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Congratulations Mrs. Hoffman's 5th Grade Class!

These students participated in a program designed to foster creative expression among young people by submitting a poem to the Anthology of Poetry, Inc. Their poems have been selected as some of the most creative submissions and have earned a place in the 2002 edition of the Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans. Two copies of this publication will be in the Library courtesy of Mr. Julio Cota. See page 5 for poems



Pictured left to right, Back row: Ana Rivera, Veronica Chavez, Amber Gerken, Ashlee Martinez, Steven Smith, John Kay, and Mrs. Hoffman. Front row: Angela Fernandez, Larisa Mayer, Kristina Lopez, Kacy Shackelford, Yesenia Veloz, Michelle Evans, and Ingrid Dittmar. Not pictured: Patrick Sanford and Roxanne Lucero.

CAPAY VALLEY GENERAL PLAN COMMITTEE

By: Will Baker

In September of last year residents of the Capay Valley were rudely awakened (again) by news that county government was on the verge of completing another comprehensive plan for the valley's future.

The period for public comment on two draft elements for a proposed county-wide General Plan was about to close—and very few had heard or seen a word of what was in the documents. Worse, the two elements were Recreation/Open Space and Agriculture, both of primary importance to Valley people (most of the "wild land" in the county is in Capay Valley). Worse still, the local advisory committee set up twenty years before to monitor such situations had expired quietly, so residents had no organized voice with which to express a response.

A phone tree sprouted and grew vigorously over the next month. By November a group of about 40 locals had organized a series of public meetings (featuring Planning Commissioner Don Peart, Supervisor Lynnel Pollack, and County Counsel Steve Basha), which apprised the community of procedures to be followed in forming a permanent advisory committee empowered to draft a General Plan for the Capay Valley. In January the Board of Supervisors formally appointed 21 volunteers to serve as that committee (hereafter known as CVAC, pronounced as in the Russian duck-call).

CVAC and the Farm Bureau requested and received an extension of the comment period, and proceeded to supply the Planning Commission with numerous recommendations designed to protect family farms and open space while allowing appropriate recreational development (eco- and agri-tourism are the new buzzwords).

Since the law requires that the county-wide plan and various regional plans for unincorporated areas must be compatible, CVAC also watched whenever language in the proposed county plan seemed to constrain or inhibit policies seen as vital to preserving the Valley's traditions. The upshot was that about half the recommendations advanced by the local committee were included in the final draft of the Rec/Open Space and Ag elements.

Rhetoric has been spirited, but polite, in the new committee's deliberations. All meetings are roundtable and open to the public, usually on the first Wednesday of each month in the Guinda Grange Hall at 7 p.m. CVAC also puts up notices in local post offices or stores, and makes background material (drafts,

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Citizens for Capay Valley Plan Forum on Casino's EIR

By: Trini Campbell

Citizens for Capay Valley, a group of community members concerned about the ongoing and impending casino expansion and the resulting threat to public safety are hosting a community forum to discuss the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to be submitted to the public by the Rumsey Tribe in early May. The EIR, a report required by the Tribal State Gaming Compact for casino expansion projects which have an impact on surrounding communities, will describe Cache Creek Casino's plans to double the size of the casino. For a summary of the EIR requirements of the Compact, Section 10.8.2 of the Compact specifies that, "Prior to commencement of a Project, the Tribe will: (1) Inform the public of the planned Project (2) Take appropriate actions to determine whether the project will have any significant adverse impacts on the Off-Reservation Environment; (3) For the purpose of receiving and responding to comments, submit all environmental impact reports concerning the proposed project to the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research and the county board of supervisors for distribution to the public... (5) Meet with and provide an opportunity for comment by those members of the public residing Off-Reservation within the vicinity of the Gaming Facility such as might be adversely affected by pro-

posed Project."

The Compact further states in Section 10.8.2: "...

(b) During the conduct of a project, the Tribe shall: (1) Keep the board or council, as the case may be, and potentially affected members of the public apprized of the project's progress; and (2) Make good faith efforts to mitigate any and all such significant adverse Off-Reservation environmental impacts.

(c) As used in Section 10.8.1 and this Section 10.8.2, the term "Project" means any expansion or any significant renovation or modification of an existing Gaming Facility, or any significant excavation, construction, or development associated with the Tribe's Gaming Facility or proposed Gaming Facility and the term "environmental impact reports" means any environmental assessment, environmental impact report, or environmental impact statement, as the case may be."

The community forum will take place at the Guinda Grange Hall sometime in mid-May after the **SEE FORUM** (Continued on page 11)

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INFORMACIÓN EN ESPAÑOL PÁGINA 10

A POINT OF VIEW LETTER

Dear Linda Fiack: Thursday, April 11, 2002

Ready for some more work? As Yolo County Resource Manager and Compliance Officer, I've been instructed to continue to file all complaints of illegal granite truck operations with you, similar to what I and numerous others have done from time-to-time in past years with your predecessor, David Morrison, all with a copy to Supervisor Pollock. Well, the following roughly describes the most flagrant "in-your-face" violation in years...just one day after the April 9 deadline for citizens to make scooping comments on Granite's proposed big new asphalt/concrete plants on the North Bank of Cache Creek.

Yesterday, during the lunch hour in Esparto, Mike Lowrie Trucking set a new violation record with six illegal haul route violations in only one hour. (We'll just ignore the several speeding matters this time.) The trucking amounted to three incoming empties moving illegally North through Esparto to Granite Construction (whose empties are to approach, when legal, from the NORTH on Road 87 & leave that way too!) in the first half of the hour and then three subsequent outgoing rock loads from Granite Construction on Road 87. All rock was hauled non-locally, across the Interstate 505 overpass, to Solano Concrete!

Trailing along after the 25-ton+ loaded trucks on the illegal route, they made the illegal right turn coming out of Granite (12:35 p.m. for truck license 1WB4332, 12:42 for truck license 1WL5917, and about 12:50 for the 3rd truck). They rumbled South over Cache Creek, disturbing the huge federally-protected migratory nesting cliff swallow flock, picking up speed and dust past the York's and Haag Farm, bumping past the several long-term care residents walking roadside just North of Esparto, vibrating former Chamber of Commerce President Pat Harrison's real estate office, and separating Yolo County's orange-jacketed grass-cutting workers crossing Yolo Ave. Next, they slipped through the dozens of high school students crossing to the Burger Barn for lunch, past Superintendent Tom Michaelson's office, made the left turn to illegally head out East on Highway 16 past the driveway of Yolo County Planning Commissioner Meredith Stephe, speeded past Tutt St. in Madison (Limit is 45 mph.), crossed the interstate (which legally they were supposed to be on instead of bouncing through Esparto), and turned into Solano Concrete. Saw it all! Cross my heart!

Finally, one may ask the simple-minded question as to why one gravel company is hauling to another gravel company, legally or NOT, but the more relevant question is: Why entrust these companies with daily hauling in hot asphalt oil at 300 degrees plus for their proposed 7,000

ton/day hot asphalt plant plus trucking in other's polluted used asphalt 2 months/year for hot processing, plus all those other chemicals and cement powder, plus, of course, all those thousands of outgoing open steaming asphalt trucks and huge concrete trucks?

Please respond to us with what punitive or other action was taken after your full investigation.

Sincerely,
Jim Haag, Keeper of the Northern Passage

Gravel Truck Traffic Concern

Concerns have recently been expressed to the County regarding gravel truck traffic in the vicinity of Esparto. Specifically, instances of excessive speed, reckless driving, and the violation of adhering to required travel routes have been noted. These concerns are being brought to your attention in an effort to address the reported situation and to resolve the issue with a cooperative approach, thereby eliminating the need for further enforcement by the County or other appropriate agencies.

The County recognizes that increased development in the Esparto and Capay Valley areas has brought forth increases in related activities, including gravel deliveries requiring trucks to travel through Esparto and other areas that historically were not subject to gravel truck traffic. The general increase in traffic in this area along Highway 16 is of concern to the County, as well as the California Department of Transportation, and is the subject of studies underway to address options available to best meet this growth-induced impact. Other county roads are also being impacted as local residents look for alternatives to travel along Highway 16. Although gravel truck traffic is just a part of the overall concern, the situation makes adherence to existing traffic laws and the requirements of the Mining Permits and Development Agreements related to gravel truck travel of utmost importance.

