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Return ownership of water to the public

In the past few years, we have relearned the hard way that privatizing essential services is not a good idea. Your energy bill, for example, will never be the same now that essentially unregulated, amoral corporations (think Enron) control energy production and distribution.

Water is critical to our health. On the Monterey Peninsula, and in Felton, water production and distribution is in the hands of the California American Water Company (CalAm), a private corporation. CalAm is owned by American Water Works, a New Jersey corporation that, in turn, reports to Thames Water, an English corporation. Thames is owned by RWE-AG, a multi-national corporation headquartered in Germany.

CalAm is notorious for its refusal to spend money to upgrade or maintain its water systems. American Water Works, until its sale, was noted for buying up water providers and increasing water fees to pay for its overpriced purchases. Thames has repeatedly been identified as the worst polluter in Great Britain and Wales. RWE-AG is a huge energy company with its focus first and foremost on profits. It acknowledged that it probably paid too much for American Water Works.

In 2002 California voters approved Proposition 50, a \$3.4 billion water bond initiative. That initiative differed from previous water bonds in that it did not limit eligibility for bond moneys to public water agencies. Private water companies donated \$52,500 to the Proposition 50 campaign. Now, in a major change of public financing policy, the state is preparing to allow private water companies, including those owned by foreign multinational corporations, to receive money from water bonds paid for by California taxpayers.



A further assault on the public's water has been launched by State Senator Bruce McPherson (R-Monterey/Santa Cruz). At the behest of Monterey Peninsula business, tourism, developer and real estate interests, McPherson is trying to strip water district voters of their right to directly elect their water district members, and to directly vote their approval or disapproval of water augmentation proposals.

In Felton, concerned citizens have mobilized for the purpose of taking over CalAm's water system. On the Monterey Peninsula, such discussions have just begun. We believe that citizens should strongly oppose the attempt by private multinational corporations and development interests to grab our bond money. Rather, the state should make available to interested public organizations the funds to return ownership of our water to where it belongs—with the public.

—Rita Dalessio

FROM THE EDITOR

Water a good transit model

Imagine living in a country where there were no municipal water systems or only the most basic water systems and every resident had to get and treat water for themselves. Imagine having to pay someone to truck in water for you to drink and cook with. No water coming conveniently out of the tap when you turned a faucet handle.

Imagine that this water you got trucked in wasn't treated, and you had to boil and filter it before you quenched your thirst.

Back in the 1960s I lived in such a country when I was a Peace Corps volunteer. The small town I lived in had an intermittent, limited municipal water system for some houses. I was lucky. My yard was near the main road and had a steel drum that filled when the water system was working. The country, Ethiopia, was much like California in its climate. There were months without rain, so collecting rainwater for daily use was not practical.

Many people had to pay someone the equivalent of a day's wage to fill a steel drum with water from the municipal faucet and roll the untreated water to their house. Poorer folks fetched the water themselves. The water system in

my community in Ethiopia placed a bigger burden on those with limited means.

That's exactly how we approach transportation in the United States.

Instead of investing tax monies in well-funded, convenient transportation systems, we fund only the most basic public transit forcing many families to purchase, maintain and drive private vehicles to get to their jobs or to shopping.

Such a system, like the water system I experienced long ago in Ethiopia, puts a disproportionate burden on poor people. It also creates great difficulties for those who cannot drive such as children, people with disabilities, seniors who no longer feel comfortable driving or who prefer not to drive at night, and others who cannot or do not wish to drive.

The average American household spent over 19% of its income in 2001 on transportation expenses according to the Surface Transportation Policy Project (STPP). But lower-income families spend over 40% of their take-home pay on transportation. The Bureau of Transportation Statistics has determined that the availability of good public transportation can save families thousands of dollars every year.

The pressure to continue driving as health declines is great in our culture because there are few good alternatives. After seniors stop driving, they often face isolation and depression because they are cut off from visiting friends and family, social and cultural events and are dependent on others for transportation and daily shopping needs.

Instead of expecting each person to supply their own transportation, doesn't it make sense to move people more efficiently with more comfortable and convenient public transit? Not only does it make sense, it is better for the environment.

—Debbie Bulger

Deborah A. Malkin

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Aptos Pillage Plan

As bright, vibrant beings, we thrive on creating more beautiful living spaces, more people and earth-friendly surroundings, certainly more livable neighborhoods, towns and cities.

In the Aptos Village Plan, I ask where is the pedestrian-only central plaza? Internationally, a gathering place for musicians, artists displaying their creations, food kiosks, businesses who want to display their goods and services outdoors, a town center/plaza is an absolute given. Landscaped with commissioned sculptures, native plants and cozy meeting places for women with children and seniors and a playground. Where, I ask, are these accoutrements in the 'futuristic' Aptos plan?

Where is the affordable housing that attracts a lovely mix of Arabic, Latino, Asian, Eastern European, African American and Caucasian, young and old, students, singles and families, gays and straights? Ellen Pirie said, ". . .we don't want to create a Disneyland." But, with the architectural standard being Victorian and Old West, isn't it all visually going to be rather predictable and mundane, similar to Main Street, USA at Disneyland, itself?

How about commissioning projects to get some south facing, solar-driven businesses, homes, perhaps a museum as well as a 'mercado' where organic growers and foodies could sell their healthy (and decadent) creations? All over the world, folks love sitting outside, being able to hear birds, watch their children in a traffic-free zone and enjoy food and drinks.

Has anyone commented that the Aptos plan is vehicle centric with more roads, more fumes and more noise? Where are the bike and stroller paths? Wouldn't you enjoy living in a small, urban village that boasted proudly a community building? Wouldn't you get a grand degree of satisfaction from seeing this plan featured in *Sunset* or *Time* magazine as truly an earth and people-friend-

Appeal upheld: Lompico headwaters logging denied



Kevin Collins

Scientific reports were critical to winning this appeal.

On April 7th the California Board of Forestry upheld Santa Cruz County's appeal of the Lompico headwaters Timber Harvest Plan (THP), thus denying this logging plan in a critical watershed. The controversial logging plan closed public comment on September 20th 2001 and was extended 43 times until its approval on October 30th 2003. The *Ventana* has been cover-

ing this issue for several years. [Vol. 42, No. 6, Vol. 40, No. 3.]

The Lompico Watershed Conservancy submitted several scientific letters and reports into the administrative record. The National Marine Fisheries Service (before the Bush takeover) called for extensive changes to the plan to protect endangered steelhead and coho salmon. Coho were driven locally extinct in the San Lorenzo basin by about 1986 but the river is still critical habitat by law.

The Lompico Watershed Conservancy helped convince the Board of Forestry that the cumulative impacts of the proposed logging on this already impaired creek could be significant contrary to the analysis in the THP which concluded that the logging would not adversely affect the creek. A geology report commissioned by the Conservancy and other scientific reports were critical to winning this appeal.

Opposition by the Lompico County Water District and the hundreds of letters by local residents opposing the timber harvest plan also had an effect on the Board.

The Lompico Watershed Conservancy has been trying to arrange a sale of this property since 1997, but the owner, Redwood Empire, has not been a willing seller.

Victories against the California Department of Forestry are rare.

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ly proposal? I personally would like to live in a community such as this.

—Gary Harrold
Aptos

Responsible capitalism?

I think Safeway Stores, Inc. should be commended for their recycling of produce that's too old to sell. Formerly the produce went into the dumpster. Now it is returned to the distribution center in Tracy and composted.

—David Bridge
Santa Cruz

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Sierra Club endorses Kerry for President

On May 11, the Sierra Club endorsed Senator John Kerry for President of the United States, citing his outstanding leadership in safeguarding America's air, water and public lands.

