

Curing Parkway's Funding Ailments

By Pete Hayes

What do you do when a precious community natural resource, one that's a magnet for millions of citizens seeking rest and recreation annually, falls victim to roller-coaster economic conditions, inflation and low priority in the competition for funding with other public services?

And when that resource is the American River Parkway, how then to head off such impacts on the number of rangers on patrol, frequency of rest room maintenance, repairs of roads, parking lots and bike trails, the school programs by Effie Yeaw Nature Center staff?

Those were the challenges that faced a panel of public policy experts assembled at an ARNHA public forum at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center Assembly Building on July 12th. The objective: to serve as a catalyst for a renewed effort to augment parkway budgets on a long-term, stable basis.

"We're falling off a cliff unless we find a way to assure more maintenance, more safety," said ARNHA President Noah Baygell, who served as moderator for the panel.

Springboard for the discussions was a new update of an American River Parkway Financial Needs Study, prepared for the County Parks Department and a citizens group by the Dangermond Group, Sacramento consultants. The report anticipates a \$46 million undesignated budget shortfall for the parkway in the

next 10 years. It proposed one or the other of two primary funding options: (1) a county-wide special benefit assessment district with earmarked funding exclusively to the parkway, and (2) a one-eighth cent sales tax increase that was estimated to bring in more than \$26 million annually county-wide. The sales tax funds would be used for the entire County Park system, including the parkway, as well as all the cities and special park and recreation districts within the county. This would be shared among county parks, the cities and special park and recreation districts.

A benefit assessment would require majority approval by property owners within the district; a sales tax increase for a specific purpose, such as parks, would need two-thirds approval.

Offering an optimistic national view,

panelist Larry Kaplan of the Trust for Public Land (TPL) said that since 1996 voters have approved more than 1,000 Open Space ballot measures, authorizing \$27 billion in conservation funding. Such ballot measures pass nearly 80 percent of the time, the Los Angeles conservation finance expert said.

But, he said, because of the benefit assessment district's simple majority requirement, "there aren't a helluva lot of other options in California since Proposition 13," with its required two-thirds approval for the sales tax hike.

While there's bipartisan support for preserving special places, Kaplan said, there are many challenges, such as a community's competing priorities. He noted that two such elections went down to defeat in Oakland largely be-

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ARNHA Turns 25 With a Flourish

ARNHA celebrated its 25th birthday on June 14 at an annual meeting that paid tribute to its founders, stressed cooperation among parkway support groups, and highlighted our organization's partnership with the Effie Yeaw Nature Center.

President Noah Baygell delivered exciting news at the early evening meeting by the nature center when he reported that artist Jian Wang's agreement to let ARNHA market a limited edition of two of his American River giclees, or digital prints, had raised nearly \$10,000 for the organization. Noah, backed by the board, negotiated the successful fundraiser with the noted Chinese-born Carmichael artist earlier this year.

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As the setting sun bathed background meadows, trees and shrubs in an orange glow, Carol Doersch, an ARNHA founder and past president, served as surrogate for others from the original Board of Directors who could not be present. They included Fred Gunsky, ARNHA's first president, and Jo Smith, another early president and primary force behind many outstanding ARNHA publications.

All three went to great lengths to urge that recognition be accorded not just to the original board members, but to the scores of volunteers, county parks staff, and county supervisors who joined to persuade the county to build the Effie Yeaw Nature Center in 1976 and, when a funding crisis threatened its closure, led to creation of a non-profit support group to recruit volunteers and seek outside funds. That, in 1981, was ARNHA.

The founders said too many others played key roles in the beginning to list, but a few were mentioned: Bill Dillinger, *Acorn* editor; Gary Rominger, who supervised the nature center as a park ranger; Kris Stevens, first director of the nature center; Nancy Oprsal, Paula Baldi, Molly Keller, Meg Grow, Gail and David Mackenroth, Leslie Bisharat, Donna Chipps, and Supervisor Illa Collin.

Further recognition of ARNHA founders came with Effie Yeaw Nature Center Director Marilee Flannery's announcement that the large Valley Oak newly planted in the patio between the nature center and the new assembly building would henceforth be designated the "ARNHA Founders Tree."