As the County Resource Manager, I have found that past instances of reported violations have been somewhat isolated. In the most recent instances over the last year, reported truck travel through Esparto was attributed to traffic diversion required by the California Highway Patrol due to a traffic accident, in one instance, and the servicing of construction sites at the newly constructed subdivisions in Esparto, in the other. Through open communication, we were able to inform local residents of these situations. The County, together with the California Highway Patrol, was also able to resolve reported instances of wreckless driving and excessive speed by gravel trucks, and other traffic, on County Road 14, again using open communication to effectively resolve the issue, with the cooperation of the gravel industry.

I am hopeful that we can again resolve the most recent issues brought to the County's attention in an amicable manner without resorting to enforcement measures. Failure to do so could result in review of the matter by the County Traffic Advisory Committee, Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, including the possible determination of the need to consider, and act upon, violations of the conditions of existing Mining Permits and Development Agreements. Such action would also require reporting of such violations to the State Mining Board. Therefore, it is recommended that your immediate attention be given to working with the County to resolve these gravel truck traffic issues.

Although it is acknowledged that the trucks that patronize your operation are not under your ownership or control, recognition should be given to the fact that they are a reflection of your business practices and that you do have the responsibility to use selective judgement in which companies you allow to enter your facility and transport your material. It has appeared in the past that the distribution of reminders to drivers regarding the gravel truck route requirements, where appropriate, has been effective, as has the monitoring of wreckless driving and speed limit violations through the collection of log data and enforcement action accordingly. However, it has been noted that a repeated violator is the Lowerie Trucking Company. Although the County is not in a position to recommend which companies you patronize, you are urged to seriously consider continuing business with habitual violators of traffic laws and travel route requirements. Realizing it is an industry-wide issue, it appears that it would be appropriate for CMAC to become involved in providing violation data and a determination of trucking companies that are continually in non-compliance with existing laws and rules of the trade.

In closing, I would like to emphasize that it is incumbent upon you to take the appropriate actions with the truck drivers that patronize your facility to cooperatively address the concerns that have been expressed by residents regarding gravel truck travel through the area of Esparto. Again, you are reminded that failure to do so could result in the review of enforcement actions determined to be necessary to rectify the situation. I urge you to contact me at (530) 666-8019 to further discuss this matter and continue the channels of open communication to ensure full compliance.

Sincerely,
Linda Fiack, Resource Manager.

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NEW EMPLOYEE AT YOLO COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION TO COORDINATE COMMUNITY OUTREACH ON EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

(Woodland) -- The Yolo County Children and Families Commission (YCCFC) has hired a local resident with extensive community outreach experience to serve as a liaison with the community on Commission activities.

Meredith Miller Vostrejs of Davis is serving as Community Engagement Coordinator for the YCCFC. She will work with community members to encourage and coordinate community participation in decision-making to ensure children are raised healthy and ready to learn throughout Yolo County. Her duties will also include educating parents about the importance of their child's early years, and serving as a technical resource to help community members mobilize and work together to improve the lives of children ages 0-5 in their own communities.

"The addition of Ms. Vostrejs to the staff will enable the Commission to interact fully with the community to ensure that Prop. 10 funds and programs in Yolo County

are serving the needs of children 0 to 5," said Kathleen M. Stafford, executive director of the Yolo County Children and Families Commission.

Ms. Vostrejs most recently served as social mobilization coordinator for a global maternal and neonatal health project with the Centre for Development & Population Activities based in Washington, D.C. She has also worked with the Social Change and Development program at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, helped implement a pilot AmeriCorps program to promote early childhood development, and served as a trainer with the U.S. Peace Corps and AmeriCorps. Ms. Vostrejs was a community organizer while serving in the U.S. Peace Corps, and has been an advocate for empowering diverse community members nationally and internationally.

She received her master's degree in International Studies at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C., and her undergraduate degree at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

The Yolo County Children and Families Commission was created in 1998 by the passage of Prop. 10, a 50 cent-per-pack cigarette tax to fund programs and services for children age 0 to 5. To date, YCCFC has invested almost \$2.6 million to meet local needs.

WHO WILL FARM THIS LAND WHEN WE'RE GONE?

By: *Karrie Stevens*

With rising land prices and falling agricultural markets this question could be a difficult one to find an answer for in the Capay Valley/Esparto region. Capay Valley Vision, in cooperation with the Western Yolo Grange and the Community Alliance with Family Farmers, will tackle the topic of land tenure and its role in preserving the rural character of the valley and surrounding area. This, the third Agricultural Roundtable, will be held on Tuesday, May 7th from 7-9 pm at the Rumsey Town Hall.

The discussion will include: agricultural easements as a tool to keep agricultural land affordable to young farmers and ranchers, ways people can access money to help purchase a farm or ranch, and the success of local farm workers who have started their own farms.

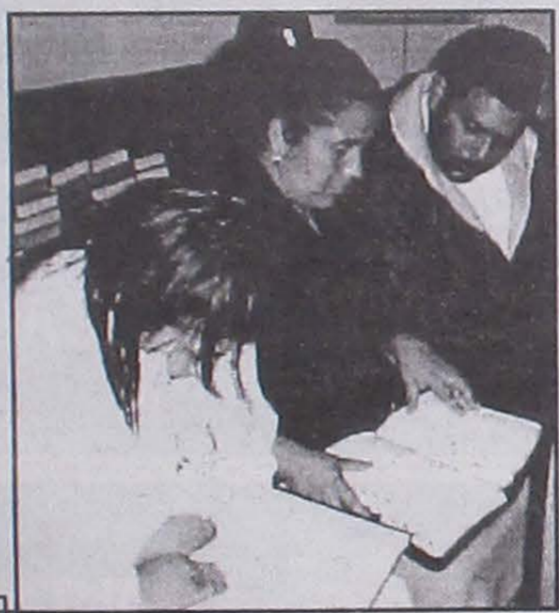
The Agricultural Roundtable meetings have been a series of community discussions focused on the future viability of agriculture in the Capay Valley/Esparto region. This will likely be the last discussion before a community-wide strategic planning process that will begin in June. With a strategy developed by valley residents, Capay Valley Vision will begin a series of workshops and projects in the Fall designed to implement the plan. The roundtable on the 7th will also be an opportunity to give preliminary input for the first draft of the strategic planning process. Call Karrie 756-8518 ext. 14.

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Come and join Pastor Baeña every Wednesday and Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Pictured from left to right: Gloria Meledrez, Magarita Meledrez, and Lupe Meledrez attending a Spanish prayer service that is now being offered for our Hispanic community.

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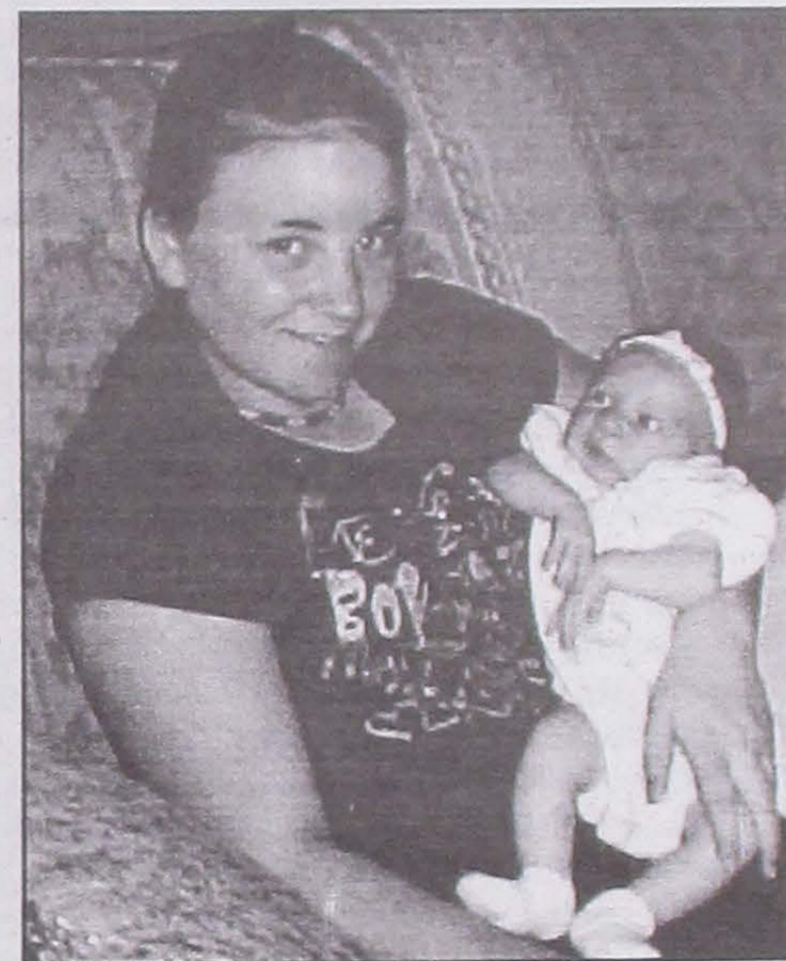
By: *Larry Heitman*

The Economic Development Task Force of Capay Valley Vision continues to meet to discuss upcoming projects. Of timely interest is the submission of a grant to the California Department of Food and Agriculture for a project to benefit producers of specialty crops. The project, if funded, will help local growers with marketing strategies, including the branding of Capay Valley products for the future. It will also contain a marketing strategy for encouraging consumers to buy Capay Valley products.

