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Please notice our expanded, enlarged and amended list of affiliated clubs, their delegates phone numbers and their show dates. It's not too early now to plan your "show circuit" this year. Particularly since this is the first year that you can get NFB Championship points for your birds!

A complete roster is enclosed in this issue and the 1989 Census form is also enclosed. Please note the new Census Chairman is our friend Tom Rood from Illinois. I hope his mail carrier is ready for a flood of NFB census forms. I know Tom is a tusher and I bet he misses having papers to correct in the summer ...so... 1st's all try to keep him busy.

Thank you for all the concern and encouragement many of you have expressed. It is nice to know that many members are very strongly interested in the progress of each issue of the bulletin. I hope you will continue to contact me about your feelings as time goes by.

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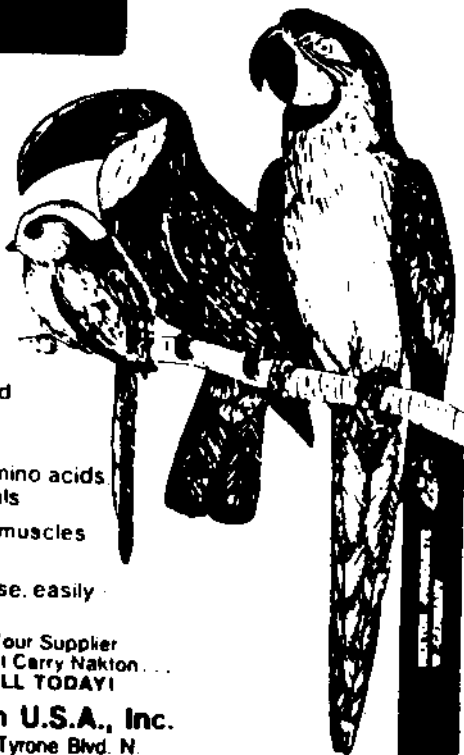
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0739	DUNSTER, CAROLE	WARETOWN,	NJ	08758
0504	DURAND, PETIE	NEW YORK CITY,	NY	10021
0808	DZEJACHOK, SUSANNA	CLEVELAND,	OH	44135
0030	EATON, SHIRLEY A.	CUMBERLAND,	RI	02864
0233	EDWARDS, JUDY	MODESTO,	CA	95351
0424	EGBERT, FRED L.	LAVALLE,	WI	53941
0690	EGBERT, PATRICK	MERRIGNETTE PARK,	IL	60655
0054	EICHELBERGER, WAYNE	BROKEN BOW,	NE	68822
0607	ELSER, TRICIA	MILFORD,	MI	48042
0286	ENNIS, JOHN	ROSLINDALE,	MA	02131
0755	EPSTEIN, KAREN	MAYWOOD,	IL	60153-3244
0862	ERNTGAARD, PAUL	WILLOW DALE, CNT., CAN	ON	H2K-1A3
0468	ESPINDULA, HAZEL	TULARC	CA	95274
0576	ESTRADA, ANDY	MAGALIA,	CA	95954
0750	ETZLER, FRANK M.	APPLETON,	WI	54911
0751	ETZLER, JUDY L.	APPLETON,	WI	54911
0181	EVANICK, BRUCE	YORK,	PA	17403
0061	EVANS, MAXILLA E.	WAYNESVILLE,	NC	28786
0511	EXOTIC BD CLUB OF FL, IN	COCOA BEACH,	FL	32931
0670	EXOTIC C.B. SOC. OF N.EN	BOX 114 WALTHAM,	MA	02154
0435	FELLOWS, SUSAN	CHESTER,	NH	03036
0454	FERNANDES, WYNN	ALTAMONTE SPRINGS,	FL	32714

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0227	FILIP, RONALD	PALOS HILLS,	IL	60465
0517	FINCH SOC. OF S.DIEGO CT	SAN DIEGO,	CA	92117
0408	FINO, GARY M.	WILKES-BARRE,	PA	18702
0120	FLECK, MARGERY J.	OKLAHOMA CITY,	OK	73147
0759	FLOGGIA, B.J.	COLORADO SPRINGS,	CO	80916
0470	FONG, DAVID	ELK GROVE,	CA	95624
0575	FOOTE, ANGELA M.	LIMA,	OH	45805
0350	FOOTE, DEBRA S.	TOWNVILLE,	PA	16360
0104	FORBES, SAM	NEWPORT,	PA	17074
0496	FORT WORTH BIRD CLUB	SPRINGTOWN,	TX	76082
0887	FRAZIER, SANDRA J.	INDIANAPOLIS,	IN	46217
0336	FREEMAN, HARVEY	TRUMBULL,	CT	06611
0366	FRESNO CANARY&FINCH CLUB	SANTA CLARA,	CA	95051
0172	FREY, PAT B.	MONTICELLO,	FL	32344
0625	FRICK, A.C. (TONY)	QUALICUM BEACH, B.C.	DN	VDR-270
0642	FURZER, BOB	ACWORTH,	GA	30101
0236	GABEL, RODDY	SILVER SPRING,	MD	20910
0243	SAFFNEY, CATHERINE H.	BALTIMORE,	MD	21221
0202	GAGSIAN, CHERYL	BAKERSFIELD,	CA	93306
0636	GALLMAN, RICKY	DORAVILLE,	GA	30360
0600	GANDOLFO, DANIEL F. SR.	WARRENVILLE,	IL	60555
0601	GANDOLFO, LORETTA	WARRENVILLE,	IL	60555
0191	GANGLE, JOAN	COPELY,	OH	44321
0807	GARRISON, PAUL E.	TAYLORSVILLE,	GA	30178-0220
0239	GARSEE, SHARON	NO. HIGHLANDS,	CA	95660
0806	GAY, MARY L.	TRINITY,	AL	35673-0333
0880	GEDDES, MR.	BOSTON,	MA	02118
0180	GESEY, BRENDA	YORK,	PA	17403
0477	GEORGE, CRAIG	HUNTINGTON STATION,	NY	11746
0476	GEORGE, ROBIN	HUNTINGTON STATION,	NY	11746
0795	GEORGI, LAURA	COLUMBIA,	MO	65203
0221	GEORGIA CBS C/O C.SUNBY	SHARPSBURG,	GA	30277
0802	GERBER, GARY	LAKESIDE,	CA	92040
0316	GIANFERRARA, ROSE	BONITA SPRINGS,	FL	33923
0216	GIAQUINTA, CHARLES	PITTSFIELD,	MA	01201
0217	GIAQUINTA, JOANNE	PITTSFIELD,	MA	01201
0318	GIBSON, PATRICIA	CHARLOTTE,	NC	28217
0337	GILES, ANNA M.	MESA,	AZ	85201
0515	GIOVIALE, DANNY	MANVEL,	TX	77578