"John Kerry will provide the environmental leadership that has been sorely missing in the Bush White House," said Sierra Club President Larry Fahn. "His commitment to environmental progress stands in stark contrast to the Bush administration's all-out assault on the environment and its record of putting polluting corporations before the American public's health and safety."

Kerry has demonstrated environmental leadership throughout his career in public service, from helping organize

Massachusetts' first Earth Day in 1970 to opposing the Bush administration's efforts to dismantle environmental gains made over the last century. Highlights of Kerry's environmental record include:

- Advocated strict enforcement of the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act, and opposed Bush administration efforts to weaken the laws in order to let polluters put more dangerous toxics into our air and water.

- Advocated restoration of the Superfund Act's "polluter pays" trust fund to clean up hazardous waste sites that will be orphaned by the Bush administration's refusal to make polluters responsible for cleaning up their messes.

- Led the charge against the Bush administration's attempts to allow oil

drilling in the pristine Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

- Championed an energy plan that increases fuel economy to reduce the nation's dependence on oil and supports the development of clean, energy-saving technologies and renewable energy to reduce our dependence on other polluting sources of energy.

- Advocated for the United States to take the lead in international efforts to cut global warming pollution, reverse ozone depletion, protect tropical rain forests, preserve biological diversity and press for sustainable development.

The endorsement was decided by volunteer members who serve on the Club's political committee and Board of Directors.

"One of our biggest challenges is to educate the American public about the Bush administration's dismal environmental record," Fahn said. "Now, thousands of Sierra Club members in every state will be volunteering their efforts to tell voters about the clear choice in this election. They will be encouraging all Americans who care about the environment to vote for John Kerry in November."

Island hopping in Channel Islands National Park

Candidate Fundraiser

Sierra Club California Political Committee invites Club members on a 5-day, 5-island fundraising cruise to Channel Islands National Park. Proceeds will benefit Sierra Club-endorsed political candidates.

The cruise will depart from Santa Barbara, Thursday, August 26, returning late afternoon Tuesday, August 31, aboard the 68' twin diesel *Truth*.

Each island offers its own special charm. San Miguel for its sandy beaches and elephant seals; Santa Rosa for its rare Torrey Pines; Santa Cruz for high mountains and the famous Painted Cave; Anacapa for the brown pelican rookery, a picturesque lighthouse, and excellent snorkeling; tiny, pristine, Santa Barbara Island for a plethora of sea and land birds. All islands are inhabited by an abundance of wildlife.

This cruise will be strictly informal. Each guest will be assigned a bunk with reading light and privacy curtains. The price, \$725, includes sumptuous meals, snacks, and guided tours. A park ranger will travel with us to lead hikes and to help identify plants and animals. Other activities may include kayaking, snorkeling, beachcombing, or just relaxing at sea. To make a reservation, send a check for \$100, payable to Sierra Club California PAC, to leader Joan Jones Holtz, 11826 The Wye St., El Monte, CA 91732. For more info, contact 626-443-0706, or jholtzhl@aol.com.

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Sierra Club Members are Great Prospects

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Male/Female: 63% / 37%
Median Household Income: \$56,227
Attended/Graduated College: 81%
Professional/Technical/Managerial: 36%

Outdoor Sports Enthusiasts

Backpacking/Hiking	4 times more active than the average adult
Mountain Biking	5 times more active
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Whitewater Rafting	5.5 times more active

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Featured Programs

June 25-26 Wildflower Photography Develop your outdoor photography skills whether you shoot 35mm or point and shoot. Price: \$145 members, \$175 non-members.

July 2-4 Celebrate July 4th Guided hikes, a classic BBQ, and a fireworks display at Donner Lake will be the highlights of this weekend.

July 9-11 Yoga Weekend A combination of certified yoga instruction, meditation and guided hikes. Price: \$145 members, \$175 non-members.

July 23-25 History Hikes Hike moderate trails on historic Donner Summit and then enjoy an illustrated and interactive evening talk about rails and trails. Price: \$125 members, \$155 non-members.

August 20-22 Navigation Workshop Learn or polish navigational skills using maps, compasses, GPS receivers and altimeters. Price: \$145 members, \$175 non-members.

September 10-12 Tai Chi Weekend Experience the serenity of Tai Chi in sessions led by a certified instructor. Guided hikes will also be offered. Price \$145 members, \$175 non-members.

September 17-19 Fly Fishing Workshop Learn and practice the art of fly fishing from a professional fishing guide. Price \$145 members, \$175 non-members.

For more information about these programs or to receive a full schedule and description of Clair Tappaan programs please visit our website at www.ctl.sierraclub.org or call (530) 426-3632.

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Local activists play key role in protecting our coast



Kenneth Adelman and Californiacoastline.org

Sand City's fragile dunes remain free of development due to the Coastal Commission's important role in protecting our coast.

by Mark Massara, Sierra Club Director of Coastal Programs

When people picture California's coast, they imagine the grandeur of Big Sur, surfing in Santa Cruz, and the majesty of our Monterey pines. Although we still face many threats to the Central Coast, we have managed to preserve much of our natural heritage. Coastal water quality was rated high in a recent study, we have record amounts of coastal open space, and we have largely escaped rows of high-priced resorts and luxury condos built inches away from the shoreline.

Coastal activists have made all these victories possible. Thirty years ago Ventana Chapter members played a key role in working to pass Proposition 20 which became the Coastal Act and created the California Coastal Commission to uphold this new law.

Our coastline has benefited endlessly. The Coastal Commission prohibited construction of a surf-damaging 1100-foot seawall at Pleasure Point. The Commission protected the delicate dunes in Sand City from a huge hotel and enabled the creation of Monterey's picturesque bikeway. These and countless other decisions by the Commission over the years have helped protect our coastal legacy for future generations.

As you can imagine, the special interests eager to develop our coast are not fans of the Coastal Commission. They have tried a number of ways to undermine its authority. Last year they supported a lawsuit challenging the Commission's constitutionality. They have also lobbied public officials and begun a major public relations push aimed at discrediting this essential agency.

While the lawsuit only served to

strengthen and further legitimize the Commission's authority, the other well-funded efforts are harder to combat.

How to help

- If you haven't joined already, join Great Coastal Places, Sierra Club's network of 5,000 coastal advocates from Eureka to San Diego. On the web, visit www.sierraclub.org/ca/coasts. Participants receive alerts about key coastal issues.

- Attend a Coastal Commission Hearing. Hearings take place in a different coastal city every month. You can see the schedule and learn what issues will be discussed by visiting <http://www.coastal.ca.gov>.

- When specific issues arise, contact your public officials and let them know that the Coastal Commission and our coast must be protected. Big coastal protection decisions are ahead, including the fate of many thousands of threatened

Monterey pines. Don't worry about writing the perfect letter, just write. You'd be amazed by what a strong impact you can make.

We all can do something. Remember, we only have one coast. Join the Great Coastal Places campaign to receive timely information on coastal issues. Let's make sure that our children and our children's children will be able to enjoy our great coastal places.

Visit Sierra Club's Great Coastal Places website at <http://www.sierraclub.org/ca/coasts/>.



CALENDAR

Sierra Club Events

Friday, June 11

Potluck/Slides - Mountain Regions II

Vilma Siebers combines slides from several trips depicting mountain regions of the world. This is the second of a 2-part series. The potluck begins at 6:30 p.m. Bring food to share and your own plate, cup, utensils and serving utensils. We

love home-cooked food, but store-bought items (minimum value \$4) make great contributions too. For directions call George, 335-7748.

Tuesday, June 22

Potluck/Slides - Cambodia

Join award-winning photographer David D. Keaton for a program on the ancient Khmer temples of the World Heritage

site, Angkor Wat. Over 1000 years ago the Khmer empire stretched across present-day Cambodia as well as parts of Thailand, Laos and Vietnam. In addition, Keaton will present information about the humanitarian landmine clearing work in Cambodia of Freedom Fields USA.

