

SQUAWK TALK

SEPTEMBER 2009 The Coastal Bend

Companion Bird Club and Rescue Mission seeks to promote an interest in companion birds through communication with and education of pet owners, breeders and the general public. In addition, the CBCBC&RM strives to promote the welfare of all birds by providing monetary donations for the rescue and rehabilitation of wild birds and by placing abused, abandoned, lost or displaced companion birds in foster care until permanent adoptive homes can be found.



BECOME A FAN!

The club has a page on Face Book. Check it out and become a fan. You can see pics of members, club events, and members' birds. We've got fans from all over the world. Don't miss out!



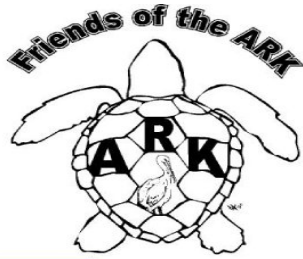
HAVE A GREAT MORNING-and make sure your bird does too. Pet birds do well on an average of 11 hours of sleep a night.

August General Meeting????

Due to an air conditioning problem at the church, we were unable to have our August General Meeting. Lisa Mason will be doing the Hurricane Preparedness for Pet Owners at the September meeting.

PLAYTIME!

Incorporate toys for interactive play. Try tossing a small toy to your bird, such as a Koosh ball. Some birds will learn how to catch, fetch or toss the toy; others will enjoy just picking it up. www.ehow.com



THE ARK- WISH LIST

Our club financially supports The Ark, so we decided to publish this list so our members could help individually.

http://www.friendsoftheark.org/wish_list.html

- * Animal Carriers - Medium to large (even giant), especially the Ferrari with its easy door removal and removable top.
- * Brushes, Brooms and scrubbies
- * Stainless steel table
- * Stainless steel buckets and trays
- * X-Ray machine
- * Anesthesia machine
- * Vet floor scale
- * Animal medicines, gloves
- * Animal-handling gloves
- * Aprons, boots
- * Metal building

- * Large sea water storage tank
- * Concrete slab for Barnacle Bill tank
- * Decking for BB tank
- * Labor to pour slab and fabricate deck
- * Pumps for protein skimmer (two at around \$375. each)
- * UV bulbs for UV filter system (must be replaced yearly - need six @ \$90 each)
- * Hurricane fencing
- * Recoating of concrete tanks (sand blasting, aquarium quality coating material, labor and tools to do the job)
- * New raceway for hatchling sea turtle rehab
- * Single-wide or industrial type trailer to use as bird IC building



EMERGENCY- at Home

None of us like to think about what might happen to our pets if we were not home during a fire, flood, tornado, etc. The ASPCA website provides- free of charge- a sticker for your front door that will tell rescue personnel that you have pets inside. All you have to do is go to <http://aspca.org/> Request the sticker and they'll mail it to you. While you're there, look around the site. There's lots of great information!



What did he say?

When we were breeding cockatiels, my husband and I had a few tame pairs we kept in our home. All the males had large vocabularies and learned from one another. We adopted a beautiful cinnamon male named “Jojo” who repeated “Hi Jojo” constantly. I wanted to teach the other males to say their names too. Our most talented talker, Little Feather, was my first student. I repeated “Hi Little Feather” to him as often as I could and was sure he’d pick it up quickly. He did learn, but not what I wanted him to. Whenever Jojo would say “Hi Jojo,” Little Feather would come back with “Hi Jo-Feather.”



BLOOD FEATHERS

A blood feather is a new, normal feather growing in a bird’s skin. Every feather lost in a molt is replaced by a blood feather. Blood feathers contain both an artery and a vein with a circulating blood supply running

through the quill. A blood feather has a distinct, dark bluish/purple quill that’s shaped like a thick tube. Mature feathers have a thin, opaque quill after the blood recedes.



Broken blood feather

When a blood feather is broken, a bird can bleed profusely and die. Feathers can be broken by rough handling, or bumping or flying into something. The broken feather needs to be pulled from the skin to stop the bleeding as quickly as possible. If you are afraid to pull the feather take the bird to the vet right away. The **ONLY** way to stop the bleeding permanently is to pull out the feather.

