

# *AFA in action...* **NEWS and VIEWS**

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## **California Legislative Update on AB3397**

*by Laurella Desborough, California Legislative Liaison*

During the past months since AB3397 was introduced into the California legislative process, many aviculturists and other interested persons have taken the trouble to write and to call their state legislators and voice their opinions regarding this proposed study on imported exotic birds. Assemblyman Campbell's office received a lot of mail on this issue. His aide, Cindy Williams, has been most helpful in working with our AFA representative. Janet and Gary Lilienthal carefully crafted four amendments for this bill which would provide for a more balanced study of legally imported quarantined birds, the availability of captive-bred birds and the problem of a possible increase in smuggled birds if a ban on importation were in place. The four amendments proposed by AFA were accepted by those most responsible for originating the bill, Fund for Animals and Defenders of Wildlife. The California Department of Fish and Game requested changes in those amendments, on the basis of reducing costs. The Department of Fish and Game wanted to put the responsibility on the Advisory Committee for the discussion of availability of captive-bred birds and how that would relate to banning importation and how that would relate to smuggling. This would reduce the costs to the department for the study and place more responsibility on the Advisory Committee.

However, in the final days of the 1988 legislative session, AB3397 was passed in the Senate, but failed to pass on the Assembly floor, where it had been returned. This had nothing to do with the substance of the bill, but rather it lacked the votes to pass due to fiscal conservatism. The bill would have been funded out of the General Fund and the Republican side of the Assembly did not vote for passage.

What is the future for this piece of legislation? We must

wait and see. It could be reintroduced next year, but that is unlikely. Another possibility is that there will be a meeting of the various parties interested in this bill, including an AFA representative, to determine common interests, to learn more about our differences and, perhaps, to find a common ground where we can work together for birds.

## **Changes in Title 14. Regulations on Wildlife**

As required by AB1620 (Farr), Chapter 1019, Statutes of 1985, the Department of Fish and Game has submitted proposed amendments to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, regarding the importation, transportation and possession of wild animals. The proposed regulations were reviewed at two public hearings by the Department of Fish and Game.

As individual aviculturists heard about these amendments, concerns arose over whether or not the amendments would affect us and our birds. Both Jerry Jennings and Gary Lilienthal have reviewed these proposals. At this time the AFA has taken no official position on the proposed amendments because no new birds have been added to the list of prohibited birds. At present, only prohibited birds, either *detrimental birds* (such as Java rice birds, monk parakeets, etc.), or *welfare birds*, are affected by these regulations. Most of the birds kept by aviculturists are not affected by these regulations. Any prohibited wild bird must have a special permit for possession, transportation, etc. These proposed regulatory changes would affect anyone who owns a prohibited bird: skylarks, yellow hammers, cuckoos, crows, ravens, rooks, jackdaws, thrushes, black birds, starlings, mynahs, some sparrows, weavers, queleas, Java rice birds, Hawaiian rice birds, owls, bulbuls, fruit thrushes, white eyes, monk parakeets, and all species of falcons, eagles, hawks, and vultures except under conditions set forth in Section 670, Title 14.

### **Breeding Psittacines in Captivity Seminar**

Sunday, January 29, 1989  
Emeryville, California

### **All-Day Veterinary Seminar**

Sunday, February 26, 1989  
Lenox, Georgia

### **Avian Pediatrics Seminar**

Sunday, March 12, 1989  
Long Beach, California

# IN MEMORY OF... CAROL WHEELER



On September 1, 1988, AFA lost a very special friend. We mourn the passing of Virginia State Coordinator Carol Wheeler, who succumbed to a lingering illness. Thoughts of Carol are present in the minds and hearts of many of us who knew her as a tireless dynamo working for the many causes she believed in. She was continuously active in the AFA from its early years — making her last public appearance at the August '88 Tampa convention.

Carol was an active member of many bird clubs and societies in addition to AFA, to name a few: instrumental in helping found National Cockatiel Society and Bird Club of Virginia, past president of Loriidae Society and Maryland Cage Bird Society, present editor of Society of Parrot Breeders news bulletin, editor of National Capitol Bird Club's newsletter and past editor of Forpus Society newsletter. She was generous, dedicated and driven by a spirit of friendship and sense of accomplish-

ment. And yes — a bird breeder, too. She began bird-keeping activities with English budgies and lutino cockatiels, gradually expanding her interests to at least 16 species of hookbills.

In *Watchbird* June/July 1986 issue (page 48), Carol was honored as one of AFA's "extraordinary elite few" volunteer workhorses. She was responsible for getting AFA recognition as a valid grass-roots organization in a publication called "Grassroots Conservation of Biological Diversity in the United States." This paper was produced by the Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) for the Congress of the United States.

Of special interest to Carol was avian medical research. If anyone feels inclined, a donation in her name to the AFA Avian Research Committee would be appreciated.