Bring food to share for 8 and your own plate and utensils. Drinks available. Carmel. 6:15 p.m. Turn east at Hwy. 1 and Rio Road; turn south at the last stop light at Carmel Center Place. Park in the lighted area behind Safeway and enter the side entrance of the mall. For more information call Marion Chilson, 624-3510.



Friday, July 16

Potluck/Slides - Wild by Nature

'Santa Cruz County: Wild by Nature' is a slide presentation by local professional nature photographer Michael Roberts. The potluck begins at 6:30 p.m. Bring food to share and your own plate, cup, utensils and serving utensils. We love home-cooked food, but store-bought items (minimum value \$4) make great contributions too. For directions call George, 335-7748.

Friday, July 30

Singles Potluck and Games

See June 25 for details.

Friday, June 25

Singles Potluck and Games

Friday evening potlucks are a great way to begin the weekend, and provide an opportunity to work out some weekend plans with others. 6:30 p.m. Bring food to share and your own plate, cup, utensils, and serving utensils. We love home-cooked food, but store-bought items (minimum value \$4) make great contributions too. For directions call George, 335-7748.

Art exhibit documents environmental change in California



Scientists discuss the demise and restoration of California's salmon near the Sacramento River, 1997 in this photo by Robert Dawson from the exhibit.

An exhibit now showing at the Museum of Art & History in Santa Cruz charts the ups and downs of the California environment over the past 150 years. "Awakening from the California Dream: An Environmental History" combines historical images with the dramatic photographs of Robert Dawson and the written insights of geographer/historian Gray Brechin.

The exhibit encourages viewers to reflect upon the historical events and attitudes that led to the degradation of

the state's environment. The traveling exhibition is accompanied by a 15-minute video which explores both historical and contemporary environmental issues.

The exhibit will show through July 18. The Museum of Art & History is located at 705 Front Street, Santa Cruz. Admission is \$4 or free to museum members. There is also free admission on the first Friday of the month. Visit www.santacruzmah.org or call 429-1964 for museum hours.

Non-Sierra Club events of interest

The following activities are not sponsored or administered by the Sierra Club. The Club makes no representations or warranties about the safety, supervision or management of such activities. They are published only as a reader service.

Free Worm Workshop

Did you know that about 25 percent of the material deposited in the County landfill is food waste? And that the County landfill will be full in less than 20 years? There's an easy solution.

Learn how worms can eat your food scraps and make beautiful compost for your garden. FREE workshop for Santa Cruz County residents, 1-3:00 p.m. Optional worm bin \$15. Call to reserve worm bin. Sponsored by Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors. Call Karin Grobe, 427-3452.

Saturday, June 26, Sierra Azul Nursery, 2660 East Lake Ave., Watsonville, across from County Fairgrounds

Through July 25

Ansel Adams Exhibit

"Another Side of Ansel Adams," will show in the Solari Gallery of the Museum of Art and History, Santa Cruz. Visit www.santacruzmah.org for lectures and events associated with the exhibit.

Saturdays

Garland Ranch hikes

The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District docents lead hikes at Garland

Ranch Park every Saturday and invite Sierra Club members to join them. An updated list of all hikes may be found on their website: www.mprpd.org.

Saturdays (see dates below)

Habitat restoration —

California Native Plant Society

Volunteer to restore native habitat in State Parks in Santa Cruz Co. Wear layered work clothing. Bring water & gloves. Tools provided. 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We work rain or shine, but, if things get particularly unpleasant, we call it a day. Contact Linda Brodman, 462-4041, redwdrn@pacbell.net. website: www.cruzcnps.org.

June 5 Fall Creek State Park
June 19 Sunset Beach State Park
July 17 Natural Bridges State Park
July 24 Sunset Beach State Park

Second and fourth Saturdays

Habitat restoration —

Watsonville

Second and fourth Saturdays each month. Sponsored by Watsonville Wetlands Watch. 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Meet in Orchard Supply parking lot at Green Valley Rd. and Main St. in Watsonville. Gloves, tools and lunch provided. Call Laura Kummerer, 728-4106 for more information. No experience needed.

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RATINGS

GENERAL INFORMATION:

All outings begin and end at the trailhead. Carpooling to and from the trailhead is strictly a private arrangement between the driver and his/her guests. Carpool drivers are not agents or employees of the Sierra Club.

GLS = Gay & Lesbian Sierrans. All are welcome on GLS outings.

EXPLANATION OF RATINGS:

The outings described vary in difficulty from leisurely walks to strenuous hikes. The following explanation are general guidelines. (For more information about the difficulty of a particular hike, call the leader):

Walk: Between 2-5 miles, leisurely pace.

Easy: No more than 5 miles; slight elevation gain; easy pace.

Moderate: 5-10 miles; up to 2,000' gain; boots; better than average fitness required.

Strenuous: May involve off-trail hiking; demanding pace; for experienced hikers in good condition only.

MEETING PLACES

DIRECTIONS:

Big Sur Land Trust Parking Lot: 3785 Via Nona Marie, Carmel. From Hwy. 1 heading S in Carmel, turn left on Rio Rd., left on Via Nona Marie, then left into the parking lot behind Monterey County Bank.

Albertson's/Bagel Bakery: Heading south on Hwy. 1, pass through Monterey. One mile past the Ocean Ave. intersection, turn left on Carmel Valley Rd. Almost immediately, turn right at the light toward the stores. Albertson's and Bagel Bakery are on the right.

Santa Cruz County Govt. Center: The large grey building at the corner of Ocean and Water in Santa Cruz. We meet at the corner of the parking lot nearest to the gas station.

Felton Faire: From Santa Cruz take Graham Hill Rd. toward Felton. Just after you pass Roaring Camp (on the left), make a right into Felton Faire shopping center. We meet at the edge of the Safeway parking lot nearest Graham Hill Rd.

41st Avenue Sears: From Hwy. 1 in Capitola, take the 41st Avenue exit and continue toward the ocean on 41st Avenue toward the Mall. Pass the main Mall entrance and turn right into the next entrance heading toward Sears. We meet behind the bank located at 41st and Capitola Road. **Senior Saunter meets in Sears parking lot close to 41st Ave.**

MPC Parking Lot: Monterey Peninsula College Parking Lot. From Hwy. 1 take the Fisherman's Wharf exit, go straight one block, turn left and left again into the first parking lot, parking lot A. This is the site of the Thursday Farmers Market. Plenty of parking without a fee on weekends.

In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

JUNE

Saturday, June 5

HIKE: BLACK MOUNTAIN

We'll climb Black Mountain in the Toro Park backcountry via Marks Canyon and an off-trail ridge. Return by trails. Elevation gain and off-trail portions make this 8-mile hike strenuous. Recommend boots, long pants, lunch, plenty of water and sun protection. Call for details. Leader: John Clark, 484-9403.

Sunday, June 6

WALK: PALM BEACH

We need an early start to walk this beach at low tide in our quest to find the mouth of the Pajaro River. Short, easy walk with good birding, binoculars recommended. A Watsonville Wetlands Watcher will help us find the way. Wear layers, bring water, snack and sense of adventure (your leader doesn't actually know where we're going!). Meet at the Seaside K-Mart off Canyon Del Rey at 8:15 a.m. or at Eric's Deli on Green Valley Road in Watsonville at 9:00 a.m. Optional lunch together before the drive home. Leader: Mary Gale, 626-3565.

