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I apologize (again) for being such an idiot to wait for the Federal Regulations to be published. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service just announced a meeting on April 15th to "receive input to develop regulations to implement the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992". We hope that several NPS Board members will be able to be there. Bruce and I will not. We have planned a trip to Puerto Rico for months and we leave that morning. We will be speaking to the wonderful people we met in December and attending their bird club meeting. We are looking forward to it very much. We have never been any more warmly received anywhere in any of our travels. We will be thinking of those of you who will be in this meeting and we will "check in" from San Juan to hear of the progress. Best wishes and may the cooler heads prevail !!

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Dr. Al Decoteau.
February 1, 1993

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Please remember that your "renewal date" is on your address label. Check it and please keep your membership and your correct address up to date. It'll save time and money if Miki doesn't have to send reminders to you.

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NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

If there is an item that you want to have included, please contact a member of the Board. All elected and appointed officers are Board members. See inside front cover for names and phone numbers.

Next Board meeting will be March 26, 1993 at 8 p.m. in conjunction with the Bird Clubs of Virginia Convention in Richmond, VA. Again, if there is something that you would like to have presented, contact a Board member.

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THE DAY OF THE TURTLE

by Les Gibson

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Here is a creepy tale in the best tradition of American fictional short stories, like Poe's "Fall of the House of Usher" and Sununu's "Excuses For Flying"; except that I am not making this one up!

Most people who keep birds will either like turtles and tortoises, or at least, not mind them. Many readers will have had, at some time or other, a pet turtle. In fact, I have a pair of Box turtles, acquired three years ago at the whining insistence of my daughter, who now thinks cars are much more fun, and never once, as I recall, so much as dug up a worm for them.

Box turtles are very slow, kind of cute, and completely harmless. Or are they? Under that impression, I kept them for three summers in a small aviary, where Silver-eared Mesias raised 18 chicks. The Mesias occasionally screamed at the turtles when they made one of their rare appearances at the water dish. In fact, the birds really only got upset when their chicks had just left the nest, otherwise they completely ignored the turtles.

This year the Mesias were replaced in the aviary by a pair of Siberian Bluebirds, who dutifully hatched four chicks. These finally left the box and plunged to earth where they hid under the flowers and neither uttered a cheep nor moved a muscle. This survival tactic had, no doubt, been perfected over thousands of years in a turtle-free environment.

On the second day that the chicks were out I went on a turtle-hunt, as it was my habit to place the critters in front of a pile of worms about once a week, otherwise they would have starved. So slow were they that half of the worms always escaped. I found the smaller male, fed him, then went in search of the 6" female. Most of the time the turtles were dug into the soil, and uncommonly were found crawling around. This habit is related to size: the larger they are, the more they wander.

In the course of my search, I found that two of the chicks had worked their way up into a camellia bush, but there was no sign of the other two.

Then I found the female turtle. To my chagrin and horror - I actually came up in goose bumps - I found the beak and a few feathers of a chick protruding from its mouth. Somehow the irresistible turtle-force had blundered into the immovable bird-object - then - the imagination boggles. The chicks could actually fly quite well but, in contrast to the Mesia chicks which screamed and jumped about if approached, remained totally motionless when discovered. The third chick reappeared later, and climbed up with the others.

In this case, turtle therapists would have a field day, because the female turtle was abused when young. Just after acquiring the turtles, they were put out in a child's (empty) plastic paddling pool. As I was clipping a hedge, I heard the loud, distinct sound of crunching turtle shell. My old dog

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NEWS & NOTES

Sorry the last two issues were late. The November/December was late because I had a busy a show season...no real excuse. This one is late because I was waiting for the federal government to re-write the Federal Regulations as they pertain to the new legislation that curtails importation of birds. Those regulations will be the means by which the new legislation is applied and enforced.

I finally gave up waiting for them and just today talked to someone who says the task is not yet begun! When they are finished you may depend on NFS to be the first to publish a summary of them, just as NFS was the first to publish the legislation nationwide. If you are disappointed and/or angry that the issues are late...call me and ventilate but remember that when I miss a deadline I miss the payment that I receive as editor. A disappointment here too.

About the upcoming BIRO CLUBS OF VIRGINIA CONVENTION. This year the speakers are very focused on finches and softbills. Dick Schroeder, a private aviculturist from southern California and Dr. Luis Baptista, perhaps the foremost authority on finches today are both scheduled speakers, along with Kevin Gorman speaking on the AFA's Siakin Project. Each will give two talks Saturday and Sunday, the 27th and 28th of March. Our spring Board of Directors meeting will be held on Friday the 26th at 8 p.m. and we'll also enjoy a "Finch Luncheon" and an opportunity to talk with Linda Oja about the ongoing success of FINCHSAVE. Try to attend...this will be a "biggie", and as usual much of the proceeds will be donated to projects that directly benefit birds and birdkeepers. BCV has done a lot over its nine year history to financially aid research and captive propagation and to educate aviculturists.

Take a close look at the ads that you see for "Bird Fairs, Bird Marts, Bird Swap Meets, etc." Speaking only for myself now, I would not care to patronize events that are not benefiting the birds. Many events are sponsored by legitimate bird clubs and NFS publicizes many of them. Many others are springing up that are hosted by individuals and groups who do not share their profits with clubs, researchers or national societies. Nor do they share their revenues with birds or birdkeepers by supporting education, information-sharing or any other broad-based benefits to aviculture.

I believe that by organizing these "for profit" marts and fairs that these folks are actually damaging aviculture, sometimes in very insidious ways. A few prominent members of the "avicultural community" who are receiving free seeds, vitamins, cross-country trips and publicity are lending their names to these industry and/or privately sponsored events. Again, speaking for myself, I will not patronize those types of events. THINK FOR YOURSELF...make your own decisions. BUT, be sure you know where the money is going before you spend it.