The Consulting Group, a program of the University of California, Davis MBA program, has chosen Capay Valley Vision's Economic Development Task Force and Agriculture Task Force to focus on an upcoming project. It will develop a business plan to which will include developing value-added products for farmers and livestock growers in the Valley. They may also examine the feasibility of a certified community kitchen for local residents to develop specialty products.

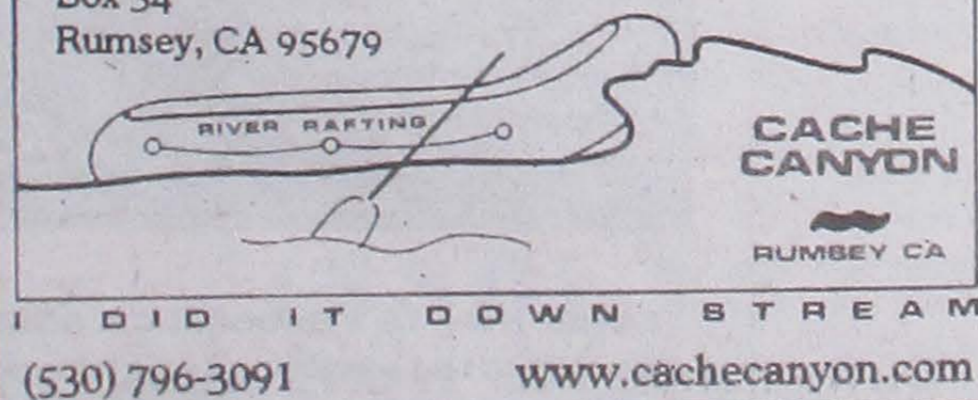
Additionally, the group will be pursuing funding sources for investment in Esparto buildings and services. Working in conjunction with a community survey completed for a Community Development Block Grant process and Chamber of Commerce input, certain properties and services are of most interest to Esparto residents. The Economic Development Task Force is gathering the information needed to assess all of these options for Esparto.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



Kamie Crider, the proud Aunt, holds Marissa Reannan Lujana Crider. She was born Feb. 27, 2002, weight 6lb. 13oz, and was 18" long. Her parents are T.J. Crider and Jennifer Kelly both 2000 EHS graduates.

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Ahh the Great Outdoors!

By: John Karlones

Turkey season will be over when you read this column but I would like to mention a couple of successful hunters. Chet Lloyd, who is a principal at a middle school in the Bay Area, stopped by to introduce himself. He had just gotten back from hunting one of his properties in Rumsey. He had a nice Tom which he said tipped the scales at 22 pounds, and had a ten inch beard. He said the beard was a double, with a second beard a few inches long protruding from the main beard. It was the first double beard he had taken. Chet bagged another turkey the next weekend. Great job Chet, and thank you for sharing your info. Another successful hunter was Shane Burton. He is a friend of my middle schooler James, and the son of Chris and Ray Burton who live in Esparto. He bagged a nice 20 pounder with about a four inch beard. He said he used "the old run and gun" technique. Excellent job Shane, and keep up the good work. James, my son, also bagged a nice turkey.

Those are the stories I like to hear. Its great to here the stories from the adult hunters, but the kids tell it like it is. The true excitement of the hunt hasn't been dulled by the years. We old farts can probably hunt a little better than the kids, but the excitement and energy that kids convey in their stories cannot be duplicated. I think back to my childhood and how excited I was to get home and show my mom and dad my first squirrel or rabbit I had bagged.

Speaking of kids, I used their expression, 'Old Fart', but my kids have informed me that I am Older Than Dirt. I wish our school systems would put a little more emphasis on science. Maybe then my kids would know that I am nowhere near as old as dirt, and in comparison pretty young. Anyway, you're only as old as you feel.

Don't forget to give me a call if you have any good stories you want to share. This is the perfect place to brag!

On the subject of kids again, I know a lot of my son's friends hear James telling stories of his many hunting trips, and are interested in tagging along. I would like to see them all get an opportunity to enjoy hunting. This fall I will set up a junior hunt for the kids around here. I would like to see a combination chukar and pheasant hunt. If you are interested in this for your child or any kid you know, contact me. My number is in the Capay Valley section of the phone book. Also, if you have a good bird dog, or would consider just helping out, call me and we can start organizing this. I would like to see a barbecue, and other activities, so the whole family could be involved. Kids must have a valid hunting license to hunt, and a hunter safety course is required before you can get a license. Wal Mart sporting goods department has a list of the dates, times, and courses offered. If you have any trouble getting the info, give me a call, and I will hunt it down for you.

Here is a quick update on some of the local fishing. Clear Lake bass fishing picked up, and almost turned red hot when we had that warm spell in April, as did Folsom, Lake Sonoma and most other lakes that hold bass. All we need is for the weather to stay warm, and the bass fishing will take off. I talked to Bill and Ester McGrew of Rumsey, the local experts on Eagle Lake. Bill said the lake opens May 25, 2002, the weekend before Memorial Day. He added that you can walk across the lake opening weekend, there are so many boats. It might be a good idea to wait a couple of weeks, or go during the week to avoid the crowds. It will improve the quality of your trip. Eagle Lake is beautiful, and the fish are lunkers. It's one of my all-time favorites. You might consider it for one of your vacation destinations; just the scenery is worth it. Floating a night crawler is the tried and true way, but Bill says trolling and even fly fishing are all productive. If you go up there, stop in at one of the bait stores around the lake. They can tell you what the hot bait or lure is at the time. It's always good to help the economy at these recreation spots. They depend on sales from the fisherman and vacationers to make their living and keep the stores open for us.

Abalone season opened April 1, in the Pacific waters north of San Francisco. I haven't gone yet, but my son Jordan went with Ray Burton, his daughter Katie, and son Shane "The Turkey Slayer" Burton. They went up on the coast below Fort Bragg. Jordan reported to me that the conditions were excellent on Saturday, with easy limits of both Abalone, and rockfish. It was Shane's first time diving. Ray said he took to it like a fish to water. It was also the first time spear fishing for Jordan, and to put it in his words, "it was a blast". I haven't received any of the bounty yet, but I'm sure my mom, who Jordan is staying with over in Sonoma County, is enjoying some fine seafood. Of course it might be nice if he gave "Older Than Dirt" a few scraps once in a while. That's the thanks you get, for changing their diapers and wiping their runny noses! I guess next month I'll have to add a few of Jor-

dan's baby pictures to the column.

While we're on the subject of diving, having grown up on the Sonoma Coast, and diving for the last 27 years, I can tell you most of the tragedies that happen while diving or fishing from the rocks involve people from the inland areas. People make the long drive out to the coast, find the water conditions are rough, and dive, or fish anyway. Don't have the attitude 'I won't go home empty handed'. The one thing I have learned and taught my kids from day one is, "the ocean does not forgive". Go out there and enjoy yourself, but if the water conditions are not good, enjoy the scenery, and a walk on the beach with that wonderful ocean breeze in your face. That way you're sure of making it back to the coast, to enjoy it when conditions are right. I know I said this month would include some trout stream info, but next month I'll give you some great stream destinations to plan a vacation around. Until then, ENJOY!

Interest in Esparto's Community Garden Project on the Rise!

By: Kevin Ray

The Esparto Community garden project kicked off early in April with a string of volunteered assistance from our community! The garden lot (donated by Wayne Belshaw) has been completely mowed, disked, and tilled. Thanks to our local community members: Fred Manas, Mike Kuehn, Fred Lantz, and Camie Lantz for graciously donating their time and equipment. A big thank you also needs to go out to Tom at Amos Metz Rentals for donating the rot tiller that finished off the lot so nicely.