Sunday, June 6

HIKE: PINE VALLEY

Strenuous 14-mile loop with 2000' elevation gain. Great views. From China Camp to Church Creek Divide, then up on the Pine Ridge Trail to the Bear Basin Connector and down to Pine Valley returning to Church Creek Divide. Some trails will be overgrown. You may bring small clippers. Bring lunch, lots of water, \$ for carpool. Meet at the Bagel Bakery in Carmel at 7:30 a.m. Leader: Suzanne Arnold, 626-4042.

Sunday, June 6

SINGLES VEGETARIAN PICNIC & BOATING: LOCH LOMOND

Meet at 3:15 at Felton Faire, or at 4:00 p.m. at the lakeshore picnic table where we will have an early supper potluck. After we'll go boating, hike, or just socialize and relax. Sorry, no swimming or alcohol allowed in the park. You may bring your own boat or we can rent shared row or paddle boats for approximately \$1/person/hour. Parking is free after 4:00 p.m. Bring your own plate, cup and serving utensils and a potluck dish to share. For more information call leader Karen Kaplan after 10:00 a.m., 335-3342.

Tuesday, June 8

SENIOR SAUNTER: CASTLE ROCK

We'll hike on some NEW trails on easy, rolling terrain for 5 miles or less if we get tired. Giant fir trees. Bathroom available. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. before 9:30 a.m. or at Felton Faire at 9:50 a.m. Bring lunch, water,

\$4 for carpool and share of the entrance \$. Leader: Joan Brohmer, 462-3803.

NOTICE

Club events such as potlucks, slide shows and other get-togethers are on page 6 in the Calendar listings.

Saturday, June 12

HIKE: MITTELDORF PRESERVE

Join me on this wonderful loop in and around the Mitteldorf Preserve, administered by the Big Sur Land Trust. 7 miles and 1,500' elevation gain. We may leave the cars at the gate and add 3 more miles to the hike. Great views and gorgeous old trees (the largest redwood in Monterey County). Bring lunch, water, sun protection, and wear a hat. Meet at the San Carlos Ranch Gate, 1 mile off Carmel Valley Road at 8:30 a.m. Must call me for a reserva-

tion. Leader: Anneliese Suter, 624-1467.

Sunday, June 13

HIKE: EAGLE ROCK

We'll take a trail developed by Sempervirens Fund and State Parks. You'll see the nail-less bridge. The 7-mile hike includes quite steep uphill sections. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Santa Cruz County Government Center to carpool. Bring water and lunch, Wear sturdy boots. Call Nick for additional information. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

Tuesday, June 15

SENIOR SAUNTER: PINTO LAKE

Pinto Lake in Watsonville is very picturesque with old oak and eucalyptus trees shading the 2-mile trail. We'll walk along the lake and see many different birds. Good restrooms and picnic tables. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. before 9:30 a.m. If you go direct, meet at 10:00 a.m. in the last parking lot in the Park. Pinto Lake is located 3 miles from Hwy. 1 on Green Valley Rd. Bring lunch, water, sunscreen and \$3 carpool. Leader: Roz DiNatale, 768-0363.

Saturday, June 19

HIKE AND PICNIC: BIG BASIN

We will enter Big Basin from the North. 10 miles and 700' elevation gain. Bring lunch and water. Potluck to follow in the park. Bring a

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dish to share and your own table service. I'll have ice chests to keep the food in while we hike. Meet at the Santa Cruz County Government Center at 9:30 a.m. or at Felton Faire at 10:00 a.m. Leader: George Jammal, 335-7748.

Saturday, June 19
HIKE: WEST MOLERA

We'll walk through a diverse landscape of oaks, redwoods, coastal bluffs and the beautiful Big Sur coast. We'll hike up the Ridge Trail and return on the Panorama trail. Views of Pico Blanco and the Pfeiffer Ridge. Lunch on the beach. 9-mile, 1100' elevation gain loop. Bring a windbreaker, lunch, lots of water, \$ for carpool, and sun block. Meet at the Bagel Bakery in Carmel at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Suzanne Arnold, 626-4042.

Sunday, June 20
SWIM/HIKE: ARROYO SECO

Join us on a moderately paced day hike at

Arroyo Seco in Monterey Co. Meet at Arroyo Seco Gorge parking at 9:00 a.m. (\$5 parking fee, or possibly Adventure Pass). Optional car-camping at Arroyo Seco Campground the night before. Bring swimwear, and pack lunch in waterproof container. Flotation device optional. Wear shoes to walk in the river. Co-sponsored by Wilderness sub-committee. Limited number of participants, call for reservation. Leader: Betsy MacGowan, 510 215-9255, or bmacgowan@hotmail.com.

Sunday, June 20
HIKE: POINT LOBOS

Explore the spectacular 5-miles of Point Lobos. Easy hike, bring water, a snack, and wear good hiking shoes. Meet in front of Albertson's at 9:00 a.m. for carpooling. After the hike, we could go out for lunch. Call for more information. Leader: Esperanza Hernandez, 678-1968.

Tuesday, June 22
SENIOR SAUNTER: CHAMINADE

Easy 1.8 mile walk through the redwoods. Some uphill. May eat buffet at the Chaminade Conference Center. Light lunch \$11. Drinks extra. Or bring a brown bag lunch to eat at the picnic area. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. before 9:30 a.m. or 9:50 a.m. behind the tennis courts at Chaminade. Leader: Maureen Maynard, 336-5293.

Saturday, June 26
WALK: MT MADONNA COUNTY PARK

We will start at Sprig Lake and loop through the Park's upper reaches trying several trails. 9-miles with significant ups and downs. It might also be hot though mostly under forest cover. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Santa Cruz

County Government Center to carpool. Bring water and lunch. Wear sturdy boots. Call Nick for additional information. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

Saturday, June 26
HIKE: MAL PASO TO SOBERANES

We'll hike up Mal Paso Canyon, then walk along the creek and hike up a very steep ridge. About 2000' on rough terrain, through chaparral and forest, then up to the Soberanes Trail crosscountry. There should still be some wildflowers. Return via Rocky Ridge. A strenuous 6-7 miles. Bring lots of water, lunch, sun protection, and a hat. Meet at Albertson's at 8:00 a.m. for a car shuttle. Leader: Larry Parrish, 622-7455.

Saturday, June 26
HIKE: ANDREW MOLERA

We'll hike up the Ridge trail, down the Panorama trail and along the bluffs in an 8-mile loop. Panoramic views. Bring water, lunch, hat, and \$ for 45-minute carpool. Meet at Albertson's in Carmel at 10:00 a.m. Back to car around 5:00 p.m. Leader: Andrea Phelps, andrea_phelps@csumb.edu or 884-9705.

Sunday, June 27
HIKE: TORO PARK

8-mile hike. Up the Ollason Trail to Red Tail Trail, with great views from the top of our 1,600' elevation peak. Bring water and food. Meet outside the entrance to the park at 9:00 a.m., 11.6 miles east of Hwy. 1 on Hwy. 68. Take the Portola exit or from Hwy. 101 take Monterey Peninsula/Hwy. 68 exit, drive 6 miles to Portola Drive. Leader: Steve Legnard, 402-1422.

Tuesday, June 29
SENIOR SAUNTER: COSTANOA

This is a new 3-mile hike on trails near Costanoa Resort. We'll do the Pampas Heaven Loop with some uphill. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. before 9:30 a.m. or 9:50 a.m. at King & Mission Street near Shen's Gallery.

Wear hiking boots. Bring water, lunch and \$4 carpool. Leader: Pat Herzog, 458-9841.

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Friday, July 2
HIKE: WEST MOLERA

We'll hike up Hidden Trail and Ridge trail, enjoying views of Pico Blanco and Post Summit. After lunch we descend via the Panorama trail and Bluff trail, with views of the ocean and Point Sur. Bring lunch, water, and a sweater/windbreaker as the ocean breeze can be cold. Meet behind Brinton's at 9:30 a.m. for this 8-mile, 1200' elevation gain hike. Leaders: Cath Farrant and Mary Dainton, 372 7427.