In another meeting highlight, Vice President Jeremy Hollis of the American River Parkway Foundation (ARPF) presented Noah Baygell with a check for \$5,000. ARPF Executive Director Annemarie Vincent said that when she suggested to her board that the foundation make the donation, it was approved unanimously.

"We all know how important the Center is and appreciate the hard work of ARNHA to help keep programs going," she said.

Alan Wade, president of the Save the American River Association, traced the beginnings of the fight to preserve the parkway, including the door-to-door campaigning and the tireless efforts of Effie Yeaw, then secretary of SARA. "She was a saint, a legend, and we shared her goals," he said. "We must preserve her vision for the future."

County Parks Director Ron Suter delivered good and not-so-good news about current county parks funding. "We're in good shape with the budget," he said, "but next year doesn't look so good." He stressed how thankful he was that the American River Parkway Coalition, made up of ARNHA, SARA and the Foundation, are working together to seek stable, long-term funding for county parks.

Other speakers included County Supervisor Roger Dickinson, who presented a resolution from the Board of Supervisors honoring ARNHA on its 25th anniversary, and Howard Schmidt, chief of staff for Supervisor Susan Peters.

Marilee Flannery introduced nature center staff members who were present: Denise Booth, Linda Maurer, Vince LaPena, Stephanie Wiman, Lynne Pinkerton, Steve Wolcott, Betty Cooper and Brena Seck.

Denise Booth, volunteer coordinator, introduced Jack Hiehle, who was saluted by the Board of Supervisors earlier this year as Outstanding Volunteer of the Year for the Parks and Recreation Department. Among other things, Jack coordinates habitat improvement in the nature area and the bird-watching half of ARNHA's annual "Bird and Breakfast" fundraiser.

— Pete Hayes

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cause of competition from the needs of schools and the Bay Area Rapid Transit System. Kaplan stressed the importance of broad-based citizen support and the crafting of ballot language to stress “benefits” over “taxes.”

Ron Suter, who retired in August after nine years as county parks director, said a county-wide sales tax offers the advantage of giving every governmental entity a share of the proceeds. To attract broad support, he said, “you have to think beyond the parkway, such as the planned Dry Creek parkway in the north county. You’ve got to be global, it’s a county issue.”

Another veteran of environmental campaigns, Jerry Meral, former director of the Planning and Conservation League, said, “a priority need is to do everything to mobilize support from an organizational base. Then you’re likely to succeed.” He listed these essential steps for a successful ballot measure:

- Raise a \$300,000 war chest;
- Respect the importance of polling to determine how much residents are willing to tax themselves for the enormous benefits of parks and open space.
- Reach out to the cities and special districts, “an integral part of the process” by showing what’s in it for them and the people who live in their areas.
- Spell out the benefits of the tax increase, don’t just appeal to the public’s “feel-good” sentiments toward parks in general.

Panelist Paul Hahn, Sacramento County Economic Director, outlined the governance potential of a Joint Powers Agreement, which he described as a contract among government entities such as a city and state for a special purpose, like the Sacramento Housing Authority. “Others ask, ‘Do we get a seat on the board, how do we fund these things, how is the money going to be spent?’” Such issues would be especially important to the cities of Sacramento and Rancho Cordova.

During follow-up questions and comments from the audience, former Save the American River Association President Jim Jones recalled the success of the 1972 county parks bond issue election that won a 71 percent approval. The bond provided funds for Elk Grove parks in the south and Gibson Ranch in the north county, besides preserving broad swaths of the parkway.

“A small group of business people was important to this success,” said Jones, who co-chaired the 1972 campaign. “They brought in money and neutralized the opponents.” Also important to passage was the active support of The Sacramento Union and Bee.

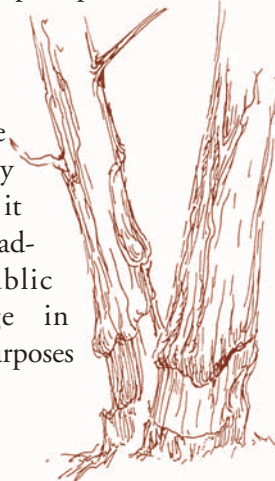
Following up on the business theme, Dan Lombard, publisher of “Parkway Magazine,” asked whether parkway managers and planners were “giving the people what they wanted.” He said a little capitalism might be a good thing and that there might be room for a couple of venues to generate funding to support parkway maintenance.