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0645	BOFF, KAREN J.	AUGUSTA,	GA	30906
0201	GOLD COAST EXOTIC BIRD C	DEL RAY BEACH,	FL	33444
0819	GOLDBERG, MARSHA	BALTIMORE,	MD	21231
0744	GOLDEN CRESCENT CB CLUB	COPLEY,	OH	44321
0371	GOLDEN GATE AVIAN SOCIET	SAN RAMON,	CA	94583
0839	GOMEZ, PAT	POMPANO BEACH,	FL	33062
0231	GOODRICH, SARAH	AUSTIN,	TX	78750
0593	GOTOVICH, ELAINE L.	BELLINGHAM,	WA	02019
0901	GRAZE, TIMOTHEE	CLINTON,	CT	06413
0158	GREATER CHICAGO CAGE BIR	ADDISON,	IL	60101
0185	GREATER OMAHA CAGE BIRD	BROKEN BOW,	NE	68822
0895	GREENE, JOANN	CEDAR RAPIDS,	IA	52402
0688	GREGORICH, SANDRA	OSSEO,	MN	55369
0326	GREGORY, ROBERT M.	KANSAS CITY,	MO	64111
0706	GRIBBLE, MELISSA	ROSTON,	TX	76263
0754	GRIFFITHS, DUSTY	MAYWOOD,	IL	60153-3244
0650	GRIMES, FRANK R.	SACRAMENTO,	CA	95825
0523	GROSSE, CATHY	CINCINNATI,	OH	45211
0306	GROVE, DEBRA C.	BROOMFIELD,	CO	80020
0152	GRON, HARRY SMITH	ENCINITAS,	CA	92024
0911	GRTR PITTSBURGH C.B. SOC	PITTSBURGH,	PA	15243
0720	GRTR. KC AVICULTURAL SOC	LEE'S SUMMITT,	MO	64063
0026	GRUBCO, INC.	HAMILTON,	OH	45015
0131	GRYCEWICZ, MS IRENA	NORTHPORT,	AL	35476
0540	GRZYB, CHERYL A.	NEW BRITAIN,	CT	06052
0175	GULF SOUTH BIRD CLUB	SLIDELL,	LA	70458
0137	GUNBY, CECIL	SHARPSBURG,	GA	30277
0813	GUNBY, KENNETH	SHARPSBURG,	GA	30277
0825	GUNN, JOAN	DECATUR,	AL	35603
0618	GUTIERREZ, RAMON	MIAMI,	FL	33145
0399	HAGEN, MARK	ONTARIO, CANADA	ON	N0B-2K0
0332	HALL, MARK R.	TUCSON,	AZ	85712
0459	HAMEL, JO ANNE	NEWMARKET,	NH	03857
0413	HAMMOND, MICHAEL	MEADVILLE,	PA	16335
0836	HAPP, BRYAN C.	COLORADO SPRINGS,	CO	80918
0855	HARABUCHI, REX	HONOLULU,	HI	96822
0461	HARLIN, DR. ROGER W.	OKLAHOMA CITY,	OK	73149
0219	HARNISH, HAROLD S.	LANCASTER,	PA	17603
0639	HARRIS, FRANK	AUSTIN,	TX	78729

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0352	HARRIS, HELEN B.	CARNEL,	NY	10512
0464	HARRISON, J.	MESA,	AZ	85201
0357	HARTLEY, IVAN	LITHIA,	FL	33547
0347	HAUSER, HELENE	DILLSBURG,	PA	17019
0749	HAWN, JAN	MANASSAS,	VA	22110
0405	HAWTHORNE, CANDACE	LAKE WORTH,	FL	33461
0404	HANTHORNE, JAMES	LAKE WORTH,	FL	33461
0577	HAYNES, CHUCK	RANCHO CUCAMONGA,	CA	91701
0560	HAYWOOD, LORRAINE	WESTMONT,	IL	60559
0743	HEARD, JOE	AUGUSTA,	KS	67010
0209	HECKSCHER, DR. STEVENS	WALLINGFORD,	PA	19086
0897	HEFFERON, CATHIE	MARCY,	NY	13403
0527	HEINE, A.	STATEN ISLAND,	NY	10309
0638	HELLUM, KRISS	HOWELL,	MI	48843
0485	HELTON, CARL	SHELBYVILLE,	IL	62565
0117	HEMENWAY, KATHY	LANGHORNE,	PA	19047
0118	HEMENWAY, ROBERT JR.	LANGHORNE,	PA	19047
0119	HEMENNAY, TINA	TREVOSE,	PA	19047
0244	HENDERSON, CAROL	LAFAYETTE,	IN	47905
0828	HENNEKEY, MARK	ROCHESTER,	NY	14624
0829	HENNEKEY, SHERYL	ROCHESTER,	NY	14624
0492	HENSLEY, PAUL E.	ALVIN,	TX	77511
0518	HESSELBACH, BRUCE	FLUSHING,	NY	11354
0731	HICKMAN, KELLY	CANOGA PARK,	CA	91304
0415	HIGGINS, MICHAEL J.	ABILENE,	TX	79605
0429	HILL, BARRIN	BRYAN,	TX	77803
0680	HILL, RONNIE A.	DONELSON,	TN	37214
0726	HILYARD, CHERYL	CUSHING,	OK	74023
0725	HILYARD, JOHN D.	CUSHING,	OK	74023
0174	HINKLE, SANDY	BELCHERTOWN,	MA	01007
0623	HINTON, ASHLEY	GARNER,	NC	27529
0622	HINTON, LORETTA	GARNER,	NC	27529
0063	HODGES, BILL	BROOKLYN,	NY	11221
0064	HODGES, JACINTHA	BROOKLYN,	NY	11221
0304	HOONETT, DON	ORLANDO,	FL	32806
0416	HOFFMAN, DR. ERIC	BUSH,	LA	70431
0417	HOFFMAN, DR. SHARON	BUSH,	LA	70431
0101	HOFFMAN, JON	LOUISVILLE,	KY	40206
0499	HOFMANN, FRIDA	LOS ALTOS,	CA	94022

