Try it, and I'm sure you'll please your birds with this added nutrition. Parents feeding young readily consume it and fledglings who are not fully adept at cracking seed also seem to anticipate it.

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Thanks Jack, I know you tried to talk me into this a year ago...now it is sounding more and more possible. Are the screen lids available for wide-mouth and regular mouth jars too? Does the wide mouth make rinsing easier? See..you've got me thinking. The Editor.
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(Phyllis Martin's letter about the Red Siskin, con'td.)

YES...I wish to support the work of the AFA's Venezuelan Black-hooded Red Siskin breeding program. I have enclosed my donation to ensure future generations of the Red Siskin.

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FROM A CONCERNED MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL FINCH AND SOFTBILL SOCIETY.

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**NEW MUTATION? OLD MUTATION?
OH, MY STARS!**

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by Darden W. Vaughn

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In 1989, I obtained a female Star Finch which later moulted out to a very dilute, bleached color. I thought this a bit unusual, and paired her with a normal male Star to see if her unusual color would be passed on. (A friend had the parents of this hen and they did not exhibit any unusual coloring.)

The first clutch of three chicks from my pair consisted of two normal-looking chicks and one chick which was much lighter than normal and had a yellow/orange beak instead of the normal dark beak. As this chick feathered out, it showed a large area of white on the throat, white on top of the head, and some white in the wing flights. It proved to be a male.

Meanwhile, in a 2nd clutch the original pair produced several normal colored chicks and one chick with white on the throat, white on the head, and white in the wing flights. A third clutch produced similar results, except that in this clutch two chicks with the aforementioned areas of white occurred. All of these unusually colored chicks had light-colored beaks instead of the normal dark beaks.

I have begun fostering the eggs of the original pair to accumulate a stock of birds with this color pattern and their clutch mates who may be split to this pattern. Since the hen of the parent pair is showing abnormal coloration and since the abnormally colored young appeared in the first generation I shall assume for now that the aberrant color is genetically autosomal rather than sex-linked.

I would appreciate hearing from other NFS members who are breeding Stars as to whether this is indeed a form of PIED Star Finch. Write or call:

Darden W. Vaughn
Old Kettle Farm,
837 Battlefield Boulevard South,
Chesapeake, Virginia 23320.
Phone: (804) 421 9669

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In the letter accompanying this article Darden said, "while I have access to many of the latest publications and journals, definitive information on the occurrence of aberrant color phases in the Star Finch is not to be found thus far." I hope the Star breeders have some info for you Darden and I hope you pass it along through the pages of the NFS Bulletin. Thanks. The Editor.

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**NATIONAL FINCH AND SOFTBILL SOCIETY
AFFILIATES, DELEGATES AND SHOW DATES**

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NATIONAL FINCH AND SOFTBILL SOCIETYS' NATIONAL SHOW: November 15 - 17.

In conjunction with the 42nd Annual National Cage Bird Show, hosted by the Georgia Cage Bird Society at the Radisson Motel - Atlanta, GA.

NFS Panel Judge: Joe Krader For information: Cecil Gunby, (404) 254 1261
For hotel reservations: (404) 659 6500.