Ron Suter replied that “the parkway is where deer can be seen for 27 miles; a restaurant there is going to kill the parkway.”

A woman in the audience said a key to appealing to voters is safety. “I don’t feel safe in the corridor. This is especially so as one gets closer to the city of Sacramento,” she said.

Responding, Suter said “with five million visitors to the parkway a lot of the safety issue is perception. It is a safe place.”

Others suggested that perception can be reality to many voters and that it may be well to address the public safety message in crafting ballot purposes and language. ■



Water for Nature Pond

The Nature Study Pond at Ancil Hoffman County Park is easy to overlook, even though it is close to Tarshes Drive, across this road from the golf course. Currently, there is little water in the pond, and it is choked with vegetation. It is nearly hidden in the trees and undergrowth.

When originally created, this pond used a natural swale. The swale was widened and deepened to provide a larger and more open surface area. Filled with a flow of fresh water, it was designed to provide a range of aquatic habitat to resident and migratory wildlife and a pleasant setting where people could view it.

The water came from the Carmichael Water District, which also provides water for the golf course, picnic grounds and turf play areas. The cost of water increased over the years, and some time ago the decision was reluctantly made to buy no more water for the pond. Relying on water from winter rains and irrigation runoff, the pond has shrunk in size and is now much less useful for its intended purposes.

This problem will soon be behind us. Starting in 2007, the pond will receive a continuous supply of water necessary to restore it to its original function. And, as a critical matter in this day of inadequate public agency budgets, this water will be made available at no cost.

This situation is a serendipitous spinoff of the process of remediating the very serious contamination caused when Aerojet Corporation allowed industrial toxins to infiltrate the ground water on its property, south of the American River. At that time, the by-products from rocket fuel combustion were simply

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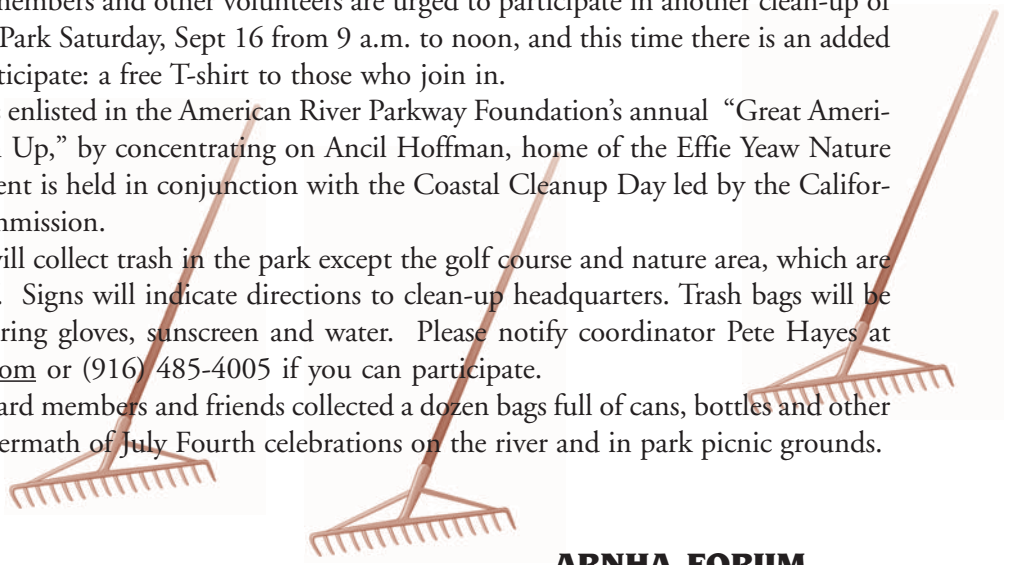
Ancil Hoffman Park Clean Up Sept. 16 is Focus

ARNHA members and other volunteers are urged to participate in another clean-up of Ancil Hoffman Park Saturday, Sept 16 from 9 a.m. to noon, and this time there is an added incentive to participate: a free T-shirt to those who join in.

