

# Early Registration Encouraged for the 1981 Convention

San Diego — August 5th through 9th

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

WHOLE CONVENTION registration includes the 5 days of lectures, workshops and roundtables; also lunch on Friday and the Banquet dinner with entertainment Saturday evening.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY registration includes the workshops, lectures and roundtable on Saturday and Sunday, also the Banquet dinner and entertainment Saturday evening.

VETERINARY SEMINAR is a separate program that begins Saturday noon and continues through Sunday.

Convention registration does not include hotel accommodations or individual aviary and park tours that are also available.

	Before May 15th	After May 15th
Whole Convention, Wednesday through Sunday	\$65.00 per person	\$90.00 per person
Saturday & Sunday Convention	\$50.00 per person	\$75.00 per person
Veterinary Seminar	\$105.00 per person	\$130.00 per person
Whole Convention and Veterinary Seminar	\$155.00 per person	\$200.00 per person

If you are an AFA member, watch for your complete convention packet soon to be mailed. If you are not on the current membership list, write to AFA, P.O. Box 327, El Cajon, CA 92022 for information. The complete convention packet will be mailed to you. Everyone is welcome!

## 1981 ANNUAL RAFFLE

For the last two years I have had the pleasure of contacting potential donors for the A.F.A. annual raffle. Yes, I said pleasure because I really enjoy visiting with bird people up and down the west coast. Of course not everyone agrees to give, but a surprisingly large percentage of the people contacted are willing to donate to the raffle year after year with very little publicity or fanfare. I'm sure that they feel as I do—that without the A.F.A. we aviculturists would stand very little chance of coping with the various State and Federal restrictions and impositions on aviculture.

This year, for the first time, the A.F.A. is going to recognize the raffle donors with some modest honors. First, if possible, their names will be listed in the convention program. Next, their names will be displayed in the A.F.A. booth, and finally, the donors will each be given a small badge of appreciation that can be worn on the lapel.

To you who have already donated this

year, thank you. Those of you who want to donate but have not been contacted please call the A.F.A. Home Office and you'll receive proper directions.

R.V. Smith  
Assistant to Raffle  
Chairman, West Coast.

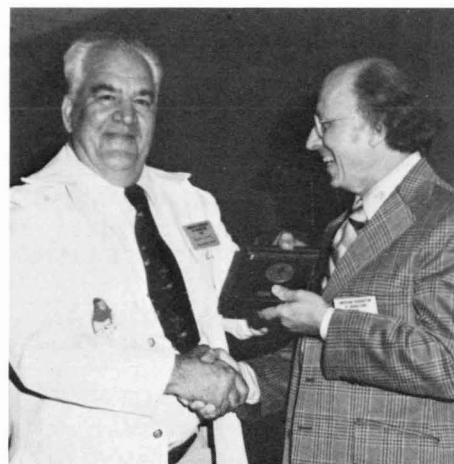
Here's a small sampling of what the raffle will be offering. A complete list of prizes will be published in the near future, along with ticket purchase and drawing information.

### FIRST PRIZE: Choice of:

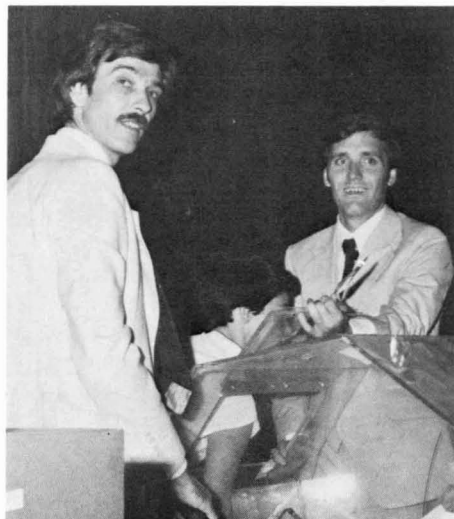
- Trip to England & Cash (from East Coast)
- Trip to Australia & cash (from West Coast)
- Hawaiian Vacation for two & Cash. (from West Coast)

2nd Prize—Blue & Gold Macaw

PLUS prs of Lories, Cockatoos, Rosellas and over 100 additional Live Birds and cash awards!



Raffle assistant, Ralph Smith, left, received a breeders Avy Award in 1978 from AFA president, Dr. Richard E. Baer.



Clifton Witt, left, aided raffle chairman, Tim Dable, during the very successful Las Vegas AFA convention raffle of 1980.