ALABAMA

Central Alabama Avicultural Society; Danny Hall, (205) 491 8603

Show: August 31-Sept. 2, 1990 Montgomery, AL Panel Judge: Earl Courts

Bird Club of Greater Birmingham; Judy Johnson, (205) 836 3023

Show: September 15 & 16, 1990 Birmingham, AL Panel Judge: Harold Bowles

CALIFORNIA

Aviary Assn. of Kern Co.; Hal Koontz, (805) 872 1063

Show: December 1, 1990 Kern, Ca Panel Judge: Marty von Raesfeld

Capitol City Bird Society; Nelen Cawdle, (916) 933 1619

Show: November 9-11, 1990 La sierra, CA Panel Judge: Clayton Jones

Finch Society of San Diego County; Larry Russell, (619) 274 2095

Fresno Canary and Finch Society; Richard Lujan, (408) 984 1453

Show: October 26-28 Madera, CA Panel Judge: Marty Von Raesfeld

Golden Gate Avian Society; Dawn Senna, (415) 828 9395

Show: November 2-4, 1990 Livermore, CA Panel Judge: Hal Koontz

San Diego Bird Show, Inc.; Janice Pritchard, (619) 442 1164

Show: November 3 & 4, 1990 Delmar, CA Panel Judge: Joe Krader

Santa Clara Valley Canary & Exotic Bird Club; Marty Von Raesfeld,

(408) 985 2712 Show: November, 23-25, 1990 Sunnyvale, CA

Panel Judge: Joe Krader

South Bay Bird Club; Gregory Aden, (213) 379 2416

Show: November 2-4, 1990 Los Angeles, CA Panel Judge: Brian Manderich

COLORADO

Colorado Cage Bird Association; Martha Wigmore, (719) 574 1594

Show: Nov.10, 1990 Colorado Springs, CO Panel Judge: Clarence Culwell

Rocky Mountain Society of Aviculture; Donald Locke, Jr. (303) 289 5721

Show: October 27 & 28, 1990 Denver, CO Panel Judge: Nartha Wigmore

CONNECTICUT

Connecticut Association for Aviculture; Chris Voronovitch, (203) 649 8220

Show: October 27, 1990 E. Hartford, CT Panel Judge: Cecil Gunby

New England Finch Fanciers; Russell Areitage, Jr., (203) 346 5875

Show: Noveeber 24, 1990 E. Hartford, CT Panel Judge: William Parlee

FLORIDA

Aviary & Cage Bird Society of South Florida; Len Brover (305) 931 3468

Show: August 25, 1990 Ft. Lauderdale, FL Panel Judge: Stephen Hoppin

Gold Coast Exotic Bird Club; Cynthia Patton, (407) 659 3880

Show: October 27, 1990 W. Palm Beach, FL Panel Judge: Kelly Dahill

Greater Brandon Avian Society, Inc.; Andrea Whiting, (813) 888 5935

Show: September 16, 1990 Taepa, FL Panel Judge: Jerry D'Agata

Jacksonville Cage Bird Assn.; Jerri Weisenfeld (904) 731 7173

Show: September 28-30, 1990 Jacksonville, FL Panel Judge: Stephen Hoppin

Suncoast Avian Society; Joe Ventiaglia, (813) 392 9391

Show: October 6 & 7, 1990 Clearwater, FL Panel Judge: Ray Johnson

Sunshine State Cage Bird Society; Dale Laird, (407) 657 7989

Show: October 13, 1990 Orlando, FL Panel Judge: Cecil Gunby

GEORGIA

Georgia Cage Bird Society; Cecil Gunby, (404) 254 1261

Show: Hosting the National Noveeber 15-17, 1990 Panel Judge: Joe Krader

HAWAII

Honolulu Canary and Finch Club; Cynthia Pregana, (808) 456 3793

Show: November 10, 1990 Honolulu, HI Panel Judge: Joe Krader

ILLINOIS

Greater Chicago Cage Bird Club; Jane Nuscato, (708) 305 9043

Show: Noveeber 3, 1990 Hillside, IL Panel Judge: Daren Decoteau

National Institute Red-Orange Canaries; Catherine Miegele, (219) 922 1146
Show: Nov. 23-25, 1990 Elk Grove Village, IL Panel Judge: Conrad Meinert

INDIANA

Indiana Bird Fanciers; Dr. Val Clear, (317) 642 0795
Show: October 13, 1990 Ft. Wayne, IN Panel Judge: Dr. Val Clear

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Mid-America Cage Bird Society; Rhoda Shirley, (515) 243 2255
Show: October 6, 1990 Des Moines, IA Panel Judge: Paul Williams

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Show: October 13, 1990 Michita, KS Panel Judge: Kenneth Gunby

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Show: November 10, 1990 Baton Rouge, LA Panel Judge: Conrad Meinert