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0500	HOFMANN, HENRY S.	LOS ALTOS,	CA	94022
0156	HOFMANN, MRS. K.	SO. SAN FRANCISCO,	CA	94080
0475	HOLLAUER, ANTHONY M.	BRIDGEPORT,	CT	06606
0768	HOLLENBACK, MARGARET	HAVERTOWN,	PA	19083
0609	HOLLENBACK, MIKE J.	PINELLAS PARK,	FL	34666
0594	HOOVER, DR. R THOREM	SANTA MONICA,	CA	90404
0042	HOPPIN, STEPHEN L.	NO. FORT MYERS,	FL	33903
0353	HOWE, MARY B.	MARLBOROUGH,	MA	03455
0738	HOYES, LISA	KANSAS CITY,	MO	64111
0702	HRUSKA, SALLY	UNION LAKE,	MI	48085
0305	HUOA, DEBORAH	ORLANDO,	FL	32806
0195	HUDDLE, ANDREW	MICHIGAN CITY,	IN	46360
0673	HUDSON, GLENN	PLANT CITY,	FL	33566
0263	HUGHES, ELWOOD	LEWISBERRY,	PA	17339
0565	HUGHES, ROBERT	IVY,	VA	22945
0186	HUMPHREY, ALLEN	BAKERSFIELD,	CA	93306
0568	HUNSBURGER, CHRISTINE	INDEPENDENCE,	MO	64055
0295	HUNTER, JAMES, J.	MIAMI,	FL	33176
0624	HURST, SARAH	SMITHFIELD,	VA	23430
0281	HUSMANN, PATRICIA	GUTHRIE,	OK	73044
0537	HYATT, SUSAN	FOXBORO,	MA	02035
0814	ICKLEY, PEGGY J.	FOREST,	VA	24551
0348	INDIANA BIRO FANCIERS	ANDERSON,	IN	46012
0910	JACKSONVILLE C.B. ASSOC.	JACKSONVILLE,	FL	32207
0638	JACOBSON, KARL	HUDSON,	MA	01749
0013	JACOBUCCI, JUSTIN	SEYNDUR,	CT	06483
0268	JAMANN-FRY, PAT	QUAKERTOWN,	PA	18951
0707	JANCIAK, STEVE	CANANDAIGUA,	NY	14424
0708	JENSEN, DR. NARVEL	SANTA ANA,	CA	92706
0033	JOHNSON, DALLAS	WASHINGTON,	DC	20016
0189	JOHNSON, RAY	FAYETTEVILLE,	GA	30214
0683	JOHNSON, RON	MIAMI,	FL	33177
0495	JONES, CLAYTON B.	SOQUEL,	CA	95073
0712	JONES, FRANK	MELBOURNE,	FL	32901
0757	KAHAN, BRUCE	GAITHERSBURG,	MD	20877
0510	KANSAS AVICULTURAL SOC.	AUGUSTA,	KS	67010
0605	KARLEN, KATHLEEN	LANOOVER,	MD	20785
0095	KASZYCA, MARY G.	SOUTHSATE,	MI	48195
0018	KAYTEE PRODUCTS	CHILTON,	WI	53014

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0166	KELLEY, MATTHEW	SEDDNA,	AZ	86336
0019	KELLOGB SEED	MILWAUKEE,	WI	53201
0471	KENNEDY, KEVIN D.	DORCHESTER,	MA	02124
0516	KEPNER, ROGER A.	ORANGE,	CA	92667
0276	KESSLER, JOSEPH C.	POTTSTOWN,	PA	19464
0727	KINCAID, DONALD	BROOKLINE,	MA	02146
0458	KINGSBURY, GAIL	INDIANAPOLIS,	IN	46241
0384	KINSER, ED C.	BENT MT.,	VA	24059
0385	KINSER, JDANIE	BENT MT.,	VA	24059
0442	KIRBY, TED L.	MARIETTA,	GA	30066
0452	KITTREDGE, MARY	SEDDNA,	AZ	86336
0093	KLINE, KARL	DEL RAY BEACH,	FL	33444
0094	KLINE, PEGGY S.	DEL RAY BEACH,	FL	33444
0289	KLUEFER, FREDERICK	FLUSHING,	NY	11355
0662	KNIGHT, CATHERINE M.	BYRON,	CA	94514
0055	KNOOP, STEVE	SIDNEY,	MT	59270
0771	KOCH, KAREN	NORTH FORK,	CA	93643
0331	KOENIG, JOSEPH D.	TUCSON,	AZ	85712
0654	KOLODZIEJCZYK, CHESTER	MILFORD,	CT	06460
0871	KOOK, JACK	NEWTON,	NJ	07860
0775	KOONIZ, DAVID	BAKERSFIELD,	CA	93306
0207	KOONTZ, HAL M.	BAKERSFIELD,	CA	93306
0320	KOPECKY, NORMAN	SIOUX FALLS,	SD	57105
0916	KOZAKIEWICZ, DAVID	REDFORD,	MI	48239
0579	KOZELUH, FRANK J.	LA MESA,	CA	92042
0328	KRADER, JOSEPH	YORBA LINDA,	CA	92686
0742	KRICHTEN, MARY F.	HANOVER,	PA	17331
0741	KRICHTEN, PAT	HANOVER,	PA	17331
0551	KRONER, KRISTINE M.	AMBLER,	PA	19002
0456	KRUSE, DAVE	BERNE,	IN	46711
0178	KRUSE, EVON W.	SLIDELL,	LA	70458
0455	KRUSE, JAILA	BERNE,	IN	46711
0701	KRUSHING, BILL	TEMPE,	AZ	85282
0702	KRUSHING, TERESA	TEMPE,	AZ	85282
0861	KUBRYK, ISAAC	STOCKTON,	CA	95207
0860	KUBRYK, RENEE	STOCKTON,	CA	95207
0298	KUNARI, SISTER SHIVA	NEW YORK,	NY	10011
0249	KWAN, KEN	MIAMI,	FL	33186
0446	LAGO, VICENTE	MIAMI,	FL	33155