Dr. Margret Wissman in an article for the Humane Society, recommends having two people to remove the feather if possible. She also recommends using hemostats or needle nose pliers. She warns against the use of tweezers.

To remove the feather, extend and support the wing. Blood feathers are painful, so it is best to have someone help you restrain the bird. Grasp the feather at the base of the quill and give it a firm, smooth pull in the direction of the feather growth.

After the feather is removed, apply styptic like Kwik Stop. You can also use

cornstarch or flour, but Kwik Stop contains Benzocaine which will help alleviate pain. Apply direct pressure with gauze for one minute to allow a clot to form.

The complete feather shaft has to be removed to stop bleeding. Before pulling the feather, find the exact spot where the feather goes into the skin. You will feel a bumpy spot under the skin. This is where the follicle ends. To ensure the entire feather shaft is removed, apply pressure by pinching the wing above the bumpy spot. The finger you pinch with should move forward in a sliding motion at the same time you pull the feather. When you remove the feather, you should see a round bulb at the end.

If you find that your bird has broken a blood feather but the bleeding has stopped, it is still advisable to remove it.

Be prepared- Keep hemostats, Kwik Stop and cotton balls handy.

www.peteducation.com

Broadview Animal and Bird Hospital
www.cockatielcottage.net



FIRST AID KIT FOR BIRDS

*Towels- for wrapping/securing the bird

*Scissors

*Quik Stop and/or Styptic Pencil- to stop bleeding

*Hemostats-for removing blood feathers

*Needle nose pliers-for pulling blood feathers or unbending chains or quick links

*Wire cutters

*Gauze pads

*Cotton Balls

*Q Tips

*Vet Wrap- (cut into strips and rolled) for wrapping wings or binding gauze to wounds

*Micropore Tape- paper surgical tape

*Pen Light or small flashlight

*Magnifying glass

*Sterile water- for flushing wounds

*Pedialyte-for rehydrating a dehydrated bird. Can be mixed with food. Discard open container after 24 hours.

*Handfeeding formula and jar baby food (veggies)-use these to spoon feed a bird too sick to eat on its own.

*Feeding syringes or spoons

*Betadine-disinfectant. Avoid use of hydrogen peroxide which is caustic to skin

*Aloe Vera- for very minor burns

DID YOU KNOW?????

Marie Antionette had an African Grey!

www.plannedparrothood.com



GOING, GOING, GONE!

One day a man went to an auction. While there, he bid on an exotic parrot. He really wanted this bird, so he got caught up in the bidding. He kept on bidding, but kept getting outbid, so he bid higher and higher and higher. Finally, after he bid way more than he intended, he won the bid - the fine bird was finally his! As he was paying for the parrot, he said to the Auctioneer, "I sure hope this parrot can talk. I would hate to have paid this much for it, only to find out that he can't talk!" "Don't worry", said the Auctioneer, "He can talk. Who do you think kept bidding against you?"

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NIGHT TERRORS in Cockatiels

Night terror is a term used to describe a behavior most commonly seen in cockatiels. I've owned cockatiels for over 20 years, and have seen it often.

Cockatiels are small birds, and in the wild their first defense against attack is escape. When they feel threatened, they will immediately take flight. This poses a problem in the cage. During the night, when the bird sees or hears something frightening, they will try to fly away. The cockatiel then realizes he can't escape, so he will shriek and thrash around the cage.

So how do you prevent it? I don't know that it can be prevented completely, but there are things you can do to lower the chances. First of all, use a nightlight. This will provide enough light so the bird can see and not be so frightened. Cover the cage, but not completely. Leave one side partially open. This should be the side that faces the nightlight. Take care that the open side doesn't face a draft.

If your cockatiel experiences a night terror, the first thing to do is turn on the light in the room. This will help the bird to see everything is okay. Raise the cover and

Speak calmly to the bird. If he's tame, see if you can take him out and pet him or scratch his head. This will usually help a lot.