Gulf South Bird Club; Evon Kruse, (504) 469 2435
Show: October 19-21, 1990 New Orleans, LA Panel Judge: Bill Parlee

MARYLAND

Baltimore Bird Fanciers; Deb Clark, (301) 242 8471
Show: October 20, 1990 Towson, MD Panel Judge: Roddy Gabel

Maryland Cage Bird Association; Theresa Brown, (301) 386 3907
Show: November 10, 1990 Frederick, MD Panel Judge: Ray Johnson
November 11, 1990 Frederick, MD Panel Judge: Brenda Geesey

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Exotic C. B. Society of New England; Roger O'Connell, (617) 899 8523

Massachusetts Cage Bird Association; Kim Rendigs, (508) 540 2248
Show: October 20, 1990 Mansfield, MA Panel Judge: Ray Johnson

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Mid-Michigan Bird Club; Mary Rue, (517) 394 1047

Show: November 3, 1990 Perry, MI Panel Judge: Jon Hoffman

Mid-West Cage Bird Club; Bro. Anthony Michael, F.S.D., (616) 245 0049

Show: November 10 & 11, 1990 Westland, MI Panel Judge: Dr. Val Clear

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Show: October 27 & 28, 1990 Detroit, MI Panel Judge: Ray Johnson

MISSOURI

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Show: October 20, 1990 Grandview, MO Panel Judge: Paul Williams

Missouri Cage Bird Association; Eileen Lambert, (314) 962 8186

Show: November 3, 1990 Eureka, MO Panel Judge: Earl Courts

NEBRASKA

Greater Omaha Cage Bird Society; Susan Traylor, (402) 435 7886

Show: September 29, 1990 Omaha, NE Panel Judge: Kenneth Gunby

NEVADA

Las Vegas Avicultural Society; Vernon Born, (702) 363 6565

Show: October 28, 1990 Las Vegas, NV Panel Judge: Hal Koontz

NEW JERSEY

South Jersey Bird Club; Erika Inkster, (609) 694 2004

Show: October 6, 1990 East Windsor, NJ Panel Judge: Conrad Meinert

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Birds of a Feather Avicultural Society; Larry DeLorenzo, (508) 927 5494

Show: September 15, 1990 Auburn, NH Panel Judge: Brenda Geesey

New Hampshire Avicultural Society; Ken Akey, (603) 880 9804

Show: October 13, 1990 Mashua, NH Panel Judge: Daren Decoteau

NEW YORK

Astoria Bird Club; Douglas Olsen, (212) 865 5841

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Fingerlakes Cage Bird Assn.; Donna McLeod, (315) 834 9362

Show: September 15, 1990 Syracuse, NY Panel Judge: Jon Hoffman

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Show: November 10, 1990 Rochester, NY Panel Judge: Daren Decoteau

NORTH CAROLINA

Charlotte Metrolina Cage Bird Society; Wanda McCormick, (704) 825 1972
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OHIO

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Golden Crescent Cage Bird Club; Joan Gangle, (216) 666 9773

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Show: November 10, 1990 Creamery, PA Panel Judge: Roddy Gabel

Greater Pittsburgh Cage Bird Society; Dr. Lindsay Clack (412) 323 7235
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Philadelphia Avicultural Society; Rick Szlachta, (215) 635 2097

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Palmetto Cage Bird Club; Earl Owens, (803) 855 3193
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TENNESSEE

Middle Tennessee Cage Bird Club; Eva Ouffey, (615) 361 5949
Show: October 27, 1990 Nashville, TN Panel Judge: Earl Courts

TEXAS

Capitol City Cage Bird Club; Sarah Goodrich, (817) 491 2535
Show: October 13, 1990 Austin, TX Panel Judge: Harold Bowles

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NFS NEWS & NOTES

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The second annual Board of Directors meeting was held in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, after the New England Finch Fanciers all day All Bird Symposium. I assume the NEFF group will make this an annual event. It was a BIG success! Good speakers, good conversation, pleasant facility and the New England weather that time of year is just right.