The individual plots are very close to being ready for assignment and there are still some available. If you are interested in growing your own vegetables this year it's

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not too late to be involved! Simply contact the RISE office in downtown Esparto and we will assign you your own plot. The garden will be fenced for your protection (donated by Ben Adamo) and water will be provided. The rest is up to you!

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The parent is the child's first teacher. Children who learn to love books will be children who grow up to be good readers. The very best time for children to learn to love books begins at infancy. According to the American Pediatric Association it is important to read to children six months of age and older at least thirty minutes a day. By age two most children have learned and understand approximately 2,000 words. Speaking, reading, and writing are all linked and they can all be learned and practiced throughout the course of each day in age-appropriate ways. You can help them by making story times a regular part of their day and by encouraging them in their early attempts to speak, read, and write.

Children who look at books and hear stories read aloud learn that words and ideas can be written down and that marks on paper have meaning. It is important to show children that there are things to read everywhere. Making a game of finding things with words on them (like soup cans and cereal boxes) helps children to see how important it is to be able to read and write. Keep a supply of books and other reading materials where children can reach them and add new books as children's skills and interests change.

For more information about local literacy programs in your community please call the Yolo County GET READY program at (530) 666-8645.

FIFTH GRADE POEMS

"My Mother", by Ashlee Martinez

My Mother is a goddess to me
My Mother is the love of my family
My Mother is in peace now
My Mother is not alone, I know
My Mother did not leave us, she is still with us
My Mother was a kind person
My Mother was gorgeous
My Mother is my favorite person, she will always be in my heart. I will always love her.

Poem by Patrick Sanford

God is the powerful hero
And the Devil is a big fat zero
Heaven is where the angels sing
Hell is where the little devils are king.

Don't Grab A Crab by John Kay

Don't grab a crab
Because they pinch like a Grinch!

My Guardian Angel by Ana P. Rivera

She's behind me, Being my friend,
Looking at me, And being my guard
Smiling at me, Who is she?.....
Taking care of me, My Guardian Angel
These and others from Mrs. Hoffman's 5th grade class were published in the Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans.

DIVERTED ATTENTION



CHP Safety Corner
By: Officer Reid Thompson

Deborah Ray Dayton, a forty-two year old female from Pleasant Hill, Ca., was driving a '97 Honda CRV when she lost control of her vehicle on Hwy 16 near Co. Road 79. The collision occurred on April 21, 2002 at 4:22 p.m. The driver was trying to read a map while the passenger was steering the car. She was taken to Woodland Memorial Hospital and treated for minor injuries.

Pictured above standing is Capay Valley Fire Chief Dan Garrison and attending to the driver is Fire Fighter Ray Spore. KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ROAD!



Read to Me!

Read aloud to your child every day. From birth to 6 months your baby probably won't understand

what you're reading, but that's okay. You can get your child used to the sound of your voice and used to seeing and touching books.

To start out, use board books with no words or just a few words. Point to the colors and pictures and say their names. Simple books can teach children things that will later help them to read. For example, they learn about the structure of language—that there are spaces between words and that print goes from left to right.

Tell stories. Encourage your child to ask questions and talk about the story. Ask your child to predict what will come next. Point to things in books that your child can

relate to in his or her own life: "Look at the picture of the horse. Do you remember the horse we saw at the zoo?"

The single most important way for children to develop the knowledge they need to succeed in reading is for you to read aloud to them—beginning early.

Look for reading programs. If you aren't a good reader, programs in your community can provide opportunities for you to improve your own reading and to read with your child. Friends and relatives can also read to your child.

Buy a children's dictionary—if possible on that has pictures next to the words. Then start the "let's look it up" habit.

Make writing materials available.

Watch educational TV. Programs such as "Sesame Street" help your child learn the alphabet and the sounds they represent.

Visit the library often. Begin making weekly trips to the library when your child is very young. See that your child gets a library card as soon as possible.

Read yourself. What you do sets an example for your child.

WYORCA Annual Meeting

By: Trini Campbell

May 9, 2002 is the annual meeting of the Western Yolo Recreation Center Association (WYORCA). At this meeting new board members will be elected. Also on the agenda is a review of the Fun Run and CVFD Auxiliary Breakfast fundraisers, discussion of the Grant Writing Workshop co-sponsored by Capay Valley Vision, and a report on the feasibility of establishing a recreation service district. Refreshments will be served. Any community residents interested in helping to work towards WYORCA's mission to raise funds for a Regional Recreation Center are encouraged to attend and become active participants. WYORCA meets on the second Thursday of each month at the Esparto Library at 7pm. For WYORCA membership information call Barbara Durst at 787-3100.



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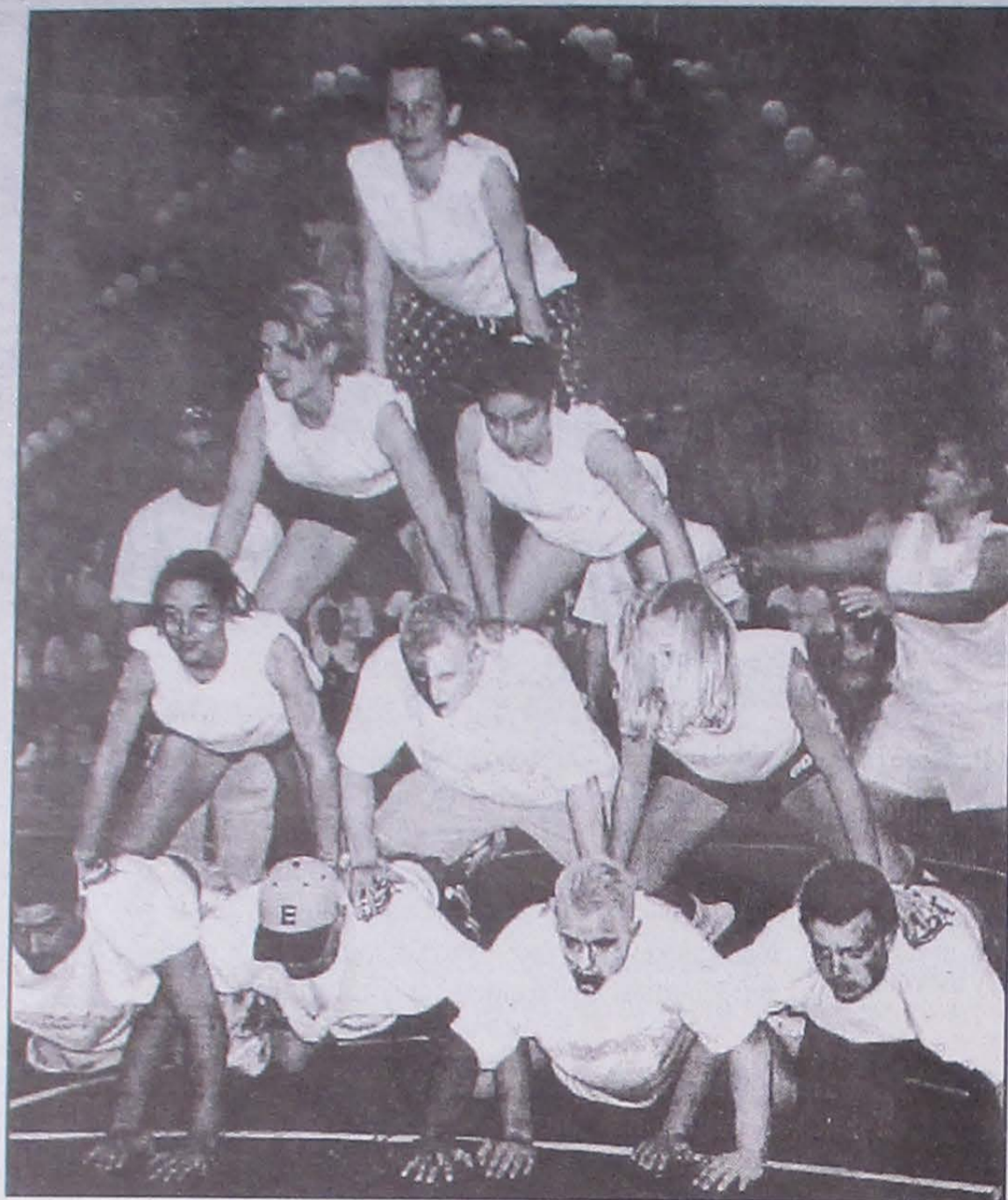
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Juniors pictured above from left to right: Back row: Mrs. Howard, Chris Williams, Daniel Williams, Daniel Arevalos, Graham Mast, Daniel Gonzalez, Ben Cooper, Claudia Zaragoza, William Scoggins, Mr. Schulte, and Mrs. Hickman. Middle row: Jaci Taylor, Lindsay Medina, Anita Lua, Dominique Pereira, Tiffany Kay, Estela Figueroa, Maria Garcia, Alison Rodegerdts, Tina Coatney, and Anita Perry. Bottom row: Enrique Mendoza, Garland Caddick, Garrett Yadon, Kaylee Kieny, Mari Sanchez, Kaylea Stumpf, Malisa Kuoch, and Joey Perry.