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0490	LAIRO, DALE	WINTER PARK,	FL	32792
0725	LAKE, DENNIS	SOUTHFIELD,	MI	48076
0555	LAMBERT, EILEEN	ST. LOUIS,	MO	63119
0556	LAMBERT, NORMAN	ST. LOUIS,	MO	63119
0646	LAND, MIRIAN	KNOXVILLE,	TN	37922
0535	LANE, VICKY	ST. NT.,	GA	30083
0767	LANGAN, LAURA	ST. PETERSBURG,	FL	33711
0433	LANGIONE, JIM	YORK,	PA	17404
0434	LANBIONE, SANDY	YORK,	PA	17404
0403	LANOITAN, WALTER	BRANDON,	OH	48019
0590	LAZZERONI, IVO	WEST COVINA,	CA	91791
0335	LeBLANC, RAYMOND P.	JAY,	ME	04239
0444	LEFEBURE, DOUGLAS	SAGANORE BEACH,	MA	02562
0481	LELI, UBALDO	BOSTON,	MA	02118
0764	LEONARD, DENNIS	LAKWOOD,	CO	80227
0900	LEONARD, GREG	CHARLOTTE,	NC	28211
0558	LESTRADE, PETE	NEW IBERIA,	LA	70560
0205	LETOURNEAU, MARTIN D.	FRENONT,	NH	03044
0287	LEUPOLD, JOHN	BERKELEY,	CA	94708
0370	LEVESQUE, LISA	FALLSTON,	MD	21047
0369	LEVESQUE, MARY	FALLSTON,	MD	21047
0823	LEVIN, LAURA	CROWNSVILLE,	MD	21032
0438	LEVINE, DR. ROBERT	EVANGTON,	IL	60201
0439	LEVINE, KAY A.	EVANGTON,	IL	60201
0449	LEWIS, DENNIS	WINTER PARK,	FL	32792
0621	LEWIS, GLENNA V.	PLANTATION,	FL	33325
0620	LENTS, RAYMOND C.	PLANTATION,	FL	33325
0826	LEWIS, TAMMY ANN	WILMINGTON,	DE	19808
0450	LEWIS, TOY	WINTER PARK,	FL	32792
0031	LIDDY, PAMELA E. S.	SPRINGFIELD,	MA	01108
0491	LIGHT, CARROL	ROLLA,	MO	65401
0466	LIPKINS, IRA	WHITESTONE,	NY	11357
0467	LIPKINS, SHARON	WHITESTONE,	NY	11357
0745	LOCKE, DONALD G. JR.	NORTHGLENN,	CO	80221
0872	LOFFREDO, JOHN	LONG ISLAND,	NY	11795
0140	LOZOYA, J. FRANK III	SPRING VALLEY,	CA	92077
0796	LUCEY, DENIS	CONCORD,	CA	94522
0466	LUIAN, RICHARD	SANTA CLARA,	CA	95051
0248	LUTICK, LINDA D.	QUAKERTOWN,	PA	18951

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0737	MACK, ALLAN R.	KALAMAZOO,	MI	49002
0414	MADYDA, WALTER	IRVINGTON,	NY	10533-1727
0323	MAHONEY, CAROL BALES	ST. LOUIS,	MO	63134
0322	MAHONEY, DONAL F.	ST. LOUIS,	MO	63134
0255	MAKARENICZ, MYRON	CLIO,	MI	48420
0824	MAKRAY, KATHY	STAFFORD SPRINGS,	CT	06076
0419	MALLOY, JAMES	ORLANDO,	FL	32801
0356	MANDARICH, BRIAN	FRESNO,	CA	93703
0619	MARCOTT, JAN	URBANA,	IL	61801
0034	MARDEL LABS	GLENSDALE HEIGHTS,	IL	60139
0804	MARKS, JUNE	LAKE OSWEGO,	OR	97035
0567	MARKS, RON	LAKE OSWEGO,	OR	97034
0817	MARNOCCHA, JEANNINE	GREENDALE,	WI	53129
0821	MARNOCCHA, JEFF	GREENDALE,	WI	53129
0905	MARSHALL, LIZ	LEANDER,	TX	78641
0457	MARSTON, JERRY M.	DAVIS,	CA	95616
0026	MARYLAND CAGE BIRD SOC.	MARYLAND,	MD	20785
0017	MASS.CAGE BIRD ASSOC.	CUMBERLAND,	RI	02864
0547	MASTERS, JOHNNANA	AVON PARK,	FL	33825
0835	MATIS, GEORGE	NORWALK,	CT	06851
0691	MAVITY, JULIE	NASHVILLE,	TN	37209
0474	MAXNELL, ROGER G.	SMYRNA,	TN	37167
0842	Mc ELWAIN, MARLA	WESTMINSTER,	MD	21157
0343	McAULIFFE, TERI	COLORADO SPRINGS,	CO	80906-5952
0748	McCANLEY, JERRY	LUZERNE,	PA	18709
0666	McCORMICK, TIMOTHY	CHAPPAQUA,	NY	10514
0660	McCULLOCH, JANE	CHICO,	CA	95926
0428	McBINNIS, CHRIS	DANVILLE,	CA	94526
0274	McGOWAN, BROOKLY	RALEIGH,	NC	27615
0315	McKEE, JOE	CAPE CORAL,	FL	33914
0079	McLAIN, JUANITA	SAFETY HARBOR,	FL	34695
0643	McMAHAN, VERNON	DECATUR,	AL	35601
0135	MEINERT, CONRAD	WARSAW,	IN	46580
0672	MEYER, MARK	NEW ORLEANS,	LA	70119
0194	MIAMI PARROT CLUB, INC.	MIAMI,	FL	33173
0251	MICHAELS, DALE B.	INGLEWOOD,	CA	90303
0250	MICHAELS, NANCYJO	INGLEWOOD,	CA	90303
0655	MICHAUD, PATSY	CANON CITY,	CO	81212
0147	MICHEAL, BRO ANTHONY	GRAND RAPIDS,	MI	49507

