**Fledgling's Corner**

by Judy Jennings

**CAMPER'S CREATIONS**

1. Search for pine cones, feathers, lichen, and pretty bark for a base.
2. Create a creature, with a little imagination, construction paper and glue.
3. Trace the head and foot pattern on transparent paper—then, transfer onto construction paper (make two feet).
4. Glue feet on base.
5. Insert head between cone parts.

This project is adaptable to center pieces for Thanksgiving.

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**a law of nature**

by Russ Sutton

The American Federation of Aviculture was formed in January 1974 by members of several bird-oriented organizations. The new organization is representing the aviculturist at the Senate and Federal levels and hopes to educate both legislators and the general public about the hobby of aviculture.

During the past few years no established avicultural body has made an effort to form any kind of organized representation. The American Federation of Aviculture has filled the vacuum, hence a law of nature is satisfied. The A.F.A. is a federation of many clubs and independents, governed by delegate representatives who decide on actions and policies.

Many exotic animals imported in the past, have not been properly cared for, either in shipment or at their final destination. This has caught the critical eye of many conservationists, ecology groups, humane societies, and legislators who feel there is a need for laws to protect all wildlife and domestic stock. We agree that something should be done. We disagree with the poorly written legislation that has been presented to date.

Our first experience with Bureaucratic mismanagement was in 1972 with the methods employed by the Department of Agriculture in combating Newcastle disease. This action resulted in the useless extermination of many prime specimens of exotic birds.

Our second experience came in 1973 when Senate Bill 187 passed through both houses of the California State Legislature. Only the Governor's veto saved us. Presently we are trying to correct errors, omissions, and mis-statements relative to SB 1766 (California) and the Federal (USDI) Injurious Wildlife Proposal and Environmental Statement.

In order for A.F.A. to keep this vacuum filled, the support and interest of all people—hobbyist, pet owners, aviculturists, is needed.

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**While we're looking into the causes of prejudice, let's find out what bulldozers have against trees.** Lane Olinghouse

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