Friday - Monday, July 2 - 5
9TH ANNUAL TUBING AND CAMPING: RICHARDSON GROVE STATE PARK

Hike among giant redwoods, swim in the Eel River right at the edge of our group site or go tubing on the river. At this time of year the water is warm. We'll enjoy potluck dinners every night and live music. Bring your musical instruments. You don't have to have all the camping gear; we have plenty of stoves and lanterns. Cost is only \$15/vehicle plus \$10/adult member, \$12/non-members and \$5/kids 12 and under. Fill out the reservation form and mail it along with your check and SASE to: Eel River Camping, P.O. Box 604, Santa Cruz, CA 95061. Reservations must be received by 6/22. Info. will be mailed on 6/24. No phone reservations. Cancellation: Full refund if cancelled by 6/22, 50% by 6/27, no refund after 6/27. Please don't forget to include a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope OR your e-mail so I can send you directions, info on where to buy your inner tubes and life vests and the list of participants to help you arrange carpooling. For more information. call George, 335-7748.

Saturday, July 3
WALK: SOBERANES

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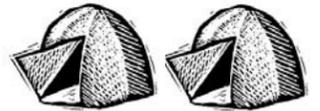
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Eel River Camping Trip
Friday - Monday, July 2-5

(Read the write-up for more details)



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footsteps. Either way, Soberanes Point and Creek are gorgeous in all conditions. Easy pace with only slight changes in elevation. Wear layers, carry water, lunch, bring binoculars. Expect to be back in town by about 2:00 p.m. Meet at 10:00 a.m. BEHIND the Big Sur Land Trust office. Your leader will be back there and will not come out front to look for you. You have been warned. Leader: Mary Gale, 626-3565.

Tuesday, July 6
**SENIOR SAUNTER:
ARANA GULCH**

This hike is in a lovely greenbelt area with trails leading down to the Yacht Harbor. You can eat at Rosa's Restaurant, The Crow's Nest, or enjoy your sack lunch while sitting on the jetty. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. before 9:30 a.m. or at 9:45 a.m. at Arana Gulch trailhead, Mentel & Agnes Sts. just off Soquel, two blocks east of Frederick Street. Bring a hat, water, lunch or \$ and carpool \$1. Leader: Margaret Steele, 465-8565.

Saturday, July 10
HIKE: HUDDART COUNTY PARK

Huddart is a San Mateo County Park near Woodside and involves a fairly long carpool over the hill. The 7-mile walk is mostly in redwood forest. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Santa Cruz County Government Center to carpool. Bring water and lunch, and wear sturdy boots. Call Nick for additional information. Leader: Nick Wyckoff, 462-3101.

Sunday, July 11
SWIM/HIKE: ARROYO SECO

We'll start at the Arroyo Seco parking lot and hike about 3 miles to the water. We'll wade upstream through several small waterfalls, float on rafts, or swim through beautiful ponds and the narrow gorge to reach the big waterfall. You must be a good swimmer and energetic hiker! Kids over 12 with their parents are welcome. Double bag food in ziplocks in a light daypack on your back.

Wear old tennis shoes and your bathing suit under light hiking clothes. Bring water, food, hat, sunblock and \$ for carpool. This will be an all-day outing in great heat and strong sun. Limited to 12 persons, call for reservation and time. Leaders: Suzanne Arnold and Steve Legnard, 626-4042.

Getting to outings
Sierra Club encourages outings participants to walk, bicycle, and take the bus to outings meeting places.



Tuesday, July 13
**SENIOR SAUNTER:
NISENE MARKS**

Park at the kiosk to begin our hike on Marcel's Trail. This shady, 3-mile forest trail will cross the

creek, and we can view the "twisted redwoods" and hidden garden. Moderate ups and downs. Lunch at George's Picnic Area. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. before 9:30 a.m. or at the park kiosk at approx. 9:50 a.m. Bring hiking boots, water, lunch, carpool \$3 and share of park entrance fee. Leaders: Bill and Marilyn Selby, 479-3809.

Saturday, July 17
HIKE: MAL PASO TO SOBERANES

We'll hike the valley, then along and up the creek, crawl up the very steep ridge on an old goat trail up to the highest point, then up over the meadows to the Soberanes watershed. Cross our fingers that we find the way. We'll come down through Soberanes Canyon. A very rough cross country hike. 8 miles and 2000' elevation gain. Wear light, long pants, anorak, gloves as protection against poison oak, and bring a pair of clippers. Bring lunch and water. Car shuttle. Meet at Albertson's at 9:00 a.m. Must call leader before: Anneliese Suter, 624-2467.

Sunday, July 18
HIKE: POGONIP

We'll see the haunted meadow, sacred oak, kilns, and other thrilling sights. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Santa Cruz County Government Center. 6 miles. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Sheila Dunnaway, 336-2325.

Sunday, July 18
HIKE: EAST TO WEST ON THE PINE RIDGE TRAIL

This is the infamous 23-mile hike from China Camp (4260') east of the coastal range to Big Sur State Park (370') in one day. We'll have to start at first light and probably won't finish until dark. Call the leader for reservation. Bring enough food; we can filter water along the way. This is a very strenuous hike; only tough hikers are encouraged to come. Once underway, there is no turning around. Call leader: Steve Legnard, 402-1422.

Tuesday, July 20
SENIOR SAUNTER: SPANISH BAY

Easy 5-mile level hike along part of Spanish Bay Golf Course to the beach and Point Joe and beyond. Lunch at picnic tables at the beach. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. before 9:30 a.m. or outside the Fishwife Restaurant near Asilomar at 10:30 a.m. Bring windbreaker, hat, water, lunch and \$5 carpool. Leader: Beverly Meschi, 662-2434.

Saturday, July 24
HIKE: MARIN HEADLANDS

We'll drive to the Marin headlands and enjoy a 10-mile loop trail with magnificent coastal views and hopefully still good wildflowers. About 1100' elevation gain. Possible dinner in San Francisco after. Bring lunch and water.

Meet at the Santa Cruz County Government Center at 8:30 a.m. Leader: George Jammal, 335-7748.

Saturday, July 24
BACKPACKING WORKSHOP

If you would like to learn about backpacking or want to improve your backpacking skills, a new class, including a shake-down trip on August 28, is being offered and could just be the thing for you. Henry Leinen, national and Ventana chapter hike leader, will teach a "Backpacking for Everyone" class on Saturday, July 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Carmel home of Charlotte Anderson. Bring your bag lunch. Advance reservation required at 655-1948 or hleinen@aol.com. Henry has taught this class nationally, and we are fortunate to have him offering it for our chapter. Sign up now!

Saturday, July 24
HIKE: SOBRANES CYN/ROCKY RIDGE

Moderately strenuous 6-mile loop through the canyon and up to the ridge. Very steep climb that leads to gorgeous panoramic views. Bring hat, water, and lunch. Meet at Albertson's at 10:00 a.m. Back around 3:00 p.m. Leader: Andrea Phelps, 884-9705, or andrea_phelps@csumb.edu.

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Sunday, July 25

SWIM HIKE: ARROYO SECO

See write up of July 11. Leaders: Suzanne Arnold and Steve Legnard, 626-4042.

Tuesday, July 27

SENIOR SAUNTER: LEVEE/EAST CLIFF

Casual walk from River St. levee over railroad trestle to yacht harbor. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. before 9:30 a.m. To go direct, meet at 9:50 a.m. on River St. by Zanotto's. Meters go for 12 hours. We can have lunch at Aldo's or bring lunch, to eat on beach by jetty. Bring water, lunch and \$1 for carpool. Leader: Maureen Maynard, 336-5293.