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0124	MID AMERICA CAGEBIRD SOC	DES MOINES,	IA	50321
0170	MID WEST CAGE BIRD CLUB	WAYNE,	MI	48184
0507	MID-MICHIGAN BIRD CLUB	LANSING,	MI	48911
0128	MIDDLE TENN CAGE BIRD CL	ANTIOCH,	TN	37013
0109	MILLER, GENE L.	SEMINOLE,	OK	74868
0410	MILLER, JUNE	SEMINOLE,	OK	74868
0514	MILLER, TERRI L.	RALEIGH,	NC	27612
0351	MILNAUKEE BIRD SOC. LTD.	LAVALLE,	WI	53941
0340	MINNESOTA CAGE BIRD ASSO	MINNEAPOLIS,	MN	55406
0139	MION, ALFRED	CANADA	CN	NBY-3C4
0346	MISSOURI CAGE BIRD ASSO	ST. LOUIS,	MO	63119
0114	MITCHELL, CHARLES W.	GREENACRES CITY,	FL	33463
0355	MITCHELL, MAX	TAMPA,	FL	33612
0698	MITCHELL, TRACY	BETHANY,	OK	73008
0513	MOASE, VINCENT H.	ONTARIO, CANADA	CN	L1J-1T9
0695	MOHR, PAM	HILLSBORO,	OR	97124
0903	MONKS, GLORIA	LAKE CHARLES,	LA	70611
0902	MONKS, JACK	LAKE CHARLES,	LA	70611
0790	MONTES, JAIME	ST. TIMOTHEE, QUEBEC	CN	JOS-1X0
0822	MOORE, SHELLEY	SEABROOK,	MD	20706
0277	MORGAN, GARY	LITTLETON,	CO	80162
0383	MORRIS, TIMOTHY S.	ROCKFORD,	IL	61107
0482	MORRISON, MARGARET	VAN WERT,	OH	45891
0530	MOUNT, LILLIAN	TAMPA,	FL	33615
0165	MUENCH, RICHARD C.	SANIBEL ISLAND,	FL	33957
0848	MULRONRY, TERRY	SAN DIEGO,	CA	92117
0302	MURPHY, JEANNE C.	ROCHESTER,	NY	14609
0397	MURPHY, JEANNE C.	JEFFERSON,	LA	70121
0763	MUSCATO, JANE	CICERO,	IL	60650
0599	MYERS, ERNA K.	JUNCTION CITY,	KS	66441
0598	MYERS, JOE	JUNCTION CITY,	KS	66441
0479	MYERS, THOMAS	PITTSBURGH,	PA	15211
0766	N. I. R. D. C.	MUNSTER,	IN	46321
0179	NAGEL, E. J. JR.	SLIDELL,	LA	70458
0914	NALES, ALFRED JR.	TAMPA,	FL	33607
0884	NEGUS, SANDRA	PORTLAND,	ME	04101
0005	NEKTON USA	CLEARWATER,	FL	34620
0111	NELSON, ALBERT	BRISTOL,	PA	19007
0112	NELSON, JANICE	BRISTOL,	PA	19007

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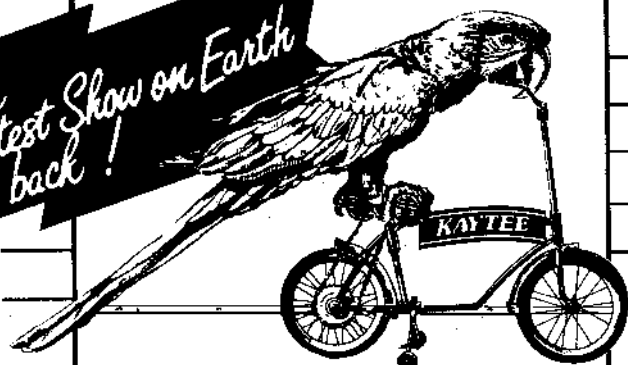
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DIETARY COMMENTS

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by Bill Parlee

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Writing an article on finch diets is like trying to explain Abner Doubleday's game of baseball to somebody who has never heard of it. It is not like writing on good nutrition for a Cockatiel; all Cockatiels have the same nutritional needs. Diets for finches are as varied as the species of finches in aviculture. We will deal here with only the seed-eating species.

Let me start by saying that I base my suggestions on my own experiences over the years and what has worked for me as well as other successful diets that have come to my attention from other aviculturists. Please do not believe everything you read. My pet peeve is the author who uses opinion and represents it as fact. What works for me may not suit the tastes of your birds. Through my business and associations with fellow aviculturists I have come across many ideas on nutrition. This article is a short summary of those ideas, several of which will probably work for you.

Let's assume you've purchased a wild-caught finch at your local pet shop. To recognize a good basic diet for the bird, one must be familiar with its' geographic origin. For instance, if your finch comes from the dry plains of Australia or Africa its' diet will be different than the species from the tropical jungle of South America, etc.. Finches will generally only eat what they are familiar with. Before you purchase the finch in question, look up in a good finch book, such as Bates and Busenbark's "Finches and Softbilled Birds", the information about the finch and its habitat. Knowing this information and following what the bird has been fed at the shop, you should at least be able to provide a suitable initial basic diet for your bird.

The family that your finch belongs to is also going to play a part in the diet. Waxbills, for instance, will eat more small millets and less large ones in comparison to the grass finches which do the opposite.

A staple diet for most finches would include: white millet, yellow millet, red millet, canary seed and niger (or thistle) seed. This gives us a point at which to start to build a dietary program for our finches.

Thus in order to properly develop a dietary program for our finches we must have a basic diet, know and understand their geographic origins and understand the function of foods. Not being a scientist, I will make this brief. All foods have a function in the nutrition of your finch. Contained in all foods are chemical forms that have common properties call food elements. These elements include proteins, carbohydrates and fats. Each of these elements is needed by your finch for proper health and vitality.

Remember, your bird is what he eats! The percentages of proteins, carbohydrates and fats are expressed in your birds' diet. The foods offered will increase or decrease these essential elements to fit your birds' energy

cycle. An energy cycle is best explained by the changing needs of your bird at different times of his life span. Young active birds and breeding birds require certain percentages of the basic elements, whereas older or less active birds will require a different mix of those percentages.

THE FOOD ELEMENTS

Protein is the most important element of nutrition and the most difficult to explain. It is also the element that is most likely to be deficient in your finches' diet. Some signs of protein deficiency are; poor feathering, beak and skin problems and poor hatchability of eggs.

Proteins are composed of amino acids. Some of the amino acids cannot be manufactured by your bird and must be supplemented in the diet. When referring to amino acids you have probably heard the term "essential amino acids". This term refers to the basic need of your bird to have proteins of proper quality in sufficient quantities to be used by the body when needed for muscle growth, regeneration of body tissue and the like. Proteins are stored better by the body than the other elements but are more difficult to obtain, particularly in common seed diets. For instance, you have a chick in a nest, he is growing at a slow rate and after six or seven weeks you realize he is not as large as he should be. Chances are the parents, particularly the hen, were suffering from a protein deficiency and the foods fed during the rearing process produced a chick that was also protein deficient. To keep your bird from having protein deficiencies, feed seeds that are high in protein such as canary seed, hemp and thistle. Protein supplementation will also be needed in other forms which we will discuss later.

Carbohydrates and fats are much alike in that both produce heat and energy. Fats, however, are sources of some essential fatty acids which aid in the absorption of some vitamins and minerals. When a bird is obese we call him fat. Actually this is good terminology as excess foods are generally stored in the body as fats. Birds only require a minimal amount of fat in their diets, most particularly the inactive or older bird. However, those seeds with the higher oil content, such as hulled oats and hemp, are valuable in the colder months to help retain heat in the body.