ARNHA has enlisted in the American River Parkway Foundation’s annual “Great American River Clean Up,” by concentrating on Ancil Hoffman, home of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center. The event is held in conjunction with the Coastal Cleanup Day led by the California Coastal Commission.

Volunteers will collect trash in the park except the golf course and nature area, which are covered by staff. Signs will indicate directions to clean-up headquarters. Trash bags will be provided, but bring gloves, sunscreen and water. Please notify coordinator Pete Hayes at phayes99@aol.com or (916) 485-4005 if you can participate.

ARNHA Board members and friends collected a dozen bags full of cans, bottles and other debris in the aftermath of July Fourth celebrations on the river and in park picnic grounds.



CORRECTION

In the Summer 2006 ACORN, Jack Hiehle recognition story, Hiehle was misspelled in the headline and photo caption.

Parkway Plan Update Unit Finishes Work

The Parkway Plan Update Committee has finished its work, but the new plan is far from a done deal. With a number of “informational” presentations and public hearings still to be held by governmental agencies, ARNHA and other environmental organizations need to keep making their concerns known, says past president Lou Heinrich, who was ARNHA’s representative on the committee.

“They must seek changes in what they’re not happy with and defend what they want to keep,” Heinrich stresses. It was unfortunate, for example, that the committee was talked into allowing mountain bikers on certain dirt roads in the Parkway, he said, adding that the bikers can ride elsewhere, and should be encouraged to do so.

Heinrich was pleased that the committee took a stand against permitting dogs to run off leash in the Parkway (Though that’s an issue that won’t lie down, as indicated by a continuing spate of dog-lover letters to the Bee). A number of other intrusive uses have aggressive proponents, and without active opposition could make it into the Plan, Heinrich warns.

To keep your eye on things, contact Sunny Williams of the County Planning Department for copies of the plan and a schedule of the presentations and hearings. (Tel. 916-874-6141, or williamssu@saccounty.net). And keep checking www.arnha.org and The Acorn for developments.

– Bill Dillinger

ARNHA FORUM

Plant scientist Michael Plotkin, Ph.D., a frequent contributor to The ACORN, will present a program on “The Secret Drama of Pollination on the Parkway,” at another of ARNHA’s free public forums at 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 27



at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center Assembly Building in Ancil Hoffman Park.

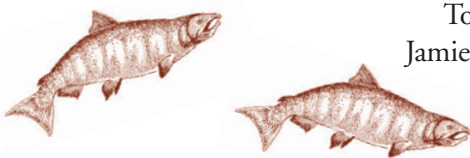
Most of us have some understanding of what pollination is about, but behind the easily visible lurks a wealth of beguiling details. In this presentation, Plotkin will explain what pollination on the Parkway really is all about, why it is so important, and why we should think a lot more about it.

Michael Plotkin is a plant lover who went to graduate school at UC Davis (M.S. and Ph.D.). His research involves ethnobotany and plant phylogeny and biogeography. He is also an avid gardener and author of botany texts and field guides. He currently teaches at the University of San Francisco and Mt. San Jacinto College.

Parkway Foundation Volunteer Center Opens

After nearly two years of anticipation and dedication since the June, 2004 ground-breaking, the new American River Parkway Foundation Volunteer Center opened its doors this spring in the William B. Pond Recreation Area at the end of Arden Way in the Parkway. Funded entirely by cash and in-kind donations from individuals and companies, the 1,800-square-foot building provides ARPF headquarters office space, a focal point for volunteer coordination, a location for workshops and storage, meeting space for non-profit organizations supporting the American River Parkway, and an information center for parkway visitors.

A grand opening event is planned for some time in October, pending completion of a one-acre interpretive garden featuring plants native to the American River Parkway. True to its mission, planning and development of the garden will be done by parkway volunteers.



Salmon Festival

This year's Salmon Festival still is free. And it's bigger and better than ever, but expect to pay \$8 to park if you bring your car. And there won't be any nearby on-street parking, either. There will be, however, free shuttles from the parking lots, and festival-goers who arrive by bike get free valet parking.

"It was the best way to do it, because this year's festival is featuring more than 50 activities," said Bruce Forman, director of the Oct. 14-15 event at the Nimbus Fish Hatchery and Lake Natoma State Park at U.S. 50 and Hazel Avenue.