Saturday, July 31

WALK AND PICNIC: SEASCAPE BEACH

All ages welcome: tots to teens to seniors. 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bring a frisbee, ball, beach game, picnic lunch to share and enjoy this intergenerational outing. We'll walk, relax, play, maybe swim, share our lunch and conversation then walk a little more. Invite your neighbors, acquaintances, friends. Take Clubhouse Dr. towards beach, cross RR tracks, take 2nd left (Via Palo Alto) go about 12 houses to stairs down to the beach. Meet at the top of the stairs at 10:00 a.m. Rideshare or bike, if possible. Dress in layers for fog. Leader: Gary Harrold, 662-0102.

Saturday, July 31

MOONLIGHT HIKE: PINNACLES

Hiking the Pinnacles by moonlight is a thrilling and unique experience. 1200' elevation gain. We'll start in the afternoon and have a picnic dinner waiting for the full moon to come up and light the trails. Bring a flashlight. Call leader for meeting place, time and more: Esperanza Hernandez, 678-1968.

AUGUST

Sunday, August 1

HIKE: NISENE MARKS STATE PARK

Meet at the Santa Cruz County Government Center at 10:00 a.m. or near Pacific Rim Restaurant at 10:30 a.m. 8-mile hike to Maple Falls and back. Bring lunch, water, hiking boots. Some stream crossings. Leader: Sheila Dunniway, 336-2325.

Sunday, August 1

HIKE: PICO BLANCO PUBLIC CAMP

We'll hike about 10 miles from the Old Coast Road up the Little Sur River to Pico Blanco Camp. 1400' elevation gain. Great views and the most beautiful waterfall and pool in the area. Meet at Albertson's at 8:00 a.m. to carpool. Bring food and lots of water. Leader: Steve Legnard, 402-1422.

Tuesday, August 3

SENIOR SAUNTER: NEW BRIGHTON BEACH/POT BELLY BEACH

It's a great time for a beach walk. Leader will take us along the back way down to the beach. We may get as far as the cement ship. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. before 9:30 a.m. If you go direct, meet at 9:50 a.m. and park on Kennedy at Park St. Bring water, sunscreen, hat, lunch and \$1 carpool. Leader: Grace Hansen, 476-7524.

Saturday, August 7

HIKE: CARMEL VALLEY TO JACKS PEAK

We will leave from Carmel Valley Road and hike up Roach Canyon to Jacks Peak. 6 miles, 1200' elevation gain. Expect some brush and possible poison oak. Wear appropriate clothing. Call for details. Meet at Albertson's at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Larry Parrish, 622-7455.

Sunday, August 8

HIKE: TIMBERTOP TO VENTANA INN

We will climb up from Hwy. 1 through grassy meadows to Timbertop, then return along the Coast Ridge Road. Short car shuttle. 8 miles, 2000' elevation gain. Bring lots of water and lunch. Meet 8:00 a.m. at the Bagel Bakery. Call for more details. Leader: Betsy MacGowan, bmacgowan@hotmail.com or 510-215-9255.

Tuesday, August 10

SENIOR SAUNTER: FALL CREEK

3-mile shady hike in the redwood forest, partly along the creek. Some moderate uphill. Trail rocky in places. We'll lunch at the limestone kilns. After lunch, optional additional hiking. Hikers who do not want to do this part can wait at the kilns. No restrooms. Meet at Sears 41st Ave. before 9:30 a.m. or just before 10:00 a.m. at Felton Faire. To go direct, use parking lot on Empire Grade up from Hwy. 9. Wear hiking boots. Bring water, lunch and \$3 carpool. Leader: Pat Herzog, 458-9841.

Sunday, August 15

HIKE: VINCENTE FLAT:

We'll see beautiful redwoods and meadows, look down to the coast, listen to Hare Creek. Shade and sunshine. 11 miles with 2000' elevation gain. One hour carpool down breath-taking Hwy. 1. Bring lots of water, food and wear good hiking shoes. Meet at Albertson's at 8:00 a.m. Call for more information. Leader: Esperanza Hernandez, 678-1968.

SEPTEMBER

Friday - Monday, September 3 - 6

14TH ANNUAL LABOR DAY WEEKEND AT TAHOE

We have 3 family sites at D. L. Bliss State Park. We can walk down to the beach for swimming or walking. Hikes into Desolation Wilderness to visit lakes where we can swim, or we can climb peaks for great alpine views. We'll also have shorter walks along Lake Tahoe or to a nearby lake. Potluck dinners. Kids and musical instruments welcome and encouraged. Group events where we will get to know each other and become one Sierra Club family. All three nights just \$15/vehicle + \$10/person for members, \$12 for non-members and \$5 for kids 12 and under. Include a SASE to receive carpooling information, directions to the campground, the weekend plans, and a list of recommended items to bring. We have lanterns and camp stoves. Don't miss this great weekend; reserve early; mail the filled out form and your check to arrive by August 21 to Lake Tahoe Camping, PO Box 604, Santa Cruz, CA. 95061. Information sheets will be sent to you on August 23. Parking is limited; carpooling strongly encouraged. No phone reservations. Cancellations: 100% refund if cancelled by August 21, 50% by August 31, no refund after the 31st. For more info call George, 335-7748.

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Total enclosed (make checks payable to Sierra Club) = _____

Departing day/time _____ Returning day/time _____

Carpooling information: I/we have room for _____ riders
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You may give my name and phone number to other participants.
Rides cannot be guaranteed, reserve at your own risk.

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Marching for women's lives and a sustainable future



Local marchers carry the Sierra Club banner in Washington D.C.

by Cynthia Mathews

An estimated one million people gathered in Washington DC on April 25 for the historic March For Women's Lives. The Sierra Club was represented as both a national sponsor and by participants from the Monterey Bay Area.

The March, said to be the largest such event ever held in the nation's capitol, was designed to focus public attention on current threats to reproductive choice, and to inspire a new generation of activists to defend reproductive rights and services.

The March represented an unusually diverse coalition, with other major sponsors including Planned Parenthood, NOW, ACLU, NAACP, and Feminist Majority. Local Sierra Club members Linda Brodman, Carol Fuller, and Santa Cruz City Councilmember Cynthia Mathews were among the estimated 100 local residents who participated in the March.

The local delegation carried Sierra Club placards as well as a large pro-choice banner representing the Reproductive Rights Network, a community coalition of over 50 local organizations, including the Sierra Club.

Scholarships totaling nearly \$3,000

helped approximately 15 local students and health care workers attend the historic event. Organizers estimated that one third of the participants were under the age of 25.

The Sierra Club has long recognized that promoting access to family planning and reproductive choice is an essential component for improving the status of women and stabilizing world population for a sustainable future.

Our planet is now home to more than 6 billion people, with a projected 50% increase in the next fifty years. With almost one-half of the global population under the age of 25, the choices families make today will have a tremendous impact on the future.

One of the most comprehensive ways to address rapid population growth is through voluntary family planning programs. The Sierra Club supports the highest levels of funding without restrictions for domestic and international family planning programs.

Meeting the basic needs for family planning and reproductive health services now is a necessary investment for an improved environmental future.

For more information contact: Cynthia Mathews, 425-1551 x29 or mathews@cruzio.com.