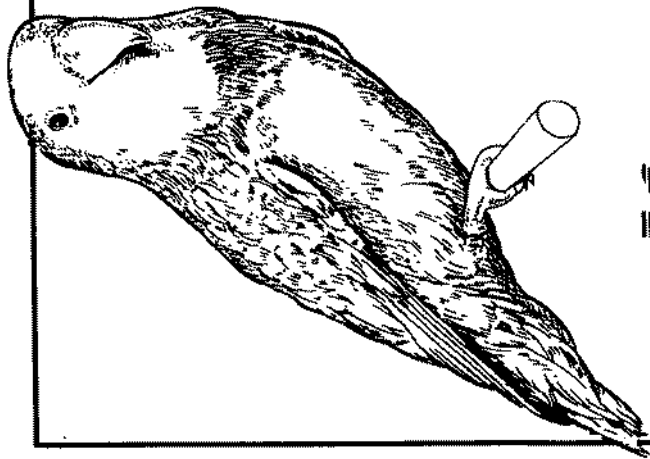
Stepping up on another "soap-box", you'll see that I have printed the

AFA's January and February "AFA in Brief" fliers. As you know NFS is no longer an AFA affiliate. If you have wondered why perhaps you'll get a better sense of how little finch-keepers have in common with this lobbying group. A close look at some of the contents may open your eyes. From the January issue, "In the near future AFA will be setting up a clearinghouse/registry for non-domesticated exotic avian species...coordinating this registry and providing guidance will be the primary job duties of the Captive Management Director AFA will be hiring". Bearing this in mind, go on to the February issue where you'll find "Clubs or interested parties need to begin managed breeding programs immediately". This makes it pretty clear that they never recognized FINCHSAVE which began in 1988 when NFS was an AFA affiliate and was discussed at length in an article I wrote for Watchbird in their February/March 1992 issue. They then proceed to list the twenty species of finches under quota, (approximately 2 months after the same list, with the correct common names were published nationwide by NFS). Of the 20 species, the common names of 11 are wrong. They state "of these 20 species only the Red-cheeked Cordon Bleu is known to be the subject of a managed breeding program at this time", ignoring the fine job that FINCHSAVE is doing for many, many species under the guidance of Linda Oja and her fine committee. They also have ignored their own Red Siskin Program. You'll remember that NFS printed the address for you to send your comments and the note that the comment period was extended. As usual, in the AFA publications no mention is made that the public might have any possible input.

AFA has chosen to sell closed hands for the benefit of the commercial members. This is a highly coveted in direct conflict with the many national societies that supported AFA during its formative years. They plan to attempt to control all captive propagation programs whether they have any working knowledge of the species or not. These types of policy decisions prompted the Board and the membership to cancel the affiliation. Further affiliation without membership control is futile and detrimental. If you have any lingering doubts about the Board and the membership being correct in their decision to remove NFS from the list of AFA affiliates, this should remove your doubts.

Again, learn the facts, talk with other people, reach your own decision and then act as you feel will best benefit finches and softbills specifically and aviculture in general. As many of you know I was the recipient of an AFA "Avery Award" and for years attended AFA Conventions and acted as a state coordinator when I felt the organization was a democratic organization that accepted input from it's "grass-roots" and was interested in the well-being of all birds and all bird-keepers. I feel that those days are long gone and that AFA now is primarily an arm of the avian pet industry.

As Ross Perot would say "If you can't or won't listen to us, you shouldn't be allowed to make decisions for us."




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RED SISKIN UPDATE

The Red Siskin Consortium now includes about 160 siskins. Interest in red siskins has grown during the past year, perhaps in part due to this program and its promotion. The Consortium is making new contacts in Canada in an attempt to gain new bloodlines. Additionally, permits are being applied for that would allow importation of new bloodlines from Europe. On the home front, one participant has eggs already and the Consortium is anticipating a successful breeding season this year.

1993 CONVENTION

August may seem like a long time off, but now is the time to start thinking about attending the 1993 AFA Convention August 3-8th. Imagine being downtown at night (in an urban area), and seeing families walking around unafraid of crime or violence. Imagine being 10 minutes away from Tracy Aviaries, one of the premier bird facilities in the United States. Imagine spending some time in the great outdoors, from Bonneville Salt Flats to the Great Salt Lake to hiking in the mountains near the Snowbird ski area. Imagine coming to an AFA Convention and finding reasonable room rates. Imagine a top lineup of national and international speakers on a variety of avicultural topics combined with an unparalleled opportunity to talk firsthand with hundreds of aviculturists from all across the United States. These are just a few reasons to come to Salt Lake City next August for the AFA Convention. Captive Management will be the overall theme of this year's Convention.

CAPTIVE MANAGEMENT

"Conservation" calls to mind working with species in their native habitats. Captive Management is what aviculture is all about. Like aviculture, there is more to captive management than simply setting up a pair of birds and selling the offspring. Captive management covers areas as diverse as maximizing production and keeping records on genetic identity to prevent inbreeding in future generations. In many cases, captive management may indeed be practicing avian conservation without even realizing it. As aviculture has had increasing successes in captive propagation, the pet trade has increasingly come to demand domestic, had-fed offspring rather than wild-caught imports. More and more aviculturists have started permanently marking their birds with closed bands, transponders or both. As aviculturists have had increased breeding successes, more and more aviculturists are forming at least informal networks (if not outright breeding programs) to exchange offspring to obtain new bloodlines. While most aviculturists will profess to care about conservation, surprisingly few will say they band their birds or trade offspring "for conservation purposes". Few aviculturists will say they sell their offspring to reduce demand for wild-caught birds. Without realizing or stopping to think about it, these aviculturists are practicing captive management and contributing to avian conservation by lessening demand for wild-caught birds as well as providing future generations of capively held breeding stock. For many species, however, a secure future will only be assured when enough aviculturists are keeping good enough records that genetic diversity can be documented and maintained.

In the near future AFA will be setting up a clearing-house registry for non-domesticated exotic avian species to help secure long-term stability for as many of these species as possible. Coordinating this registry and providing guidance

to AFA affiliated clubs wishing to start and operate their own consortiums will be the primary job duties of the Captive Management Director AFA will be hiring when a suitable candidate is found.

AVIAN IMPORTATION ENDING

For many species, importation into the United States has probably ended. The situation is especially critical in finches and softbills, where many of the import quotas are zero, or so low the quota has already been filled in one moderately small shipment. "The Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992" (The Act) was signed into law by President Bush on October 23, 1992 so the "quota year" is based on that date rather than the calendar year. After October 22, 1993 there is no quota. Importation will only be allowed by exemption or by permit for species placed on a "clean list" that hasn't been developed yet. The present quotas are total numbers for a species, no matter whether wild-caught or captive bred, no matter whether imported for commercial or non-commercial purposes. Basically the quotas are the numbers of birds per species that was imported during 1991.