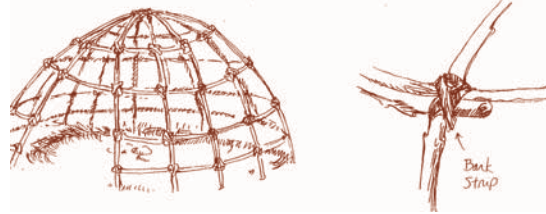
Among new activities this year will be the "hook 'em and cook 'em" culinary demonstrations, fishing tip clinics and a salmon fun run and walk, said Forman, a supervisor for the state Department of Fish and Game. Among the old favorites returning will be salmon barbecue, fly-tying and casting demonstrations and boat and raft trips.

ARNHA, along with the Save the American River Association and the American River Parkway Foundation, works with Forman's agency and State Parks, plus the federal Bureau of Reclamation and Fish and Wildlife Service to produce the Salmon Festival.

—Walt Wiley

Maidu Indian Day in Early October

Join us at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center Saturday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., for our annual Maidu Indian Day celebration, an event highlighting the culture of the Nisenan Maidu people through many hands-on activities and demonstrations.



and storytelling as well as learn traditional games like hoop and lance and hand games.

Funds generated will provide important financial support for the Maidu Cultural Heritage Program and will help the Nature Center staff continue providing educational experiences for children of all ages throughout the year.

The Effie Yeaw Nature Center has been hosting Maidu Indian Day for over 15 years, and we look forward to a day filled with fun for the whole family. It will be held at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center, which is located in Ancil Hoffman Park, Carmichael.

Admission is \$3 per person. Parking is \$4 per car, free for ARNHA members.

—Vince La Pena, EYNCstaff

Volunteers Needed for Maidu Indian Day

Be a part of the celebration on Saturday, October 7, at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center, 7:30 am to 5:30 pm (A.M. and P.M. shifts available!). Minimum age is 14, with Volunteer Training on Thursday, October 5, 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

- ✓ Teach visitors to make crafts
- ✓ Sell refreshments
- ✓ Assist with native games
- ✓ Hand out samples of Native American food
- ✓ Teach Hoop & Lance
- ✓ Help with set-up & clean-up

To sign up contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Jamie Washington, at 489-4918 x224!

—Cindy Dunning

Docent Training at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center

Docents are needed to assist naturalists presenting nature programs to schoolchildren at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center. Ongoing training available! Work at your own pace! If you are at least 18 years old and able to donate four hours each month for tours, now is your chance to make a difference in the lives of children. For more information or to register for training contact Jamie Washington at 489-4918 x224.

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placed into wells and pits in the ground.

These materials sank into the groundwater and spread laterally. Some went northward under the river into the area from which the Carmichael Water District pumps its drinking water. Once the problem was discovered, the district, Aerojet Corporation, Sacramento County and California EPA joined forces to deal with it.

This effort includes the drilling of test wells to determine the increasing spread of the contaminated water. More impor-

tant, it includes the drilling of wells to extract the water and purify it to the point where it is suitable for human consumption. The purified water is to be used for specific purposes, including returning to the American River.

One of the purification plants will be built near Tarshes Drive, just beyond where the road enters the Park. An appropriate amount of water from this plant will be routed through the Nature Study Pond so it can serve its intended purposes. Then the water will be allowed to flow into the American River.

Some physical modification of the Nature Study Pond may be needed to allow this new water supply to bring it back to a vigorous and productive life. When this is done, supporters of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center and all of the users of the American River Parkway will once again see this small but important body of water become a place that is useful for wildlife and educational for people. It will be a pleasant place to see the comings and goings of deer, waterfowl, songbirds and perhaps (who knows) maybe even beaver. ■

Along the Parkway

By Jeanine Stevens

Along the river parkway, under the oaks—depressions, fragrant fern, green tendrils form spiral baskets, new fawns nestle close, woven tightly into mother's flanks.

By fall, others appear to be sleeping, heads tucked in, but not breathing. I think, we did this somehow, detergents foaming down riverbanks perhaps, but—no, only the course of nature, lung flukes as they've always been.

In late October, a young buck, dangerously tame, clips red leaves of wild grape, walks in cougar tracks, drinks cautiously at the edge of this riparian forest, grazes the drying grasses of his unknown autumn.