VITAMINS AND MINERALS

We all know that vitamins and minerals are important to proper nutrition in all animals. With birds these essential nutrients take on added importance as our birds are limited to what we offer them in their daily diet. In the wild, birds would naturally forage for their fare and satisfy these nutritional requirements from the abundance of nutrients available to them, especially minerals. We can't always be sure that we are providing all the necessary elements of a healthy diet, so the solution becomes supplementation with vitamins and minerals.

Vitamins may be supplemented in many ways. There are "vitaminized" seeds, powdered vitamins and liquefied supplements. I prefer powdered

vitamins, primarily because of the ease in usage as well as in storage. When using powdered vitamins the way we administer them is important. First, are they water soluble or not? If so, they can be used in the drinking water; if not, they must be applied to a food stuff to which they will adhere, such as greens, corn kernels, or soft foods such as nestling food or "eggfood". Never sprinkle powdered vitamins on seeds as most will sink through and be wasted. Powdered vitamins are also available for specific uses: fertility, feathering and the like. I use Nekton products from Germany as they are readily available and offer a wide array of supplements.

Some symptoms of various vitamin and mineral deficiencies are: generally weak and/or lethargic birds, poor feather quality, nails and beaks that grow abnormally, small clutches of eggs, soft-shelled eggs, poor hatchability of eggs, respiratory problems and eye infections. In summary, supplement your finches diet with a high quality, broad spectrum vitamin and mineral supplement. The greatest percent of good health is good nutrition.

AVIARY MANAGEMENT AND NUTRITION

In presenting our seeds there are two schools of thought. One tells us to feed each seed separately and the other tells us to combine our basic seeds into a mix. I personally prefer the combination presentation. There are other food stuffs that must be given separately and by combining the seeds our finches are more likely to get most of what they need at one cup.

My seed mix for Australian finches is (in volume) 50% white and yellow millet, 20% red or Senegal millet, 20% canary seed and the remaining 10% is composed of hulled oats, hemp and thistle seed in equal quantities. For African species, particularly Waxbills, I reduce the white and yellow millet to 35% and increase the red millet to 35% and the other quantities stay the same.

I feed my finches twice daily. In the early morning I replace the seed in cups and top off the seed in the gravity feeders. Most of my feeders are of the gravity type. The afternoon feeding is simply a topping off effort and a check of water bottles and tubes.

I also top off a separate dish of conditioning food, made up of powdered egg, toast, thistle, ground seeds and anise. This blend or similar blends are found in the commercially available brands: Kellogg's Petamine and Kaytee's Trill. Once weekly I dump all conditioning foods and clean the cups. All water receptacles are cleaned daily and bleached weekly.

Another important part of my diet is millet sprays (seed heads). The sprays are rich in protein as the red millet has the highest protein of all the millets. These sprays can be grown in your home garden, purchased in small bags at your local pet shop or ordered from a national distributor such as Morshore, Kaytee or Carlson.

In whatever seeds you use, freshness is a most important factor. Never use preboxed seeds. These boxes may be very old and the seeds may actually be dead and of no nutritional value. Find a pet shop in your area

that packages seeds on a daily basis. If you have any question as to whether the seeds you are using are fresh, simply plant some of them in a shallow container and see if they sprout. Fresh seeds will usually sprout in two or three days. These sprouted seeds may be fed to your birds. Some birds relish freshly sprouted seeds and watch for you to place them in the cage.

Generally speaking, if you only have several finches, it is probably a good idea to purchase only small amounts of seed at a time so as to assure freshness. Whether you purchase small or large amounts of seed be sure you store them in a cool dry place. Seeds stored in warm places have a tendency to get "webby" and those stored in dampness get moldy. Small amounts of seed may be stored in the refrigerator. Never store seed in the freezer as this will kill the seed and upon thawing they will dry out completely and lose their nutritional value.

Many birds will quite readily take greens. This is good, as greens offer much nutrition, particularly minerals. I use the small "leftover center of the bunch" from collard heads. I say leftover as I use the large outer leaves for my Cockatiels. Spinach, kale, and Swiss chard are also good greens. Remember, the greener the green, the more nutritious. In New England, during spring and fall, chickweed flourishes. Chickweed, harvested and washed, is a favorite of all my finches. Whatever type of greens you use, be sure they are washed first to remove any chemicals which are associated with their growth or may have been sprayed on as a preservative by your grocer.

I find that most of my finches do not particularly take to fruits, but I do feed apples and sliced grapes occasionally. Other veggies that make excellent supplements are: carrots, broccoli, radishes and tomatoes.

Plenty of clean water is essential. Finches, compared to other birds in aviculture, consume large amounts of water. Fresh water should not be a problem to you, but assuring that clean water stays clean can be a bit tricky. As I mentioned before, I use only tube waterers and bottles. This prevents the birds from drinking water that has been soiled from seeds and droppings.

As we have already discussed, finches drink large quantities of water, so it is an excellent avenue of vitamin and mineral supplementation. I alternate my vitamins - one day vitamins and the next day clear water. I also shake vitamins from a salt shaker onto fresh corn on the cob which I place in the cage daily. In winter, corn on the cob is an excellent source of carbohydrates.

A mineral block or cuttlebone should always be present in the cage. Cuttlebone is the most ready source of the calcium that is necessary for the production of eggs that is available to your birds.

Iodine is necessary in the diet for proper thyroid gland function. Some birds are iodine deficient. Just to be sure this does not become a problem, it is best to use a commercial iodine supplement in the water bottles once a week. A salt spool may be hung in the cage or flight. The occasional use of the spool by your birds will enable the osmotic

relationship of body tissue and fluids to take place.

Gravel, grit and charcoal are added to the diet by most finch fanciers. My own personal belief is that the standard #2 grade of aquarum gravel is fine for the loosening of impacted crops and the grinding of seed. I use charcoal only when suspecting sour crop as the continual use of charcoal can be harmful. Charcoal can actually absorb vitamins A, B12 and K Halved hard-boiled eggs can be offered during the breeding season as they are relished by most finches and are an excellent source of protein.

SUMMARY

You will get out of your finches only what you put into them. Good nutrition is the single most important entity that you can provide for your birds. Healthy birds will be more alert, will look better, and will breed more readily and successfully. You will also prepare your bird to be more disease resistant. Many finches require live food. This has been omitted from this article and is covered in another article in the September/October 1985 issue of the NFS Bulletin.

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Editor's note: This article was reprinted from the same issue of the NFS Bulletin for the benefit of members who may not have been part of the "finch family" at that time. The excellent advise is timeless and vital.