The Act placed an immediate ban on 10 species of birds for which "current international trade levels are probably a threat to the survival of the taxon on a global basis". These ten species are *Agapornis fischeri* (Fischer's lovebird), *Amazona aratrix* also known as *Amazona ochrocephala aratrix* (double yellow-headed Amazon), *Amazona viridigenalis* (green-cheeked Amazon), *Aratinga auricapilla* (golden-capped conure), *Braconis pyrrhopterus* (grey-cheeked parakeet), *Cacatua alba* (white cockatoo), *umbrella* (cockatoo), *Cacatua goffini* (Goffin's cockatoo), *Cacatua haemastropia* (red-vented cockatoo), *Cacatua sulphurea* (lesser sulphur-crested cockatoo), and *Lorius garrulus* (chattering lory).

(Editor's note: I find this list quite an interesting display of bio-politics at its worst. These are the "CITES Category B" bird species for which excessive trade is claimed. Both of the Amazon species listed here come from Mexico and haven't been legal in international commerce since 1980 when Mexico halted exportation. Two of the cockatoos, Goffin's and the red-vented, were moved last March from Appendix II to Appendix I status, thus eliminating them from international trade. Golden-eapped conures come from Brazil only, another country that has been closed to legal export for several years now. Half of the species subject to this "immediate moratorium" are species already banned from legal international trade. I fail to see how an immediate moratorium is going to help gold-eapped conures or green-cheeked Amazons. At the same time, there are no studies to suggest umbrella cockatoos or grey-cheeked parakeets can sustain trade at prior levels. Many species listed on CITES App. III also have zero quotas - not because of status in the wild but because none were imported in 1991. These situations clearly illustrate the need to base any "conservation" activity on substance rather than symbolism. Closing importation completely is no more a solution than unlimited, unrestricted importation. Future efforts regarding both importation and aviculture, need to be based on reality and actual effectiveness. It isn't enough to simply state a species is in decline because of habitat destruction so the birds should be brought into captivity. It isn't enough to make wild claims about mortality rates due to the bird trade. It is time to forget the rhetoric and get on with effective avian conservation efforts both in captivity and in the wild.

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REGULATORY UPDATE - FINCHES

For many species of finches and waxbills, the eleventh hour has arrived in American aviculture. Clubs or interested parties need to begin managed breeding programs immediately or these species will soon be lost entirely for American aviculture, no matter what happens to their status in the wild. The following species have quotas under the new "Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992". In some instances the quota has already been met and no more will be imported, in other instances the remaining quota is so low it isn't economically feasible to bring in a shipment. Common names are given first, then latin names and import quotas. Basically it is "now or never" time for the following species: yellow fronted canary (*Serius mozambicus*) 6328, cutthroat (*Amadina fasciata*) 2600, zebra waxbill (*Amandava sibilava*) 450, common waxbill (*Estrilda astrild*) 600, lavender firefinch (*Estrilda caerulescens*) 900, orange-cheeked waxbill (*Estrilda melopoda*) 2920, black-rumped waxbill (*Estrilda troglodytes*) 4400, African waxbill (*Lagonostica rubricata*) 100, red-billed waxbill (*Lagonostica senegala*) 493, black and white mannikin (*Lonchura bicolor*) 162, bronze mannikin (*Lonchura cuculata*) 1000, white-throated munia (*Lonchura malabarica*) 1400, common quail finch (*Ortyzospiza atricollis*) 6, yellow-winged pytilia (*Pytilia hypogrammica*) 108, red-checked cordon bleu (*Uraeginthus bengalis*) 800, gray-headed sparrow (*Passer griseus*) 300, yellow-backed weaver (*Ploceus melanocephalus*) 1000, black-headed weaver (*Ploceus cucullatus*) 150, green indigobird or village indigobird (*Vidua chalybeata*) 400, and pintailed whydah (*Vidua macroura*) 1100. (Of these 20 species, only the red-checked cordon bleu is known to be the subject of a managed breeding program at this time. An AFA affiliated club, Arizona Aviculture Society, is working with the red-checked cordon bleu, St. Helena's waxbill and the gold-breasted waxbill. The latter two species appear to have zero quotas.)

These quotas apply to 20 of 77 finch species listed under CITES Appendix III (member Party has regulations within their country "for the purpose of preventing or restricting exploitation, and as needing the cooperation of other Parties in controlling trade"). The 57 species not listed here have import quotas of zero. In addition, there are 12 species on Appendix I (no international trade) all having zero quotas and 11 species on Appendix II (regulated international trade) all having zero quotas. It may already be too late to save these 80 species in American aviculture, due to relatively short lifespans. In most cases the birds are still plentiful where they have habitat remaining.

REGULATORY UPDATE - SOFTBILLS

The outlook for large softbills is even more dismal than finches. Only three species of toucans have quotas: *Rhamphastos sulphuratus* (3), *R. toco* (51) and *R.*

villulinus (78). Turacos, rollers, bustards, jays, hummingbirds and several other groups have zero quotas. Though most of these species are longer lived (thus a longer "breeding life") than the smaller finches and waxbills, with most of the larger softbills their future can only be based on birds already in the United States.

REGULATORY UPDATE - HOOKBILLS

Like finches and softbills, the import quotas on hookbills make no distinction between captive-bred or wild-caught birds, between birds imported for commercial purposes or imported for breeding programs. All 10 species covered by the immediate moratorium are hookbills: gold-capped conures, green-cheeked Amazons, double yellow-headed Amazons, Goffin's cockatoos, red-vented cockatoos, umbrella (white) cockatoos, lesser sulphur-crested cockatoos, chattering lories, grey-cheeked parakeets and Fischer's lovebirds. Gold-capped conures and both of the Amazons haven't been legal in international trade for several years now, the other seven species have been imported in substantial numbers. There may also be substantial populations present already of gold-capped conures as well as green-cheeked Amazons and double yellow-headed Amazons.

With the exceptions of the cockatiel and budgerigar, all hookbills are listed under one of the CITES appendices. Quotas exist for only those species imported in 1991 which are not covered by the immediate moratorium. There is no quota for blue-fronted Amazons since Argentina (the only country exporting them) has declared a moratorium on export. Most of the import quotas allowed under The Wild Bird Conservation Act are for hookbills. Since the quotas are based on 1991 imports and since virtually all parrots are listed on one of the three CITES appendices, this is the group of birds with quotas for the greatest variety of species. The quotas vary widely, from 1 Patagonian conure and 1 Finch's conure to 13,488 Quaker parakeets and 10,851 Congo greys. Twelve species of Amazons have quotas, but three are Appendix I species that cannot be imported for commercial purposes. Two macaw species, Buffon's and scarlet, have quotas even though they are on Appendix I. An additional five species of macaws have quotas. Eight species of cockatoos not covered by the immediate moratorium have import quotas ranging from 3 Leadbeaters to 197 DuCorps.