Jeanine Stevens has lived near the American River for 46 years and finds it a constant source of inspiration, relaxation, and pure pleasure. A collection of her poetry on Native American themes "Boundary Waters," was published by the Indian Heritage Council in 2005. ■

"Effie Yeaw" Reprint off the Press

The American River Natural History Association has published a new, enriched edition of "Effie Yeaw: A Sketch of her Life." The 40-page work not only contains the life story of the beloved teacher, naturalist and visionary for whom the Effie Yeaw Nature Center is named, but also her story of "Carlyle the Crow" from an ARNHA series of booklets entitled "Stories Effie Told."

Written by Frederic R. Gunsky, first president of ARNHA, the booklet was originally published by the Sacramento County Historical Society, in collaboration with ARNHA. The historical society collaborated with ARNHA in the latest edition.

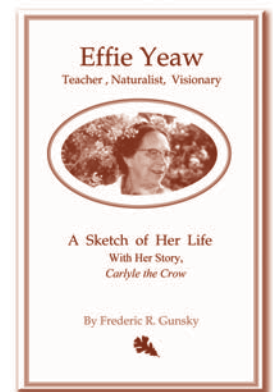
The well-documented volume traces Effie's life from her birth in Chico, school days at Sacramento High, where she was president of the Biological Honor Society, studies at UC Berkeley and the University of Hawaii, teaching kindergarten in Carmichael, introducing countless children to nature in what is now Ancil Hoffman Park, and serving in the forefront of the fight to establish the American River Parkway.

In her story of Carlyle, Effie Yeaw describes a tame but mischievous crow that had been turned over to her when she worked with the Arden-Carmichael Conservation Center in Carmichael Park. The story, with drawings by Jo Smith, described the crow's antics, such as swooping down on children's heads and flapping, and disrupting a ladies garden party with its loud cawing. Typically, however, Effie Yeaw ends her story on a positive note. She points out the role of crows in recycling road kills and feeding their babies on grubs and insects that damage crops.

"So," she says, "you see that crows, for all their mischief and naughtiness, are a part of nature's plan for cooperative living."

The project is the work of the ARNHA Publications Committee, including Pete Hayes, Molly Keller, Carol Doersch and Betty Cooper, Effie Yeaw Nature Center staff.

"Effie Yeaw, A Sketch of Her Life" is available at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center and ARNHA.org for \$4.95. ■



Parks Director Suter Retires

As Sacramento County Parks Director Ron Suter closed out a 40-year career in parks and recreation in August, he warned that the biggest threat to the American River Parkway as “a one-of-a-kind treasure” in the future will be public apathy.

“Tomorrow’s generations of Sacramentans will thank the many who started SARA, ARNHA and other environmental groups created to protect it,” he told the Acorn. “But the biggest threat to the parkway staying in its most

naturalist state will be public apathy, taking the beauty of nature for granted.

“If the Parkway is to survive as we know it today, our children will need to protect the beauty of the parkway for their children’s children as we have tried to do for them.”

Suter, who began his career as a life-guard in Crescent City and wound up serving eight years as local parks chief, warned in an interview with the Bee of ups and downs of parks budgets and called for new, stable funding on its behalf. “I want maintenance standards to be a little higher and additional law enforcement to take care of the illegal camping issues,” he said. “Also, I would like to take some areas that are covered with star thistle and turn them into good habitat.”

Suter’s retirement plans for the near future include bike-riding in Crescent City, travel to Yosemite, and scuba diving in the Philippines and Hawaii. “And I have a grandson, Kellen Miller. That’s one of the reasons my wife, Patty, and I both wanted to retire at the same time,” he said. ■

Notice of Proposed Amendment to Bylaws of ARNHA.

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 1 of the Bylaws of ARNHA, as Amended June 4, 2003, the Board of Directors hereby provides its members with Notice of a Special Membership Meeting that will occur on October 11, 2006 at 7p.m. at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center, Assembly Building, to vote on the approval of the following proposed amendment that was approved by a majority of the Board of Directors at its May 2006 Board Meeting: “The Bylaws of ARNHA will be amended such that no more than two members of the Board of Directors can be employees of the County of Sacramento”

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Metamorphosis

Earlier in the year, it was a drab, mottled-brown caterpillar. It looked like it had two heads in front of a pair of horns and a row of bumps, a bizarre appearance possibly designed by nature to confuse birds, lizards and other predators.

