



# San Diego Bird Breeders

will host the AFA

## WINTER REGIONAL MEETING

### February 12-15, 1988

(President's Day holiday weekend)

#### SCHEDULE

- Friday, Feb. 12 — Arrival, Hospitality, Executive Board Meeting
- Saturday, Feb. 13 — General Board Meeting, 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Rooms available after that for national club meetings. Free time in the afternoon to see some of San Diego. Hospitality room open 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 14 — Lectures, \*Luncheon, Banquet, Raffle Drawings
- Monday, Feb. 15 — San Diego Zoo tour with the animal care manager in charge of birds, "past, present and future of San Diego Zoo's bird department." You will then be able to go into the zoo grounds at no charge and take as long as you like to view the birds and animals. Bird keepers will be ready to answer your questions.

\*Luncheon will be served aboard the William D. Evans, a beautiful paddlewheel steamboat put into service in 1986 at a cost of three million dollars.

#### SPEAKERS

- Robert Berry, Houston Zoo — Aviculture & Where It's Going
- Susan McNerny, Sacramento Zoo — Thick Bill Project
- Lynn Hall — Pigeons and Doves
- Jackie Goode, San Diego Zoo — Artificial Incubation
- To be confirmed — Softbills
- Round-table discussions: Canaries and Finches  
Lovebirds  
Budgies and Cockatiels

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San Diego has much to see and do, and is also a welcomed respite from the harsh winter weather in colder climates. We invite you to extend your stay in "America's Finest City" in order to enjoy some of our world-famous attractions.

For further information and suggestions call:

Janice Pritchard (619) 442-1164 or 443-6684 (evenings & weekends) OR Wayne Schulenburg (619) 267-7331.

#### COSTS

Before 2/1/88 After 2/1/88  
Before 2/1/87 after 2/1/87

Registration (lectures & luncheon)	\$40.00	\$45.00
Banquet (Sunday evening)	\$30.00	\$35.00
Zoo tour (free). Cost for transportation only	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00

Checks for registration to be sent to:

Janice Pritchard,  
AFA Winter Meeting  
449 W. Douglas Ave.  
El Cajon, CA 92020

#### HOTEL

Bahia Resort Hotel  
998 West Mission Bay Drive  
San Diego, CA 92109  
Phone (619) 488-0551

#### Room Rates:

Single.....\$72 Double.....\$76  
Suites.....\$145

Deposit refunded only if hotel is notified 24 hours before arrival. Please advise us of late arrival. All rates subject to room tax.

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RESORT HOTEL

## American Federation of Aviculture WINTER REGIONAL MEETING

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

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DECEMBER 1987

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## Proposed USDA Regulation Change Wins Support of A.F.A.

*by Thomas C. Marshall, AFA President  
Vienna, Virginia*

Dr. Susan Clubb, AFA's Avian Research Chairman, alerted the Executive Board of a proposed regulation change offered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture that would benefit the health of birds being imported into this country.

As you are probably aware, birds imported into the U.S. must be quarantined for a period of time to determine if they are infected with diseases that could spread to the highly important poultry industry. Exotic Newcastle disease, avian influenza and other hemagglutinating viruses, linked to imported birds, constitute a major threat to avicultural collections and the poultry interests. Consequently, vaccinations against ANY disease, even those not contagious to poultry, was prohibited because of the fear that ANY vaccines utilized might very well *mask* those diseases for which the quarantine facilities were set up.

The proposed regulation change will permit birds in privately operated quarantine facilities to be vaccinated

against certain diseases, e.g., avian pox, Pacheco's, and reovirus, provided that they are Veterinary Services-licensed vaccines.

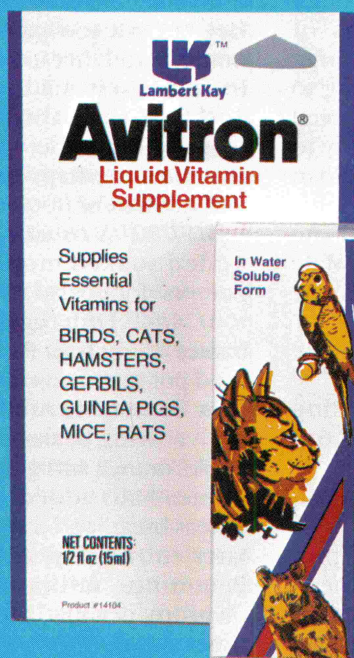
Unfortunately, there are no such vaccines at this time, however, this regulation change will serve to greatly expand the potential market for vaccines, which manufacturers will certainly realize quickly.

The comment period on this proposed change ended November 17, 1987, and AFA was able to spearhead a letter writing campaign in support of this very humane and sane policy change. The most important result of this proposed rule change would be the decrease in the death rate of imported birds.

The morbidity of birds in quarantine, as well as after release, has always been a major concern. So called animal welfare groups have used these figures often as a rallying cry in opposition to the importation of birds. We aviculturists bemoan the loss of just one bird; they are not just statistics to us, they are our *raison d'être*.



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