Nine of the nineteen Directors and one guest attended. Russ's treasurers report was clear and concise, as usual. We have \$ 9327 and some change in the bank. As of 6/15/90 we had 699 members. Russ requested, and the Board agreed, to add a \$10 charge to any "bounced" checks and to require that they be replaced by a money order.

Some members have suggested modifications in the proposed Lavender and Diamond Sparrow standards. The Board discussed both and will send them back to committee, with recommendations for revisions, based on input from members. If you have a comment, contact Dr. Decoteau and he'll relay your message to the appropriate committee. The Star Finch committee, headed by Bill Parlee, needs some assistance and some suggestions from members. Contact Bill about that. Marty von Raesfeld and I are the first two members of the Pekin Robin Standard committee and Roddy Gabel and Jeff Brissette are working on the Fire Finch standard. Volunteers are needed and welcome on both teams.

Dr. Decoteau was out of state and I read his report. NFS now has 30 judges. As of June 16th only two have still failed to send in their reports. For 1990, we have 51 shows where NFS Panel Judges will officiate. We expect that 1990 will be the year that we have our first NFS Champion Bird. The points accumulate for the birds on the same schedule as they do for the exhibitors and each bird must acquire 50 points to become an NFS Champion Bird. Points for birds will carry over from year to year. NFS closed banded birds are the only ones eligible and the band may be from any year. The NFS closed traceable band information, including the year, size code and number MUST be entered on the show entry form and recorded on the report form for the bird to receive credit. For those who show closed banded birds, BE SURE TO CHECK ON THIS! If the information is not correct and not complete, you may not get the proper credit.

We have a new apprentice. John Bennett, from Canada, is now on the NFS roster of apprentices along with Russ Armitage Jr., Jeff Brissette, Sarah Goodrich, Dennis Lewis and Roger O'Connell. Welcome aboard John.

Jon Hoffman's report on the Handbook revisions was next. His work is going well and he presented the idea of incorporating some of the valuable old articles from early issues of the Bulletin into the Handbook. The Board agreed and thanked him for the editing he has done. The next BIG step will be to have someone type up the revisions. That work has been started but is not progressing very well. We need a speedy typist for this work, NOT ME!

The Board voted that I could spend \$1200 for the new T-shirt. I actually spent \$1222.12. I guess they'll just dock my pay. The shirts are good heavy weight 100% cotton and the logo looks GOOD! For sale from FLMCHSHOP after August 12th. \$15 each. No size "smalls", but this time we do have a few extra, extra large sizes. 100% cotton might shrink a little.

Al will be taking over the Points Director's job, as originally specified in the Bylaws. His report on Exhibitors Point standings should be ready for publication in the September/October issue. He has worked out an efficient system that should get us fast reports this show season.

Due to the press of business Bill felt that he had to resign as the Promotions Officer. The Board agreed to accept Bill's resignation from this position, with regret, but we know we can count on him to advise us in his capacity as President Emeritus.

The Board accepted Miki Sparak's offer to be the NFS Advertising Manager. She has already sent out over 20 letters soliciting (sounds funny doesn't it?) ads. Nice work Miki, thanks for the help.

Tom Rood designed a nifty new brochure and Bruce cut and pasted it. Kris Kroner is photocopying it and distributing it to all Regional Vice Presidents. DELEGATES! Contact your Regional V.P. for copies to hand out at all bird events. This should increase NFS' visibility in the bird world.

Leg band sales continue to go very well, thanks to Denise's good records and attention to details. We're now showing a profit of \$140.96.

Jerry's FLMCHSHOP report shows an inventory of over \$1500 at this time. This includes back issue Bulletins, mugs, pins, T-shirts, etc. Sales are good on most items and we have adjusted prices throughout the year to make sure that we're "in the black". He'll be ready to ship the new T-shirts as soon as he returns from the AFA Convention. Send in your order now.