Not all the species with quotas will be imported, nor will the species necessarily be imported in the amounts allowed by the quotas. The fact that the quota allows two Cuban Amazons to be imported does not assure birds will be available somewhere to export. The existence of quotas for Appendix I species (no international trade) drives home the point that these quotas make no distinction between birds imported for breeding purposes or those imported for commercial purposes, between wild-caught birds or captive-bred birds.

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The Editor.

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was standing, trying to look innocent, with a very large bulge in his massive jaws, (he is a Bullmastiff). On retrieving the turtle it was found to have two large punctures where the dog's canines had gone through the shattered shell. She pulled through enough to lay eggs but still has large broken patches on the upper and lower shells, and for this reason I always felt sorry for her - until now.

Science marches on. Add birds to the diet of (ex) harmless box turtles.

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NFS SHOW RESULTS 1992

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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 schedule.

Entries	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
20-29	3	2	1							
30-39	4	3	2	1						
40-49	5	4	3	2	1					
50-59	6	5	4	3	2	1				
60-79	7	6	5	4	3	2	1			
80-99	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1		
100-119	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
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
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Column headings for this report are as follows:

Points	Exhibitor	Species	NFS Band # & year
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OCTOBER

BADGER CANARY FANCIERS

6 exhibitors

Brian Mandarich, Judge

59 entries

6	John & Jane Muscato	Normal Zebra Cock	
5	Liana Lada	Chocolate & White Society Cock	
4	Sue Feldsteinn	Normal Gouldian Cock	
3	John & Jane Muscato	White Java Cock	
2	Frank Ornelas	Normal Shafttail	
1	John & Jane Muscato	White Java Hen	

HEARTLAND CANARY & FINCH

14 exhibitors

Kenneth Gunby, Judge

82 entries

8	Jeff Johnson	CFW Zebra Hen	
7	Ute & Bernie Nauheimer	Dilute Blue Gouldian Cock	
6	Jim & Carolee Johnson	Fawn & White Society	'92 D 8482
5	Shirley Landkamer	White Zebra	
4	Jim Leach	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu Cock	
3	Ute & Bernie Nauheimer	Normal Gouldian Cock	
2	Ute & Bernie Nauheimer	Chocolate & White Society	
1	Pat Gaster	Aurora	

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CAGE BIRD CLUB

13 exhibitors

Martha Wigmore, Judge

80 entries

8	Rick Szlachta	Self Chocolate Society	'91 D 1963
7	S. Funk & P. Smith	Tri-color Nun	
6	J. & J. Eckman	Normal Shafttail	
5	Woody's Bird Farm	Pekin Robin	
4	Woody's Bird Farm	Rainbow Bunting Hen	
3	Pat & Mary Krichten	Chocolate & White Society	'92 E 472
2	Miki Soarzak	Melba Cock	
1	Pat & Mary Krichten	Normal Shafttail	'92 C 132

CAPITOL CITY BIRD SOCIETY

20 exhibitors

Brenda Geesey, Judge

182 entries

12	Dixie & Alvin Lea	Quail Finch Pair	
11	Dixie & Alvin Lea	Red-eared Waxbill	
10	Anita Lujan	Cherry Finch	
9	Claudia Salo	Red-headed Gouldian	
8	Dixie & Alvin Lea	Cuban Melodious	
7	Ed & Sharon Johnson	Combassou	
6	Earl Kiser	Parson	

5	Dixie & Alvin Lea	Black-cheeked Waxbill	
4	Dixie & Alvin Lea	Fawn Society	
3	Mel Senna	CFW Zebra	
CT ASSN. FOR AVICULTURE (CAFA)		Dr. Al Decoteau, Judge	
13	exhibitors	81 entries	
8	Lynn Hahn	Indian Hill Mynah	
7	Jan Thomas	Shafttail	'92 C 2951
6	Chester Kolodzieczyk	Cherry Finch	
5	Chester Kolodzieczyk	Blue-capped Cordon Blue	
4	Chester Kolodzieczyk	Spice Finch	
3	Chris Voronovitch	Parrot Finch	
2	Frank Retano	European Goldfinch	
1	Dianna Smith	Zebra Hen	
SUNCOAST AVIAN SOCIETY		Roddy Gabel, Judge	
9	exhibitors	64 entries	
7	Stephen Hoppin	Pintail Nonpariel	'91 D 3649
6	Stephen Hoppin	Fire Finch	
5	Stephen Hoppin	Yellow-faced Star	'91 D 9245
4	Ken Miller	Red-headed Gouldian	
3	Dafe Laird	Shafttail	
2	Jerri Wiesenfeld	Java	'90 K 463
1	Stephen Hoppin	Melba Hen	
MOTOR CITY BIRD BREEDERS		Earl Courts, Judge	
10	exhibitors	75 entries	
7	Catherine & David Wiegele	Cuban Olive	
6	Patrick Vance	Orange-cheeked Waxbill	
5	Karen Kanine	Normal Zebra	2460
4	Patrick Vance	Shafttail	C 35
3	Catherine & David Wiegele	Fawn & White society	
2	Patrick Vance	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu	
1	Catherine & David Wiegele	White Java	K 464
TENNESSEE CAGE BIRD CLUB		Jon Hoffman, Judge	
6	exhibitors	43 entries	
5	Marvin & Tina Yoder	Parson Finch	
4	Marvin & Tina Yoder	Pallid-headed Nun	
3	Marvin & Tina Yoder	Melba Finch	
2	Marvin & Tina Yoder	Fire Finch	