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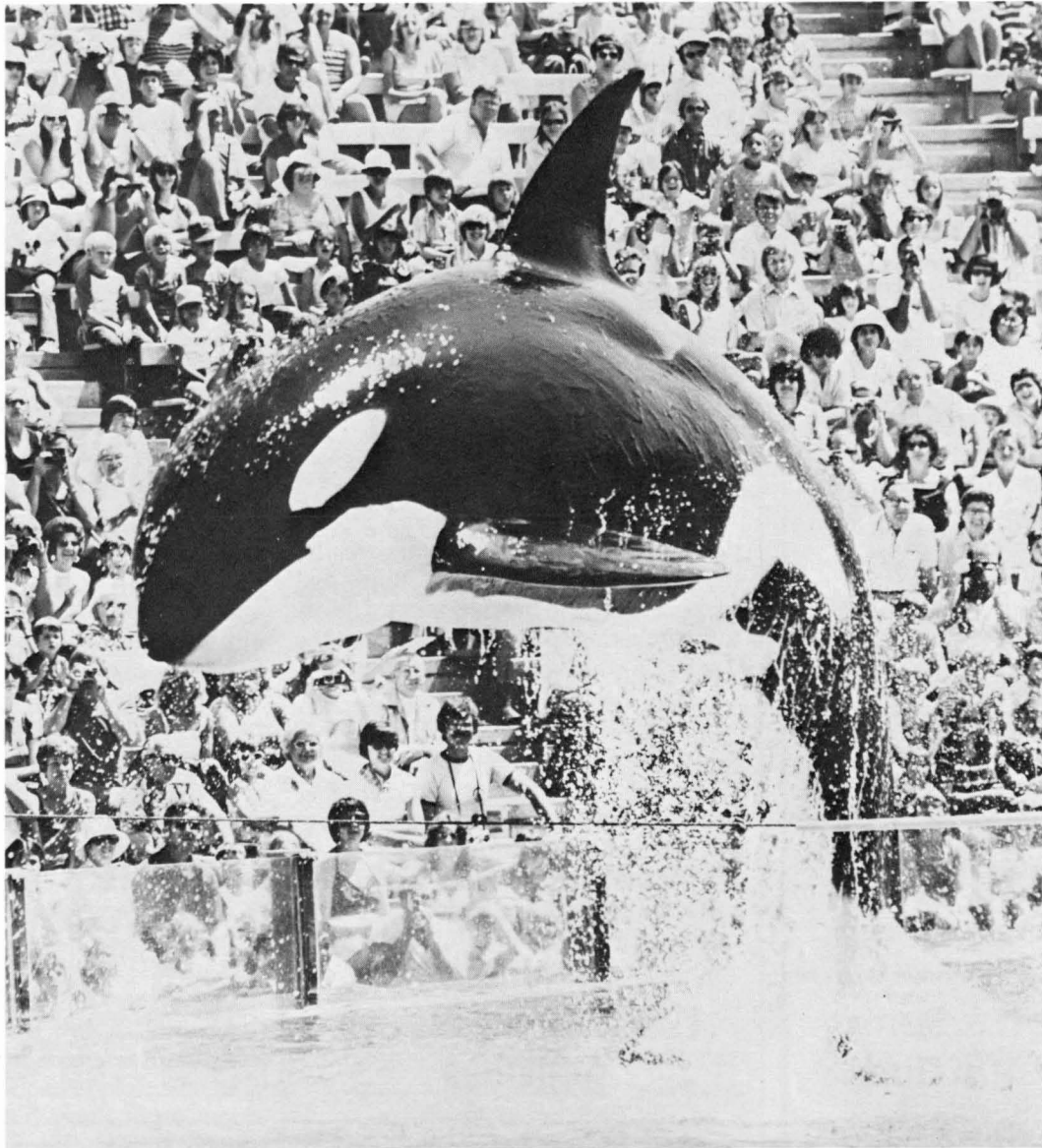


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*WHALE OF A JUMP—Shamu, a two ton killer whale is one of the star performers at Sea World, marine amusement park in Mission Bay, San Diego. Six major shows are given daily with performing seals, dolphins, penguins, and sea maids. Sea World also has a fine collection of water fowl. Don't miss this exciting tour scheduled in this year's convention program.*

## TOUR INFORMATION

- Behavioral Studies of Birds & Animals Ltd. owned by Gerald Schulman (includes lunch)  
Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. — \$10.00 per person
- North County Private Aviary Tours, including Wild Animal Park (includes box lunch)  
Friday, 12:00 noon — \$9.00 per person
- Wild Animal Park  
Friday, 5:00 p.m. — \$4.00 per person
- San Diego Zoo or Sea World  
Sunday, 11:00 a.m. — \$2.00 per person

Free admittance to all parks with convention badge.

Please indicate the tours you prefer and include remittance with registration fee. Once the number of buses is filled for

the private aviary tours, no more reservations will be accepted, so register early to get the tours of your choice.