Carol is survived by her husband Bob, two sons, two daughters and her mother. This great little lady will be missed and fondly remembered. ●

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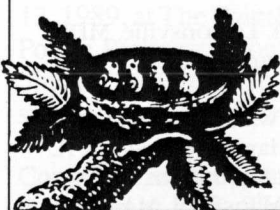
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by Phyllis K. Martin

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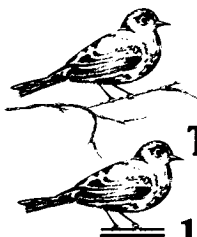
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#### Honorable Mention

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**Budgerigar Research Association**  
**October 7, 8 & 9, 1988**  
 The Viscount Hotel  
 700 Queens Way Drive  
 Long Beach, CA 90081  
 For information contact:  
 Al Demers  
 (213) 547-9494

**Peninsula Caged Bird Society**  
**Virginia's Finches to Parrot Show**  
**Saturday, October 8, 1988**  
 George Washington Inn  
 and Conference Center  
 500 Merrimac Trail  
 Williamsburg, VA  
 For information packet write:  
 PCBS, P.O. Box 2005,  
 Yorktown, VA 23692

**Sun Coast Avian Society**  
**13th Annual Exotic & Pet Bird Show**  
**October 8 & 9, 1988**  
 Sheraton Tampa East  
 7401 East Hillsborough Ave.  
 Tampa, FL 33610  
 Reservations: (813) 626-0999

**Colorado Cage Bird Association's**  
**3rd Annual Cage Bird Show and Sale**  
**October 15, 1988**  
 Colorado Springs City Auditorium  
 221 E. Kiowa  
 For more information:  
 Martha Wigmore, Show Secretary  
 5010 Wezel Circle  
 Colorado Springs, CO 80916  
 (719) 574-1594

**Baltimore Bird Fanciers**  
**48th Annual All-Bird Show**  
**October 15, 1988**  
 Holiday Inn  
 Cromwell Bridge Road  
 Towson, Maryland  
 (301) 823-4410  
 For more information contact:  
 Karen Allen  
 (301) 679-2152

**Gulf South Bird Club**  
**10th Anniversary Caged Bird Show**  
**Saturday, October 15, 1988**  
 Clarian Hotel  
 1500 Canal St.  
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 For information:  
 Norma Reynolds  
 558 Jefferson St.  
 Jefferson, LA 70121  
 (504) 837-7110

**Massachusetts Cage Bird Association**  
**72nd Annual All Bird Show**  
**Saturday, October 15, 1988**  
 Assabet Valley Regional  
 Vocational High School  
 Fitchburg St.  
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 For more information:  
 Kim Rendigs, Club President  
 70 Davis Rd.  
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**Wisconsin Cage Bird Club**  
**11th Annual All Bird Show**  
**October 21-22, 1988**  
 Holiday Inn  
 Highway 41 & 9th Avenue  
 Oshkosh, WI  
 For information contact:  
 Dave Konkol, Show Chairman  
 3821 W. Fairview Rd.  
 Neenah, WI 54956

**Sunshine State Cage Bird Society's**  
**17th Annual All Bird Show**  
**October 22, 1988**  
 Altamonte Springs Hilton & Towers  
 350 S. North Lake Blvd.  
 Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

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**October 29, 1988**  
 Embassy Suites Hotel  
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 For more information contact:  
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 204 N.E. 14th Street  
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**Missouri Cage Bird Association**  
**42nd Annual Bird Show**  
**November 5, 1988**  
 Days Inn  
 Eureka, Missouri 63025  
 Public Welcome 1-5 p.m.  
 Judges:  
 Color Canaries - Harold Sodamann  
 Type Canaries - Mark Whiteaker  
 American Singers - John Schaefer  
 Finches, Softbills - Earl Courts  
 Budgies - Dick Fierst  
 Hookbills, Cockatiels, Lovebirds - Ron Filip  
 For information:  
 Helen Morice, Secretary  
 5107 Caribee Dr.  
 St. Louis, MO 63128

**Milwaukee Bird Club's**  
**5th Annual Show**  
**November 11-12, 1988**  
 The Quality Inn Airport  
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 Milwaukee, WI 53207  
 For more information:  
 Judy Conter, Show Manager  
 712 South 37th Street  
 Milwaukee, WI 53215  
 (414) 672-4029

**Delaware Valley Bird Club**  
**33rd Annual Cage Bird Show**  
**November 12, 1988**  
 Montgomery County 4-H Center  
 1015, Route 113, Creamery, PA  
 Judges:  
 American Singer - Joe Yakominonich  
 Foreign - Dick Sharpe (NCS judge)  
 Type - Winfield Checkley  
 Color Bred - Sergio Llanes  
 Talking Bird - Al Nelson  
 For information call or write:  
 Carol Parry, Show Secretary  
 P.O. Box 1210,  
 Kulpville, PA 19443  
 (215) 434-7325

**Western New England**  
**Cage Bird Society's**  
**5th Annual Bird Show**  
**November 12, 1988**  
 Polish-American Club of Agawam  
 139 Southwick St.  
 Felding Hills, MA 01030  
 For information contact either:  
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**8th Annual All Breed Bird Show**  
**November 19 & 20, 1988**  
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**Aviary Association of Kern**  
**14th Annual Bird Show**  
**December 3, 1988**  
 at the  
 Kern County Fairgrounds  
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