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CANADIAN NATIONAL SHOW		Cecil Gunby, Judge	
<u>No report submitted.</u>			
OKLAHOMA CAGF BIRD SOCIETY		Harold Bowles, Judge	
11 exhibitors		60 entries	
7	June & Gene Miller	Fire Finch	'92 B 2
6	June & Gene Miller	Diamond Sparrow	'92 D 87
5	Doug Paris	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu	
4	June & Gene Miller	CFW Zebra	'90 D 171B
3	Larry Wilson	Red-headed Gouldian	
2	Jaunice Clem	Fawn Zebra Hen	'92 D 79
1	June & Gene Miller	Black-headed Gouldian	'91 D 146
SOCIETY OF CANARY & FINCH BREEDERS		Brenda Geasey, Judge	
		57 entries	
6	Patrick Vance	African Silverbill	
5	Patrick Vance	Shafttail	'92 C 35
4	Patrick Vance	Cinnamon Java	
3	Patrick Vance	Cherry Finch	
2	Patrick Vance	CFW Zebra	
1	MaryLou Terwilliger	Normal Java	'92 K 64B
FRESNO CANARY & FINCH CLUB		Clarence Culwell	
13 exhibitors		173 entries	
12	Claudio Salo	Red-headed Gouldian	
11	Dixie & Alvin Lea	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu	
10	Dixie & Alvin Lea	Pekin Robin	
9	Bill Novickas	Normal Zebra	'92 D 2904
8	Dixie & Alvin Lea	Fischer's Whydah	
7	Louis Burgess	Red Siskin	
6	Cathy Knight	Chocolate & White Society	
5	Anita Lujan	Orange-cheeked Waxbill	
4	Bill Novickas	Cherry Finch	'92 D 1830
3	Anita Lujan	Red-headed Finch	
GOLD COAST		Kenneth Gunby, Judge	
9 exhibitors		87 entries	
8	Phillip Barth	Melba Female	
7	George Figuerola	Orange-headed Gouldian	

6	Felipe Bonilla	Normal Zebra	'92 4645
5	Stephen Hoppin	Pintailed Nonpariel	'91 3649
4	Stephen Hoppin	Normal Shafttail	'92 811
3	Sarah Stuart	Society	
2	John Dapas	White-breasted Gouldian	
1	Stephen Hoppin	Melba Cock	

S. CALIF. FINCH & HOOKBILL SHOW
6 exhibitors
Marty Von Raesfeld, Judge
37 entries

4	Kay & Orgil McVay	Senegal Fire Finch	
3	Greg Aden	Normal Shafttail	
2	Carol Mewissen	Pair Star Finches	
1	Rita Holmes	Chocolate Society	

NOVEMBER

S. CALIF. FINCH & HOOKBILL SHOW
11 exhibitors
Dr. Al Decoteau, Judge
46 entries

5	Greg Aden	Shafttail	
4	Kay & Orgil McVay	Lavender Waxbill	
3	Greg Aden	Pair Masked Grassfinches	
2	Rita Holmes	Fawn & White Society	
1	Kay & Orgil McVay	Timor Sparrow	

GREATER CHICAGO CAGE BIRD CLUB
15 exhibitors
Martha Wigmore, Judge
72 entries

7	Bob & Sue Rahe	Lavender Waxbill	
6	Catherine Wiegele	Cuban Olive	
5	Patrice Ripple	Cream Society	'92 E 2537
4	Jane & John Muscato	White Java	
3	Patrice Ripple	Chocolate & White Society	'92 E 2560
2	Pamela Barnak	Button Quail Hen	
1	Jane & John Muscato	Normal Zebra Cock	

MISSOURI CAGE BIRD SHOW
9 exhibitors
Earl Courts, Judge
100 entries

9	Virginia Patrick	Chestnut Self Society	
8	Tom Rood	Pair Normal Zebras	'87 C 302 & '91 C 3119
7	Tom Rood	Normal Zebra Cock	'92 D 4752
6	Dennis Burhans	Normal Shafttail	'91 C 960
5	Jim Leach	White Java	
4	Virginia Patrick	Green Singing Finch	'91 C 511

3	Jean Nicholson	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu	
2	Virginia Patrick	Ringnecked Dove	
1	Tom Rood	CFW Zebra	'91 D 3126
ROSE CITY		Dr. Al Decoteau	
15 exhibitors		35 entries	
4	Susan Atkins	Red-headed Goufd	
3	Shirley Perkins	Owl Finch	
2	Shirley Perkins	Black-headed Goufd	
1	Tamara Strumquist	African Silverbill	
ASTORIA BIRD CLUB		William Parlee, Judge	
14 exhibitors		78 entries	
7	Juan Almanzar	Blue-bodied Gouldian	
6	D. Freitaso	Goldfinch	
5	Dasso Maharaj	Black-cheeked Waxbill	
4	E. Drakes	Black-headed Green Siskin	
3	Juan Almanzar	Red-headed Parrot Finch	
2	Zizan A's	Shafttail	
1	Juan Almanzar	Silver Gouldian	
GREATER PITTSBURGH CAGE BIRD		Brenda Geesey, Judge	
18 exhibitors		76 entries	
7	Pat & Mary Krichten	Normal Java	
6	Pat & Mary Krichten	Cherry Finch	'92 C 121
5	Pat & Mary Krichten	Orange-headed Gouldian Hen	'92 E 636
4	Pat & Mary Krichten	Indian Silverbill	'92 C 123
3	Marvin Yoder	African Silverbill	
2	Kathy DeLuca	Red-cheeked Cordon Bleu	
1	Pat & Mary Krichten	Chocolate & White Society	'92 E 472
ROCKY MOUNTAIN SOC. AVIC.		Clayton Jones, Judge	
12 exhibitors		44 entries	
5	Julie Kern	Red-headed Gouldian	
4	Terri McAuliffe	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu	
3	Dave & Debby Steele	Silver Zebra	
2	Terri McAuliffe	Diamond Sparrow	
1	Dave & Debby Steele	Gordon Bleu	
TEXAS BIRD BREEDERS		Clarence Culwell, Judge	
4 exhibitors		25 entries	

3	Jim Hulsey	Bamboo Parrot Finch	
2	Sandy & Frank Hudson	Masked Grassfinch	
1	Jim Hulsey	Blue-faced Parrot Finch	

MID-MICHIGAN BIRD CLUB	Roddy Gabel, Judge
4 exhibitors	37 entries

4	Patrick Vance	Owl Finch	
3	Karen Kanine	Normal Zebra	'89 2460
2	Mary Lou Terwilliger	Pair Pied Zebras	'91 4857 & '92 4200
1	Patrick Vance	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu	