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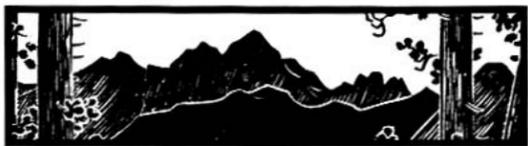
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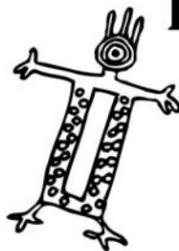
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A patch of one's own

ARBORETUM

by Todd Newberry

A mile up the road from where I live is one of the University of California's arboretums, a spectacular site overlooking Monterey Bay. When, thirty years ago, a macadamia bush and some eucalyptus trees were planted to start this collection, these fifty acres were just the corner of a huge upland pasture, with mucky wallows and almost impenetrable thickets where, as I recall, big and scary cattle lurked. Now most of the acreage has become gardens, copses, and greenhouses filled



Say's Phoebe

with expatriate plants from South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand. It is a nightmare for devotees of native plants but a splendid habitat for native birds. In the course of the year, a birder here will

find close to eighty kinds of birds.

Some of the arboretum's bucolic surroundings are about to change. Beyond one fence line, a few slopes are still remnant ranchland; even now, cattle occasionally graze there. A creek has worn gentle hollows across these pastures. Misbegotten attempts long ago to turn part of the creek bed into a reservoir have left two dikes. During the winter rains one of them holds back enough water to make a respectable pond amidst the willows, and the other dike stops enough to flood a woodsy marsh. By late spring the water has seeped away into the caverns that riddle this land. The creek and its hollows are slated for "restoration," which means the loss of some old attractions for wildlife—let's hope with the gain of some new ones. But along another fence line, the university plans to border this idyllic place with a big project: townhouses for people and "indoor" cats.

As these acres have gone from pasture to gardens, their birdlife has completely changed, and more changes are in store. As the university's campus intrudes, the meadowlarks will leave the open fields where they winter now; and tree-loving accipiters and Red-shouldered Hawks will replace the harriers and Golden Eagles and Red-tails that scour the grasslands. Quail flourish in the arboretum. When they find those quail—and find the thrashers, too, and the towhees and the other ground-loving birds that have adopted the arboretum's gardens as their own—the new townhouses' escapee cats will think they have arrived in Heaven and the birds will learn about Hell.

I wish I had had the patience and the gumption to monitor the arboretum's birdlife over these past decades, for it has

been an ecological theater transformed while the play on its stage went on. Do the arithmetic: in those thirty years, had I visited the place for only a couple of hours weekly on the way to work, instead of just driving by, I would have documented some *three thousand hours* of ecological observations. What an opportunity squandered! And with all this activity afoot around the place's edges, who will record what happens next to the birds that live here now? Someone should, anyone can—even I.

Monitoring a patch, even a glorious one like this arboretum, usually seems

UCSC's arboretum. But over the seasons, most are birdier than they may first appear to be. An embarrassing case in point: One August afternoon forty years ago in the Big Sur, my wife and I followed a lazy river from the highway to the sea. It was hot and still; the path seemed all but birdless. "Well, Louise," I declared after an hour, "we can write off *this place*." "This place" has since become the Big Sur Ornithological Lab, one of the liveliest birding sites on the central California coast. Moral: In an unfamiliar place, be more patient than I was that day.



Allen's Hummingbird

Michelle Scott



Tree swallow

trivial as you do it. (Of course, that's been my excuse.) Week by week, not much happens, and what does mark the calendar as species arrive and depart is roughly predictable. The same date rolls around again, and mostly the same kinds and numbers of birds seem to be there. Censuses go along briskly enough; but as the weeks stretch on, they can feel tedious. The data sheets fill slowly. Truancy tempts. That's when we need to remember the childhood hymn about how little drops of water and little grains of sand made the mighty ocean and the fruitful land. Here on our patch, those drops and grains are what we are monitoring.

Not all patches are as birdy as

Unlike the Big Sur Lab, most patches won't make ornithological headlines. But that doesn't matter. The very exercise of monitoring a habitat's ongoing birdlife instills some of a naturalist's skills, keenness, and patience. In fact, the sheer pleasure of following the seasons on a patch of one's own is reward enough. Take good notes!

Todd Newberry is Professor Emeritus of Biology at U.C. Santa Cruz and a founding Fellow of Cowell College there. He is an invertebrate zoologist, a marine biologist, and a lifelong ardent birder.

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Something fishy

Beware the "organic" label on fish. The National Organics Program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which administers the official organic seal on produce and other foods, has not developed standards for fish. Most fish sporting an "organic" label is farm-raised. Without national standards, producers can use their own standards.

On the money

John Muir and Yosemite have been chosen to grace the California State Quarter. The design by artist Garrett Burke pays homage to Club founder John Muir who spawned the modern conservation movement. In addition, the coin will depict the California condor.

Mass action

In May, the governor of Massachusetts unveiled a state plan for cutting CO₂ emissions. The plan calls

for replacing state owned SUVs with hybrids as well as regulatory changes, proposed laws, and incentive programs to address global warming.

This action by a Republican governor stands in stark contrast to the Bush administration's lack of action to curb global warming.

The Bush administration's record on global warming demonstrates a string of broken pledges and backwards

policies. In its first months in office, the administration broke a campaign commitment to curb global warming from power plants, pulled the United States out of the international global warming treaty, and announced a destructive energy policy that would increase U.S. global warming emissions by deepening our reliance on polluting fossil fuels.

Smells bad

New documents uncovered by the Chicago Tribune revealed how the Bush administration worked in secret to craft a deal with the meat industry to exempt factory farms from air pollution requirements. Both the American Public Health Association and the National Academy of Sciences have stated that pollution from factory farms jeopardizes public health. Factory farms generate as much waste as a small city and spew toxic gases and other pollutants into the air.

Rebates still available for solar-electric systems

The California Energy Commission (CEC) still has \$32 million to help pay for renewable-energy systems for home use. Now is the time to sign up for a clean, solar-electric system for your home. Photovoltaics, the big solar-electric panels seen on rooftops, turn energy from sunlight into electricity. Solar electric users not only help the environment, they also reduce our dependence on expensive imported fuels.

Since the CEC began its current rebate program at least 287 homes, schools, and businesses in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties have installed photovoltaic systems and have received substantial rebates on the purchase cost. Currently the rebate is \$3.20 per watt of generating capacity. For a typical 2000-watt home system, the state would rebate as much as \$6,400 towards purchase and installation. If you've been thinking about installing a solar system on your home, now is the time to act because the rebate will drop to \$3.00 per

watt on July 1. As an additional incentive, up to 7.5% of the remaining cost can be claimed as a state tax credit.

Locally, the city of Santa Cruz is the leader with over 100 installed photovoltaic systems (and three wind systems which are also eligible for rebates). By contrast all of Monterey County has about 46 solar energy systems. Watsonville has 32 and Carmel Valley has 9. To find out how your city is doing visit the website below. Click on the Program Background link, then the Emerging Renewables Program link, and then the Data File for Completed Systems link.

To learn more about the rebates and tax credits check out the renewable energy web site: www.consumerenergycenter.com/renewable. To look for installers, look under "Solar Energy Equipment" in the yellow pages. And don't forget *Ventana* advertisers. When you install your system, the earth will breathe a little easier.

BOOK REVIEW

Plan B. Rescuing a Planet under Stress and a Civilization in Trouble, Lester R. Brown, W.W. Norton & Co., New York, 2003.

Reviewed by Debbie Bulger

The earth is in trouble. In China the Gobi Desert expanded by an area half the size of Pennsylvania from 1994 to 1999. Life expectancy in sub-Saharan Africa has dropped from 62 to 47 years. World grain production / person is dropping. Water tables have fallen in China, the United States, and India which together produce half the world's grain.

In business, the term "plan B" refers to an alternate plan one has in reserve for those times when the original strategy is not working. Brown argues for the immediate implementation of measures to save the earth from disaster.

Brown, founder of the Earth Policy Institute, asks whether the United States will continue with business as usual or exercise the leadership necessary to mobilize world resources to avert water shortages, food shortages, climate change, population explosion, and the social unrest and economic collapse that will result.