## 1981 PHOTO CONTEST

Shutter bugs take notice of the 1981 photo contest application form on the inside front brown cover wrapper. Have you taken any great photos lately? Be sure to enter them! All entries will be displayed at the convention. Some of the fine work of past winners is shown in this issue. The front cover is a 1st place 1980 winner. The back cover is a special merit win-

ner from 1979. Page 21 is a 1980 special merit winner, and the work of 1978 1st place winner, Dan Martin, is featured on pages 35 and 38.

We are eagerly looking forward to the exciting new works of photo artists entering this 1981 contest, both past winners and new, yet to be discovered winners!

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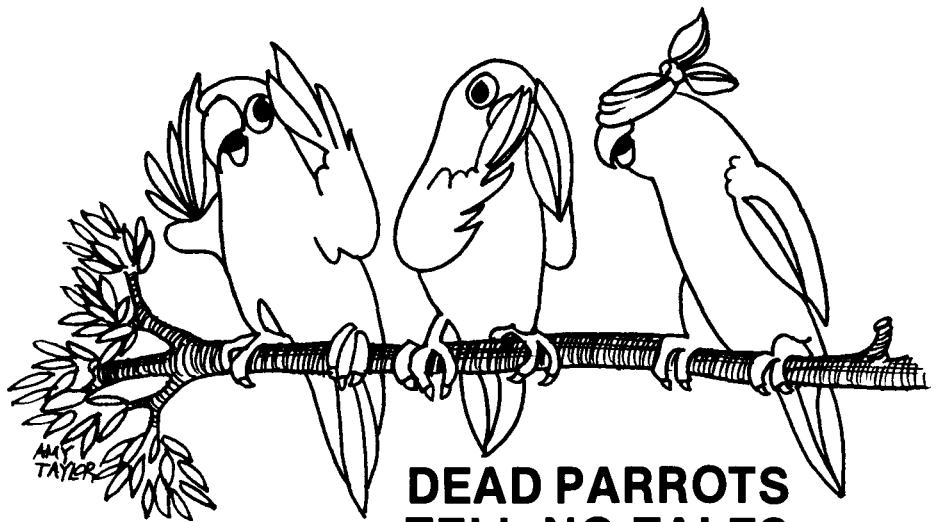
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## DEAD PARROTS TELL NO TALES

Parrots in general have quite a reputation for talking. Some people, apparently, think that parrots can observe, think, and speak on par with human beings. Unfortunately in this case that myth caused the death of a wholly innocent parakeet.

The Washington Post reports that a young woman was found in her apartment

beaten and strangled to death. Nearby they also found her pet budgie decapitated. The police theorize that the killer was afraid the budgie could identify him and would tell the police.

Despite the absence of the potential "stool pigeon" the police were able to apprehend a 20 year old man and charge him with the crime •

## Exotic Newcastle Eradication Highlights 1980 Animal Health Activities

Eradication of two major outbreaks of exotic Newcastle disease in pet birds highlighted animal health activities of the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 1980.

According to Pierre A. Chaloux, deputy administrator for USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service — the agency responsible for fighting animal diseases — both outbreaks were eliminated before there was any spread to commercial poultry.

The first outbreak occurred in April and required the destruction of 2,100 birds at 120 locations in 13 states and the District of Columbia. The second diagnosed in September. Before it was eliminated, more than 30,000 exotic cage birds had to be destroyed at some 550 locations in 45 states.

Cost of eradicating the two outbreaks was about \$2.8 million.

"But it was worth it," Chaloux said. "If this foreign disease became established in this country it would cost the poultry industry — and, ultimately, consumers — an estimated \$400 million a year."

## Indigo Macaw Discovered

by Jack Clinton Eitniear  
McAllen, Texas

Up to 21 Indigo Macaws (*Anodorhynchus leari*) were seen in one flock during December of 1978. The macaws were discovered by a team lead by Helmut Sick, Dante Martins Teixeira and Luis A. Pedreira Gonzasa who were working under the auspices of the Museu Nacional, Rio De Janerio. Funded by the World Wildlife Fund the complete writeup on the expedition was published in *American Birds* Vol. 34 no. 2 pages 118-119, 212, 1980.

Since Forshaws (Second Edition) was printed prior to discovery it describes little regarding the range and habits of *A. leari*. The following is a summary of the findings for your library. You are encouraged to obtain a copy of the published manuscript for a more complete documentation.

Species: Indigo Macaw (*Anodorhynchus leari*)

Range: Northeastern Bahia, Brazil in the Raso de Catarina region.

Diet: Observed feeding on the small nuts of the Licuri Palm (*Coccoloba sp.*).

Habits: Roosted and nested along and within the eroded canyon walls that make up the Raso de Catarina.

Additional: One specimen was collected (16 January 1979) an adult male, now in a museum collection in the Museu Nacional, Rio •

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