SAN DIEGO BIRD SHOW	Brian Binns, Judge
	52 entries

6	Kay & Greg McVay	Pearl-headed Silverbill	
5	Greg Aden	Normal Shafttail	
4	Bill Novickas	Pair Zebras	'92 12943 & '92 12968
3	L. Buzan & J. Phoenix Smith	Emerald Toucanette	
2	Kay & Greg McVay	Red-headed Parrot Finch	
1	Bill Novickas	Normal Zebra Cock	'92 12904

GEORGIA CAGE BIRD SOCIETY	Paul Williams, Judge
<u>No report submitted.</u>	

DELAWARE VALLEY BIRD CLUB	Roddy Gable, Judge
	66 entries

7	Stephen Funk & Roy Smith	Tri-color Nun	
6	Pat & Mary Krichten	Java	
5	Rick Szlachta	St. Helena	
4	Rick Szlachta	Self Chocolate Society	1963
3	Pat & Mary Krichten	Cherry Finch	'92 C 121
2	Pat & Mary Krichten	Red-headed Gouldian	'92 C 2312
1	Woody's Bird Farm	Rainbow Bunting	

MID-WEST CAGE BIRD CLUB	Conrad Meinert, Judge
8 exhibitors	81 entries

8	Patrick Vance	Shafttail	'92 C 35
7	Susan & Robert Rahe	Violet-eared Waxbill	
6	Patrick Vance	Cinnamon Java	
5	Patrice Ripple	Chocolate & White Society	'92 E 2542
4	Patrick Vance	White-breasted Gouldian	D 1385

3	Patrick Vance	Fawn Zebra Hen	
2	Patrick Vance	African Silverbill	
1	Catherine & David Wiegele	Gold-breasted Bunting	
ROCHESTER CAGE BIRD CLUB		Clarence Culwell, Judge	
8 exhibitors		58 entries	
6	Barb Whiteford	St. Helena	
5	Barb Whiteford	Diamond Sparrow	'92 838
4	Barb Whiteford	Melba	
3	Barb Whiteford	Star Finch	'92 482
2	Vicki Steffenhagen	Zebra	
1	Vicki Steffenhagen	Red-headed Finch	
GOLDEN GATE		Clayton Jones, Judge	
12 exhibitors		133 entries	
10	Richard Pizzurro	Parson	
9	Kay & Orgil McVay	Timor Sparrow	
8	Dixie & Alvin Lea	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu	
7	Claudio Safo	Red-headed Gouldian	
6	Dixie & Alvin Lea	White-hooded Nun	
5	Cathy Knight	Pekin Robin	
4	Dixie & Alvin Lea	Red-eared Waxbill	
3	Dixie & Alvin Lea	Cuban Melodious	
2	Kay & Orgil McVay	Red-headed Parrot Finch	
1	Dixie & Alvin Lea	Rufous Weaver	
EXOTIC BIRD CLUB OF FLORIDA		Kenneth Gunby, Judge	
11 exhibitors		115 entries	
9	Dale Laird	Normal Shafttail	
8	Stephen Hoppin	Melba Cock	
7	Stephen Hoppin	Pintail Nonpariel	'91 D 12065
6	Mark & Carol Runyon	Indian Hill Mynah	
5	Stephen Hoppin	Melba Hen	
4	Cedar Hill Birds	Chocolate & White Society	
3	Stephen Hoppin	Fire Finch	
2	Jerri Wiesenfeld	White-headed Nun	
1	John Dapas	Crimson Pileated	
SANTA CLARA VALLEY C. & E. B.C.		Marty Von Raesfeld	
16 exhibitors		151 entries	
11	Cathy Knight	Owl Finch	

10	Dixie & Alvin Lea	Blue-capped Cordon Bleu
9	Mr. & Mrs. John Wyles	Pekin Robin
8	Dixie & Alvin Lea	Rufous Weaver
7	Anita Lujan	Penguin Zebra
6	Cathy Knight	Chocolate & White Society
5	Dixie & Alvin Lea	White Hooded Nun
4	Ed & Sharon Johnson	Combassou
3	Cathy Knight	Bishop Weaver Hen
2	Cathy Knight	Pekin Robin

NEW ENGLAND FINCH FANCIERS
24 exhibitors

Stephen Hoppin, Judge
140 entries

11	Pat & Mary Krichten	St. Helena Waxbill	'92 A 96
10	Brad & Deb Clark	Red-headed Parrot Finch	
9	Pat & Mary Krichten	Melba	
8	Chris Voronovitch	White Java	'91 K 05
7	Pat & Mary Krichten	Red-headed Gouldian	'90 D 2312
6	Pat & Mary Krichten	Chocolate & White Society	'88 E 2262
5	Dianna Smith	Pair Fawn Zebras	'91 D 9345 & '91 D 2671
4	Miki Spartzak	Melba cock	
3	Lynn Hahn	Indian Hill Mynah	
2	Pat & Mary Krichten	Normal Java	

NATIONAL CAGE BIRD SHOW
35 exhibitors

Brian Binns, Judge
217 entries

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8	Clarence Culwell	Pied Zebra
7	Jake Hoekstra	Fawn Zebra
6	Patrick Vance	Cinnamon Java
5	Cathy Wiegeler	Cuban Melodious
4	Virginia Patrick	Ringnecked Dove

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3	Julio Mateo	Silver Gouldian
2	Alfredo Brugueras	Parson Finch
1	Alfredo Brugueras	Star Finch

GENETICS 1

Robert E. Cruce

Basic genetics is fairly straightforward and many articles and books have been written about it. However, Brenda heard that I had written an article several years ago on some basic aspects of the subject and asked me if she could reprint it. So I have taken the liberty of updating that article for publication here. The most important thing to remember is to go slowly, being careful to be both logical and methodical. Perform one step at a time.

The first item to learn is the most basic: the characteristics of dominant versus recessive. This principle means that we are considering two different traits which will overpower or mask the other; the stronger trait is called dominant and the weaker, recessive. For our first example we are going to consider the characteristic of pied, and we are going to say that pied is recessive. If pied is recessive then it will be dominated by non-pied, or normal. We need a system by which we can represent these qualities, so we are going to use letters and later a device called the Punnett Square. In genetics it is the practice to refer to the dominant factor or quality by an upper-case or capitalized letter, so we will call normal "N." The recessive quality is then designated by the same letter, but in lower-case, so we must symbolize pied with "n." It is not significant what letter(s) you use, as long as you are consistent and, more importantly, you remember what the letter stands for. If you find it difficult to remember that N = normal and n = pied, then it is perfectly acceptable to designate P as normal and p as pied, but upper-case must be dominant and lower-case, recessive.