EHS SPARTARAMA 2002



Freshmen from left to right: Bobby Coatney, Amanda Beyers, and Layla Bozek.



Pictured to the left are Juniors Lindsay Medina and Anita Lua.

Sophomores pictured to the left from top to bottom: Devon Arevalos. Left to right row two: Ashley Nichols and Heather Robinson. Row three: Megan Martinez, Kera Eubank, and Monica Moreno. Bottom row: Jose Quintana, Wyatt Jensen, Kevin Looney, and Bryan Barnes.

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MARIANI NUT CLASSIC 2002

By: **Jim Hunter, Varsity Baseball Head Coach**

The Esparto Spartan Baseball Team finished second to host Winters in this year's Mariani Nut Classic Baseball Tournament in early April. Esparto opened up on April 4th with a noon game on the J.V. field against Rio Vista. The Rams would score one unearned run in the first inning and that would be all, as senior pitcher Jeff Lopez fired a four-hitter complete game for the Spartan 5-1 victory. Esparto scored three runs in the second inning, beginning with an RBI single by Lynn Hayes, scoring Brandon Boyd, and bases loaded walks to Jeremiah Karlonas and Coy Kaake saw Daniel Arevalos and Daniel Williams trot home. The Spartans capped the scoring in the 4th inning with an RBI single by Kaake to score Williams, and a dropped fly ball off the bat of Jeff Lopez scoring his brother Josh.

The win enabled the Spartans to play Upper Lake, who defeated Colusa, on the varsity diamond at 1:00pm on Friday. Esparto open the scoring in the 3rd inning when Sophomore Josh Lopez walked, stole second, and scored on a double by Kaake, who later scored on a single by Chris Williams. The 2-0 lead held up until the bottom of the 6th inning when Upper Lake scored two runs to tie the game. The Spartans took the battle into extra innings, where Daniel Arevalos scored easily as the Upper Lake pitcher made an errant pickoff throw at Lynn Hayes at first base. Brandon Boyd finished his eight innings with a five hit, 14 strike out performance, placing Esparto in the championship game on Saturday against the Winters Warriors.

In an excellent baseball game, Winters scored first on a solo home run off Boyd in the 2nd inning. After pitching 8 innings on Friday, Boyd only had 2 innings to throw, so Chris Williams took the Mound in the 3rd inning, in his first appearance of the year. Four innings of zero runs, four hit baseball by the Warriors, gave the Spartans the chance they needed.

ESPARTO HIGH SPRING BALL



Esparto High School 2002 Softball Team. Back row from left to right: Coach Mitch Roath, Kasie Barnes, Meghan Roath, Jenna Martinez, Anita Lua, Diane Garrison, Chrissy Dressler, Kelly Tompkins, Nicole Mattos, Jackie Taylor, Coach Dwight Barnes. Front row from left to right: Nayeli Mayer, Heather Robinson, Karin Lindsey, Becca Dunham, Kaylea Stumpf, Cecily Fuentes.



In the 6th inning, a two out crazy hop over the Warriors second baseman off the bat of Arevalos scored Jeff Lopez and Chris Williams, putting the Spartans ahead 2-1 going to the bottom of the 7th inning. With a possible victory within reach, a laboring Williams pushed on, but a dropped fly ball, a double off the outfield fence, and a Texas leaguer, snatched the victory from the Spartans and allowed host Winters the win.

It was one heck of a tournament for the Spartans. We played against bigger schools and the boys showed a lot of heart and never gave up. Winters coach Jeff Ingles was quoted in saying "Esparto has a great team. They will win many games this year."

Esparto's All-Tournament players were Seniors Jeff Lopez and Brandon Boyd. Each pitched a victorious complete game and each had three hits during the tournament.

At press time, the Spartans are 9-4 overall and 7-2 in the Mid-Valley League, with three games remaining. The Spartans play on May 3 against Mercy at home and on May 6 at Los Molinos. The Spartans plan on being in the Division IV playoffs beginning May 10 with a good chance of hosting a first round playoff game.

EHS Spartans 2002, Runners Up in the Winters Classic: Top Row—Coach Jim Hunter, Ben Cooper, Dan Williams, Brandon Boyd, Chris Williams, Wyatt Jensen, Lynn Hayes. Front Row—Josh Lopez, Jeff Lopez, Adrian Montes, Daniel Arevalos, John Denny, Coy Kaake, Jeremiah Karlonas. Come out and cheer on your hometown club through the Division IV playoffs beginning May 10!

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Washington D. C. Trip... Unforgettable for Esparto 8th Graders

By: *May Gillham*

"I like the dreams of the future, better than the history of the past", is a statement that Thomas Jefferson made. But in dreaming of the future, it is sometimes necessary to learn about the past. A great place to start is with our country's history and the great men and women who helped shaped our country.

Eleven eighth grade students from Mrs. Sue Kennerly's Esparto Middle School Class, took a "a hands on" tour that brought them from Fredericksburg to Washington D.C. They added first-hand knowledge to the information they have covered in their Social Studies textbook. While touring, they traveled with students from Steinbeck Middle School and Martin Murphy Middle School.

The first stop of the trip was Jamestown. They visited the Glasshouse, where they watched costumed craftsmen blow glass as it was done in the 1600's. This was one of the early industries attempted by the English colonists in Virginia.

They took a guided tour through the Indian village which included yahakins (Indian houses), learned about planting corn, beans and squash, curing animal skins and tools that were used.

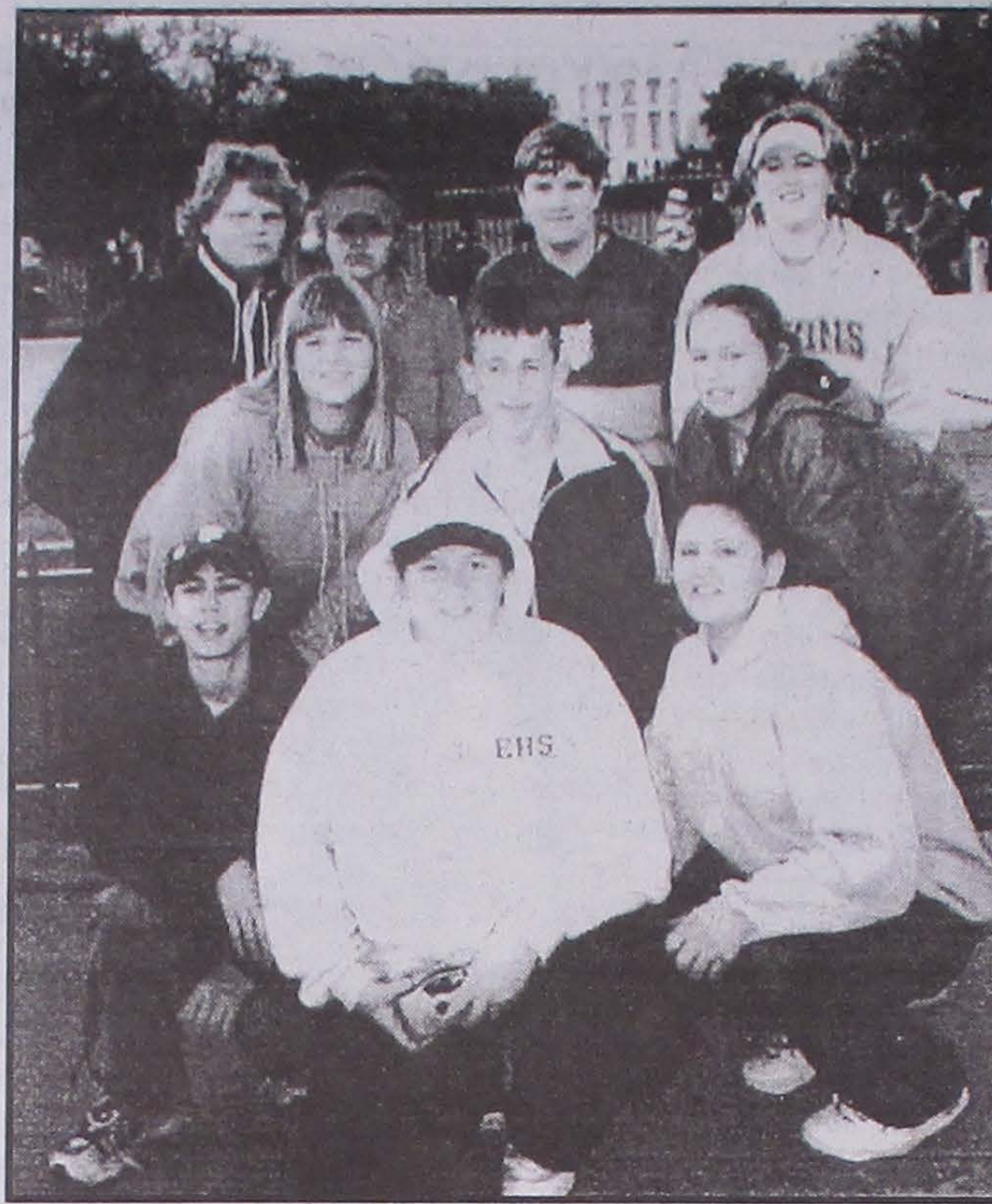
Another guide talked about the three ships which brought the first settlers to Jamestown. The sailors on these ships used stars and the compass to navigate. They posted this information on a traverseboard several times a day. With a hands on demonstration, he showed how to determine the number of knots a ship was traveling.