We have 64 affiliated clubs, four "stateside" and four foreign clubs. Our backlog of awards is caught up and Chris Voronovitch says the 1990 awards are ordered and will arrive soon. She will be working with Al to get the 1989 Championship Exhibitor and Exhibitor Excellence awards ready for Atlanta. You should be getting ready for Atlanta too! This will be a BIGGIE! See the ad in this issue and call for reservations TODAY!!

The Board decided to advertise NFS in all "newsstand" type bird magazines; to order new Judges report forms and stationery; to investigate the cost of advertising our Eric Peake print in magazines; to order any foreign bird journals and magazines that will permit us to reprint articles; to accept prepaid classified ads only, from members and non-members and to investigate the price of re-designing the pin from a Zebra into a Gouldian.

Quite a bit was accomplished and even more was discussed. Lots of good humor and bright ideas. All Board meetings are open to all members. Plan to attend and contribute to the fund of ideas. The Annual general meeting will be in Atlanta, at the National, as usual, Hope we see you there.

Next Board meeting, August 9, 1990, at the AFA Convention.

This report is from Denise's notes by The Editor.

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FINCHES FLYING EXPRESS MAIL ?

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Wow, did this article ever generate a lot of response! The first letter was from an NFS member who is the Postmaster of a contract Post Office. Enclosed were photocopies of portions of the "Domestic Mail" manual of the USPS which I quote.

" Section 124.63 (15)

1. Mailable.

a. Small, harmless, coldblooded animals (except snakes and turtles) which do not require food, water or attention and which do not create sanitary problems or obnoxious odors are mailable. For example: baby alligators and caymans under 20", bloodworms, earthworms, mealworms, salamanders, leeches, lizards, snails and tadpoles.

b. Adult chickens, turkeys, guinea fowl, doves, pigeons, pheasants, partridges, and quail, as well as ducks geese and swans sent by Express Mail in biologically secure containers approved by the Office of Classification and Rates Administration are mailable. For humane treatment, the number of birds per parcel must be in accordance with the container manufacturers limits and individual birds should weigh more than 6 ounces.

2. Nonmailable. No warmblooded animals, except the specified birds under specific conditions, are acceptable. The following are examples of animals which are not mailable: hamsters, mice, rats, guinea pigs, rabbits, cats, dogs, squirrels, parakeets, and canaries. "

Now, having digested that, I thought perhaps it was just a rumor after all. Then my phone started ringing. Calls from all over the country. Letters and notes from every corner of the country. From the extreme Northwest corner, "my attempt to ship finches by Express Mail was a great success. NO LOSS. Birds were great." 36 hours from the center of the deep south to that corner of the country. From Florida, "it's efficient and cheap and safe." From California, "I have received Ibis and I have shipped Collie's Magpie Jays and it was safe, and economical. I'd do it again."

Not one person had anything bad to say about their experience with shipping or receiving birds through the Express Mail system. Everyone said they liked the speed, efficiency, (delivery to your door instead of that dreaded trip to the airport), and economy. About \$15.00 from the deep south to the northeast corner.

I got a note from California saying that biologically secure containers that are reusable and are approved by the Domestic Mail Manual's Section 124.63 (1) (b) (as of 11/9/89) are available at \$ 17.95 each from:

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(EXPRESS MAIL con'td.)

This note also added that this method was pioneered by pigeon fanciers.

I guess that what this all boils down to is this:

- a. It is against USPS regulations.
- b. It can be done safely.
- c. It is cost-efficient.
- d. Those who do it are using boxes that postal workers cannot see into.
- e. Those who do it are labeling the birds as "pheasants, pigeons" or something else that is classified as "mailable".
- f. It brings birds to your doorstep in 24 to (at the very most) 40 hours.

Well, friends that concludes my report. I'm not advising you to flaunt the USPS regulations. Just reporting the facts as I know them. It's up to you. I have to close now. I'm headed to the Post Office.

The Editor.

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Show: Nov. 3, 1990 Killeen, TX Panel Judge: Clarence Culwell

VIRGINIA

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Show: October 6, 1990 Hampton, VA Panel Judge: Kenneth Gunby

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Jeff Brissette, 34 Liberty Street, Manchester, CT 06040

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All articles, anecdotes, artwork,
ads and other additions to the
bulletin should be sent to:

NFS Editor, Brenda Geesey
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Thanks.