In genetics because of the meiosis process (sex cell division), it takes two of something to represent a single trait; therefore NN will signify a normal bird and nn will symbolize a pied bird. During the process of meiosis, the chromosome pair separate, with each single chromosome going to a reproductive cell; then in the process of fertilization one chromosome from each parent is united to form the new individual. If we have not shown the particular quality or factor being discussed with two letters, then we have no way of showing the separation and uniting. This process is the

reason that we say an offspring gets half of its genetic makeup from each parent. (It is not necessary for you to learn all the fancy terms that are associated with genetics, but I will provide some of them and then you can remember whatever you need.)

The NN bird and the nn bird are called homozygous because the gene pair each bird carries is genetically the same: both genes are dominant or both genes are recessive. NN and nn are their genotype, which is their genetic combination. Their appearance is called phenotype. Keep in mind here that a recessive factor, as evidenced by its very name, must be present in a double dose in order to be visible; otherwise it's always going to be overpowered by the dominant trait. Sometimes the genotype and phenotype will be the same. In other words, the NN bird is genetically homozygous and also looks normal; the nn bird is genetically homozygous and also looks pied.

So this brings us then to the third possible combination and that is the "split" or "carrier" bird and we will represent it with the letters "Nn"; written out this combination is usually expressed normal/pied. What can we observe about it? Visually it is normal, its phenotype is normal, but genetically it is heterozygous; it carries the factor for pied, but is not itself pied. Its phenotype and genotype are not the same. The bird appears normal, because normal dominates. If we did not know the genetic history of this bird we would not be able to guess its genotype. (Now I know that there are certain breeds of birds, i.e. cockatiel, which may manifest a visual characteristic of pied, and I have been with expert champion canary breeders who were able to distinguish carrier birds, but we are discussing the general rule and the novice here, not the exception or the champion pro.)

How would we ever be able to determine the genetic makeup of a bird whose genetic history was unknown to us? The answer is sample breeding, and that brings us to our next phase. If the genetic history is unknown, only by test breeding can we eventually determine the bird's genotype. The results of what the bird can produce may not become visible in just one breeding; the predicted offspring are the results of multiple pairings and represent ratios.

From the above mentioned factors, normal and pied, there are six possible breeding combinations: NN x NN (normal x normal), NN x Nn (normal x normal/pied), Nn x Nn (normal/pied x normal/pied), Nn x nn (normal/pied x pied), NN x nn (normal x pied), and nn x nn (pied x pied). From these six combinations we can represent all the possible offspring we can produce from such pairings. Remember here also that we are discussing breeding genotypes. If we consider phenotype or actual appearance, then the first three breeding combinations listed above will appear visually as normal x normal, and the next two will appear visually as normal x pied; only the first one and the last one are the same both in genotype and phenotype. Let's review that principle again. What a bird looks like (his phenotype) is not always the same as his genetic combinations (his genotype).

Okay, let's work some of the above pairings. If we pair NN x NN (normal x normal), we can produce only (NN) normal chicks. Let's use this as our first example for the Punnett Square. We will put one parent across the top and the other parent down the side; then in each of the four blank squares or windows, we will put one letter from each parent (See Table 1). We have reproducing on paper the mechanics of meiosis by separating the two letters across the top and side, and the mechanics of fertilization by recombining the two letters in each square.

Now let's work through the pairing of NN x nn (normal x pied) (See Table 2). We can show just how carriers or splits can actually

	N	N
N	NN	NN
N	NN	NN

Table 1:
Normal (NN) x
Normal (NN)

	n	n
N	Nn	Nn
N	Nn	Nn

Table 2:
Normal (N) x Pied (n)

be produced.

Remember that these resulting offspring will appear to be normal, but genetically they will all carry the recessive gene for pied. They are represented by the letters Nn (normal/pied); their phenotype is normal, but they are heterozygous; they look normal but they carry or are split for pied. This is a good pairing combination, because even though it will not produce pied, it will produce very predictable genetic results. We will know the exact results, every time.

Okay, let's try another pairing; we'll breed Nn x Nn (normal/pied x normal/pied) or stated another way: carrier to carrier, split to split (See Table 3).

This combination will produce some peds (nn) in an expected ratio of 1 to 4, but it is not a terribly good pairing because it also produces both normal (NN) and normal/pied (Nn), which we can not distinguish visually. Many times we have to use less than favorable pairing combinations, because it is all we have to work with.

	N	n
N	NN	Nn
n	Nn	nn

Table 3:
Normal/Pied (Nn)
x
Normal/Pied (Nn)

We have tried three of the possible combinations here; the other three are: Nn x nn (normal/pied x pied -- a good combination, why?); NN x Nn (normal x normal/pied -- a poor combination, why?); and nn x nn (pied x pied -- a totally predictable pairing, but not always a good one, why?). I would like to give you the chance to work out these problems. I will include the answers, the Punnett Square solution, and comments. The editor may choose to print them in the newsletter in a different location or in the next newsletter.

Let's talk about some other traits and how we might represent them. Crest is a factor which we find in some birds and it is usually a dominant trait. We can represent the crest factor by "C"

and the non-crest (also called by many other names in birds; plainhead, crestbred, consort, smoothhead) as "c." The bird exhibiting a crest would be expressed by "CC" or "Cc," and the normal or non-crest as "cc." The crest is an interesting trait, because it is considered by some as a "lethal" factor. This means that when it appears in a double dose, the chicks are born dead or die shortly after hatching. I do not believe this has been proved; however, it is universally accepted that the double crest factor produces very poor, ill-formed or double crests.

If we wish to check any of the crested pairings, we only have to put them on the square.

First, pairing "Cc" to "Cc" will produce crest chicks 3 to 1, but of the three crested chicks one will be double factor, and therefore is a combination which should be avoided (See Table 4).

In another example, pairing "cc" to "cc" will never produce any crests because there is no crest gene to manifest itself. (See Table 5).

The appropriate genetic combination for good breeding results is "Cc" paired to "cc". This combination will produce a 50/50 ratio of crested and non-crested chicks (See Table 6).