The Susan Constance was one of the three ships that brought 104 Englishmen to this first permanent village in the new land. Walking through this ship and discovering that only the sailors had the privilege of being on deck, made the students realized that travel, in the 1600, was not fun or fast.

The last stop at Jamestown was through the fort where they learned about the cash crops which were shipped back to England, and how the buildings were constructed with sticks and mud.

At Williamsburg, the students had the opportunity to see and hear about life during the colonial days. Some of the places that were visited included the Governor's Palace, The Bruton Parish Church, the Blacksmith Shop, Colonial Gardens, the Courthouse with court in session, the Magazine and Guardhouse with new recruits learning how to drill, a visit with Martha Washington at the Mary Stith House, a visit to the Greddy Foundry and Silversmith, including a lesson about apprenticeship, and the Capitol.

The clocks, gifts brought back by Lewis and Clark,



Esparto 8th graders pose in front of the White House. Pictured from left to right: Front row— Jason Gillham, Kristin Jensen, Erin Martinez. Middle row— Meghan Gness, Irving Portugal, Jessica Lopez. Back row— Veronica Stumpf, Claudia Rodriguez, Oliver Hayes, and Stephanie Devres.

the build in beds, the narrow stair case, the lazy susan into the dining room, the use of natural light and mirrors, Thomas Jefferson's library and the vegetable garden were some of the highlights of the tour through Monticello.

In Washington D.C. every minute was filled with sight seeing. Some of the highlights included seeing the Capital, the White House, the Supreme Court, the Library of Congress, Ford theater, Air and space Museum, Holocaust Museum, The American History Museum and the Natural History Museum.

Jessica Lopez was chosen for the honor of partici-



Esparto/ Capay Valley 4-H

By: *Erika Schwall*

Greetings from the Esparto 4-H club! At our April 8th meeting, several kids received their knowledge merit awards. Alyssa Moreland, JD Moreland, Zeb Middleton and I all got awards! Knowledge Merit Day was a fun thing to do and I'd recommend it to everyone.

The Horse, Sheep, Sewing, Poultry, and Rocketry project members have been meeting and getting all their entries ready for Spring Show. On April 20, the Club participated in the Fairgrounds cleanup project... and afterward, we all went and had pizza!

On April 13th the Esparto/ Capay Valley 4-H Horse group participated in the Spring Invitational Horse Show. Alyssa Moreland, Tiffany Farnham, Jessica Tompkins, Nicky Schwall and I, all did very well in various events. My brother's pony "Billy" was pretty obnoxious in the first half of the show but then went on to win 2 firsts and a second in the gymkhana! Great job everybody.

pating in the wreath laying Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This was held right after the Changing of the Guards.

Monuments included on the tour were Washington Monument, Lincoln's Monument, Jefferson's Monument, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Vietnam Women's Memorial, and the Korean Memorial.

Washington D.C. is filled with statues and pieces of art. The statue of Albert Einstein turned into a photo stop. The art work "The Awakening" by Johnson was a photo stop, including a challenge from our guide, Robert Hudley, to climb the leg and slide down.

The tour coincided with the Cherry blossoms. Cherry trees not only lined the basin, but were planted all over the area.

On Friday, the last day of the tour, the students took a boat ride up the Potomac River to Mount Vernon. They learned about Washington's farming practices, saw the view from his front porch, many of the buildings used to keep the house running such as the kitchen, and the spinning room.

All too soon the trip was over and the students and chaperons were on their way home. As they stepped onto the plane, each carried with them a special assortment of memories from the places that were visited, the information that was learned, and the fun of being with classmates for a week of travel.

Students who went on trip are pictured to the left. Chaperons were Sue Kennerly, Sheryl Lopez, Pat Gness, Lynn Hayes, Dolores Cusick, Tracey Jensen, Kay Stumpf, Jeff Clark and May Gillham.



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NEWS ABOUT CAPAY VALLEY AYSO SOCCER

By: *Larry Mayer, Regional Commissioner*

REGISTRATION: We will have our first sign up May 18, Saturday, at the Little League field from 9am to 12 noon. The fee will be \$42 this year, including pictures and uniforms. Those signing up early will get a \$5 discount. See you there!

SCHOLARSHIP FUND: The Capay Valley AYSO Board has established a SCHOLARSHIP FUND. \$40 will allow one child to play soccer. Mail your donations to: Capay Valley AYSO, 26001 Andrew Dr., Esparto, CA. 95627. Or give your donation to any board member: Larry Mayer, Liz Schwall, Lupe Salas, Lupe Lira, Kevin Schutz, Mary Kathryn Schutz, Beth Conn-Ossenfort, Shannon Cornwell, Miguel Molina, Mike Sanford, Sandra Moreno or Gordon Harrington.

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COUNTRY WEST II

By: Jeanette Garcia

Mercy Housing California would like to take this opportunity to thank the Community of Esparto for helping us in the recruitment of the last eleven families. We have sold the last lots available in the Country West II Subdivision. We currently have three groups in construction and hope to have the other two in construction by the end of July, 2002. We have had a tremendous amount of response from interested families that are wanting to build their homes in the area. Unfortunately, we are done in Esparto, CA.; however we have other projects if anyone is interested in finding out more of where these are located, please call the information line @ 1-800-995-0431 ext. 4464.

WORKSHOP ON THE TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE CONNECTION

On May 7th, STPP is hosting a companion event in conjunction with the Great Valley Center's Annual Conference in Sacramento (May 8-9). The workshop is entitled, "The Transportation and Land Use Connection," and it will run from 9:00am to 5:00pm. This hands-on workshop is designed for those interested in promoting more compact growth patterns as a way to mitigate traffic, protect open space and improve air quality. A review of quantitative data and research as well as case studies of new transportation incentive programs and growth visioning scenarios will be covered. (\$75 fee for workshop includes lunch.) To register for the workshop, please contact Kristi Kimball at STPP at kkimball@transact.org or (415) 956-7835. For more information about the GVC annual conference go to www.greatvalley.org.

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CHAMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS LOCAL BUSINESS ENERGY!

By: Cathie Wicks

April's Esparto District Chamber of Commerce meeting had a roundtable mix with business, scholarship, and CIMIS weather station news reporting. Fund accounts reviewed with members revealed a healthy financial status for the Chamber, highlighted Almond Festival earnings, and gave an accurate accounting of member donations to the scholarship fund, which is managed separately from other fiscal activity. Chamber members have donated \$600 toward scholarships for graduating Seniors, enabling the Chamber to continue its substantial scholarship program. In addition, the Chamber of Commerce voted to donate to the Sober Grad Night, completing its efforts toward school directed contributions this year. CIMIS weather station donations and fund raising activities continued to net contributions to that project, exceeding \$350 for the current month.