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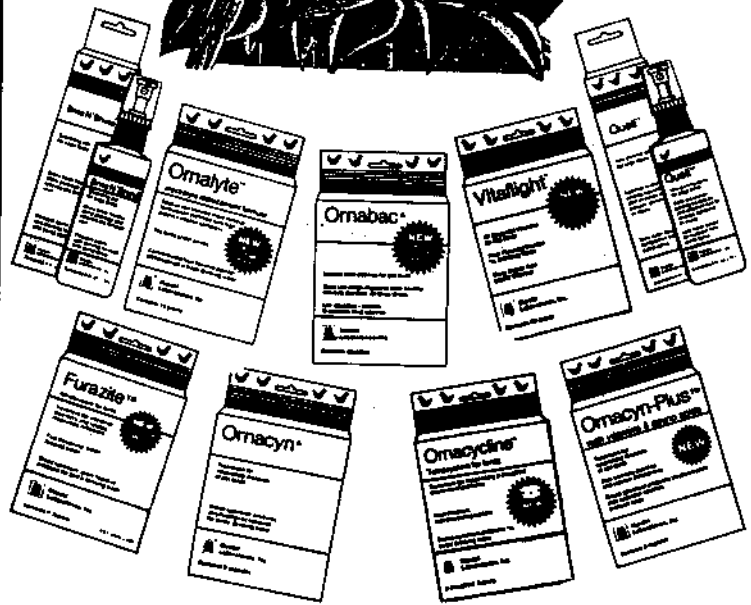
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WANTED: Black-Crested finches. (*Lophospingus pussilus*) for Finchsave program. Need hens, however singles and pairs accepted. Stephen Hoppin, (813) 997-2237 after 7 p.m.

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FRANTIC EDITOR'S NOTE !

I have only one article to print in the next bulletin ! PLEASE HELP YOUR SOCIETY'S BULLETIN ! I am certain that many of you have had unique experiences that would be very valuable to other members. Please share your wealth of experience. Send something to be printed in the bulletin. Thanks. The Frantic Editor.

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The National Finch and Softbill Society

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____

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Check type of membership desired:

Single 15.00, Dual 20.00, Junior 7.50 (-16yrs), Canada add \$5.

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Please answer a few questions for us:

How long have you been involved in finches and softbills? _____ yrs.

How many species have you kept? _____

How many species have you successfully bred? _____

Do you exhibit in bird shows? _____

Do you keep softbilled birds? _____

Please list an occupation or special talent that may be helpful to the NFS (printer, artist, lawyer, etc.) _____

Are you interested in participating in the NFS Judges Panel? _____

Please indicate below the items you are most interested in.

Nutrition _____ breeding _____ management _____ exhibition _____ bulletin _____

PLEASE MAIL YOUR APPLICATION AND DUES TO:

NFS Member Services c/o Russ Armitage Jr.

345 Boston Road, Middletown, CT 06457

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NATIONAL FINCH AND SOFTBILL SOCIETY
AFFILIATION AGREEMENT - 1989

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THE ONLY REQUIREMENTS THAT YOUR CLUB WILL HAVE TO MEET ARE TO PAY THE APPROPRIATE AFFILIATION FEE AND SELECT A DELEGATE TO REPRESENT YOUR CLUB IN DEALING WITH NFS. THE DELEGATE MUST BE A MEMBER OF NFS.

LEVEL ONE AFFILIATION

THIS IS DESIGNED FOR CLUBS THAT ARE NOT EXHIBITION ORIENTED. THE FEE IS \$ 25. YOUR BENEFITS INCLUDE ALL THE EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION MATERIALS OF THE SOCIETY. ALSO YOU WILL RECEIVE DURING, AUGUST OF YOUR AFFILIATION YEAR, A BEAUTIFUL PLAQUE FOR YOUR CLUB. THIS PLAQUE CAN BE A SERVICE OR BREEDER AWARD FOR ONE OF THE MEMBERS. (THIS PERSON NEED NOT BE A MEMBER.) THE PLAQUE ALONE IS WORTH THE AFFILIATION FEE. REQUESTS FOR THE TYPE PLAQUE AND WORDING MUST BE FORWARDED TO NFS NO LATER THAN JUNE 1ST OF THE YEAR.

LEVEL TWO AFFILIATION

LEVEL TWO IS FOR CLUBS WITH EXHIBITIONS. YOUR BENEFITS WILL INCLUDE BEAUTIFUL PLAQUES FOR FIRST AND SECOND BEST IN DIVISION AT YOUR SHOW. THE FEE FOR THIS LEVEL IS \$ 40, AND IS SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR'S AFFILIATION

LEVEL TWO - WITH ROSETTE PACKAGE

SAME AS LEVEL TWO BUT WITH 10 ADDED LONG STREAMER ROSETTES FOR THE BEST TEN FINCHES AND SOFTBILLS IN DIVISION PLUS 3 ROSETTES FOR UNFLIGHTED. THIS OPTION WITH LEVEL TWO AFFILIATION COSTS \$ 65.

LEVEL TWO - WITH SOFTBILL PACKAGE

ADDS BEST SOFTBILL PLAQUE TO LEVEL TWO AFFILIATION, TOTAL COST \$ 65.

LEVEL THREE AFFILIATION

THIS LEVEL INCLUDES PLAQUES FOR FIRST AND SECOND PLACE IN THE DIVISION AS WELL AS A BEST SOFTBILL PLAQUE, 10 LONG STREAMER ROSETTES AND 3 ROSETTES FOR UNFLIGHTED BIRDS. TOTAL COST FOR LEVEL THREE IS \$ 90.

SEND YOUR APPLICATION AND THE FEE TO: THE NATIONAL FINCH AND SOFTBILL
ION DIRECTOR, C/O PAM LOODY, 245 DRAPER ST., SPRINGFIELD, MA 01108
(413) 734 7033.

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1989 NATIONAL FINCH AND SOFTBILL SOCIETY CENSUS

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The voluntary bird census can be a valuable tool to the finch and softbill breeder. By filling out the census and mailing it in, you will furnish the census department with the necessary information to connect you with other interested parties.

Letters from members wishing to buy babies or odd birds to complete pairs at the NFS office, are a constant occurrence. Very often we can not help because the information is not available. Thus the purpose of the census. NFS has had a census for four years now, last year was the best response so far. We heard from 63 members reporting on 122 species.

This is our first attempt this year in gathering this information. Please take the time to rip out the page or Xerox it, fill it out, and mail it in, even if you had done it last year (update please).