The first few times your bird has night terrors, it may be difficult to calm him. The episode may involve violent thrashing which results in injury to the bird, such as a broken blood feather. Observe the bird for a while after the episode to make sure he isn't injured.

[Petfinder.com Best Pet-Friendly Airlines of 2009](#)

In ascending order, here are the site's top five reviews for the most pet-friendly airlines of 2009:



5. **[United Airlines](#)** – Non-Discriminating
United Airlines loves animals of all kinds. They accept small cats, dogs and birds in the cabin; rabbits, hamsters and guinea pigs as checked baggage and other animals including parrots, cockatiels and ferrets, in United Cargo. (Shipping by cargo is for items, like some pets, that you cannot check as baggage. Your pet may or may not be on the aircraft with you). If you have a short-nosed dog, check your date of flight, as some breeds and mixes are not allowed in cargo or as checked baggage from June 1 through September 30 of each year.

4. **[American Airlines](#)** – Zoo Trusted
American Airlines' animal-trained staff has assisted in transporting animals from popular zoos in cargo. While they only allow a limited number of pets in the cabin, they ask pet parents to make special notes for their animal companions flying in cargo and promise to abide by all requests.

3. **[Airtran](#)** – Budget-Friendly
Airtran will not let you break the bank to fly with your pet beside you (well technically, under your seat). It is currently the least expensive airline to fly with your small pet; just \$69 each way.

2. **[JetBlue Airways](#)** – Full-Service Pet Love
JetBlue really embraced pet-toting travelers when it launched JetPaws last summer. For no additional cost, JetBlue provides a pet carrier bag tag, two TrueBlue points each way, a welcome e-mail and a free pet travel guide. However, like other airlines, JetBlue has hiked its in-cabin pet charge; one-way fees range from \$75 to 100.

1. **[Continental](#)** – Safety-First
Continental is proud of its PetSafe program, which has a 24-hour Live Animal Desk (1-800-575-3335), tracking the pets from origin to destination. It is pricier than other programs, but the cargo area is climate-controlled, allows roomy carriers and has a designated cargo staff. Travelers using PetSafe can even earn miles. The airline also allows small cats, dogs, pet rabbits and household birds to be carried in the cabin on most domestic flights for \$125 each way.

Next year's list may have a new addition: **[Pet Airways](#)** looks like it might top even these offerings in animal air travel.

OCTOBER BIRD MART TV PROMOS



Darin and Sandra Keeler and Chad Clanton (below) will be doing the TV promos for our October Bird Mart. Thanks to all of you!



CONTRIBUTIONS

I **KNOW** some of you have great stories out there! Don't worry about grammar or spelling or how it sounds. That's my job. Send me your funny or sad stories, or words of wisdom. We want to hear from our members. Email Lisa Mason at radt98@yahoo.com or call and leave a message at 361-726-2967



Joan's Polly Amber

Polly Amber is my thirteen year old Sun Conure. I adopted her when she was five years old and she was not a pet at all. With a lot of patience and love she soon became a very lovable and cuddly bird. She loves nothing better than to be with me, snuggling or even taking a nap.

A few years ago, Polly Amber became very territorial of me and our home. She does not welcome any visitor and has to be caged when company comes. I lovingly call her my "attack bird," for good reason.

When our bird club first started going to Petco, I would not take Polly Amber because she was not friendly to anyone other than me. One day I said, "What the heck!" Worst case scenario is that she would have to stay in her carrier for six hours. Much to my surprise, away from home, she is a very different bird. She will step up to ANYONE and is now a "regular" at Petco and other

outreach programs that we do. I am so happy about this because sun conures are beautiful birds and attract a LOT of attention.

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Cinnamon Turquoise	460.00	
Pet – Pineapple (3)	185.00	
Indian Ringnecks		1 single male 20Months
Lutino		150.00
Sun Conures	550.00 (1) proven pair	500.00 (2) bonded pairs
Brown headed Parrot		75.00 (1)male
Cockatiels		Cockatiels (20+)
Grey		20.00
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Whiteface		35.00
Albino		40.00

Welded Wire Cages	Small 2' X 2' 15.00 ea.	Large cages 20.00 ea.
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Equipment	Brooder/heaters	Everything goes



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September Board Meeting Minutes

August 29, 2009

Members Present: Joan Latham, Sherrie Long, Debbie Clanton, Jim Harmon, Marcia Schultz

Meeting was called to order at 7:07pm

Officer Reports:

Vice President-has the DVDs with the club commercial for the October mart. Will drop them off at local TV stations.