On the business end, Chamber members enjoyed an energetic interaction and reporting session focused on sharing reliable information, welcoming new business activity, and updating the membership on potential future activities. Attendees enjoyed freshly brewed custom blend coffee in china and tempting cinnamon rolls provided by *Java Station*, a soon-to-be-opened coffee shop in downtown Esparto (exactly

in the old gas station on the main corner of downtown Yolo and Woodland Avenues). Stephane Reitter and Lennea Herger were personally on-hand to answer questions about the pending building modifications, menu highlights, and other aspects of the business. Business owner Linda Pacheco, a certified massage therapist, was also in attendance, and highlighted the variety of massage specialties available through her services, coordinated through McMillan's New Reflection Beauty Salon.

In addition to the opportunity to personally meet and get a business overview from these business owners, the Chamber members got relevant updates on a variety of projects of interest to the Chamber. ACE corporate interests have tentatively delayed the ACE Hardware Warehouse decision ninety days to allow for more environmental assessment. Capay Valley VISION brought good news as they announced the receipt of a \$100,000 grant to provide community input to transportation planning through the I-505 corridor from Dunnigan south. The project implementation is a collaborated effort with the active grant participation of SACOG and other parties.

The current status of housing developments, pending water projects, recent County and political responses to proposed Casino expansions, both articulated and rumored, were briefly discussed.

Please mark your calendars for the next meeting date. It will be Wednesday, May 8th, and will feature a hosted Spring Fling Mixer at Granite Construction (off Road 85 in Capay). Don't miss it! Things are happening on many fronts, and the Chamber is a good place to sort rumor from fact! If you are not a member, please join us for the mixer anyway; July 1st kicks off our membership drive and you can "scope us out!" to conveniently join at that time! See you there: May 8 at 7:00 PM at Granite Construction.

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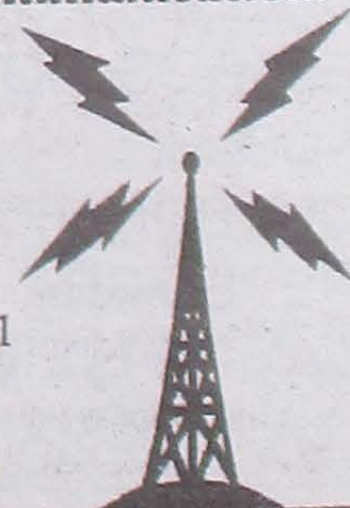
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- ☑ Cuéntele cuentos. Anime a su hijo a hacer preguntas y hablar acerca de la historia. Pídale que haga predicciones acerca de lo que va a pasar en la historia. Enséñele cosas en los libros con los que el se pueda identificar: "Mira la foto del caballero. ¿Te acuerdas del caballero que vimos en el zoológico?"

La forma más importante de desarrollar el conocimiento que necesitan los niños para aprender a leer es que usted se interese en leer con ellos—desde que son muy pequeños.

- ☑ Busque programas de lectura. Si usted no lee bien, los programas comunitarios proveerle oportunidades para mejorar su lectura y leer con sus hijos. Amigos y familiares también pueden leer con el niño.
- ☑ Compre un diccionario infantil—si es posible, uno que tenga fotos para describir las palabras. Después empiece el hábito de buscar palabras en el diccionario.

La Voz del Valle



Mercy Housing California le quiere dar las gracias a la Comunidad de Esparto por haber ayudado en reclutar las once fa-

milias que faltaban para terminar de vender los lotes de la Subdivision Country West II. En este momento tenemos tres grupos en construcción y esperamos tener los últimos dos para finales de julio del 2002. El interés que hemos recibido a sido tremendo últimamente, pero desafortunadamente ya no tenemos lotes en Esparto, CA. Tenemos otros proyectos en otras áreas, si desea tener más información favor de llamar al 1-800-995-0431 ext. 4464.

- ☑ Tenga materiales disponibles para escribir.
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- ☑ Visite su biblioteca a menudo. Empiece a hacer visitas semanales a la biblioteca cuando su hijo este pequeño.
- ☑ Lea para si mismo. Lo que usted hace, le sirve de ejemplo a su hijo.

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Registro para soccer empieza el 18 de mayo, sábado, de 9 a 12 del día, en el campo de beisbol de Little League. Costo: \$42. Incluye fotos y uniforme. Descuento de \$5 para los que se registran antes de Julio.

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parado para sembrar. Gracias a los miembros de la comunidad Fred Manas, Mike Kuehn, Fred Lantz, y Camie Lantz por sus donaciones de equipo y su tiempo. También le queremos dar las gracias a Tom de Amos Metz Rentals por donar el rotor para cultivar que también fue usado para preparar el terreno. Los lotes individuales están muy cerca para hacer designados y todavía hay algunos disponibles. Si está interesado en cultivar sus propios vegetales este año todavía pueden apuntarse. No hay cobro por un lote ni por el uso de agua. Simplemente contacte a la oficina de RISE en el centro de Esparto y le designaremos un lote. El jardín tendrá un cerco para la protección de las verduras (donado por Ben Adamo). Habrá agua para regar su siembra. Acuérdesse que estos servicios son gratis. El resto es la responsabilidad es de ustedes. Número de teléfono de la oficina de RISE: 787-4110 pregunten por Kevin Ray. 16858 Yolo Ave., P.O. Box 616, Esparto Ca.

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(Continued from page 1) **FORUM**

EIR is submitted to the public by the Tribe. Your participation is encouraged to assess the sentiments of the community in regard to casino expansion. Date and time to be announced in Becky Carson's Woodland Daily Democrat column. Please contact Nina Andres for further information at 796-4084.

(Continued from page 1) **COMMITTEE**

reports, etc.) available at the Esparto Library and Guinda Corner Store. The aim is to invite and encourage the greatest possible participation by citizens of the Valley. Or, as one member phrased it, "A democracy won't run unless somebody shows up to do the work."

Officers elected at the last meeting are: Chairman, Frank Rose; Vice-Chair, Trini Campbell; Secretary, Cathy Suematsu. The next scheduled meeting is May 1, 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall. Dave Daly from the Planning Commission supplies information and helpful guidance on fine points of bureaucratic maneuvering. The probable agenda will include organizational strategy (subcommittees, schedule, bylaws) and review of the current (1981) Capay Valley General Plan.

CALENDAR DETAILS

The Dental office in Esparto is open from 8am to 5pm every Tuesday. Call 787-4972 to make an appt.

For more information about the Food and Clothes Closet call Healthy Start at 787-3519.

The AA meetings are held at the Countryside Community Church located at, 26479 Grafton St. Entrance is on west side of building. Go down the stairs to kitchen. Call Don Bertleson at 787-3322 for more information.

Call Melinda Baker at 796-3855 for more information on the Rumsey Potluck held at the Rumsey Hall.

Countryside Community Church Bible Study for Adults and Children at 9:15am every Sunday.

ESL classes will be held every Monday at the Elementary School in Rm. 27 from 7pm-8:30pm. The instructor will be Larry Mayer. To register for the free classes or for more information call Healthy Start at 787-3519. Child-care will be provided.

Home Schooling Cooperative call Elvira Paoletti at 796-2280.

WIC Services is located in the Esparto Family Practice office at 17050 South Grafton St. For an appt. call (209) 870-5000.

Preschool Story Time continues this month every Wed. from 10:30-11am at the Library. This is designed for children 3 to 5 years of age. Younger children are welcome, but only if accompanied by an adult. Please come on time so we may begin promptly. Groups larger than five should contact the library before story time. For more information call the library at 787-3426.

Puppet Theater Workshop with Mary Lou Linville of Pennyroyal Puppet Theater will be held every Tuesday in May beginning on May 7th at the Library. Children ages 8 to 11 are encouraged to come and learn the art of pup-

petry. They will write stories, build puppets and sets and create a puppet theater performance. A Performance of completed puppet show will be held on May 28th at 7pm. Class size is limited, so sign up early!

Registration is required! Call 787-3426.

Church of God Spanish services to be held on Weds. and Fridays at 7pm. The services will be held at the Countryside Community Church.

Esparto Baptist Church Happenings Children's Ministry ages Pre-K to 5th grade will be held on Wednesdays May 1, 15, 22, and 29 from 7-8:30pm.

YOUTH EVENTS— Sponsorship for Summer Church Camp. On Saturdays the Esparto Baptist Church Youth Group will mow your lawn or rake your leaves. Call 787-4236 if you would like to schedule a time for them to come. May 4th EBC Youth YARD SALE starts at 7am. It will be held at the Esparto Baptist Church, 26534 Madison St. A little bit of everything for everyone!