If we can gather a meaningful amount of breeder information, we will publish it in the Sept/Oct issue. This will make the information available to all for the show season.

Here's how it works. You fill out the form and mail it in. The information is computerized. When a member calls or writes (writing is better as the computer is not always immediately available) we punch in the species, and out pops a few members telephone numbers that they can call. This sells your babies and odd birds. On the other hand, when you need something, it works for you also.

We are constantly surprised to find that a member is breeding a particular species that we did not realize anyone was breeding. We usually find out this information in a casual conversation at a show or other event. If this same information was available to other members, babies could be sold, odd birds swapped, and most importantly, breeding information shared. The info is even more important now, for the Finchsave program.

Your address will never be given out by NFS. We only use telephone numbers to connect members, so be sure when filling out the census to clearly print out your area code and number. Your cooperation with this census makes it work. Sit down right now, or as soon as you can and fill it out. Check off yes if you sometimes have babies for sale. Many finches are getting harder and harder to obtain. When giving out information we will try locate the members closest to you for convenience in shipping.

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AFA in brief

June 1989

Legislative Roundup

USDA-AFHIS 86-101, quarantine exemption proposal. USDA-AFHIS received 700-800 comments (including five pages from AFA), mostly in opposition to the proposal to allow certain off-shore breeding facilities to bypass quarantine when importing birds. The comments are currently being reviewed.

SOUTH CAROLINA, SB-504, wildlife importation restrictions. Dan Dobbins, Deputy Coordinator for the Wildlife and Marine Resources Department, said SB-504 exempts exotic birds and eliminates certain restrictions on the pet trade. The Department did not want the broad authority it had previous to SB-504. Game birds need a permit prior to entry into the state, but primarily SB-504 addresses carnivores and fur-bearing mammals.

SOUTH DAKOTA, HB-1345, giving certain powers to the State Livestock Sanitary Board (see May '89 AFA in brief for details). State Veterinarian Dr. Daryl Thorpe, of the State Livestock Sanitary Board, was contacted by AFA Legislative Vice-president Janet Lilienthal to determine this bill's impact on birds. According to Dr. Thorpe, this bill came about as a result of pheasant keepers requesting health certificates or testing to protect their flocks from pullorum disease in out of state pheasants since South Dakota is a "dumping ground" for these birds. At this time the state has no plans to regulate pet or exotic birds (beyond the presently required pre-import health certificate) unless aviculturists and/or pet bird dealers request regulation for their own protection. Dr. Thorpe met with local aviculturists at their club meeting to explain the bill. Public hearings will be held July 10 & 11, or written comments can be addressed to Dr. Daryl Thorpe, State Livestock Sanitation Board: 411 S. Fort St., Pierre, SD 57501. Aviculturists can call (605) 773-3321 to find locations and times for the public hearings. For more information contact AFA State Coordinator Royce King (605) 393-1720.

TENNESSEE, HB-1209, SB-750, prohibiting animals "dangerous to the environment". This has passed the senate. Rep. I. V. Hillis, chairman of the House Conservation & Environment Committee, has delayed the bill until Jan. 1990. A subcommittee has been formed to study the bill this summer. The bill's intent is to address wild and dangerous animals, but the black hood parakeet and monk parakeet could be added as a threat to agricultural crops. If the bill passes, the Wildlife Commission and Department of Agriculture would work together to determine which birds constitute a threat. For more information write to Rep. I. V. Hillis, Chairman of the House Conservation and Environment Committee, #22 Legislative Plaza, Nashville, TN 37219. Mark inquiries "Attn: Marsha" and ask to be placed on the mailing list for the Exotic Animals Subcommittee. The phone number is (615) 741-1386.

MICHIGAN AFA State Coordinator Mike Underwood is monitoring two unrelated issues. The state's humane pet shop sanitation laws are being rewritten with the strong support and involve-

ment of the pet industry. The second issue involves rewriting (early 1990s) the dog leash laws. Only one pet industry person is on the rewriting committee, reports indicate some of the "humane groups" want to expand the law to include all companion animals, including birds. Mike Underwood and Loretta Owen are watching for future developments.

CALIFORNIA, AB-2232, requiring permits for "wildlife". Hearings were held May 2, 1989 but most of the committee was not ready to vote. AFA State Coordinator Laurella Desborough stated language aviculturists need in the bill to find it acceptable, and plans to get a copy of the amended bill. Mart Muschinske, President of San Diego Bird Breeders Society, has also been actively working to educate legislators regarding aviculturists concerns with this bill. In addition to their efforts AFA So. California Region Vice-president Linda Sun sent a detailed mailing to bird owners in California outlining this bill's impact. The bill, if passed, would require a permit for most birds commonly kept in aviculture and as pets. No provision is made for keeping any of these species as pets. In addition the Fish and Game Code is being rewritten. Even if birds are exempted from AB-2232 they could still fall under Fish and Game regulation. For more information contact Laurella Desborough (415) 372-6174 or Linda Sun (714) 688-4907. Concerns can be sent to Assemblyman Jim Costa: Chairman of the Committee on Wildlife and Waterparks: 1111 Fulton Mall #914: Fresno, CA 93721; phone (209) 264-3078. Comments should also be sent to Assemblyman William Bradley: 125 W. Mission Av #101: Escondido, CA 92025; phone (619) 489-8924.

PENNSYLVANIA In a remarkable example of cooperation between a governmental agency and aviculturists, the Pennsylvania Game Commission is working with AFA and Pa bird clubs to relocate rather than destroy *Myiagitta monachus* (monk, or Quaker, parakeets). Jim Beard, in the Law Enforcement Division of the Game Commission, has agreed to give aviculturists an opportunity to voluntarily surrender birds, and further that these birds will not be destroyed. The avicultural community is being allowed to arrange for exportation to states where the bird is not prohibited. For more details contact AFA State Coordinator Brenda Geesey (717) 854-2604.

1989 CONVENTION

The 15th Annual Convention is rapidly approaching. It will be held at The Pointe at South Mountain; 7777 South Pointe Parkway; Phoenix, AZ 85044. For hotel accommodations call (800) 528-0428. Featured speakers this year include authors Joseph Forshaw (*Parrots of the World*) of Australia and John Stoodley (*Parrot Production*) of England. Several local tours, including trips to the Grand Canyon, Nogales, Sonoran Desert Museum and local aviaries, are also planned. For registration forms and additional info see the center of WATCHBIRD (April/May '89 or Jun/Jul '89).

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