I remember several years ago being in the house of a well-known breeder who was proudly showing off a particular type of bird with a dominant/recessive factor to a novice. When asked by the novice if breeding carrier to carrier would ever produce a recessive chick,

	C	c
C	CC	Cc
c	Cc	cc

Table 4:
Crested/Non-crested (Cc)
x
Crested/Non-crested (Cc)

	c	c
c	cc	cc
c	cc	cc

Table 5:
Non-crested (cc) x
Non-crested (cc)

the pro told the novice, "No. You will only produce more carriers." Is that correct?

This should be enough for our first lesson. As mentioned earlier, the answers to questions and proposed problems will appear on a different page or in a later newsletter. If you have breeding combinations which you would like to suggest, why not send them in? If I have made mistakes, which I undoubtedly will soon or later, then please point them out and we can use them as another learning process. Good Luck.

	c	c
C	Cc	Cc
c	cc	cc

Table 6:
Crested/Non-crested (Cc)
x Non-crested (cc)

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ANSWERS AND COMMENTS TO GENETICS 1

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The next pairing on the list was $Nn \times nn$ (normal/pied \times pied) (See Table 1).

This combination is considered to be the absolute best pairing for several reasons. First, it is very predictable; it will produce birds with both the recessive factor and (normal appearing) carriers in a ratio of 1:1. It is immaterial that they are normal in appearance, but it is important that they are carriers. All the normal appearing birds will be carriers, and these carriers are essential in a well-maintained breeding program. If you keep records, then you will know exactly who your carriers are. Logic tells us why these carriers are so necessary; this pairing combination is the best method for both producing recessives (in this case peds) and still maintaining physical strength in the birds. Generally the repeated breeding of recessive trait to recessive trait will result in loss of size and physical stamina.

The next proposed pairing was $NN \times Nn$ (normal \times normal/pied) (See Table 2).

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	n	n
N	Nn	Nn
n	nn	nn

Table 1:
Normal/Pied (Nn) \times
Pied (nn)

	N	n
N	NN	Nn
N	NN	Nn

Table 2:
Normal (NN) \times
Normal/Pied (Nn)

This combination is the least favorable. You will produce normals and carriers in a ratio of 1:1, but in phenotype (appearance) they will all be the same and there is no good way of determining who they are. This pairing really accomplishes nothing. For our purposes, this example shows how a recessive trait can stay hidden through many generations, and only manifest itself when it is accidentally paired to another carrier.

The last pairing in the list of six possible combinations was $nn \times nn$ (pied \times pied) (See Table 3).

This pairing will of course produce all piers and is therefore very predictable. Pied mated to pied can only produce pied. However, as stated above, this mating should not be repeated often, since it will weaken the line.

	n	n
n	nn	nn
n	nn	nn

Table 3:
Pied (nn) \times Pied (nn)

The "champion breeder's" answer to the novice's question about breeding carrier to carrier is absolutely wrong. As demonstrated by the third example in the original article ($Nn \times Nn$ - normal/pied \times normal/pied), the combination of birds will produce one fourth piers. The ration is 1:2:1 -- one normal, 2 carriers, one pied. Again this mating is not the best, because the normal and carrier are going to look exactly alike. Their genotype is different but their phenotype will be the same.

In order for any genetic study to be of any practical use, you must be willing to keep very detailed records. Then, to apply that knowledge in your breeding program, you must cull the unnecessary and ineffective birds.

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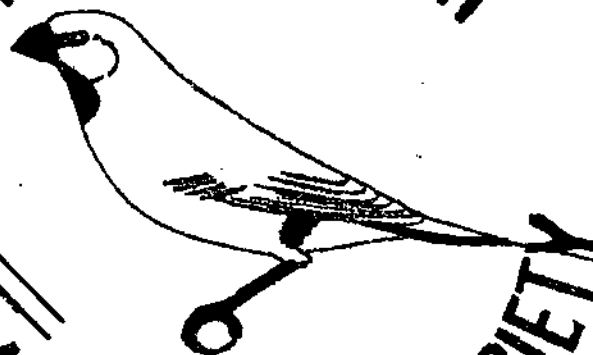
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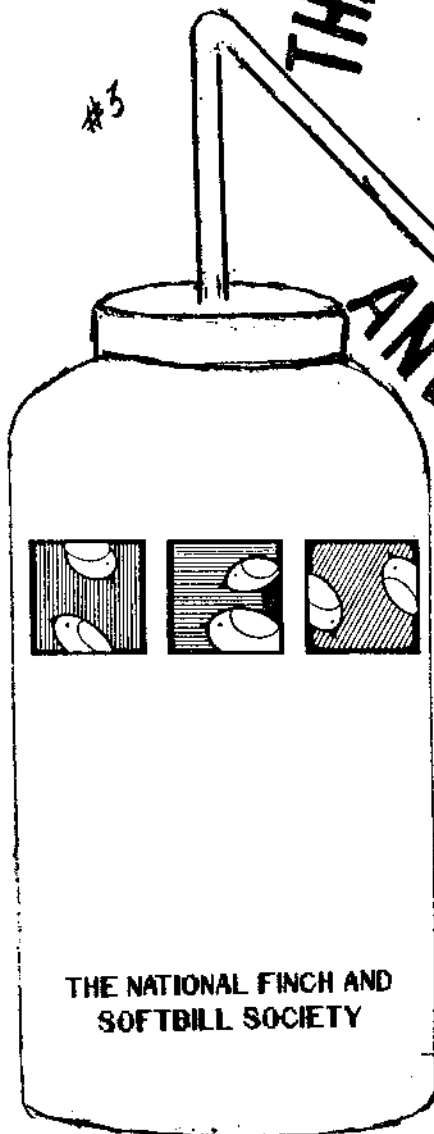
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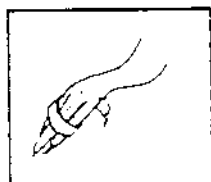
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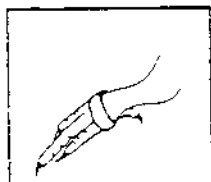
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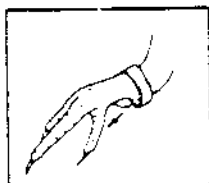
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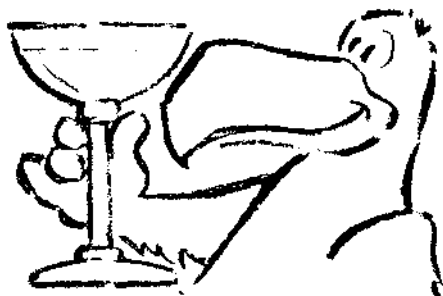
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