P.S. Also all complaints, comments,
compliments, colloquies, critiques
and consternations. Thanks again.
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Cooperative Working Group on Bird Trade

In 1988, the Cooperative Working Group on the Bird Trade (CWGBT) was formed to conduct a comprehensive analysis of avian imports into the United States. Groups represented in the CWGBT are AFA, American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums (AAZPA), American Pheasant and Waterfowl Society, Animal Protection Institute of America, Animal Welfare Institute of America, Association of Avian Veterinarians (AAV), Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), International Council for Bird Preservation (ICBP), National Audubon Society, PIJAC, Society of Animal Protective Legislation, TRAFFIC (USA), and World Wildlife Fund.

In what can only be described a tremendous success for all parties involved, CWGBT's Findings and Recommendations March 1990 have been completed and presented in a briefing held at the State Department in Washington, D.C. The briefing was attended by Assistant Secretaries of State, Agriculture and Interior in addition to various department heads from both Agriculture and Interior. Also present were numerous members of the Working Group.

The 50 pages of Findings and Recommendations March 1990 presented by the CWGBT do not necessarily reflect the stated views and policies of any one participating organization; indeed, acting alone each organization would have made recommendations specific to its own areas of concern and expertise. Two years of working together through frank discussion, hard negotiation and compromise has built a consensus among participants despite their various and disparate philosophies. As a result, the Findings and Recommendations represent a common ground found by interests that, in the past, have seldom been in agreement. According to Gary Lilienthal, CWGBT participant and AFA special advisor, each group participating made major concessions but, in the final analysis, results of this initial phase will serve each group and their interests in important ways, and signal a great success for all parties involved.

It is hoped the adoption of one coherent national policy on the trade will eliminate the often bitter fights that have occurred at the state legislative level, with the proponents of such legislation deferring to the process recommended by the CWGBT. The Group believes its Recommendations contain a viable format for national legislation and/or regulation that will improve the bird trade in a number of ways including improving conditions in importation and quarantine and improving the quality of birds available to aviculturists. These improvements are intended to help encourage domestic breeding and act as an incentive to the pet trade to rely on captive-bred stock. Additionally, it is hoped that this will open new sources for aviculturists to obtain avian species previously unavailable to the bird trade. The Findings and Recommendations acknowledge the increasing contributions of aviculturists to avian conservation, and the CWGBT has agreed that promoting domestic breeding

is of paramount importance. Where appropriate, legislation is now being drafted to implement these Recommendations. While the culmination of two years' work was presented in the Findings and Recommendations, the real work, implementation, has just begun.

For more details, see Gary Lilienthal's "Report to AFA on the Recommendations of the Cooperative Working Group on the Bird Trade" coming in the Aug/Sep '90 issue of *Watchbird*. In addition, Lilienthal will be presenting a detailed analysis and will have available the 50-page Findings and Recommendations to be able to specifically respond to questions and concerns of interested aviculturists at the AFA Convention in August in Washington, D.C.

[Editor's Note: The CWGBT Findings and Recommendations March 1990 is a lengthy, detailed and well-organized document with background material and findings that lead into each set of recommendations. Some of these Recommendations sound controversial. The real issue, however, isn't the Recommendations, it's the future of aviculture. With or without aviculturists' voices in the CWGBT, serious changes are inevitable. By participating in and supporting the CWGBT Findings and Recommendations, and by continuing to participate in the next phase, implementation, AFA is working to actively shape and assure a secure future for aviculture. The alternative would appear to be a future with more outbreaks of unsightened legislative issues accompanied by a sharp decline in and ultimately an end to the availability of imported birds. According to World Wildlife Fund senior vice-president Curtis Boksis, in the last four years, the number of birds imported has dropped from over 300,000 birds annually to well under 500,000 per year. The future has arrived!]

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