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October 17, 2003

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest reported) October 16, 2003

American River Holdings

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its chapter)

California	0-31525	68-0352144
----- (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	----- (Commission File Number)	----- (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1545 River Park Drive, Suite 107, Sacramento, California	95815
----- (Address of principal executive offices)	----- (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (916) 565-6100

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Item 6. Resignations of Registrant's Directors

Registrant subsidiary issued a press release dated October 16, 2003, announcing the resignation of Bill Young as Director of American River Holdings and President and Chief Executive Officer of American River Bank. Mr. Young's resignation was based on personal family related reasons and not due to any disagreement with the Registrant's operations, policies or practices. The foregoing description is qualified by reference to the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 and Mr. Young's Letter of Resignation attached as Exhibit 99.2.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

(99.1) Press release dated October 16, 2003
(99.2) Letter of Resignation from William L. Young

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

AMERICAN RIVER HOLDINGS

/s/ MITCHELL A. DERENZO

Mitchell A. Derenzo, Chief Financial Officer

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