Mother's Day raffle ticket sales begin on May 1st.

Items to be raffles are:

2 Cheese Cakes donated by Scott Mills

2 Hair cuts donated by Esparto Hair Cuts

1 Mother's Day Floral Arrangement donated by Krystal McKinney

1 Decorative Wall Planter with plant donated by Marco Garcia—Six possible chances to win!

Circus is coming to Town sponsored by Esparto Lions Club. Watch for posters and time. Advanced sales advised.

Chamber of Commerce Spring Fling Mixer will be held on May 8th at Granite Construction, 7pm.

PTSA Election will held on May 29 at 7pm in the Library. PTSA is now taking nominations. Positions available are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership. Nominations will be accepted until May 16.

Western Yolo Grange will host Mr. Mike Byers, Membership Development Coordinator on May 15 at 6:30pm. He is in charge of development of educational programs. This meeting should be of great interest to many members of the Capay Valley especially members of Valley Vision, and anyone interested in keeping this area a safe and viable community. The evening will start with a pot-luck dinner; bring your own plates, flatware, cups, and either a hot dish or something to share. **EMS Bike Safety Event** will be held on May 20 from 11:05-11:50am at the Middle School. It will be put on by Northern Lights Team; professional mountain bikers and Julie brown.

Free Musical Event will be held on May 11, at 7pm at the Esparto Library. Sponsored by the Yolo County Arts Council. The Joy Buzzards, a group of three men who play ten instruments among them, will perform jazz, traditional, ethnic, and novelty tunes. Seating is limited. For more information call 787-3426. To become a member of the Yolo County Arts Council or to find out more about it call (530)666-8210.

Rebuilding Community Assets—9am-12pm Tuesday, May 7 in Sacramento. California's challenge in the new century is the need to accommodate population growth. Learn how cities in Ca. are turning eyesores into community assets. Fee \$50. For more information, contact Emily Liolin at (415)820-2080.

ESPARTO HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

As the school year winds down there are some very important activities coming up at EHS.

STAR TESTING. STAR Testing will wrap up on May 1st and 2nd. All make-up tests will be given on the 1st and 2nd. May 3rd there will be a Field Day in the afternoon to let off a little steam for the hard work students

put in on the testing. There will be food, music and athletic events sponsored by the Associated Student Body. **GOLDEN STATE TESTING.** In the seemingly never ending testing cycle the Golden State Exams will be offered on various dates during May. These Exams are in the core subject areas. Successful scores on these subject areas test can earn students special recognition at graduation. Talk to Mrs. Taylor, Counselor for more information.

WORLD HISTORY PROJECTS. Student projects from Mrs. Hickman's World History classes are currently on display at the Library. Drop in and take a look at some excellent student work.

CULTURAL CELEBRATION. There will be a special performance entitled "A Cultural Celebration" on the evening of May 10 highlighted by a Mexican Dinner. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. in Marsh hall followed by a performance of dance and music in the Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. The performance will include an Azteca Dance group as well as a Folklorico Dance group. Dinner will be \$5.00 and tickets can be purchased from any Spanish Club member. The performance is free.

PROM. The junior class is busy planning for Prom. This year Prom is on Saturday night May 11 at the Davis Youth Center. The dance will be from 9:00 to midnight. The theme for this year's dance is "A Garden of Gold". The Grand March will be at 6:00 p.m. in the Quad.

FFA AWARDS NIGHT. This year's FFA Awards Banquet is scheduled for Thursday May 16th. The banquet will begin at 7:00 p.m. This awards Banquet will include installation of next year's officers. Contact an FFA member for more information.

SAT TESTING. All sophomores and juniors planning on attending a four year college should sign up for the June 1st SAT test. See Mrs. Taylor for more details.

DIXON MAY FAIR. The Dixon May Fair will be held May 9th through May 12th. EHS will have another strong showing. Student work from Ag. Mechanics and Floriculture will be on display and is sure to bring home many awards. Students in Mr. Perkins' and Mr. Schulte's classes have been hard at work preparing projects for this event.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING. The Advanced Placement Test for European History will be given on May 10th. Successful completion of this test can earn students advanced placement credit upon enrollment in a 4 year college. Students in Mr. Sammon's European History class have been preparing for this test all year. It is a very rigorous examination. Good Luck students!

SENIOR PARENT/STUDENT MEETING. There will be a Senior Parent/Student meeting on Thursday May 9th at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium to discuss end of the year activities. Topics will include Senior Trip, Commencement, and Sober Grad Night.

SENIOR TRIP. One of the high points of the senior year is the Senior Trip. This year the Senior Trip will be May 23 through May 26. The senior's will be boarding a bus at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday and heading to Disneyland for Grad Night. Other stops include Universal Studios City Walk, Magic Mountain and Medieval Times Dinner Theatre. The exhausted seniors will return on Sunday May 26th.

AWARDS NIGHT. Academic Awards Night will be Friday May 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the Quad. This will include awards from all subject areas, as well as year-end athletic honors and Spartan of the Year.

GRADUATION. Commencement ceremonies for the class of 2002 will be held at EHS on Friday June 7th. For information on how you can help with this special event contact Debbie Kaake at 787-3519.

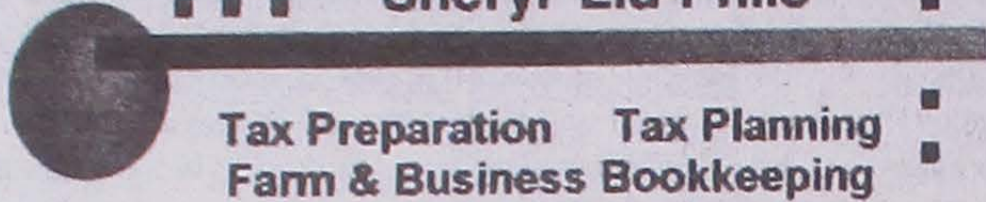
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May 2002 Community Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p>Sheryl Liu-Philo</p> <p>Tax Preparation Tax Planning Farm & Business Bookkeeping</p> <p>Please Call for Appointment</p> <p>7095 County Road 49 Phone/Fax: (530) 796-5005 Guinda, CA 95637 E-mail: lluphilo@mother.com</p>			<p>1</p> <p>6pm GMC Service 9:30-11am Guinda Preschool 7pm School Board 7pm EBC Youth 7pm Church of God Spanish Ser. CCC 7pm CVAC meeting 6pm AYSO meeting 6:30pm Sober Grad 10:30-11am Pre- school Story Time</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10am-12pm Home School Cooperative 6:30pm Esparto Li- ons Club meeting 7pm Esparto Baptist Church Bible Study 6:30-8:30pm Parent to Parent (Spanish) 2-6pm Esparto Fam- ily Prac. Clinic Open House EES</p>	<p>3</p> <p>2-5pm Clothes Closet provides free clothing at Countryside Church 9am St. Martin's Mass 7pm Church of God Spanish Service at Countryside Church</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7pm Spanish Mass St. Martin Church 7am Esparto Baptist Church YARD SALE</p>
<p>5</p> <p>CINCO DE MAYO 9am Guinda Method- ist Church Service 10:30am Countryside Church Service 8:45 St. Martin's 11am Esparto Baptist Church Service— 10am Bible Classes 12-4pm Alpaca Open House</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30pm RIA Potluck 7-8:30pm ESL classes 6:30-8:30pm Parent to Parent (English) 2-6pm Esparto Fam- ily Practice Clinic</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7pm AA meeting 7-9pm Nimble Nee- dles 9-11am Clothes Closet 9am-3pm Esparto Family Prac. Clinic 7pm Ag. Roundtable 7pm FERL meeting 3:30-4:45 pm Puppet Theater Workshop</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6pm GMC Service 9:30-11am Guinda Preschool 7pm Esparto Comm. Services Dist. 7pm EBC Youth 7pm Church of God 6:30pm Sober Grad 10:30-11am Pre- school Story Time 7pm CofC Mixer</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10am-12pm HSC 7pm WYORCA meeting 7pm EBC Bible Study 6:30-8:30pm Parent to Parent (Spanish) 2-6pm EFP Clinic Opening Day DIXON FAIR</p>	<p>10</p> <p>2-5pm Clothes Closet 9am St. Martin's Mass 7pm Church of God Spanish Service 6pm Cultural Celebration EHS</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7pm Spanish Mass St. Martin's 9pm-12am PROM NIGHT Davis Youth Center</p>
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