The good news is that there are demonstrated solutions to each of these problems being implemented around the world today.

Brown points out that the economic collapse of food production could occur first. We are already witnessing the collapse of wild fish stocks. On land, our deep pumping of non-replenishable fossil aquifers such as those under the American Midwest and in India, threatens our ability to grow crops. Eroding soils worldwide are decreasing land productivity. In the U.S. especially, we are paving over prime cropland for roads and parking lots.

Rising temperatures also negatively affect crop yields. For example, the International Rice Research Institute in the Philippines has discovered that the

fertility of rice drops from 100% at 93°F to zero at 104°F. Ohio State University researchers have noted that photosynthesis begins to drop off when the temperature exceeds 95°F.

One of the economic tools Brown advocates is market honesty, i.e., charging the true cost for goods and services based on their indirect costs as well as direct costs. By lowering taxes on income and raising taxes on harmful things such as carbon emissions, governments can speed up the shift to sustainable agriculture and industry.

Subsidy shifting must also occur he feels. A 1997 report observed, "... there is something unbelievable about the

The good news is that there are demonstrated solutions to each of these problems being implemented around the world today.

w o r l d spending hundreds of billions of dollars annually to subsidize its own destruc-

tion." Instead of assisting climate change by subsidizing the fossil fuel industries, Brown urges governments to shift these subsidies to wind, solar, and fuel cell research and installation. Some countries have already begun. China cut its coal subsidy from \$750 million in 1993 to \$240 million in 1995 and has imposed a tax on high sulfur coal. Germany is talking about lowering its carbon emissions 40% by 2020.

Brown documents many ways to raise water productivity, stabilize population, cut carbon emissions, and fund the necessary changes confronting us. The only question remaining is whether or not we have the will to change.

This easy-to-read book should be required reading for all political office holders.



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2004 Ventana Election Rules and Timeline

The timeline and rules listed below are based on the Sierra Club's guidelines for chapter and group elections of members to Executive Committees.

I. Chapter/Group Election Timetable

June: Election Rules and Timeline published in *Ventana*.

June-August: Nominating Committees consider chapter/group members for Executive Committees; choose at least two more candidates than the number of openings on each ExCom.

July 1: Petition candidates may begin to circulate petitions. They may contact the chapter Election Committee Chair, Mary Gale, at 626-3565 to determine whether they are being considered for nomination.

August 28: Chapter and Group NomComs submit names of candidates to Chapter ExCom.

September 8: Election Committee Chair provides candidate names to Chapter/group offices and to webmaster for member information.

Sept. 20: Election Committee Chair submits election article to *Ventana* Editor for inclusion in autumn *Ventana*.

October 8: All candidate petitions and statements with photos for inclusion

in election mailing to members must be submitted to Election Chair; materials not received by the deadline will not be included in the mailing.

October 22: Election materials delivered to mailing house.

November 15: Election materials mailed to members.

December 13: Deadline for postmark on returned ballots.

December 18: Counting of ballots.

December 30: Election Committee Chair reports election results to Chapter ExCom.

II. Election Rules and Procedures.

Nominating Committees consist of not fewer than 3 members, appointed each year by ExComs in spring, and whose term expires on Dec. 31. Their membership is published in the August *Ventana*.

Duties: select nominees and report names to Chapter ExCom by the end of August. NomComs shall nominate at least 2 more candidates than the number of ExCom members to be elected; all must have given their consent to the nomination.

Deliberation of the NomCom may be open or closed at NomCom discretion; no committee members may be nominated. Names of nominees shall be published in the October *Ventana*.

Petition Candidates: the name of any chapter or group member proposed in writing by 25 members and who gives consent shall also be included on the ballot. The petition must be postmarked or delivered to the Election Chair by October 8. July 1 is the first day for circulation of a nominating petition, and shall be in a form prepared by the

Secretary and made available to petition candidates at the Chapter/Group offices. The form shall provide for names, signature, and addresses of signers and dates of signature. The Secretary shall verify the membership of signers to determine if a sufficient number appear on the petition. A candidate statement in the form prescribed by the Election Chair shall accompany the petition when it is submitted to the Secretary.

Candidate Statements: the Election Chair shall provide to all candidates a standard format for statements, specifying the length, organization, and content.

All candidates shall submit statements which conform to these specifications; material may be edited for accuracy, suitability, and length, and is confidential until published. Statements not received by the October 8 deadline will not be included in the mailing to members.

III. Balloting Committee: This committee of not less than 3 members is appointed by ExCom. No candidate may serve on this committee. Balloting Committee shall prepare for mailing by November 15 a brief description of the election procedure, the candidates' statements, and ballots with return envelopes. Separate ballots, accompanied by the candidates' statements, shall be mailed to each member. The return envelope shall bear a distinctive return address so as to insure prompt receipt by the Secretary, who shall hold the ballots unopened until the election closes, and then give them to the Balloting Committee for opening, validation, and counting of ballots. The counting process shall be subject to observers, one appointed by each candidate. Balloting Committee shall notify candidates of the time and place for opening and counting of the ballots. If the winning candidates' margin of victory is 10 votes or fewer, the ballots shall be counted again. Before counting ballots, Balloting Committee shall check names off a master list of Chapter members, unless computer printed labels are part of the ballot.

Election Results: shall be reported to the Secretary, who shall report to the candidates and the ExComs. Within 5 days the Balloting Committee shall submit a written report of the election results to the ExCom. The election is

not deemed complete until the report is received. The ballots shall be held for one month following opening and counting, after which they may be destroyed by direction of ExCom, if no objection to the election has been made.

ExCom shall establish a formal objection procedure, which shall be initiated within 30 days of the submission of the formal report of Balloting Committee to ExCom. The ballots shall not be destroyed before the end of that 30 day period, or before any formal objection has been processed, including the time during which the election is protested to the national Sierra Club.

IV. Election campaigning:

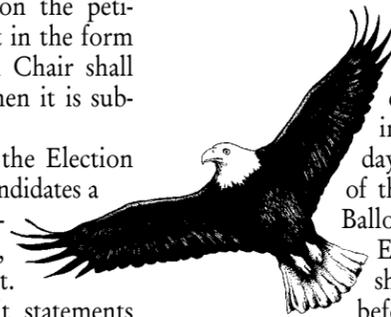
Campaigning for chapter/group office is permitted; however, no campaign statements other than those submitted to and approved by the Election Chair, and no advertisements, shall appear in the *Ventana* or any other Sierra Club publication. After publication of names of candidates, no article by or about a candidate may appear in the *Ventana* unless it pertains to the ordinary performance of the duties of the candidate as a member of the Sierra Club. Each candidate shall have an equal opportunity to respond to published or circulated campaign statements of other candidates and shall be given an equal opportunity to address Sierra Club meetings concerning their candidacy. No candidate may spend more than \$100 for campaign expenses, regardless of source. The Chapter membership mailing list shall be made available to candidates for the purpose of sending campaign material. Campaign material shall be identified by source, and copies shall be sent to the NomCom and to all candidates in time to permit timely responses. Sierra Club entities shall not endorse candidates, but any member may endorse and speak for a candidate as an individual, as distinguished from a chapter/group official. Editors of the *Ventana* are not permitted to endorse a candidate. Candidates may not sign arguments accompanying ballot issues such as by-law changes. Candidates may address such issues in their candidate statements.

V. Amendments to Election Rules:

Any amendments may be considered and made each year, by May, by ExCom. The rules, as they may have been amended, shall be published each year in the *Ventana* for Jul/Aug.

VI. Election Timetable:

ExCom shall adopt this annually, in June, setting out the dates for all procedures specified in the by-laws and these rules. The timetable shall be published in the *Ventana* for Jul/Aug.



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