Secretary-minutes from August Board Meeting were approved as written.

Membership- membership is still the same

Treasurer- working on updating the books

Mart- 49 tables have been taken out of a possible 86

Committee Reports:

Rescue- nothing in rescue

Webmaster- nothing new to report

Newsletter- absent

Hospitality- Joan will be at Petco on Saturday, September 12th

Old Business:

T-Shirts- if shirts ordered by Sept. 17th, they will be ready for October Mart.

New Business:

Program for September meeting- Paul and Lisa Mason will give program on hurricane preparedness providing tips and information they gathered while working with hurricane Katrina victims.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.



BE PREPARED!

Here are a few tips to help you prepare in case of an emergency-

- *Photos- Have current, color photos of all your pets
- *Have adequate transporting (cages, kennels, etc) housing for all your pets.
- *Keep veterinarian information, medication, info, medical records for each pet.

*Keep a small supply of clean up materials such as newspaper, paper towels and trash bags.

*Buddy system- develop a system with a friend or neighbor so someone can get to your pets if you are not able to get home.

*Get an ASPCA sticker for your door to alert rescue personnel that there are pets inside.

*Practice your plan- load the carrier in your car along with your supplies. You'll find any logistical problems before disaster hits.

*Know where you'll go- have a destination in mind. Most shelters WILL NOT take your pets!

*Plan your route-know which way you'll go to get out of town.

*Food and water- make sure you have at least three days food and water for your pets

*ID-make sure all your pets have collars and ID on. For birds, copy the leg band number AND have a color photo. Mark carriers with your name, address, and phone number

*First Aid- have a first aid kit for your pets

*You can store many of your emergency supplies in the cage or carrier you'll be putting your pet in. If you don't use it on a regular basis, then you'll know where everything is when you need it.

Most importantly:

**DON'T LEAVE
THEM BEHIND!!!!**



October Mart News

We will be accepting donations for the mart raffle table, so clean out those closets and donate those good things that are gathering dust. Your donations mean mart profit—the more donated items—the fewer items that we have to purchase.

Volunteers will be needed for set-up on Friday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. on October 2nd. We set up from 1:00 to 6:00 and then go to People's restaurant for "all you can eat shrimp." We also need volunteers for the mart itself on Saturday. Please call or email Joan if you can help—241 6243—361 945 5557 or jk4latham@sbcglobal.net



EMERGENCY

(Reprint from Charlie's Birdhouse)

My awakening to the possibility of a major catastrophe came several years ago when an out-of-control range fire started moving toward my home. I had over 125 birds at

that time. What was I supposed to do? Most of them had been neglected or abused in some way and could not be handled. No sense in even thinking that the command "Step Up" would solve my problem. I needed an evacuation plan and I needed a first aid kit. I had neither.

In a bag, hanging near my first aid kit, I now have a heat lamp and clamp, a heating pad, both the electrical and microwaveable varieties, including some "blue ice" hot and cold packs. Several cotton diapers, paper towels, and a thermometer are packed in a plastic reptile aquarium.

Ideally, I would like to have a standard pet carrier available for each bird, but financially, that is out of the question. I have found that pillowcases, with shoelaces used as drawstrings through the hem of the case, work in a pinch. I realize that it wouldn't take long for a Grey Parrot or any other large bird to chew through the pillowcase, but it does provide a means of carrying them until I can get them settled into a larger box or container, once in a safer area.

Make sure you store your mobile containers in a convenient place; however, it isn't wise to have them so close to your bird that a potential thief can use your own emergency container to remove your bird from your home.

If you must lock your cages, have your locks all keyed to one key. Make sure that the key is readily available near the cage. You are not going to have time to look around for keys and carrying containers...keep things accessible.