But like most butterflies, the showy Lorquin’s admiral has come a long way since those creepy-crawly days. With its brown-black wings, pure white band and orange wing tips, it looks like a refugee from a Halloween party. And it won’t be around much longer this year.

It belongs to the largest family of butterflies, *nymphalidae*, along with mourning cloak, buckeye, painted lady and the admiral’s look-alike, the California sister. Its name honors a Frenchman named Pierre Lorquin, who came to California as a gold-seeker in the 19th century, had no luck, and made his reputation if not a fortune as a butterfly collector. “Admiral” is part of the name of other butterflies too, possibly because their bright colors evoke the image of an old-time admiral’s uniform.

Each year three generations of Lorquin’s admirals inhabit most meadows and long streams from the valley floor to the Sierra’s lodgepole-fir belt. An egg laid this fall will hatch into a caterpillar that feeds on the leaves of willows or cottonwoods. It hibernates through winter, rolled up in a leaf like a cigar.

Lorquin’s admiral diverts its enemies in clever ways. It creates dummy caterpillars by using its silk to hang up the skins it has shed, fooling predators. In its third stage as a hard-shelled pupa, its varied colors mimic bird droppings.

When the brilliant butterfly finally emerges from the chrysalis, it flies with rapid wing beats, alternately gliding, as it searches for nectar from blossoms of button bush, goldenrod, aster, thistle and coyote bush. At the same time, it helps pollinate the plants.

Intensely territorial, it usually returns to the same perch. The male chases off other Lorquin’s admiral males and other species and tries to mate with admiral females that enter its area.

Unlike the migrating monarchs, Lorquin’s admiral is pretty much a homebody, living and dying as an adult in only two weeks. It’s a short life but a showy one for this winged flower.

Reprinted from ARNHA’s “An American River Almanac: Reflections on nature throughout the year,” with essays by Peter J. Hayes and color photographs by Tom Myers and George Turner. It can be purchased for \$19.95 at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center and selected book stores.



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ARNHA Calendar of Events

- **Great American River Clean-up**
September 16 - 9 to noon
(see story page 4)
- **Maidu Indian Day**
October 7 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Effie Yeaw Nature Center
(see story page 5)
- **Salmon Festival**
October 14 & 15 Saturday & Sunday
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
(see story page 5)
- **ARNHA Forum**
October 27, 7 p.m. - EYNC -
Michael Plotkin, Plant Pollenators
(see story page 4)

ARNHA Donors Make the Difference

- **Charleen Stockdale** - donation in support of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center
- **Rosemary Mayfield** - donation in support of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center
- **Julia Meier** - donation in support of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center
- **Jim & Ruth Connally** - donation in support of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center
- **Susan & Rod Davis** - donation in support of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center
- **Dessie Brenny** – abalone shells for use in the Maidu Cultural Heritage Programs
- **Barbara Mendoza** – donation in support of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center
- **Traci Barsuglia** – large mesh bird carrier for EYNC outreach programs
- **James Marshall Parent Nursery School** – donation in support of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center
- **Mr. & Mrs. Edward William Yeaw II** – became Life Members of ARNHA in memory of their son, William Henry Yeaw III
- **Bep van der Mik** - Donation in memory of Rodney Herring
- **Joe & Diane Ramsey** – donation in support of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center
- **Thomas & Margaret Blankenship** – donation in support of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center
- **American River Parkway Foundation** – a \$5,000 grant in support of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center
- **Jo Smith** – donation of stock shares; proceeds to support scholarships for Fun Days Programs at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center or other urgent needs
- **Susan Heise** - abalone shells for the EYNC's Maidu Cultural Heritage Program
- **Tim & Shellie Horton** – donation in honor of Nancy Oprsal in support of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center
- **Betty Hunziker** – donation in honor of Nancy Oprsal in support of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center
- **Lois Koefoed** – donation in support of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center
- **Arne Bracchi** – abalone shells to help with the EYNC's Maidu Cultural Heritage Program
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