HUGE SALE!!!!

Texas Size Bird Ranch going out of business after 32 years.

Proven Breeders:

Sold as collection only) includes 7 pairs in total: 3 pairs of congo African Grey's, and 4 pairs of macaws (Scarlet, Green wing, Mini Hahn's & B&G's).
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\$575. 1 B&Gold male 11yrs tame \$950.
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Have you changed your perches? If you do not want your birds' feet to look like these, it might be time for a change! Perches should be natural in their texture and varied in thickness. The variations cause the bird to use its foot muscles to hang-on and lack of stimulation in the area will cause your bird to lose the dexterity in the feet. Using a dowel stick or smooth PVC pipe is a real no-no.

This greater sulfur crested cockatoo and its mate both suffer from breeder neglect. Diet, ample cage space and complex elements in its environment including toys, swings and perches could have improved these birds quality of life dramatically.



Get'er Done!

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We are taking orders for club shirts. Each shirt is roughly 28.00, is a top quality polo shirt and includes the embroidery.

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Maize	Horizon
Marigold	

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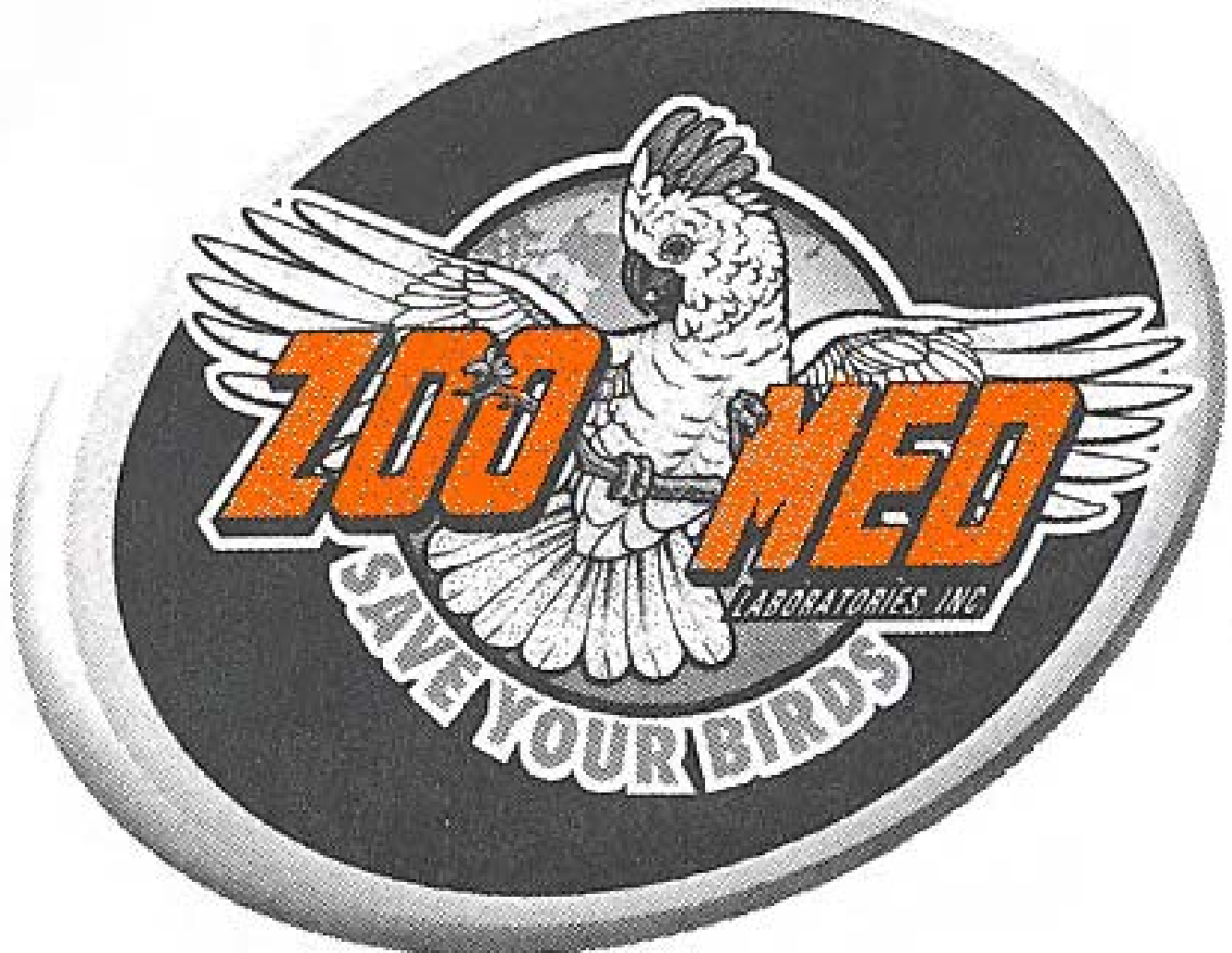
Our Next Bird Mart:

The Fall 2009 Bird Mart will be held on Saturday October 3rd. Tell us what you would like to see more of!! Specific types of birds? More of a specific type of vendor? How about Elephants or better yet Monkeys ?!?!?

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Make your opinions count!

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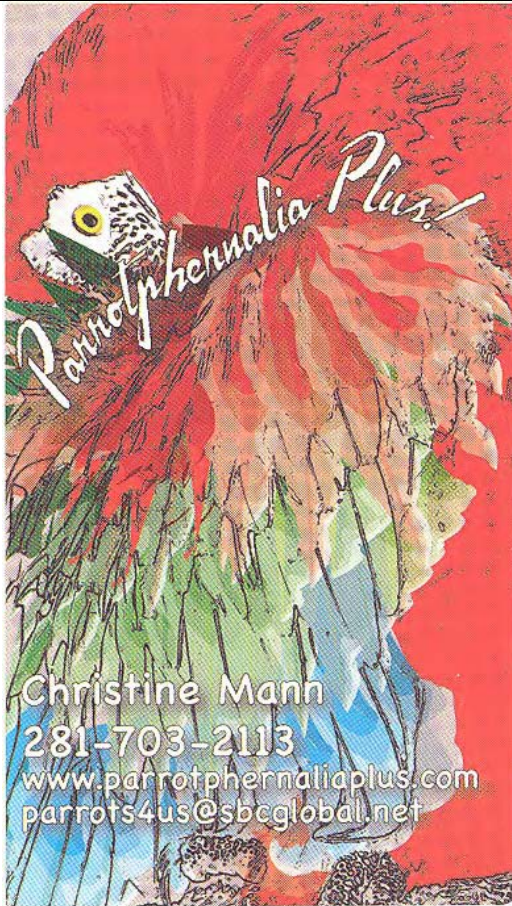
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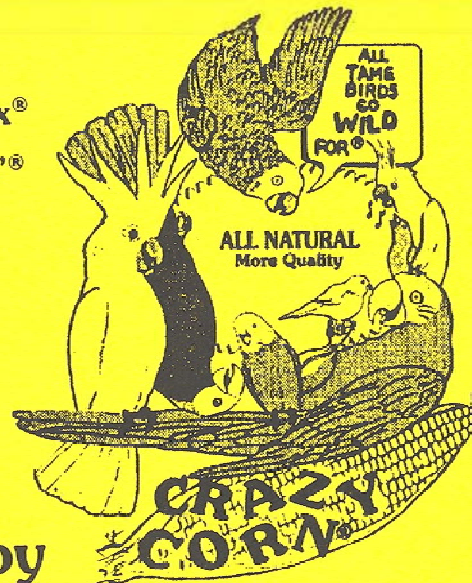
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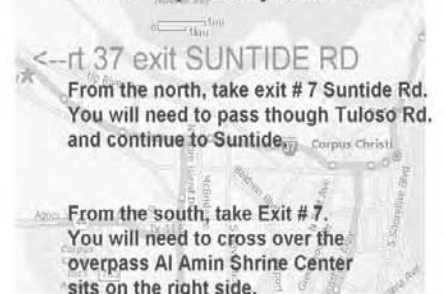


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